



**WALKER  
BOOKS**

**September 2020**

# Highlights

The Companion to the *New York Times* Bestselling series  
THE MORTAL INSTRUMENTS and THE INFERNAL DEVICES

The book cover features a central figure, a man in a dark, hooded, leather-like outfit, standing in a dimly lit, ornate room. He is looking towards the right, holding a small object in his hand. The background shows architectural details like arches and hanging lanterns. The title 'Ghosts of the Shadow Market' is written in large, stylized, golden-yellow letters, with 'SHADOWHUNTERS' in smaller, white, all-caps letters below it. At the bottom, the authors' names are listed in white.

# Ghosts of the Shadow Market

## SHADOWHUNTERS

CASSANDRA CLARE

SARAH REES BRENNAN · MAUREEN JOHNSON

KELLY LINK · ROBIN WASSERMAN

## Ghosts of the Shadow Market

[Cassandra Clare](#), [Sarah Rees Brennan](#), [Maureen Johnson](#), [Robin Wasserman](#), [Kelly Link](#)

**A collection of all ten Ghosts of the Shadow Market stories about characters from Cassandra Clare's internationally bestselling Shadowhunters series.**

The Shadow Market is a meeting point for faeries, werewolves, warlocks and vampires. There, the Downworlders buy and sell magical objects, make dark bargains and whisper secrets they do not want the Nephilim to know. Through two centuries, however, there has been a frequent visitor to the Shadow Market from the City of Bones, the very heart of the Shadowhunters. As a Silent Brother, Brother Zachariah is sworn keeper of the laws and lore of the Nephilim. But once he was a Shadowhunter called Jem Carstairs, and his love, then and always, is the warlock Tessa Gray. Follow Brother Zachariah and see, against the backdrop of the Shadow Market's dark dealing and festival, Anna Lightwood's doomed romance, Matthew Fairchild's great sin and Tessa Gray plunged into a world war. Valentine Morgenstern buys a soul at the Market and a young Jace Wayland finds safe harbour. In the Market is hidden a lost heir and a beloved ghost, and no one can save you once you have traded away your heart. Not even Brother Zachariah.

The series features characters from Cassandra Clare's *Mortal Instruments*, *Infernal Devices*, *Dark Artifices* and the upcoming *Last Hours* series.

- ISBN: 9781406385380
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 624

COMPUTER CODE JUST GOT DANGEROUS

# AGENT ASHA

## MISSION SHARK BYTES



ILLUSTRATED BY  
ANJAN SARKAR

SOPHIE DEEN

## Agent Asha: Mission Shark Bytes

[Sophie Deen](#)

**Computer code just got dangerous in this action-packed spy adventure series**

Asha Joshi has the perfect excuse not to finish her homework. She's just been recruited to join the top-secret Children's Spy Agency. Her first mission: SAVE THE WORLD. Can she do it?

Asha's a coder so she should be able to hack into the biggest tech company in the world, fight deadly sharks and figure out why the Internet has stopped working. All before bedtime. Easy, right? The story is a great way to engage young readers in coding, critical-thinking and STEM.

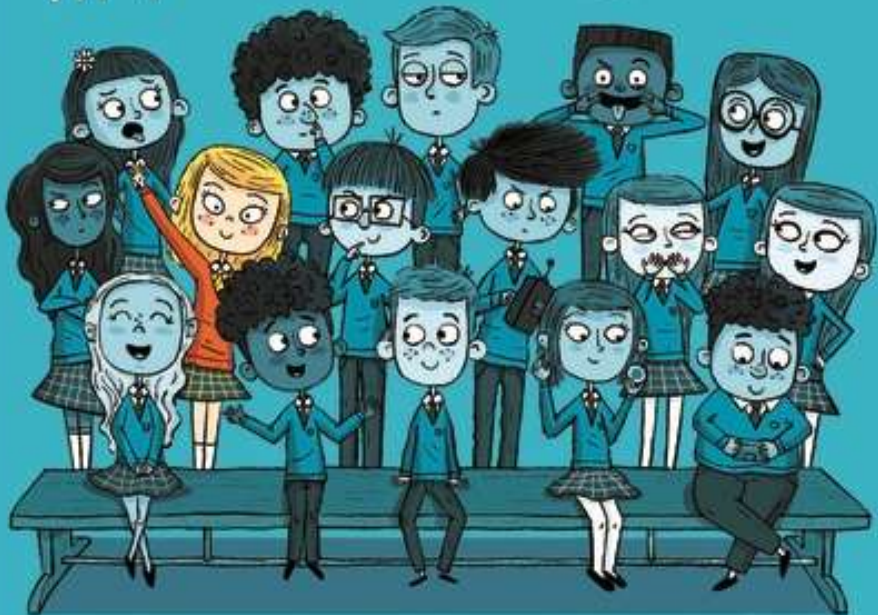
It is mapped onto key National Curriculum Computing KS1 and KS2 concepts including algorithms, conditionals and debugging.

- ISBN: 9781406382723
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 240

# UNDERCOVER

# ROBOT

MY FIRST  AS A HUMAN



DAVID EDMONDS & BERTIE FRASER

## Undercover Robot: My First Year as a Human

[David Edmonds](#), [Bertie Fraser](#)

**Watch out, Brussels Academy - this robot will outwit you all!**

If super-high-tech android Dotty can spend an entire year masquerading as a twelve-year-old schoolgirl, she could win a multi-million-pound prize that will enable her creators to continue their ground-breaking work in the development of AI. Easy-peasy, right?

As Dotty navigates the social expectations of Year 7 she gets into a series of hilarious scrapes, and encounters numerous ethical dilemmas both at school and at home. Then a boy in her class discovers there's a reward for outing the robot, and becomes intent on proving that Dotty is not who - or what - she says she is.

To prevent herself from being discovered, Dotty needs to put into practice everything she has learned about being human. But will it be enough...?

- ISBN: 9781406388664
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 256

# Picture Books



WALKER FIRST EXPERIENCES

let's go  
**swimming!**



CARYL HART

LAUREN TOBIA

## Let's Go Swimming!

[Caryl Hart](#)

Illustrated by [Lauren Tobia](#)

*Bee pulls her shoes and socks off, Billy builds a heap of clothes. They wriggle into SWIMSUITS... Ready? Steady? GO!*

Join Billy and Bee in the fourth instalment of this "First Experiences" series set in the urban city centre. Today let's go ...SWIMMING! The two friends wriggle into their swimsuits quickly, because there's so much fun to be had – jumping, splashing, kicking, playing pirates and, finally, floating on their backs like giggly, squiggly starfish!

Gorgeously illustrated, this is a bouncy celebration of a first pool experience, perfect for reading with a toddler learning, or about to learn, how to swim.

- ISBN: 9781406361872
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

Peep through the steamy windows,  
Pu-u-u-ush the heavy door.

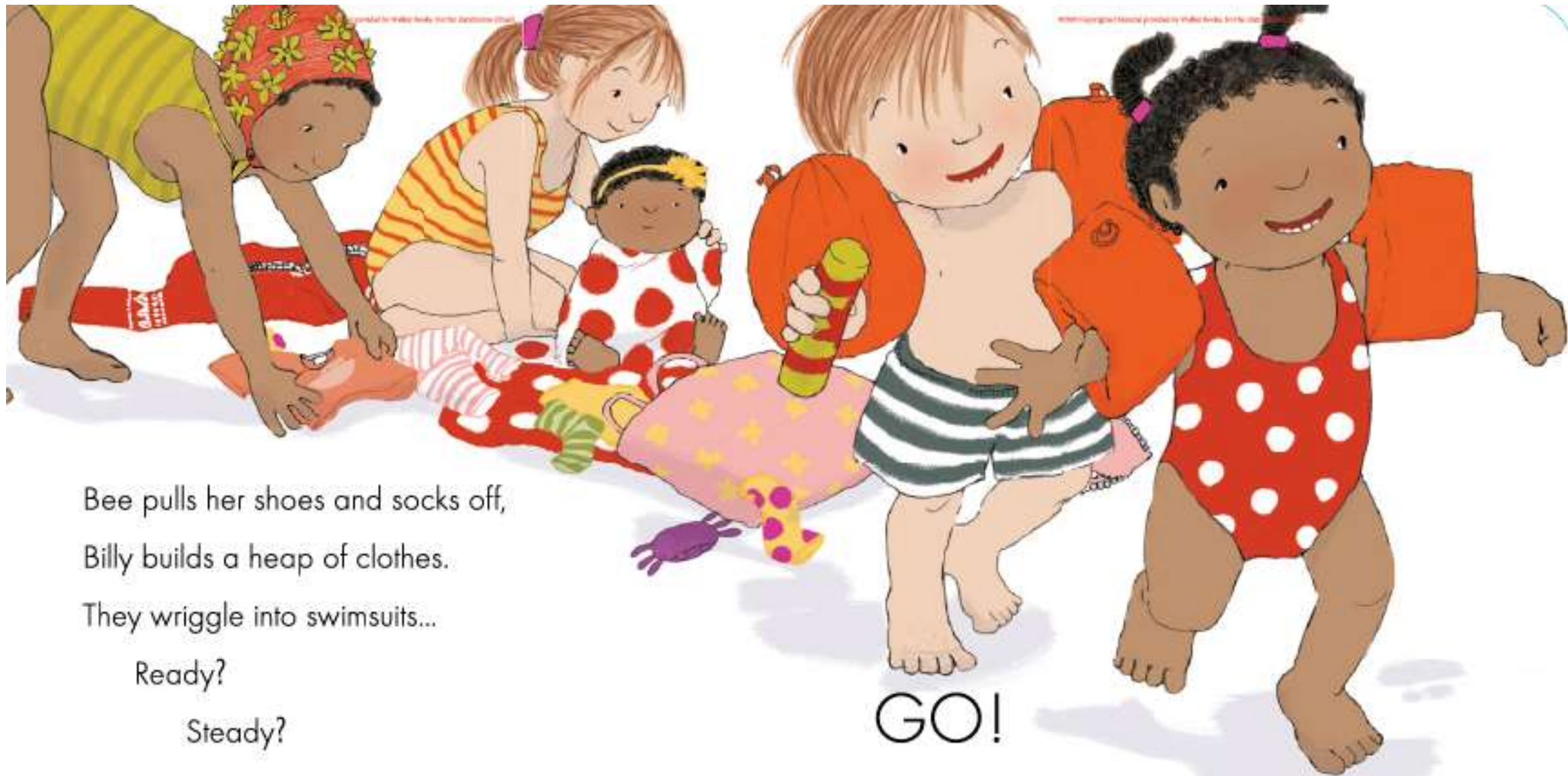
**"We're going swimming!"**

shout Billy and Bee.

**"Take care on the  
puddly floor!"**







Bee pulls her shoes and socks off,  
Billy builds a heap of clothes.  
They wriggle into swimsuits...

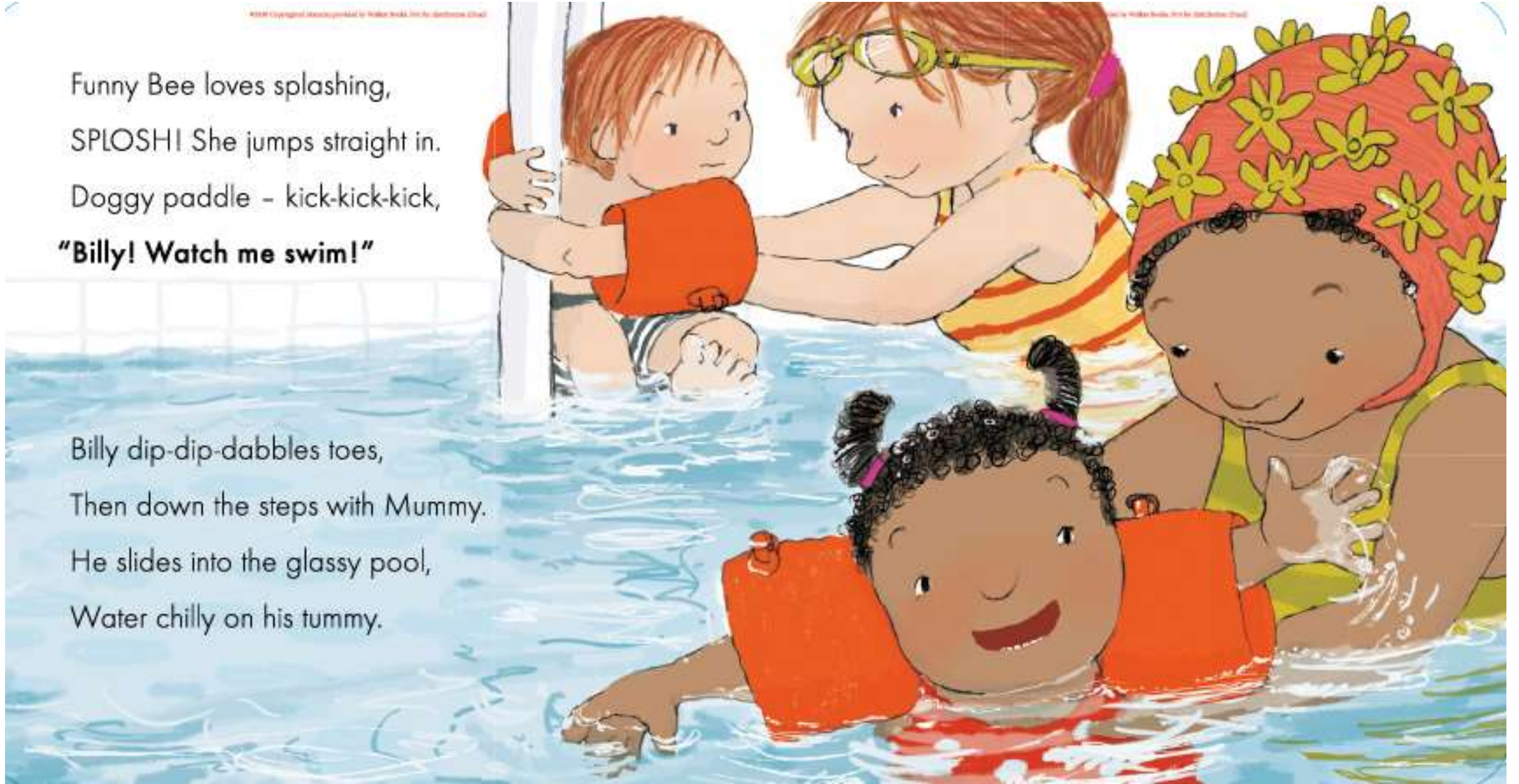
Ready?

