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## Graham Carter

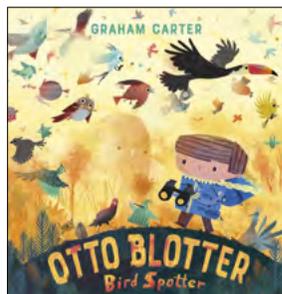
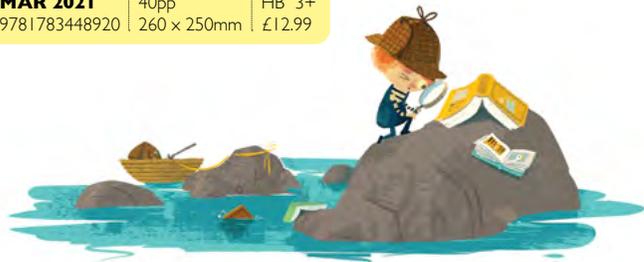


### THE STORY THIEF

All of Olive's adventures happen inside books, until the Story Thief steals every book in town. Now it's up to Olive to become the sort of fearless hero she is always reading about and solve the crime.

Graham Carter's debut picture book *Otto Blotter, Bird Spotter* was shortlisted for the **Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2020**.

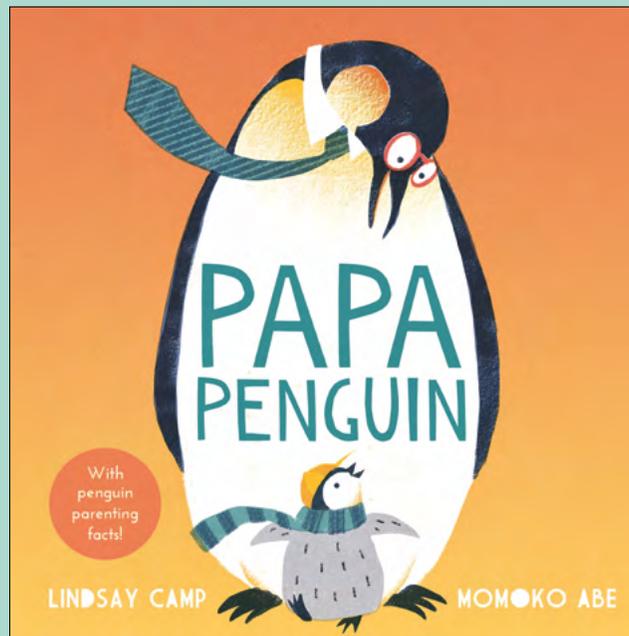
**MAR 2021** | 40pp | HB 3+  
9781783448920 | 260 x 250mm | £12.99



9781783448968

**GRAHAM CARTER** is a printmaker and picture book maker. His illustrations can be spotted in a wide variety of publications such as *New Scientist*, *The Guardian* and *The Sunday Times*. Graham lives in Seaford with his wife and son, and can often be found making a mess in his studio in Brighton.

## Lindsay Camp Momoko Abe



**MAY 2021** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781783449767 | 250 x 250mm | £12.99

### PAPA PENGUIN

Luckily for Sam, Dad's home just in time for a bedtime story. But tonight there'll be no aliens or super heroes, instead he'll tell the tale of Papa Penguin, who loves his beautiful boy-chick very much, even when they're apart.

Featuring a factual section all about penguin parenting!



**LINDSAY CAMP** has been writing books for young children for over 20 years, and has collaborated with esteemed illustrators such as Tony Ross. He lives in Bristol, with his wife Anna, and their dog Albert.

**MOMOKO ABE** is a self-taught illustrator based in London. She grew up in Japan, and moved to the UK to study filmmaking. She still works in the TV and film industry, whilst pursuing her passion for children's books. Momoko was shortlisted for the **World Illustration Award in 2019**.

## Margaret Sturton



### TWO CAN PLAY

Puss doesn't like to help Cat with her vegetable plot. But Puss does like to eat delicious food, so when Cat makes a feast with her harvest, Puss wants to share ...

A wry tale of hard work and reward from rising star Margaret Sturton.

**APR 2021** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781783449231 | 270 x 230mm | £6.99

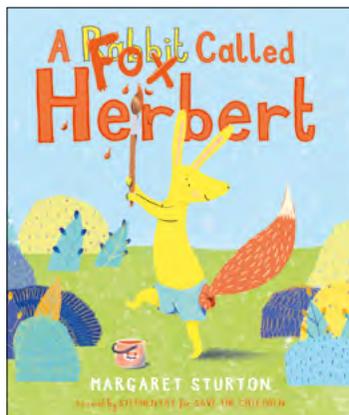
### A FOX CALLED HERBERT

Meet Herbert: the rabbit who knows he was born to be a fox. But Mummy doesn't understand: why can't he just be a good rabbit?

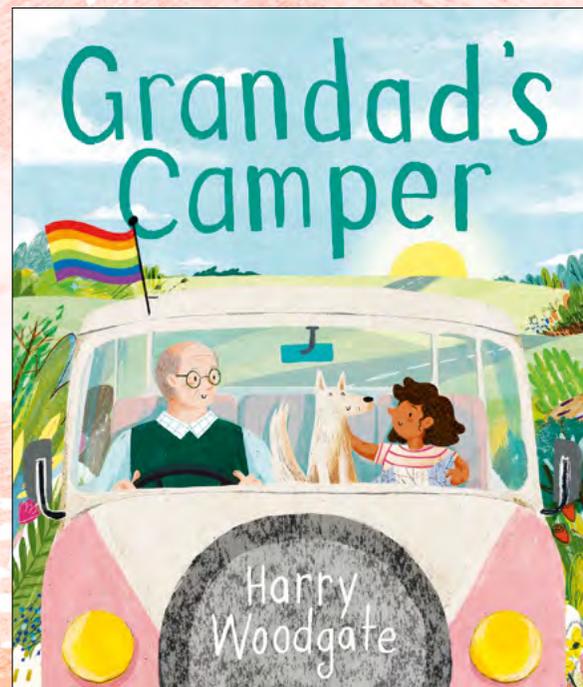
As read by Stephen Fry for **Save the Children's #SaveWithStories Campaign**

**MAR 2021** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781783449330 | 270 x 230mm | £6.99

'A charming picture book about identity and acceptance' **BOOKTRUST**



## Harry Woodgate



### GRANDAD'S CAMPER

Years ago, Grandad and Gramps travelled the world together in their camper van. Gramps isn't around any more, but his granddaughter has an idea to get Grandad back to having adventures again ...

