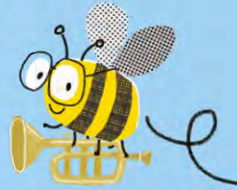




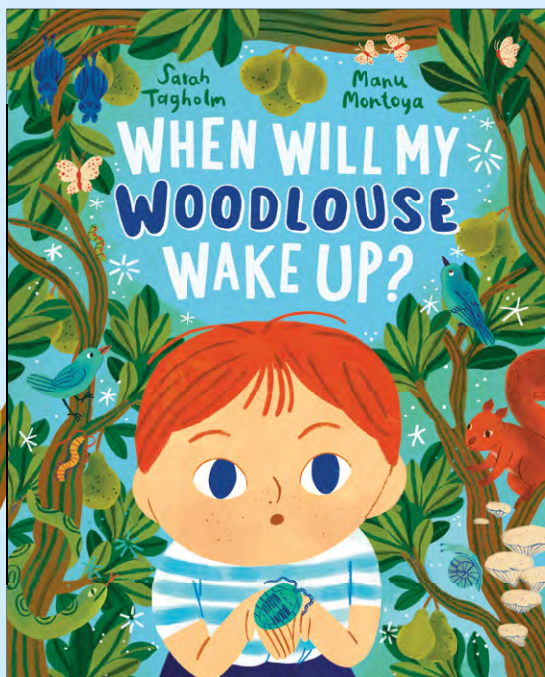
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WHEN WILL MY WOODLOUSE WAKE UP?

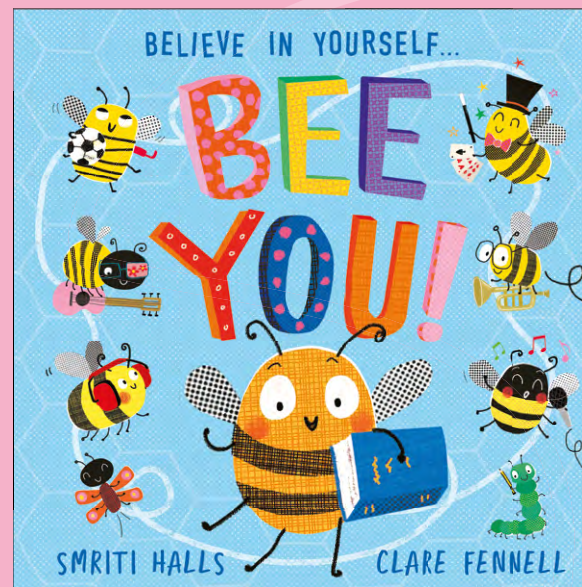
A picture book about bereavement that isn't at all depressing! When his pet woodlouse won't wake up one day, Ross learns from his big sister all about definite, incredible deadness. But if Lord Jeffrey isn't here anymore, where exactly is he? The siblings go to the library to see if they can find out, and although Ross misses his pet, he is comforted thinking of the adventures he might be having now. Eating pears in heaven ... reincarnated into another animal ... or perhaps all of his goodness has gone back into the earth to grow something beautiful.

NOV 2024 32pp HB 3+
9781839132711 268 x 216mm £12.99

SARAH TAGHOLM is a children's author who loves writing about confused animals, mischievous children and all things bizarre. Sarah is passionate about encouraging a love of reading, libraries and availability of books for all children. She lives in Cornwall.

MANU MONTOYA was born in Colombia, and studied Graphic Design and Advertising, before moving to Barcelona, where she now lives, to study Art Direction. She loves working with gouache, coloured pencils, ink, and digital media, and has been longlisted for the **World Illustration Awards**.

Smriti Halls Clare Fennell



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SMRITI HALLS is an internationally bestselling, award-winning children's author, published in more than 40 languages worldwide. Her best-loved stories include *Rain Before Rainbows*, the *I'm Sticking With You* series, *The Little Island* and *I Love You Night and Day*.

CLARE FENNEL studied Illustration and Graphic Design at De Montfort University, Leicester, and went on to work in a design studio before illustrating over 35 books. She loves working in collage and finishing in Photoshop to clear up all the messy bits.

BEE YOU!

A new picture book inspired by brilliant bees, that helps you to be the best you that you can be!

What kind of person do you want to be? Kind, smart, thoughtful or wise, the possibilities are endless. Follow all of these amazing bees on their busy day, from their hive to school, on good days and bad days, and learn that being yourself is the best you that you can be ... and if you believe in yourself, life can be sweeter than honey.



ELMER

David McKee



MY FIRST ELMER BIRTHDAY

Celebrate Elmer's birthday with this chunky shaped board book. In this classic story, the elephants want to trick Elmer into thinking they've forgotten his birthday. There's only one problem with the joke they're playing ... it's not actually Elmer's birthday at all. Elmer's friends keep trying to warn them, but they won't listen!

A perfect introduction to the classic *Elmer's Birthday* story for the very youngest readers, with an abridged version of the much-loved tale.



SEP 2024	10pp	BB 0+
9781839133428	232 x 232mm	£7.99



Celebrate Elmer's birthday in 2024! For over 35 years and across 30 stories, Elmer has spread a message of confidence, friendship and compassion to children all around the world.



ELMER BOOK AND TOY GIFT SET

Cuddle in with your very own Elmer soft toy and read the family-favourite picture book together with this Elmer Book and Toy Gift Set. Including a mini gift hardback edition of the classic story and a colourful cuddly Elmer toy, this makes the perfect gift to inspire little ones to celebrate their colours!

