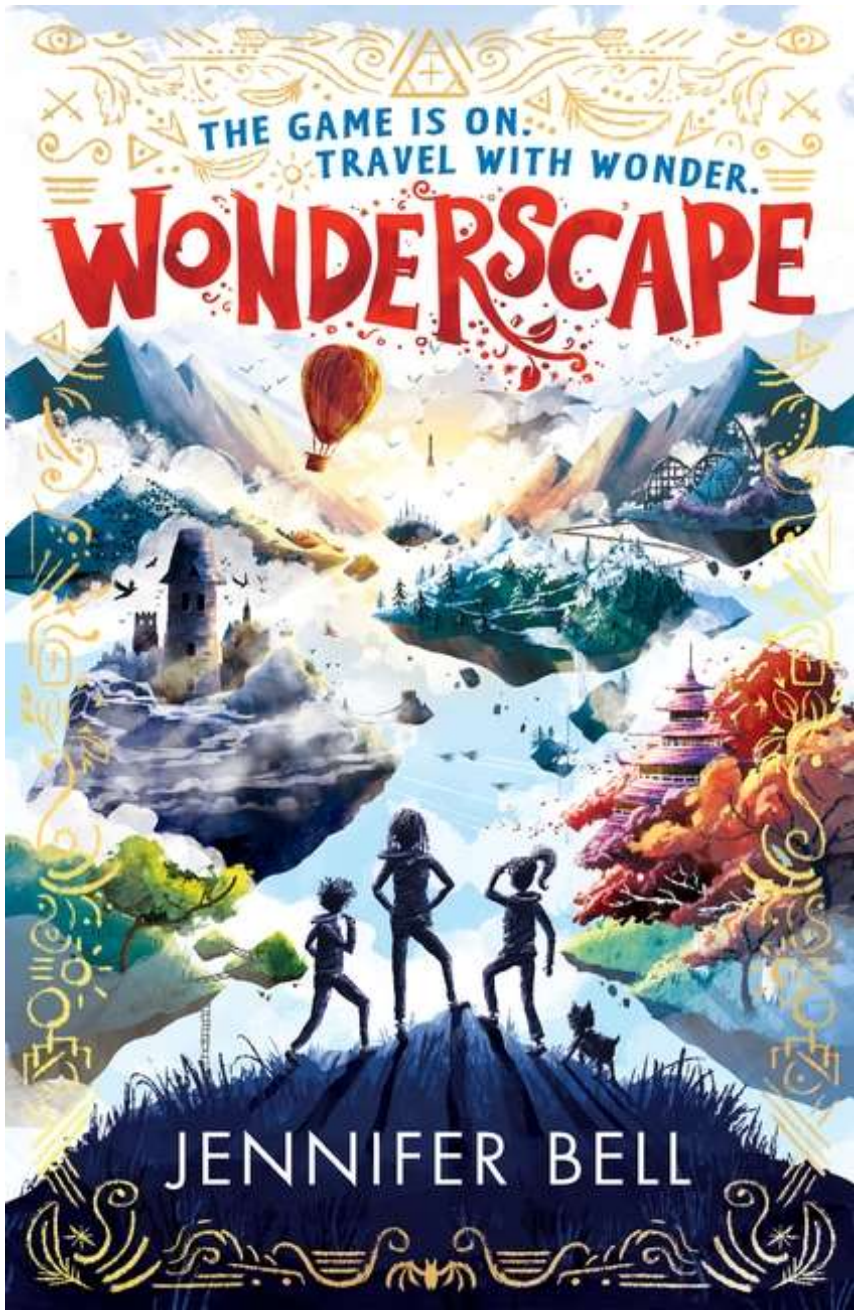




**WALKER  
BOOKS**

**August 2020**

# Highlights



## Wonderscape

[Jennifer Bell](#)

**Gaming and time travel collide in this thrilling middle-grade adventure, from bestselling author Jennifer Bell.**

When thirteen-year-olds Arthur, Ren and Cecily investigate a mysterious explosion on their way to school, they find themselves locked in a cabin aboard *The Principia* – a pirate-research ship sailing through hazardous waters, captained by one Isaac Newton. Trapped in the year 2473 in the Wonderscape, an epic in-reality adventure game, they must call on the help of some unlikely historical heroes, to find their way home before time runs out.

But the Wonderscape is full of secrets and not everyone is who they seem. When the friends' arrival threatens to reveal a dark truth, they realize they must fight not only for their past, but for a future they might never see.

- ISBN:9781406391725
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 352

Dear Reader,

I love reading adventure stories that at the beginning make you feel as though you're sitting at the top of a giant slide, about to push off. Then, as the story gets going, everything is so fast and exciting, it's as if you're whizzing down that slide with a big smile on your face.

As a writer, I try to craft stories that feel that way too – like you're riding a rollercoaster of unexpected drops, twists, turns and laugh-inducing loop-de-loops.

My new novel, *Wonderscape*, is about thirteen-year-olds Arthur, Ren and Cecily, who after an encounter with some exploding garden gnomes get accidentally transported to the year 2473. They find themselves trapped inside the Wonderscape – a new kind of “video” game. It isn't played on a screen from the comfort of a sofa, but is played in reality. As they try to solve the mystery of how to get home, they must adventure through the game, completing challenges and meeting some of history's most extraordinary heroes. They include a genius scientist, fearless environmental campaigner, pioneering inventor, daring warrior, and a very famous author as you've never seen her before.

I've tried to write a story which allows young readers to immerse themselves in a magical, fast-paced and exciting world. The real heroes that populate the Wonderscape are all people whose stories have inspired me and by sharing their achievements, hopefully young readers will consider how much potential they have to put their own mark on history.

I hope that you will have as much fun reading this adventure as I had writing it.

Enjoy the ride and travel with wonder!

With very best wishes,

**Jennifer Bell**

@jenrosebell @WalkerBooksUK #Wonderscape

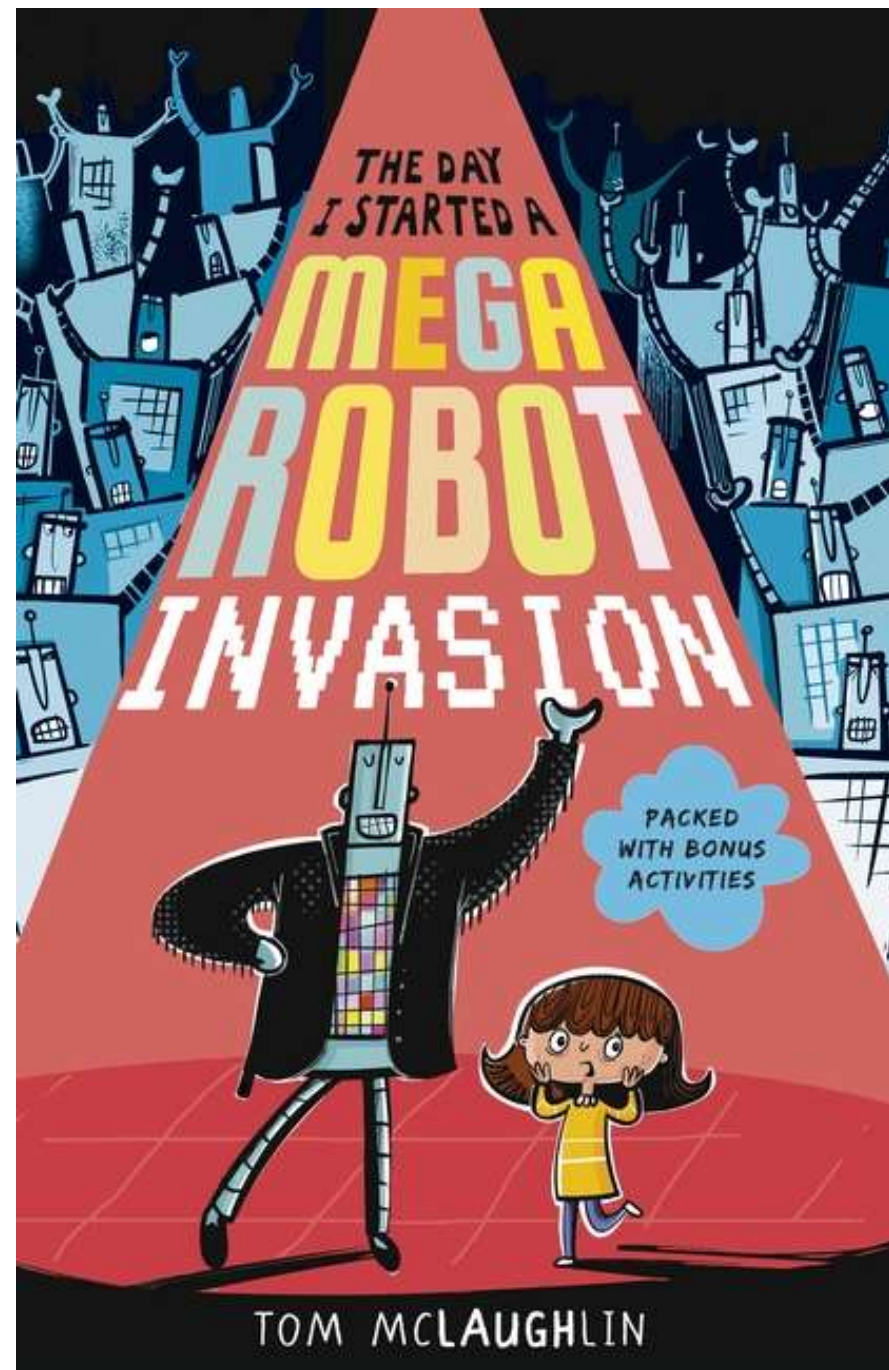
## The Day I Started a Mega Robot Invasion

[Tom McLaughlin](#)

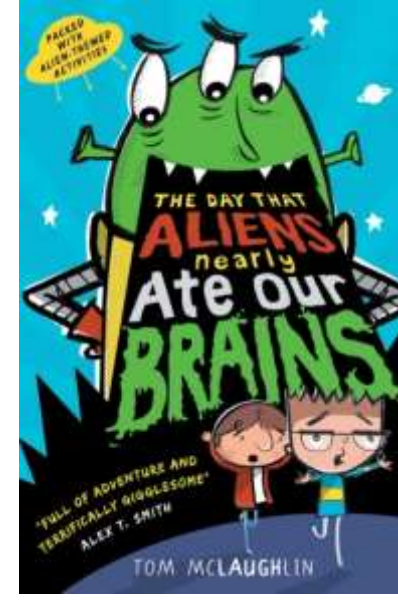
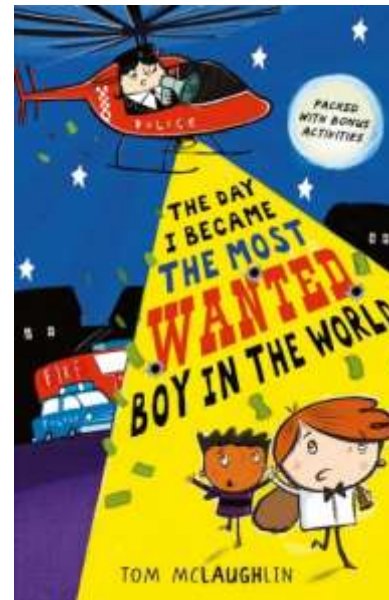
A nine-year-old inventor is about to have her worst day ever in this laugh-a-minute mega-robot adventure!