A charming story that celebrates love in all its forms.

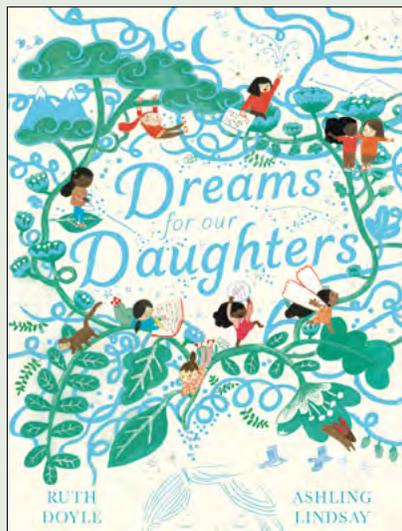
**MAY 2021** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781783449835 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

**HARRY WOODGATE** is an outstanding new talent who was shortlisted for the **V&A Illustration Awards 2019** and the **Folio Society Book Illustration Competition 2018 and 2019**. *Grandad's Camper* is inspired by their university dissertation, which revealed a lack of representation for older LGBT characters in children's books.

**MARGARET STURTON** is a Hampshire-based author and illustrator who has studied Sculpture and children's book illustration. *A Fox Called Herbert* was her debut picture book.

Ruth Doyle Ashling Lindsay

DREAMS FOR OUR DAUGHTERS SONGS FOR OUR SONS



**FEB 2021** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781783448524 | 300 x 225mm | £12.99



**MAY 2021** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781783448517 | 300 x 225mm | £6.99



Two poetic introductions to what it means to grow up in the challenging times we live in, and all of the dazzling possibilities the world has to offer. The poignant message at the heart of these books is that we can be whoever we want to be.

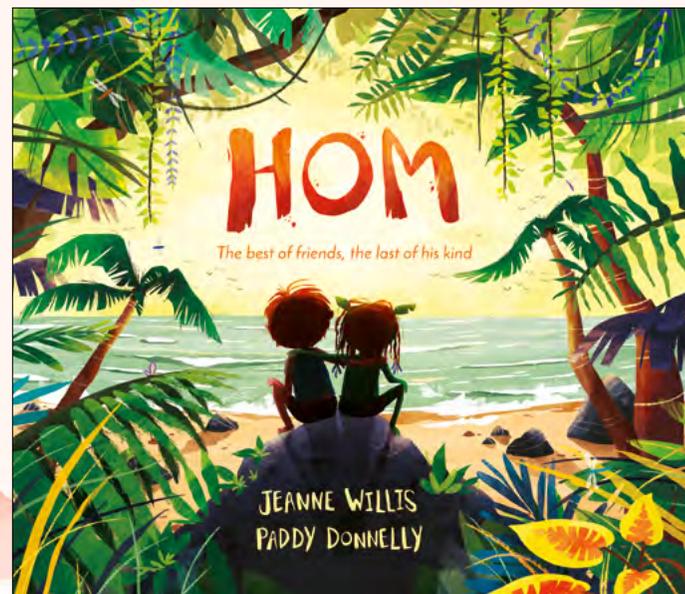
These inspiring picture books are the perfect gift for every key moment in a child's life, from birth to graduation.



**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.

Jeanne Willis Paddy Donnelly



**HOM**

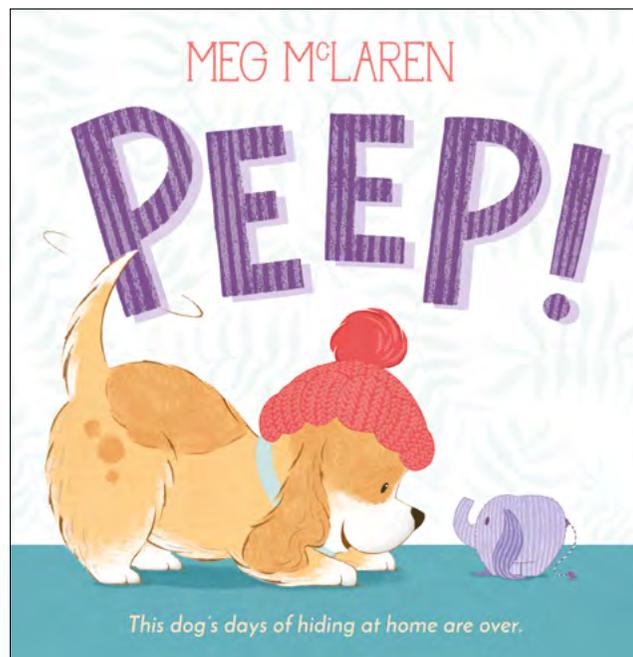
Meet Hom, the last of his kind, from picture book legend Jeanne Willis and extraordinary new talent Paddy Donnelly. When a boy washes up on a desert island, he is sure he's on his own in the world. But there's someone else living there: Hom, a peace-loving creature who has lost his family, too ...

**MAR 2021** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781783449958 | 230 x 270 mm | £12.99

**JEANNE WILLIS** is one of the most successful children's picture book authors in the UK. She had her first picture book published by Andersen Press at the age of 21, and since then has gone on to write many award-winning books, including *Who's in the Loo?*, *Susan Laughs* and *Tadpole's Promise*. She lives in North London.

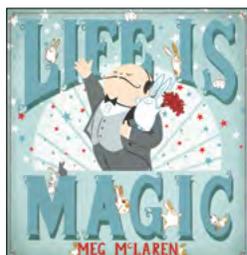
**PADDY DONNELLY** is an Irish illustrator who now lives in Belgium. With over 14 years experience as an illustrator and designer, Paddy now gets to make a living drawing dinosaurs and his 5 year old self is very happy about this.

## Meg McLaren

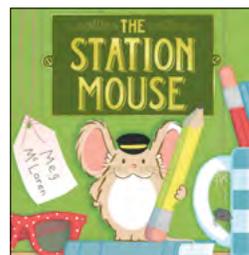


**JUN 2021** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781783448883 | 260 x 250mm | £12.99

'A rising star in the picture book world'  
THE BOOKSELLER



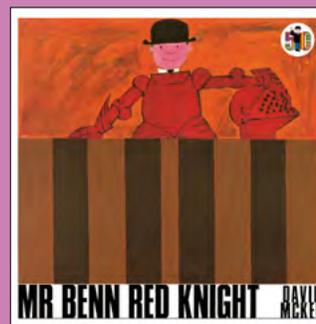
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9781783447572

**PEEP!**

Dot isn't like the other dogs: she doesn't like going out for walks, and she doesn't like going to the park. Her favourite thing is to stay at home with her squeak toy Peep. But when Peep goes missing, Dot might have to venture out into the world...

