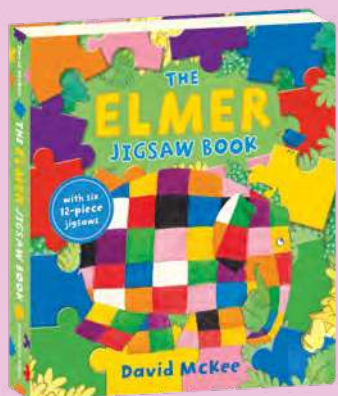


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## David McKee Marysia Milewski

**THE ELMER JIGSAW BOOK**

Dive into Elmer's world with this chunky, large board book containing six brightly coloured jigsaw puzzles and a spotting game.

Read the unabridged classic Elmer tale, solving jigsaw puzzles of the story scenes as you go! A fun spotting activity at the end makes this the perfect gift to keep toddlers entertained at home, at bedtime, or on the go.

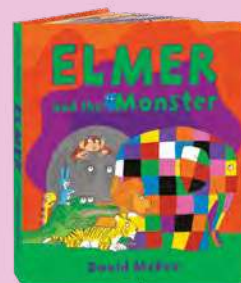
**SEP 2026** | 14pp | BB 2+  
9781839137549 | 248 x 216mm | £14.99

**MY FIRST ELMER GIFT**

Elmer gets the greatest gift of all in this chunky, shaped board book, abridged for the youngest readers!

Aunt Zelda has a very special present to give to Elmer from Grandpa Eldo, but she might need a bit of help from Elmer and Rose to remember exactly what – or where – it is.

**JUL 2026** | 10pp | BB 0+  
9781839136276 | 232 x 232mm | £7.99

**ELMER AND THE MONSTER**

A new spooky and brightly colourful board book edition of the classic Elmer story, perfect for little readers looking for a gentle story this Halloween.

There's pandemonium in the jungle. A strange roaring sound sends the animals stampeding, convinced there's a monster. But only Elmer is brave enough to investigate, and what he discovers comes as quite a surprise! The 'monster' isn't so scary after all.

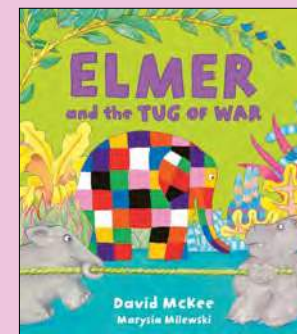
**SEP 2026** | 24pp | BB 2+  
9781839138058 | 180 x 158mm | £7.99

**ELMER AND THE TUG OF WAR**

It's elephants versus hippos in the jungle tug of war! But what happens when neither side can win? Thankfully, Elmer has an idea ...

When the hippos challenge the elephants to a game of tug of war, the animals are excited to find out who will win. But when the teams start to pull, no one moves! Days later, they are still competing and the other animals have lost interest, but luckily Elmer has a plan that will finally end the game ...

The final Elmer story written by David McKee and illustrated by his dear friend Marysia Milewski.



**SEP 2026** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781839136382 | 275 x 240mm | £12.99

**DAVID MCKEE (1935 – 2022)** was an artist and children's book creator of many family favourites such as *Not Now, Bernard*, *Mr Benn* and *Elmer the Patchwork Elephant*.

**MARYSIA MILEWSKI** is a painter and illustrator of Polish descent, born in London. She studied at L'Ecole Freinet, and has worked with many renowned artists. Her friendship with David McKee and a shared love of intuitive and engaging art makes her the perfect illustrator to continue the legacy of Elmer's world. Marysia lives and works in Vence, France.

# Sally Nicholls Ellie Snowdon

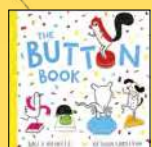


## LEAVING THE HOUSE

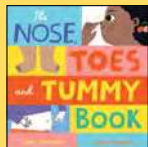
The first in a brand new series, join the loveable O'Hare family as they navigate the hilarious hurdles of leaving the house!

Brothers Jackson and Harley love to create chaos and fun in the mornings, from superhero playtimes and breakfast mishaps, to wardrobe dilemmas and toothpaste trouble... and not a lot of listening to Mum and Dad. No wonder they are always late to leave the house! Will today be any different?

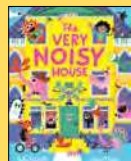
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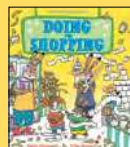
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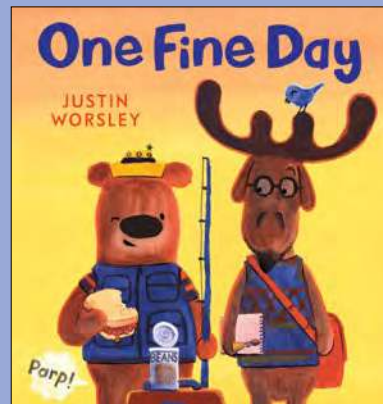
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**SALLY NICHOLLS** grew up in Stockton-on-Tees, and after school, travelled the world. Her first novel, *Ways to Live Forever*, won the **Waterstones Children's Book Prize** and she has been shortlisted for the **Guardian Children's Fiction Prize**, the **Costa Children's Book Award**, and the **Carnegie Medal**, twice. She lives in Liverpool with her husband and two sons.

