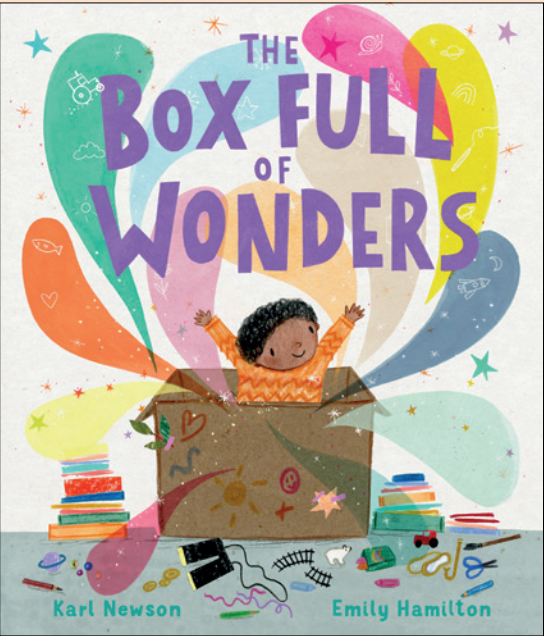




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Karl Newson Emily Hamilton



AUG 2023 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781839132377 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

KARL NEWSON is an award-winning children's book author. He has been shortlisted for the **Sainsbury's Children's Book Award**, among others, and his stories are published in over 20 languages around the world. He lives in London with his family and a forest of pot plants.

EMILY HAMILTON is an illustrator whose work you can find in books, magazines, on cards, fabric and the occasional surfboard and wall. Emily has been longlisted for the **World Illustration Awards**, and is based in her studio in North Devon.

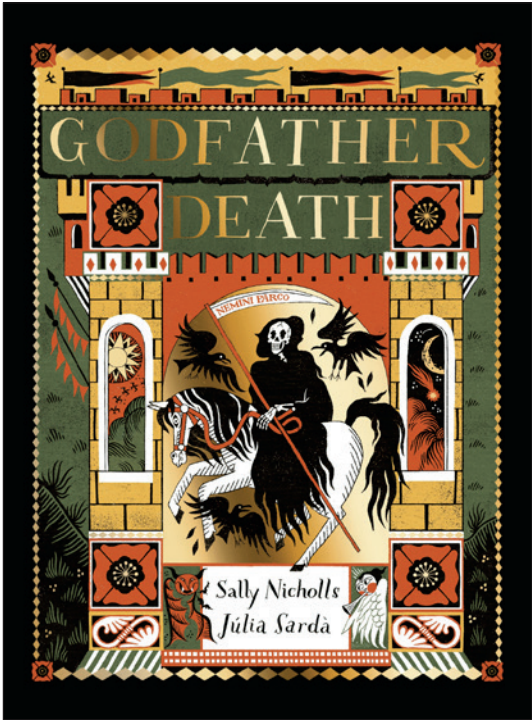
THE BOX FULL OF WONDERS

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.

This touching story captures both the struggles and possibilities of blended families. The power of one child's imagination is beautifully visualised on the pages as he begins to embrace his new siblings.



Sally Nicholls Júlia Sardà



SEP 2023 | 48pp | HB 7+
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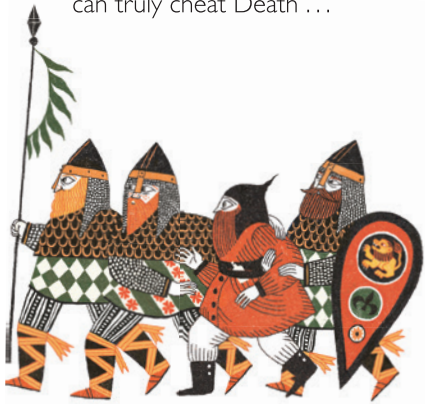
SALLY NICHOLLS is known for her bestselling novels for children and teenagers. Her first novel won the **Waterstones Children's Book Prize** and more recently she has been shortlisted for the **National Book Award**, the **YA Book Prize** and the **Carnegie Medal** for *Things a Bright Girl Can Do*.

JÚLIA SARDÀ is an award-winning illustrator from Barcelona, known for her distinctive style. Júlia has had the chance to illustrate some of her favourite everlasting classics, as well as new picture books like *The Liszts* and *Mary and Frankenstein*.

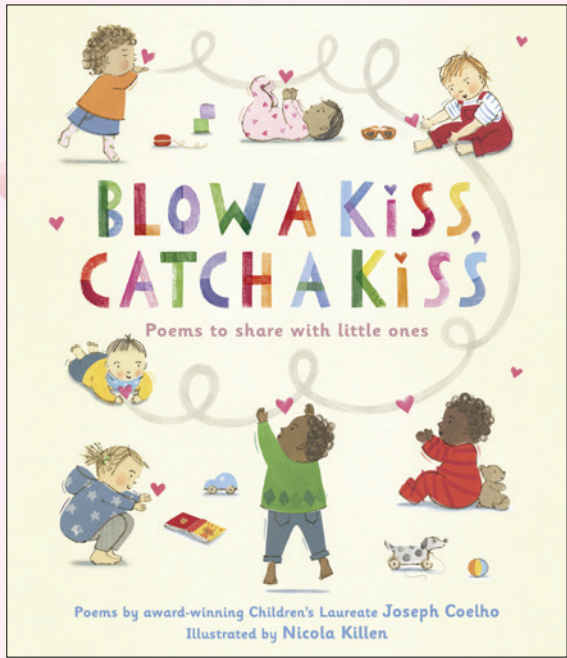
GODFATHER DEATH

A soul-stirring retelling of a classic Grimm tale, which will spellbind and thrill readers of all ages.