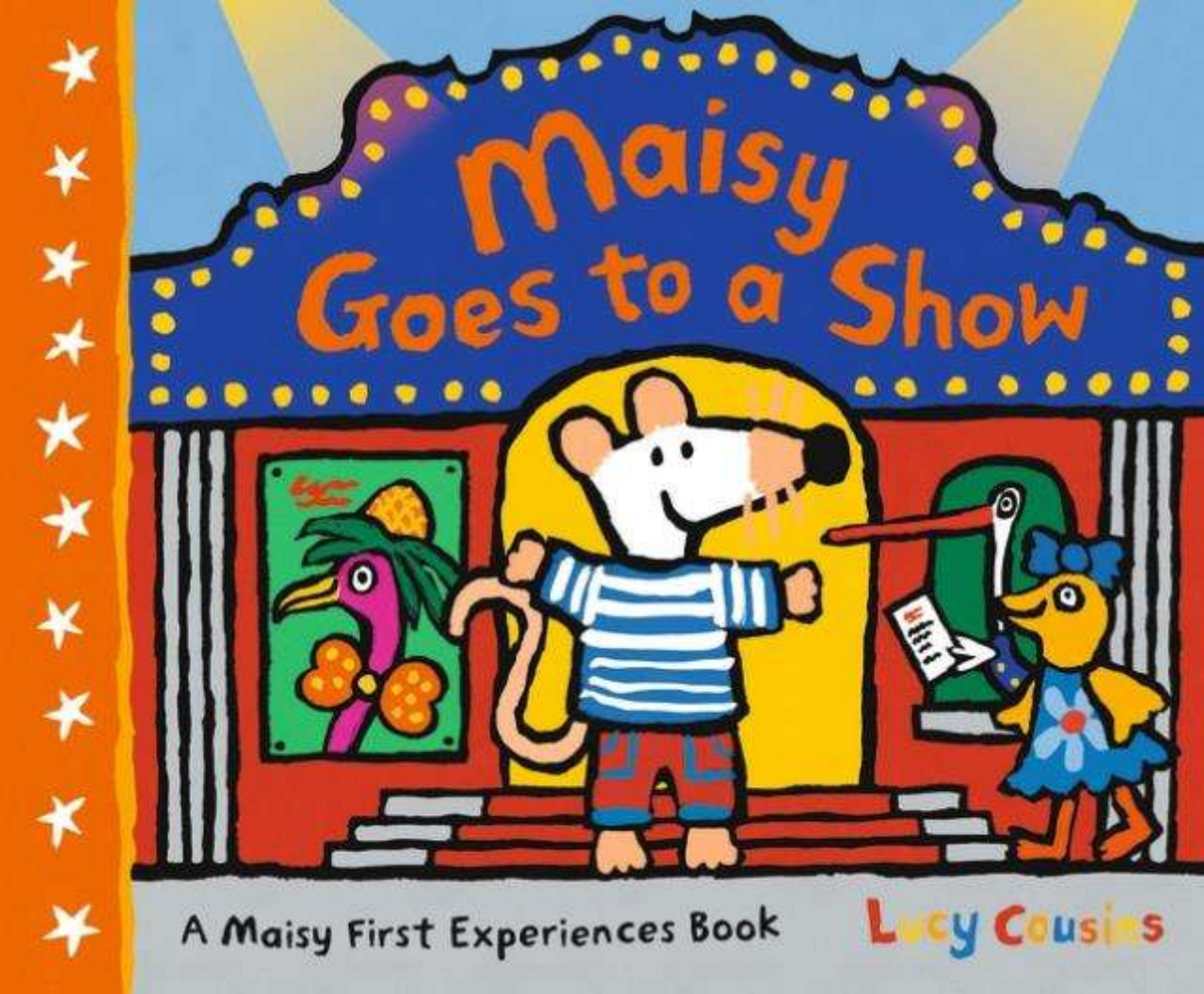
Steady?

GO!

Funny Bee loves splashing,  
SPLOSH! She jumps straight in.  
Doggy paddle - kick-kick-kick,  
**"Billy! Watch me swim!"**

Billy dip-dip-dabbles toes,  
Then down the steps with Mummy.  
He slides into the glassy pool,  
Water chilly on his tummy.





## 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.

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 Fantastical! 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
- Extent: 32

Today, Maisy and her friends  
are going to the theatre.

The show is called "Funny  
Feathers" and the star  
is Flora Fantastica.



Inside, everyone queues  
to show their tickets.  
Maisy is **VERY** excited.



"Tickets please!"



Maisy picks up a special book all about the show. It has lovely pictures in it.

Theatre →





# MAX

## BOB GRAHAM



### Max: 20th anniversary edition

[Bob Graham](#)

A special edition to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Bob Graham's heroic and heartfelt tale of growing up super.

As the son of legendary superheroes Captain Lightning and Madam Thunderbolt, Max is destined to join their ranks – once he learns to fly, that is. But despite his parents' valiant coaching and encouragement from his grandparents and friends, Max can't seem to get off the ground. Will he ever learn to leap over tall buildings in a single bound?

With quintessential quirkiness, award-winning author Bob Graham has created a mighty tale about the ups and downs of mastering your potential – all in your own good time.



- ISBN: 9781406387742
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

Morning arrived on a street like any other street, in a town like any other town.

In a house the colour of the sun and the shape of a lightning bolt, a baby woke in his cot.

Not just any baby. He was a superbaby – son of superheroes, Captain Lightning and Madam Thunderbolt.

Imagine him behind those yellow walls, his fingers curling and his feet kicking.

His name was ...





Max.



His parents – legendary catchers of thieves and bullies – loved Max dearly.



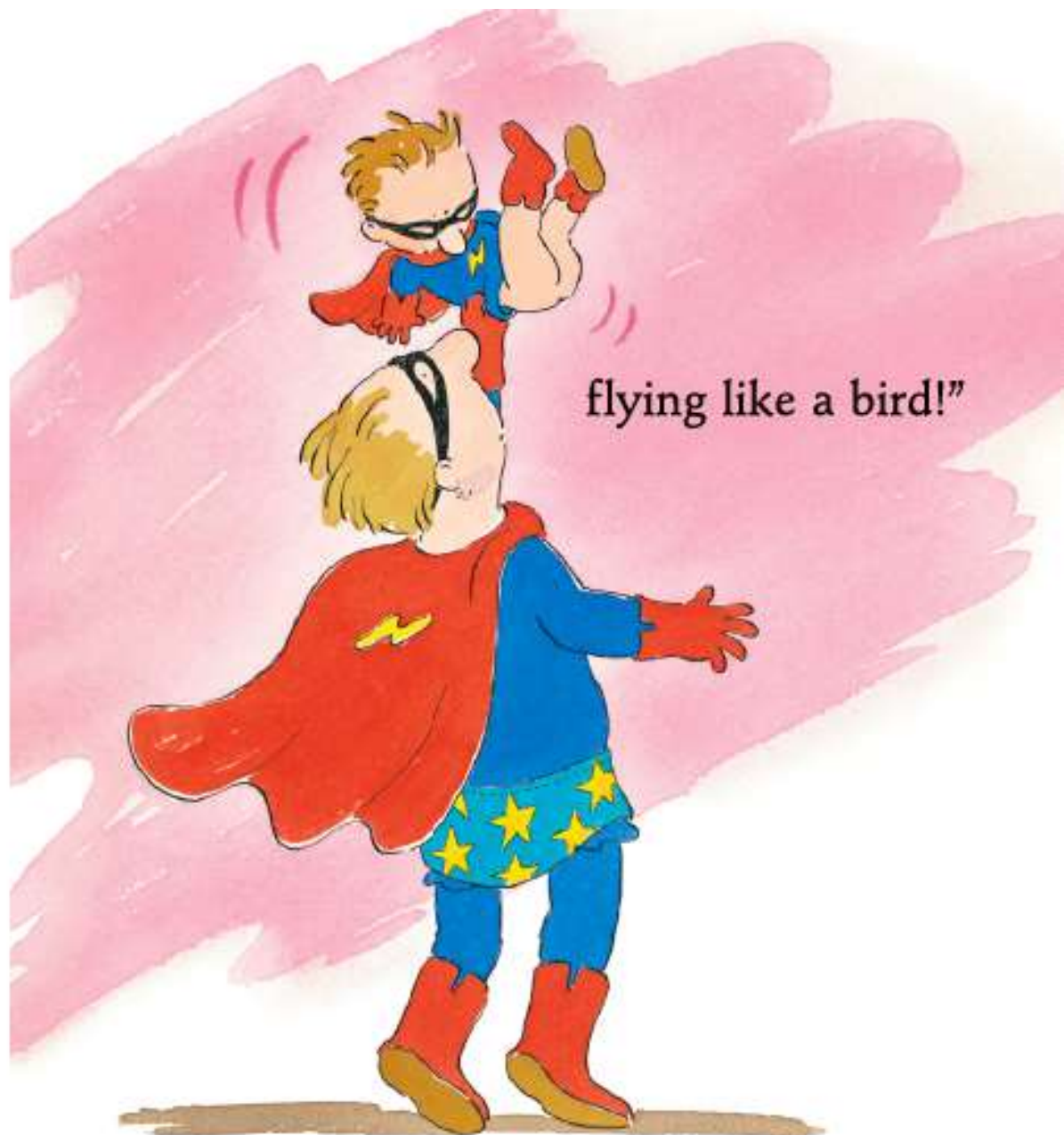
"You can walk already,"  
said Max's dad,



"and you can  
talk already,



and I think that  
you'll soon be ...





"He'll be a superhero, just like us!" said his grandma.



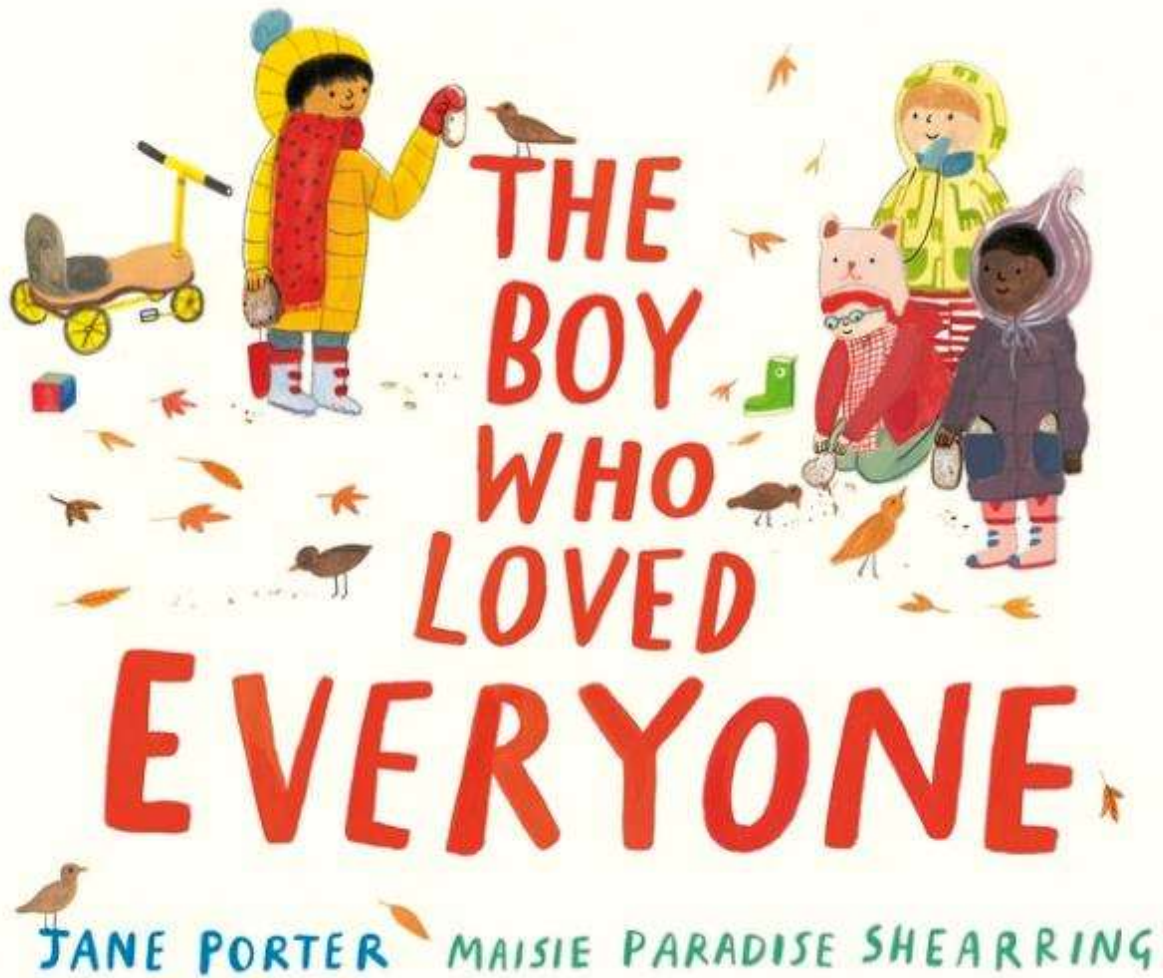
"But first he'll need to fly!" said his grandad.

Although they bounced him and bumped him, and threw him like a feather on the wind ...



Max did not fly. He just floated gently back to earth.





## The Boy Who Loved Everyone

[Jane Porter](#)

Illustrated by [Maisie Paradise Shearring](#)

**A sweet and charmingly illustrated picture book about the ways we express love.**

"I love you," Dimitri tells everyone, from his friends at nursery to the big tree in the playground. But why does no one say it back? Dimitri worries no one loves him – until he finds out there are lots of different ways love can spread through the world. A touching and uplifting story, perfect for sharing.

- ISBN: 9781406392876
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

It was storytime. Everyone wriggled till they were ready to listen.

Dimitri was new at nursery. He leaned his head on Liam.

"I love you, Liam," he said.

Liam didn't know what to say, so he said nothing.

The teacher began the story.

It was about a dragon, a volcano  
and a magic teapot.



At morning play, Dimitri found Sophie, Stella and Sue.

"I love you," he told them.

But they giggled and ran away.



So Dimitri went to the tree with the big heart-shaped leaves  
and put his arms around it. "I love you, tree," he said.

The tree didn't reply.



Some ants marched past.

"Hello ants, I love you," said Dimitri,  
but they kept on marching.

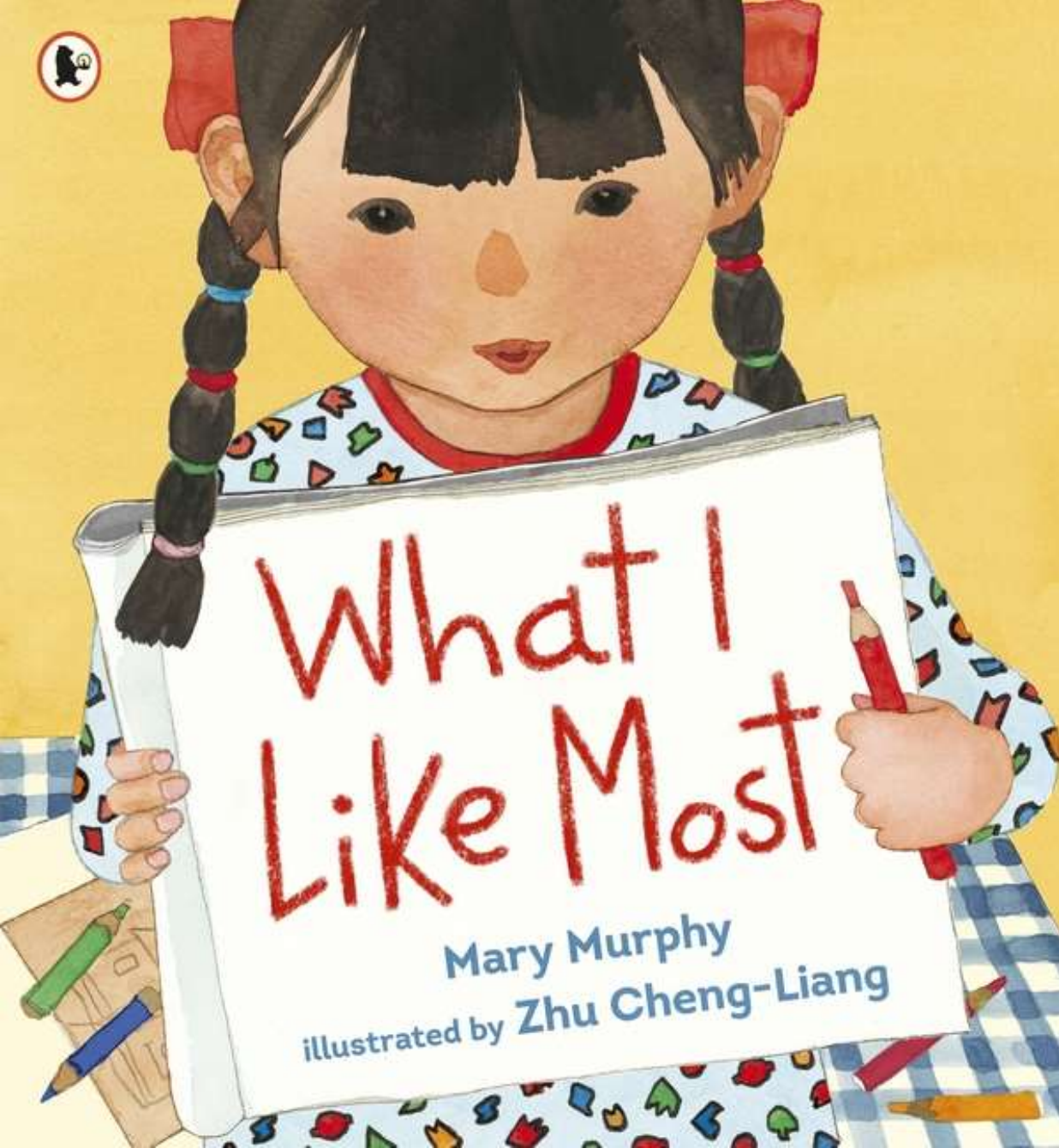


It was time for lunch. The food was good.  
Berthe served a huge pile of pudding.

