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# ELMER David McKee



## MY FIRST ELMER BIRTHDAY

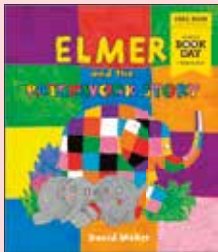
For over 35 years and across 30 stories, Elmer has spread a message of confidence, friendship and compassion to children all around the world.

Celebrate Elmer's big birthday in 2024 with this classic Elmer tale abridged for the youngest readers in a chunky shaped board book with sturdy pages for little fingers.

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

## ELMER AND THE PATCHWORK STORY

An exclusive £1 mini-book for World Book Day 2024! This World Book Day, come on a brand new adventure with Elmer, and discover the joy of telling, sharing, and making up stories!



9781839134616 16pp  
172 x 150mm £1.00

**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**.

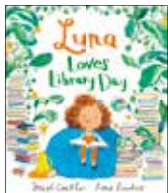
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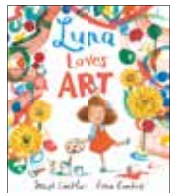
## LUNA LOVES GARDENING

In her latest adventure Luna puts on her wellies and discovers the power gardening to bring people together. At the community garden everyone brings seeds to swap – from Ukrainian beets and Afghan carrots to Jamaican callaloo and Indian calabash. By harvest day there are free vegetables for everyone from all over the world and each has its own story.

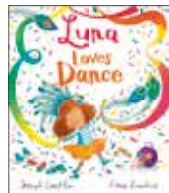
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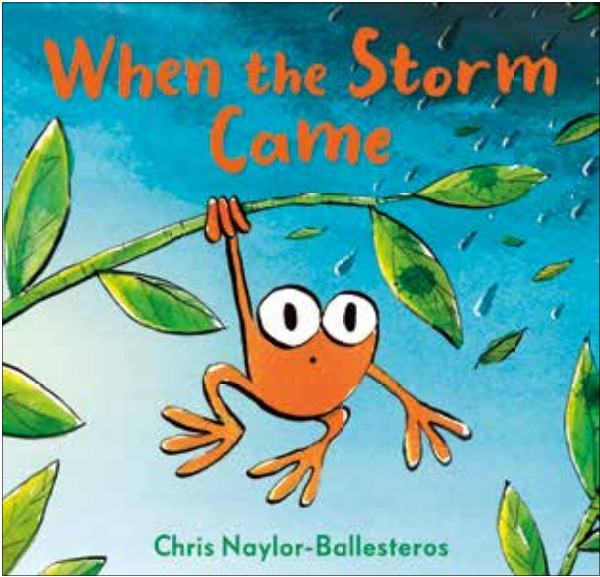
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**JOSEPH COELHO**, Waterstones Children's Laureate for 2022-2024, is an award-winning performance poet, playwright and children's author. His picture books include the critically acclaimed *Luna Loves ...* series, and he has also published poetry collections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

**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.



# Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

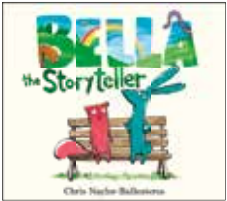


## WHEN THE STORM CAME

The frog family love their home on the riverbank, but they know to always stay away from the old tree stump – because a Big Scary Thing lives in there. When a huge storm comes, Little Frog is blown right into the terrifying stump ... but what he finds inside changes his community forever.

A powerful tale of a big community and small acts of kindness from award-winning Chris Naylor-Ballesteros.

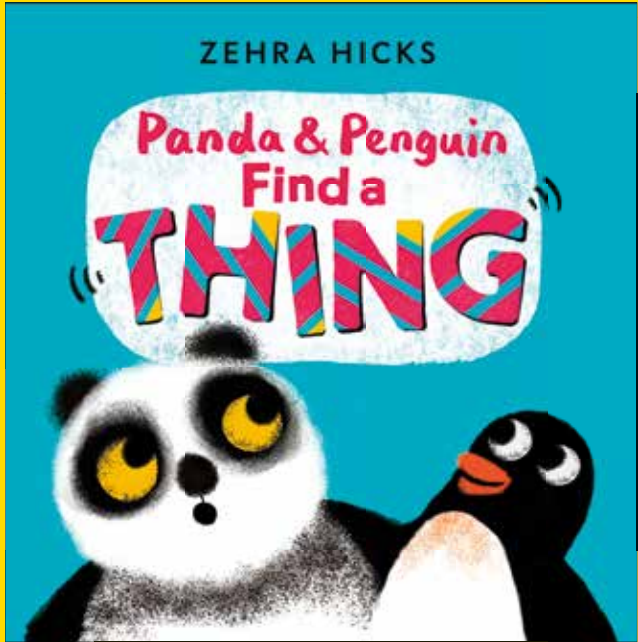
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**CHRIS NAYLOR-BALLESTEROS** is an author and illustrator of picture books who was shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2020 for *The Suitcase*. Originally from Yorkshire, he now lives in France with his wife and two children.

# Zehra Hicks



## PANDA AND PENGUIN FIND A THING

Panda and Penguin are best friends ... until they find the Thing. The Thing is exciting – it has a flashing screen and makes funny ringing noises – but only one of them can play with it at a time. The Thing comes between them, but is anything worth losing their friendship?

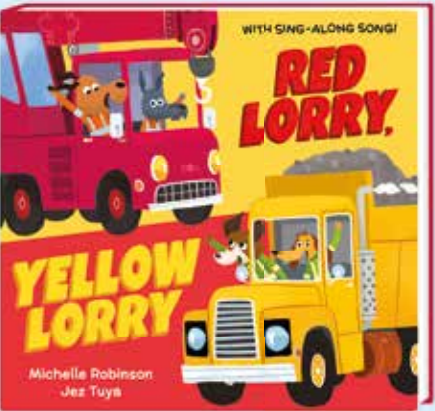
A funny tale that cautions against letting technology come between us.

