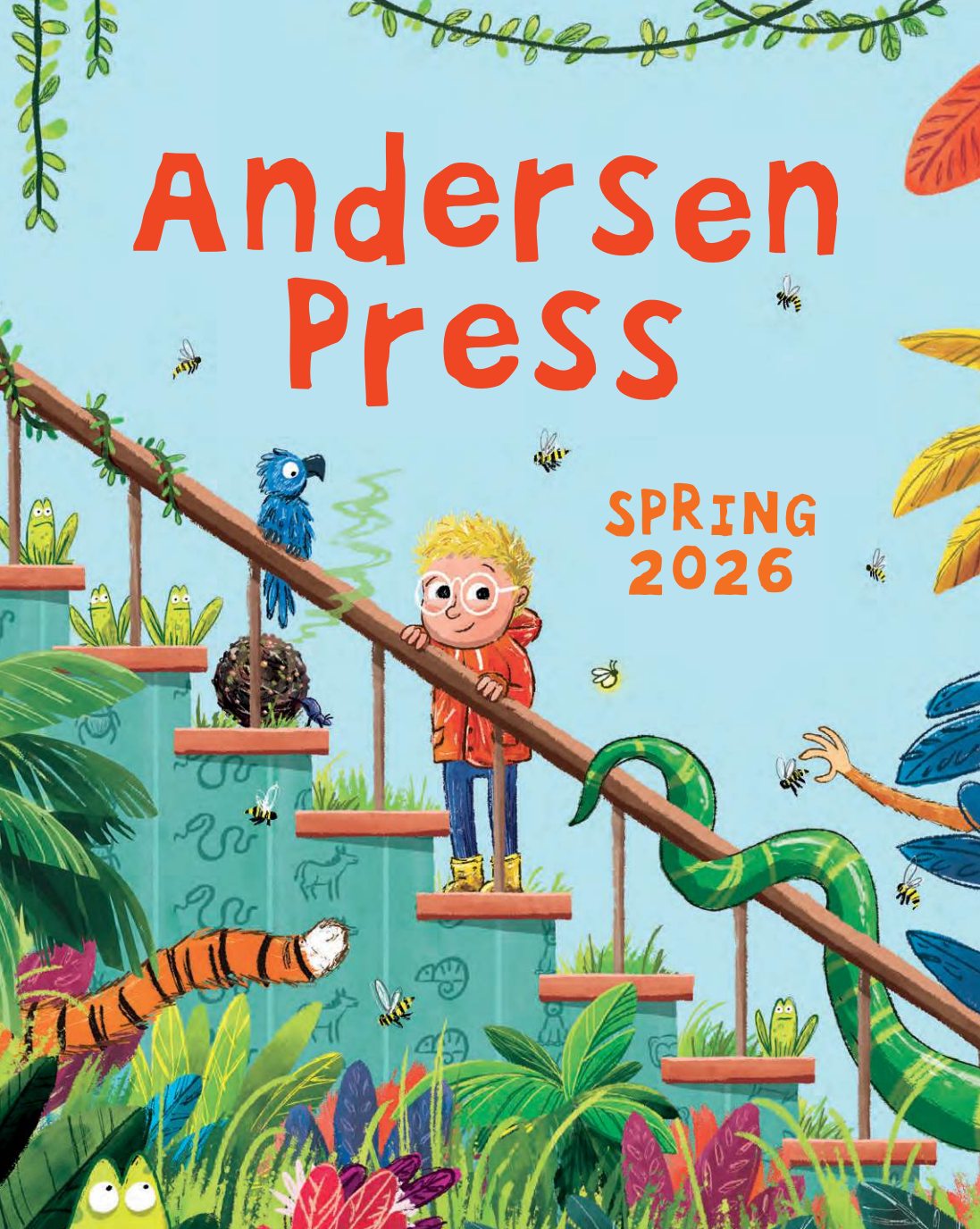
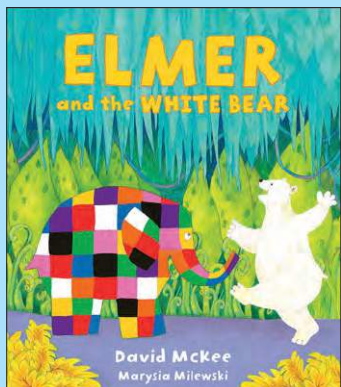


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## David McKee Marysia Milewski



### ELMER AND THE WHITE BEAR

When the ice starts to melt at the North Pole, a polar bear sets off on an adventure that takes him all the way to Elmer's jungle! But what caused the white bear's icy home to melt in the first place? That's a very puzzling question.

With a gentle environmental theme, this is one of the last Elmer stories that David McKee was working on, finished by his close friend and artist Marysia Milewski.

**MAY 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839134807 | 275 x 240mm | £7.99

### MY FIRST ELMER GIFT

A retelling of the classic picture book for the very youngest Elmer fans, the sixth in the popular My First Elmer shaped board books series makes the perfect gift for any occasion.

