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ELMER David McKee





ELMER AND THE GIFT

The 30th and final Elmer story from master picture book maker David McKee, about caring for elderly family members, featuring a reading guide and a link to online resources from Alzheimer's Research UK.

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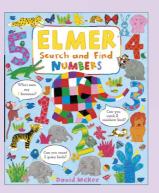


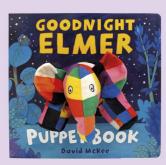
ELMER SEARCH AND FIND NUMBERS

Join Elmer in a counting search and find adventure! Learn your numbers from one to ten in each new scene, packed full of counting activities and lots of things to spot with Elmer and his friends!

SEP 2023 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.

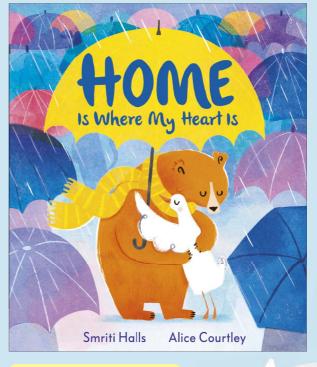
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2020 he was awarded the prestigious BookTrust Lifetime Achievement Award.



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HOME IS WHERE MY HEART IS

What does home mean to you? Home is where you're known, understood and where you can truly be yourself. But is home a place, or is it a feeling?

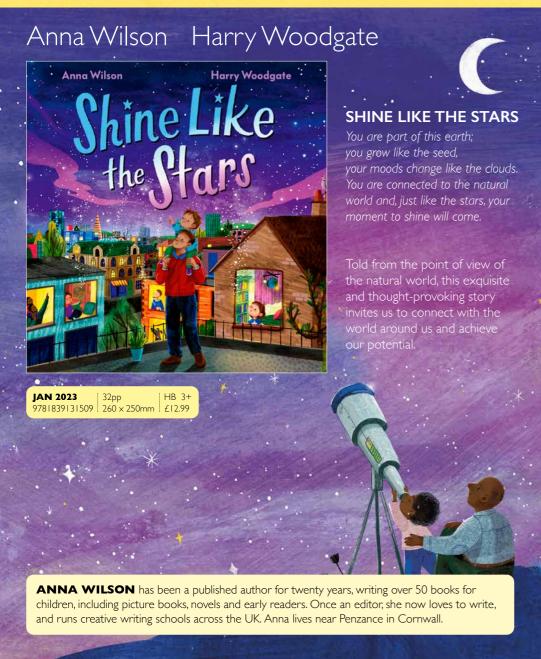
Following Bear's journey far from home and back again, you will see that home is not one place, it's the people who love you. And most importantly, you can hold it with you wherever you go.



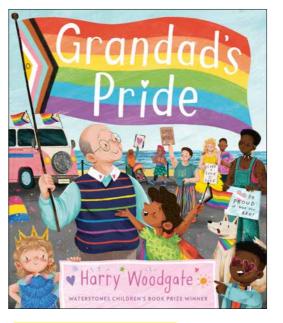
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SMRITI HALLS is an award-winning, internationally bestselling British author whose books have been published in more than 30 languages. Smriti worked for the BBC and across children's publishing and television for twelve years, as a writer and commissioning editor. She lives in London.

ALICE COURTLEY is an award-winning illustrator who studied on the prestigious Cambridge MA in Children's Book Illustration, where she developed a passion for character and print-made texture. Alice is based in Cambridge.



Harry Woodgate





GRANDAD'S PRIDE

The highly-anticipated sequel to Grandad's Camper celebrates the power of community and the importance of LGBTQIA+ history.

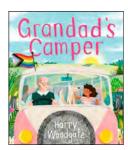
Milly can't wait to spend a summer at Grandad's cottage by the sea, and is even more excited when she discovers a Pride flag in the attic. Grandad insists he's too old to go to the London celebrations, especially now Gramps isn't around any more, but Milly has an idea to get the local community together and bring Pride to Grandad.