Elmer is different. Elmer is patchwork. The grey elephants all love him, but he soon starts to wonder what it would be like to be just the same as them ...



SEP 2024	170(h) x 190(w)	HB 0+
9781839135149	x 80(d)mm	£14.99

DAVID MCKEE (1935 – 2022) was an artist and children's book creator responsible for many family favourites such as *Not Now, Bernard*, *Mr Benn* and *Elmer*. In 2020 he won the **British Book Awards Illustrator of the Year Award** and **BookTrust's Lifetime Achievement Award**.

Robert Starling



FERGAL IS FRETTING!

Fergal learns a simple mindfulness technique to combat social anxiety in this latest addition to the **Waterstones Prize** shortlisted series.

Fergal's friend Elspeth is coming to stay, and he is very excited... but there's a problem. He hasn't been able to see her in such a long time, so what if it's not the same? When he thinks about Elspeth's visit, his face feels hot, he can't keep still and he keeps needing the toilet. But there's one very simple thing he can do to make his fretting go away.



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9781839132629 260 x 250mm £12.99

Praise for **Fergal is Fuming**:
'All schools need a copy of this book... a delightful, thought-provoking read'
BOOKS FOR KEEPS



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ROBERT STARLING began doodling creatures and characters at school and hasn't stopped since. His Fergal series of picture books have been published in 22 languages, and *Fergal is Fuming!* was shortlisted for the **Waterstones Children's Book Prize**.

Alex Latimer



DON'T THINK OF TIGERS

This book is magical. Whatever you think of, the narrator will draw it on the next page. There's just one problem: they're really bad at drawing tigers. Hilariously bad. So please, don't think of tigers!

But of course, soon all you'll be able to think of is tigers... so the narrator will draw them, more and more ridiculous as they go: a tiger in a mermaid outfit, one carrying a coffee and a briefcase, some just plain awful. But with practice, will they get better?

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9781839133268 270 x 230mm £12.99



ALEX LATIMER is a South African writer and illustrator living in Cape Town. He has a degree in English and Philosophy and has written and illustrated for many major brands across the globe. Alex's picture books are quirky and fun and full of humour that appeals to both children and adults.

Polly Noakes



OCT 2024 | 32pp | HB 3+
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JUST THE TWO OF US

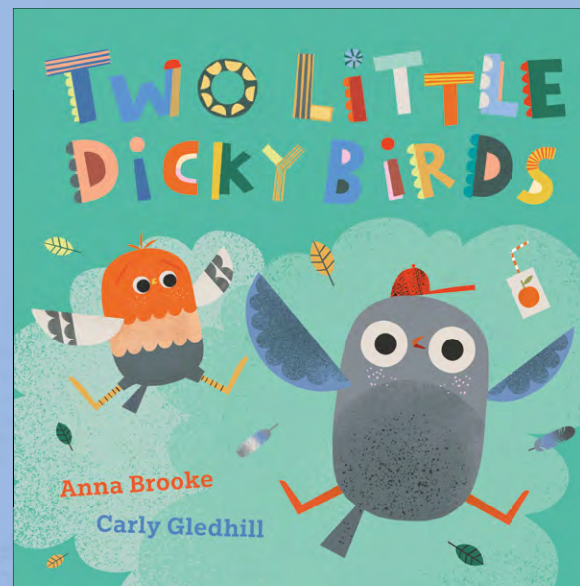
A heartwarming tale about what happens to our imaginary friends when we don't need them anymore.

One night, Arlo comes for Stella. Soon, he becomes her very best friend and they do everything together, just the two of them. But when Stella meets Sid, the boy who moves in next door, everything changes.



POLLY NOAKES attended Cambridge School of Art, and graduated in 2015 with an MA in Children's Book Illustration. She has illustrated a number of books, using various techniques such as monoprint, watercolour, gouache and collage. Polly lives in rural North Yorkshire with her family.

Anna Brooke Carly Gledhill



AUG 2024 | 32pp | HB 1+
9781839133527 | 250 x 250mm | £12.99

TWO LITTLE DICKY BIRDS

Two little dicky birds, sitting on the wall, "Hello, Peter; hello ... wait, where did Paul go!?"

Help Peter rescue Paul in this interactive story! Tickle dragon's nose to save Paul from being gobbled up, cast a spell to get him out of the witch's house, and find a way to help him escape a dark, scary cave – all while a hapless Paul is completely oblivious to the danger he's in!

ANNA BROOKE has been a travel journalist for many years and has authored seven guidebooks on France. Her debut novel was a **SCBWI Undiscovered Voices** winner and longlisted for the **Bath Children's Novel Award**. Raised in Birmingham and Yorkshire, she now lives in Paris.

CARLY GLEDHILL worked as a Print Designer for design studios and retailers, before completing an MA in Children's Book Illustration. Her books have been shortlisted for the **Sheffield Children's Book Award** and the **British Book Design and Production Awards**. She lives in Manchester.

Anna Wilson Jenny Bloomfield



BE BACK SOON

A beautiful and comforting story for any child whose loved one needs to be away from home.

