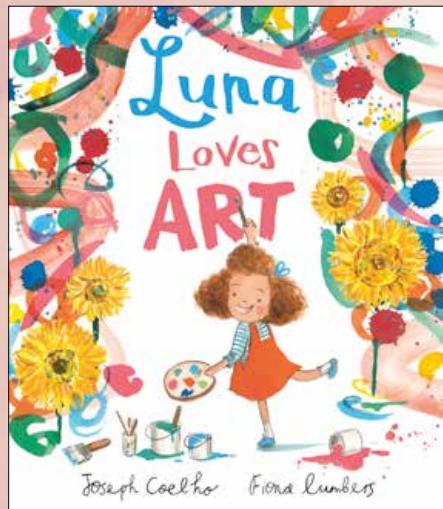


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AUTUMN 2020

# Joseph Coelho Fiona Lumbers



## LUNA LOVES ART

Join Luna and Finn on a school trip at the Art Gallery and step inside famous masterpieces by Van Gogh, Picasso, Jackson Pollock and more! Can you spot all the art?

At the gallery, Luna is transfixed by the famous art, but her classmate Finn doesn't seem to want to be there at all. Finn's family doesn't look like the one in Henry Moore's 'Family Group' sculpture, but then neither does Luna's. Maybe all Finn needs is a friend.

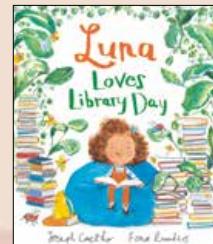
**JUL 2020** | 32pp | HB 4+  
9781783448661 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99



### Praise for *Luna Loves Library Day*:

'A touching reflection on the power of reading to bring families together'  
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

'An ode to love and different kinds of families, with lyrical text and richly coloured, warm illustrations'  
IRISH INDEPENDENT, Best Books of the Year

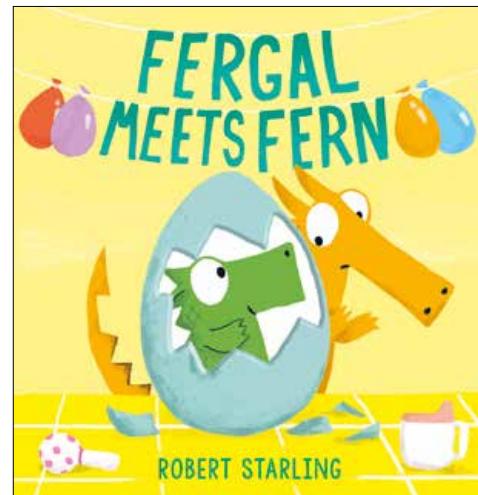


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**JOSEPH COELHO** is a performance poet, children's author, playwright and winner of the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education Poetry Award 2015 for his debut poetry collection *Werewolf Club Rules*. He regularly performs poetry for children in libraries across the country.

**FIONA LUMBERS** has drawn on anything and everything from an early age and always insisted she would be an artist when she grew up. Fiona moved to London in 2000 to study for an MA in Painting at the Royal College of Art. A combination of her obsession with picture books and the arrival of her first son led her down the path of illustration and she hasn't looked back since.

# Robert Starling



## FERGAL MEETS FERN

In his third story, Fergal faces his biggest challenge yet: a little sister.

After Fern hatches, Fergal hides his feelings of jealousy, anger and worry as he thinks they are bad. Luckily Dad is there to help him work through his emotions.

**SEP 2020** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781783449507 | 260 x 250mm | £12.99

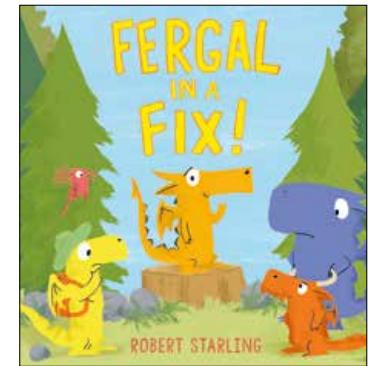


## FERGAL IN A FIX!

In Fergal's second adventure he's off to Dragon Camp and worried about making friends. Everyone will like him if he's the best at everything ... won't they? Oh dear, Fergal, what a fix!

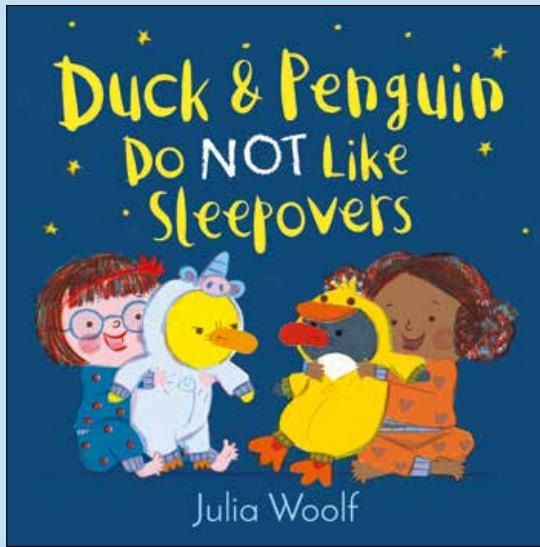
**SEP 2020** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781783448494 | 260 x 250mm | £6.99

'There are life lessons galore for young readers of this hugely appealing picture book' LOVEREADING4KIDS



**ROBERT STARLING** began doodling creatures and characters at school and hasn't stopped since. He lives and works in Norwich, and when he's not sketching up new characters or writing down stories he can be found sculpting, brewing coffee, adjusting his headphones or foraging in the kitchen for cake. *Fergal is Fuming*, which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, was his first book.

## Julia Woolf



### DUCK AND PENGUIN DO NOT LIKE SLEEPOVERS

Betty and Maud are having a sleepover in a tent, and Duck and Penguin are coming too. Betty and Maud can't wait! Duck and Penguin aren't so sure ...

**AUG 2020** | 32pp | HB 2+  
9781783449170 | 240 x 240mm | £12.99



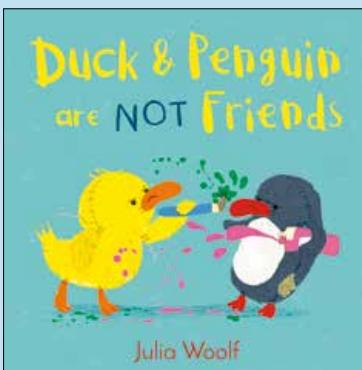
### DUCK AND PENGUIN ARE NOT FRIENDS

Betty and Maud are best friends, but their favourite toys, Duck and Penguin are definitely NOT friends in this hilarious insight into the secret world of toys.

