

PAUL GERAGHTY

Paul Geraghty is famous for his moving stories associated with realistic and well-documented depiction of wildlife. He was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal and won the Red House Children's Book Award for *Solo*. World sales for his books exceed one million copies.

'Moving . . . Paul Geraghty's artwork will take your breath away.' - Michael Rosen

Slobcat (1991, 32pp)

This classic story of the secret life of a very lazy cat will strike a chord with all cat lovers!

Slobcat is so lazy that all he ever does is sleep. Or so his owner thinks. In fact on the quiet Slobcat is a real hero: rescuing kittens, frightening off snakes and burglars and ensuring he finds himself a really tasty supper down at the fishmonger's!

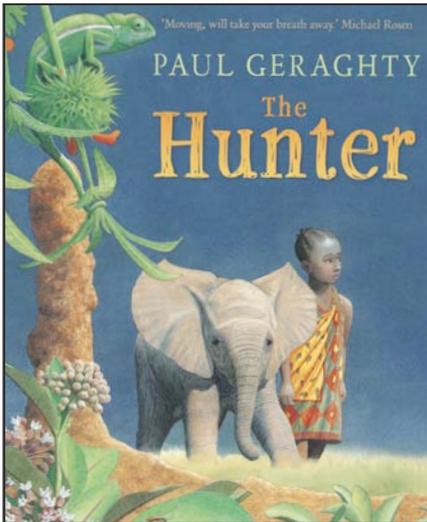
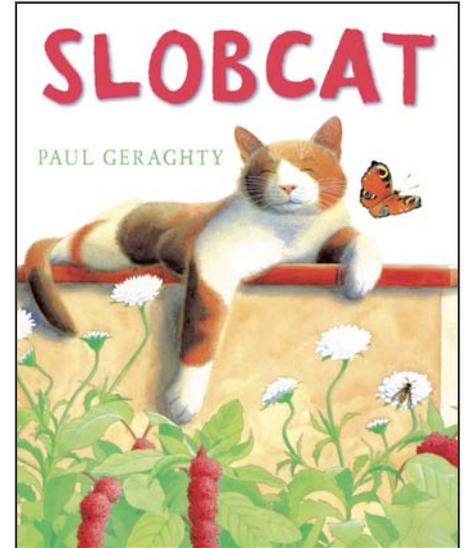
'Paul Geraghty is an artist who never puts a foot wrong.' - Bookseller

'Beautiful . . . lyrical and haunting . . . lush . . . excellent.' - Books For Your Children

'This delightful picture book will appeal to young and old alike.' - The Bookbag

'Deceptively simple, yet complex. Superb.' - Eye

Shortlisted for the Nottingham 'Acorn' Award



The Hunter (1994, 32pp)

With beautiful wildlife illustrations Paul Geraghty makes a poignant and powerful ecological message in this outstanding picture book.

One day in Africa, a small girl goes out with her grandfather to collect honey. 'Perhaps we will see elephants,' she says as they cross the river. 'You'll be lucky' the old man replies. 'They aren't many left now, since the hunters came,' 'Hunters!' cries Jemina, 'I'm going to be a hunter!' Jemina spends the rest of the day playing hunters in the hot, dry bush, until she is lost and discovers a baby elephant crying out for its dead mother. As she tries to help the orphaned creature, Jemina comes to understand that hunting is not noble or exciting but cruel and futile.

'Glorious!' - Child Education

Won the Earthworm Award and was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal

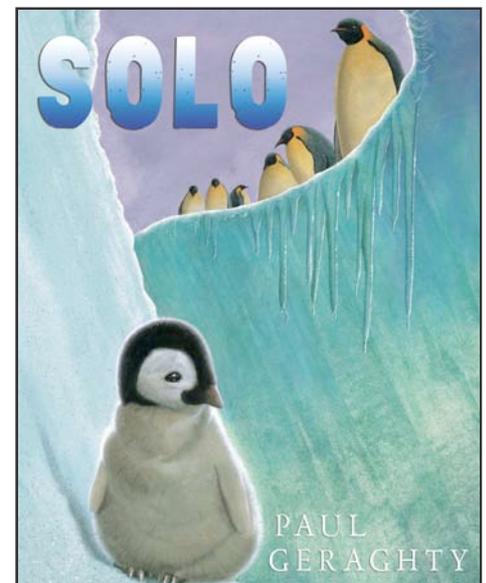
Solo (1995, 32pp)