JUN 2023 | 32pp | HB 4+ 9781839132667 | 280 × 240mm | £12.99

Praise for **Grandad's Camper**: Winner of the **Waterstones Children's Book Prize** 'A book to treasure ... an utter delight' DAVID WALLIAMS

'A colour-flooded riot of memory ... beautiful'
GUARDIAN

'Full of warmth, colour and joy' BOOKTRUST

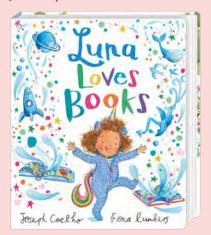


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HARRY WOODGATE (pronouns: they/them) is an award-winning illustrator, who has been shortlisted for the **V&A Illustration Awards** and the **Folio Society Book Illustration Competition**. Their debut picture book *Grandad's Camper* won the **Waterstones Children's Book Prize** for picture books in 2022, and was inspired by the lack of representation for older LGBTQIA+ characters in children's books. Harry is based in St Albans, UK.

Fiona Lumbers Joseph Coelho

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MAR 2023

9781839131202 193mm x 160mm

LUNA LOVES BOOKS

By award-winning Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho, a chunky board book special addition to the Luna Loves ... series.

Today Luna's class is celebrating books. Everyone is dressing up, but disaster strikes when her costume rips! Can Dad come to the rescue with some special book magic?







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Nicola Kent

ALL THE CATS

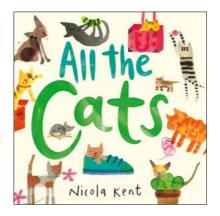
Nicola Kent presents ... ALL THE CATS! Short cats, tall cats. careful-not-to-fall cats. Itchy cats and scratchy cats —

can you see the matching cats? Spot the miles and miles of cats jam-packed into this gorgeous feline picture book!



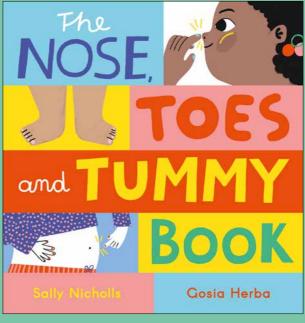
Praise for All the Dogs:

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



FEB 2023 9781839132292 240 x 240mm £11.99

Sally Nicholls Gosia Herba





This is your nose. What happens when we press it? BEEEEP! From fingers that tickle to bellies that need to be gobbled up, join in with each family as they play their own games to name different bits of the body.

From Waterstones Prizewinning Sally Nicholls comes this interactive book full of fun and play, illustrated with diverse young families by illustrator Gosia Herba.

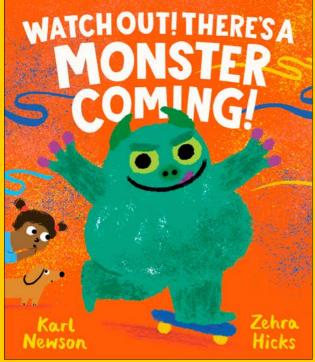


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SALLY NICHOLLS is known for her bestselling novels for children and teenagers. Her first novel won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and more recently she has been shortlisted for the National Book Award, the YA Book Prize and the Carnegie Medal for Things a Bright Girl Can Do. She lives in Liverpool.

GOSIA HERBA was born and raised in a small city of Olawa in southwest Poland. She started drawing as a child and is now a creator of books for children and graphic novels, as well as a freelance illustrator, Gosia lives and works in Wroclaw, Poland,

Karl Newson Zehra Hicks



WATCH OUT! THERE'S A MONSTER COMING!

Monster is HUNGRY, and he's coming to find ...
YOU! He creeps through the streets, hunting for his favourite snack. You'd better hide, because you know what he likes to eat. Something tasty, something sweet. It's ... CAKE, of course!

