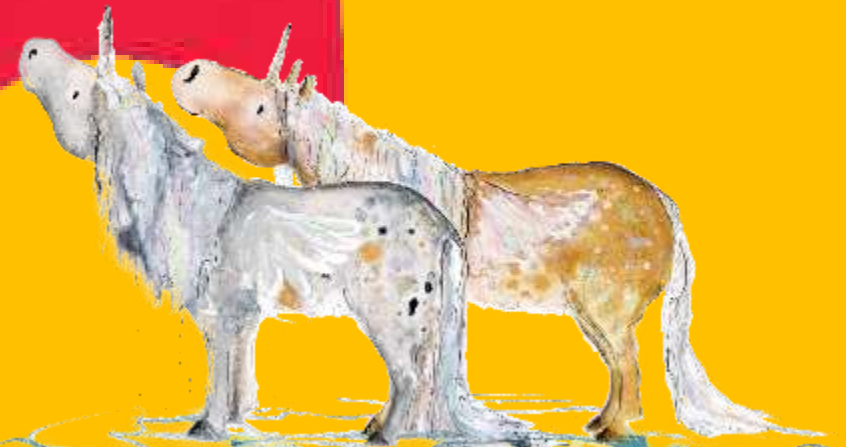




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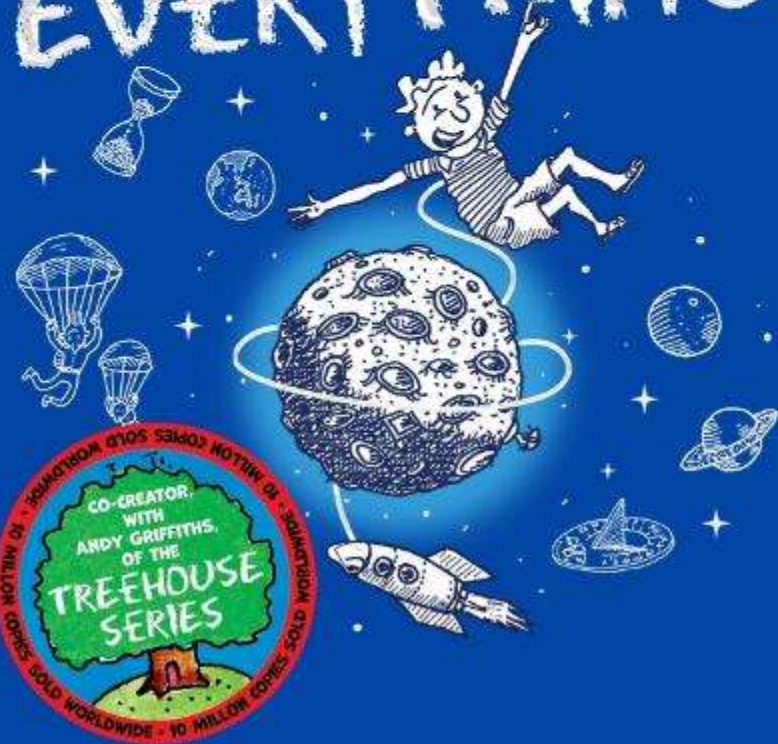




Highlights



TERRY DENTON'S REALLY TRULY AMAZING GUIDE TO EVERYTHING



Terry Denton's Really Truly Amazing Guide to Everything [Terry Denton](#)

A mini book of facts packed with maximum humour!

In this funny, brilliant, entertaining book - highly illustrated with cartoons and diagrams - Terry Denton talks you through all you need to know about Earth, Life, the Universe and EVERYTHING (almost).

Perfect for anyone from the ages of 8 to 80 (and beyond), this is a funny, fascinating whistle-stop tour of the history and science of the universe, life on Earth, the ins and outs of biology, geography, geology and the weather, how life evolved and how it works, and how people use the forces of nature around us to create amazing things. There's even a chapter on time! Get ready to laugh and be amazed at the world around you and within you.

Biography

Terry Denton is a bestselling and award-winning writer and illustrator based in Melbourne, where he lives by the beach with his wife and three kids. He has won more than fifteen children's choice awards throughout Australia and is the co-creator of the bestselling Treehouse series with author Andy Griffiths, which has been published in over thirty countries. As well as being an illustrator, Terry is a fine artist and has held several exhibitions around inner Melbourne.

- ISBN: 9781529066036
- Format: Paperback
- **Format:** Royal (234 x 153)
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 272

WHAT'S IN THIS BOOK

(Prepare to be amazed!)

