



**WALKER
BOOKS**

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Highlights

#1 *New York Times* and *USA Today* Bestselling Author

Chain of Iron

CASSANDRA CLARE

THE LAST HOURS BOOK TWO

Collector's First Edition

A SHADOWHUNTERS NOVEL

The Last Hours: Chain of Iron

[Cassandra Clare](#)

The Shadowhunters must catch a killer in Edwardian London in this dangerous and romantic sequel to the #1 *New York Times* bestselling novel *Chain of Gold*, from *New York Times* and *USA TODAY* bestselling author Cassandra Clare. *Chain of Iron* is a Shadowhunters novel.

Cordelia Carstairs seems to have everything she ever wanted. She's engaged to marry James Herondale, the boy she has loved since childhood. She has a new life in London with her best friend Lucie Herondale and James's charming companions, the Merry Thieves. She is about to be reunited with her beloved father. And she bears the sword Cortana, a legendary hero's blade. But the truth is far grimmer. James and Cordelia's marriage is a lie, arranged to save Cordelia's reputation. James is in love with the mysterious Grace Blackthorn whose brother, Jesse, died years ago in a terrible accident. Cortana burns Cordelia's hand when she touches it, while her father has grown bitter and angry. And a serial murderer is targeting the Shadowhunters of London, killing under cover of darkness, then vanishing without a trace. Together with the Merry Thieves, Cordelia, James and Lucie must follow the trail of the knife-wielding killer through the city's most dangerous streets. All the while, each is keeping a shocking secret: Lucie, that she plans to raise Jesse from the dead; Cordelia, that she has sworn a dangerous oath of loyalty to a mysterious power; and James, that he is being drawn further each night into the dark web of his grandfather, the arch-demon Belial. And that he himself may be the killer they seek.

Also available in Hardback 9781406358100

- ISBN: 9781406398472
- Format: Trade PB
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 688

"A wonder-filled book that revels in magic and mayhem." *Abi Elphinstone*

The House at the Edge of Magic

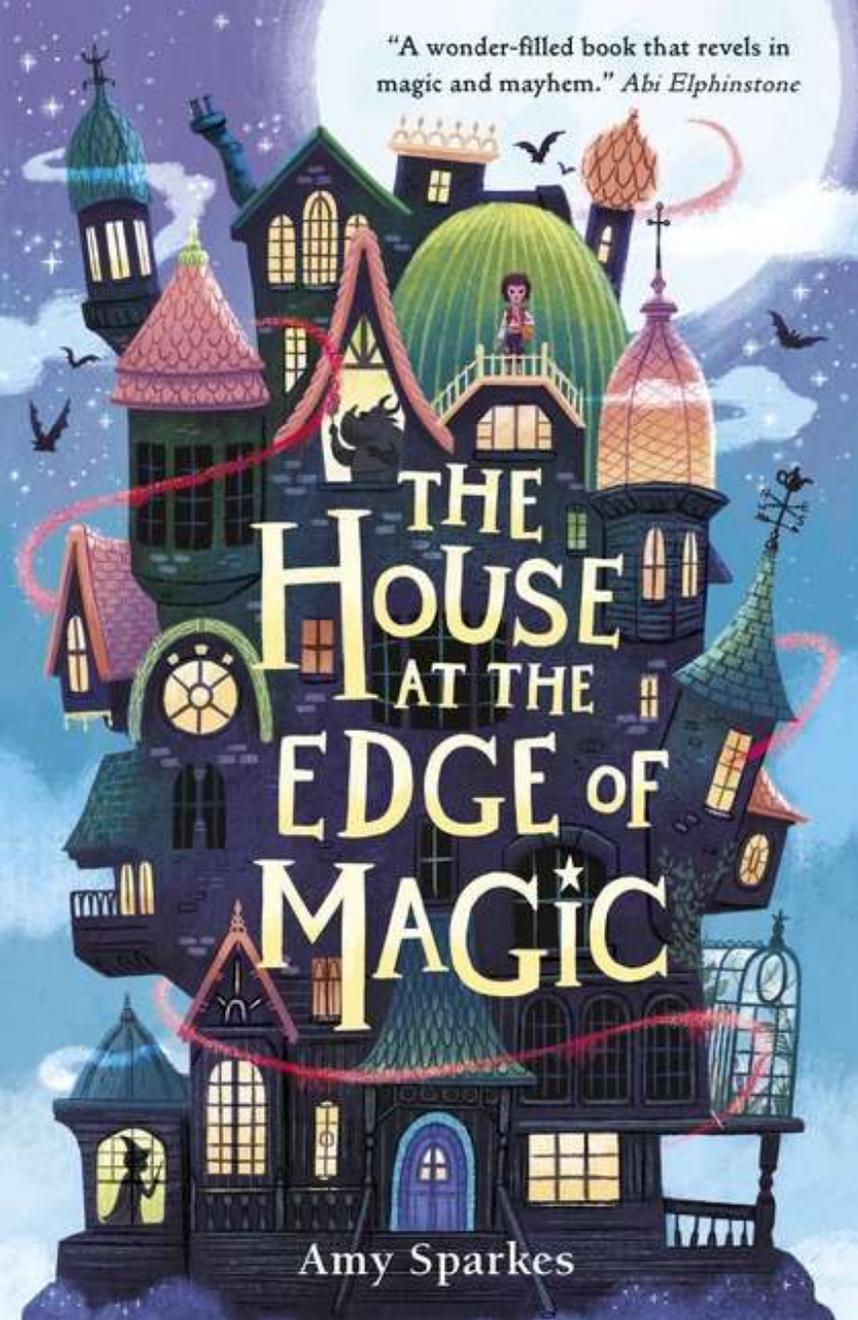
[Amy Sparkes](#)

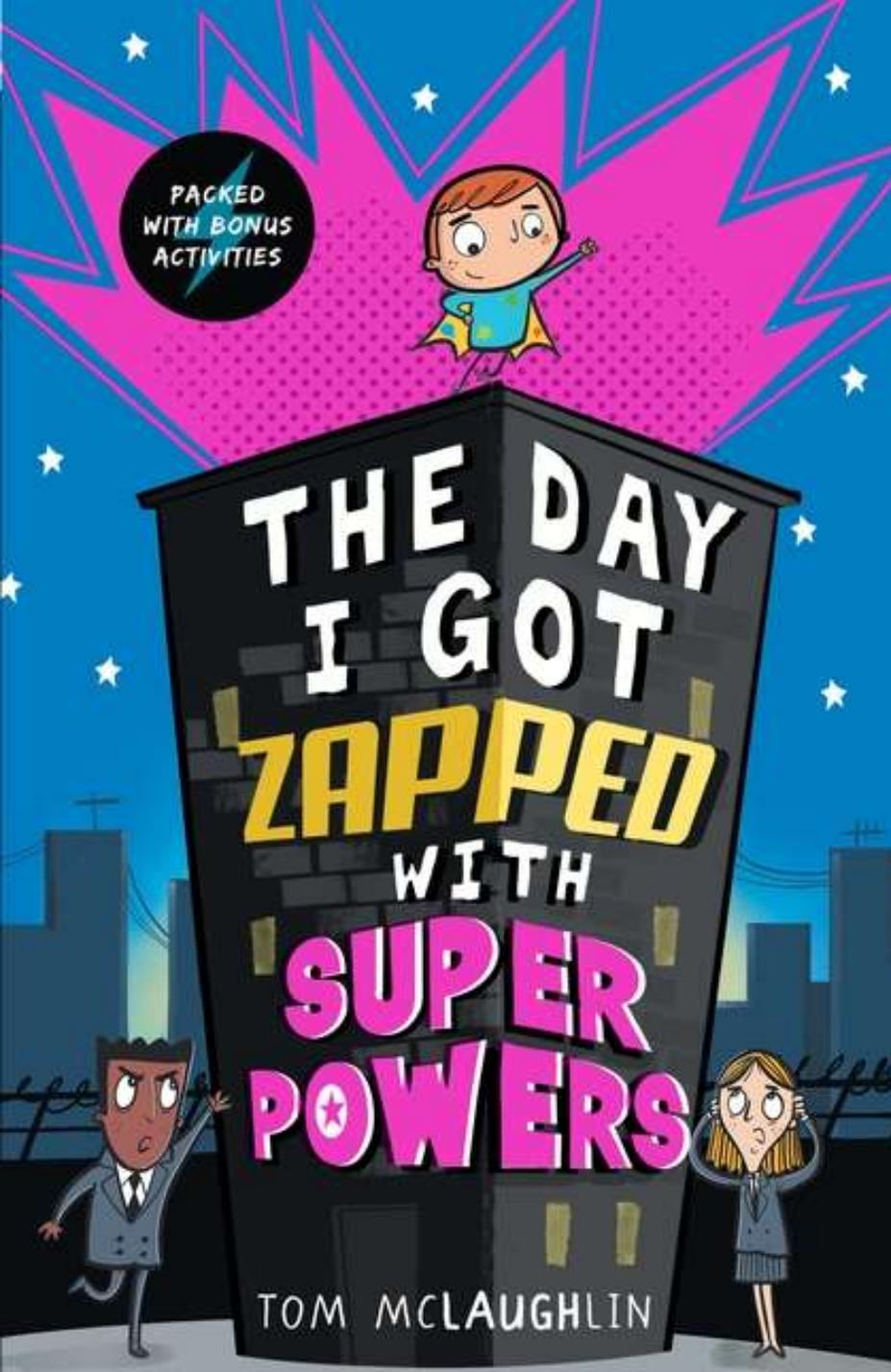
A quirky, funny and fast-paced middle grade fantasy adventure, perfect for fans of Kaye Umansky, Sophie Anderson and Peter Bunzl.

Nine is an orphan pickpocket determined to escape her life in the Nest of a Thousand Treasures. When she steals a house-shaped ornament from a mysterious woman's purse, she knocks on its tiny door and watches it grow into a huge, higgledy-piggeldy house. Inside she finds a host of magical and brilliantly funny characters, including Flabberghast – a young wizard who's particularly competitive at hopscotch – and a hideous troll housekeeper who's emotionally attached to his feather duster.

They have been placed under an extraordinary spell, which they are desperate for Nine to break. If she can, maybe they can offer her a new life in return...

- ISBN: 9781406395310
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 240





The Day I Got Zapped with Super Powers

[Tom McLaughlin](#)

A nine-year-old comic book enthusiast is about to get a mega dose of super-human power in this action-packed adventure.

When a dastardly villain's attempt to steal a laser machine goes spectacularly wrong, nine-year-old Zack gets zapped with super powers. This would be awesome, other than Zack is a teeny tiny bit afraid of ... EVERYTHING! Now, the most undeserving superhero of all time must fashion a costume, save the day and work out how to reverse the laser's effect before he gets stuck with super powers FOR EVER!

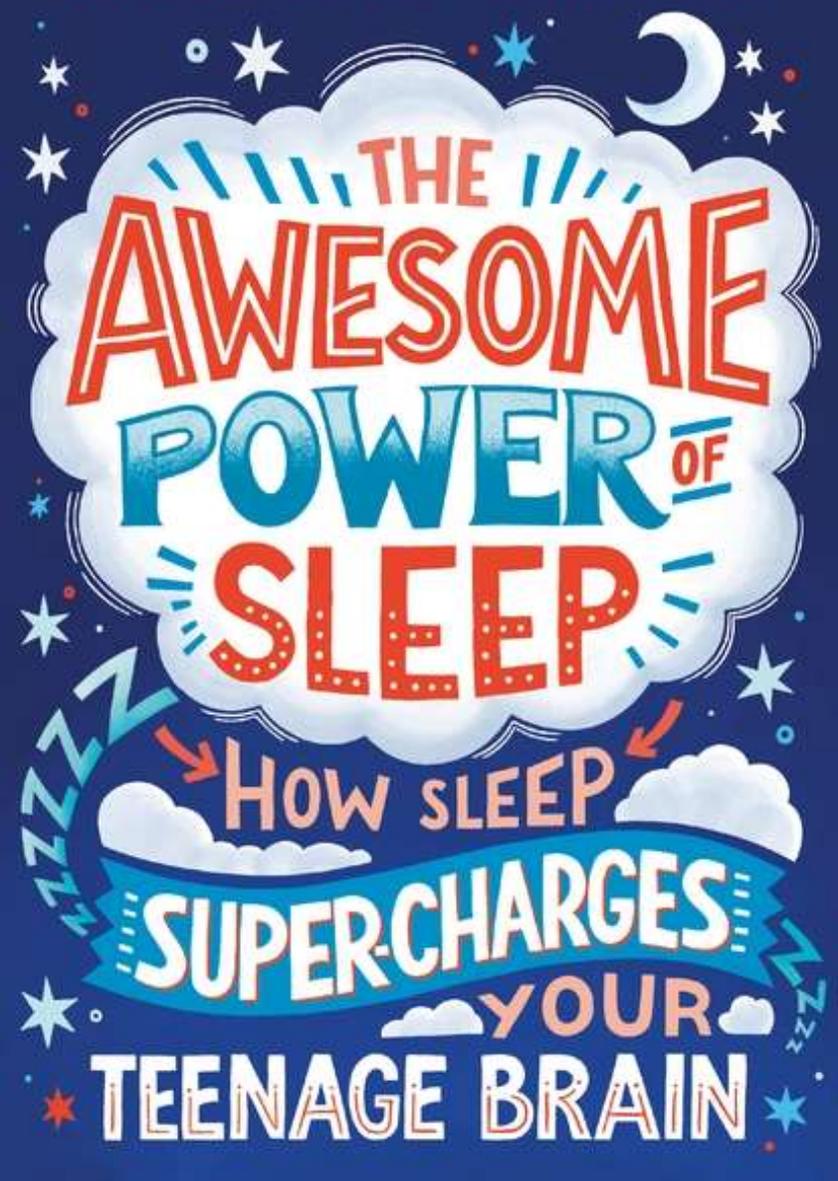
A super adventure perfect for emerging readers, packed with hilarious illustrations, wonderfully wacky characters and bonus activity content.

The fifth book in this fresh and funny series about sky-high scenarios with hilarious consequences and an accidental dose of super-human power, by an award-winning author-illustrator.

Jam-packed with humorous illustrations, wonderfully wacky characters and bonus activity pages.

- ISBN: 9781406389654
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 160

NICOLA MORGAN



The Awesome Power of Sleep

[Nicola Morgan](#)

The essential guide to sleep from award-winning teenage well-being expert Nicola Morgan, author of bestselling *Blame My Brain*, *The Teenage Guide to Stress* and *The Teenage Guide to Friends*.