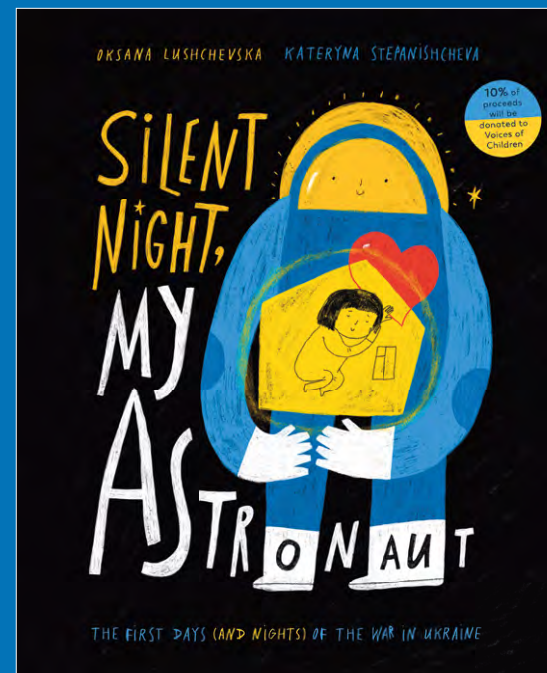
Siblings Bibi and Mo love to watch the first swallows arriving home to their lake in the summer. But soon, just like the swallows, Bibi has to go north for work. He tells Mo to think of him flying with the birds, and just like the swallows, when summer comes again, he will journey across the cities, oceans, grasslands and jungle, and over the tops of the mountains back to Mo.

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ANNA WILSON has been a published author for twenty years, writing over 50 books for children, including picture books and novels. Once an editor, she now loves to write, and runs creative writing schools across the UK. Anna lives near Penzance in Cornwall.

JENNY BLOOMFIELD graduated with distinction with an MA in Children's Book Illustration from Cambridge School of Art in 2019. She is an avid sketchbooker and draws every day, but when she is not making art she can be found swimming or plotting outdoor adventures. She lives in Leeds.

Oksana Lushchevska Kateryna Stepanishcheva



SILENT NIGHT, MY ASTRONAUT

A powerful picture book story about the first ten days of the War in Ukraine, told from a child's perspective.

*The evening is long. It's silent outside.
We love silent.
The most important thing is for the
sirens not to howl.*

It is a bright day in February, but 7 year-old Ia and her family are in the dark. Church bells are ringing, sirens are screaming. The War has begun. Ia holds her astronaut doll close, and she wonders if there's a super powerful astronaut in the sky keeping her safe.

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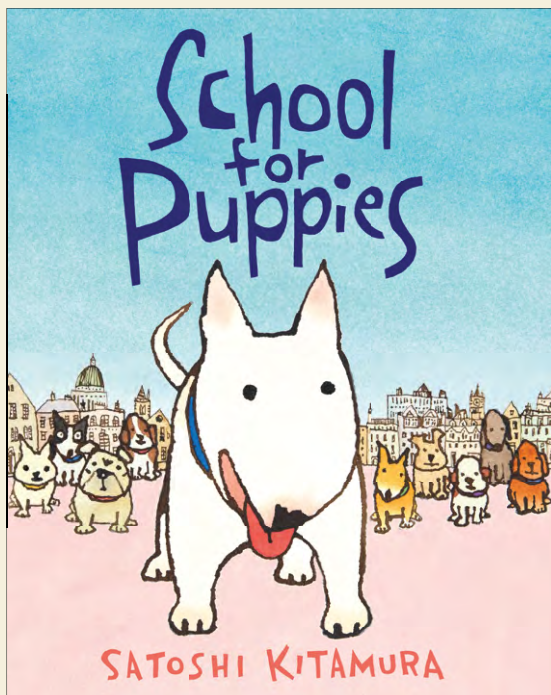
'A poignant symbol of
war's effect on children'
KIRKUS



OKSANA LUSHCHEVSKA is an award-winning Ukrainian writer and translator. She is an active member of PEN UKRAINE and the author of 50 children's and young adult books. Oksana lives in Pennsylvania, USA.

KATERYNA STEPANISHCHEVA is a Ukrainian illustrator and textile designer. She has illustrated a number of children's books and dozens of pieces for various children's magazines for international markets. She adores Ukrainian calligraphy and linocut. Kateryna lives in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Satoshi Kitamura



SCHOOL FOR PUPPIES

See the world through the eyes of a puppy in this adorable story from a picture book legend.

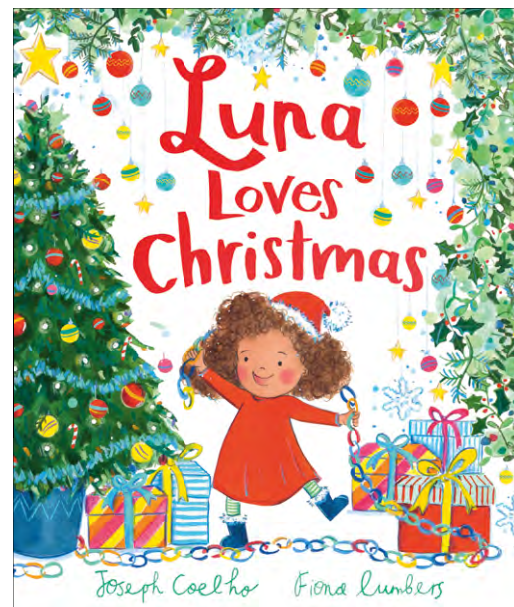
When Lucy goes to school, her puppy waits for her at home, wondering what she does there. But today, he's going on a big adventure to find out for himself... at puppy school! He learns how to scratch behind his ears, howl, and most importantly how to follow a scent trail, which comes in handy when he forgets the way home...