**AUG 2020** | 32pp | PB 2+  
9781783448869 | 240 x 240mm | £6.99

*'Funny and full of insight'* BOOKTRUST

*'The perfect tool for helping children in their first days of nursery'* BABY MAGAZINE



**JULIA WOOLF** worked for 20 years in animation, including for Dreamworks. She later studied for an MA in children's book illustration at Cambridge School of Art, graduating in 2015. She lives by the sea in Kent with her family.

## Helen Baugh Marion Deuchars

### The SPOTS and the DOTS



*Helen Baugh Marion Deuchars*

### THE SPOTS AND THE DOTS

The Spots live on one side of the hill. The Dots live on the other. Both are fearful and suspicious of the other, but are they really all that different? When a young Spot and a young Dot meet at the top of the hill, they are about to find out ...

Flip the book upside down and choose whether to read from the perspective of the Spots or the Dots in this back-to-back story!

**OCT 2020** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781783449248 | 280 x 220mm | £12.99

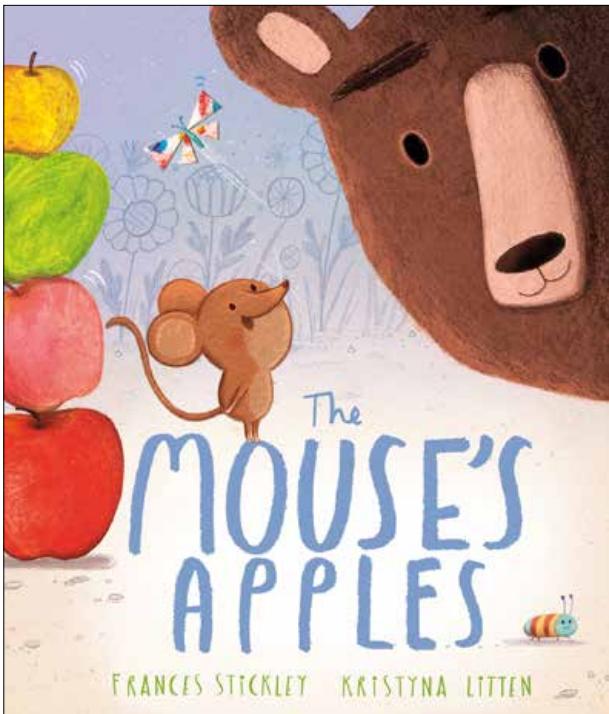


**HELEN BAUGH** wrote her first book (a book of spells) as a very young child. After taking a degree, travelling and working as a copywriter for more than twenty years, she finally came full circle and started writing children's books again. Helen lives with family near the sea in Sussex.

**MARION DEUCHARS** is a Scottish born, internationally acclaimed, award-winning illustrator with a globally recognisable style. As well as illustrating books she works with major design and advertising agencies. She lives and works in London.



## Frances Stickley Kristyna Litten



### THE MOUSE'S APPLES

Mouse is having a wonderful day: she's foraged four plump apples for her tea! But here comes Bear, and he wants every apple for himself. Mouse might have to think up a clever trick to teach Bear a lesson in sharing.

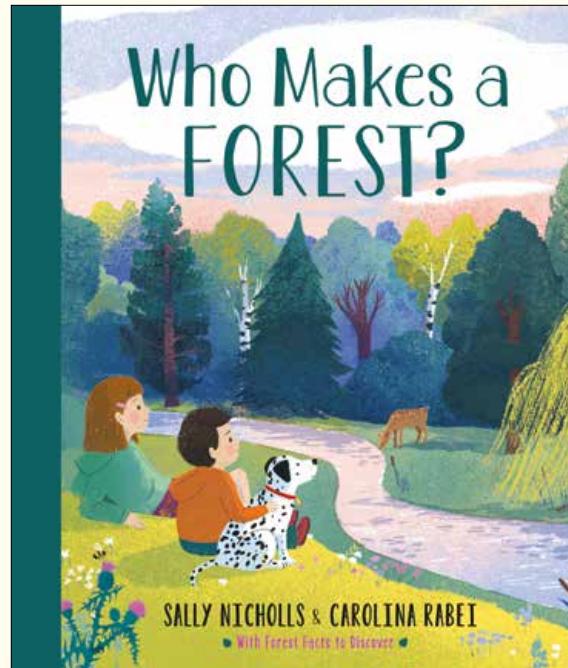


**JUL 2020** | 32pp | HB 2+  
9781783448630 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

**FRANCES STICKLEY** is a trained children's literacy specialist, and winner of the Bloomsbury and National Literacy Trust Short Story Prize 2017. She lives with her family and a big-eared dog in Derbyshire. And when she is not writing, you'll find her in the forest pretending to be a dragon with her daughters.

**KRISTYNA LITTEN** studied illustration at Edinburgh College of Art, and now lives in Yorkshire. She has written and illustrated several books for children, and has created artwork for book covers and magazines.

## Sally Nicholls Carolina Rabei

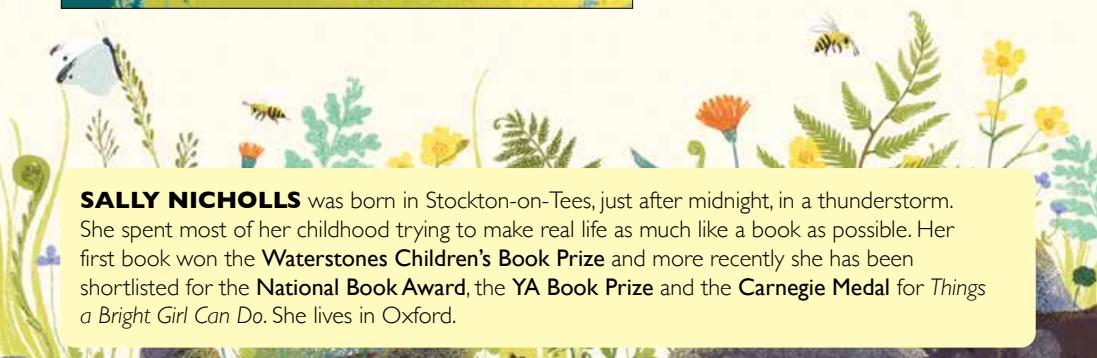


### WHO MAKES A FOREST?

Who makes a forest? A wizard, a giant, an emperor? Come on a walk with Grandpa to discover how a forest is made, and see how a thousand tiny things can come together to change the face of the earth.

This gorgeous picture book features a non-fiction section about the different types of forests around the world, their importance to our ecosystem and the impact of deforestation on our planet.