When a poor fisherman chooses Death to be godfather to his son, he's sure he's made a good choice – for surely there's no man more honest than Death? At the christening, Death gives the fisherman a gift that seems at first to be the key to the family's fortune, but when greed overcomes the fisherman, he learns that nobody can truly cheat Death ...



Joseph Coelho Nicola Killen



BLOW A KISS, CATCH A KISS

A beautifully illustrated anthology of forty-four short poems by Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho.

From Eye Caterpillars to The Journey Game, and from Dancing Families to Dreamtime, this collection of fun and heart-warming poems are perfect for sharing everyday feelings and experiences.

OCT 2023 | 48pp | PB 0+
9781839131561 | 280 x 240mm | £8.99

'A delightful selection of interactive poems for toddlers ... illustrated with a multitude of gorgeous children'
THE BOOKSELLER, EDITOR'S CHOICE

'Cannot fail to enchant and stimulate little ones' **BOOKTRUST**



JOSEPH COELHO, Waterstones Children's Laureate for 2022-2024, is an award-winning performance poet, playwright and children's author. His picture books include the critically acclaimed Luna Loves ... series, and he has also published poetry collections and fiction for older readers.

NICOLA KILLEN graduated from the MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art in 2009, and won the **Egmont Best New Talent Award** for her final show. She's been working on picture books ever since. She lives and works in Cambridge.

Joseph Coelho Fiona Lumbers

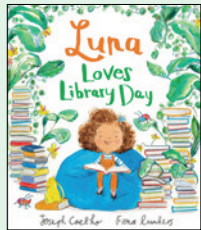


LUNA LOVES CHRISTMAS

Luna discovers the power of giving in her latest adventure.

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!

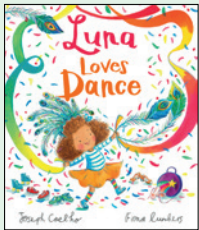
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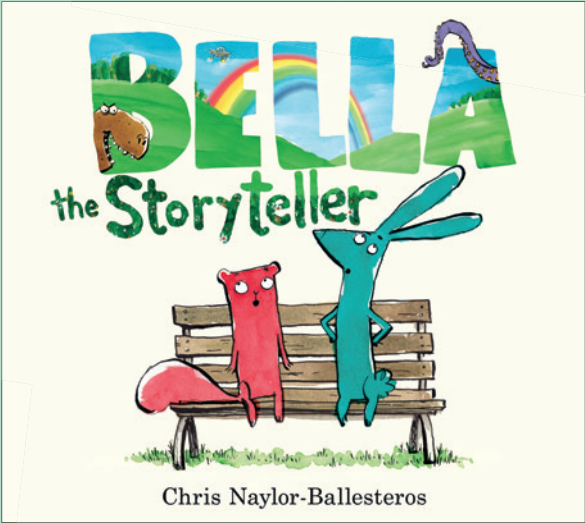
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Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

BELLA THE STORYTELLER

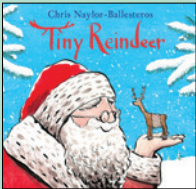
What makes a great story? Find out in this clever and unique tale about storytelling.

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.



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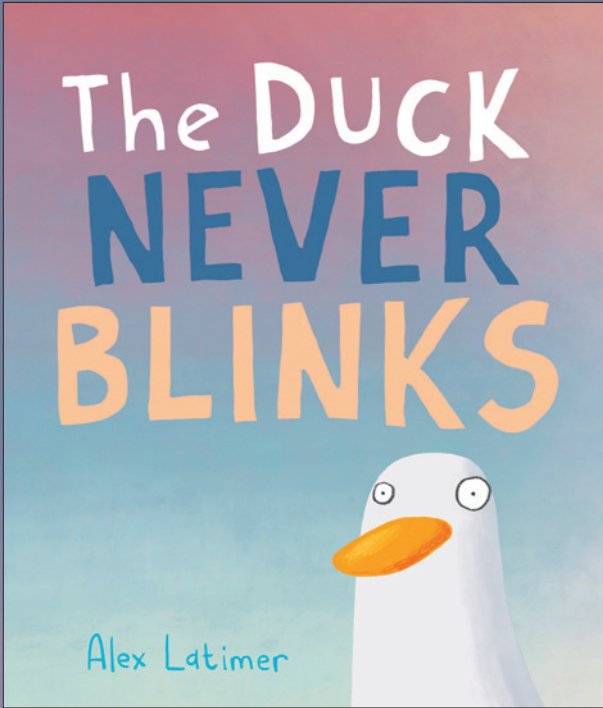
Praise for **Tiny Reindeer**:
'Tenderly executed, with warm and atmospheric images that make striking use of light and dark' SUNDAY TIMES



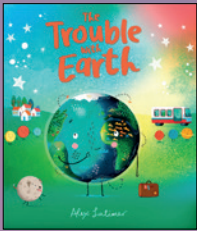
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CHRIS NAYLOR-BALLESTEROS is an author and illustrator of picture books who was shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2020 for *The Suitcase*. Originally from Yorkshire, he now lives in France with his wife and two children.

Alex Latimer



JUL 2023 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781839132469 | 270 x 230mm | £12.99



9781839130830

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.

