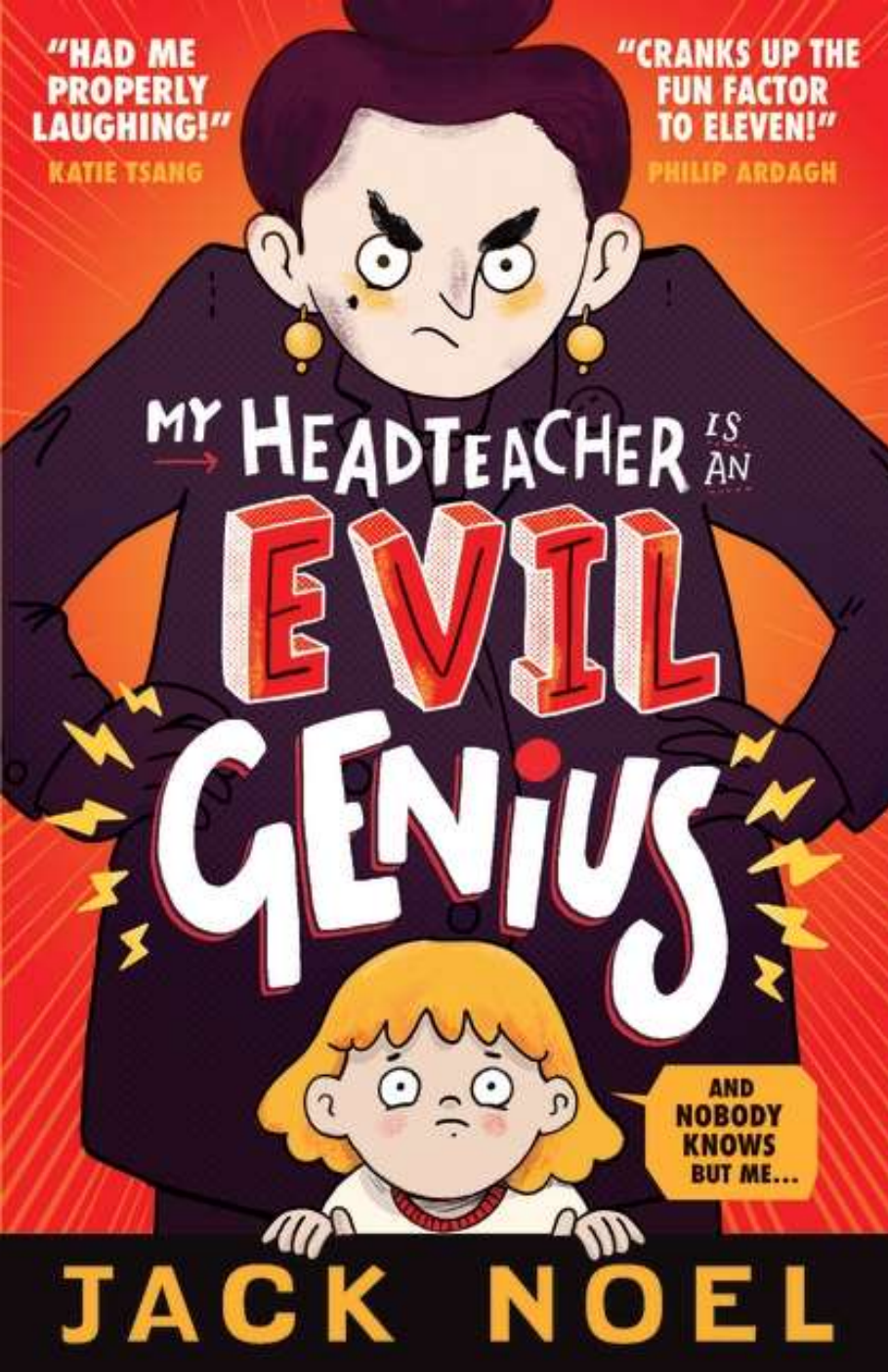




**WALKER
BOOKS**

October 2020

Highlights



"HAD ME
PROPERLY
LAUGHING!"

KATIE TSANG

"CRANKS UP THE
FUN FACTOR
TO ELEVEN!"

PHILIP ARDAGH

MY HEADTEACHER IS AN

EVIL

GENIUS

AND
NOBODY
KNOWS
BUT ME...

JACK NOEL

My Headteacher Is an Evil Genius

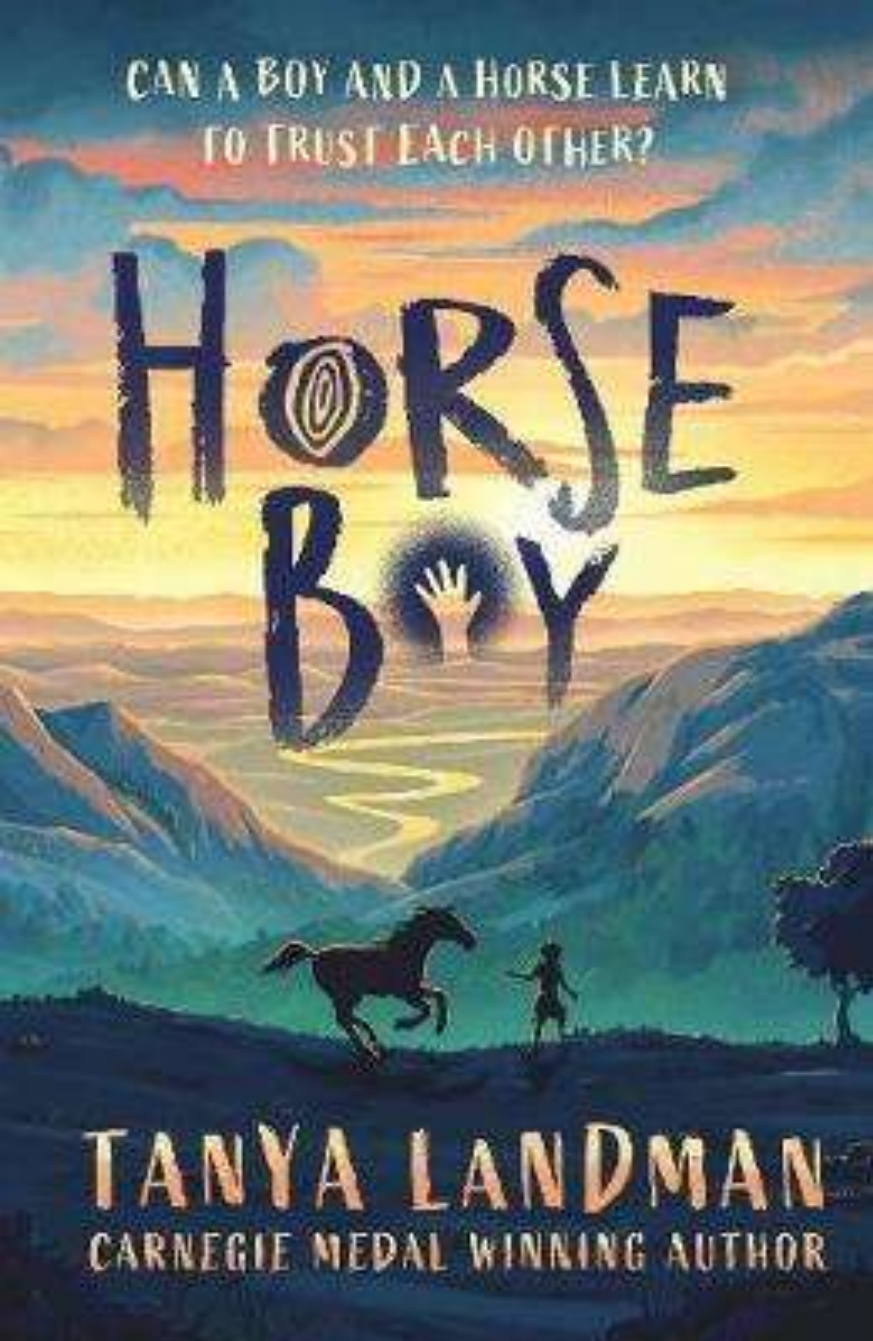
[Jack Noel](#)

Highly illustrated school-based comedy adventure for middle-grade readers from an exciting new voice.

Meet Tom Ginger. She's shy! she's retiring! She's ... our only hope! Not exactly the stuff that heroes are made of – or is it?

Shy girl Tom Ginger is the world's most unlikeliest hero – until she discovers that her new braces have the power to act as radio transmitters, allowing her to tune into the conversations of her new super-evil head teacher. Suddenly it's up to Tom to save the school from Miss Fortune's dastardly plans. Can she do it? Read the book to find out! Perfect for fans of Sam Copeland's *Charlie Changes into a Chicken* and Danny Wallace's Hamish series.

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Horse Boy

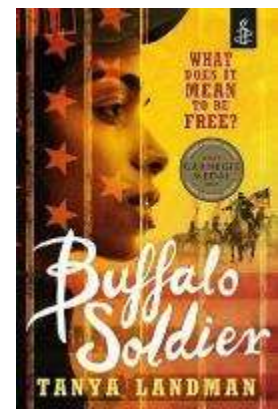
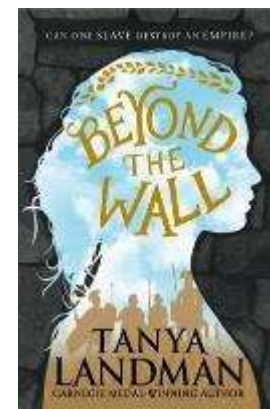
[Tanya Landman](#)

A prehistoric survival adventure about a boy and a horse who rescue one another, from the Carnegie Medal-winning author of *Apache* and *Buffalo Soldier*.

"A boy without a clan was nothing. No one. A boy without a clan was easy prey."

Oak, son of the Deer clan chief, hopes that this summer he will finally be allowed to join the hunt and make his father proud of him. But this year is not like other years - the rains have failed, his father has fallen out with the Bear chief, and everyone is mistrustful of the new creatures that have been spotted near their encampment: horses. Then Oak becomes separated from his clan with only a young horse for company, and it seems that surely the worst has happened. But perhaps not all animals are prey. Perhaps Horse can be clan too.

- ISBN: 9781406377583
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 256



"A brilliant journey across the dark sea of the mind"

Laurie Halse Anderson

CHALLENGER DEEP

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Scythe*

NEAL SHUSTERMAN

Challenger Deep

[Neal Shusterman](#)

A powerful and captivating novel about mental illness, *Challenger Deep* is a tour de force by *New York Times* bestselling author Neal Shusterman.

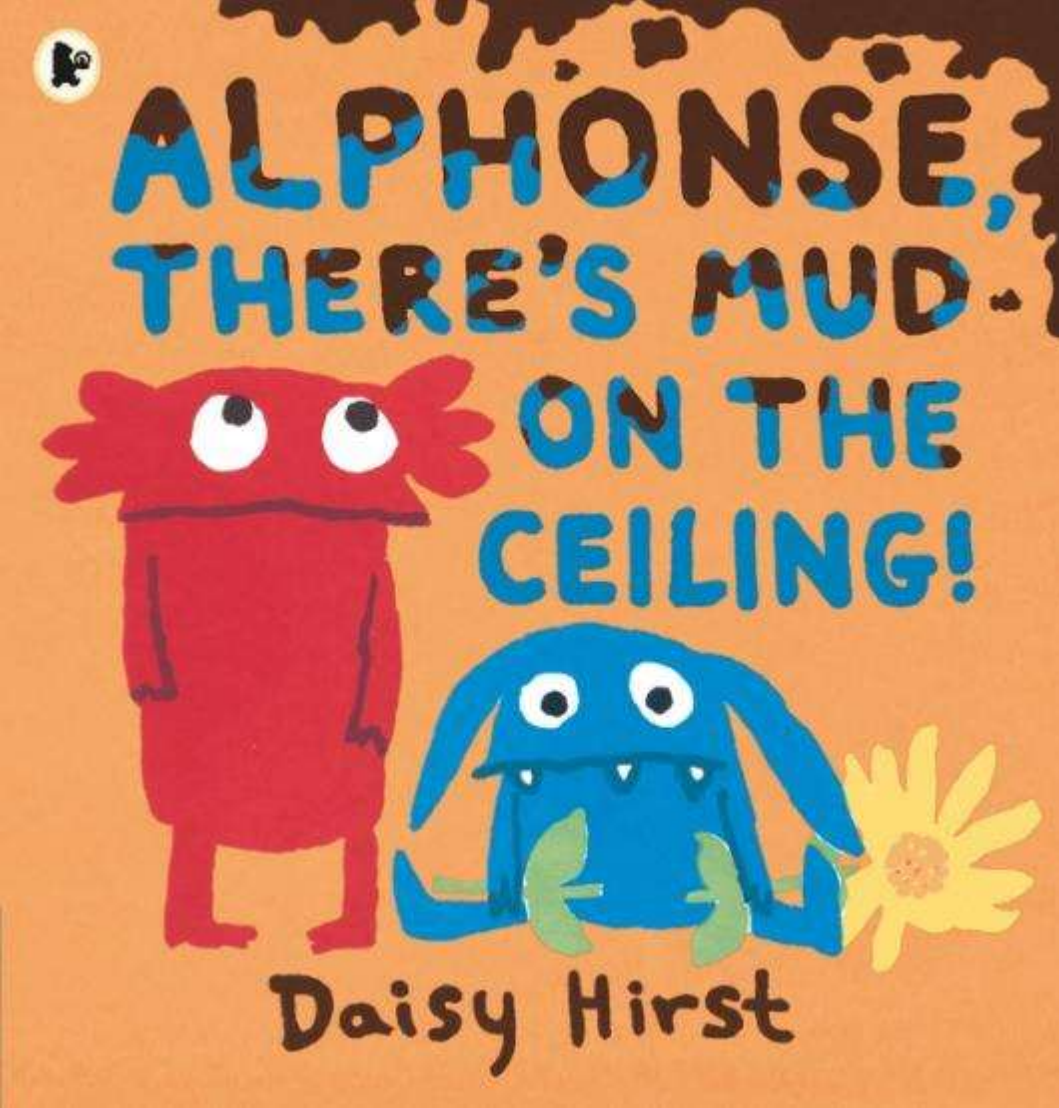
Caden Bosch is on a ship that's headed for the deepest point on Earth: Challenger Deep, the southern part of the Marianas Trench. *Caden Bosch is a brilliant high school student whose friends are starting to notice his odd behaviour. Caden Bosch is designated the ship's artist in residence to document the journey with images. Caden Bosch pretends to join the school track team but spends his days walking for miles, absorbed by the thoughts in his head. Caden Bosch is split between his allegiance to the captain and the allure of mutiny.*

