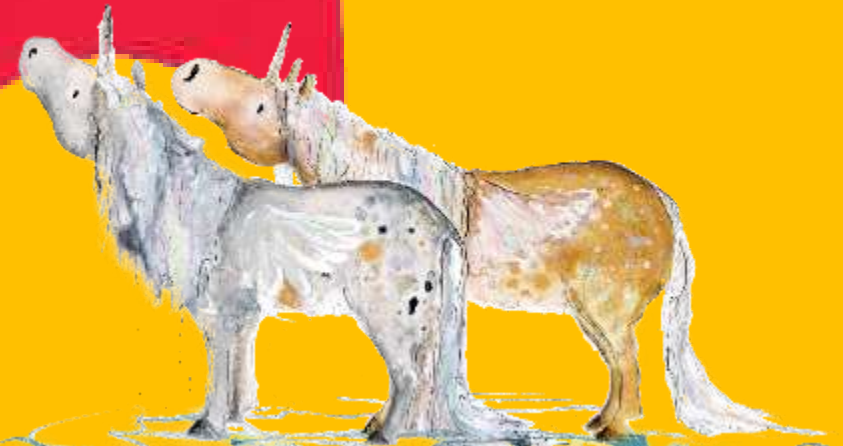
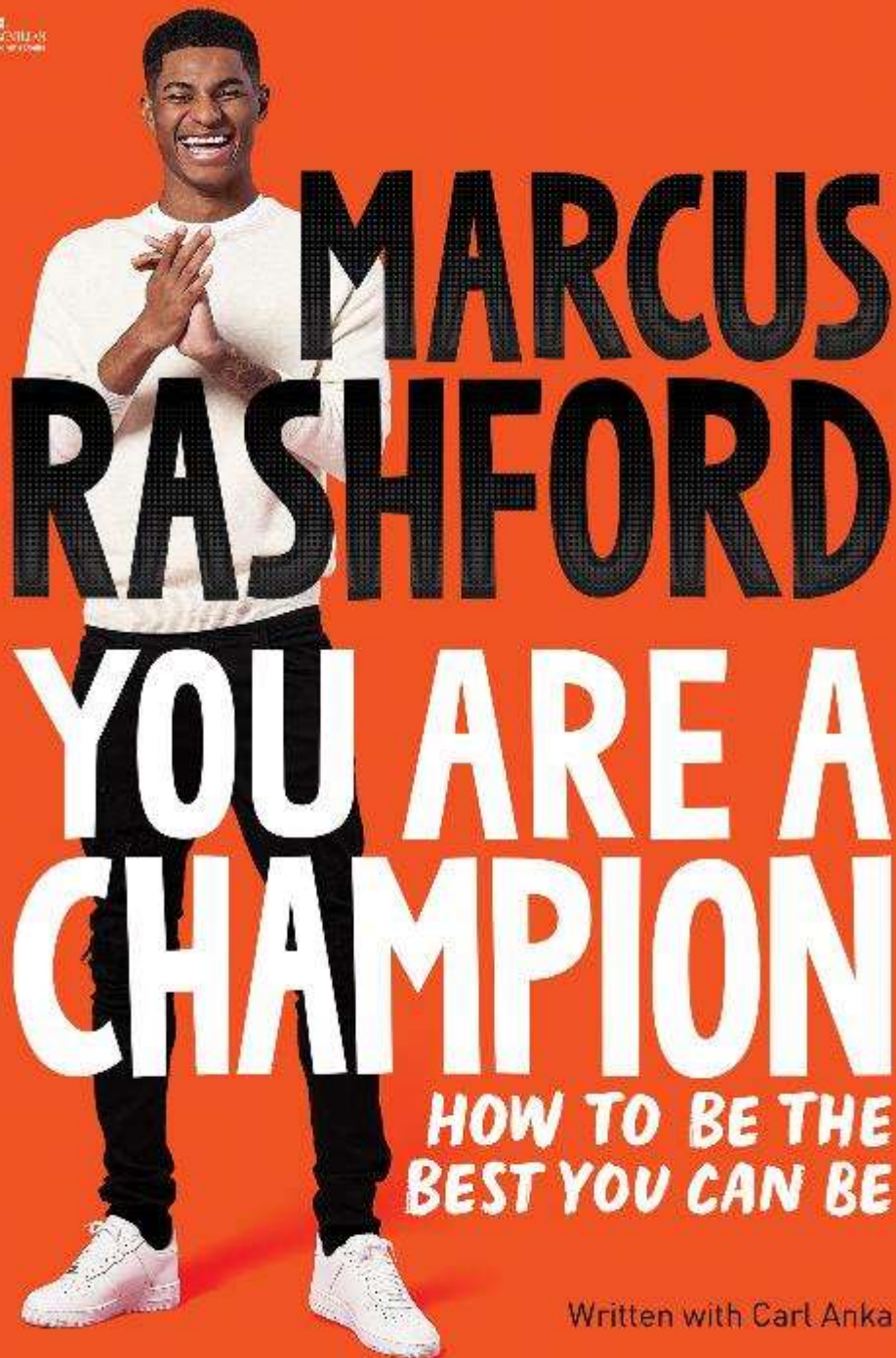




MACMILLAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS
July 2021



Highlights



Written with Carl Anka

You Are A Champion: Unlock Your Potential, Find Your Voice and Be The BEST You Can Be

[Marcus Rashford](#)

An inspiring, positive and practical guide for teens from Marcus Rashford MBE, footballer and child food poverty campaigner.

Tear up the rule book. Find your own lane. You are only in competition with yourself.

Marcus Rashford MBE is recognised worldwide for his journey both on-and-off the pitch - but how did a boy from south Manchester become not only an International footballer but also one of the leading activist voices in the UK? In this inspiring, positive and practical guide, Marcus gives YOU the tools you need to reach your full potential and will show you that your possibilities really can be endless.

In *You Are A Champion: Unlock Your Potential, Find Your Voice and Be the BEST You Can Be*, Marcus Rashford MBE draws on stories from his own life to show you that success is all about the mindset. You'll find out how positive thinking can change your life, build mental resilience, learn how to navigate adversity and discover the unstoppable power of your own voice. You already have the tools you need to achieve your dreams; you just might not know it yet.

Written with journalist Carl Anka, *You Are a Champion* is the empowering and life changing first children's book from Marcus Rashford MBE. It is full of practical advice and engaging illustrations and infographics, including input from performance psychologist Katie Warriner.

- ISBN: 9781529068177
- Format: Trade Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 240

MARCUS RASHFORD: A POWERFUL VOICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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MILLION



9.4
MILLION



7.2
MILLION



JUNE 2020

Marcus successfully lobbies the

GOVERNMENT TO U-TURN

policy on free school meals,
ensuring access to food
supplies for 1.3 million
children during COVID-19



OCTOBER 2020

Marcus Rashford is appointed
**MEMBER OF THE ORDER
OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
(MBE)**

by Queen Elizabeth II for services
to vulnerable children



The announcement of

THE MARCUS RASHFORD BOOK CLUB

NOVEMBER 2020

SEPTEMBER 2020

#ENDCHILDFOODPOVERTY

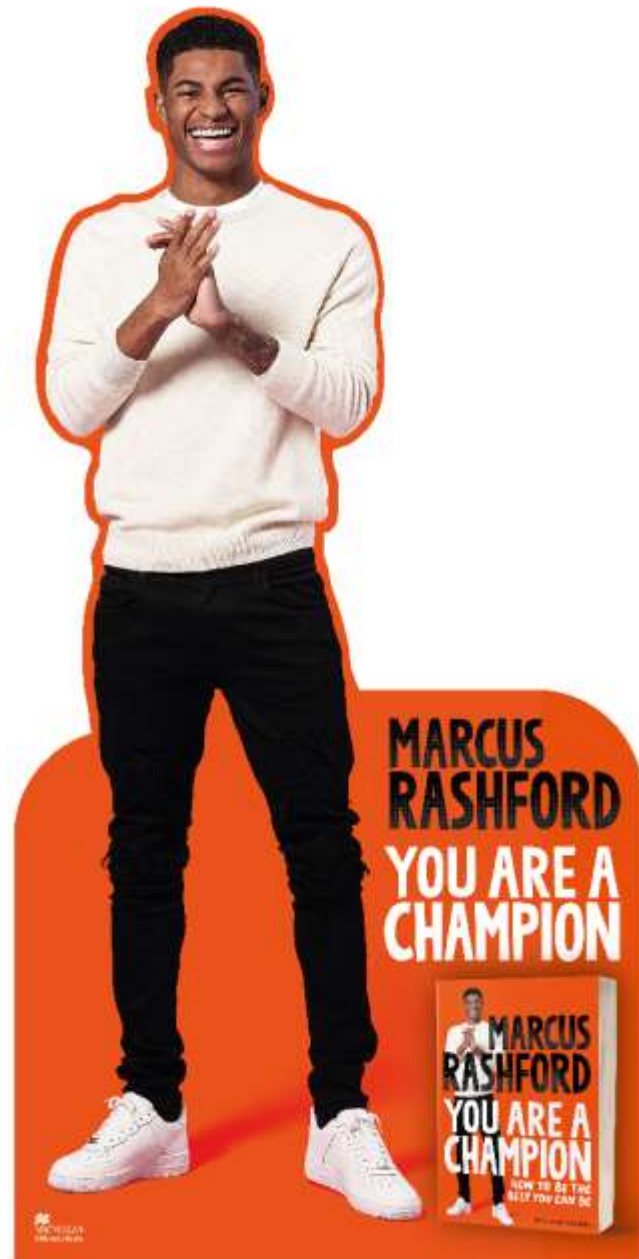
As part of the #ENDCHILDFOODPOVERTY
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is formed to support children in need



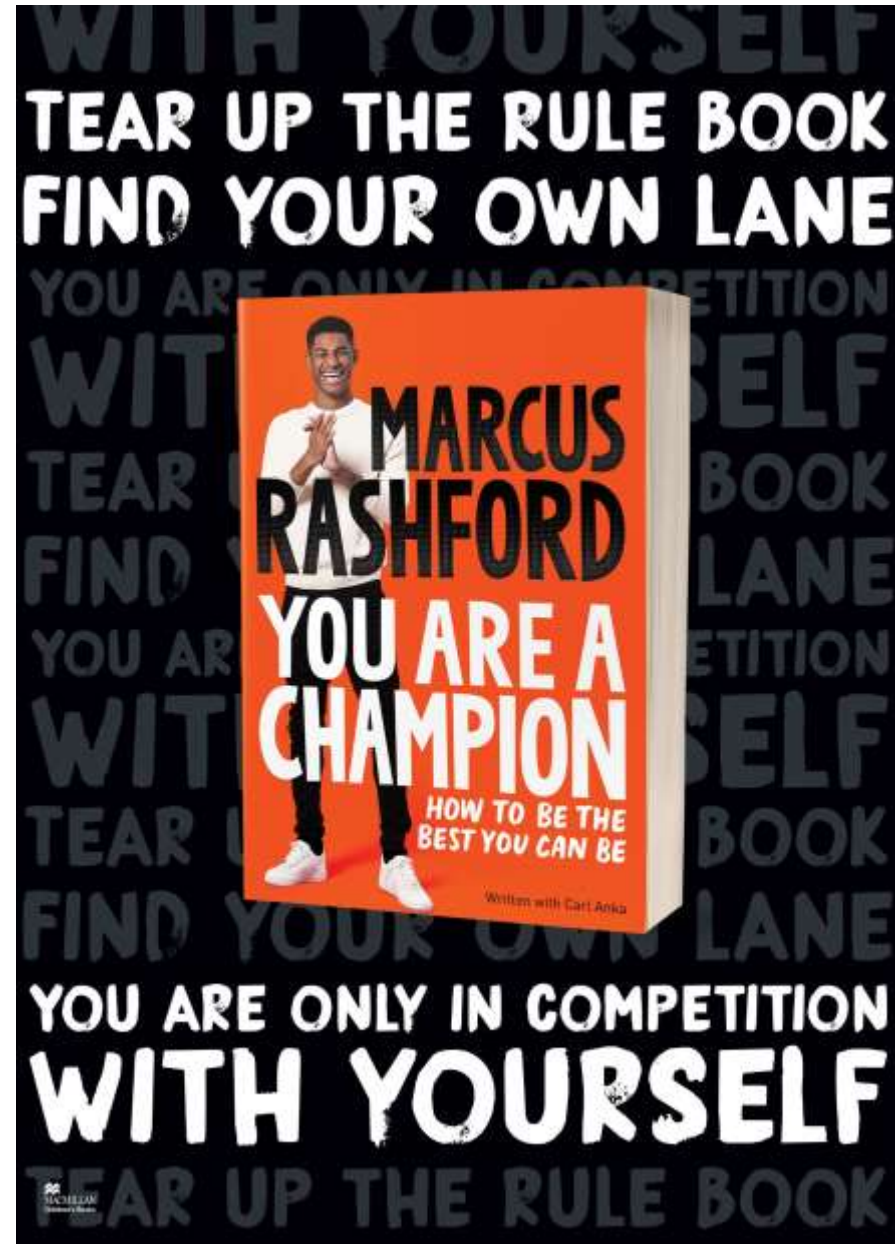
Marcus Rashford
is named in
TIME
Magazine's
Next 100 list

FEBRUARY 2021

Mock up standee



Draft poster



**“BELIEVE IN YOU AND
SUCCESS WILL HAPPEN.
TRUST ME. LIVE THE DREAM.”**

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You Are a Champion

Chapter Breakdown

Key themes:

- How the positive thinking and mental resilience have helped MR to get through tough times in childhood, how they've helped him in his incredible achievements as a child food poverty campaigner and how they've shaped who he is as a footballer
- How the reader can learn from Marcus's experiences, and implement positive thinking in their own life
- Being your own champion is the most important thing that you can do, and once you are ready to do that you can also champion others
- The book will also really focus on helping to destigmatize children who feel different, who feel that they are not normal for one reason or another. Whether it's because they come from low income families, because of race, looks, class, interests, disabilities, sexuality, gender, accents, and so on. This book is inclusive and it's for everyone

Structure overview:

- Written in the first person, each chapter starts with a story / anecdote from Marcus's own life and then goes on to explain what he's learnt from each situation, and how it's helped him to build mental resilience. The chapters then go on to become more functional, using performance psychology to explain how the reader can implement the lessons MR learnt in each story in their own lives. This will ensure that the book is both personal and functional
- Chapters will be interspersed with profiles on Marcus's heroes, both famous people and people in his personal life who have inspired him (examples include Muhammad Ali, who is an idol of Marcus's, and people like his mum and brothers)

Key Words:

- EMPATHY
- ACCESSIBLE
- RELATABLE
- ASPIRATIONAL
- FUN
- ENGAGING
- EMPOWERING
- INSPIRATIONAL
- PERSONAL
- ACCEPTANCE / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (you are not going through this alone)
- The book will be set in a fun and engaging layout, with lots of illustrations, infographics, pull out quotes, etc, peppered throughout

EMIKO JEAN

TOKYO EVER AFTER

Who, me?

Princess?



Tokyo Ever After

[Emiko Jean](#)

Tokyo Ever After is a hilarious and heartfelt own voices YA that follows an American girl who discovers she's the Crown Princess of Japan.