THE DUCK NEVER BLINKS

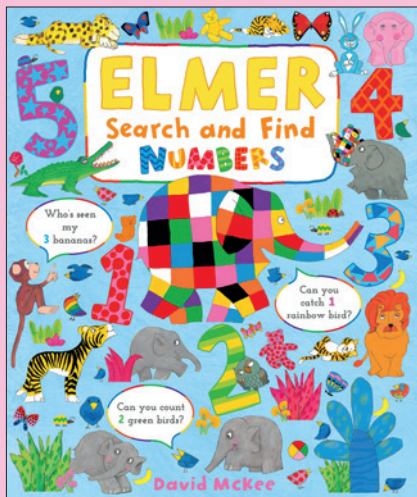
You see that duck over there? You could watch it all day and it wouldn't blink.

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!



ELMER David McKee



ELMER SEARCH AND FIND NUMBERS

Learn to count to ten, and have fun spotting all the animals with Elmer the patchwork elephant!

The theme of every scene is a number from one to ten, in this large and busy search and find board book adventure. Help a hungry monkey find his 3 bananas, or count to ten to help Elmer cross the river! Jam-packed full of counting activities, questions to answer and details to discover, all from Elmer's colourful world.

SEP 2023 | 24pp | BB 3+
9781839131653 | 290 x 240mm | £9.99



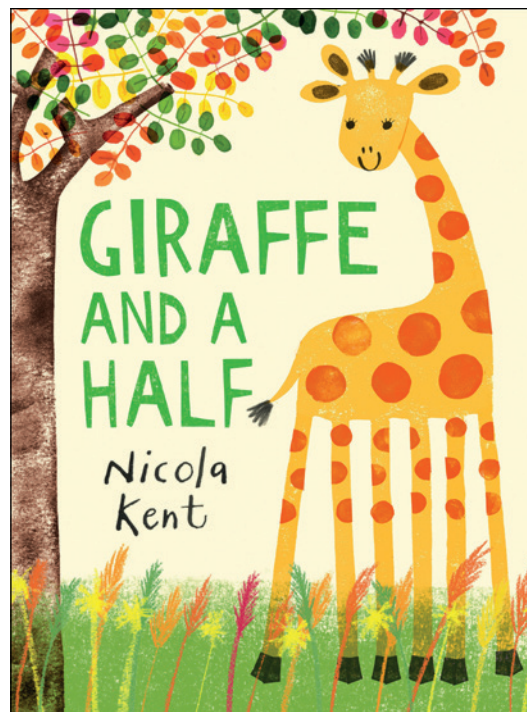
GOODNIGHT, ELMER PUPPET BOOK

Help Elmer find the perfect place to sleep in this interactive bedtime adventure, with a cuddly puppet that fits both big and little hands.

SEP 2023 | 10pp | BB 0+
9781839133053 | 260 x 260mm | £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 received the British Book Awards Illustrator of the Year Award and BookTrust's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Nicola Kent



NOV 2023 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781839132759 | 300 x 225mm | £12.99

GIRAFFE AND A HALF

Giraffe and a Half believes her difference stops her from making friends, but can Bird and a Third help her to overcome her shyness?

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. This delightful story will encourage children to embrace their differences.

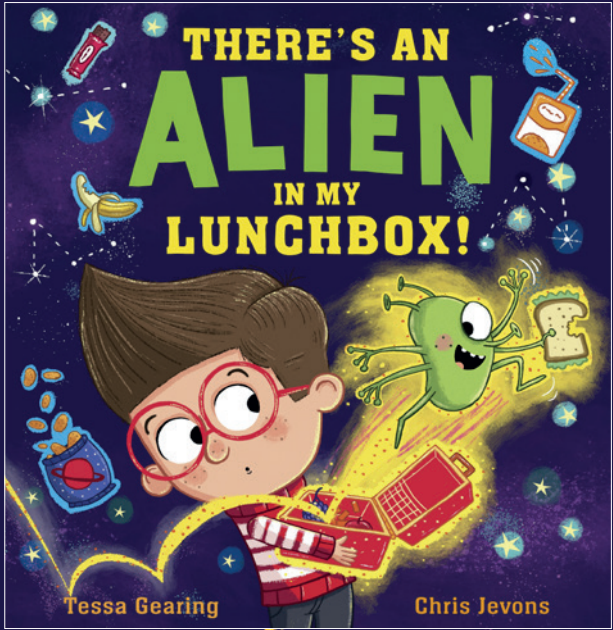
Praise for **Grumpy Hat**:
'Perfectly pitched, gorgeously illustrated and told simply but with sophistication, this is a must-have picture book'
LOVEREADING4KIDS



9781839130373

NICOLA KENT worked for ten years as a television producer before following her dream of writing and illustrating children's books. She has been Highly Commended in the Macmillan Prize for Illustration and won the Independent Bookseller's Best New Illustrator Award.

Tessa Gearing Chris Jevons



THERE'S AN ALIEN IN MY LUNCHBOX!

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. Discover the magic of books ... when they behave.