**OCT 2020** | 32pp  
9781783449194 | 280 x 240 mm | HB 4+  
£12.99

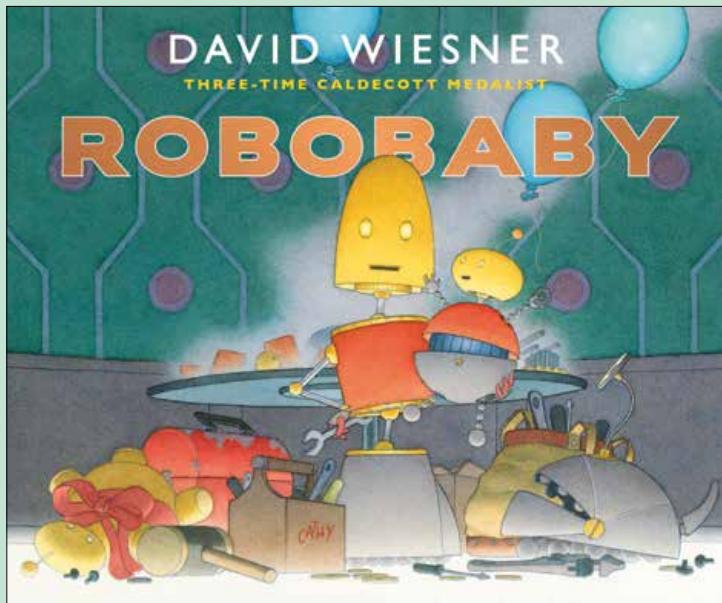


**SALLY NICHOLLS** was born in Stockton-on-Tees, just after midnight, in a thunderstorm. She spent most of her childhood trying to make real life as much like a book as possible. Her first book won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and more recently she has been shortlisted for the National Book Award, the YA Book Prize and the Carnegie Medal for *Things a Bright Girl Can Do*. She lives in Oxford.

**CAROLINA RABEI** was born in Moldova and moved to Cambridge to study illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. Her debut picture book, illustrating Walter de la Mare's poem, *Snow*, was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal.



## David Wiesner



**DEC 2020** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781839130205 | 230 x 280mm | £12.99

'Wiesner's dialogue and illustrations are clever, whimsical and sophisticated' NEW YORK TIMES



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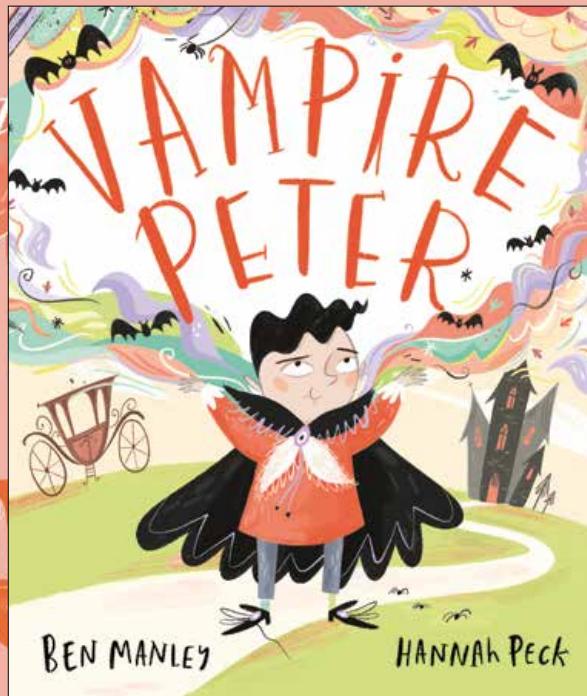
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### ROBOBABY

When a new baby is delivered to a family of robots, the adults are flummoxed by technical difficulties. Big sister to the rescue!

A funny futuristic tale from three-time Caldecott Medal winner David Wiesner.

## Ben Manley Hannah Peck



**SEP 2020** | 32pp | HB 4+  
9781783448739 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

**BEN MANLEY** is a picture book author, creator of interactive ebooks and website designer. He lives in Norwich with his wife and children.

### VAMPIRE PETER

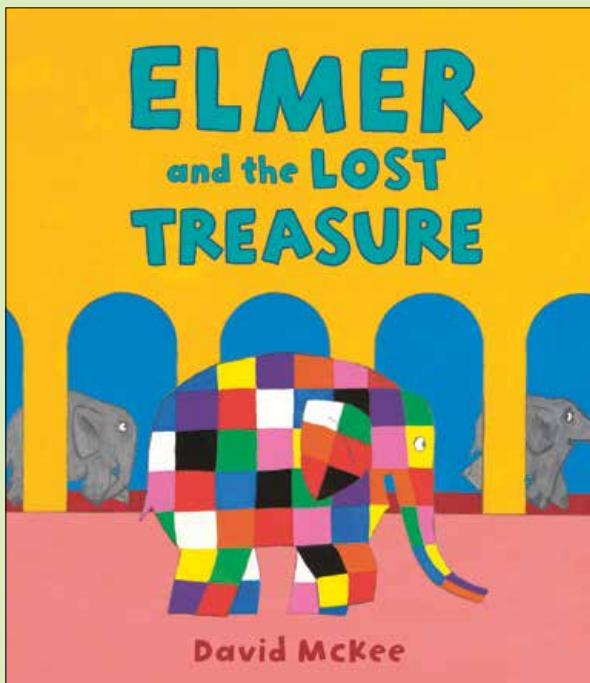
Peter likes strange food, wears strange clothes and does strange things. In fact, Peter is the baddest boy in school, isn't he? So when the class gerbil goes missing, Peter gets the blame, but was it his fault ... and will the true culprit own up?

**DAVID WIESNER** is one of the best-loved and most highly acclaimed picture book creators in the world. His books have been translated into more than a dozen languages and have won numerous awards, in the US and all over the globe. He lives with his family outside of Philadelphia, USA.

**HANNAH PECK** is an author and illustrator based in Brighton. She originally studied English Literature at university, all the while stocking up on stories, poems and characters that would later inspire her writing and illustrations.

# ELMER

David McKee



## ELMER AND THE LOST TREASURE

Elmer and his friends go looking for the Lost Treasure of the jungle... but how will they know when they've found it?

A brand new Elmer story from the master storyteller.

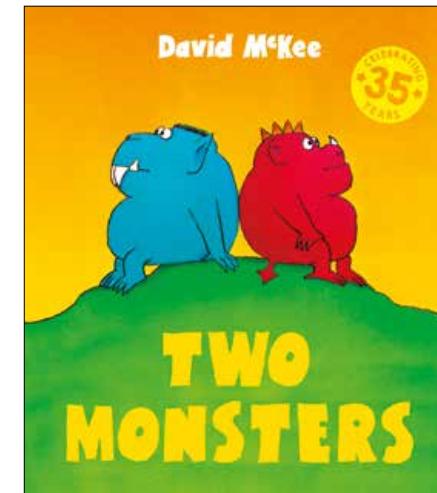


Find lots of colourful activities at: [Elmer.co.uk](http://Elmer.co.uk)

**SEP 2020** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781783449484 | 275 x 240mm | £12.99

**DAVID MCKEE** is a legend in the children's book world. Over a career spanning fifty years he has created a host of favourite children's characters, including King Rollo, Mr Benn and Elmer the Patchwork Elephant.

