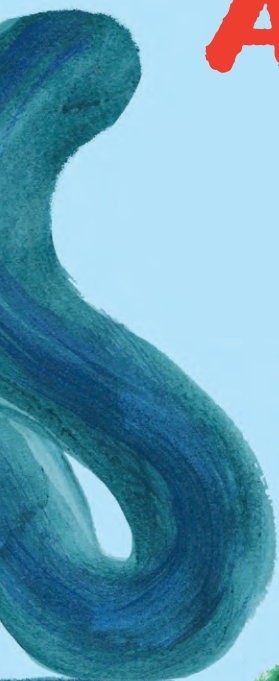


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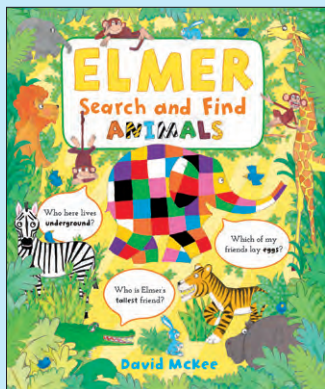


Spring 2025



ELMER

David McKee



ELMER SEARCH AND FIND ANIMALS

Fun animal facts are the theme for the latest book in the **Bologna Book Award** shortlisted series from Elmer the Patchwork Elephant.

Learn amazing animal facts, and have fun spotting all of Elmer's friends in his colourful world! Featuring a maze with quiz questions to test new knowledge at the end of the scenes, this book will help young children learn more about the natural world while developing their powers of observation, visual acuity, and their early numeracy and language skills as they go.

FEB 2025 | 22pp | BB 3+
9781839133725 | 290 x 240mm | £9.99



MY FIRST ELMER RAINBOW

The classic Elmer tale about kindness and love, abridged in this chunky, rainbow-shaped board book.

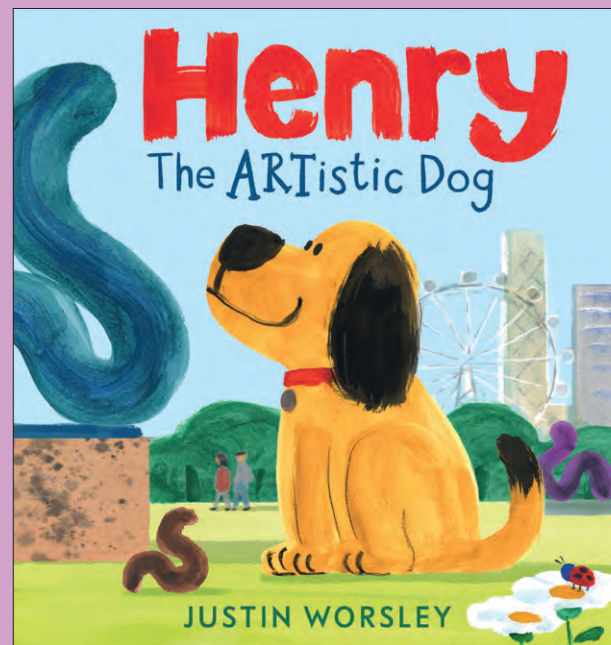
Elmer helps the animals put the colours back into a mysterious pale rainbow by giving some of his own colours away in an act of kindness and love. A perfect introduction to the classic *Elmer and the Rainbow* story for the very youngest readers.



MAY 2025 | 10pp | BB 0+
9781839134784 | 232 x 232mm | £7.99

DAVID MCKEE (1935 – 2022) was an artist and children's book creator responsible for many family favourites such as *Not Now, Bernard*, *Mr Benn* and *Elmer*. In 2020 he won the **British Book Awards Illustrator of the Year Award** and **BookTrust's Lifetime Achievement Award**.

Justin Worsley



HENRY THE ARTISTIC DOG

A hilarious, tongue-in-cheek picture book about a dog who makes sculptures out of his own poo, from debut talent Justin Worsley.