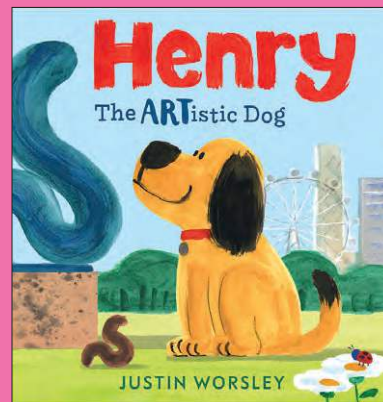
**APR 2026** | 10pp | BB 0+  
9781839136276 | 232 x 232mm | £7.99



**DAVID MCKEE (1935 – 2022)** was the creator of well-known characters including King Rollo, Mr Benn and Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, which is now published in more than 60 languages and has its own successful global merchandise programme. David was born in Devon and went to Plymouth Art College, where he had a traditional training. On leaving college he drew regularly for *Punch*, *Reader's Digest*, and *The Times Educational Supplement*. His drawings were influenced especially by Saul Steinberg and Andre Francois. In 2020, David won the **British Book Awards Illustrator of the Year Award** and **BookTrust's Lifetime Achievement Award**.

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

## Justin Worsley



### HENRY THE ARTISTIC DOG

The hilarious, tongue-in-cheek debut picture book from Justin Worsley about a dog who makes wonderful sculptures – now in paperback.

This unique picture book about creativity and perseverance is an ode to undiscovered artists everywhere!

**JAN 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839135057 | 260 x 250mm | £7.99

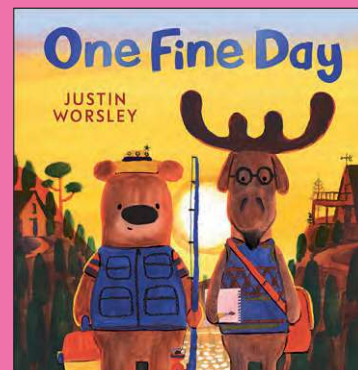
*'An offbeat fable about creativity, poo, and beauty being in the eye of the beholder' CLPE*



### ONE FINE DAY

Discover that breaking wind can often break the tension in the second hilarious picture book from Justin Worsley.

One fine morning in the forest, Moose is preparing for a perfect day of landscape painting on the lakeshore. On the other side of the valley, Bear eats his breakfast of beans, makes bean sandwiches for lunch, and gets ready for a day of fishing... When the two unexpectedly find themselves face to face in a stand-off, how will Bear and Moose clear the air?



**APR 2026** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781839135064 | 260 x 250mm | £12.99

**JUSTIN WORSLEY** has been a toy designer for over 25 years, and has now turned his hand to picture book making. He has a BA Hons in Industrial Design at Northumbria University, and in 2022 he graduated with a distinction from the Cambridge School of Art with an MA in Children's Book Illustration. He has since won the **Batsford Prize**, the **CA Award of Excellence** and the **Sebastian Walker Prize**.



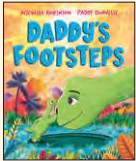
# Michelle Robinson Paddy Donnelly



## MUMMY'S PROMISE

This Mother's Day, discover this heartwarming and thrilling prehistoric adventure from the creators of *Daddy's Footsteps*.

Mummy's promise is that she will always love her cub, and she'll be there for him, no matter what. But when the young cub and his friends are separated from their mums in a flood, he remembers what his mummy taught him, and is inspired to make a very special promise of his own ...



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**FEB 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839132940 | 300 x 250mm | £7.99

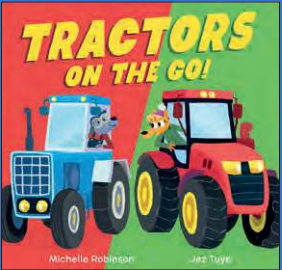
Praise for **Daddy's Footsteps**:  
'A touching celebration of daddies ...  
a gorgeous book to share with little ones'  
LOVEREADING4KIDS

# Michelle Robinson Jez Tuya

## TRACTORS ON THE GO!

Join two hard-working tractors on their very busy day!  
The third story in the popular Busy Vehicles series.

From muck-spreading to harvesting, the work never stops for two busy tractors. But with a naughty sheep on the loose causing chaos on the farm, can the tractors save the day?



**MAY 2026** | 32pp | HB 2+  
9781839135699 | 250 x 260mm | £12.99

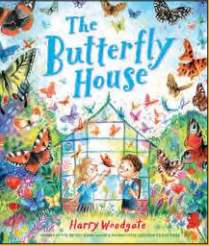


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**MICHELLE ROBINSON** has written over 50 books for children, and her stories have won a Sainsbury's Children's Book Award, a Lollies Award, and been shortlisted for the BookTrust Storytime Prize. She now lives in Nova Scotia with her husband, son and daughter.

# Harry Woodgate



## THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE

Miss Brown's house is wild and overgrown, but to Holly it's like something out of a fairy tale ...

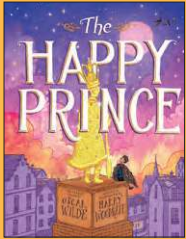
From **Waterstones Prize** and **British Book Award** winner Harry Woodgate comes a beautiful and uplifting look at mental health and the role that the outdoors and help from the community has in healing.

**APR 2026** | 32pp | PB 4+  
9781839132902 | 280 x 240mm | £7.99

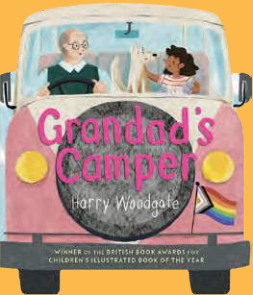
'A gorgeously detailed celebration of nature  
and community' THE BOOKSELLER

## THE HAPPY PRINCE

An astonishing reimagining of Oscar Wilde's classic children's story, now in paperback.



