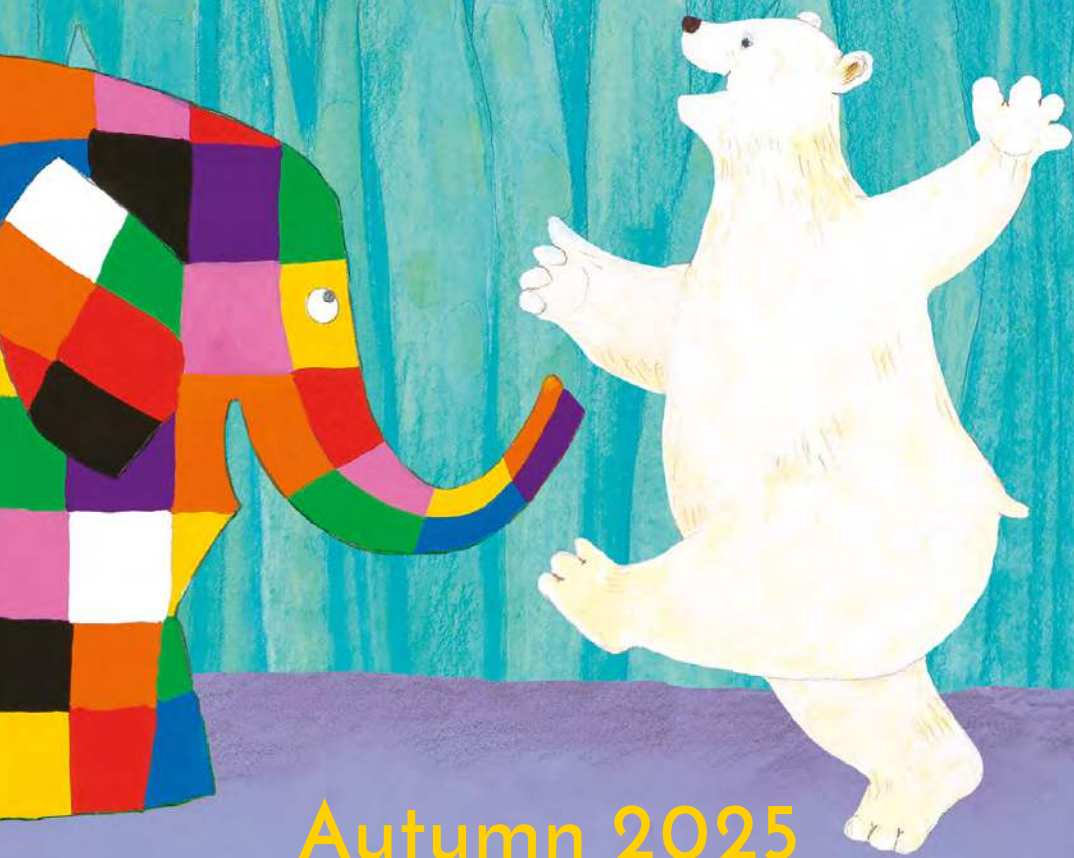


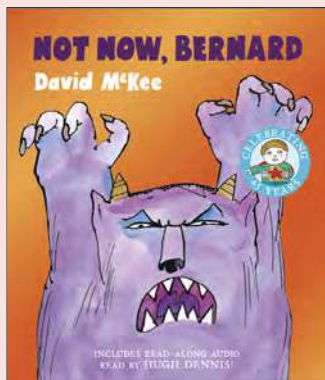


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David McKee



NOT NOW, BERNARD

From the creator of *Elmer* and *Mr Benn*, David McKee's classic picture book, much-loved by children, monsters and adults alike, is celebrating its 45th birthday with this special anniversary gift edition. With free audiobook read by Hugh Dennis.

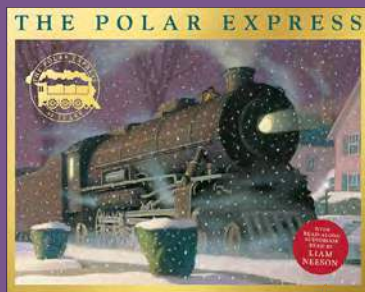
Bernard's got a problem: he's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice ...