**MR BENN** David McKee

**CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF THIS TV AND BOOK CLASSIC!**

**MR BENN RED KNIGHT**

When a suit of armour catches his eye, Mr Benn finds himself suddenly face-to-face with a living, breathing dragon!

**MAR 2021** | 48pp | PB 3+  
9781839130700 | 225 x 225mm | £7.99

**MR BENN'S BIG GAME**

When Mr Benn visits the little fancy dress shop, as if by magic, he enters a fantastical world of adventure! This time, Mr Benn is transported to a mysterious jungle full of snakes, elephants, and hunters...

**MAR 2021** | 48pp | PB 3+  
9781839130717 | 225 x 225mm | £7.99

'... the very name is enough to induce a warm glow of childish bliss ...' TELEGRAPH

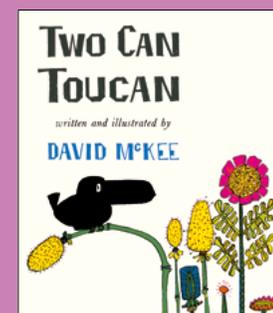
**TWO CAN TOUCAN**

Find out how the toucan got his name and his amazing colours in this modern classic, the very first picture book by master-storyteller David McKee.

**JAN 2021** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839130212 | 230 x 200mm | £6.99



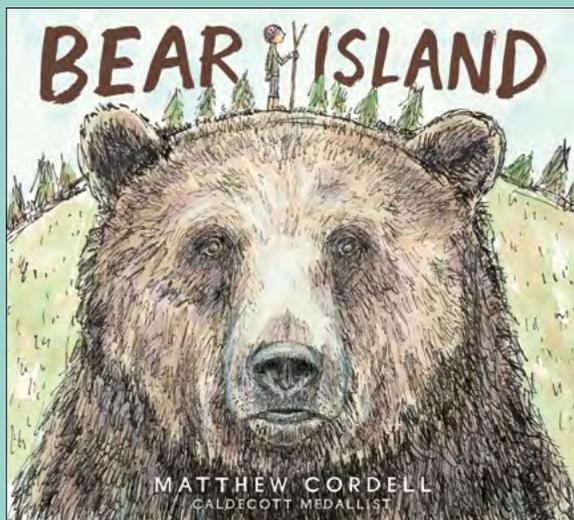
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100 GREATEST  
KID'S TV  
SHOWS.



**MEG MCLAREN** is a printmaker and illustrator who learned her craft on the MA in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. Her books have won the **Scottish Book Trust's Bookbug Picture Book Prize** and been shortlisted for the **Waterstones Children's Book Award**.

**DAVID MCKEE**, creator of *Elmer*, *Not Now, Bernard*, *Mr Benn* and *King Rollo* is a legend in the children's book world. In 2020 he won **Illustrator of the Year** at **The British Book Awards** and the **BookTrust Lifetime Achievement Award**.

## Matthew Cordell



### BEAR ISLAND

Life isn't the same after Louise's beloved dog Charlie dies. But when she visits the island Charlie loved, something new and good begins to happen . . .

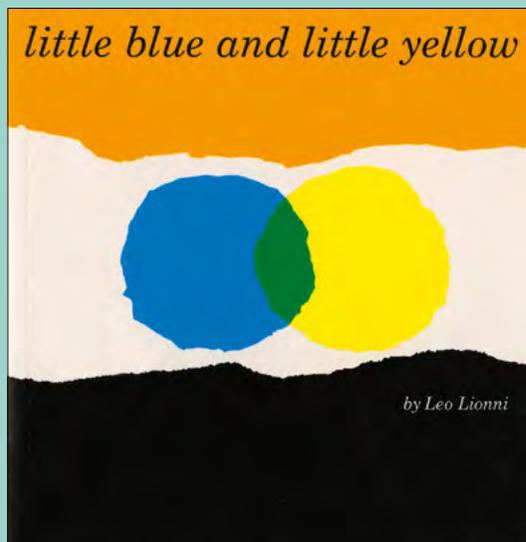
A heartfelt picture book about healing after bereavement from the winner of the **2018 Caldecott Medal** for *Wolf in the Snow*.

**APR 2021** | 48pp | PB 4+  
9781839131189 | 216 x 241mm | £7.99

## Leo Lionni

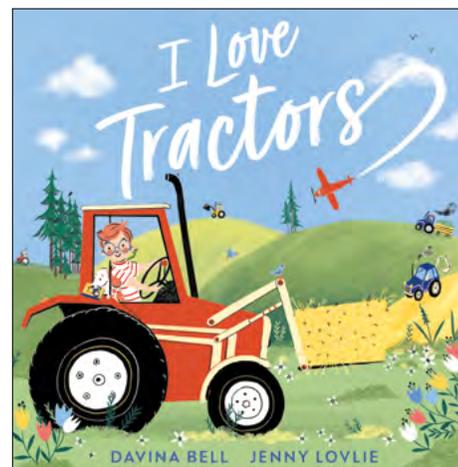
### LITTLE BLUE AND LITTLE YELLOW

A satisfying story of acceptance and friendship told with colourful pieces of torn paper and very few words. This is the book that launched the career of beloved picture book creator and four-time **Caldecott Honor** winner Leo Lionni in 1959.



**JUN 2021** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839130151 | 228 x 228mm | £6.99

## Davina Bell Jenny Løvlie



### I LOVE TRACTORS!

At the library, Frankie is determined to convince Mum that he needs to borrow another book about tractors – maybe she just needs to hear all of the glorious factors why he loves tractors.

An ode to tractors and libraries alike from award-winning Davina Bell and **Waterstones Award-winning** illustrator Jenny Løvlie.

