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Highlights

Fiction

10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

A MONSTER CALLS

"Exceptional" Daily Mail

"Outstanding" The Times

PATRICK
NESS
TWICE CARNEGIE MEDAL WINNER

A Monster Calls: 10th anniversary edition

[Patrick Ness](#), [Siobhan Dowd](#)

The 10th anniversary edition of the bestselling novel about love, loss and hope from the twice Carnegie Medal-winning Patrick Ness.

Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.

Patrick Ness takes the final idea of the late, award-winning writer Siobhan Dowd and weaves an extraordinary and heartbreaking tale of mischief, healing and above all, the courage it takes to survive. Since publication, *A Monster Calls* has become an international bestseller and been made into a film starring Felicity Jones, Liam Neeson and Sigourney Weaver.

- ISBN: 9781406398595
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 240

Non-Fiction



Kids Fight Climate Change: Act now to be a #2minutesuperhero

[Martin Dorey](#)

Discover how to fight climate change and become a #2minutesuperhero.

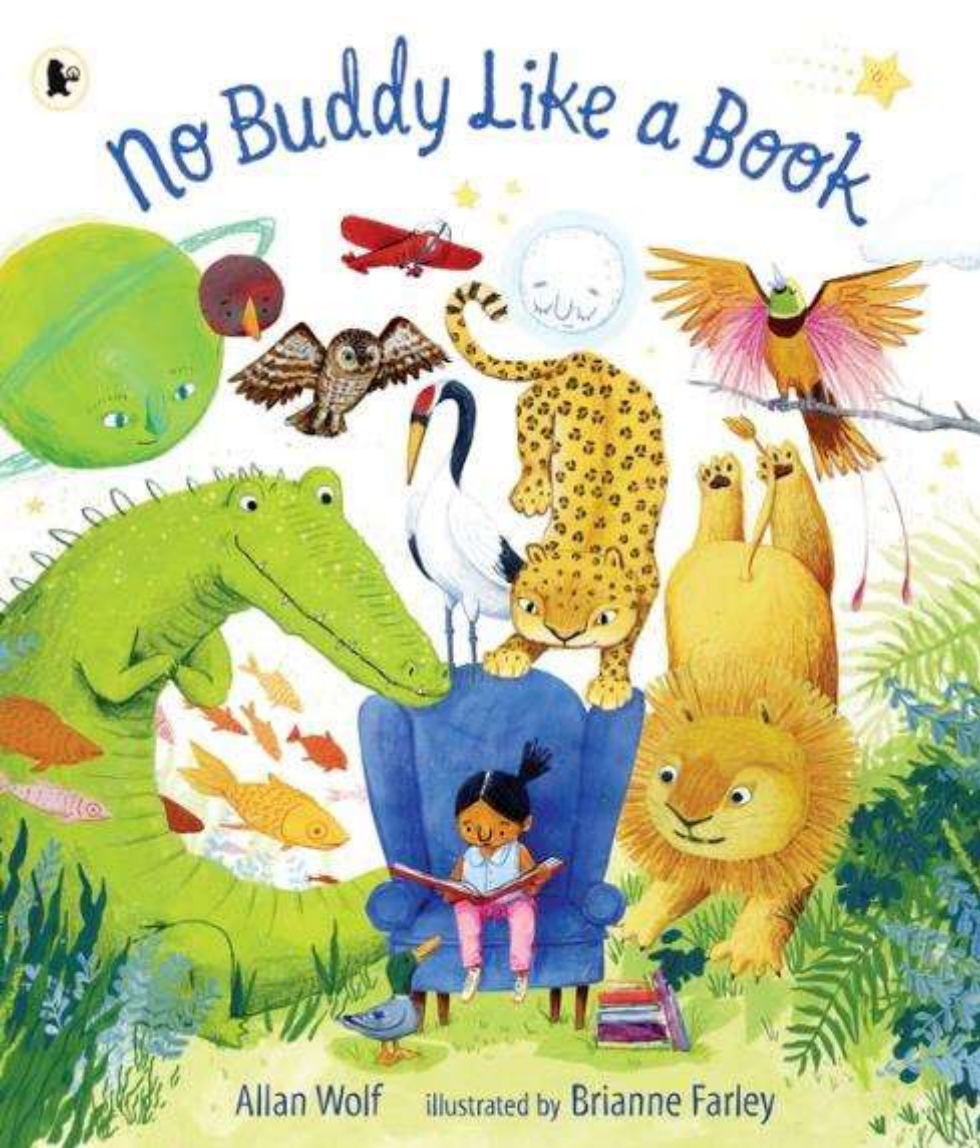
Our planet is in trouble. It needs YOU. Together we can fight climate change by speaking up and changing what we eat, how we travel and the ways we use energy. Find out how you can become a #2minutesuperhero by completing 50 fun missions that reduce your carbon footprint at home, school and in your community.

Informative, practical and positive, this guide for children is written by Martin Dorey, anti-plastic campaigner and author of the bestselling *No. More. Plastic*, and is the founder of the Beach Clean Network and the #2minutebeachclean movement. He believes that every voice matters on this urgent issue.

- ISBN: 9781406393262
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 128



Picture Books



No Buddy Like a Book

[Allan Wolf](#)

Illustrated by [Brianne Farley](#)

Step aboard the Word Express. It's leaving from the station. The only ticket needed is your own imagination.


Have you ever wanted to climb to the top of Everest with one hand behind your back? Kiss a crocodile all by yourself on the Nile river? How about learning how to bottle moonlight, or track a distant star? There are endless things to discover and whole universes to explore simply by reading a book. But books are only smears of ink without the reader's mind to give their letters meaning and bring them to life. With a rollicking, rhyming text and delightful artwork, poet and storyteller Allan Wolf and illustrator Brianne Farley remind us that books, no matter how they may be consumed, give readers of every background an opportunity to expand their world and spark their imagination.

With infectious enthusiasm, *No Buddy Like a Book* offers an ode to the wonders of language – written, spoken, and everything in between.

- ISBN: 9781406396041
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

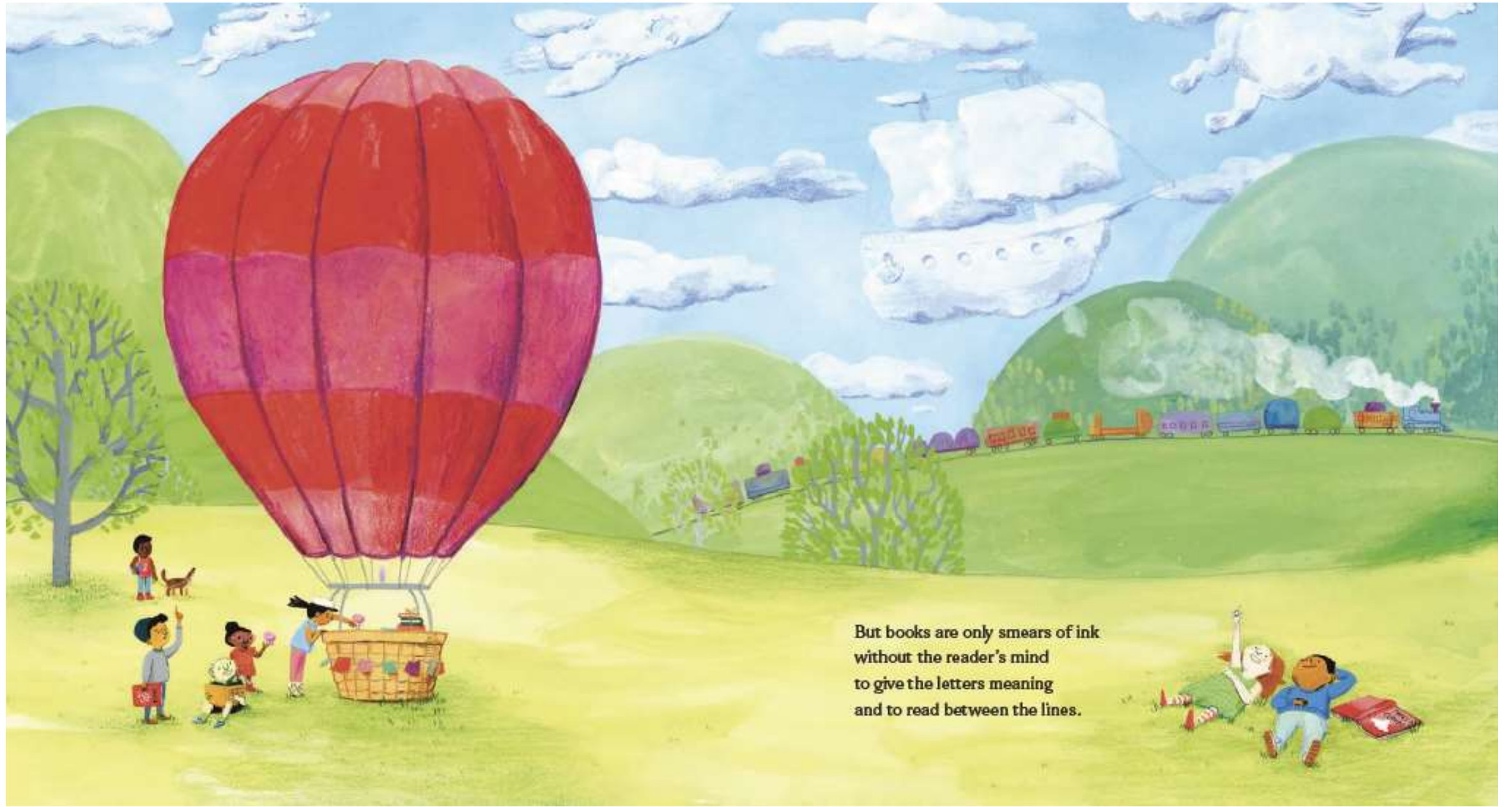
WE learn important stuff from books.
We learn to speak and think.