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**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



**RED LORRY, YELLOW LORRY**

Lollies Award-winning Michelle Robinson's busy story based on the tongue-twister is bursting with trucks, doggy drivers, vehicles and colour, now in a chunky board book! Includes a QR code for the official Red Lorry, Yellow Lorry song by David Gibb.

**JUN 2024**    24pp    BB 0+  
9781839134845    173 x 178mm    £7.99

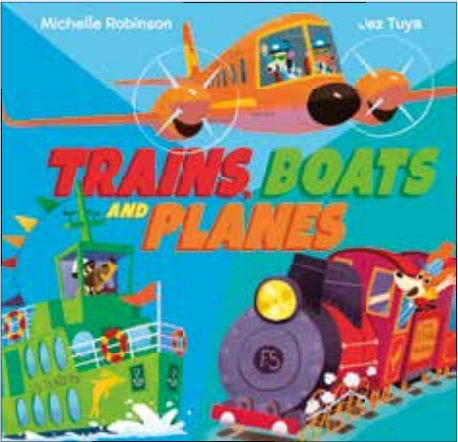


*'An ideal story to read aloud'* BOOKTRUST  
*'A delight for the youngest of truck aficionados. Go, dogs. Go!'* KIRKUS

**TRAINS, BOATS AND PLANES**

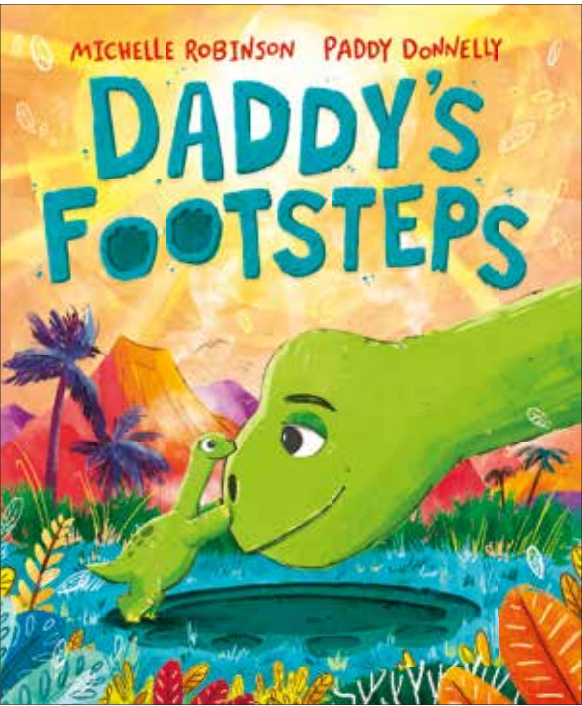
Join three busy transport vehicles as they speed their doggy passengers to the Big Festival! The running isn't smooth, and there's a rainstorm on the way ... Trains, boats and planes: which one would you ride?

**MAR 2024**    32pp    PB 2+  
9781839131332    250 x 260mm    £7.99



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

Michelle Robinson    Paddy Donnelly



**DADDY'S FOOTSTEPS**

Baby dinosaur wishes he could be big and strong, just like his dad. But when he loses sight of Daddy on an adventure with his friends, will he remember the advice his daddy told him?

An uplifting and heart-warming celebration of amazing dads written in soft, poetic rhyme.

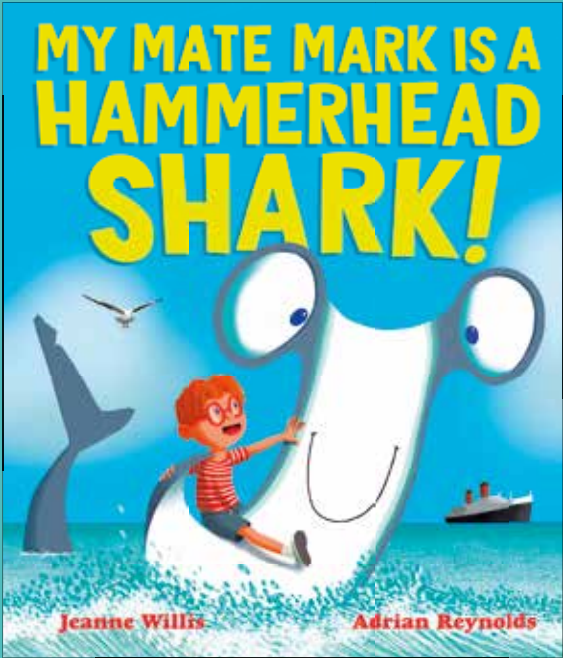
**MAY 2024**    32pp    HB 3+  
9781839132834    300 x 250mm    £12.99

**MICHELLE ROBINSON** is an award-winning author. Her many picture books include *Ten Fat Sausages*, winner of the **Laugh Out Loud Book Award** and *Red Lorry, Yellow Lorry*, shortlisted for the **BookTrust Storytime Prize**. She lives in Canada with her husband, son and daughter.