**ELLIE SNOWDON** is a children's book illustrator living by the sea in South Wales, UK. After completing her Drawing & Applied Arts degree at Bristol, Ellie moved to Cambridge to study an MA in Children's Book Illustration. Ellie now works on both fiction and picture books and has been twice highly commended by the **Macmillan Prize**.

# Justin Worsley

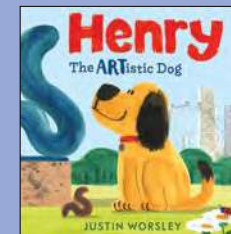


## ONE FINE DAY

Discover that breaking wind can often break the tension in this hilarious picture book from Justin Worsley, the creator of *Henry the Artistic Dog*.

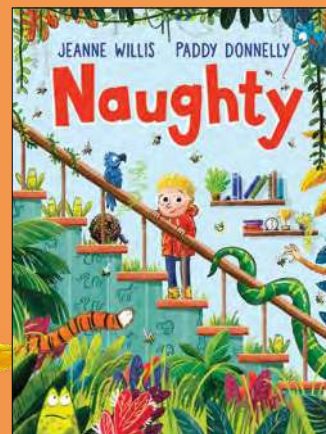
One fine morning, Moose is preparing for a perfect day of painting. Meanwhile, Bear eats his breakfast of beans and gets ready for a day of fishing. Later, the two unexpectedly bump into one another which results in an angry stand off. How will Moose and Bear clear the air?

**SEP 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839135071 | 260x250mm | £7.99



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# Jeanne Willis Paddy Donnelly



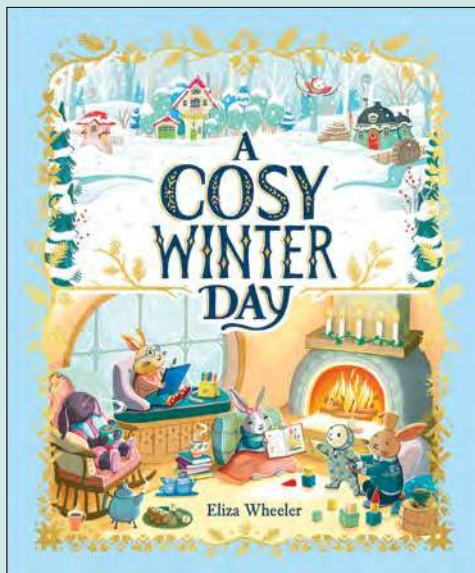
## NAUGHTY

Nigel's done a naughty thing, and he's giving it some thought in a quiet spot. But it gets hard to focus as he quickly becomes surrounded by wild, animal naughtiness! Mole has been ruining the lawns, Bull's been charging around with his horns... even Daddy admits it's hard to be perfect all the time! But can you guess what naughty thing Nigel has done?

A cheeky and funny picture book with an important message from award-winning Jeanne Willis and illustrated by Paddy Donnelly.

**SEP 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839131431 | 300x225mm | £7.99

## Eliza Wheeler



### A COSY WINTER DAY

Snuggle up and slow down with this beautifully illustrated and atmospheric bedtime story that celebrates getting cosy and warm in the heart of winter – the perfect seasonal gift to enjoy together, from *New York Times* bestselling author Eliza Wheeler.

Welcome to the snow-dusted village of Pinecone Wood, where six animal families share their perfect cosy day crafting and baking together, finding the perfect nook to curl up with a good book or a cup of hot chocolate, and playing games as the snow falls outside. And as nighttime comes over the forest, peek inside the Hopp family's cosy treehouse, as all the villagers are invited to share a winter feast together by the glowing warmth of the crackling fire.

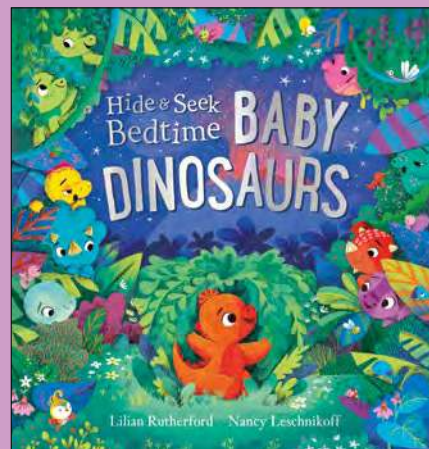
**OCT 2026** | 40pp | HB 3+  
9781839138775 | 230 x 190mm | £12.99

'A lovely encapsulation of the best parts of winter' KIRKUS



**ELIZA WHEELER** is a *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of children's books based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was a recipient of the **Sendak Fellowship Award**, the **SCBWI International Conference Portfolio Grand Prize**, and has illustrated numerous books for children, including the **Newbery Medal Honor** book *Doll Bones*.