Caden Bosch is torn.

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Picture Books



Alphonse, There's Mud on the Ceiling!

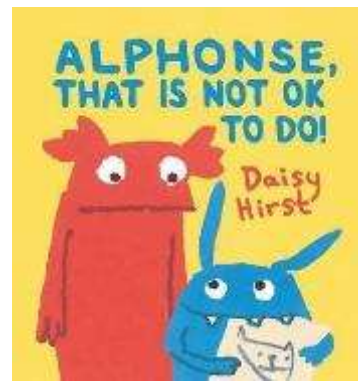
[Daisy Hirst](#)

The third title featuring loveable monster sister and brother Natalie and Alphonse!

Natalie and Alphonse mostly like living in a flat on the seventh floor. They love playing drive the double-decker bed and doing roly-polies in the hall. But when the two monster siblings invent a game of wriggly worms in the jungle ... oh dear! "OW!" SHFLWUMP! That is not a good game for indoors! Will this adorably rambunctious pair ever manage to create a magical, wild camping experience in their little apartment?

From the award-winning Daisy Hirst comes a story sure to inspire families to explore the great outdoors, before finding the perfect balance again back home.

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- Genre: Fiction
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NATALIE and ALPHONSE
lived in a flat.



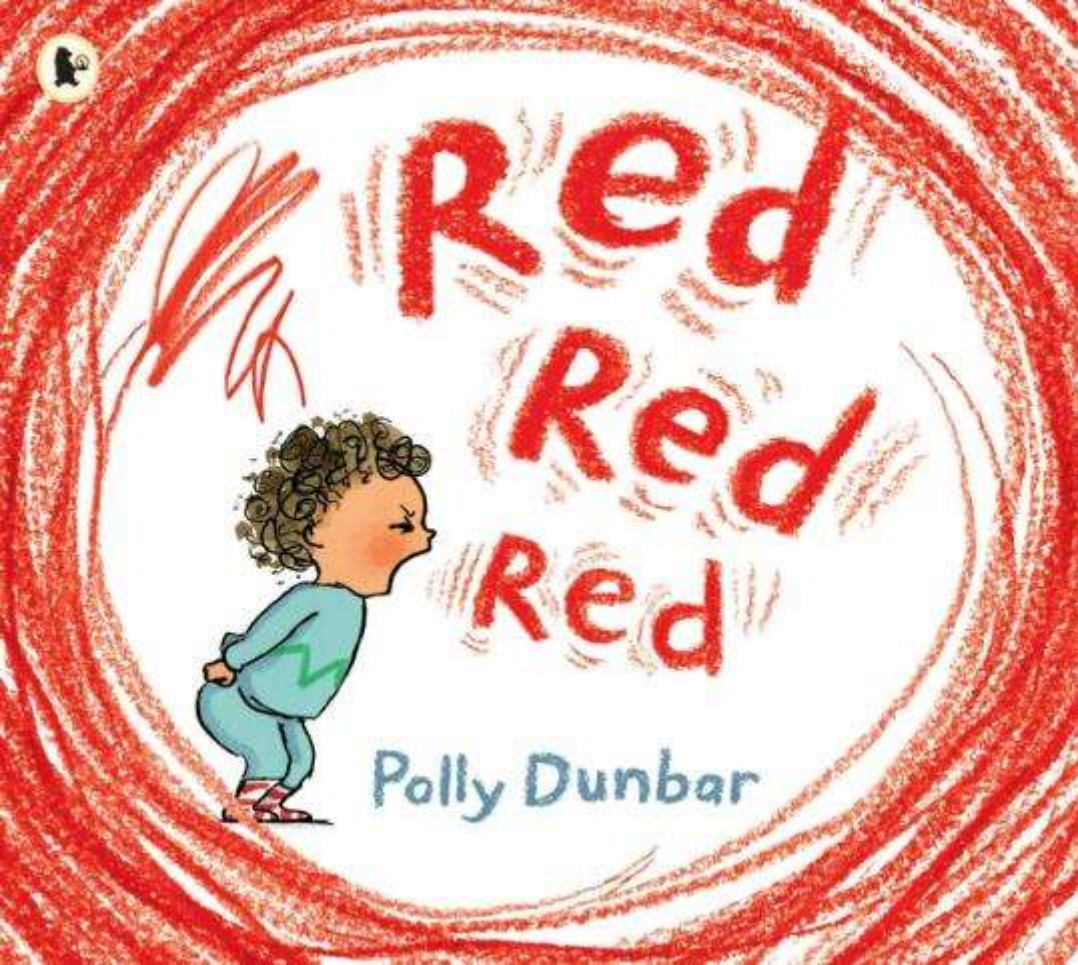
They had a double-decker
bed to drive,



and the big
green chair
to be quiet
behind

or leap out from, roaring.





Red Red Red

[Polly Dunbar](#)

The acclaimed Polly Dunbar (*Penguin, Tilly and Friends*) offers, through a lively, read-aloud story, a meditative and effective way to calm the toddler tantrum.

Every toddler feels frustrated sometimes, every toddler gets ANGRY. They scream, they shout, they see RED RED RED. Now, in her singularly expressive style, the beloved Polly Dunbar brings us the perfect picture story book to share with those little ones overwhelmed by their emotions; a true-to-life, upbeat story about a toddler tantrum that offers a meditative way to calm them down.

“Why not count to ten?” Mum suggests to her son. “One ... two ... three...”

- ISBN: 9781406392906
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

Look!
I spy the biscuit jar.
I'll get it down,
It's not *too* far.