# David McKee



'A great, fun, easy read that will have everyone giggling and, hopefully, learning to respect and consider other viewpoints alongside their own' **EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR**

## TWO MONSTERS

Two monsters live on either side of a mountain. They always hurl insults, but they never see each other. One evening, they get into an argument that escalates into a rock fight that destroys the mountain. Will the monsters see each other's point of view now?

35th anniversary edition of this David McKee classic.

**AUG 2020** | 28pp | PB 2+  
9781842708316 | 275 x 240mm | £6.99

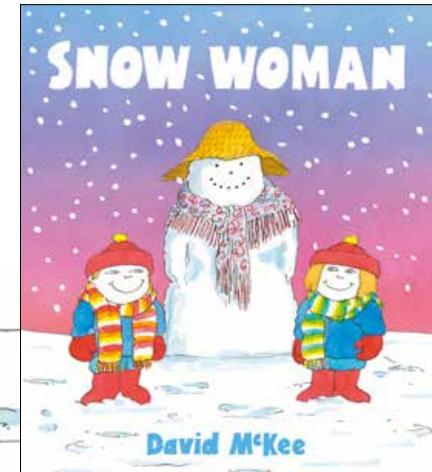


## SNOW WOMAN

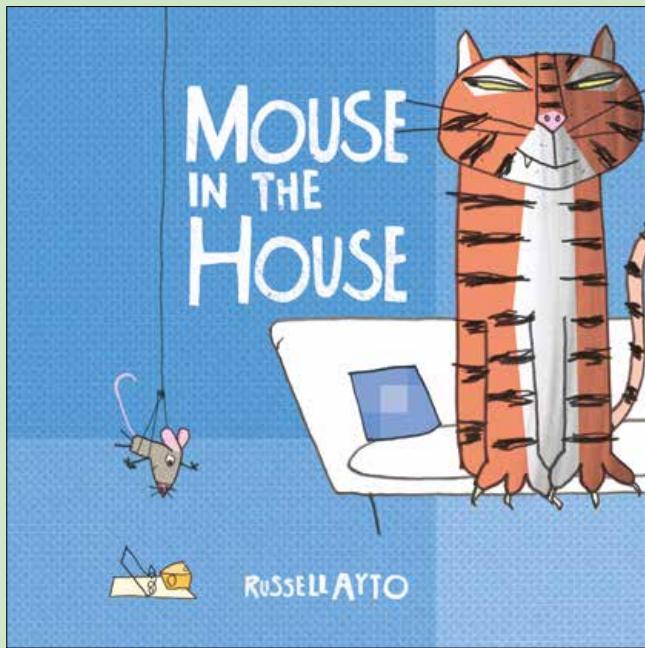
When Rupert and Kate tell their parents they're going to make a snowman, they say, "You mean a snow person."

This deceptively simple story overthrows gender stereotypes in a wonderfully tongue-in-cheek way.

**OCT 2020** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781783449811 | 275 x 240mm | £6.99



## Russell Ayto

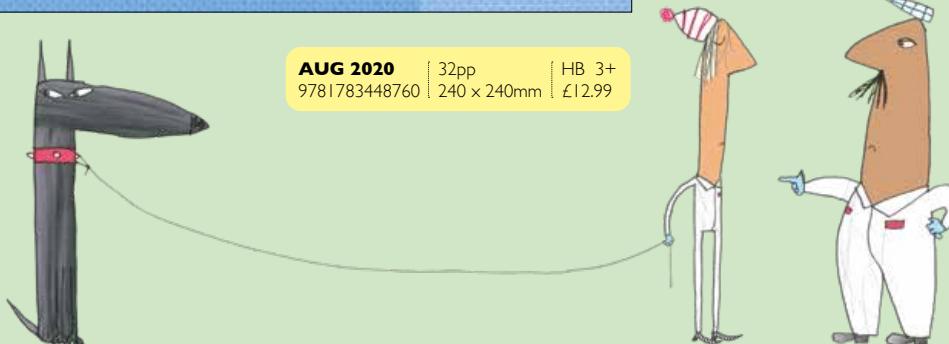


### MOUSE IN THE HOUSE

Mr and Mrs Homeowner have a mouse in their house, and they want it gone. Mr Bosh and Mr Bumble arrive on the scene. They try all the old tricks: setting a trap, bringing in a (big!) cat, inviting an elephant round ... but the mouse is always one step ahead.

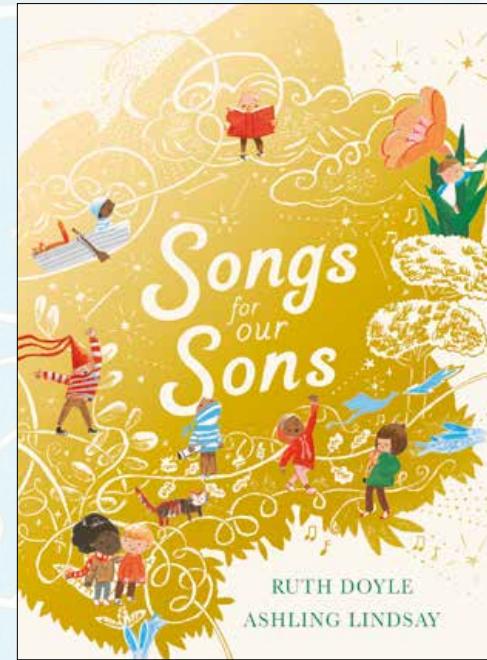
A farcical catch-the-mouse caper from award-winning comic writer Russell Ayto.

**AUG 2020** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781783448760 | 240 x 240mm | £12.99



**RUSSELL AYTO** was born in Chichester, Sussex and brought up in Oxfordshire. The thing he loves best is the chance to be creative and use his imagination to make characters come to life. He has illustrated many picture books and been shortlisted for the Nestlé Award, the Mother Goose Award and the Blue Peter Book Awards, and won the 2008 inaugural Roald Dahl Funny Prize.

## Ruth Doyle Ashling Lindsay



### SONGS FOR OUR SONS

A poetic picture book with an inspirational message that speaks of what it means to be a son in this challenging world. A beautiful and poignant message is at the heart of this book: whatever is expected of you, you can be whoever you want to be.

This beautiful hardback with a gold foiled cover will make a stunning gift.

**OCT 2020** | 32pp | HB 2+  
9781783448500 | 300 x 225mm | £12.99



**RUTH DOYLE** always planned to be a writer, but trained as a nurse and studied social care first in order to gain a better understanding of people of all ages and walks of life. She lives on a micro-farm in Kent with her family and an assortment of animals.

**ASHLING LINDSAY** is an illustrator from Belfast. Her first book, *The Night Box*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Klaus Flugge Prize for illustration.

## Alex G Griffiths



### THE BUG COLLECTOR

George loves bugs, and he wants to collect them all! But Grandad knows fabulous insects aren't meant for life in a jar. From phenomenal new talent Alex G Griffiths.