Henry is an artist, a master sculptor and ... a dog. Unfortunately, his self-made pieces, in all their sculptural forms, are often tossed in the bin without even being noticed! But Henry never gives up on his art until, one day, an unexpected somebody finally falls in love with his work and at last Henry has his moment to shine.

MAR 2025 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781839135040 | 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**.

Frances Tosdevin Ali Pye

**THE REALLY BEAUTIFUL THING**

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

The perfect story to share with little ones about consumerism and obsession, that teaches us we can't always have everything we want... and that our loved ones will always be there to help us when we lose our way.

JAN 2025 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781839134609 | 250 x 250mm | £12.99

Clare Helen Welsh Fiona Lumbers

THE SPACE BETWEEN

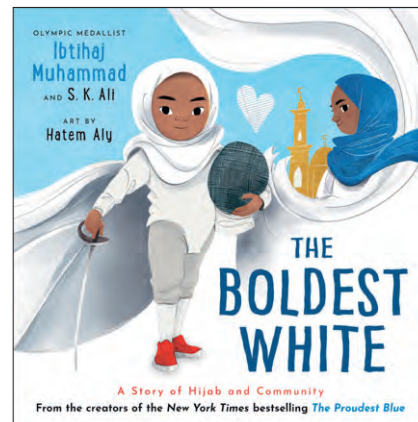
A touching story from award-winning Clare Helen Welsh, on how to cope with big changes in our lives, with beautiful illustrations from Fiona Lumbers.

When her granddaughter is missing her old home, Granny has some wisdom to share: big changes aren't so scary when we take comfort in the time it takes to embrace them. The flower buds aren't quite open, but they will be soon: they're in the space between, and that time is a gift to treasure. Just like the flowers will soon bloom, in time she will feel at home.



FEB 2025 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781839133800 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

Ibtihaj Muhammad Hatem Aly

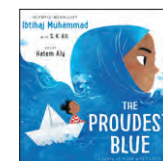


JAN 2025 | 40pp | HB 3+
9781839134029 | 254 x 254mm | £12.99

THE BOLDEST WHITE

The highly-anticipated sequel to *The Proudest Blue* and *The Kindest Red*, a *New York Times* bestselling series which explores sisterhood and kindness, from trailblazer and Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

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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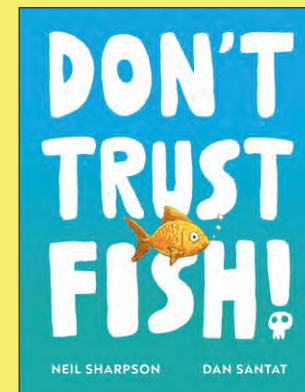
9781839133046

Neil Sharpson Dan Santat

DON'T TRUST FISH!

A laugh-out-loud picture book all about fish and how we absolutely must not trust them, illustrated by *New York Times* bestseller and **Caldecott Medal-winning** Dan Santat.

Have you ever noticed that fish spend all of their time under water? What are they plotting down there? We must find out. But whatever you do: Don't. Trust. Fish. With deadpan humour from Irish author Neil Sharpson, laugh along as you learn lots of fishy facts from a very suspicious narrator, who believes that there's something more than a bit fishy about fish...



APR 2025 | 40pp | PB 3+
9781839136429 | 280 x 216mm | £7.99

Michelle Robinson Paddy Donnelly

**MUMMY'S PROMISE**

Discover the power of a mother's love in this heart-warming and thrilling prehistoric adventure!

In this partner book to *Daddy's Footsteps*, four prehistoric friends find their way in the world with the help of their mums. An uplifting and inspiring celebration of the amazing bond between mother and child, written in soft, poetic rhyme – perfect to share together.

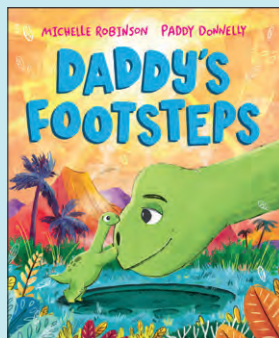
FEB 2025 | 32pp | HB 2+
9781839132933 | 300 x 250mm | £12.99

DADDY'S FOOTSTEPS

Four adorable baby dinosaurs find their way in the world with the help of their dads in this adventure that celebrates amazing fathers and the unique bond their children share with them.