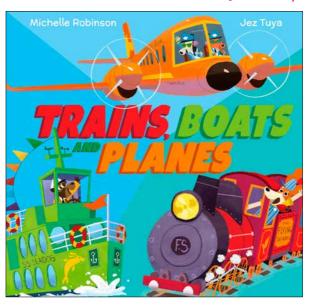
This is a true thrill-a-minute picture book for the very littlest ones in your life.



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.

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

Michelle Robinson Jez Tuya







TRAINS, BOATS AND PLANES

This fun and colourful ride featuring hundreds of vehicles is perfect for transport loving readers.

Join three busy transport vehicles as they speed their doggy passengers to the Big Festival! The running isn't smooth, and there's a rainstorm on the way ... Trains, boats and planes: which one would you ride?

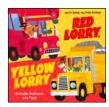
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Praise for

Red Lorry, Yellow Lorry:
Shortlisted for the
BookTrust Storytime Prize
'A delight' KIRKUS



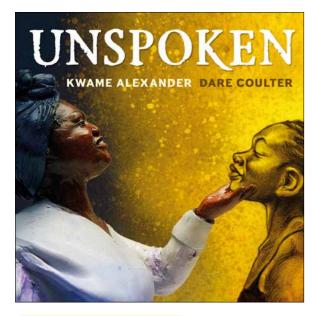


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MICHELLE ROBINSON is an award-winning author. Her many picture books include *Ten Fat Sausages*, winner of the **Laugh Out Loud Book Award** and *There's a Lion in my Cornflakes*, winner of the **Sainsbury's Children's Book Prize**. She lives in Canada with her husband, son and daughter.

JEZ TUYA is a New Zealand-based illustrator and character designer for books and TV. His books have been published worldwide.

Kwame Alexander Dare Coulter



UNSPOKEN

How do you tell a story that starts in Africa and ends in horror? About strength and pride and refusing to be broken? One that still hurts and still loves?

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, Kwame Alexander tells the story that's hard to hear. Told through the lens of a teacher speaking to their young pupils, and in multiple art styles.

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Praise for **The Undefeated**:
Winner of the **Caldecott Medal**Winner of the **Kate Greenaway Shadower's Choice Award**

'A powerful tribute to the African-American experience'
NEW YORK TIMES



9781783449293

KWAME ALEXANDER is a poet, educator, and the *New York Times* bestselling author of numerous books, including *The Undefeated*, *Booked* and *Rebound*, which was shortlisted for the **Carnegie Medal**, and *The Crossover*, which won the **Newbery Medal**.

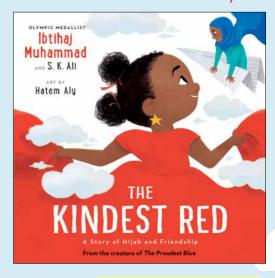
DARE COULTER is an award-winning artist, muralist, and sculptor. Her mission for her artwork is primarily to create positive imagery of black people and families. She lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA.

Ibtihaj Muhammad with S. K. Ali Hatem Aly

THE KINDEST RED

The highly-anticipated sequel to The Proudest Blue is another important and uplifting story about celebrating hijab, friendship and family.

When Faizah's teacher asks her class to imagine what kind of world they want to live in, Faizah imagines a world where everyone is kind to one another, and tries to create that world in the school playground. But what Faizah wants most is be like her big sister, Asiya. Will Faizah's classmates repay her kindness and find a way for her to match Asiya in time for school photo day?



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Praise for **The Proudest Blue**: 'A ground-breaking picture book about religion, sisterhood and identity' WATERSTONES, BEST PICTURE BOOKS OF 2020

'Beautifully done ... a powerful story of resilience and being proud of who you are' THE BOOKSELLER



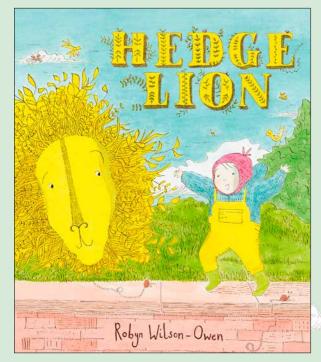
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IBTIHAJ MUHAMMAD is a fencer and the first Muslim American woman in hijab to compete and to win a medal for the United States in the Olympic Games. An activist, speaker and entrepreneur, Ibtihaj has written a memoir, *Proud*, and inspired the first hijabi Barbie in her likeness.