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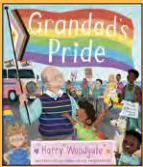


## GRANDAD'S CAMPER BOARD BOOK

The award-winning celebration of love in its many forms, as Grandad tells his granddaughter about the adventures he used to have with Gramps. Now in a fantastic camper-shaped board book edition!

**MAY 2026** | 24pp | BB 3+  
9781839138027 | 205 x 178mm | £8.99

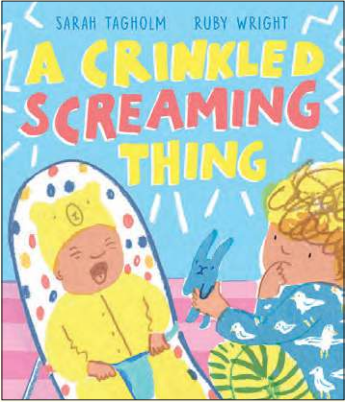
'A glowingly colourful journey  
of remembered joy' TLS



9781839132674

**HARRY WOODGATE** (they/them) is a multi-award-winning author and illustrator, whose debut picture book *Grandad's Camper* won the **British Book Awards 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**. Their work has also been shortlisted for the **V&A Illustration Awards**, and the **Folio Society Book Illustration Competition** twice.

Sarah Tagholm Ruby Wright



**JAN 2026** | 32pp | HB 2+  
9781839133688 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

**A CRINKLED SCREAMING THING**

A heartfelt and funny story told in the unique voice of a newborn baby who does NOT like a lot of things, but who does love his older sibling!

When a crinkled screaming baby is born, everything is new and overwhelming, and they do NOT like it. But Small Big One – a young sibling – knows exactly how to turn tears into laughter, and fear into fun. As the newborn grows, so does their bond with Small Big One. But what will happen when a new crinkled screaming baby arrives?

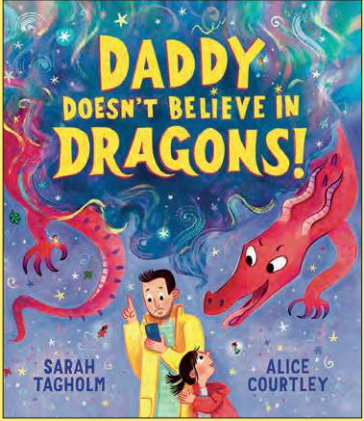


Sarah Tagholm Alice Courtley

**DADDY DOESN'T BELIEVE IN DRAGONS!**

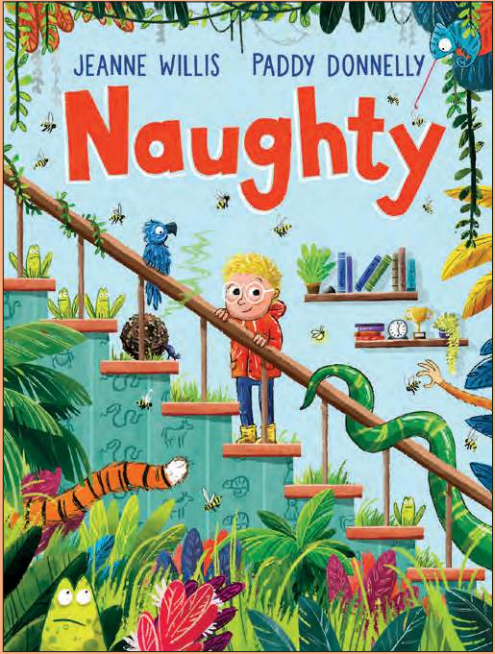
Learn to live in the moment in this fantasy adventure that shows us how to leave behind the mundane and delight in imagination and play!

When Daddy finally agrees to go for a walk with his daughter, it soon turns into an epic journey across enchanting landscapes. They encounter creatures like trolls and pixies, yetis and giants, but Daddy doesn't believe in any of them! Will she convince her dad to put away the distraction and finally see the magic all around them?



**JUN 2026** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781839133664 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

Jeanne Willis Paddy Donnelly



**NAUGHTY**

A playful and chaotic riot of animal naughtiness from picture book virtuoso Jeanne Willis with stunning, chaotic illustrations from Paddy Donnelly.

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

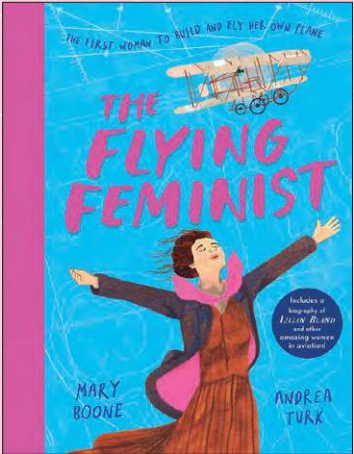
**FEB 2026** | 32pp | HB 3+  
9781839131424 | 300 x 225mm | £12.99

**JEANNE WILLIS** is an award-winning children's author and scriptwriter. She had her first picture book published by Andersen at the age of 21 and has won the **Silver Medal Smarties Prize**, the **Nasen Special Needs Award**, the **Sheffield Children's Book Award** and the **Red House Children's Book Award**. Jeanne has also worked on scripts for TV, including *Polly Pocket* and *The Slow Norris*, and a pilot TV series for *Dr Xargle*.