A fun Father's Day gift to enjoy together, sure to become a bedtime favourite.

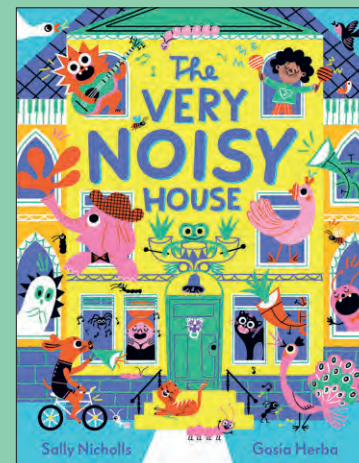
MAY 2025 | 32pp | PB 2+
9781839132841 | 300 x 250mm | £7.99



MICHELLE ROBINSON grew up in Gloucestershire and loved making up stories and being silly. She has written over 50 books for children, and is the 2023/4 BookTrust Writer In Residence.

PADDY DONNELLY is an Irish illustrator with a background in graphic design and app development who is thrilled to be making a living drawing dinosaurs – his 5 year old self is very happy about this.

Sally Nicholls Gosia Herba

**THE VERY NOISY HOUSE**

Welcome to The Very Noisy House! Knock on the door – RAT-A-TAT-TAT – and let's see what's inside . . .

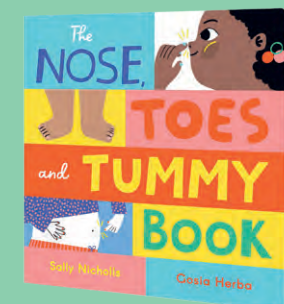
In this noisy adventure jam-packed full of sounds, you'll make your way through the mixed-up room (where elephants say baa!), through the super-quiet secret passageway (shhh, whispering only!) . . . and if you're feeling brave, you could even try opening that grrrrrowling cupboard. A noisy adventure with a quiet bedtime ending.

APR 2025 | 32pp | HB 2+
9781839132872 | 280 x 216mm | £12.99

THE NOSE, TOES AND TUMMY BOOK

A diversely illustrated and interactive board book from **Waterstones Prize-winning** Sally Nicholls that invites families to play along – beeping noses, sniffing sweet-smelling baby toes and gobbling up bellies! Illustrated with diverse young families by illustrator Gosia Herba.

APR 2025 | 24pp | BB 0+
9781839135897 | 200 x 200mm | £7.99



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

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

Clare Fennell



TEN ON THE BUS

A counting book with a difference – follow ten busy animals on their journey on Bunny's Bus ... and back again!

Welcome aboard Bunny's Bus! There are ten noisy animals on board until, "DING! DING!" goes the bell, "Next stop, please!"

One by one, the animals leave the bus, counting down as they go ... and when everyone has reached their stop, the bus is very quiet and Bunny Bus Driver is very bored. Good thing he's going back the other way. Time to count back up!



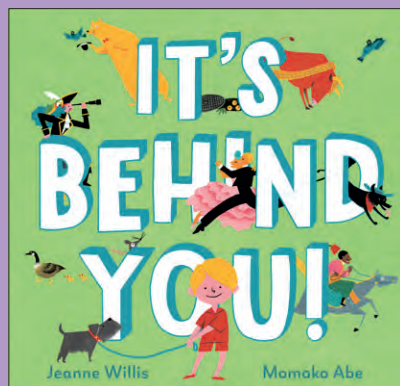
MAR 2025 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781839133749 | 250 x 250mm | £12.99

Jeanne Willis Momoko Abe

IT'S BEHIND YOU!

A hilarious story about the importance and joy of taking more notice of your surroundings, from the award-winning Jeanne Willis and exciting talent Momoko Abe.