**MAY 2021** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839130786 | 244 x 244mm | £6.99

## Diana Murray Zachariah O'Hora

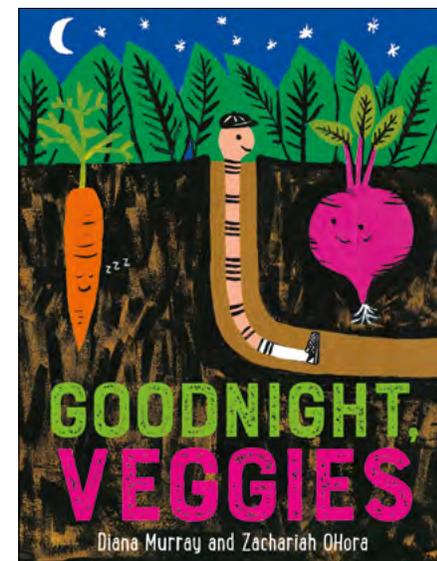
### GOODNIGHT, VEGGIES

As the sun begins to set over the garden, the tomatoes are tucked in, the cucumbers are calm, and the beetroots are simply beat. But what's got them all so exhausted?

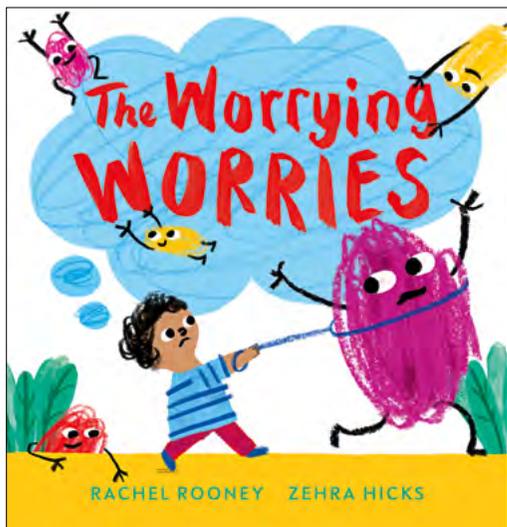
Celebrate the turning of day to night in this perfect bedtime ritual for plants – and humans – everywhere!

*'Snuggled-in vegetables and sweet, liting text offer an effectively snoozy bedtime rhyme'*  
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

**MAR 2021** | 32pp | PB 2+  
9781839130434 | 280 x 216mm | £6.99



Rachel Rooney Zehra Hicks



### THE WORRYING WORRIES

What happens when you get a Worry? They can get so big, it can be hard to get anything done! Luckily, the Worry Doctor knows exactly what to do.

JAN 2021 | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781783449354 | 260 x 250mm | £12.99

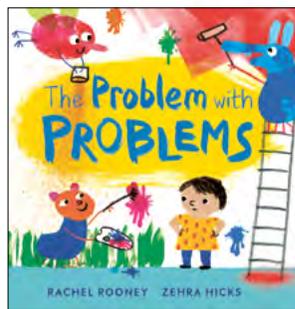


### THE PROBLEM WITH PROBLEMS

Have you ever met a Problem? They come in all shapes and sizes, and can pop up at the most inconvenient times. But you should know some things about them that will help you make them disappear ...

'A masterclass' TELEGRAPH

'Problems are given a physical form in this funny, insightful picture book which combines a thoughtful lyrical text with bouncy, bright art' THE BOOKSELLER – EDITOR'S CHOICE

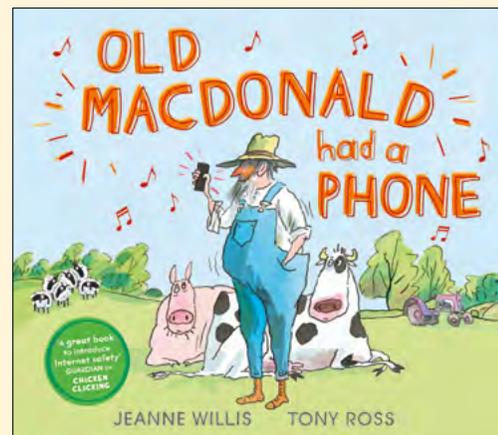


MAR 2021 | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781783449071 | 260 x 250mm | £7.99

**RACHEL ROONEY** is an award-winning children's poet. Her first poetry collection won the CLPE Poetry Award and was longlisted for the Carnegie Medal. She lives in Brighton.

**ZEHRA HICKS** is a tutor at Chelsea College of Arts. She has been highly commended for the Macmillan Prize for Illustration, nominated for the Kate Greenaway, and was shortlisted for the Read It Again! Cambridgeshire Children's Picture Book Award. She lives in Epsom, Surrey.

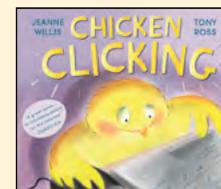
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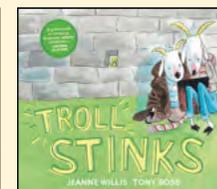
### OLD MACDONALD HAD A PHONE

Sing along to the tune of *Old Macdonald had a Farm* in this hilarious cautionary tale for a new generation of phone-users. From the award-winning partnership of Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross, this is the fourth in their internet-safety series.

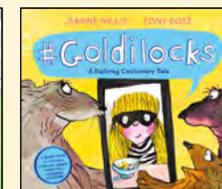
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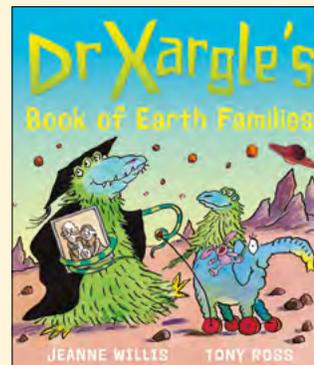
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### DR XARGLE'S BOOK OF EARTH FAMILIES

Learn all about Earth Families with Dr Xargle, our friendly alien teacher: brothers are Bothers, sisters are Sulkers, and the number of family members is always larger than the number of chairs at Christmas dinner ...

JUN 2021 | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839130748 | 275 x 240mm | £6.99

'A dream team of writer and illustrator' THE TIMES

'Hilarious lessons on human behaviour' THE BOOKSELLER

## Joseph Coelho    Fiona Lumbers

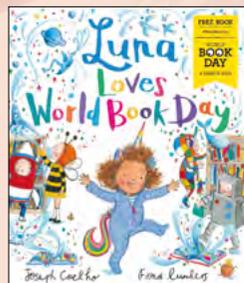
**LUNA LOVES ART**

In this follow-up to *Luna Loves Library Day*, we join Luna for a school trip to the art gallery. Luna is having a blast, but Finn doesn't look very happy – maybe all he needs is a friend.