**PADDY DONNELLY** is an Irish illustrator with a background in graphic design and app development who is thrilled to be making a living drawing animals – his 5-year-old self is very happy about this. Paddy's books have won the **Sainsbury's Children's Book Award**, the **White Ravens Book Award**, the **Judge's Special Award** at the **Children's Books Ireland Book Awards** and the **KPMG Children's Books Ireland Award**, and his work has also been longlisted for a **YOTO Carnegie Medal for Illustration**. Paddy lives in Belgium with his family.



# Mary Boone Andrea Turk



## THE FLYING FEMINIST

The incredible true story of Anglo-Irish Lilian Bland, an aviation and STEM pioneer.

In Northern Ireland in 1910, long before Amelia Earhart took to the skies, Lilian Bland became the first woman to design, build and fly her own aeroplane, earning her the accolade in the press: The Flying Feminist! The inspirational true story is followed by a factual section featuring amazing women pioneers of aviation, making this the perfect picture book for future innovators.

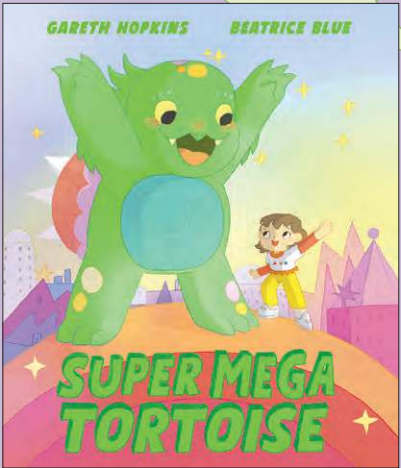
**FEB 2026** | 32pp | HB 4+  
9781839135101 | 280 x 216mm | £12.99

# Gareth Hopkins Beatrice Blue

## SUPER MEGA TORTOISE

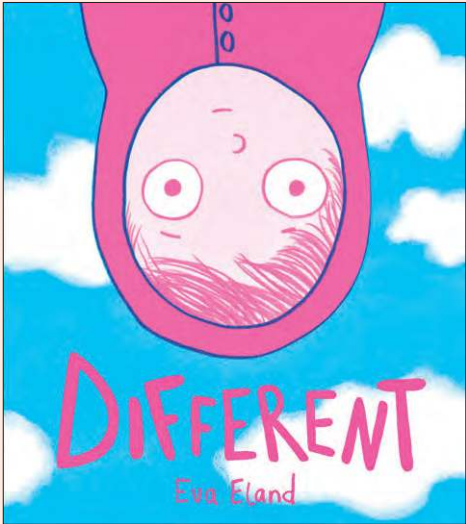
Join Super Mega Tortoise and maths-whizz Sakura and learn that crushing cities and eating people is totally not cool in this debut picture book inspired by anime, manga and monster movies.

Super Mega Tortoise loves to throw boats, terrorise the ducks at the park, and even eat headteachers! When he meets Sakura, she shows him that there are much better ways to make friends and have fun. But how will he prove to the townspeople that he's changed?



**APR 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839135019 | 280 x 240mm | £7.99

# Eva Eland



## DIFFERENT

Celebrate difference in a world of conformity, from the **Waterstones Prize** shortlisted and multi-award-winning author and illustrator of *When Sadness Comes to Call*.

One morning, Mia wakes up feeling different. She tries to fit in and be like everyone else, but nothing feels quite right, and no one else seems to have noticed ... Mia feels out of place and alone, until one day, someone finally sees her. Someone who feels different too! Together, they discover that being different is exactly the thing that makes them feel more like themselves.

**MAR 2026** | 32pp | HB 4+  
9781783449996 | 240 x 215mm | £12.99



Praise for **Where Happiness Begins:**  
'A life-affirming read'  
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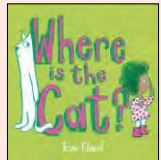
Praise for **When Sadness Comes to Call:**  
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THE BOOKSELLER



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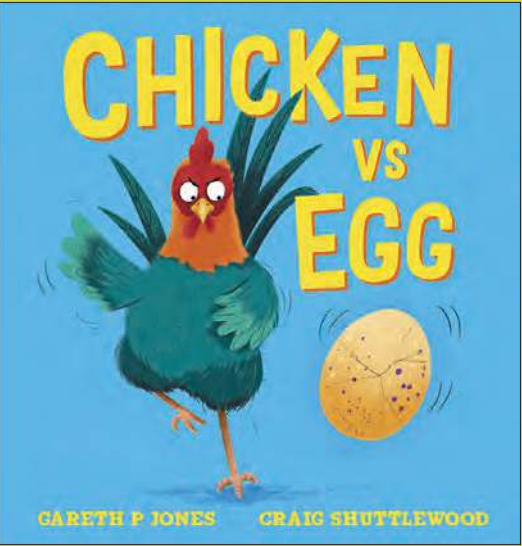
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**EVA ELAND** is an award-winning author and illustrator with an MA with distinction in children's book illustration from the Cambridge School of Art. She has also studied at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy and the School of Visual Arts in New York. Her first picture book, *When Sadness Comes to Call*, won the **Klaus Flugge Prize** and the **V&A Award**. Her second book, *Where Happiness Begins*, was shortlisted for the **Waterstones Children's Book Prize**. Her books have also been longlisted for the **Kate Greenaway Award** and shortlisted for the **World Illustration Awards**. Eva grew up in Delft, Netherlands, and now lives in Amsterdam with her husband and two children.

