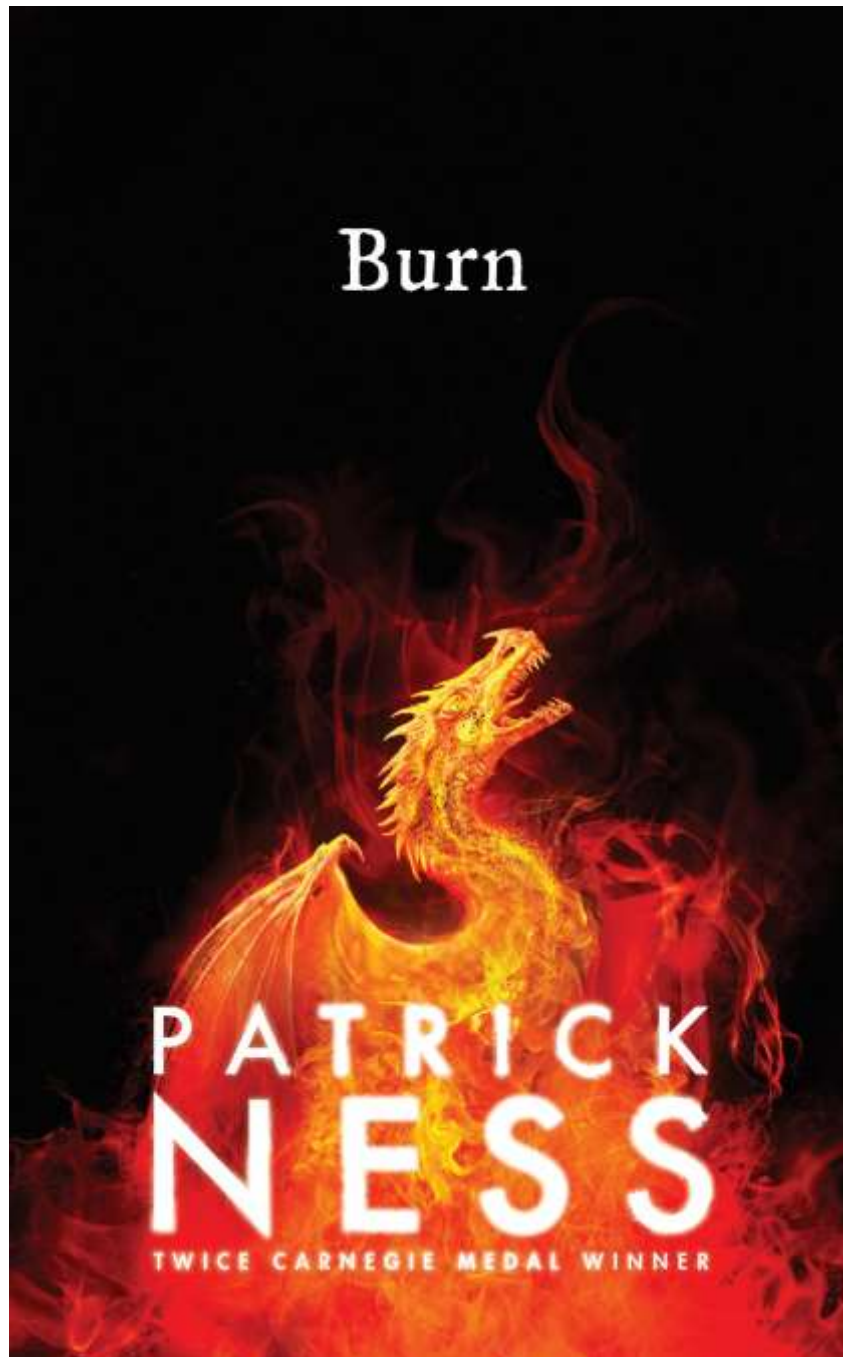




**WALKER  
BOOKS**

July 2020

# Highlights



## Burn

[Patrick Ness](#)

An all-consuming story of revenge, redemption and dragons from the twice Carnegie Medal-winner Patrick Ness.

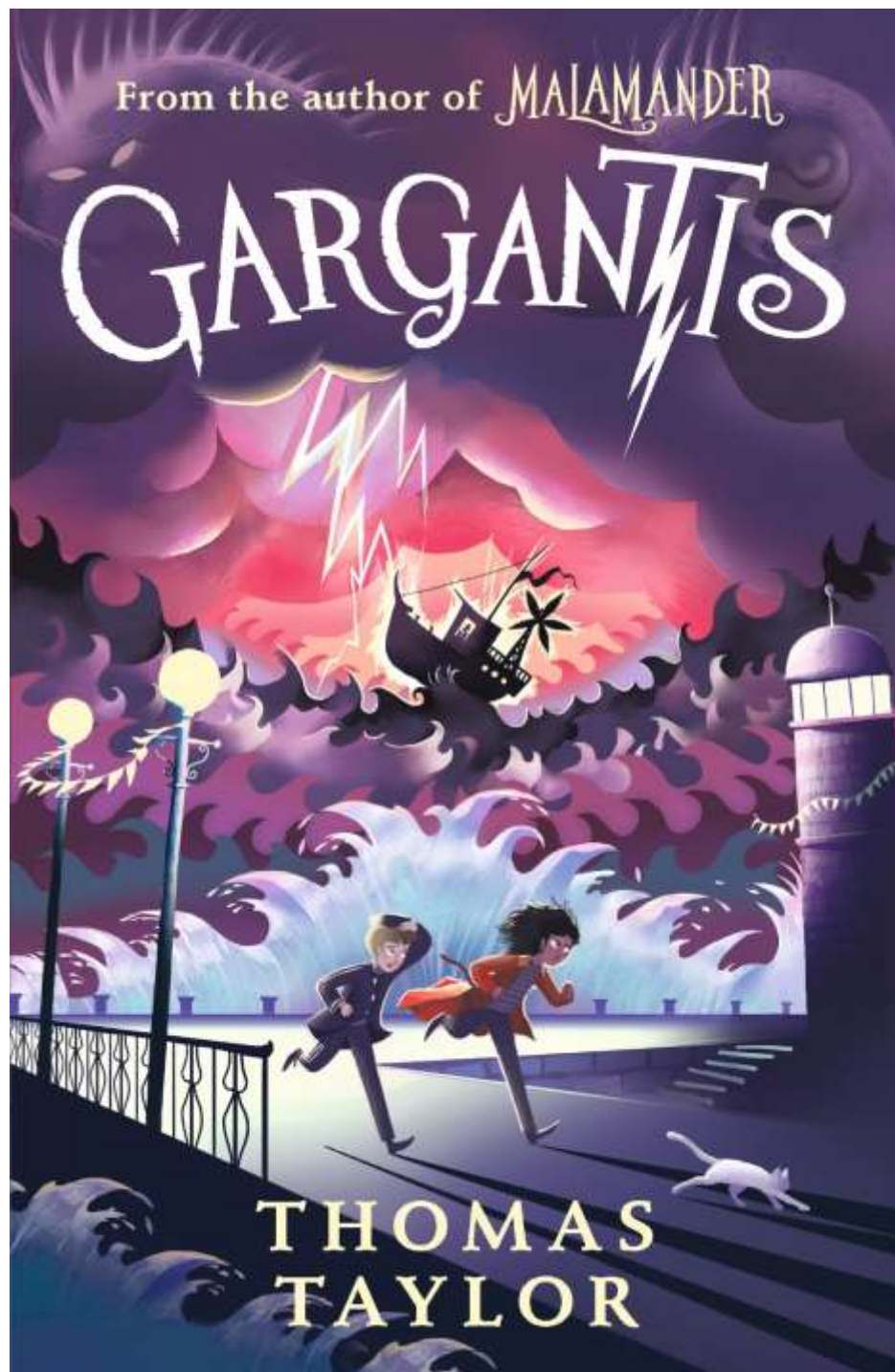
"On a cold Sunday evening in early 1957, Sarah Dewhurst waited with her father in the parking lot of the Chevron Gas Station for the dragon he'd hired to help on the farm."

This dragon, Kazimir, has more to him than meets the eye. Sarah can't help but be curious about him, an animal who supposedly doesn't have a soul but is seemingly intent on keeping her safe from the brutal attentions of Deputy Sheriff Emmett Kelby.

Kazimir knows something she doesn't. He has arrived at the farm because of a prophecy. A prophecy that involves a deadly assassin, a cult of dragon worshippers, two FBI agents - and somehow, Sarah Dewhurst herself.

From the bestselling author of the Chaos Walking trilogy comes a heart-stopping story of fanaticism, hope, bravery and impossible second chances, set in a world on the very brink of its own destruction.

- ISBN: 9781406375503
- Format: Trade Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 384



## Gargantis

### The Legends of Eerie-on-Sea

[Thomas Taylor](#)

**There's a storm raging in Eerie-on-Sea. Has the mighty Gargantis come back from the deep...?**

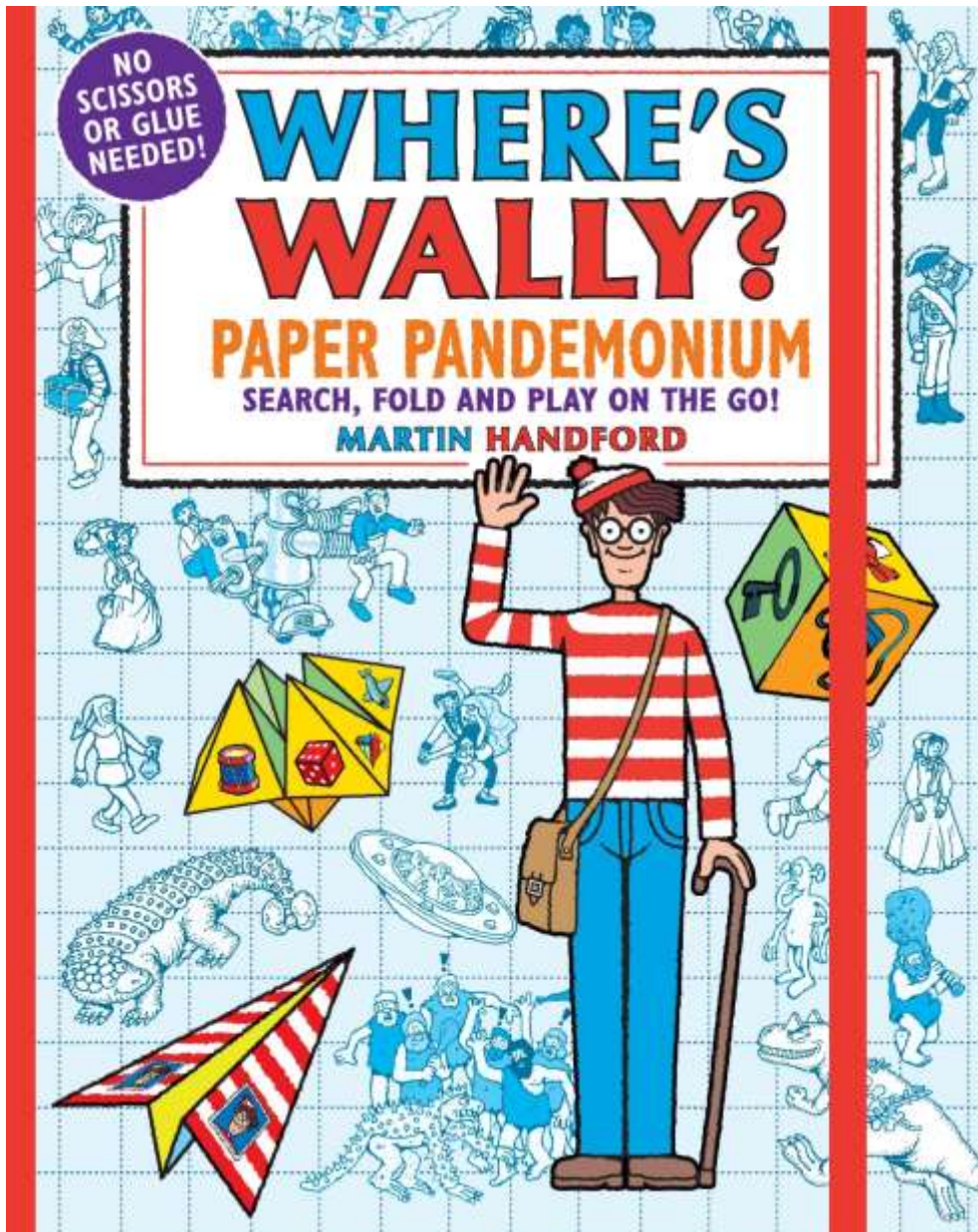
When an ancient bottle is found washed up on the beach after a ferocious electrical storm, all the residents of Eerie-on-Sea seem to want it ... but should they in fact *fear* it? Legend has it that the bottle contains an extraordinary secret that spells doom for the whole of Eerie-on-Sea. Could it be true that the vast sea creature Gargantis has awoken from her slumbers, and is causing the large cracks that are appearing all across the town? Finding themselves entrusted with the bottle, Herbie and Violet discover they will need to ride the terrible storm and pacify the creature if they want to save Eerie-on-Sea from sliding into the ocean and being lost for ever.

Herbie Lemon is a narrator to watch! Fresh storytelling in an original voice for fans of Lemony Snicket, *The Storm-Keeper's Island* and *The Uncommoners*.

Sequel to the highly acclaimed *Malamander*, which was Waterstones Children's Book of the Month and *The Times'* Children's Book of the Week and has sold sixteen foreign editions to date.

- ISBN: 9781406386295
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 352





## Where's Wally? Paper Pandemonium : Search, fold and play on the go!

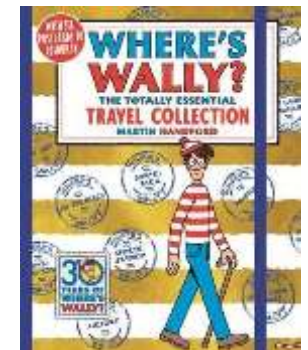
[Martin Handford](#)

Wally and his friends are back in this nifty, travel-sized book of thrills! Packed full of paper-folding activities, games and searches to get your brain in gear for adventure!