"I love you, Berthe," said Dimitri.

"You mean you love my custard!"  
said Berthe.





## What I Like Most

[Mary Murphy](#)

Illustrated by [Zhu Cheng-Liang](#)

*What I like most is this pencil. It is red outside and red inside. Its colour comes out like a red ribbon. It's what I like most in the world. Except for...*

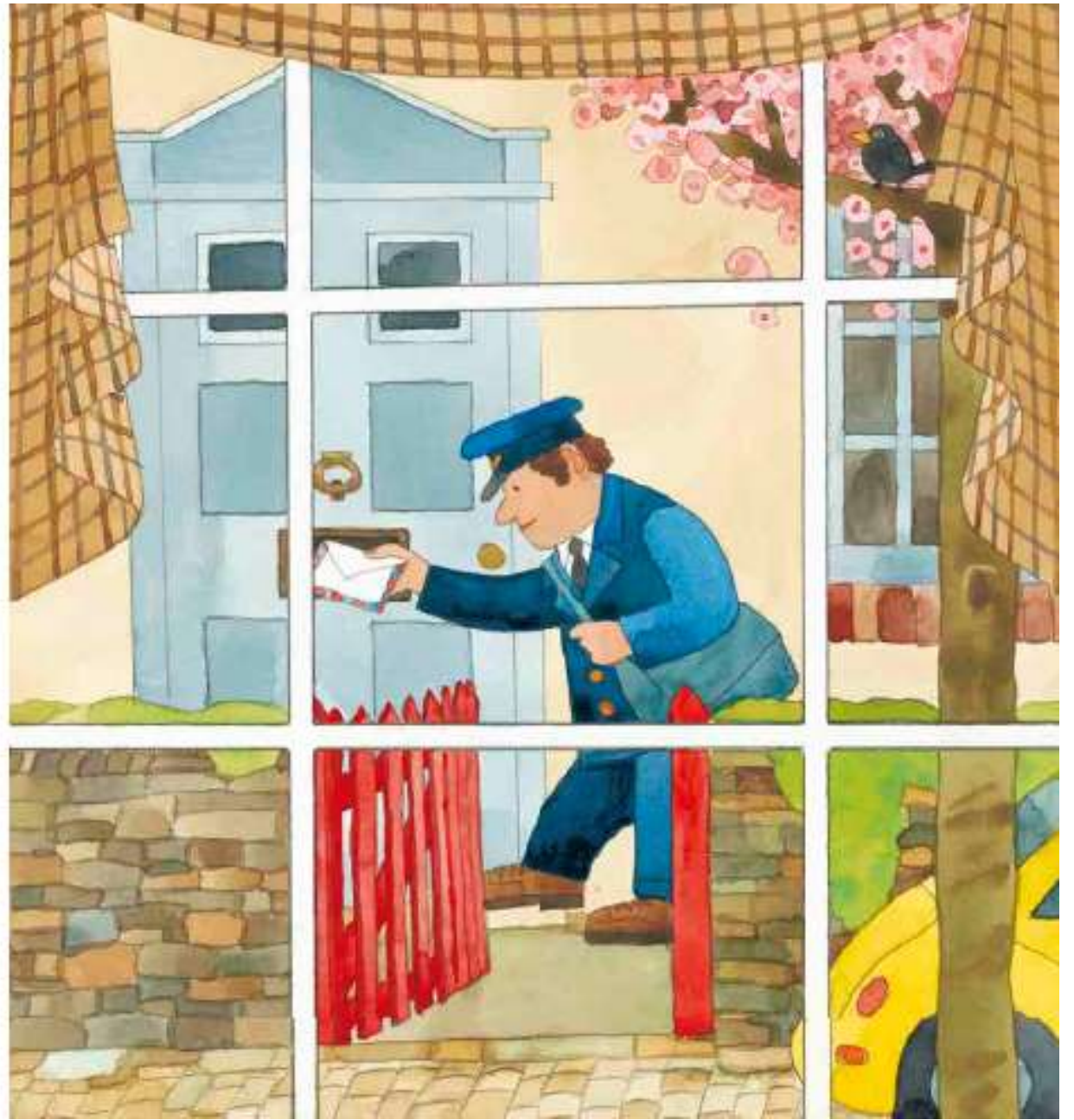
A little girl tells us about all her favourite things, from her light-up shoes, to hot, steamy chips, to her red pencil. But the girl knows that, even as her feet grow, her plate empties, and her pencil shortens, there's someone she'll always love ... and that is what she likes the very, very most.

An intimate ode to the unwavering love a child has for their mother, this tender, lyrical story is brought exquisitely to life by Zhu Cheng-Liang, a recipient of a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book Award.

- ISBN: 9781406392999
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



What I like most in the world is my window.  
This morning, through my window,  
I see the postman at the red gate.  
I see a blackbird in my tree.  
When I breathe on the glass  
I can make drawings that quickly disappear.  
  
My window won't change,  
but the things outside will.







Some people will leave the street.  
Some new people will come.  
The trees will grow, and so will  
the children, including me.



Here at my window  
I can imagine it all.  
This window is what  
I like most in the world.





Except for apricot jam.

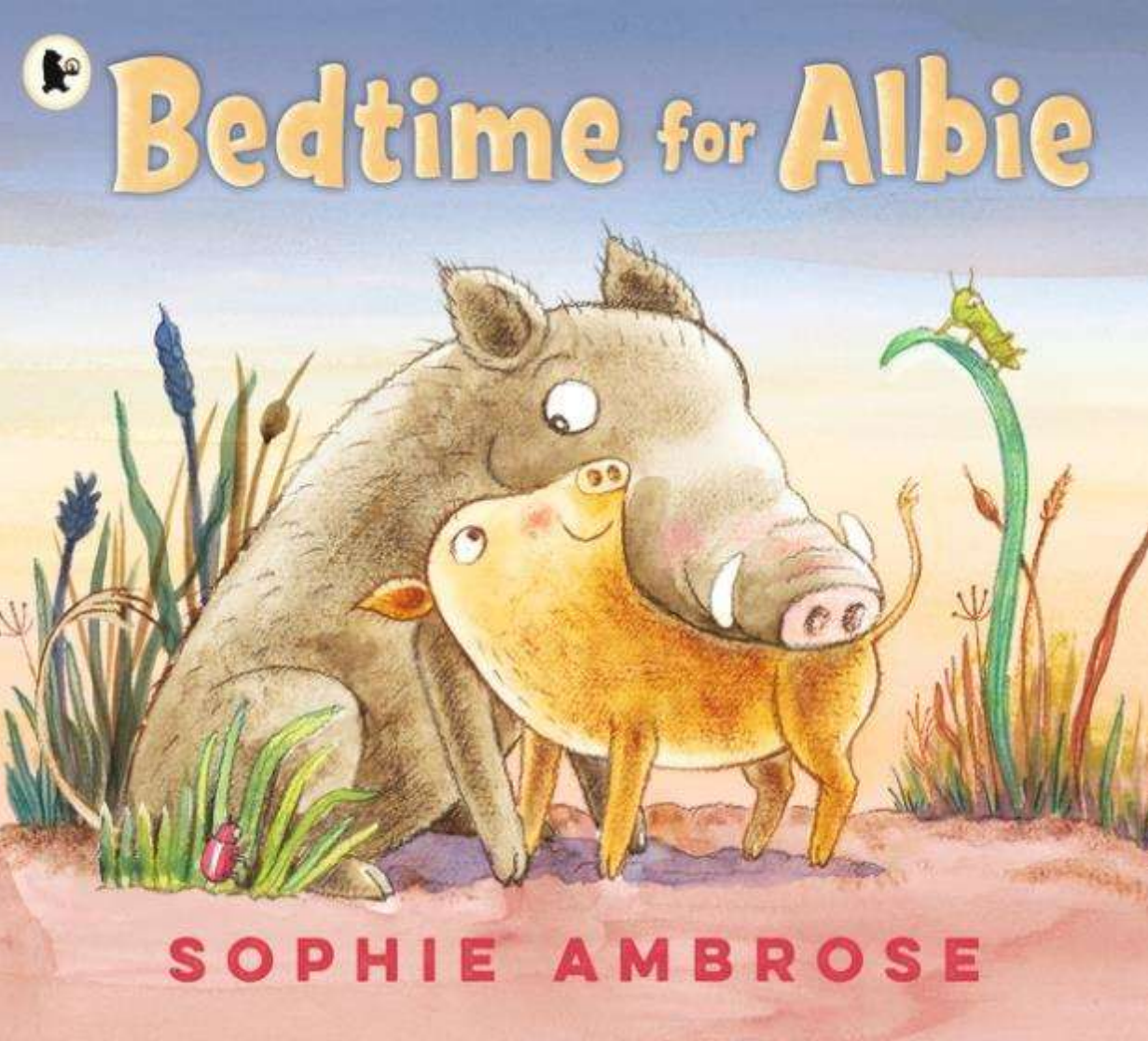
My grandmother makes it in a huge copper pot,  
and her house smells of apricots for hours.

She gives everyone a jar.

When our jar is nearly empty,  
I only put a tiny bit on my toast, to make the jam last.

Apricot jam is what I like most in the world.





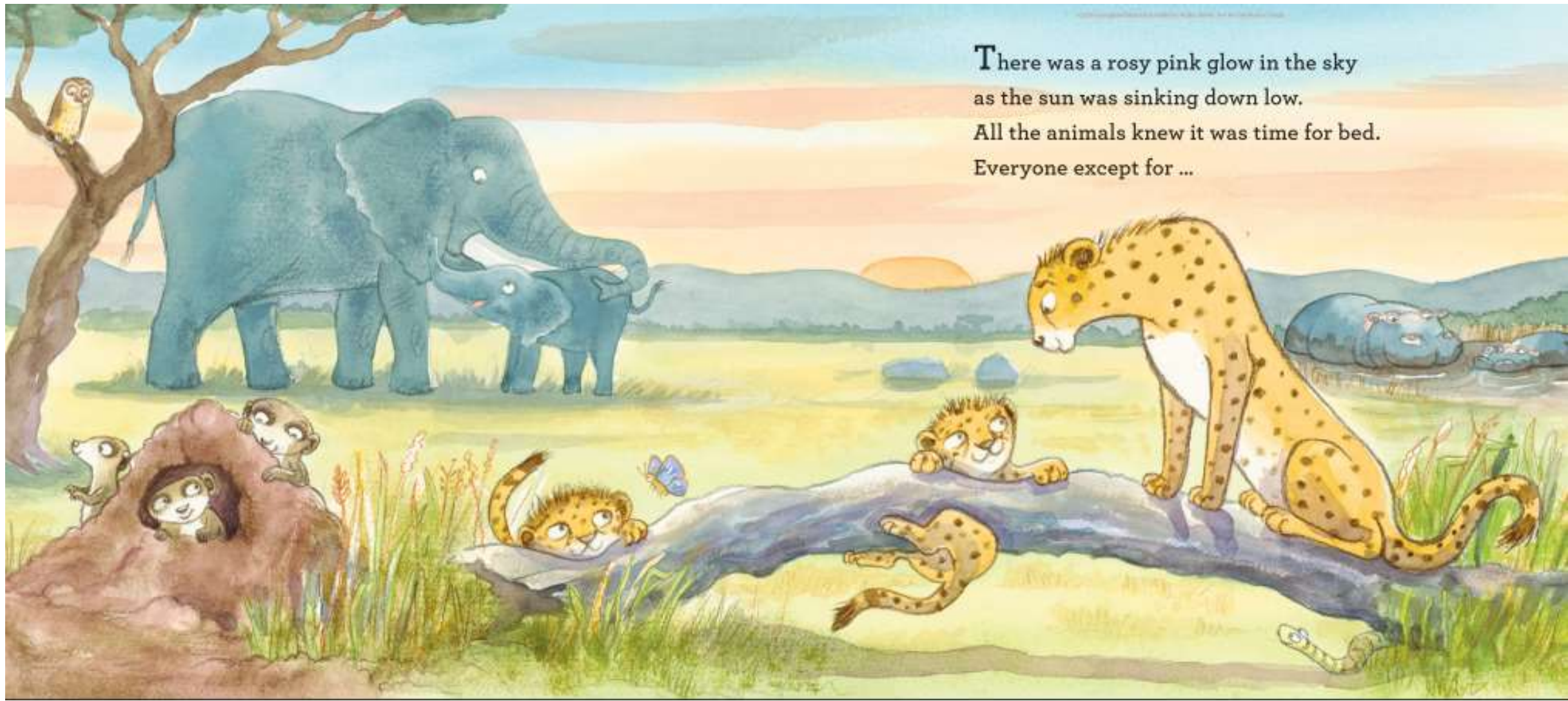
## Bedtime for Albie

[Sophie Ambrose](#)

A charming story perfect for reassuring children that bedtime can be the most special time of the day.

“Bedtime!” says Mum. Albie the warthog doesn’t think so! He’d much rather play a game. So off he dashes – *skippety trot trit trot*. But the cheetahs are having their bedtime story, the elephants are having their shower and the meerkats are already snuggled down deep in their burrow. What will Albie do? Mum might just have the most fun game of all...