Join Luna and Finn at the Art Gallery and step inside famous works of art by Van Gogh, Damien Hirst, Henri Matisse, Andy Warhol and more, and discover that there are so many ways a family can be.

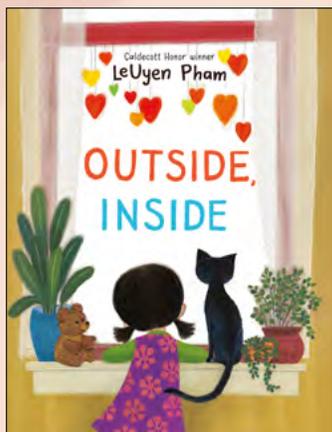
**LOOK OUT FOR**

Luna Loves World Book Day



**APR 2021** | 32pp | PB 4+  
9781783448654 | 280 x 240mm | £7.99

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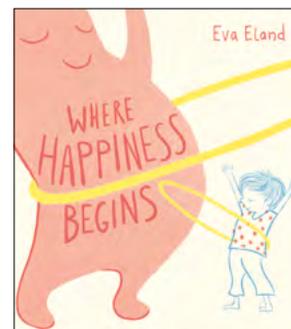
**OUTSIDE, INSIDE**

Something strange happened in 2020 just before the seasons changed. Everyone who was outside ... went inside.

A poetic and touching story that celebrates key workers and the community coming together to face the challenges of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

**APR 2021** | 40pp | PB 3+  
9781839131172 | 280 x 216mm | £7.99

## Eva Eland

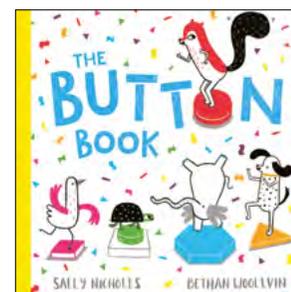
**WHERE HAPPINESS BEGINS**

Happiness is never far away, if you know where to look ... This is the second of Eva Eland's picture books that helps little ones deal with big emotions.

*'Playful, poignant and wonderfully reassuring'* KIRKUS

**FEB 2021** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781783448562 | 240 x 215mm | £6.99

## Sally Nicholls    Bethan Woollvin

**THE BUTTON BOOK**

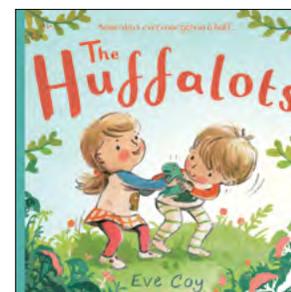
Here's a button. I wonder what happens when you press it? Come along on a magical journey, powered only by imagination and play.

**JAN 2021** | 32pp | PB 2+  
9781783448982 | 250 x 250mm | £6.99



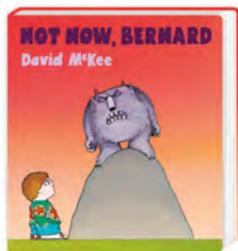
*'Bouncy and mischievous ... illustrated with giddy, infectious energy by Bethan Woollvin'*  
GUARDIAN, CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF THE YEAR

## Eve Coy

**THE HUFFALOTS**

When Mum wakes up her Huffalots, nothing is right – but with the offer of a hug, they transform into Huffalittles, then Lovealittles, and, finally, Lovealots. A stunningly illustrated picture book with real heart, this story will melt those bad moods away.

**FEB 2021** | 32pp | PB 2+  
9781783449804 | 260 x 250mm | £7.99

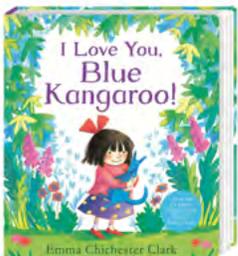


## David McKee NOT NOW, BERNARD

The classic story of a boy, a monster, and two very busy parents, first published over 40 years ago!

**JAN 2021**  
9781783445134 | 12 spreads | BB 0+  
EBook available | 180 x 158mm | £6.99

*'Arguably the finest children's book ever written'* THE I NEWSPAPER



## Emma Chichester Clark I LOVE YOU, BLUE KANGAROO!

A gorgeous board book edition of Emma Chichester Clark's classic story about one little girl's favourite toy, Blue Kangaroo.

**JAN 2021**  
9781783445028 | 16 spreads | BB 0+  
EBook available | 200 x 175mm | £6.99

*'Any family that hasn't yet discovered Blue Kangaroo has a treat in store'* TELEGRAPH



## Tony Ross I DON'T WANT TO WASH MY HANDS!

Learn all about washing your hands! The Little Princess hates washing her hands, until she finds out all about the horrible germs that lurk and can make you ill ...

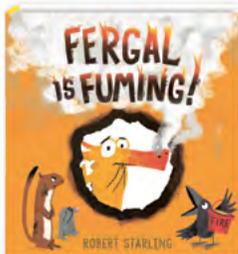
**APR 2021**  
9781839130779 | 10 spreads | BB 0+  
EBook available | 210 x 210mm | £6.99

## Robert Starling FERGAL IS FUMING!

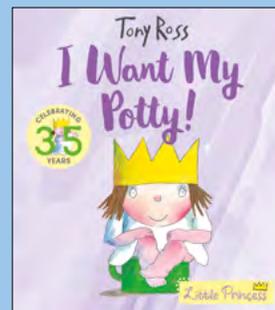
The **Waterstones Prize**-shortlisted tale about a dragon learning to manage his fiery temper, now in a chunky board book format.

**FEB 2021**  
9781839130137 | 12 spreads | BB 0+  
EBook available | 180 x 170mm | £6.99

*'A future classic'*  
BOOKS FOR KEEPS



## Tony Ross



## I WANT MY POTTY!

Celebrate 35 years of the classic Little Princess potty training picture book! At first, the Little Princess thinks the royal potty is the worst, but she soon learns to love it ... even if it isn't always there when she needs it.

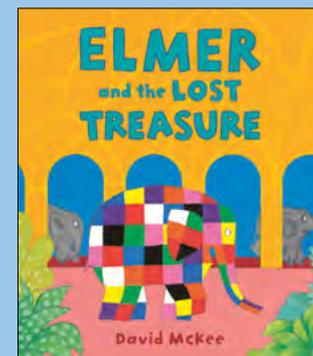
**JAN 2021**  
9781783446322 | 32pp | PB 2+  
EBook available | 264 x 235mm | £6.99

## David McKee

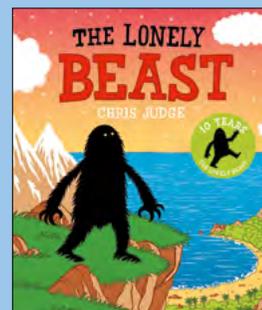
### ELMER AND THE LOST TREASURE

Elmer, Wilbur and a brave troop of elephants set out to find the famous Lost Treasure. When they stumble across a beautiful forgotten palace, Elmer's friends rush inside, keen to find the treasure before he does, but Elmer appears to have stopped searching ...