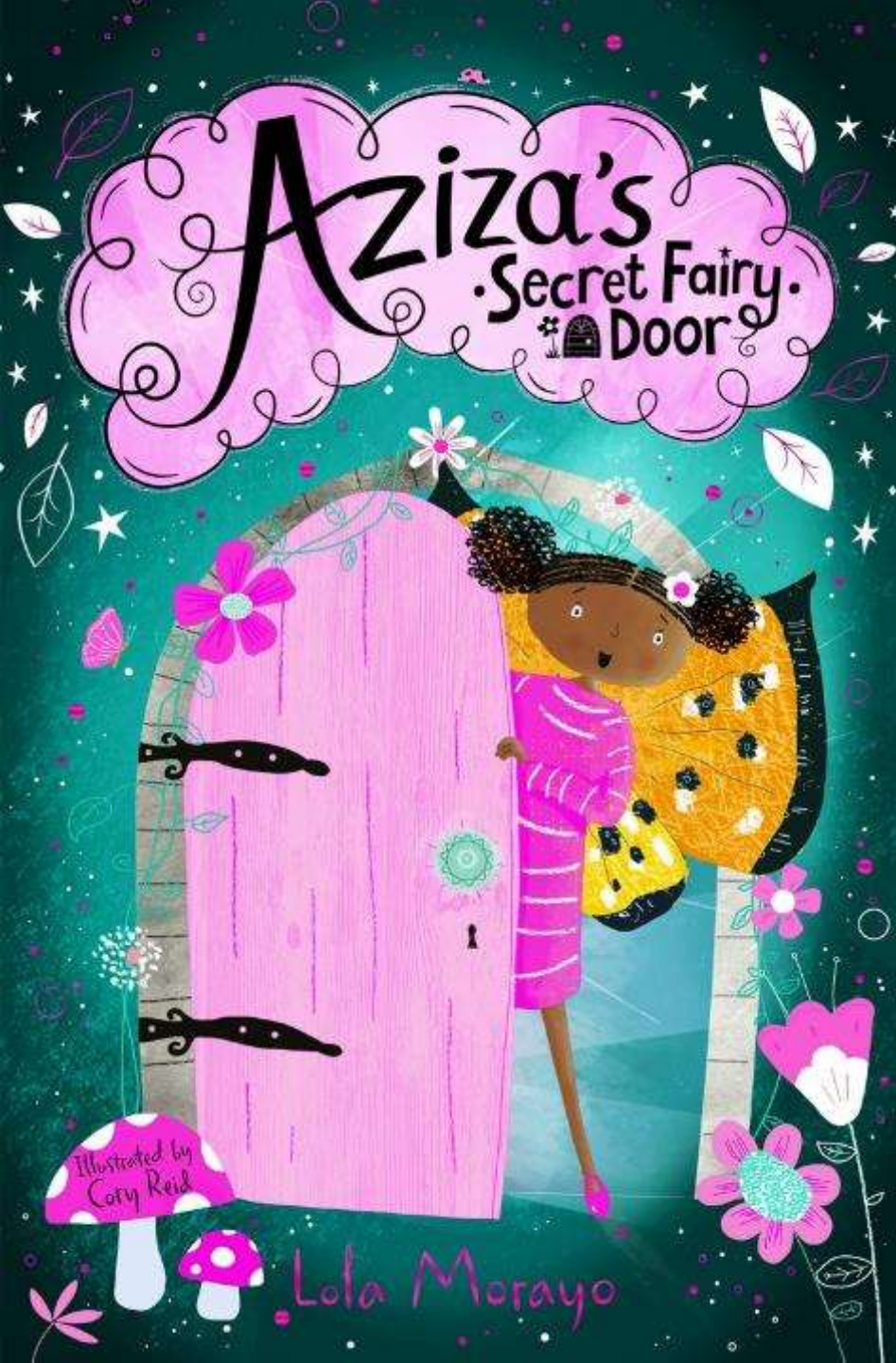
Who, me? Princess?

Izumi Tanaka has lived an uneventful seventeen years in her small, mostly white, northern California town, keenly aware of all the ways in which her family is different from most of her classmates'. But then Izumi discovers a clue to her previously unknown father's identity . . . and he's none other than the Crown Prince of Japan. Which means outspoken, irreverent, can-burp-the-alphabet Izzy is literally a princess.

Soon she's traveling overseas to meet the father she never knew and discover the country she's only dreamed of. But being a princess isn't all ball gowns and tiaras. There are conniving cousins, a hungry press, a scowling but handsome bodyguard who just might be her soulmate, and thousands of years of tradition and customs to learn practically overnight. Izzy soon finds herself caught between worlds, and between versions of herself—back home, she was never “American” enough, and in Japan, she must prove she's "Japanese" enough. Will Izumi crumble under the weight of the crown, or will she live out her fairytale, happily ever after?

- **High-concept, commercial YA from Alloy Entertainment, the creators of *Pretty Little Liars* and *Gossip Girl***
- **Easy-going, Own Voices romance with a Japanese setting**
- **Perfect for fans of *To All the Boys I've Loved Before***

- ISBN: 9781509899999
- Format: Trade Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 357



Aziza's Secret Fairy Door

[Lola Morayo](#), [Jasmine Richards](#), [Cory Reid](#)

The first title in a young, inclusive magical adventure series inspired by world mythology from debut author Lola Morayo. Aziza lives with her mum, dad and older brother in a city flat, and she *loves* fairies. The mysterious gift of a fairy door leads her into a magical kingdom and straight into an adventure. Perfect for young readers of 7-9.

Aziza's Secret Fairy Door is the first title in a new, young magical adventure series from debut author Lola Morayo, featuring a little girl, Aziza, who *loves* fairies and lives with her mum, dad and older brother in a city flat. This magical story is inspired by fairies from world mythology and is gorgeously illustrated in black and white throughout.

On Aziza's birthday, she receives a mysterious kit to build and paint her own fairy door. The instructions say to put it on a tree, but her flat doesn't have a garden, so Aziza puts it by her pot plant instead. That night, there's a mysterious knocking sound from the fairy door. Soon Aziza is stepping across the door's threshold into a magical world and straight into an enchanted toyshop, where she meets new friends, Peri and Tiko.

Packed with mischief, friendship and magic, *Aziza* is perfect for fans of *Isadora Moon*.

- ISBN: 9781529063851
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 160



Lola Morayo is a blogger, journalist, and avid reader who enjoys spending time with her family and friends in her home in Kent, where she lives with her husband and daughters.

Her writing seeks to create 'mirrors and windows', allowing everyone the opportunity to read books that are reflective of their own experiences, backgrounds and cultures.

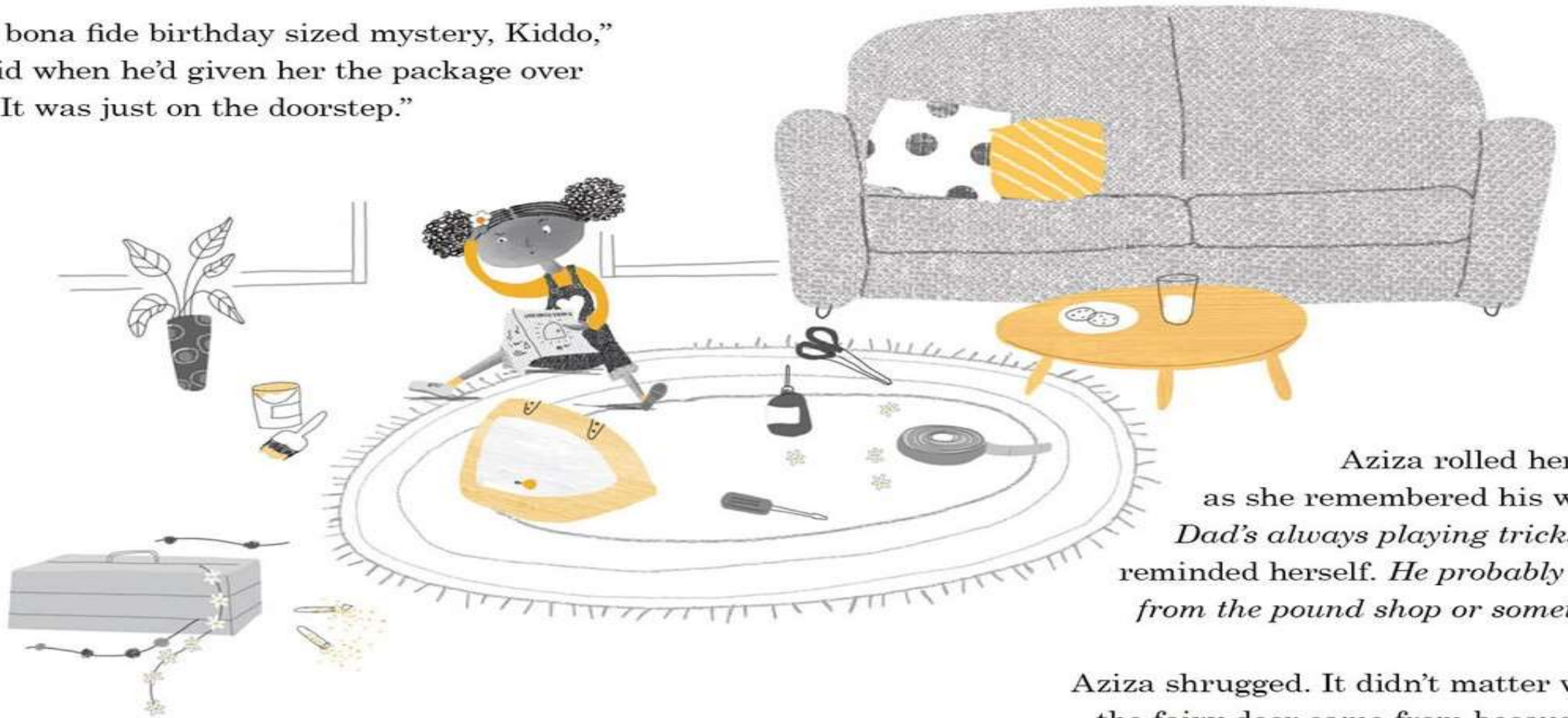


CORY REID is an illustrator and designer with over 15 years experience in the creative industry. His global list of clients includes Usborne, Owlet Press, Card Factory, American Greetings, UK Greetings, and Noel Tatt.



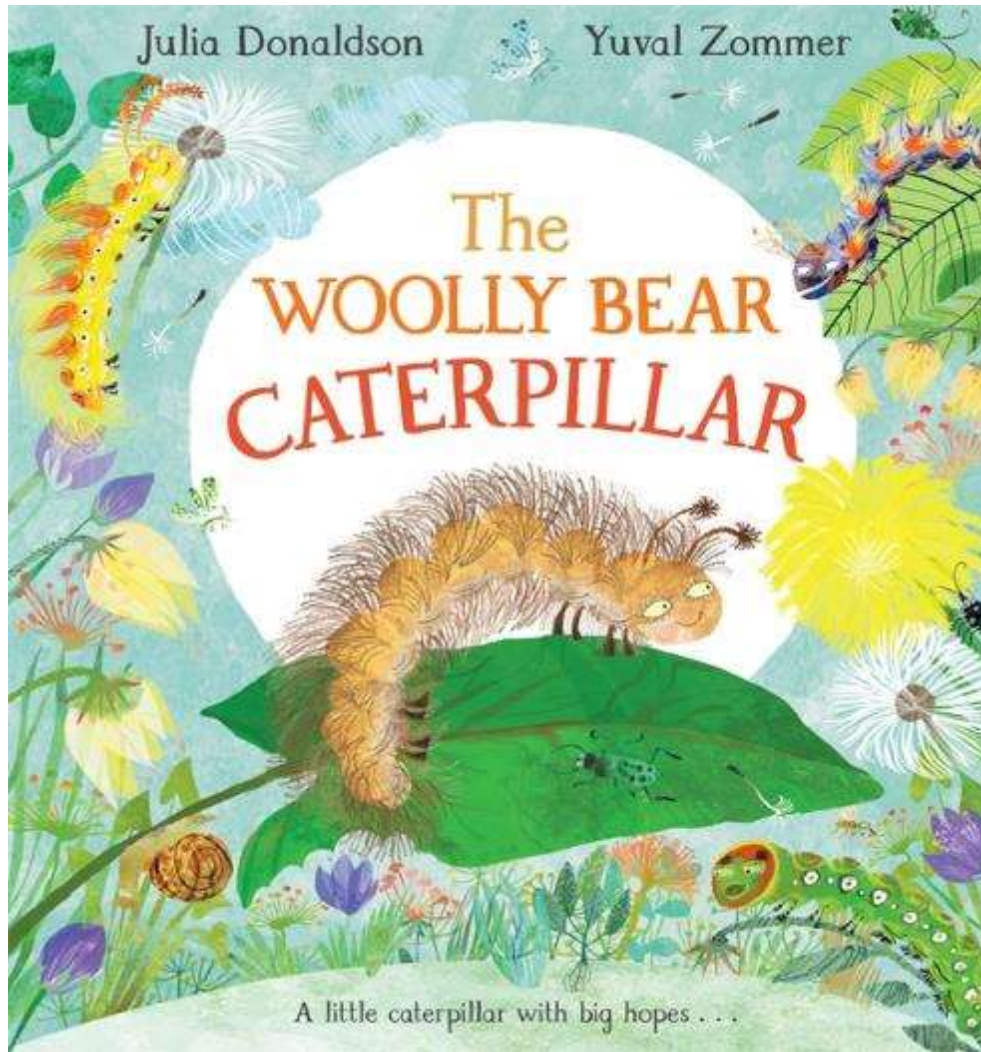
Aziza picked up the fairy door. “Who sent you to me?” she whispered into the quiet of the room. “Where did you come from?”

“A genuine, bona fide birthday sized mystery, Kiddo,” Dad had said when he’d given her the package over breakfast. “It was just on the doorstep.”



Aziza rolled her eyes as she remembered his words. *Dad's always playing tricks, she reminded herself. He probably got it from the pound shop or something.*

Aziza shrugged. It didn't matter where the fairy door came from because she **LOVED** it.



The Woolly Bear Caterpillar

[Julia Donaldson](#), [Yuval Zommer](#)

A beautifully illustrated marvellous minibeast tale about not judging by appearances from the bestselling Julia Donaldson and award-winning Yuval Zommer.

From Julia Donaldson, bestselling author of *The Gruffalo*, and award-winning illustrator Yuval Zommer, comes a charming minibeast twist on the ugly duckling story.

Crawling through the garden, the little Woolly Bear Caterpillar wonders what kind of moth she will become. Bonny and bright, stunning and smart, but not kind, the other caterpillars laugh at the small, plain Woolly Bear. There is one thing that they are sure of: Woolly Bear could never be as beautiful as them! But could one little caterpillar be about to undergo a truly terrific transformation?

Brilliantly written and stunningly illustrated this engaging picture book comes complete with a non-fiction mini book written by a nature specialist.