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

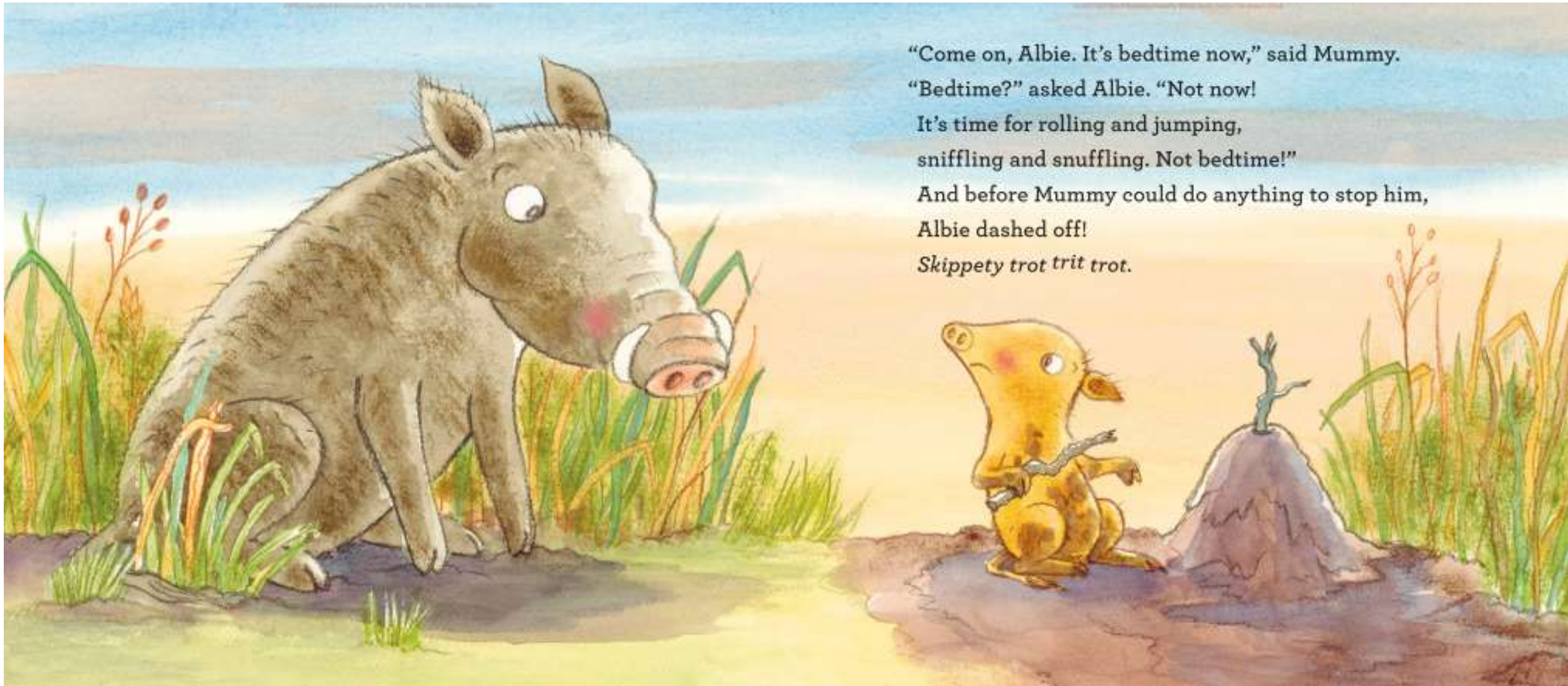


There was a rosy pink glow in the sky  
as the sun was sinking down low.  
All the animals knew it was time for bed.  
Everyone except for ...



Albie.





“Come on, Albie. It’s bedtime now,” said Mummy.

“Bedtime?” asked Albie. “Not now!  
It’s time for rolling and jumping,  
sniffing and snuffling. Not bedtime!”

And before Mummy could do anything to stop him,  
Albie dashed off!

*Skippety trot trit trot.*



## THE CAMPING TRIP



Jennifer K. Mann

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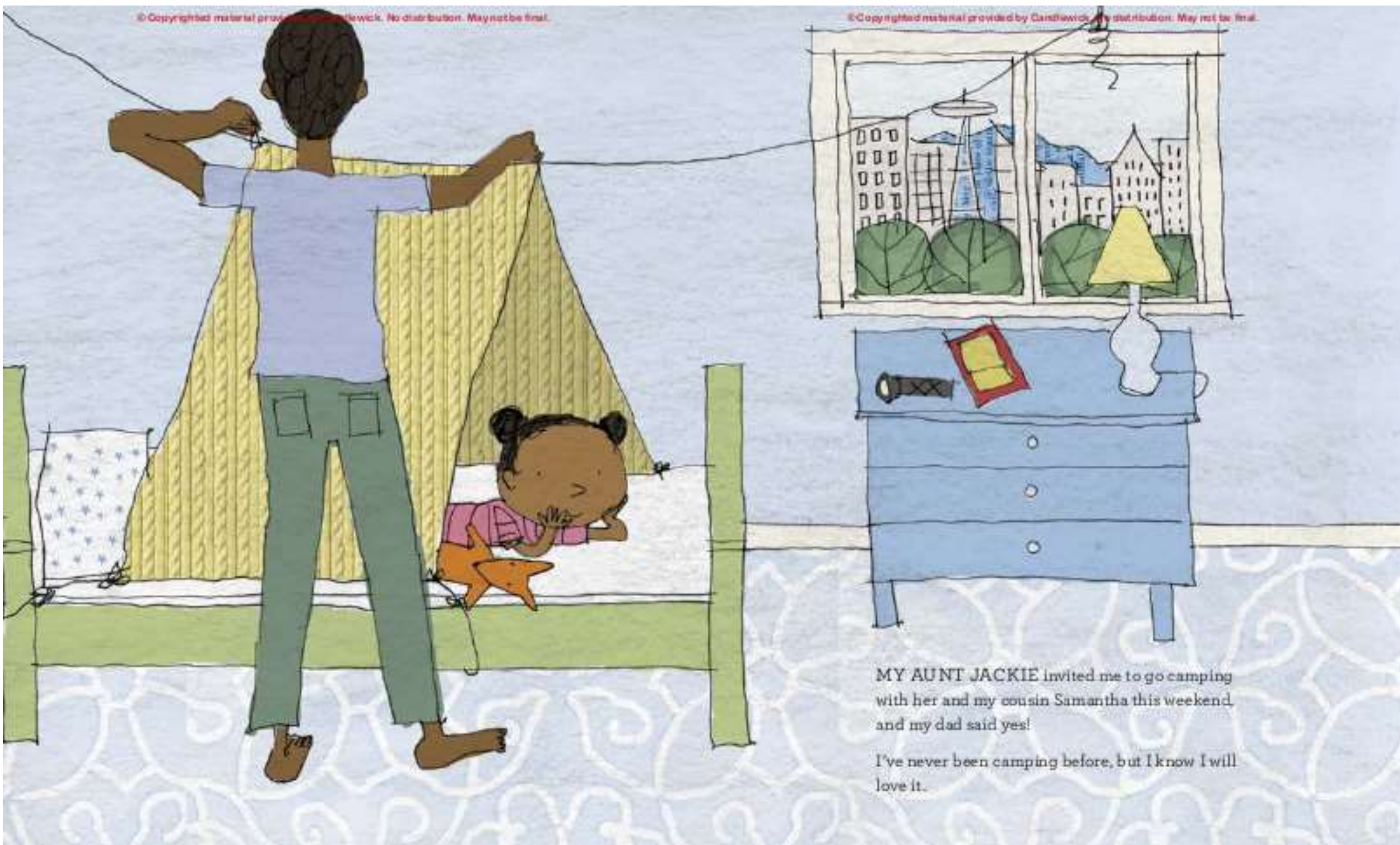
Ernestine has never been camping before, but she's sure it will be lots of fun ... won't it?

My Aunt Jackie invited me to go camping with her and my cousin Samantha this weekend. I've never been camping before, but I know I will love it...

Ernestine is beyond excited to go camping. She follows the packing list carefully (new sleeping bag! new flashlight! special snack mix made with Dad!) so she knows she is ready when the weekend arrives. But she quickly realizes that nothing could have prepared her for how hard it is to set up a tent, never mind fall asleep in it, or that swimming in a lake means that there will be fish ... eep! Will Ernestine be able to enjoy the wilderness, or will it prove to be a bit too far out of her comfort zone?

In an energetic illustrated story about a first sleepover under the stars, acclaimed author-illustrated Jennifer K. Mann reminds us that opening your mind to new experiences, no matter how challenging, can lead to great memories (and a newfound taste for marshmallows).

- ISBN: 9781406393507
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 56



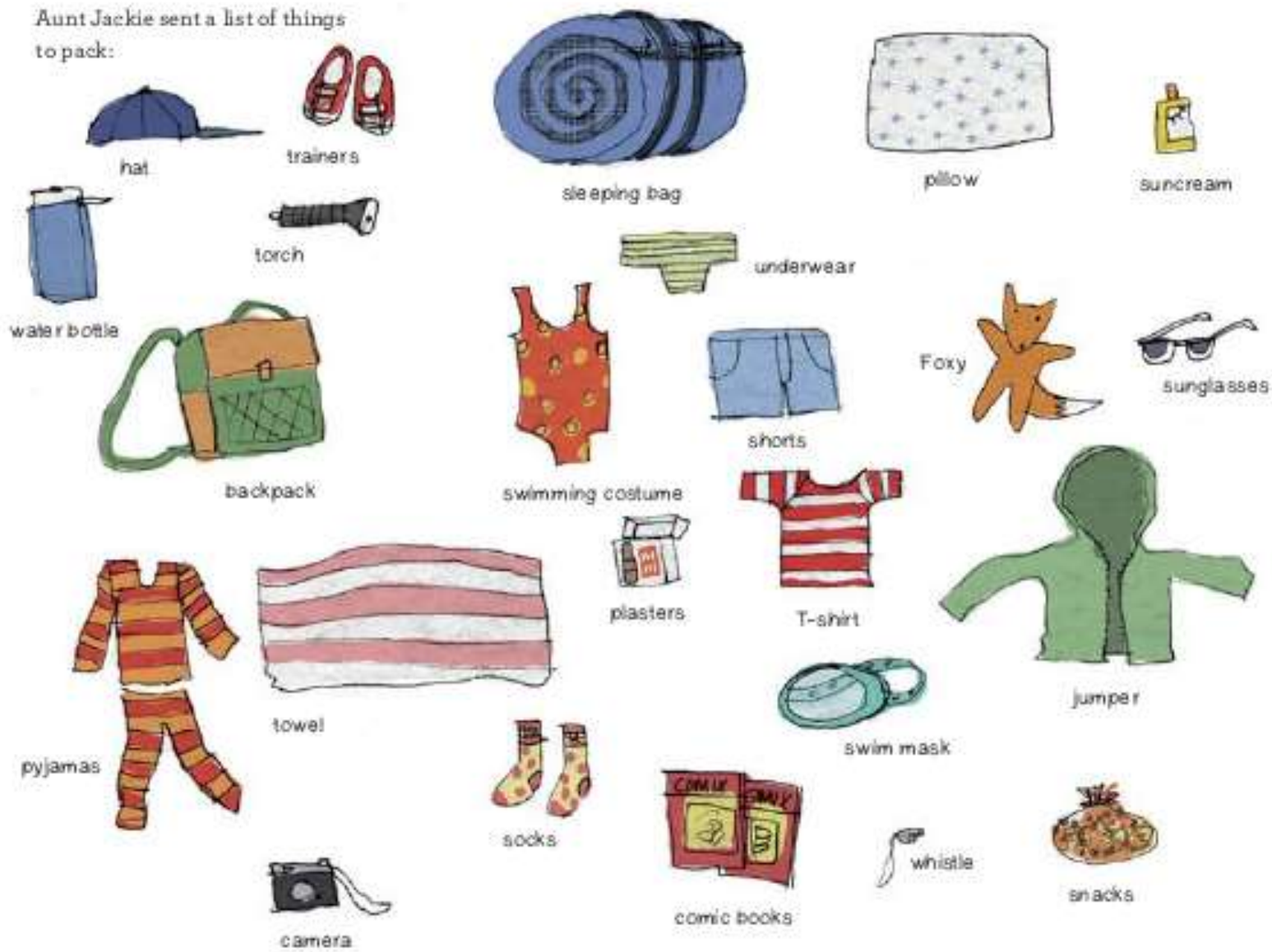
MY AUNT JACKIE invited me to go camping with her and my cousin Samantha this weekend, and my dad said yes!

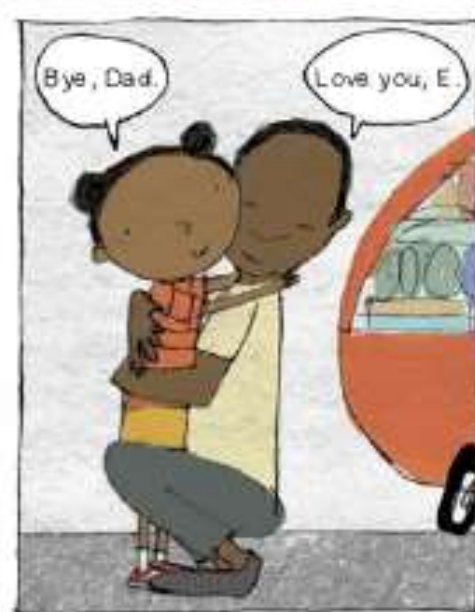
I've never been camping before, but I know I will love it.





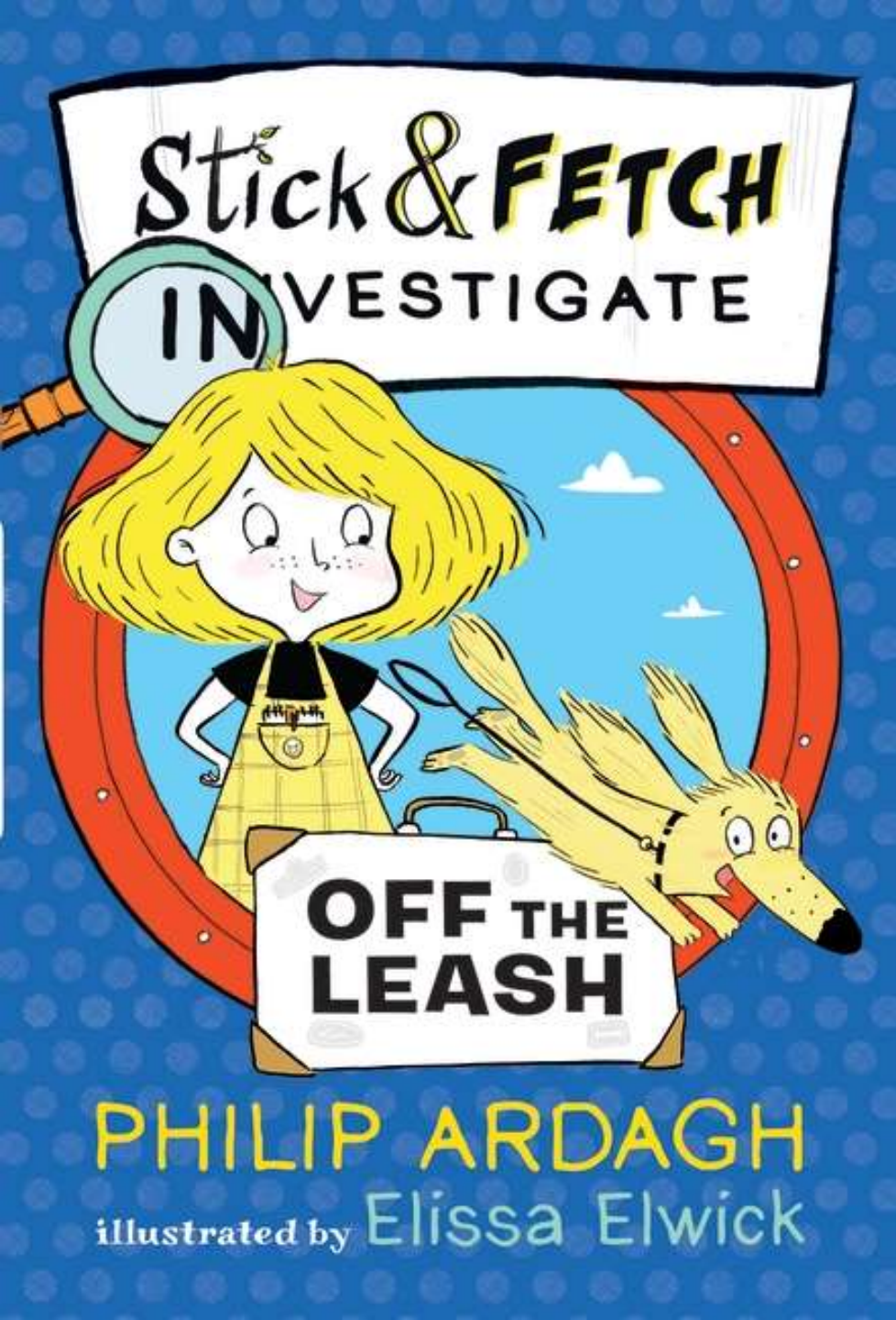
Aunt Jackie sent a list of things to pack:







# FICTION



## Stick and Fetch Off the Leash

[Philip Ardagh](#)

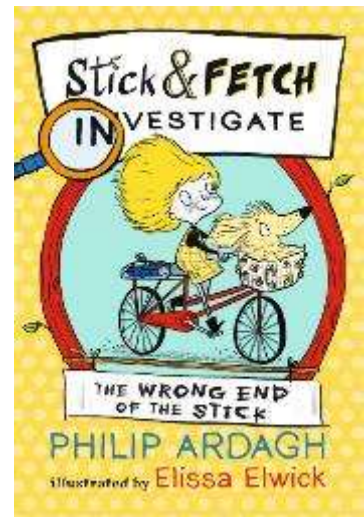
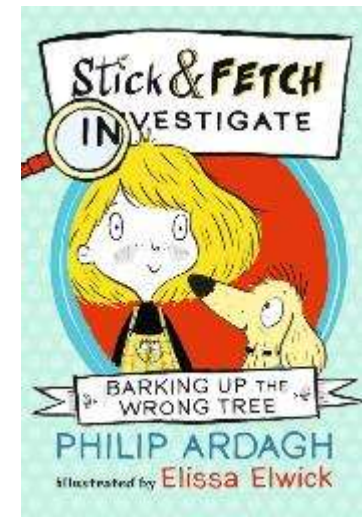
Illustrated by [Elissa Elwick](#)

The third story about detective duo (and best friends!) Sally Stick and her dog Fetch. Together, they're Stick and Fetch: Detectives. A girl. A dog. A detective agency.