Molly should be doing her homework, but instead, she builds a robot to do it for her. The robot is pretty clever ... so clever that it decides to make another robot. Then that robot makes another one. Before long, an army of slightly-too-clever-for-their-own-good robots are running around town causing chaos. But when robot number one gets wind of Molly's plan to shut them down, the mechanical army set out to get rid of the humanoid once and for all. Now, Molly must race against time to stop the mega-robot invasion ... and hand in her homework!

Backlist



- ISBN: 9781406389647
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 176



# PICTURE BOOKS



# DON'T WORRY, LITTLE CRAB

CHRIS HAUGHTON



## Don't Worry, Little Crab

[Chris Haughton](#)

From the creator of *A Bit Lost*, *Oh No, George!*, *Shh! We Have a Plan* and *Goodnight Everyone*, comes a book about taking the time you need to overcome your fears.

In the rockpool above the sea, live two crabs: Big Crab and Little Crab. Today, they're going for a dip in the sea. "This is going to be so great!" says Little Crab. But then Little Crab catches a first glimpse of the water... Oh. The waves! They're ENORMOUS. "Oh..." Will Little Crab be brave enough to go in? From the multi award-winning picture book maker of *A Bit Lost*, *Oh No, George!* and *Shh! We Have a Plan* comes a bold, beautiful picture book about working through anxiety and, with the support of a loved one, building up the courage to try something new.

- ISBN: 9781406392869
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 48

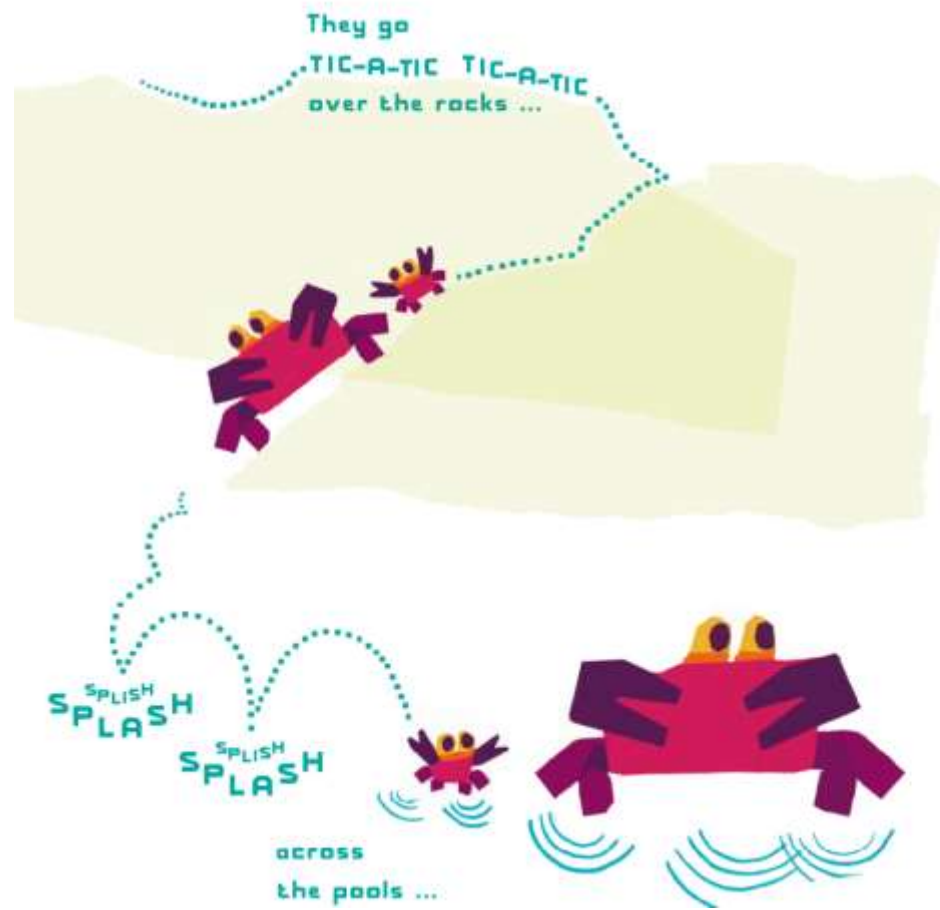
Little Crab and Very Big Crab  
live in a tiny rockpool.





Today they're off to THE SEA!  
"This is going to be so great,"  
says Little Crab.

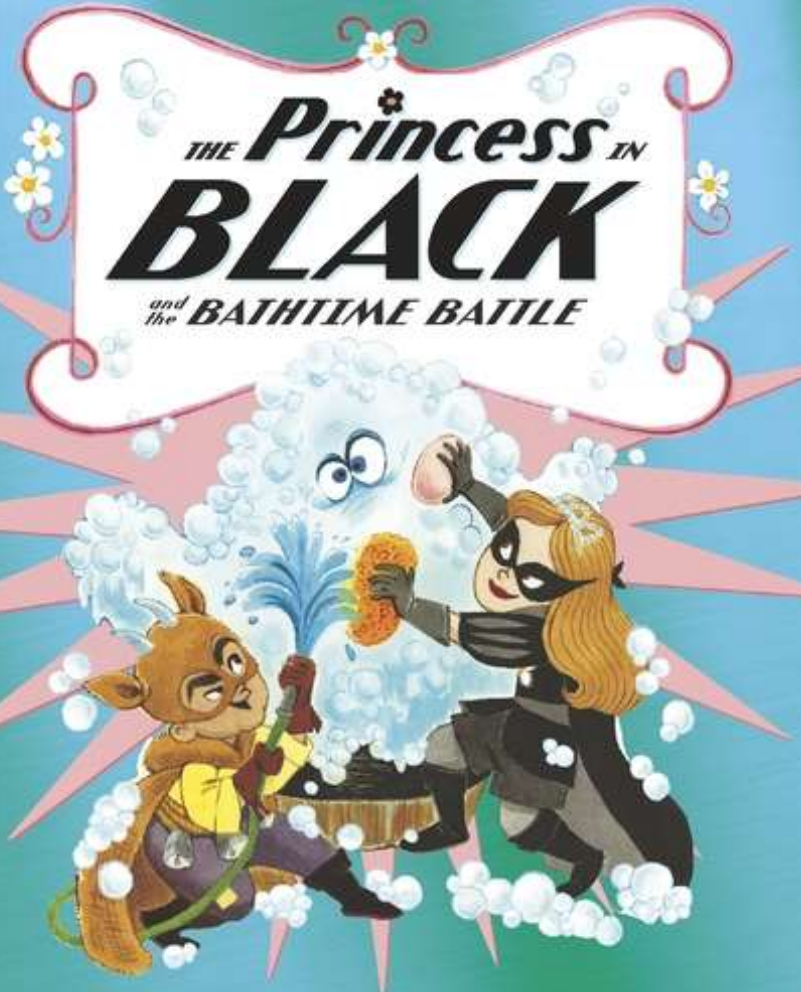




# Fiction

*A perfect princess.  
A secret superhero.*

# THE Princess IN **BLACK** and the **BATHTIME BATTLE**



SHANNON & DEAN HALE  
illustrated by LeUYEN PHAM

## The Princess in Black and the Bathtime Battle

[Shannon Hale](#), [Dean Hale](#)

Illustrated [LeUyen Pham](#)

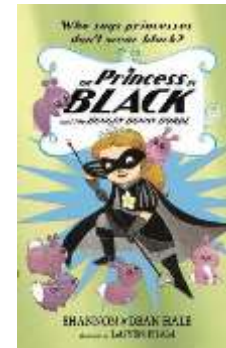
Something smells like trouble! Can *five* princess heroes and one Goat Avenger pool their talents to vanquish a monstrous stink?

Everyone's favourite princess returns for her smelliest battle yet. A foul cloud is plaguing the goat pasture, and it smells worse than sweaty socks and mouldy milk on a hot summer's day. But every time the Princess in Black and her friend the Goat Avenger manage to get rid of the odour, they accidentally blow it to another kingdom!

Other masked heroes and their trusty companions show up to help, but how do you battle a stench when your ninja moves fail? Featuring three new princess superheroes and an unbearably big stink.

- ISBN: 9781406390896
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 96

### Backlist





## The Secrets of Magnolia Moon

[Edwina Wyatt](#)

Illustrated [Katherine Quinn](#)

**A warm and whimsical debut about a curious little girl who shares more than just her surname with the moon.**

Magnolia Moon is nine years old and she likes: Greek mythology, her best friend Imogen May, wishing trees and speaking crows. She knows instinctively that buffadillos are armadillos crossed with buffalos and believes there are walramingos living in her garden. She's also the kind of person who can be entrusted with a great many secrets. The novel chronicles Magnolia's year of being nine and all the things that change for her.

From her best friend moving away to the birth of her little brother Finnegan, Magnolia navigates every challenge and secret that comes her way with the kind of authenticity and innocence that comes from being nine years wise.

- ISBN: 9781406393491
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 160

For Henry and Audrey



*Chapter 1:*  
The Secret Goodbye



Magnolia Moon was born on a hill in a very great hurry. It was the moon that kissed her first. It put the dimple in her cheek and the coils in her hair. But that is a secret. Her mother is sure they come from her.

The moon and the girl have been friends ever since. They have much in common. There is her surname, of course, which she can spell backwards as well as forwards. Her size, too, because she looks small from the window (but it's only a trick). For although she has spent many of



## Wild Magic Trilogy 03: The Promise Witch

[Celine Kiernan](#)

Third and final instalment in a middle-grade fantasy adventure about witches and forbidden magic from a beloved Irish writer.