Late nights, addictive technology and minds racing with exam stress and friendship worries: it's no wonder the teenage stereotype is tired eyes and sleeping through the weekend. Just like adults, teenagers are sleeping less now than ever before, yet sleep is crucial to our health and well-being. Internationally renowned expert on the teenage brain, Nicola Morgan, tackles this essential subject – asking why teenagers so desperately need a good night's sleep, exploring what a lack of sleep does to their developing brains, and explaining how to have the best sleep possible. Authoritative, accessible and informed by the latest scientific evidence, Nicola Morgan writes a fascinating and helpful guide for both teenagers and adults alike.

- ISBN: 9781406395402
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- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 192

Picture Books

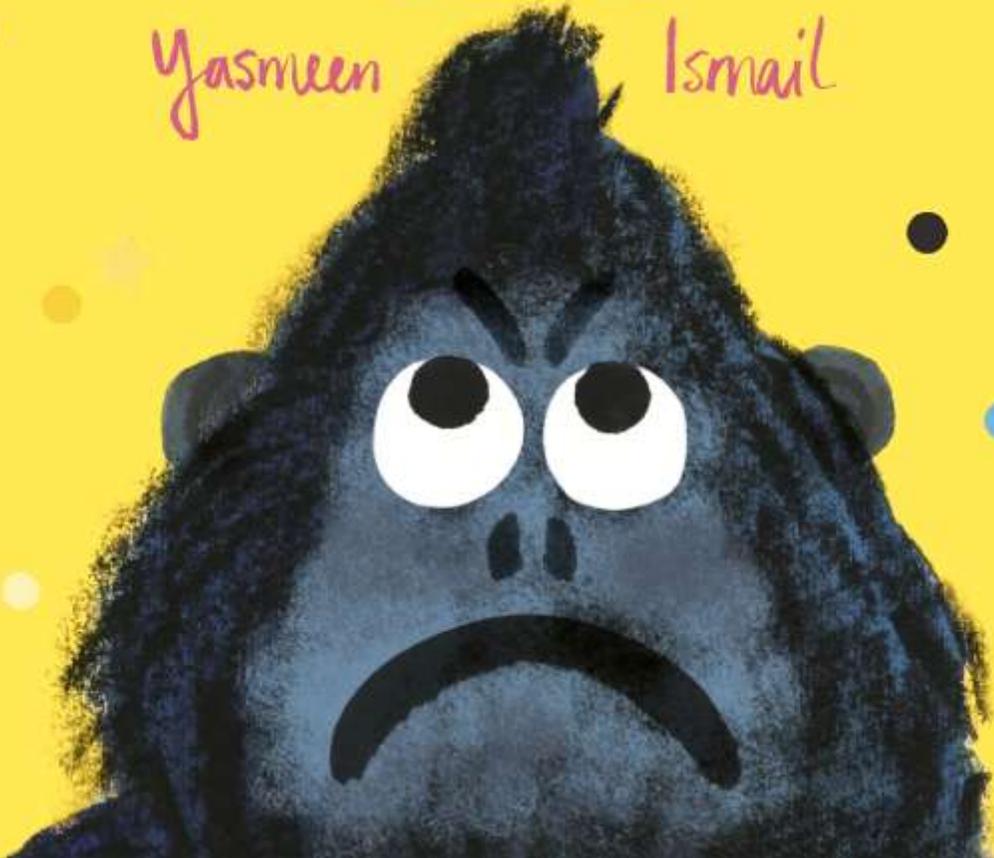
"great fun to read out loud" – The Irish Independent

Would You Like a

BANANA?

Yasmeen

Ismail



Would You Like a Banana?

[Yasmeen Ismail](#)

Award-winning illustrator Yasmeen Ismail's delightfully funny picture book featuring a very stubborn gorilla will have the whole family laughing!

Gorilla is hungry but there is absolutely no way he's going to eat a banana. Not even a teeny taste. Not with some bread or standing on his head. Even if you eat one too, which is something you might do. This brilliant and hilarious picture book from award-winning illustrator Yasmeen Ismail will have everyone laughing at this all-too familiar family situation!

- ISBN: 9781406394221
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 32

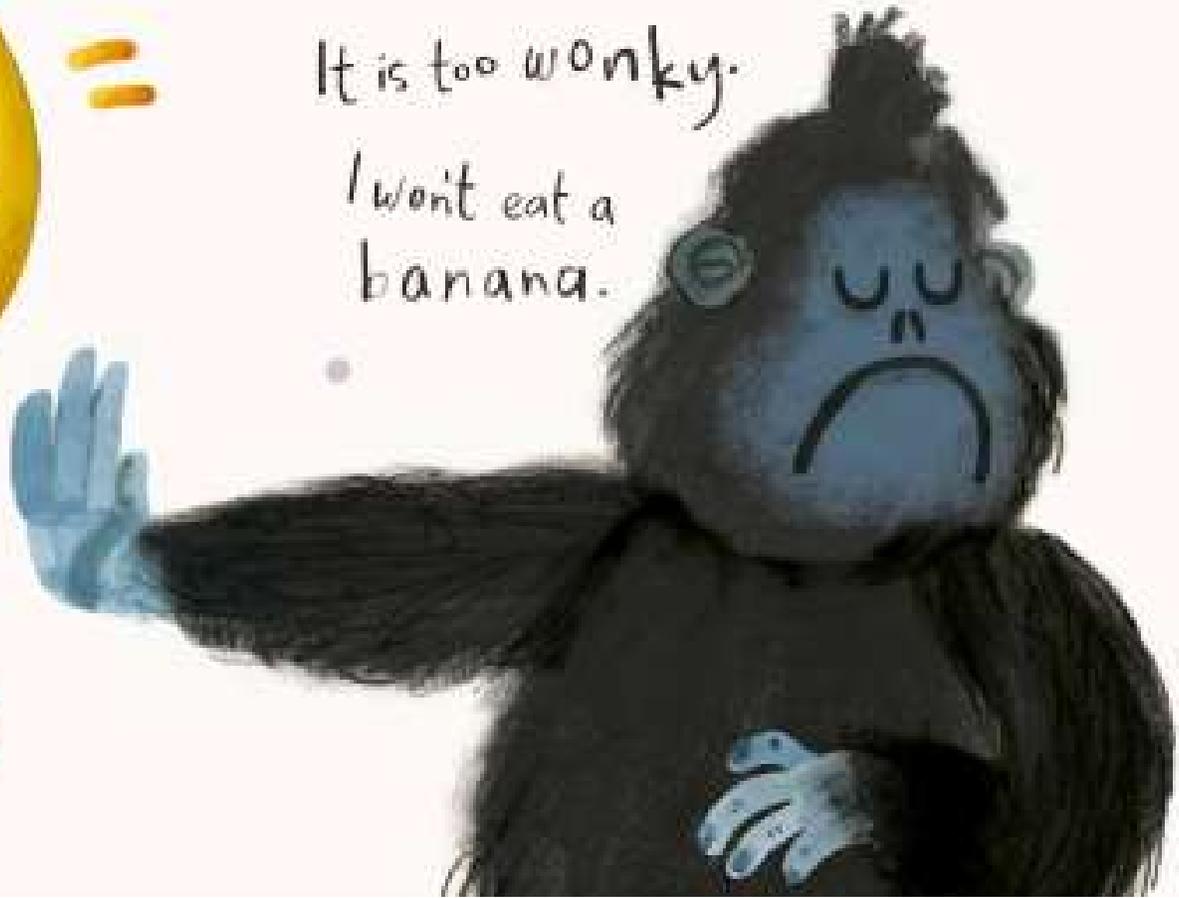
I'm hungry.

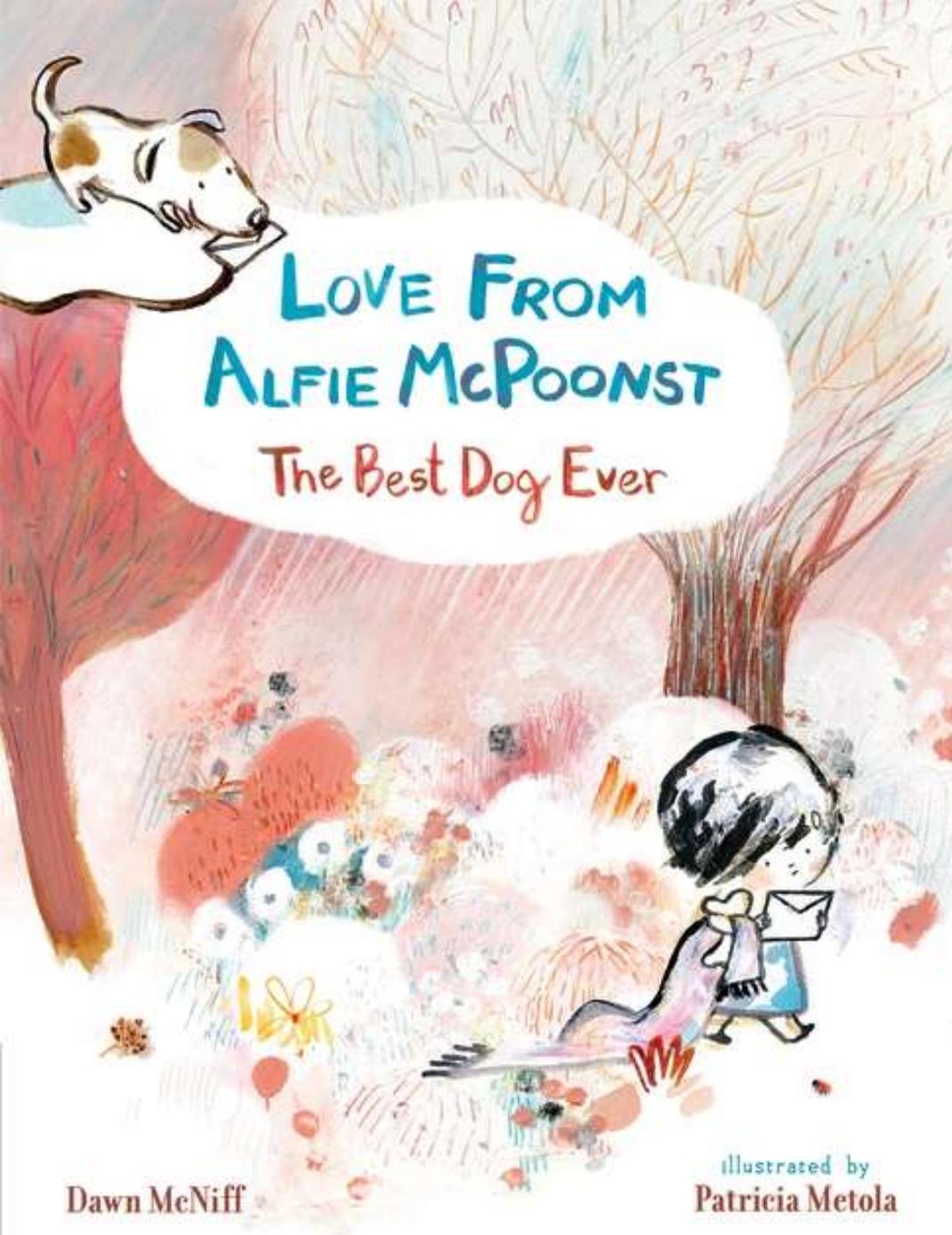


Would
you
like
a
banana?



No. It's too yellow. It's too bendy.
It is too wonky.
I won't eat a
banana.





Love from Alfie McPoonst, The Best Dog Ever

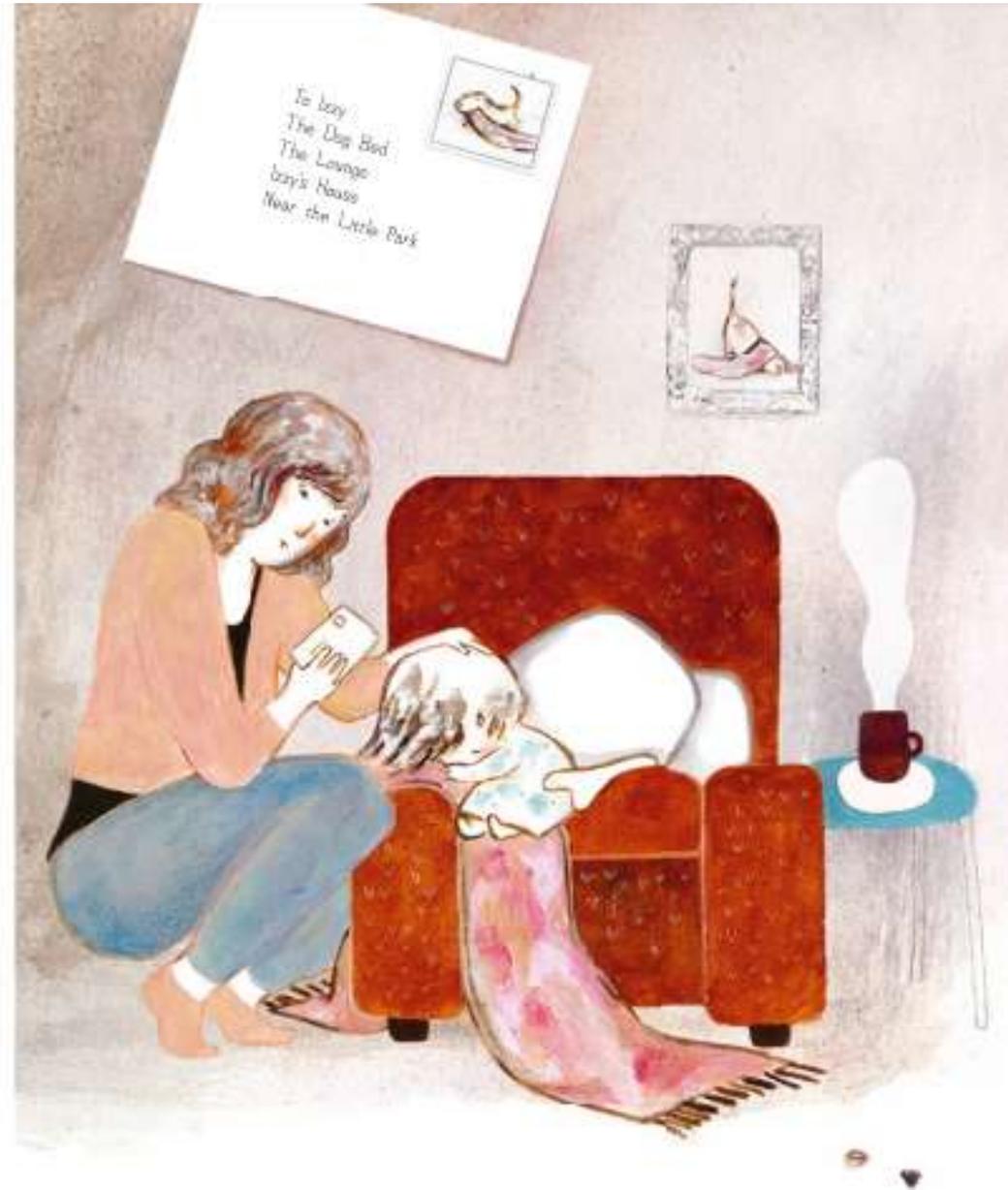
[Dawn McNiff](#)

Illustrated by [Patricia Metola](#)

Dear Izzy, I'm a Sky Dog now. I live in Dog Heaven, because I died...