Stick and Fetch are on holiday, but even in a rickety old seaside hotel there are plenty of crimes to solve and mysteries to unravel. Such as, who is Major Mayhem? Why is that door frightened? And where could the small-bottle-of-shampoo robbers be hiding? This lovable pair are on the case and undeterred despite plenty of mishaps, misdeeds and misunderstandings along the way.

A fun-filled adventure featuring two hapless investigators with a LOT of hair.

- ISBN: 9781406392395
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 144



# The Secret Time Machine and the Gherkin Switcheroo



Simone Lia

## The Secret Time Machine and the Gherkin Switcheroo

[Simone Lia](#)

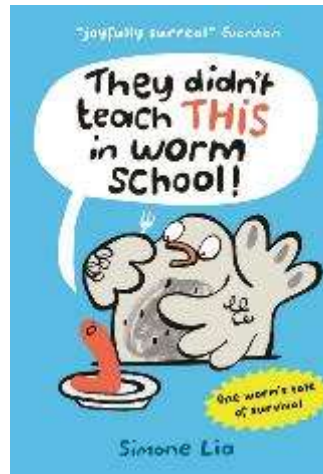
A brand-new buddy comedy from the internationally renowned comic artist Simone Lia.

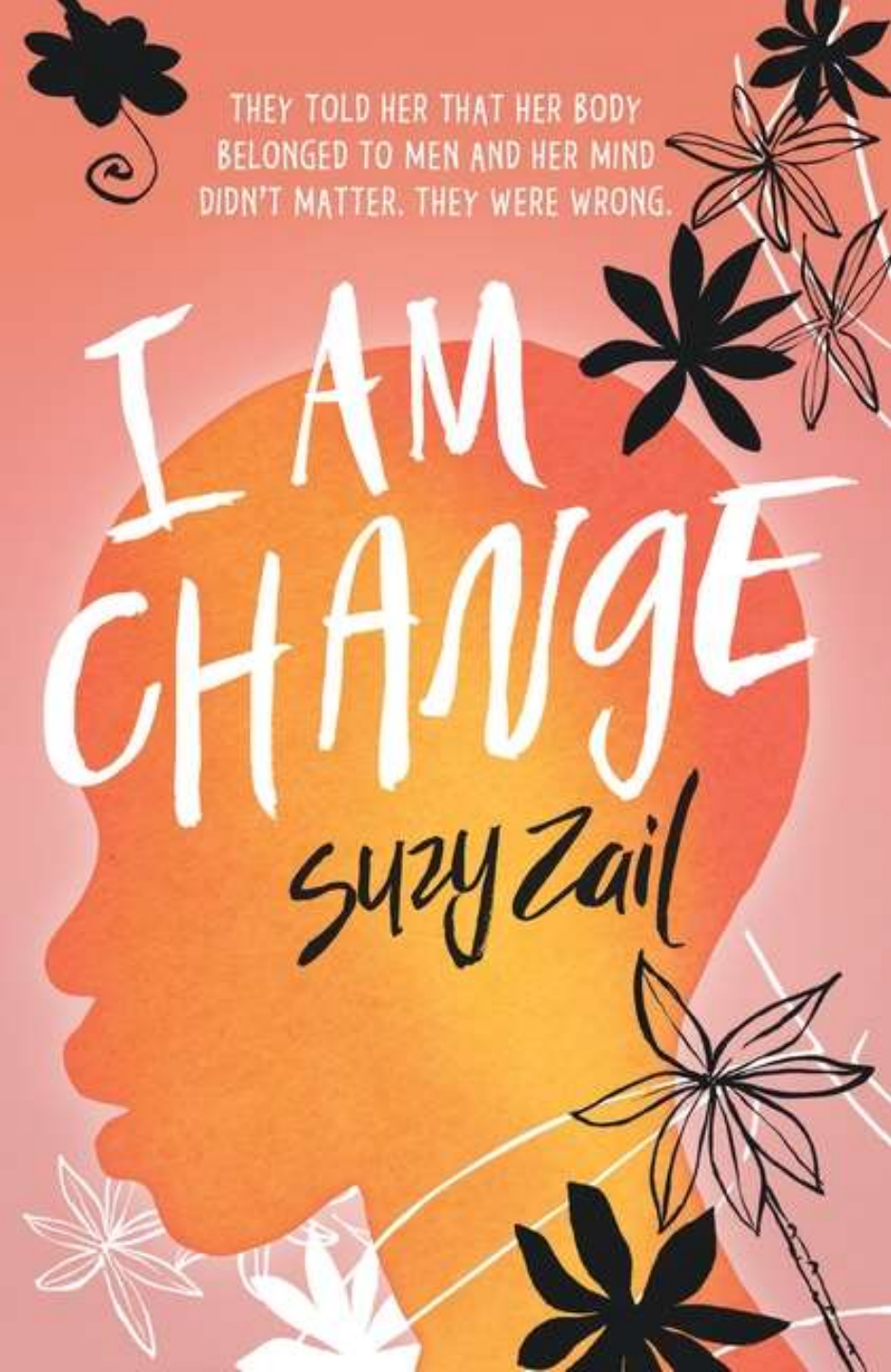
Marcus is in trouble. He didn't think his friend Laurence would actually *believe* him when he said his super brainy aunt built the very first time machine. After all, he only invented the story in a spur of the moment bid to win a silly argument! Now how on earth will he make it come true?

In this hilarious and quirky new adventure starring the most unlikely of friends – a worm and a bird –

Simone Lia pulls out all the theatrical stops to create a perfectly brilliant and laugh-out-loud companion to *They Didn't Teach THIS in Worm School!*

- ISBN: 9781406391657
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 192





THEY TOLD HER THAT HER BODY  
BELONGED TO MEN AND HER MIND  
DIDN'T MATTER. THEY WERE WRONG.

# I AM CHANGE

suzy zail

## I Am Change

[Suzy Zail](#)

They told her that her body belonged to men and her mind didn't matter. They were wrong. "What if I don't want to marry?" Lillian held her breath. She had never said the words out loud. "Not want to marry?" Her aunt frowned. "What else would you do?"

Set in a Ugandan village, Lillian has learned to shrink herself to fit other people's ideas of what a girl is. In her village a girl is not meant to be smarter than her brother. A girl is not meant to go to school or enjoy her body or decide who to marry. Especially if she is poor.

Inspired by and written in consultation with young Ugandan women, and addressing the difficult subject of FGM, I Am Change is the tragic but empowering story of how a young girl finds her voice and the strength to fight for change.

- ISBN: 9781406397581
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 352

"The book young people need."

SARA PASCOE



LUCY  
CUTHEW

## Blood Moon

[Lucy Cuthew](#)

Sarah Crossan meets *Sex Education* in this feminist YA verse novel about periods, sex and online shaming.

*Blood Moon* is an extraordinary YA novel in verse about the online shaming of a teenage girl. During astronomy-lover Frankie's first sexual experience with the quiet and lovely Benjamin, she gets her period. It's only blood, they agree. But soon a graphic meme goes viral, turning an innocent, intimate afternoon into something disgusting, mortifying and damaging. As the online shaming takes on a horrifying life of its own, Frankie begins to wonder: is her real life over?

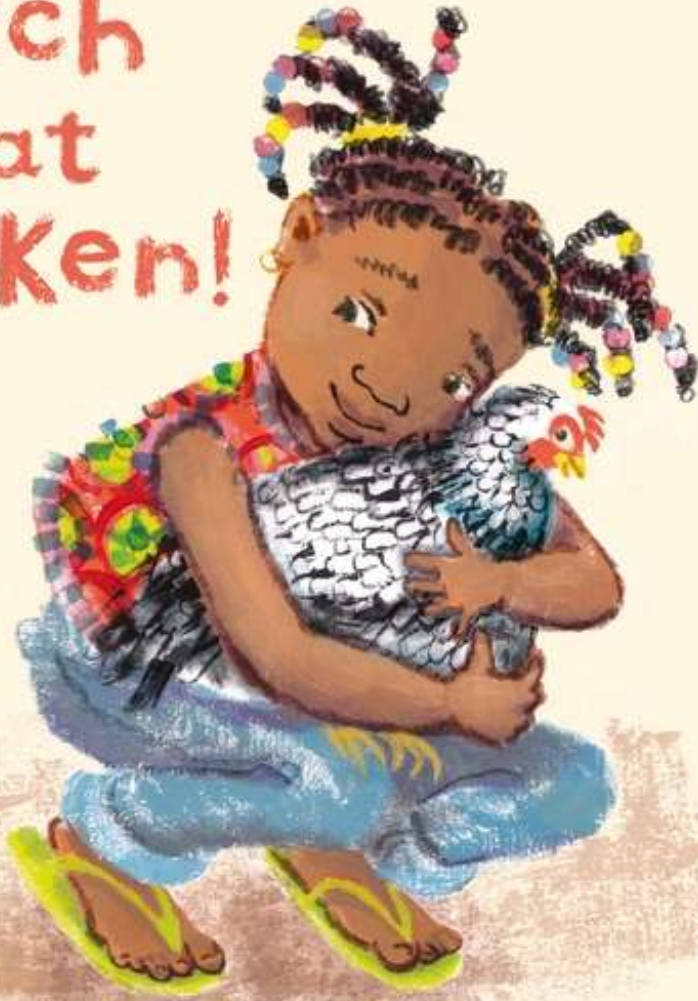
*Blood Moon* is a punchy, vivid and funny story of first-time love, hormone-fuelled sexuality and intense female friendships – whilst addressing, head-on, the ongoing exploitation of young girls online and the horror of going viral. Both shocking and uplifting, it cuts to the heart of what it is to be a teenager today and shows the power of friendship to find joy in even the darkest skies.

- ISBN: 9781406393446
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 400

# Indent



# Catch That Chicken!



illustrated by  
**ATINUKE • ANGELA BROOKSBANK**

## Catch That Chicken!

[Atinuke](#)

Illustrated by [Angela Brooksbank](#)

**Fast, brave Lami has to learn to do quick thinking, not quick running, if she wants to stay best chicken catcher in the village!**

Lami loves chickens. She's the best chicken catcher in the village. She's fast, she's brave and she always catches that chicken. Until the day she chases one up the baobab tree, slips ... and falls. How can she catch chickens with a sore ankle? Could there be another way to catch that chicken? Told with great humour by Nigerian storyteller, Atinuke, this story of the headstrong, impetuous Lami will strike a chord with all children. The gentle message – to use quick thinking not just quick running – gives an incredibly satisfying ending, while Angela Brooksbank's beautiful artwork captures the energy and the beauty of the West African setting perfectly.

- ISBN: 9781406363616
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



We're Going on a  
*Bear Hunt* 

My First



Follow  
the finger  
trail



## We're Going on a Bear Hunt: My First ABC

[Bear Hunt Films Ltd.](#)

Follow the path and get learning with this first alphabet adventure based on the best-loved world of the Bear Hunt film.

Use your finger to trace each letter shape and learn all about letters and words in this first alphabet adventure. With easy to follow pages featuring animals and plants from the best-loved Bear Hunt film, learning all about first letters has never been more fun!

- ISBN: 9781406391299
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 12

We're  
Going on a  
Bear Hunt



We're Going on a  
Bear Hunt

My First



## We're Going on a Bear Hunt: My First 123 [Bear Hunt Films Ltd.](#)

Follow the path and get counting with this first numbers adventure based on the best-loved world of the Bear Hunt film.

One dog, sniffing the floor ... turn the page to discover more! Use your finger to trace each number shape and learn all about counting on this first numbers adventure. With easy to follow pages featuring animals and plants from the best-loved Bear Hunt film, learning to count has never been more fun!

- ISBN: 9781406391305
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 12

# Maisy Gets a Pet



A Maisy First Experiences Book **Lucy Cousins**

## Maisy Gets a Pet

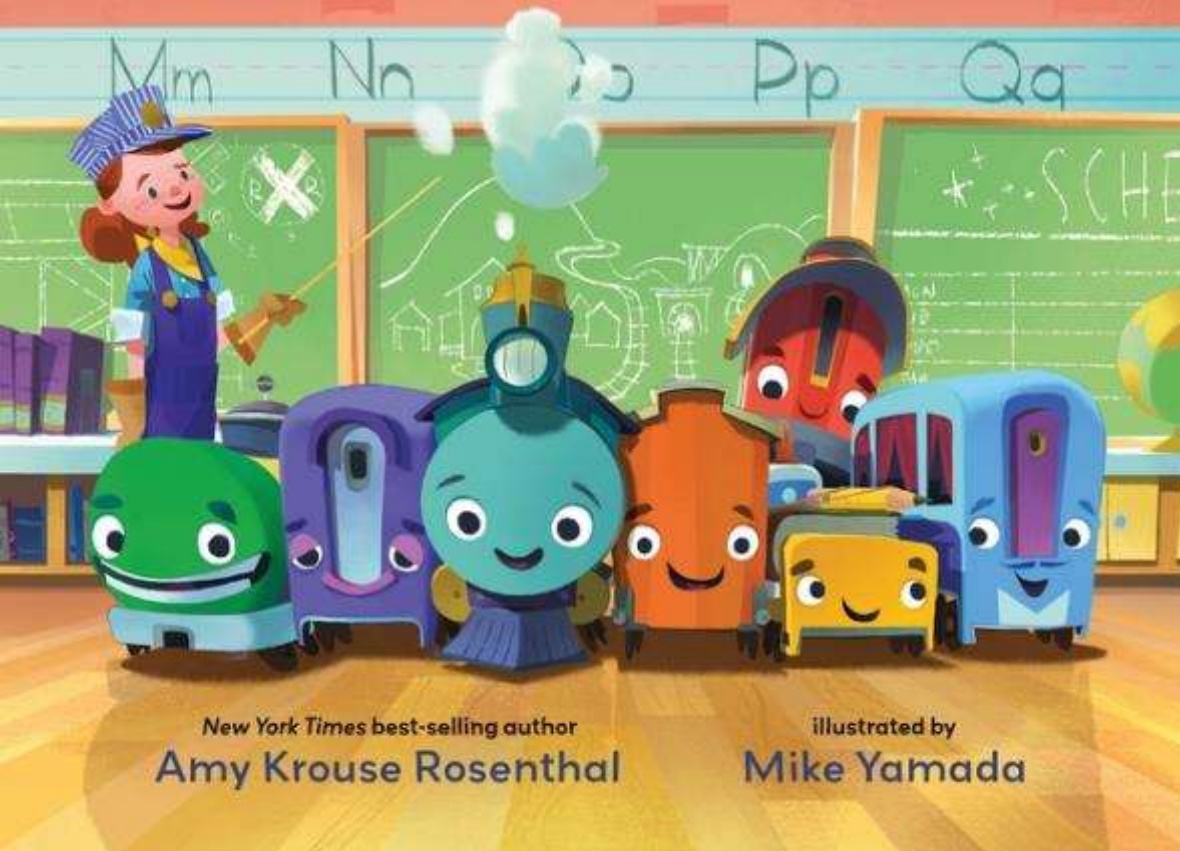
[Lucy Cousins](#)