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'Arguably the finest children's book ever written.' THE i
'It's so good!' ADAM BUXTON

Chris Van Allsburg



THE POLAR EXPRESS

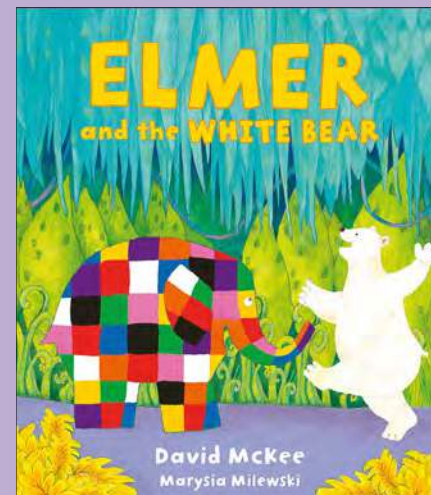
Celebrate 40 years of *The Polar Express* with this gold foil gift edition, including a free audiobook, read by Liam Neeson.

All aboard the Polar Express to the North Pole! Discover the beloved Christmas classic that inspired the blockbuster family favourite movie starring Tom Hanks.

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CHRIS VAN ALLSBURG lives in Providence, Rhode Island and lectures at the Rhode Island School of Design. He is a sculptor and artist, and twice winner of the **Caldecott Medal**, first for *Jumanji*, and then for *The Polar Express*. He has also received a **Lifetime Achievement Award** from the **Society of Illustrators** in October 2009.

David McKee Marysia Milewski



ELMER AND THE WHITE BEAR

With a gentle environmental theme, this is the 31st Elmer picture book, and the last story that David McKee (1935–2022) was working on, with artwork lovingly finished by his close friend, artist Marysia Milewski.

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 why did the ice melt in the first place? And will Elmer be able to find a way to help?

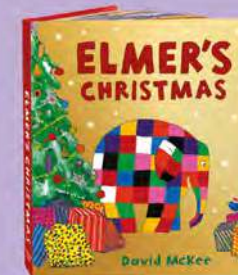
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ELMER'S CHRISTMAS

A new chunky board book gift edition of David McKee's classic festive story, glittering with gold foil and perfect for sharing with little ones this Christmas.

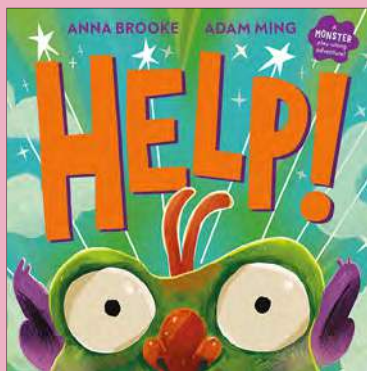
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DAVID MCKEE (1935 – 2022) was the creator of well-known characters including *King Rollo*, *Mr Benn* and *Elmer the Patchwork Elephant*, which is now published in more than 60 languages and has its own successful global merchandise programme. In 2020, 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.

Anna Brooke Adam Ming



HELP!

A hideous monster needs YOUR help to reverse the spell so he can return to his gorgeous self! Will you play along and help?

A revoltingly funny and interactive picture book that will have children giggling right up until the final twist ... Perfect for Halloween.

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9781839136412	250 x 250mm	£7.99

ANNA BROOKE has been a travel journalist for many years and has authored seven guidebooks on France. Her debut novel was a **SCBWI Undiscovered Voices** winner and longlisted for the **Bath's Children's Novel Award**. She lives in Paris.

Ruth Quayle Victoria Sandøy

FISHERBEAR

A cautionary tale with a classic feel, this retelling of an old fable celebrates the simple pleasures in life.

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



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Greg Gormley Stef Murphy

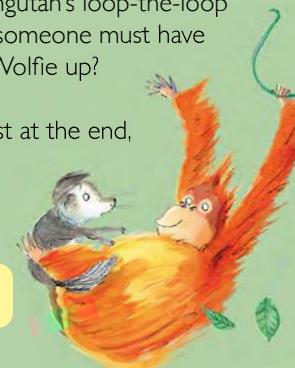


JUST A LITTLE HUG

Wolfie is feeling a bit fragile, so he looks to his friends to cheer him up. Each offers their own version of a hug, but they're all a bit too wild for Wolfie! Snake squeezes far too tight, and Orangutan's loop-the-loop hug is a bit too much ... surely someone must have the perfect hug to cheer poor Wolfie up?