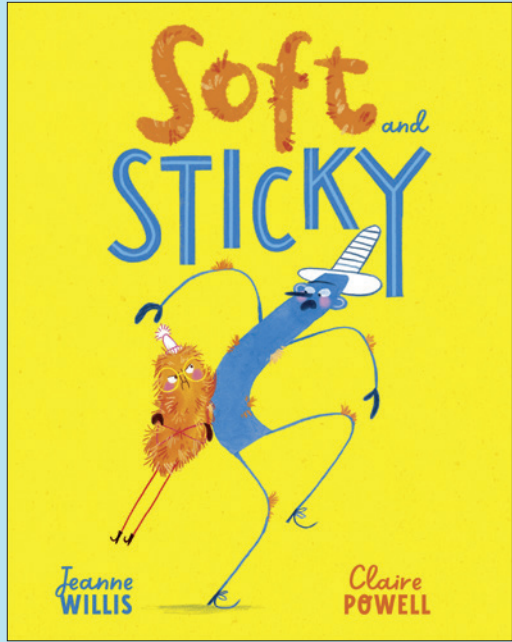
AUG 2023 | 32pp | HB 4+
9781839131684 | 260 x 250mm | £12.99



TESSA GEARING studied Drama and worked for many years as an actor in touring theatre and on the radio. She eventually settled in mid Wales, where she runs storytelling sessions and works in a primary school. *There's an Alien in My Lunchbox* is her first book.

CHRIS JEVONS worked as a graphic designer and a 2D animator, before pursuing his career in children's books. He has illustrated more than 50 picture books and fiction titles worldwide. Chris lives and works in Harrogate.

Jeanne Willis Claire Powell



SOFT AND STICKY

From award-winning author Jeanne Willis comes this hilarious and oddball story about learning to love each other's differences no matter how frustrating.

Soft and Sticky are best friends, but Soft's fluff always gets up Sticky's nose, and Sticky sticks like glue to Soft! After one last argument, they decide to end their friendship – life will be better apart, won't it? But they soon find they miss each other much more than they imagined ...

OCT 2023 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781783448579 | 280 x 220mm | £12.99

JEANNE WILLIS is the acclaimed author of many children's books. Her first picture book was published by Andersen Press at the age of 21, and since then she has gone on to write many award-winning books, including *Who's in the Loo?*, *Susan Laughs*, *Tadpole's Promise*, *Hippopotamus* and *Hom*.

CLAIRE POWELL is a bestselling children's book illustrator based in the Peak District. Claire got her first book deal in 2015 and has never looked back. A hugely versatile artist, Claire has a talent for creating characters that are brimming with humour, emotion and personality.

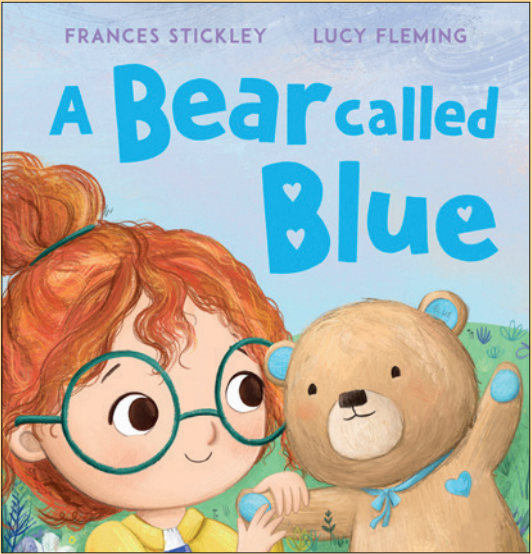


Frances Stickley Lucy Fleming

A BEAR CALLED BLUE

The touching and heart-warming story 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 Harriet must be searching for him. Blue might be lost, but he never loses hope. Days, months and years pass, until one day Blue finds himself on a stall at a summer fete. He catches sight of a little girl who looks just like Harriet... but it can't be, wouldn't she be grown up by now? And why does the little girl's mum look so familiar to him?



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Praise for
What Will I Be?:
*'A joyful celebration of
children's imagination
and potential... A book
to make readers
of all ages smile'*
LOVEREADING4KIDS



9781839130250

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

LUCY FLEMING has been an avid doodler and bookworm since early childhood. She never quite grew out of having her head up in the clouds, daydreaming. She now lives and works in a small town in England surrounded by farmland and trees, accompanied by a little black cat.

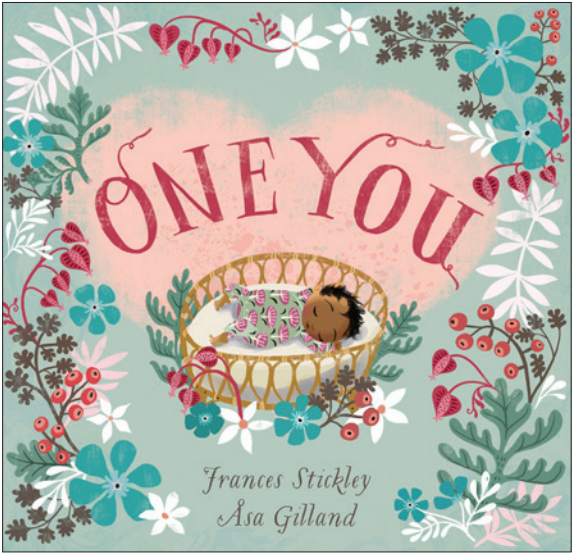
Frances Stickley Åsa Gilland



ONE YOU

Celebrating the magic of a baby coming into the world - this poetic and poignant book would make the perfect gift for new parents.

One wonderful world, and now, one you. For nine magic months, two hearts beat together; then with ten tiny fingers and ten tiny toes, a new life begins. Through the magical story of the journey into parenthood, a beautiful message to a child is revealed: nothing else counts more than you.



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ÅSA GILLAND is a Swedish illustrator who has lived in Italy, Switzerland, Norway, Spain and the UK before moving to Indonesia. She has worked on textiles, home décor, stationery and more, before deciding to follow her passion for illustrating children's books.