**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

# CHOO-CHOO SCHOOL



## Choo-Choo School

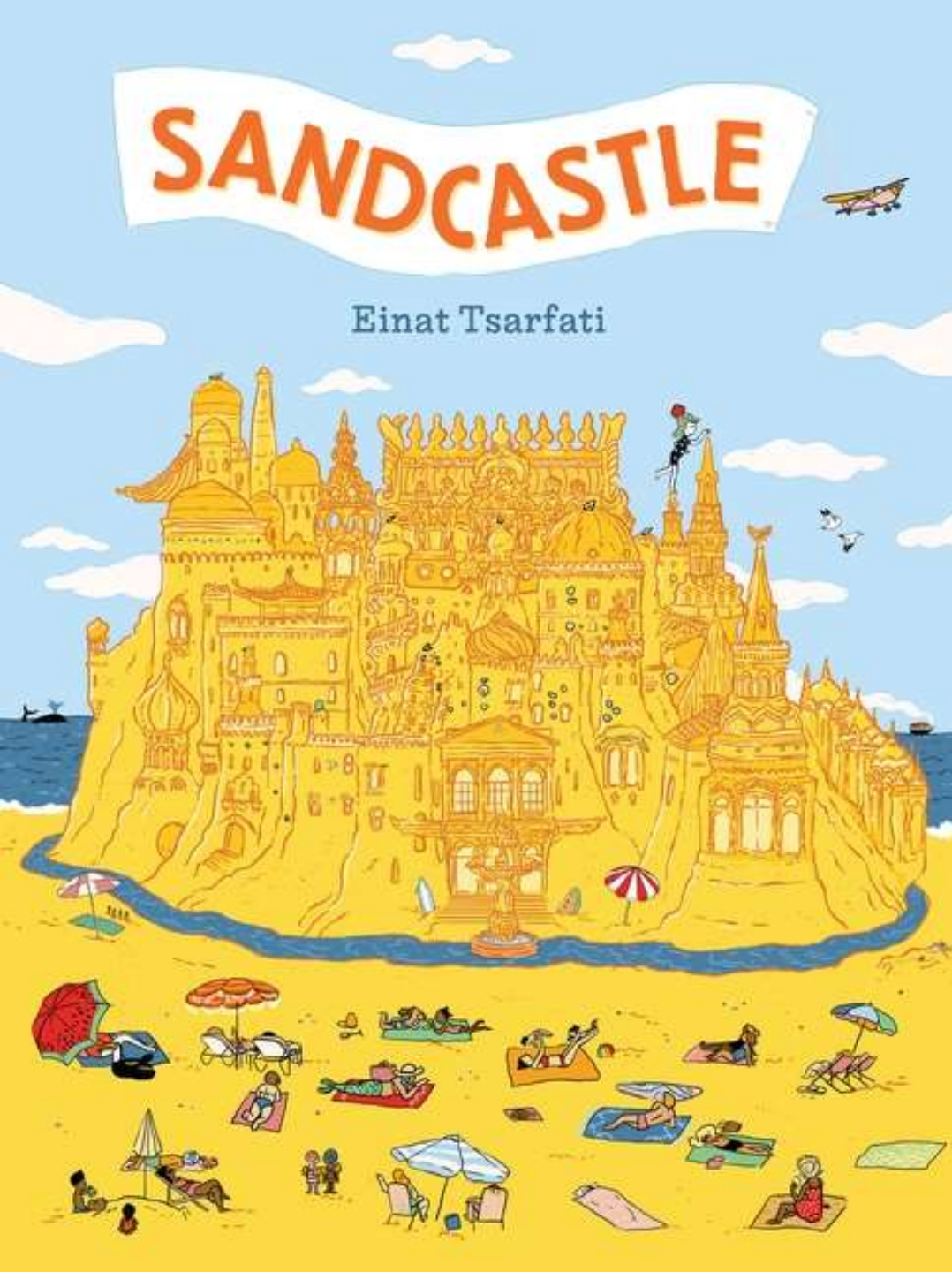
[Amy Krouse Rosenthal](#)

Illustrated by [Mike Yamada](#)

**No racing in the haul-ways! A look at seven adorable train cars on their first day of school.**

All aboard! A new line-up of students is off and rolling to Choo-Choo School. After reciting their classroom rules – *Work hard, play fair, be kind* – it's time for some maths to get the wheels turning. Then everyone's ready to climb a hill in P.E. (it's good to blow off steam), sing songs in music (Flat Car is a bit off key) and learn the whole alphabet, especially the letter *R*. Bouncy verse portrays a world where train stations are classrooms, the conductor doubles as teacher, and Boxcar is happy to hand out tissues to anyone who *ah-choo-choos*. Bright, energetic illustrations by animation artist Mike Yamada bring the whole clickety crew to rollicking life.

- ISBN: 9781406386134
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 40



## Sandcastle

[Einat Tsarfati](#)

*I love building castles in the sand. So I built a sand castle. But not just any castle...*

One day at the beach, a little girl builds a sand castle. A real castle with domes and turrets and a crocodile moat. And a sea view. Pretty soon, the royal visitors arrive. Kings and Queens, Princes and Princesses all descend on the palace to admire the sandy architecture and partake in the grand party in the Ballroom. But in the morning, the troubles begin. "There's sand in my almond strudel!" "There is sand in my suit of armour!" "There's sand in my bath!" In fact, there's sand everywhere. Is there any way to appease the royal guests? And what will happen when the tide inevitably comes in...

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# Ellie's Dragon



BOB GRAHAM

## Ellie's Dragon

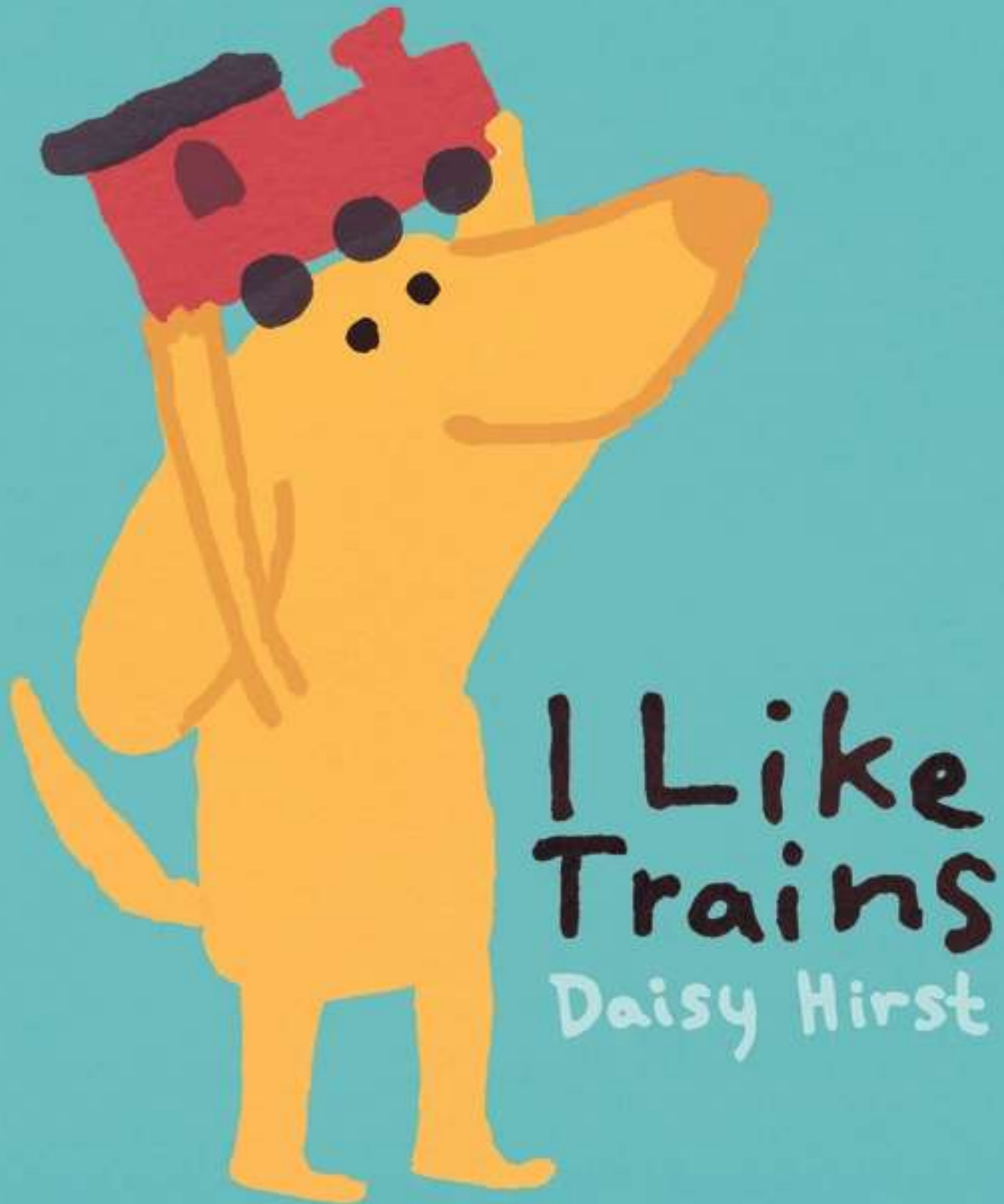
[Bob Graham](#)

**No friendship is imaginary.**

When Ellie is very little, she finds a new-born dragon fresh from the egg on a supermarket shelf, and calls him Scratch. He is quite the sweetest thing she has ever seen! From that day on, Ellie and Scratch do everything together. Ellie's mum and her teacher can't see her fiery friend, but all her friends can – and, over the years, Ellie's dragon grows to be big, house-trained, and very affectionate. And Ellie is growing, too...

**A moving story about the wonders of imagination and the nature of growing up from one of Australia's most revered bookmakers.**

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## **I Like Trains**

[Daisy Hirst](#)

I like trains. I like playing with my train. I like putting all the animals on board so they can go off on a journey.

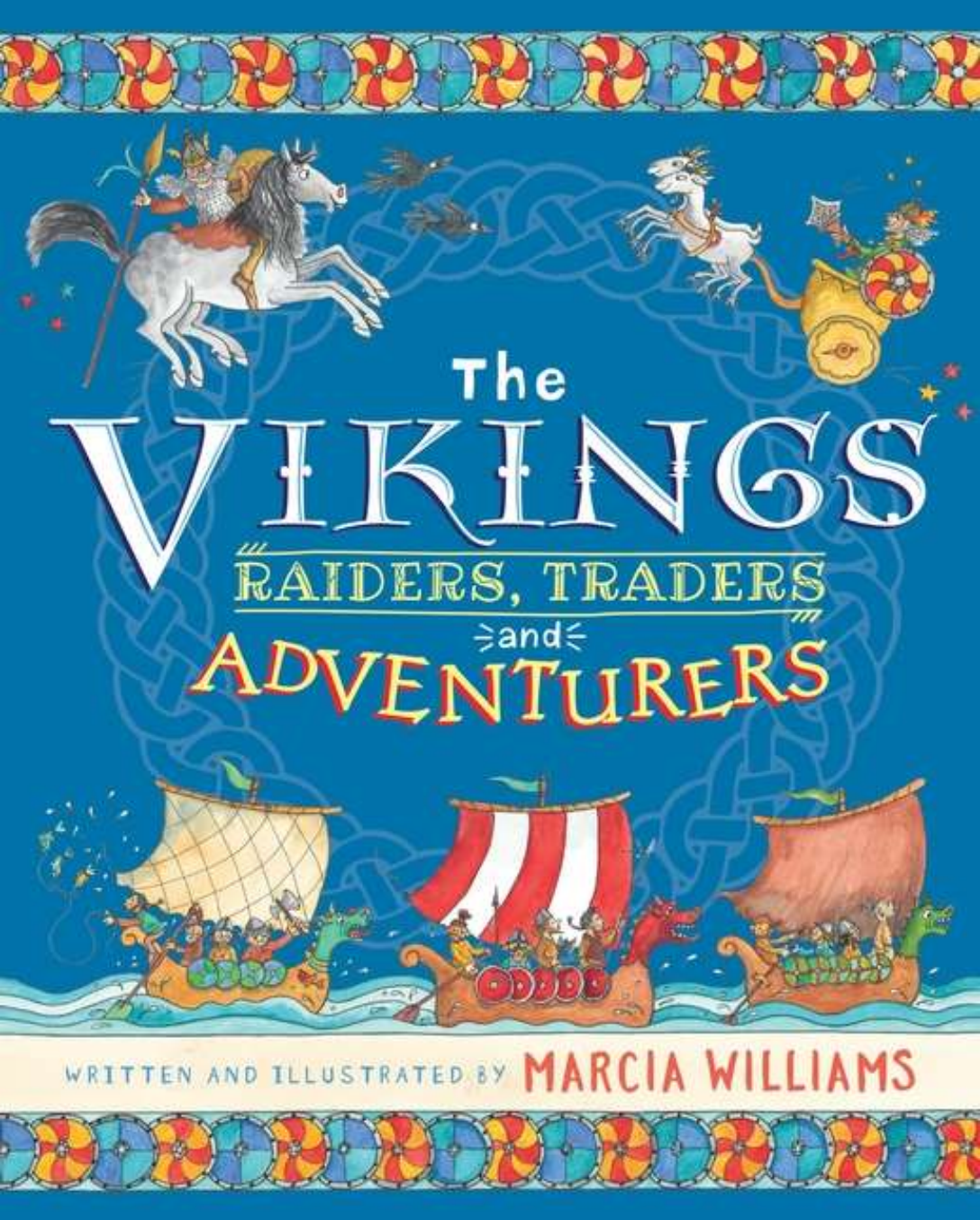
Small Dog loves trains. Playing with them, reading about them, drawing them and pretending to be the driver. But the best thing of all is going on a real train - looking at everything whoosh past the window! But who is Small Dog going to see...?