A very serious and terribly important note from Professor Terry Denton

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This is our CONTENTS PAGE, Horse



Do I have contents, Bird?



Hi there, readers,

Most of us know a LITTLE BIT about a LOT of things.
Or a LOT about NOT MANY things.
But I know QUITE A BIT about ALMOST everything!

I bet you didn't even know I was a professor.

Well, neither did I.

But I am!
My bird, my horse
and my giant spider said so.

In fact, everyone knows me as the PROFESSOR OF ALMOST EVERYTHING.



THE UNIVERSE, which is very, very, very, very, very, very, very big.
It has billions of huge round things moving in (sort of) circles
around billions of other even huger round things.

PLANET EARTH, which is also very big
and full of flaming molten iron.
Yet somehow it doesn't burn up.

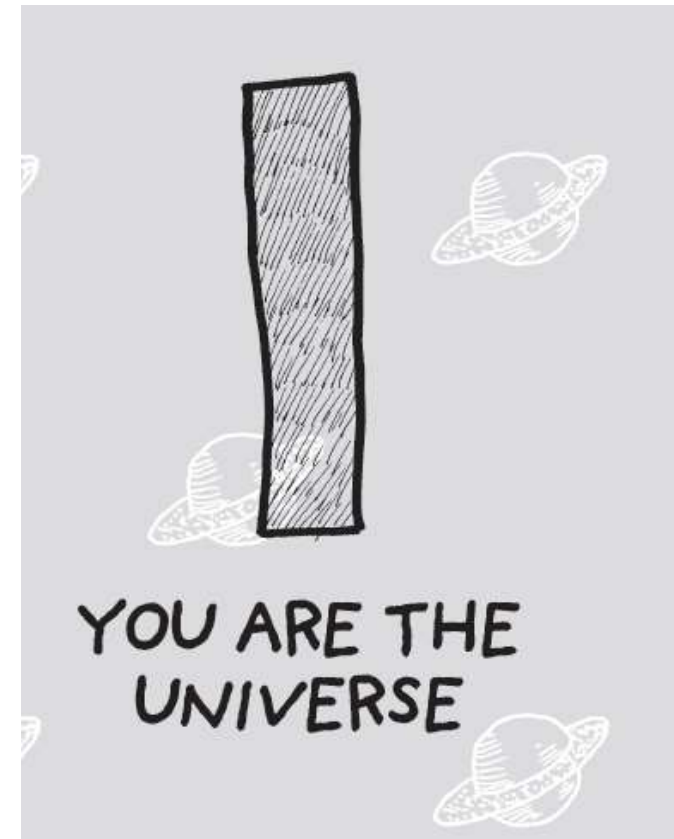
LIFE on Earth,
including weird animals like birds and horses,
and bugs and teeny weeny bacteria,
most of which are trying to eat you.

The HUMAN BODY and how the parts work . . . or don't work.
Or epically fail.

All the COOL STUFF that humans invented
and made with their brainy brains and fingery hands.

There's even a whole chapter about TIME,
except it's complicated,
and I don't understand any of it.
And after I have explained it, neither will you.

So stop reading my very serious and terribly important note
and start reading the . . .



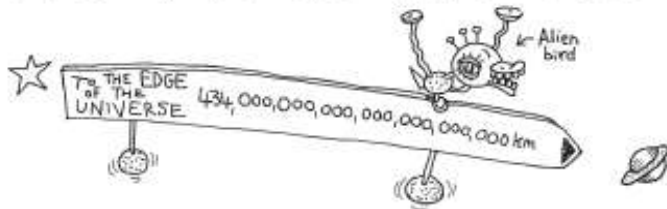
Our galaxy has tons AND TONS of stars,
but our solar system only has one . . .

THE SUN!

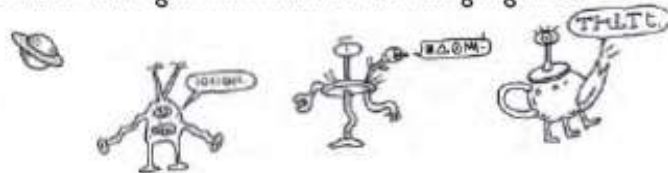
Astronomers know of more than 500 solar systems so far,
and they find new ones every year.

If there are more than 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars,
then there might be more than
1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 solar systems.

Life needs a sun's heat and light to survive
so a planet like Earth MIGHT be circling one of those stars.
Another important ingredient is LIQUID WATER.
If Earth were closer to the Sun, like Mercury
or Venus, the water would boil.
A bit further away, and we would be an icy ball of rock like Mars.