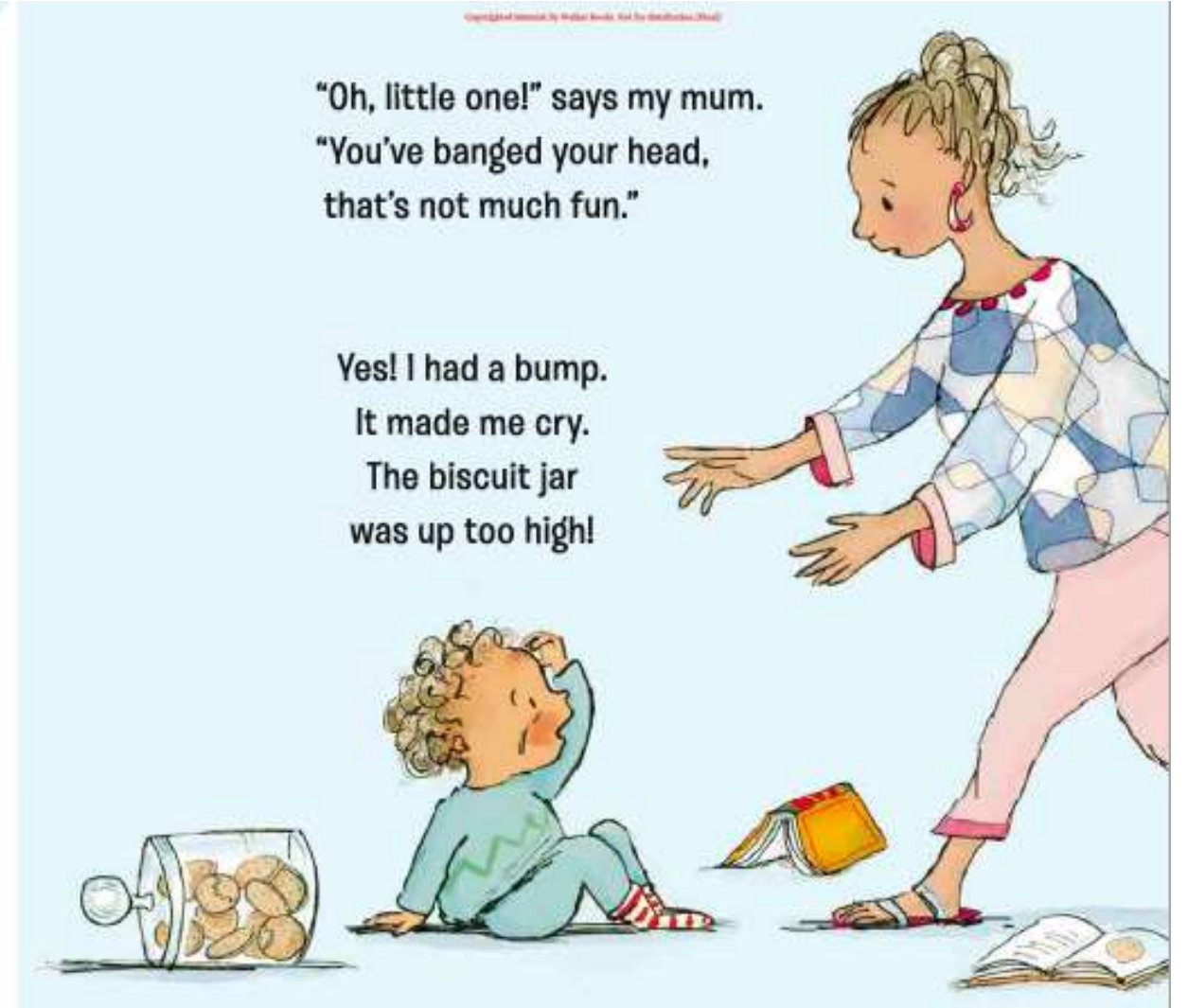


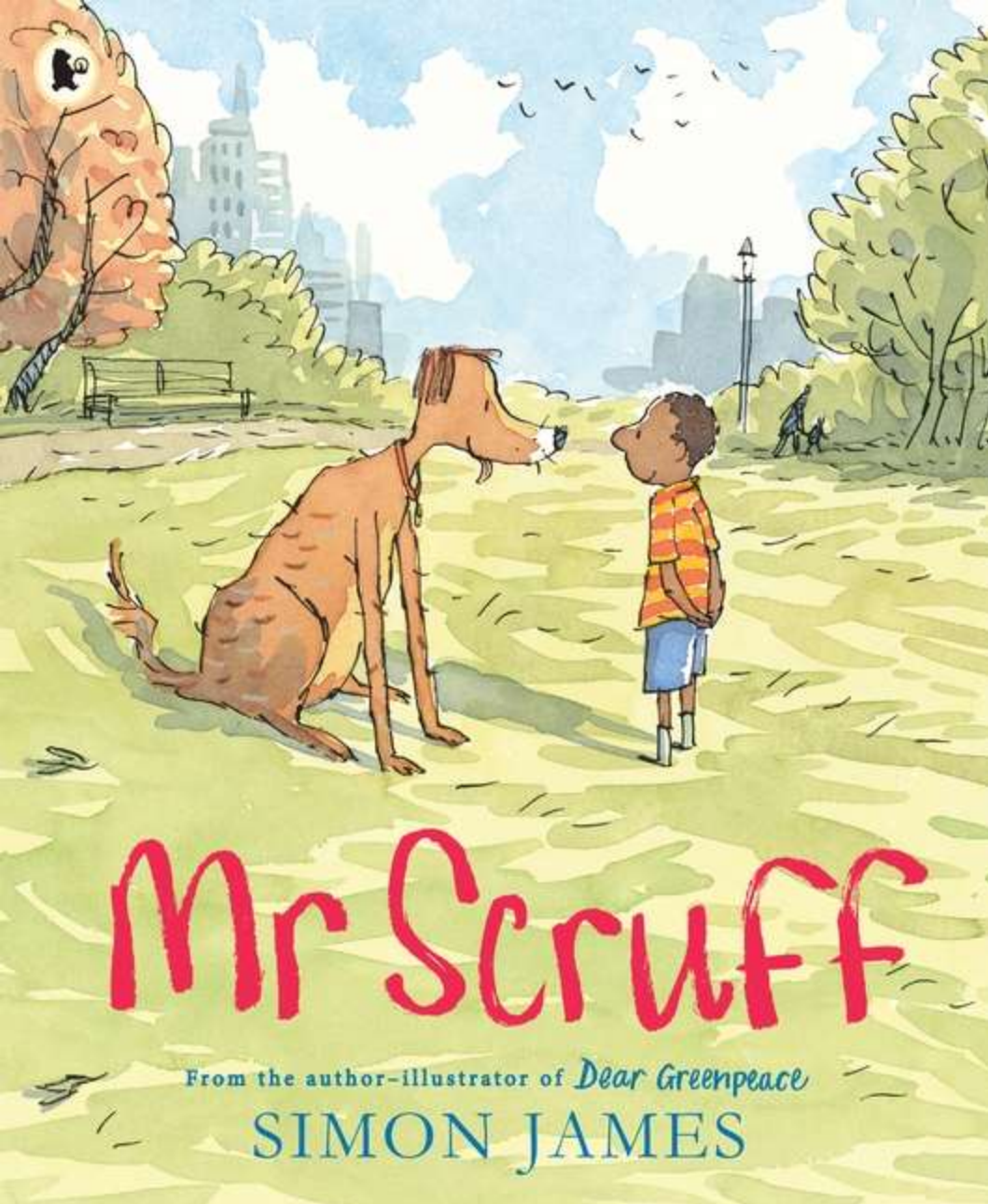
If I just climb ...
stretch ... reach
and jump...



Nearly ... nearly...







Mr Scruff

[Simon James](#)

The humorous story of a little boy and a dog who are destined to be together!

Polly belongs with Molly, Eric belongs with Derek, Perry belongs with Terry – everyone knows that owners and their dogs belong together in their own unique way. But for Poor Mr Scruff, alone in the dogs' home, there's no one – that is until a very special little boy arrives looking for a friend...

A wonderful, witty and warm story about the true nature of friendship from award-winning author-illustrator Simon James.

- ISBN: 9781406392913
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



she belongs to Molly.

This is Eric





he belongs to Derek.

This is Martha





she belongs to Arthur.

But who's this?



It's Mr Scruff...

Fiction

Anne Fine



JAMIE & ANGUS TOGETHER

ILLUSTRATED BY
SAM USHER

Jamie and Angus Together

[Anne Fine](#)

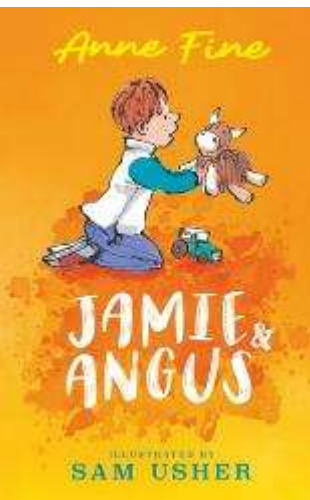
Illustrated by [Sam Usher](#)

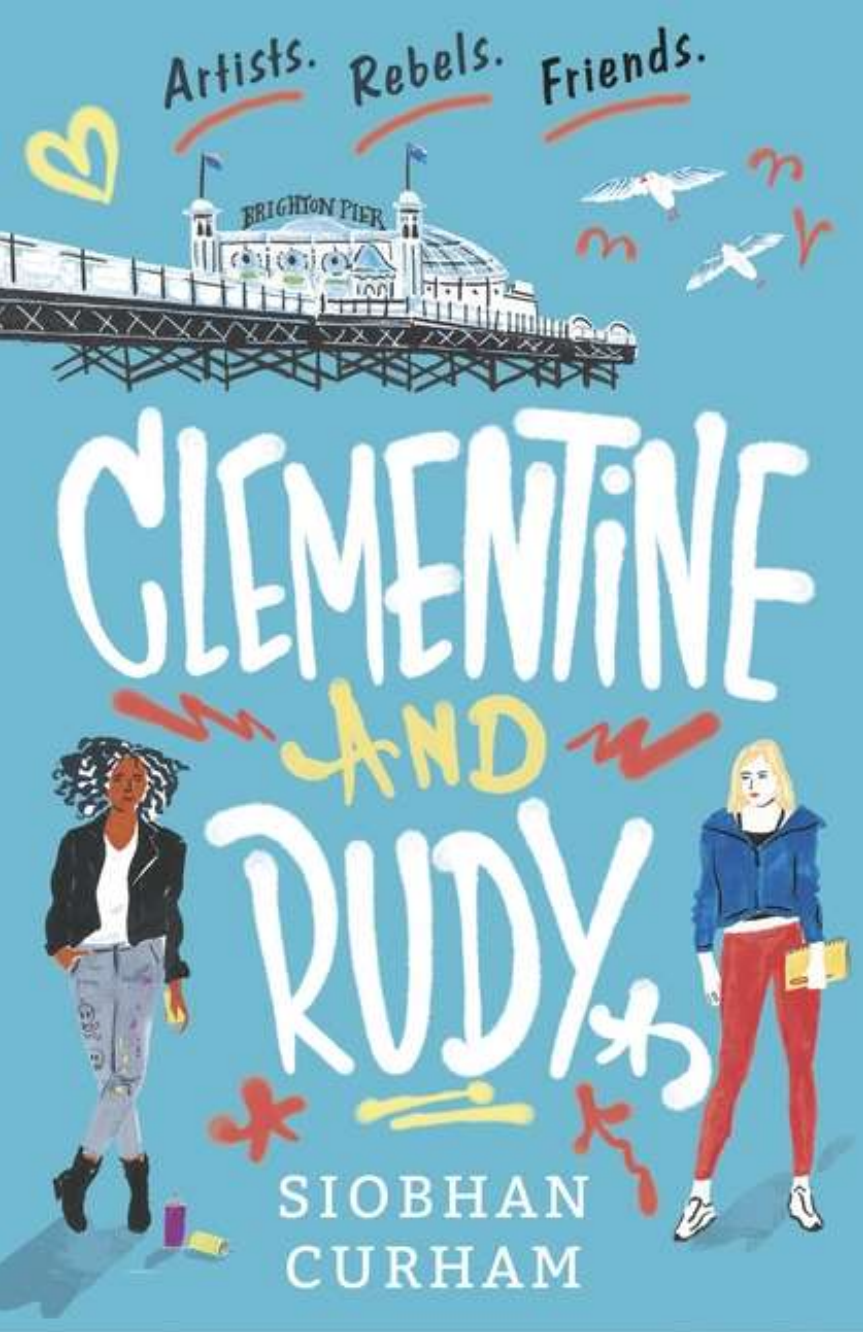
A delightful collection of stories about friendship from the former Children's Laureate.

A truly timeless tale of friendship. Jamie and Angus are the best of friends and that's the way it's always been – a boy and his toy Highland bull. These heart-warming stories for young readers are filled with playful adventures and lessons in just how wonderful friends can be.

Brought to life with enchanting black and white illustrations.

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Clementine and Rudy

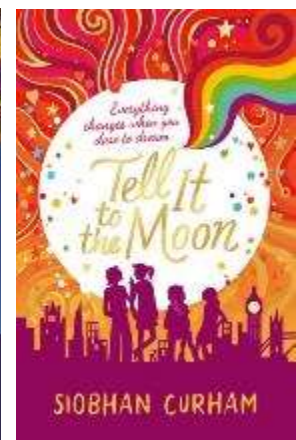
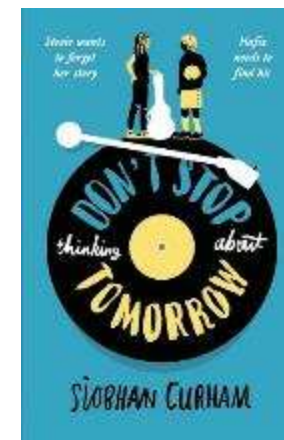
[Siobhan Curham](#)

Their poetry and art will change the world.

Rudy is a street artist; Clementine is a poet. The day after Rudy sneaks out late one night and posts her first piece of artwork, Clem discovers it, awestruck. She takes a photo, writes a poem in response and posts them together on Instagram. Soon the two fifteen-year-olds meet and begin their unique friendship, one that nurtures creativity and results in a special creative collaboration.

The girls may be from very different backgrounds, and experiencing difficulties at home, but each strives to be true to herself and follow her dreams.

- ISBN: 9781406390230
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 336



New York Times best-selling author

lauren myracle



"Universal and molecular, tender and brutal..."

This Boy is just beautiful."

Andrew Smith, author of *Winger* and *Grasshopper Jungle*

This Boy

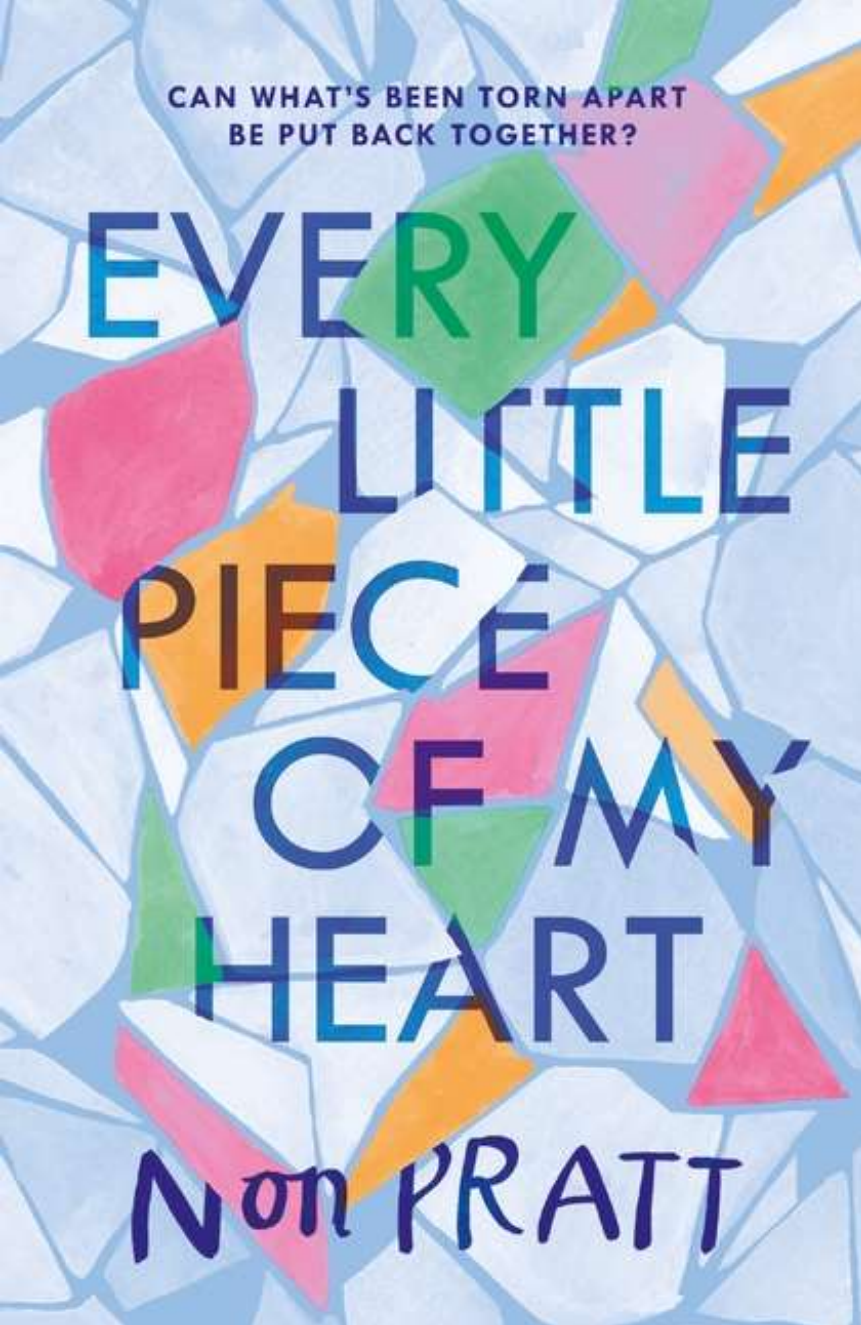
[Lauren Myracle](#)

Lauren Myracle brings her signature frank, funny and insightful style to this novel of a teenage boy's coming of age.