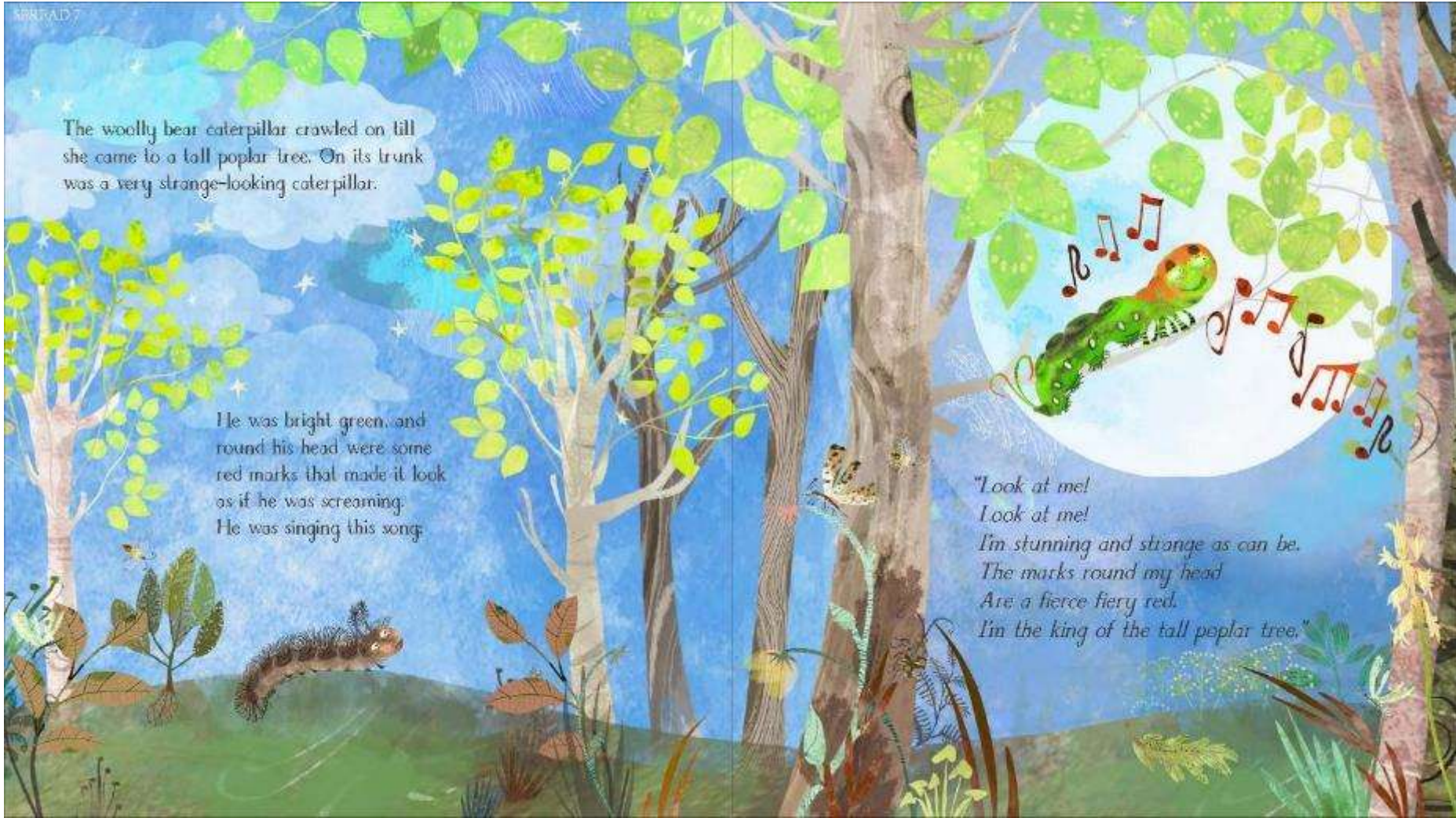
- ISBN: 9781529044096
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



The woolly bear caterpillar crawled on till she came to a tall poplar tree. On its trunk was a very strange-looking caterpillar:

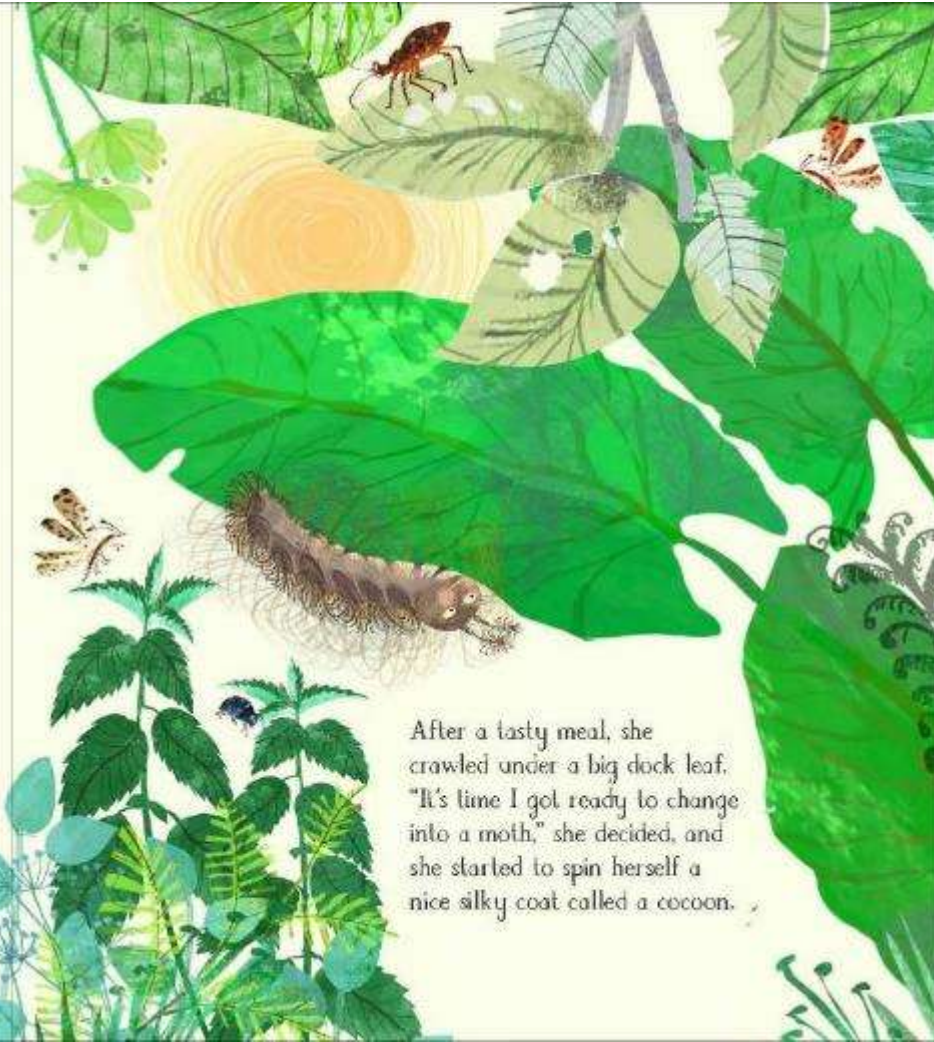
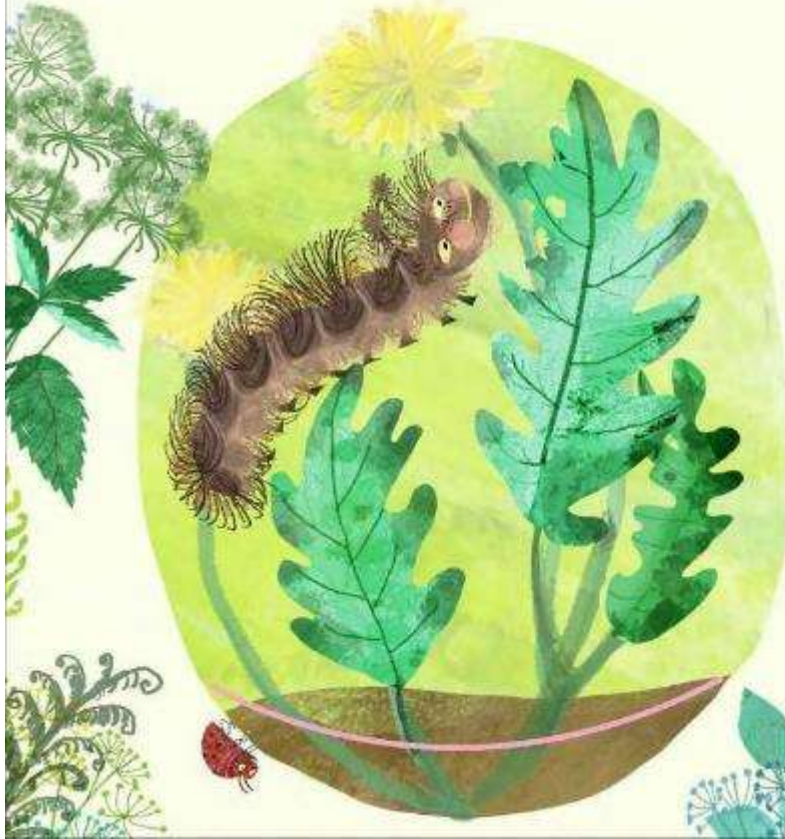
He was bright green, and round his head were some red marks that made it look as if he was screaming. He was singing this song:

*"Look at me!
Look at me!
I'm stunning and strange as can be.
The marks round my head
Are a fierce fiery red.
I'm the king of the tall poplar tree."*



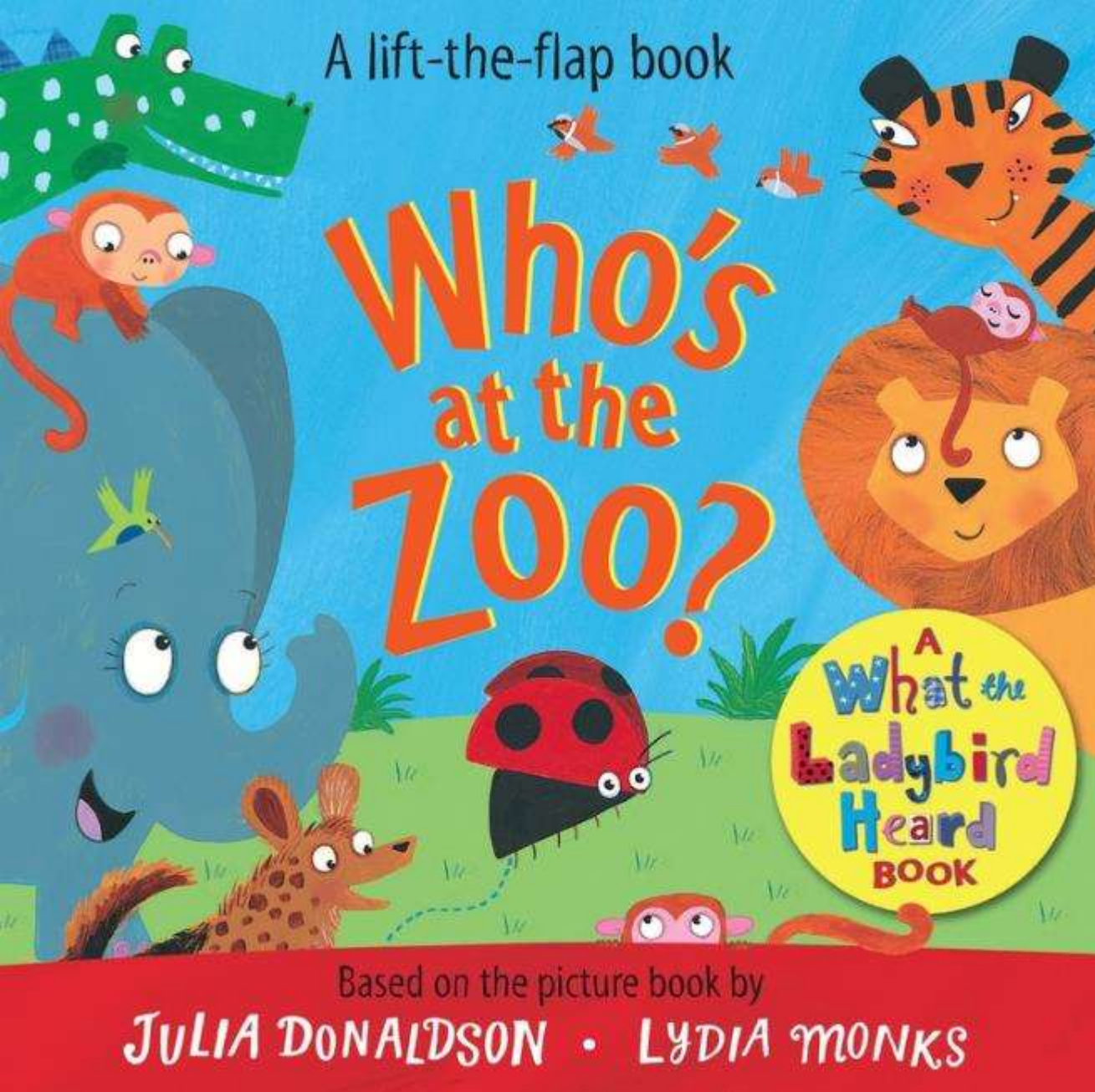
*from *The Woolly Bear Caterpillar*

The woolly bear caterpillar felt a little sad. She wished she could be beautiful and colourful instead of plain and brown. But then at last she found some dandelion leaves, which cheered her up.



After a tasty meal, she crawled under a big dock leaf. "It's time I got ready to change into a moth," she decided, and she started to spin herself a nice silky coat called a cocoon.

*from *The Woolly Bear Caterpillar*



Who's at the Zoo? A What the Ladybird Heard Book
[Julia Donaldson](#), [Lydia Monks](#)

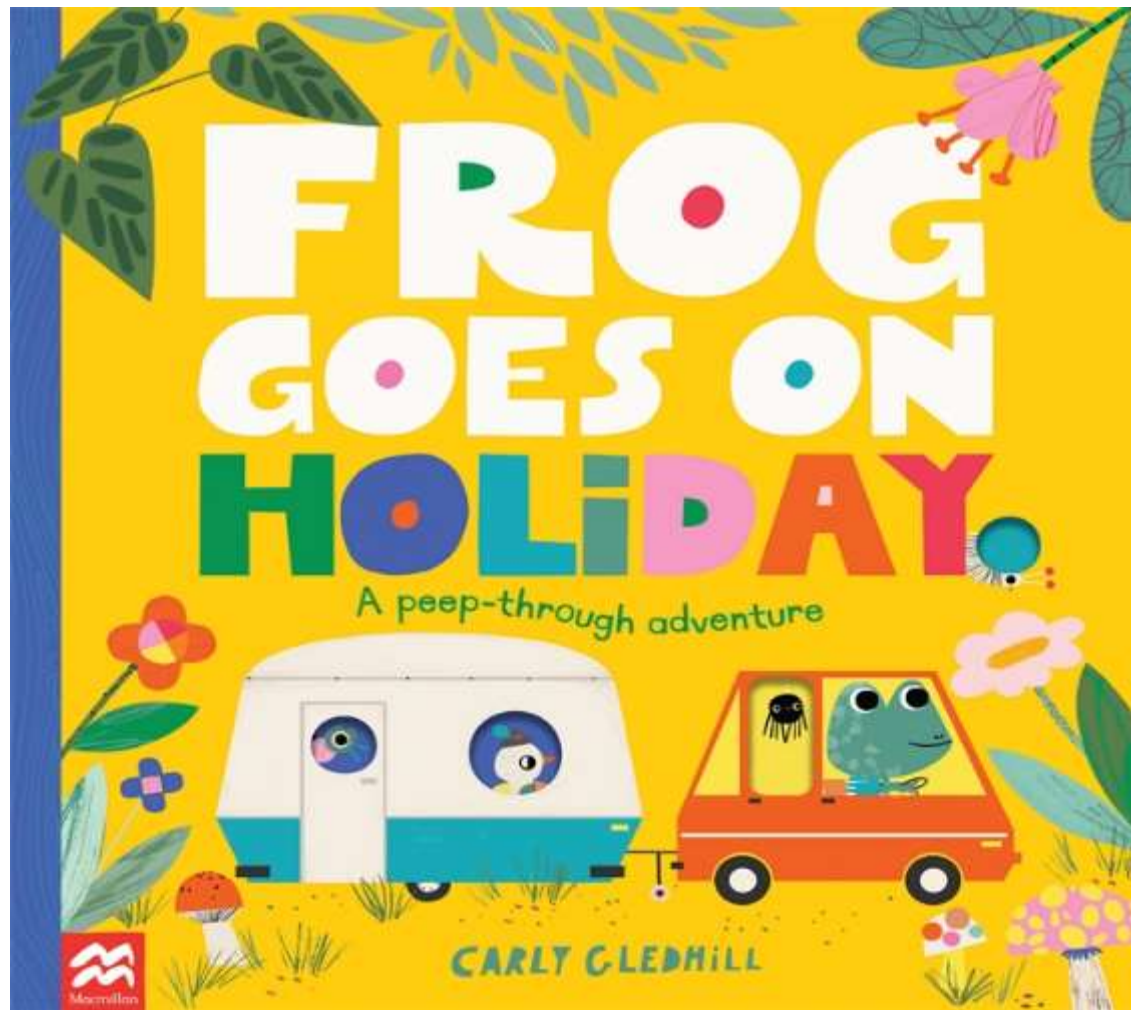
A fun, interactive lift-the-flap book based on the bestselling picture book *What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday* by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks.