A walk in the park with Nana and Gramps is always a lot of fun, but they're terribly slow and their grandchild isn't allowed to race ahead. Walking dutifully behind them, the child is soon joined by a long line of fantastical characters: a bear, a monster from the sewers, a pirate and his crew ... Those grandparents would never believe who else is on their walk, if only they'd look behind them!



APR 2025 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781839132964 | 250 x 260mm | £12.99

Joseph Coelho Fiona Lumbers



LUNA LOVES GARDENING

By award-winning Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho, the fifth book in the *Luna Loves ...* series brings to life the joy of gardening.

Luna is wowed by her local community garden – each plant hides a story. It's time for Luna to grab a trowel and sow seeds that will tell a new story for the whole community as they all discover their connection to the entire world.



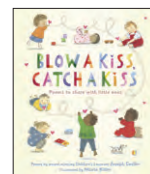
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MAR 2025 | 32pp | PB 3+
9781839131585 | 280 x 240mm | £7.99

Joseph Coelho Nicola Killen

FIRST LITTLE RHYMES: ALL ABOUT ME

Joseph Coelho presents his second collection of short poems to share with young babies and toddlers, in a chunky board book format.



9781839131561



9781839133794



MAY 2025 | 16pp | BB 0+
9781839133787 | 180 x 180mm | £7.99

Frances Stickley Jessica Ciccolone



ROOM FOR ONE MORE

An introduction to sharing friendship, from the award-winning Frances Stickley and **Sebastian Walker Prize**-winning debut Jessica Ciccolone.

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 he knows just the thing to settle it: a friendship competition! But Badger is terrible at the games Fox sets up, and he starts to think he might not be a very good friend after all...

MAY 2025 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781839134166 | 280 x 220mm | £12.99

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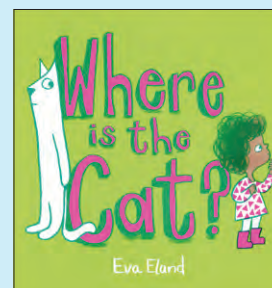
GREAT AUNT MARGOT AND ME

A riotous celebration of family that gently deals with the forgetfulness many children will experience in their loved ones, and the power that music and objects from the past can have.

On Mondays after school, Great-Aunt Margot always has a good story to tell her great-niece... or a dance to dance, or a game to enjoy together. But lately she's been forgetting things, and she doesn't always feel quite the way she used to. Her great-niece sees rich and vibrant memories all around Margot's apartment, and comes up with a plan to help bring back the twinkle in her eye...

MAY 2025 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781839132773 | 280 x 240mm | £12.99

Eva Eland



WHERE IS THE CAT?

This fun and familiar tale of cat chase invites you to spot Cat in every scene as he hides from Suzy, by award-winning author and illustrator, Eva Eland.

Suzy is visiting Auntie today, and all she wants to do is play dressing up with Cat, or dance together, or pretend they're mummy and baby... but Cat doesn't like the sound of that one bit. Will he change his mind at nap time, when Suzy is quiet and curled up in bed?

APR 2025 | 32pp | PB 3+
9781839131844 | 260 x 250mm | £7.99



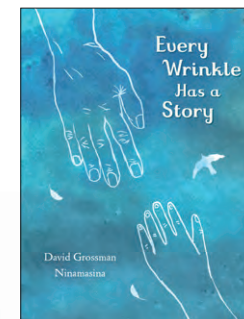
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EVERY WRINKLE HAS A STORY

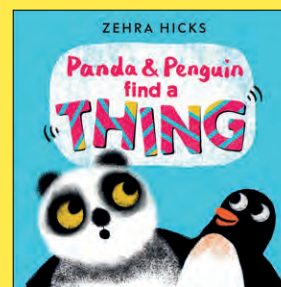
A poignant and beautiful picture book celebrating the love between a grandfather and his grandchild, from **Man Booker Award-winning** author David Grossman.

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?

