



**WALKER
BOOKS**

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Highlights

WHAT IF DEATH IS ONLY
THE BEGINNING?

THE
RECKLESS
AFTERLIFE
OF
HARRIET
STOKER

LAUREN JAMES

The Reckless Afterlife of Harriet Stoker

[Lauren James](#)

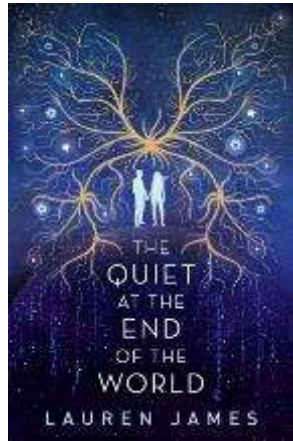
A sharp thriller with a twist of the supernatural from a masterful sci-fi writer.

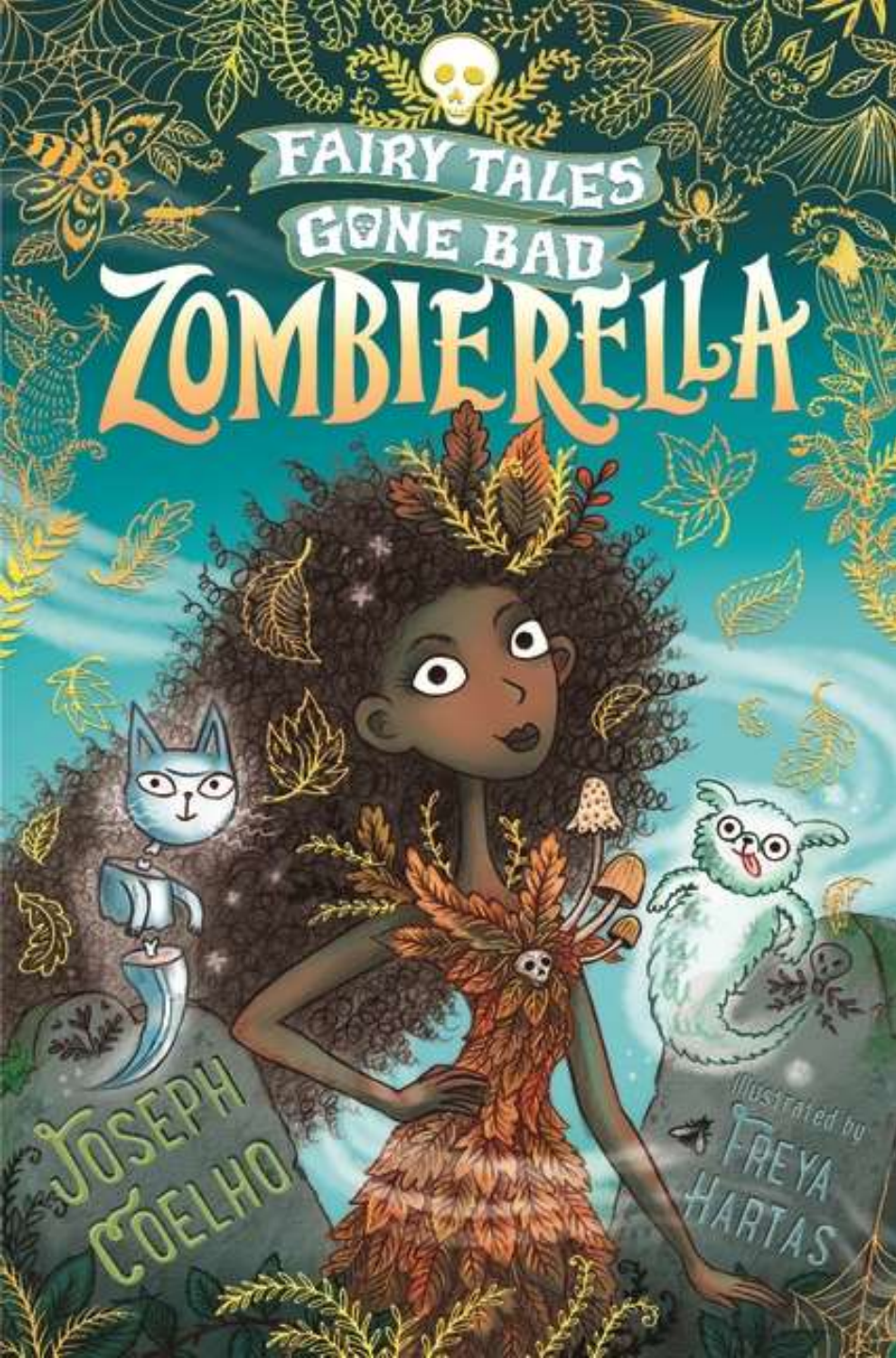
“Lauren James is a genius.” SFX Magazine “Lauren James isn’t just headed for the stars – she’s already there.” Samantha Shannon, author of *The Priory of the Orange Tree*

What if death is only the beginning? When Harriet Stoker dies falling from a balcony in a long-abandoned building, she discovers a world of ghosts with magical powers – shape-shifting, hypnosis, or even the ability to possess the living. As she learns more about their community, Harriet is willing to do anything to unleash her own power, even if it means destroying everyone around her. But when all of eternity is at stake, the afterlife can be a dangerous place to make an enemy.

Because who knows what grudges people have been holding onto for millennia, just waiting for a reckless girl to give them the chance to get vengeance.

- ISBN: 9781406391121
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 432





Zombierella: Fairy tales Gone Bad

[Joseph Coelho](#)

Illustrated by [Freya Hartas](#)

The first in a funny, deliciously dark, three-part series of twisted classics, written in verse by award-winning poet Joseph Coelho and illustrated by Freya Hartas.

A yellow moon hangs in a satin sky the night Cinderella, barefoot and in hand-me-downs, slips at the top of the stairs ... and *dies*. But not for long. The Shadow of Death arrives to breathe life back into her bones and, for three nights only, Cinderella goes forth as ZOMBIERELLA. With her skin as cold as ice and her faithful horse Lumpkin back by her side, can she seek revenge on her three cruel, *fake* sisters, once and for all?

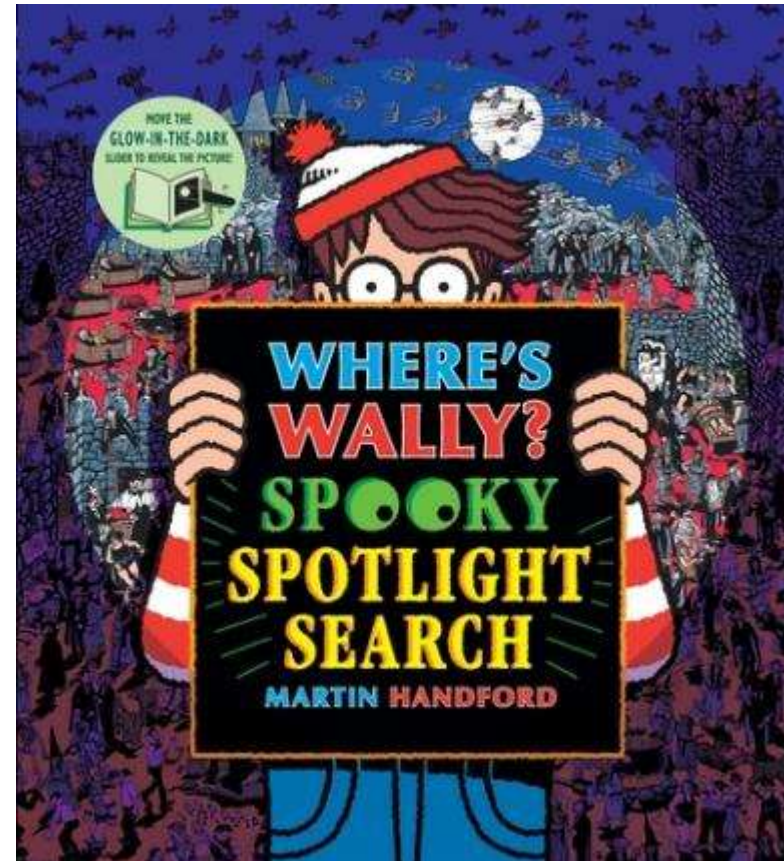
Crawl out of the grave and step into your mushroom carriage for this haunting and humorous adventure of the undead girl searching for her happily ever after.

- ISBN: 9781406389661
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 192

Where's Wally? Spooky Spotlight Search – Martin Handford

The spotlight search is back! Use the paper spotlight searcher as a magic torch to illuminate the six spooky scenes in this book. With bonus games on every page!

- With six scenes to send shivers down your spine and extra activities on every page – it's frightful!
- Includes a search wand and an extra glow-in-the-dark game! No batteries necessary. All light-up magic is designed from paper, and extra spotlight search wands are available to print online.
- The Where's Wally? series has sold over 72 million copies worldwide in 31 languages.



- ISBN: 9781406384475
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 16



Use the spotlight-searcher to light up the spooky scenes. Leave it out in the daytime so it will glow in the dark at night!

Download our spooky spotlight-searcher for you and your friends at www.spookysearcher.com.uk

Look for Wally, Woolf (but all you can see is his tail), Wenda, Wizard Whitebeard and Odlaw hiding in the shadows. Try to find them with your spotlight-searcher in the dark too – it's a dastardly task!



Can you also find Wally's key, Woolf's bone, Wenda's camera, Wizard Whitebeard's scroll and Odlaw's binoculars in every scene?



And finally! There is a carved pumpkin to hunt for in every scene but can you spot which pumpkin is different from the others?

BOO!

IT'S SO MUCH FUN SNEAKING ABOUT IN THE DARK, WALLY-WATCHERS!

I DARE YOU TO EMBARK ON A SPOOKY VOYAGE WITH ME. BRING YOUR MAGIC SPOTLIGHT TO GUIDE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE DEPTHS OF NIGHT. SIMPLY SLIDE IT INTO THE SIDE OF THE PAGE TO REVEAL THE FRIGHTFUL CHARACTERS LURKING IN THE SHADOWS! MY FRIENDS ARE COMING TOO – THE MORE THE MURKIER! THERE ARE ALSO EXTRA GHOULISH GAMES, SEARCHES AND PUZZLES TO SEND SHIVERS DOWN YOUR SPINE!

BON V-V-V-VOYAGE!



A GHOSTLY GALLEON

On a dark and stormy night, Willy and his friends set sail for treasure lands. Look through the telescopes to spy the spooky adventures on board their ghostly galleon.