Packed full of everyone's favourite zoo animals, and with a large flap to lift on every page, *Who's at the Zoo?* is perfect for fans of the What the Ladybird Heard series.

The elephant is fast asleep and the tiger is playing with her cubs, but where are those cunning thieves, Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len? Based on Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks' bestselling picture book, *What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday*, children will love lifting the large flaps in this bright, colourful board book to find all their favourite characters.

Also available: *Who's on the Farm?*

- ISBN: 9781529044096
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 10



Frog Goes on Holiday

Carly Gledhill

A stunning, quirky and fun preschool story from rising picture book star Carly Gledhill, with die cut holes and shaped pages to peep through and explore, this book sure to delight the most curious little ones

- With peep through holes and shaped pages and a brilliantly satisfying big gate-fold ending, this novelty format makes for an interactive and playful reading experience
- Helps develop language and communication skills, concentration, coordination and visual literacy, and encourages bonding
- ***Also available in Afrikaans***



CHILDREN'S



- ISBN: 9781529060621
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 24

PADDA SE GROOT AVONTUUR

Padda is moeg daarvoor om net heeldag te sit en kwaak. Hy wil rondreis en die wêreld sien. Maar sal hy ooit weer veilig tuis kom?

'n Opwindende interaktiewe avontuur vir dapper klein reisigers met loergaatjies en 'n uitvou-verrassing aan die einde.

Die boek is perfek vir peuters. Dit ontwikkel geletterdheidsvaardighede en ruimtelike woordeskat.

Kategorie: Babas en peuters

Formaat: 250 x 250 mm

Bladsye: 24

PADDA SE GROOT AVONTUUR



CARLY GLEDHILL



Frog isn't like most frogs.
He wants to travel
and see the world.

He's going on holiday!

**from Frog Goes on Holiday*



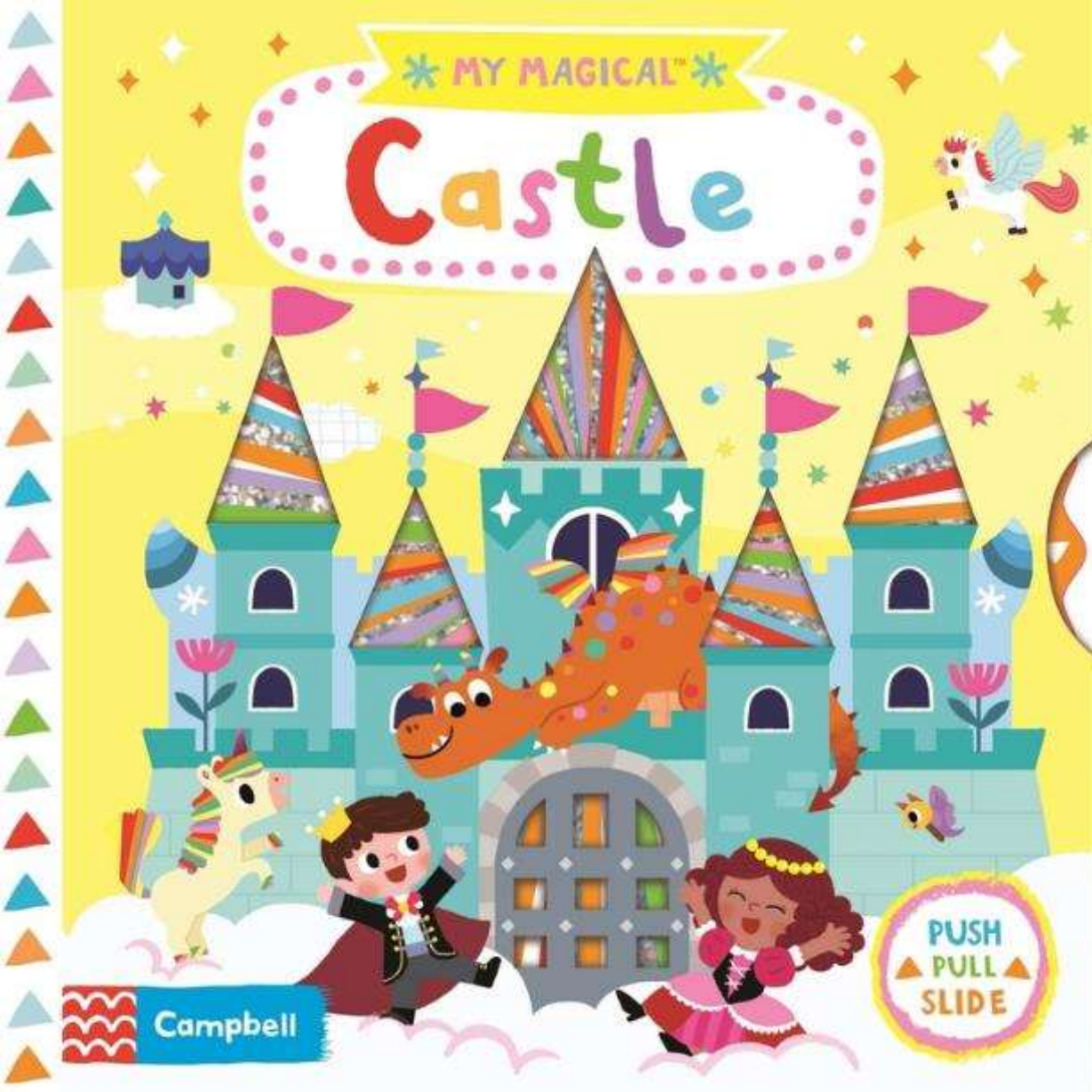
Frog packs...

...he's ready to go!

*from *Frog Goes on Holiday*



Campbell



My Magical Castle

[Campbell Books](#), [Yujin Shin](#)

A first novelty board book about magical creatures in a magical castle, with push, pull and turn mechanisms.

With a sparkly foil cover, *My Magical Castle* takes readers on a wonderful adventure as Magical Dragon flies his royal friends to a floating castle in the sky!

With push, pull and turn mechanisms, little ones will have lots of fun playing hide and seek with their favourite magical creatures.

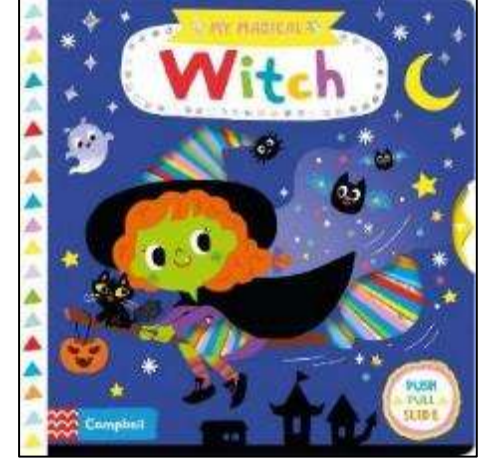
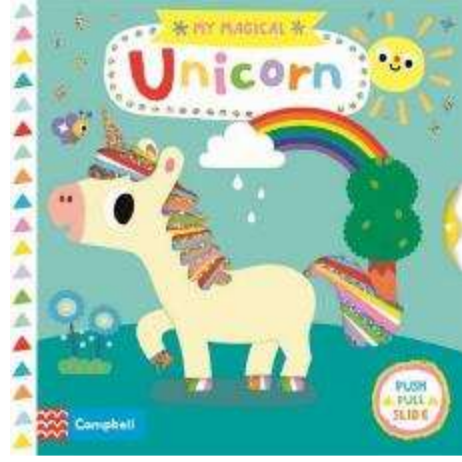
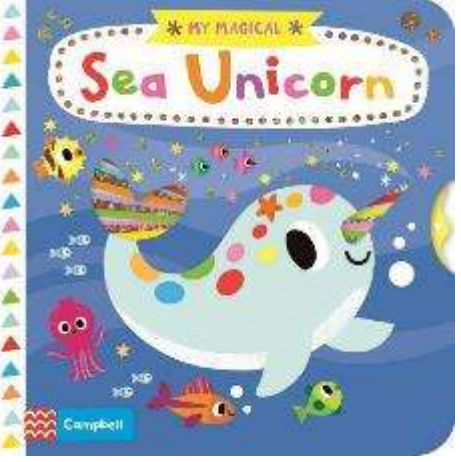
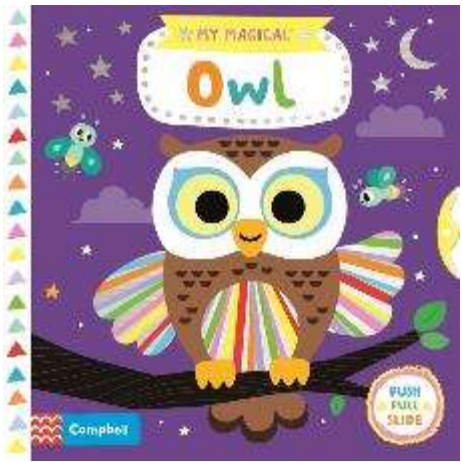
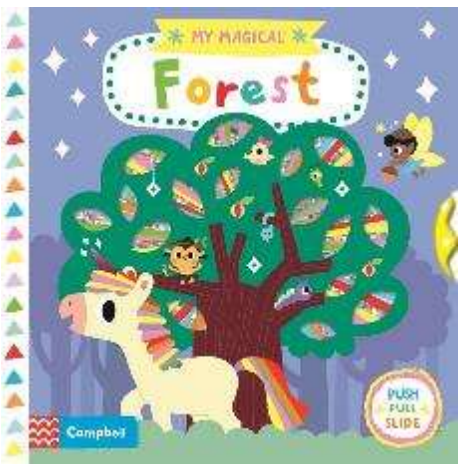
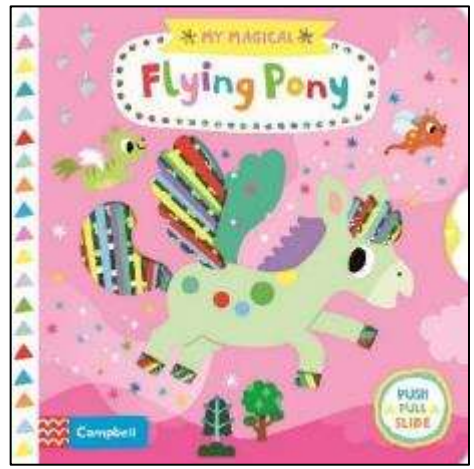
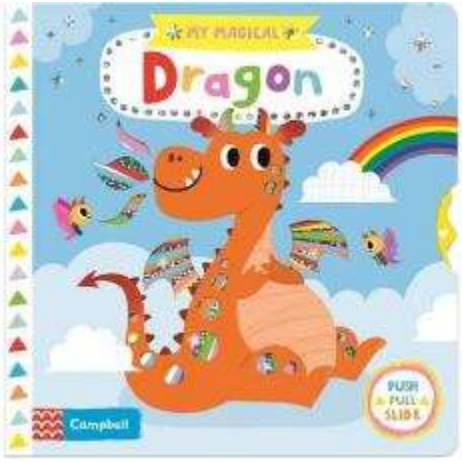
Yujin Shin's beautifully coloured illustrations are paired with gentle rhyming text to create a perfect magical world, with bright, sparkling detail and things to spot in four magical scenes.

My Magical Forest is another exciting addition to the My Magical series, based on the popular Busy Book format.

Enjoy more magical adventures with *My Magical Unicorn*, *My Magical Dragon*, *My Magical Mermaid*, *My Magical Rainbow* and *My Magical Forest*.

- ISBN: 9781529052329
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 10

MY MAGICAL™



My Magical™ Castle

'To the magical castle!' Dragon cries,
As his royal friends take to the skies!



My Magical™ Castle

Then he hides away for them to find,
Does this floating door have a dragon behind?



Explore feelings safely, with gentle stories and interactive novelties, including flaps, sliding tabs and a wheel



Enables adults to understand the importance of emotional intelligence and its link to behaviour in children



I Can Be Patient
9781529060720
Board Book



I Can Say Sorry
9781529060713
Board Book

Also Available



Having to wait



Ben wants to play his new game.



"Let's wait until Grandad gets home," says Nan.
"Then we can all play together."

Ben wants to play the game now. He starts to cry.



Do you have to wait sometimes?

Having to wait



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Do you have to wait sometimes?

*from *I Can Be Patient*

What should you do?

Amisha and Rory are playing outside.
Rory takes Amisha's scooter without asking.



Rory doesn't think about how Amisha feels.
What do you think Rory should do?



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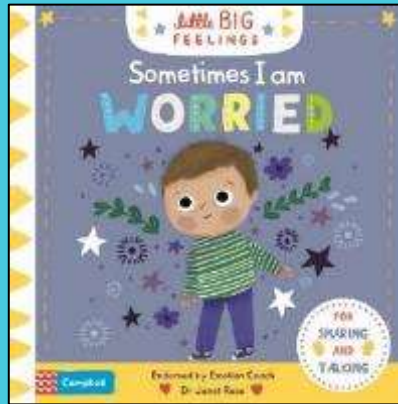


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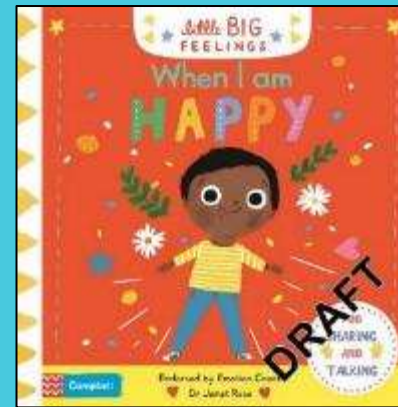
little BIG FEELINGS



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Board Book



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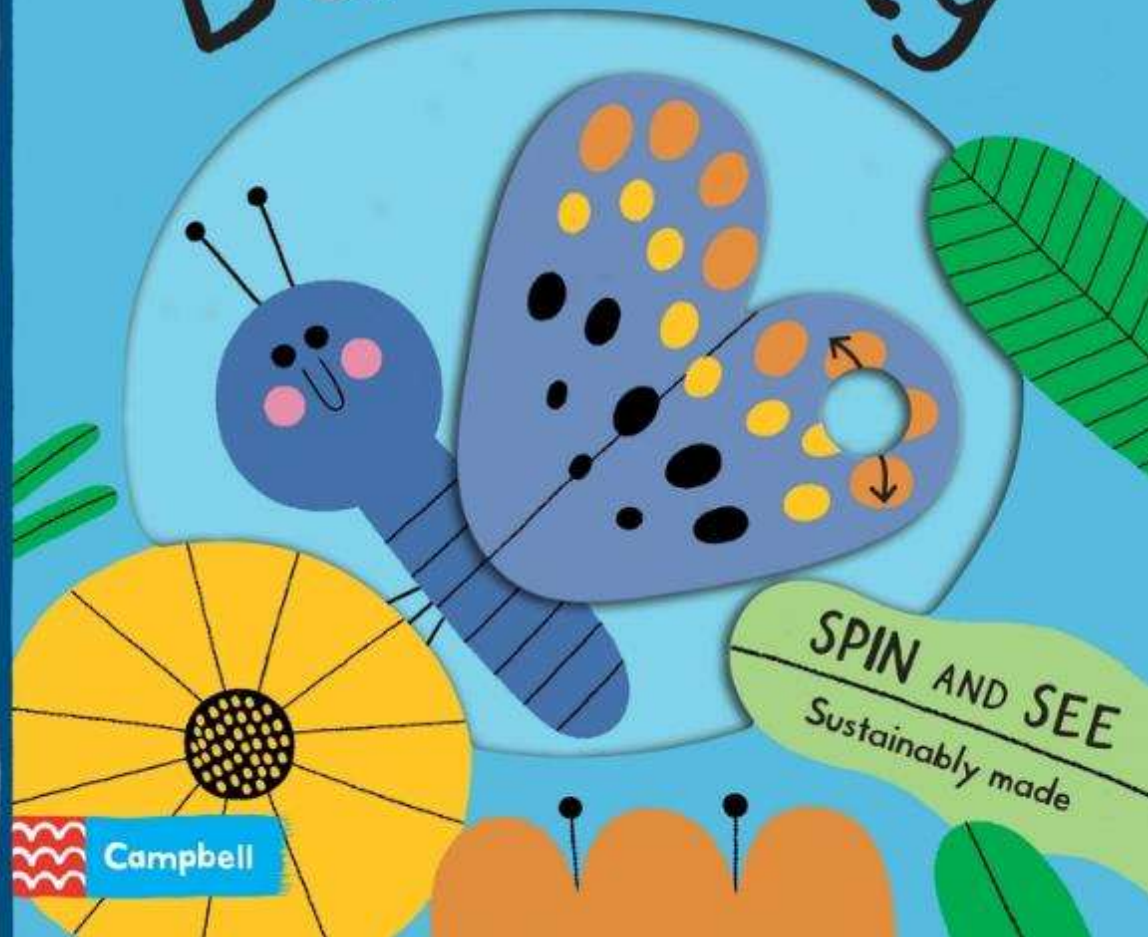
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Board Book

- Explore feelings safely, with gentle stories and interactive novelties, including flaps, sliding tabs and a wheel
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Ages 0 - 5

My Little Green World

Butterfly



Butterfly

[Teresa Bellón](#), [Campbell Books](#)

An introduction to the natural world for pre-schoolers with innovative spinning mechanisms, a rhyming story plus simple facts and activities to do together.