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



Jeanne Willis    Adrian Reynolds



**MAY 2024**    32pp    PB 3+  
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**MY MATE MARK IS A HAMMERHEAD SHARK**

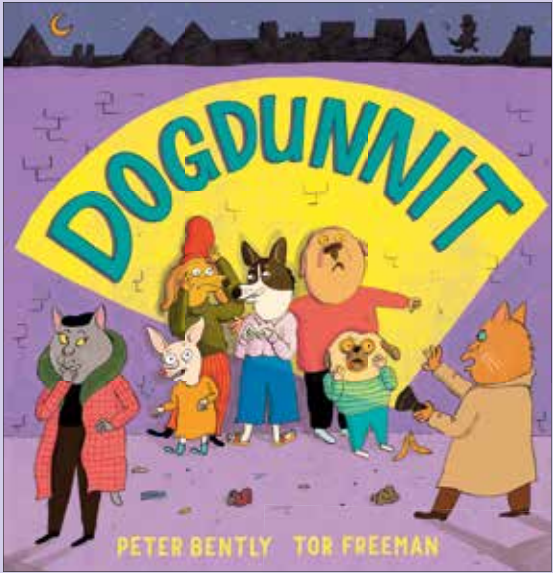
Mark the hammerhead shark doesn't have it easy – unless he wears a disguise, waiters won't serve him, and he can't go anywhere without people screaming and running away or teasing him. But when a little boy befriends him on a cruise ship holiday, he can see something in Mark that everyone else can't ... could Mark be a harmless hero?



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

**ADRIAN REYNOLDS** is a hugely talented illustrator who has worked on many much-loved children's books, including the *Harry And The Bucketful Of Dinosaurs* series and the award-winning picture book, *Who's in the Loo?*, written by Jeanne Willis.

Peter Bently    Tor Freeman



**JUN 2024**    32pp    HB 3+  
9781839131813    260 x 250mm    £12.99

**DOGDUNNIT**

A cat-and-dog whodunnit reminiscent of the great detective Sherlock Holmes!

Crimes are sweeping the neighbourhood: sofas torn to shreds, muddy pawprints on the beds, poo left on the kitchen floor ... all the evidence points towards the culprits being DOGS, and Inspector Keyhole is quick to arrest every last one. But the great cat detective Purrlock Jones thinks she knows who the real villain is. It must be the feline mastermind and her arch enemy Moggiarty ...



**PETER BENTLY** is the author of more than seventy books, including the hilarious and bestselling *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**.

**TOR FREEMAN** is an illustrator and comic book maker with a degree in illustration. She was awarded the **Sendak Fellowship** in 2012. Tor has illustrated several picture books for Andersen Press, including *Ten Fat Sausages*, winner of the **Laugh Out Loud Book Award**.



# Eva Eland

Mini hardback editions of the award-winning picture books about making friends with your sadness and finding your happiness.



## WHEN SADNESS COMES TO CALL

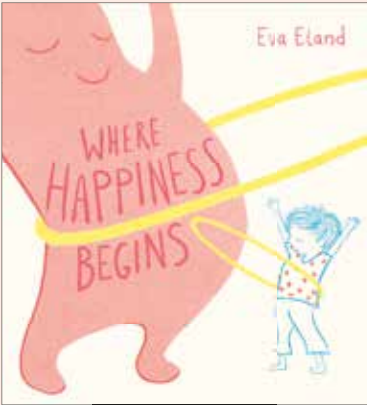
When Sadness arrives, try not to be afraid: give it a name, listen to it and spend some time together. Maybe all it wants is to know that it's welcome. A poignant but uplifting look at dealing with sadness.



**JAN 2024** | 32pp | HB 4+  
9781839133831 | 150 x 135mm | £6.99

## WHERE HAPPINESS BEGINS

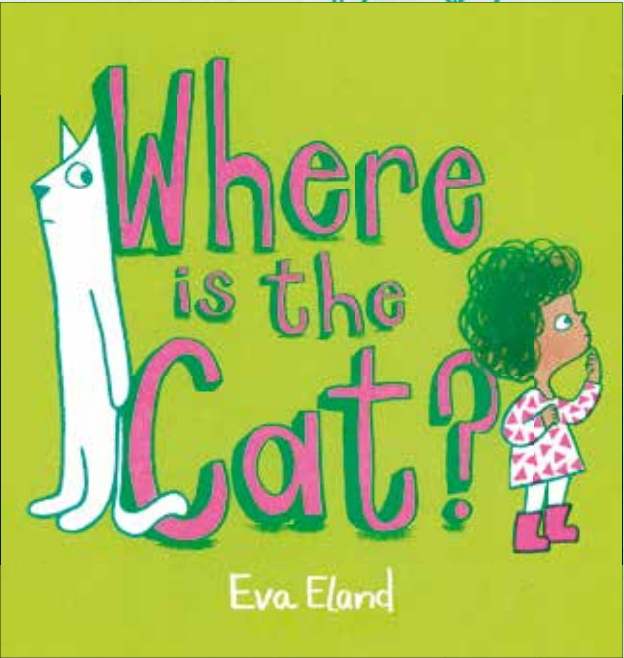
Are you looking for happiness? Sometimes it can feel really far away, and sometimes you might have so much you can't help but share. You can try to chase it, control it or capture it, but even if it seems like it's gone for a while, you'll know it's never far away ...



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# Eva Eland



## WHERE IS THE CAT?

This fun and familiar tale of a cat chase invites you to spot Cat in every scene as he hides from Suzy.

Suzy is visiting Auntie today, and she wants to play with Cat. But where is he? Always just out of her reach, Suzy calls for him – all she wants to do is play dressing up, or dance together, or pretend they're mummy and baby ... but Cat doesn't like the sound of that one bit.

**APR 2024** | 32pp | HB 3+  
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**EVA ELAND's** debut picture book, *When Sadness Comes to Call*, won the **Klaus Flugge Prize** and a **V&A Illustration Award**. *Where Happiness Begins* was shortlisted for the **Waterstones Children's Book Prize**. Eva grew up in Delft, Netherlands, and now lives in Amsterdam.