AUG 2024 32pp HB 3+
9781839133442 280 x 220mm £12.99

'Kitamura is one of the world's most original and stylish children's illustrators'
SUNDAY TIMES

SATOSHI KITAMURA is an award-winning children's author and illustrator. He was born in Tokyo and worked in advertising there before moving to London in 1980. His best-loved stories include *Angry Arthur*, *Millie's Marvellous Hat* and *Once Upon an Ordinary School Day*. Satoshi now lives in Japan.

Joseph Coelho Fiona Lumbers



LUNA LOVES CHRISTMAS

Luna discovers the power of giving in her latest adventure, written by award-winning Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho.

Luna loves Christmas. Sometimes at Mum's, sometimes at Dad's, she gets two trees, two dinners, two advent calendars to open... but this Christmas, Luna's family are doing something different. They're volunteering, and Luna can't wait for them to all be together at the community Christmas dinner!

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'An upbeat and positive story that feels warm and offers a much-needed depiction of different people's realities during the festive period'
INDEPENDENT

'Full of warmth and generosity' SUNDAY TIMES



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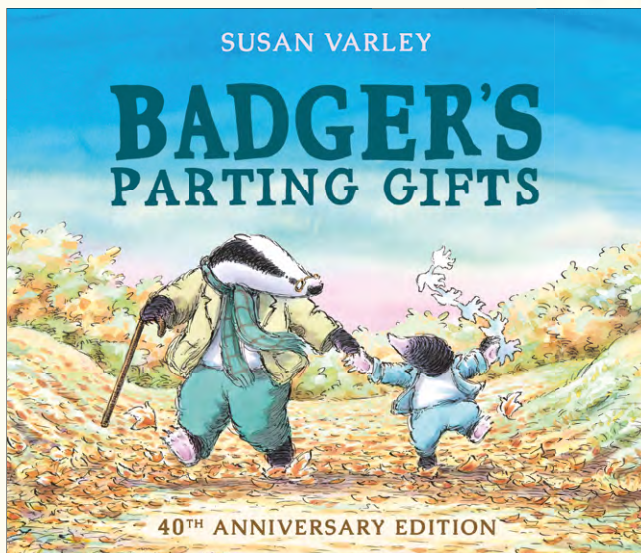


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Susan Varley

40TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

'Badger's Parting Gifts provides young children with a means to understand grief' CHILD BEREAVEMENT UK

'The best book for children on this theme' THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

'Badger's Parting Gifts has helped millions of children understand death' THE SUN



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BADGER'S PARTING GIFTS

A special 40th anniversary edition of this timeless classic about losing a loved one. Features a helpful reading guide from Child Bereavement UK that provides tips for sharing the story with children and helping them better understand grief.

Badger is so old that he knows he must soon die, so he does his best to prepare his friends. When he finally passes away, they are grief-stricken, but one by one they remember the special things he taught them during his life. By sharing their memories, they realise that although Badger is no longer with them physically, he lives on through his friends.

SUSAN VARLEY is an award-winning artist who has illustrated many books for Andersen Press. Her picture book *Badger's Parting Gifts*, is one of the most enduring of all time, winning many prizes, including the **Mother Goose Award** in 1985.

Frances Stickley Åsa Gilland

ONE YOU

Celebrating the magic of a baby coming into the world – this beautiful poetic book is the perfect gift for families with new babies.

For nine magic months, two hearts beat together, then with ten tiny fingers and ten tiny toes, a new life begins. One wonderful world, and now, one you.

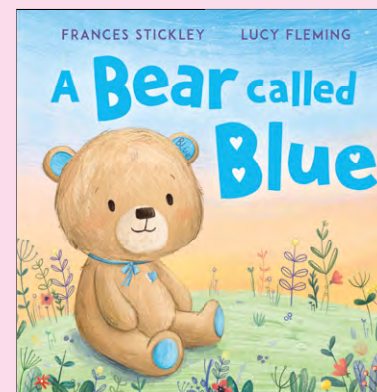
Through the magical story of the journey into parenthood, a beautiful message to a child is revealed: nothing else counts more than you.

'Perfect for families to share with little ones and it would make a lovely gift for new parents'
LOVEREADING4KIDS



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9781839131806 | 250 x 260mm | £7.99

Frances Stickley Lucy Fleming



JUL 2024 | 32pp | PB 2+
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A BEAR CALLED BLUE

The heartwarming tale of a little girl and her beloved teddy bear; lost and reunited.

Harriet never goes anywhere without her beloved bear Blue, so when they become separated he knows that she must be searching for him. Days, months and years roll on, but Blue never forgets, and he never loses hope ...

'Readers will always treat their toys with more care after reading this!'
LOVEREADING4KIDS



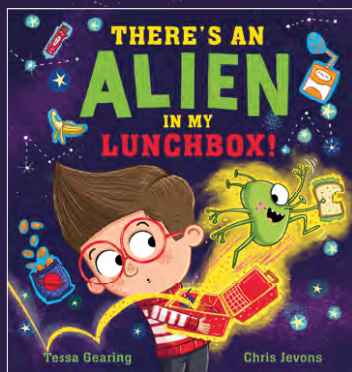
Tessa Gearing Chris Jevons

THERE'S AN ALIEN IN MY LUNCHBOX!