**"Ireland's answer to JK Rowling." *Sunday Independent* "One of the best Irish books of all time." *TV3AM* "A classic hero in the making." *Parent Talk* From twice-winning author of Ireland's CBI Book of the Year Award**

In the third book in The Wild Magic Trilogy, Witches Borough is dying, and no one knows how to save it. Into this scorched landscape storms a raggedy witch named Magda, trailing ashes in her wake. She wants Mup. She wants Mup to fulfil a promise. And woe betide any who stand in her way.

it is filled to the brim with drama and danger, true, heart-warming and heart-stopping, and magical...so very magical. Just read it." *Fallen Star Stories*

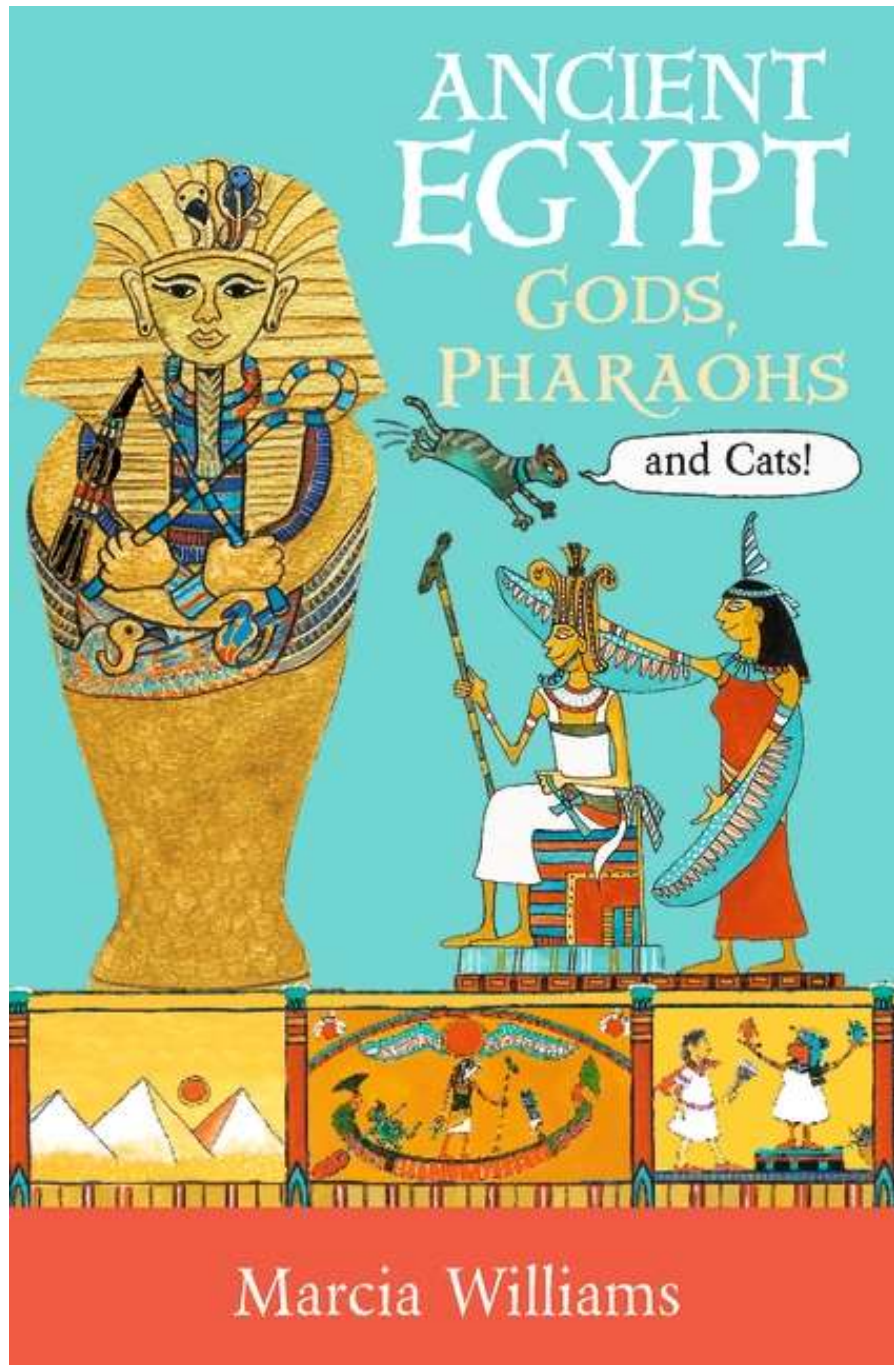
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- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 224





# Indent

# Illustrated Classics



## Ancient Egypt: Gods, Pharaohs and Cats!

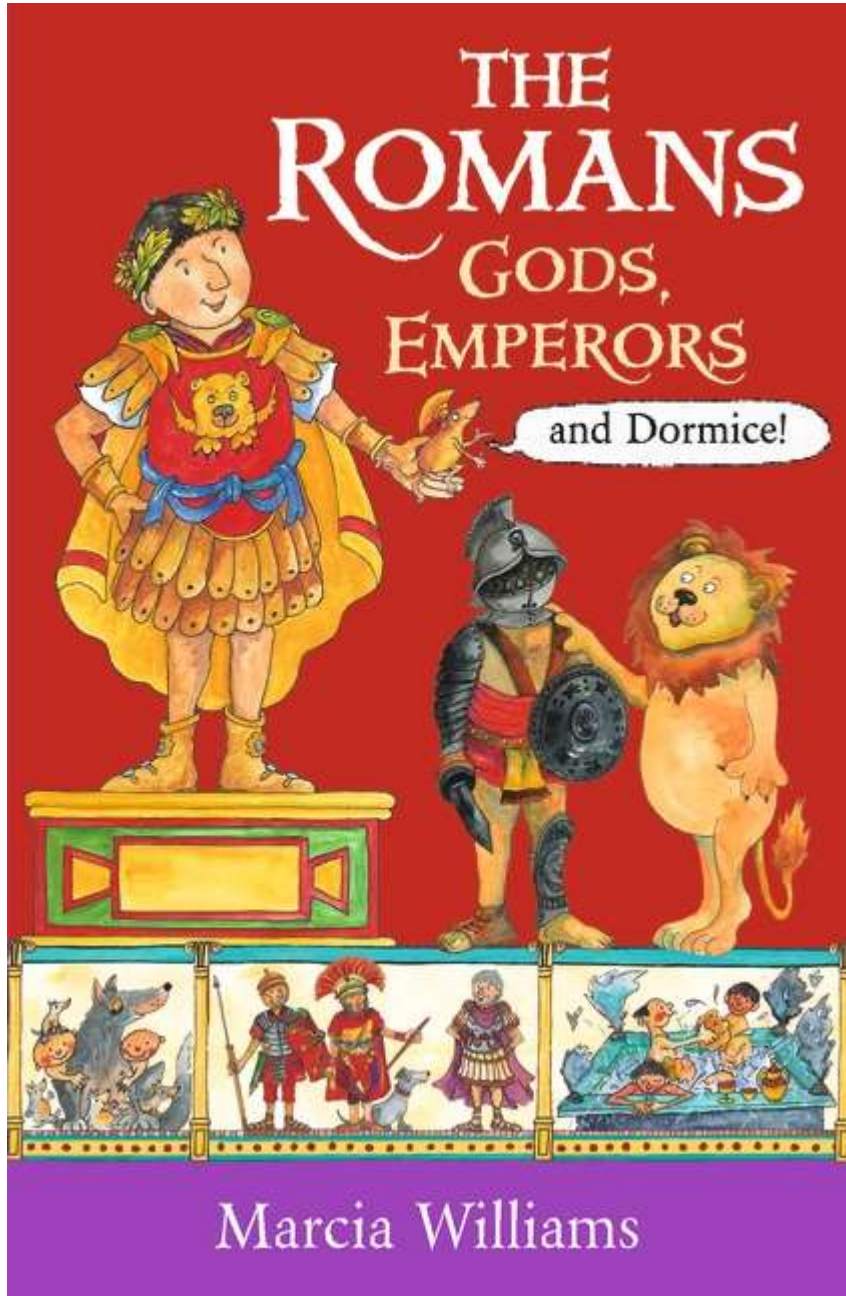
[Marcia Williams](#)

**Hear all about Ancient Egypt from the great teller of tales, Rami the cat – history like it's never been told before!**

Join Marcia Williams on a journey to Ancient Egypt. Explore the myths and wonders of this ancient civilization, meet Ra the creator, the cursed boy-king Tutankhamen and Cleopatra, the last pharaoh in these stories of mystery and adventure.

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

- ISBN: 9781406384031
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 176



## The Romans: Gods, Emperors and Dormice

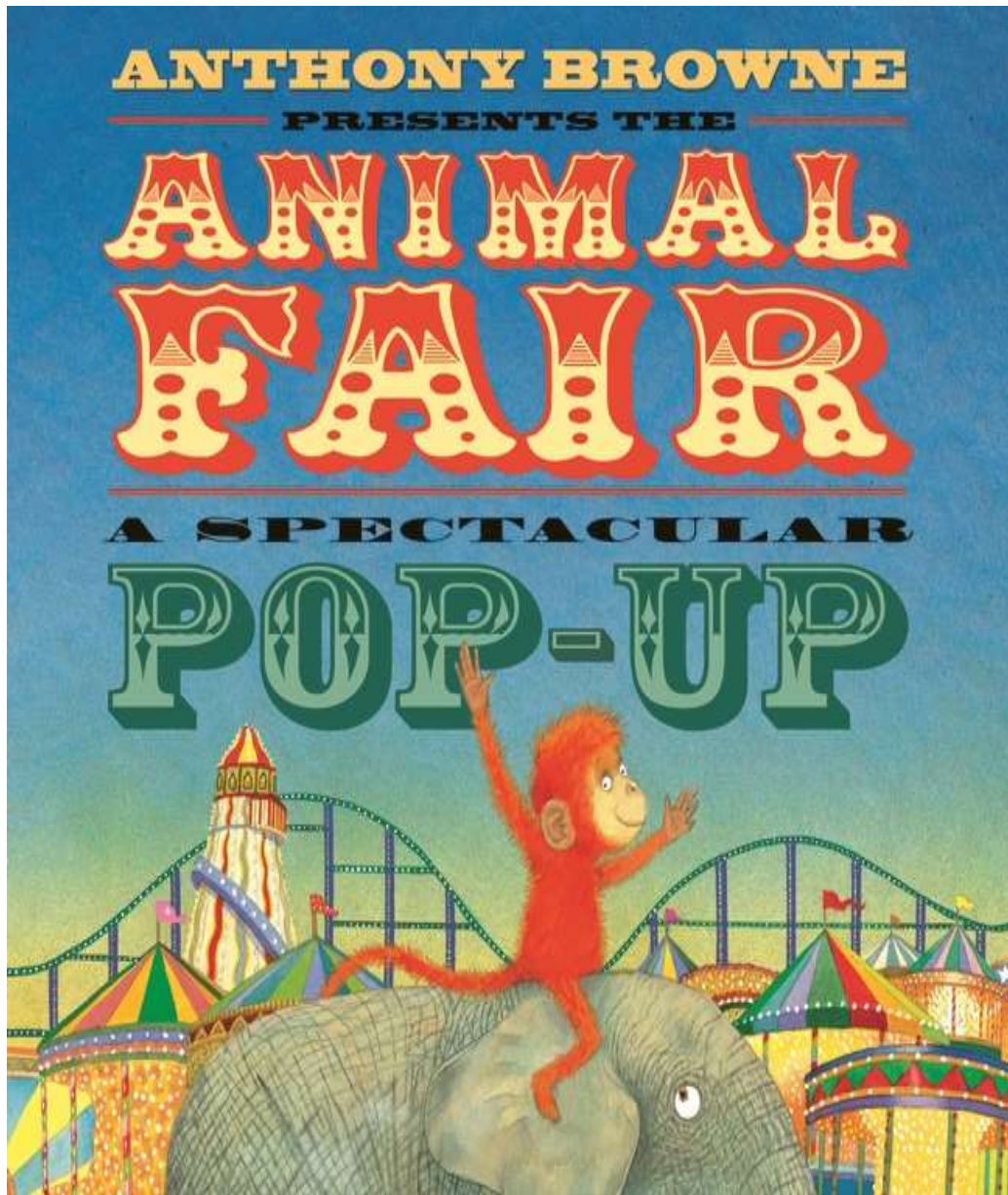
[Marcia Williams](#)

**Hear all about Ancient Rome from Dormeo the dormouse – history like it's never been told before!**

Join Marcia Williams on a journey to Ancient Rome to meet the gods, find out who Romulus and Remus were and discover what happened to Julius Caesar. Experience life as an ancient Roman in this fascinating and humorous retelling of the rise and fall of the Roman Empire.