Studying the light that comes from other worlds
tells scientists what gases and elements make up their atmosphere.
Water or oxygen would be good news.
But alien life might not look like we think it's going to . . .



Twinkle, twinkle, little star!
Look up at the stars tonight – they really
do twinkle, but only when they're seen
from Earth. Out in space they just look like
round points of light.



As the starlight comes through the layers
of air and gas that surround our planet,
the light is bent and wobbled.

Soon you will know (almost)

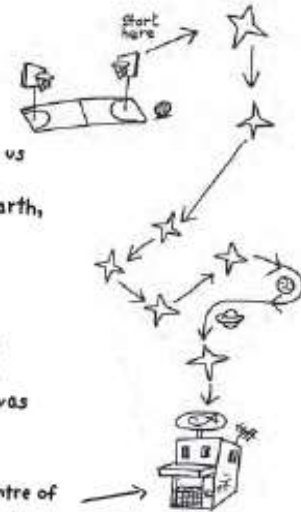
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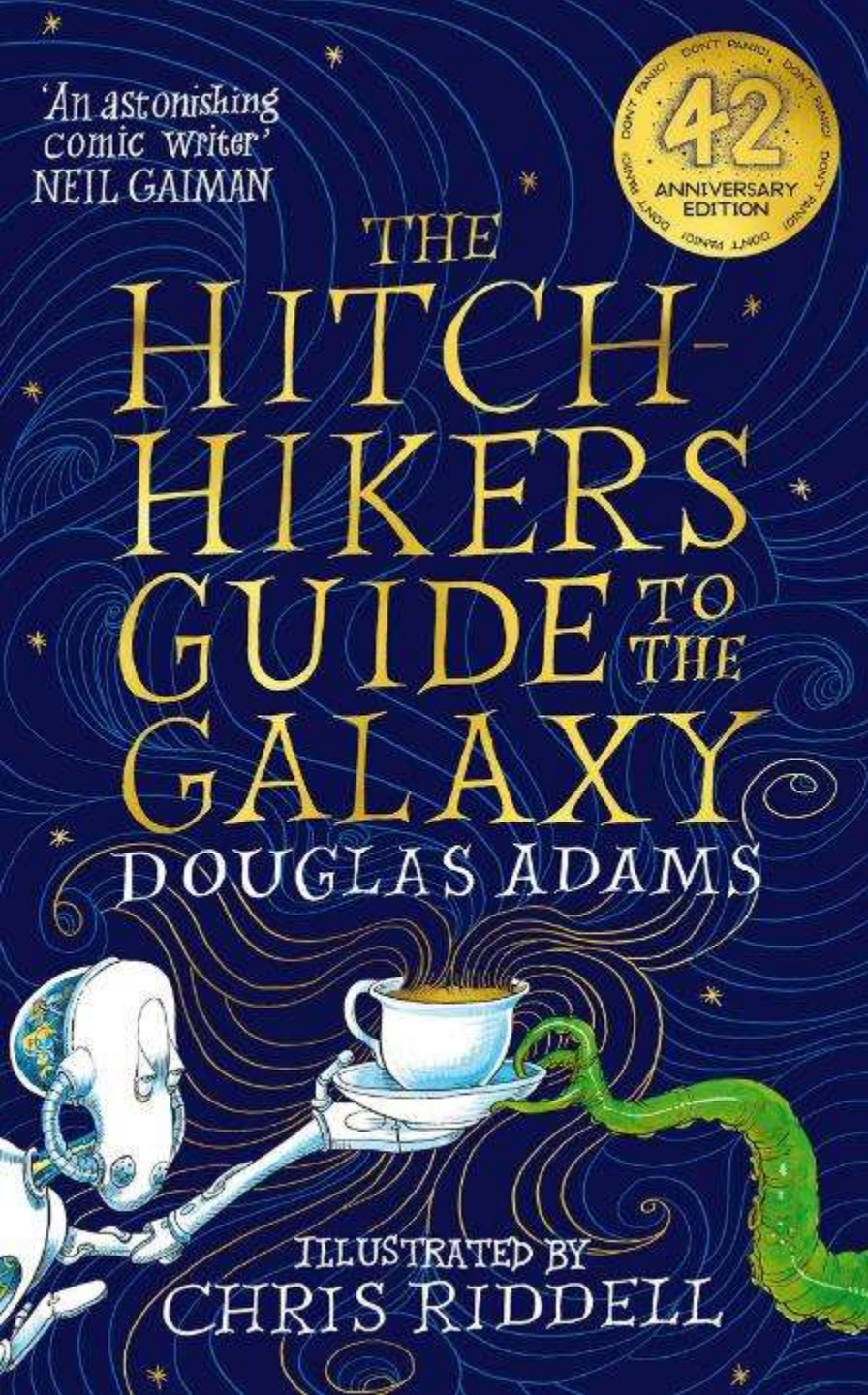
there is to know about stars!