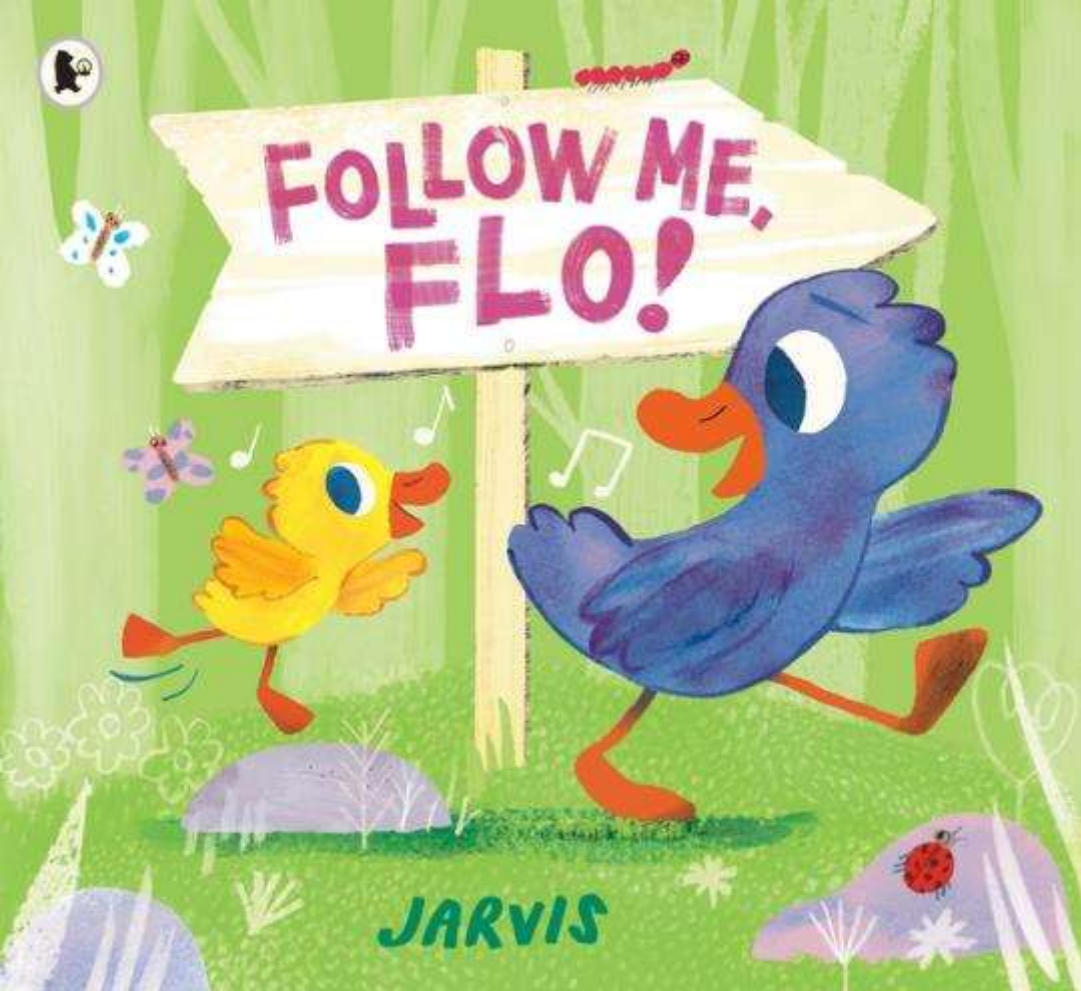


We learn why icebergs stay afloat ...
and why *Titanics* sink.

We learn to play harmonica.
We learn to bake and cook.
We learn to read and write.
There is no buddy like a book.



**But books are only smears of ink
without the reader's mind
to give the letters meaning
and to read between the lines.**



Follow Me, Flo!

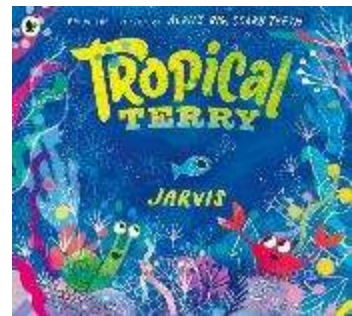
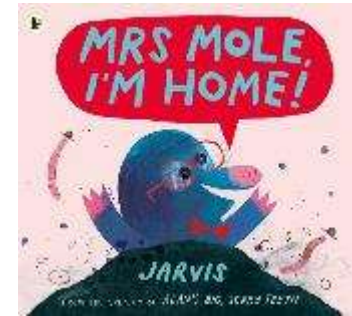
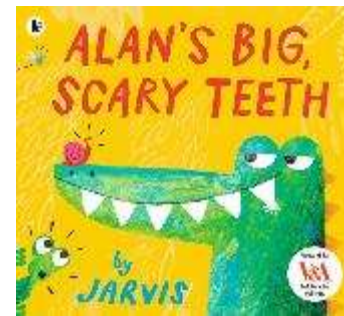
[Jarvis](#)

We're off to somewhere new. So stick to me like glue. Follow me, Flo! Come on, let's go! We're sure to be there soon...

Flo is a very mischievous little duckling who has a penchant for wandering off... She can't help it, her curiosity is always taking her off on new adventures! Luckily, Daddy Duck has a trick to make sure Flo stays by his side ... he sings the FOLLOW SONG. But on the way to visit Auntie Jenna's house, Flo decides to sing her OWN louder, higher version of the Follow Song ... with surprising and catastrophic results!

From the award-winning creator of *Alan's Big, Scary Teeth* comes a hilarious and heartfelt daddy and daughter cautionary tale, sure to get all young readers laughing and singing.

- ISBN: 9781406394313
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



There are certain things
that all little duckies must do every day -



eat their dinner (seeds and berries),



preen themselves clean (with beaks and bubbles),



and go to bed (all in a row),

Little Flo did not do ANY of these things.



She liked to eat naughty treats ...



Mmm...
ICE CREAM!

chase frogs
through mucky puddles ...




WHEEE!

and she ALWAYS hid at bedtime.



FLO!



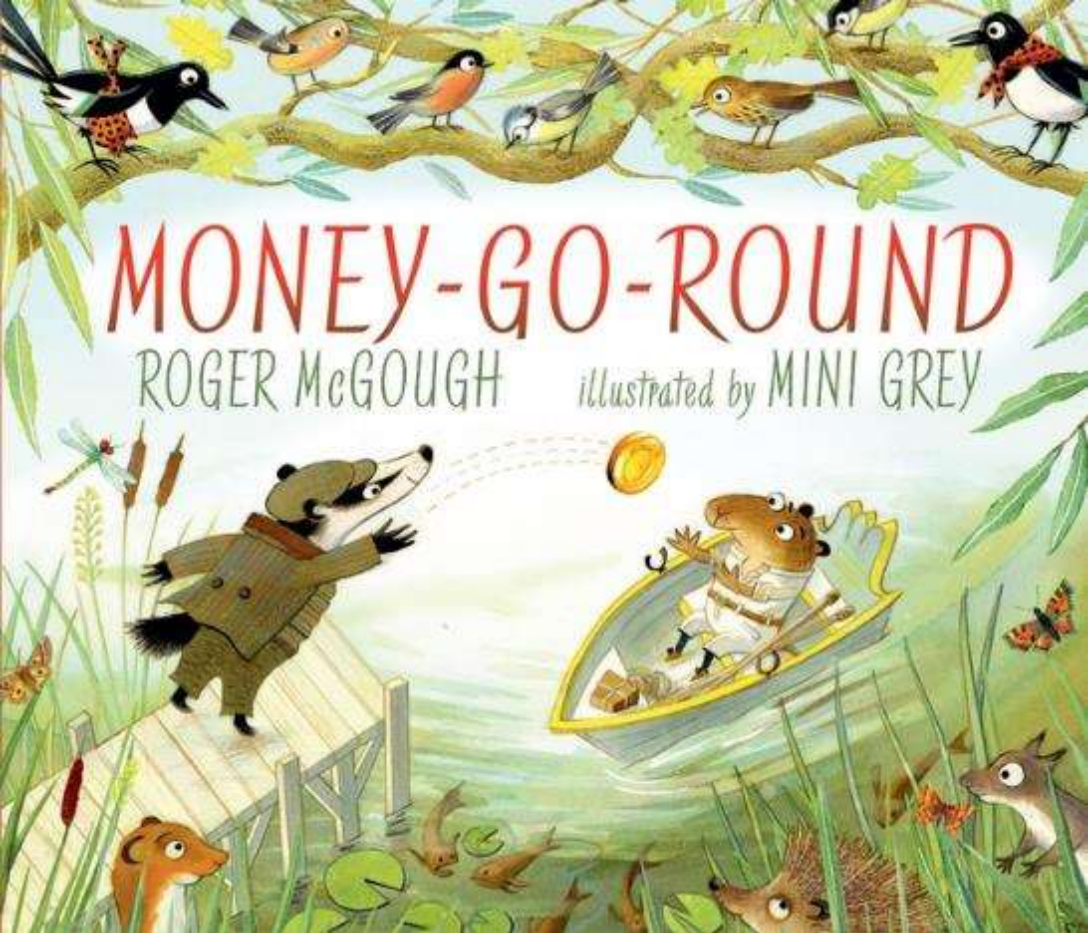
One day, Daddy Duck and Flo were
off to visit Auntie Jenna's new nest.

Daddy Duck puffed up his
feathery chest and said, in his
most serious deep duckie voice:

"Now then, Flo.
You have to **FOLLOW ME**
all the way.
No chasing or hiding,
or you'll get lost."

"Yes, Daddy, I promise,"
said Little Flo.

So off they went.