**JUL 2020** | 32pp  
9781783448876 | 280 x 240mm | PB 3+ £6.99

'Sharing this book might inspire young naturalists' **BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

'Packed with detail'  
**LOVEREADING4KIDS**

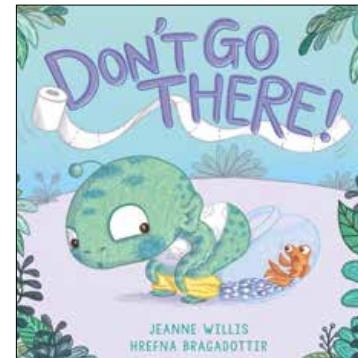


## Jeanne Willis Hrefna Bragadottir

### DON'T GO THERE!

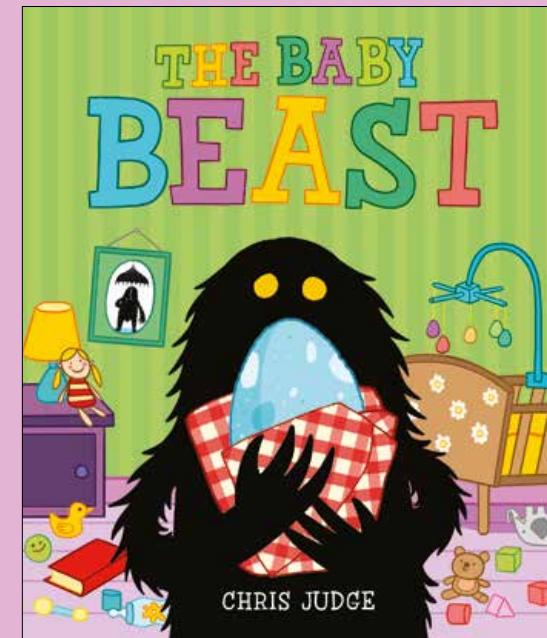
*Lid up, pants down, bottom on the seat!*  
They mustn't have toilets in outer space, because this baby Martian keeps going in the wrong place: a bird bath, a bin, an up-turned hat... Perhaps if he masters The Toilet Song, he might learn where to go.

**AUG 2020** | 32pp  
9781783448852 | 240 x 240mm | PB 2+ £6.99



'Full of wit... A sweet way to help children get to grips with using the loo' **BOOKTRUST**  
'Potty training is tough, but this jolly picture book looks at the funny side' **BABY MAGAZINE**

## Chris Judge



### THE BABY BEAST

The Beast is back for another hilarious adventure, and this time he's having a baby – but he doesn't quite know what to do with it! The fourth in award-winning Chris Judge's critically acclaimed Beast series.

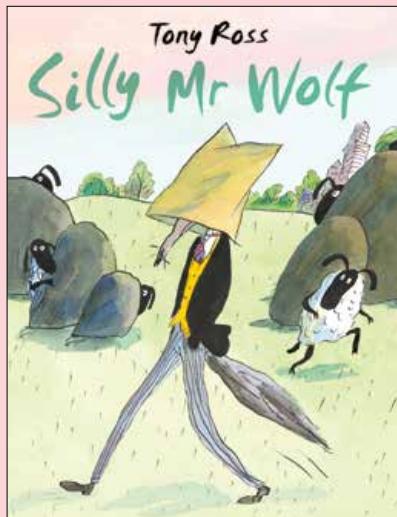
**JUL 2020** | 32pp  
9781783448913 | 280 x 240mm | PB 2+ £6.99



**CHRIS JUDGE** is an illustrator and painter based in Dublin. His work has appeared in advertising, newspapers, magazines and exhibitions around the world. His debut picture book, *The Lonely Beast*, won the **Irish Children's Book Award** in 2011.



## Tony Ross



### SILLY MR WOLF

Mr Wolf is too old to dress up in sheep's clothing anymore, so he has to think of new ways to get his dinner.

A stranger-danger story with a laugh-out-loud ending from picture book genius Tony Ross.

**SEP 2020** | 32pp | PB 2+  
9781783448975 | 260 x 200mm | £6.99

*'A wonderfully silly, wonderfully funny picture book from the absolute master of the genre ... giggles guaranteed on every page'* LOVEREADING4KIDS

## Joseph Coelho Fiona Lumbers

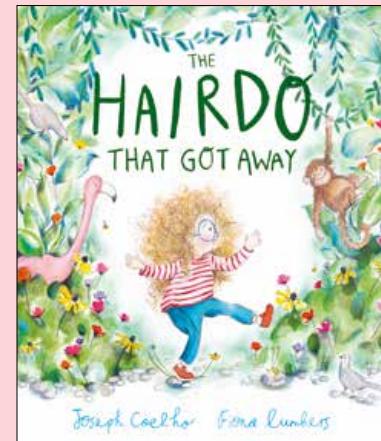
### THE HAIRDO THAT GOT AWAY

Once a month, come rain or shine, Dad takes his son to the barbers. But when Dad disappears, this little boy's hair grows big, ginormous, out of control – and so do his feelings.

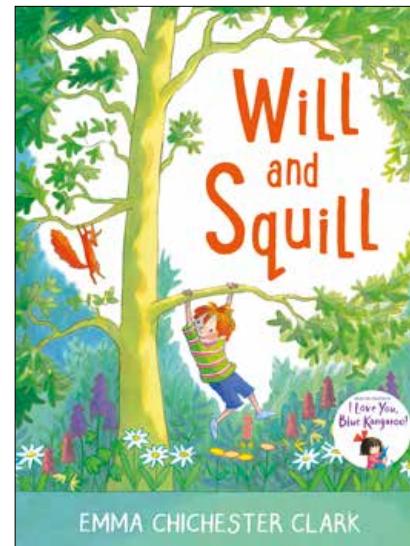
A touching and melodic fable of family separation.

**SEP 2020** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781783449064 | 280 x 240mm | £6.99

*'A touching story about family interactions – and hair!'*  
JULIA ECCLESHARE, LOVEREADING4KIDS



## Emma Chichester Clark



### WILL AND SQUILL

Will and Squill have been friends ever since they were tiny. Neither of their mums is happy about it. But Will and Squill understand one another, and they have great fun together.

A truly endearing picture book all about friendship, from the creator of *I Love You, Blue Kangaroo*.