But all people USED to know
about them was that they could help us
tell the time at night.
And figure out where we were on Earth,
like a map in the night sky.

For thousands of years we
thought the Earth was flat.
Even 500 years ago we didn't know
that Earth revolved around the Sun.
And after that we thought the Sun was
the centre of the Universe.

The star map to the centre of
YOUR whole universe.





The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Illustrated edition

[Douglas Adams](#), [Chris Riddell](#)

Chris Riddell's fabulously illustrated 42nd Anniversary gift edition of Douglas Adams's classic *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.

'One of the greatest achievements in comedy. A work of staggering genius' David Walliams

Gorgeous 42nd Anniversary gift edition of Douglas Adams's pop-culture classic, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, stunningly illustrated throughout by Costa Award-winner Chris Riddell.

It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and Arthur's best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and a book inscribed in large, friendly letters: DON'T PANIC.

The book is *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and the weekend has only just begun . . .

Douglas Adams's mega-selling pop-culture classic sends logic into orbit, plays havoc with physics and twists time, but most importantly it's very, very funny.

- ISBN: 9781529046137
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 320

Zaphod Beeblebrox would not be needing his set speech and he gently deflected the one being offered him by the spider.

'Hi,' he said again.

Everyone beamed at him, or at least, nearly everyone. He singled out Trillian from the crowd. Trillian was a girl that Zaphod had picked up recently whilst visiting a planet, just for fun, incognito. She was slim, darkish, humanoid, with long waves of black hair, a full mouth, an odd little knob of a nose and ridiculously brown eyes. With her red head scarf knotted in that particular way and her long flowing silky brown dress she looked vaguely Arabic. Not that anyone there had ever heard of an Arab, of course. The Arabs had very recently ceased to exist, and even when they had existed they were five hundred thousand light-years from Damogran. Trillian wasn't anybody in particular, or so Zaphod claimed. She just went around with him rather a lot and told him what she thought of him.

'Hi, honey,' he said to her.

She flashed him a quick tight smile and looked away. Then she looked back for a moment and smiled more warmly – but by this time he was looking at something else.

'Hi,' he said to a small knot of creatures from the press who were standing nearby wishing that he would stop



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Prostetnic Vogon Jeltz was not a pleasant sight, even for other Vogons. His highly domed nose rose high above a small piggy forehead. His dark-green rubbery skin was thick enough for him to play the game of Vogon Civil Service politics, and play it well, and waterproof enough for him to survive indefinitely at sea depths of up to a thousand feet with no ill effects.

Not that he ever went swimming, of course. His busy schedule would not allow it. He was the way he was because billions of years ago when the Vogons had first crawled out of the sluggish primeval seas of Vogosphere, and had lain panting and heaving on the planet's virgin shores . . . when the first rays of the bright young Vogsol sun had shone across them that morning, it was as if the forces of evolution had simply given up on them there and then, had turned aside in disgust and written them off as an ugly and unfortunate mistake. They never evolved again: they should never have survived.



Vogon poetry is of course the third worst in the Universe. The second worst is that of the Azgoths of Kria. During a recitation by their Poet Master Grunthos the Flatulent of his poem 'Ode To A Small Lump of Green Putty I Found In My Armpit One Midsummer Morning' four of his audience died of internal haemorrhaging, and the President of the Mid-Galactic Arts Nobbling Council survived by gnawing one of his own legs off. Grunthos is reported to have been 'disappointed' by the poem's reception, and was about to embark on a reading of his twelve-book epic entitled *My Favourite Bathtime Gurgles* when his own major intestine, in a desperate attempt to save life and civilization, leapt straight up through his neck and throttled his brain.

The very worst poetry of all perished along with its creator Paula Nancy Millstone Jennings of Greenbridge, Essex, England in the destruction of the planet Earth.