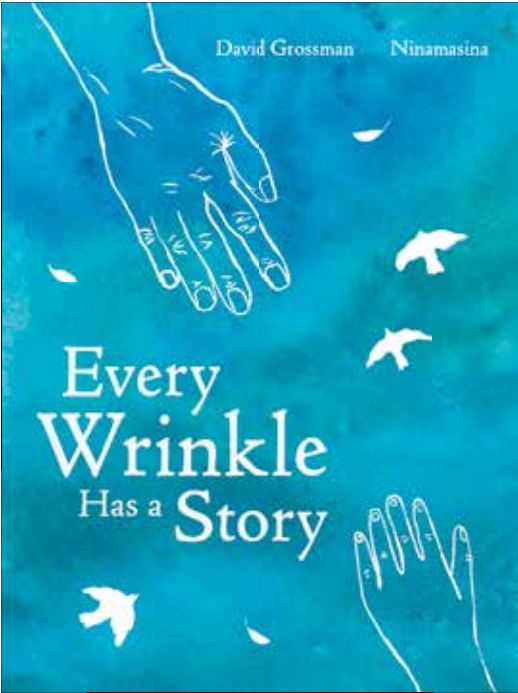
# David Grossman    Ninamasina

## EVERY WRINKLE HAS A STORY

A poignant and beautiful picture book celebrating the love between a grandfather and his grandchild.

In this touching story, a little boy who likes to draw asks his beloved grandfather about his wrinkles: when and how did he get them? Grandpa explains that every one of his wrinkles has a story, some are happy and some are sad – and each story he tells becomes an illustrated journey through his life.

**JUN 2024**    40pp    HB 4+  
9781839133411    240 x 180mm    £12.99



**DAVID GROSSMAN** is the bestselling author of numerous books, which have been translated into thirty-six languages. His most recent novel, *A Horse Walks into a Bar*, was awarded the **International Man Booker Prize 2017**. Grossman is also the recipient of the **French Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres** and the **2010 Frankfurt Peace Prize**. He lives in Jerusalem.

**NINAMASINA (AKA ANNA MASINI)** has degrees in Cultural Anthropology and Cinematography. By day, she worked for a video production company, while taking drawing and printing techniques classes by night. Now, she works as a freelance illustrator and her books have been published around the world. She lives and works in Milan, Italy.

# Margaret Sturton

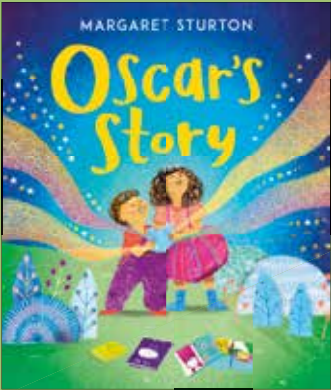


**FEB 2024**    32pp    HB 3+  
9781839132810    260 x 250mm    £12.99

## ALBERTA: A CAUTIONARY TALE

Alberta does dreadful things, and she always gets her own way. So when she doesn't listen to her mother's good advice and enters the wild and dangerous woods, it's no surprise that she tricks a kind stranger and eats their delicious cake. But this stranger is a wolf, wearing a red cape and hood, and she doesn't take kindly to being double-crossed ...

In a twist on the traditional story of Little Red Riding Hood, it's the wolf's turn to teach a lesson.



## OSCAR'S STORY

Discover that all books are magical, with the power of imagination. A sweet story about sharing and growing up.

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

**MAR 2024**    32pp    PB 4+  
9781839131929    270 x 230mm    £7.99

*'A gentle introduction to reading in its widest sense'*  
LOVEREADING4KIDS

**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.

Joseph Coelho    Nicola Killen



**FIRST LITTLE  
RHYMES:  
OUT AND ABOUT**

A beautifully illustrated board book with selected poems by Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho.

With poems and illustrations selected from Coelho and Killen's collection, *Blow a Kiss, Catch a Kiss*, this chunky board book includes 10 delightful poems about going out and about in the world to share with young babies and toddlers.



**MAY 2024** | 16pp | BB 1+  
9781839133794 | 180 x 180mm | £7.99



Praise for **Blow a Kiss, Catch a Kiss**:  
*'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**



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**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.

Sally Nicholls    Gosia Herba

**THE NOSE, TOES AND  
TUMMY BOOK**

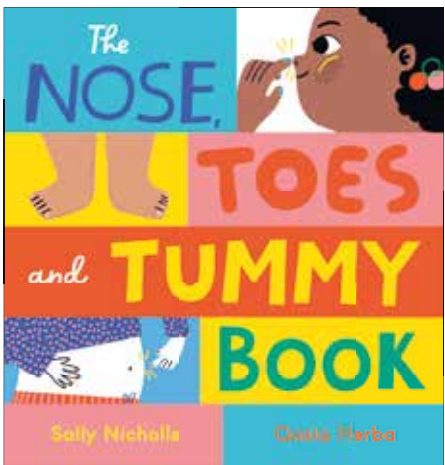
From fingers that tickle to bellies that need to be gobbled up, join in with each family as they play their own games to name different bits of the body.

An interactive book full of fun and play, illustrated with diverse young families.

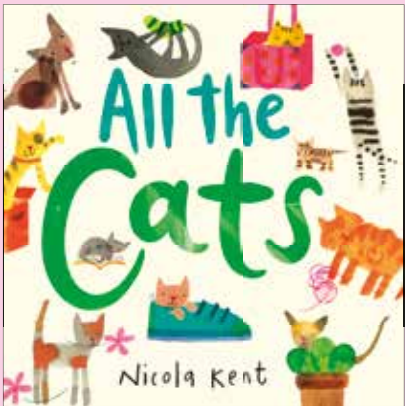
**APR 2024** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839131868 | 260 x 250mm | £7.99

*'A lovely bedtime book'* **BOOKTRUST**

*'A gorgeous celebration of families and an introduction to the body for very little children'* **LOVEREADING4KIDS**



Nicola Kent

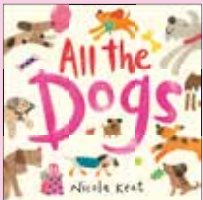


**JAN 2024** | 28pp | PB 2+  
9781839132308 | 240 x 240mm | £6.99

**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!

*'Purrfect fun'*  
**LOVEREADING4KIDS**



9781839132322



# Smriti Halls Alice Courtley

## HOME IS WHERE MY HEART IS

Award-winning Smriti Halls presents this profound and poignant tale about the true meaning of home, illustrated by **Klaus Flugge Prize**-shortlisted Alice Courtley.