A heartwarming tale with a twist at the end, that celebrates the power of a simple, loving hug between a child and his favourite toy.

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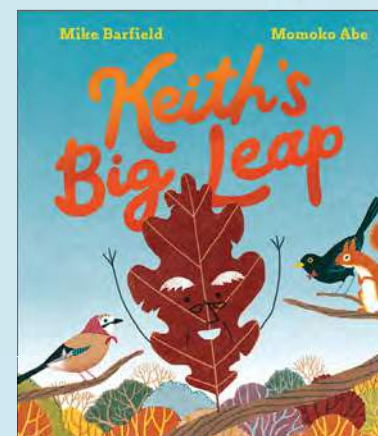
Mike Barfield Momoko Abe

KEITH'S BIG LEAP

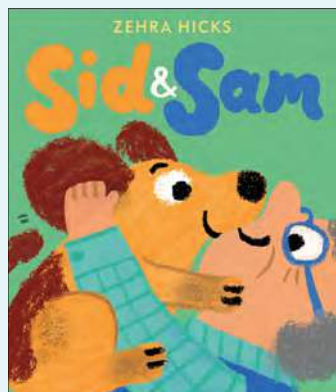
Discover the incredible power of the circle of life in this unforgettable story about a leaf in autumn, including a non-fiction section all about ecosystems at the end.

The seasons have changed, and Keith is the last leaf on the big oak tree. When his friend Tod the blackbird suggests he might want to float down and join his fellow leaves on the ground, Keith refuses. Why should he, when he's happy where he is?

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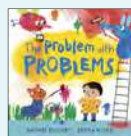
SID AND SAM

Sid loves his best friend and owner, Sam. They share a happy life together, playing, snoozing, and meeting friends like Sophie and her mum in the park. But one morning, Sid wakes up to find that Sam isn't there. At first, he feels sad and lonely, but can Sophie help him find happiness again?

A gentle and uplifting introduction to life after loss, told through the eyes of a loyal dog, from **Oscar's Book Prize**-winning Zehra Hicks.



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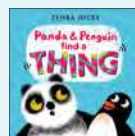
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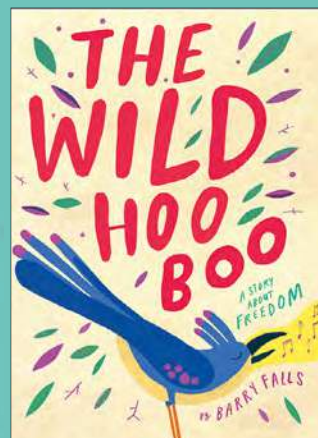
Barry Falls

THE WILD HOOBOO

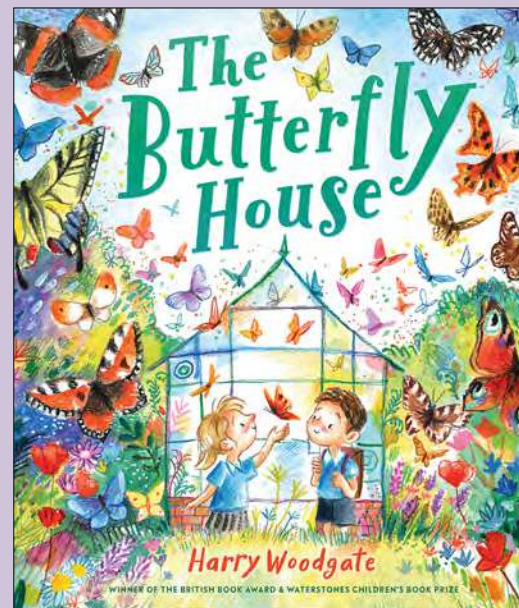
The wild HooBoo bird sings a magical song – *coo, chit chirp churee!* – that can grant you anything you wish for, if your heart is good and true. But the King's only desire is selfish and cruel, so when he captures the HooBoo and starts making demands, things don't quite go as he'd planned ...

A cautionary tale with a classic feel and stunning illustrations bursting with colour and kindness, from award-winning, Northern Irish artist Barry Falls.