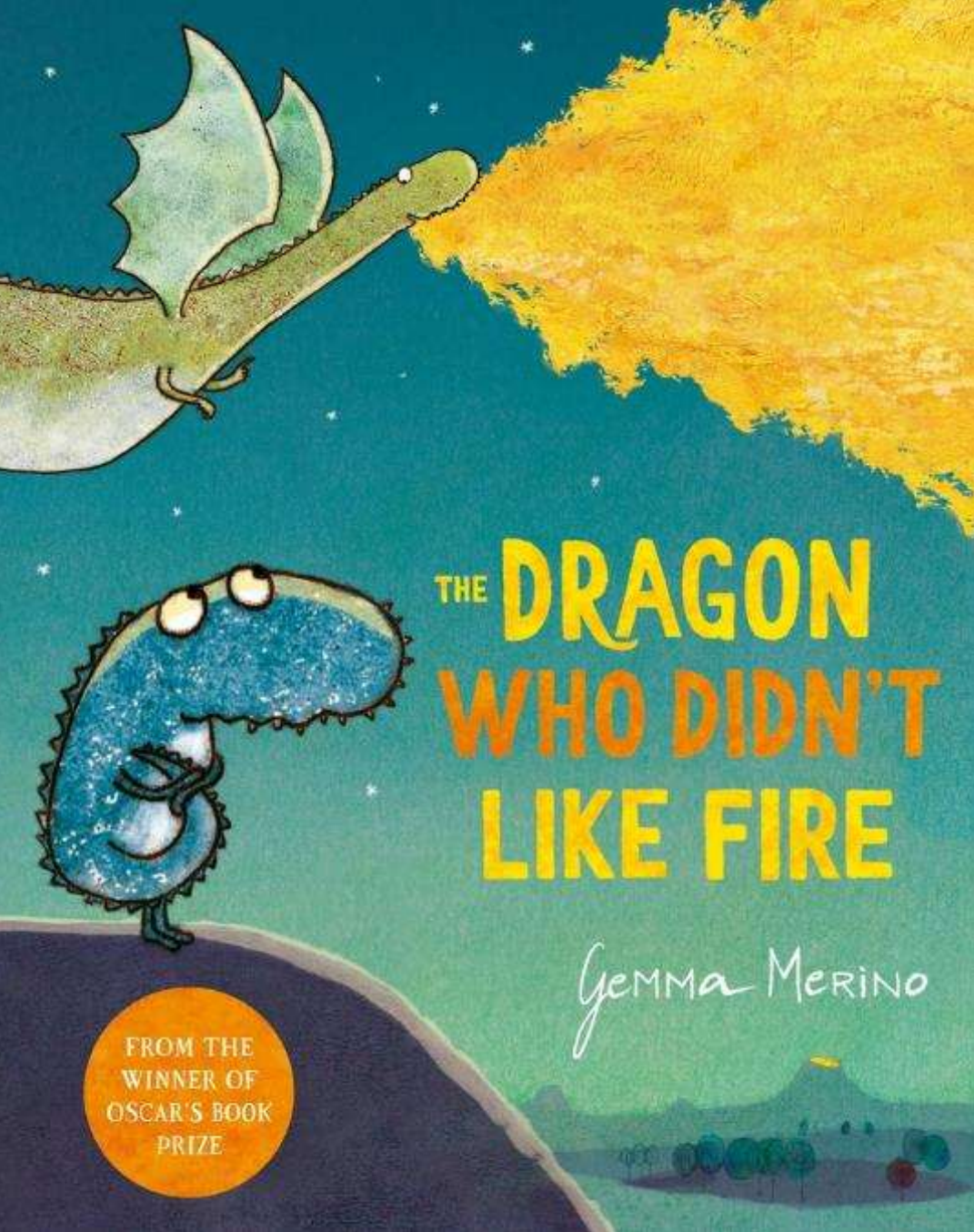
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Picture Books





The Dragon Who Didn't Like Fire

[Gemma Merino](#)

All good dragons know that water is NOT your friend. It puts out fire - and what's a dragon without fire? It takes a brave and unusual little dragon to find the answer...

From the award-winning Gemma Merino, author of the iconic *The Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water* (over half a million copies sold worldwide), *The Dragon Who Didn't Like Fire* is a deeply funny story about acceptance, difference and unconditional love.

Everybody knows that dragons can breathe fire, but unlike her brothers and sisters, this little dragon is different. She doesn't like fire but she desperately wants to fly and make her Dad proud. In an attempt at flying, she finds herself plunging into the lake. Being underwater should be wet, cold and horrid, but it feels AMAZING. Could it be that this little dragon isn't a dragon at all?