Gareth P. Jones    Craig Shuttlewood



### CHICKEN VS EGG

Have you ever wondered which came first – the chicken or the egg? Get ready for the ultimate showdown in this race to the finish line and, finally, an answer to this age-old question!

With Chicken's obvious advantage, Egg's surprising capabilities, and a pesky Fox with his own agenda, it's anyone's guess who will cross the line first. Will Chicken be able to outfox the competition? But wait, there's a twist! Egg is hatching and a new runner is about to enter the race!

A laugh-out-loud action-packed riot of a picture book race between two old rivals from award-winning author Gareth P. Jones.

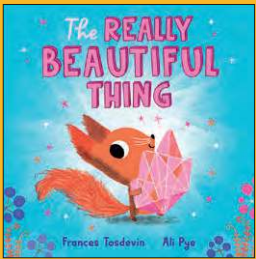
**MAR 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839133640 | 260 x 250mm | £7.99



**GARETH P. JONES** lives in South East London and divides his time between writing books, producing TV programmes, spending time with his wife and son, Herbie, and playing the slightly ludicrous number of stringed instruments in his front room. He is the winner of the **Blue Peter Book of the Year Prize**.

**CRAIG SHUTTLEWOOD** has a background in fine art and has exhibited original work in many galleries, from London to New York. He now focuses on picture books, and has illustrated over 20 books that have been translated worldwide. Craig is currently based in Malaysia.

Frances Tosdevin    Ali Pye



### THE REALLY BEAUTIFUL THING

Squirrel is prepared to sell everything he has for The Really Beautiful Thing, but at what cost? A cautionary tale with a heartwarming ending about the force of greed and the power of friendship and family.

With a glittering holofoil cover, this is the perfect book to share with little ones that teaches us we can't always have everything we want ...



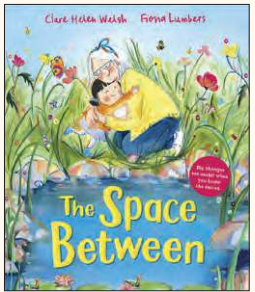
**JAN 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
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Clare Helen Welsh    Fiona Lumbers  
**THE SPACE BETWEEN**

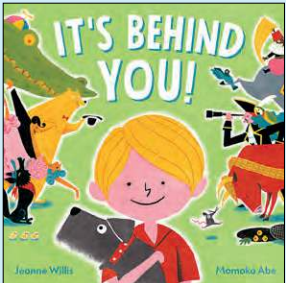
Granny knows that with big changes comes a space between which can be a time to be treasured. A poignant story from award-winning Clare Helen Welsh with sensitive, exquisite illustrations from Fiona Lumbers.

*'A sweet picture book that helps young children work through change'* **BOOK RIOT**

**JAN 2026** | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839133817 | 280 x 240mm | £7.99



Jeanne Willis    Momoko Abe



### IT'S BEHIND YOU!

When Nana and Gramps walk in the park they'd never believe their eyes if they ever thought to look behind them! A hilarious tale from the award-winning Jeanne Willis and rising star Momoko Abe.

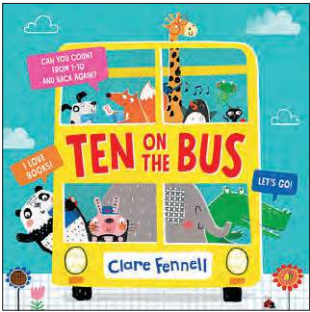
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*'A delightful and engaging picture book that makes for a fantastic read-aloud experience'* **JUST IMAGINE**





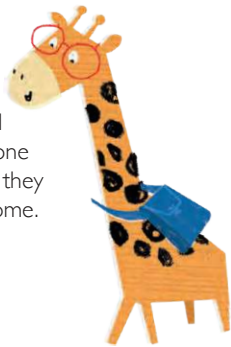
Clare Fennell



TEN ON THE BUS

A counting book with a difference – follow ten busy friends as they travel around town on Bunny's Bus. Count down as each one gets off at their stop, then count up again as they climb back on board when it's time to go home.

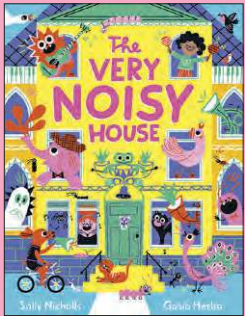
MAR 2026 | 32pp | PB 2+  
9781839137877 | 250 x 250mm | £7.99



Sally Nicholls Gosia Herba  
THE VERY NOISY HOUSE

A bright and bonkers interactive picture book that encourages little ones to play along and make some noise! From award-winning Sally Nicholls and Gosia Herba, and with a soothing, wind-down bedtime ending.

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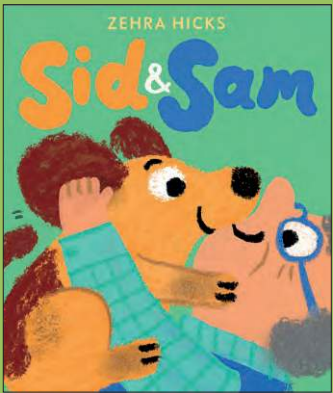
ROOM FOR ONE MORE

Can you have more than one best friend? Fox doesn't think so. He wants to prove to Squirrel that he should be her best friend, not Badger, and a friendship competition is the perfect way to settle it...