Enjoy the chaos created when Noah's book characters escape in the classroom!

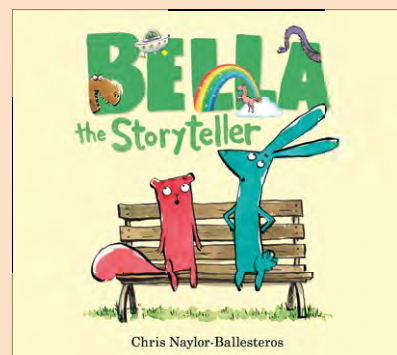
Noah has brought his favourite storybook to school for Show and Tell, but the characters have escaped and they're causing havoc! Alien's stolen his lunch, Dragon's roaring at the little ones and Ghost has blocked the toilets... But when Noah finally catches them and begins to read to the class, something truly magical happens.

'Children will love the naughtiness of these mischievous characters and they'll appreciate the story's message about the real magic of books too' LOVEREADING4KIDS



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Chris Naylor-Ballesteros



BELLA THE STORYTELLER

What makes a great story? How are stories made? Find out in this unique tale about storytelling.

Meet Bella – she's not that rabbit, nor the squirrel, she's the hills, and the trees, and everything in the background. But today, she's taking control and creating her own story. Today, she's Bella the Storyteller, and she wants her story to have dragons and dinosaurs and pirates and unicorns and aliens in space! This is going to be the best story ever... but Rabbit and Squirrel might not agree.

'Captivatingly anarchic' LOVEREADING4KIDS

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Alex Latimer

THE DUCK NEVER BLINKS

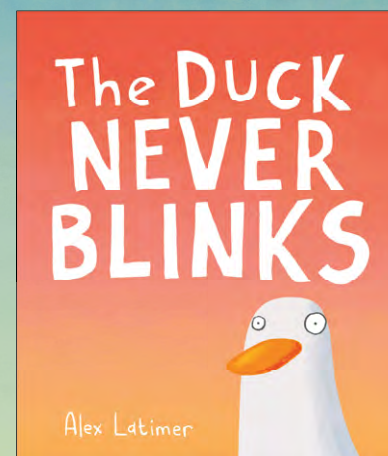
You see that duck over there? You could watch it all day and it wouldn't blink.

Nothing works – not shouting, not jokes, or even sad stories. Maybe you have some other ideas? Just don't take your eyes off the duck, and don't, even for a second, think about blinking!



A sharply witty picture book that will have every child trying to outwit this devilish duck... if they can stop giggling, that is!

'The best read-aloud book in decades... Destined to be a classic' JEANNE WILLIS



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Nicola Kent

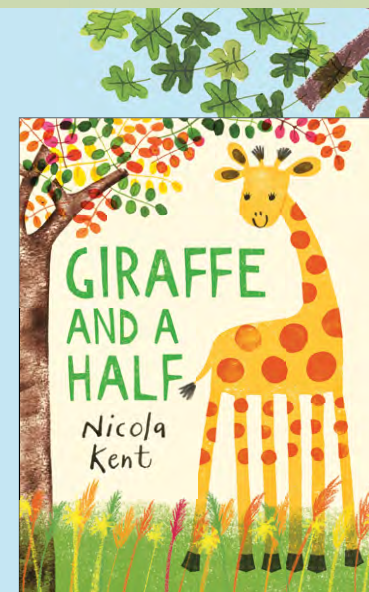
GIRAFFE AND A HALF

Giraffe and a Half has six legs and three ears, which is brilliant for dancing and listening, but not so good for making friends. But one day, playing on her own, she meets Bird and a Third, who knows that sometimes, it's our insecurities that hold us back the most.

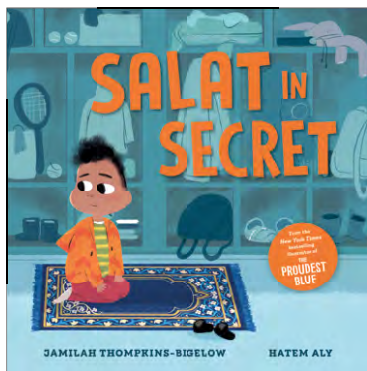
Based on Nicola Kent's own experiences as a child with disabilities, and her belief that although ongoing health issues can bring many challenges to life, having lovely friends doesn't need to be one of them.

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'Perfectly reassuring'
GUARDIAN



Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow Hatem Aly



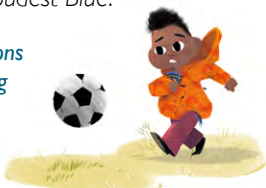
SALAT IN SECRET

For his seventh birthday, Muhammad gets a beautiful salat prayer rug. He's determined to practise all five daily prayers, but recently he's noticed people staring at his dad when he prays in public ...

An uplifting story about finding the bravery to celebrate your beliefs and cultural traditions without fear of judgement. From the *New York Times* bestselling illustrator of *The Proudest Blue*.