**MAY 2021** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781783449491 | 275 x 240mm | £6.99



## Chris Judge



### THE LONELY BEAST

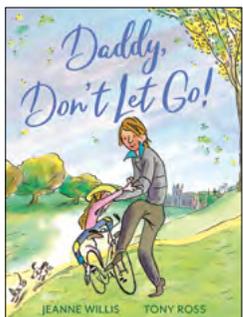
Celebrate 10 years of the Beast, whose determination to overcome his loneliness leads him to undertake a daring and dangerous quest to find others like him ...

Winner of the **Irish Children's Book of the Year** and nominated for the **Kate Greenaway Medal**.

**FEB 2021**  
9781849392556 | 32pp | PB 3+  
EBook available | 280 x 240mm | £6.99



## Jeanne Willis Tony Ross



### DADDY, DON'T LET GO

Learning to ride a bike is something you'll never forget, and with Daddy there to catch you, anything is possible. But when the time comes, will he be ready to let go?

**MAY 2021** | 32pp | PB 4+  
9781842703779 | 270 x 220mm | £6.99

'A perfect book about learning independence'  
PUBLISHING NEWS



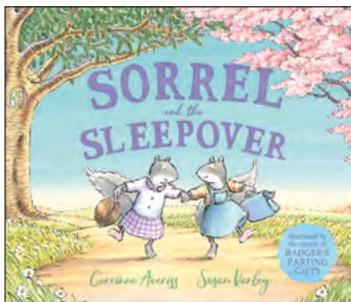
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### SORREL AND THE SLEEPOVER

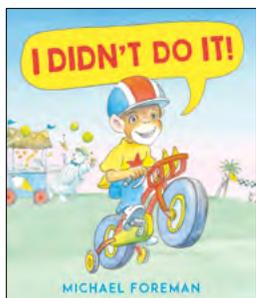
Squirrels Sage and Sorrel have so much in common! But when Sage invites her friend for a sleepover, Sorrel discovers they aren't the same at all . . .

**APR 2021**  
9781783447626 | 32pp | PB 4+  
EBook available | 230 x 270mm | £6.99

'A gentle celebration of similarities, differences, and friendship'  
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY



## Michael Foreman



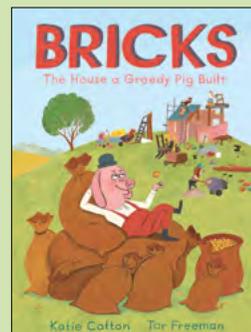
### I DIDN'T DO IT!

The Big Cycle Race is coming to town, and Milo does not want to miss it. Come along on this rip-roaring cycling adventure from picture book master Michael Foreman.

**APR 2021** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781783448593 | 280 x 240mm | £6.99

'Children will love the scenes of chaos . . .' LOVEREADING4KIDS

## Katie Cotton Tor Freeman



### BRICKS

Pig wants the biggest and finest new house for the lowest price, even if that involves telling a little porky . . . He's about to find out exactly what happens to greedy pigs who fleece their workers!

**JUN 2021** | 32pp | PB 5+  
9781783448623 | 290 x 220mm | £6.99

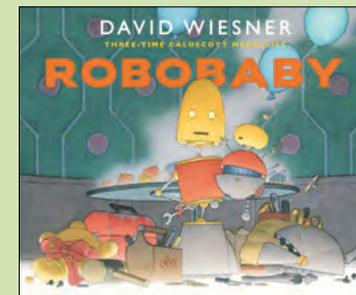


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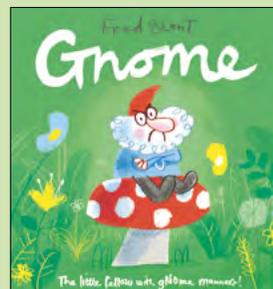
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### GNOME

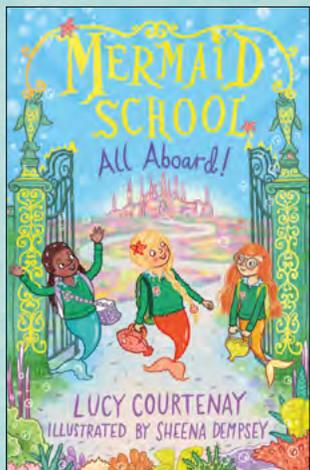
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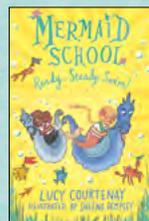
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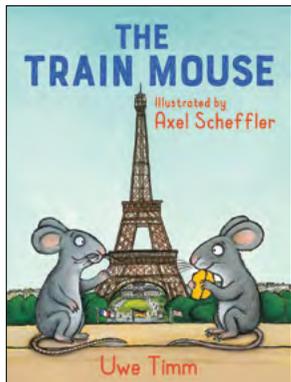
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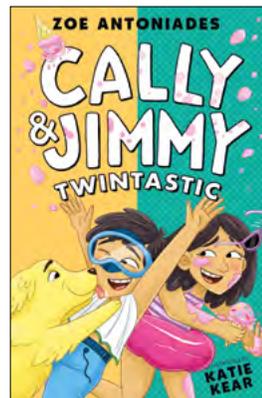
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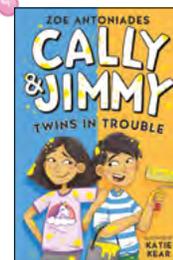
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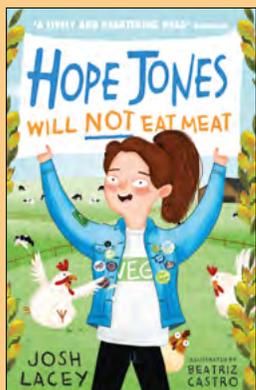