JUN 2026 | 32pp | PB 3+  
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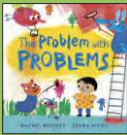


MAY 2026 | 32pp | PB 3+  
9781839132780 | 280 x 240mm | £7.99

SID AND SAM

Sid and Sam love their life together especially games in the park and snuggles on the sofa. But will these happy days go on forever? Sid certainly thinks so.

A gentle and ultimately uplifting introduction to life after loss, told through the eyes of a loyal dog.



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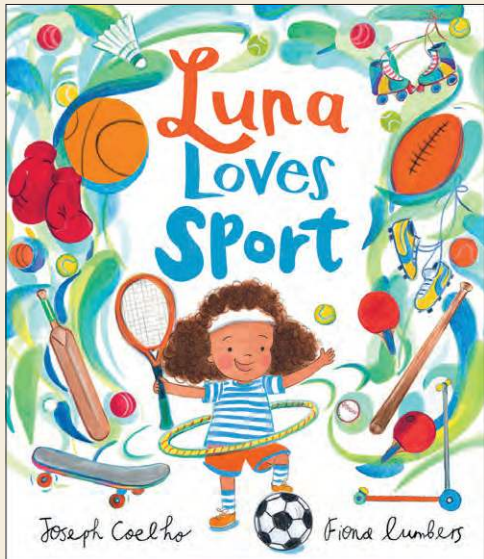
GREAT AUNT MARGOT AND ME

Great Aunt Margot loves to sing and dance but lately she doesn't feel like she used to. Can her favourite niece find a way to bring that shared special something back?

*'Heartwarming ... explores the sensitive topic of memory loss from a child's perspective in a gentle, yet powerful way'*  
CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND



Joseph Coelho    Fiona Lumbers



**JOSEPH COELHO** OBE is a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and former Children's Laureate, a performance poet and award-winning children's author; winner of the **Yoto Carnegie Medal** in 2024, an **Indie Book Award** and a **Centre for Literacy in Primary Education Poetry Award**. Joseph has written plays for the Polka Theatre, Soho Theatre and the Unicorn Theatre that have toured nationally.

**FIONA LUMBERS** has drawn on anything and everything from an early age and always insisted she would be an artist when she grew up. Fiona 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.

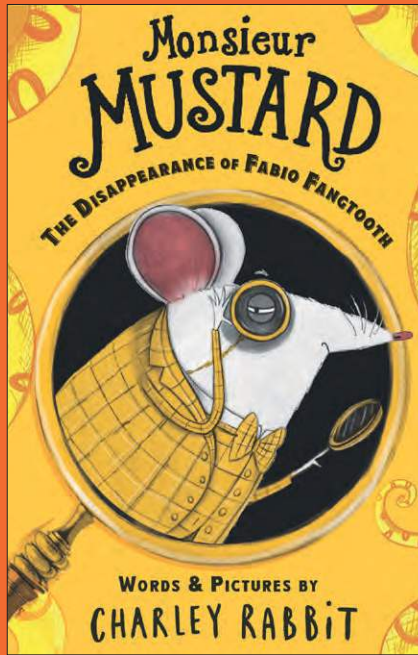
**LUNA LOVES SPORT**

Luna discovers the joy of playing sport with a friend in her sixth adventure!

With her lucky trainers, headband, and water bottle, Luna is ready for her school sports day. Luna doesn't think she's very good at sports, but she decides to give everything a go. From football and basketball to swimming and hurdles, Luna and her friend Abiola discover that you don't need to be the best to enjoy trying new sports ... can they overcome their doubts together, and even have fun along the way?

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9781839136535 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

Charley Rabbit



**JUN 2026** | 240pp | PB 6+  
9781839134715 | 198 x 129mm | £9.99

**MONSIEUR MUSTARD:  
THE DISAPPEARANCE OF  
FABIO FANGTOOTH**

Meet the number one (and smallest) detective, Monsieur Mustard, in this charming and hilarious debut series. Perfect for fans of *Rabbit & Bear* and *Dog Man*.

Monsieur Mustard curls his whiskers just so, slips on his fancy suit, looks at the handsome front-page picture on the newspaper announcing his arrival in the city of Bath, and chuckles happily to himself. As soon as he leaves the house, he is mobbed by admirers, as usual. But just as he starts to sniff out his first mystery, everything seems to go wrong: his detective bag is stolen, he is knocked off his feet and his monocle shatters. It appears that not everyone is happy to have the world-famous detective in their city ...

A delightful debut from brand-new talent. Highly illustrated and packed full of graphic novel pages. Monsieur Mustard is on the case!



**CHARLEY RABBIT** is inspired by simple shapes and stories found in everyday life. She works with a combination of acrylic, ink and coloured pencils. When she isn't sitting at her desk in her attic studio, she can be found playing Irish fiddle music, listening to true crime podcasts and dreaming of one day visiting Japan. She lives near the river in the impossibly romantic, story-tale city of Bath with her own two personal cheerleaders: hairy dachshund Doris and husband Adam.



## Kaz Penney Sammy Elgie



HILARIOUSLY ILLUSTRATED  
THROUGHOUT BY DEBUT  
TALENT, SAMMY ELGIE.

with DAZZLING  
NEON pantones

### WILL SHAKESPEARE MYSTERIES: THE STINKY STOLEN TOENAILS

Loki meets *Horrible Histories* in Stratford-upon-Avon, starring history's favourite genius, a young Will Shakespeare, in this hilarious new series.