## Lilian Rutherford Nancy Leschnikoff



### HIDE & SEEK BEDTIME: BABY DINOSAURS

Spot ten mischievous baby dinosaurs as they play hide-and-seek in this cosy countdown-to-bedtime story inspired by bedtime zoomies.

When Mum calls her babies to bed, they decide they'd rather play hide-and-seek instead! Can you spot the dinosaur babies as they hide in each scene, from colourful jungle to fiery volcano, and even inside a T-rex den? One by one, the baby dinos fall asleep and leave the adventure, until there is only one left to spot in the game ... maybe it's time for bed after all. Luckily, Mum's nearby to scoop them up and take them home.

**AUG 2026** | 32pp | PB 2+  
9781839136672 | 260 x 250mm | £7.99



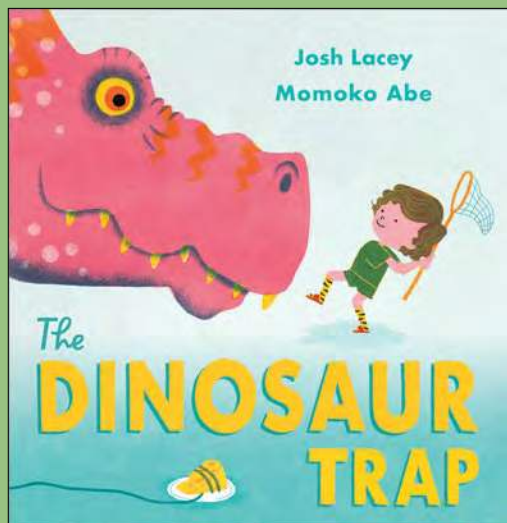
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**LILIAN RUTHERFORD** is an author and editor who had worked in the publishing industry for 15 years before turning her hand to writing picture books. The *Hide & Seek Bedtime* series was inspired by her experience with the games children play before they go to bed. She lives and works in London, UK.

**NANCY LESCHNIKOFF** is a children's book illustrator and designer with a first class degree in Graphic Design from Nottingham Trent University. She worked in children's book design for 20 years before taking the leap to go freelance, and turning her hand to illustration. Nancy lives and works in Kent with her husband and children.

## Josh Lacey Momoko Abe



### THE DINOSAUR TRAP

Find out how to catch a dinosaur – and what to do next – in this funny and heartwarming picture book with compassion and community at its heart.

Felix has a big dream: he wants to catch a dinosaur! Armed with determination and a bit of creativity, he sets up a trap at the bottom of his garden. But what do dinosaurs eat? Cold sausages? Chocolate cake? Nothing seems to work, but just when Felix is about to give up, his dream comes true. And yet, maybe it wasn't such a great idea after all?

**JUL 2026** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781839134630 | 260 x 250mm | £12.99



Praise for  
**The Pet Potato:**  
'Full of deadpan humour'  
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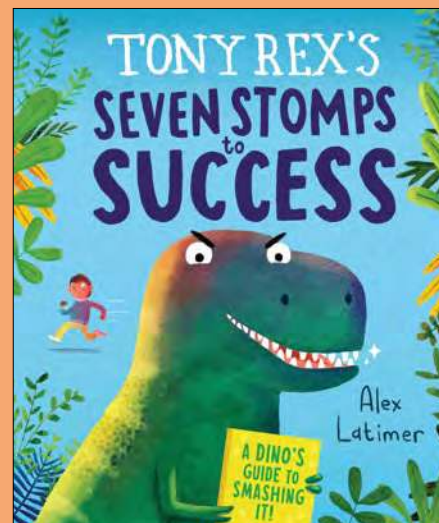
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**JOSH LACEY** is the author of many books for children including The Dragonsitter series, the Hope Jones series and the Time-Travel Twins series. His first book for children, *A Dog Called Grk*, was shortlisted for the **Branford Boase Award**. Josh lives in London with his wife and daughters.

**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 **AOI World Illustration Award** in 2019.



## Alex Latimer

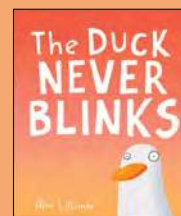


### TONY REX'S SEVEN STOMPS TO SUCCESS

A hilarious spoof self-help picture book for children starring a suspiciously helpful life coach, from award-winning picture book maker Alex Latimer.