WILLY'S LOG

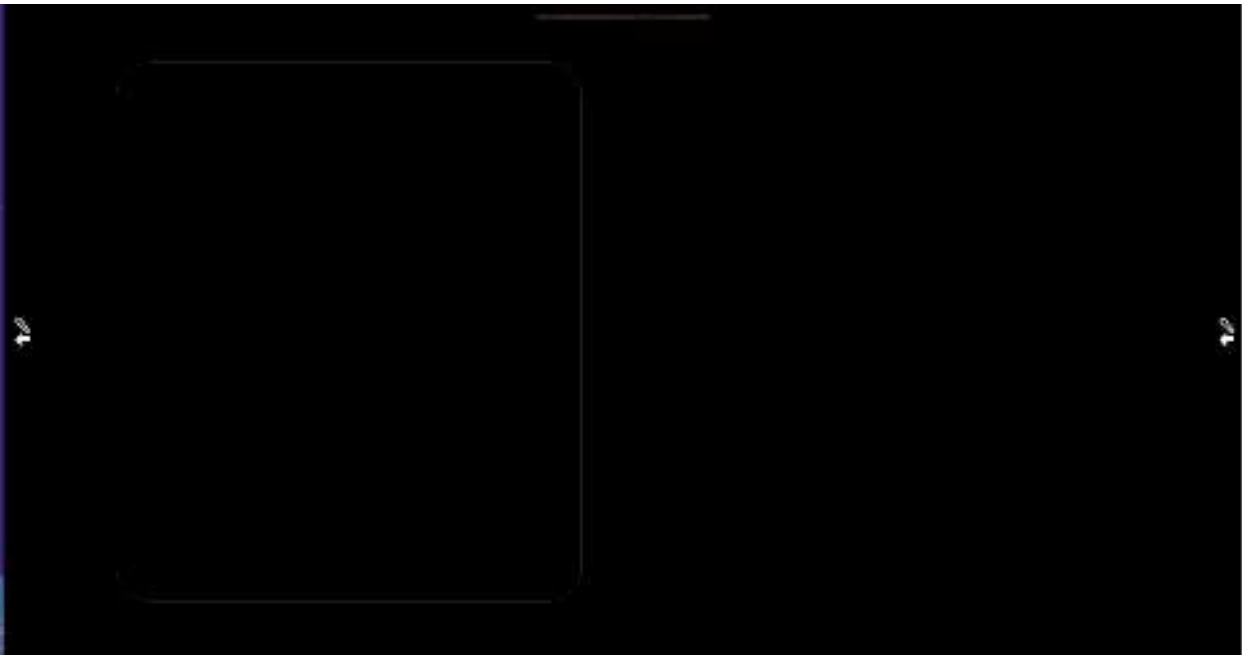
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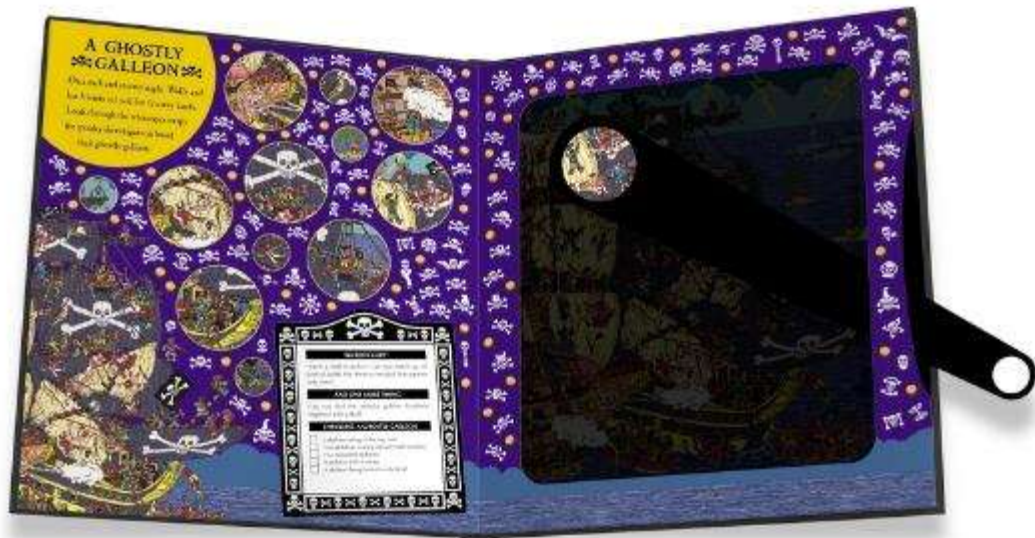
AND ONE MORE THING

Can you find the treasure? Look for the ghostly adventures on board their ghostly galleon.

EXERCISE: A GHOSTLY GALLEON

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PICTURE BOOKS



Small in the City

[Sydney Smith](#)

I know what it's like to be small in the city...

Being small can be overwhelming in a city. People don't see you. The loud sounds of the sirens and cyclists can be scary. And the streets are so busy it can make your brain feel like there's too much stuff in it. But if you know where to find good hiding places, warm dryer vents that blow out hot steam that smells like summer, music to listen to or friends to say hi to, there can be comfort in the city, too.

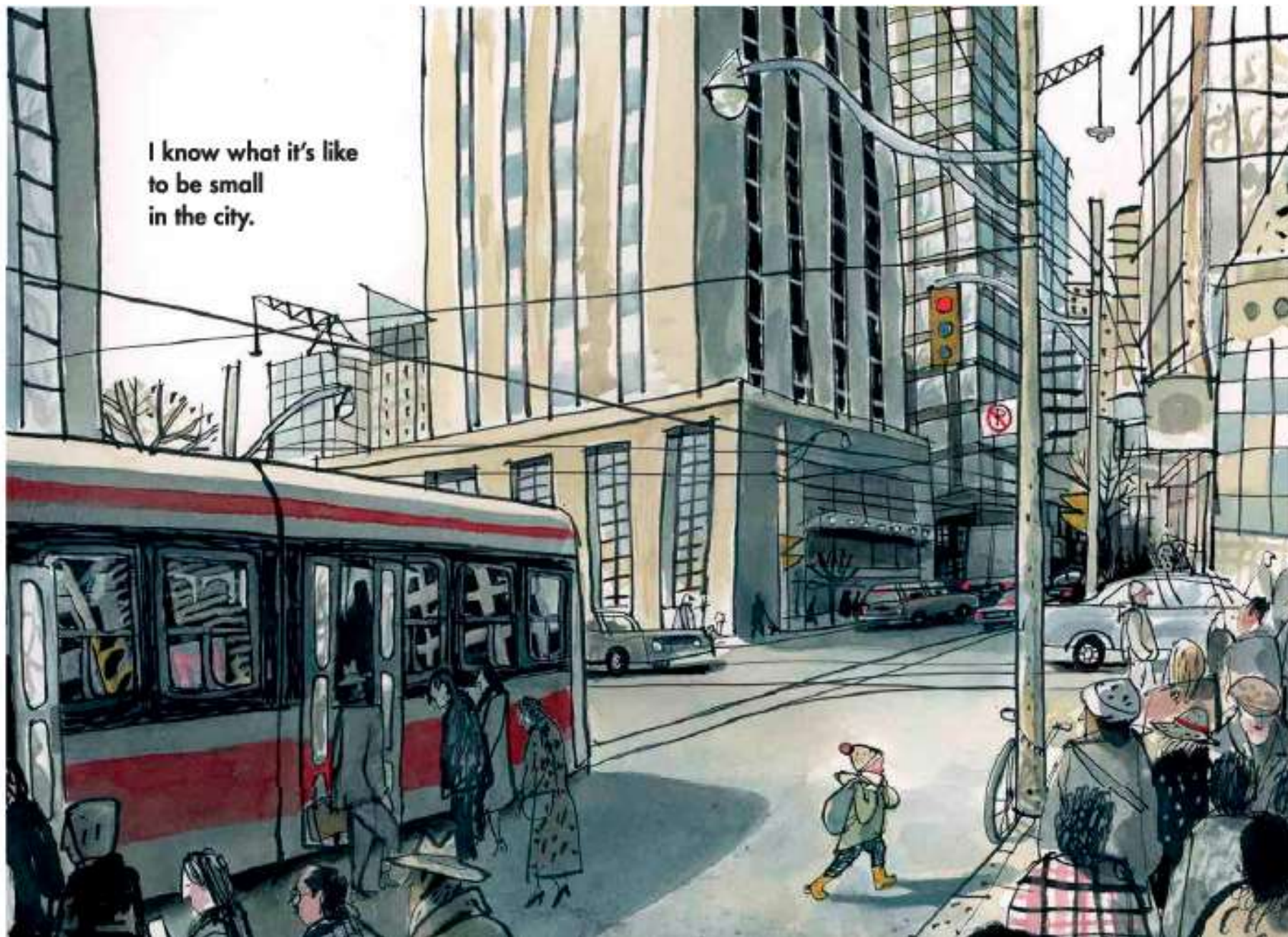
We follow our little protagonist, who knows all about what it's like to be small in the city, as he gives his best advice for surviving there.

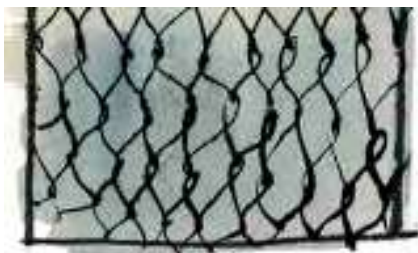
As we turn the pages, Sydney Smith's masterful storytelling allows us to glimpse exactly who this advice is for, leading us to a powerful, heart-rending realization...

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- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 40



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in the city.



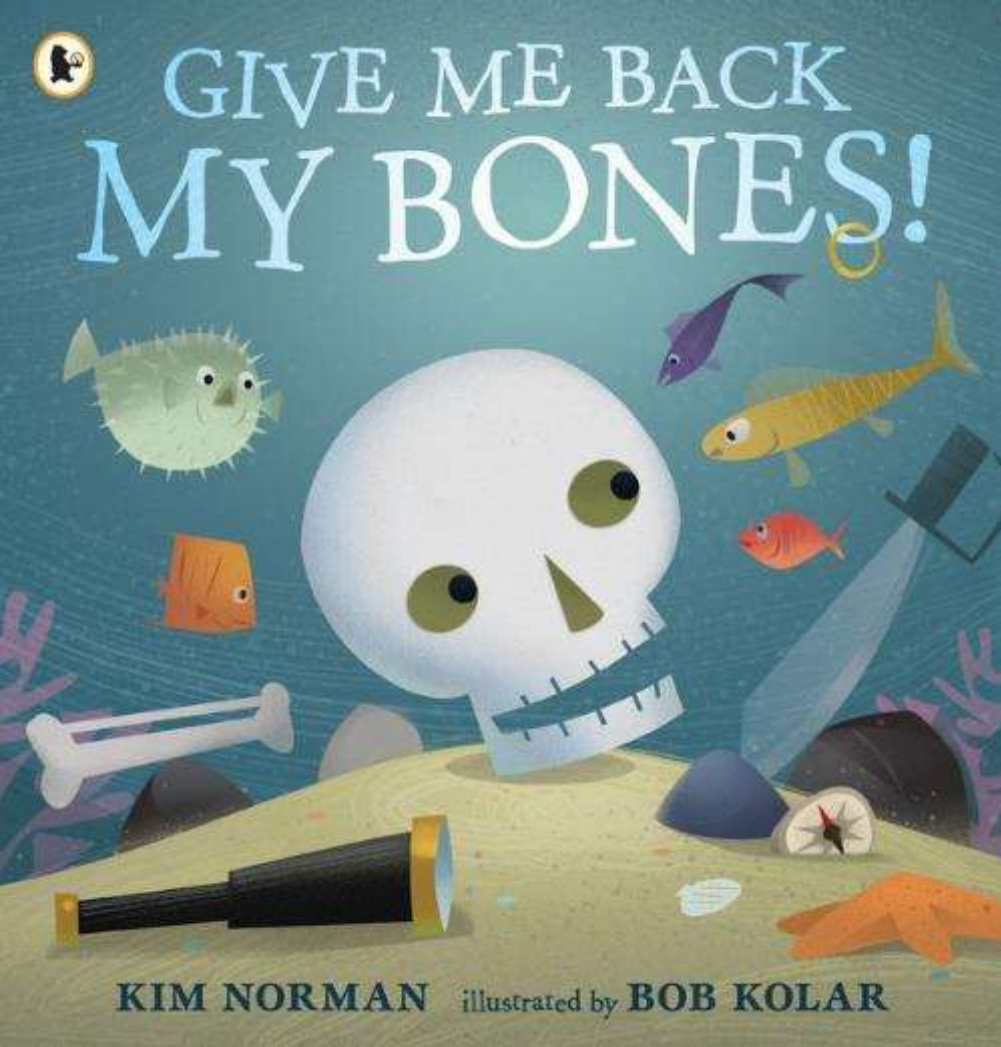


People don't see
you and loud
sounds can
scare you,



and knowing
what to do is
hard sometimes.