HATEM ALY is the illustrator of many books, including the **Newbery Honor** book *The Inquisitor's Tale*. Hatem was born in Egypt, and currently lives in Canada with his wife, son and their many pets.

Robyn Wilson-Owen





HEDGE LION

Discover your inner roar with Ida, and your inner kindness with Hedge Lion!

Ida sees Hedge Lion every day on her walk around town. Hedge Lion wants everyone to think he's a hedge. Nobody's scared of hedges. But Ida is brave, she notices things that other people don't, and she's not fooled. She knows Hedge Lion is a lion, she just needs to help him find his roar ... Along the way, Ida learns to be patient and kind, and Hedge Lion learns to be brave and confident.



ROBYN WILSON-OWEN graduated from the Cambridge MA in Children's Book Illustration in 2019 with a distinction, having previously trained in theatre design at Wimbledon School of Art. She worked as a set, costume and puppet designer for a decade before turning her hand to children's book illustration.

Emily Ann Davison Momoko Abe



THE BLUE UMBRELLA

The most magical things can happen even on the rainiest of days ...

How many people can you fit under one umbrella? It wasn't even meant to rain the day the blue umbrella turned up, but for the people who used it that day, they found something more than just shelter: they shared something truly extraordinary.

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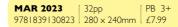


Josh Lacey Momoko Abe

THE PET POTATO

Albert is desperate to get a pet, so he's really excited when Dad finally brings one home. There's just one problem: it's a potato.

A funny story with a sweet, green-fingered resolution for any child who's ever begged their parents for a pet!

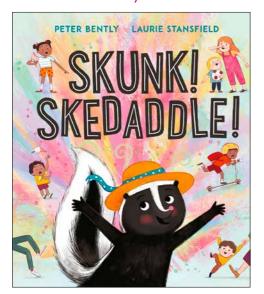


'Full of deadpan humour'
LOVEREADING



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

Peter Bently Laurie Stansfield



SKUNK! SKEDADDLE!

Discover that skunks don't always stink, with **Roald Dahl Funny Prize**-winning Peter Bently!

Nobody wants to be friends with a smelly skunk, but Sally is desperate to show the townspeople that she would never let off a stink around friends. When she bumps into the town robber, it's time to show everyone how useful her stink can be!

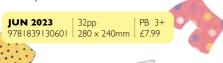
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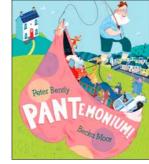
Peter Bently Becka Moor

PANTEMONIUM!

Fred the Giant is going fishing. But look! His GIANT PANTS are stuck on his hook and causing mayhem wherever he goes! Follow Fred as he drags his pants all around town, scooping up a cat, the baker and all his cakes, a fire engine ... What pantemonium!

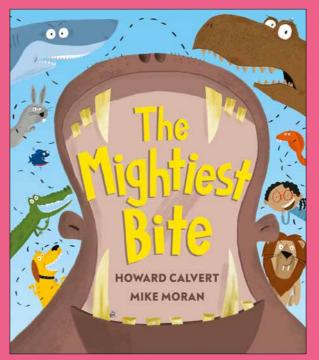


'Guaranteed to make children giggle' LOVEREADING



PETER BENTLY is the author of more than seventy books, including *The Great Dog Bottom Swap*, *Cats Ahoy!*, which won the **Roald Dahl Funny Prize**, and *King Jack and the Dragon*, which was an **American Library Association Notable Book of the Year**.

Howard Calvert Mike Moran



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THE MIGHTIEST BITE

Discover who has the mightiest bite in this hilarious competition between some of the biggest — and the smallest! — animals on Earth . . .