- ISBN: 9781529044829
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32

Once upon a time,
there was a little dragon.



And this little dragon
didn't like fire.

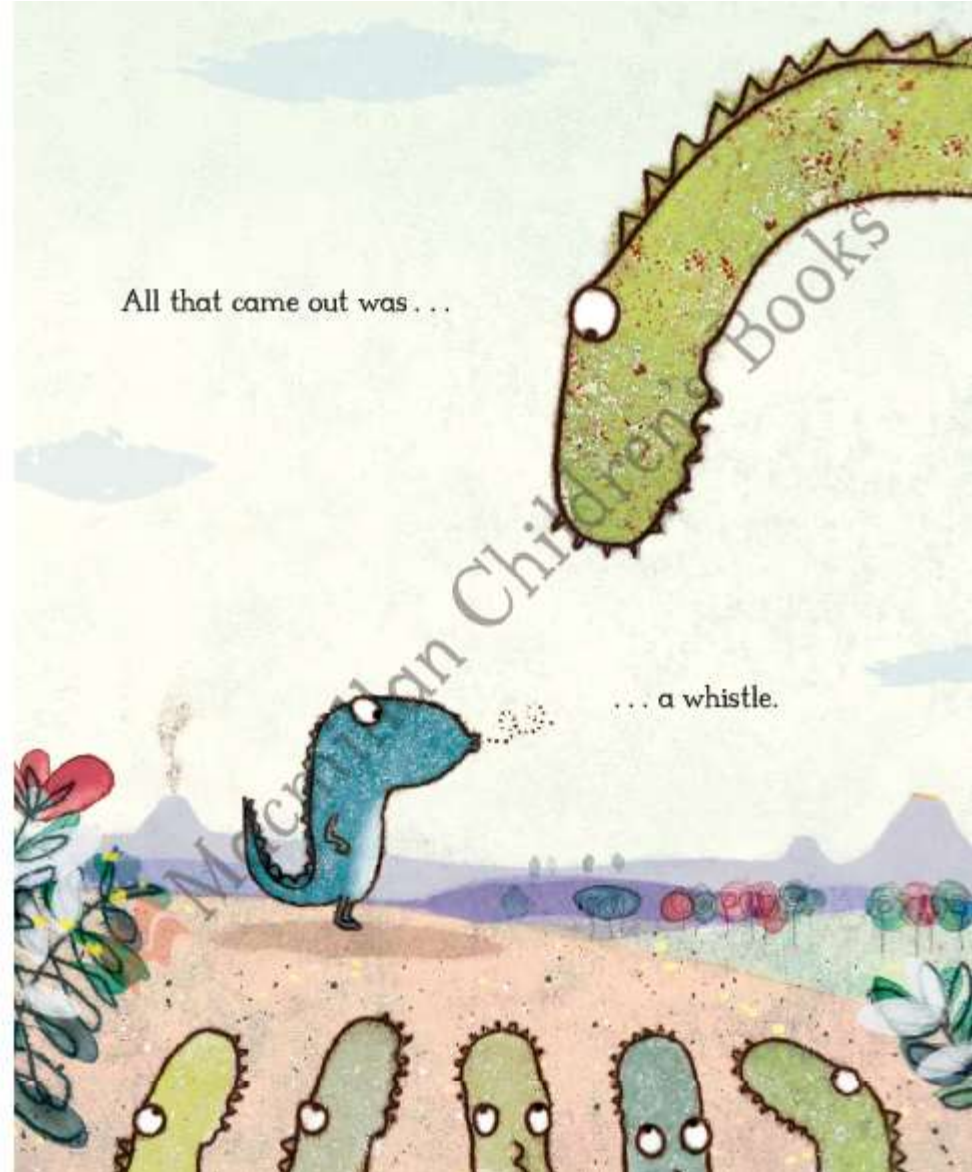
She wanted to be a good dragon,
and make her dad proud.



But no matter how hard she tried
she could not breathe fire.
Not even a tiny spark.



All that came out was . . .



. . . a whistle.

One morning Dad took all his children to the lake for a very important lesson.

"Your fire breathing is quite impressive," he said.
"But now there is something you must remember."



"NEVER, EVER go into the water.
It's cold, it's wet and it's HORRIBLE.
But worst of all, water puts out fire!"