Money-Go-Round

[Roger McGough](#)

Illustrated by [Mini Grey](#)

A witty and mischievous tale inspired by *The Wind in the Willows*, from renowned poet Roger McGough.

Mr Toad has a shiny gold coin. He gives it to Miss Mole to pay for a room in her hotel. Now Miss Mole can pay Sam Stoat for painting the hotel, and Sam Stoat can pay back Mr Badger ... until the coin might just end up back where it started!

From renowned poet Roger McGough and Kate Greenaway Medal winner Mini Grey, this is an inspired and witty tale featuring beloved characters from *The Wind in the Willows*.

- ISBN: 9781406394245
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



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Mr Toad parked his car outside The Tree House Hotel. "This looks pleasant," he thought, as he hopped eagerly up to the entrance. "Smart door," he said to himself.

Miss Lavender Mole, behind the reception desk, smiled a warm welcome.

"I'd like a room," said Mr Toad.

"Then you've come to the right place," replied Miss Mole. "As a matter of fact, things are very quiet at this time of the year, so you have a choice of rooms."

"In that case I'll have the biggest and the best for a week. How much will that be?"

"One gold piece," said Miss Mole.

Mr Toad banged the coin onto the counter. "I'll take it. Please put my suitcase in the room while I go for a stroll around the village. See you later this afternoon."

He hopped towards the exit. "Smartly painted door," he called, before shutting it firmly behind him.





Miss Lavender Mole held
the gleaming coin in
her paw and imagined
herself in a new hat and
scarlet coat, treating
her best friend Betty
to high tea at the Ritz.

Then she looked at the
door. "Smartly painted
indeed," she thought,
and she still hadn't paid
Sam Stoat for doing it.

Her mind made up,
Lavender slipped the
coin into her pocket and
went in search of Sam.

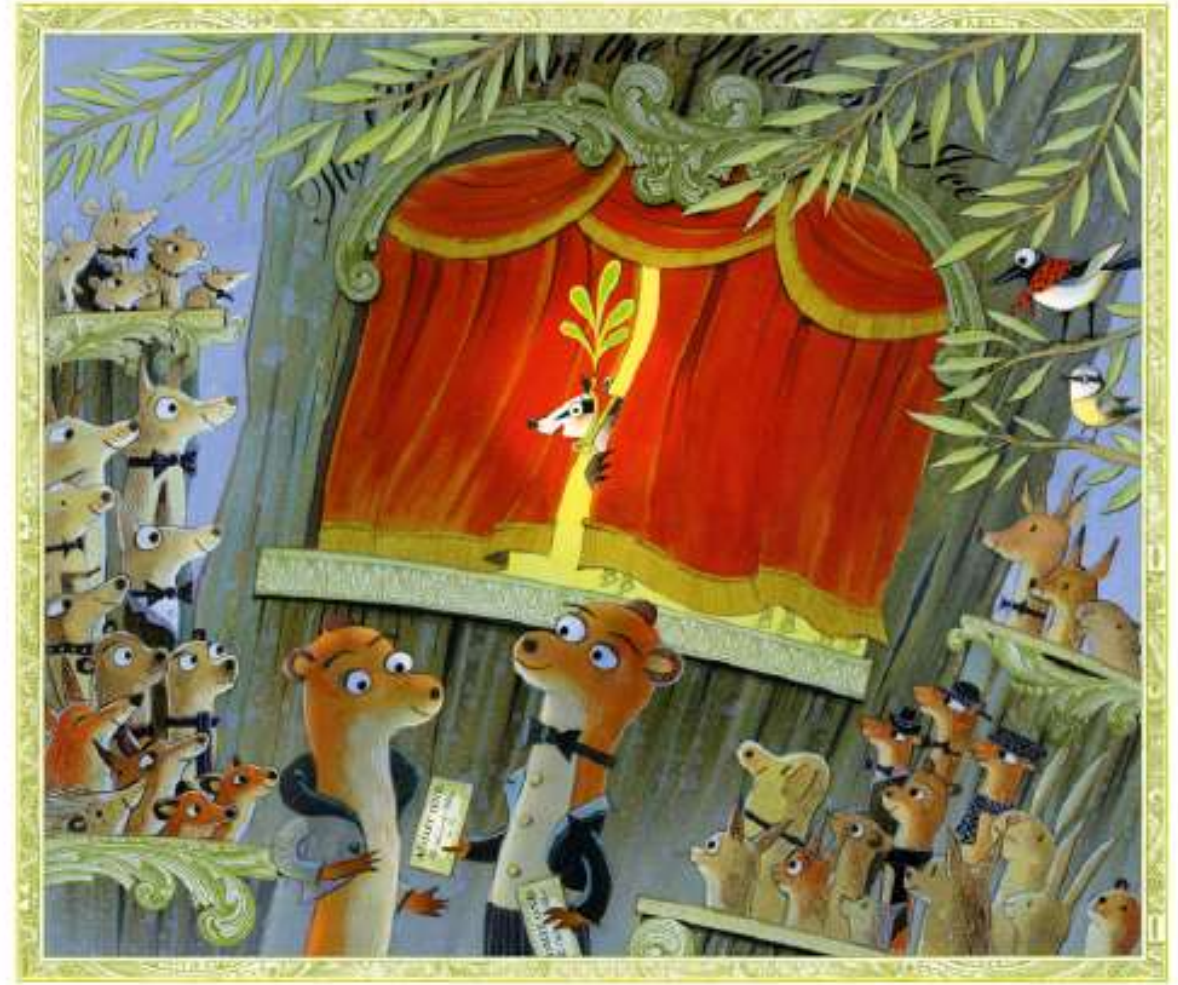




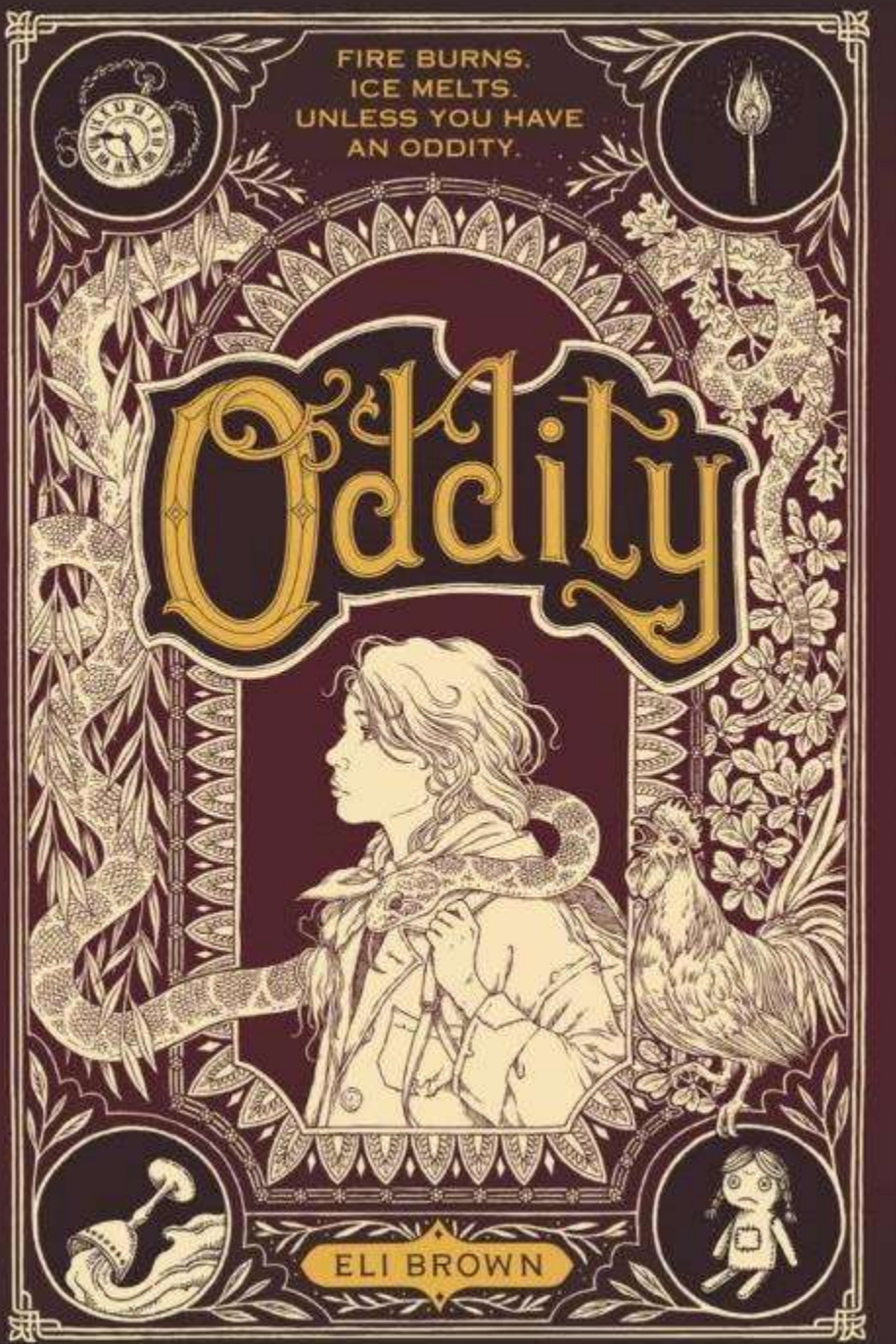
She didn't go far. She heard the whistling first, and there was Sam high up on a ladder, painting Widow Rabbit's windows. "Here's the money I owe you for painting the front door of the hotel last week. Very smart it looks!" "Much obliged," said Sam. "Now I'll be able to take Samantha to see *The Wind in the Willows* at the theatre on Saturday." He waved goodbye to Miss Mole and went back to his whistling and painting. Then stopped. The brush he was holding reminded him of the money he owed Badger. Badger's Bristles for the Best Brushes in the Business. Sam couldn't fault that slogan, so he slid down the ladder and cycled off in search of Basil.