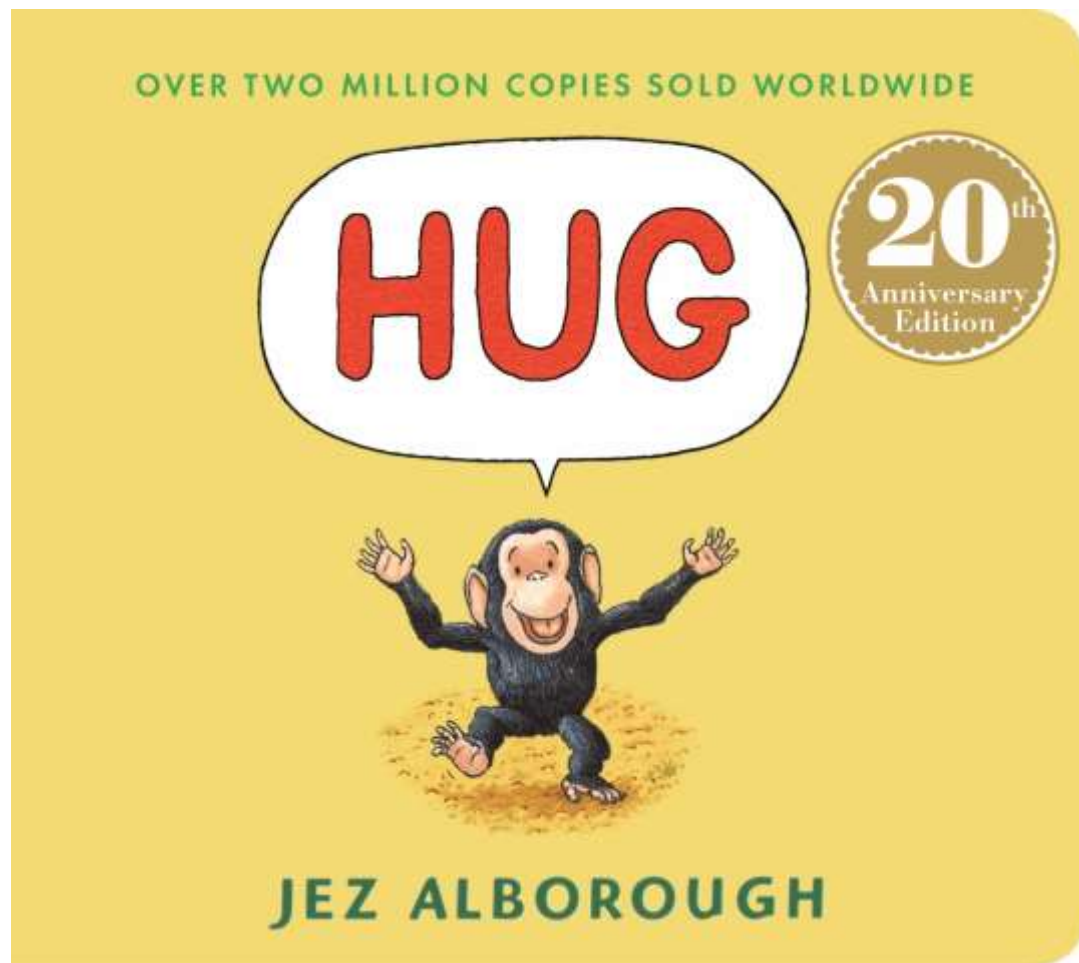
Create lots of exhilarating Wally fun from a fleet of paper aeroplanes to a host of fantastic fortune tellers, with clear instructions for assembly. Plus, there are perforated pages, stickers and extra craft paper - NO GLUE OR SCISSORS REQUIRED! Wow! A perfect book for people who love searches, games, making and creating.

Let the Paper Pandemonium begin! Fifth in a series of travel-sized Wally titles - look out for The Totally Essential Travel Collection, The Colouring Collection, Games on the Go! and Exciting Expeditions on your adventures!

- ISBN: 9781406391046
- Format: Flexiback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 96



# **Picture & Board Books**



## Hug 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

[Jez Alborough](#)

**Celebrate 20 years of Bobo and his friends in this special anniversary edition of the much-loved family favourite!**

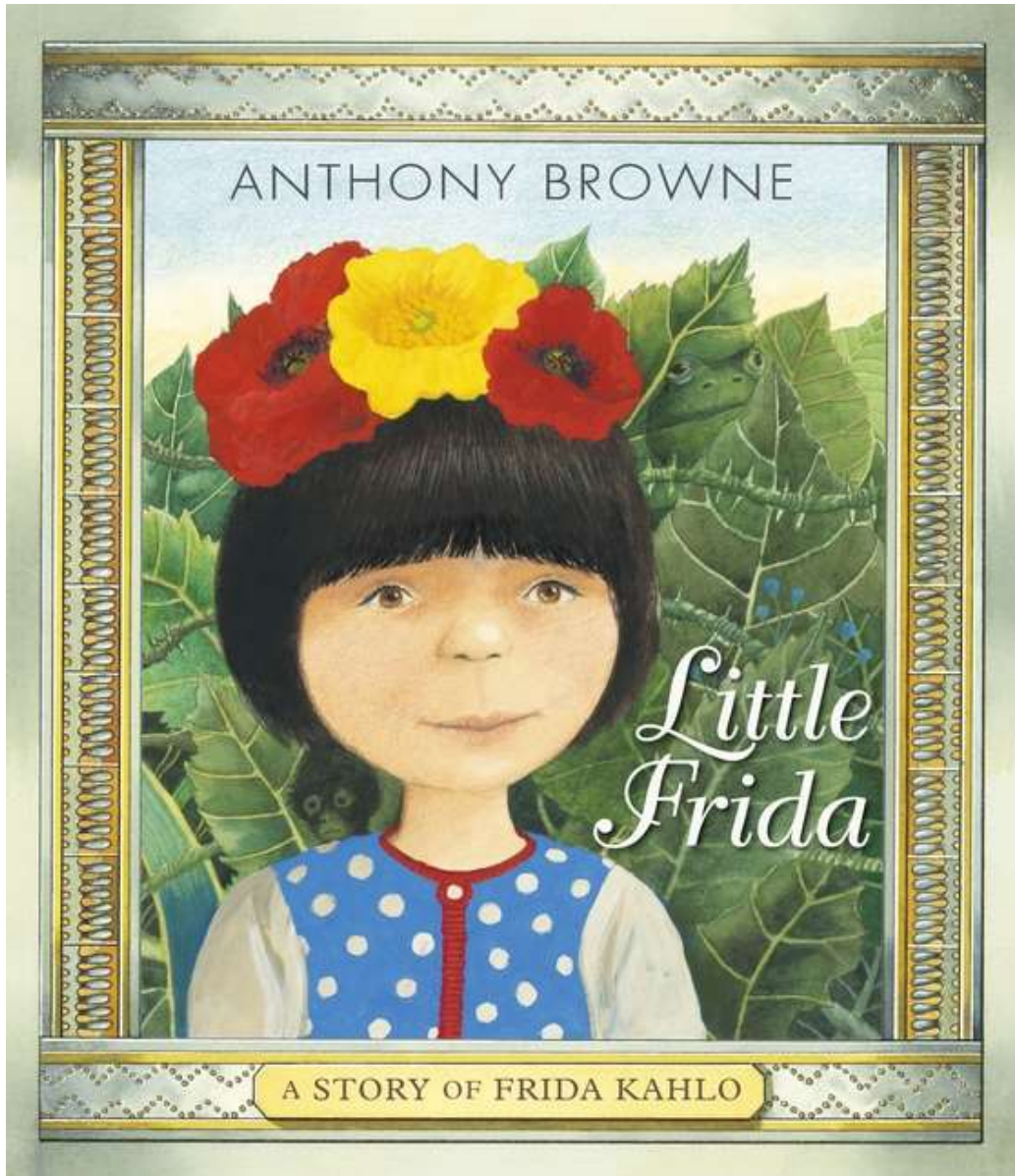
Ever feel like you need a hug? A really big hug from someone who loves you? That's how Bobo, the little chimp in this classic first story book, feels. Walking through the jungle he passes lots of creatures enjoying a cuddle together: elephants, chameleons, lions, giraffes, hippos - even the snakes have got someone special to squeeze. But poor Bobo is alone. Will he ever find the hug he needs?

Using only three words throughout the book, this simple, endearing story is told through Jez Alborough's gorgeous, detailed artwork.

- ISBN: 9781406388572
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

# Little Frida

[Anthony Browne](#)



**One great artist inspires another, as former Children's Laureate and twice winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal Anthony Browne creates a beautiful story about Frida Kahlo.**

The artwork of Frida Kahlo inspires former Children's Laureate and twice winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal Anthony Browne in this beautiful and surreal picture book. Stunning illustrations tell the story of a lonely young girl who discovers the power of the imagination to set you free.

A tribute to an iconic artist exploring themes of belonging, creativity and hope, this is an exquisite and touching picture book.

- ISBN: 9781406390919
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

**Fiction**

10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

*I'm supposed to be grieving,  
not falling in love...*



JANDY NELSON  
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

## The Sky Is Everywhere

[Jandy Nelson](#)

New York Times bestselling author

Longlisted for the Carnegie Medal

"Entirely compelling." *The Guardian*

"Heartwarming." *The Independent*

10th anniversary edition of a beloved classic.

For fans of **Jojo Moyes**, David Levithan and Rainbow Rowell.

Seventeen-year-old Lennie Walker spends her time tucked safely and happily in the shadow of her fiery older sister, Bailey. But when Bailey dies abruptly, Lennie is catapulted to centre stage of her own life - and suddenly finds herself struggling to balance two boys.

One boy takes Lennie out of her sorrow; the other comforts her in it. But the two can't collide without Lennie's world exploding...

- ISBN: 9781406390933
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 336



# Olga and the Smelly Thing from Nowhere

[Elise Gravel](#)

A smart and funny cartoon journal series starring Olga – scientist-in-training – and her new pet MEH (species unknown).

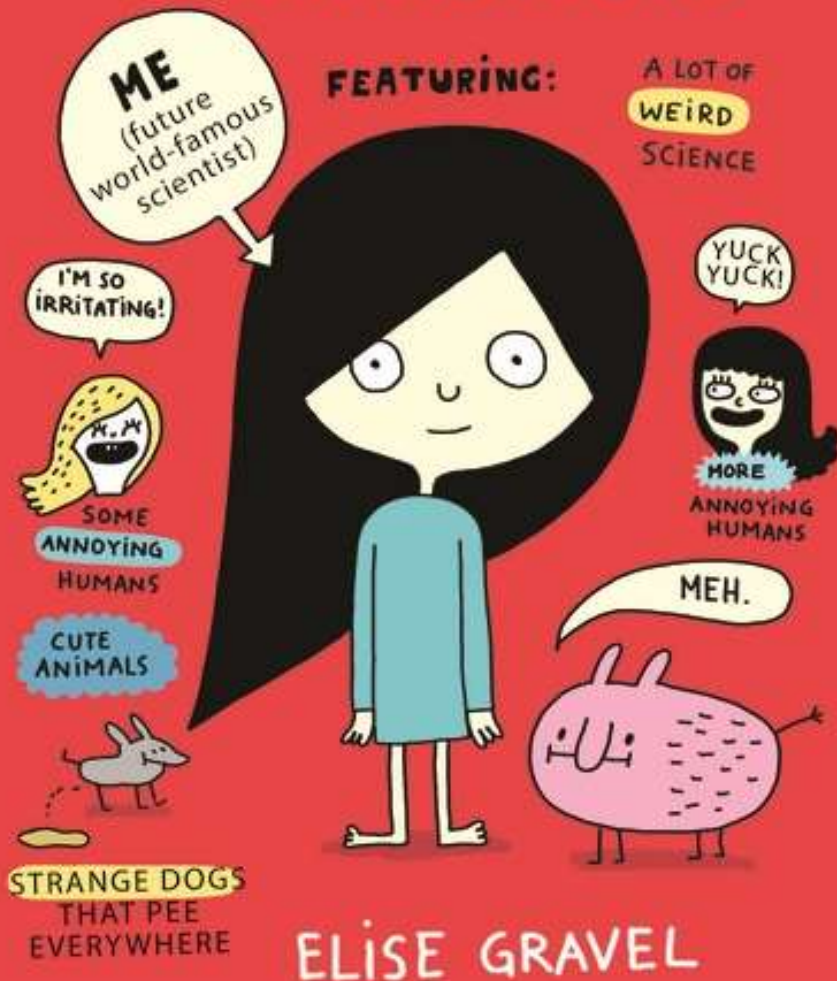
Olga, animal-scientist-in-training, knows for sure that animals are better than humans. When she grows up she will be known as Genius Professor Olga, and will probably invent some new species herself.

When she finds a pink, hairy creature living in her rubbish bin one day, it's a dream come true – she has discovered A WEIRD NEW SPECIES! It looks like a cross between a hamster and a potato, smells terrible and says only the word MEH! – it's the perfect subject for Olga's very scientific Observation Notebook (aka, this book). Wacky, laugh-out-loud cartoon storytelling for fans of Tom Gates, Barry Loser and Timmy Failure.

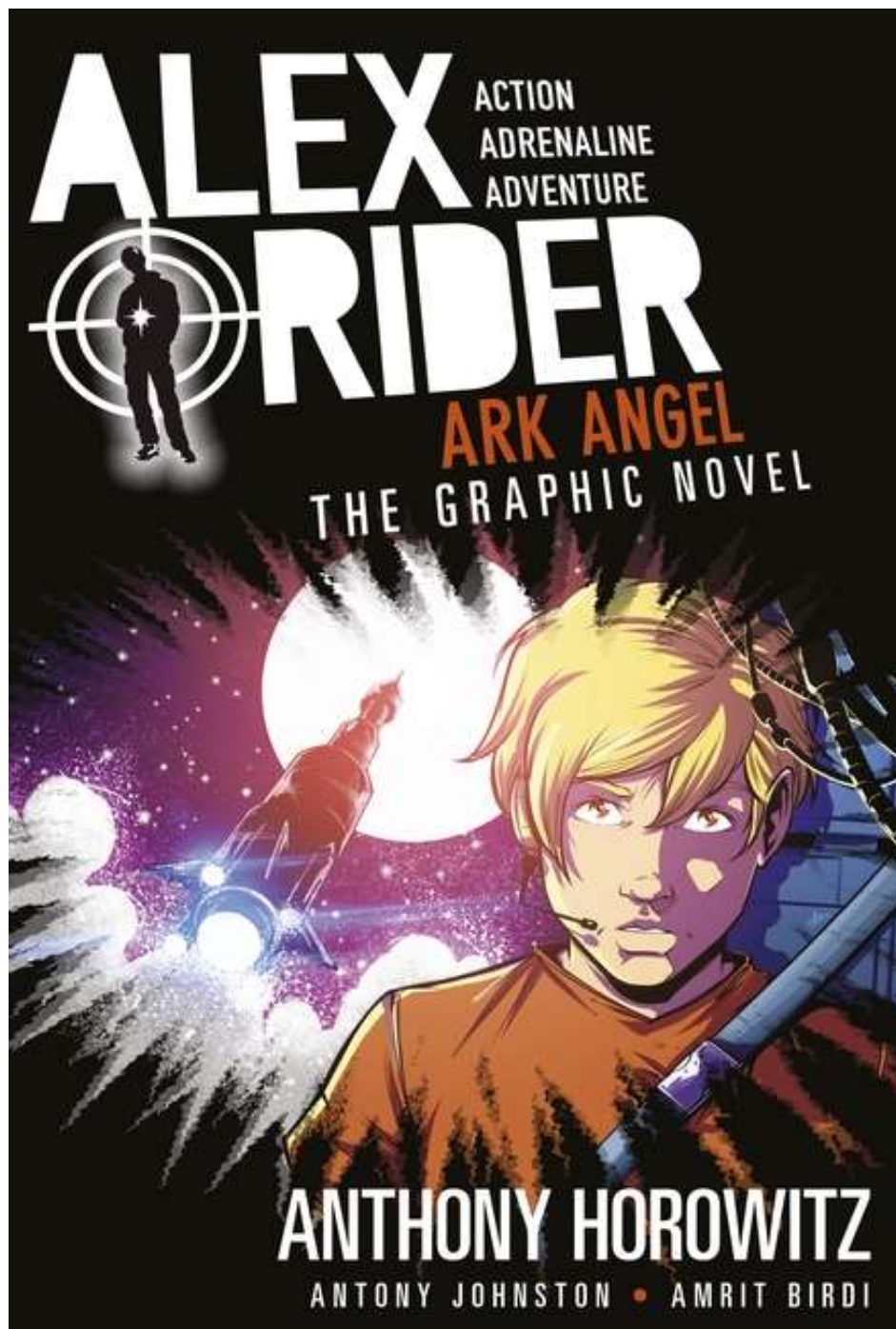
- ISBN: 9781406392524
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 176