Paul Walden is just trying to make sense of life. After all, it's not easy being a teenage boy. He worries about things like death and if he's looking sharp enough, and he spends way too much time thinking about girls. As Paul navigates high school friendships, his parents' divorce, first love and first loss, he has to confront some of life's biggest questions, and learn what really matters most.

A welcome story from an author with a keen understanding of the concerns of those on the verge of adulthood, this is a boy's answer to Sarah Dessen's novels.

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- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 320



Every Little Piece of My Heart

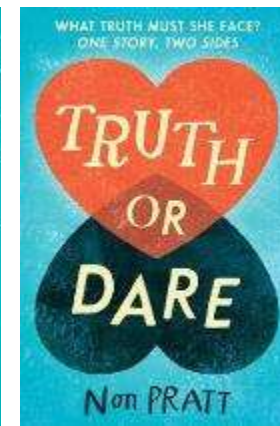
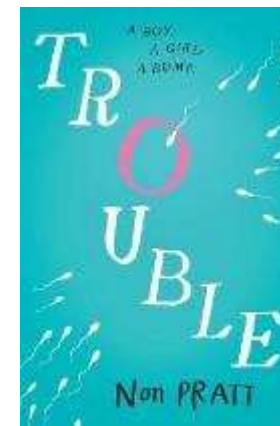
[Non Pratt](#)

Artful and compassionate YA novel from UK YA author about secrets, friendship and lies.

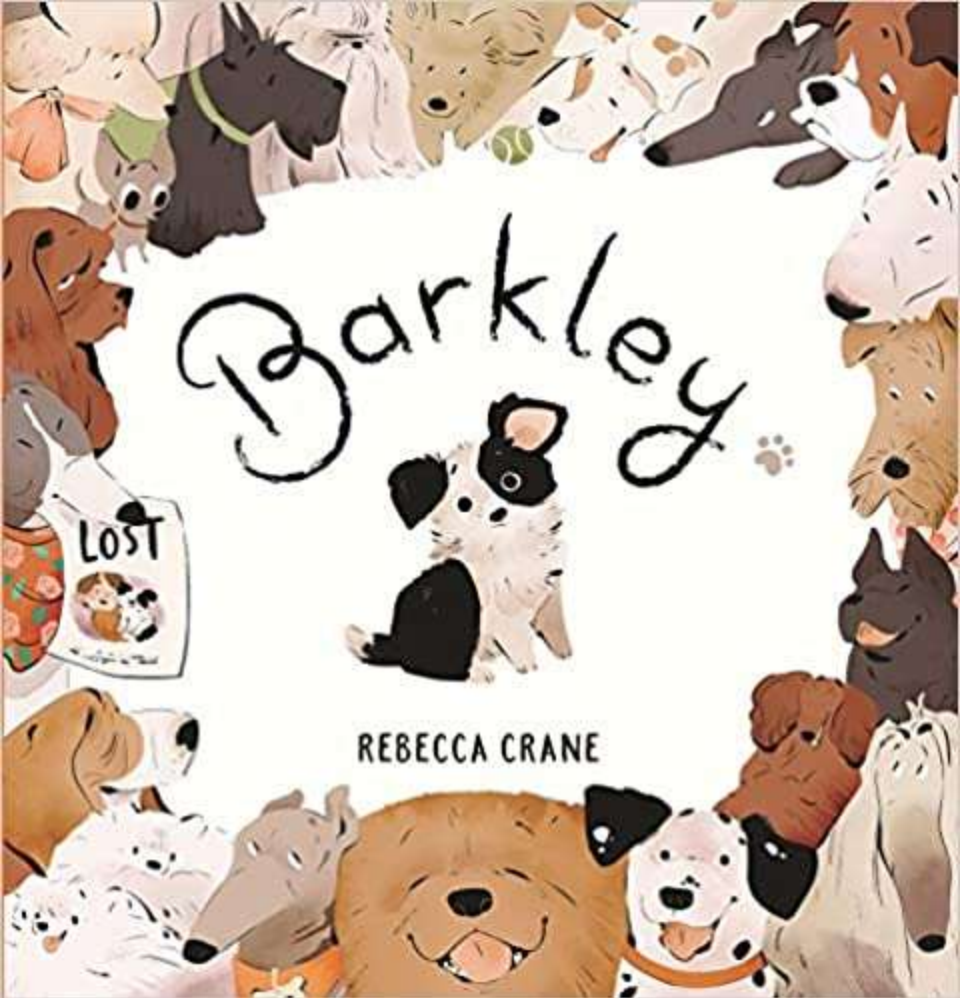
When Sophie receives a parcel from her best friend, Freya, she expects it to contain the reason why Freya left town so suddenly, without goodbyes and without explanation. Instead, she finds a letter addressed to Win, a girl Freya barely knew – or did she? As more letters arrive for more people on the periphery of Freya's life, Sophie and Win begin to piece together who Freya was and why she left. Sometimes it's not about who's gone, but about who they leave behind...

Perfect for fans of *Beautiful Broken Things* and *The Sun Is Also a Star*.

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Indent



Barkley

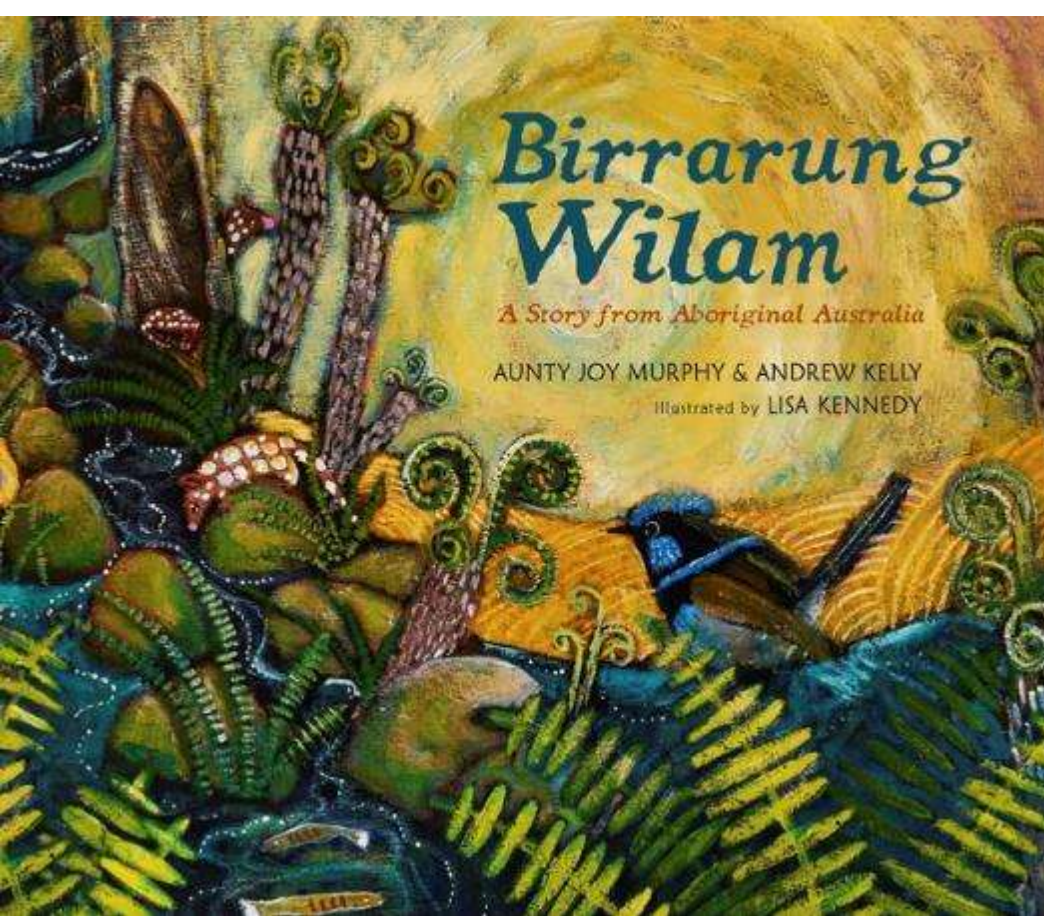
[Rebecca Crane](#)

A simple ode to happiness and self-confidence, as told through the voice of a lovable dog named Barkley.

What kind of dog is Barkley? He's not as big as newfound lands, or as fluffy as Pomeranians. And he's definitely not as long as greyhounds. Maybe, Barkley thinks, he is just a nothing dog... Overwhelmed by a crisis of finding his identity and trying to work out what makes him special, Barkley finds himself a LOST dog, very far away from a little boy called Max – who loves him very much just the way he is!

Maybe being somebody's best friend dog is actually the very best thing he could be.

- ISBN: 9781406395983
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32



Birrarrung Wilam: A Story from Aboriginal Australia

[Aunty Joy Murphy](#), [Andrew Kelly](#)

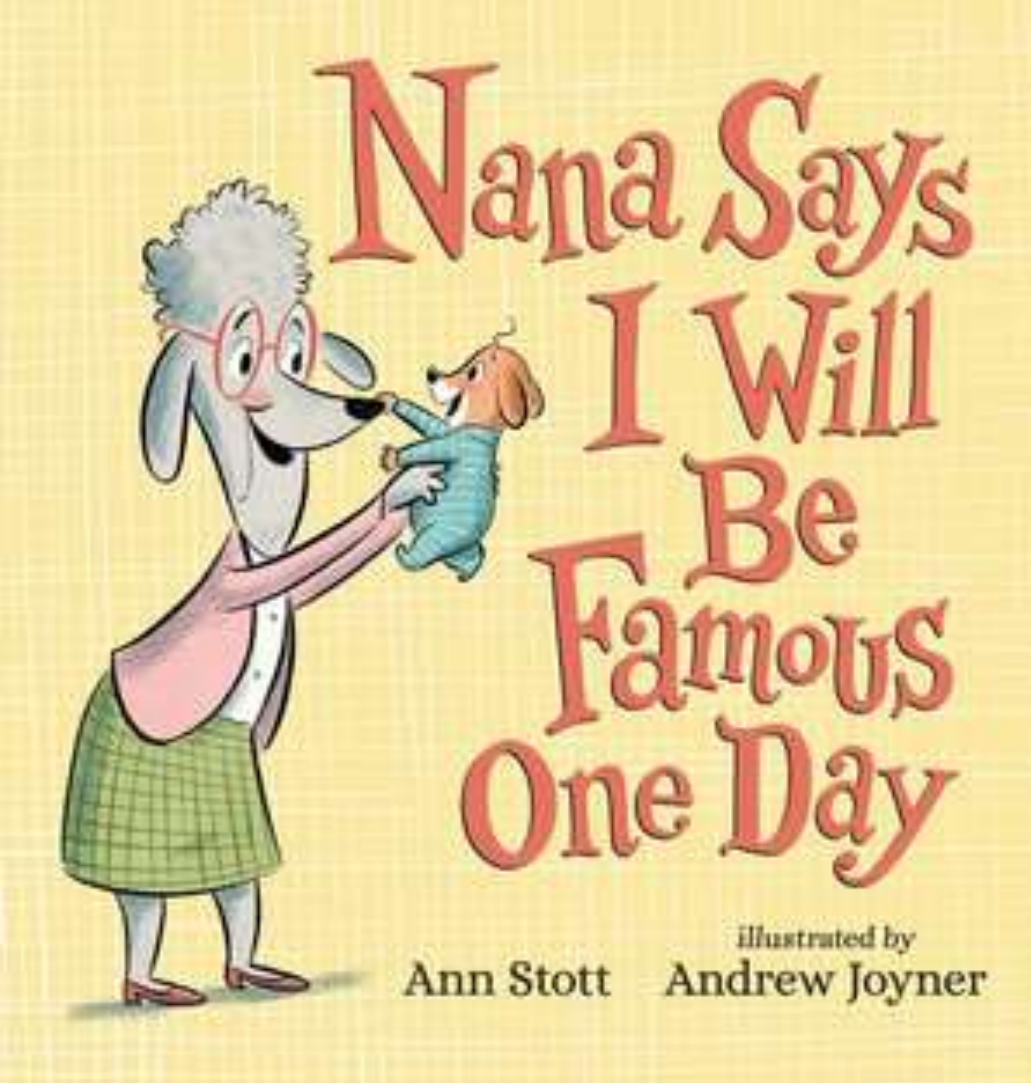
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- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 40



Nana Says I Will Be Famous One Day

[Ann Stott](#), [Andrew Joyner](#)

School event? Ball game? Nana is *there*. But who will cheer on Nana after she takes a tumble? A sweet and spirited intergenerational story.