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Fiction



Oddity

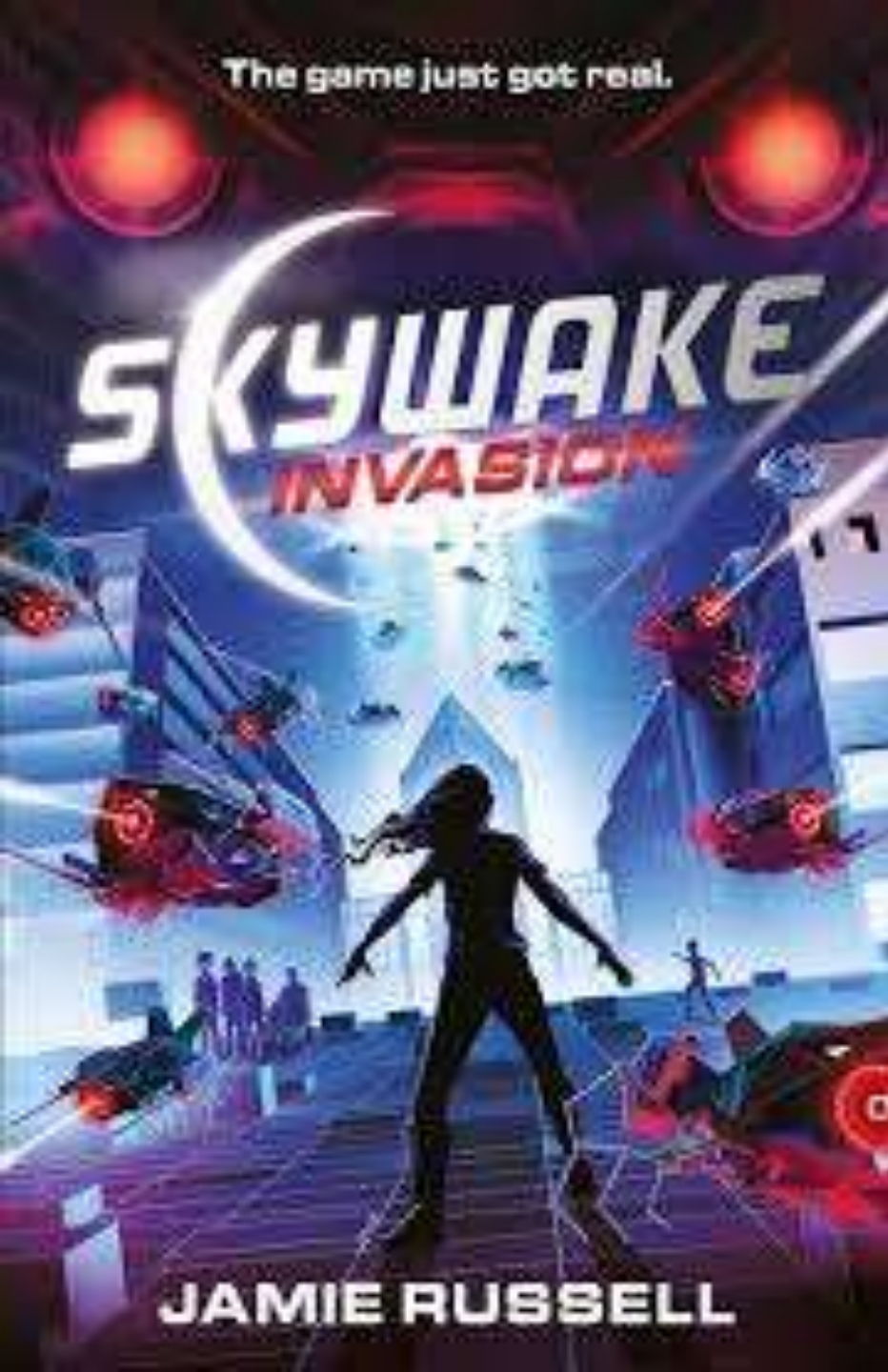
[Eli Brown](#)

A middle-grade fantasy adventure powered by a kick-ass wild-west heroine and a collection of magical objects known as Oddities.

The daughter of a murdered physician vows to protect the magical Oddity he left behind – if only she knew what it was – in an alternate nineteenth century in which the United States is at war with Napoleon’s France. When her physician father is murdered, thirteen-year-old Clover Elkin embarks on a perilous mission through warring frontier territories to protect the one secret Oddity he left behind. And as she uncovers the truth about her parents and her past, Clover herself emerges as a powerful agent of history.

A rich, startling, funny fantasy adventure, powered by an irresistible force-of-nature heroine; Clover Elkin is a born fighter – a heroine to rival Lyra Belacqua or *True Grit*’s Mattie Ross.

- ISBN: 9781406389272
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 368



SkyWake: Invasion

[Jamie Russell](#)

An exciting and original debut sci-fi adventure trilogy for the gaming generation

Fifteen-year-old Casey Henderson is obsessed with smash-hit game SkyWake – and she’s good at it, too. Little does she realize it’s actually an alien training tool created by the mysterious extra-terrestrial Red Eyes.

When the aliens swoop down on a national gaming tournament, Casey and her teammates discover they’re abducting the best gamers to fight in a distant alien war across the galaxy. Casey’s gaming skills are her best hope of stopping the aliens and rescuing her little brother – but first she and her online teammates must learn to work together in real life...

- ISBN: 9781406397512
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 304

Graphic Novels



The Great Gatsby: A Graphic Novel Adaptation

[F. Scott Fitzgerald](#)

Illustrated by [Katherine Woodman-Maynard](#)

A sumptuously illustrated adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's beloved novel of the 1920s, in a vivid and accessible new format.

F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 masterpiece roars into life in this sweeping, dreamy graphic novel – among the first adaptations of the book in this genre. Painted in lush watercolours, the inventive interpretation emphasizes both the extravagance and mystery of the characters, and excerpts from the original text weave themselves through the illustrations.

Prepare to be carried off on a cloud of whimsical romance with Daisy and Gatsby, in a reading experience reminiscent of Hollywood classic movies. The graphic novel format makes it an ideal teaching tool to engage GCSE and higher level Literature students of *Gatsby*, and the art-deco gift design will prove irresistible to existing fans and collectors.

With its timeless critique of class, power and obsession, *The Great Gatsby: A Graphic Novel Adaptation* captures the energy of an era and the enduring resonance of one of the world's most beloved books.

- ISBN: 9781406398625
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 240

Indent

Board Books

Mummy



Leslie Patricelli

Mummy

[Leslie Patricelli](#)

Every day is Mother's Day as the inimitable Baby sings Mummy's praises in a board book full of humour and heart.

Now we dance. Wiggle, wiggle. I can make my mummy giggle! Mummy gives hugs and kisses and says Baby's belly is delicious. She makes spaghetti that's yummy and cleans Baby's face and tummy. Then it's off to the park to play hide-and-seek ... where's Mummy? Simple (and silly) pleasures abound in this Baby's-eye celebration of a beloved mummy

- ISBN: 9781406397970
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 26

Mummy, Mummy,
Mummy!



WHEE!



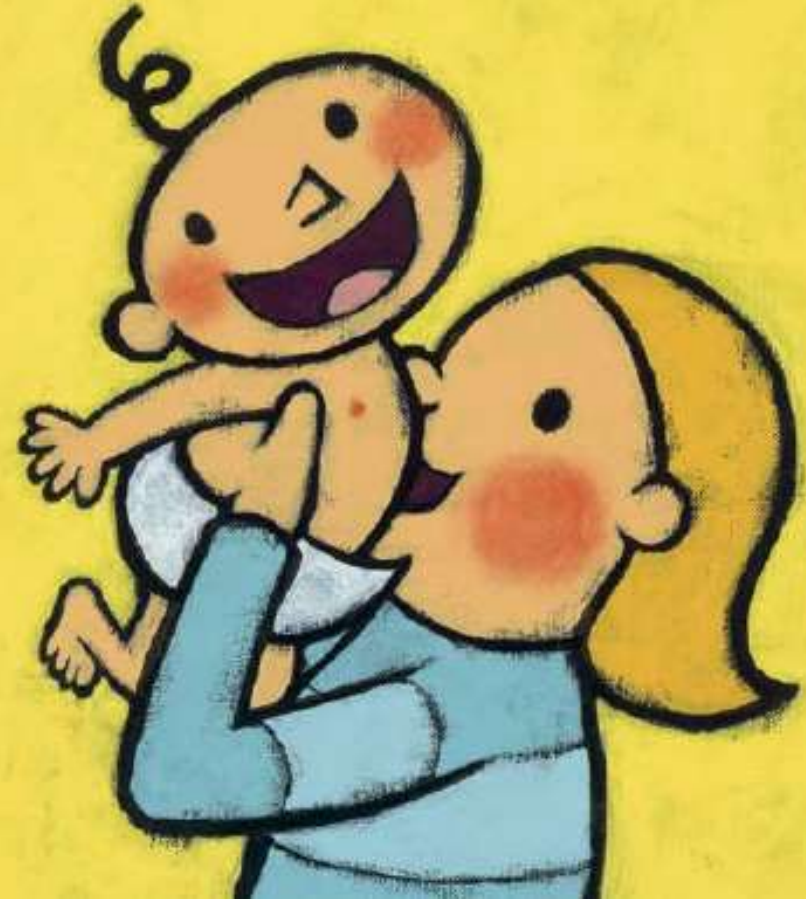
This is my mummy.
She loves me!



Mummy hugs,
Mummy kisses.



Mummy says that
I'm delicious!



Picture Books

MAYBE...

CHRIS HAUGHTON™



Maybe...

[Chris Haughton](#)

From Chris Haughton comes a funny, suspenseful and keenly observed cautionary tale about pushing boundaries and indulging your more mischievous, cheeky side (when nobody is looking).