Ibtihaj Muhammad with S. K. Ali Hatem Aly

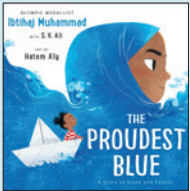


THE KINDEST RED

When Faizah's teacher asks her class to imagine what kind of world they want to live in Faizah imagines a kind world, and tries to create that world in the playground. When school picture day doesn't go to plan, Faizah discovers that acts of kindness can come back to you in beautiful ways.



With empowering words and breathtaking illustrations, the award-winning, bestselling team behind *The Proudest Blue* celebrates the beauty of faith, family and friendship.

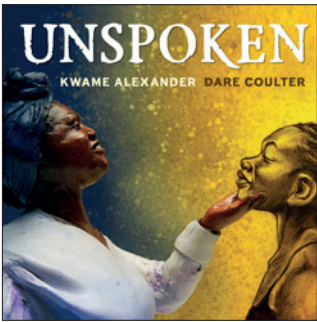


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'A gorgeously warm and inclusive story'
THE BOOKSELLER

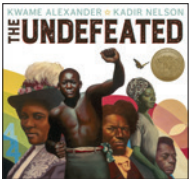
Kwame Alexander Dare Coulter



UNSPOKEN

How do you tell a story that starts in Africa and ends in horror?

A powerfully moving, poetic exploration of the story of slavery: from Africa to the tall ships, from back-breaking work in a strange land to resilience and eventual emancipation. The author of the **Caldecott Medal**-winning *The Undefeated* tells the story that's almost impossible to recount, so that we can all lift our voices and talk about slavery.

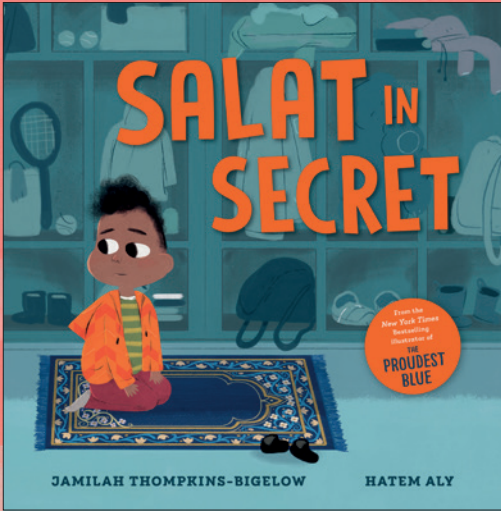


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'Excellent and essential ...
This book is unforgettable'
SCHOOL LIBRARY
JOURNAL

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Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow Hatem Aly



SALAT IN SECRET

An uplifting story about a young Muslim boy who is worried about the judgement of others when he and his dad practise salat in public.

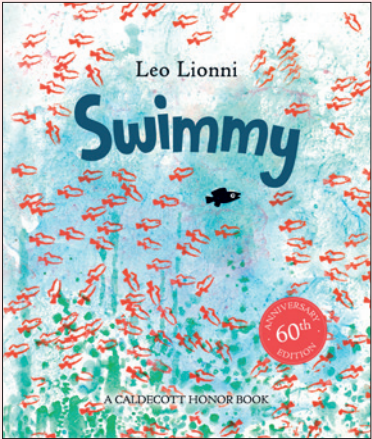
When Muhammad turns seven, his father gifts him his very first salat rug to pray with. Muhammad is excited to begin his salat journey, but is more comfortable silently praying in secret, afraid of the judgement he sees his dad receive when he prays in public. Can Muhammad learn to be brave and embrace his salat practice instead of hiding it from the world?

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JAMILAH THOMPKINS-BIGELOW is a Philadelphia-based educator and author. Her picture books and middle grade fiction, which feature young Black and Muslim protagonists, have been recognised and critically praised by many trusted voices, including *Time Magazine* and NPR.

HATEM ALY is the illustrator of many books, including the **New York Times** bestseller, *The Proudest Blue*. Hatem was born in Egypt, and lives in Canada with his wife, son and their many pets.

Leo Lionni



SWIMMY

Discover Leo Lionni's classic anti-bullying tale with this beautiful 60th anniversary re-issue of the **Caldecott Honor Book**, featuring a foreword from Eric Carle.

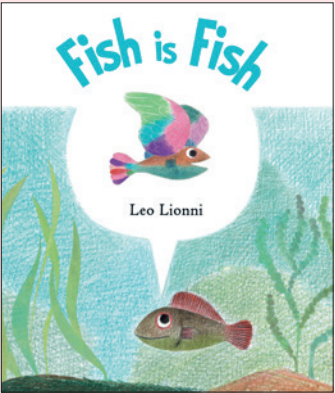
Deep in the sea there lives a school of little fish. Their watery world is full of wonders, but there is also danger, and the little fish are afraid to come out of hiding ... until Swimmy comes along. Swimmy shows his friends that, with ingenuity and teamwork, they can beat any bully.

DEC 2023 | 32pp | PB 3+
9781783441754 | 270 x 230mm | £7.99

'Mesmerising and unforgettable' **GUARDIAN**

FISH IS FISH

The pond is home to a tadpole and a minnow, two underwater friends. But when the tadpole grows into a frog and hops onto the land, a new world unfolds before his eyes. When he returns to the pond, he tells his friend fantastic tales of the things he's seen, and Minnow decides to follow in his friend's footsteps, come what may ...



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'Entirely refreshing... with his accustomed subtle interplay of graphic wit, clear language and plain thinking' **NEW YORK TIMES**

LEO LIONNI (1910 – 1999), an internationally known artist, illustrator, and graphic designer, was born in the Netherlands and lived in Italy until he emigrated to the United States in 1939. His picture books are distinguished by their enduring themes, graphic simplicity and brilliant use of collage. He wrote and illustrated more than 40 highly acclaimed children's books and was a four-time **Caldecott Honor Winner**.