Will Shakespeare knows he's destined to be a genius at something. Trouble is, he's part of a boring family living in Stratford-upon-Avon, possibly the most boring town in England. But, when the famous (for Stratford-upon-Avon) Moundsofgoo Treasure\* goes missing, Will thinks he has the chance to be a genius crime solver. (\*the treasure is a bag of Henry VIII's stinky toenails that everyone believes hold healing powers.)

If Will can find the Treasure, Ronaldo Moundsofgoo will be allowed to marry Judy Catapult. Can Will (and best friend Tybalt, but mostly Will) battle sulky squires, wily wool-cleaners and unscrupulous alchemists to reclaim the Treasure and prove that Will is definitely more brilliant than his annoyingly sporty and well-behaved younger brother? Oh, and give Judy and Ronaldo their happy ending, too?

'Fizzes with mischief and wit' CLARE HARLOW,  
AUTHOR OF 'TIDEMAGIC' SERIES

**APR 2026** | 256pp | PB 8+  
9781839137594 | 198x129mm | £7.99

**KAZ PENNEY** is the co-author of seven novels for young adults, including the *House of Shadows* and *Throne of Swans* duologies, which she wrote with her sister as Katharine Corr. *The Will Shakespeare Mysteries* series is her middle grade debut. Kaz loves Jane Austen, cosy crime and all things mythological and mysterious, and lives in Surrey with her husband, daughters and cats.

## Josh Lacey Garry Parsons



### TIME TRAVEL TWINS: THE VICTORIAN REVOLUTION

Join twins Scarlett and Thomas in their time-travel adventure to visit the Victorians! The Great Exhibition, prison and palaces await!

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9781839137037 | 198 x 129mm | £7.99

'A brilliant resource ... closes with an extended historical note' CLPE



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## Mo O'Hara Aya Kakeda



### HONEY'S HIVE: BEE A LEADER

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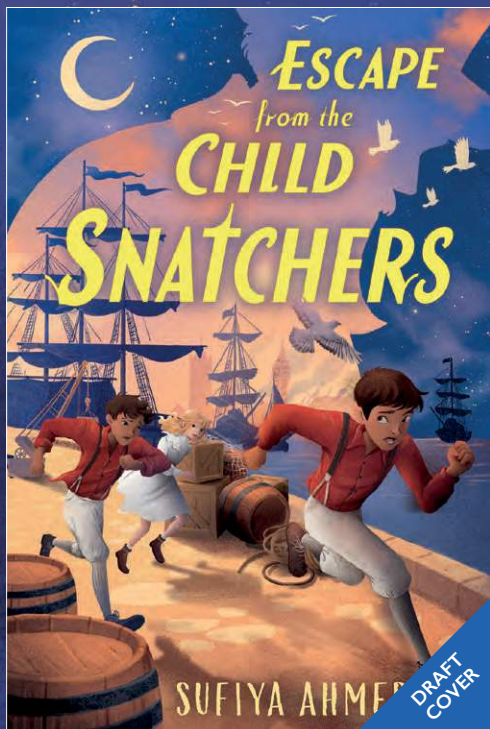
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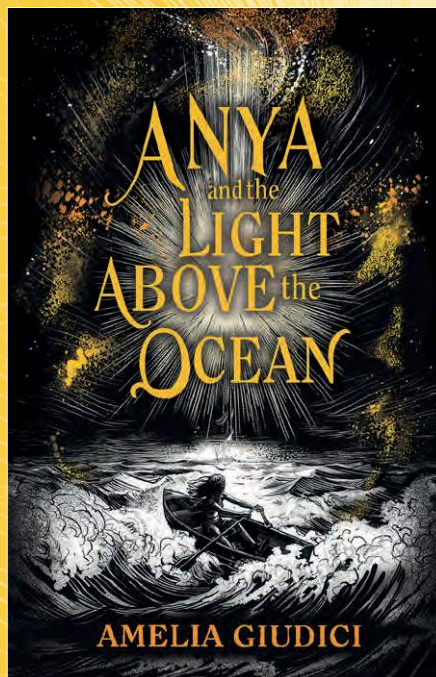
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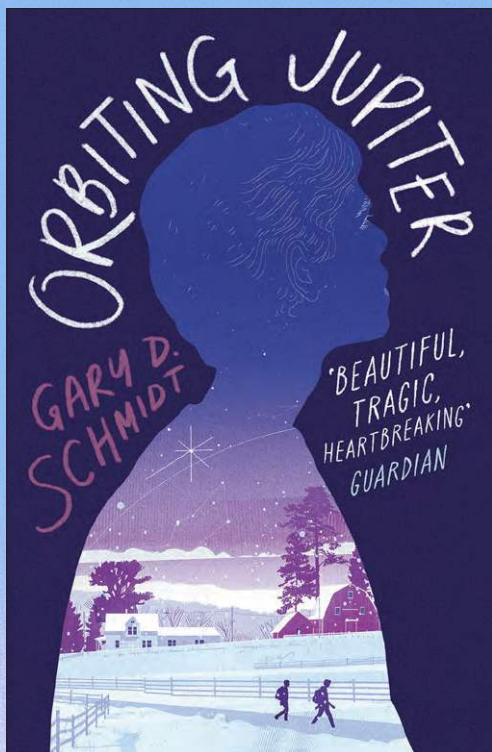
When her scientist mum disappears one night, Anya sets out to find her in the middle of a storm. Taking a boat out to sea, she encounters a strange window of light hovering above the waves. She reaches out to touch it and moments later, wakes in her boat.