Three little monkeys, and their big monkey, are sat high up on their branch in the forest canopy. "Ok, monkeys! I'm off," says the big monkey. "Now remember. Whatever you do, do NOT go down to the mango tree. There are tigers down there." *Mmm ... mangos!* think the little monkeys.

They LOVE mangos. Hmm ... *maybe* ... maybe they could just *look* at the mangos? That'd be ok, right?

- ISBN: 9781406385526
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 40

Ok, monkeys! I'm off.
Now remember...

Whatever you do,
do NOT go down to the mango tree.
There are tigers down there.





It's a pity
we can't go
down to the
mango tree.



Yeah.
I love mangos.

That *is*
a pity.

From the bestselling author of *Guess How Much I Love You*

Mindi and The Goose No One Else Could See



Sam McBratney



illustrated by
Linda Ólafsdóttir

Mindi and the Goose No One Else Could See

[Sam McBratney](#)

Illustrated by [Linda Ólafsdóttir](#)

A charming new story from the author of *Guess How Much I Love You*, with an original take on the subject of childhood anxiety.

*Once there was a girl called Mindi, who was afraid of something that no one else could see. This thing that she was afraid of, this thing that no one else could see, was a big goose. It came into her room as quietly as a thought comes into your head, and it stayed there for as long as it wanted to... So begins a new story by Sam McBratney, author of publishing phenomenon *Guess How Much I Love You* – the book which captured the hearts of children and parents all over the world. In *Mindi* a little girl and her devoted father try everything they can think of to drive away the "big goose", which only she can see.*

A sensitive exploration of childhood anxiety, the story is told with charm, wit and a touch of whimsy, and is paired with Linda Ólafsdóttir's delicate illustrations. The end result has the feel of a modern fairy tale and is sure to become a bedtime favourite.

- ISBN: 9781406388657
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 40

Once there was a girl called Mindi who was afraid of
something that no one else could see.
This thing that she was afraid of, this thing that
no one else could see, was a big goose.
It came into her room as quietly as a thought comes into your head,
and it stayed there for as long as it wanted to.



When she told her dad about it, he said,
“A what? There’s a goose in your *room*?”
He searched high and low for the Big Goose,
but he could not find it.



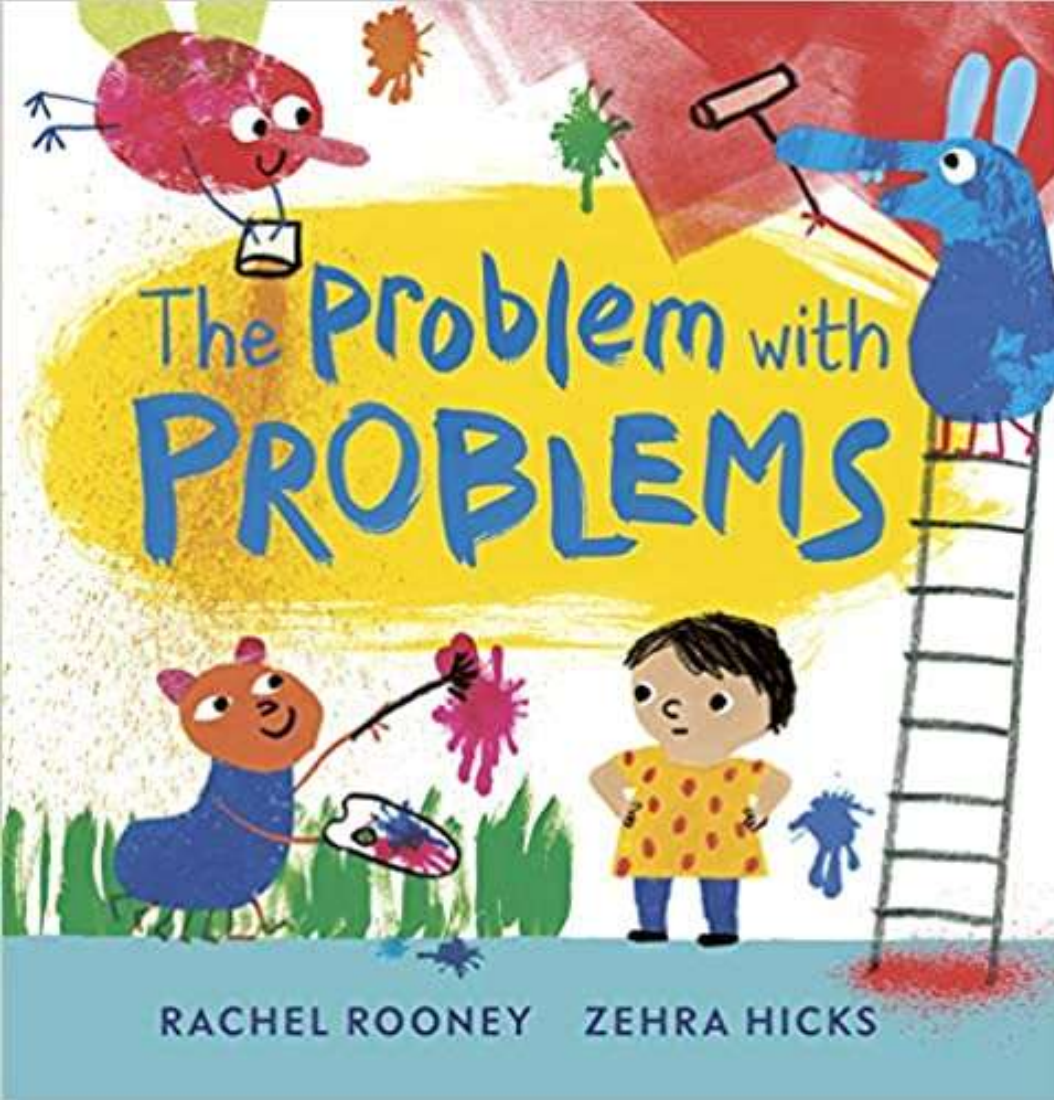
Mindi’s mum made fun
of it. She waved a wooden
spoon above her head,
and said, “Any goose that
comes in here will get a smack on his silly bottom!”

Mindi thought the Big Goose might be
angry about the wooden spoon.
Mum and Dad shut her window tight; but windows, walls and
doors couldn’t stop the Big Goose. It came and stayed as usual.



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Picture Books



The Problem with Problems

[Rachel Rooney](#)

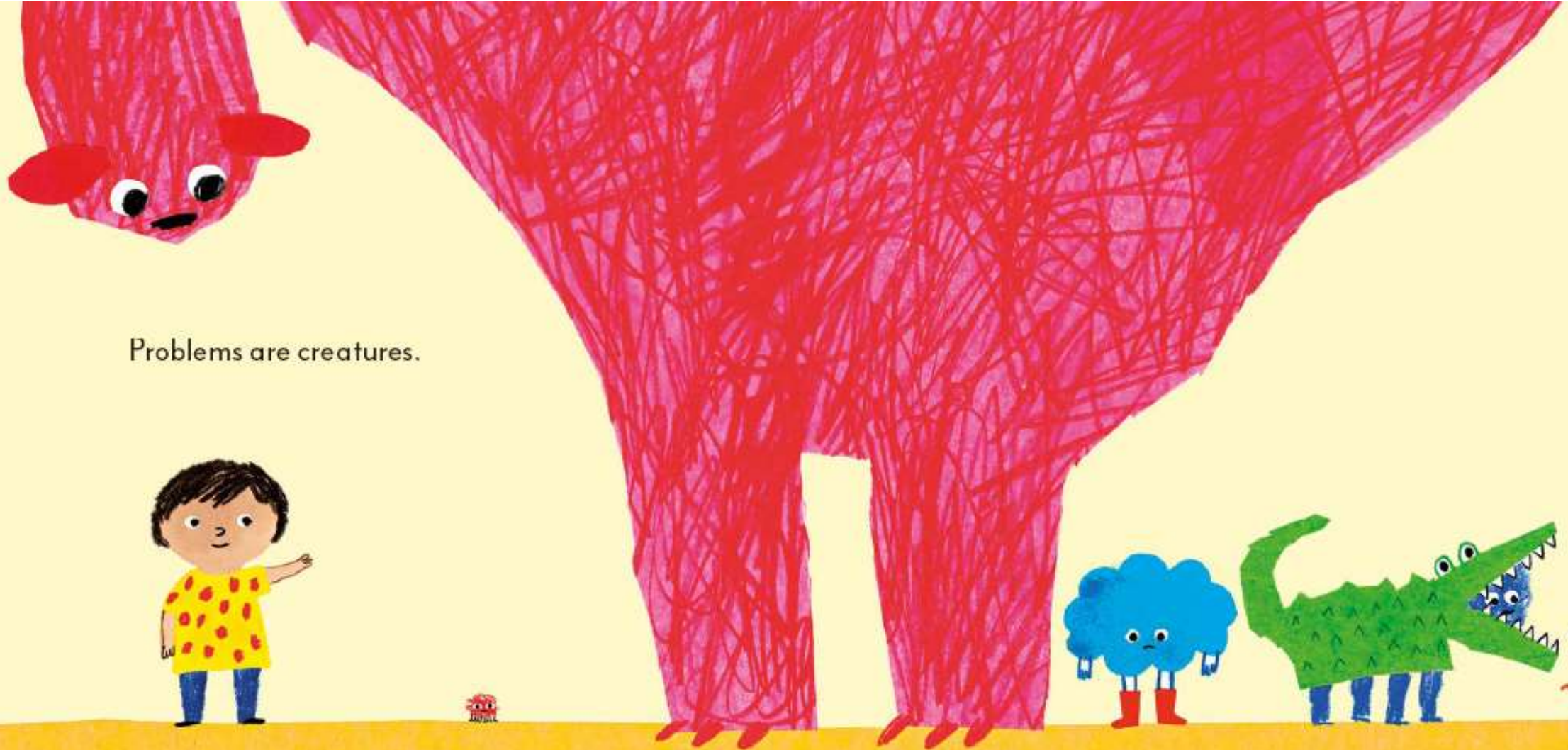
Illustrated by [Zehra Hicks](#)

Have you ever met a Problem?