When Alfie the dog dies, he sends his owner Izzy letters in the post from his new address: The Nicest Cloud, Dog Heaven, The Sky. He wants her to know that he misses her – so much! – but his new home in heaven is BRILLIANT. There are postmen to chase, angels to tickle his tummy, and he never even has to take a bath! Can his letters comfort Izzy, who is feeling lost without him? Sensitively balancing humour and raw emotional truth, this is a beautifully observed tale sure to reassure children experiencing loss and grief for the very first time.

- ISBN: 9781406394214
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 32







I AM A BIRD

I Am a Bird

[Hope Lim](#)

Illustrated by [Hyewon Yum](#)

On her daily bike ride with her dad, a bird-loving little girl passes a woman who frightens her – until she discovers what they have in common.

I am a bird. Ca-Caw! Ca-Caw! Every day, a little girl rides to school on the back of Daddy's bike. As they twist and turn through the city streets, the little girl spreads her arms like wings and sings her birdsong for all to hear. But when they pass the strange woman in blue who carries a mysterious bag, the girl goes quiet until the woman is out of sight. One day, when they're running late, the little girl discovers what the woman does with her bag each morning – a surprise that transforms her wariness into a feeling of kinship to be celebrated. Hope Lim's simple text and Hyewon Yum's delicate, expressive illustrations create a touching story that encourages readers to embrace our similarities rather than our differences.

Hope Lim

illustrated by Hyewon Yum

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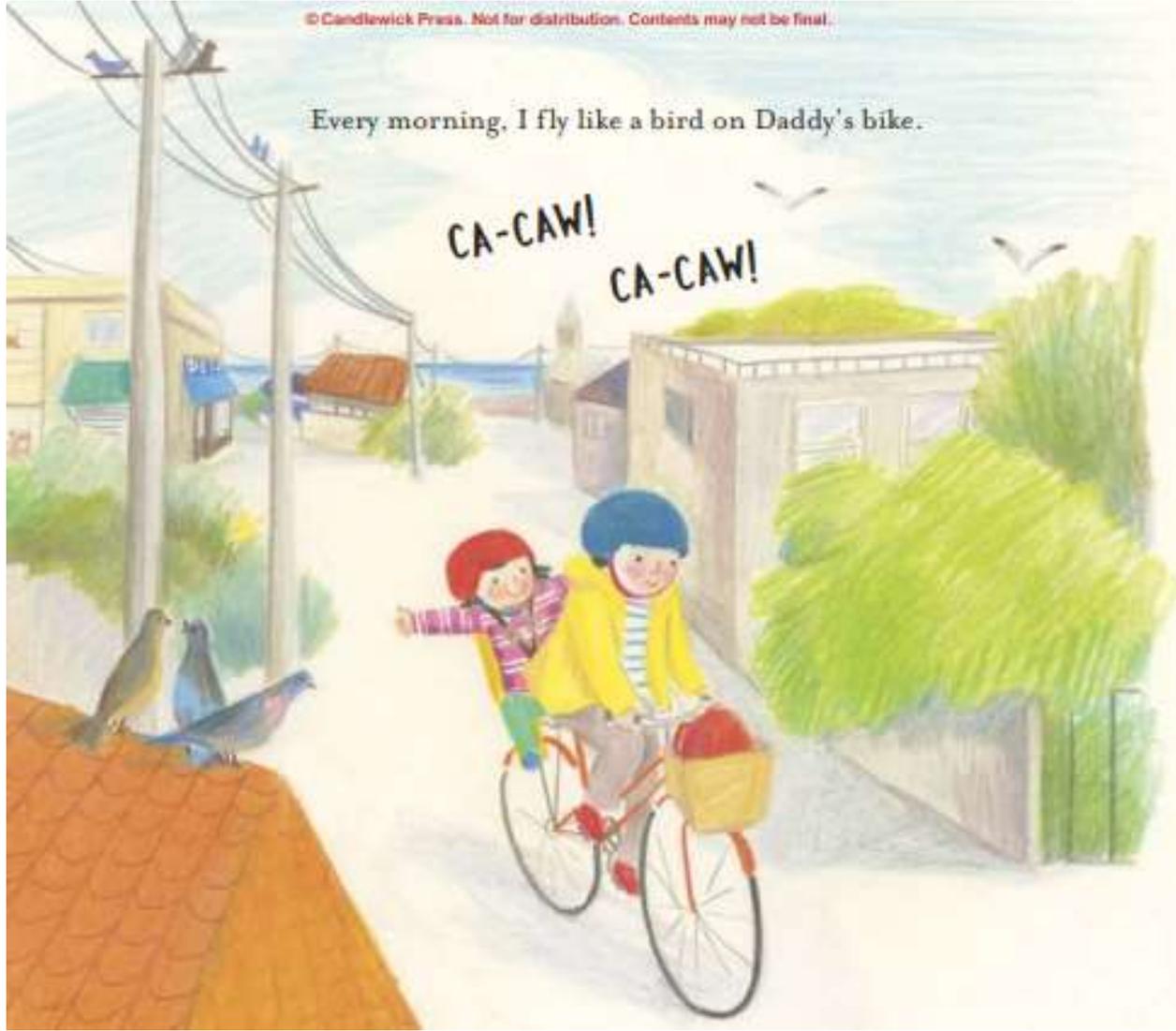
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I am a bird.



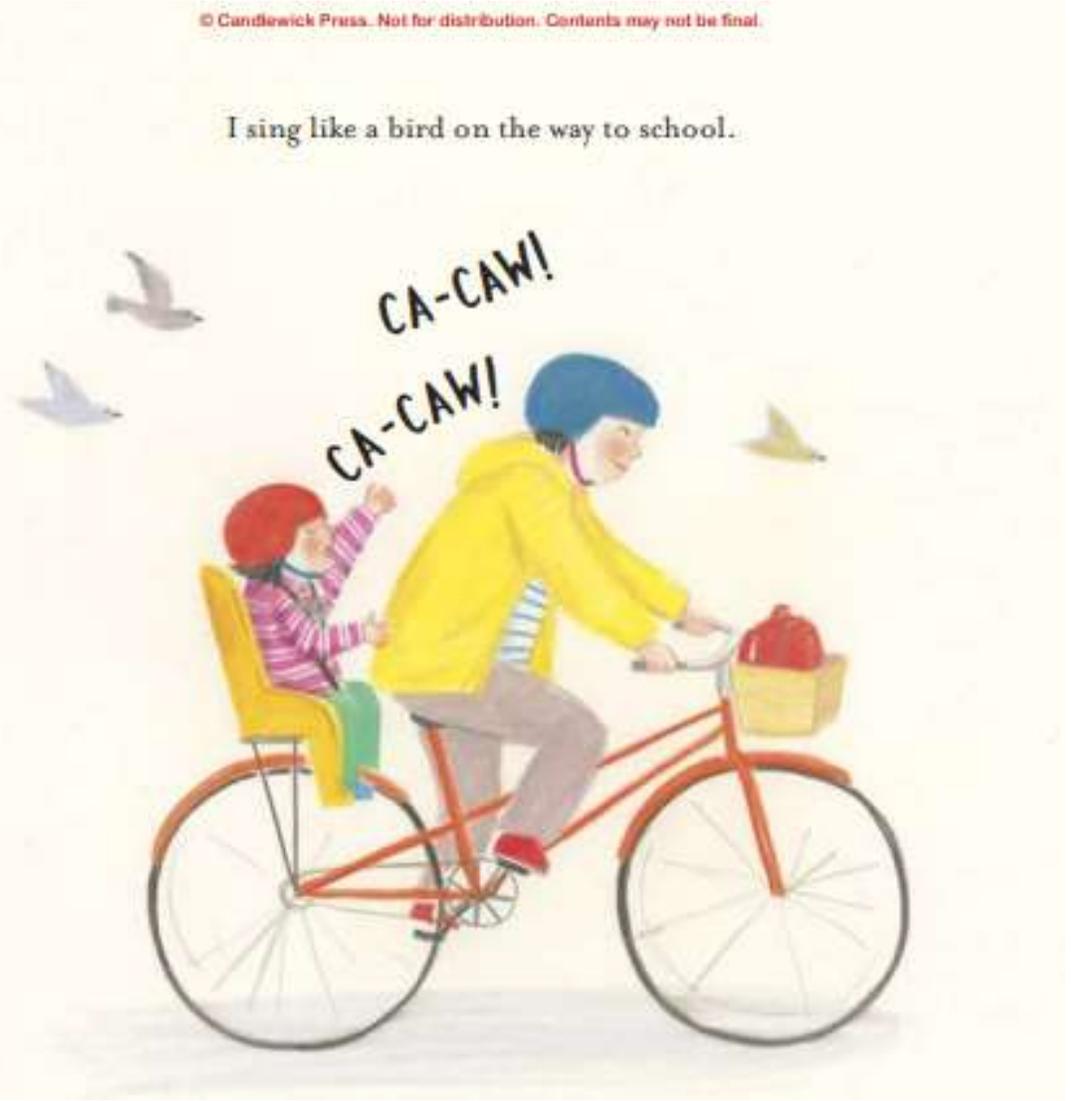
Every morning, I fly like a bird on Daddy's bike.

CA-CAW!
CA-CAW!

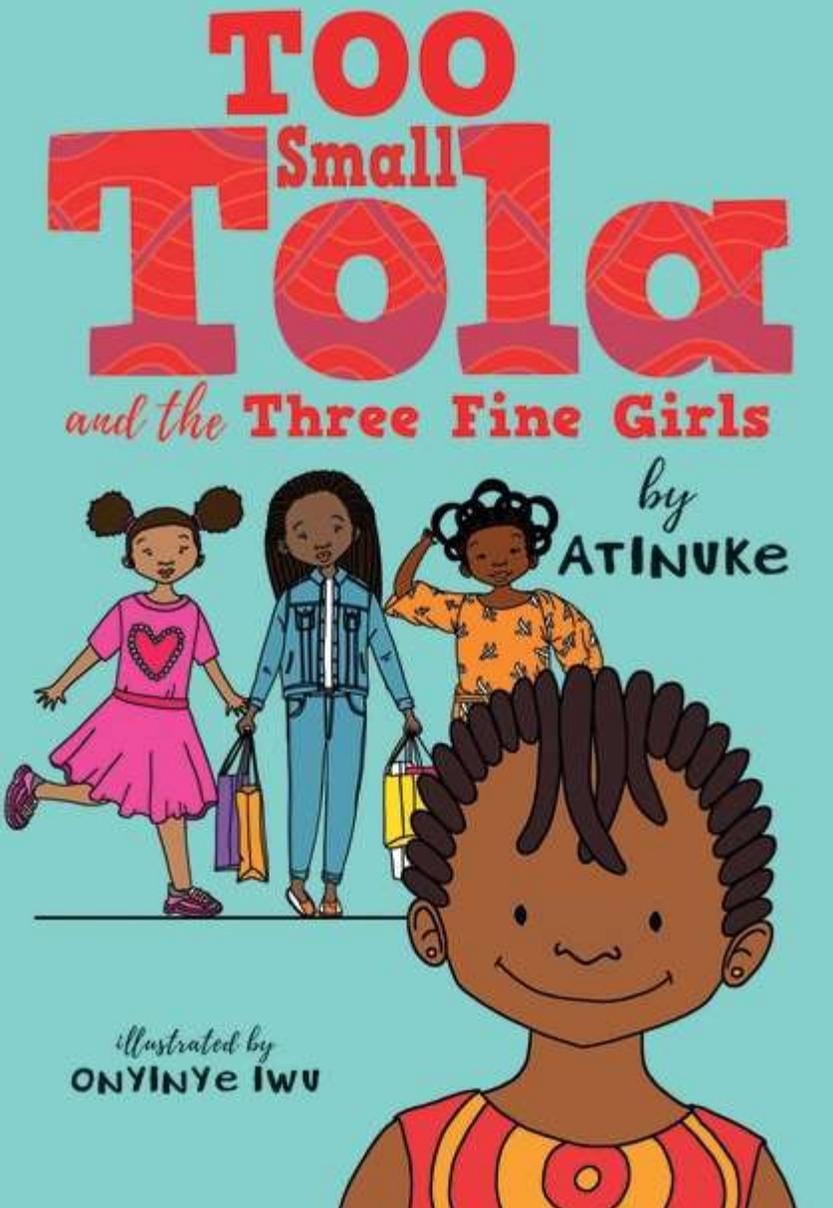


I sing like a bird on the way to school.

CA-CAW!
CA-CAW!



Fiction



Too Small Tola and the Three Fine Girls

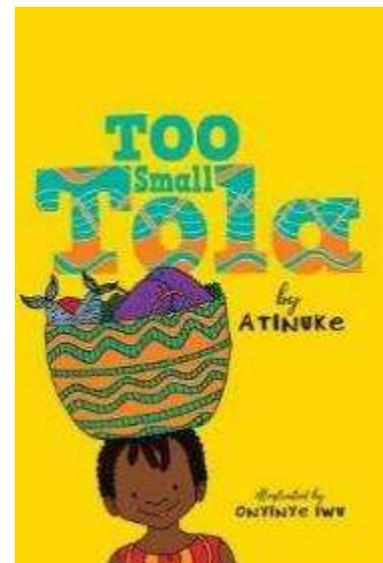
[Atinuke](#)

Illustrated by [Onyinye Iwu](#)

Tola may be small, but she's very determined!

Three charming stories about a young girl who lives in a flat in Lagos with her sister, Moji, who is very clever; her brother, Dapo, who is very fast; and Grand mummy, who is very bossy. Too Small Tola is just the right size to fit under the bed and rescue Grand mummy's most prized possession when it goes missing. Her abilities in maths prove to be very helpful when Grand mummy becomes ill. In the title story, though Grand mummy can't afford to buy Tola new clothes, Tola turns out to be just as fine as the three fine girls she so greatly admires. A book full of heart and humour by multi-award-winning writer and storyteller Atinuke.

- ISBN: 9781406388923
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 96





The Broken Raven (Shadow Skye, Book Two) Paperback

[Joseph Elliott](#)

The extraordinary second book in the epic Shadow Skye trilogy.

In a world of shadows, hope can be found...

Agatha and Jaime have rescued their clan and returned home to Skye as heroes. But when Agatha uncovers a threat to their people, she unwittingly releases a terrible power that could kill every living thing on the island. Jaime must race to Scotia to hunt an ancient blood magic, which may be their only chance of survival.