THE CROCODILE WHO DIDN'T LIKE WATER



FROM THE
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The Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water

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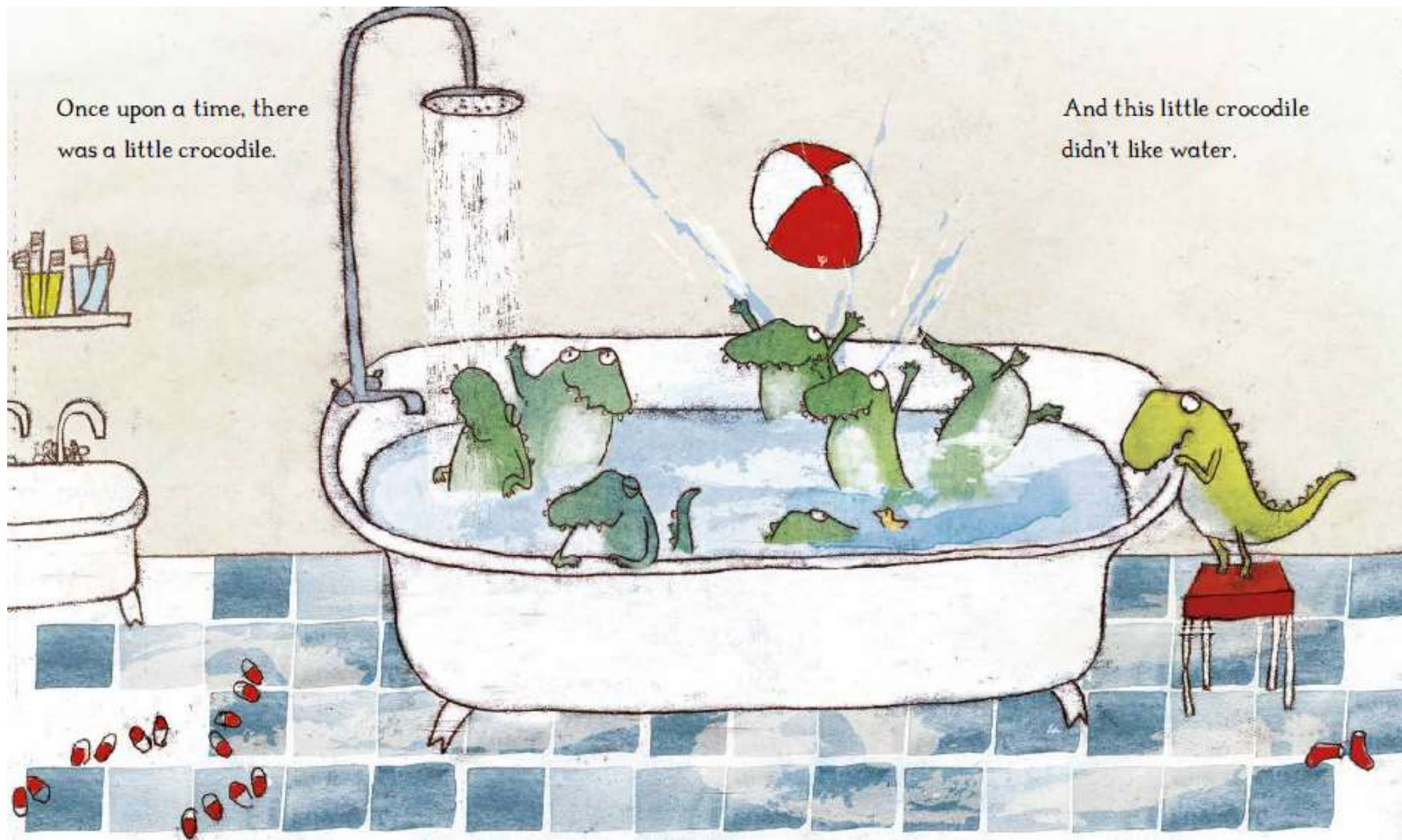
A refreshed edition of the funny and uplifting bestselling classic, about a crocodile who *might* not be a crocodile at all, from the award-winning Gemma Merino. *The Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water* is a funny, unique and uplifting story about family, acceptance and unconditional love, from award-winning creator Gemma Merino.

Everybody knows that crocodiles love water, but this little crocodile is different. He doesn't like water at all. In fact, he prefers climbing trees! But it can be lonely when you're the odd one out, so the little crocodile tries his best to change. But being wet isn't for everyone - and a shiver soon becomes a cold and the cold becomes a sneeze, a surprisingly HOT sneeze... Could it be that this little crocodile isn't a crocodile at all? He might just be a DRAGON!

- ISBN: 9781529044744
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32

Once upon a time, there
was a little crocodile.