As a little girl munches on an apple, she thinks she *must* have the mightiest bite. Suddenly, along comes a parade of animals to compete for the trivincluding a shark with its 300 teeth in rows, and a t-rex with 60 huge bone-crunchers! But perhaps the mightiest bite belongs to someone that no one expected ...

HOWARD CALVERT is a Hampshire-based author and in 2015 was runner-up in the **Greenhouse Funny Prize**. When not writing children's books, he works as a freelance journalist. Howard lives with his wife and daughters and enjoys mountain biking and eating cinnamon buns.

MIKE MORAN is an illustrator based in New Jersey, USA. Mike's style is influenced by the cartoons of the 1960s – from Top Cat to The Flintstones – which he loved as a child. Mike's impressive client list includes Disney, the Grammys and even Major League baseball!

Caroline Perry Lydia Corry



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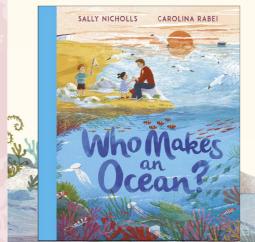
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THE CORGI AND THE QUEEN

Celebrating the life of a young Queen Elizabeth II in this fascinating true story of her special relationship with her corgis.

At the age of 10, Elizabeth's life changed for ever when her papa was crowned King George VI and the family moved into Buckingham Palace. But one thing never changed: she always had her corgis at her side. This is the story of her beloved first corgi, Susan, who was by her side throughout her young life: from princess to wartime mechanic, and from marriage to motherhood, and her eventual coronation as Queen.

Sally Nicholls Carolina Rabei



WHO MAKES AN OCEAN?

Who made the oceans? An ancient god? A magic spell? A billion firefighters and all their hoses?

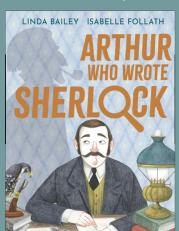
Come on a trip to the Ocean World museum with Dad, and discover the story of our oceans and the very beginnings of life on Earth ...

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Linda Bailey Isabelle Follath



ARTHUR WHO WROTE SHERLOCK

How is a writer made? How is a legend created? When Arthur invents Sherlock Holmes, he has no idea that his genius detective is about to change his life for ever . . .

This is the thrilling story of Arthur Conan Doyle, of how a writer is made and a legend is born, and what happens when an author becomes haunted by his own creation.

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Frances Stickley Carolina Rabei



MUMMY'S SPECIAL DAY

Mummy makes every day special, so it's about time she had her own perfect day full of all her favourite things. A heartwarming story, perfect to snuggle up with on Mother's Day, a birthday, or any special day at all!

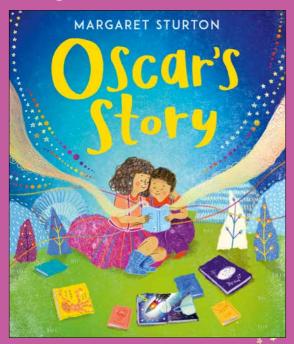
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'A reassuring message lovingly conveyed' LOVEREADING



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

Margaret Sturton



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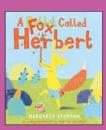


OSCAR'S STORY

When Oscar's older sister starts reading books with no pictures in them, Oscar worries she'll never share picture books with him again...

Oscar loves story time, but best of all he loves the pictures in his books and the games he plays with his big sister, based on the characters. So when she comes home from school one day with a book that only has words, he doesn't understand. Why does she like it so much, and how can he ever share it with her?

Praise for **A Fox Called Herbert**: 'Full of warmth, personality and gentle humour' BOOKTRUST

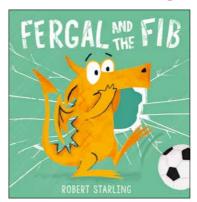




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MARGARET STURTON is a Hampshire-based author and illustrator who studied a BA and MA in Fine Art Sculpture, and subsequently gained an MA in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art.