Give Me Back My Bones!

[Kim Norman](#)

Illustrated by [Bob Kolar](#)

A pirate skeleton seeks to put its bones back together in this rhyming first book of anatomy!


Cast a spyglass 'round here, while breakers curl and pound here. There's treasure to be found here – I feel it in my bones! A stormy night at sea has uncovered some long-buried secrets and surprises. Is that the mast of a shipwreck? A faded pirate hat? And what's that hiding in the sand? A mandible and a clavicle, phalanges and femurs, a tibia and a fibula – could there be a complete set of bones scattered across the ocean floor? And who might they belong to?

A jaunty rhyme takes readers on an underwater scavenger hunt as a comical skeleton tries to put itself back together piece by piece. Make no bones about it – this rollicking read-aloud will have young ones learning anatomy without even realizing.


- ISBN: 9781406392968
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- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 40



A stormy night has passed here
and toppled every mast here.
The ocean, flowing fast here,
has scattered all my bones!

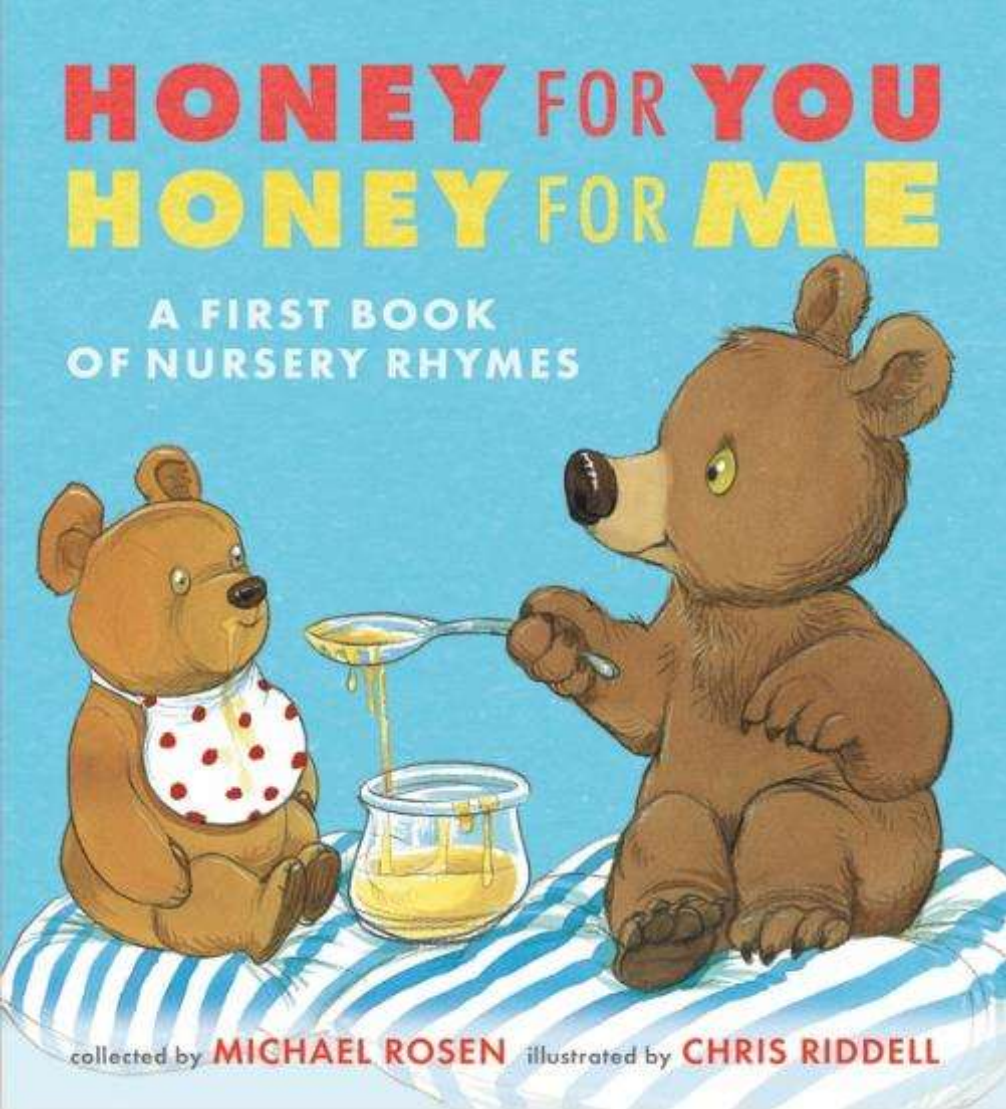
An underwater scene with a skull on a sand mound, a red crab, and various fish. The skull is white with large, dark, circular eyes and a triangular nose. It sits on a yellow sand mound. A red crab is on the left side of the mound. The background is dark blue with greenish-yellow light rays. There are several fish: a large blue fish at the top right, a small pink fish on the right, and a small orange fish at the top left. The seabed is covered with rocks, shells, and coral.

Help me find my head bone,
my pillowed-on-the-bed bone,
the pirate's flag-of-dread bone –
I'm scouting out my skull.

An illustration of a large red fish in an underwater setting. The fish has a white, rectangular jawbone protruding from its mouth. To the left of the fish is a white skull with green eyes and a green nose. The background is a dark blue-green water with various smaller fish and seabed elements like rocks and shells. The text is located in the upper right corner of the illustration.

Now I need my gnaw bone,
my chicken-chomping saw bone.
I'll starve without my jawbone.
I miss my mandible!

Anthology



Honey for You, Honey for Me

[Michael Rosen](#)

Illustrated by [Chris Riddell](#)

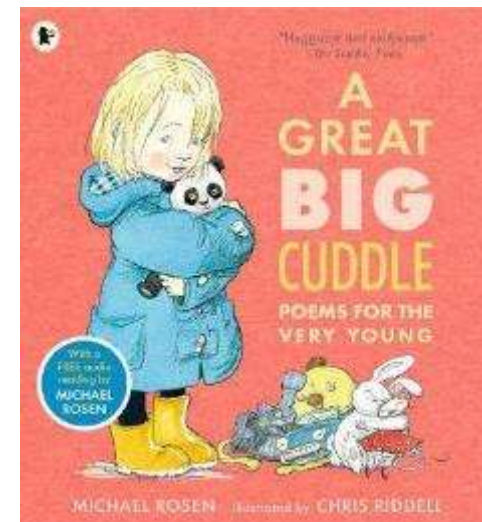
Edited by [Michael Rosen](#)

From Children's Laureates Michael Rosen and Chris Riddell, the bestselling team behind *A Great Big Cuddle*, comes a first book of nursery rhymes.

Flying pigs, wobbling plates of jelly and a giant with a terrible fear of mice: welcome to the topsy-turvy world of nursery rhymes. Inspired by his lifelong fascination with these wonderful, riddling rhymes, Michael Rosen has placed familiar playground songs beside forgotten gems for a seminal new collection, which Chris Riddell has brought to vivid life with his magnificent, exuberant pictures.

Expect familiar faces, from little Jumping Joan to Miss Mary Mack-Mack-Mack – but also plenty of mischievous surprises. With over thirty rhymes to choose between, this is a book for families to share and treasure.

- ISBN: 9781406374636
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 80



ABOUT THIS BOOK

Whenever I visit schools, I listen out on the playground for old rhymes being shared and new rhymes being invented. I can remember learning them in this way when I was a boy – passing them on, and keeping them alive, by word of mouth.

Nursery rhymes are wonderful and surprising little dramas, full of mysteries and unanswered questions. They help us to engage with the world around us, in all its strangeness and richness, from a very young age. And when you begin gathering this great body together, it becomes an unofficial record of our culture – and tells us a good deal about our hopes, desires, fears and failings.

I have collected books of nursery rhymes for many years. For centuries, people have been

publishing folk songs, children's lullabies and ditties in anthologies. Looking through some of these old collections, I found a few intriguing gems which I feel have been neglected.