# OLGA

## AND THE SMELLY THING FROM NOWHERE



# Graphic Novels



## Ark Angel 06: The Graphic Novel

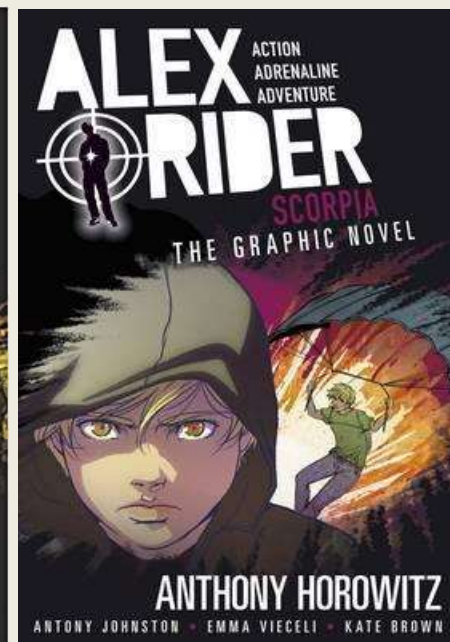
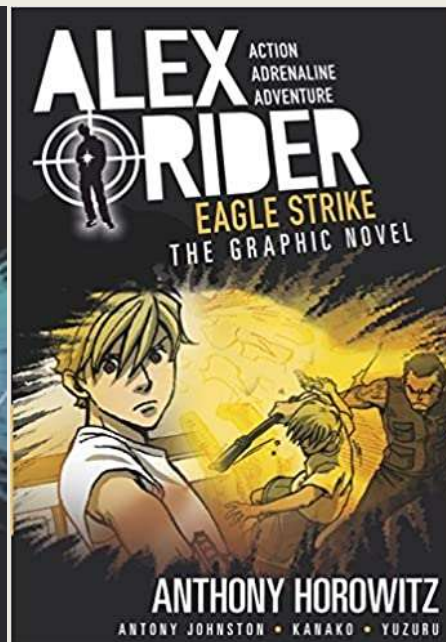
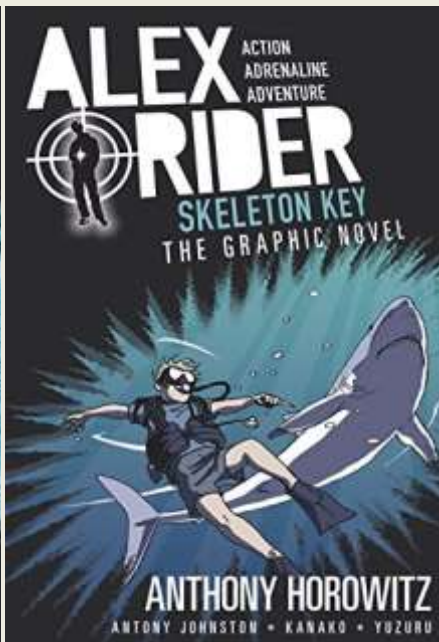
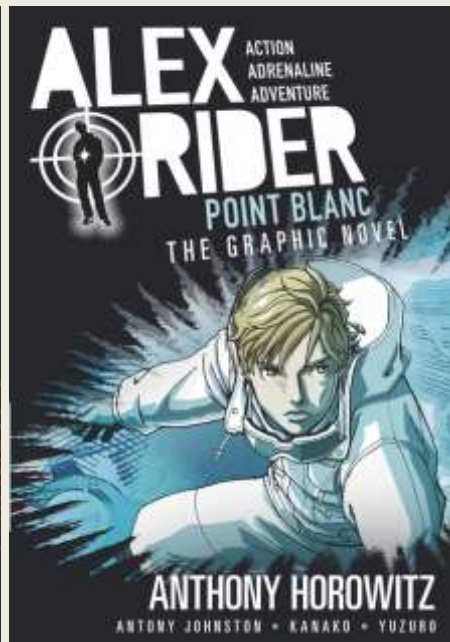
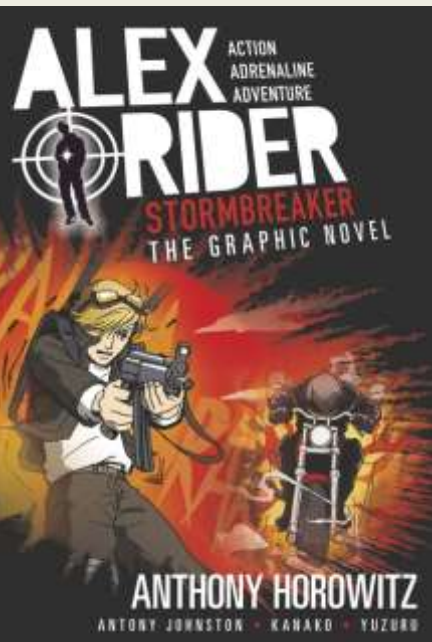
[Anthony Horowitz](#), [Antony Johnston](#)

**A bold and striking graphic novel adaptation of the sixth novel in Anthony Horowitz's acclaimed *Alex Rider* series.**

In his most perilous adventure yet, teenage superspy Alex Rider is kidnapped by the ruthless terrorist group Force Three. Alex makes a narrow escape but now he must stop Force Three in their attempt to destroy Russian billionaire Nikolei Drevin and his revolutionary space hotel Ark Angel. This explosive adaptation pushes Alex to his limits - and beyond.

- ISBN: 9781406341898
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 176

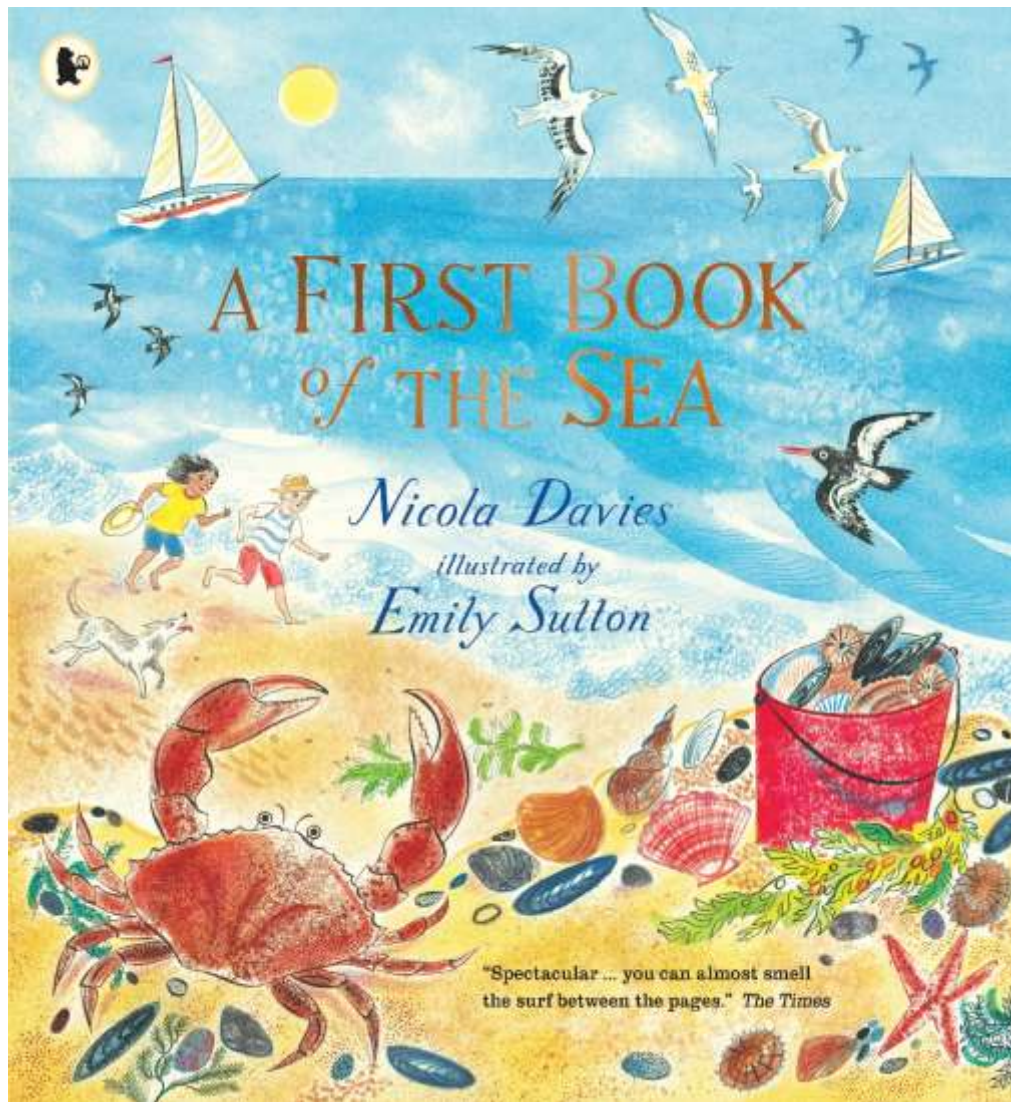
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**Non-Fiction**

# A First Book Of The Sea

[Nicola Davies](#), [Emily Sutton](#)



**"Spectacular ... you can almost smell the surf between the pages." *The Times***

**"Five stars - if you take only one picture book away this summer, make it this." *The Telegraph***

From Nicola Davies and Emily Sutton, the multi award-winning team behind *Tiny* and *Lots*, comes a spellbinding collection of poems about the oceans of the world and their shores. With this book, children can swim alongside dolphins and flying fish, pore over rockpools and sail from pole to pole and back, learning about everything from phosphorescence and plankton to manta rays and puffins - all in the comfort of their bedroom.

Emily Sutton's exquisite watercolours capture the breathless excitement of a child's first glimpse of the sea, the majesty of ancient trading ships and the sheer, staggering wonder of the humpback whale. The perfect companion to international bestsellers *A First Book of Nature* and *A First Book of Animals*, this book is sure to enthrall and inspire readers of all ages.

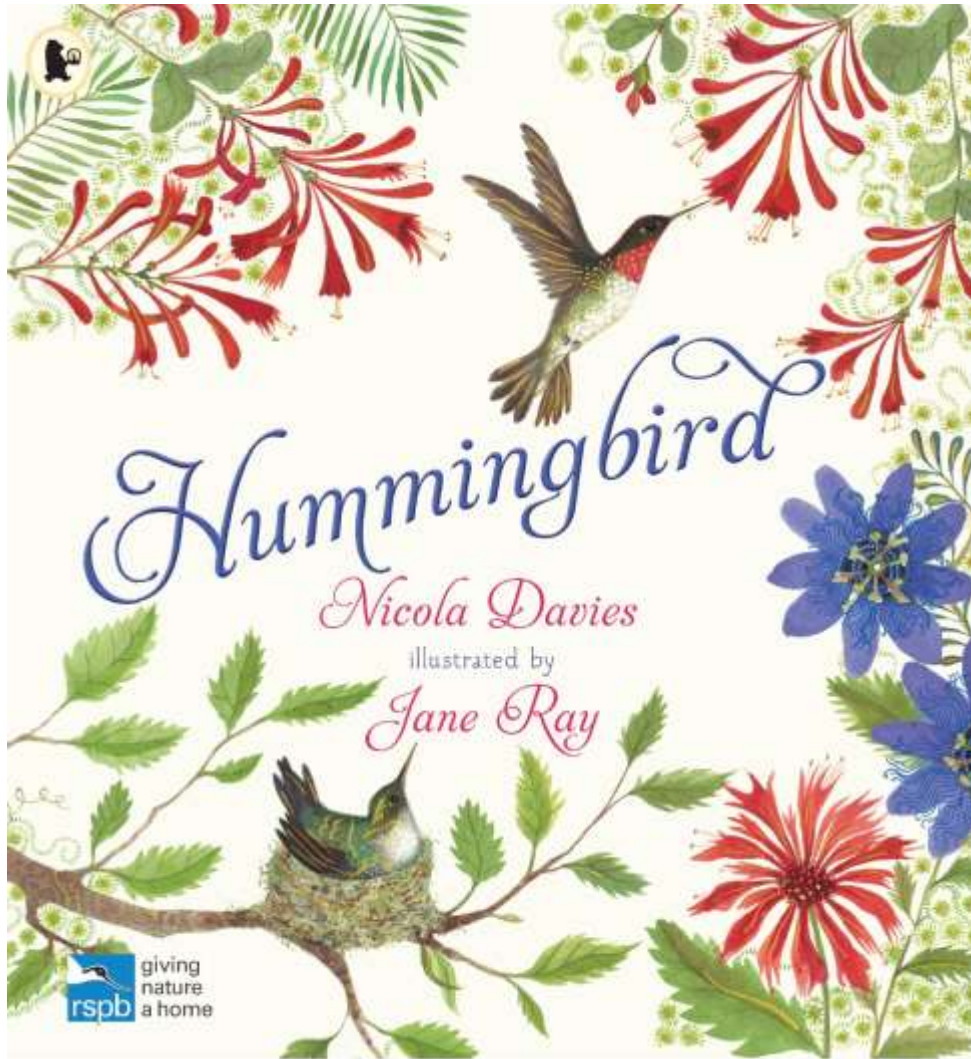
**"Ravishing ... the perfect companion to a seaside holiday" *The Sunday Times***

**"Just dive in and enjoy" *Sunday Express***

- ISBN: 9781406391015
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 104

# Hummingbird

[Nicola Davies](#), [Jane Ray](#)



**"One of the prettiest works of non-fiction you are likely to see... It is ravishing." *The Sunday Times***

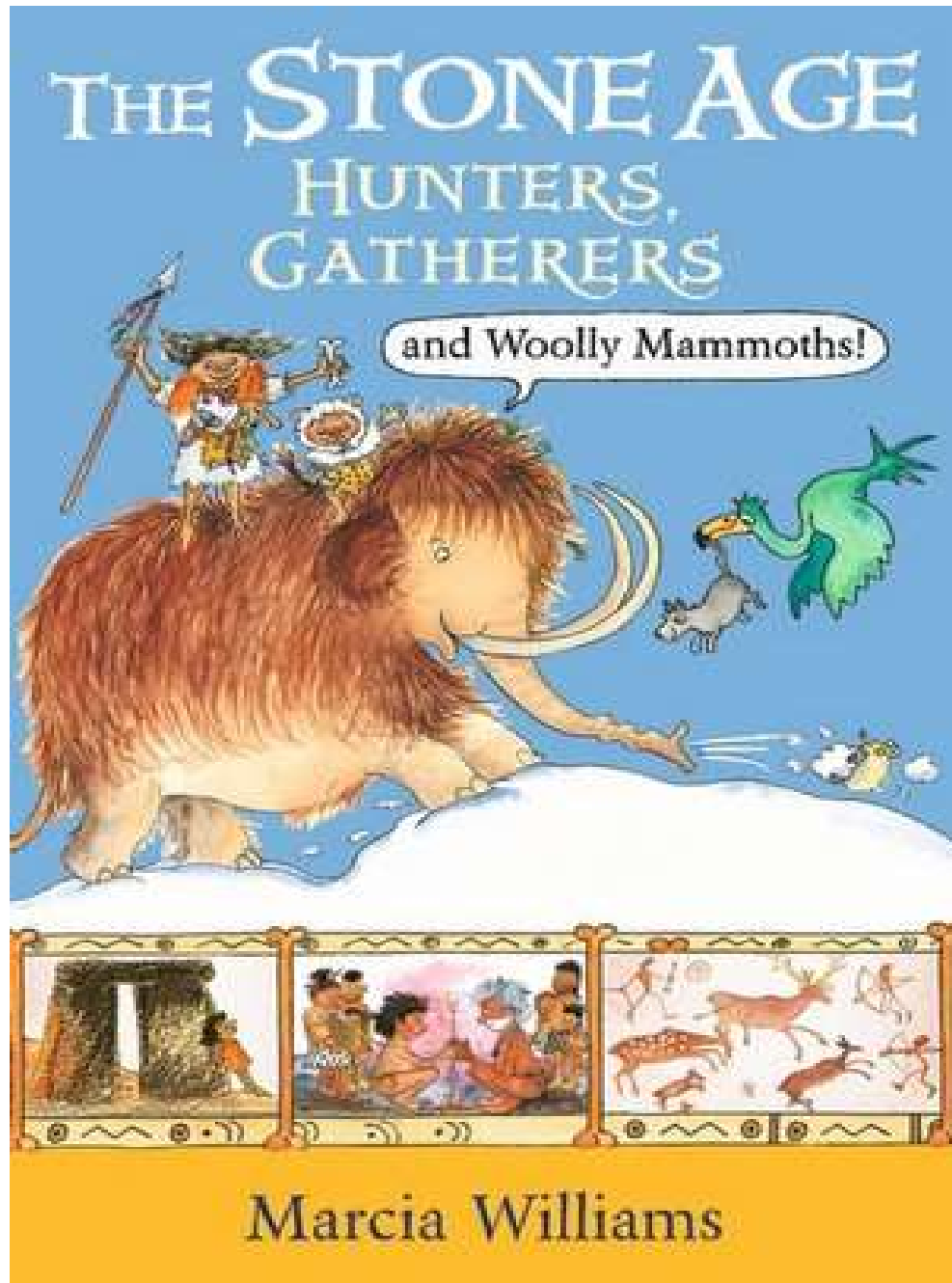
From Nicola Davies, one of the UK's finest non-fiction writers, and from Jane Ray, one of the UK's finest illustrators, comes an exquisite Nature Storybook about ... hummingbirds! A hummingbird is smaller than your thumb and weighs less than a 20 pence piece - however you measure it, it's tiny. But every spring, hummingbirds that have spent the winter in Mexico fly north to make the most of the warmer weather.