Celebrating the warmth of family relationships and the joy of imaginative play, this book is utterly charming whether you love trains or not

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# NON-FICTION



## The Vikings: Raiders, Traders and Adventurers!

[Marcia Williams](#)

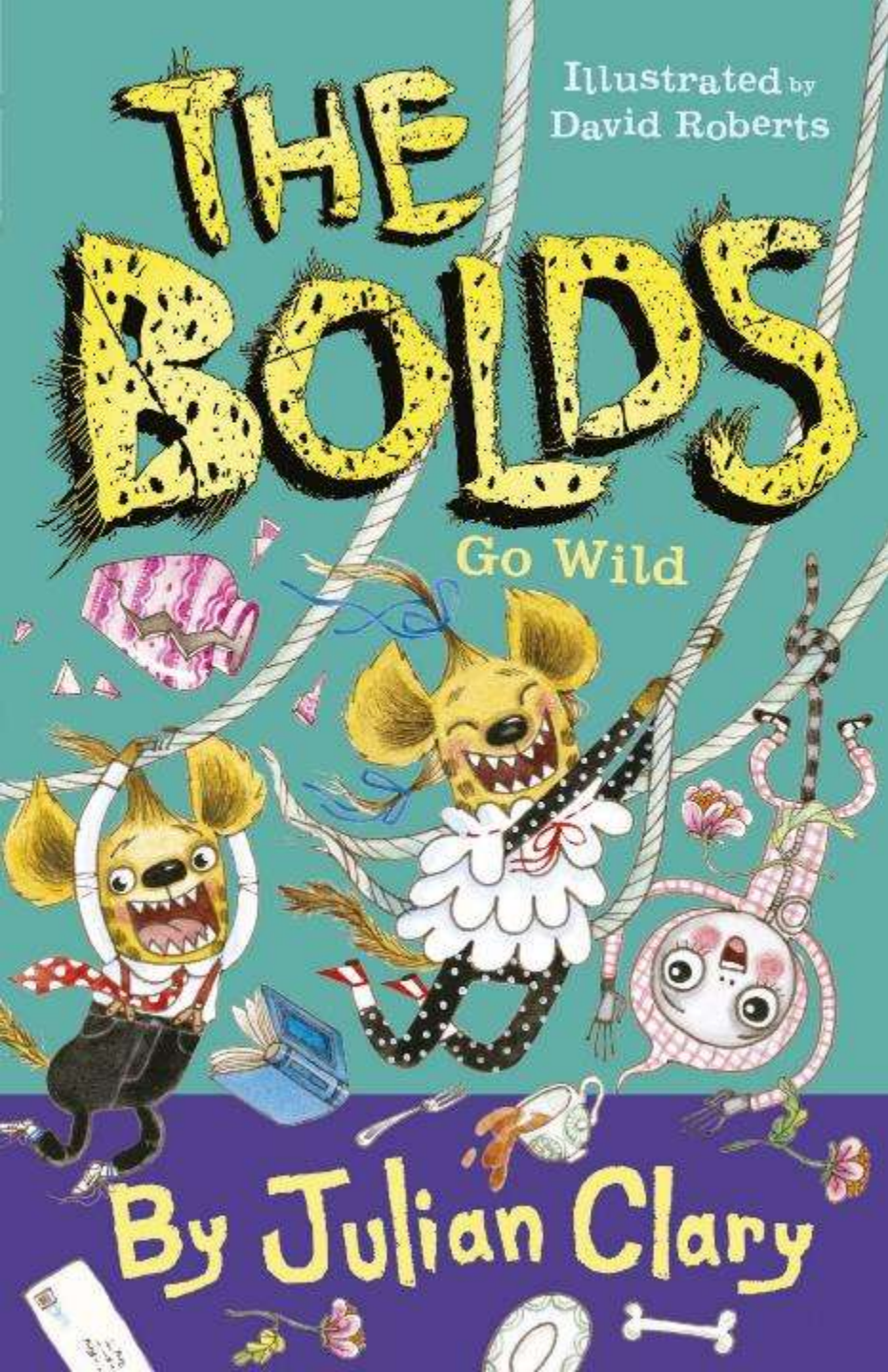
Travel back in time to the amazing world of the Vikings with award-winning author-illustrator Marcia Williams.

Meet legendary warriors, daring explorers and clever kings in this colourful introduction to the Vikings. Join Marcia Williams and discover incredible stories of Viking raids, voyages of discovery and conquered kingdoms. Told in comic-strip style and packed with jokes and facts, this is the perfect guide to the Viking world.

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# Highlights



## The Bolds Go Wild

[Julian Clary](#)

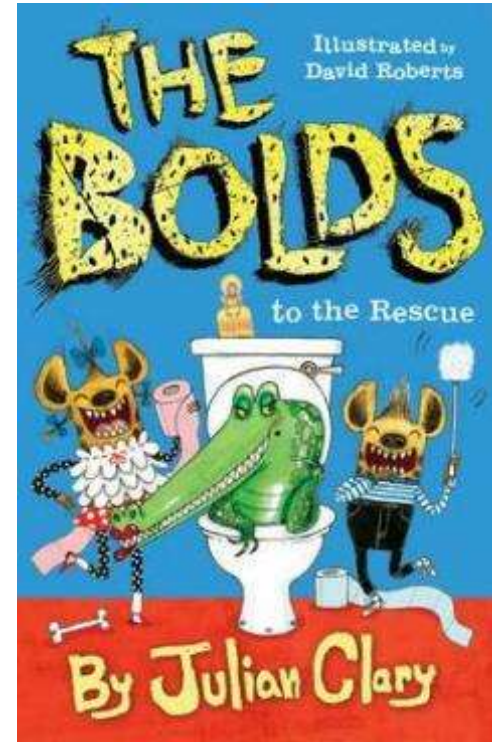
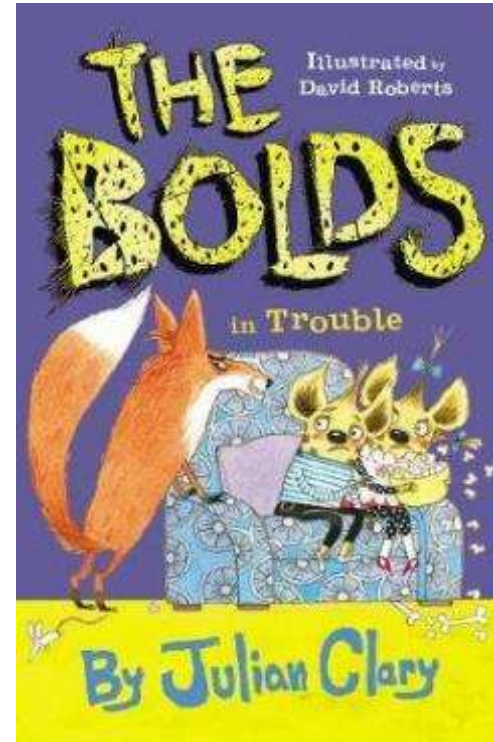
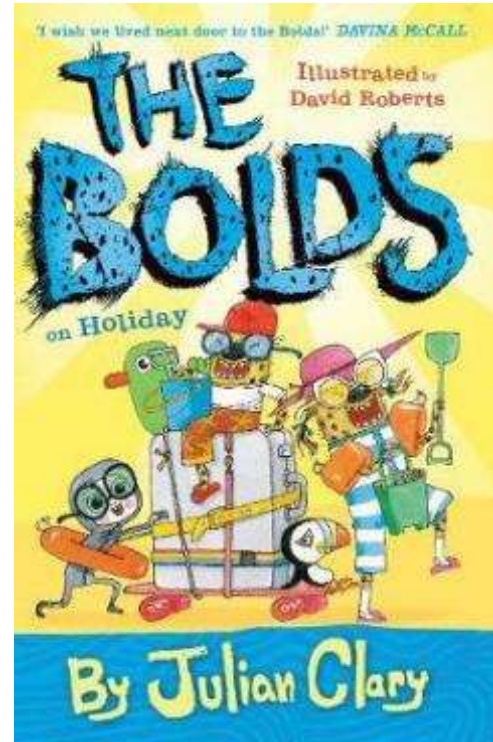
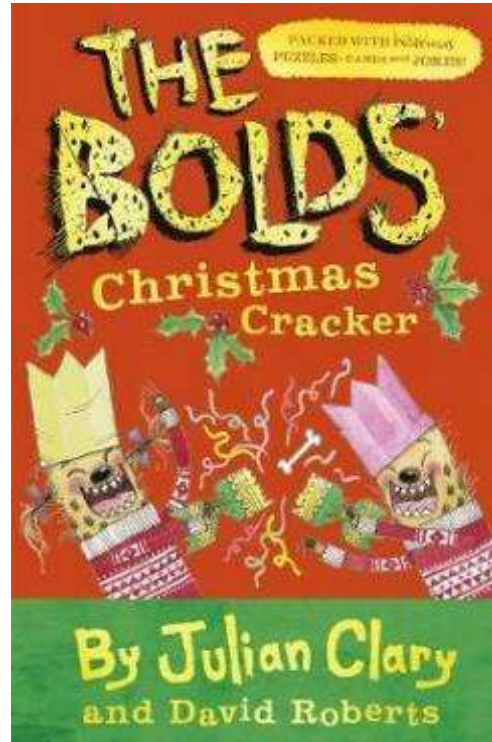
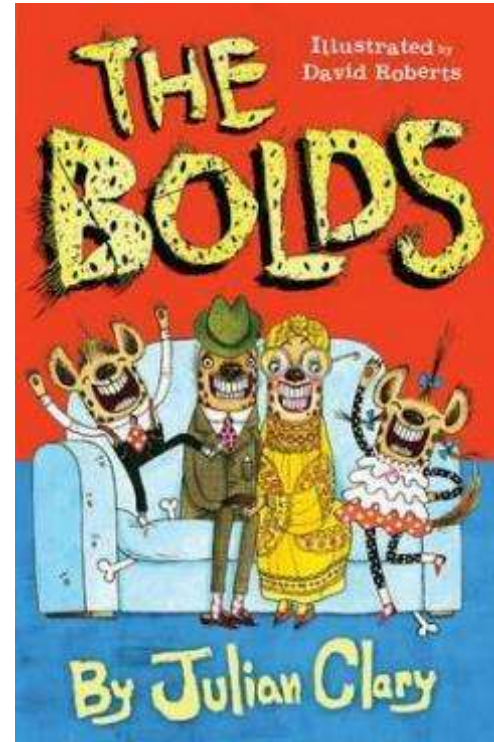
Illustrated by [David Roberts](#)

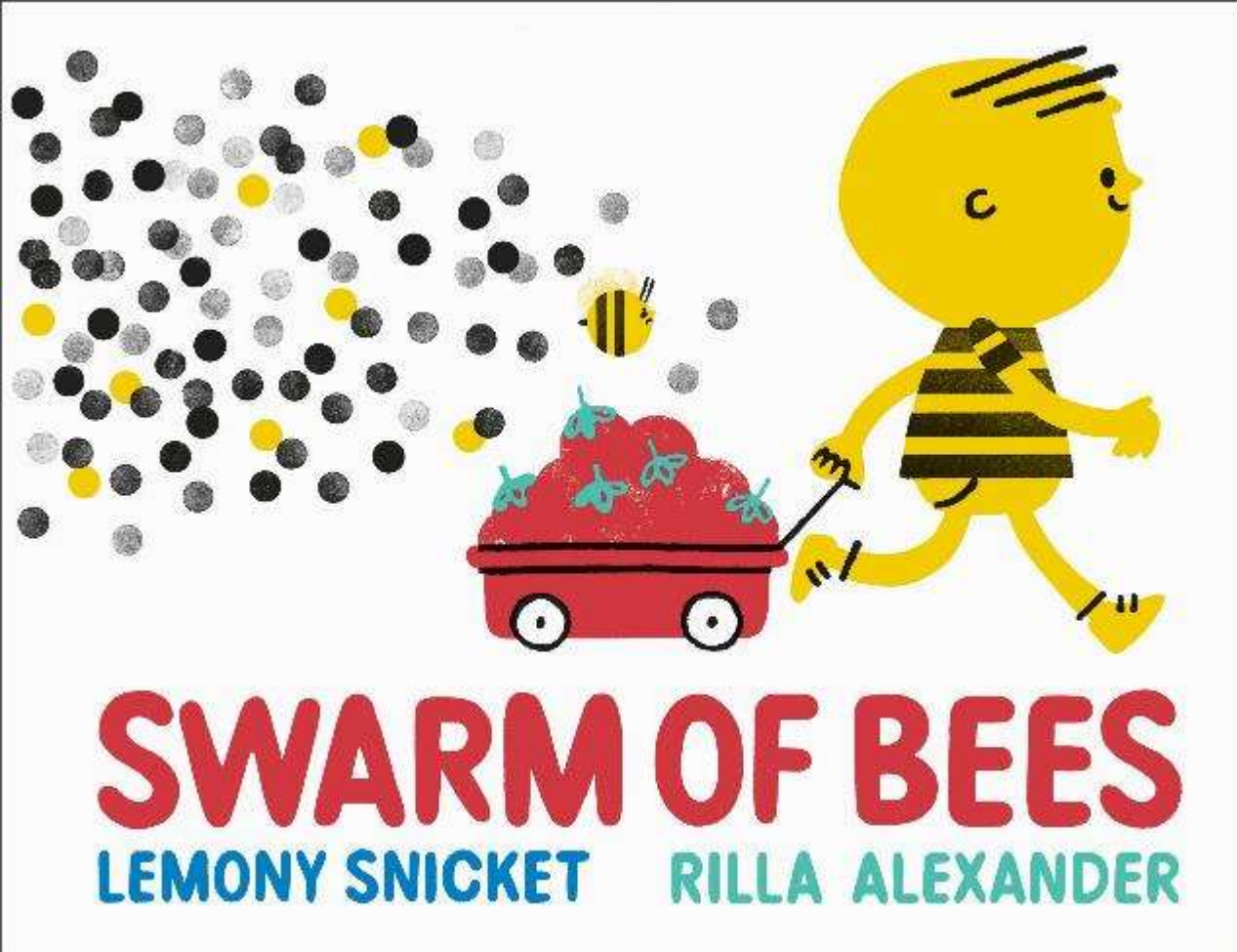
The Bolds are very surprised to be visited by Fred's mother, Granny Imamu. She's travelled all the way from the Serengeti, and now she's here, she does not approve of what she finds. Hyenas, living as people - whatever next! Granny Imamu starts to stir up mischief with the twins, encouraging them to get in touch with their beastly side at school.

And then the twins' teacher comes to the Bolds with a rather unusual problem: her grown-up son Jeffrey just isn't like other people. He's rather hairy, doesn't much like to talk, and loves to monkey about. If animals can become people, could it happen the other way around . . . ?

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## Backlist Covers





## Swarm of Bees

[Lemony Snicket](#)

Illustrated by [Rilla Alexander](#)

It can feel good to be angry. It can feel better to stop.  
Swarm of Bees! Swarm of Bees! You are SO angry! What will you do?

Watch out! A mischievous boy has unleashed an angry swarm of bees! The result is a zany gallop through a charming town where readers will encounter evidence of some bad behaviour, some frenzied anger and thankfully, a hug and some spaghetti.

From best-loved children's author Lemony Snicket and the supremely talented illustrator Rilla Alexander.

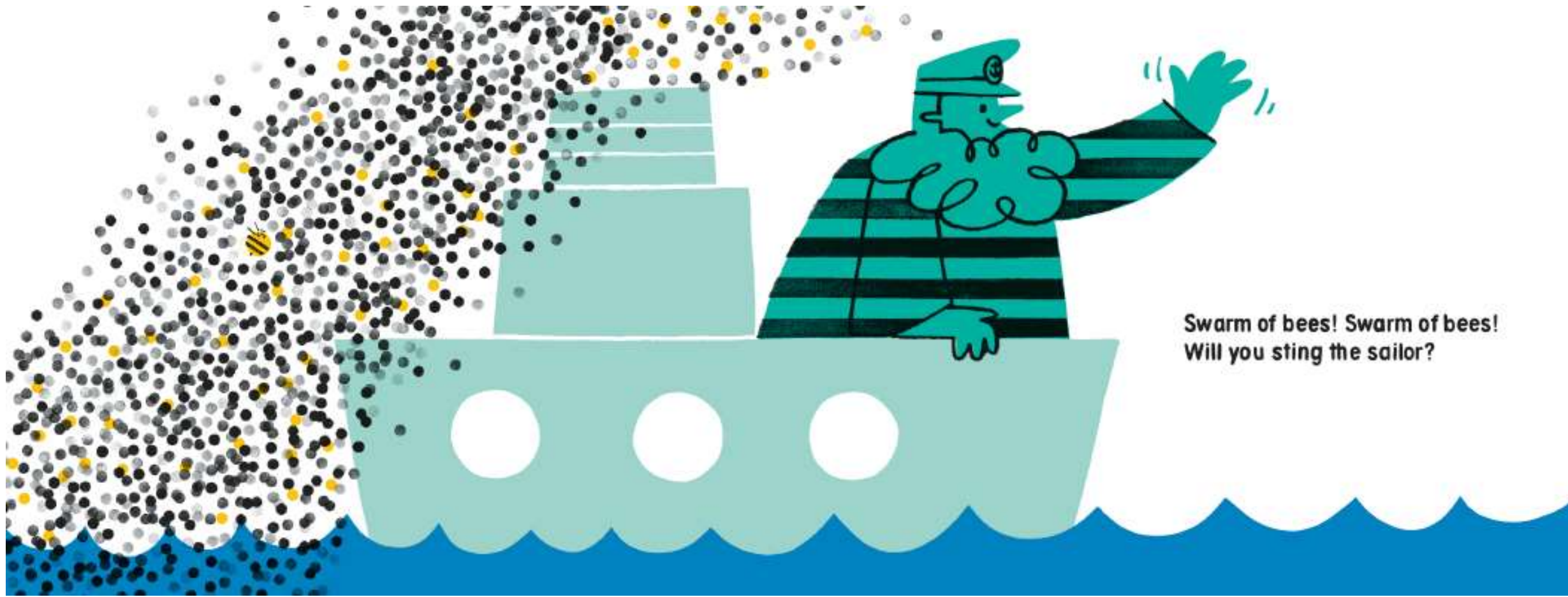
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Swarm of bees! Swarm of bees!