Nana cheers the loudest at her grandson's basketball game. She dances in the aisles at the spring concert. She yells at the umpire that he needs to get his eyes checked when he doesn't call the strikes her grandson pitches. But when this go-go-go grandmother takes a tumble trying to get a front-row seat at the basketball game, it's her grandson who roots her on in her recovery. Author Ann Stott celebrates our families' biggest fans in a lively first-person narrative from the grandchild's point of view. Andrew Joyner's illustrations are as energetic and upbeat as Nana, who sparks much comic action, purse by her side.

Filled with humour and heart, this tale will have readers - especially grandparents and their grandchildren - whistling and woo-hoo-ing!

- ISBN: 9781406395068
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

Pearl Goes to Preschool



Julie Fortenberry

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Pearl loves to dance! But will she love preschool, too?

Pearl loves attending dance classes at her mother's ballet school. Even though Pearl is the youngest and smallest ballerina, she knows how to count her poses and follow along. When her mum suggests that Pearl try going to preschool, Pearl has a lot of questions: what will she learn? Will there be dancing?

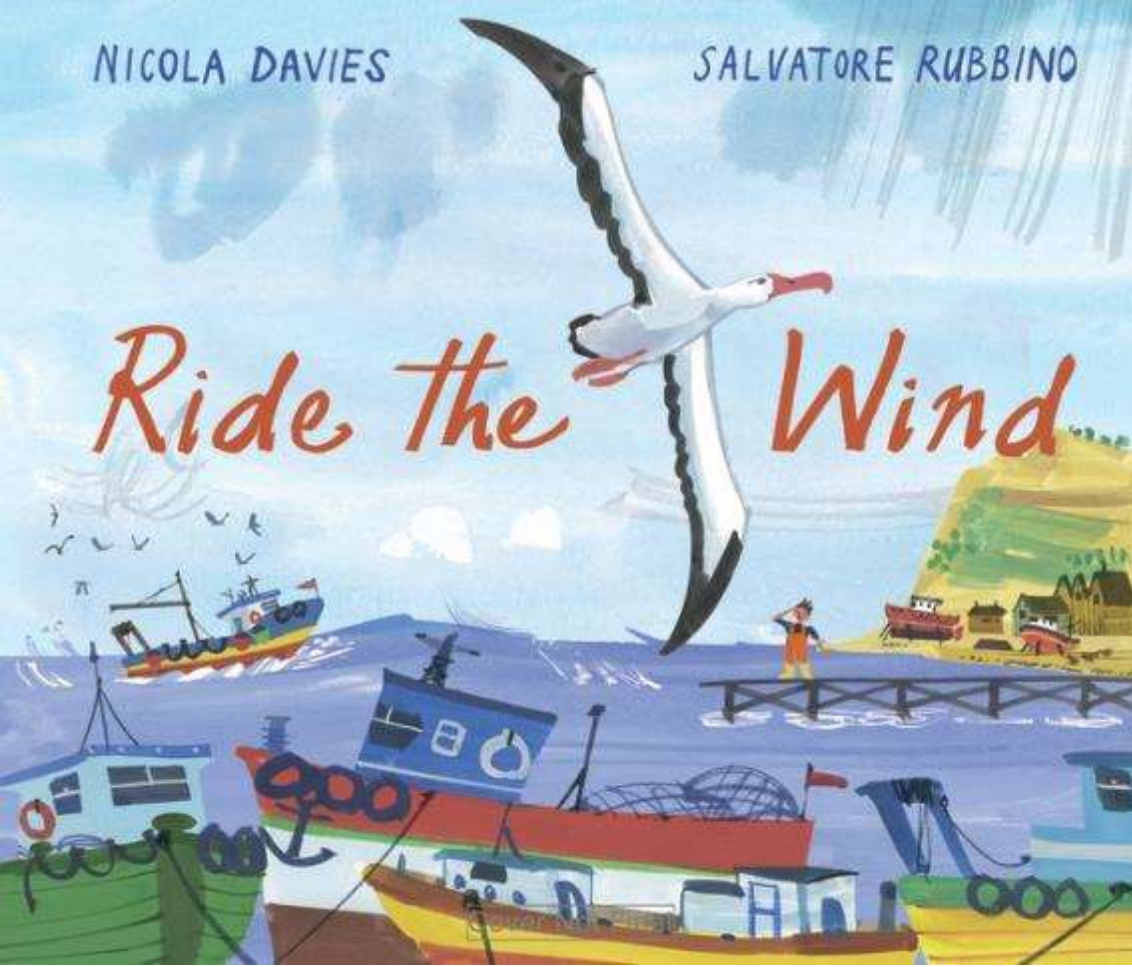
A sweet and reassuring story about trying something new that's perfect for young children with separation anxiety – or who just love to dance!

- ISBN: 9781406392036
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 32

NICOLA DAVIES

SALVATORE RUBBINO

Ride the Wind



Ride the Wind

[Nicola Davies](#)

Illustrated by [Salvatore Rubbino](#)

A heartfelt story from the author of *King of the Sky* and *The Promise*, with an important point to make about male mental-health.

Javier has a secret. On one of his father's fishing-trips, he finds an albatross caught on the hooks – alive, if only barely. Against his father's orders, Javier smuggles the bird to safety and begins nursing it back to health. Every day the albatross accepts a little more food, but she shows no sign of wanting to use her wings. And if Javier's new friend refuses to fly, how will she ever find her way home? With words by award-winning author Nicola Davies and dramatic watercolours by Salvatore Rubbino, this is a beautiful story about the power of empathy.

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

- ISBN: 9781406379556
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 40

DAVID ALMOND

ANNIE LUMSDEN, The Girl from the Sea



illustrated by **Beatrice Alemagna**

Annie Lumsden, the Girl from the Sea

[David Almond](#)

Illustrated by [Beatrice Alemagna](#)

A magical story about finding your identity from one of the most acclaimed storytellers of his generation, richly illustrated in full colour by an internationally renowned artist.

My mother says that all things can be turned to tales. I thought she meant tales like fish tails, but I was wrong. She meant tales like this, tales that are stories. But this tale of mine is very like a fish tail too... Annie has never been like the other girls. Her mam tried sending her to school when she was small, but Annie couldn't seem to make words or numbers stick. She prefers instead to be swimming in the sea, or sunbathing on the shore at Stupor Beach, her head full of tales. She should have been a fish, her mam always tells her, and Annie knows the truth of it.

Then a stranger who comes to town is struck by the beauty and the wonder of her, and Annie Lumsden realizes that perhaps she really is half a creature from the sea.

- ISBN: 9781406377590
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Making Friends: A Book About First Friendships

[Amanda McCardie](#) , [Colleen Larmour](#)



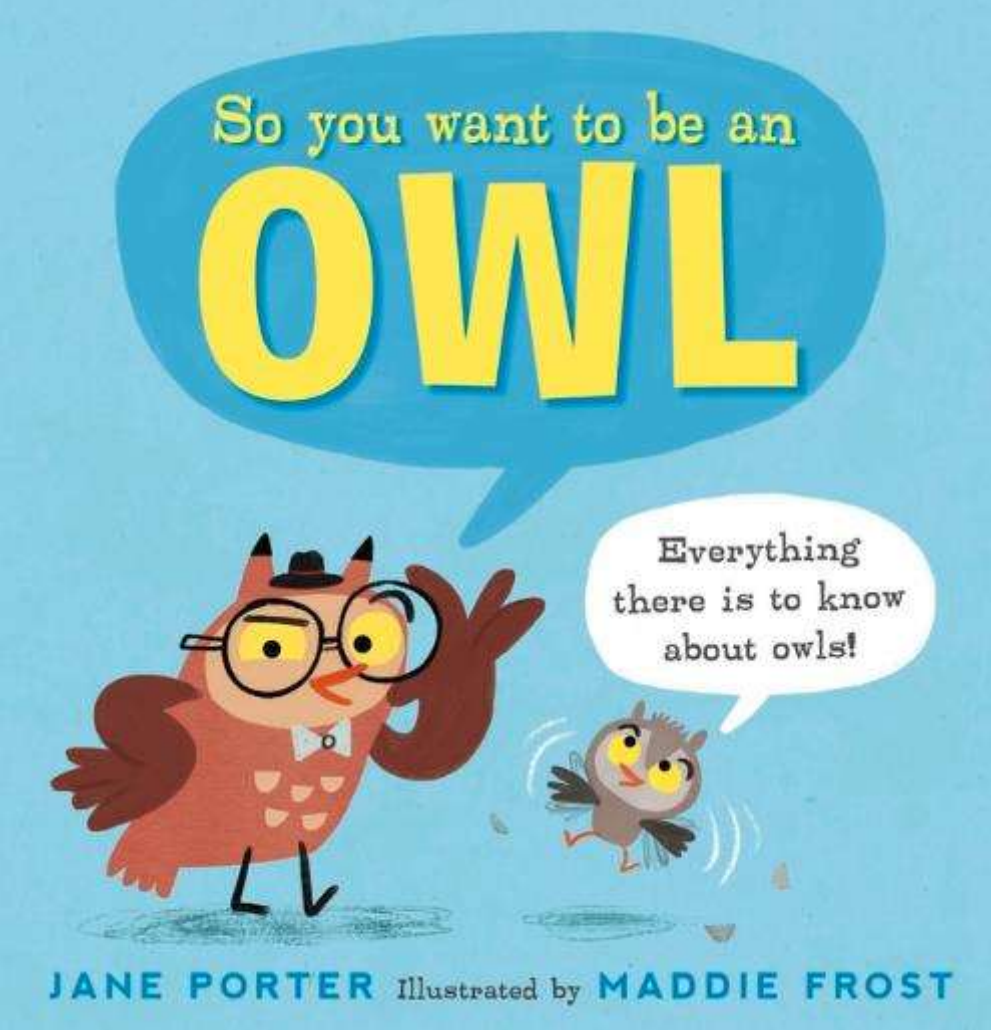
Making Friends

A Book About First Friendships

Friendships are precious, but they can also be tricky to navigate – especially when you're little. In this charming and supremely sensitive book, we meet Sukie and Joe: two children making friends for the first time. With words by Amanda McCardie, who has studied child development at the Tavistock, and pictures from Colleen Larmour, a rising star, *Making Friends* is the perfect tool for talking to very young children about friendship and everything that goes with it, from meeting new people to celebrating differences and standing up for one another.

"Remarkable ... a good starting place to help children talk through emotions." *Observer on A Book of Feelings* (McCardie)

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- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
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So You Want to Be an Owl

[Jane Porter](#)

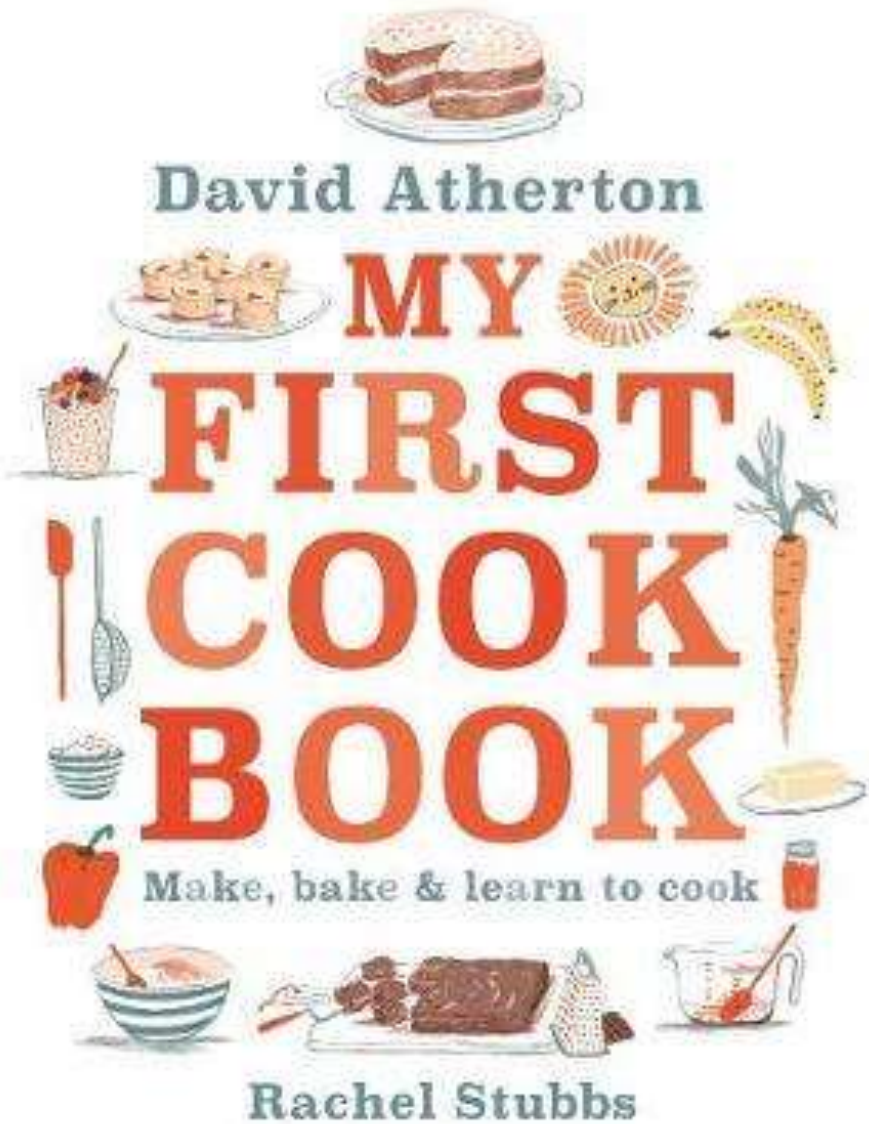
Illustrated by [Maddie Frost](#)

A funny, non-fiction picture book all about one of the world's most popular animals – owls!