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.

*'This warm, colourful picture book explores the idea of home: a refuge not fixed in a single place, but in the people we love and our shared sense of belonging'* **GUARDIAN**



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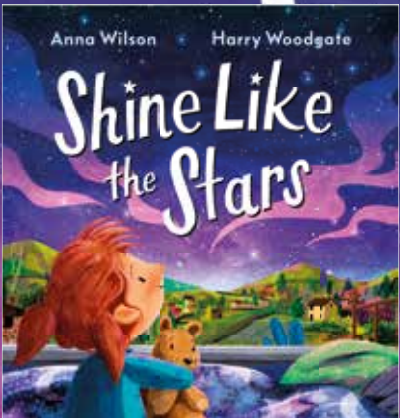
# Anna Wilson Harry Woodgate

## SHINE LIKE THE STARS

You are part of this earth. You grow like the seed. You shine like the stars.

Illustrated by **Waterstones Children's Book Award-winning** Harry Woodgate, this beautiful, poetic picture book invites us to connect with the world around us and achieve our potential.

*'It deserves to be on the shelves of every family where there's a young child'* **BOOKS FOR KEEPS**  
*'Perfect for exploring a whole host of emotions ... I genuinely could not love this book more'*  
**THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN**



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# Sally Nicholls Carolina Rabei

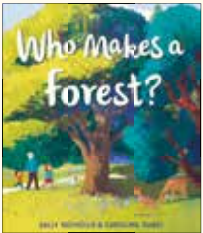


## WHO MAKES AN OCEAN?

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 find out how the oceans came to be, and why they're so important to our planet.

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# Emily Ann Davison Momoko Abe

## THE BLUE UMBRELLA

A magical tale of a community brought together.

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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Peter Bently Laurie Stansfield



SKUNK! SKEDADDLE!

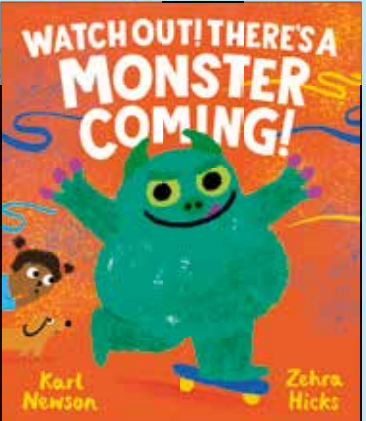
Everybody knows: skunks STINK! Poor Sally, how will she make friends when everyone skedaddles out of her way? But with a town robber out on the prowl, it's time to show everyone just how useful her stink can be!

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'A great message of self acceptance'  
TOPPSTA REVIEWER



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 for the very littlest ones in your life.

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'A read-aloud triumph' LOVEREADING4KIDS

Howard Calvert Mike Moran



THE MIGHTIEST BITE

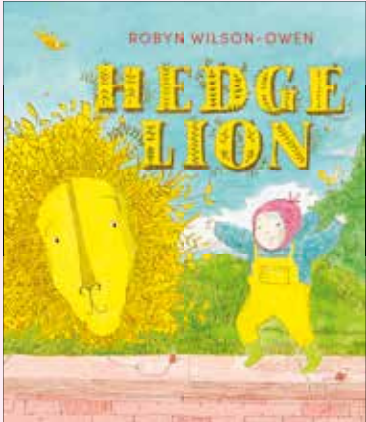
Who has the mightiest bite? Cobra's fangs are deadly with venom! Hippo's mouth is cavernous! Or perhaps the mightiest bite belongs to someone that nobody expected ...

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'A witty, original picture book ... The end will have everyone showing off their gnashers as they laugh out loud!' LOVEREADING4KIDS



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 ...

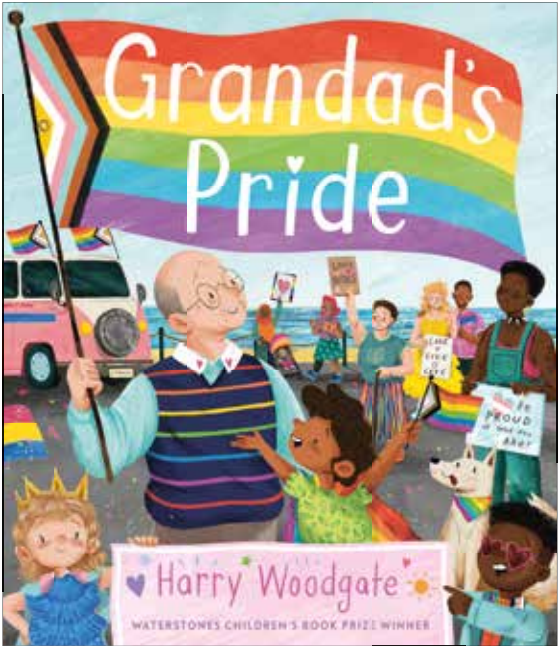
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'Roaring good naptime fare' KIRKUS





# Harry Woodgate



## GRANDAD'S PRIDE

The joyful and heartfelt sequel to *Grandad's Camper* celebrates the power of community and the importance of LGBTQIA+ history.

Grandad and Gramps once went to many Pride parades, but now 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 ...