MAR 2025 | 40pp | PB 3+
9781839134746 | 280 x 205mm | £7.99



Zehra Hicks



PANDA & PENGUIN FIND A THING

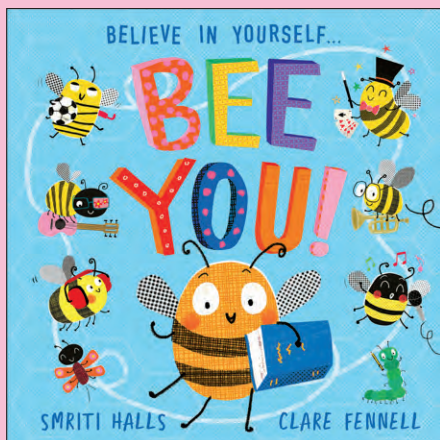
A funny and light-hearted tale for the very youngest children that cautions against letting technology cause problems between friends.

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

JAN 2025 | 32pp | PB 3+
9781839132803 | 250 x 250mm | £7.99



Smriti Halls Clare Fennell

**BEE YOU!**

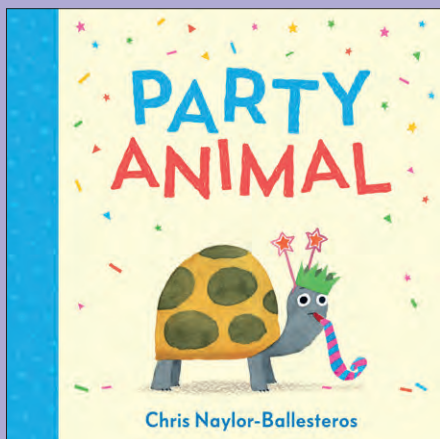
A new Smriti Halls picture book inspired by brilliant bees, that helps you to be the best you that you can be!

What kind of person do you want to be? Kind, smart, thoughtful or wise, the possibilities are endless. Follow all of these amazing bees on their busy day, from their hive to school, on good days and bad days, and learn that being yourself is the best you that you can be ... and if you believe in yourself, life can be sweeter than honey.

MAY 2025 | 32pp | PB 3+
9781839136108 | 250 x 250mm | £7.99



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 discovers that parties with friends aren't as overwhelming as he thinks ... instead they can be quite enjoyable.

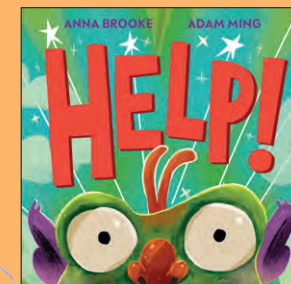
MAY 2025 | 32pp | HB 3+
9781839132599 | 250 x 250mm | £12.99

Anna Brooke Adam Ming **HELP!**

A revoltingly funny and interactive picture book that will have children giggling right up until the final reveal ...

A monster needs YOUR help to reverse a fairy's spell! Help him by shouting 'SAUSAGES!' ten times, picking his nose (and wiping it on a grown up), and, well you don't want to know what happens when you press his nose. Do everything right and he'll return to his true form and be gorgeous again ... or so he thinks.

JUN 2025 | 32pp | PB 3+
9781839136412 | 250 x 250mm | £7.99



Margaret Sturton

**ALBERTA AND LITTLE RED RIDING WOLF**

This cautionary tale is a twist on the traditional story of Little Red Riding Hood.

Alberta does dreadful things, and she always gets her own way. But this time, she tries her tricks on a stranger: a wolf wearing a red cape and hood who doesn't take kindly to being double-crossed ...

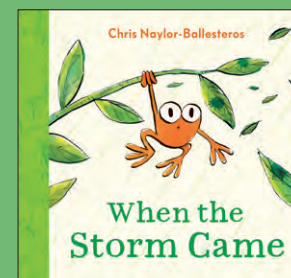
FEB 2025 | 32pp | PB 3+
9781839132827 | 260 x 250mm | £7.99

Chris Naylor-Ballesteros
WHEN THE STORM CAME

A story of kindness, community, and coming together in a time of crisis from award-winning author and illustrator Chris Naylor-Ballesteros.

When a huge storm comes, Little Frog is blown right into the tree stump where the Big Scary Thing lives ... but what he finds inside changes his community forever.