**SEP 2020** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839130113 | 290 x 220mm | £6.99

*'The lyrical text is a word-play feast as well as a poignant story of friendship across the divide'*  
THE GUARDIAN

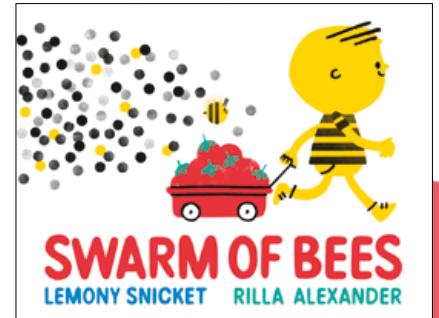
## Lemony Snicket Rilla Alexander

### SWARM OF BEES

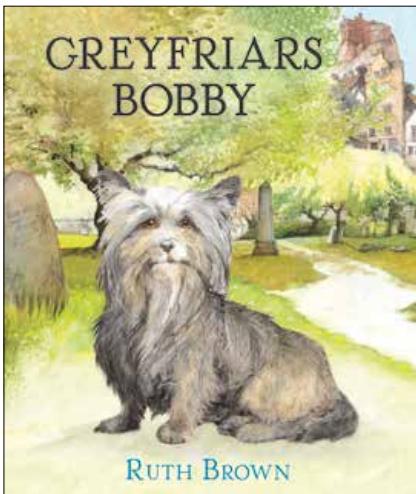
Watch out! A mischievous boy has unleashed an angry swarm of bees! The result is a zany gallop through a charming town where readers will encounter evidence of some bad behaviour, some frenzied anger and thankfully, a hug and some spaghetti.

**JUL 2020** | 48pp | PB 3+  
9781783449132 | 215 x 280mm | £6.99

*'A buzzworthy book that tackles an often negated feeling in a bold new way'* SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL



## Ruth Brown



### GREYFRIARS BOBBY

A Scottish classic – the true story of a dog who kept a fourteen-year vigil by his master's graveside in Edinburgh is retold and illustrated in a sumptuous mini-hardback by the renowned Ruth Brown.

JUL 2020

9781839130052 | 32pp  
Ebook available | 180 x 150mm | £7.99

*'Haunting illustrations'* THE SPECTATOR

*'Classic tale'* THE BOOKSELLER



## David Lucas

### I WAS MADE FOR YOU

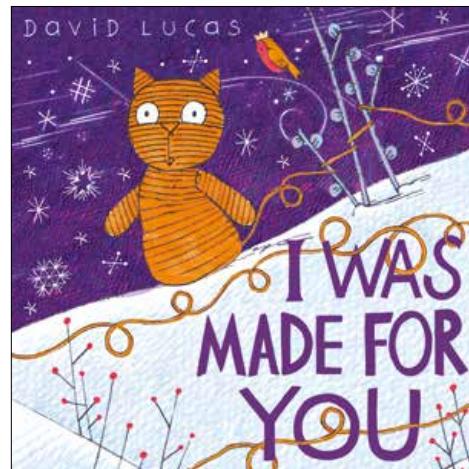
Cat was knitted by Mum out of the softest, fluffiest wool. He knows who made him, but he doesn't know why – follow him on an adventure of self-discovery. When you are brand new, the world is full of questions, and if you are brave it can be full of answers too.

OCT 2020

9781783447671 | 32pp  
Ebook available | 240 x 240mm | £6.99

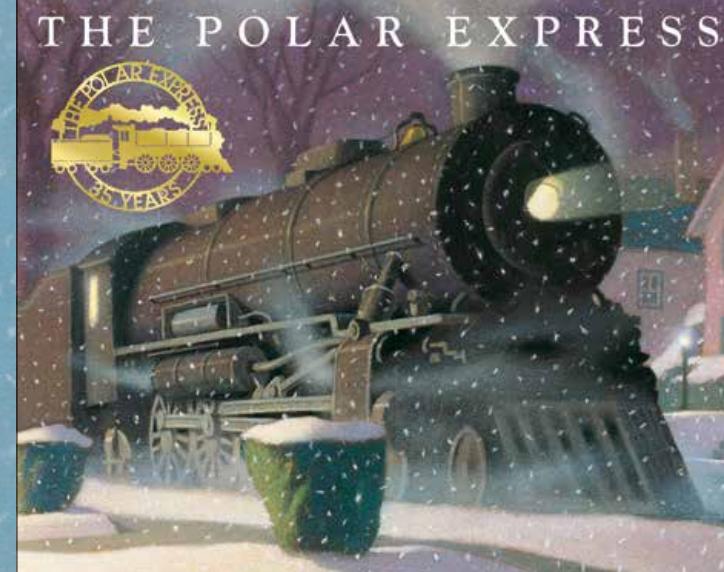
*'Though simple on the surface, this story may spark questions and conversation about identity, second chances, and sense of purpose'*

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY



I WAS  
MADE FOR  
YOU

## Chris Van Allsburg



### THE POLAR EXPRESS

Do you believe in magic? Late on Christmas Eve, a boy boards a mysterious train: the Polar Express, bound for the North Pole. When he arrives, Santa will offer him any gift he desires, but will he choose the most important gift of all?

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9781783443338 | 32pp  
230 x 290mm | £6.99

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9781783445684 | 32pp  
230 x 290mm | £7.99



**CHRIS VAN ALLSBURG** lives in Providence, Rhode Island and lectures at the Rhode Island School of Design. He is a sculptor and artist, and twice winner of the Caldecott Medal, for *Jumanji* and *The Polar Express*.

Celebrate 35 years of the Christmas classic with this wonderful anniversary edition.

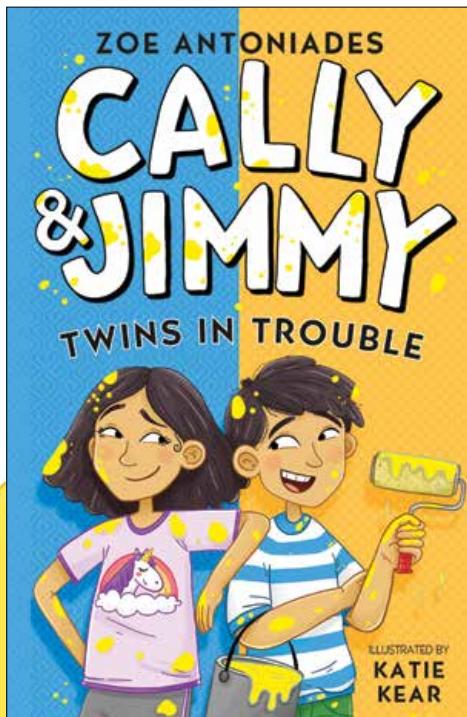
*'Magical glowing double spread pictures ... an original and memorable book'* GUARDIAN

*'Evocative, realist pastels and atmospheric text'*  
SUNDAY TIMES

*'A thrilling tale'*  
INDEPENDENT

Zoe Antoniades

Illustrated by Katie Kear



# CALLY & JIMMY: TWINS IN TROUBLE

I have a twin brother. Everyone calls him Jimmy, which is sort of the English version of Dimitri. Our mum's Greek, you see. I'm Cally, short for Calista, which means 'most beautiful'. I'm not sure about Dimitri, but if it means 'most-annoying-brother-in-the-whole-wide-world', then that's him.

Join Cally and Jimmy in four hilarious stories, perfect for newly confident readers. They get into scrapes together; bake some poisonous cakes, almost ruin their school assembly and finally have a twintastic birthday party.