They come in all shapes and sizes, and can pop up at the most inconvenient times. But you should know some things about them that will help you make them disappear...

This one-of-a-kind picture book will help little ones and grown-ups alike deal with their every day problems, from award-winning children's poet Rachel Rooney and highly acclaimed illustrator Zehra Hicks. For fans of Ed Vere and Kes Gray.

- ISBN: 9781783449071
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



Problems are creatures.

They come in all sizes – from tiny to huge.

Some wearing disguises.

Knotty...



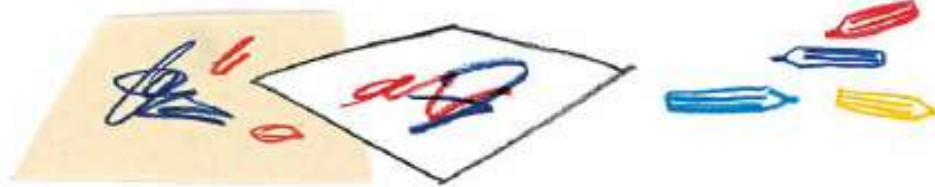
Hairy...



Tough...



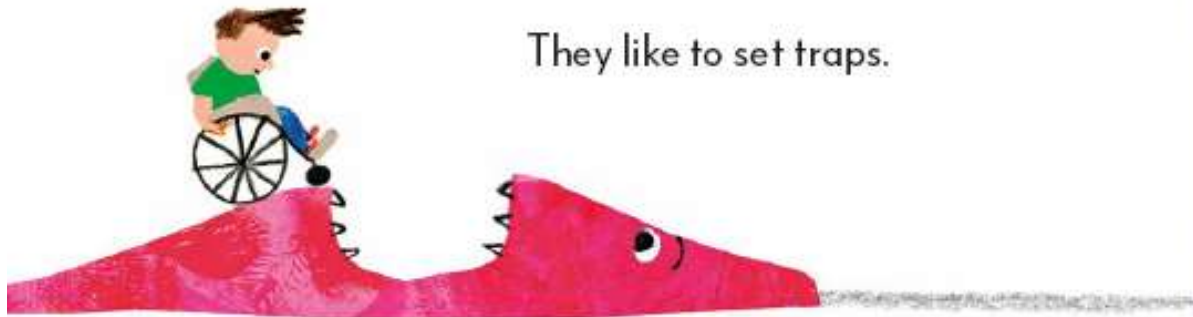
Slippery...



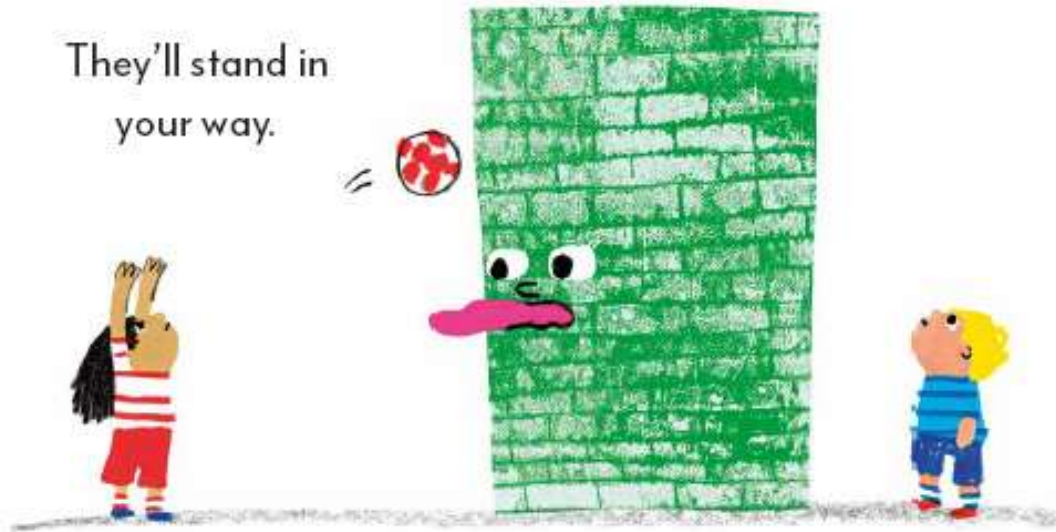
Sticky like superglue, gathering stuff.

Each one is different – I've met quite a few.
But all of them want to make trouble for you.

They like to set traps.

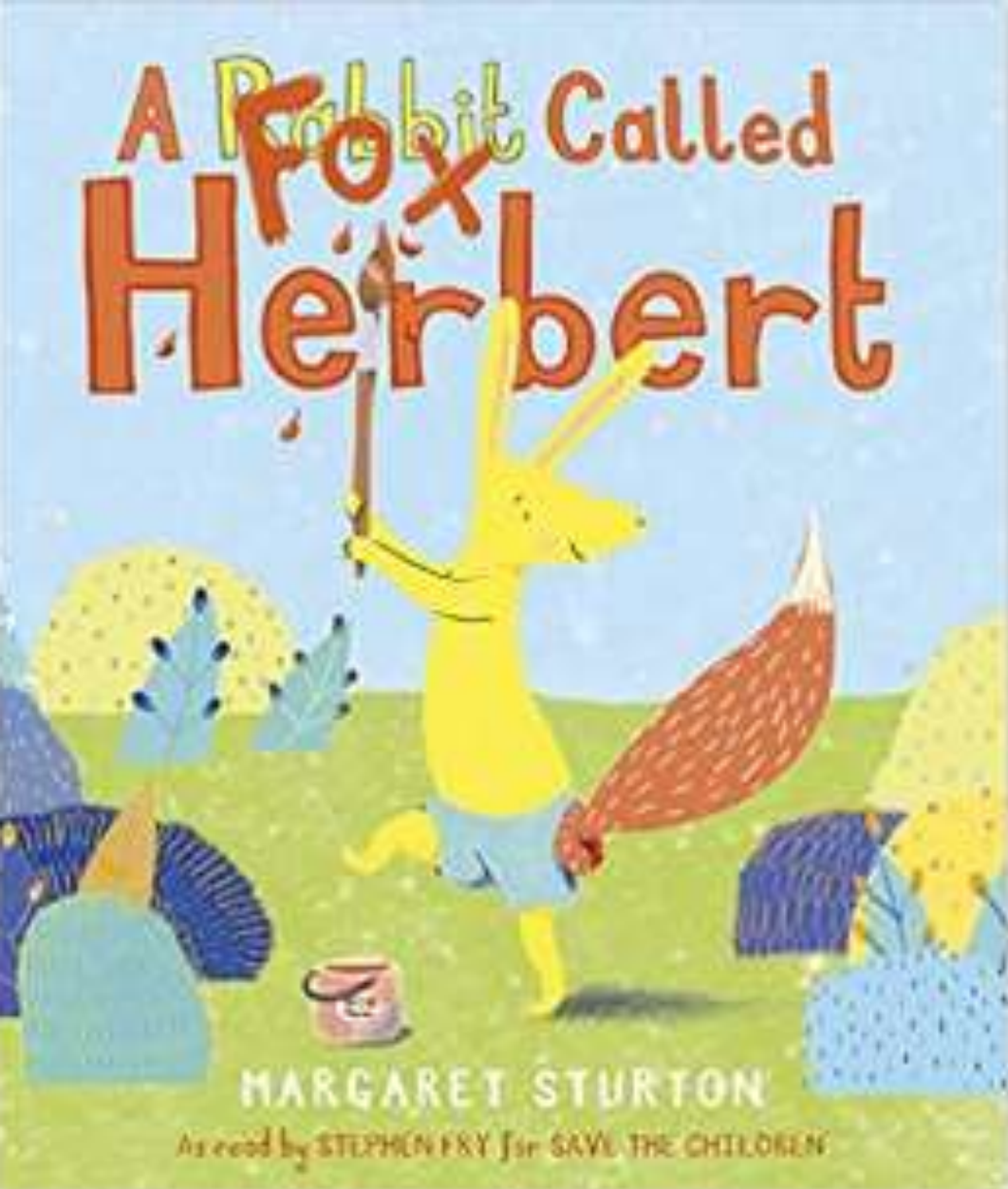


They'll stand in
your way.



They turn the sky cloudy and paint the grass grey.





A Fox Called Herbert

[Margaret Sturton](#)

Meet Herbert: the rabbit who knows he was born to be a fox.

When his mummy isn't looking, he puts on pointy fox ears, makes himself a bushy tail, and asks his sister to paint him orange, just like a fox. But Mummy doesn't understand: why can't he just be a good rabbit?

A Fox Called Herbert is a true celebration of being ourselves and supporting our loved ones. Let this joyful tale inspire you to be who you are and follow your dreams.

- ISBN: 9781783449330
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

Herbert loved foxes.





Herbert loved foxes so much he made himself a pair of red ears.



"Rabbit ears aren't short and pointy," laughed Herbert's mummy. Reluctantly, Herbert let his ears look rabbitly again.