Meanwhile, Sigrid, a Norwegian girl with an unusual gift, journeys to the court of England where a dangerous alliance is forming - one that will soon turn its vengeful eyes to Skye. Sigrid will have to risk everything if she and the people of Skye are to survive the gathering shadows...

Cover illustration by Violet Tobacco.

Praise for the Shadow Skye trilogy:

“Thrilling, strange and brutally involving.” *Guardian*

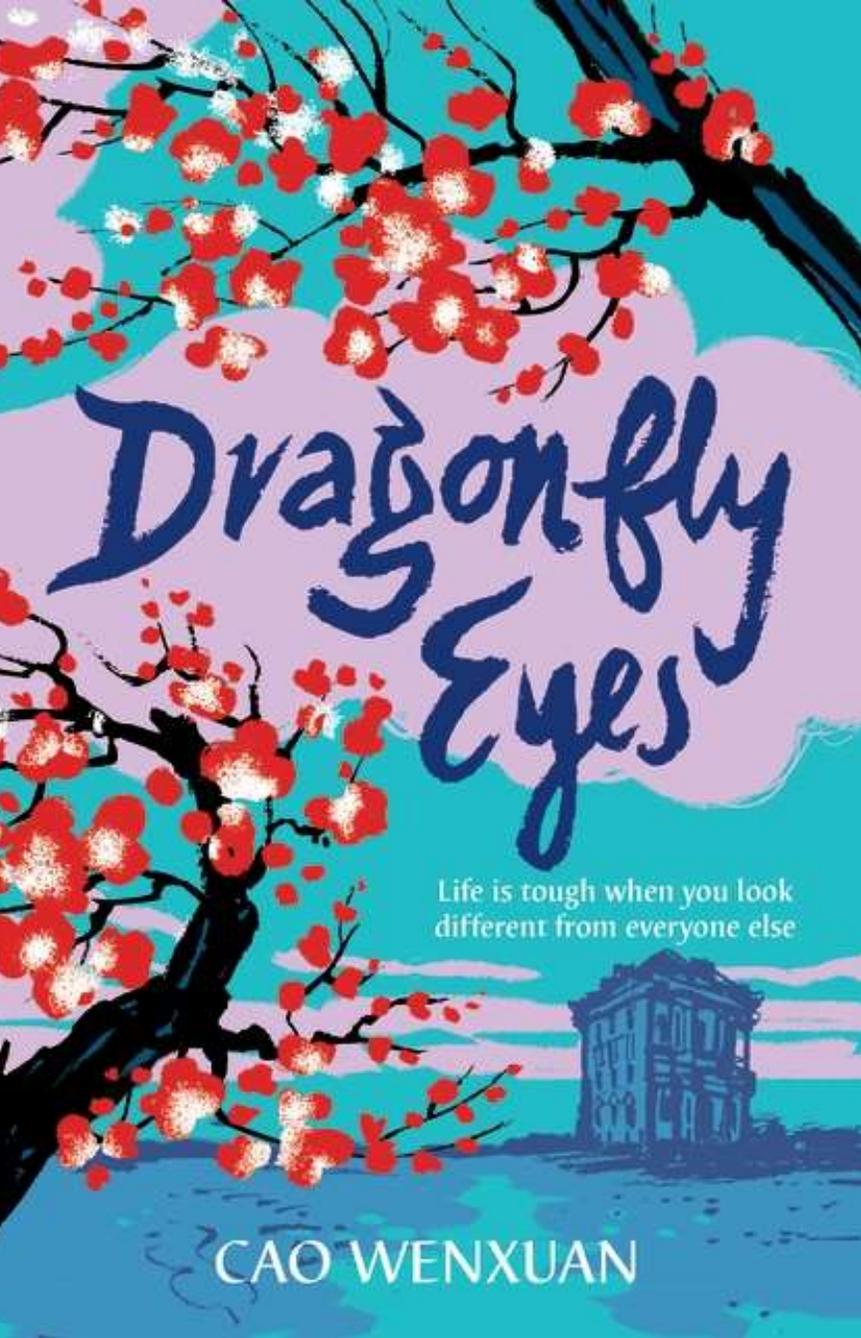
“A story fantasy-loving young readers may not even know they’ve been waiting for.” *Ne*

“A gripping story and a dark one.” *Wall Street Journal*

“An absolute cracker. Electrifying.” *Belfast Telegraph*

- ISBN: 9781406385878
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 384





Dragonfly Eyes

[Cao Wenxuan](#)

A family saga spanning fifty years and three generations, which takes the reader from the France of the Golden Age to poverty-stricken post-war Shanghai via the re-imagined rural China of the Cultural Revolution.

Ah-Mei and her French grandmother, Nainai, share a rare bond. Maybe because Ah-Mei is the only girl grandchild, or maybe because the pair look so alike – and because neither look much like the rest of their Chinese family. Politics and war make 1960s Shanghai a hard place to grow up, especially when racism and bigotry are rife, and everyone is suspicious of Nainai’s European heritage. Ah-Mei and her family suffer much in this time of political upheaval, and when the family silk business falters, they are left with almost nothing. But Ah-Mei and her grandmother are resourceful, and they have one another – and the tenderness they share brings them great strength

- ISBN: 9781406378252
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 416

Non-Fiction

“THE book everyone needs to read right now.”

Angie Thomas, author of THE HATE U GIVE

THE BLACK FRIEND ON BEING A BETTER WHITE PERSON

FREDERICK JOSEPH

The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person

[Frederick Joseph](#)

This compelling book on anti-racism is essential reading for anyone who wants to do better.

Speaking directly to the reader, Frederick Joseph offers powerful reflections on his own experiences with racism. As a former "token Black kid", he now presents himself as the friend many readers need, touching on topics including cultural appropriation, "reverse racism" and white privilege. Featuring interviews with figures such as writer Angie Thomas, content creator Toni Tone, and April Reign, founder of the #OscarsSoWhite movement, this book serves as conversation starter and tool kit, creating a timely and essential read for committed anti-racists and newcomers to the cause of racial justice alike.

“The Black Friend is THE book everyone needs to read right now... Read it, absorb it, and be changed because of it.” —Angie Thomas, author of *The Hate U Give*

Frederick Joseph tackles the complex topic of racism and white supremacy with candour, passion and humour, providing white readers with a guide to being better allies and friends.

The Black Friend could do for teens what books like *Why I’m No Longer Talking to White People About Race* and *Natives* have done for adults, opening eyes to systemic problems and problematic behaviour, and providing readers with the tools to confront racism.

Featuring interviews with fourteen prominent artists and activists including Angie Thomas, Toni Tone and Jemele Hill, this promises to be a broadly appealing resource on a much-needed topic.

- ISBN: 9781529500615
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 272

Indent

*Guess How Much
I Love You*



Guess How Much I Love You: Blush Sweetheart Edition

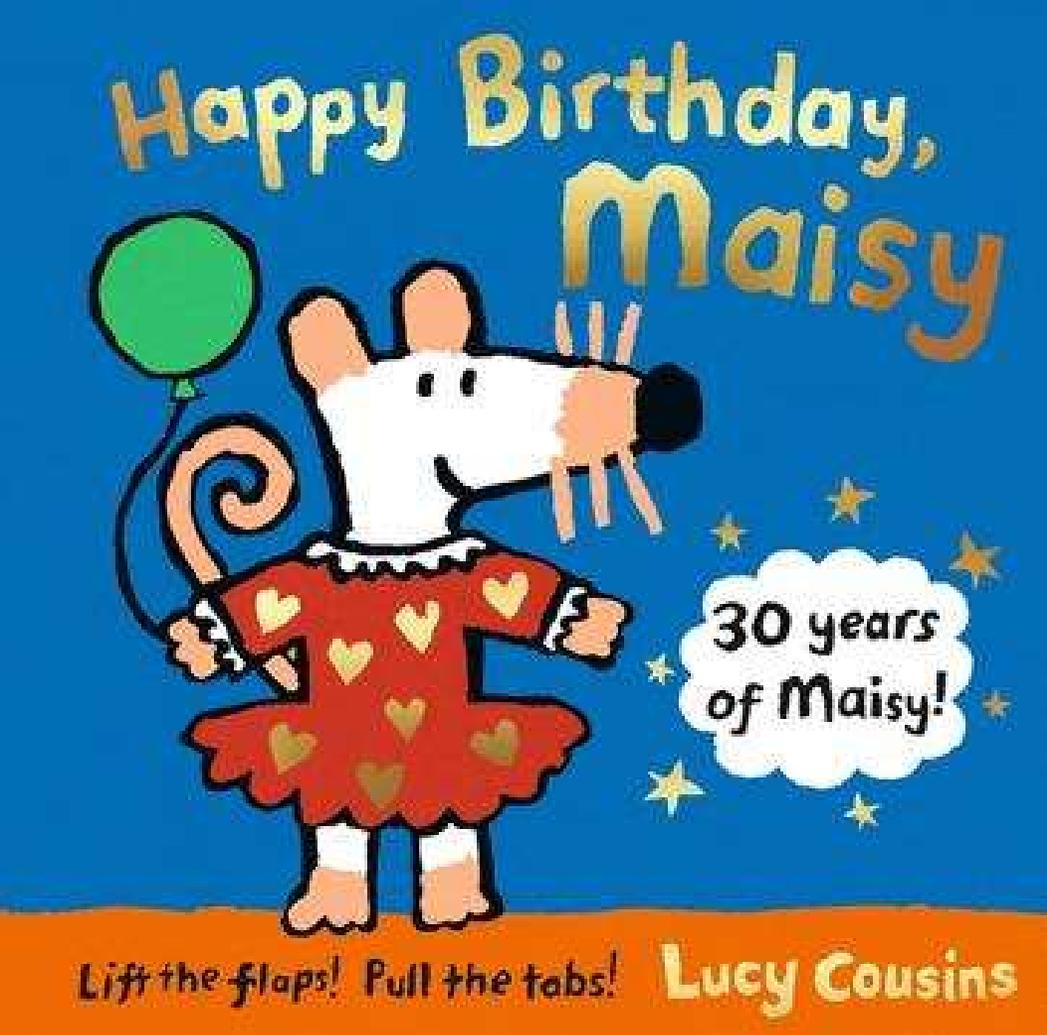
[Sam McBratney](#)

Illustrated by [Anita Jeram](#)

An elegant gift edition of the cherished classic, perfect for commemorating special moments with loved ones.

When you love someone right up to the moon and back, what better way to tell them so than with a tender universal story that has touched hearts across generations? Now dressed in a stunning blush-coloured cover accentuated with delicate rose gold foil details, this beautiful volume is perfect for gifting and a true treasure to hold.

- ISBN: 9781406396812
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 32



Happy Birthday, Maisy

[Lucy Cousins](#)

Illustrated by [Lucy Cousins](#)

Celebrate 30 years of Maisy with this extra-special anniversary edition of the classic pop-up book *Happy Birthday, Maisy!*

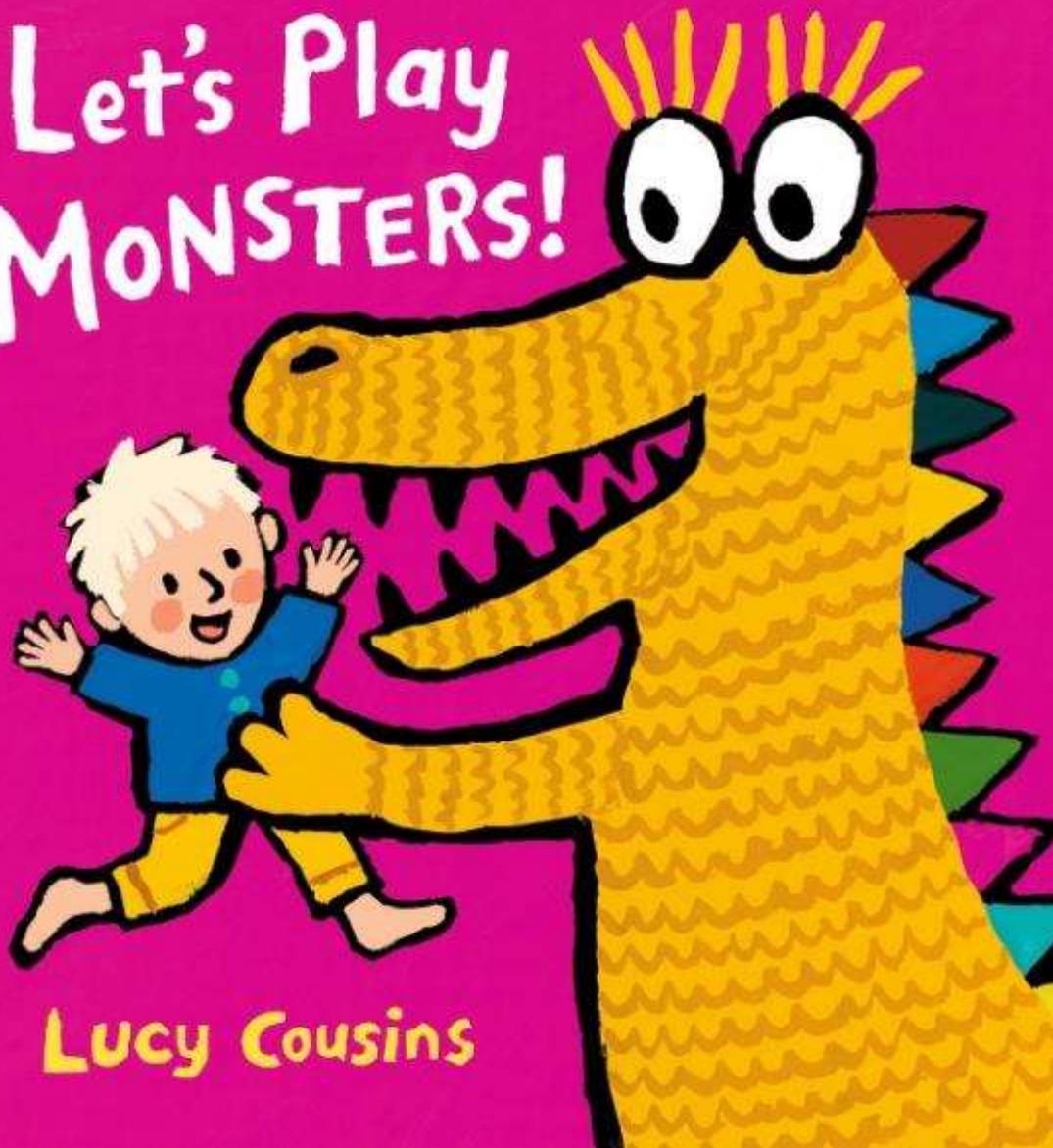
Cards, presents, balloons ... it's party time! Join Maisy and her friends in a fun interactive adventure, with flaps to lift and tabs to pull on every page. Walker Books is proud to present this extra-special anniversary edition of the classic pop-up story - originally published in 1998 - *Happy Birthday, Maisy* to celebrate 30 years of our beloved mouse. From friends to learning to fun, it's *always* more fun with Maisy

A special, sparkly edition of the classic pop-up story to celebrate 30 years of Maisy. Features a brand new anniversary logo in Lucy's signature bright and colourful style. Children will love to lift the flaps and pull the tabs to help Maisy celebrate her birthday!