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Harry Woodgate



THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE

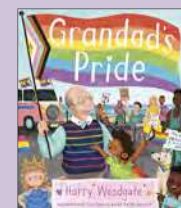
Miss Brown's house is wild and overgrown, but to Holly it's like something out of a fairy tale ... From **Waterstones Prize**-winner Harry Woodgate comes a beautiful and uplifting look at mental health and the role that the outdoors has in healing.

When Holly reaches out to Miss Brown, she discovers why her house looks so wild: her brain has been ill, and the wildness inside has spilled out. Can their budding friendship, and a bit of help from the butterflies in her garden, encourage Miss Brown to feel like herself again?

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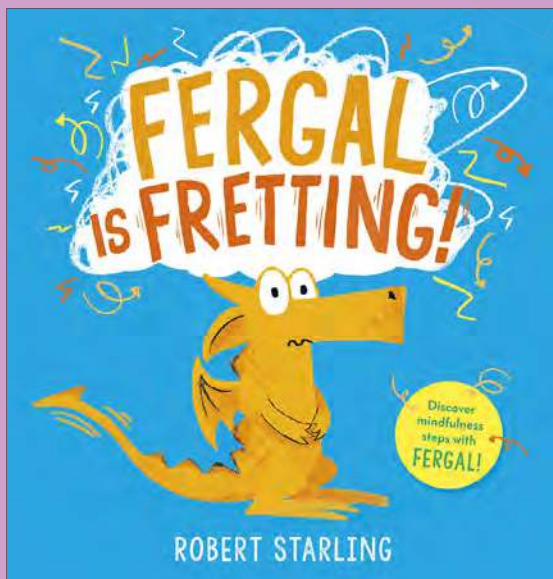
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HARRY WOODGATE (they/them) is a multi-award-winning author and illustrator, whose debut picture book *Grandad's Camper* won the **British Book Awards for Children's Illustrated Book of the Year** and the **Waterstones Children's Book Prize**, was shortlisted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

Robert Starling



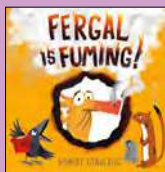
FERGAL IS FRETTING!

In the fifth story in the **Waterstones Prize**-shortlisted series, learn a tried-and-tested mindfulness technique to help children deal with anxiety of all kinds – including social anxiety – with Fergal!

Fergal's friend Elspeth is coming to stay, and he is very excited... but there's a problem. He hasn't been able to see her in such a long time, so what if it's not the same? When he thinks about Elspeth's visit, his face feels hot, he can't keep still and he keeps needing the toilet. But there's one very simple thing he can do to make his fretting go away.

'Children will easily identify with little Fergal and learn lots from his behaviour, all of it useful' LOVEREADING4KIDS

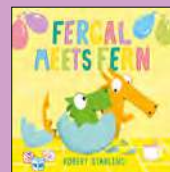
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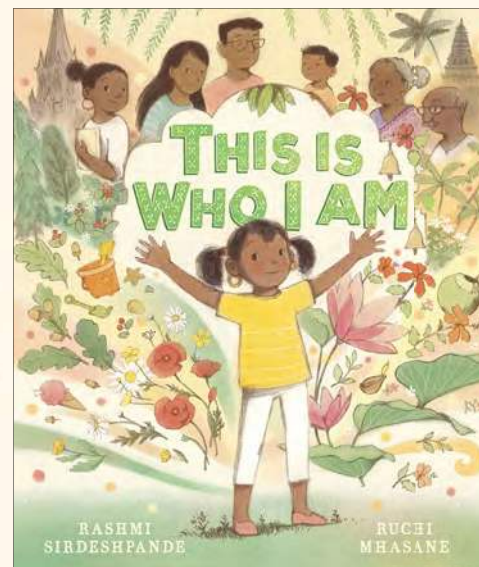
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ROBERT STARLING began doodling creatures and characters at school and hasn't stopped since. He lives and works in Wiltshire, and when he's not sketching up new characters or writing down stories he can be found sculpting, brewing coffee, adjusting his headphones or foraging in the kitchen for cake. *Fergal is Fuming*, which was shortlisted for the **Waterstones Children's Book Award**, was his first book.

Rashmi Sirdeshpande Ruchi Mhasane



THIS IS WHO I AM

Discover that we are so much more than where we are from in this beautiful, poetic celebration of children with shared heritage, from the team that brought us the **Diverse Book Award**-winning *Dadaji's Paintbrush*.