First in a brand new series

**SEP 2020** | 176pp | PB 7+  
9781839130083 | 198 x 129mm | £6.99



**ZOE ANTONIADES** has taught maths, English and the arts and worked on a wide range of creative projects in partnership with the Southbank Centre, the Royal Albert Hall, the Young Vic and the Polka Theatre. She also writes collaboratively with young people and has published four anthologies of short stories. Her memoir, *Tea and Baklavas*, won the **Winchester Writers' Festival Memoir Prize**.

**KATIE KEAR** is an illustrator who has been creating artwork for as long as she can remember. Katie graduated from the University of Gloucestershire with a First Class degree in Illustration, and loves drawing, adventures in nature, stationery and finding new inspirational artists.

# Lucy Courtenay

Illustrated by Sheena Dempsey

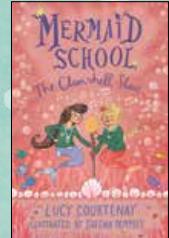
# MERMAID SCHOOL: READY, STEADY, SWIM!

There's a new PE teacher at Mermaid School and he's very strict. Marnie Blue and her friends are horrified when he brings back Golden Glory sports day, with a super-tricky obstacle relay. It's a turtle disaster! Marnie, Pearl and Orla are put into the same team and get training. But someone has a fishy plot to win all the prizes. Can Marnie stop the cheater from ruining Golden Glory Day?

Filled with fabulous fishy fun, this inventive series for young readers follows the adventures of Marnie Blue and her friends in an enchanting underwater world.



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Praise for  
**Mermaid School**

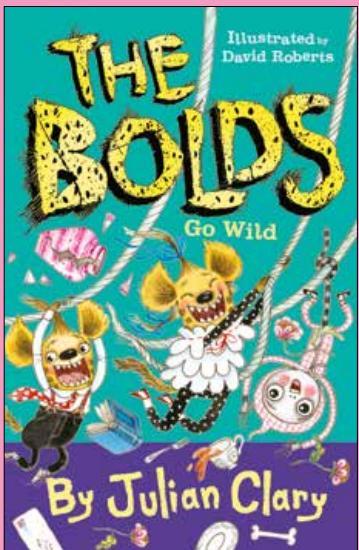
'Gorgeous illustrations . . . a perfect read for fans of the Worst Witch' WRD

‘Delightful underwater adventure that will dolphinately appeal to young readers’ LOVEREADING4KIDS

**LUCY COURTEMAY** has worked on a number of series for young readers, as well as books for young adults. When not writing, she enjoys singing, reading, and travelling. She lives in Farnham.

**SHEENA DEMPSEY** is an Irish illustrator living in Folkestone, Kent. She has illustrated many books, including *Dave Pigeon*, which was shortlisted for the **Sainsbury's Book Award**.

## Julian Clary    Illustrated by David Roberts



### THE BOLDS GO WILD

It's time for monkey business in this fifth outing for Teddington's wildest family, the Bolds!

The Bolds receive a surprise visitor all the way from Africa: Granny Imamu. But she is not impressed by their life in Teddington. She wants her grandchildren to act more like wild hyenas and get in touch with their beastly side. Meanwhile, the twins' teacher has a rather unusual problem: her grown-up son Jeffrey would rather monkey about than act like a human. If animals can become people, could it happen the other way around . . . ?

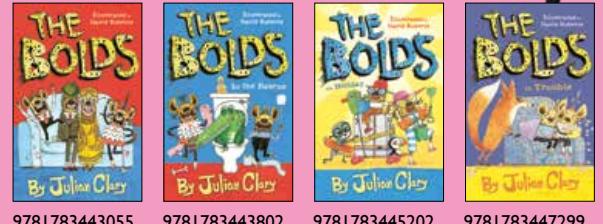


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**JULY 2020**  
9781783448418 | 304pp  
Ebook available | 198 x 129mm | £6.99

Praise for **The Bolds** series:  
'I wish we lived next door to the Bolds'  
DAVINA McCALL

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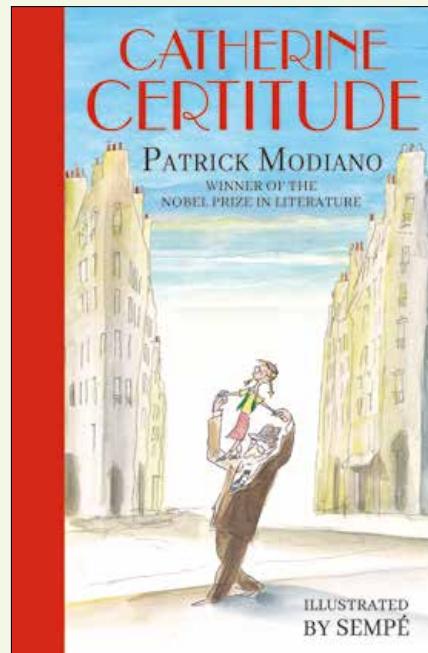