*'A winner from beginning to end – and affirmation that Pride belongs in every community'* KIRKUS, STARRED REVIEW

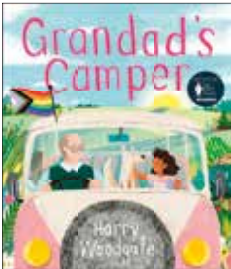
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Praise for **Grandad's Camper**:  
Waterstones Children's Book Prize Winner  
British Book Awards Children's Illustrated Book of the Year 2023

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

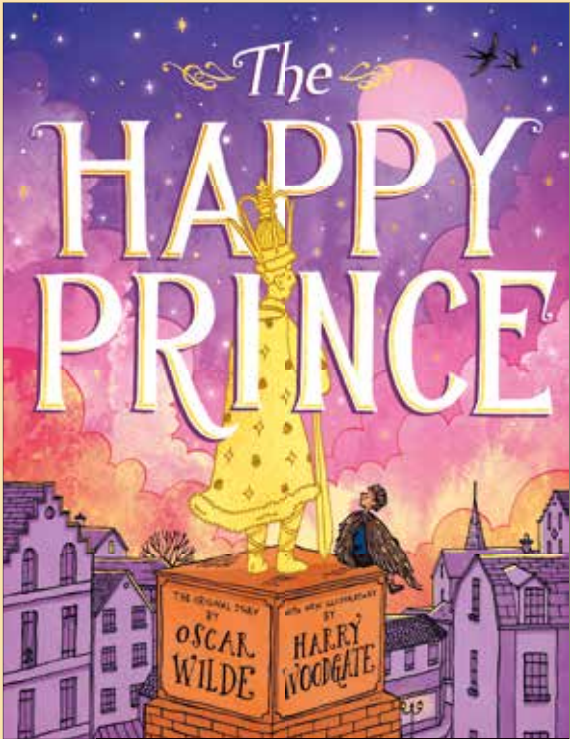
*'Full of warmth, colour and joy'* BOOKTRUST

*'An instant classic'*  
DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE



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# Oscar Wilde Harry Woodgate



JUN 2024 80pp HB 6+  
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## THE HAPPY PRINCE

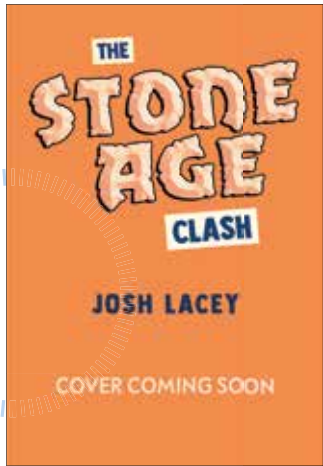
A thoughtful retelling of Oscar Wilde's classic children's story, stunningly illustrated by **Waterstones Prize** and **British Book Award** winner Harry Woodgate.

When a boy called Swallow arrives in a new city, he rests at the feet of the gold statue of the Happy Prince. The statue tells him his worries about the poor people of the city, and together they make a plan to help the community.

Featuring a stunning foiled cover and printed in purple ink, this is a beautiful gift to add to any bookshelf.

**HARRY WOODGATE** (they/them) is a multi-award-winning author and illustrator; whose debut picture book *Grandad's Camper* won the **British Book Awards Nibbie for Children's Illustrated Book of the Year** and the **Waterstones Children's Book Prize**, was shortlisted for the **Polari Prize**, and named as an **ALA Stonewall Honor Book**.

# Josh Lacey Illustrated by Garry Parsons



## TIME-TRAVEL TWINS: THE STONE AGE CLASH

Twins Scarlett and Thomas are learning about the Stone Age at school, so Grandad offers to use his time machine to send them there. Thomas wants to see a sabre-toothed tiger; Scarlett wants to see Stonehenge, but they were thousands of years apart. What should they do? Go back twice of course!



Praise for **The Viking Attack**:  
'Readers really will feel they've been back in time too'  
LOVEREADING4KIDS

'Exciting and informative'  
BOOKTRUST



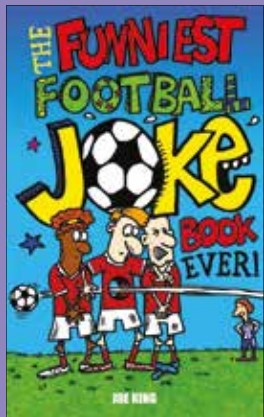
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9781839134791 | 198 x 129mm | PB 7+  
£7.99

# Joe King Illustrated by Nigel Baines



## THE FUNNIEST FOOTBALL JOKE BOOK EVER!

Why was the  
footballer upset on  
his birthday?

He got a red card!

What did the ref say  
to the chicken who  
tripped a defender?

Fowl!

These and many more howlers will make you  
laugh no matter how your team is doing!

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9781849391115 | 178 x 110mm | PB 7+  
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HA HA!



# Mo O'Hara Illustrated by Aya Kakeda



## HONEY'S HIVE: BEE A FRIEND

Honey is so good at her job as a scouting bee, finding lots of pollen for her hive, that she's being awarded a petal medal by the Queen Bee!



But while Honey and her hive are celebrating, the other bees in the neighbourhood are struggling as there's just not enough pollen left for them. So Honey tries to help the other bees find pollen too. But not all the bees in the hive think she should be helping outsiders.

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**MO O'HARA** is the internationally bestselling author of *My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish*. Originally from America, Mo moved to London because she wanted to live abroad but spoke no foreign languages. She worked as an actress and comedy performer, but it was when she toured the UK as a storyteller that she started writing for kids.

**AYA KAKEDA** was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan, and now lives and works in New York City. Aya is an internationally successful ceramicist and artist, with clients including Nike, Disney, the *New Yorker* magazine and Nickelodeon.



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George Myerson



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**MY BROTHER PLATO**

Ever wondered what the young Plato would have been like? Find out with this brilliantly researched book from the point of view of his sister, Potone. Based on the incredible true events and people of Ancient Greece.