When people ask her where she is from, this little girl says she has a foot in two worlds: one in India, the country of her heritage, and one in the land her parents came to on a plane. But she is so much more than that – she is the memories, the music, the tastes, sights and sounds of both of those worlds, she is their shared history, and the people who fought for their freedom... but most of all, she is proud to be herself.

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

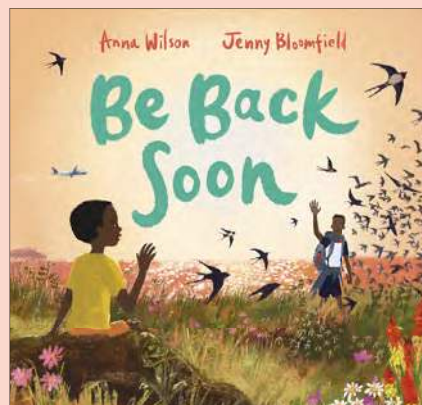
RUCHI MHASANE has an MA in Children's Book Illustration from the Cambridge School of Art. Her ambition is to develop the form of the picture book; in India, children's books usually have few pictures, and her aim in joining the MA was to change this. Ruchi especially enjoys drawing people and children, and her work has a dreamy quality to it. She currently lives in India, where she grew up.

Anna Wilson Jenny Bloomfield

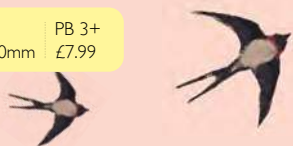
BE BACK SOON

Mo's older brother has to go away for work, but just like the swallows, he'll return when the summer comes. A beautiful, heartfelt story following swallow migration and a brother's journey across the world as his little brother misses him and longs for him to come home.

Including a non-fiction section all about the incredible migratory journey swallows take.



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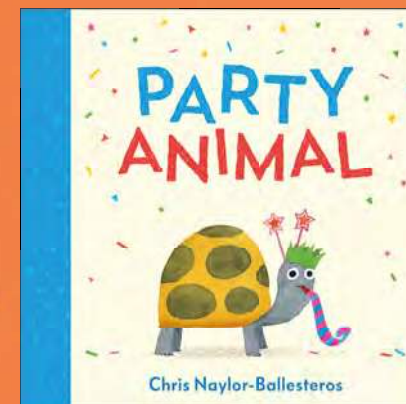


Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

PARTY ANIMAL

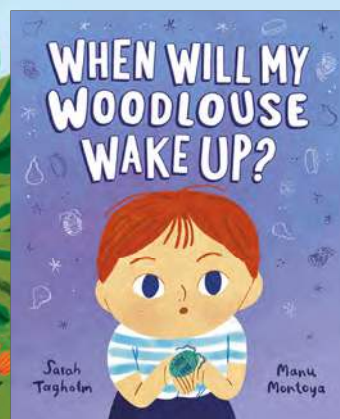
A new story by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros shows that children don't have to be great social butterflies to enjoy time with friends.

Introverted and socially anxious Tortoise is NOT a party animal. But when his friends invite him to celebrate with them, he soon discovers that parties aren't as overwhelming as he thinks ... instead they can be quite enjoyable.



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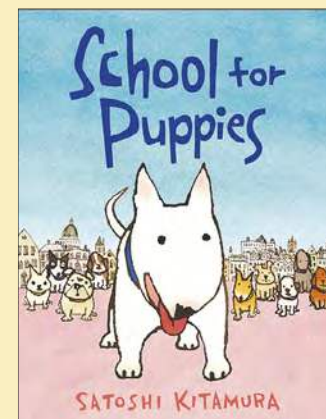
WHEN WILL MY WOODLOUSE WAKE UP?

A funny, straightforward and comforting picture book about loss and the circle of life, with an introduction to some of the beliefs about what happens after death.

When his pet woodlouse won't wake up one day, Ross learns from his big sister that Lord Jeffrey has died. But Ross has questions: where is Lord Jeffrey now? The siblings go to the library to see if they can find out, and although Ross misses his pet, he is comforted thinking of the adventures he might be having now.

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Satoshi Kitamura



SCHOOL FOR PUPPIES

An adorable look at the world through the eyes of a beloved puppy from multi-award-winning picture book legend Satoshi Kitamura.