APR 2025 | 32pp | PB 3+
9781839132582 | 250 x 260mm | £7.99



Guy Bass Illustrated by Lee Cosgrove



A HUGH DUNIT MYSTERY: TEETHING TROUBLE

Hugh Dunit must crack another mystery when he faces a (tooth)brush with danger.

Hugh Dunit is a schoolboy who only takes on the toughest cases. Like the case of the missing Tooth Fairy. Hugh's cousin is owed a small fortune for his baby teeth, but the fairy has never coughed up. Hugh must sink his teeth into another conspiracy, and this one runs deeper than a root canal. Has Hugh bitten off more than he can chew?

A brilliantly funny detective story with comic-book art throughout by Lee Cosgrove.

Praise for **Taking Shelter**:
'Boasting outrageous puns and comic-style artwork, this hilarious hardboiled crime caper is ideal for 7+ readers who like shorter, highly illustrated fiction'
GUARDIAN



9781839134180

MAR 2025 | 80pp | PB 7+
9781839135576 | 198 x 129mm | £6.99

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

LEE COSGROVE is a lifelong doodler; he is inspired by a childhood of Saturday morning cartoons, den-building adventures, and an endless supply of crayons. He loves to bring humour and lots of character to his illustrations.

Mo O'Hara Illustrated by Aya Kakeda



HONEY'S HIVE: BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

Honey scouts out a problem with the local water supply. Can she and her friends get it flowing again?

Honey is settling into her role as scout bee for her hive. Now she has a new mission: to find more water. Together with her friends Beanie, Hex and Fred the Fly, Honey buzzes off on an adventure. Yet they soon discover there's something very wrong with the local stream. It's going to take lots of cunning and clever tricks to fix the problem and make sure the water flows freely again.

'Honey's Hive will certainly get young readers buzzing!'
BOOKS FOR KEEPS



9781839133282



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MAY 2025 | 128pp | PB 7+
9781839135569 | 198 x 129mm | £6.99

Josh Lacey Illustrated by Garry Parsons



TIME TRAVEL TWINS: THE MAYA SACRIFICE

Twins Scarlett and Thomas are learning about the Maya at school, so when Grandad feels unwell, they know the perfect cure – Maya hot chocolate! Using Grandad's time machine, they travel back to the Maya city of Tikal. Scarlett befriends a princess, while Thomas is made a slave. He only has one chance to win his freedom: if he can win the Maya ball game. But if he loses, he will be sacrificed to the gods. Can the twins save themselves *and* find the ingredients for a cup of delicious, fresh hot chocolate?

'A brilliant resource for an ancient civilisations topic, and closes with an extended historical note' CLPE



9781839133336



9781839133343



9781839134791

MAY 2025 | 256pp | PB 8+
9781839135583 | 198 x 129mm | £7.99



Marthe Jocelyn Illustrated by Isabelle Follath



AGGIE MORTON, MYSTERY QUEEN: THE BODY UNDER THE PIANO

The first in a twisty, charming mystery series, inspired by the imagined life of Agatha Christie as a child and her most popular creation, Hercule Poirot.

Adventurous and imaginative but deeply shy, Aggie Morton hasn't had much to do since the death of her beloved father... until the fateful day when she crosses paths with twelve-year-old Belgian immigrant Hector Perot and discovers a dead body on the floor of the Mermaid Dance Room! Aggie and her new friend will need every tool to solve the case before Aggie's beloved dance instructor is charged with a crime Aggie is sure she didn't commit!

MAY 2025 | 336pp | PB 9+
9781839136078 | 198 x 129mm | £7.99

Yvette Fielding Illustrated by Hannah Shaw



MOST HAUNTED HOUSES

World-famous ghost hunter and First Lady of the Paranormal Yvette Fielding investigates the ghostly histories of houses in Britain. The third in the Most Haunted series...

From the homes of kings and queens, to the 'Most Haunted House in Britain', and even Yvette's own home, these spooky stories are not for the fainthearted! Prepare to discover some truly terrifying paranormal activity, including the ghost of a barbaric priest, a witch who stood trial for murder, and a pair of tragic lovers.