Lucy Cousins' books have sold over 38 million copies worldwide and are available in 33 different languages.

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- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 16

Let's Play MONSTERS!



Let's Play Monsters!

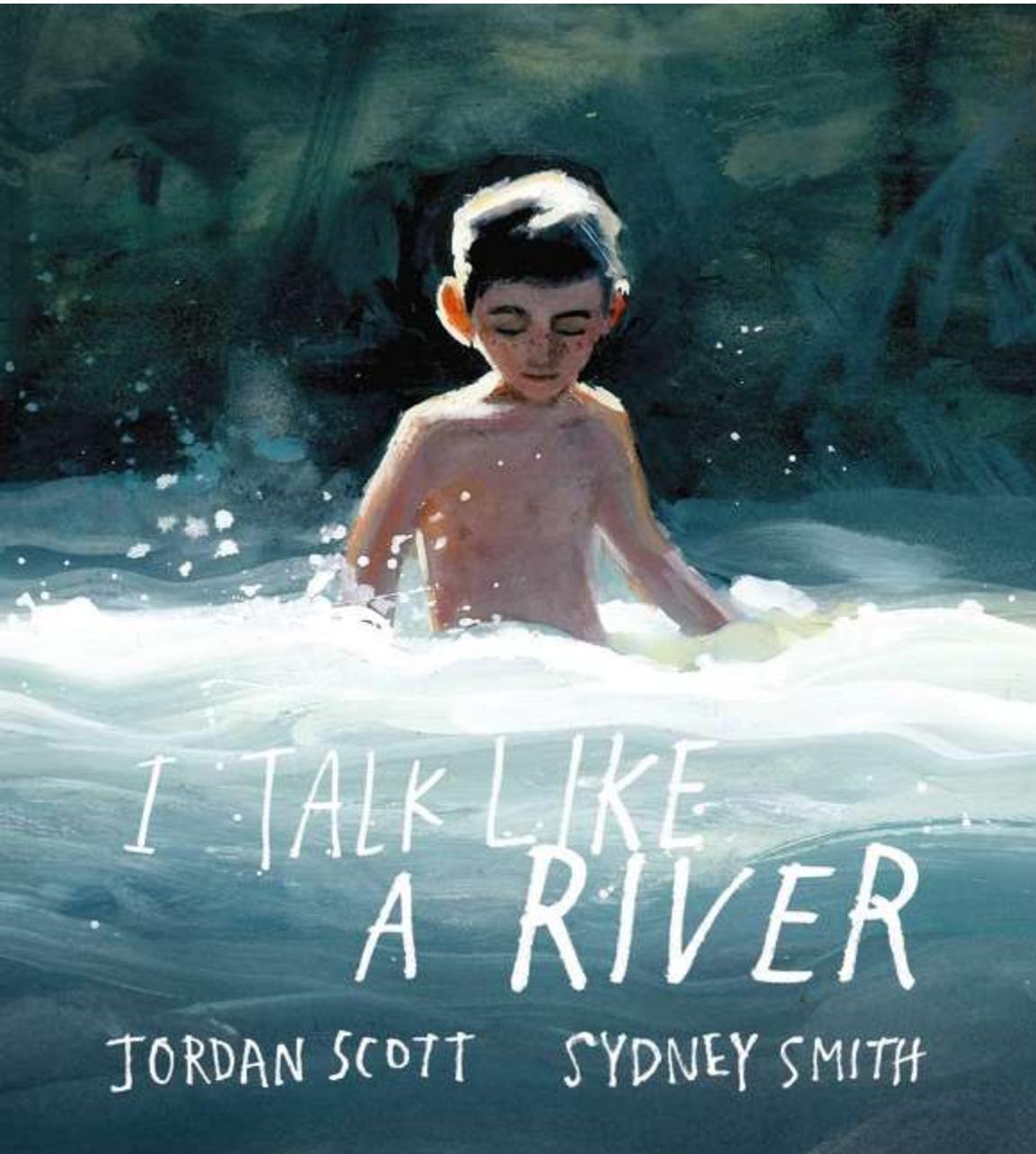
[Lucy Cousins](#)

Gabriel is being chased by monsters! His friend is one, and so is his uncle, his grandma ... even the cat! But who will catch him? A brand new picture book from the award-winning Lucy Cousins.

Come on everybody, Gabriel wants to PLAY! You be a monster, and he'll run away... Gabriel is being chased by terrible monsters with sharp pointy teeth, spikes on their back, and smelly feet! But it's all right, they can't catch him ... or can they? Let's play monsters! In this riotously funny new story from the award-winning Lucy Cousins, we follow our brave hero Gabriel as he runs away from a host of fantastically weird and wonderful monsters, played by everyone at home from his grandma to a potted plant.

Inspired by Cousins' playtime with her own grandson, *Let's Play Monsters* is a delightful tale celebrating family and the power of imagination – featuring some truly magnificent monster creations!

- ISBN: 9781406384802
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 40



I Talk Like a River

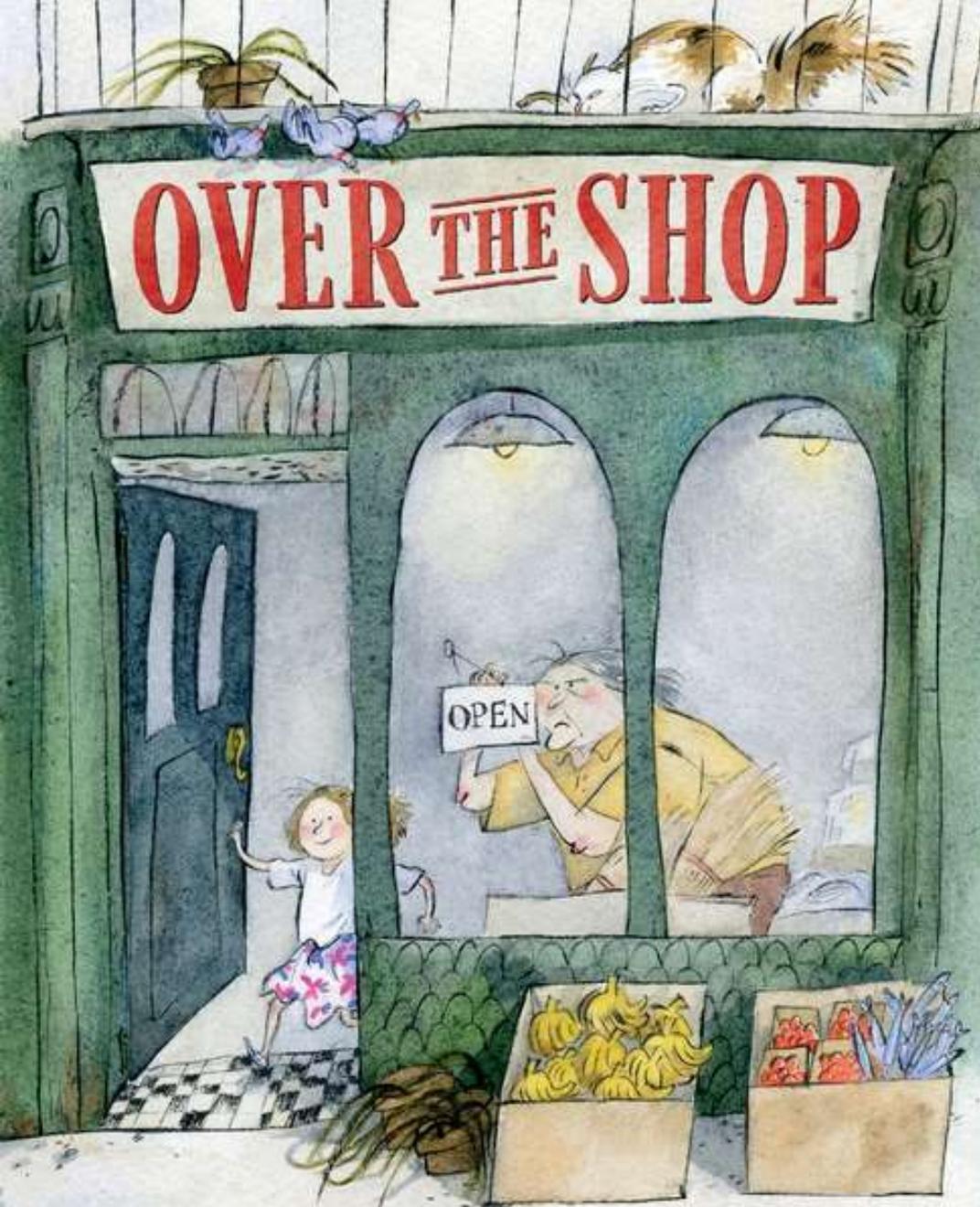
[Jordan Scott](#)

Illustrated by [Sydney Smith](#)

What if words got stuck in the back of your mouth whenever you tried to speak?

After a day of being unable to speak when asked, and of being stared at, a boy and his father go to the river for some quiet time. "It's just a bad speech day," says Dad. But the boy can't stop thinking about all the eyes watching his lips twisting and twirling. When his father points to the river bubbling, churning, whirling and crashing, the boy finds a way to think about how he speaks. Even the river stutters. Like him. "I talk like a river," he says. An incredibly moving picture book that offers understanding rather than a solution, and which will resonate with all readers, young and old. Masterfully illustrated by Sydney Smith, winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal.

- ISBN: 9781406397222
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 40



Over the Shop

[JonArno Lawson](#)

Illustrated by [Qin Leng](#)

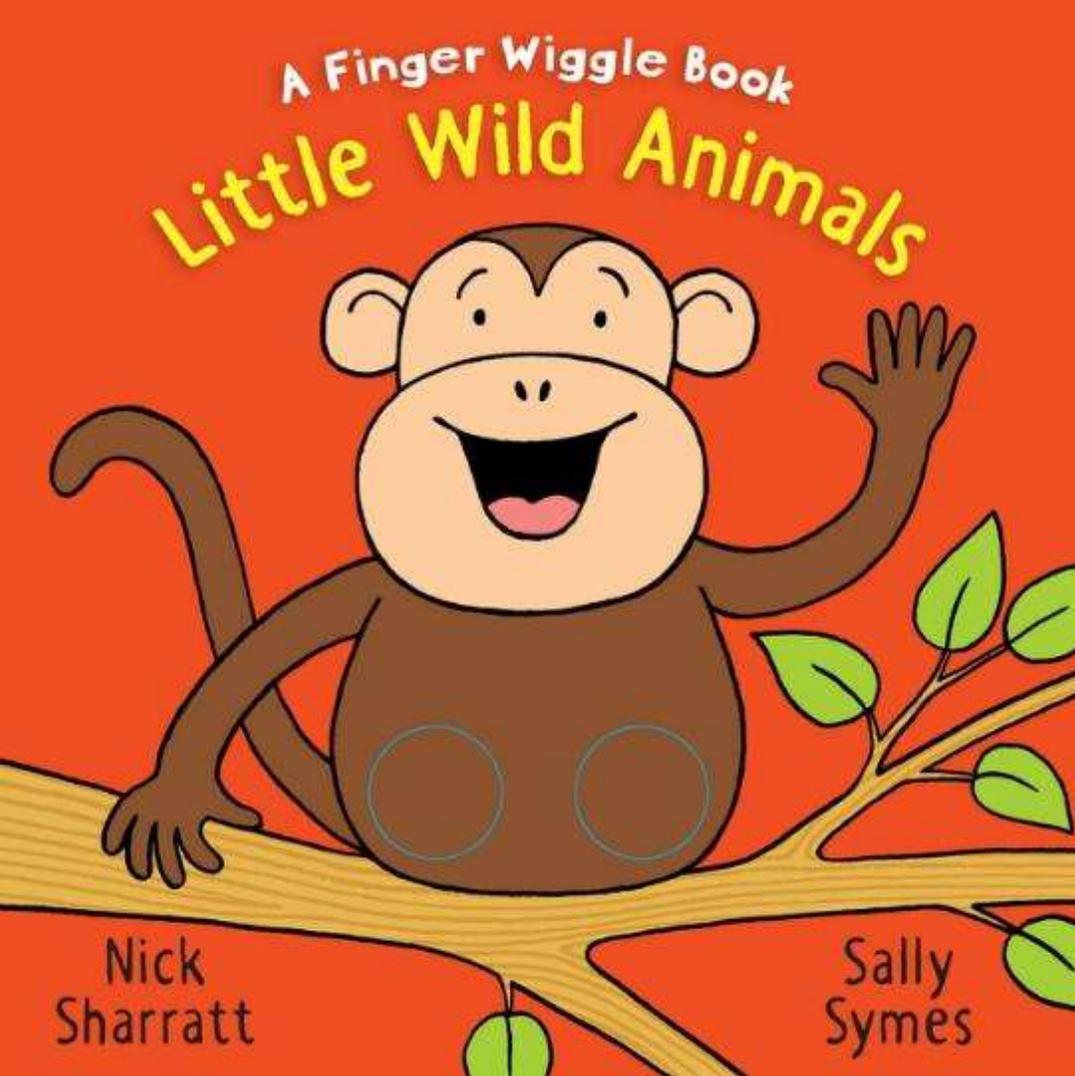
In a beautifully detailed wordless picture book, a tumbledown building becomes home sweet home for a found family.

A lonely little girl and her grandparent need to fill the run-down apartment in their building. But taking over the rooms above their shop will mean major renovations for the new occupants, and none of the potential renters can envision the possibilities of the space – until one special couple shows up. With their ingenuity, the little girl's big heart, and heaps of hard work, the desperate fixer-upper begins to change in lovely and surprising ways. In this bustling wordless picture book, JonArno Lawson's touching story and Qin Leng's gentle illustrations capture all angles of the building's transformation, as well as the evolving perspectives of the girl and her grandparent. A wordless picture book that celebrates the power of community, the joys of new friends and the magic that happens when you open your heart, and fill your home with love and joy.