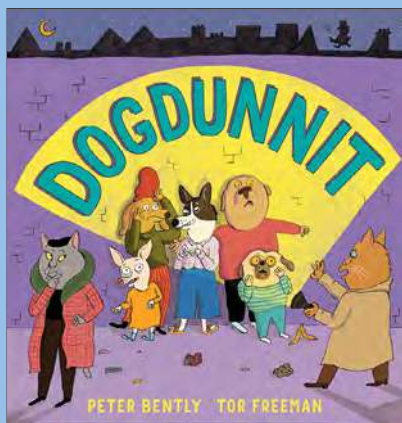
When Lucy goes to school and leaves her puppy at home, he is determined to find out what she does all day, so he sets off on an adventure to go to Puppy School! Can he put his new-found skills to the test when he gets lost on the way home?

Nominated for a 2025 **Carnegie Medal for Illustration.**

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Peter Bently Tor Freeman



DOGDUNNIT

A hilarious, pun-filled cat-and-dog detective mystery from award-winning Peter Bently and Tor Freeman.

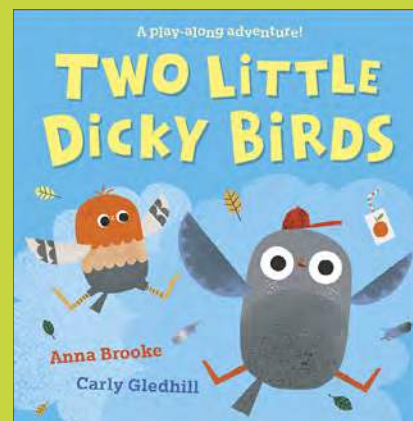
Crimes are sweeping the neighbourhood: sofas torn to shreds, muddy pawprints on the beds, poo left on the kitchen floor ... all the evidence points towards the culprits being DOGS, but the great cat detective Purrlock Jones thinks she knows who the real villain is.

'Hilarious ... it's very, very funny'
STEVEN LENTON



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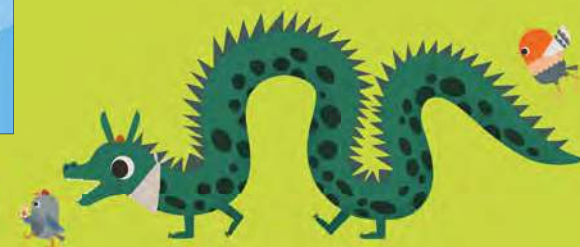


TWO LITTLE DICKY BIRDS

Two little dicky birds, sitting on the wall, "Hello, Peter, hello ... wait, where did Paul go!?"

Help Peter rescue Paul in this interactive story! A thrilling journey that ends with Paul safely back on the wall for bedtime, by award-winning author Anna Brooke and illustrated by Carly Gledhill.

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Polly Noakes

JUST THE TWO OF US

What happens to our imaginary friends when we don't need them anymore? A heartwarming tale about letting go of imaginary friends and exploring real-life friendships.

When Stella makes a new friend, Sid, it's time for her imaginary friend Arlo to find his own path ... Sid had an imaginary friend once too – can Arlo find her?



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Carly Gledhill



BALLOON'S BIG ADVENTURE

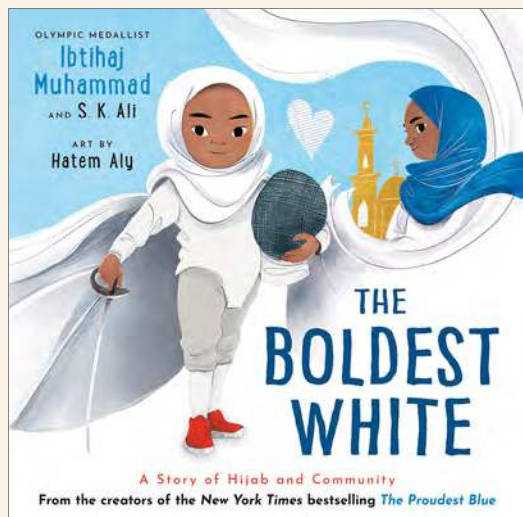
Help Mouse find his lost friend Balloon! One windy day at the fair, Mouse and Balloon play together all day long. But – oops! – Mouse lets go, and Balloon embarks on an exciting journey above the fairground, past the big city, over the sea and up, up, up into the clouds.

An epic journey for children to play along, with plenty to spot along the way.