They nest as far north as Canada and Alaska; a 2,000 mile trip! This is the story of one spring migration: of a tiny bird, its amazing journey and the people it meets along the way.

**"Jane Ray turns everything she touches to gold." *Daily Telegraph***

**"Nicola Davies is one of the best children's writers in the business." *Huffington Post***

- ISBN: 9781406391336
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 32



## The Stone Age

Hunters, Gatherers and Woolly Mammoths R/I  
[Marcia Williams](#)

**Hear all about the Stone Age from the great storyteller Sparrow - history like it's never been told before!**

Join Marcia Williams on a journey to the Stone Age. Meet the people of Clan Woolly as they learn how to make fire, invent stone tools and turn wild wolves into tame dogs!

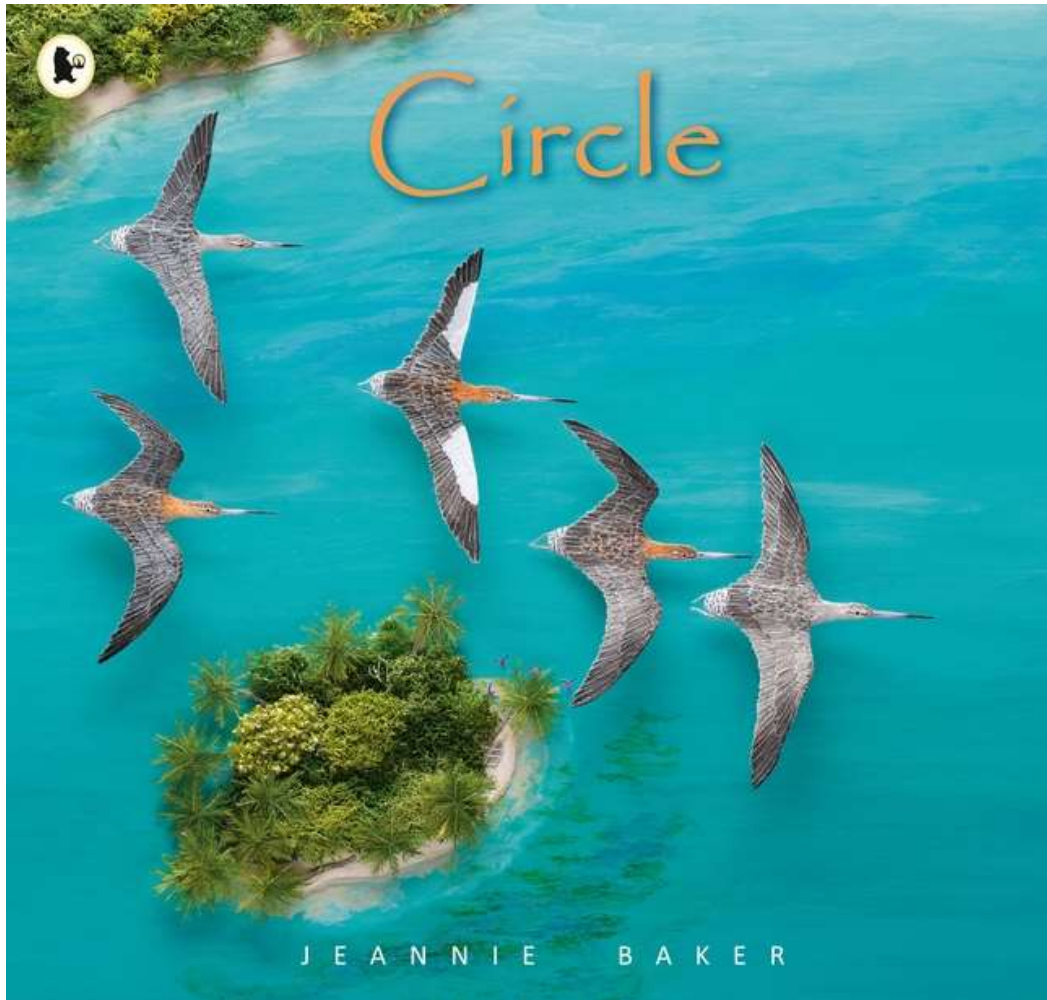
Packed with jokes, comic illustrations and fascinating facts, this hugely entertaining fictional biography will make you look at the Stone Age in a whole new light!

- ISBN: 9781406384017
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 128

**Indent**

# Circle

[Jeannie Baker](#)



In an infinity of sky, tiny godwit birds follow ancient, invisible migratory pathways, flying on and on for nine nights and nine days, flying without rest... This is their story.

**"A breathtaking picture book" *The Bookseller***

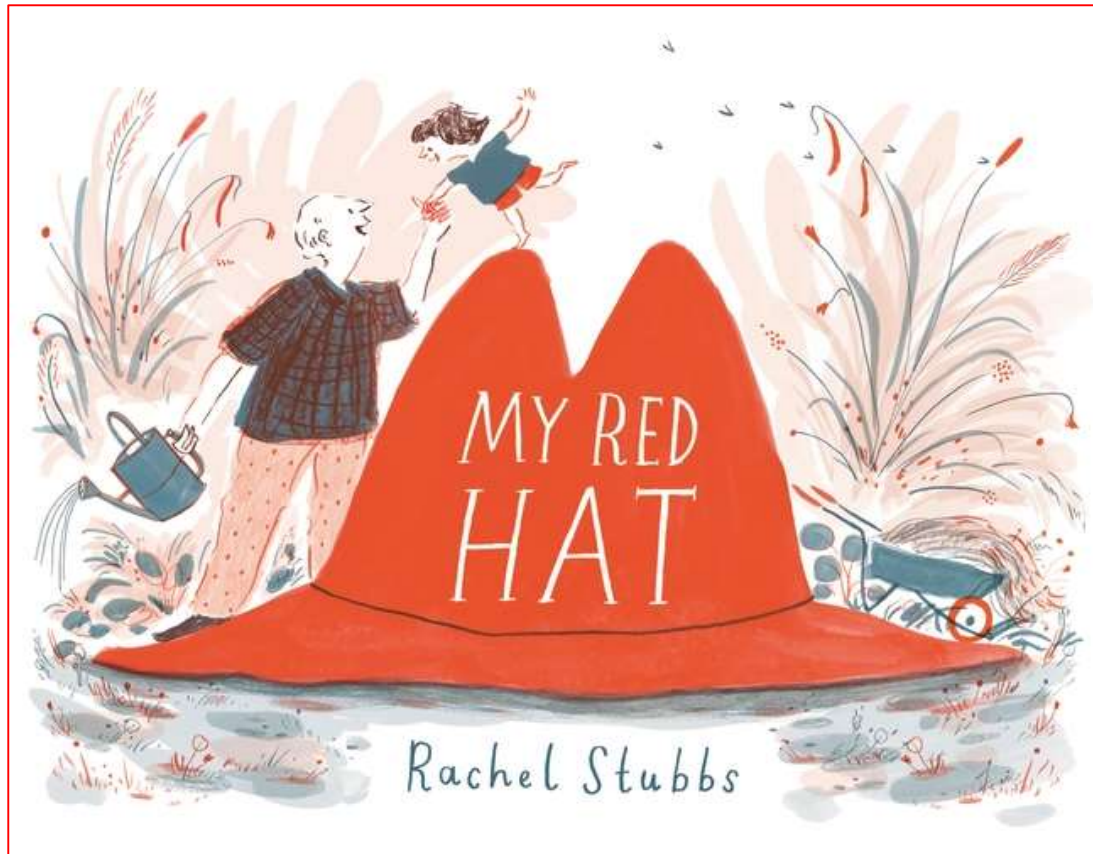
From the creator of the critically acclaimed *Where the Forest Meets the Sea* and *Mirror*, comes a poetic, eco-conscious picture book which explores the complex, interdependency of nature.

This is the story of the little-known Bar-tailed Godwit who, following invisible pathways that have been used for thousands of years, undertakes the longest unbroken migration of any bird, a total of 11,000 kilometres, flying from their breeding grounds in Alaska across the Pacific Ocean to Australia or New Zealand. Facing hunger and treacherous conditions to reach their destination, their flight is one of bravery, tenacity and strength, and Jeannie's stunning mixed media collages, inspired first-hand by the spectacular landscapes of Alaska and China, will amaze readers, and take them on an extraordinary visual journey to the corners of our Earth.

- ISBN: 9781406382907
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 48

## **My Red Hat**

[Rachel Stubbs](#)

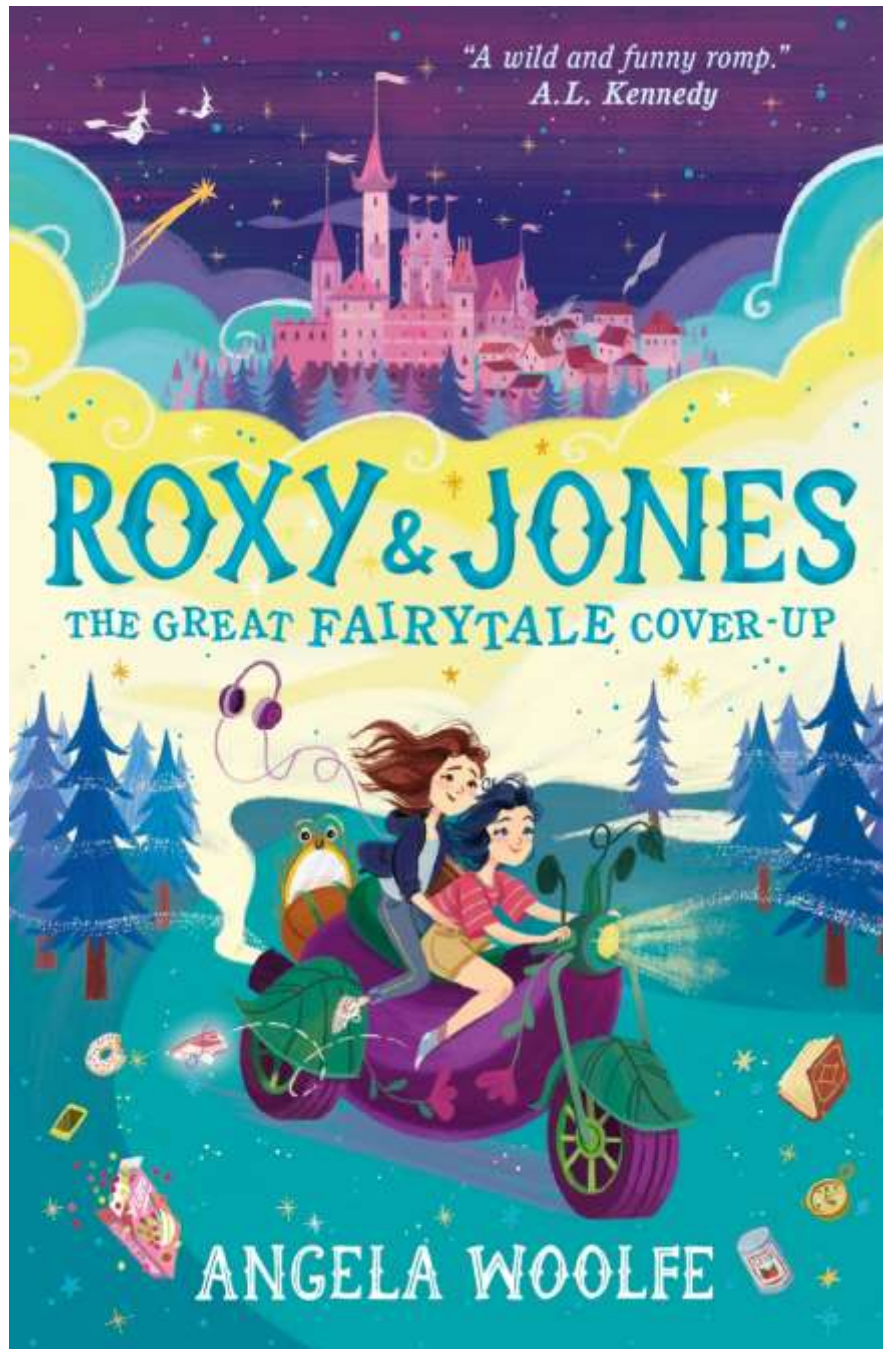


**A magical picture book about a treasured hand-me-down, imagination and belonging.**

Grandpa's hat is full of dreams, secrets and stories and when it is handed down to a new owner, it can even spark new adventures. Explore all the possibilities that a treasured hand-me-down can bring and see how love is handed down with it.

A tender tale about imagination, belonging and love between generations, perfect for reading as a family.