Meet Tony Rex, one of Earth's most successful predators and part-time life coach. In *Seven Stomps to Success*, Tony offers children a unique take on self-help. With killer advice like, 'Stay out in the open where I can spot you!' and, 'Keep hustling, keep moving, keep waving your arms and screaming!' Tony wants you to know: however you are feeling, no matter how fast you run ... he's right behind you.

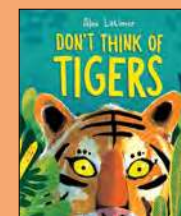
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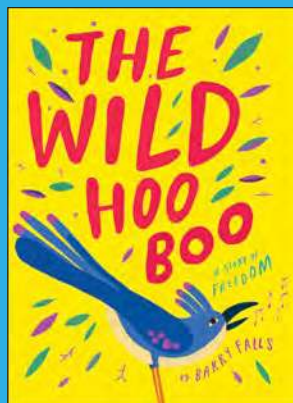


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Praise for  
**Don't Think of Tigers:**  
'Silly, funny and interactive' BOOKTRUST  
'A magic book'  
THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

**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.

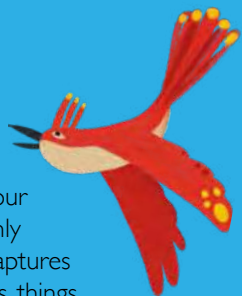
## Barry Falls



## THE WILD HOOBOO

The wild HooBoo sings a magical song – coo chit churp chu-ree! – that can grant you anything you wish for, if your heart is good and true. But the King's only desire is selfish and cruel, so when he captures the HooBoo and starts making demands, things don't quite go as he'd planned . . .

Stunningly illustrated and bursting with colour and kindness, this is a new cautionary tale with a classic feel from award-winning Irish children's author Barry Falls.



**JUL 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839134593 | 300 x 215mm | £7.99

*'A thought-provoking story'* BOOKTRUST

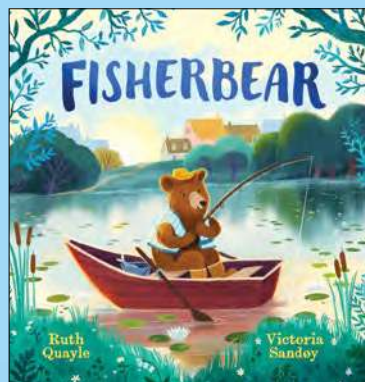
*'Unique cautionary tale with a classic feel'* THE BOOKSELLER

## Ruth Quayle Victoria Sandøy

## FISHERBEAR

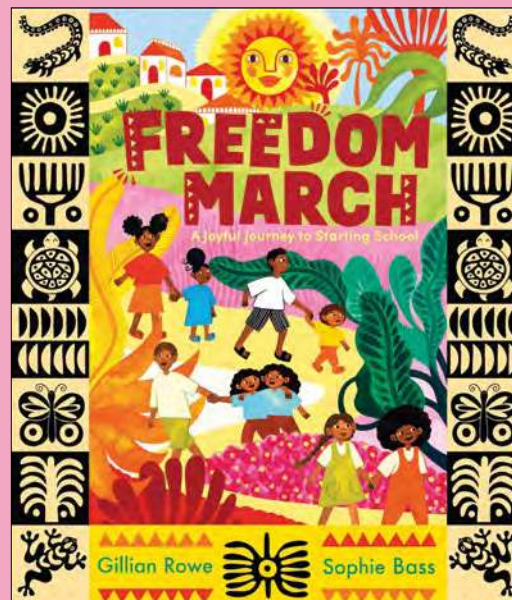
Slow down and unwind with this retelling of a fable that celebrates the simple pleasures in life by children's author Ruth Quayle, and stunningly illustrated by Victoria Sandøy, the illustrator behind Julia Donaldson's *The Christmas Pine*.

Fisherbear loves his simple life, sharing his daily catch with his friends and family. But one day, a rich stranger arrives on his big boat and tells Fisherbear he should sell his fish for money so he can buy a bigger boat, catch more and more fish to sell . . . and eventually become a millionaire. But what then? Would that really change Fisherbear's life for the better?



**AUG 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839138003 | 260 x 250mm | £7.99

## Gillian Rowe Sophie Bass



**JUL 2026** | 32pp | HB 4+  
9781839135828 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

## FREEDOM MARCH

Join the joyful walk to school in this colourful celebration of education and friendship!