Learn about owls in this funny, fact-filled picture book. Let Professor Olaf put you through your paces at Owl School. He'll teach you how to eat, sleep, hoot and even hide like an owl. Have you got what it takes?

With gorgeous, humorous illustrations by Maddie Frost.

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My First Cook Book

[David Atherton](#)

Illustrated by [Rachel Stubbs](#)

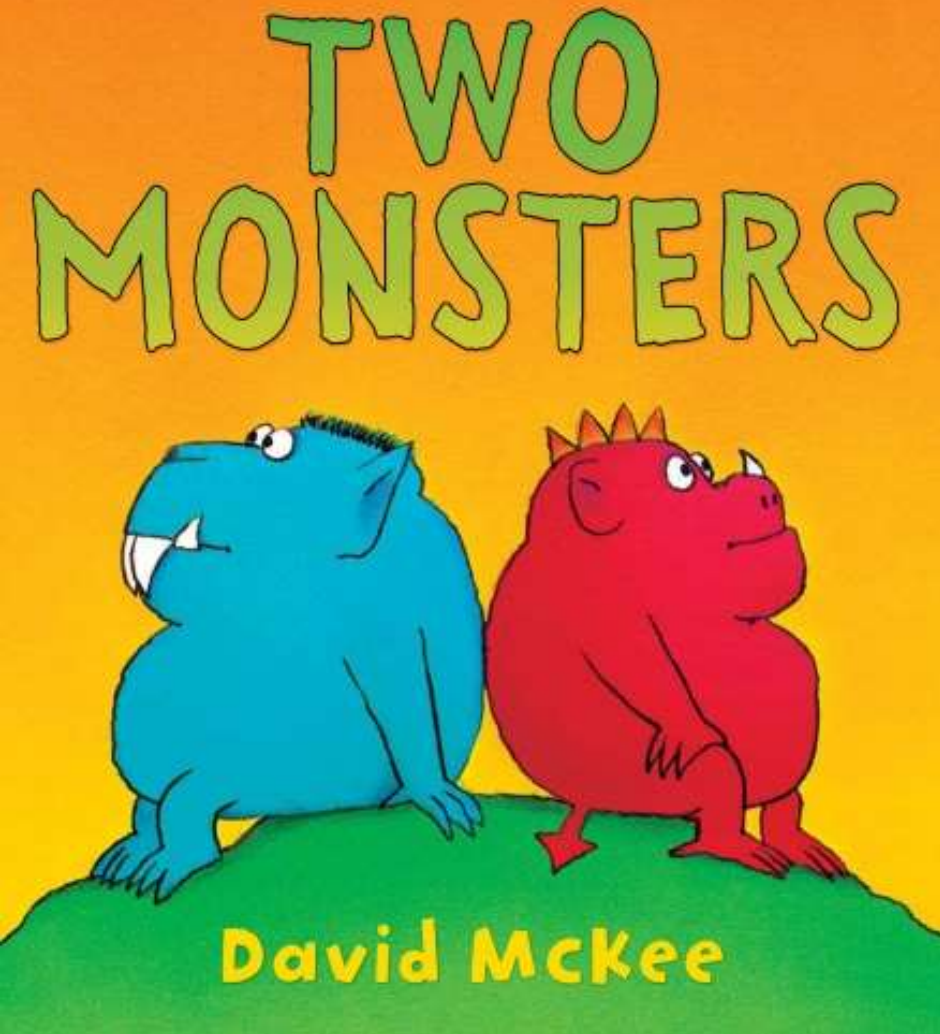
From speedy suppers to delicious bakes, this classic collection contains a wealth of imaginative recipes that will inspire readers to tie their aprons and get going on their first food adventure!

Packed with beautifully warm illustrations, fun and healthy recipes and easy-to-follow steps to help readers master basic cookery techniques and get inspired about food, this first cook book is an essential introduction to cookery that will be treasured by generations to come.

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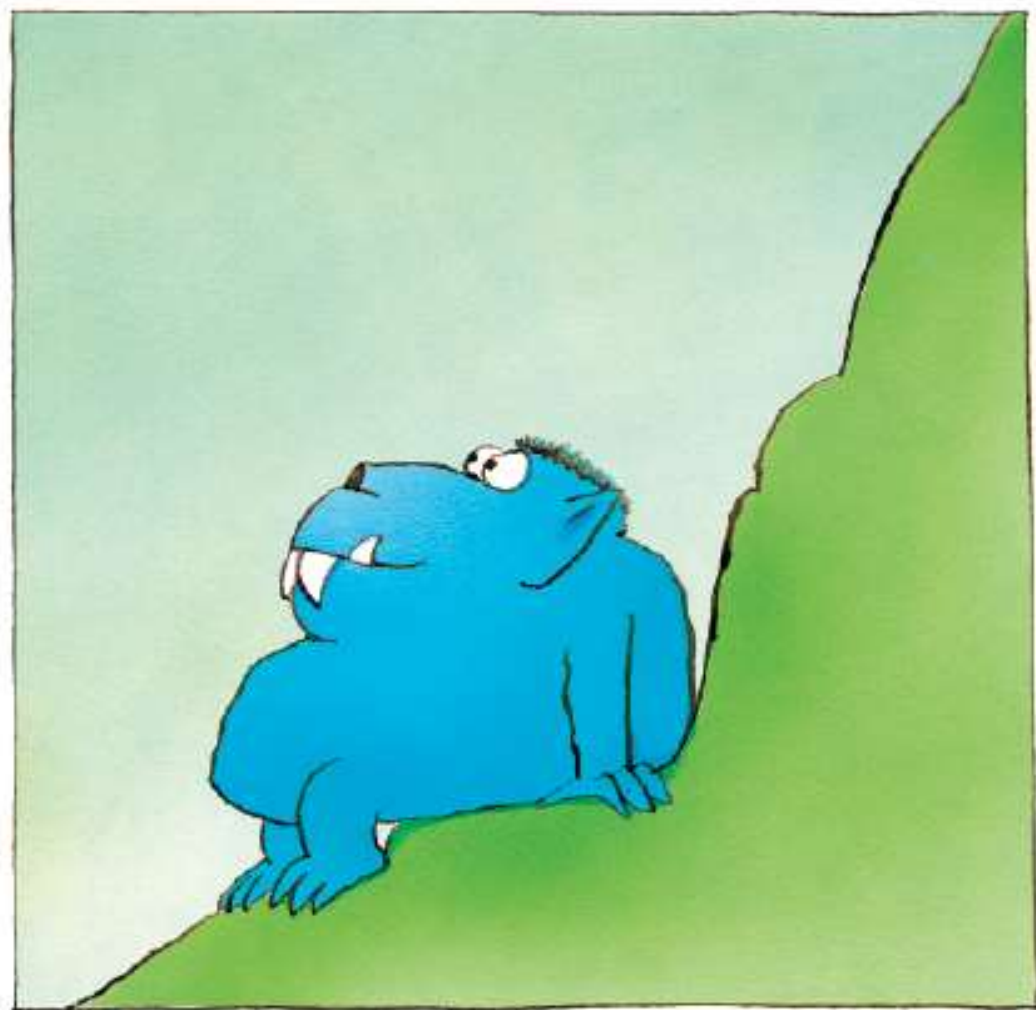


Two Monsters

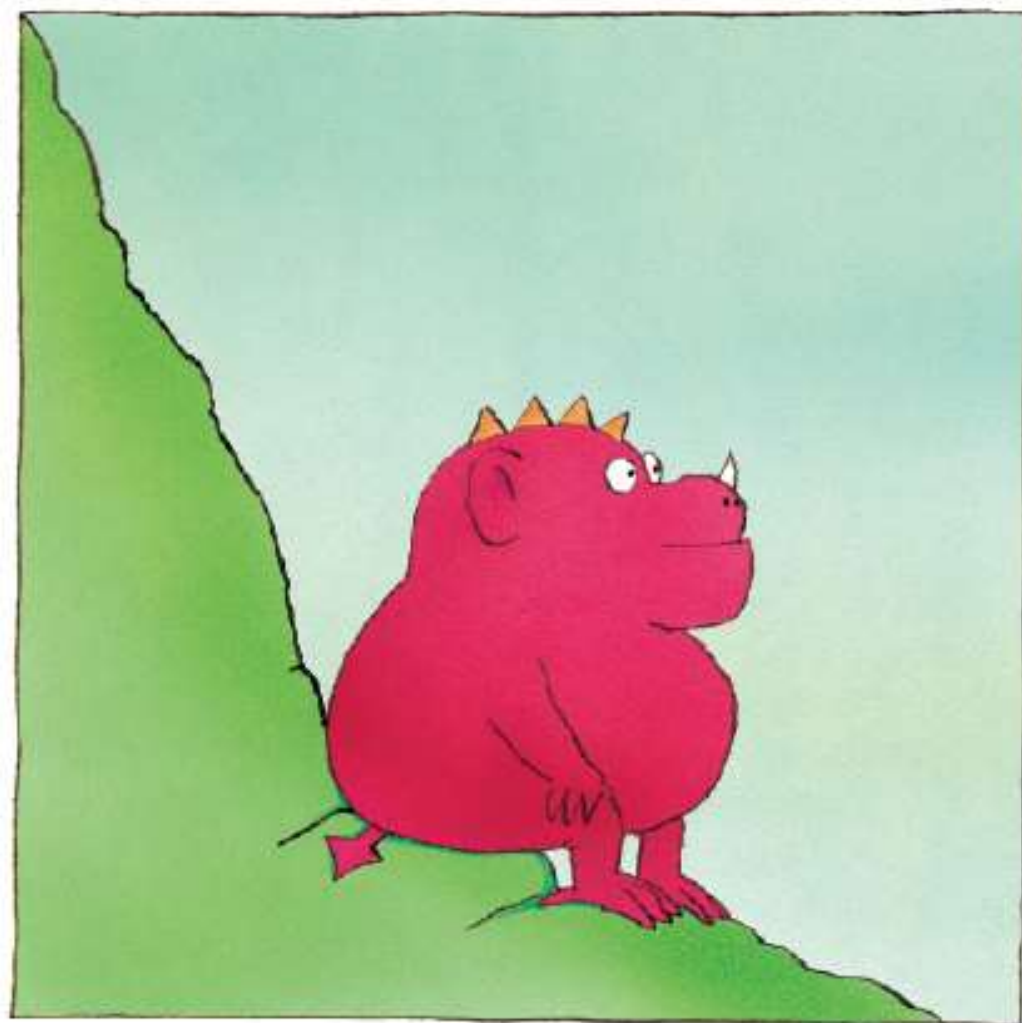
[David McKee](#)

Two monsters live on either side of a mountain. Sometimes they talk through the hole in the mountain, but they never see each other. One evening, they get into a silly argument about whether day is departing or night is arriving, which escalates into a rock throwing fight, which eventually destroys the mountain, and enables the monsters to see each other's point of view and live together as friends.