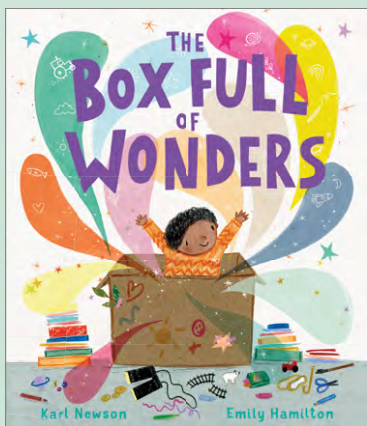
'Thoughtful text and joyful illustrations make this an engaging and touching read' BOOKTRUST

'An empowering and important tale of bravery' KIRKUS



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Karl Newson Emily Hamilton



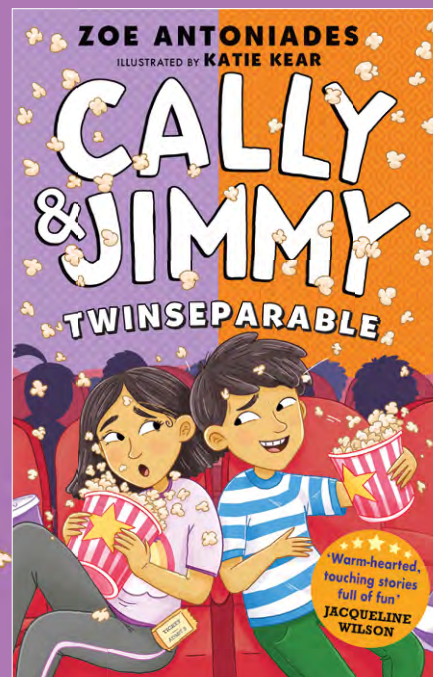
THE BOX FULL OF WONDERS

On the day two families move into a new home to start their life together under one roof, an overwhelmed little boy takes refuge in a simple cardboard box. But it's not just any box – it's a pirate ship, or a castle, or a rocket shooting into outer space ... the only limit is his imagination. Through creativity and play, the boy learns to share with his new siblings as they create fantastical worlds together.

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'Full of charm ... Karl Newson's poetic text is perfectly matched by Emily Hamilton's simple illustrations which capture children at play perfectly' LOVEREADING4KIDS

Zoe Antoniades Illustrated by Katie Kear



CALLY AND JIMMY: TWINSEPARABLE

Cally and her twin brother Jimmy are back with four more fun-fuelled adventures. But can they be trusted to walk home alone for the first time? Or will there be mayhem at the movies? And what could possibly go wrong when they go to work at Dad's office or camp out in the forest on a school residential trip? Plus, there's a new girl at school who's not quite as perfect as she might at first seem ...

'Warm-hearted, touching stories, full of fun but with a subtle message' JACQUELINE WILSON

'They're a hoot!' ROSS MONTGOMERY

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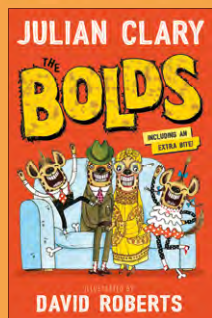
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ZOE ANTONIADES was born in West London to Greek Cypriot parents. She has taught maths, English and the arts and worked on a wide range of creative projects in partnership with the Southbank Centre, the Royal Albert Hall, the Young Vic and the Polka Theatre. She also writes collaboratively with young people and has published four anthologies of short stories.

THE BOLDS

Julian Clary David Roberts

The fabulously funny series that will have you howling with laughter, now with a brand-new look!



THE BOLDS

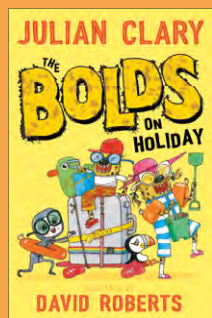
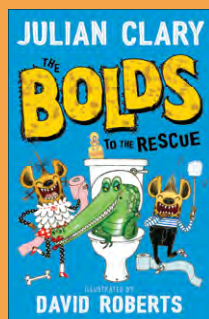
The Bolds are just like you and me: they live in a nice house (in Teddington), they have jobs (like writing Christmas cracker jokes), and they love to laugh. One slight difference: they're hyenas! If their secret gets out, whatever will the neighbours think?

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THE BOLDS TO THE RESCUE

Word's got out that the Bolds' home is a safe place for any animal in danger. From a sheep that hates the outdoors to a crocodile who likes baths, the house is filling up with animal misfits ...

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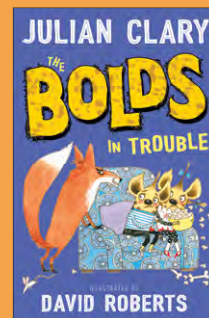
THE BOLDS ON HOLIDAY

It's the summer holidays, and the Bolds are taking a well-earned break, camping by the seaside. But it's not long before trouble sniffs them out, and Bobby is mistaken for a pup and snatched by a wicked dognapper!

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'Silliness and fun'
SUNDAY TIMES



THE BOLDS IN TROUBLE

A very sly fox starts making a nuisance of himself in Fairfield Road and it's up to the Bolds to try and stop him – but the solution has them foxed ...

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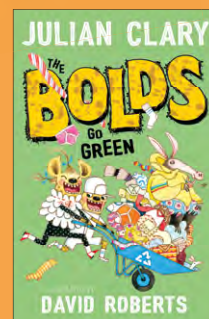
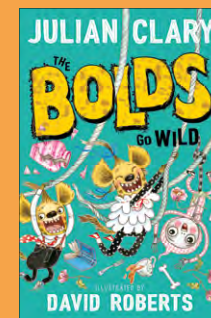
'Laugh-out-loud funny'
THE INDEPENDENT



THE BOLDS GO WILD

The Bolds have their first visitor from Africa – Grandma Imamu! But Grandma does not approve of her family's human behaviour and is determined to get her grandchildren back to their wild animal ways – even at school!