- ISBN: 9781406380668
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



## **Roxy & Jones: The Great Fairytale Cover-Up** [Angela Woolfe](#)

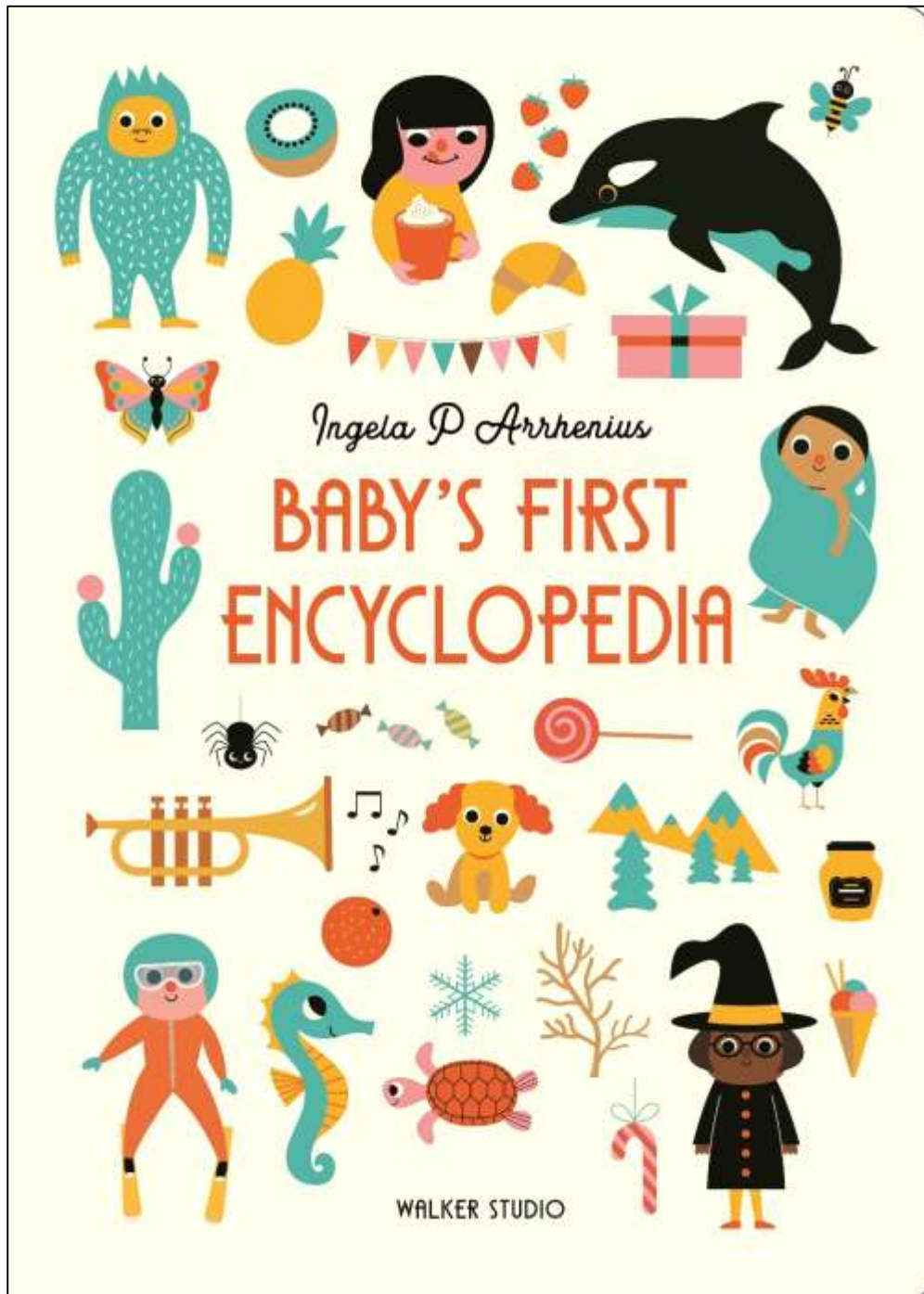
A hilarious modern fairy-tale mash-up set in a world in which witches are real, magic is real and fairy tales are not only real ... but recent history.

Once Upon a Modern Time, in the city of Rexopolis, in the Kingdom of Illustria, lived twelve-year-old Roxy Humperdinck, half-sister to Hansel and Gretel (yes, THE Hansel and Gretel, not that she knows it).

Enter Cinderella ("Call me Jones") Jones, who most definitely does NOT want to marry ghastly Prince Charming and is far too busy hunting for lost relics of the Cursed Kingdom. But now she needs Roxy's help. And Roxy's about to discover the truth about her world and her family: that witches are real, magic is real and fairy tales are not only real ... but recent history.

- ISBN: 9781406391374
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 272

**NON FICTION**



## Baby's First Encyclopedia

[Ingela P. Arrhenius](#)

**It's soft! It's warm! It's cold! It's in the air! Explore the familiar world in imaginative new ways in this stylish board book from the celebrated illustrator Ingela P. Arrhenius.**

What do a phone and a hammer have in common? Would it help if a fire engine, a trumpet and a crying baby joined the crowd? Noisy! With her trademark sense of whimsy and her bold, retro illustration, Ingela P. Arrhenius delights young children as well as design lovers, as she looks at the everyday world through imaginative common themes.

Flowers, a new book and a freshly bathed baby all smell great, but a skunk, old fish bones and a baby in need of a change? Not so good! Whether up in the air, in the water or things to be found at Home Sweet Home, readers are invited to take a playful tour of the world around them to discover the way that things are alike, and how they are wonderfully unique.

- ISBN: 9781406394788
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 18

**ANDERSEN PRESS**

# Elmer Search and Find Colours

by David McKee

***Search and find with Elmer! A multi-coloured spotting book from our favourite patchwork elephant.***

Elmer the patchwork elephant has lent one of his colours to each scene in this rainbow search and find adventure! Jam-packed full of things to spot, questions to answer and details to discover, all from Elmer's colourful world. Help young children learn their colours while searching each busy scene, developing their powers of observation, visual acuity, and their number and language skills.

Each scene is one of Elmer's patchwork colours, ending with a celebratory rainbow spread with all of Elmer's colourful friends!

A mix of Elmer scenes and animals and objects cut to white or textured backgrounds gives a varying level of difficulty in spotting games.

**Elmer's colourful world is perfect for learning visual acuity at a young age.**

**Packed with detail, so there's excellent re-read value.**

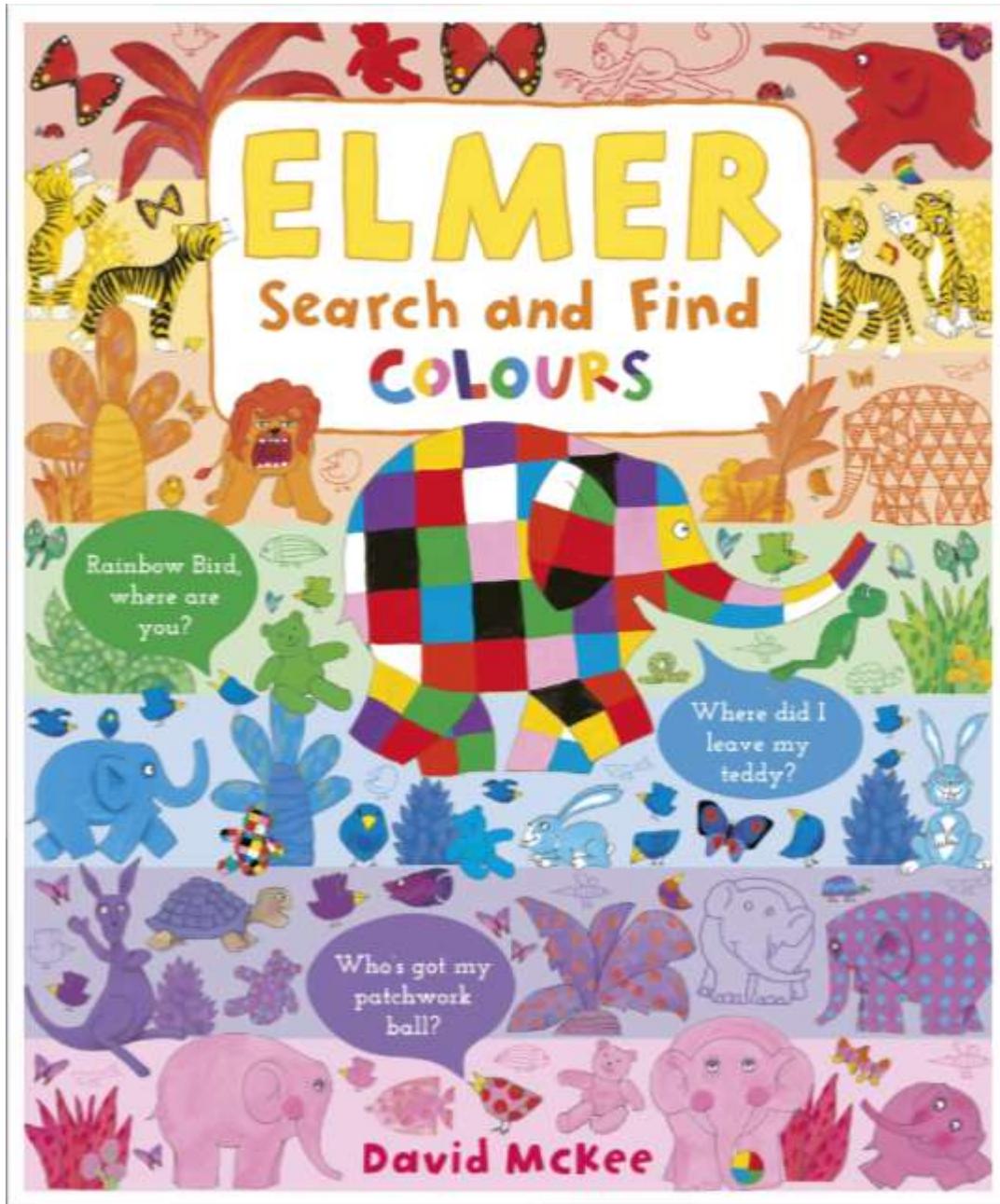
Binding: Board Book

ISBN: 9781783449743

Age: 2 years +

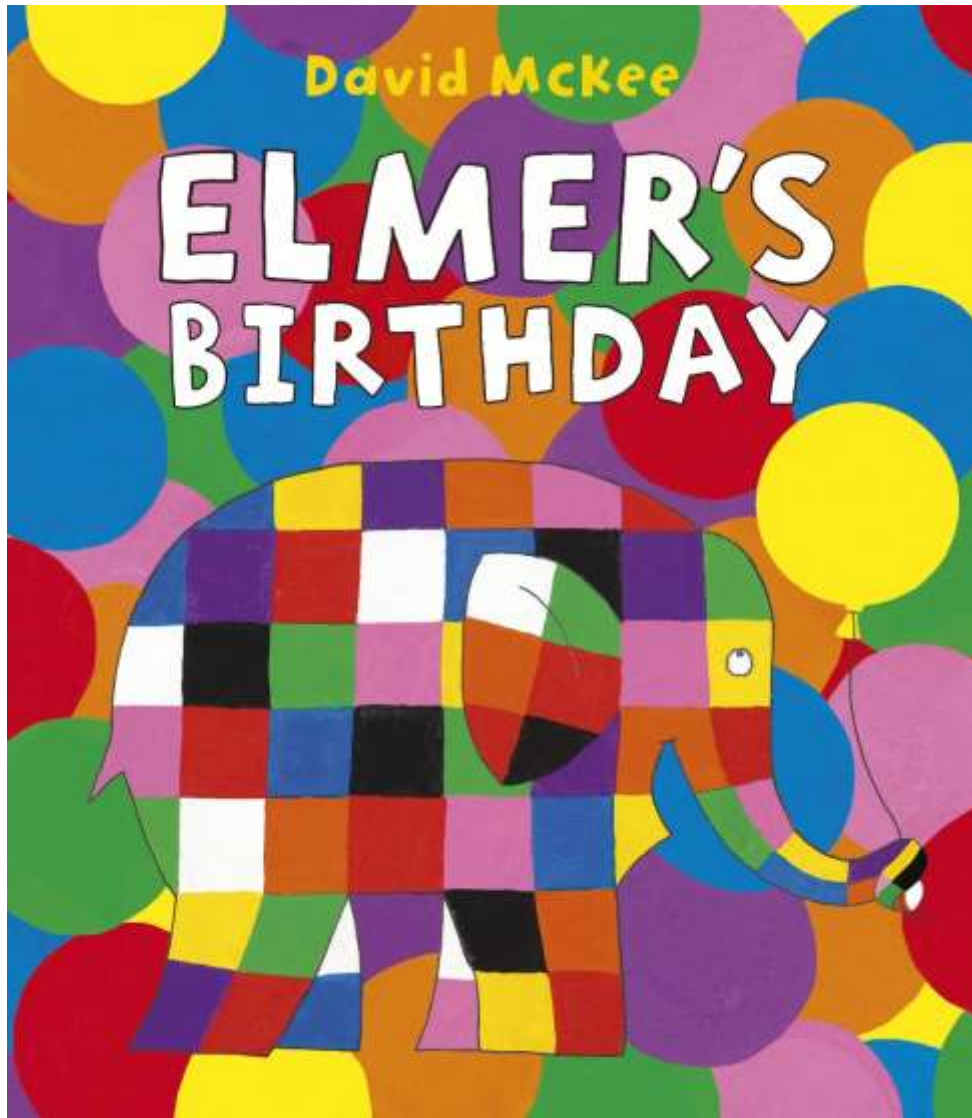
Format: 290mm x 240mm

Extent: 24 pages



## Elmer's Birthday

by David McKee



***On his birthday, the elephants decide to play a trick on Elmer that doesn't quite go according to plan...***

The elephants decide it's their turn to play a trick on Elmer: all of the animals must pretend to forget his birthday tomorrow! But when the day comes the trick doesn't quite go according to plan. The elephants should have listened to Elmer's friends...