Potone lives in Athens with her mum, her stepdad and her really annoying brother, Plato. The city is at war with the ferocious Spartans.

The only time Potone stops arguing with Plato is when Demos, their nasty older brother, is around. When Dad gets injured in a battle, and Demos attacks their pet dog, it feels like the war is everywhere. Can Potone and Plato work together to save their dog and their home?

<b>JAN 2024</b>	208pp	PB 8+
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**GEORGE MYERSON** has published many books for adults from classical philosophy to comic Nostradamus prophecies and an anthology of personal happiness through the ages. He has taught reading in different senses at every level from helping in Reception to supervising PhDs in English. This is his first children's book.

Guy Bass Illustrated by Lee Cosgrove



**A HUGH DUNNIT MYSTERY: TAKING SHELTER**

Hugh Dunnit may be a schoolboy, but that doesn't stop him from cracking the toughest cases. Like the case of the shredded maths homework. Sure, lesser minds might collar Hugh's new dog, Shelter. But Hugh knows there's more to sniff out. Working through the suspects, Hugh digs up a bigger mystery: just where does Shelter come from?

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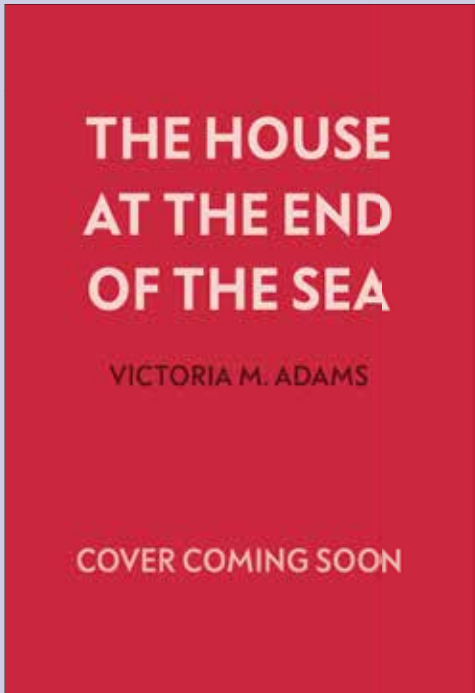
*'One of the finest comedy writers for young people'* LANCASHIRE POST

**GUY BASS** is an award-winning author who has written more than 30 books, including the series Stitch Head, Spynosaurus, and Skeleton Keys. He lives in London with his wife.

**LEE COSGROVE** is from near the River Mersey, UK. Working as a full-time illustrator for many years, Lee has enjoyed working on a wide range of projects, from illustrating picture books, to board games and billboards.



Victoria M. Adams



**THE HOUSE AT THE END OF THE SEA**

Saffi doesn't want her new life, living with her dad, little brother and old-fashioned grandparents in their B&B by the sea. She is grieving for her mum and longs for things to go back to normal.

But this new home is anything but normal: the walls change colour; a face appears in the mirror; and the pantry is suddenly filled with fancy food. When a party of extraordinary visitors arrive at midnight, Saffi begins to realise that her family has a dark, magical secret. It will take all her bravery to discover the truth and find a way into another world . . .

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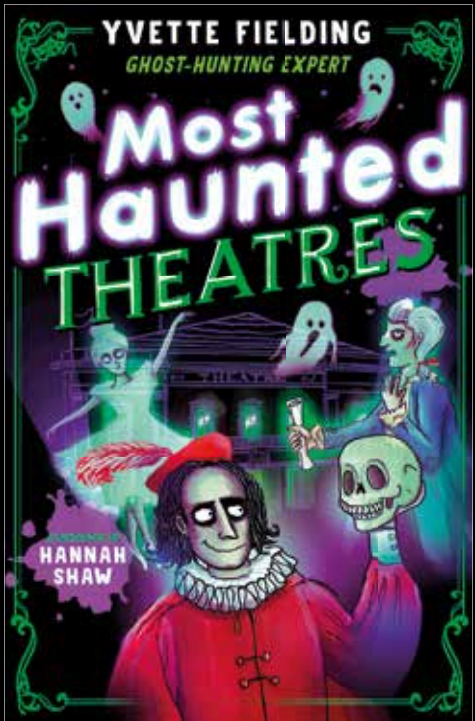
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*'A delightfully eerie mystery that explores complicated family histories'* SKYE MCKENNA

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**VICTORIA M. ADAMS** spent her childhood bouncing between Cyprus, Canada and the US with her Iranian mother. As an adult, she carried on the nomadic family tradition by adding France and New Zealand to the mix. Somewhere along the way, she acquired a BA in Film and an MA in Creative Writing from Birkbeck College. She currently teaches Creative Writing at City Lit.

Yvette Fielding Illustrated by Hannah Shaw



**MOST HAUNTED THEATRES**

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Prepare yourself as she raises the curtain on headless actors, crazed clowns and angry poltergeists! You have been warned!

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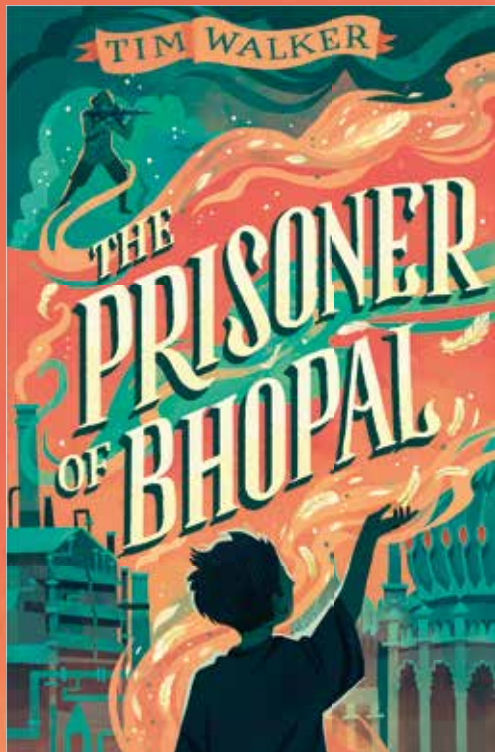
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**YVETTE FIELDING** was the youngest ever *Blue Peter* presenter at age 18, and she's since gone on to host and produce *Ghosthunting With ...* and *Most Haunted* and has spent many years investigating paranormal activity.