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

- ISBN: 9781406384048
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 176



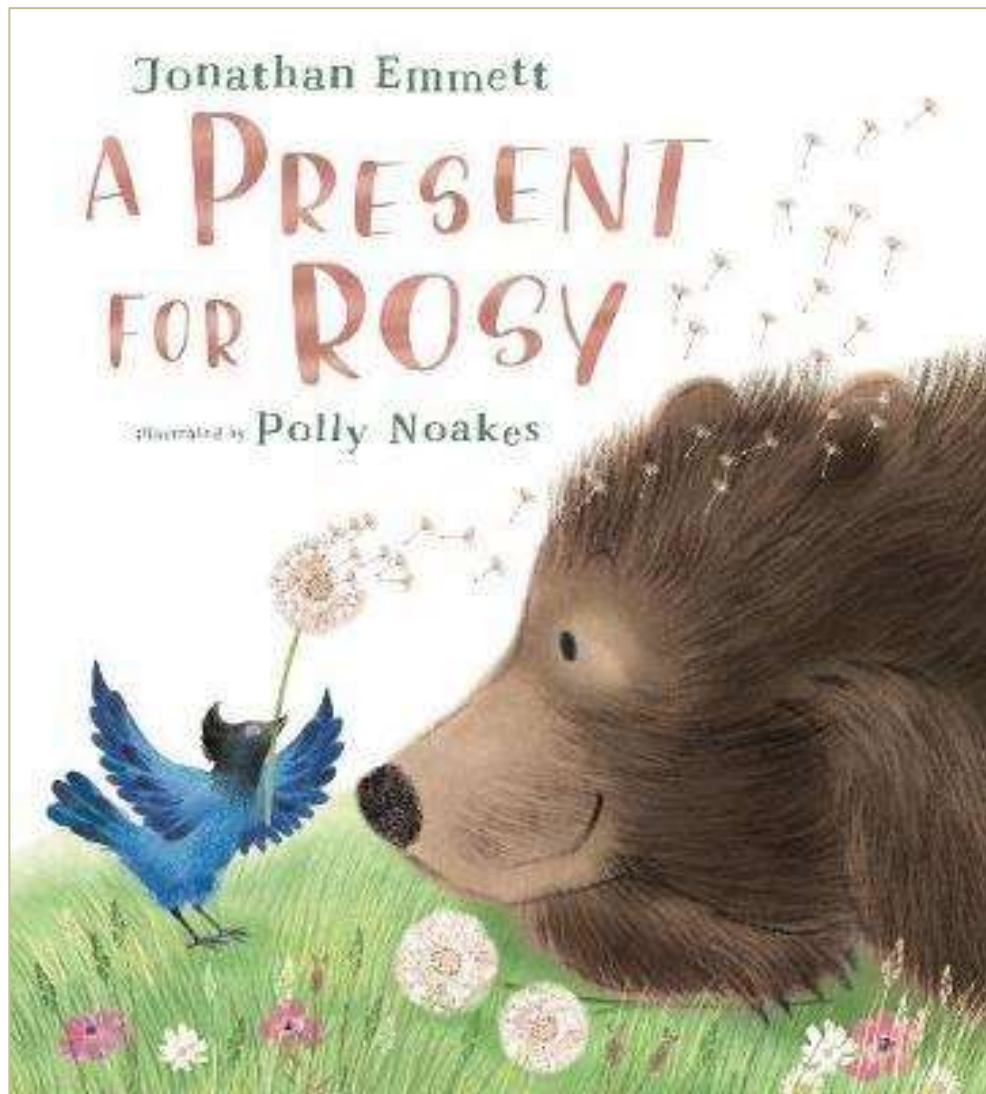
## The Animal Fair

[Anthony Browne](#)

**A lively and interactive pop-up nursery rhyme from Kate Greenaway Medal-winner and former Children's Laureate Anthony Browne.**

This pop-up interpretation of the well-loved playground rhyme is a fantastical extravaganza of illusion and surreal humour. See the crazy carousel in motion! Turn the wheel to discover the secrets of the haunted house! Look out for an elephantine sneeze! Full of Anthony's Browne's trademark surrealism and captivating detail, with the added thrill of ingenious tabs, flaps and wheels, you'll be amazed and excited, amused and delighted by the Animal Fair!

- ISBN: 9781406396997
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 16



## **A Present for Rosy**

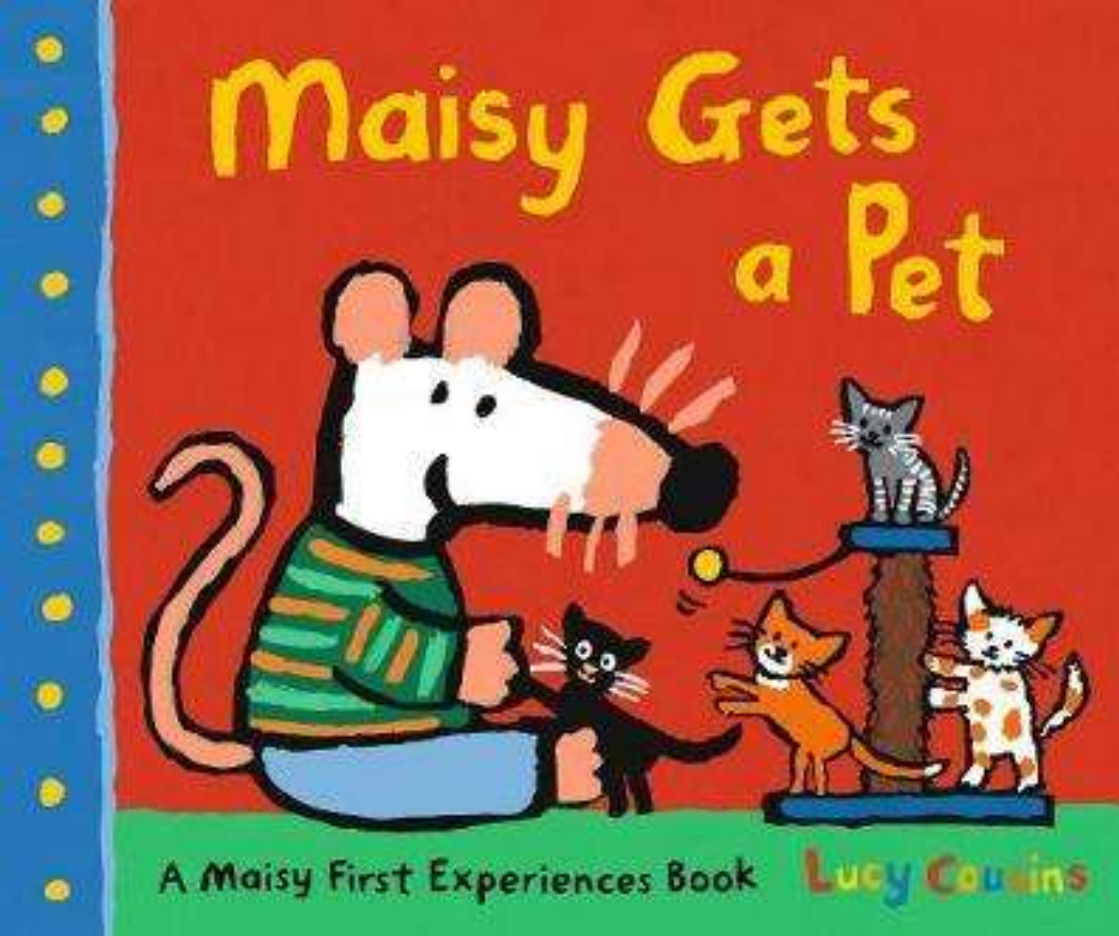
[Jonathan Emmett](#), Illustrated [Polly Noakes](#)

**A beautiful and heart-warming tale about the importance of friendship.**

Rosy and Rory are the unlikeliest of friends. They are as different as the sun and the rain. Rosy is a dainty, delicate little bird and Rory is a big, burly bear. They both love to explore together and between them they always find the most wonderful things. One day, Rosy doesn't feel like leaving her nest and Rory can't understand why.

They stop exploring together but Rory never stops looking for wonderful things to share with his friend ... until he finds the perfect thing. A sensitive and timely book about the importance of friendship.

- ISBN: 9781406381702
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 32



## Maisy Gets a Pet

[Lucy Cousins](#)

Maisy is getting a pet! Join her as she chooses the perfect kitten and takes it home to look after. This bright and humorous story is ideal for teaching little ones about responsible pet ownership.

Penguin's cat has had kittens, and Maisy is taking one home! First she chooses a name for her new friend: Little Black Cat. Next, she learns how to look after a pet responsibly by feeding it, handling it gently, cleaning up after it and taking it to the vet!

There's plenty of time for playing, too!