**A humorous birthday-themed story from our favourite patchwork elephant, the twenty-seventh in the series! Elmer celebrates diversity, being different, and accepting who you - and others - are. A universal message that seems to be more and more relevant to children all over the world. Over 10 million Elmer books sold worldwide, and have been translated into more than 50 languages.**

Binding: Paperback

ISBN: 9781783448906

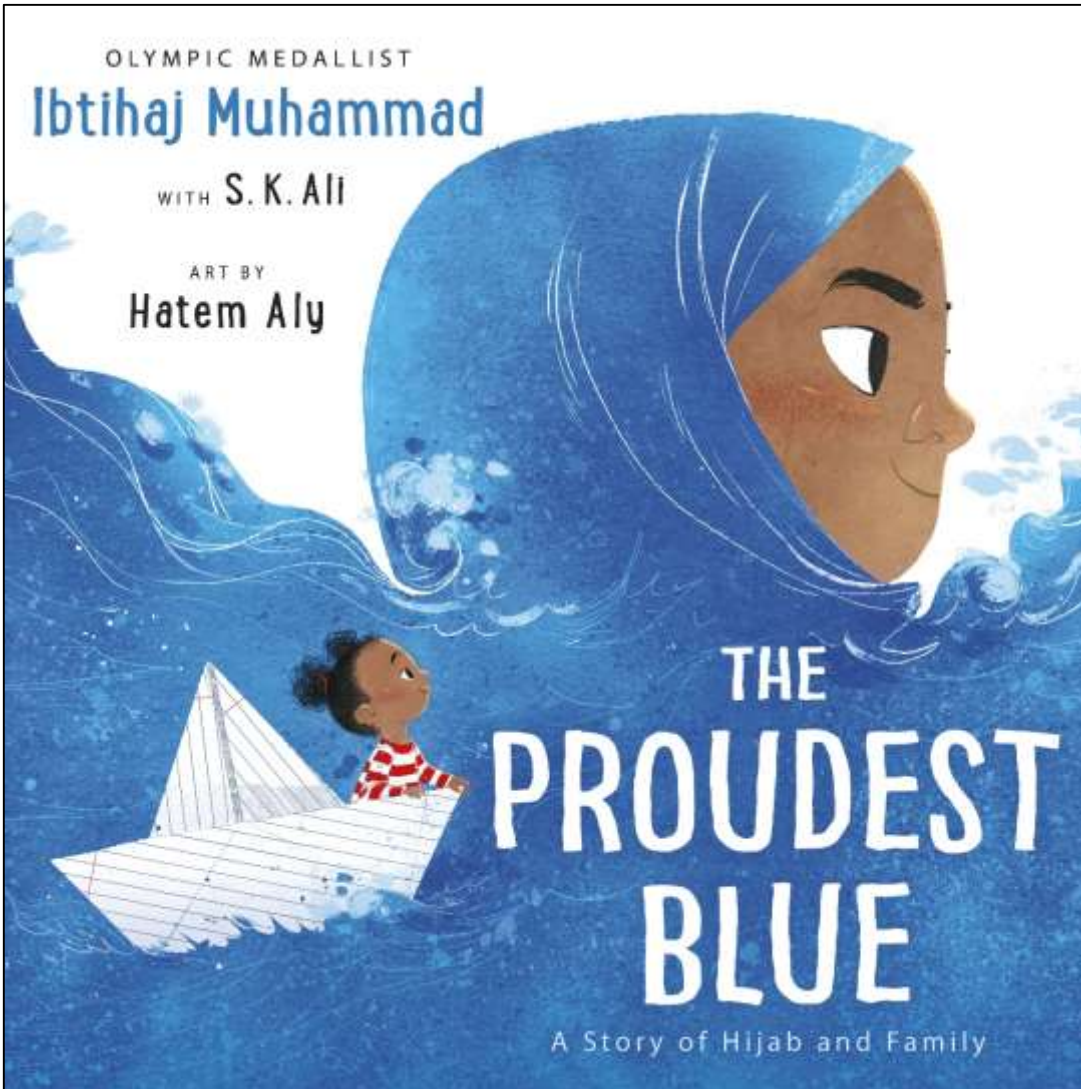
Age: 3 years +

Format: 275mm x 240mm

Extent: 32 pages

# The Proudest Blue

by Ibtihaj Muhammad & Illustrated by Hatem Aly



***An important and uplifting family story of being proud of who you are from Olympic medallist fencer Ibtihaj Muhammad.***

Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave. It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of wearing hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

**A powerful story with an anti-bullying message which will help children to feel proud of their own culture, or to better understand that of their classmates.**

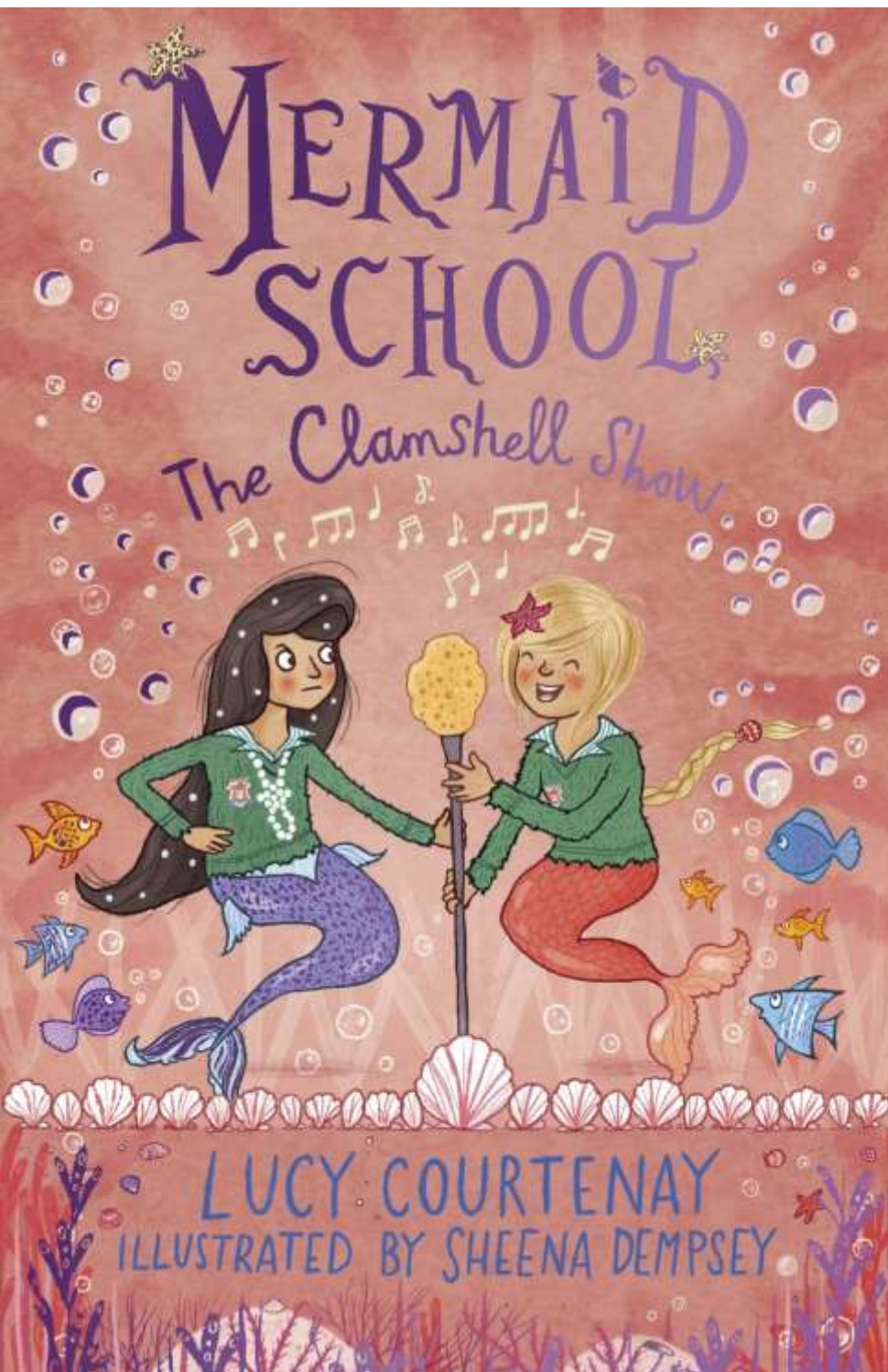
**Beautifully explores the unbreakable bond between siblings, which will be relatable for readers of all ages.**

Binding: Paperback

ISBN: 9781783449729

Age: 4 years +

Format: 254mm x 254mm



# Mermaid School: The Clamshell Show

by Lucy Courtenay

illustrated by Sheena Dempsey

***Welcome to Lady Sealia Foam's Mermaid School! Here you will learn siren songs, proper care of sea creatures and how not to fall off your seahorse.***

Marnie Blue has settled into Lady Sealia Foam's Mermaid School and become best friends with Pearl and Orla. And now might be her chance to shine - the Clamshell Show is coming! Marnie and Orla are both auditioning for the star role, while Pearl (who is no great singer) is sticking to playing the rock tuba. But a new mermaid wins the role, and at rehearsal she's more trouble than a tiger shark with a toothache. What's more, Mermaid Lagoon has an unwelcome visitor dropping by. Will the show go on?

**The second in a hilarious series following the adventures of Marnie Blue and friends, in sea and on land  
Perfect for fans of *The Worst Witch*, *Dork Diaries*, Enid Blyton's *The Naughtiest Girl* and *Bad Mermaids***

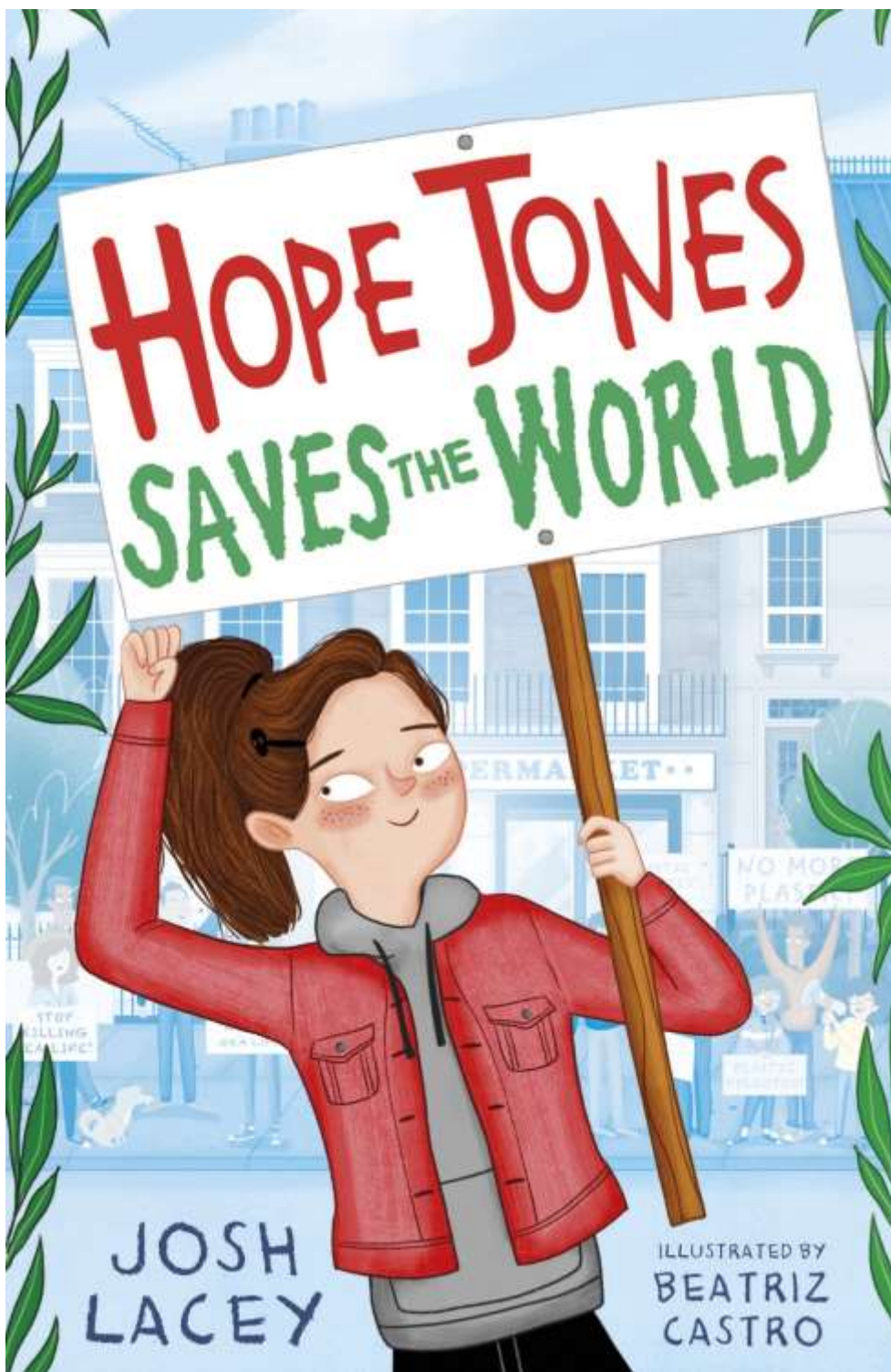
Binding: Paperback

ISBN: 9781783448388

Age: 6 years +

Format: 198mm x 129mm

Extent: 128 pages



# Hope Jones Saves the World

by Josh Lacey

illustrated by Beatriz Castro

*An inspirational story of one girl's fight against plastic pollution, showing that you're never too young to make a big difference.*

My name is Hope Jones. I am ten years old. I am going to save the world.

Hope Jones' New Year's resolution is to give up plastic, and she's inspiring others to do the same with her website [hopejonessavestheworld.com](http://hopejonessavestheworld.com). When she realises her local supermarket seems to stock more unnecessary plastic than food, she makes it her mission to do something about it. She may be just one ten-year-old with a homemade banner, but with enough determination, maybe Hope Jones really can save the world.

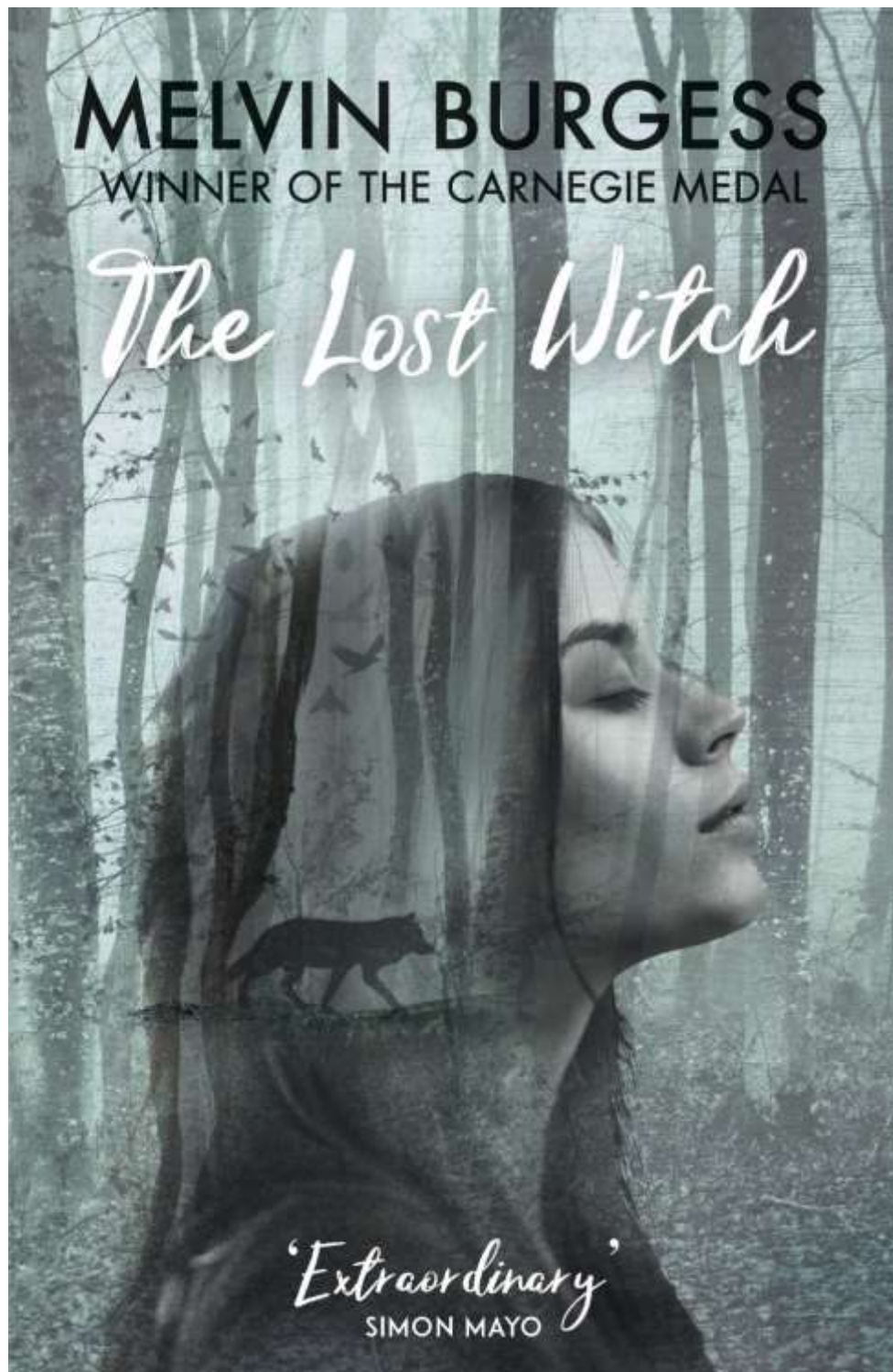
Binding: Paperback

ISBN: 9781783449279

Age: 8 years +

Format: 198mm x 129mm

Extent: 176 pages



## The Lost Witch

by Melvin Burgess

***Bea is being hunted, and she doesn't know whom to trust, or where to run. Because Bea is different - she has the powers of a witch.***

Bea has started to hear and see things that no one else can – creatures, voices, visions. Then strangers visit Bea and tell her she is different: she has the rare powers of a witch. They warn her she is being hunted. Her parents think she is hallucinating and needs help. All Bea wants to do is get on with her life, and to get closer to Lars, the mysterious young man she has met at the skate park.