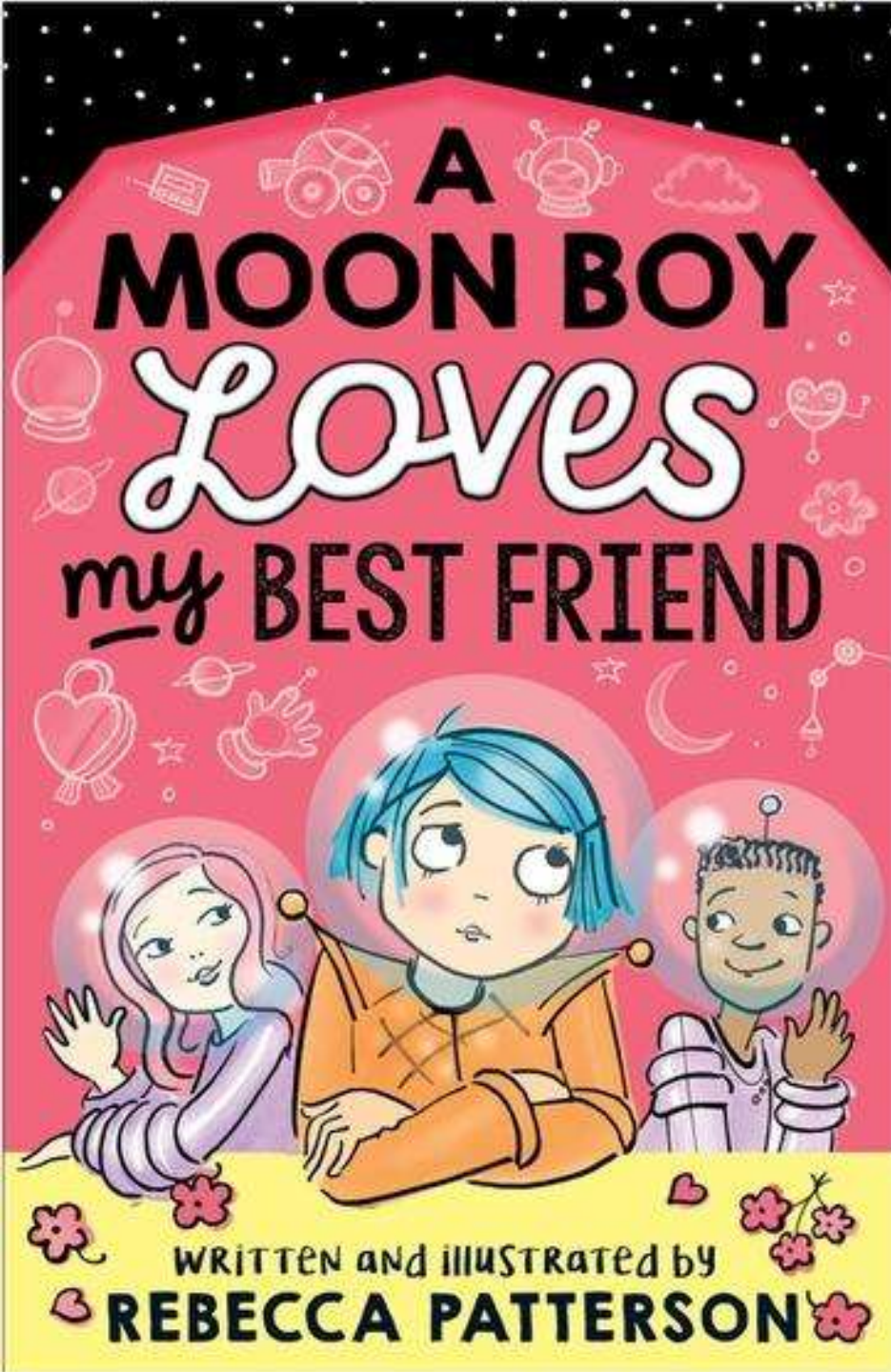
The next day, Herbert painted himself red with the help of his little sister.



Then they played find-the-fox.



Fiction



A Moon Boy Loves My Best Friend

[Rebecca Patterson](#)

It's 2099 and Year Six are going to camp on the moon!

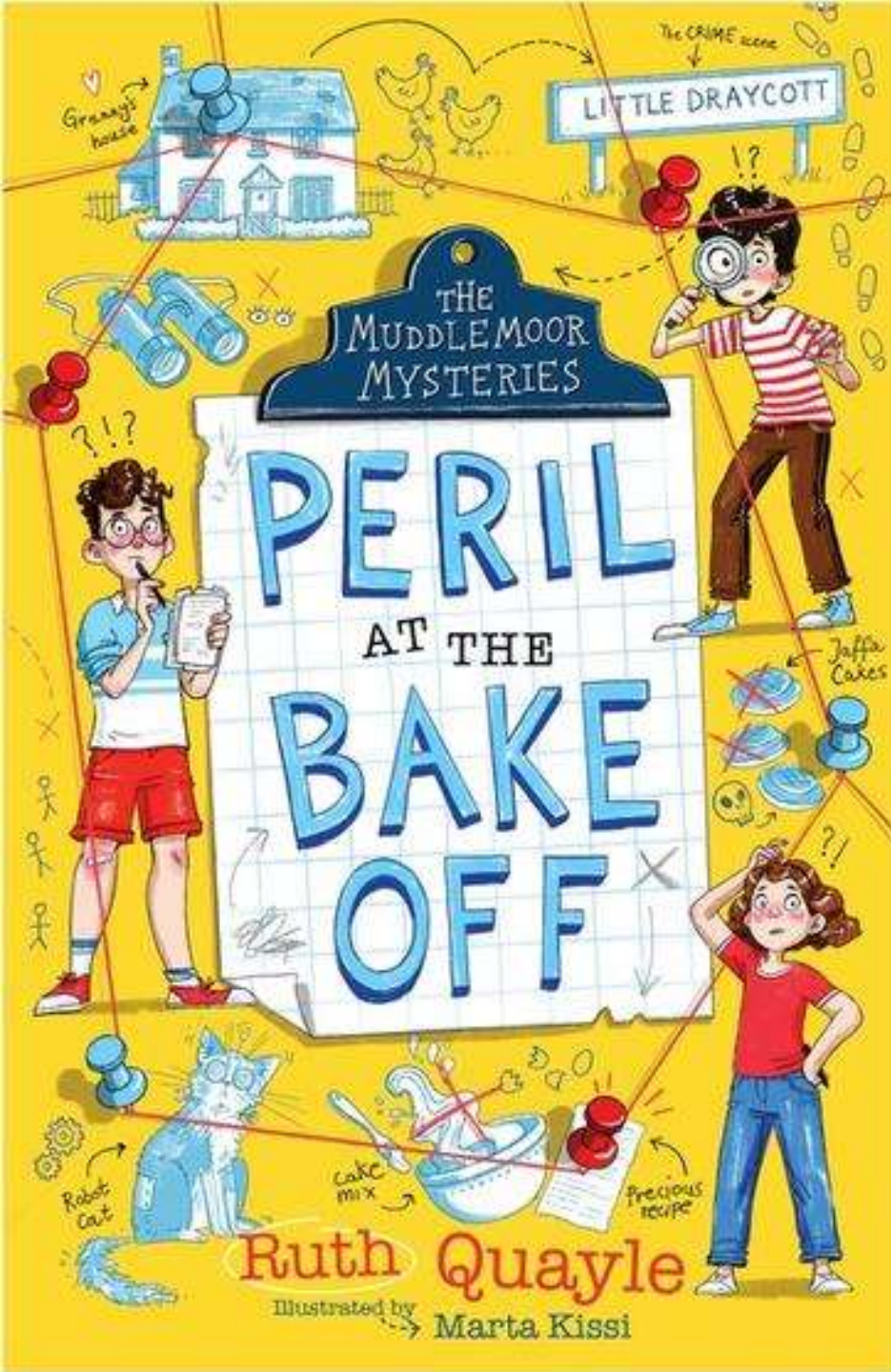
Lyla and her friends are off to camp on the moon! They're going moon walking, laser archery shooting and low gravity dancing! And Moonite kids at camp are just so stylish and cool. When they suggest sneaking out of camp to visit the city, Lyla and her friends can't resist, but then everything starts to go astronomically wrong . . .

Ideal for in-store Valentines displays

Fantastic illustrations throughout by Rebecca Patterson

Rebecca Patterson won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize with *My Big Shouting Day*

- ISBN: 9781839130175
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 176



The Muddlemoor Mysteries: Peril at the Bake Off

[Ruth Quayle](#)

Illustrated by [Marta Kissi](#)

Granny's village is a hotspot for crime. Joe and his cousins have to concentrate even when they're watching telly. And the weird thing is, Granny never seems to notice.

It is the summer holiday and Joe Robinson and his cousins are staying with their granny in Muddlemoor village. The problem is . . . Muddlemoor is a hotspot for crime. When Granny's precious cake recipe goes missing days before the Great Village Bake Off, Joe, Tom and Pip are FLABBERGASTED. They KNOW that one of the neighbours has stolen it but the question is, WHO?

Hilarious brand-new young detective series.

'Perfect for seven- to nine-year-olds, this is a brilliant, fast-paced adventure for those of us who love mischief' Evening Standard (The Battle of the Blighty Bling)
Perfect for fans of *My Brother is a Superhero* and David Walliams

- ISBN: 9781839130090
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 192



The Short Knife

[Elen Caldecott](#)

It is the year 454AD. The Roman Empire has withdrawn from Britain, throwing it into the chaos of the Dark Ages. Mai has been kept safe by her father and her sister, Haf. But when Saxon warriors arrive at their farm, the family is forced to flee to the hills where British warlords lie in wait. Can Mai survive in a dangerous world where speaking her mother tongue might be deadly, and where even the people she loves the most can't be trusted?