Made sustainably with FSC paper and soya inks.

Meet *Butterfly* and explore her world in this eco-friendly board book with incredible spinning mechanisms.

Move the pages to help Butterfly transform from a caterpillar and grow wonderful wings! Then discover how butterflies help plants to make new seeds. At the back of the book, you'll find things that you can do together to help the butterflies near you.

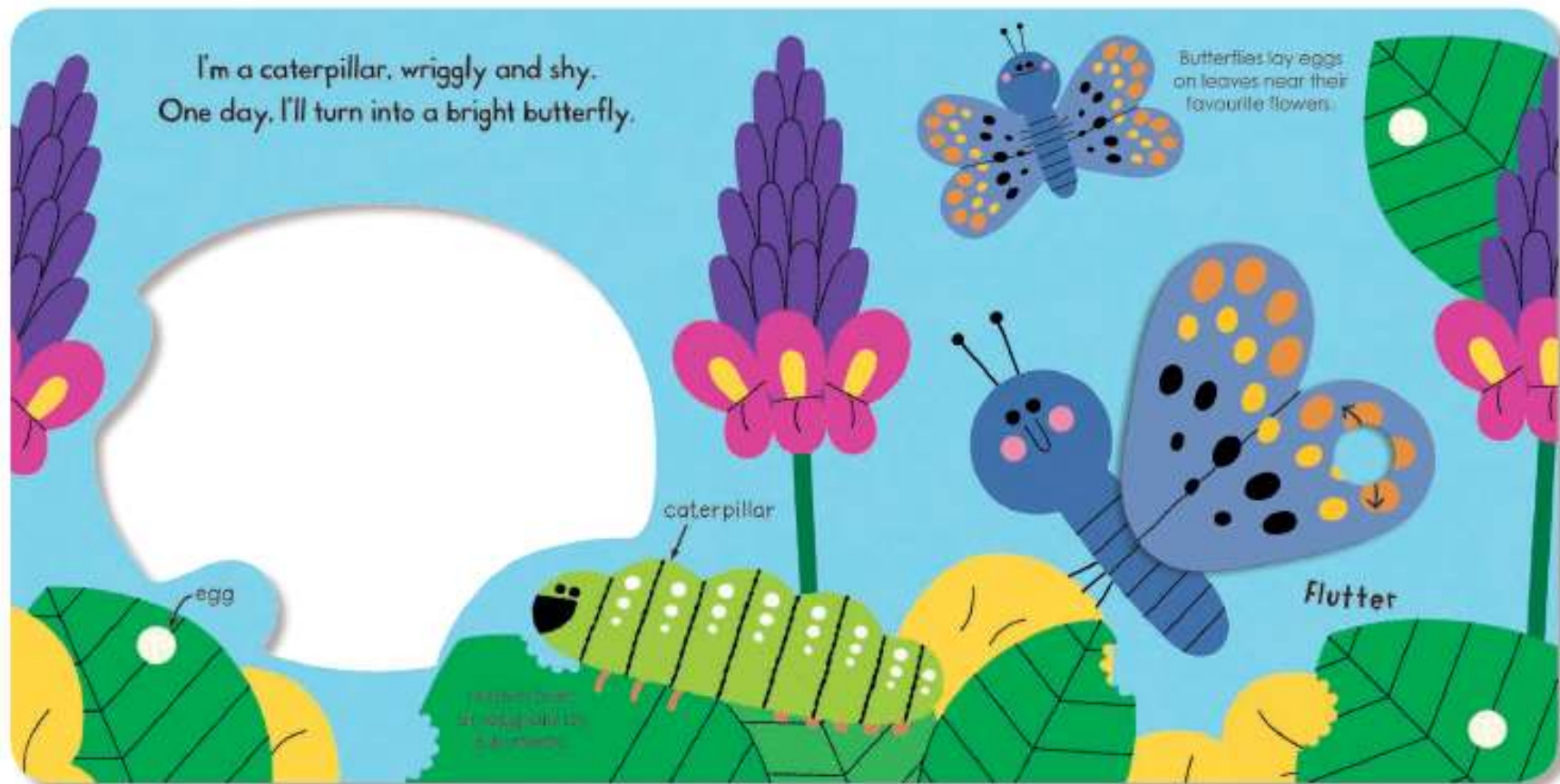
With a fun rhyming story, simple facts and stunning illustrations from Teresa Bellón, this book will teach little ones to love the natural world.

My Little Green World is a series of environmentally-themed board books for pre-schoolers, made sustainably with FSC paper and printed with soya inks. Each book covers an animal that plays a key role in its ecosystem.

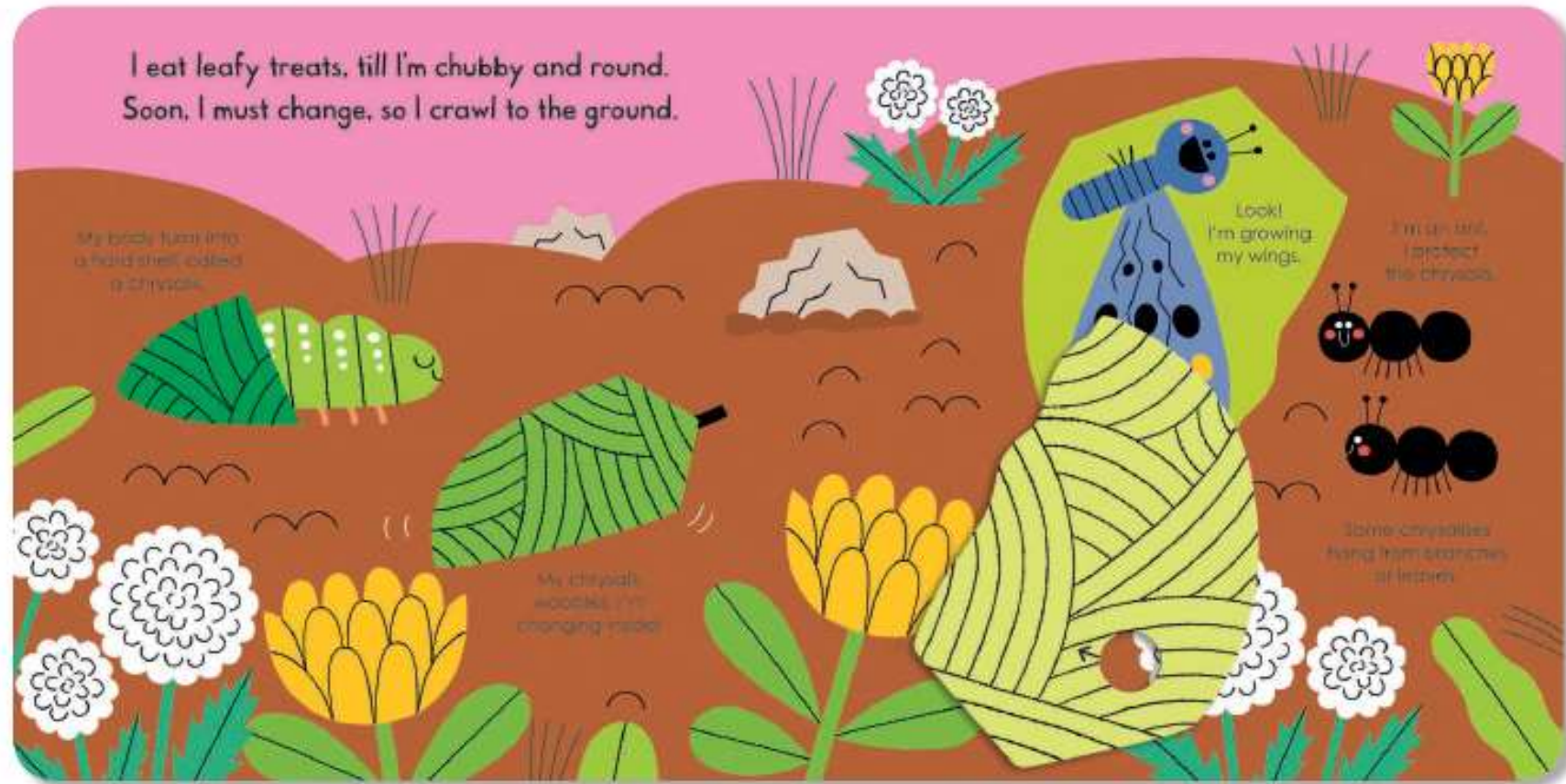
Little nature-lovers can learn more with My Little Green World: *Honeybee*, *Ladybird* and *Spider*

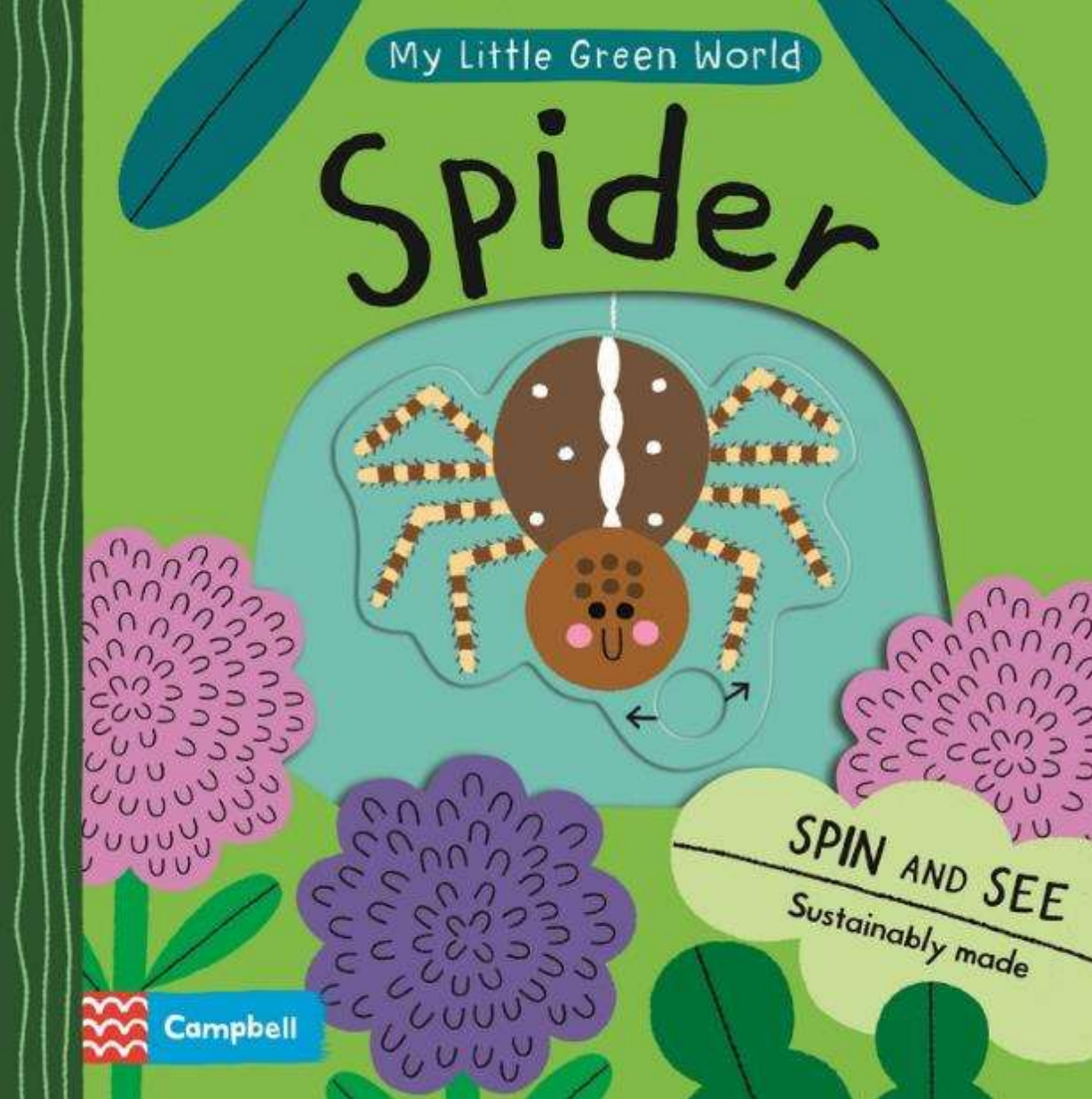
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- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 10

My Little Green World Butterfly



My Little Green World Butterfly





Spider

[Teresa Bellón](#), [Campbell Books](#)

An introduction to the natural world for pre-schoolers with innovative spinning mechanisms, a rhyming story plus simple facts and activities to do together.

Made sustainably with FSC paper and soya inks.

Meet *Spider* and explore his world in this eco-friendly board book with incredible spinning mechanisms.

Move the pages to help Spider use his silk in wonderful ways, then discover how he helps farmers grow food for us to eat.

At the back of the book, you'll find activities that you can do together to help the spiders near you — and keep them outside!

With a fun rhyming story, simple facts and stunning illustrations from Teresa Bellón, this book will teach little ones to love the natural world around us.

My Little Green World is a series of environmentally-themed board books for pre-schoolers, made sustainably with FSC paper and printed with soya inks. Each book covers an animal that plays a key role in its ecosystem.

Little nature-lovers will also enjoy My Little Green World: *Ladybird*, *Butterfly* and *Honeybee*.

- ISBN: 9781529058710
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- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 10

My Little Green World Spider



My Little Green World Spider



My Little Green World

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Honeybee



SPIN AND SEE

Sustainably made

Campbell

My Little Green World

Ladybird



SPIN AND SEE

Sustainably made

Campbell

Board & Picture Books

a touch-and-feel book

Fluffy Kitten

By the
creator of
**Dear
Zoo**



Rod Campbell

Fluffy Kitten

[Rod Campbell](#)

A touch-and-feel animal book from the creator of the bestselling preschool classic *Dear Zoo*.