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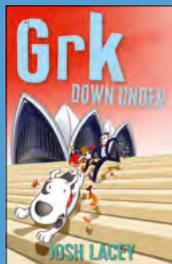
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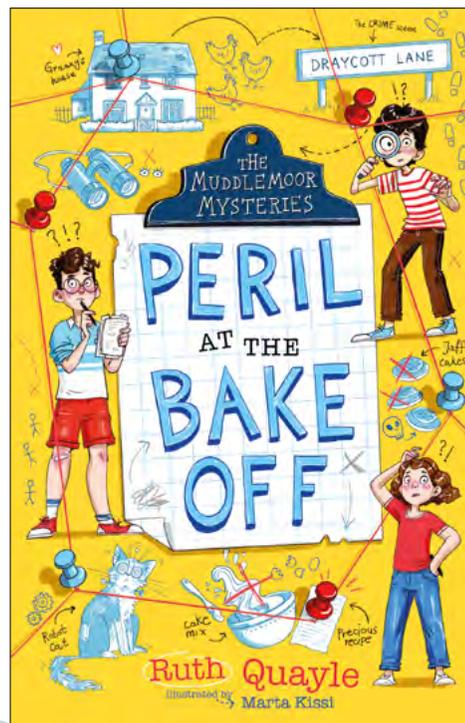


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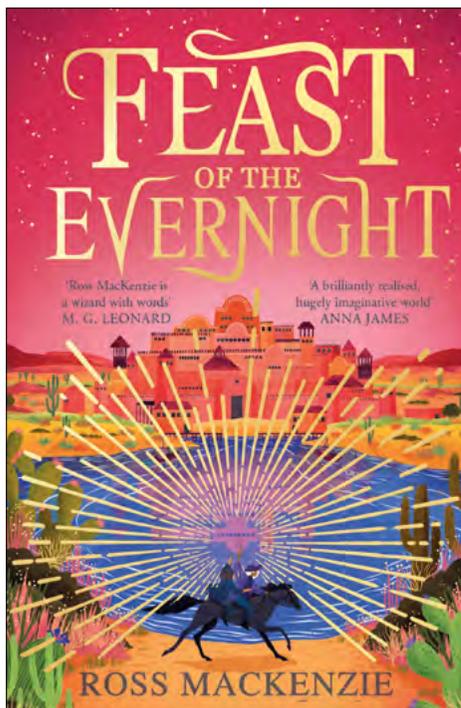
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**RUTH QUAYLE** used to work as a journalist and copywriter, and was inspired to write books for children by the funny things her own kids said. She lives in London with her family and when she's not writing, you'll find her stepping on bits of Lego, burning fish fingers and trying to convince the children that there really isn't room for a dog.

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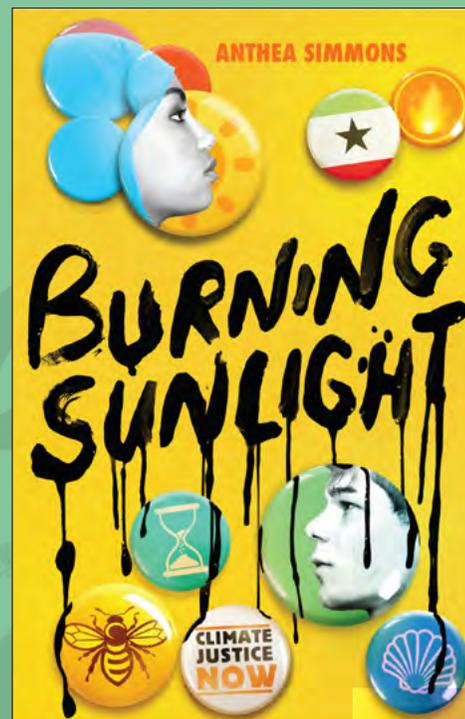
'Evernight is alive with thrilling darkness and vivid magic'  
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## Phil Earle



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Inspired by a true story from World War II.

It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast. When the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast. Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it?

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**PHIL EARLE** harboured dreams as a child of becoming a professional footballer. Instead he got a job in a bookshop and fell in love with children's fiction. He is the author of numerous novels, and delights in unearthing stories from everyday, innocuous events. He lives with his three children on the side of a very steep hill in West Yorkshire.

## Rebecca Stead



### THE LIST OF THINGS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE

When Bea was ten she was told two things: her parents were divorcing, and her dad had a boyfriend. As time goes by, she is reassured by a list her parents made for her of all the things that will not change. But even though she's excited about her dad's wedding and gaining a stepsister, Bea is haunted by something she did last summer . . .

Making a new family brings questions, surprises, and joy in this modern classic from **Newbery Medal-winner** Rebecca Stead.

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## Elen Caldecott



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### THE SHORT KNIFE

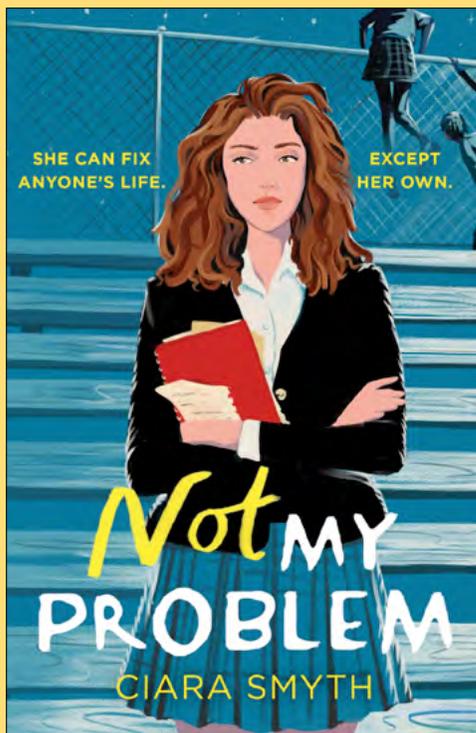
The Roman Empire has withdrawn from Britain, throwing it into chaos. Mai has been kept safe by her father and her sister, Haf. When Saxon warriors arrive at their farm, the family is forced to flee to the hills where British warlords lie in wait. Can Mai survive in a dangerous world where speaking her mother tongue might be deadly, and where even the people she loves the most can't be trusted?

**MAR 2021**

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*'Full of thrills and kills . . . relevant and important'*  
THE TIMES, CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE WEEK

## Ciara Smyth



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### NOT MY PROBLEM

When Aideen agrees to help ambitious class swot Maebh by pushing her down the stairs, she reluctantly becomes the school 'fixer' – any problem a student has, Aideen will sort it out. No questions asked, payment is one favour in return. But Aideen's own life is a mess – her mam's drinking again and she's flunking school. Spending more time with the uptight (but annoyingly cute) Maebh and chatterbox Kavi, Aideen starts to wonder: can every problem be solved?