**This adorable and humorous story is full of fun and gives clear instructions on how to look after a furry friend. An ideal book for teaching little ones about responsible pet ownership.**

- ISBN: 9781406389746
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

## Maisy Goes to a Show

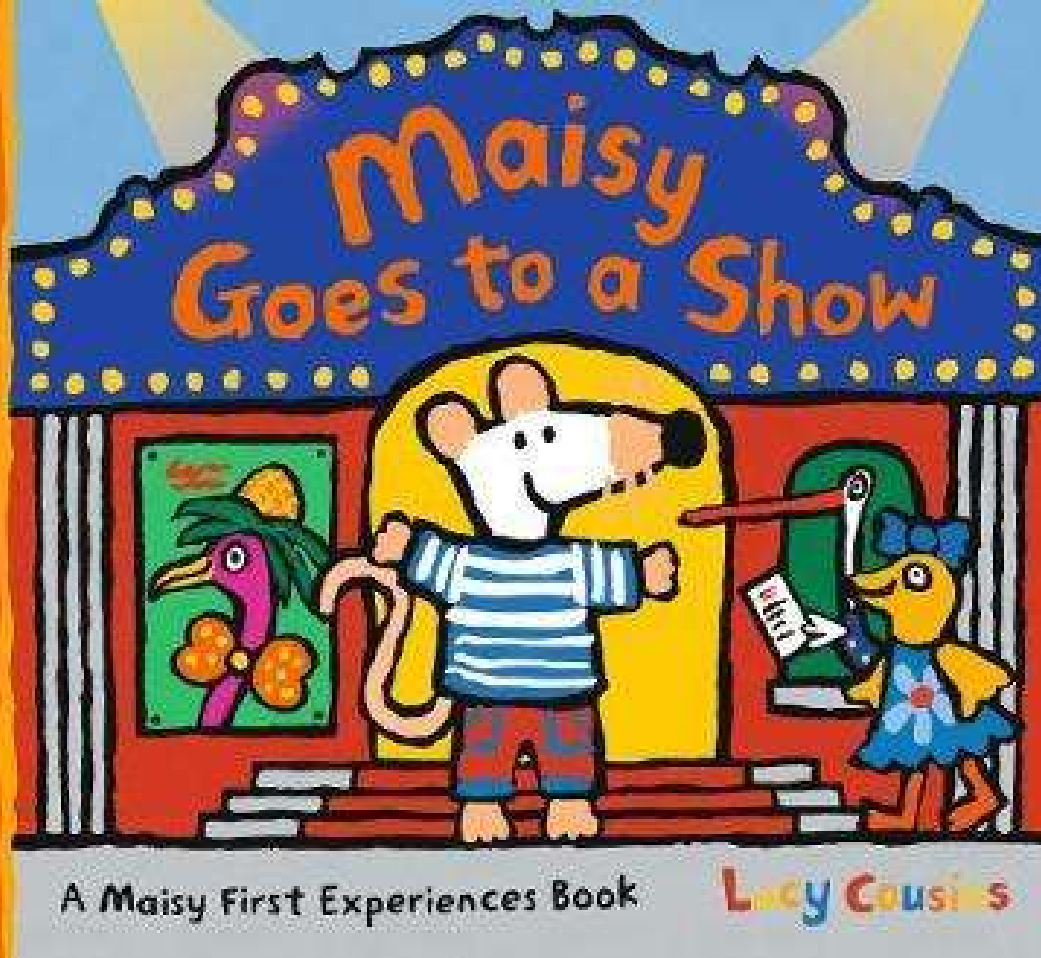
[Lucy Cousins](#)

Maisy is going to her first theatre show! Join Maisy and her friends as they collect their tickets, watch the curtain rise and cheer for their favourite stars. This colourful storybook is perfect for teaching little ones what to expect at a live performance. Now in paperback!

Maisy and her friends are going to their first theatre show! It's an all-singing all-dancing play called Funny Feathers, starring the fabulous actress Flora Fantastica! Join Maisy and her friends as they collect their tickets, watch the curtain rise and sing along with their favourite stars.

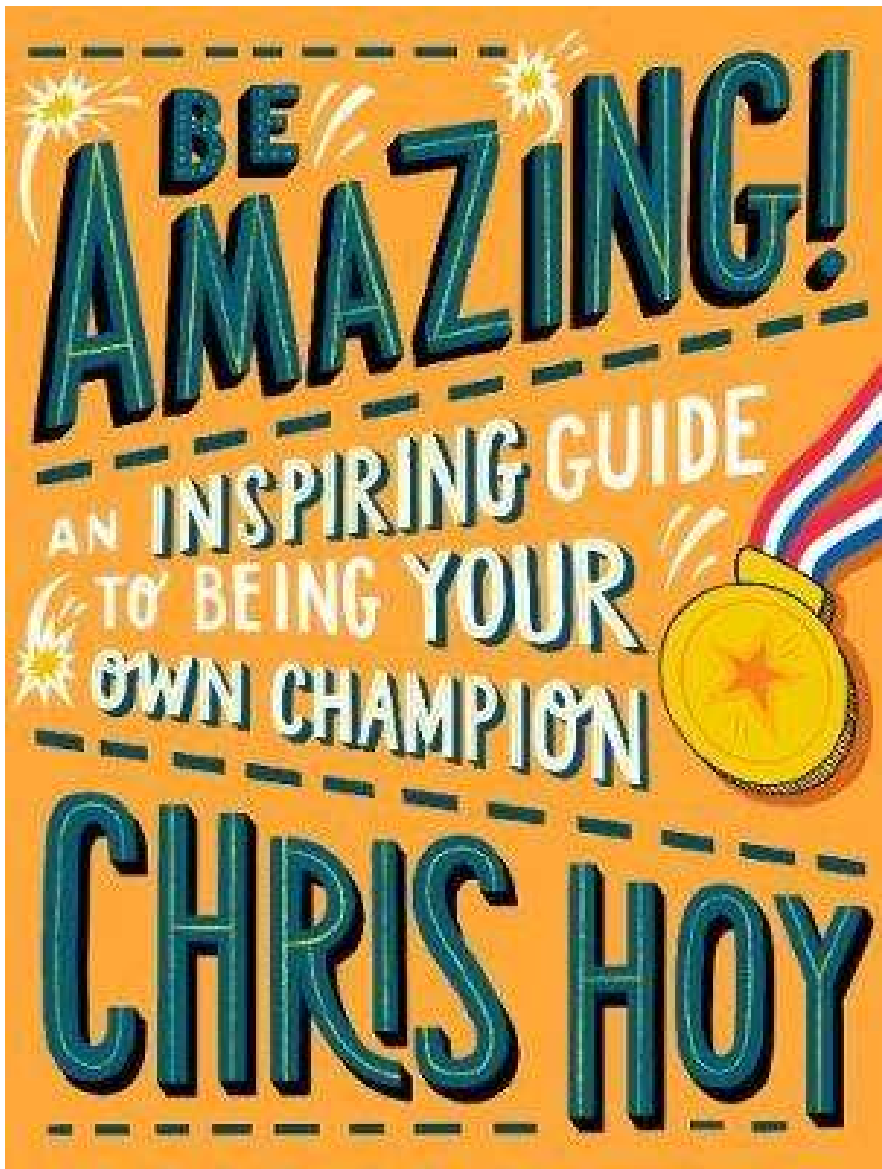
This read-aloud story from the multi-award-winning Lucy Cousins is perfect for teaching toddlers what to expect when they attend a live performance, from a school production to a West End show, and anything in between.

- ISBN: 9781406389302
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
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# Non-Fiction



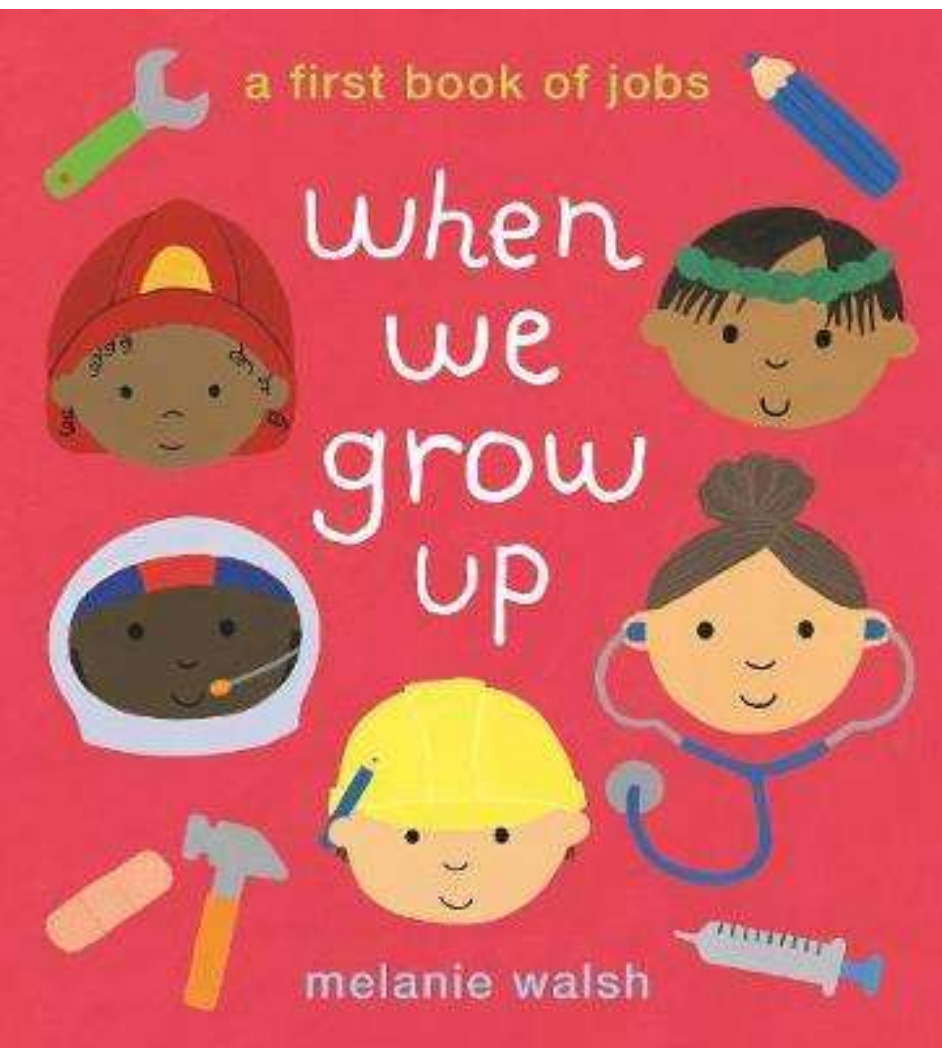
## **Be Amazing! An inspiring guide to being your own champion** [Sir Chris Hoy](#)

**In this inspiring and confidence-boosting guide, the cyclist Sir Chris Hoy, six-time Olympic Champion, shows kids that with the right mindset, they have the power to do something extraordinary.**

As a boy, Chris Hoy never would have believed that he could have achieved his dream of becoming an Olympic Champion. In his first motivational book for children, he shares everything he has learned on his journey to help inspire kids to fulfil their potential and be the best they can be.

The book brings together his incredible personal story with practical ideas, developed in partnership with a leading psychologist, for building confidence, resilience and self-belief, as well as dealing with failure. An essential read for any young person with a big dream, this guide shows that with a positive attitude anything is possible!

- ISBN: 9781406394733
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 144



## When We Grow Up: A First Book of Jobs

[Melanie Walsh](#)

**A first book of jobs that challenges gender stereotypes with its positive and inclusive message.**

The important message in this first book of jobs is that children can be whatever they want to be when they grow up. With a variety of jobs and a diverse cast of characters, this book is an excellent way to start conversations with young children about their futures.