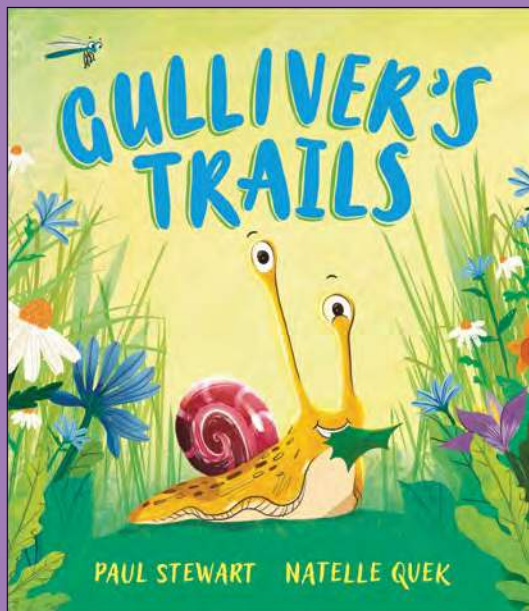
Dawn is breaking and the village children are up and excited. Today is the first day of school and they have a long, long walk ahead of them. It won't be easy, but they keep going, because school will give them a future and the promise of freedom, so they march together to realise their dreams.

An inspirational story set against vibrant landscapes with an added non-fiction section about the important role the author's family, featured in the story, had in bringing free school education to every child in Barbados, providing an empowering right to learning.

**GILLIAN ROWE** is a co-founder of the literacy focused non-profit organisation Read For Life. As director she has organised literacy and reading programmes across Barbados, Dominica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Gillian co-founded the organisation after self-publishing her **silver award winning book** *But Johnny Didn't Hear Me*. She lives in Barbados and London.

**SOPHIE BASS** is an illustrator of mixed British and Trinidadian heritage. She completed her BA in Illustration at Falmouth University in 2013. Sophie works by hand, employing traditional techniques with gouache and pen, to create contemporary images characterised by strong figures, vivid colours and a distinctive style. She lives and works in London.

Paul Stewart Natelle Quek



### GULLIVER'S TRAILS

A charming reimagining of *Gulliver's Travels* starring a loveable snail that will encourage little ones to follow their dreams, even if they are very small!

Gulliver loves his simple life on Mouldy Mountain with his best friend Sid the slug. But when he climbs the silver pole one day and catches sight of the dazzling Crystal Castle far, far away, Gulliver sets off on an epic journey that will change everything ... or so he thinks!

From highly-acclaimed author Paul Stewart comes this smart and funny retelling of a children's classic for younger children.

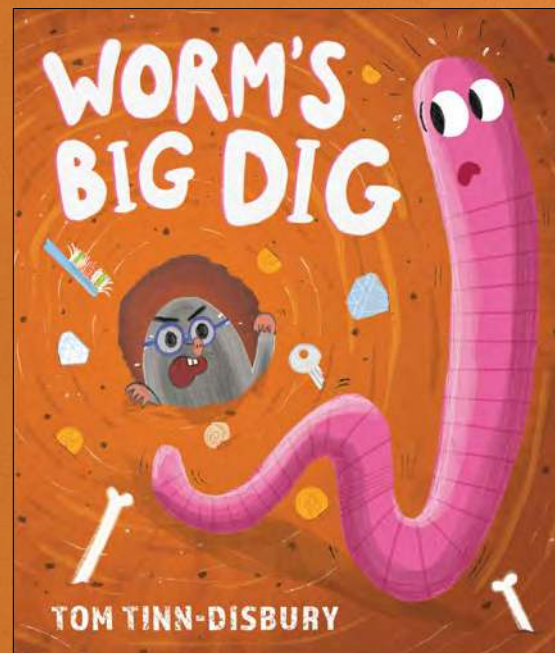
**AUG 2026** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781839135804 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

**PAUL STEWART** is a highly regarded author of books for young readers – everything from picture books to football stories, fantasy and horror. Together with Chris Riddell, he is co-creator of the bestselling *Edge Chronicles* series, which has sold over three million books and is now available in over thirty languages. They are also co-creators of the *Far-Flung Adventure* series, and the *Barnaby Grimes* Series.

**NATELLE QUEK** is a Malaysian-born illustrator who grew up in New Zealand, and now lives in leafy south east England with her husband and their rescue cat, Patch. She loves to use bold colours and cinematic perspectives to draw audiences into her worlds.



Tom Tinn-Disbury



**AUG 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839134999 | 280 x 240mm | £7.99

### WORM'S BIG DIG

Join Worm as he digs from one side of the world to the other in this thrilling underground adventure!

Worm lives in a lovely patch of soil in a lush green field. But his peace is soon shattered when a huge digger and a hungry mole turn up! Poor Worm has no option but to DIG! He digs deeper than he's ever gone before, and danger is lurking around every corner ... he bumps into lost treasures, skeletons of fallen soldiers and dinosaurs, until eventually, he almost hits a big, hot ball of magma. Somehow, he eventually escapes to freedom, but is he finally out of danger?

A new adventure from rising star Tom Tinn-Disbury, creator of *Duck Delivers*.

**TOM TINN-DISBURY** studied Animation at university, where he realised that the best part of the process was writing stories and drawing characters and not necessarily making them move! His first picture book, *The Caveman Next Door* was published in 2019 and was Runner Up in the **Cambridge 'Read it Again' Awards**. Tom lives and works in Rugby, UK.