Fiona Lumbers

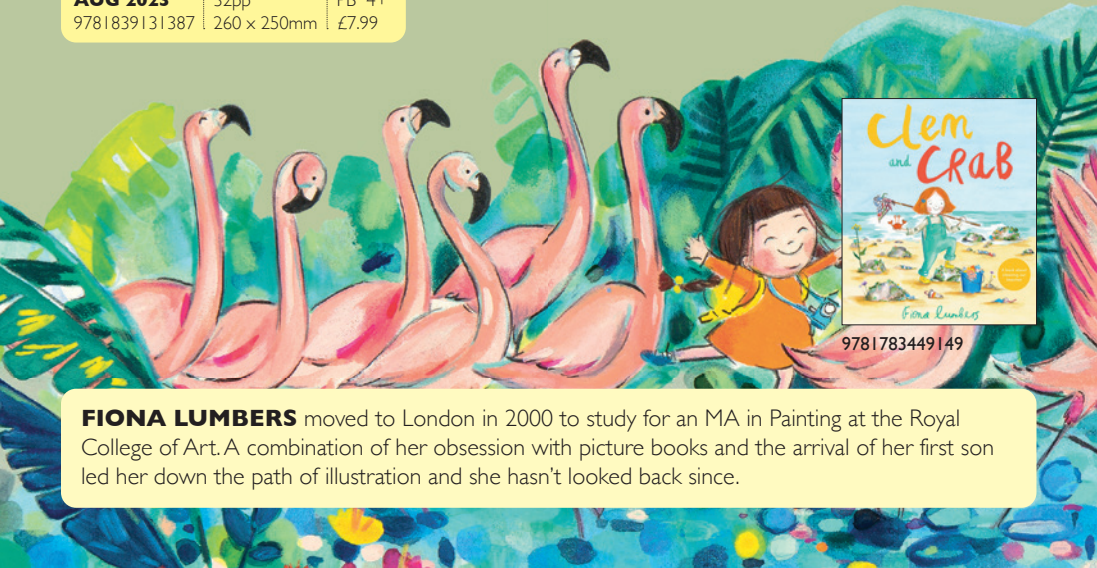


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GHOST ORCHID

Ava's parents are explorers, and the family is travelling around the world to find the rare ghost orchid. On their way, Ava marvels at the wonders around her: a moose in the woods, the starry desert sky, a blue whale swimming under their boat. But her parents' focus is on getting to the ghost orchid before its short-lived bloom fades, so only Ava notices the wonders of the journey ...

'This gentle, beautifully illustrated picture book has an uplifting message about finding the extraordinary all around us and is a story which might prompt readers, young and old alike, to look at their world with fresh eyes.' **LOVEREADING4KIDS**



9781783449149

FIONA LUMBERS moved to London in 2000 to study for an MA in Painting at the Royal College of Art. A combination of her obsession with picture books and the arrival of her first son led her down the path of illustration and she hasn't looked back since.

Gideon Sterer & Ellen Kalish Ramona Kaulitzki



THE CHRISTMAS OWL

Bursting with Christmas magic, discover the heart-warming true story of a little owl who found her way to New York in the famous Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree. Co-written by Ellen Kalish, caretaker of the real owl.

Little Owl doesn't know what Christmas is, but when she's whisked away to the big city inside her tree, she soon discovers its true meaning...

'A heart-warming, feelgood story to bring the spirit of Christmas into every home' LOVEREADING4KIDS



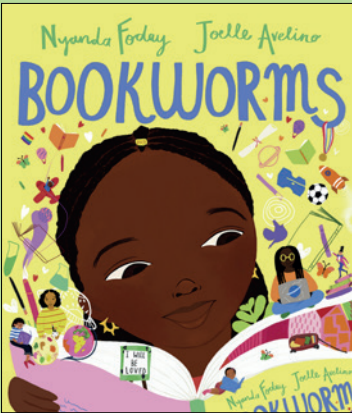
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Nyanda Foday Joelle Avelino

BOOKWORMS

From former Birmingham Young Poet Laureate Nyanda Foday comes this inspirational poem about the vital need for every child to see themselves in the books they read.

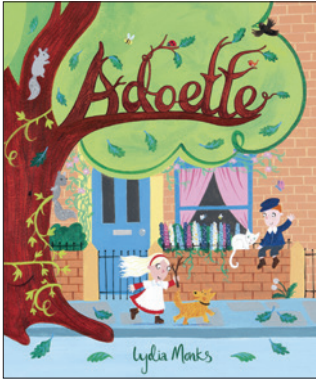
What is a book to you? A place to find friends, to be part of a family or to just be yourself... A good book takes you to new worlds, but the right one proves you belong in this one.



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'A book that gives everyone the confidence to find their place in the world' BOOKS FOR KEEPS

Lydia Monks



ADOETTE

Adoette lived to be 100 years old. Just imagine all the things she saw!

Lydia Monks, illustrator of *What the Ladybird Heard*, beautifully tells the tale of the life of one tree, from a young sapling to a mighty oak, becoming the beating heart of the community she lived in, right up until the day they cut her down. But there's hope, when one little girl takes one of her acorns to plant in the community garden.

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9781839131905 | 300 x 250mm | £7.99

'Inspiring... captures the importance of trees and how much they should be loved by the people who live near them' LOVEREADING4KIDS



Kathryn White Rachael Dean

HOME FOR GRACE

When a woman appears with a sleeping bag, living in a shop doorway, Jess is full of questions. Where is her home? Why did she leave? And what will happen when the snow comes?