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- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 48

JonArno Lawson

illustrated by Qin Leng



Little Wild Animals: A Finger Wiggle Book

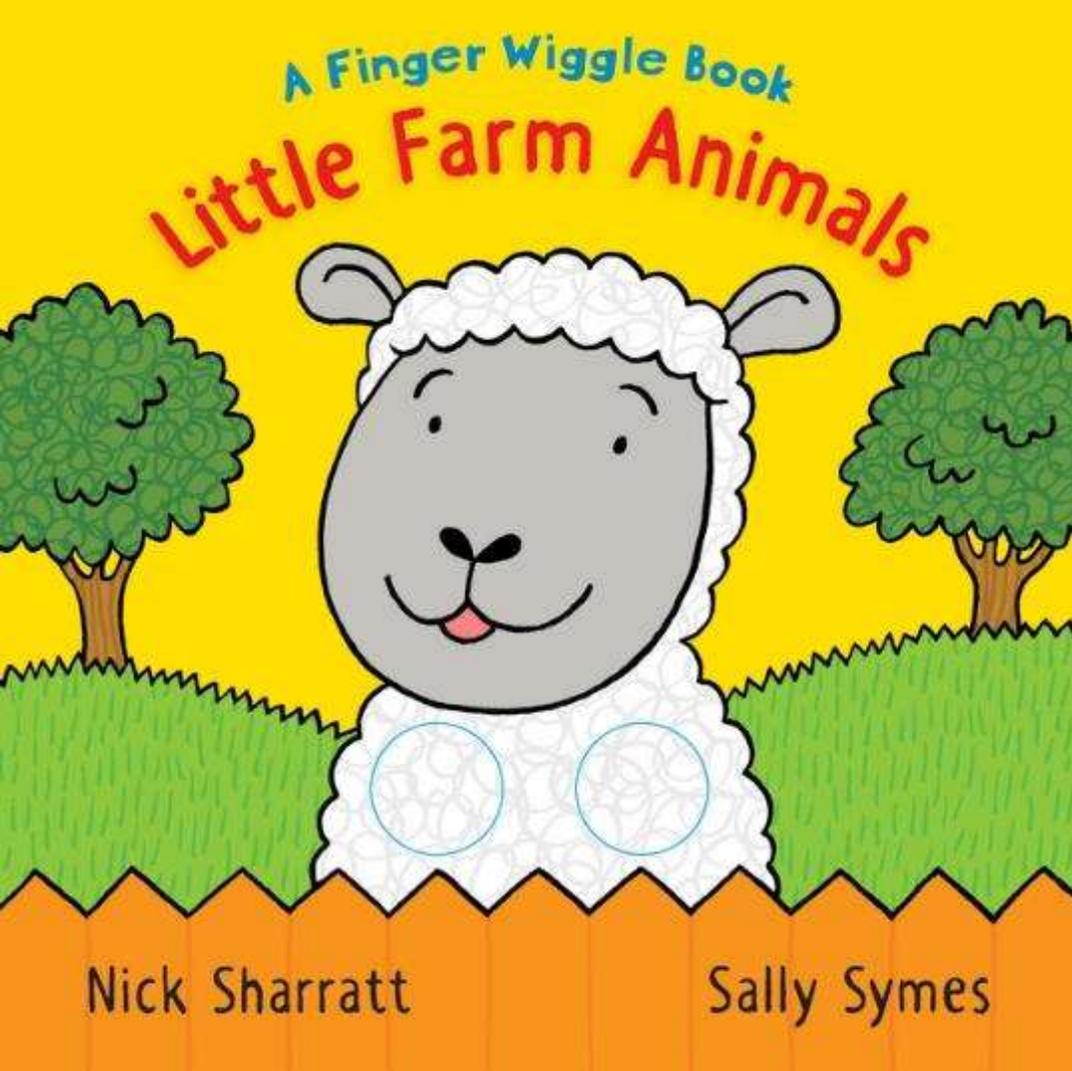
[Sally Symes](#)

Illustrated by [Nick Sharratt](#)

Enjoy and encourage imaginative play with your baby in this joyful finger wiggle book!

Poke your fingers through the holes of this brilliant board book to make wiggly legs for eight wonderful wild animals. Run with the zebra, doze with the hippo, splash in the swamp with a crocodile – but watch out for that lion! With bright, high contrast illustrations and finger holes to explore, this book is the perfect start to a lifelong love of books as you share the joy of reading together.

- ISBN: 9781406397154
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 18



Little Farm Animals: A Finger Wiggle Book

[Sally Symes](#)

Illustrated by [Nick Sharratt](#)

Enjoy and encourage imaginative play with your baby in this joyful finger wiggle book!

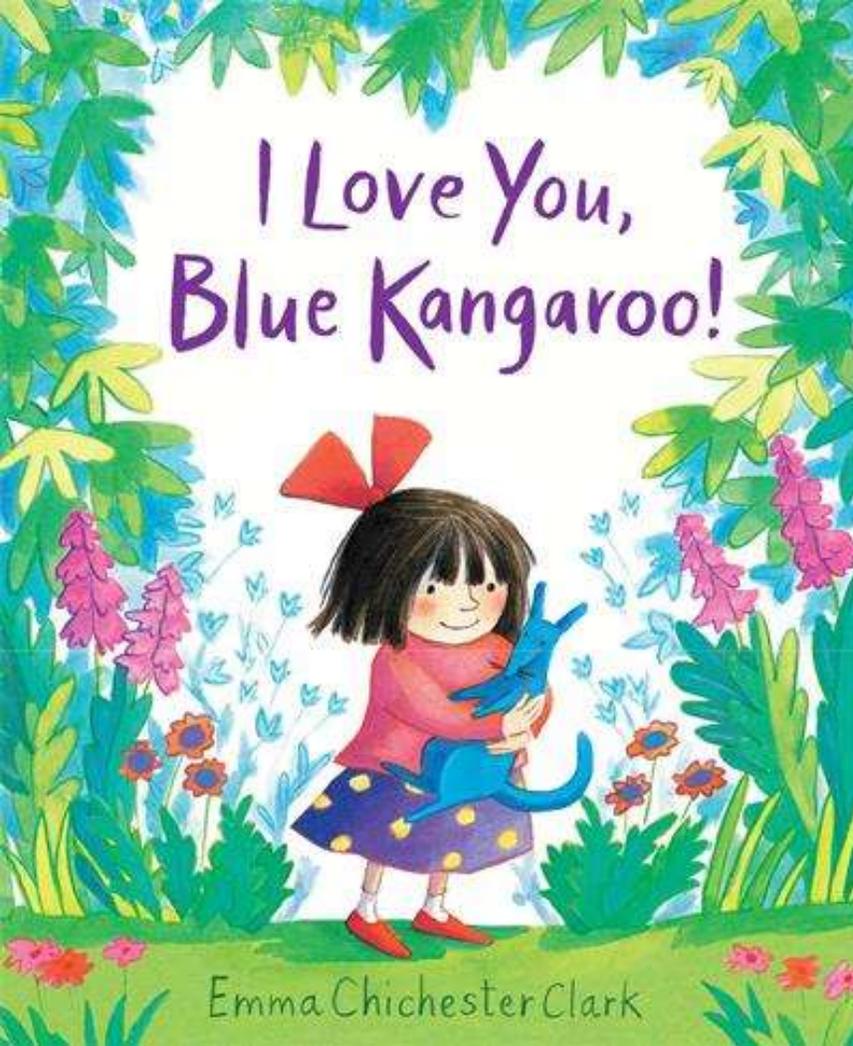
Poke your fingers through the holes of this brilliant board book to make wiggly legs for eight adorable animals as they go about their day on the farm! The little hen lays eggs, the little goat chews socks, the little duck goes for a paddle and the horse jumps over a wall – all with a little bit of help from you and your baby as you share the joy of reading together. With bright, high contrast illustrations and finger holes to explore, this book is the perfect start to a lifelong love of books.

- ISBN: 9781406397161
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Picture Books
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Picture Books



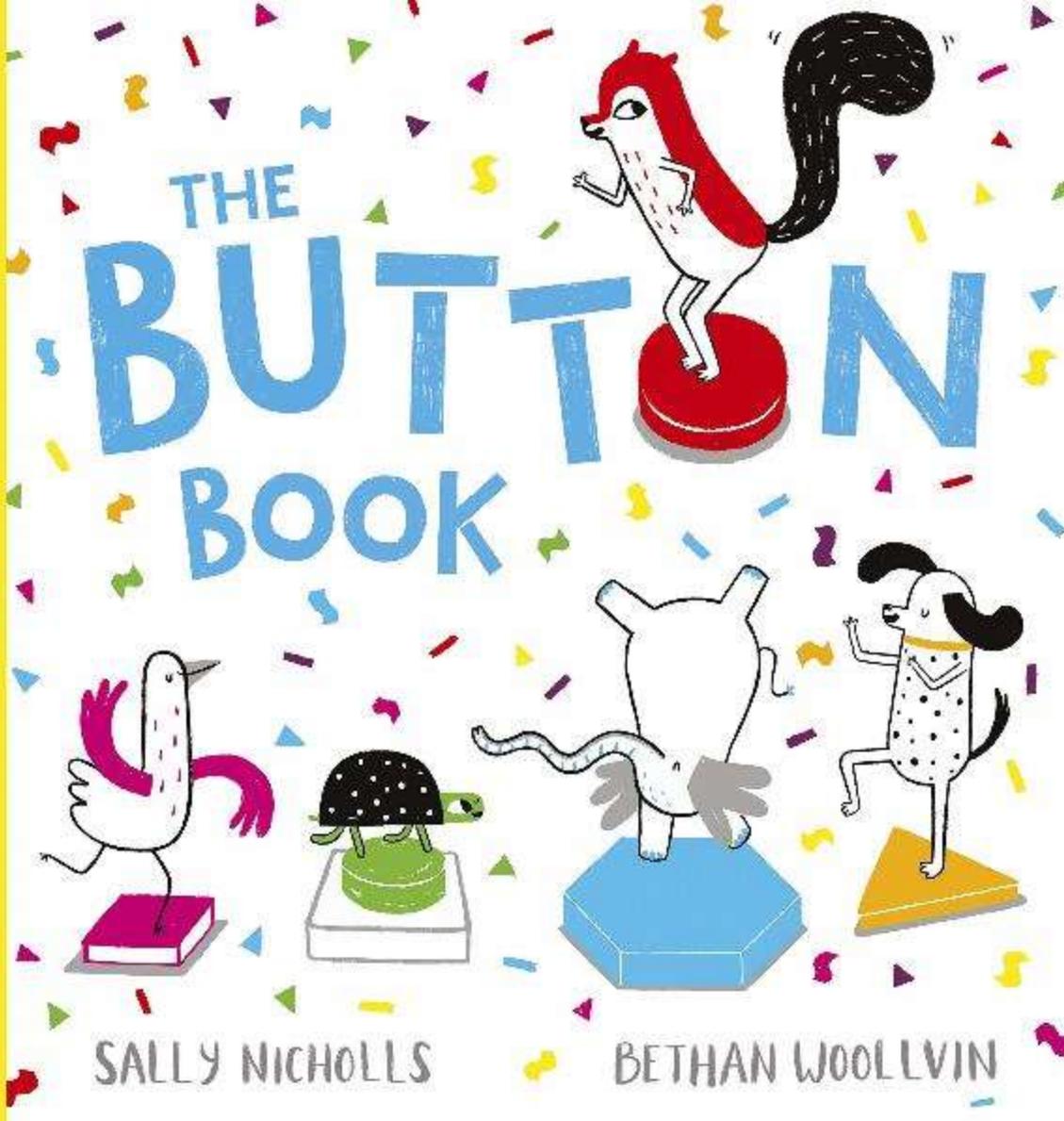
I Love You, Blue Kangaroo!

[Emma Chichester Clark](#)

Every night Blue Kangaroo falls fast asleep, cuddled in Lily's arms. But as new toy animals start arriving, Blue Kangaroo worries that there just isn't enough room for him anymore. When he goes missing,

Lily looks everywhere for him and it turns out NONE of the other toys means as much to her as her first and favourite Blue Kangaroo.

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- Genre: Picture Book
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The Button Book

[Sally Nicholls](#)

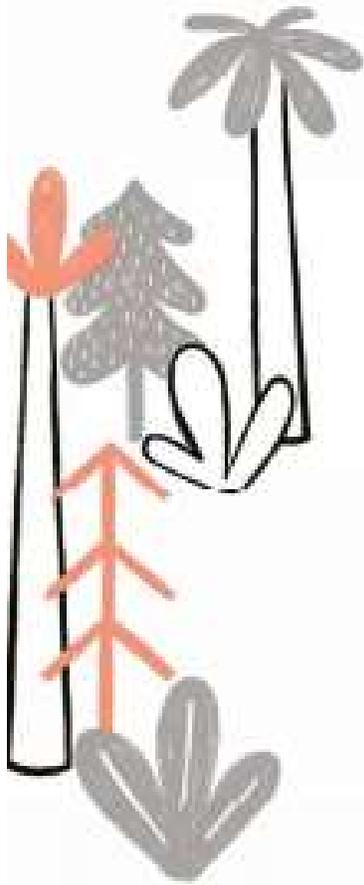
Illustrated by [Bethan Woollvin](#)

Here's a button. I wonder what happens when you press it? From a singing button to a tickle button, from a rude sound button to a mysterious white button, there's only one way to find out what they do...

A remarkable adventure powered purely by imagination, where the sounds, songs and play are completely up to you and whoever you're sharing this wonderful book with. This picture book will take you on a magical journey of colour, imagination, and play with a wind-down bedtime ending (unless you're asked to read it again).

"The last one is a sleep button. Good night, children. More confirmation that children's book creators are unsung geniuses." *New York Times*

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- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32



Here's a red button.
I wonder what happens
when you press it?