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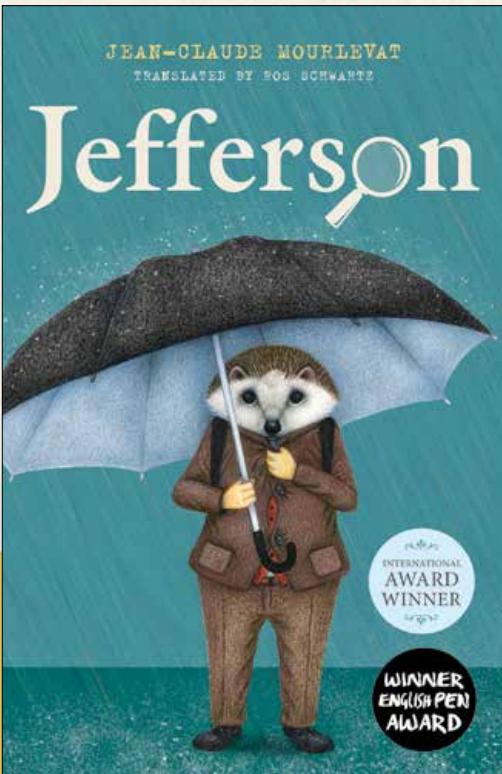
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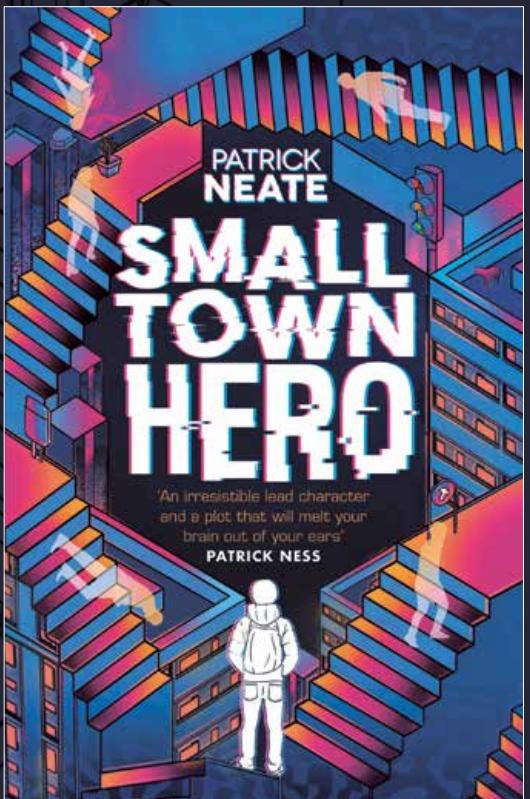
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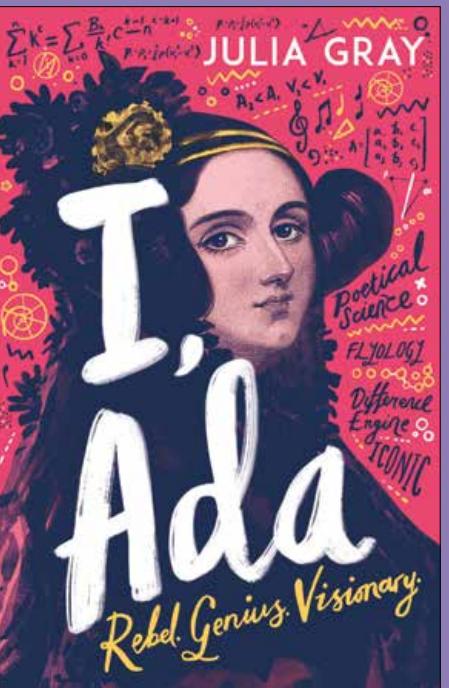
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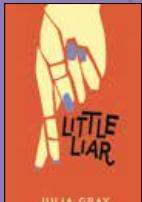
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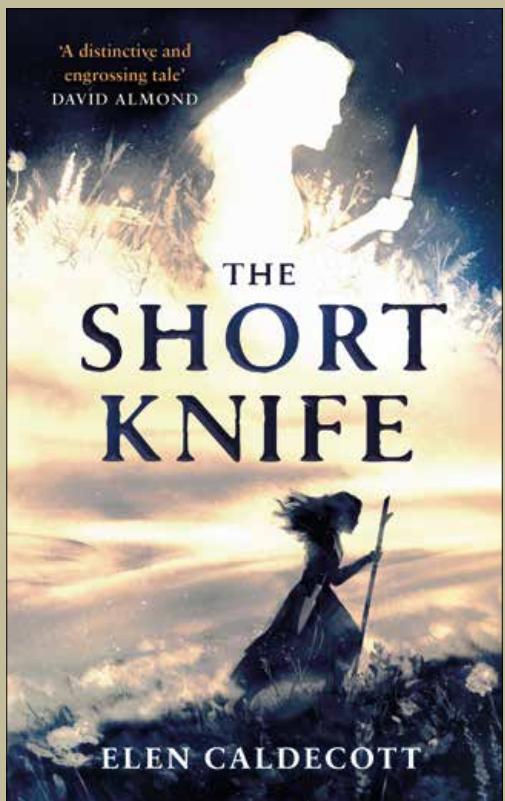
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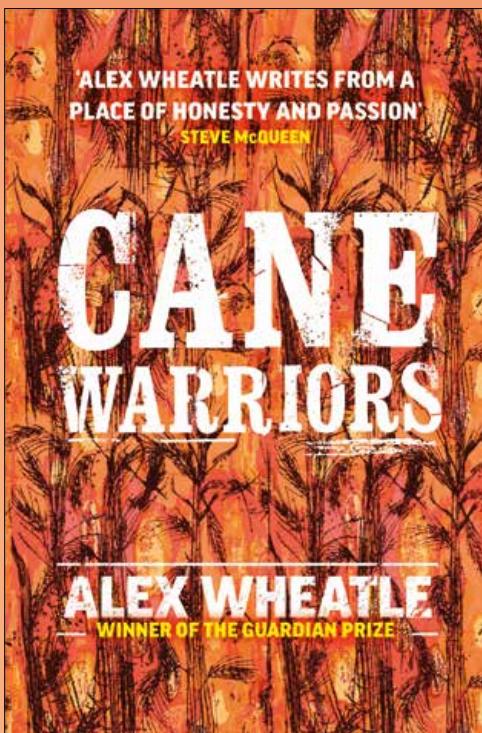
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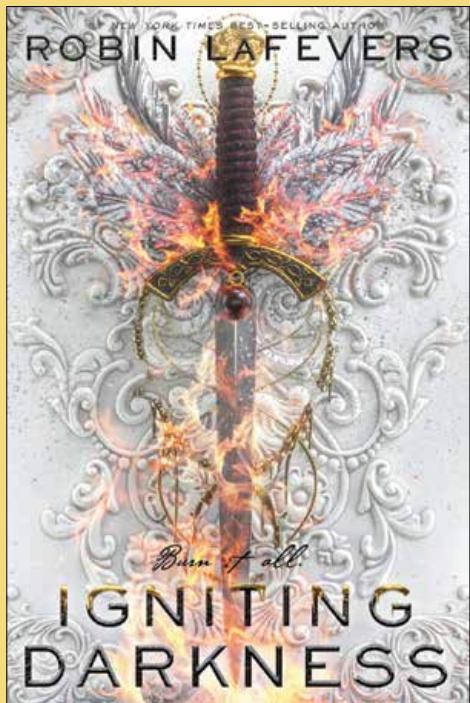
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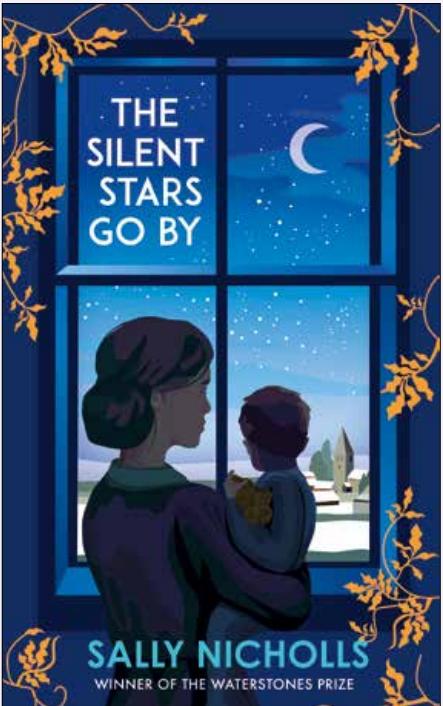
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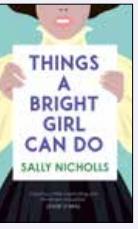
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