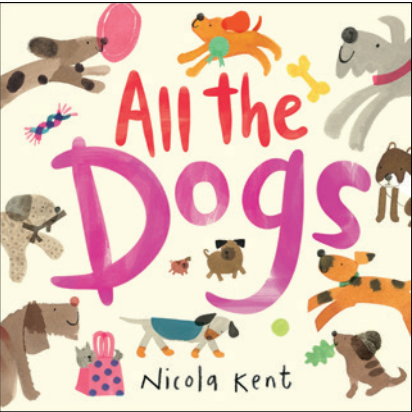
An unforgettable, heart-warming introduction to homelessness and refugees, and the need for kindness, understanding and friendship.

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'Compassionate and warm, with charming illustrations'
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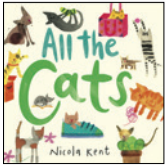


AUG 2023 | 28pp | PB 2+
9781839132322 | 240 x 240mm | £6.99

ALL THE DOGS

Nicola Kent presents ...ALL THE DOGS! Big dogs, small dogs, hardly there at all dogs. Two dogs, three dogs, always need a pee dogs! Have fun reading along in this gorgeous doggy picture book and meet ALL the dogs ...

'Any young child will love sharing this book but dog lovers will be in heaven'
LOVEREADING4KIDS



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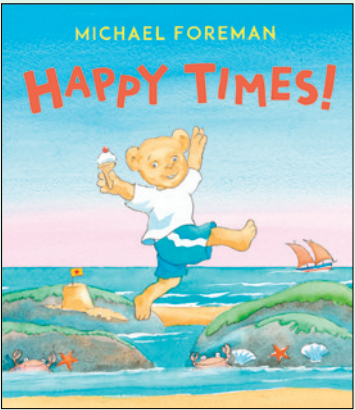


Michael Foreman

HAPPY TIMES!

From sunrise to sunset, breakfast time to playtime, time to go to the beach, bedtime, story time and – finally – sweet dreams time: Michael Foreman OBE celebrates every wonderful moment of a day spent together as a family, creating special memories to treasure for ever.

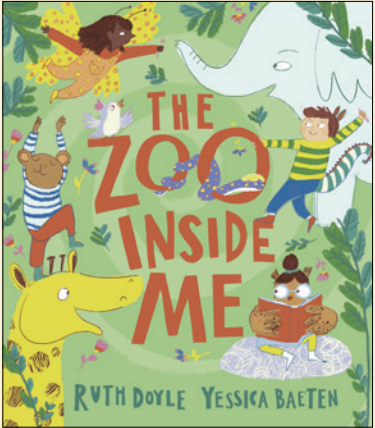
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'Michael Foreman has a flair for turning a book into a special occasion' QUENTIN BLAKE



Ruth Doyle Yessica Baeten



THE ZOO INSIDE ME

Feelings can be hard to understand. You can't see it, but this little boy is part mischievous monkey, part curious llama, and part chameleon, hiding from the world. It feels to him like there's not enough room for all of those jumbling feelings inside, but the zoo in all of us makes us who we are – reaching out to the world from the part you can't see. And sometimes, all it takes to make things right is friendship – and to realise that everyone else has a zoo inside them, too ...

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'A great stimulus for group/class discussion' JUST IMAGINE

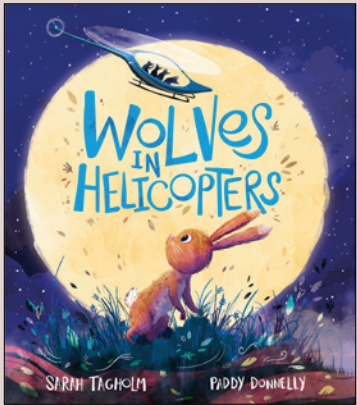
Sarah Tagholm Paddy Donnelly

WOLVES IN HELICOPTERS

Can Hop find a way to escape the wolves in her nightmares, even if they chase her in helicopters? Mummy thinks so ...

Every night, Hop has nightmares filled with, scary, hungry-eyed wolves. She knows they only exist in her dreams but they still seem very real. Her mummy comforts her and has some good advice, but can Hop find the courage to conquer the wolves?