## Tim Walker



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### THE PRISONER OF BHOPAL

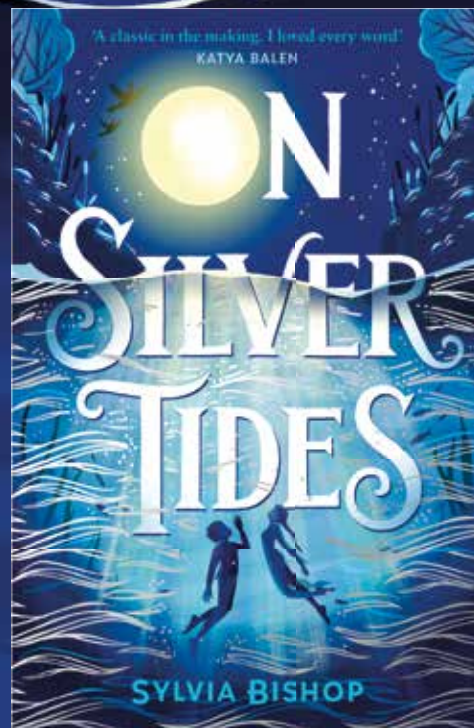
A historical fiction story filled with adventure and magic realism, set across two time periods, Bhopal in 1984 and France and Brighton between 1914-15.

On his tenth birthday, Amil is torn from his family and taken to work in a dilapidated printing factory. There, hidden in a trunk, he finds a secret First World War journal. As its pages come to life, they reveal that he and the journal's author – his great-grandfather – share a magical gift: they can read the wind. Its purpose remains a mystery until, one terrible night, the pesticide plant leaks poison gas into the air over Bhopal...

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## Sylvia Bishop



Cover art by Thy Bui

### ON SILVER TIDES

Immerse yourself in this deeply original and richly imaginative tale, and discover the captivating secret world of Britain's waterways.

Kelda and her family are silvermen, a hidden people who have the ability to swim like fish and breathe through their skin. Yet Kelda's little sister is born different. The family must protect her from the suspicions of their community – for her very existence is forbidden and the whole family is in danger.

When betrayal comes, the girls escape on a desperate journey across Britain's waterways. To save her sister, Kelda must brave monstrous creatures at every turn, and delve into the darkest depths of her kind's history...

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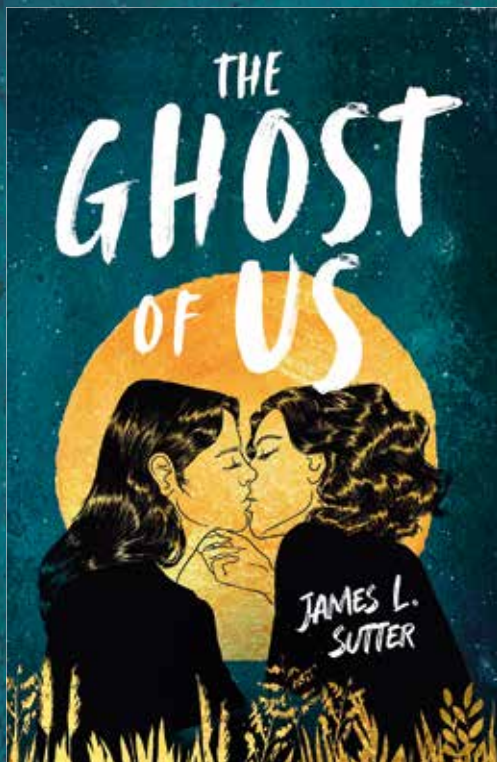
*'A beautifully constructed book... I was with Kelda through every triumph and betrayal, every hurt and heartbreak'* ANN SEI LIN

*'A contemporary classic: thoughtful, literary, with clear and gorgeous prose, yet urgent and relevant'* ALICE WINN

**SYLVIA BISHOP** is the author of several books for young readers, and her work has been translated into seventeen languages. She lives in Bristol, England. When not writing, she can be found reading, performing comedy and – when she gets the chance – swimming in rivers.



## James L. Sutter



Cover illustration by Sivan Karim

## THE GHOST OF US

Seventeen-year-old Cara is an aspiring ghost hunter, determined to show she's more than a high school outcast by finding proof of the supernatural. Then she stumbles upon the spirit of Aiden, a popular boy who died a year ago. He's willing to help Cara on one condition: Cara must date his reclusive sister and help her recover from his death. Wooing the standoffish Meredith isn't going to be easy though...

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## Robin Ha



<b>MAR 2024</b>	320pp	PB 13+
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## THE FOX MAIDENS

Kai dreams of being a warrior. Though she is looked down upon for being a girl, Kai proves her courage when assassins launch a ruthless attack on her family. Yet her parents hide a dark secret history with Gumiho, the legendary nine-tailed fox demon, and Kai's own destiny is already written.

Desperately searching for a way to escape her fate, Kai finds redemption, and even love, in the most unexpected of places.

A thrilling sapphic fantasy adventure graphic novel inspired by the fox maiden legend from Korean folklore.

**ROBIN HA** grew up in Seoul, South Korea, and moved to the United States at age fourteen. After graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design, she moved to New York City and worked in the fashion industry for several years before diving into comics.





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