A distinctive and engrossing tale" -- David Almond

"It is full of thrills and kills ... while not scrimping on plot and character. Caldecott writes with a breezy lyricism ... The story of a divided Britain and the girls' mission to rebuild their family and survive in a country they barely recognise feels relevant and important" -- Alex O'Connell * The Times *

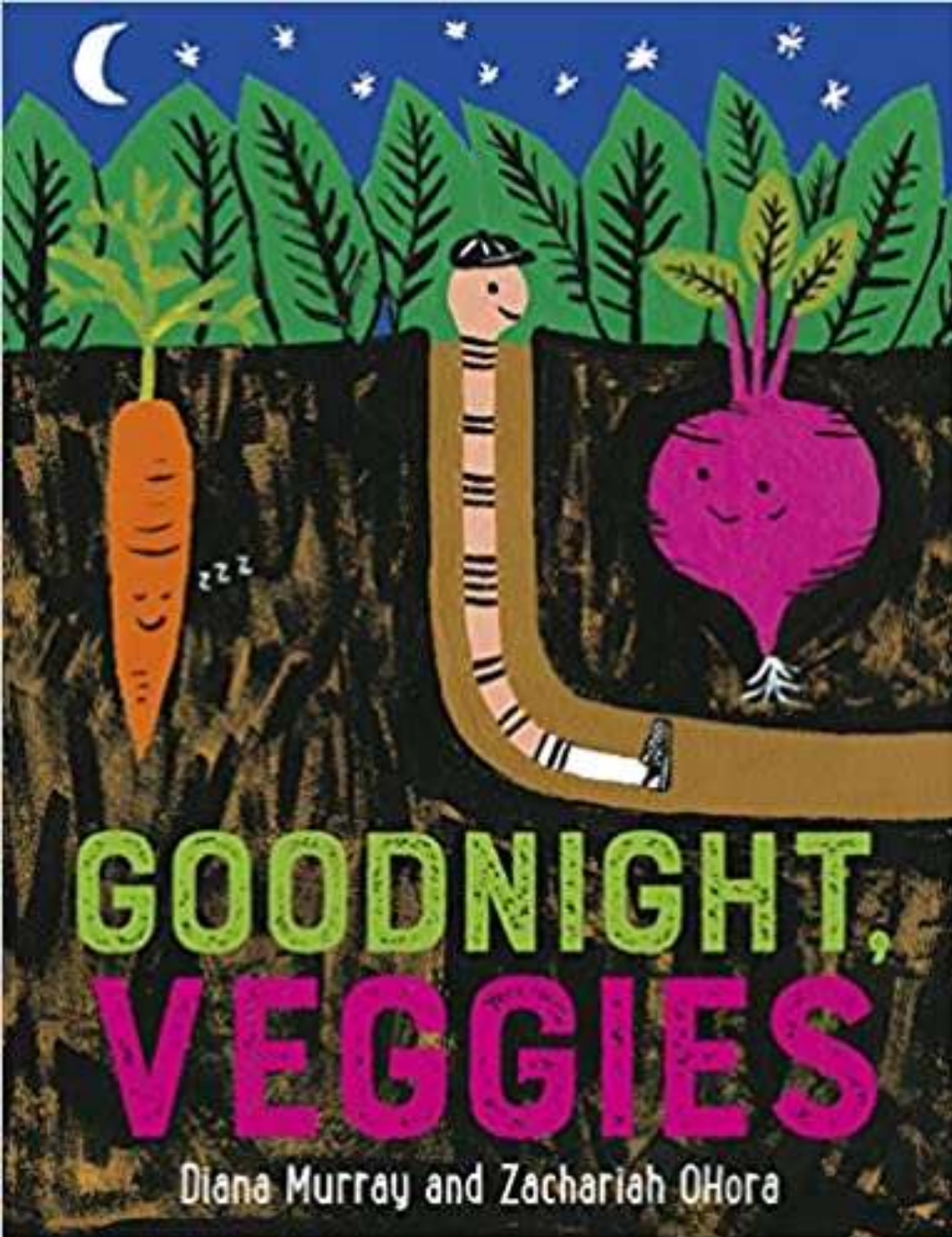
"Bright and real as the midsummer sunlight, and as powerfully drawn as a sharp, short knife" -- Hilary McKay

"I just loved The Short Knife. Beautifully written, lyrical and powerful - it's a fascinating insight into dark and desperate times which I found utterly absorbing. Grim and gritty but ultimately uplifting - it's a beautiful tribute to the courage and ingenuity of sisters" -- Tanya Landman

"A strong immersive historical novel that explores themes that still resonate - loyalty, belonging, difference, self, family, dispossession" * Books for Keeps *

- ISBN: 9781783449781
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 400

Indent



Goodnight, Veggies

[Diana Murray](#)

Illustrated by: [Zachariah OHora](#)

As the sun begins to set over the garden, the tomatoes are tucked in, the cucumbers are calm, and the beetroots are simply beat.

But what's got them all so exhausted? Celebrate the turning of day to night in this perfect bedtime ritual for plants - and humans - everywhere!

- ISBN: 9781839130434
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



Mr Benn's Big Game

[David McKee](#)

Step into the little fancy dress shop with Mr Benn and celebrate 50 years of this TV and book classic!

When Mr Benn visits the little fancy dress shop, he enters a fantastical world of adventure as if by magic. This time, Mr Benn spots a khaki outfit he'd like to try. As soon as he puts it on, he finds himself transported to a mysterious jungle full of snakes, elephants, and hunters...

The classic Mr Benn picture books, reissued in these special flapped paperback editions with a grained finish, to celebrate 50 years of a television and children's literary classic!

The cult TV series first shown on the BBC in 1971 has made Mr Benn a true family favourite and household name.

- ISBN: 9781839130717
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 48



Mr Benn Red Knight

[David McKee](#)

When Mr Benn visits the little fancy dress shop, he enters a fantastical world of adventure as if by magic... In this story, a red suit of armour catches Mr Benn's eye, and when he tries it on he finds himself transported to a land full of castles, dungeons and dragons!

Celebrate 50 years of the iconic BBC TV series with the original Mr Benn picture books! Voted 3rd in a BBC poll of 25 to 45 year olds of all-time favourite children's shows Voted 6th in Channel 4's poll of the 100 greatest kid's TV shows Voted 10th most famous time-traveller by THE TIMES '...the very name is enough to induce a warm glow of childish bliss...' TELEGRAPH

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The Story Thief

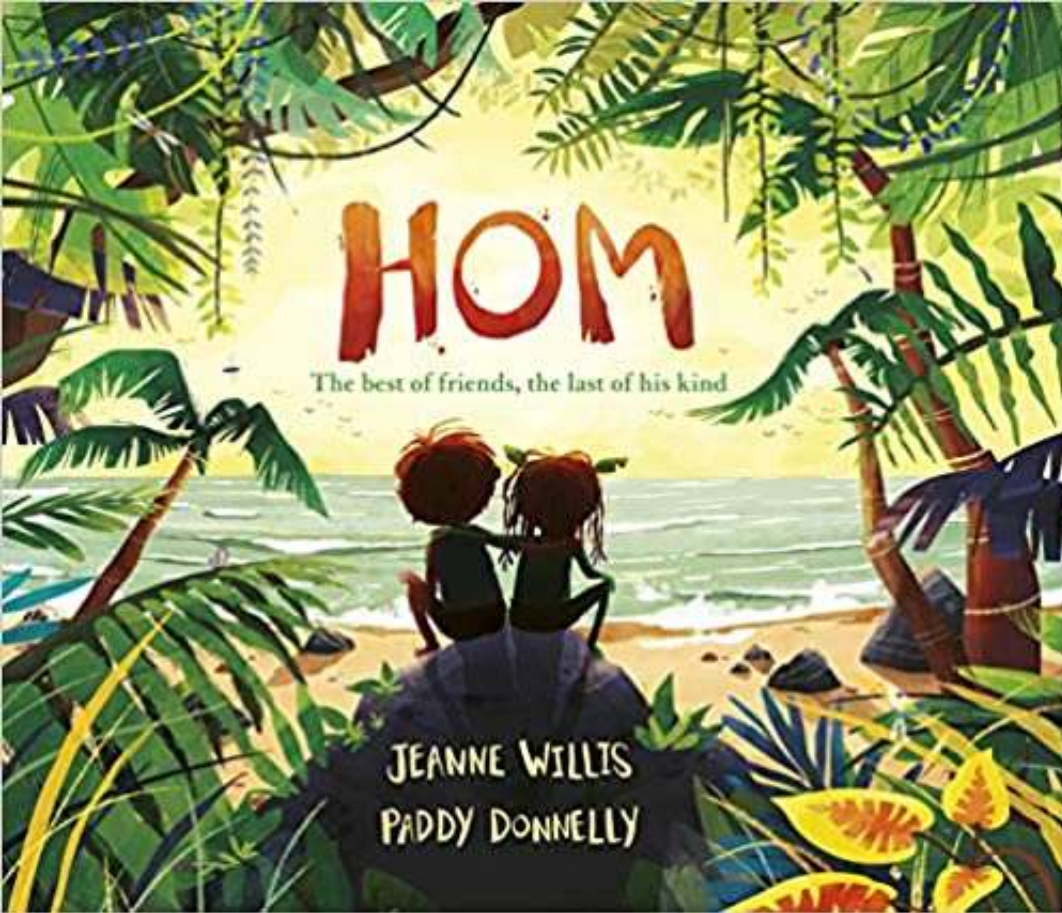
[Graham Carter](#)

Olive is a shy girl who prefers reading about adventures to having them herself.

But when a mysterious figure steals all of the books in town, Olive decides to set out straight into an adventure of her own. The thief, meanwhile, doesn't quite know what to do with the stories he's stolen.

Olive must track down the thief and teach him the joys of reading - and sharing - stories.

- ISBN: 9781783448920
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 40



Hom

[Jeanne Willis](#)

Illustrated by: [Paddy Donnelly](#)

Hom is the last of his kind. I don't know what kind of creature he is, and nobody knows he exists... apart from me.

When a boy washes up on a desert island, he is sure he's on his own in the world. But there's someone else living there: Hom, a peace-loving creature who has lost his family, too. Alone on the island together, they learn from each other and become the best of friends.

So when a rescue ship appears on the horizon, the boy has a big decision to make...

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