But her life is in danger, and she must break free. The question is – who can she trust?

Carnegie Medal-winner Melvin Burgess returns with a powerful, thrilling fantasy for young adults about magic, myth and following your instincts.

Binding: Paperback

ISBN: 9781783448357

Age: 12 years +

Format: 198mm x 129mm

Extent: 336 pages



## The List of Things That Will Not Change

by Rebecca Stead

***The new novel by Newbery-Medal and Guardian-Prize winner Rebecca Stead***

Sonia and I have a lot in common. Our parents are divorced. Our dads are gay. We both love barbecue potato chips. But she is different from me in at least one way: you can't tell how she's feeling just by looking at her. At all.

When Bea's dad and his wonderful partner, Jess, decide to marry, it looks as if Bea's biggest wish is coming true: she's finally (finally!) going to have a sister.

They're both ten. They're both in fifth grade. Though they've never met, Bea knows that she and Sonia will be perfect sisters. Just like sisters anywhere, Bea thinks. But as the wedding day approaches, Bea makes discoveries that lead her to a possibly disastrous choice.

**Making a new family brings questions, surprises, and joy in this brilliant modern classic by Newbery Medalist Rebecca Stead.**

Binding: Hardback

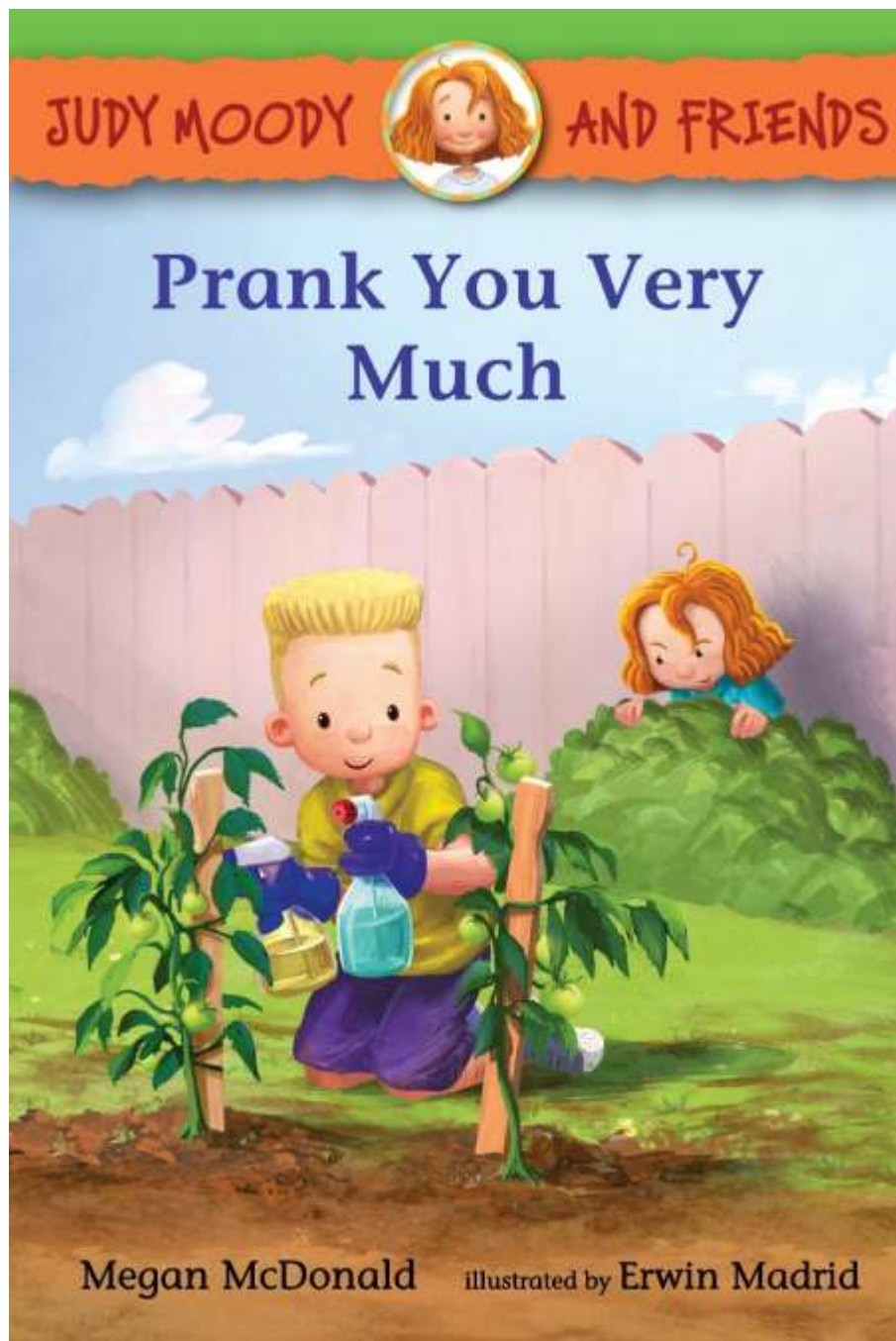
ISBN: 9781783449378

Age: 10 years +

Format: 190mm x 135mm

Extent: 224 pages

**CANDLEWICK PRESS**



# Judy Moody and Friends: Prank You Very Much

by Megan McDonald

illustrated by Erwin Madrid

***Judy can't wait for her mischief to bear fruit when Stink discovers that his backyard science project is an overnight success. Hardy-har-har!***

Prankenstein strikes again! The Summer Science Showdown is just around the corner, and Stink is positive that he has the recipe for a winning entry. Soon he's acting like a mad scientist, with strong-smelling potions in hand and visions of super tomatoes dancing in his head. Judy takes one look at her busy brainiac brother and sees a situation ripe for a little mischief! Everyone knows that Judy has never met a practical joke she doesn't like, and soon the Princess of Pranks is cooking up a recipe of her own.

**From Megan McDonald comes an epic match of wits in a Judy Moody story perfect for newly independent readers. With a long-standing fondness for jokes and pranks, it's no surprise that Judy finds herself in a trickster mood in this latest JM & Friends entry.**

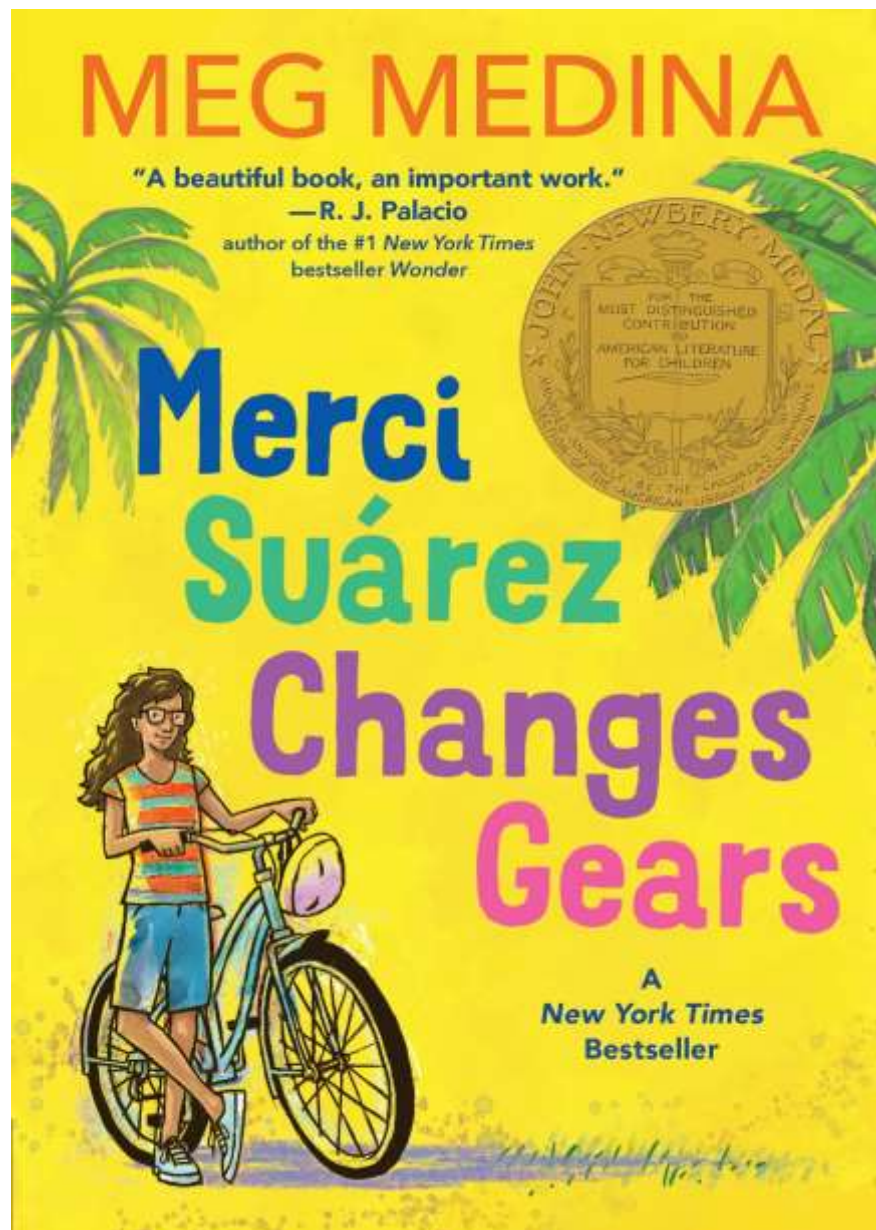
ISBN: 9781536200089

Age: 4 years to 6 years

Binding: Paperback

Format: 152.4mm x 228.6mm

Extent: 64 pages



## Merci Suárez Changes Gears

by Meg Medina

***"The realistic portrayal of a complex young Latina's life is one many readers will relate to. . . . Medina cruises into readers' hearts." — School Library Journal (starred review)***

Merci Suárez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just how different. For starters, as strong and thoughtful as Merci is, she has never been completely like the other kids at her private school in Florida, because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. They don't have a big house or a fancy boat, and they have to do extra community service to make up for their free tuition. So when bossy Edna Santos sets her sights on the new boy who happens to be Merci's school-assigned Sunshine Buddy, Merci becomes the target of Edna's jealousy. Things aren't going well at home, either: Merci's grandfather and most trusted ally, Lolo, has been acting strangely lately — forgetting important things, falling from his bike, and getting angry over nothing. And Merci is left to her own worries, because no one in her family will tell her what's going on.

**Winner of the 2019 Newbery Medal, this coming-of-age tale by New York Times best-selling author Meg Medina gets to the heart of the confusion and constant change that defines middle school — and the steadfast connection that defines family. Focuses on family relationships, especially between Merci and her grandfather Lolo, who is increasingly affected by Alzheimer's disease.**

ISBN: 9781536212587

Age: 9 years to 12 years

Binding: Paperback

Format: 139.7mm x 196.9mm

Extent: 368 pages

# My Year in the Middle

by Lila Quintero Weaver

illustrated by Lila Quintero Weaver

***“A moving story about finding one’s center in the midst of overwhelming external pressure.” — Shelf Awareness (starred review)***

Sixth-grader Lu Olivera just wants to keep her head down and get along with everyone in her class. The trouble is, Lu’s old friends have been changing lately — acting boy crazy and making snide remarks about Lu’s newfound talent for running track. Lu’s secret hope for a new friend is fellow runner Belinda Gresham. But in 1970 in Red Grove, Alabama, blacks and whites don’t mix. As segregationist ex-governor George Wallace ramps up his campaign against the current governor, Albert Brewer, growing tensions in the state — and in the classroom — mean that Lu can’t stay neutral about the racial divide at school. Will she find the gumption to stand up for what’s right and to choose friends who do the same?

**This is a fabulous #ownvoices debut that offers a fresh perspective on a tumultuous time in our nation's history, and the George Wallace campaign of 1970 is very relevant to today's political landscape.**

**Now available in paperback this is a middle-grade sports story, with a female protagonist who loves running.**

**The author's own black-and-white illustrations serve as chapter openers and ground the story firmly in time and place.**

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Age: 8 years to 12 years

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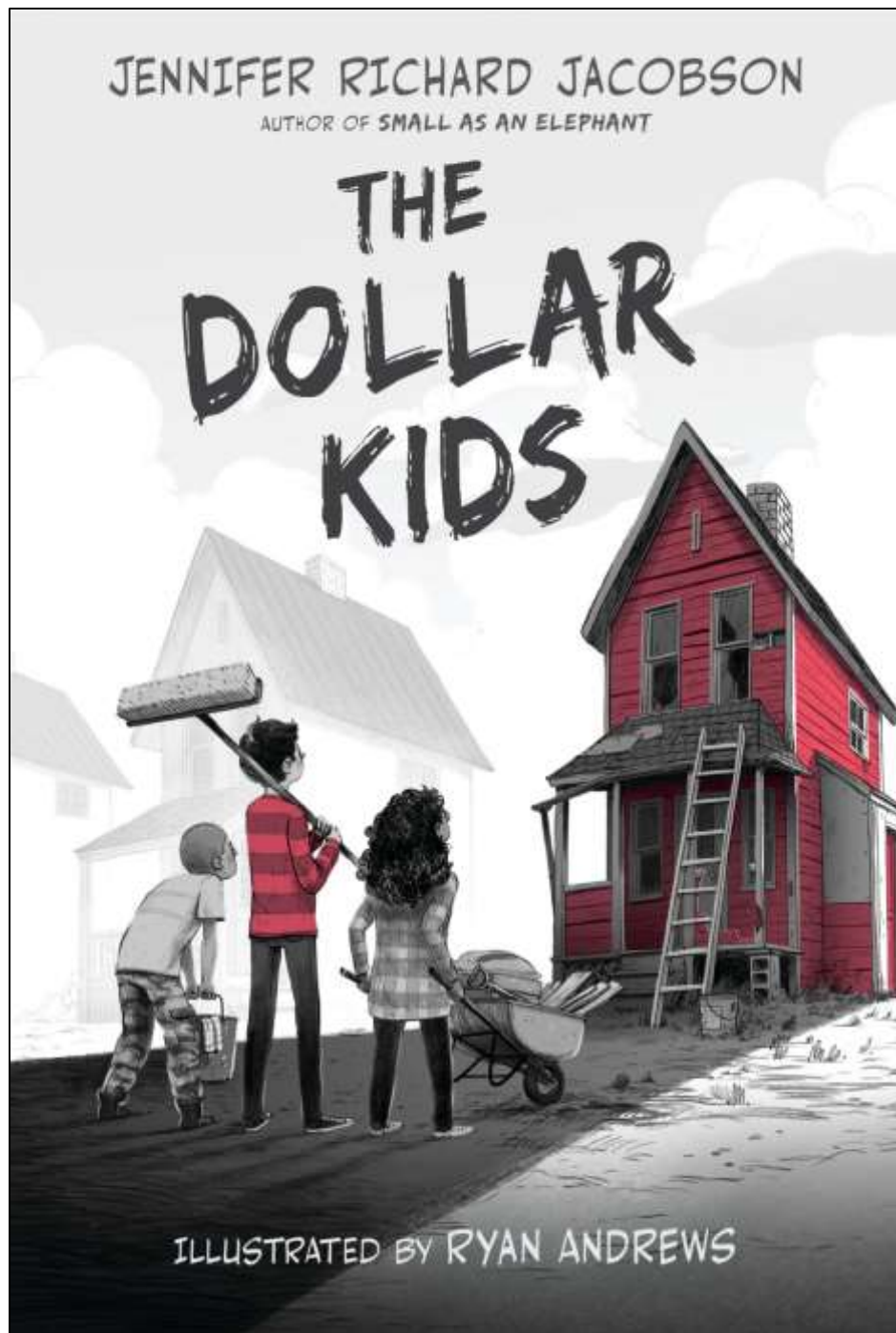
Extent: 288 pages

## MY YEAR IN THE MIDDLE

★ “Weaver writes vividly about the spaces in the middle, between black and white.”  
— *Shelf Awareness*  
(starred review)



LILA QUINTERO WEAVER



## The Dollar Kids

by Jennifer Richard Jacobson  
illustrated by Ryan Andrews

***“A skillfully written and heartfelt novel about a family making a new home, recovering from grief, and the town full of people who join them on their journey.” — School Library Journal (starred review)***

Twelve-year-old Lowen Grover, a budding comic-book artist, is still reeling from the shooting death of his friend Abe when he stumbles across an article about a former mill town giving away homes for just one dollar. It not only seems like the perfect escape from the city and all of the awful memories associated with it, but an opportunity for his mum to run her very own business. But is the Dollar Program too good to be true? The homes are in horrible shape, and the locals are less than welcoming. Will the Grovers find they've traded one set of problems for another? From the author of *Small as an Elephant* and *Paper Things* comes a hearttugging novel about guilt and grief, family and friendship, and, above all, community.