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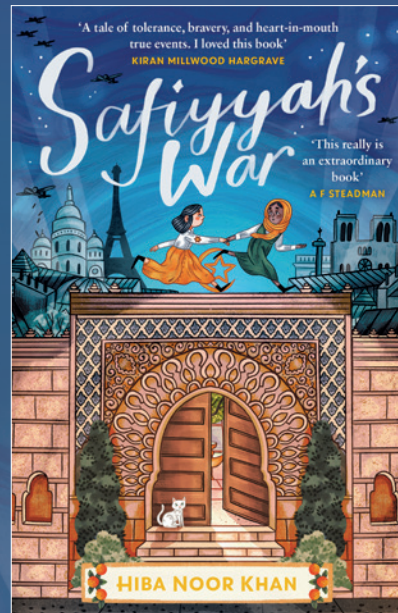
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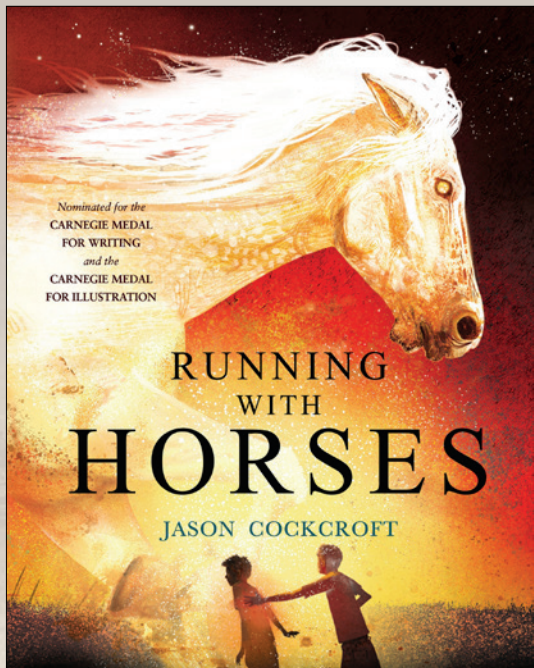
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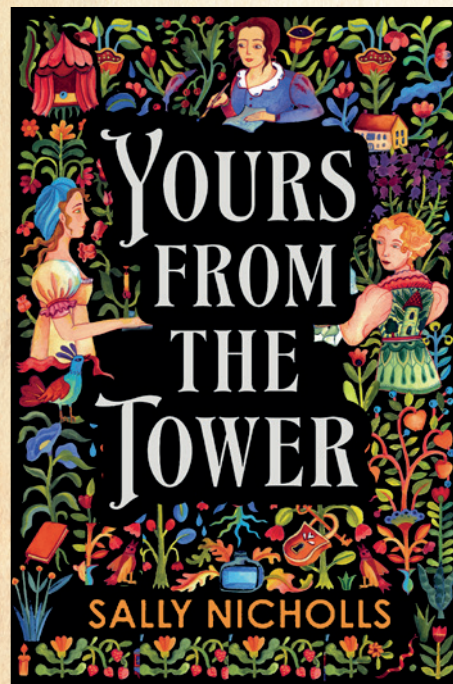
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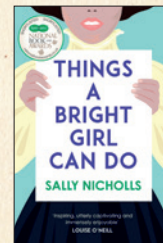
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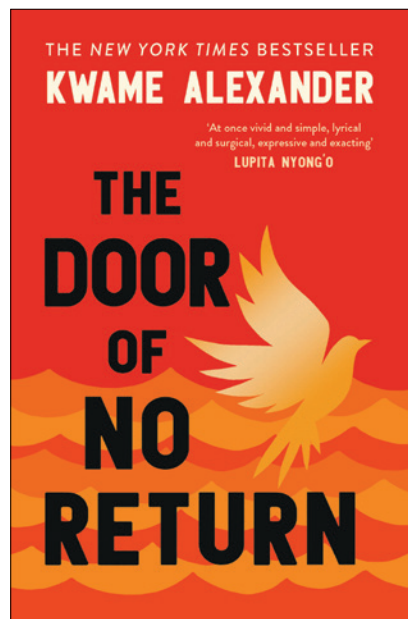


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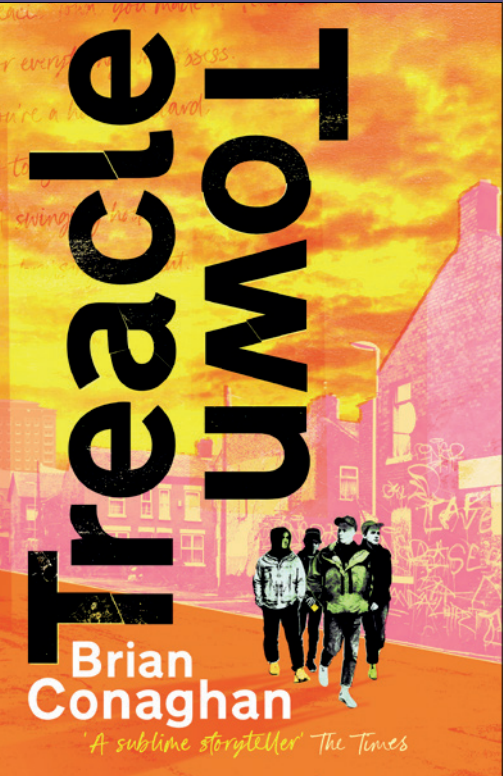
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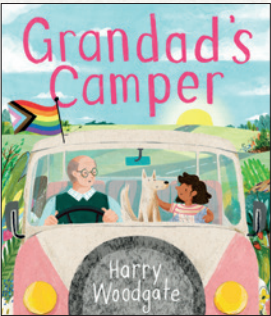
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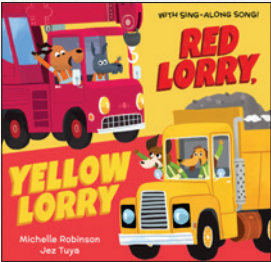
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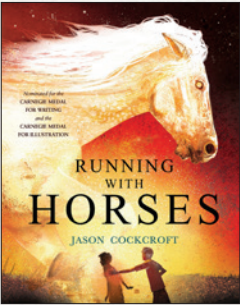
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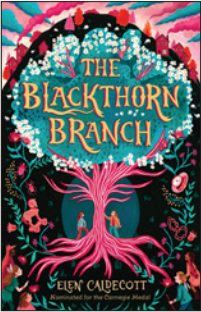
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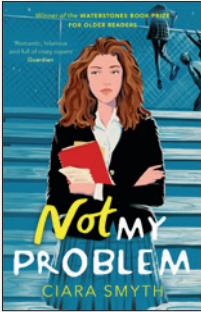
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