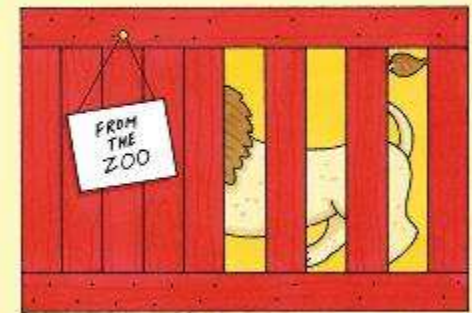
Meet a mischievous little cat in *Fluffy Kitten*, a fun touch-and-feel animal book from the creator of the bestselling preschool classic, *Dear Zoo*.

Children will love discovering the different touch and feel textures on every page as they follow kitten around the home in *Fluffy Kitten*. Stroke kitten's soft fur, feel the smooth goldfish bowl and then lift the tablecloth at the end to find out who is hiding underneath!

This touch-and-feel story from the creator of *Dear Zoo* is sure to delight young children, with different textures to discover and a lift-the-flap ending.

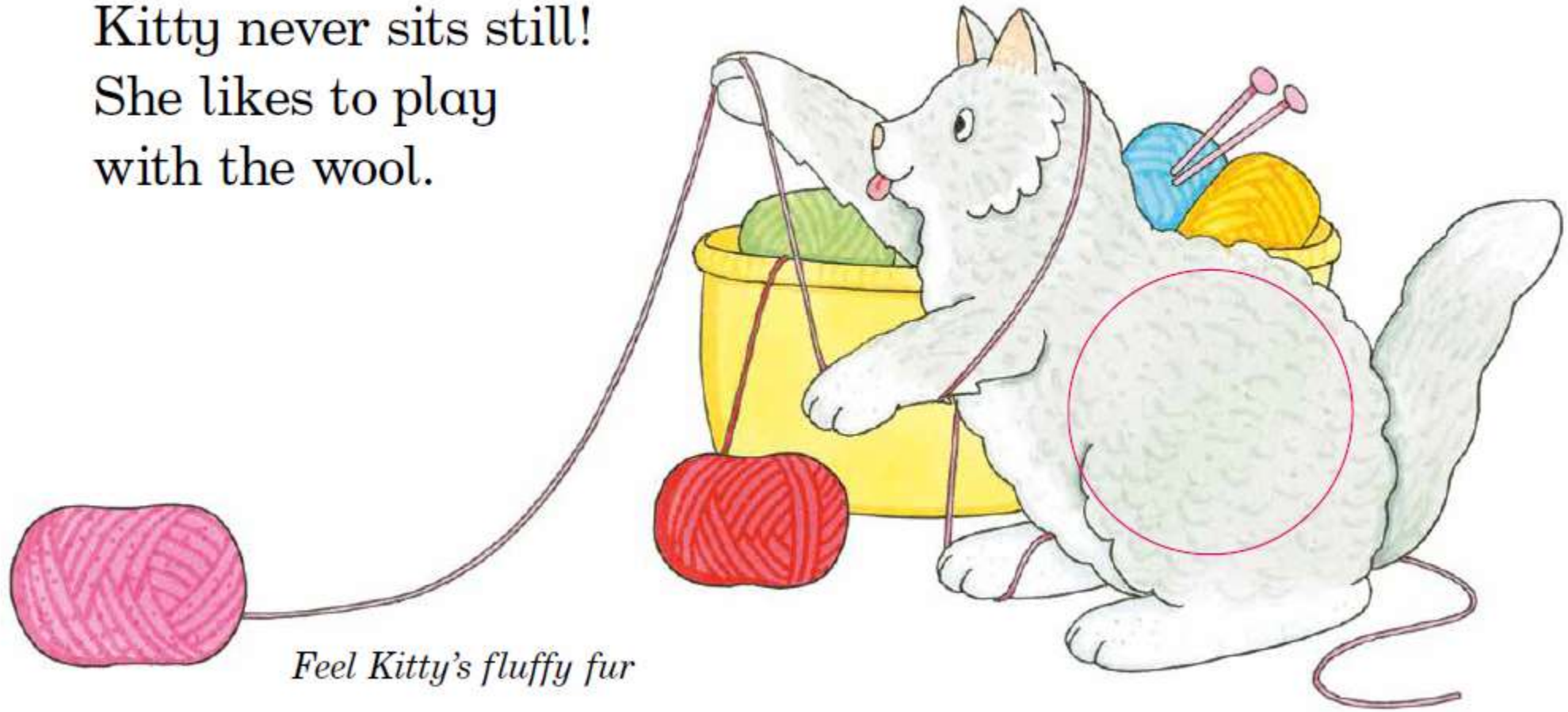
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Dear Zoo



Rod Campbell

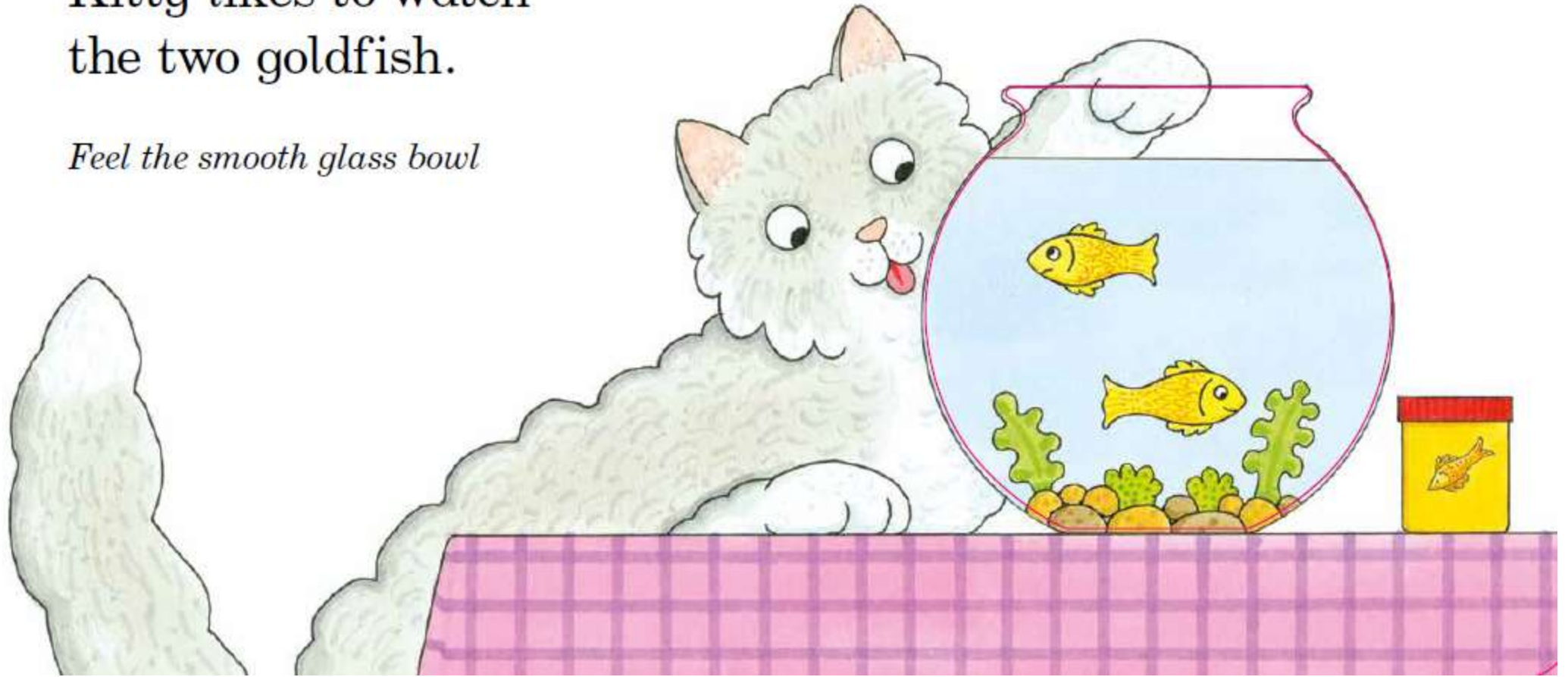
Kitty never sits still!
She likes to play
with the wool.



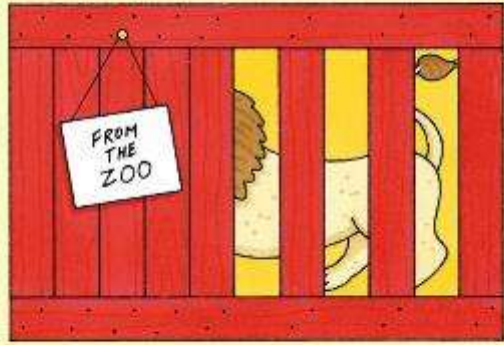
Feel Kitty's fluffy fur

Kitty likes to watch
the two goldfish.

Feel the smooth glass bowl



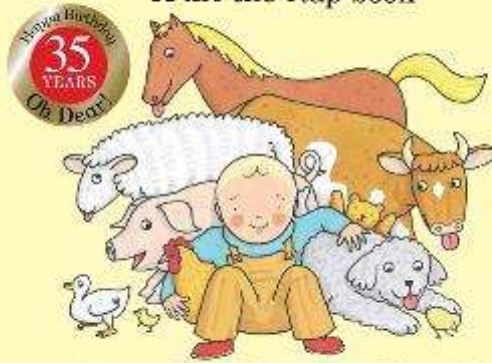
Dear Zoo



Rod Campbell

Oh Dear!

A lift-the-flap book

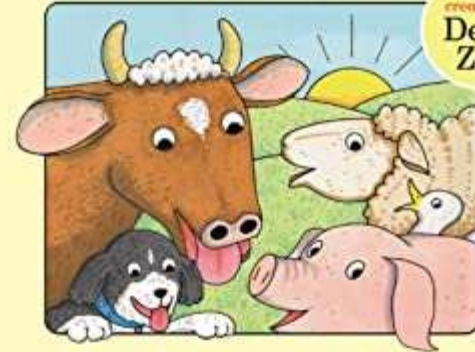


Rod Campbell

The creator of Dear Zoo

Noisy Farm

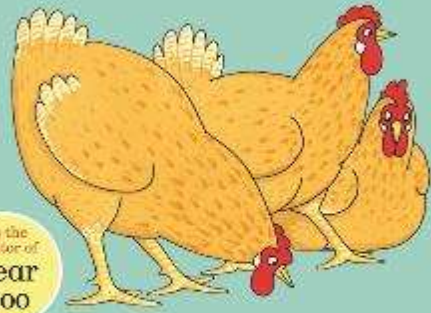
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SOMETIMES I AM FURIOUS



TIMOTHY
KNAPMAN

JOE
BERGER

Small girl . . . BIG feelings

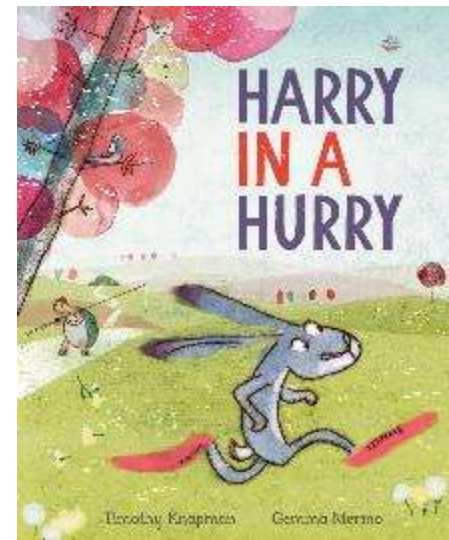
Sometimes I Am Furious [Timothy Knapman](#)

A funny, relatable and visually striking story about toddler rage and how to navigate it, from the successful duo of Timothy Knapman and Joe Berger. A hilarious and reassuring story about how tough it can be being - and having - a toddler, from bestselling duo Timothy Knapman and Joe Berger.

Life is all fun and games when everything's going your way. But someday, suddenly, something becomes horribly UNFAIR. A melting ice cream, a too-tight t-shirt, a boy who doesn't share... it's enough to make you FURIOUS. But, as this little girl discovers, it's nothing that a deep breath, a happy song and a good cuddle can't sort out.

A funny, friendly and relatable book for young children (and their parents) about big emotions and how to handle them.

- ISBN: 9781509848584
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- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



Sometimes I'm a princess
who is thoughtful, brave and sweet.



Sometimes I'm
the kindest fairy
you could hope
to meet.

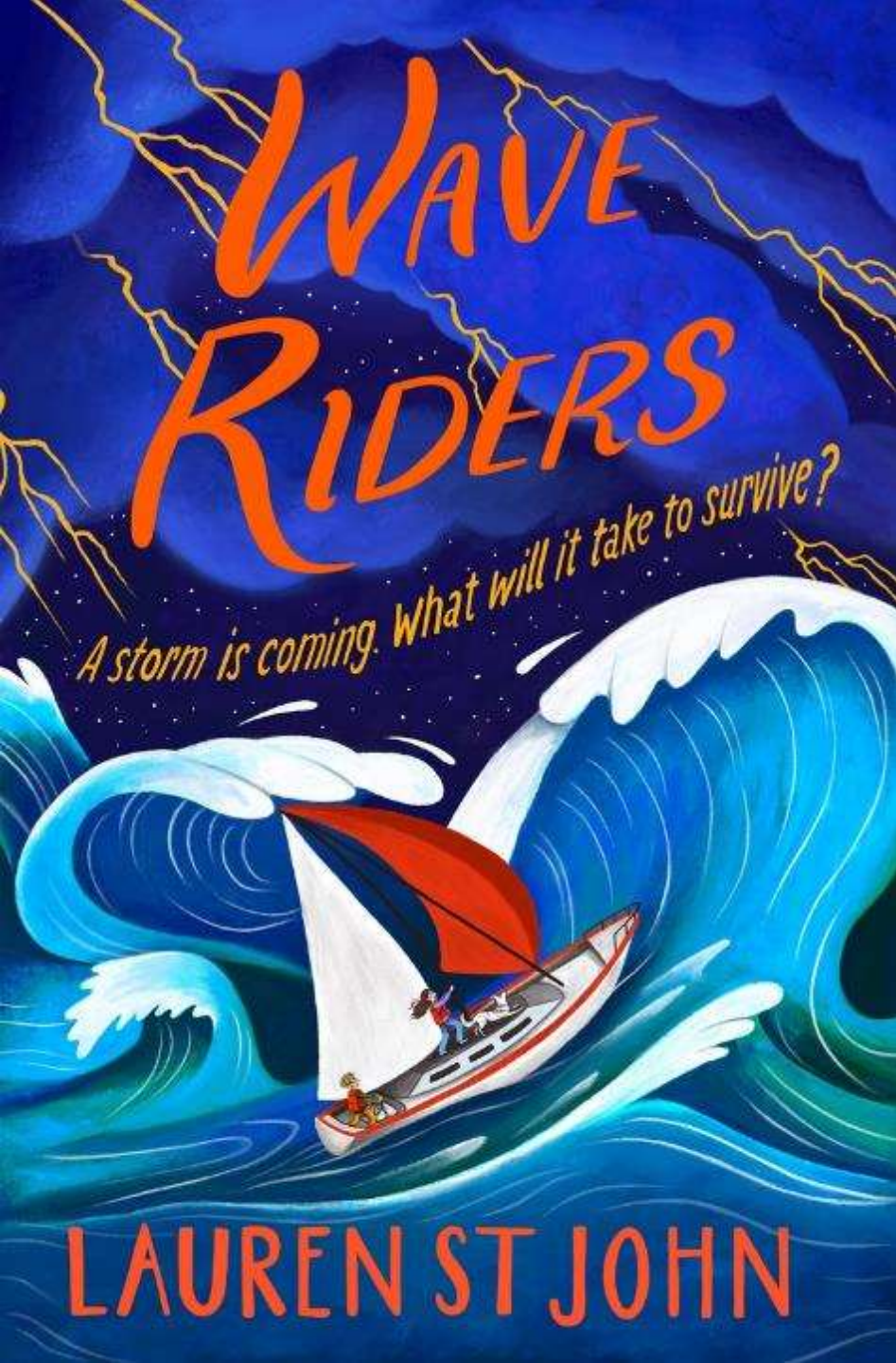
*from *Sometimes I Am Furious*



And sometimes I am furious.