Oh no! You are so angry! What will you do?





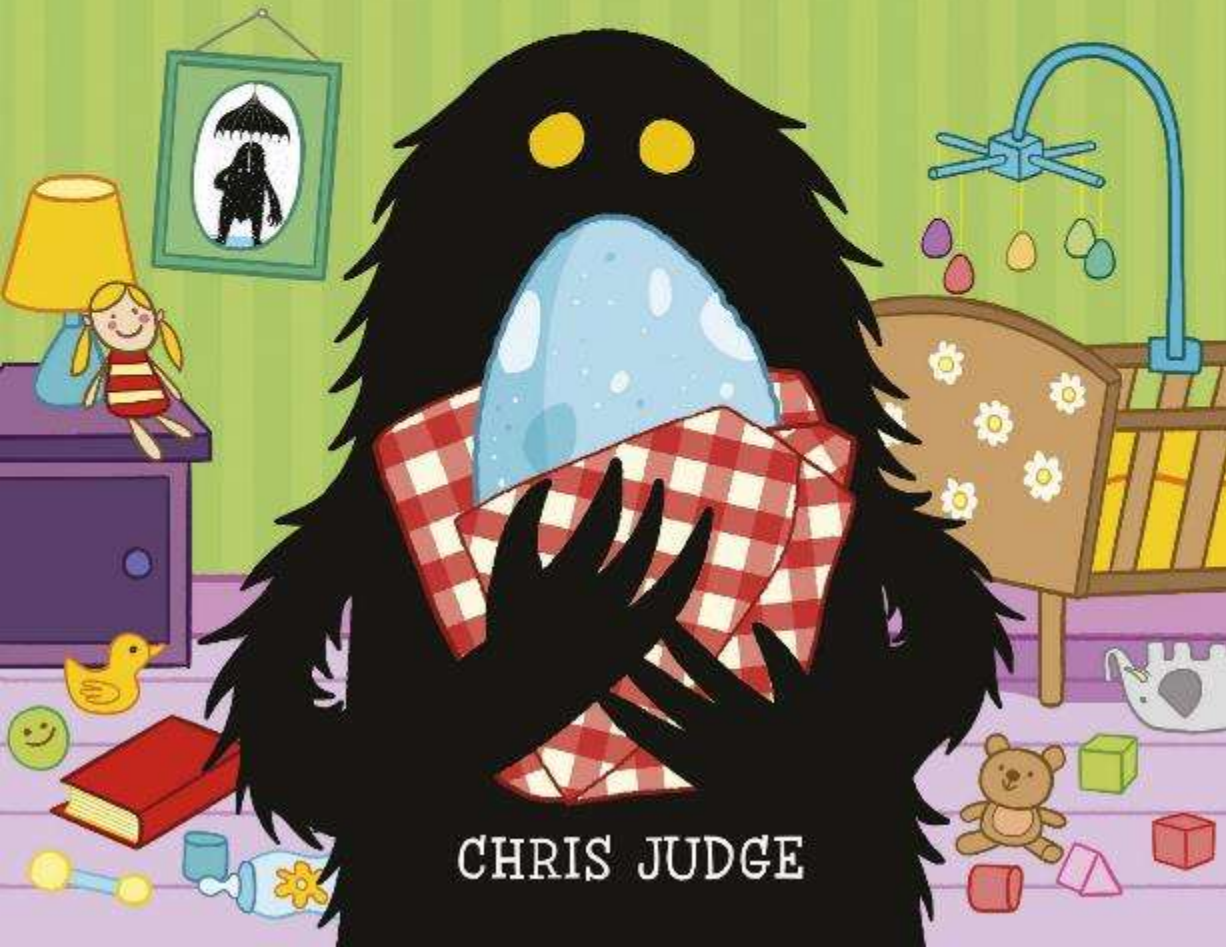
**Swarm of bees! Swarm of bees!  
Will you sting the sailor?**



Swarm of bees! Swarm of bees!  
Will you sting the mother?

No! He's been on a ship for nine months and is hurrying to hug his mother.

# THE BABY BEAST



## The Baby Beast

[Chris Judge](#)

When an egg arrives on his doorstep, Beast doesn't quite know what to do: feed it?

Take it for a nice long walk? Drop it? Doctor Yoko tells him he must keep it warm and just wait, but exactly what he's waiting for is a mystery to the Beast...

Side-splitting humour from award-winning Chris Judge: adults will recognise (some of) Beast's first-time child-care mistakes, while children laugh out loud.

This is the fourth in the award-winning Beast series, following *The Lonely Beast*, *The Brave Beast* and *The Snow Beast*.

Praise for *The Lonely Beast*: 'Judge tells a familiar tale but illustrates it with uncommon style and verve.' *New York Times*

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One fine, spring morning, the Beast opened his front door to get his newspaper...



... but discovered a surprise waiting for him. It looked like an egg. The Beast had never been given an egg before.





“How do you look after an egg?” the Beast wondered.



First he tried sharing some of his breakfast.



But the egg didn't seem to be enjoying itself at all.



Doing his chores, the Beast forgot about the egg...



When someone knocked on the door during  
bathtime, the Beast forgot about the egg again...



... and lost it!



Almost.



... and dropped it! (Ouch.)

# The Bug Collector

Alex G Griffiths

## The Bug Collector

[Alex Griffiths](#)

After George visits the Museum of Wildlife with Granddad, all he can think about is bugs!

The very next day he goes out hunting, but he soon finds there are no more insects left in the garden, and the ones he has captured in jars don't look very happy... George is about to learn exactly why bugs are so important.

**A brilliant, vibrant debut from Alex G Griffiths, featuring a wonderful grandfather-grandson relationship.**

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Today was George's favourite  
day of the whole week.  
It was Sunday, and that  
meant that he was going on  
an adventure with Grandad.

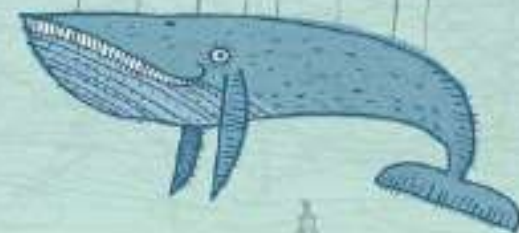
This particular Sunday Grandad took George to...



... the Museum of Wildlife!

Inside, they saw ferocious dinosaurs,

wondrous whales,



massive mammoths and  
even stranger creatures of  
every colour and shape.



INSECT WORLD →

SO COOL!

Chop chop, George!



But Grandad didn't stop to look at any of it.  
He was too excited about something completely different...



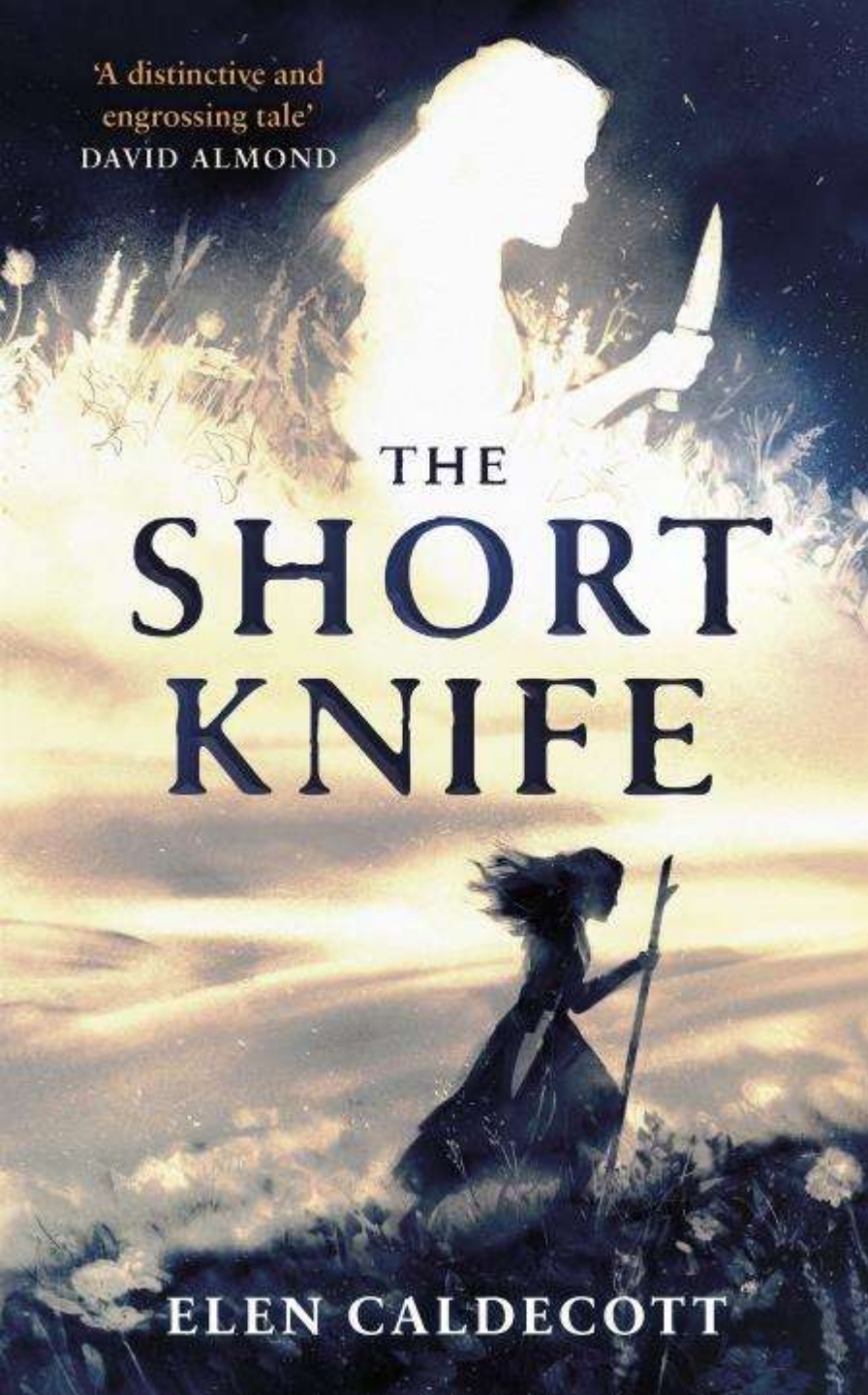
The creatures he wanted to show George were much smaller and stranger, and Grandad loved them.



On the journey home, George could think of nothing else but the marvellous bugs he had seen that day.

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'A distinctive and  
engrossing tale'  
DAVID ALMOND



# THE SHORT KNIFE

ELEN CALDECOTT

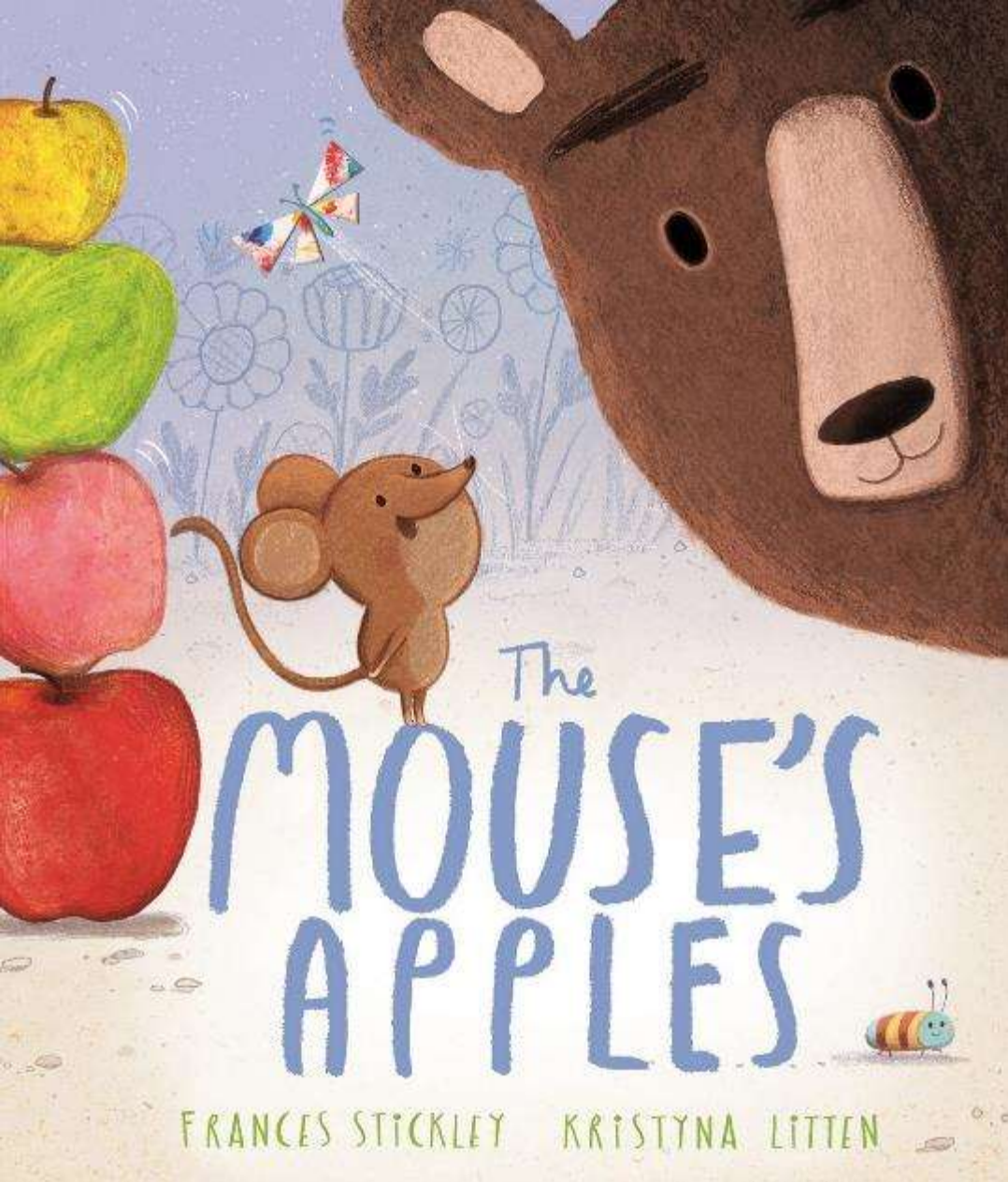
## The Short Knife

[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?

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## The Mouse's Apples

[Frances Stickley](#)

Illustrated by [Kristyna Litten](#)

Mouse is having a wonderful day: she's foraged four plump apples for her tea, the most she's ever found! But here comes Bear, and he's feeling especially greedy and mean. He wants every apple for himself.

Mouse might have to think up a clever trick to teach Bear a lesson...

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