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THE BOLDS GO GREEN

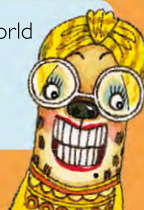
The Bolds have decided to do their bit for the environment. But not all of their eco-friendly ideas are welcomed by their neighbours.

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'A riot' DAILY MIRROR



JULIAN CLARY is a comedian, entertainer and novelist, who has toured across the world with his one-man shows. Julian has appeared on numerous popular TV shows including *Celebrity Big Brother*, *Strictly Come Dancing* and *Taskmaster*. He has starred in West End productions and appears in panto most years. He lives in London with his husband.



DAVID ROBERTS is an award-winning illustrator who has earned great acclaim for his distinctive style. He worked as a milliner and a fashion illustrator before turning his talents to illustrating children's books. He lives in London with his husband.

Anthea Simmons



Cover art by Rachael Dean

THE SECRET GARDEN REWILDED

A modern retelling of the classic story, from the award-winning author of *Lightning Mary* and *Burning Sunlight*.

Spoilt rich kid Mia's world is turned upside-down when she is orphaned and taken to MisTor Manor on the edge of Dartmoor to live with her uncle and cousin, who she hardly knows. Little by little, Mia starts to discover the beauty of this wintry world, and befriends local boy Daniel. And one day she finds a hidden gate, which leads to a mysterious garden . . .

JUL 2024 | 272pp | PB 9+
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'A book that inspires children to put their phones down and connect with wild nature'
GUY SHRUBSOLE, AUTHOR OF *THE LOST RAINFORESTS OF BRITAIN*

'Anthea Simmons' love of the natural world comes through loud and clear. The rewilding element, so paramount in this story, adds something new and very pertinent'
MALACHY DOYLE

Frances Hodgson Burnett

THE SECRET GARDEN

A new edition of one of the best-loved children's classics.

After her parents die, Mary Lennox is sent from India to her uncle's gloomy manor on the Yorkshire moors. With hundreds of locked rooms, and no one to play with, Mary is horribly lonely. Then she discovers a door to a hidden garden, abandoned for many years . . .

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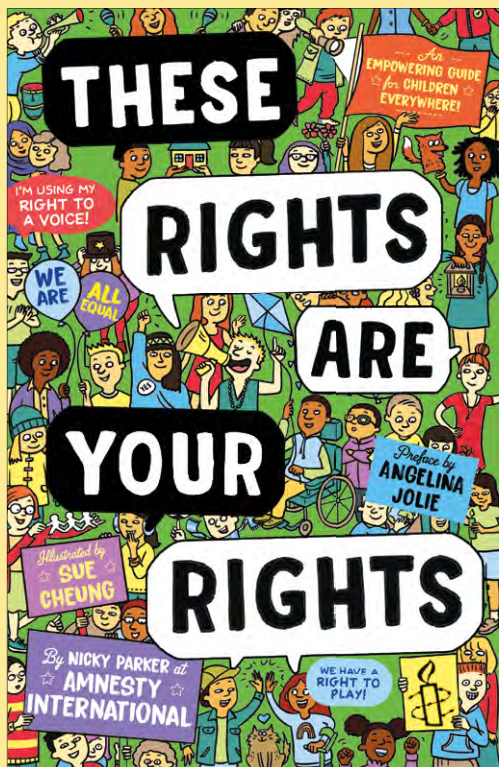
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Preface by Angelina Jolie