*from *Sometimes I Am Furious*

Fiction



Wave Riders

[Lauren St John](#)

A high seas adventure - Swallows and Amazons meets Abi Elphinstone, from the bestselling author of the Laura Marlin Mysteries and Kat Wolfe Investigates.

The sea almost killed them. Now it must save them. An exciting adventure set at sea, from the bestselling author of the Laura Marlin Mysteries and *Kat Wolfe Investigates*.

Twelve-year-old Jess and Jude live a dream life on a yacht, sailing from one exotic destination to the next with their guardian, Captain Gabe Carter. But when Gabe vanishes one night after an argument with a stranger, the twins are left alone, facing an incoming storm and an unknown enemy.

Surviving at sea is just the start of an adventure that will take them across oceans and pit them against one of the world's most powerful men. How far do they dare go, and what will they risk, to find the truth about who they are really are?

Wave Riders from Lauren St John is an exciting and compelling middle-grade tale of sailing, family and identity.

- ISBN: 9781509874248
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 256



'Hilary McKay is one of the great writers of children's fiction'

Independent

HILARY MCKAY

The Swallows' Flight



The Swallows' Flight

[Hilary McKay](#)

Return to the world of the Costa Award-winning *Skylarks' War* in Hilary McKay's heartbreaking follow up - a WWII story that spans generations and crosses the divides of war.

From the Costa Award-winning author of *The Skylarks' War*, a moving WWII story of family and friendship on opposite sides of a devastating conflict.

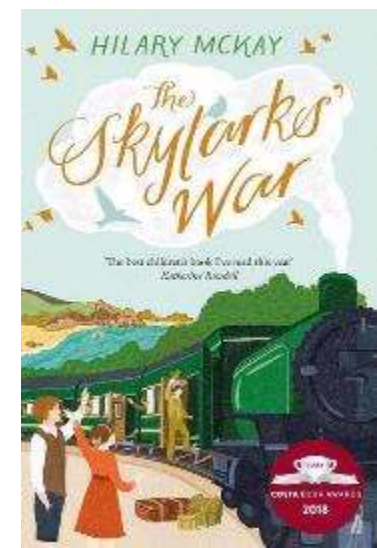
Four ordinary lives connected by extraordinary circumstances, Hilary McKay's stunning companion novel to the Costa Award-winning *The Skylarks' War* features the next generation of characters as they move from childhood to the threshold of adulthood amid the chaos and conflict of the Second World War.

Erik and Hans admire swallows over the rooftops of Berlin, little thinking that one day they will be flying above England, risking their lives in a war they both detest.

Ruby and Kate, great friends despite their differences, find themselves racing towards a danger that neither of them could possibly have imagined.

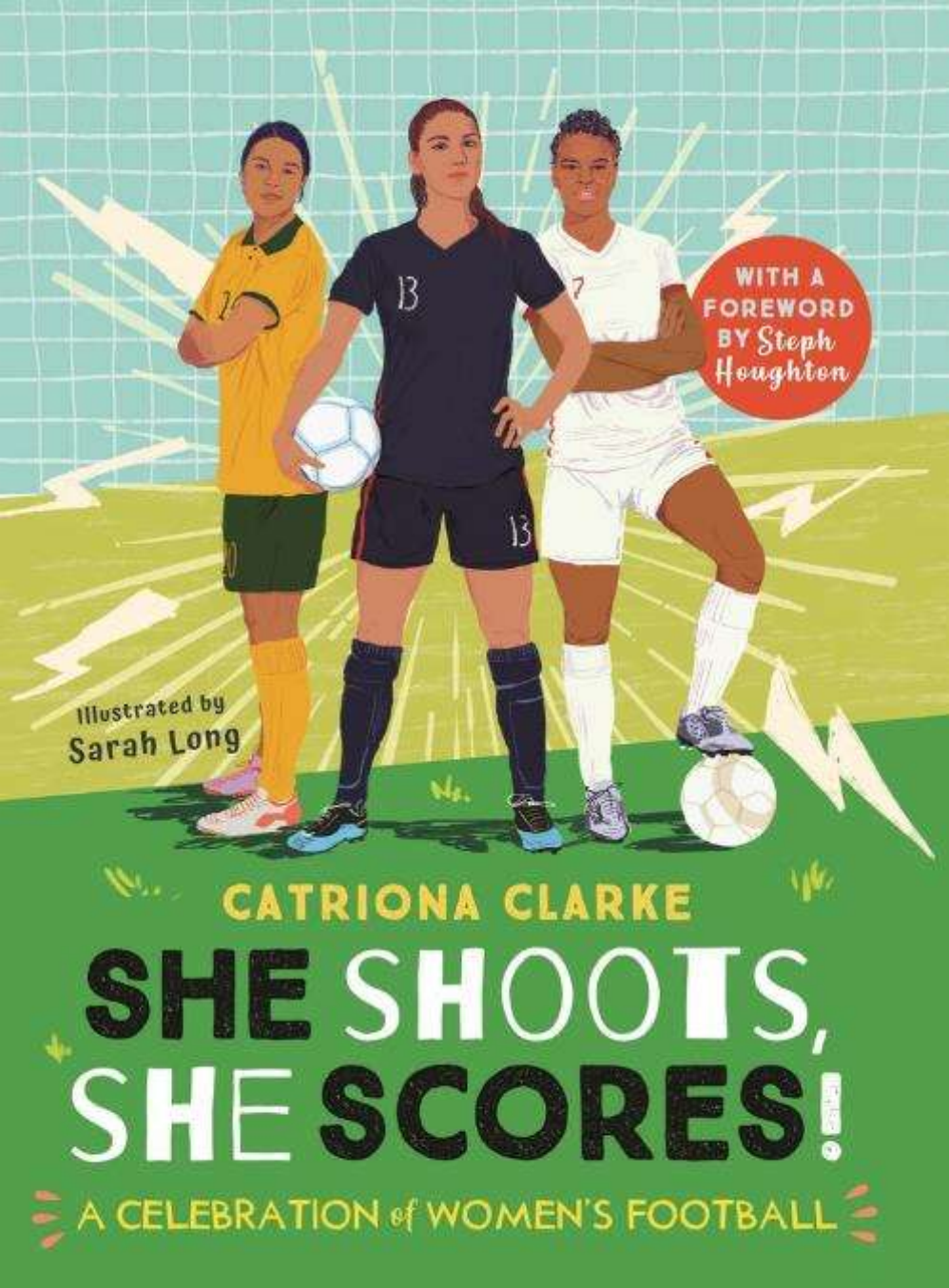
Meanwhile Rupert and Clarry work secretly for peace - and a brighter future for them all . . .

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- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 304





KINGFISHER



She Shoots, She Scores!

A Celebration of Women's Football

[Sarah Long](#), [Catriona Clarke](#)

A celebration of women's football around the world.

She Shoots, She Scores! tells the empowering story of how women's football has become one of the fastest-growing sports in the world. Written by acclaimed YA novelist Catriona Clarke and with a foreword by England captain Steph Houghton, it is sure to inspire the next generation of female football superstars.

Young football fans will discover how the early female players overcame prejudice to set up their own teams, and read the compelling stories of players who beat the odds to become famous around the world: including Scotland's Rose Reilly, Asiat Oshoala from Nigeria, and Afghanistan's Nadia Nadim.

The book is packed with facts and stats about the Women's World Cup and the Olympics, plus pocket profiles of the world's top players - from Marta to Megan Rapinoe - and record-breaking teams, including the US national women's team and Olympique Lyonnais. What's more, discover the key skills you'll need to become a great goalkeeper, a tough-tackling defender or the world's next superstar striker!

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- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 64

THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE FOOTBALL . . .



The amazing team spirit.



And the utter JOY when your team wins!



The nail-biting tension of a penalty shootout.

I think football is the *best game in the world*, and women's football is *particularly brilliant*. More than 30 million girls and women play football around the world – it's the most popular women's team sport by a long way. *And it's getting more and more popular every day.*

The 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup smashed TV viewing records. The final between the USA and the Netherlands was the most watched women's football match of all time, with an incredible 263 million viewers around the world. Were you one of them? *I was!*

In total, 1.12 billion people watched some of the World Cup in 2019. *Pretty amazing, right?*

But things haven't always looked so rosy for women's football. There have been dramas and difficulties on the long journey to get us where we are today. *Read on to find out the highs and lows of the women's beautiful game . . .*

THE ROAR OF THE CROWD.



A BOLD BEGINNING

In the 1890s, things weren't so great for women. They didn't have the same rights as men, and men thought they were better at everything. Women were supposed to be dignified. They weren't supposed to run around a football field getting muddy... but that's exactly what a group of British women wanted to do. This was the start of the women's game.

Nettie Honeyball

As well as having the BEST NAME EVER, Nettie Honeyball formed the first British Ladies' Football Club in 1895.



Nettie and the North London team. She's standing on the left on the back row.



The very first match was advertised in English newspapers.

Nettie said,

"There is no reason why football should not be played by women, and played well, too."

Quite right, Nettie!

Around 10,000 people came to watch Nettie's match. Some of the spectators cheered, but others shouted horrible things. Newspaper articles about the match mocked the women players, often commenting on how they looked. But this just made Nettie even more determined. She took women's football teams on a tour of England.

Dick, Kerr

Lily Parr was the star player of a famous factory team called Dick, Kerr Ladies. She was only 14 when she joined. She was strong, fast and had excellent ball control. She went on to score more than 900 goals.

Lily Parr



Wartime Workers

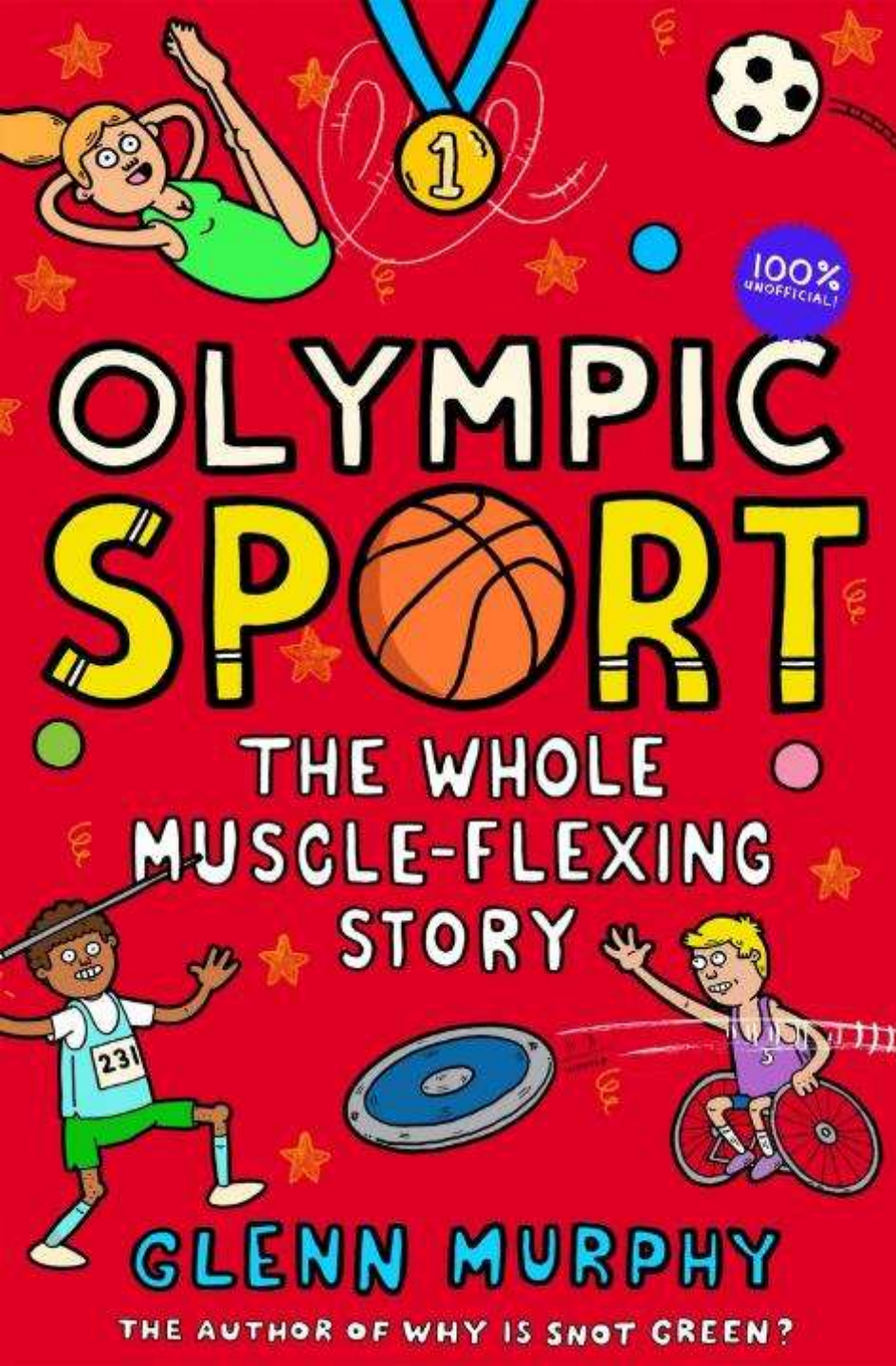
Strangely, the outbreak of World War I in 1914 helped women's football. Men's teams were disbanded, and women took over the men's jobs in the factories. Factory owners thought that it might be good for the workers to play football. They weren't doing it to be nice - they thought it would make the women work harder!

FOOTIE FACT

A match in 1920 between Dick, Kerr Ladies and St Helens Ladies was attended by 53,000 people - that's about the same as an English Premier League match today! There were another 14,000 disappointed fans left outside the ground.

By 1920, Dick, Kerr Ladies was one of around 150 English women's football teams. But things were about to go very, very wrong...

Olympic Sport



Olympic Sport: The Whole Muscle-Flexing Story

100% Unofficial

[Glenn Murphy](#)

Find the answers to all the questions you've ever had about sport from Glenn Murphy, the bestselling author of *Why is Snot Green?*

From the bestselling author of *Why is Snot Green* comes another hilarious, bonkers and brilliant science book - find out the answers to all the questions you've ever had about the Olympics and sport!

Are Olympic athletes born stronger and faster than the rest of us?

Why do tennis rackets have strings?

How do gymnasts balance on their hands?