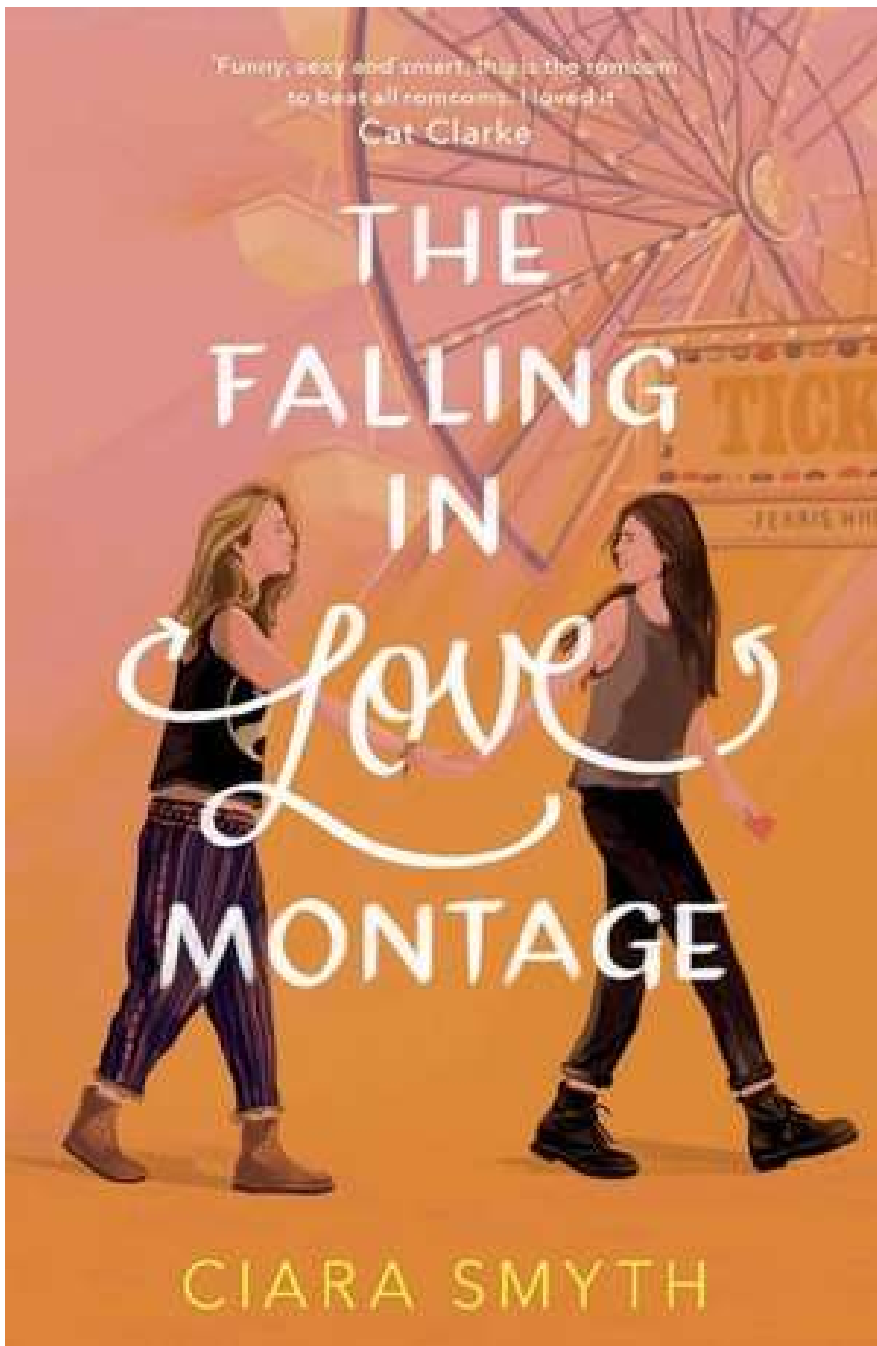
The bold, graphic illustrations by acclaimed illustrator Melanie Walsh, along with simple vocabulary, bring each profession to life.

- ISBN: 9781406387810
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 32



Andersen Press

# Highlights



## The Falling In Love Montage

[Ciara Smyth](#)

Seventeen-year-old Saoirse has finished with exams and is facing a long hot summer before uni. She plans to party, get drunk, watch horror movies and forget all her troubles by kissing girls.

Ever since the breakupocalypse with her ex Hannah, she's been alone and angry, dealing with the hole left in her family by her sick mother's absence. Worse, Dad drops a bombshell: he's remarrying at the end of the summer. Enter the scene: Ruby, who might just be the prettiest girl Saoirse's ever seen.

A romcom fan and a believer in true love, Ruby challenges cynical Saoirse to try a summer romance with the serious parts left out, just like in the movies. But what happens when the falling in love montage ends?

**"Funny, sexy and smart, The Falling in Love Montage is the romcom to beat all romcoms. I loved it" -- Cat Clarke**

**"This is the stuff of LGBT rom-com dreams - full of charm, wit and heart, with a very funny and relatable heroine in Saoirse. A brilliant debut" -- Sophie Cameron**

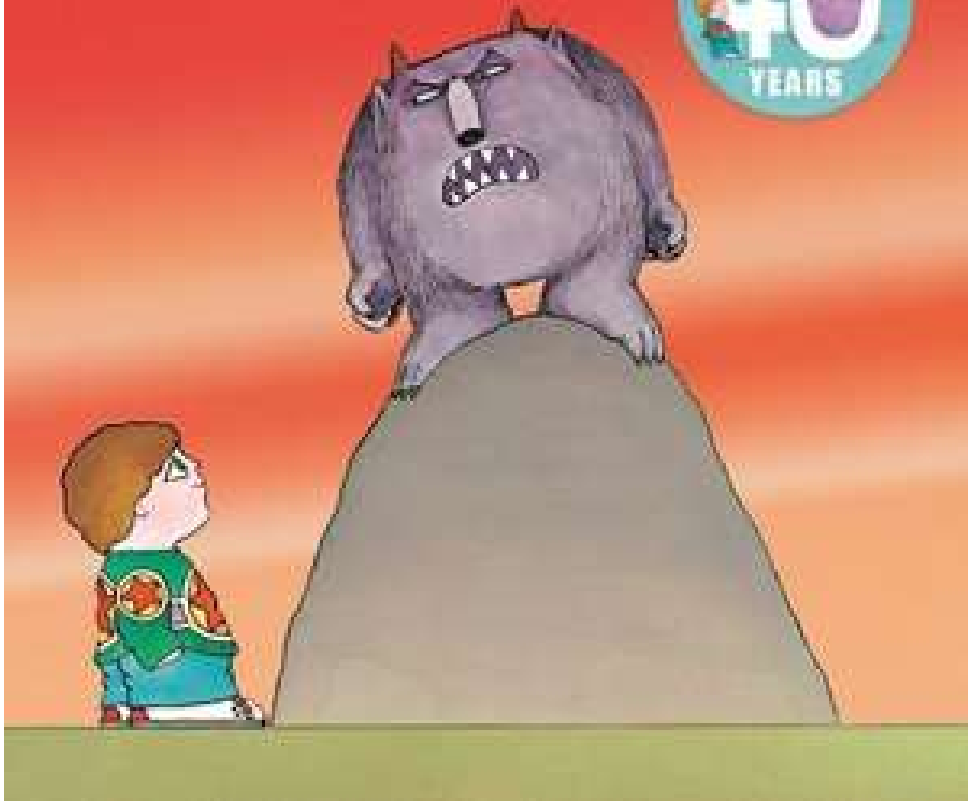
**"A love story as sweet as funfair lemonade and as iconic as John Cusack's boombox. Saoirse is a narrator you won't soon forget. You'll want to read this more than once" -- Deirdre Sullivan**

- ISBN: 9781783449668
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 384

# **Fiction & Picture Books**

# NOT NOW, BERNARD

David McKee



## Not Now, Bernard 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

[David McKee](#)

Bernard's got a problem. He's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend the monster... and that doesn't go quite to plan.

Loved by children, monsters and adults for thirty five years, David McKee's iconic picture book is celebrated in this special anniversary paperback that includes embossing and a free downloadable audiobook.

**"My favourite books for very young children are *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak and *Not Now Bernard* by David McKee." -- Michael Rosen**

**"Not Now Bernard is THE book of our times" \* Frank Cottrell-Boyce \***

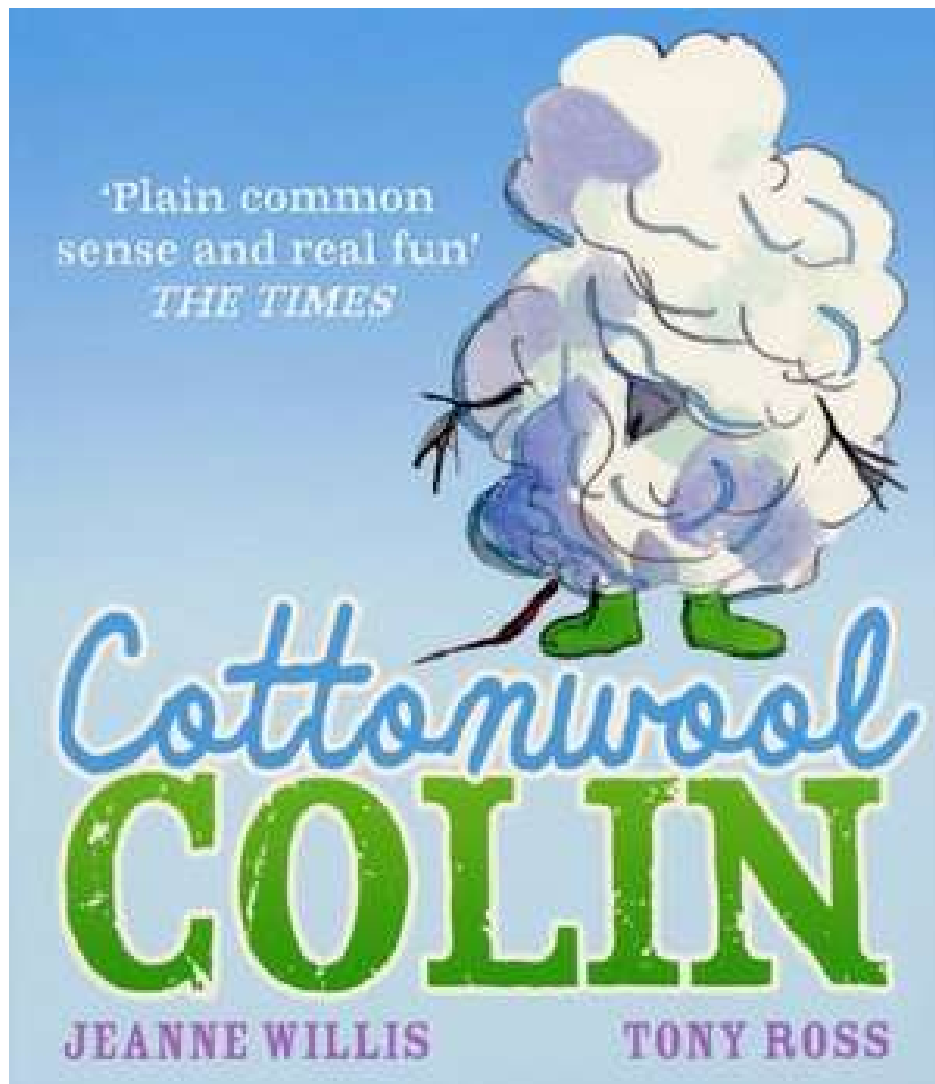
**"It's so good!" \* Adam Buxton \***

**"Possibly my favourite picture book of all time. It's so powerful, it's so funny, dark - it's everything. That to me is the number one kids book of all time... It's funny to a four year old and meaningful to a 36 year old" \* Ben Bailey Smith aka Doc Brown \***