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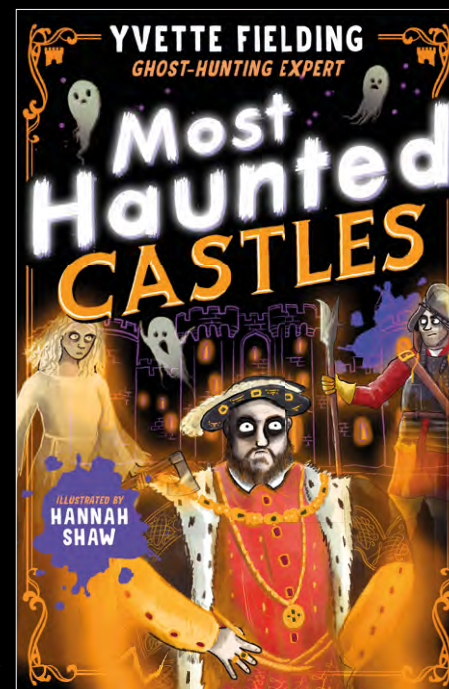
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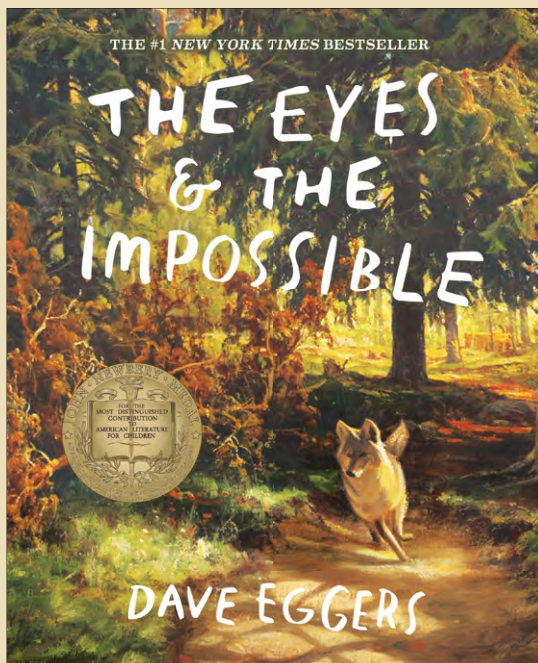
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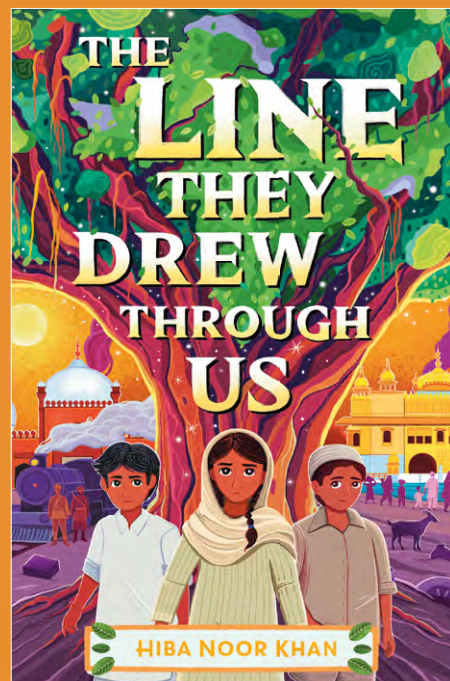
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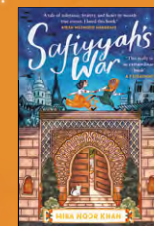
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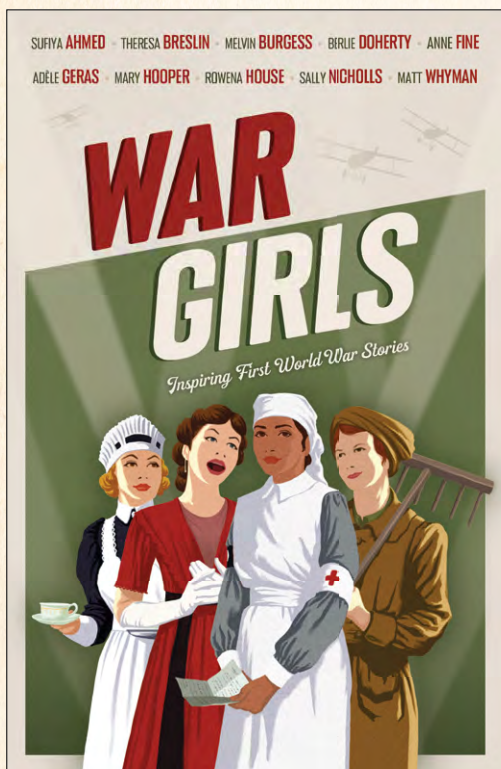
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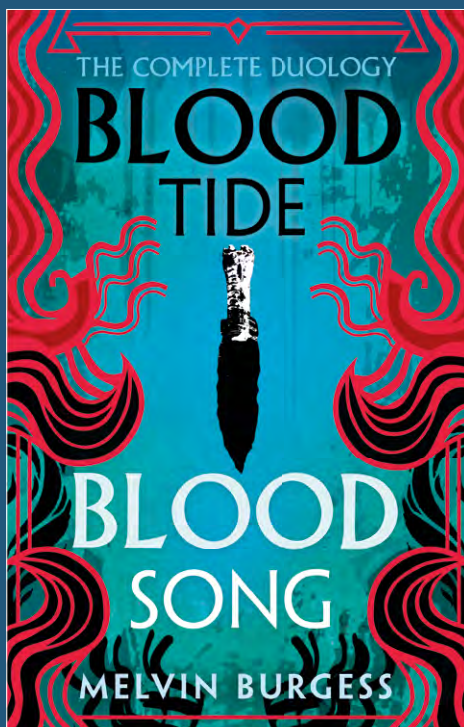
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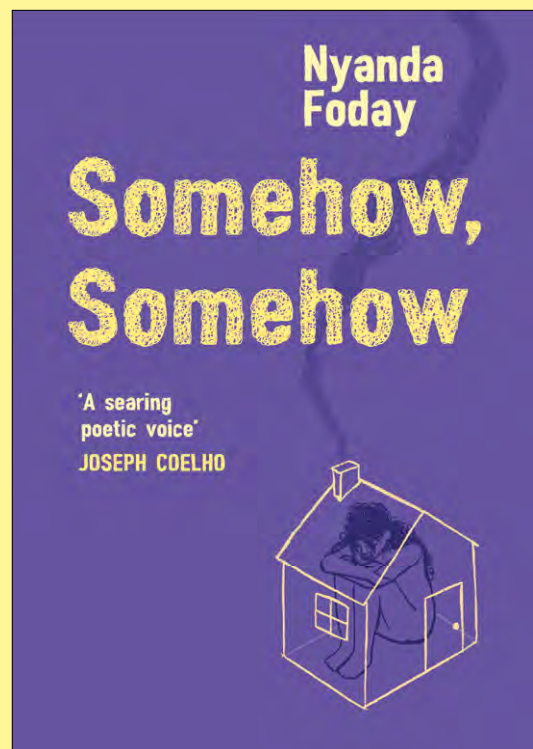
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