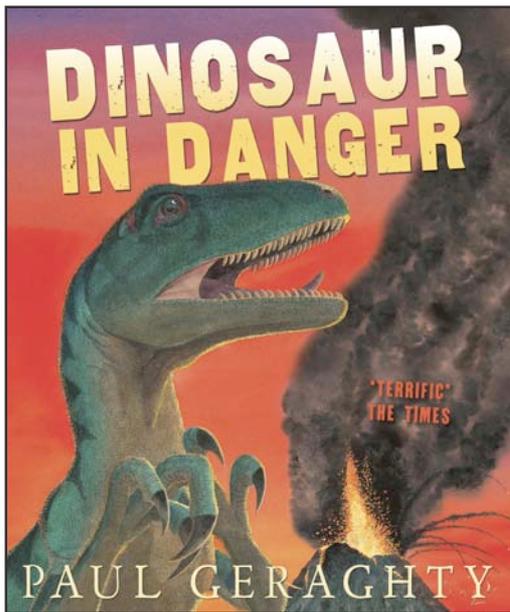
The gripping and poignant story of a young penguin's survival in the Antarctic.

Solo the penguin chick is left cold and alone on the hazardous wastes of the Antarctic, when her mother leaves on a final desperate search for food. With savage skua birds on the wing and leopard seals lurking in the icy waters, Solo's chances of survival are cruelly slim - will she make it alive?

'Geraghty's illustrations bring the Antarctic winter so close that one can't help but shiver.' - Publisher's Weekly

Won the Red House Children's Book Award and was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal





Dinosaur in Danger (2004, 40pp)

The gripping story of Talon, a young dinosaur separated from her pack and forced to survive alone.

The little dinosaur, Talon, has strayed too far from her pack. Suddenly, the ground shudders and with a thunderous blast the great volcano bursts to life. The rest of the pack run for their lives, but Talon is forced to run in the opposite direction and finds herself alone.

Outside the safety of the pack Talon is terrified. Before long she is weak with hunger. Then Talon hears a familiar noise, the cries of her own kind. But it is an enemy pack! Tentatively, she watches and then for days follows at a distance. Will they accept her into the fold and ensure her survival?

'A story of bravery, triumph and acceptance written in a way children can really relate to.' - BBC Parenting

Won the Swedish Bokjuryn Award

Rotten and Rascal (2006, 32pp)

A funny picture book about two constantly quarrelling baby dinosaurs with a brilliant and unexpected twist at the end!

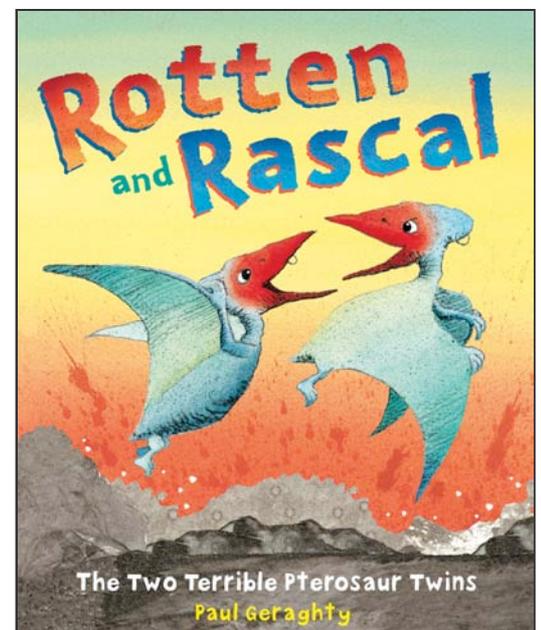
Rotten and Rascal are quarrelling twin baby pterosaurs, who yell, shout, screech, howl, scream and snarl at each other all day long.