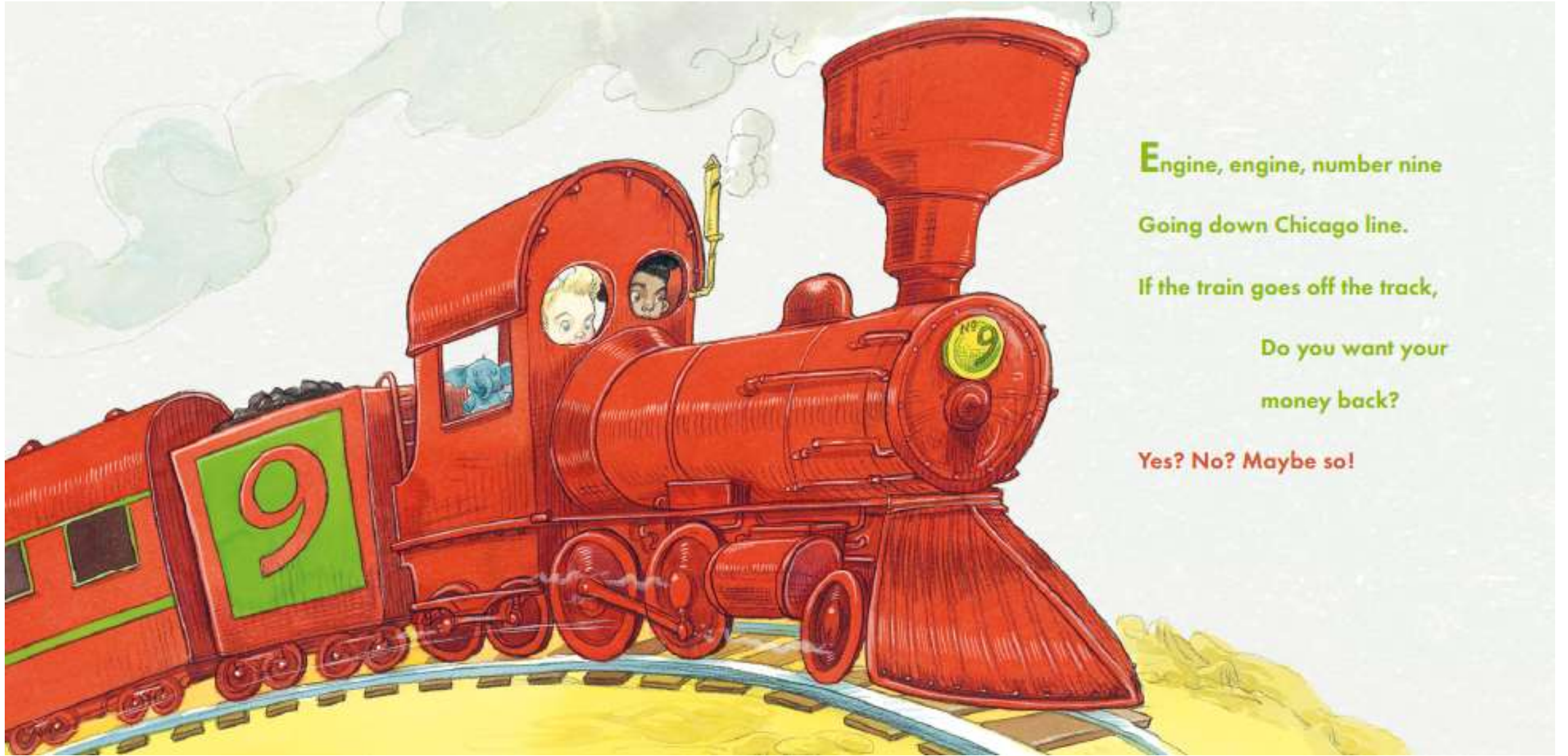
For this new book, I've placed those rhymes beside some that you may already know and love. They're full of jokes and unsolved riddles, which are interesting to think about and perfect for sharing. On that note, it's worth putting a moment's thought into how to use this collection.

It goes without saying that the simplest way is the best: sit with a child, read the rhymes out loud together and look at Chris Riddell's wonderful pictures. But it can also help to sing the words or make up actions, to show how sounds, rhythm and emotion can be conveyed through the whole body.

We're not statues and we don't stand still, and the same is true of our language: it reflects what we borrow and what we invent. Old and new, these rhymes are perfect proof.

MICHAEL
ROSEN





Engine, engine, number nine

Going down Chicago line.

If the train goes off the track,

Do you want your
money back?

Yes? No? Maybe so!

From **Wibbleton** to **Wobbleton** is fifteen miles,



From **Wobbleton** to **Wibbleton** is fifteen



From **Wibbleton** to **Wobbleton**,

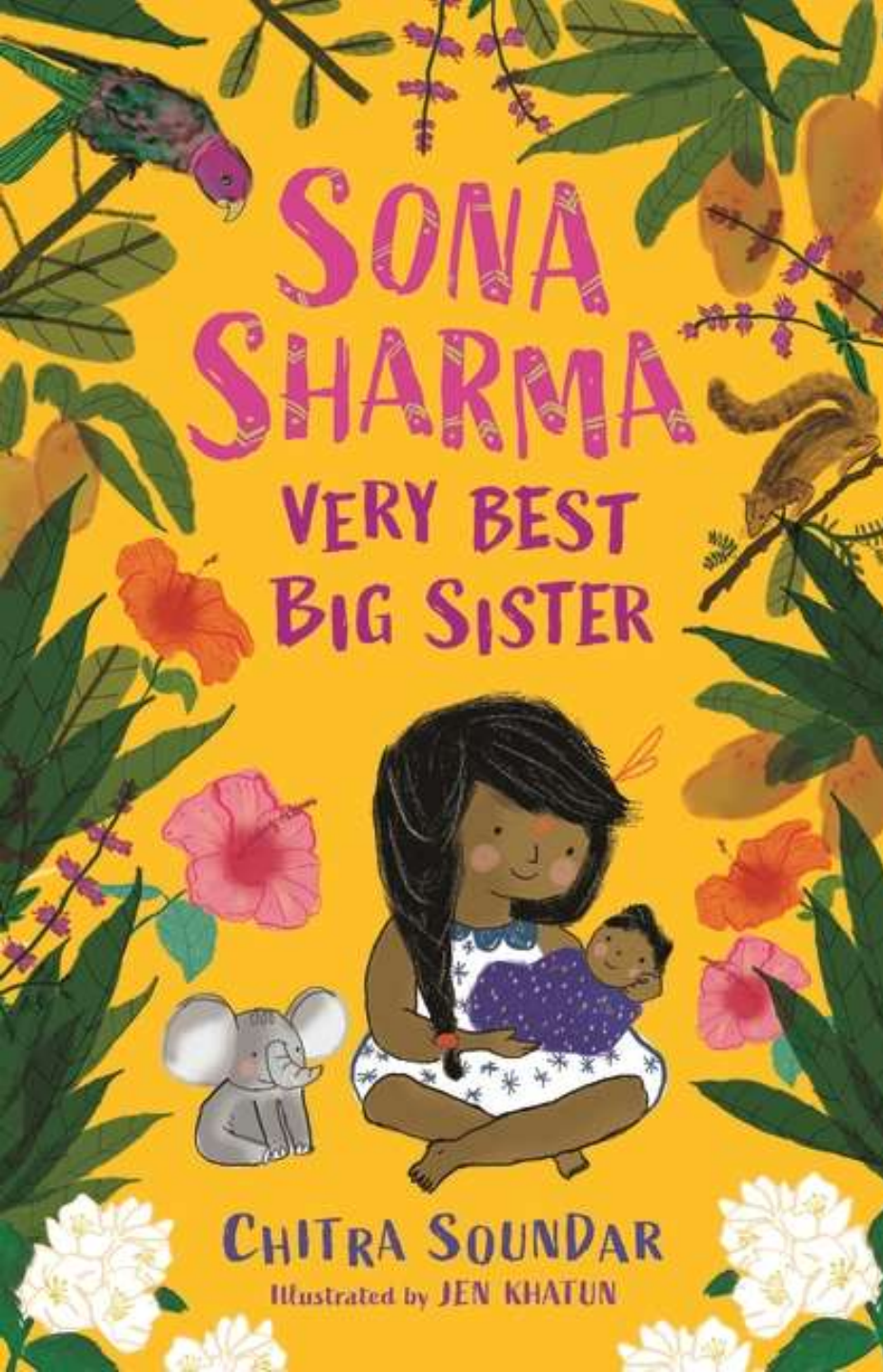


From **Wobbleton**

to **Wibbleton**,



Fiction



Sona Sharma, Very Best Big Sister

[Chitra Soundar](#)

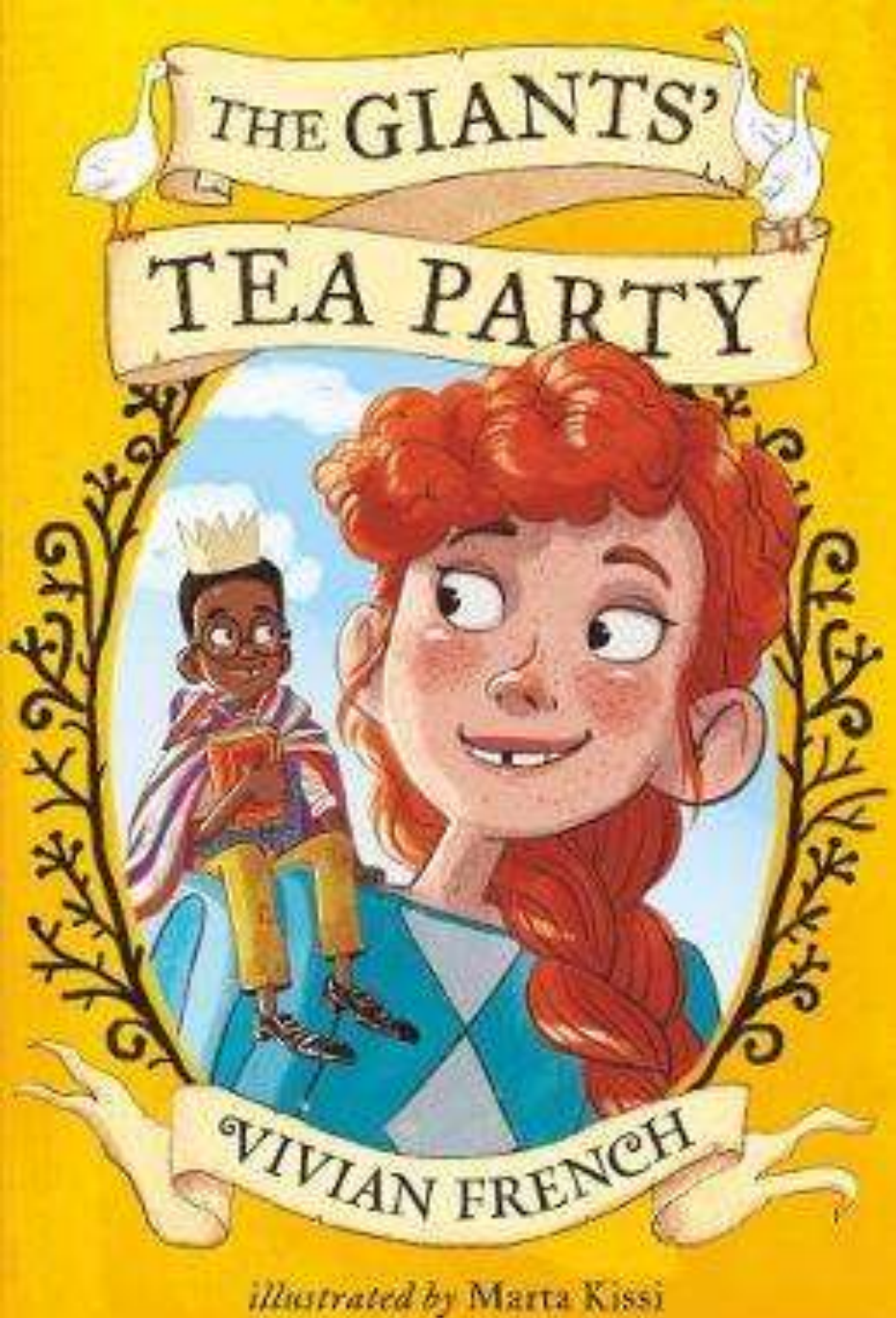
Illustrated by [Jen Khatun](#)

Being a big sister to a new baby brings big responsibilities.

Sona Sharma's house is full of people who joke often and argue sometimes. Relatives come unannounced, the phone rings frequently and friends drop in all the time. Then one day Amma tells Sona she is going to have a baby. Is that good? Sona isn't sure – she has always enjoyed being an only child – and straight away she has a word with her best friend, Elephant. When Sona learns that there will be a baby naming ceremony, she is determined to find the perfect name for her new brother or sister.