APR 2025 | 208pp | PB 10+
9781839135606 | 198 x 129mm | £7.99

'Spook-tacular'
LOVEREADING4KIDS



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Phil Earle

COVER TO BE REVEALED

THE DAWN OF ADONIS

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THE DAWN OF ADONIS

The prequel to the best-selling, award-winning *When the Sky Falls*: a tale of loyalty, loss, betrayal, and rebirth.

It is 1911 and London's docks thrum with underhand deals, none so great as the arrival of a valuable and exotic animal, smuggled from the depths of the Congolese rainforest. The baby gorilla stands to make one man, the shady Goliath Deeds, very, very rich. Heaven help anyone who dares to stand in his way, not least twelve-year-old Nettie Beecroft, who finds herself embroiled in a dangerous rescue attempt where she encounters toshers, bone grubbers and gangsters. Whom can Nettie trust? And can she save the life of this very special creature?

JUN 2025 | 240pp | PB 9+
9781839134197 | 198 x 129mm | £7.99

Praise for **When the Sky Falls**:
'A magnificent story... It deserves every prize going' PHILIP PULLMAN

'An extraordinary story... Deeply felt, movingly written, a remarkable achievement' MICHAEL MORPURGO



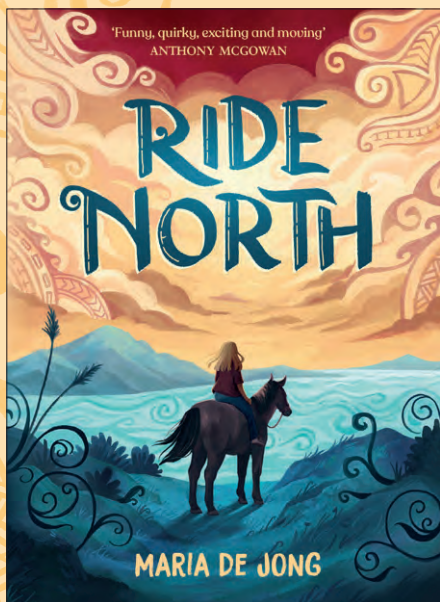
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PHIL EARLE is the author of numerous acclaimed, award-winning books for children and teenagers. He has worked as a carer, a dramatherapist, a bookseller and a publisher, and loves talking at schools and festivals around the world. His novel *When the Sky Falls* won the **Books Are My Bag Readers Award** and the **British Book Award for Children's Fiction**. He lives on the side of a very steep hill with his wife, their five children and two dogs.

Maria de Jong



Cover art by Sian James

MAR 2025 | 240pp | PB 10+
9781839135200 | 178x129mm | £7.99

'I loved this: funny, quirky, exciting and moving' ANTHONY MCGOWAN

'A poignant and tender story of love, loss, friendship and hope' TANYA LANDMAN

'Powerful, wise and gripping' ANNE LISE GRAY

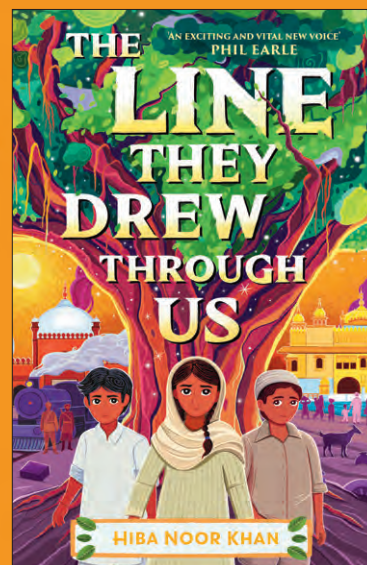
MARIA DE JONG grew up in Aotearoa/New Zealand before settling in Italy. Initially she taught English in Turin, where she also cultivated a sideline designing and making costumes for a dance-theatre company. She was living and studying literature in Frankfurt when East and West Germany reunited, and later relocated for a few years to teach near Bosa, Sardinia. Her two children were born in Rome; while working there as a translator she began writing for middle grade readers, but things only got serious after yet another relocation, this time to Amsterdam, where she currently copyscripts, cycles and fabulates for her inner twelve-year-old.