## Mike Barfield Momoko Abe



### KEITH'S BIG LEAP

Discover the incredible power of the circle of life in this unforgettable story about a leaf in autumn from *Private Eye* cartoonist Mike Barfield – with an added non-fiction section.

The seasons have changed, and Keith is the last leaf on the big oak tree. When his friend Tod the blackbird suggests he might want to float down and join his fellow leaves on the ground, Keith refuses. Why should he, when he's happy where he is? But when he learns how everything is connected in one big ecosystem, Keith thinks it might finally be time to take the ride of his life . . .

*'An original take on the circle of life'* THE BOOKSELLER

SEP 2026 | 32pp | PB 4+  
9781839135552 | 280 x 240mm | £7.99

## Greg Gormley Stef Murphy

### JUST A LITTLE HUG

A heartwarming celebration of the special bond a child has with their toys, and the power of a simple, loving hug.

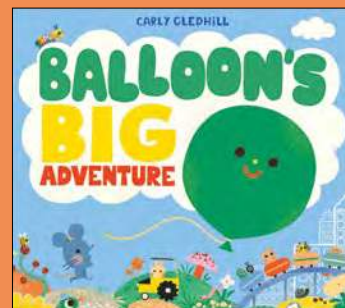
Wolfie is feeling a bit fragile, so he looks to his friends to cheer him up. Each offers their own version of a hug, but they're all a bit too wild for Wolfie! Snake squeezes far too tight, and Orangutan's loop-the-loop hug is a bit too much . . . surely someone must have the perfect hug to cheer poor Wolfie up? Perhaps all is not as it seems, and there's a very special someone who's ready to help.

*'Celebrates the comfort of cuddles and the joy of cuddly toys'* SUNDAY POST



OCT 2026 | 32pp | PB 2+  
9781839132865 | 280 x 240mm | £7.99

## Carly Gledhill

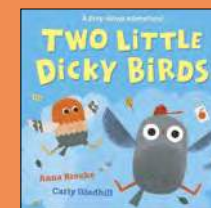


JUL 2026 | 32pp | PB 2+  
9781839135125 | 230 x 260mm | £7.99



### BALLOON'S BIG ADVENTURE

One windy day at the fair, Mouse and Balloon play together all day long. But – oops! – Mouse lets go, and Balloon embarks on an exciting journey above the fairground, past the big city, over the sea and up, up, up into the clouds. Luckily, two smart birds are following Balloon's adventure, and have a plan to reunite it with Mouse.



9781839136481

## Hervé Le Goff

### LONG LIVE THE GAMES!

Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to The Animal Games!

Animals from all seven continents have gathered to compete in the sporting events, the fans are cheering and the competition is in total chaos! Skunk is causing a stink in wrestling, Giraffe has some unusual tactics in the high jump, and Mole has accidentally hit the poor judge in the bottom during the archery event . . . but what unites the competitors are the values of the games: friendship, self-improvement, and respect for all. Long live the Games!

The perfect book to read together during the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.



JUL 2026 | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839138553 | 290 x 230mm | £7.99

## Rashmi Sirdeshpande Navya Raju

**ONE LITTLE LAMP**

A heartfelt and joyous introduction to Diwali from the award-winning Rashmi Sirdeshpande, with stunning illustrations from Navya Raju.

In Jai's house the decorations are up, the lights are being lit, Diwali is coming! All the family gathers for the celebrations, the delicious food and treats and the dancing begins. But Jai notices that not everyone shares the same excitement: Izzy the new girl at school seems lonely, and their neighbour Mrs Carter wears a sad smile. So Jai sets out to bring joy to those around him, and the spark of an idea takes hold...

Includes a Diwali non-fiction section to teach the youngest readers all about the celebration.

**OCT 2026** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781839135750 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

Praise for **This is Who I Am:**  
'A moving celebration of identity, at once softly gorgeous and fierce' **GUARDIAN**

'A joyful book celebrating children with shared heritage' **SHEFFIELD TELEGRAPH**



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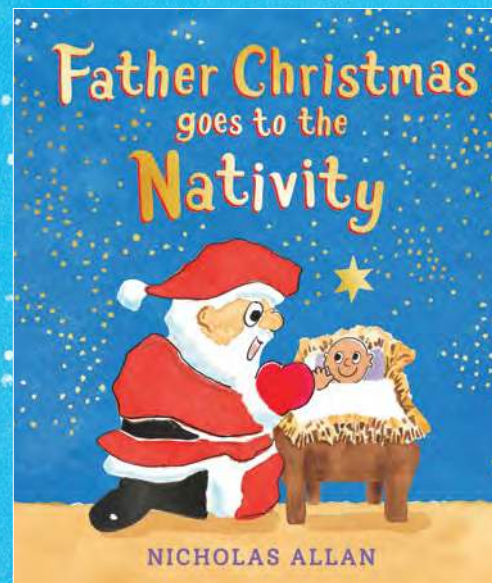


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**RASHMI SIRDESHPANDE** is a lawyer-turned-storyteller, who was part of the Penguin Random House WriteNow mentoring programme in 2018. As a British Indian child, she didn't get to see many children like her in the books she read, so she is now passionate about writing stories that children from all backgrounds can relate to.