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Praise for **The Falling in Love Montage**:  
'An outrageously comic, moving debut' **GUARDIAN**

'An emotionally stirring queer romance with witty, playful dialogue'  
**PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, STARRED REVIEW**

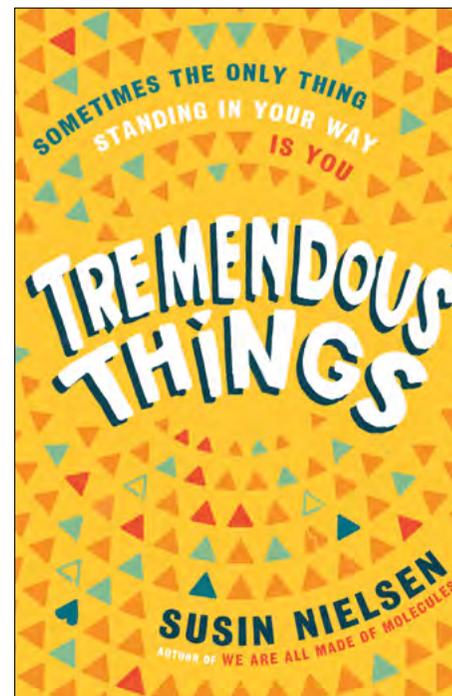
'Audaciously fills a gap in queer romance' **KIRKUS**



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**CIARA SMYTH** was born in Ireland. She studied drama, teaching and then social work at university. She became a writer so she wouldn't have to grow up. She enjoys jiggling (verb: to complete a jigsaw), playing the violin badly, and having serious conversations with her pets. Ciara has lived in Belfast for over ten years and still doesn't really know her way around.

## Susin Nielsen



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9781839130618 | HB YA  
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### TREMENDOUS THINGS

Wilbur knows he's a loser: his best friend is 85 years old, and his only talent is playing the triangle in the school band. Then a mix-up with the French exchange programme results in Wilbur being assigned a girl to look after. A girl he falls desperately in love with. Keen to win her heart when he joins the trip to Paris, Wilbur allows his friends Alex and Fabrizio to do a *Queer Eye* makeover on him. But the course of true *l'amour* never did run smooth...

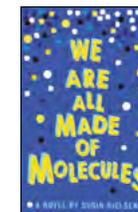
'Susin Nielsen is simply wonderful'  
**SARAH CROSSAN**

'Susin Nielsen is an amazing writer'  
**HILARY MCKAY**

'Susin Nielsen is fantastic at creating believable teenage voices'  
**THE TIMES**



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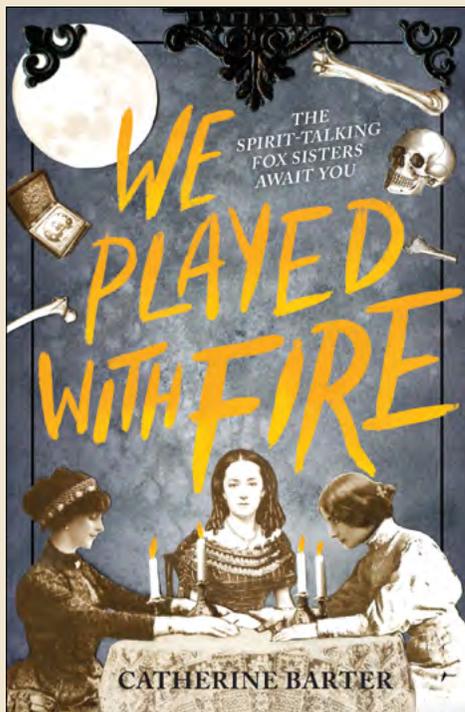
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## Catherine Barter



Cover art by Ramona Szczerba

### WE PLAYED WITH FIRE

Maggie has witnessed impossible things, but nobody will believe her. Banished to spend the winter in upstate New York, Maggie and her younger sister Kate start to play tricks: rapping on the floorboards, cracking their toes under the table, and telling tales about noises in the night. But the house seems to be waking up – and whatever haunts it has a message for the sisters.

Inspired by the incredible true tale of the Fox Sisters, the girls who made their fortune in nineteenth-century America by speaking to ghosts.

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Praise for **Troublemakers**:

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*'Wonderfully individual and heartbreakingly real'*  
KIRKUS, STARRED REVIEW

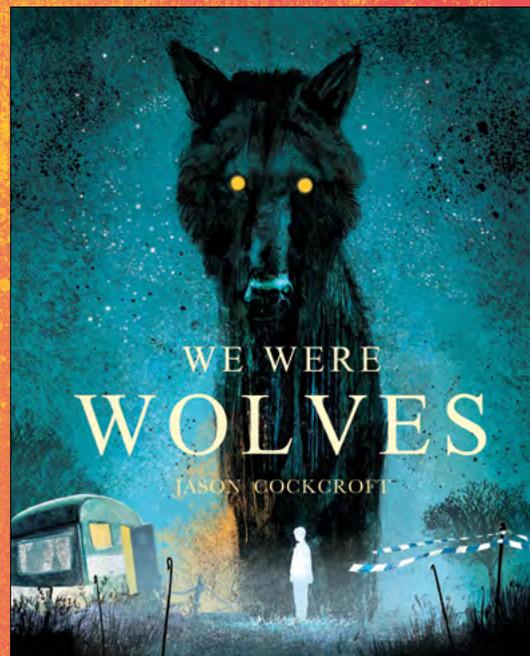
Shortlisted for the **Waterstones Children's Book Prize**



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**CATHERINE BARTER** grew up in Warwickshire, and then worked in Norwich for a library, a bookshop, and for an organisation campaigning for the rights of garment workers. After gaining a PhD in American literature, she ditched academia for the lucrative world of independent bookselling. Currently she lives in London and co-manages Housmans, a radical independent bookshop.

## Jason Cockcroft



### WE WERE WOLVES

Boy lives in a caravan on his own in the woods. His dad, John, is in prison and promises to get out soon. All the boy needs to do is survive alone for a little while longer. But dark forces are circling – like the dangerous man in the Range Rover. And then there are the ancient forces that have lain asleep in the woods for an age ...

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