**"Even very young children see the joke." \* T.E.S.**

- ISBN: 9781783449736
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- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32





## Cottonwool Colin

[Jeanne Willis](#), [Tony Ross](#)

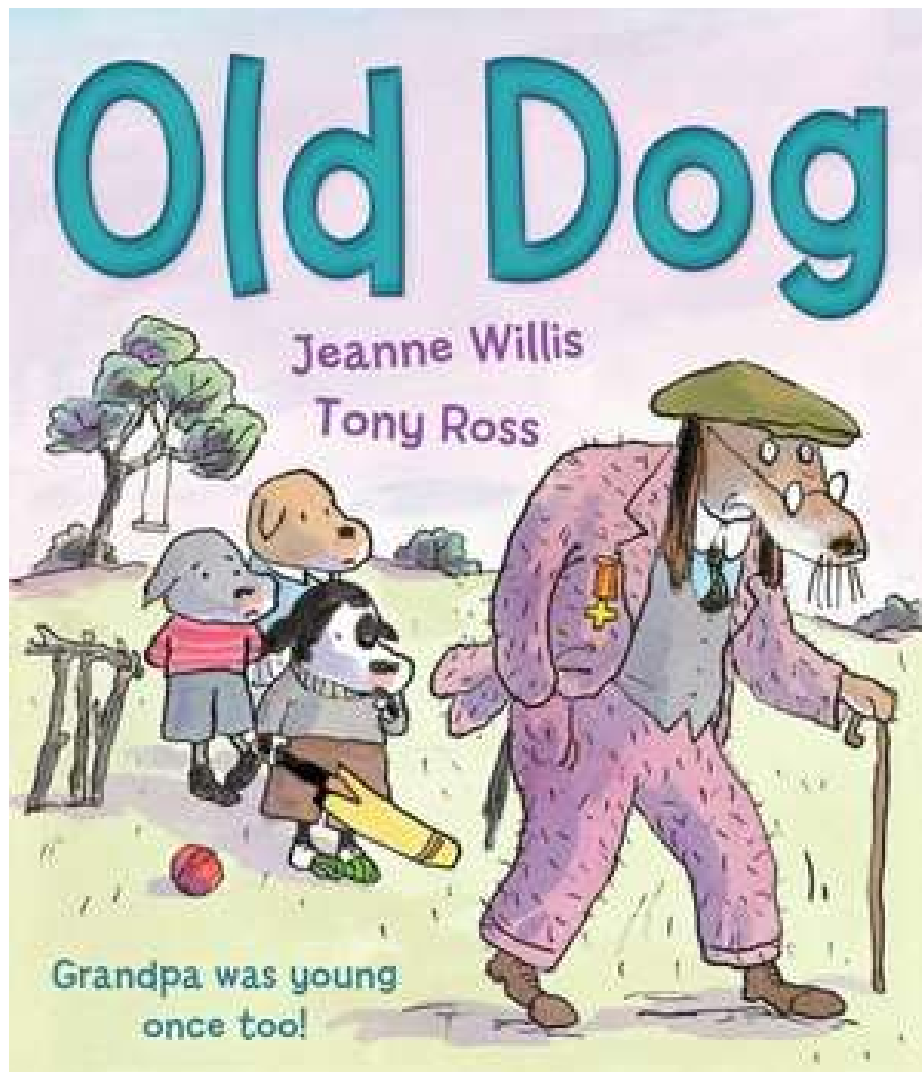
Colin is small, even for a mouse. His mother refuses to let him play outside with his brothers and sisters unless he is wrapped in a big fluffy ball of cotton wool.

But instead of keeping him safe, the cotton wool attracts the attention of every fierce creature imaginable - little boys, ducks, even foxes!

After a day of being flung, pecked and chased, Colin returns home without his cotton wool, but feeling much BIGGER, and ready to tell his mother that he can look after himself.

**"Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross's robust sense of humour, plain common sense and pure fun in addressing all that is most mad about our attitudes to parenting make them essential for readers aged 4+" \* The Times \***

- ISBN: 9781839130021
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



## Old Dog

[Jeanne Willis](#), [Tony Ross](#)

**You can't teach an old dog new tricks.'**

The Young Pups don't want to visit Grandpa - he is so "boring", and only ever wants to talk about the olden days. They don't believe Grandpa was ever young or fun, so Grandpa sets out to prove them wrong, and show them that there is life in the old dog yet!

**"A warm-hearted story about not underestimating your aged grandparents which all generations will enjoy" \* Guardian \***

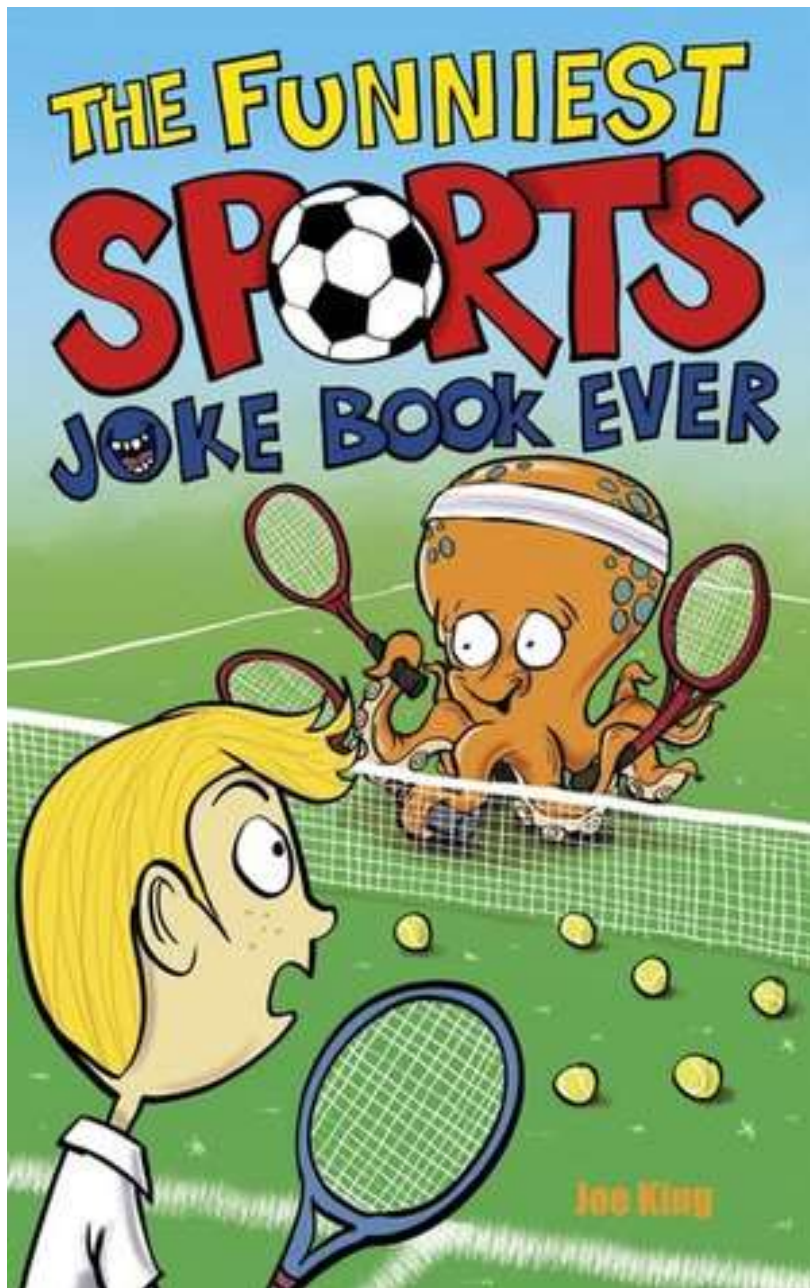
**"Essential for readers aged 4+" \* The Times \***

**"Another very funny picture book from this partnership." \* Children's Bookseller \***

**"A dream team of writer and illustrator!" \* The Times \***

**"Toddlers can't resist Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross's uproarious tales." \* Daily Telegraph \***

- ISBN: 9781839130045
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



## The Funniest Sports Joke Book Ever

[Joe King](#)

What lights up a stadium? **A match!**

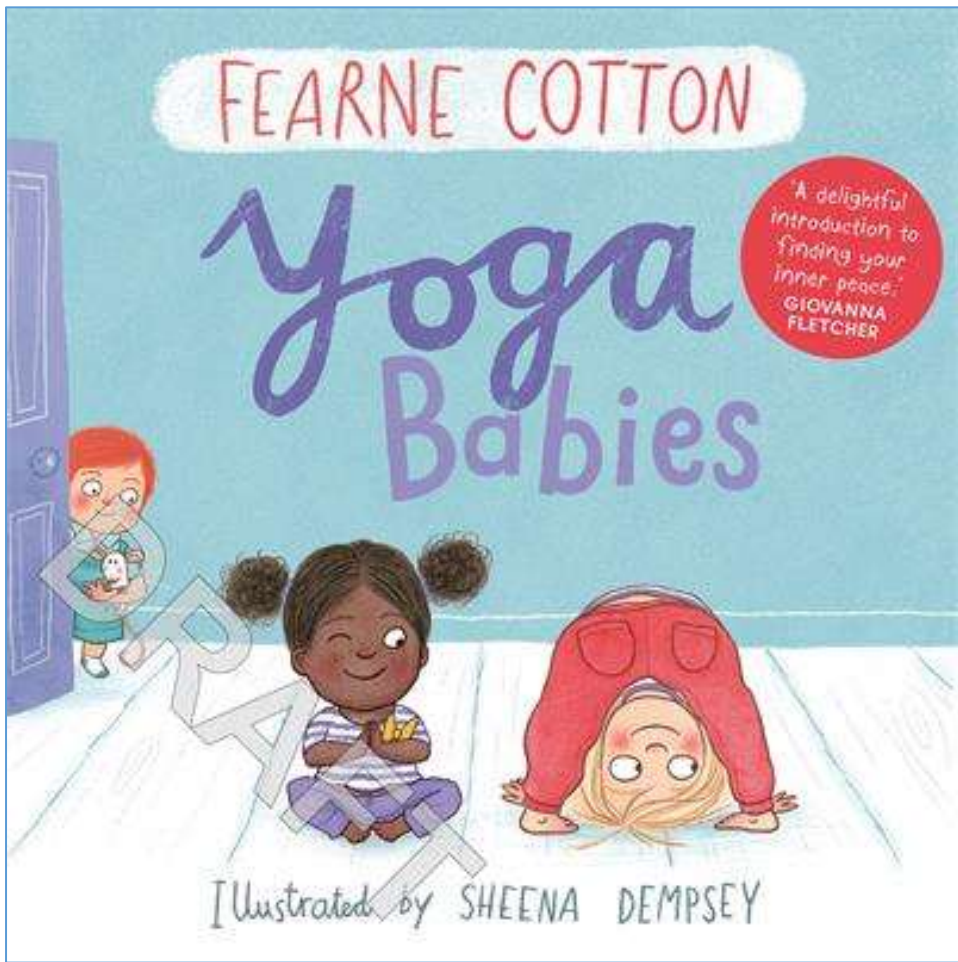
Which athletes are the warmest? **Long jumpers!**