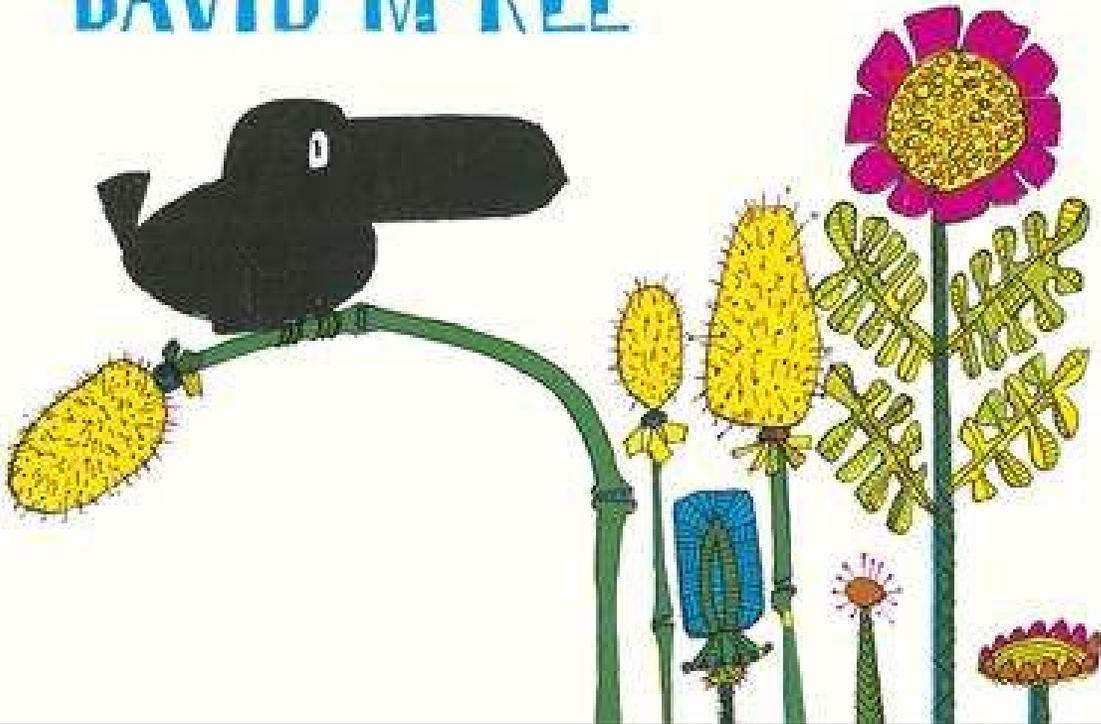




TWO CAN TOUCAN

written and illustrated by

DAVID MCKEE



Two Can Toucan

[David McKee](#)

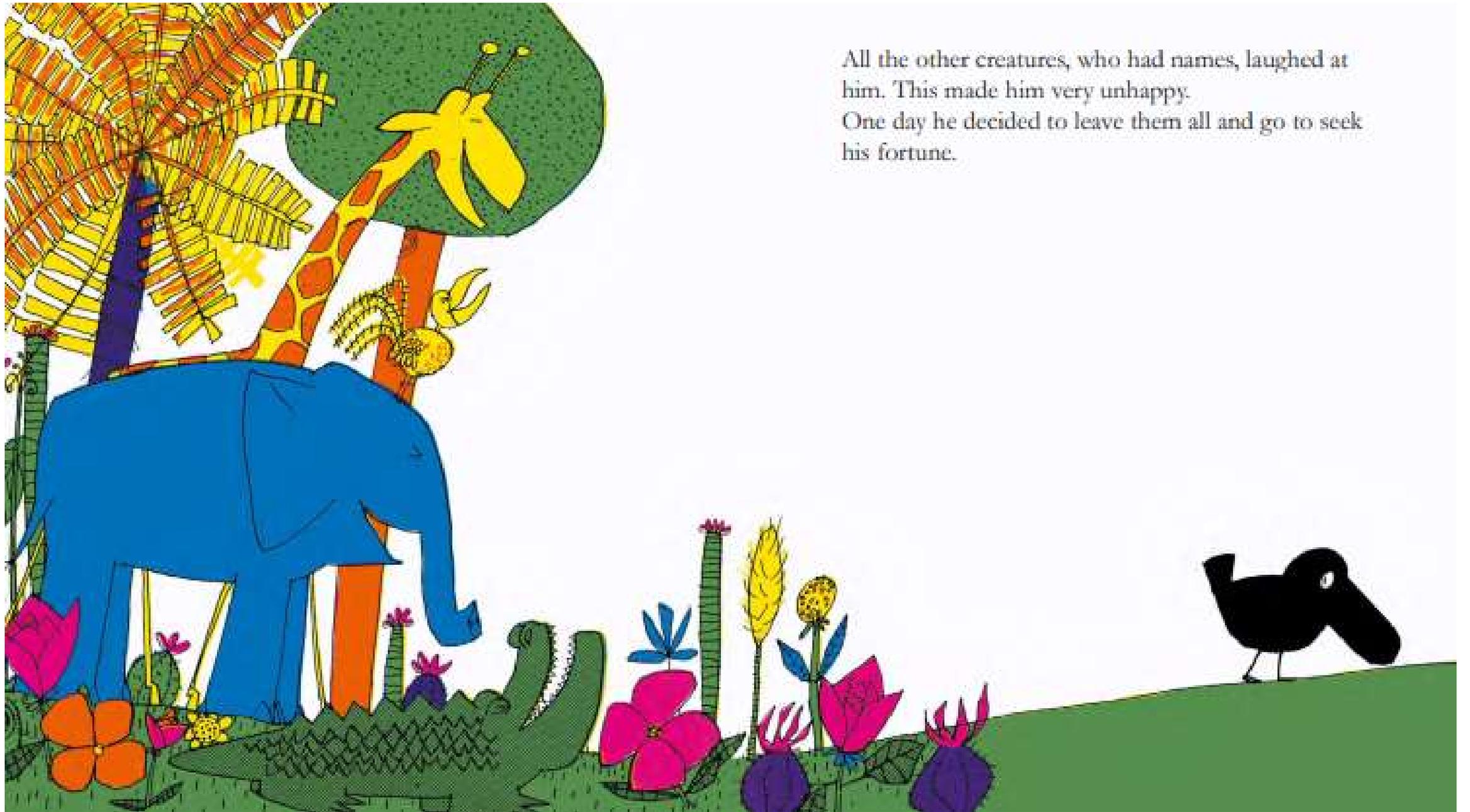
There's a bird in the forest that is completely black (except for his white eyes), and very unhappy. When the other animals tease him because he has no name, he decides he must leave the forest to find his fortune... and his place in the world.

Find out how the toucan got his name, and his amazing colours in this modern classic by picture book legend David McKee - the creator of children's favourites Elmer the patchwork elephant, Mr Benn, and King Rollo.

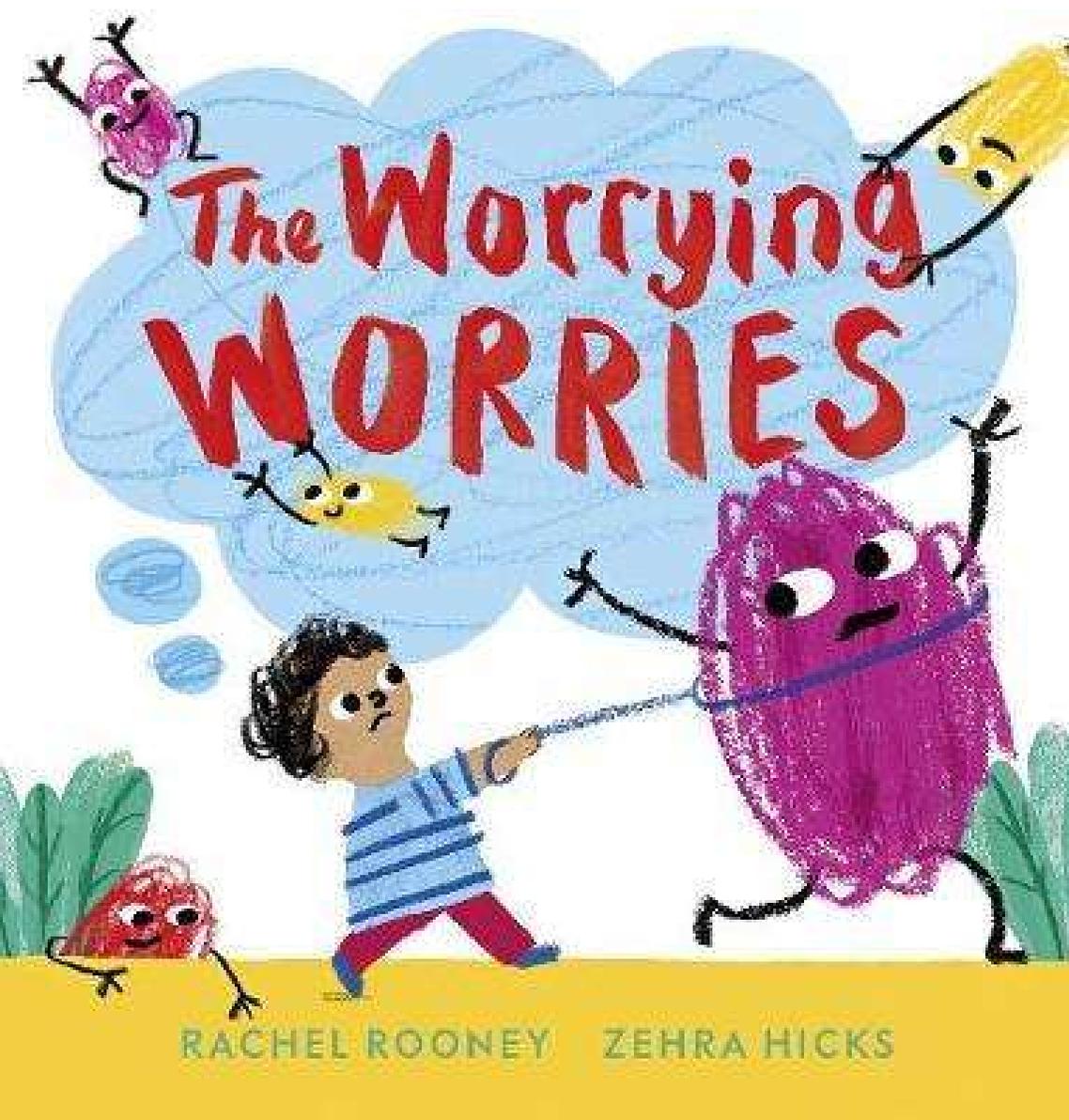
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- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32

There was once a bird who didn't have a name.
He had a very large beak and was all black except
for the whites of his eyes.





All the other creatures, who had names, laughed at him. This made him very unhappy. One day he decided to leave them all and go to seek his fortune.



The Worrying Worries

[Rachel Rooney](#)

Illustrated by [Zehra Hicks](#)

What happens when you get a Worry? They can follow you around everywhere, and they are HUNGRY. They feed on your fears and put sad thoughts in your head until they've grown so big, it can be hard to get anything done!

Luckily, the Worry Doctor knows exactly what to do

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- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32

Once, I found a Worry so I trapped it in a net.



I picked it out and put it in my pocket for a pet.



Everywhere I went that day, my Worry came with me.

The library...



the park...



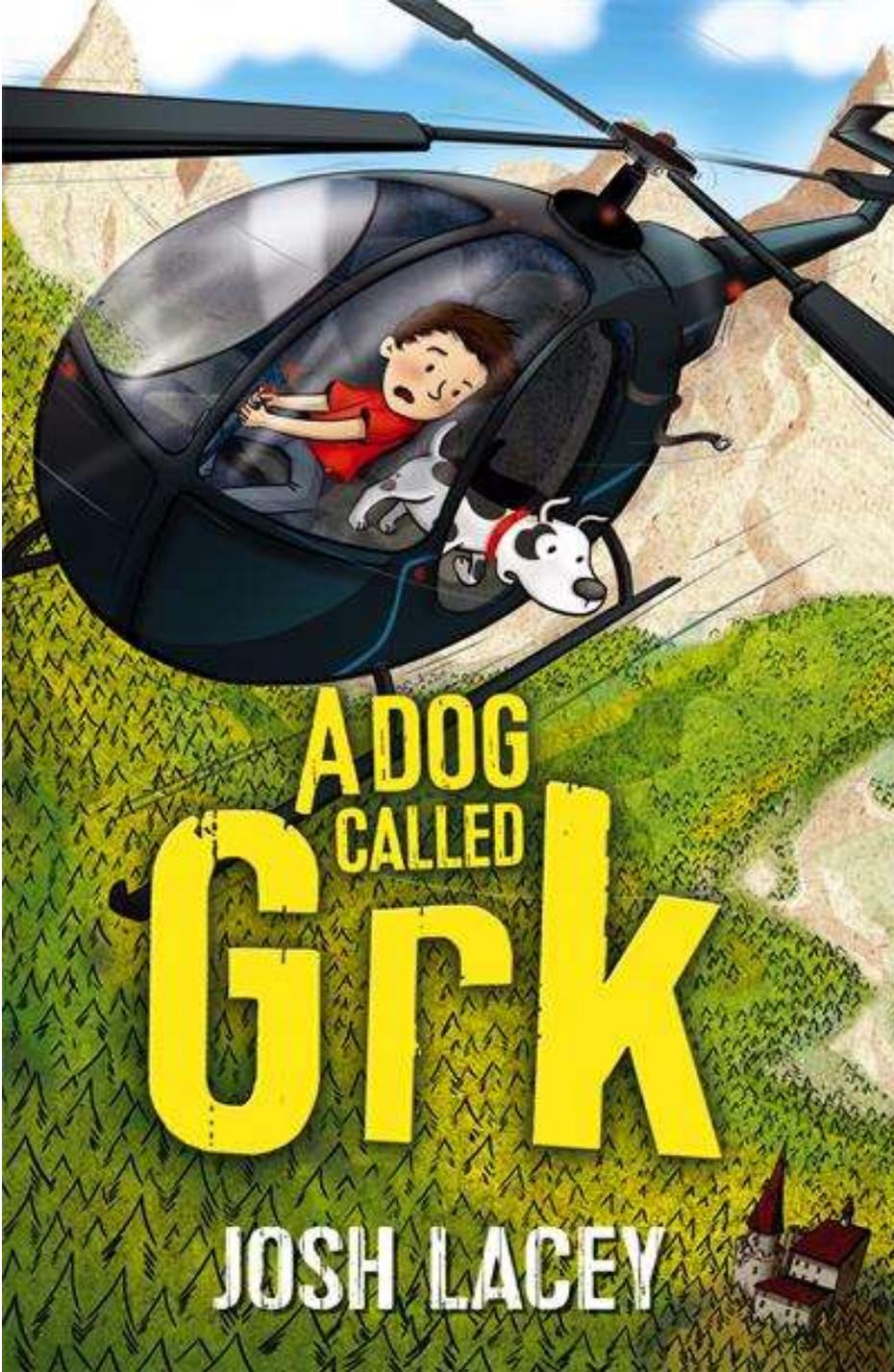
the shops...



and home again for tea.



Fiction



A Dog Called Grk

[Josh Lacey](#)

What would you do if you found a dog in the street?