**A gripping and powerful story with the same broad appeal as *Small as an Elephant* and *Paper Things*. Featuring more than a dozen illustrated "comic" panels, this is a great pick for reluctant readers, boy readers, and fans of comics and graphic novels.**

ISBN: 9781536213119

Age: 10 years to 14 years

Binding: Paperback

Format: 130.2mm x 193.7mm

Extent: 416 pages

# The Orphan Band of Springdale

by Anne Nesbet

***“Nesbet deftly weaves disparate elements — music, orphans, labor unions, carrier pigeons, and a magic wish — into a richly developed story.” — Publishers Weekly (starred review)***

It's 1941, and tensions are rising in the United States as the Second World War rages in Europe. Eleven-year-old Gusta's life, like the world around her, is about to change. Her father, a foreign-born labor organizer, has fled the country, and Gusta has been sent to live in an orphanage run by her grandmother. Nearsighted, snaggletoothed Gusta arrives in Springdale, Maine, lugging her one precious possession: a beloved old French horn, her sole memento of her father. But in a family that's long on troubles and short on money, how can a girl hang on to something so valuable and yet so useless when Gusta's mill-worker uncle needs surgery to fix his mangled hand? Inspired by her mother's fanciful stories, Gusta secretly hopes to find the coin-like "Wish" that her sea-captain grandfather supposedly left hidden. Meanwhile, even as Gusta gets to know the rambunctious orphans at the home, she feels like an outsider — and finds herself facing patriotism turned to prejudice, alien registration drives, and a family secret likely to turn the small town upside down.

**Loosely based on the author's family history, in which the author's mother showed up on the doorstep of her grandmother's orphanage carrying a French horn and discovered a shocking family secret**  
**Acclaimed author Anne Nesbet once again takes readers to an extraordinary (and underrepresented) time in history.**

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Age: 10 years to 14 years

Binding: Paperback

Format: 133.4mm x 196.9mm

Extent: 464 pages



# Hearts Unbroken

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

**Winner of an American Indian Youth Literature Award**

***“Blending teen romance with complex questions of identity, equality, and censorship, this is an excellent choice for most collections.” — School Library Journal (starred review).***

When Louise Wolfe’s first real boyfriend mocks and disrespects Native people in front of her, she breaks things off and dumps him over e-mail. It’s her senior year, anyway, and she’d rather spend her time with her family and friends and working on the school newspaper. The editors pair her up with Joey Kairouz, the ambitious new photojournalist, and in no time the paper’s staff find themselves with a major story to cover: the school musical director’s inclusive approach to casting *The Wizard of Oz* has been provoking backlash in their mostly white, middle-class Kansas town. From the newly formed Parents Against Revisionist Theater to anonymous threats, long-held prejudices are being laid bare and hostilities are spreading against teachers, parents, and students — especially the cast members at the center of the controversy, including Lou’s little brother. As tensions mount at school, so does a romance between Lou and Joey — but as she’s learned, “dating while Native” can be difficult. In trying to protect her own heart, will Lou break Joey’s? This novel explores race relations and a healthy dose of teen romance in a high school setting Cynthia Leitich Smith is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and she is on the advisory board of We Need Diverse Books.

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Age: 14 years

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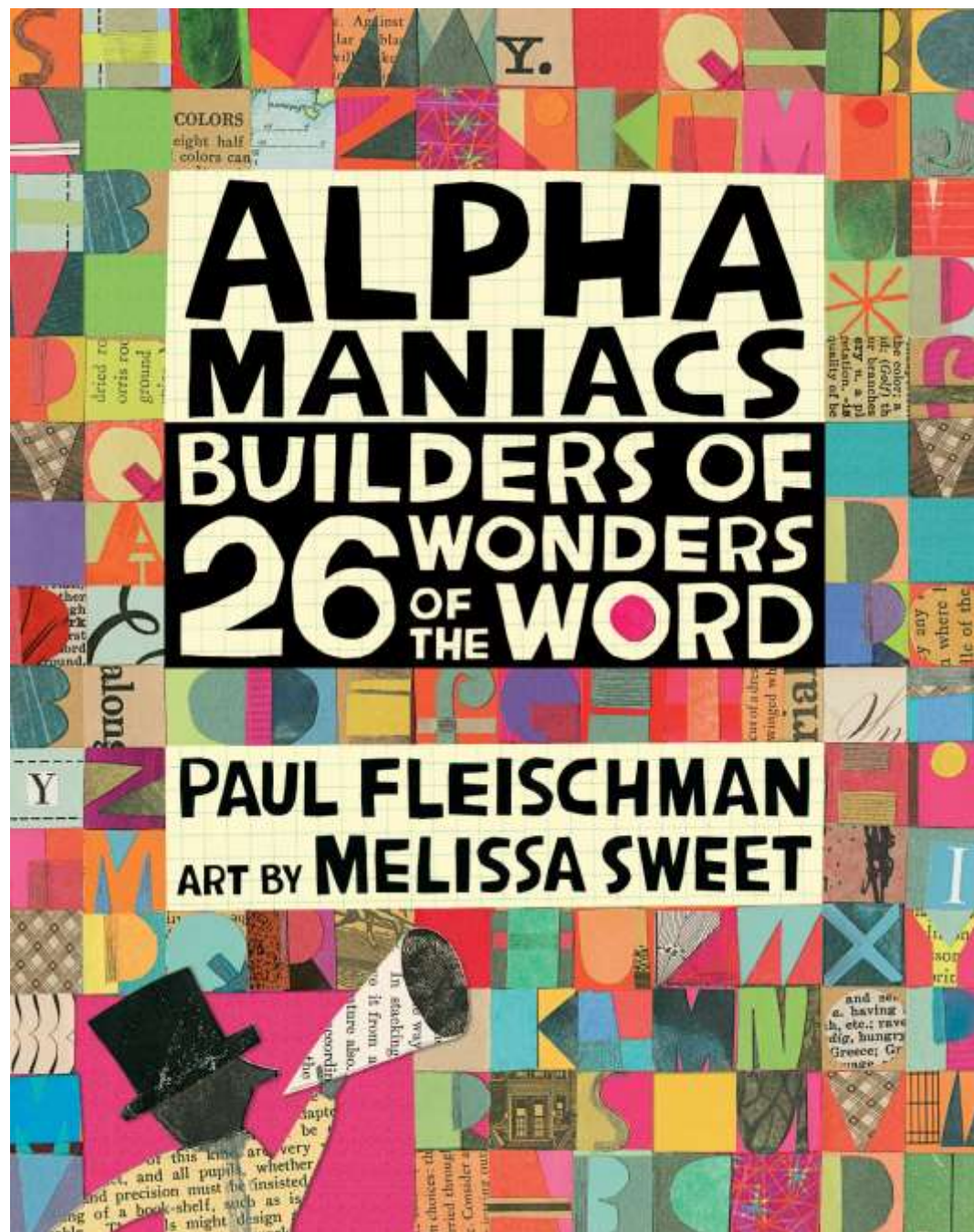
Forget the SATs — the hardest test of Lou’s senior year is about identity, equality, and Dating While Native.

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NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR  
CYNTHIA LEITICH SMITH

Indent



ISBN: 9780763690663

Age: 12 years

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Extent: 160 pages

## Alphamaniacs: Builders of 26 Wonders of the Word

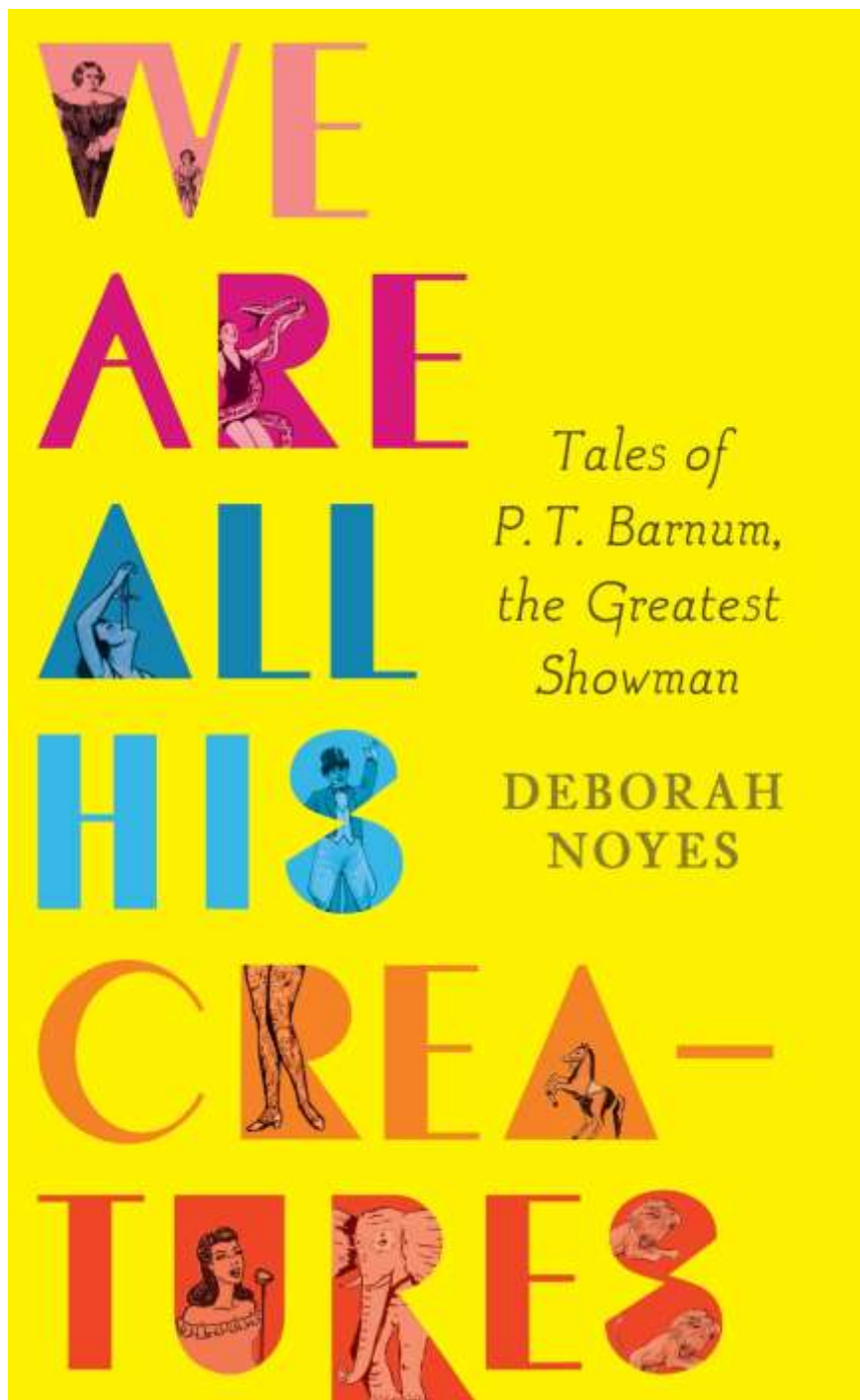
by Paul Fleischman

illustrated by Melissa Sweet

***Are you a word person? A curiosity seeker? An explorer? Take a look at these twenty-six extraordinary individuals for whom love of language is an extreme sport.***

Step right up and read the genuine stories of writers so intoxicated by the shapes and sound of language that they collected, dissected, and constructed verbal wonders of the most extraordinary kind. Jean-Dominique Bauby wrote his memoirs by blinking his left eyelid, unable to move the rest of his body. Frederic Cassidy was obsessed with the language of place, and after posing hundreds of questions to folks all over the United States, amassed (among other things) 176 words for dust bunnies. Georges Perec wrote a novel without using the letter e (so well that at least one reviewer didn't notice its absence), then followed with a novella in which e was the only vowel. A love letter to all those who love words, language, writing, writers, and stories, Alphamaniacs is a stunningly illustrated collection of mini-biographies about the most daring and peculiar of writers and their audacious, courageous, temerarious way with words. A new book by beloved author Paul Fleischman. Lovers of language, seekers of curiosity, and those who enjoy reading about authors, writers, words, and wonders will savor this beautiful collection.

**These nonfiction stories about the most daring (and peculiar) men and women writers and their audacious way with words are brilliantly illustrated by Melissa Sweet.**



## We Are All His Creatures: Tales of P. T. Barnum, the Greatest Showman

by Deborah Noyes

***T. Barnum's family — and the talented entertainers he built his entertainment empire on.***

Much has been written about P. T. Barnum — legendary showman, entrepreneur, marketing genius, and one of the most famous nineteenth-century personalities. For those who lived in Barnum's shadow, however, life was complex. P. T. Barnum's two families — his family at home, including his two wives and his daughters, and his family at work, including Little People, a giantess, an opera singer, and many sideshow entertainers — suffered greatly from his cruelty and exploitation. Yet, at the same time, some of his performers, such as General Tom Thumb (Charles Stratton), became wealthy celebrities who were admired and feted by presidents and royalty.

In this collection of interlinked stories illustrated with archival photographs, Deborah Noyes digs deep into what is known about the people in Barnum's orbit and imagines their personal lives, putting front and center the complicated joy and pain of what it meant to be one of Barnum's "creatures."

Fascinating look at Barnum's families: his real life family and his circus family.

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