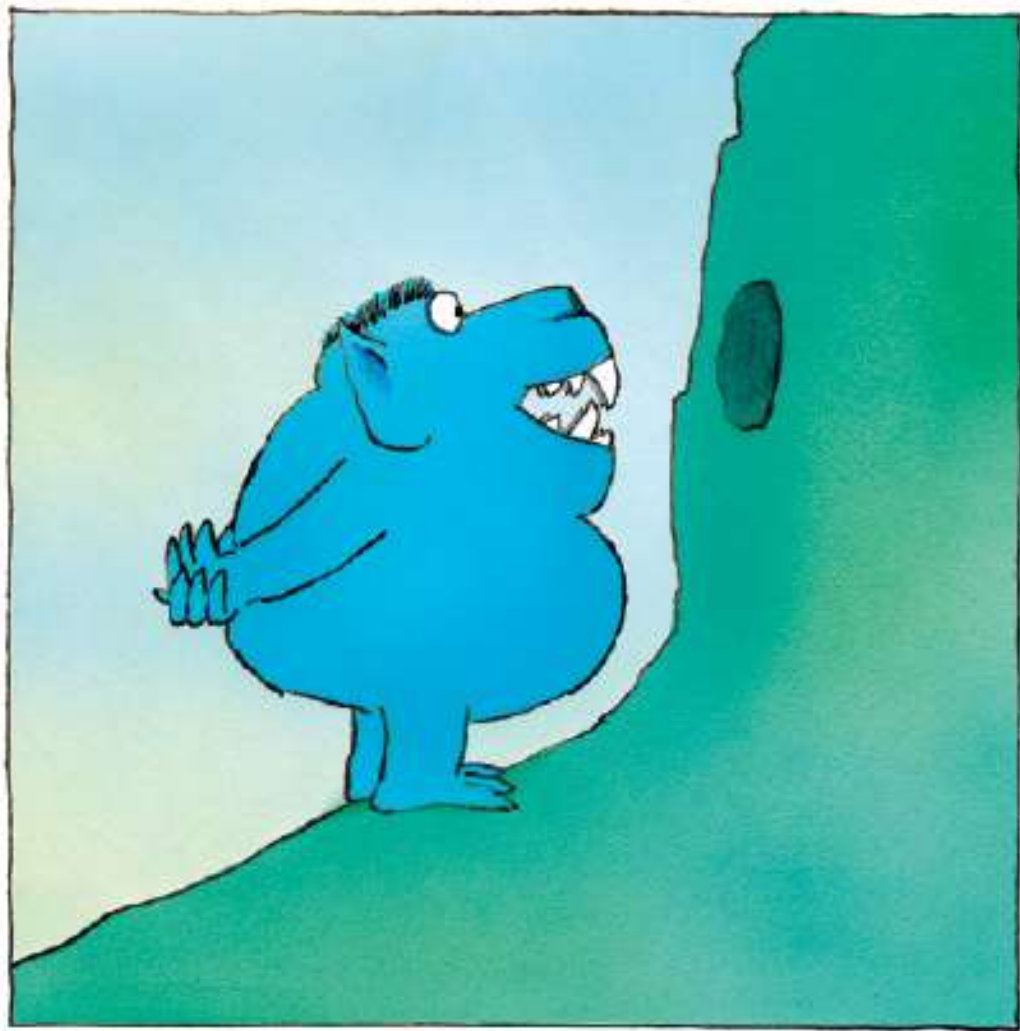
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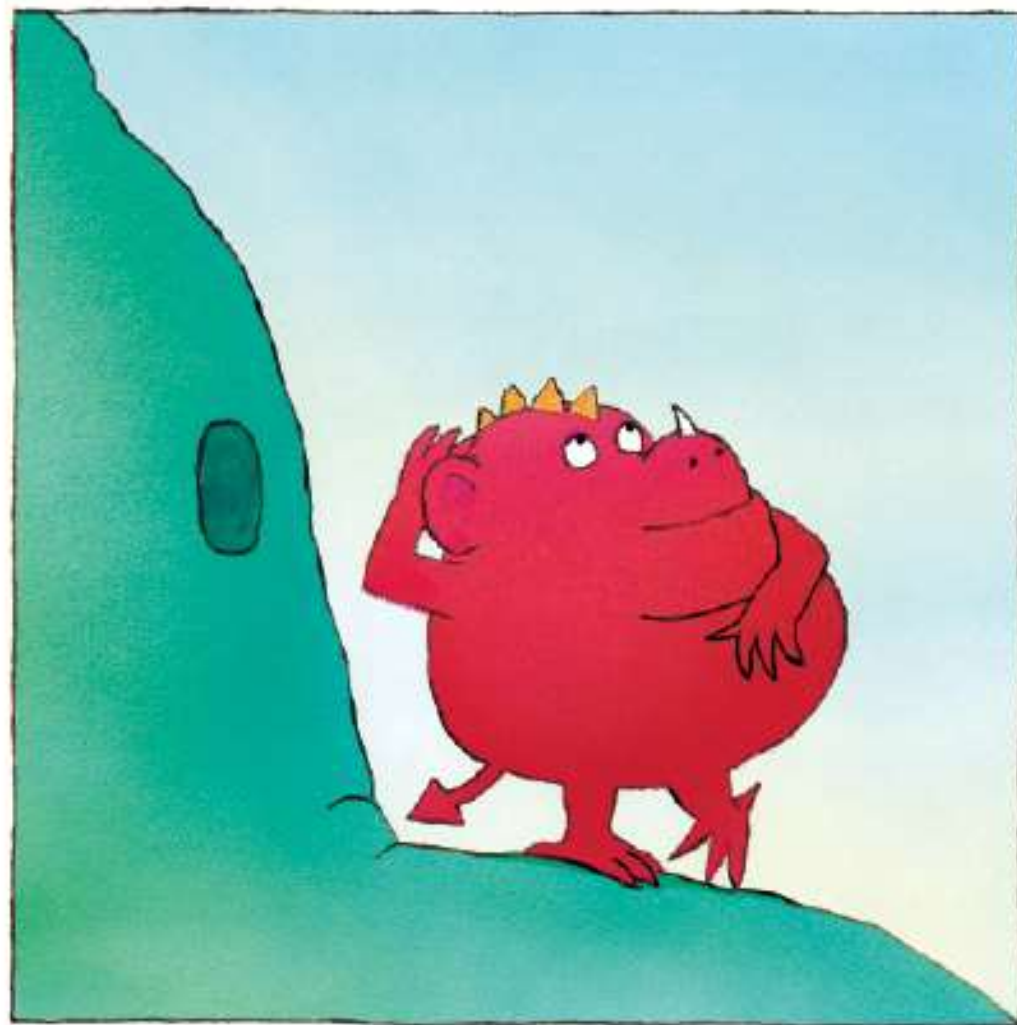
There was once a monster that lived quietly
on the west side of the mountain.



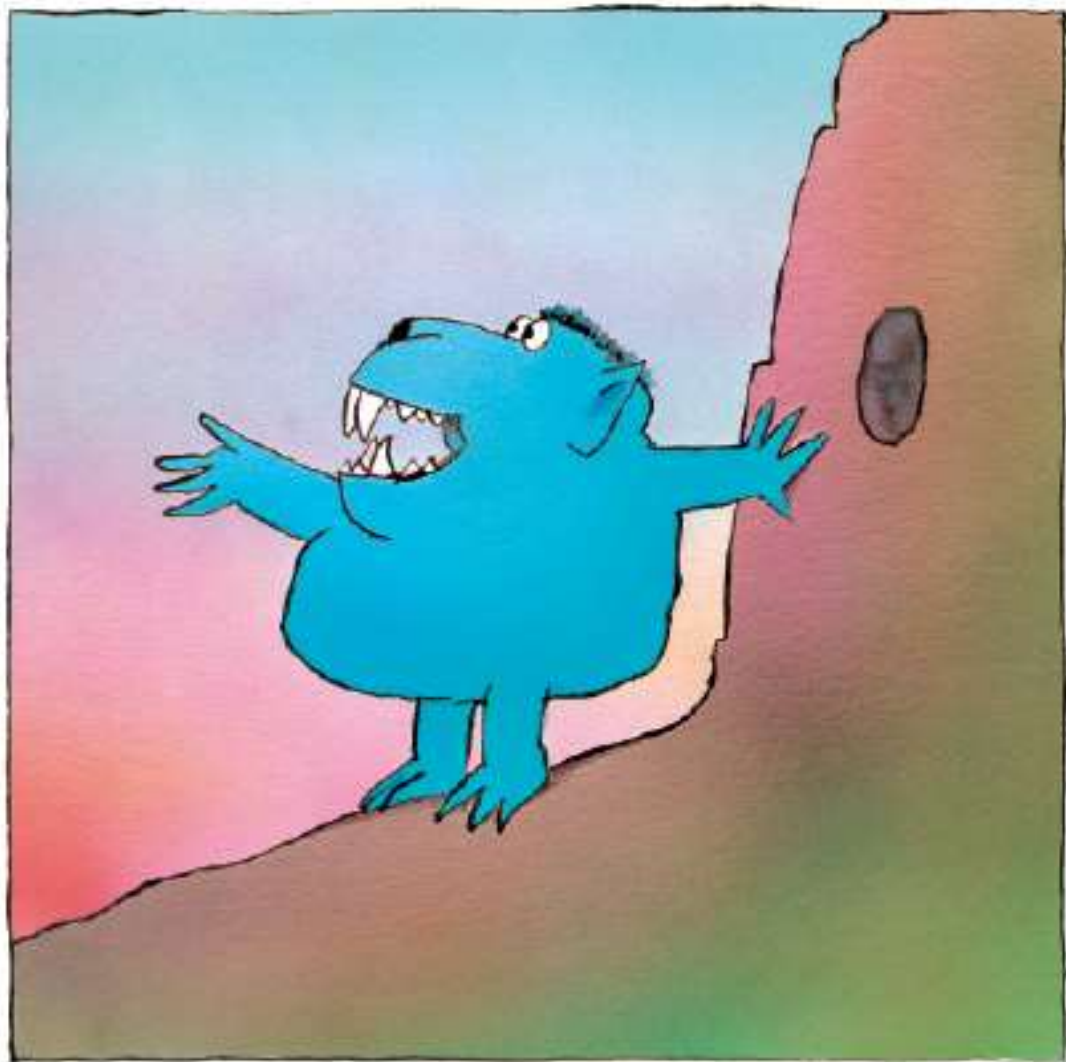
On the east side of the mountain
lived another monster.



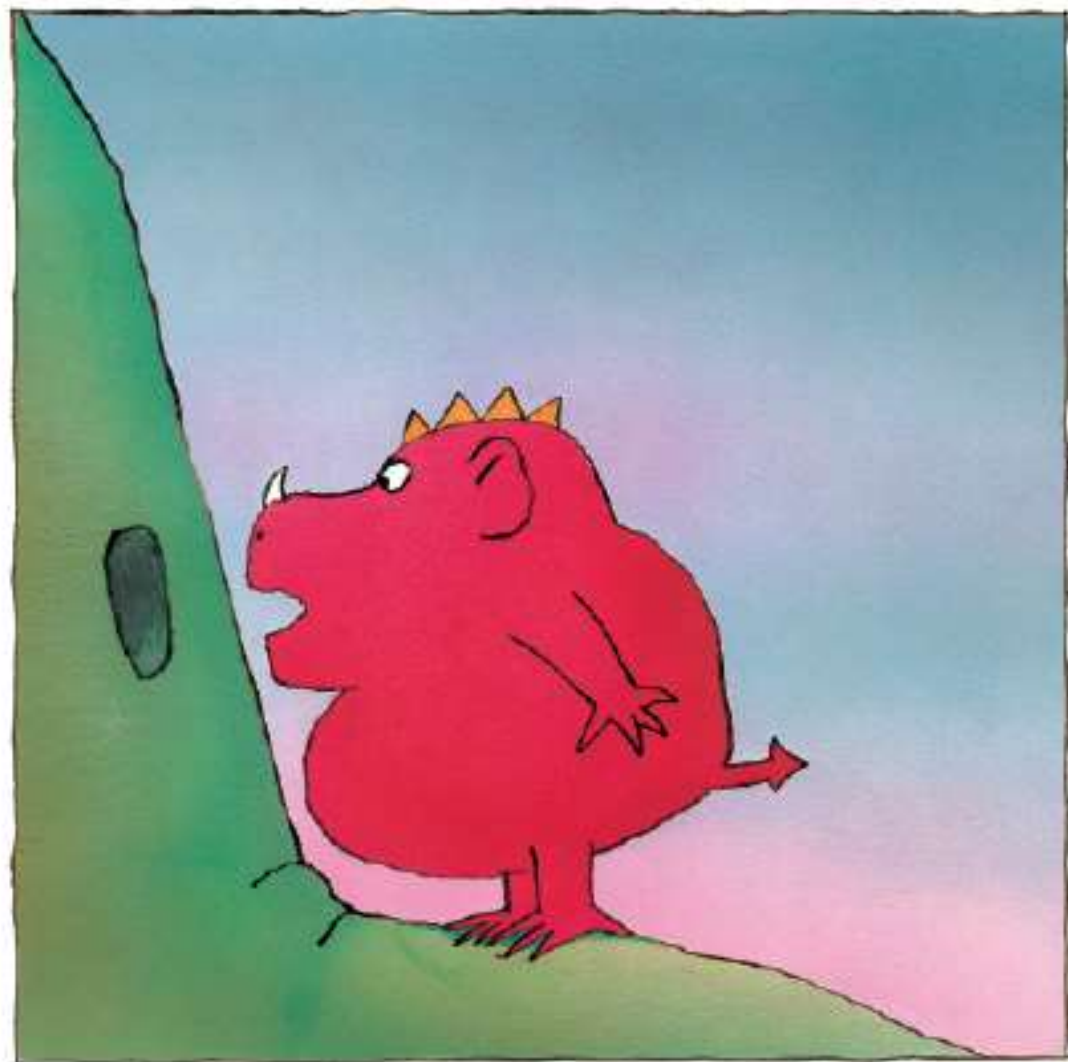
Sometimes the monsters spoke together
through a hole in the mountain.