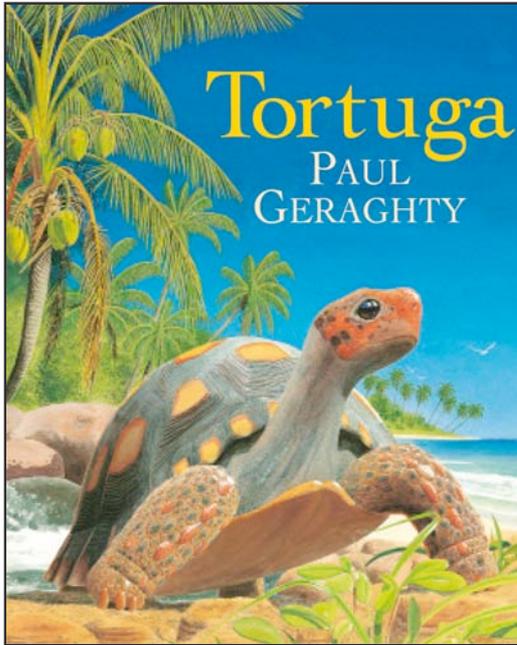
One day a terrible argument begins and one by one the other dinosaurs try to resolve their noisy dispute. But the two terrible pterosaur twins prove impossible to shut up. Until, that is, the terrifying Tyrannosaurus Rex steps in and finally silences them!

'If you want to create a stunned silence at bedtime after any amount of babble and hullabaloo, Rotten and Rascal is the book for you.' - The Guardian

'If your child loves dinosaurs, this is a very funny take on the prehistoric world.' - Junior Bookshelf

Won the French Prix Livrentête





Tortuga (2006, 32pp)

This exciting picture book story tells how a colony of tortoises is established on a remote south sea island.

Tortuga, the tortoise, is caught in a storm and finds herself washed up on a remote island where raiding sea birds swoop down and steal her newly laid eggs. Exhausted and alone Tortuga desperately searches for a safe place to live and a new mate. But just as she feels all is lost she discovers that some of her eggs survived and have hatched into baby tortoises!

'The craftsmanship is immaculate, the story transporting. If this doesn't win a prize, something is very wrong.' The Independent
Won the French Prix de la Ville de Cherbourg - Octeville

Help Me! (2010, 32pp)

Based on real events, this exquisite and inspirational picture book gives a wonderful insight into animal behaviour.

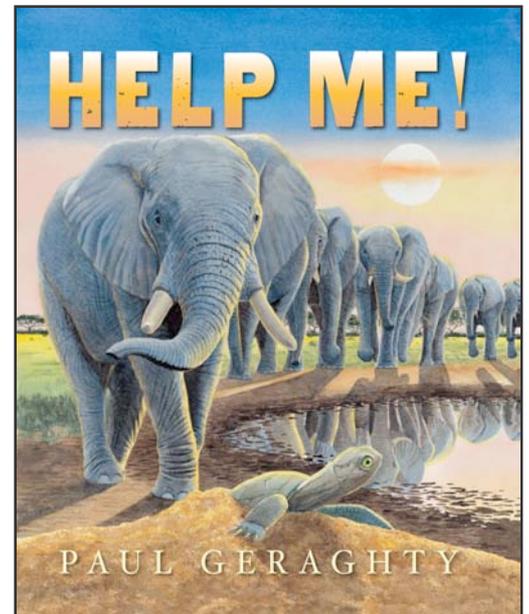
It is night time, and a herd of elephants is on the move. An impala is lying in the darkness, watching a tortoise stumble towards water. Hatching turtles slip into the pool while crocodiles sleep. A pack of wild dogs trot by. When the tortoise slips, a surprising and remarkable chain of events begins to unfold...

'The illustrations vividly reflect the nature of the animals, particularly at moments of high tension.' - Armadillo Magazine

'The African savannah is full of majesty and danger. Both are beautifully captured here, and kids will relish the unexpectedly happy turn of events, based on documented animal behaviour.' -

Angels and Urchins

Shortlisted for the 2011 English 4 - 11 Best Children's Illustrated Book Awards



Paul Geraghty was born in South Africa, and began drawing from an early age. Since moving to England in 1986, he has been an author/illustrator of many award-winning children's picture books and teenage fiction. He lives in Surrey.

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