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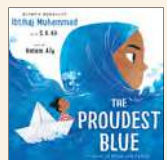
Ibtihaj Muhammad Hatem Aly



THE BOLDEST WHITE

The highly-anticipated third and final book in the *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning series following *The Proudest Blue* and *The Kindest Red* celebrates hijab and community, from trailblazer and Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

When nobody's watching, Faizah is the best fencer in the world. But there's a tournament coming up just before Eid, and with everyone watching, Faizah is worried she won't be brave enough to compete. Can her big sister Asiya help her find a way to be her boldest self?



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An important and uplifting story about faith in religion, in family, and in yourself: to be bold in order to lead, to help, and to grow.

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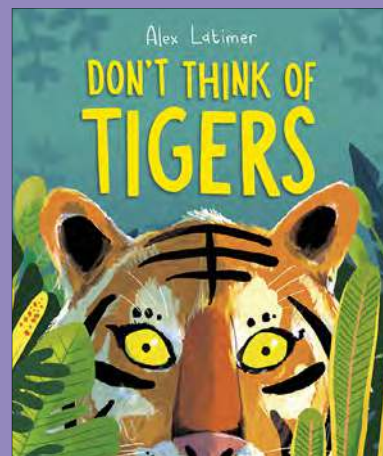
Praise for the series:

'A ground-breaking picture book about religion, sisterhood and identity.' WATERSTONES

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. Her first picture book, *The Proudest Blue*, was an instant *New York Times* bestseller.

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.

Alex Latimer



DON'T THINK OF TIGERS

This book is magic. The narrator will draw anything you can imagine on the next page, but there's a catch: they can't draw tigers! So please don't think of tigers.

An ingenious, hilarious and interactive picture book by award-winning Alex Latimer in which the narrator is forced to draw all kinds of silly tigers, showing children that the only way to become a good artist is to draw badly first.

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'A magic book... a laugh-out-loud story that children will love sharing with an adult' THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN



Sally Nicholls Júlia Sardà

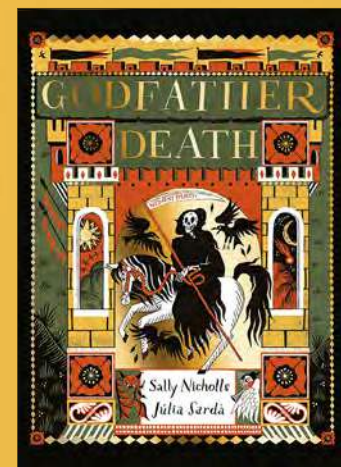
GODFATHER DEATH

A powerful retelling of the classic Grimm cautionary tale about the value of honesty and the power of greed from **Waterstones Children's Book Prize**-winning author, Sally Nicholls, hauntingly illustrated by Júlia Sardà, which will spellbind and thrill readers of all ages.

Nominated for a 2025 **Carnegie Medal for Illustration**.

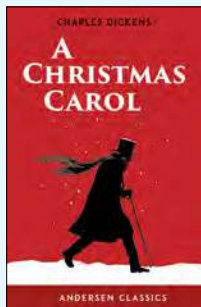
'Gloriously gothic' GUARDIAN

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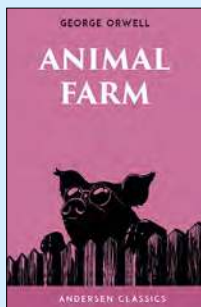


Charles Dickens **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

'Bah! Humbug!'

Ebenezer Scrooge was a mean, miserable, bitter old man, until one Christmas Eve changed everything... Guided by three spirits, Scrooge visits his past, present, and chilling future, should he not mend the error of his ways.

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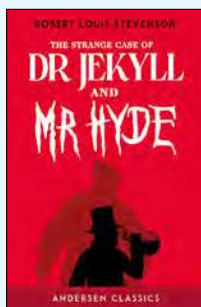


George Orwell **ANIMAL FARM**

'All animals are equal. But some animals are more equal than others.'

Poorly treated by their master, the animals of Manor Farm stage a revolt and take charge of the farm. They have big dreams about a happier future with less work, more food and no overbearing leaders. But when the pigs begin to fight for control of the farm, will they be any better off than before?