Because although she realizes that her life is about to change, and while she's having some difficulty in coming to terms with having to share everything with the new baby – including Amma and Appa, her grandparents and her home – Sona Sharma wants to be the very best big sister she can be.

- ISBN: 9781406391756
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 112



The Giants' Tea Party

[Vivian French](#)

Illustrated by [Marta Kissi](#)

A rollicking fairy-tale adventure from the makers of *The Adventures of Alfie Onion*, *Tom & Tallulah* and *the Witches' Feast* and *The Dragon's Breakfast*.

"French is a skilled storyteller ... she reminds us how fresh a fairy tale can feel in the right hands." - *The New York Times*

Prince Max is on a mission. The royal family are down to their very last penny, so the king and queen have sent him away to the valley of the giants - with only a grumpy old donkey for company. According to legend, the giants are rich beyond all imagining: they live in gold palaces, drink from gold goblets and brush their teeth with gold toothpaste. But are the legends true and, even if they are, will the giants be willing to share their treasure? With the help of his donkey companion and Caromel, the talking cat, Max is about to find out. And he must keep his wits about him ... there are worse dangers than giants, lurking in the shadows!

"French is a writer of tremendous charm, her world at once comedic and believable." - *Literary Review*

- ISBN: 9781406392586
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 176



The Midnight Guardians

[Ross Montgomery](#)

A middle-grade fantasy full of myth and legend, set in England's "darkest hour" during the Blitz in WW2, from a Costa-shortlisted author.

Sometimes at the darkest hour, hope shines the brightest... When Col's childhood imaginary friends come to life, he discovers a world where myths and legends are real. Accompanied by his guardians – a six-foot tiger, a badger in a waistcoat and a miniature knight – Col must travel to Blitz-bombed-London to save his sister. But there are darker forces at work, even than the Nazi bombings. Soon Col is pursued by the terrifying Midwinter King, who is determined to bring an eternal darkness down over everything.

- ISBN: 9781406391183
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 192



The Mermaid, the Witch and the Sea

[Maggie Tokuda-Hall](#)

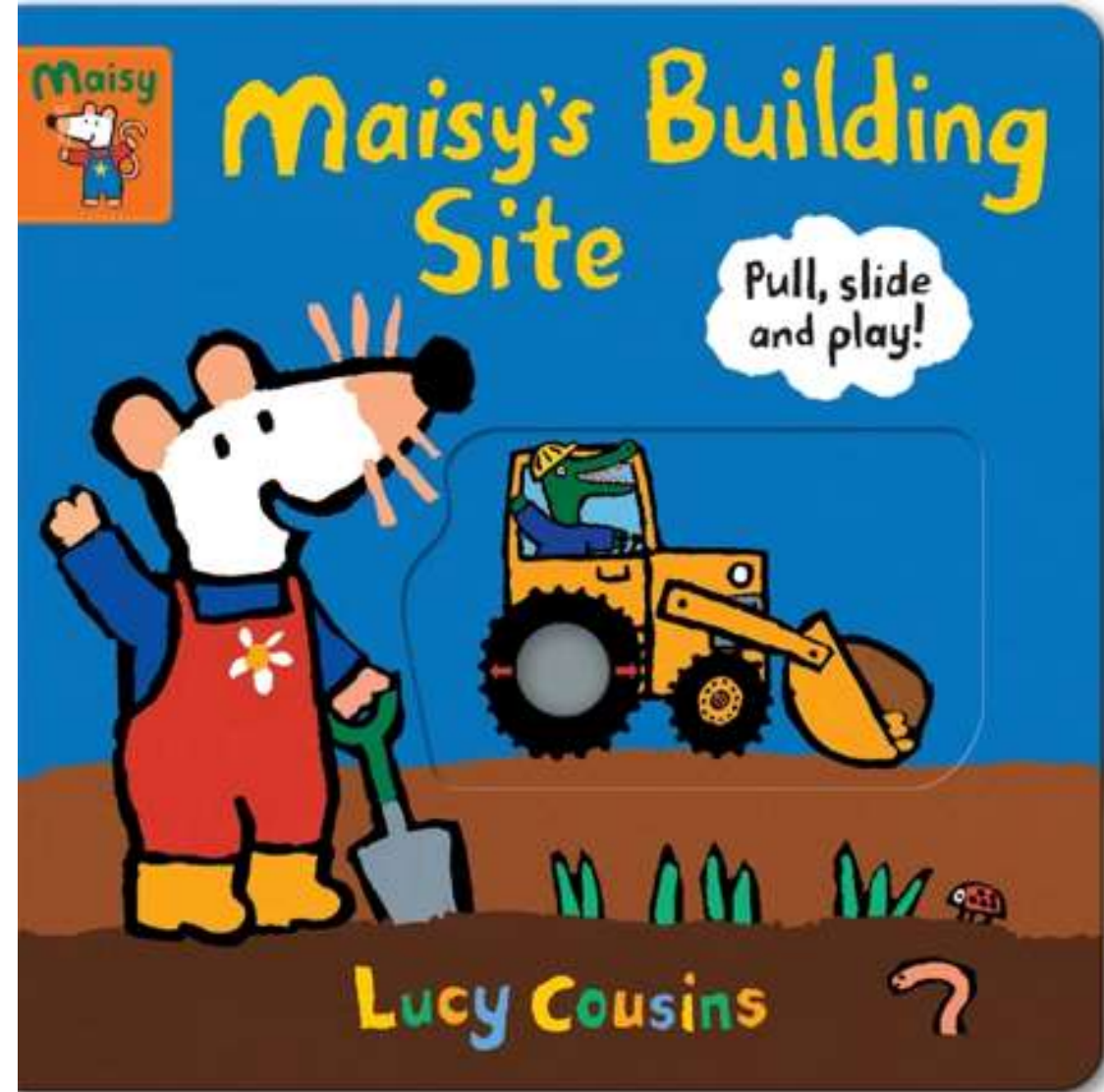
In a world divided by colonialism and threaded with magic, a desperate orphan turned pirate and a rebellious imperial lady find a connection on the high seas.

Aboard the pirate ship *Dove*, Flora the girl takes on the identity of Florian the man to earn the respect and protection of the crew. For Flora, former starving urchin, the brutal life of a pirate is about survival: don't trust, don't stick out, and don't feel. But on this voyage, Flora is drawn to the Lady Evelyn Hasegawa, who is headed to an arranged marriage she dreads. Flora doesn't expect to be taken under Evelyn's wing, and Evelyn doesn't expect to find such a deep bond with the pirate Florian. Neither expects to fall in love. Soon the unlikely pair set in motion a wild escape that will free a captured mermaid (coveted for her blood) and involve the mysterious Pirate Supreme, an opportunistic witch, double agents, and the all-encompassing Sea herself.

Deftly entwining swashbuckling action and quiet magic, Maggie Tokuda-Hall's inventive debut novel conjures a diverse cast of characters seeking mastery over their fates while searching for answers to big questions about identity, power, and love.

- ISBN: 9781406395501
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 416

Indent



Maisy's Building Site: Pull, Slide and Play!

[Lucy Cousins](#)

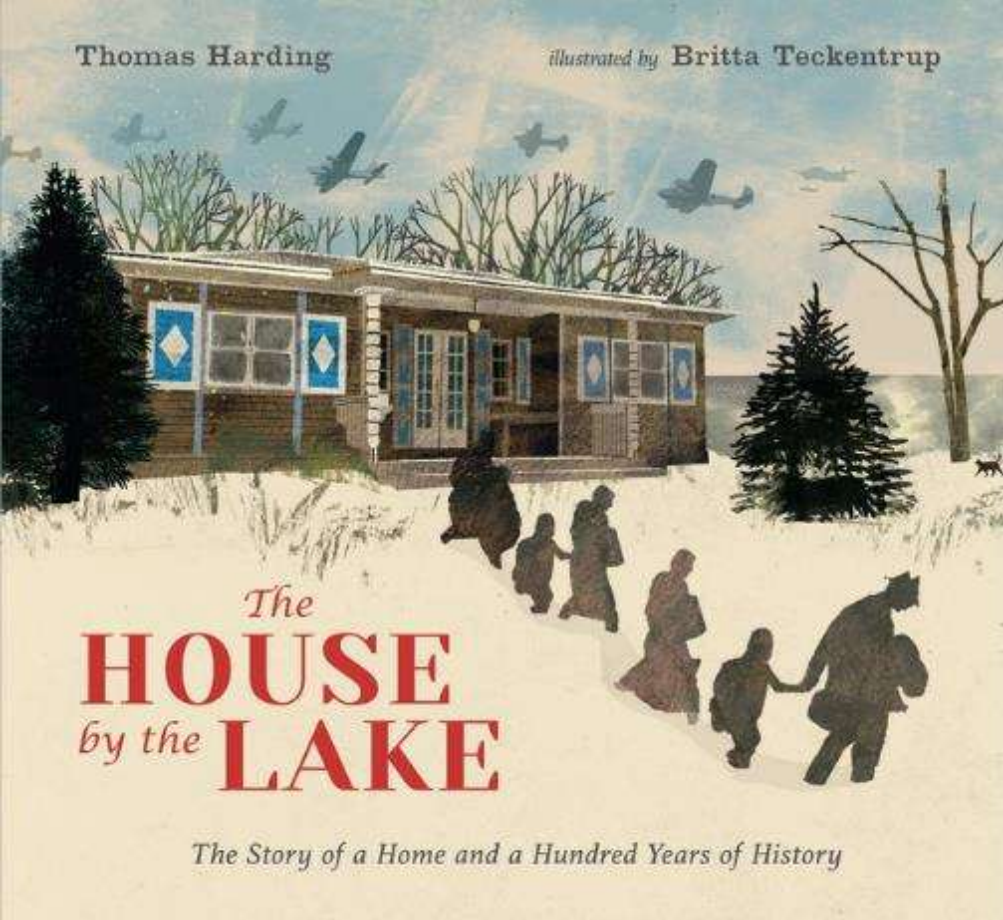
Maisy's building her friend a house, and you can join in! With easy-to-use pull, slide and play tabs on every spread, little ones will love this interactive building adventure.

Brrrm! Brrrm! Beep! Beep! Maisy and her friends are building a house for Ella! Pull, slide and play with the tabs to pour in the rubble, mix the cement, swing the crane and paint Ella's beautiful new home. A delightful story about teamwork with exciting, interactive spreads, ideal for imaginative play!