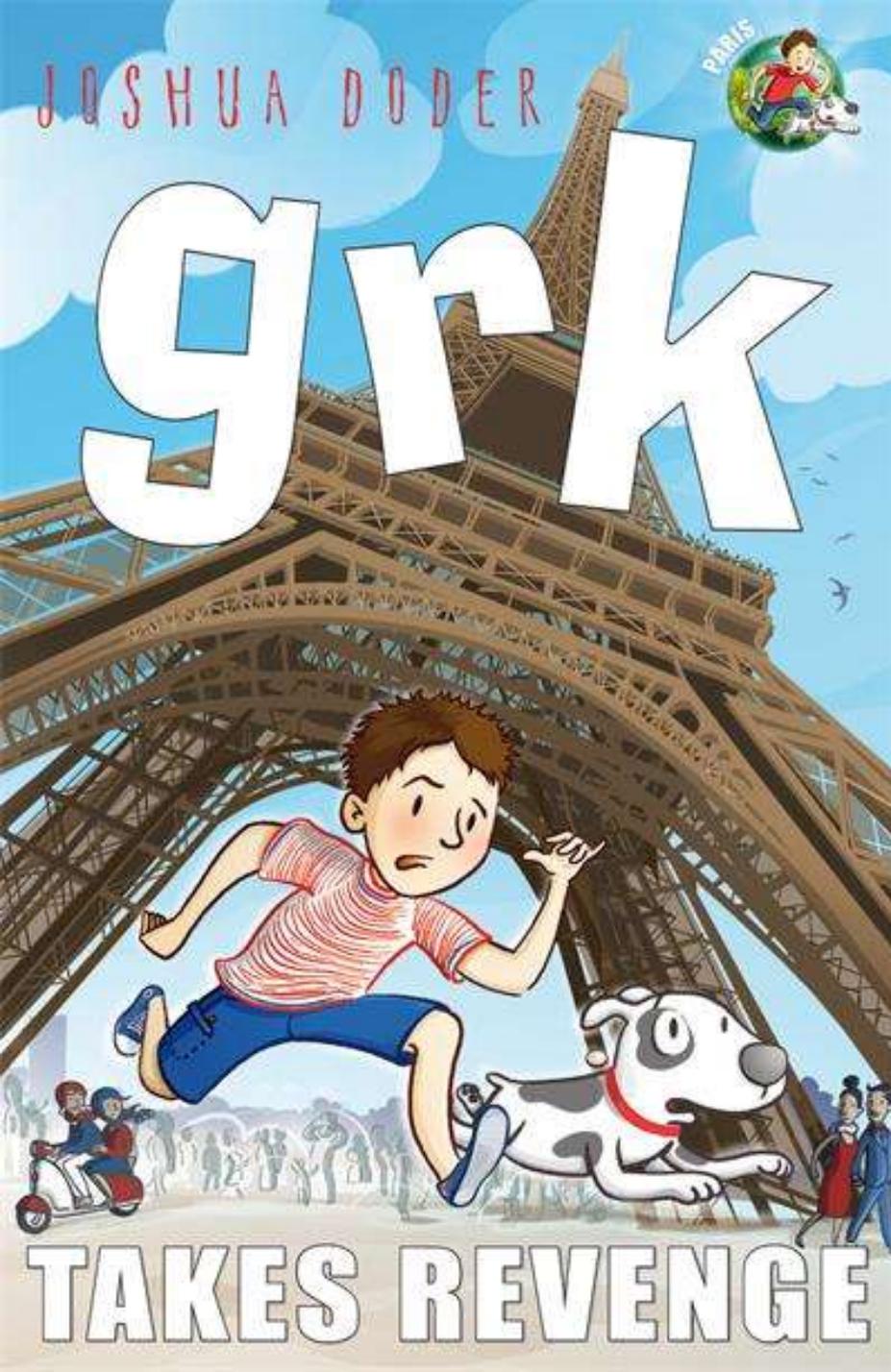
Would you return him to his owners?

Even if they were a thousand miles away - and in prison?

Tim finds a stray dog on the way home from school, but his parents refuse to let it into their house. He knows what he has to do. He catches a plane to Eastern Europe . . . Tim will have to break into a high-security prison, pilot a helicopter and make a nail-biting run for the border - all for a dog called Grk.

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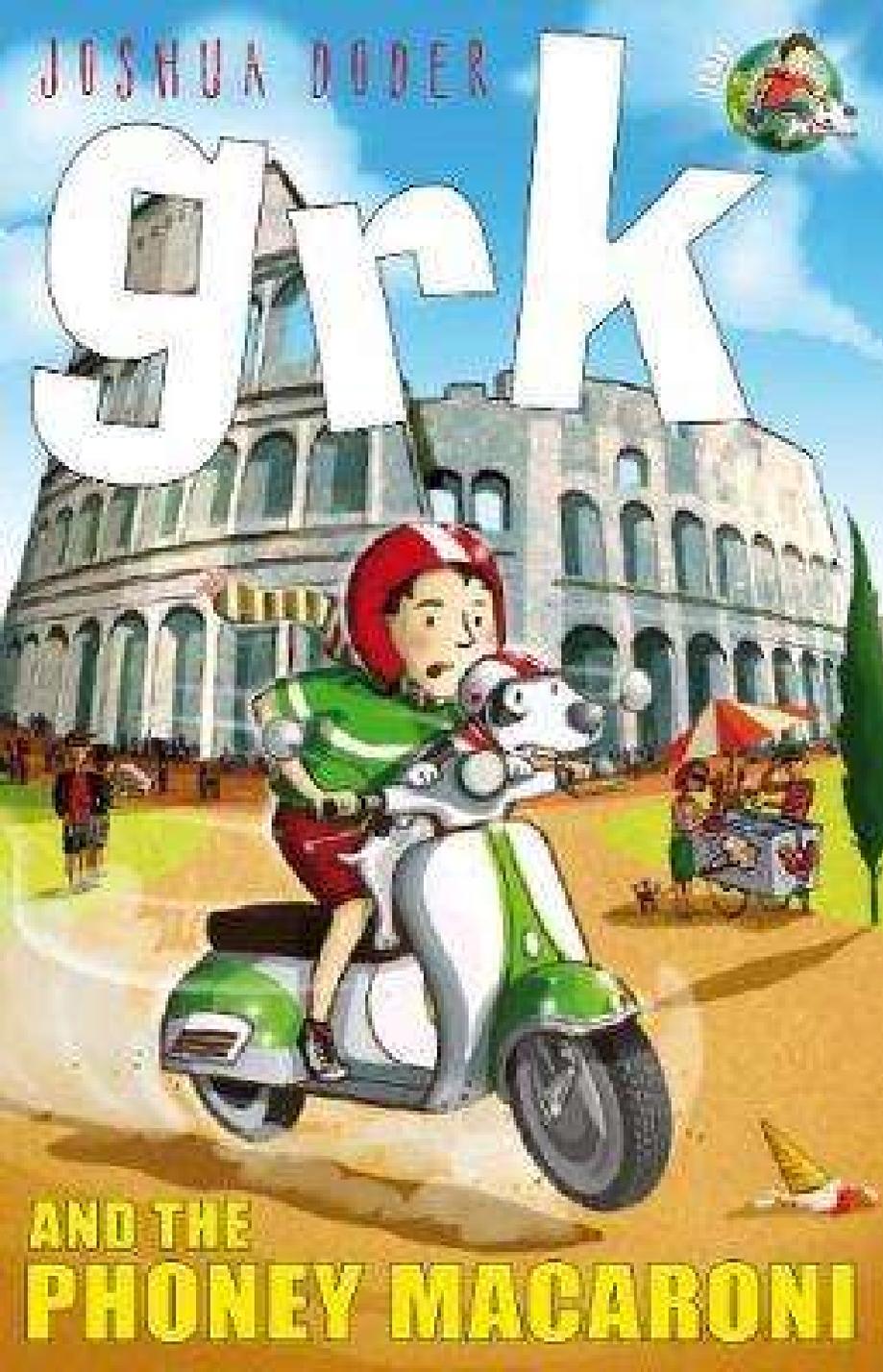


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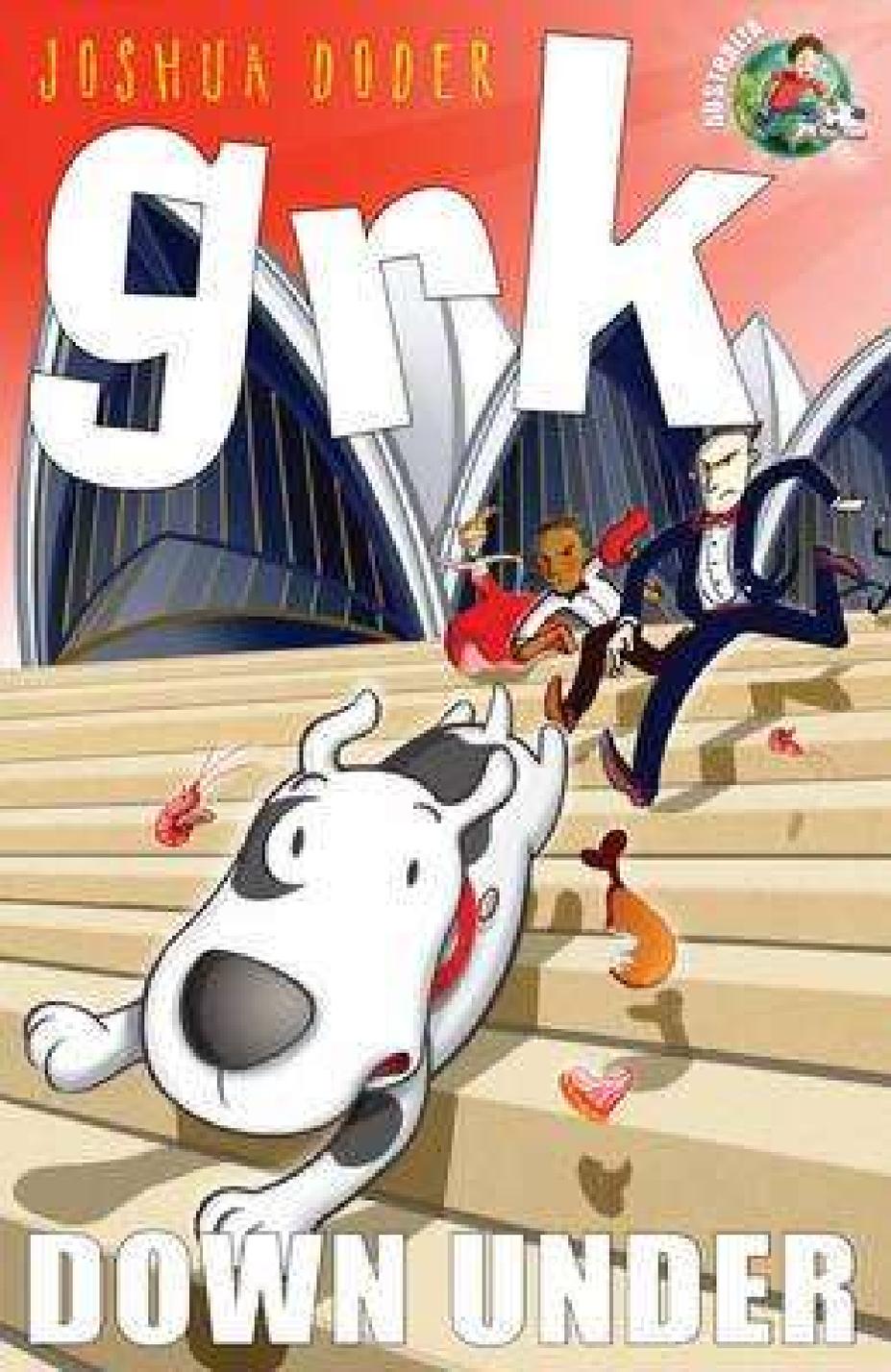


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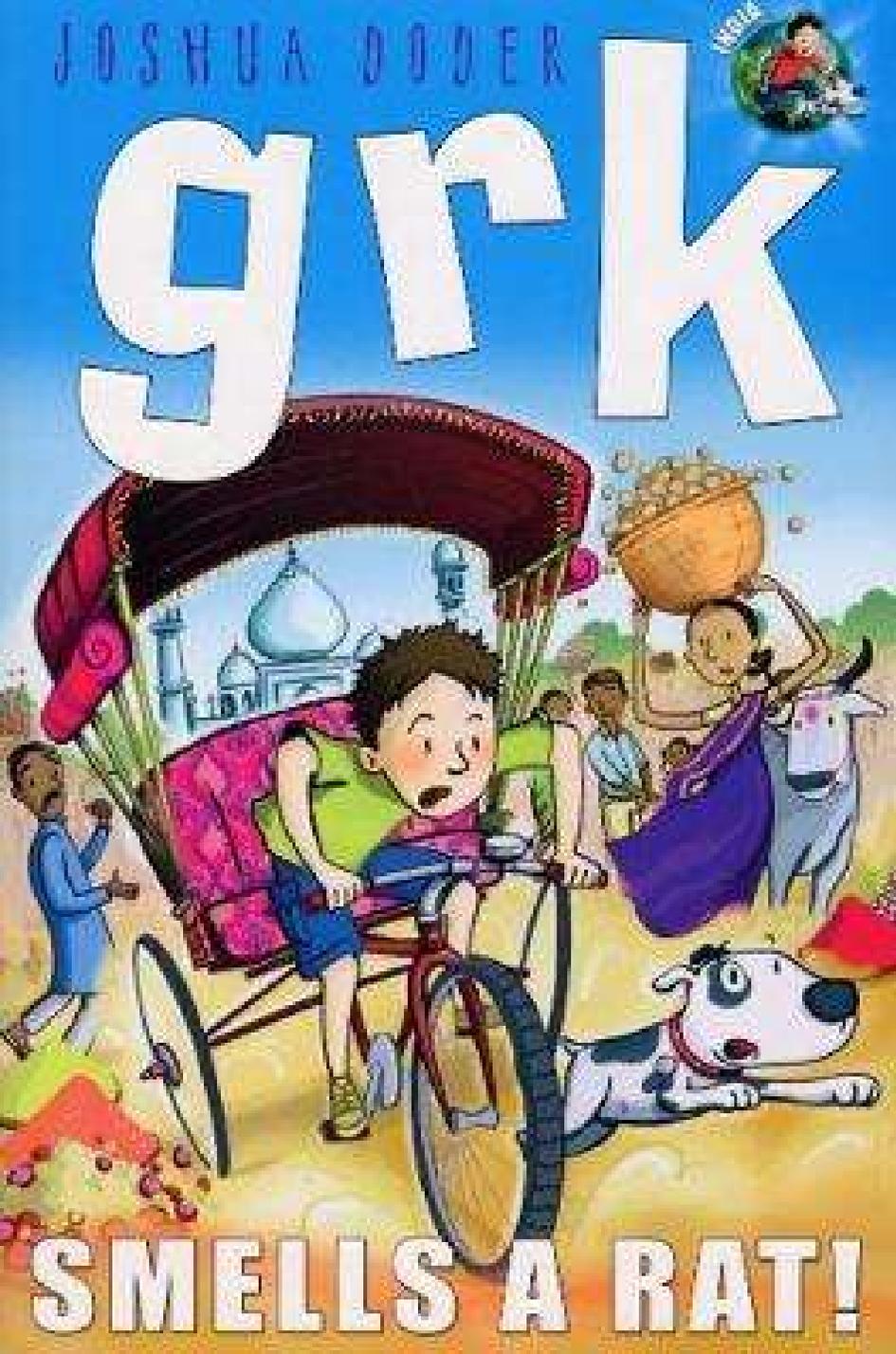
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