**NAVYA RAJU** is a Manchester-Hyderabad based illustrator with a knack for visual storytelling. She predominantly works on publishing, advertising, and editorial projects, bringing ideas to life with imagination. Navya's illustrations are influenced by architecture, cinema, literature, and pretty much everything and anything that fascinates her.

## Nicholas Allan

**FATHER CHRISTMAS GOES TO THE NATIVITY**

On the first ever Christmas Eve, Santa is raring to go! He must deliver the first Christmas present to a very special baby, but the Angels know it's not quite time...

The baby Jesus hasn't been born yet, the star hasn't appeared in the sky, and the Shepherds and Wise Men haven't even set off. But Santa is ready to get going on his journey to bring the Baby Jesus the first ever Christmas present! Will the Angels be able to keep him from arriving too soon?

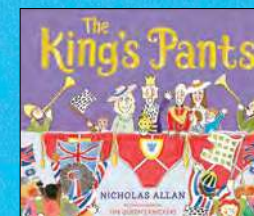
A welcome return to the story of the nativity following on from Nicholas' much loved *Jesus' Christmas Party* and *Father Christmas Needs a Wee*.

**OCT 2026** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781839136870 | 260 x 220mm | £12.99

Praise for **The King's Pants:**  
'Delightful' **GUARDIAN**

'Bonkers'  
**THAT'S LIFE MAGAZINE**

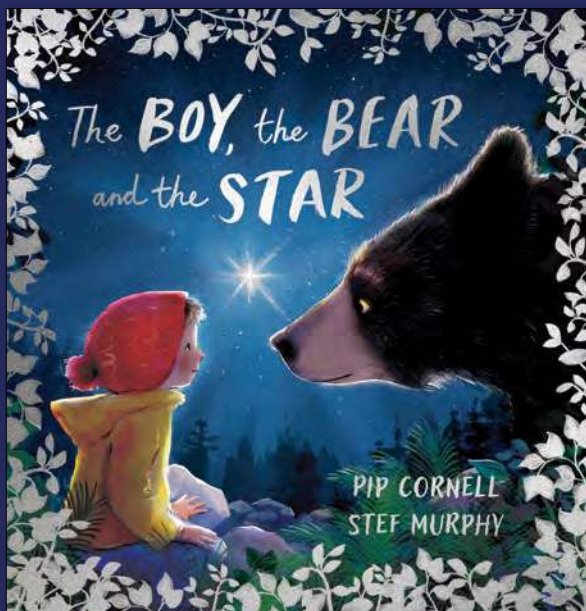
'Exuberantly irreverent'  
**LOVEREADING4KIDS**



9781839133626

**NICHOLAS ALLAN** has been published in over 20 countries worldwide and has won multiple awards – *The Queen's Knickers* won the **Sheffield Children's Book Award** and the **Coventry Inspirational Book Award** and *The Kings Pants* was shortlisted for the **British Book Awards 2024**. In 2020 Nicholas set up and funded the **Queen's Knickers Award**, celebrating outstanding illustrated books for children. His stories have been adapted into West End musicals, and he lives and works in London.

Pip Cornell Stef Murphy



**SEP 2026** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781839135781 | 260 x 250mm | £12.99

### THE BOY, THE BEAR AND THE STAR

An incredible tale of courage and friendship between a little boy and a friendly bear.

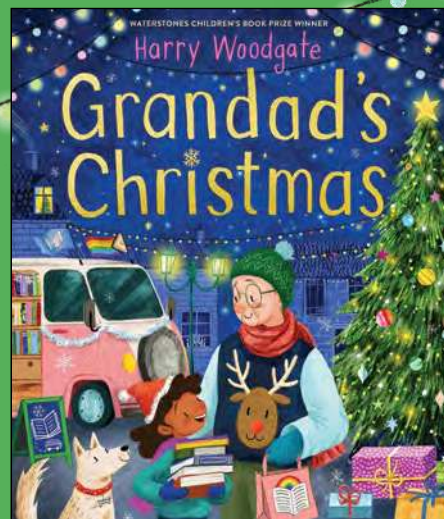
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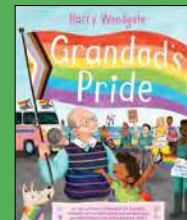
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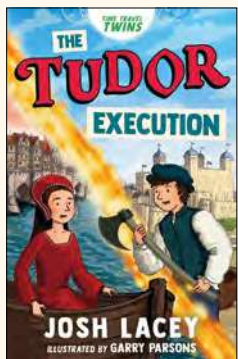
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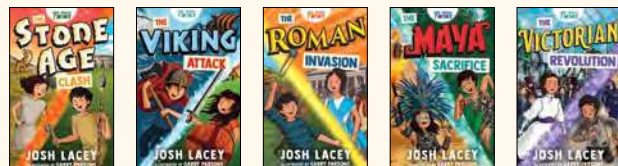