- ISBN:9781406390278
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Novelty Books
- Extent: 8

Thomas Harding

illustrated by Britta Teckentrup



Inch and Grub: A Story About Cavemen

[Alastair Chisholm](#)

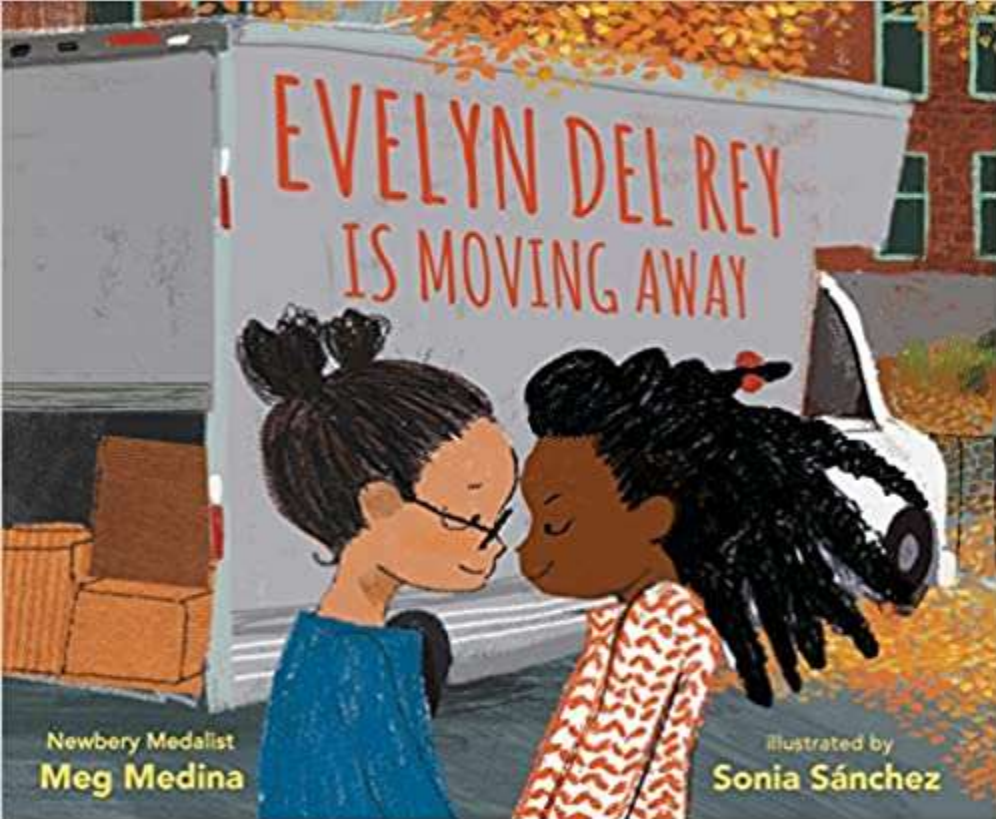
Illustrated by [David Roberts](#)

Two cavemen invent EVERYTHING! But will they be happy?

Inch and Grub are cavemen. Grub's cave is bigger, and he says that makes him the best. So Inch adds a water feature to his cave. But Grub has made fire! So Inch makes a chair. And a house. And a CAR. Grub, meanwhile, has made a castle and a train and a radio! And so the contest spirals and spirals ... until they each have a HUGE wobbling pile of STUFF.

But what happens when the piles collapse? A funny story about being competitive and how STUFF is not what matters in life.

- ISBN: 9781406385557
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 48



Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away Hardcover

[Meg Medina](#)

[Sonia Sánchez](#)

From Newbery Medalist Meg Medina, the bittersweet story of two girls who will always be each other's número uno, even though one is moving away.

A big truck with its mouth wide open is parked at the curb. Already it has gobbled up Evelyn's mirror with heart stickers around the edge ... and the sofa that we bounce on to get to the moon.

Evelyn Del Rey is Daniela's best friend. They do everything together and even live in twin apartments right across the street from each other: Daniela with her mami and hamster, and Evelyn with her mami, papi and cat. But not after today – not after Evelyn moves away. The girls play amid the moving boxes until it's time to say goodbye, making promises to keep in touch, because they know that their friendship will always be special. The tenderness of Meg Medina's beautifully written story about friendship and change is balanced by Sonia Sánchez's colourful and vibrant depictions of the girls' urban neighbourhood.

- ISBN: 9781406396010
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 32



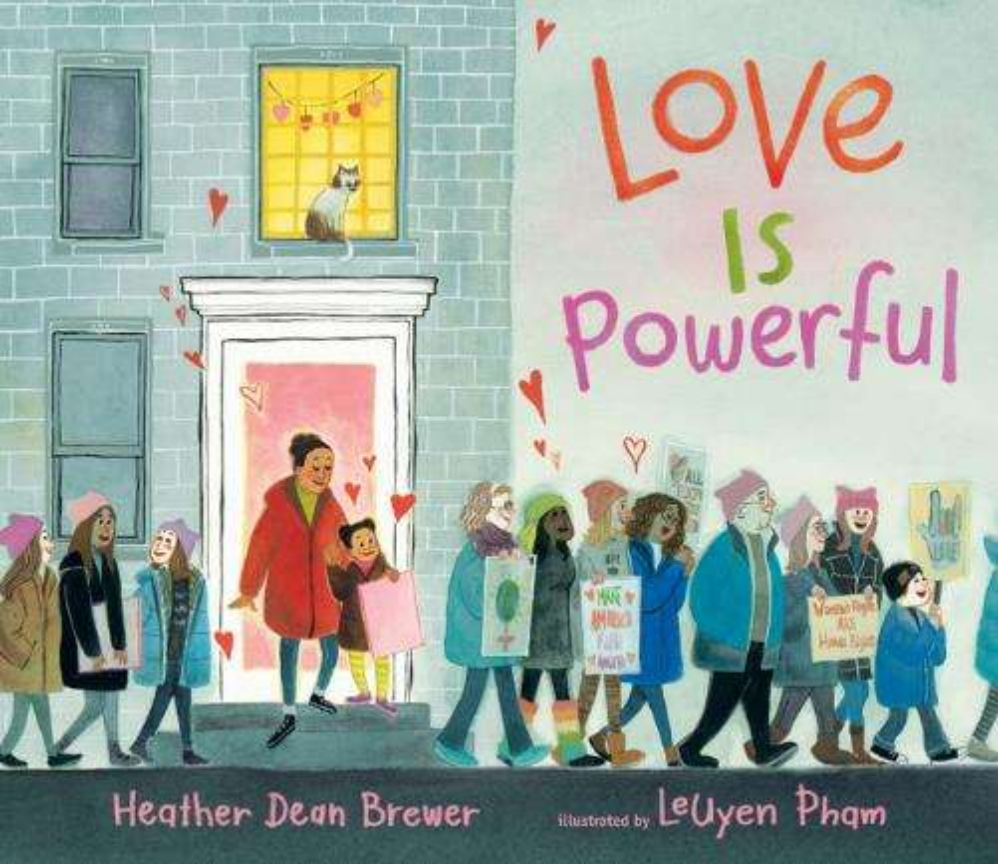
EVELYN DEL REY is my mejor
amiga, my número uno best friend.

"Come play, Daniela," she says,
just like she always does.

Just like today is any other day.



So I bundle up and cross the street.
A big van with its mouth wide open is
parked at the kerb, ready to gobble up
Evelyn's mirror with the stickers around
the edge, her easel for painting on rainy
days, and the sofa that we bounce on to
get to the moon.



Love Is Powerful

[Heather Dean Brewer](#)

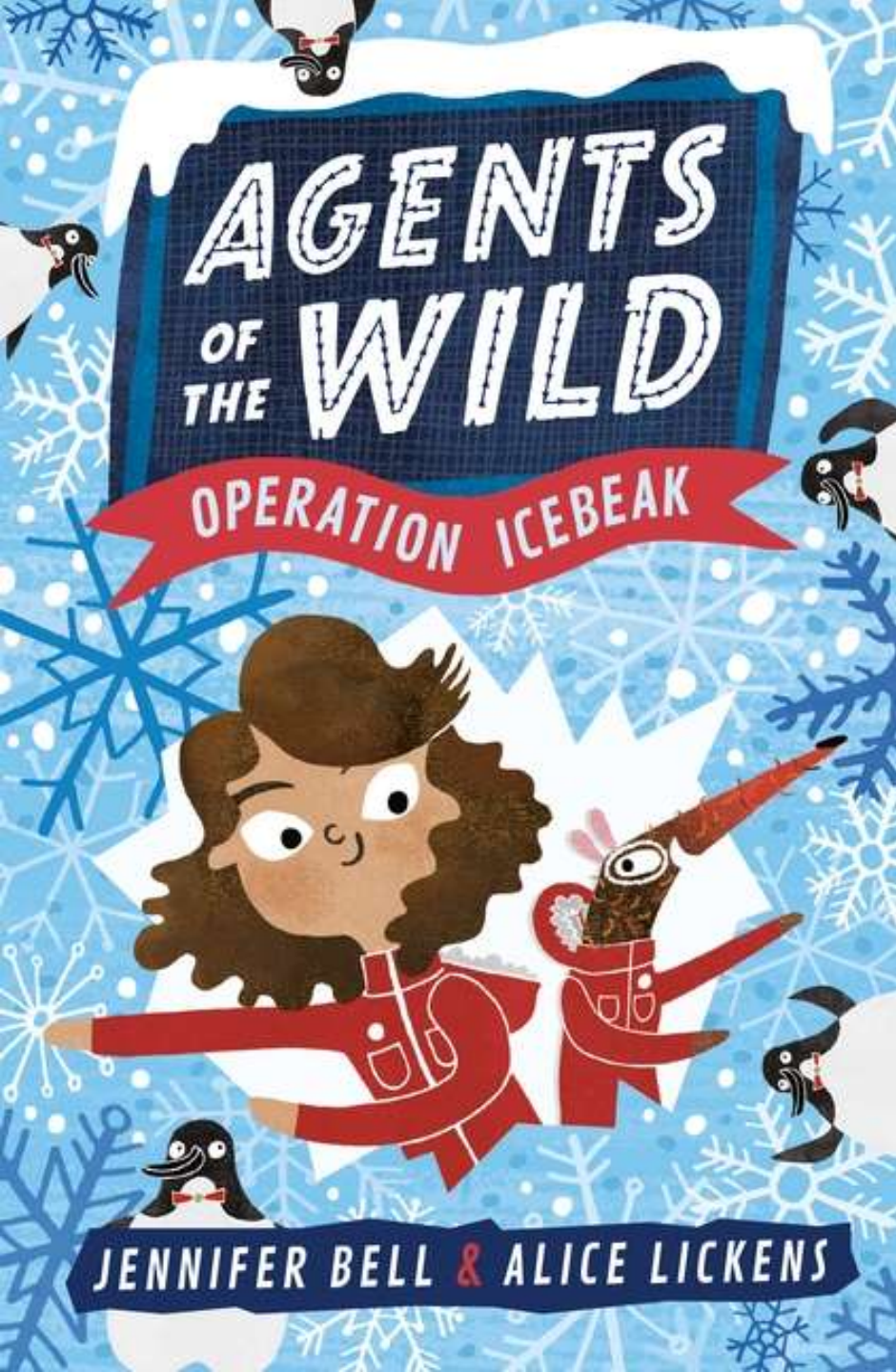
Illustrated by [LeUyen Pham](#)

Mari raised her sign for everyone to see. Even though she was small and the crowd was very big, and she didn't think anyone would hear, she yelled out.

Mari is getting ready to make a sign with crayon as the streets below her fill up with people. "What are we making, Mama?" she asks. "A message for the world," Mama says. "How will the whole world hear?" Mari wonders.