But they never saw each other.



One evening the first monster called through the hole, "Can you see how beautiful it is? Day is departing."



"Day departing?" called back the second monster. "You mean night arriving, you twit!"

Duck & Penguin are NOT Friends



Julia Woolf

Duck and Penguin Are Not Friends

[Julia Woolf](#)

Betty and Maud are the best of friends, and so surely their stuffed toys are too! But despite what Betty and Maud might think, Duck and Penguin are definitely NOT friends. They do not want to swing together, they do not want to cook together, and they certainly DO NOT want to play baby dolls together...

A side-splitting insight into the secret world of toys, from former Dreamworks animator and illustrator Julia Woolf.

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



This is Betty and her favourite toy, Duck.



This is Maud and her favourite toy, Penguin.

"Look - they love each other!" says Betty.
"Kiss, kiss, kiss," says Maud.



Betty and Maud are best friends.



Duck and Penguin... are NOT!



Don't Go There!

[Jeanne Willis](#), [Hrefna Bragadottir](#)

Lid up, pants down, bottom on the seat! They mustn't have toilets in outer space, because this baby Martian keeps going in the wrong place: a bird bath, a bin, an up-turned hat . . . Perhaps if he masters The Toilet Song, he might learn where to go.

"Potty training is tough, but this jolly picture book looks at the funny side of toilet situations." -- Emma O'Donovan * Baby Magazine *

"This is a fun read for all very young children on an important life lesson!" -- Tricia Adams * LoveReading4Schools *

"Jeanne Willis's fun, rhyming text is perfectly complemented by Hrefna Bragadottir's charming illustrations, which manage to be both beautiful and full of wit... A sweet way to help children get to grips with using the loo." -- Booktrust *

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

I found a baby
Martian, he was
soft and small
and green.

He had the
sweetest little
face that I have
ever seen.

I kept him in my
room, which was a
silly thing to do,
because no one
had taught him...



... how to use the loo!



They must have different toilets
where he lives in outer space.
I think that's why he always did it...



Fiction



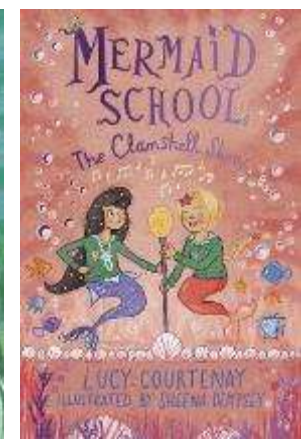
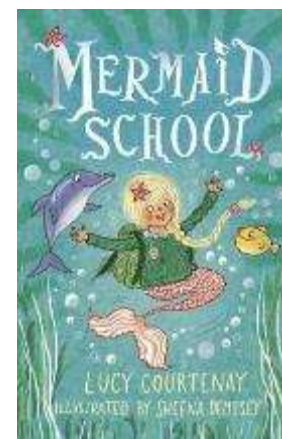
Mermaid School Ready, Steady, Swim

[Lucy Courtenay](#),
[Sheena Dempsey](#)

Marnie Blue and her friends are horrified to discover they have a new P.E. teacher at Mermaid School, and he's very keen to improve everyone's fitness. Worse, he's bringing back the Golden Glory sports day. It's a turtle disaster! Marnie, Pearl and Orla are put into the same team to compete in ultra fishball, the obstacle relay and the seahorse riding events.

But someone has a fishy plot to win all the prizes. Can Marnie stop the cheater from ruining Golden Glory Day?

- ISBN: 9781783449385
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 128



JEAN-CLAUDE MOURLEVAT

TRANSLATED BY ROS SCHWARTZ

Jefferson



Jefferson

[Jean-Claude Mourlevat](#)

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When Jefferson the hedgehog goes to his hairdresser's, he's shocked to discover the barber lying dead on the floor. Falsely accused of murder, Jefferson must go on the run with his best friend Gilbert the pig to uncover the real killers. Adventure, dark secrets and a most unlikely series of hair-raising events await Jefferson and his fellow animals as they travel into the Land of the Humans . . .

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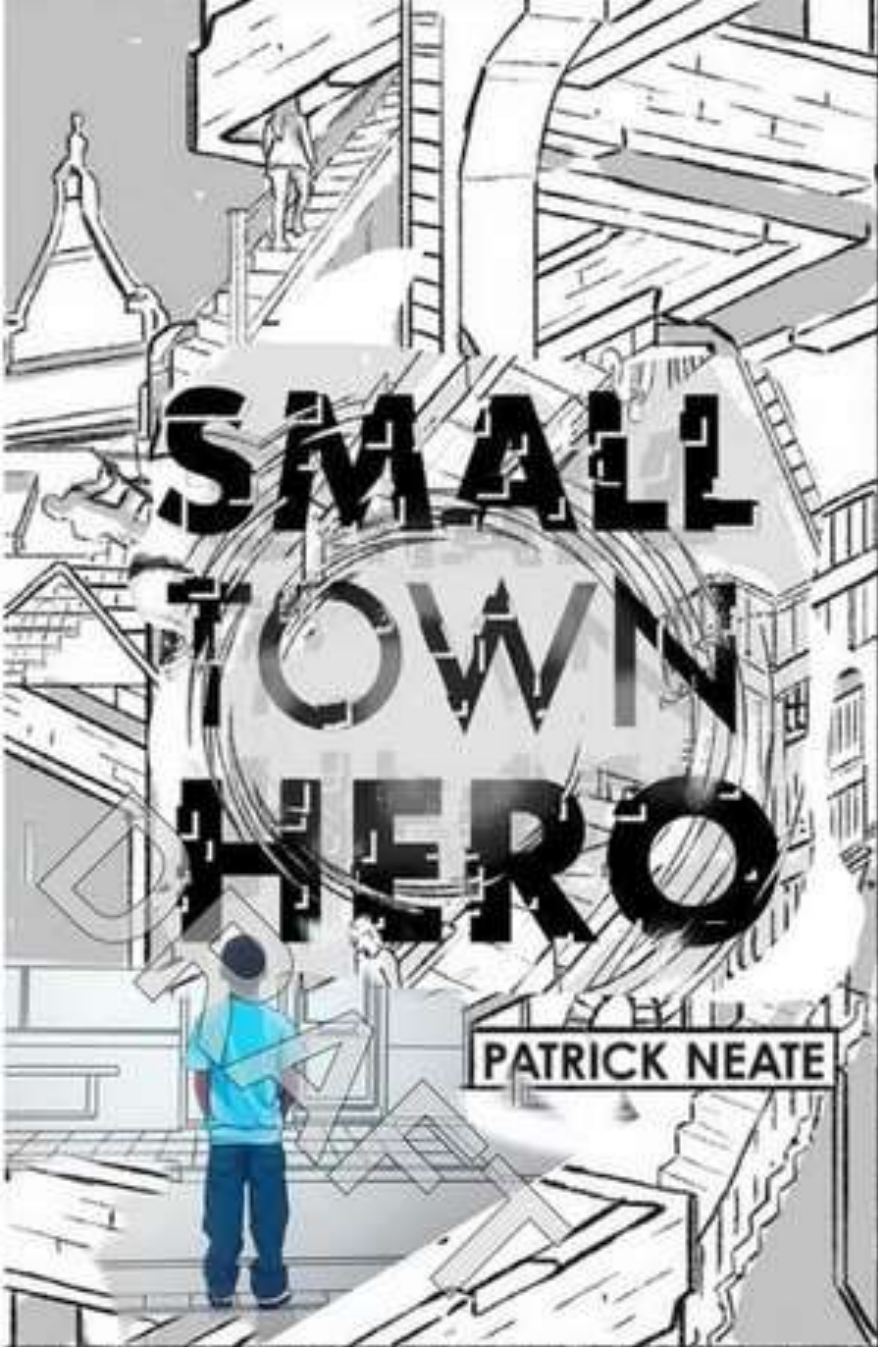
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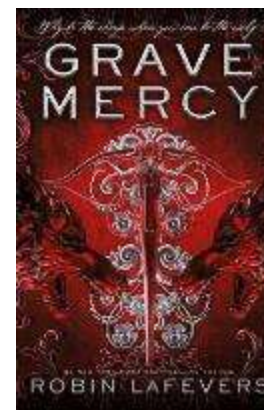
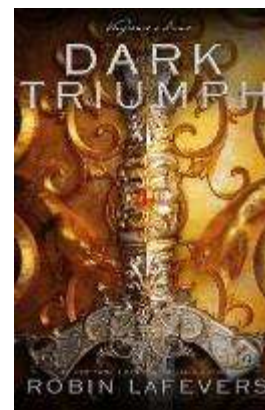
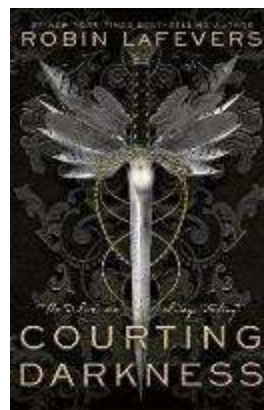
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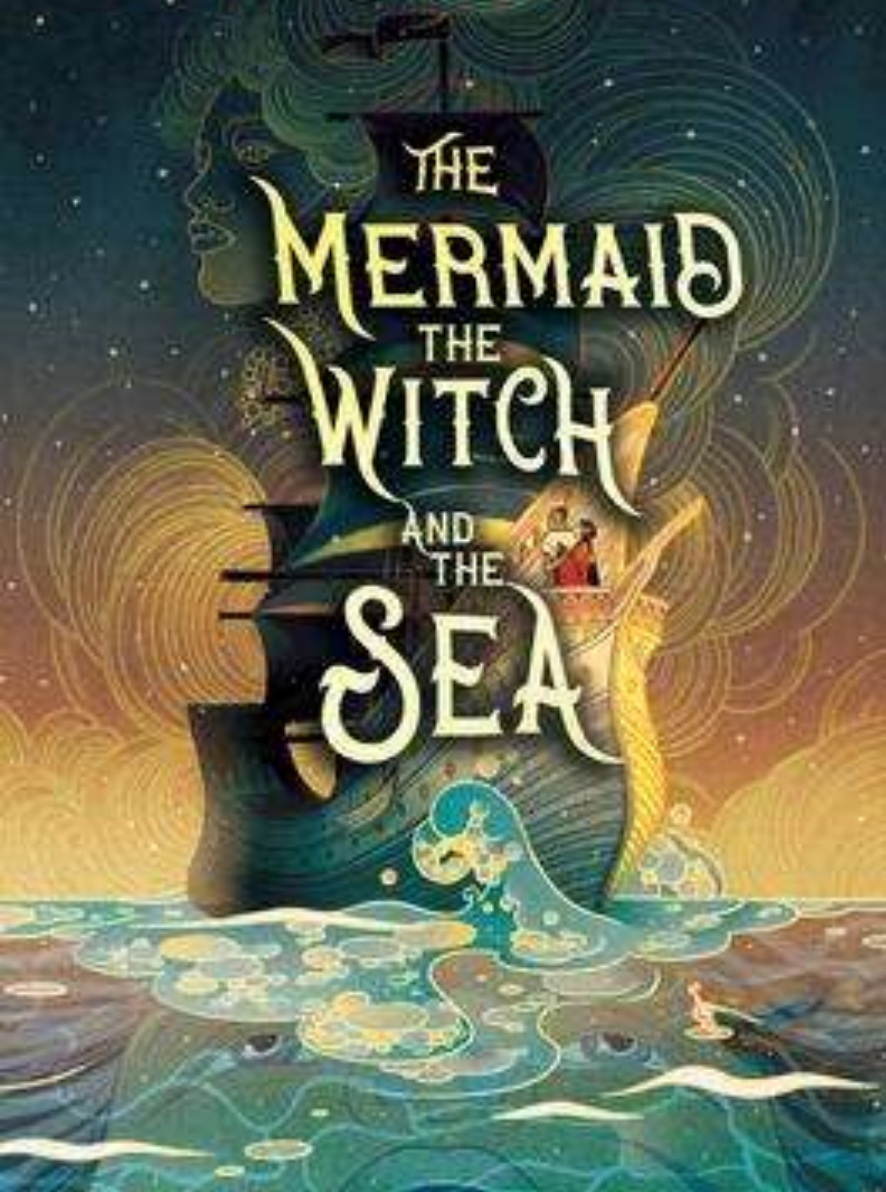




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