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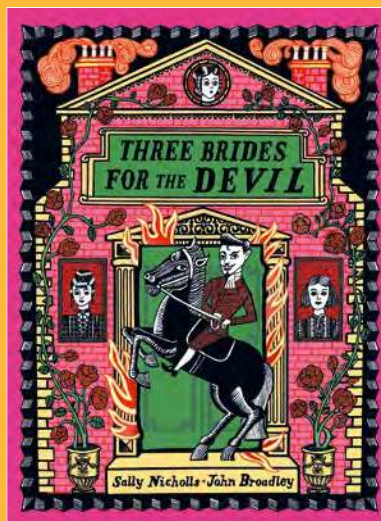
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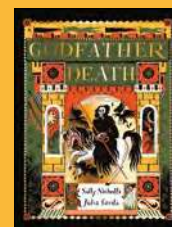
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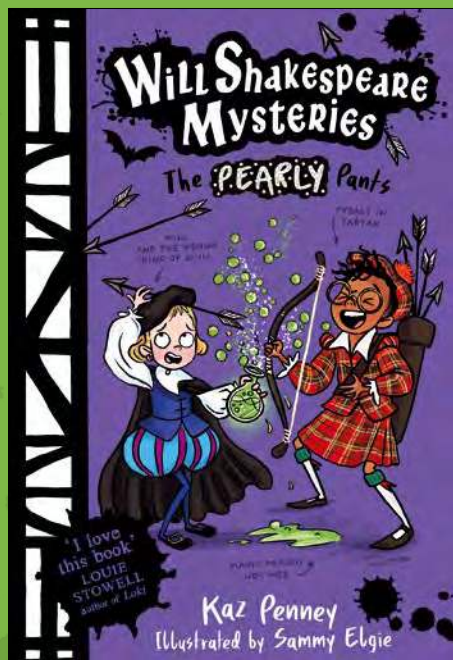


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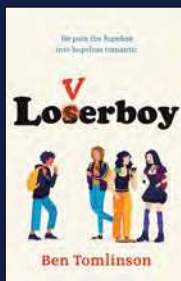
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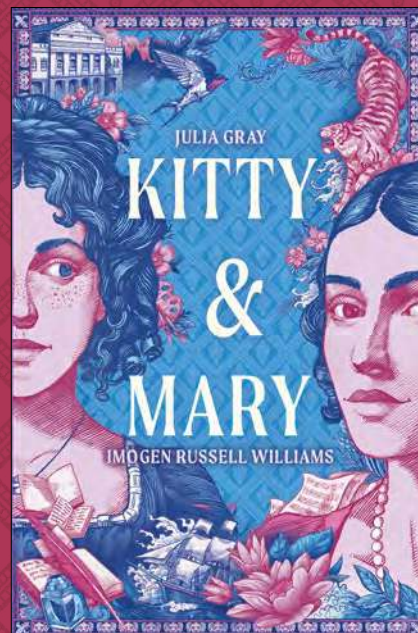
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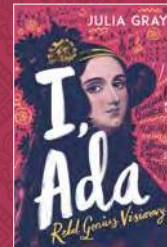
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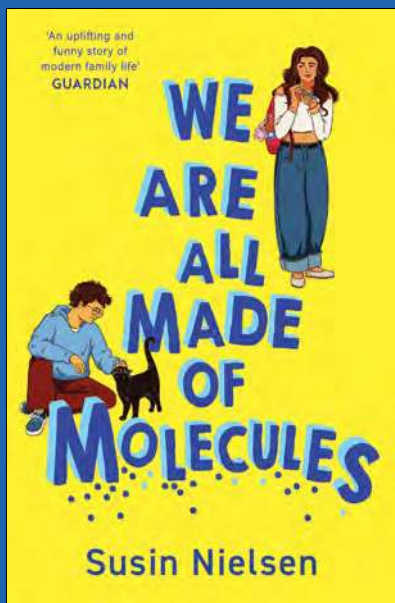
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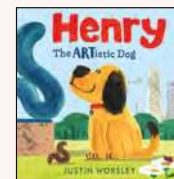
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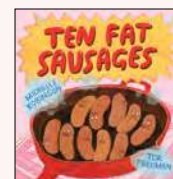
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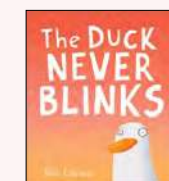
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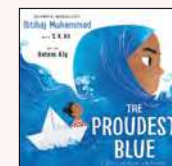
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