"They'll hear," says Mama, "because love is powerful." Inspired by a girl who participated in the January 2017 Women's March in New York City, Heather Dean Brewer's simple and uplifting story, delightfully illustrated by LeUyen Pham, is a reminder of what young people can do to promote change and equality at a time when our country is divided by politics, race, gender and religion.

- ISBN: 9781406397437
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 32



Agents of the Wild 2: Operation Icebeak

[Jennifer Bell](#)

Illustrated by [Alice Lickens](#)

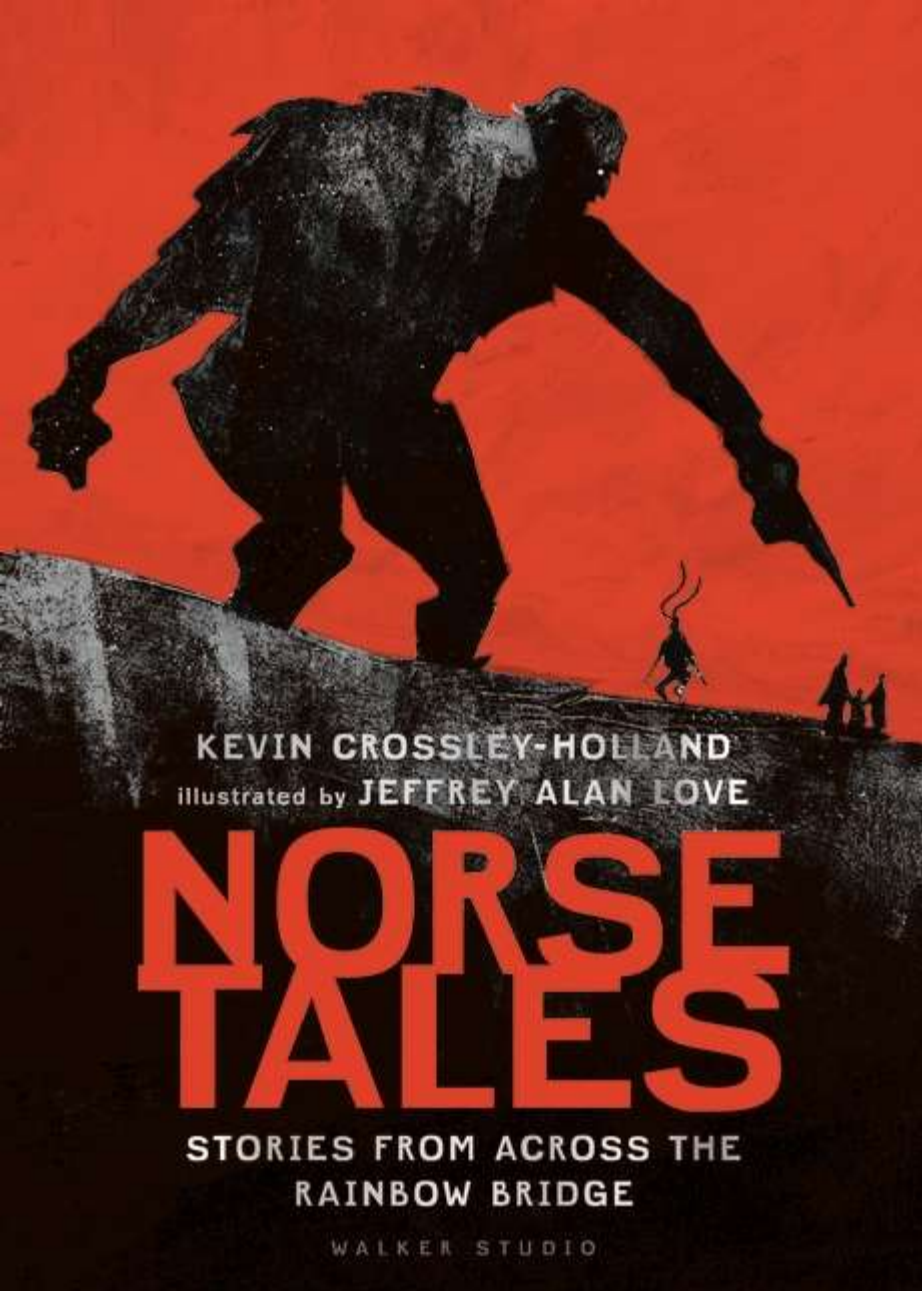
Agnes and Attie – AGENTS OF THE WILD – are bound for the Antarctic on their second creature-crazy wildlife-rescue adventure.

When SPEARS receives an emergency distress call from its marine outpost in Antarctica, there is only one team they can send. Agnes and Attie are soon up to their eyes in an icebound mystery. What is causing the tremors threatening to destroy the rescue centre? Why are the local Adelie penguins behaving so bizarrely? And what exactly is the celebrity nature presenter Cynthia Steelsharp doing, out there in the ice-fields?

SPECIES IN DANGER? GIRL AND SHREW TO THE RESCUE!

- ISBN: 9781406388466
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 184





Norse Tales: Stories from Across the Rainbow Bridge

[Kevin Crossley-Holland](#)

Illustrated by [Jeffrey Alan Love](#)

The extraordinary companion title to the critically-acclaimed *Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki*, from a Carnegie Medal-winning author.

Enter an ancient world of green glades and glaciers, where gods and goddesses spread their magic whilst rock-giants and mountain-trolls roam.

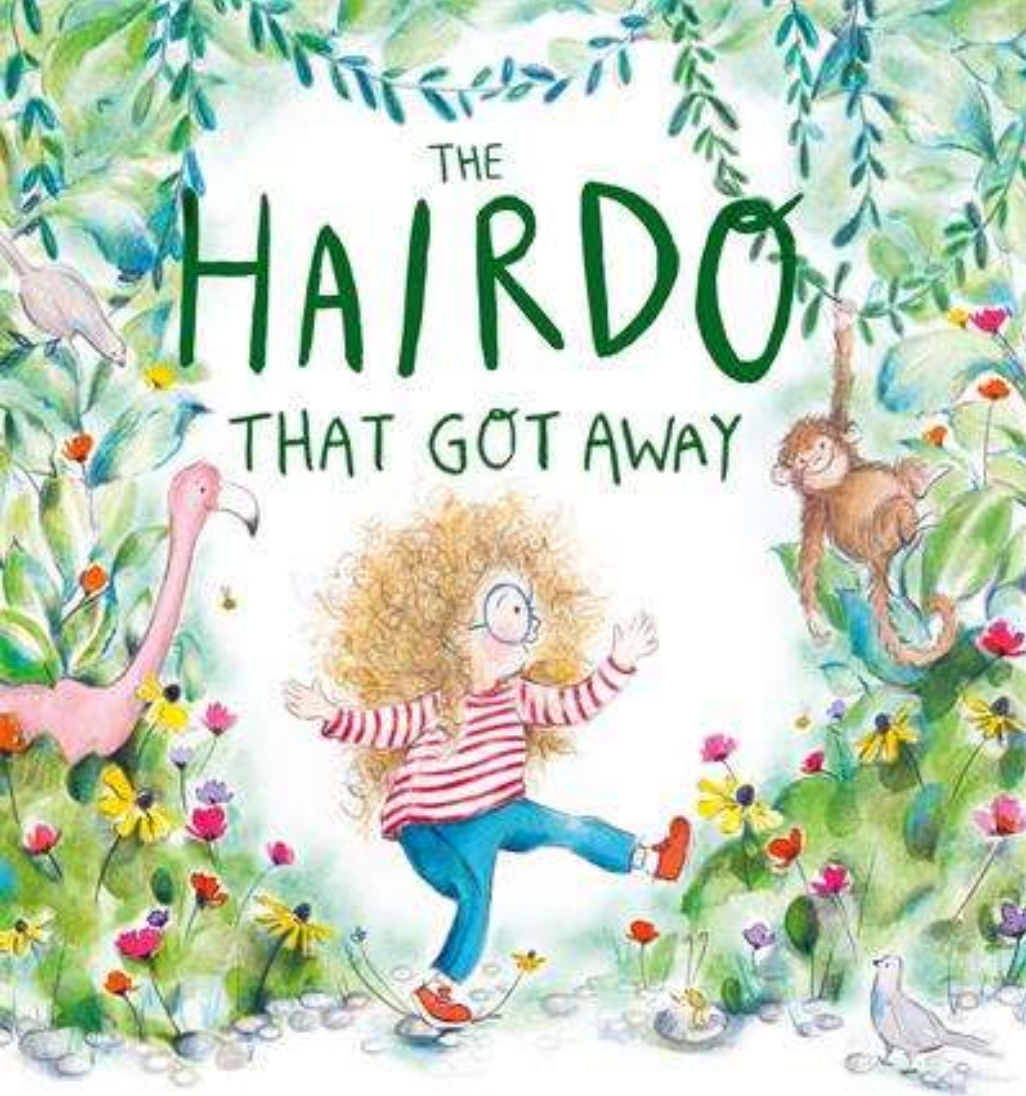
This astonishing new collection of Norse tales from the award-winning Kevin Crossley-Holland – with Jeffrey Alan Love’s arresting illustrations – will enthral readers of all ages.

- ISBN: 9781406391763
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Classics
- Extent: 96



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Picture Books



The Hairdo That Got Away

[Joseph Coelho](#) , [Fiona Lumbers](#)

Once a month, Dad takes his son to the barbers, come rain or shine.

But when Dad disappears, this little boy's hair grows big, ginormous, out of control – and so do his feelings. A touching and melodic story of family separation from a child's perspective from the author/illustrator duo who brought us the Amnesty International recommended picture book *Luna Loves Library Day*.

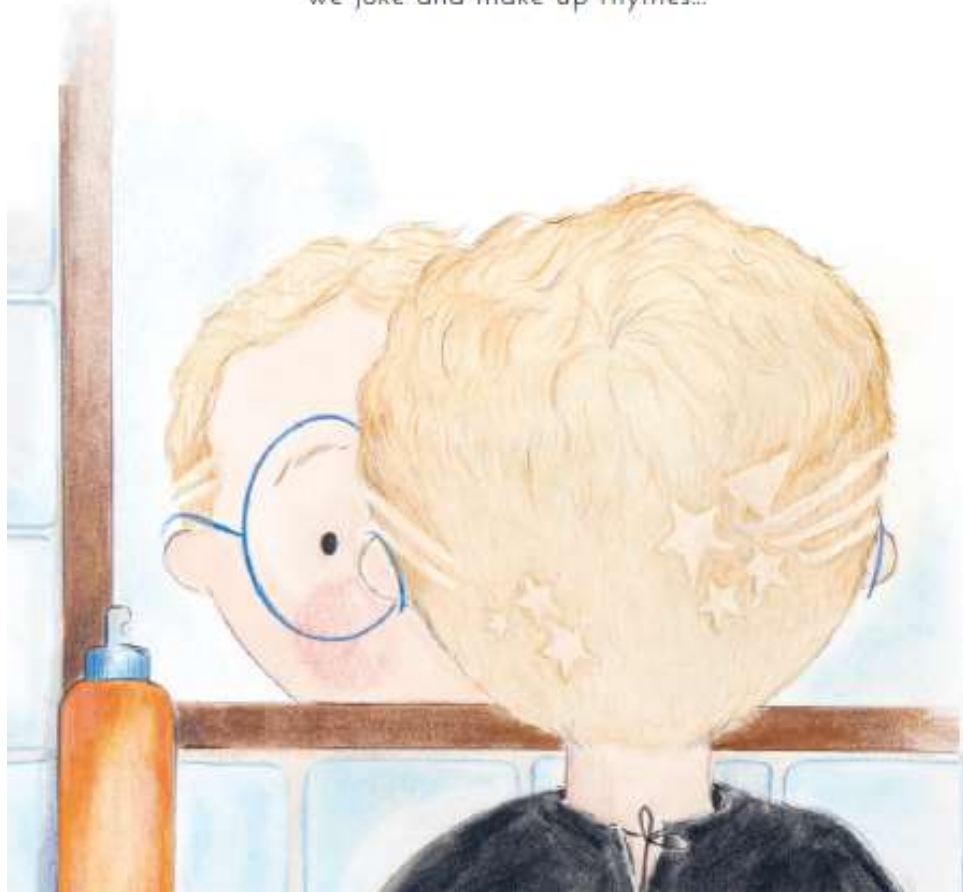
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- Genre: Picture Books
- Extent: 32

Dad takes me to the barber's once a month,
without fail, come rain or shine.
I watch my hair fall into my lap
as the barber chats.