RIDE NORTH

Tooth is my pony, but he's his own boss. I take care of him and in exchange he lets me ride him. I wasn't surprised when Tooth first communicated with me. All I knew was that with Tooth, it was different. I loved him the minute I saw him. Of course we understood each other.

Twelve-year-old Folly is angry and grieving for her mum. She isn't ready for Dad's plans for a new life in Auckland with his new girlfriend. So Folly runs away with the one person who truly understands: her wise pony, Tooth. With her mother's ashes in her backpack, Folly sets off to the fabled Cape Reinga, the northernmost point of New Zealand. Through tourist towns and wilderness, across beaches, roads and forest tracks, Folly and Tooth find both adventure and hardship. But then a spur-of-the-moment choice sets danger on their tail. Girl and horse must fight to survive together – to the very end of the road.

Hiba Noor Khan



Cover art by Hazem Asif

APR 2025 | 304pp | PB 9+
9781839134722 | 198 x 129mm | £7.99

THE LINE THEY DREW THROUGH US

An unforgettable and inspiring friendship story about the Partition of India from the author of *Safiyah's War*.

Three babies are born into the world on the same day. They become best friends... But by their twelfth birthday, one of them has disappeared, one of them has fled, and the last is left only with their memories and a belief in miracles.

After an idyllic holiday, the three friends, Jahan, Ravi and Lakshmi return to school in the city of Lahore. However, trouble is brewing, and the children's lives are about to change for ever. When the British leave India and split the country in two, the friends are torn apart by the new border. Will they ever find each other again?

'Nothing short of a masterpiece!' RADIYA HAFIZA

'Historical fiction at its finest' SOPHIE ANDERSON



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Praise for ***Safiyah's War***:

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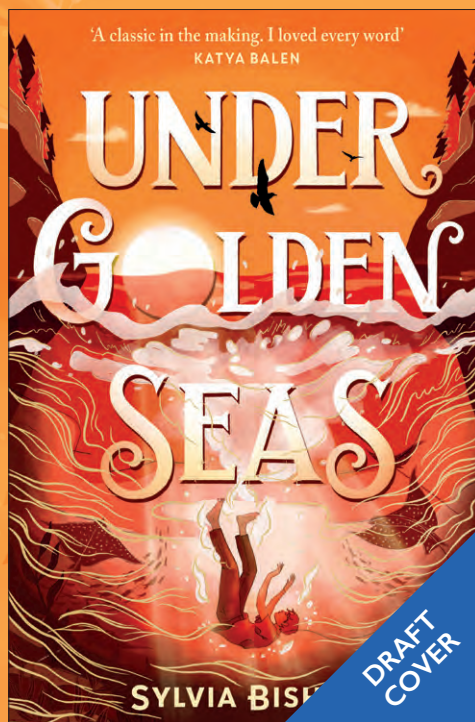
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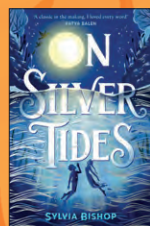
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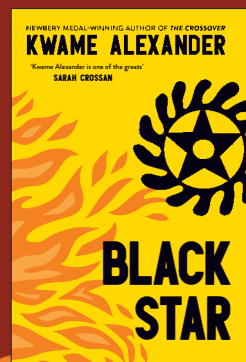
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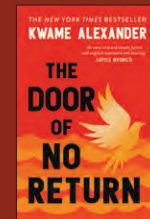
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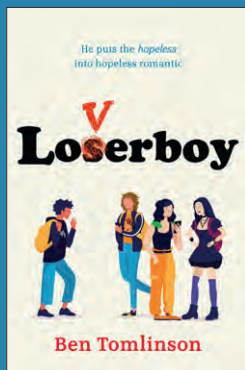
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