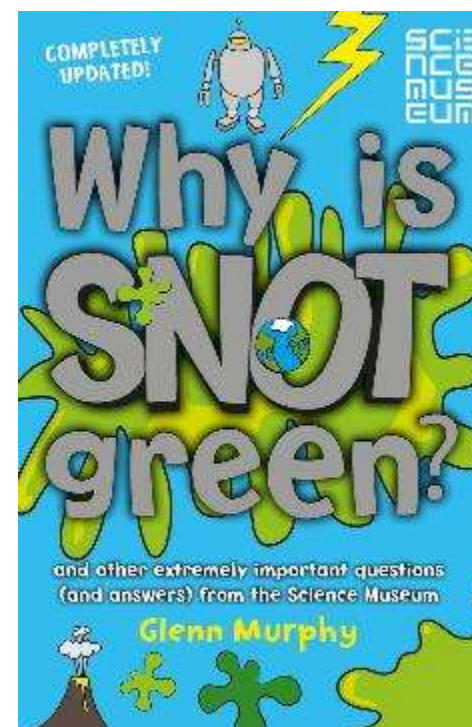
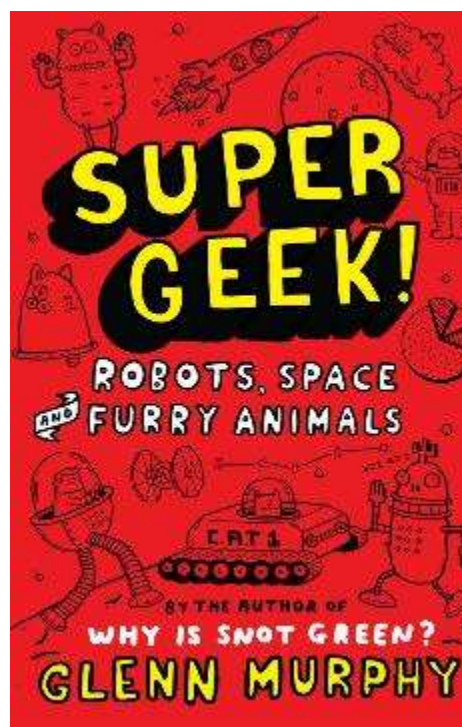
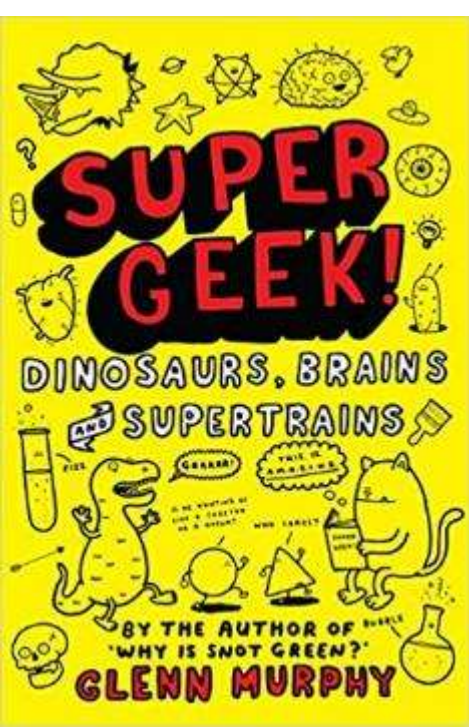
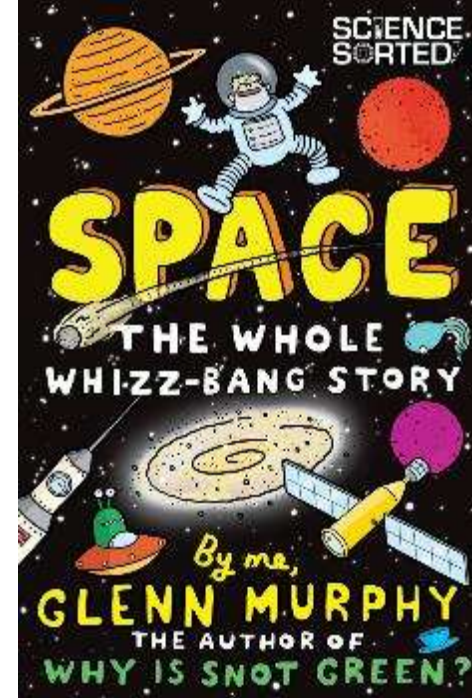
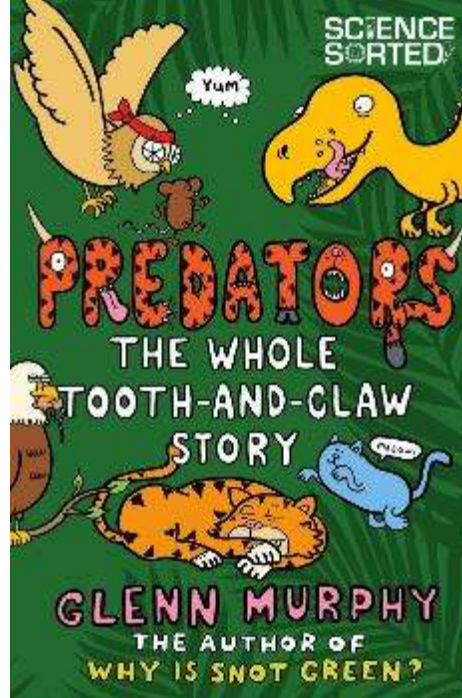
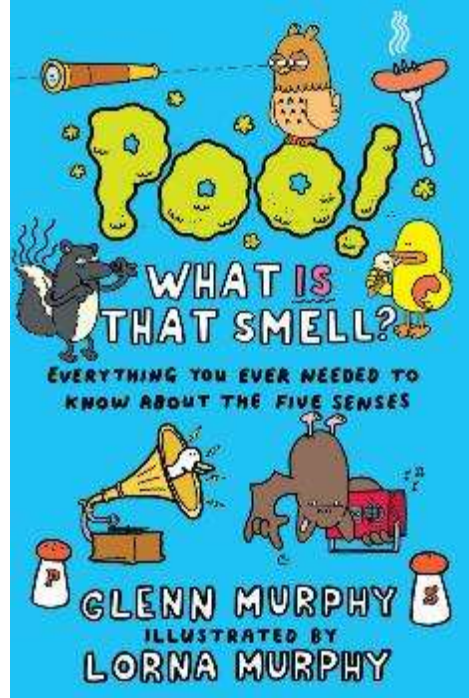
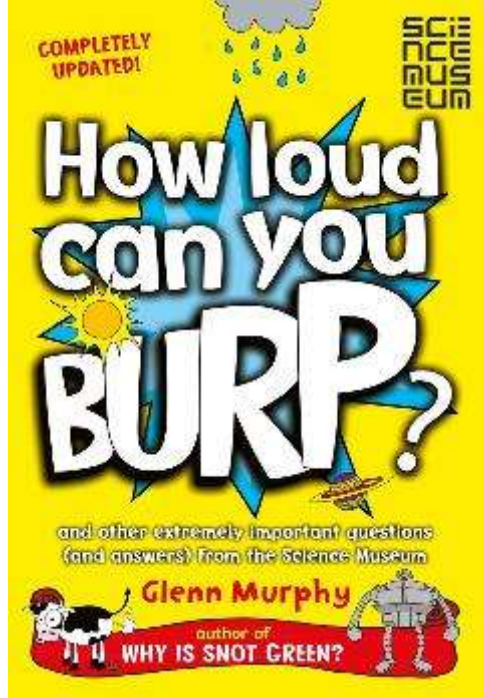
Why do hurdlers do the splits when they jump?

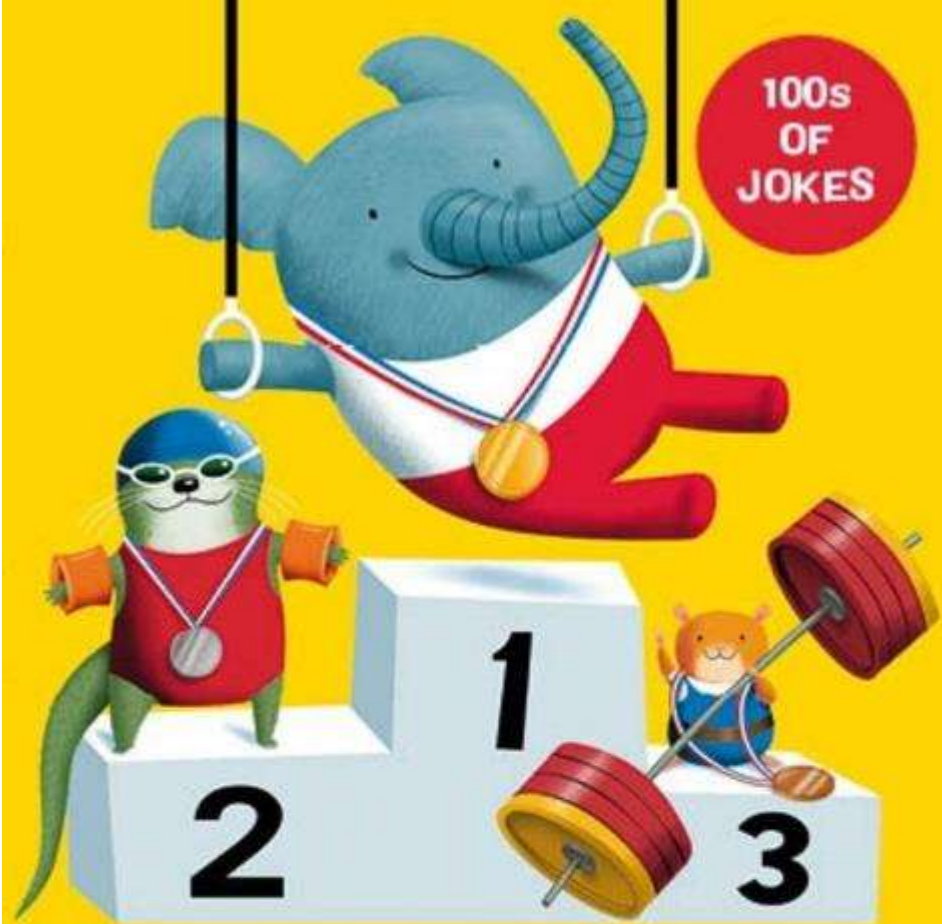
From running a marathon, to beating your friends at basketball, to being the bendiest gymnast around, find out everything you've ever wanted to know about sports, and exactly what it is that makes athletes the best at what they do.

Divided into five easy-to-digest sections and packed with illustrations, Glenn Murphy's *Olympic Sport* is an accessible introduction to the science of sport, perfect for any young athletes and scientists.

- Bigger, Better, Faster, Stronger
- In the Olympic Stadium
- Going the Distance
- He Shoots . . . He Scores!
- Balance, Flexibility and Control

- ISBN: 9781529043006
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 208





Olympic Jokes

Get ready for the Olympics with this fun book full of sporting one-liners and Olympic puns! Perfect for any aspiring olympian.

Why is a banana so good at gymnastics?

Because they're great at the splits!

Why couldn't the athlete listen to music?

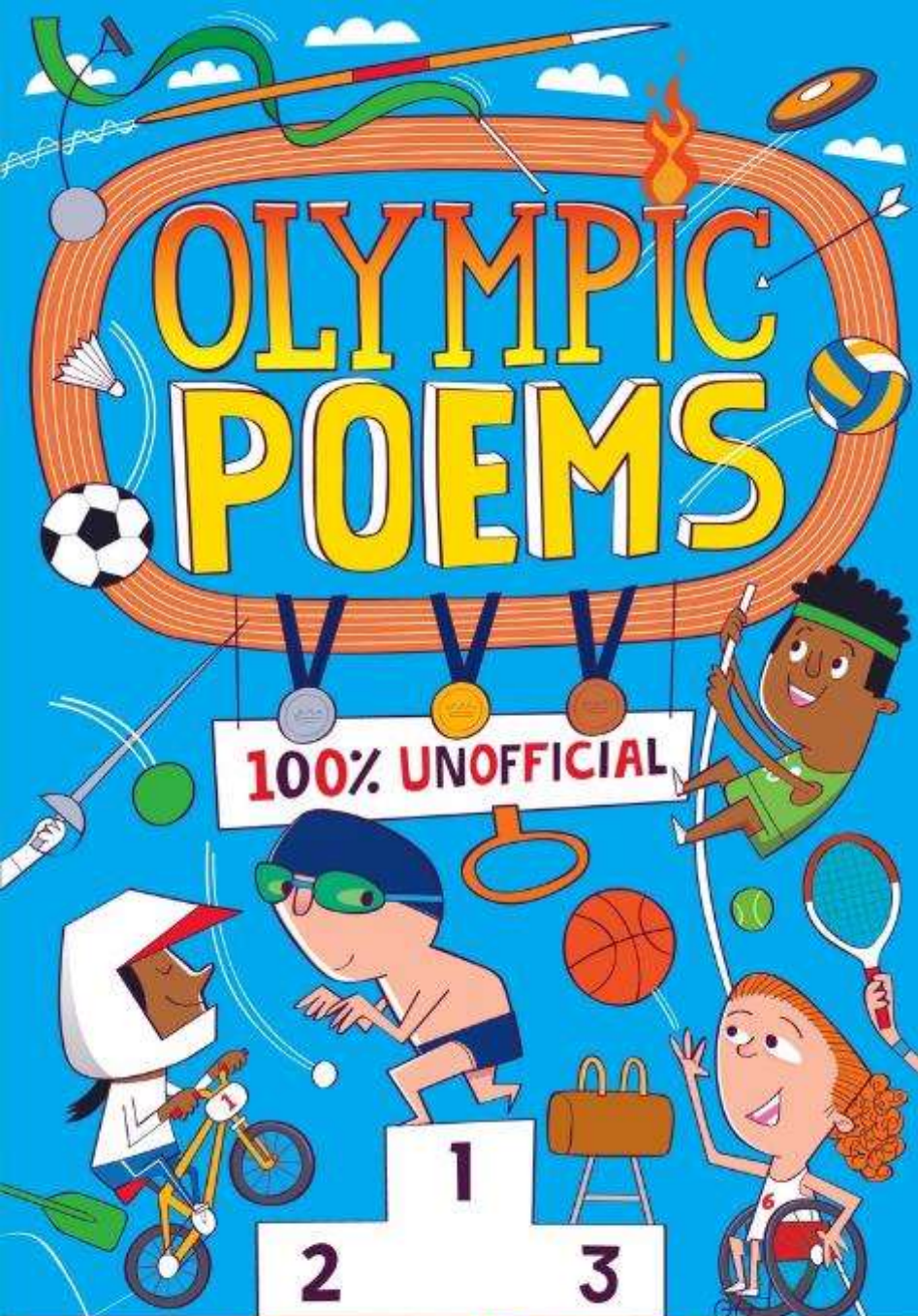
Because she broke the record!

How can a footballer stop his nose running?

Put out a foot and trip it up.

Olympic Jokes is filled with over 200 jokes about all sorts of sports! It's got football jokes, basketball jokes, volleyball jokes, jokes about fencing, table tennis, golf and so many more. Perfect for sharing with friends and family who like a good giggle

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



Olympic Poems

100% Unofficial!

[Brian Moses](#), [Roger Stevens](#)

A brilliant, funny, inspiring collection of poems about sport and sporting events of every kind: from PE lessons to sports day to the final of the men's 100m race.

A brilliant, funny and inspiring collection of poems about sport by Brian Moses and Roger Stevens!

These are poems about winning and about taking part; poems about having all the right kit, but no talent; poems that show that coming first in the egg and spoon race really is as important to your mum and dad as being an Olympic athlete; poems about being a team player and poems about being an individual hero. In fact, this book is packed with sporting gems of all kinds.

Olympic Poems is perfect for any young poet or aspiring Olympian.

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- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 96

★ Brian Moses and Roger Stevens ★

Indent



We Want Our Books: Rosa's Fight to Save the Library

[Jake Alexander](#)

A defiant, moving and joyful picture book about the power of protest and the importance of books.

From the winner of the Macmillan Prize 2019, *We Want Our Books* is a stunningly illustrated story that shows how any child has the power to change the world.

Rosa wants a book. But when she gets to the library, she finds it is closed. What could be the end of the story is just the beginning, as Rosa and her sister Maria try everything they can think of to bring their community together and fight to get back their precious library.

A picture book that features big subjects in a child-friendly way, with beautiful artwork, making this the perfect discussion starter for curious children. From debut author and illustrator, Jake Alexander, winner of the Creative Conscience Gold Medal.

- **Debut author/illustrator, a recent graduate**
- **Combines two extremely timely topics: protest and library closures, touching subtly on themes of structural racism and gentrification**
- **Beautifully detailed, rich artwork**

- ISBN: 9781529049022
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

It was the end of the holidays
and I was getting bored.



Are some dinosaurs
alive? Where could
they be hiding?

Why do
bees hum?

Who invented
doughnuts?

Why don't you
go to the library,
Rosa?

POPPY



But the library had closed.