Robert Starling



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'Children will easily identify with little Fergal and learn lots from his behaviour, all of it useful' LOVEREADING

FERGAL AND THE FIB



Fergal has discovered that he can tell a little lie and get away with it. But when he accidentally smashes the bakery window with his football, he tells a really big lie and his friend gets into big trouble. Fergal feels terrible. Will coming clean be enough to get

rid of the funny feeling in his tummy?







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THE BOOKSHOP MICE

Isn't it amazing where books can take you? Astrid is a bookshop mouse. She has the most incredible adventures, but when her new friends don't believe her, she invites them to the bookshop to find out for themselves . . .

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'A gorgeous demonstration of the power of reading, of books and bookshops' LOVEREADING



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

Alex Latimer



THE TROUBLE WITH EARTH

Why didn't the other planets invite Earth to their holiday? Soon they'll find out the wonderful truth about Earth's 'fleas' and change their minds ...

The perfect story to teach us to be kind and less quick to judge others.

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'A space story with a difference for the very young' LOVEREADING

Rebecca Patterson







FOUR BAD UNICORNS

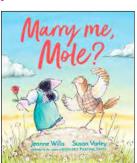
Frankie and her sister are UNICORN MAD! Today, they're playing their favourite unicorn game, but when bossy Ada from next door comes round, she takes over and spoils their game!

Roald Dahl Funny Prize winner Rebecca Patterson deftly handles the subject of childhood play and disability.

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'Great fun' **BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

Susan Varley Jeanne Willis



MARRY ME, MOLE?

Mole loves Bird and Bird loves Mole, but can they make their love work?

From award-winning author and illustrator leanne Willis and Susan Varley comes this brave look at why being in love doesn't always mean choosing to be together.

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'Perfectly-pitched and a joy to read aloud' LOVEREADING

Rashmi Sirdeshpande Ruchi Mhasane

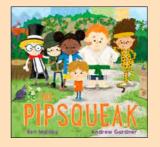


DADAJI'S PAINTBRUSH

Discover that bereavement can be a beginning, not an ending, in this beautiful story of one boy's grief when he loses his beloved grandfather.

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'Illustrated with glowing tenderness and warmth' GUARDIAN



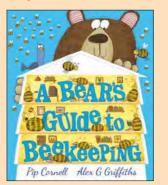
Ben Manley Andrew Gardner

THE PIPSOUEAK

In Hero's gang, everyone has a special skill. Well, everybody but Pip. Pip isn't strong, he can't run fast or make himself invisible. But when bully Solo invades their spot, Pip shows the gang that you just need guts to be a hero.

IAN 2023 9781839131004 260 x 250mm £7.99 'Funny, satisfying and revealing' LOVERFADING

Pip Cornell Alex G Griffiths



A BEAR'S GUIDE TO BEEKEEPING

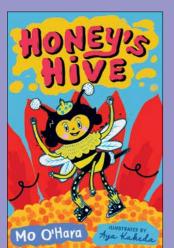
Are you a bear considering keeping your very own bees? Can't get enough of delicious honey? Then this is the book for you! Follow the tips in this book and you will become a master beekeeper in no time - but don't forget to absolutely never hug the bees!

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'Full of witty detail' BOOKTRUST

FICTION **FICTION**

Mo O'Hara Illustrated by Aya Kakeda



HONEY'S HIVE

Honey is a young bee buzzing with ambition, who can't find her role in the hive. But when a swarm threatens the whole hive. Honey sets off on a big adventure. Will Honey and her friends be able to find a new home for themselves and their community?

Learn all about bees in the first book in an exciting new series from New York Times bestseller Mo O'Hara. with stunning illustrations by Aya Kakeda.

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Ruth Quayle

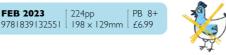
Illustrated by Marta Kissi

THE MUDDLEMOOR MYSTERIES: THE CHICKEN FARM FIASCO

When a sign appears in Mr Draper's cow field, announcing plans for a horrible battery chicken farm, the children are FED UP. They join a protest group to try to stop the farm and save the chickens. But they soon notice that Mr Draper's enemies keep getting sick. Oh no! Is Mr Draper poisoning them? And, if so, is Granny in DANGER?