How do footballers stay cool? **They play close to the fans!**

**Kids will fall over laughing at these sporty jokes, perfect for celebrating the Olympics!**

- ISBN: 9781783449644
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 80

**Indent**



## Yoga Babies

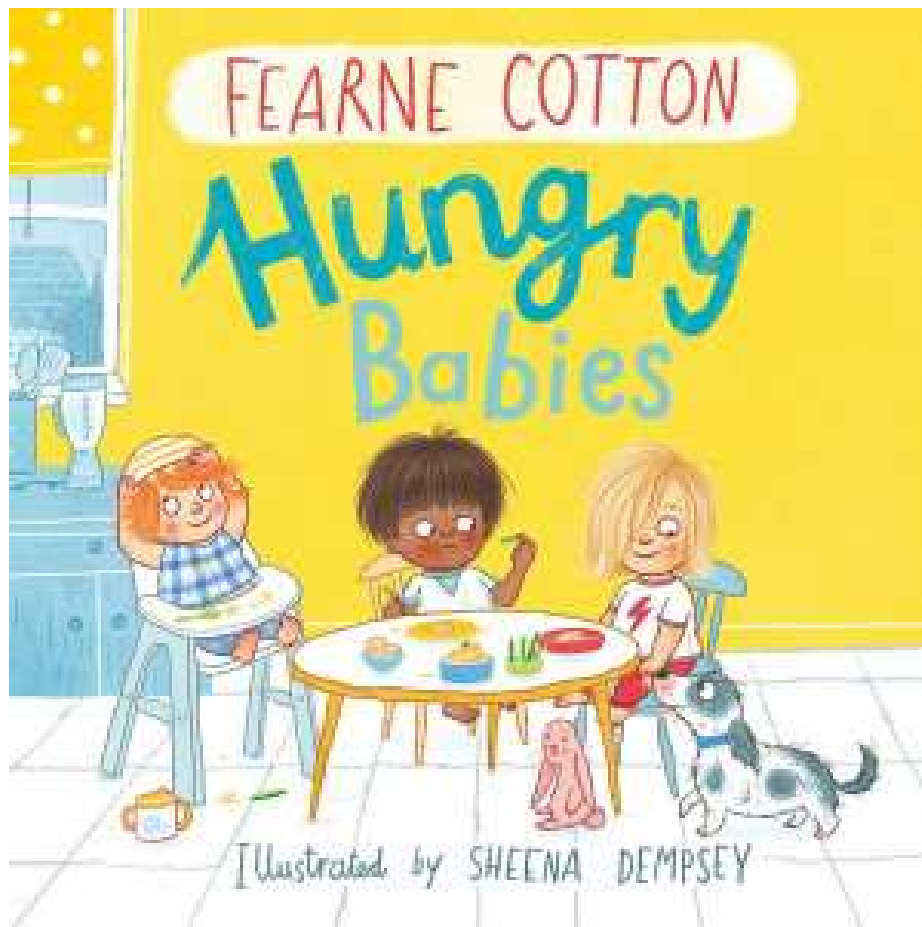
By: [Fearne Cotton](#), [Sheena Dempsey](#)

***We're the Yoga Babies, look what we can do!***

Fearne Cotton presents her Yoga Babies, now in a chunky board book perfect for little hands. Sometimes life is busy and tricky, but not to worry! Yoga can help everyone chill out.

Follow these babies big and small as they practise new yoga poses at home, in the garden and before bedtime, then you can have a go at home, too!

- ISBN: 9781783447527
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 10



## Hungry Babies

[Fearne Cotton](#), [Sheena Dempsey](#)

Fearne Cotton's yoga-loving tots are back, and this time they're hungry! Every family's mealtimes are different.

George likes messy eating, Kit is banana-mad, and the twins can't agree whether their snack is yucky or yummy.

From chaotic breakfasts to birthday parties, Fearne Cotton's adorable *Hungry Babies* love to have fun at mealtimes

"One for both adults and children, *Hungry Babies* will teach kids to try new things while showing parents what to do when meal times turn messy." —*OK! Magazine*

"An excellent book to introduce young children to the idea of different foods and meals." —*Inis Reading Guide*

"A stunning picture book whose characters' expressions exude playfulness and joie de vivre." —*Cork Evening Echo*

- ISBN: 9781783447589
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 32

CANDLEWICK PRESS



# HOUSE of DREAMS

*The Life of L. M. Montgomery*

"A sparkling biography  
of . . . the writer who  
brought Anne Shirley into  
the world with her 1908  
novel, *Anne of Green Gables*."  
— *The Wall Street Journal*



Liz Rosenberg  
illustrated by Julie Morstad

## House of Dreams: The Life of L. M. Montgomery

[Liz Rosenberg](#)

illustrator: [Julie Morstad](#)

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Maud who adored stories. When she was fourteen years old, Maud wrote in her journal, "I love books. I hope when I grow up to be able to have lots of them." Not only did Maud grow up to own lots of books, she wrote twenty-four of them herself as L. M. Montgomery, the world-renowned author of *Anne of Green Gables*. For many years, not a great deal was known about Maud's personal life.

Her childhood was spent with strict, undemonstrative grandparents, and her reflections on writing, her lifelong struggles with anxiety and depression, her "year of mad passion," and her difficult married life remained locked away, buried deep within her unpublished personal journals.

Through this revealing and deeply moving biography, kindred spirits of all ages will be captivated anew by the words of this remarkable woman who never gave up "the substance of things hoped for."

"A kind, thoughtful, nuanced portrayal of one of the icons of children's literature." — Kirkus Reviews

- ISBN: 9781536213140
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 352
- Price: R215,00



The image shows the front cover of the book 'In Search of Safety: Voices of Refugees'. It features a close-up, profile view of a woman with short, dark hair, looking thoughtfully to the right. She is wearing a dark blue blazer over a dark top and a gold earring. The background is dark and out of focus. Text is overlaid on the image: 'written & photographed by SUSAN KUKLIN' in the top right, and the title 'IN SEARCH OF SAFETY' in large white letters with 'Voices of Refugees' in a white script font below it.

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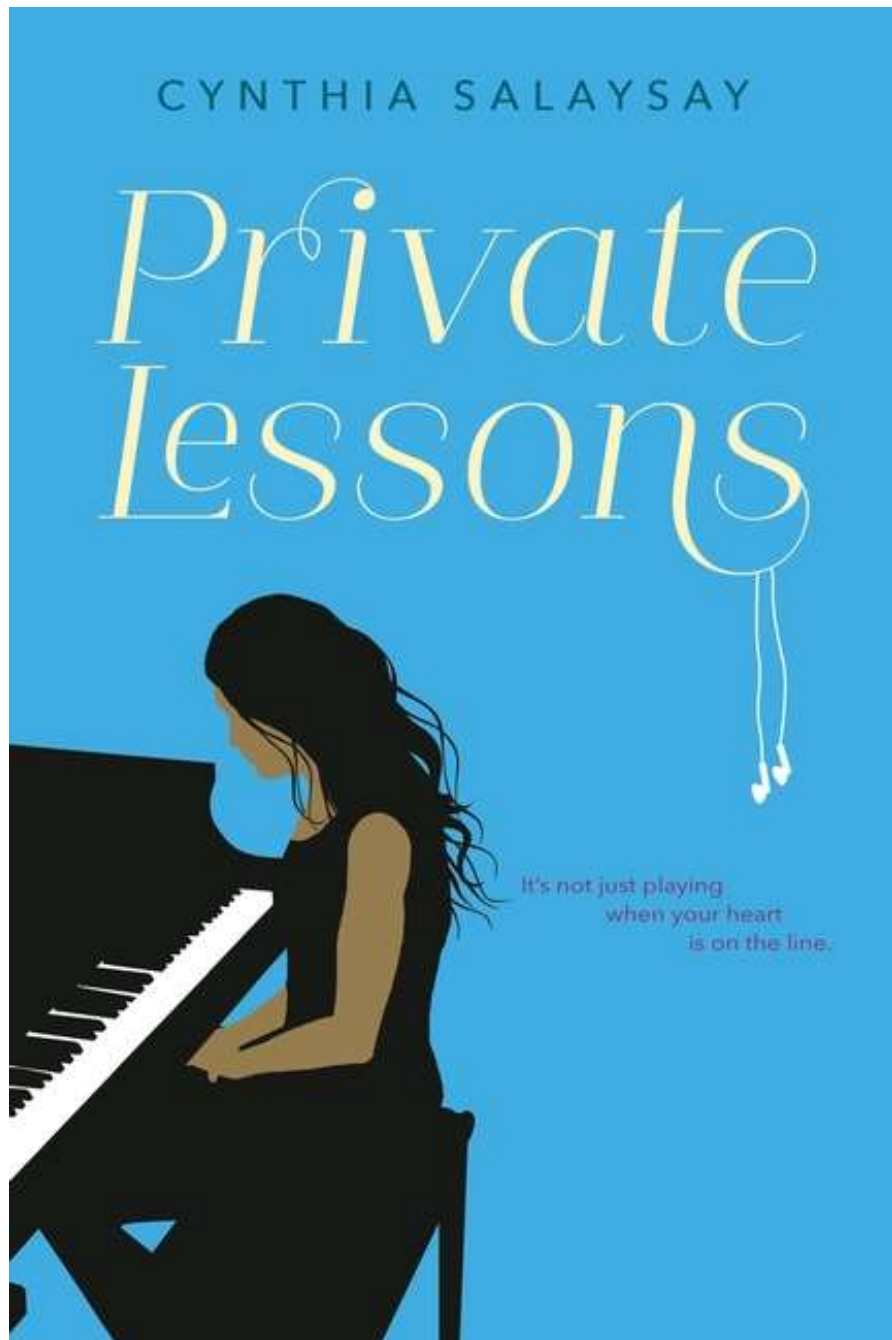
**In Search of Safety: Voices of Refugees**  
author/illustrator: [Susan Kuklin](#)

***“From 1984, when I was born, until July 16, 2017, when I arrived in the United States, I never lived in a place where there was no war.” — Fraidoun***

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