With her mum still missing, Anya is packed off to stay with the strange Mr and Mrs Ungsworth. Trapped under their watchful gaze, she uncovers a shocking secret: the light has split her into two people. Anya escapes and returns home – to find another girl, identical to her, living there. Confronted with this impossible situation, the girls soon realise the organisation their mum worked for, Janus, is seeking to harness the power of the mysterious light and is now after them. Thrown headfirst into the perilous world of Janus, both versions of Anya must now team up to escape them. But can Anya's battle to find herself also lead her back to her mother?

**AMELIA GIUDICI** grew up in New Zealand and Warwickshire. She is currently based in East London where she works as a primary school teacher. Prior to teaching, Amelia studied Philosophy at Cambridge University, where she first encountered the thought problems concerning personal identity that *Anya and the Light Above the Ocean* draws on. This is her debut novel and it was longlisted for the **Bath Children's Novel Award 2022**. She was also a recipient of a **London Writers Award** in the same year.



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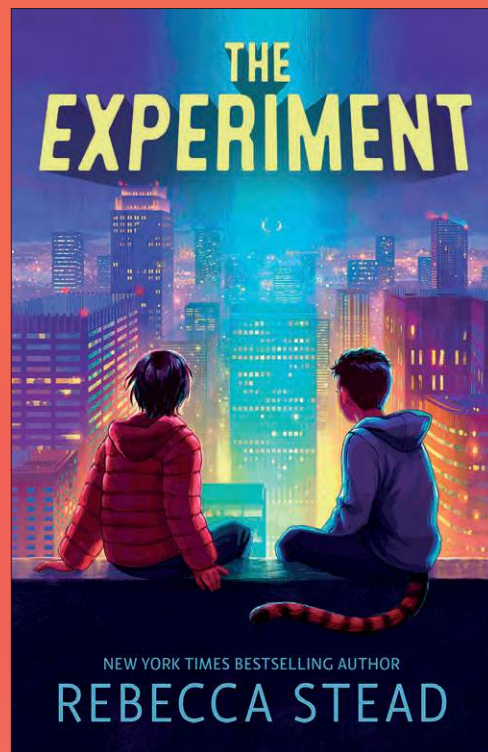
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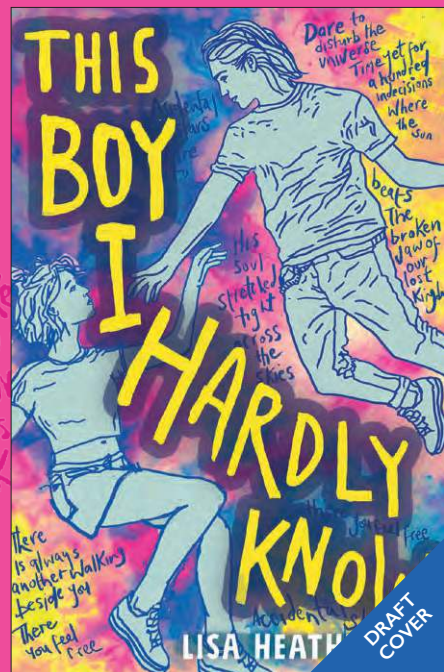
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**REBECCA STEAD** grew up in New York City where she lives today with her husband and two sons. Rebecca used to be a lawyer and wrote books for adults before turning to younger fiction. Her second book for children, *When You Reach Me*, won the **Newbery Medal** 2010, and her follow-up, *Liar and Spy*, was the winner of the **Guardian Children's Fiction Prize**. She now combines her writing with work as a literary agent.



# Lisa Heathfield



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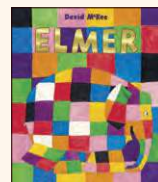
Dusty is sent to a children's home in a different town; Poppy to a family hundreds of miles away. No one can say when they will see each other again. Devastated but determined, Dusty has to find a way to reach Poppy. Everything seems stacked against her until she meets beautiful, fearless Cooper at the home, and together they decide to run ...

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**LISA HEATHFIELD'S** YA novels have all won or been shortlisted for awards, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize (twice), the YA Book Prize, the Virginia Reader's Choice Award, the North East Teen Award, the Fabulous Book Award, the Leeds Book Award, the Concorde Book Award, the Southern Schools Book Award and the GDST Award. Having worked in a school for students with mental health challenges and also in a residential children's home, Lisa now teaches teens who are unable to be in school for a variety of reasons.



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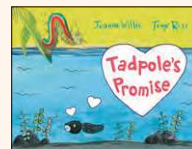
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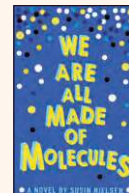
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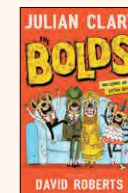
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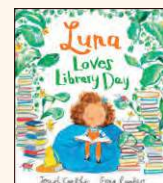
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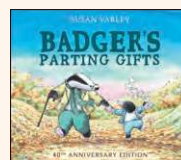
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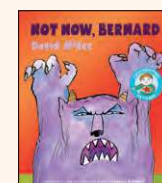
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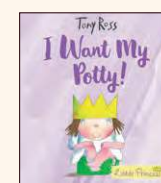
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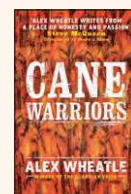
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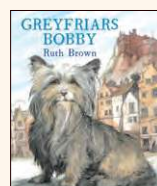
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