"Your hair's tangled like Samson, the super-strong,
long-haired warrior who could do whatever he wanted.
Your fringe is long like Rapunzel,
the princess trapped in the tower."

Dad tells the barber to shave cool things
into the back of my head and afterwards
we joke and make up rhymes...



"It's an arrow to help you keep your head high!"

"Up to the sky!"

"As you go around school..."

"I'm gonna look cool!"



Tony Ross

Silly Mr Wolf



Silly Mr Wolf

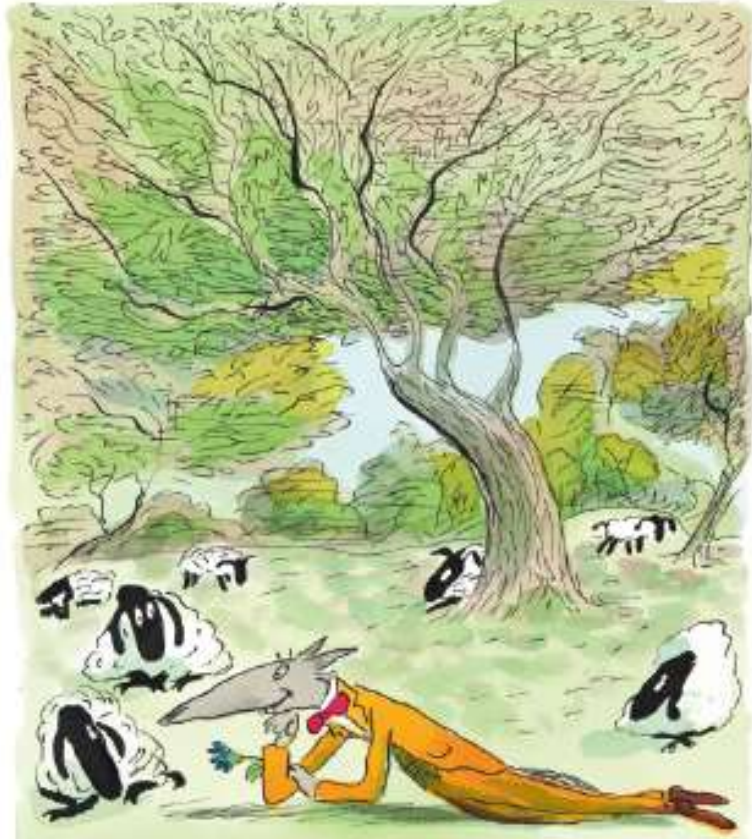
[Tony Ross](#)

Years ago, Mr Wolf would dress up as a sheep and try to be their worst friend but now, the sheep's clothing is far too small for him, so he'll have to find new ways to get his dinner.

A hilarious herd of sheep are constantly one step behind Mr Wolf, until he takes one step too far...

A stranger-danger story with a classic comical tone and a laugh-out-loud ending from picture book genius Tony Ross.

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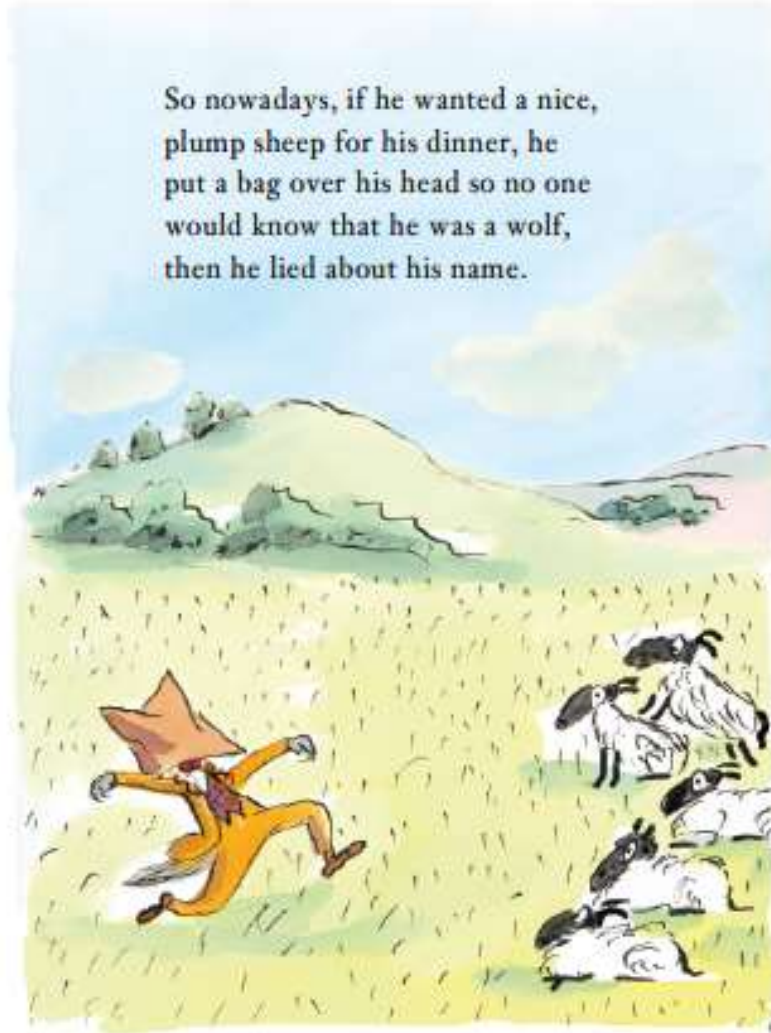


Mr Wolf did not always tell the truth.
He was tricky.

Years ago, he would dress up as a sheep, and try to be their worst friend.



So nowadays, if he wanted a nice, plump sheep for his dinner, he put a bag over his head so no one would know that he was a wolf, then he lied about his name.



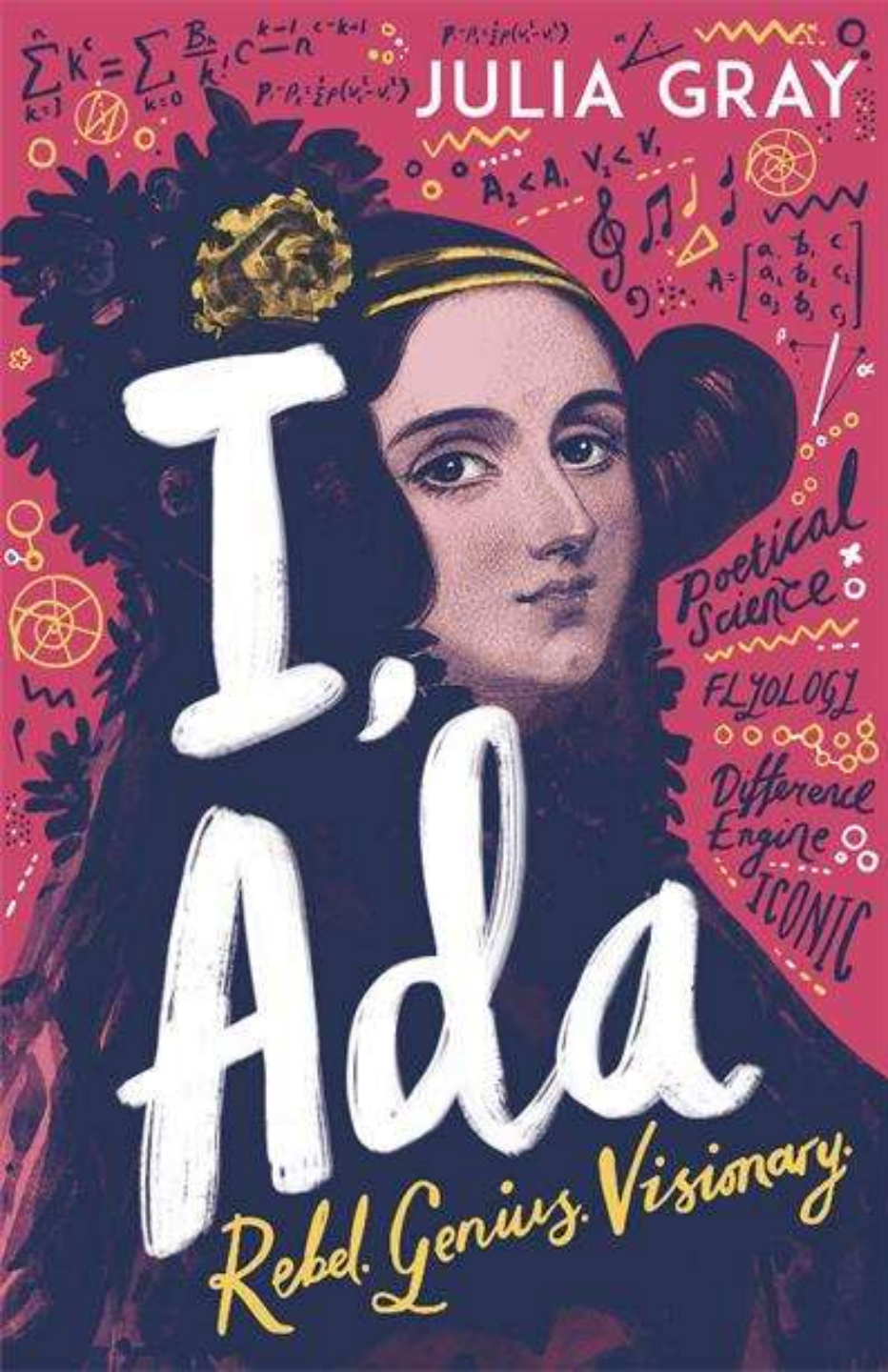
But when he grew up, the sheep's clothing was far too small for him.

"My name is Mr Jones," he said to a sheep with dinner written all over him.
"Will you walk with me?"



Of course, that sheep was never seen again.
Very soon, the sheep began to understand,
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