Praise for The Book Club Bank Heist: 'A hugely enjoyable action packed

adventure full of twists and turns' LOVEREADING







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DRAFT COVER

Josh Lacey Illustrated by Garry Parsons



TIME TRAVEL TWINS: THE VIKING ATTACK

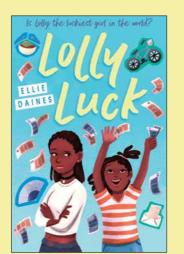
First in an accessible and fun new historical fiction series that shows there's always two sides of history.

Twins, Scarlett and Tom, are studying the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons at school. When Tom's struggling with his homework. Grandad comes to the rescue with his time machine. Tom is catapulted onto a Viking long ship and it's not long before he's being told oral tales, fitted out with armour and weapons and is getting ready to attack a Saxon village. But uh oh, his sister Scarlett has landed in a Saxon village ...

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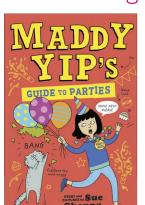
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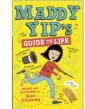
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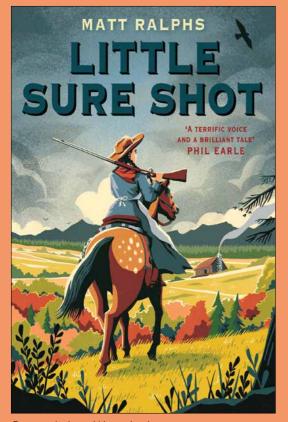
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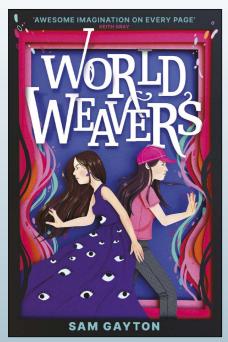






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Hush Quiet is a girl with an infinite baseball cap and certain views on love and kindness.

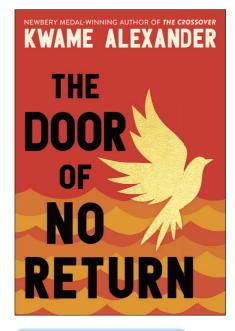
Her sister, Matilda, carries around a shotgun full of bees, and doesn't need much excuse to fire it.

Hush and Matilda have been hiding out in a pocket world ever since the war started. Ever since Dustbowl fell. Ever since what happened to Ma. But when a boy with no memory crosses into their reality, the sisters must confront their past, each other, and the intoxicating power that has torn their lives apart ... the power known as world weaving.

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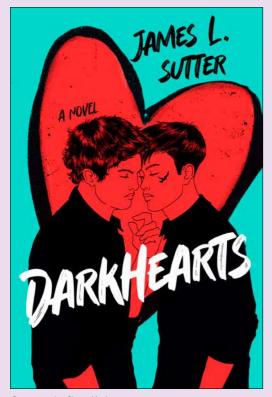
Eleven-year-old Kofi Offin has dreams of water, of its urgent whisper that beckons with promises and secrets. He has heard the call on the banks of Upper Kwanta, where he lives. He loves these things above all else: his family, the fireside tales of his father's father, a girl named Ama, and, of course, swimming. But when the unthinkable — a sudden death — occurs during a festival between rival villages, Kofi ends up in a fight for his life. What happens next will send him on a harrowing journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves. Yet Kofi's dreams may be the key to his freedom . . .

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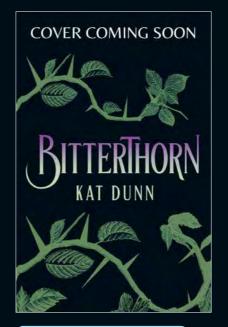
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