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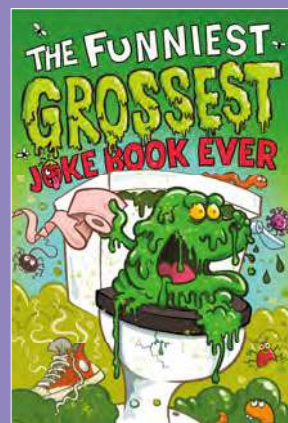
Robert Louis Stevenson **DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE**

'All human beings, as we meet them, are commingled out of good and evil.'

Robert Louis Stevenson's dark gothic novella follows the lawyer Mr Utterson as he investigates the strange connection between his dear friend Dr Jekyll, and the mysterious and evil Mr Hyde. With Dr Jekyll missing and a man found murdered on the foggy streets of Victorian London, Mr Utterson must race to uncover the true identity of the 'downright detestable' culprit Mr Hyde before it is too late.

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Joe King Nigel Baines



THE FUNNIEST AND GROSSEST JOKE BOOK EVER

A hilarious and disgusting collection of the fartiest, smelliest, squelchiest jokes around! Illustrated throughout by Nigel Baines.

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WHY DID THE VOLCANO EXPLODE?
IT COULDN'T FIND A LAVA-TORY.

WHAT DID THE BOGEY WRITE IN ITS VALENTINE'S DAY CARD?

'I'D PICK YOU FIRST!'

WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN A DUCK PULLS DOWN HIS PANTS?

HIS BUTT QUACK



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Sam Gayton



Praise for Sam Gayton:
'Inventive and fantastic storytelling' THE BOOKSELLER

'Mind-stretching, moving and explosive' TLS

PRESS START TO PLAY

Get ready to press start to play... video games, board games, word games, tag games, card games, and play by yourself games when you're feeling sad games.



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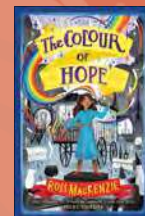
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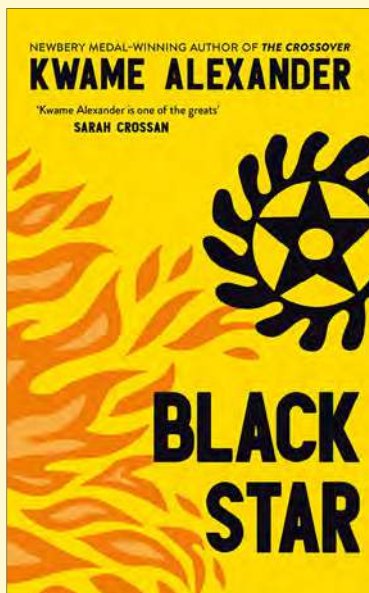
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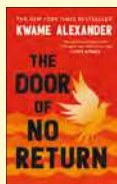
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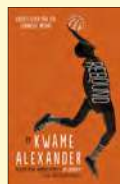
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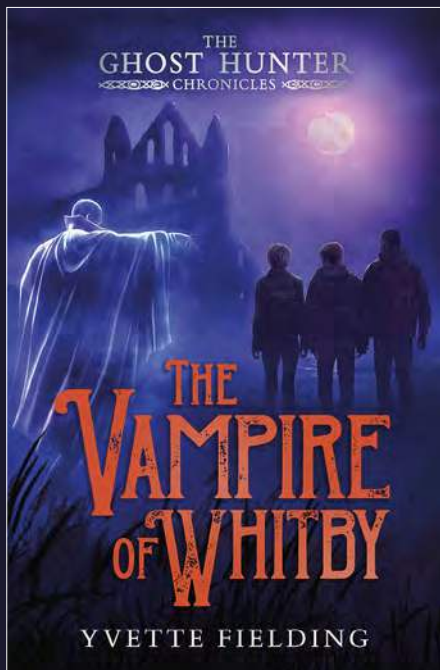
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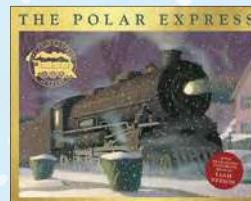
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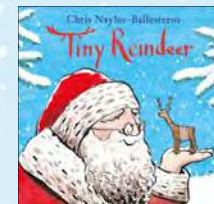
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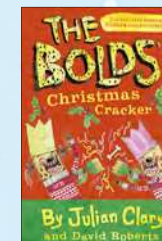
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