And this little crocodile
didn't like water.

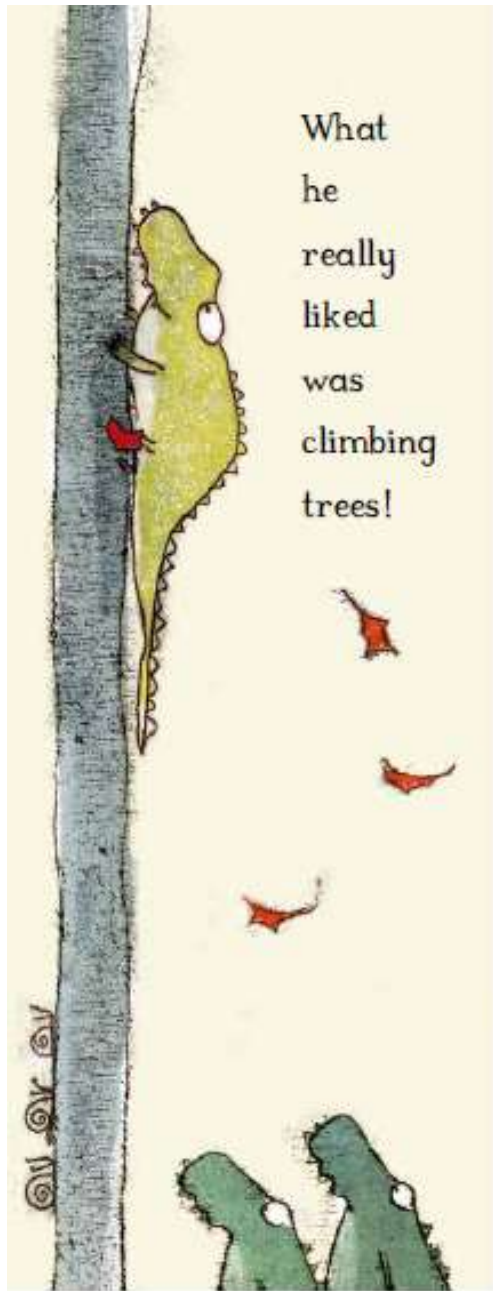




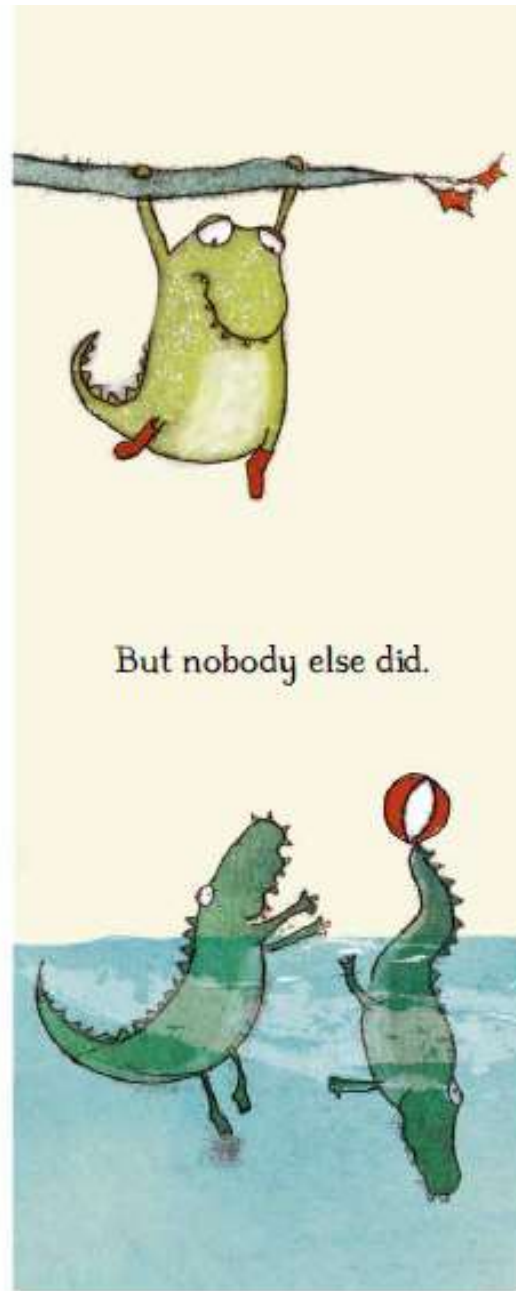
He longed to play with his brothers and sisters.

But they were far too busy with swim club.

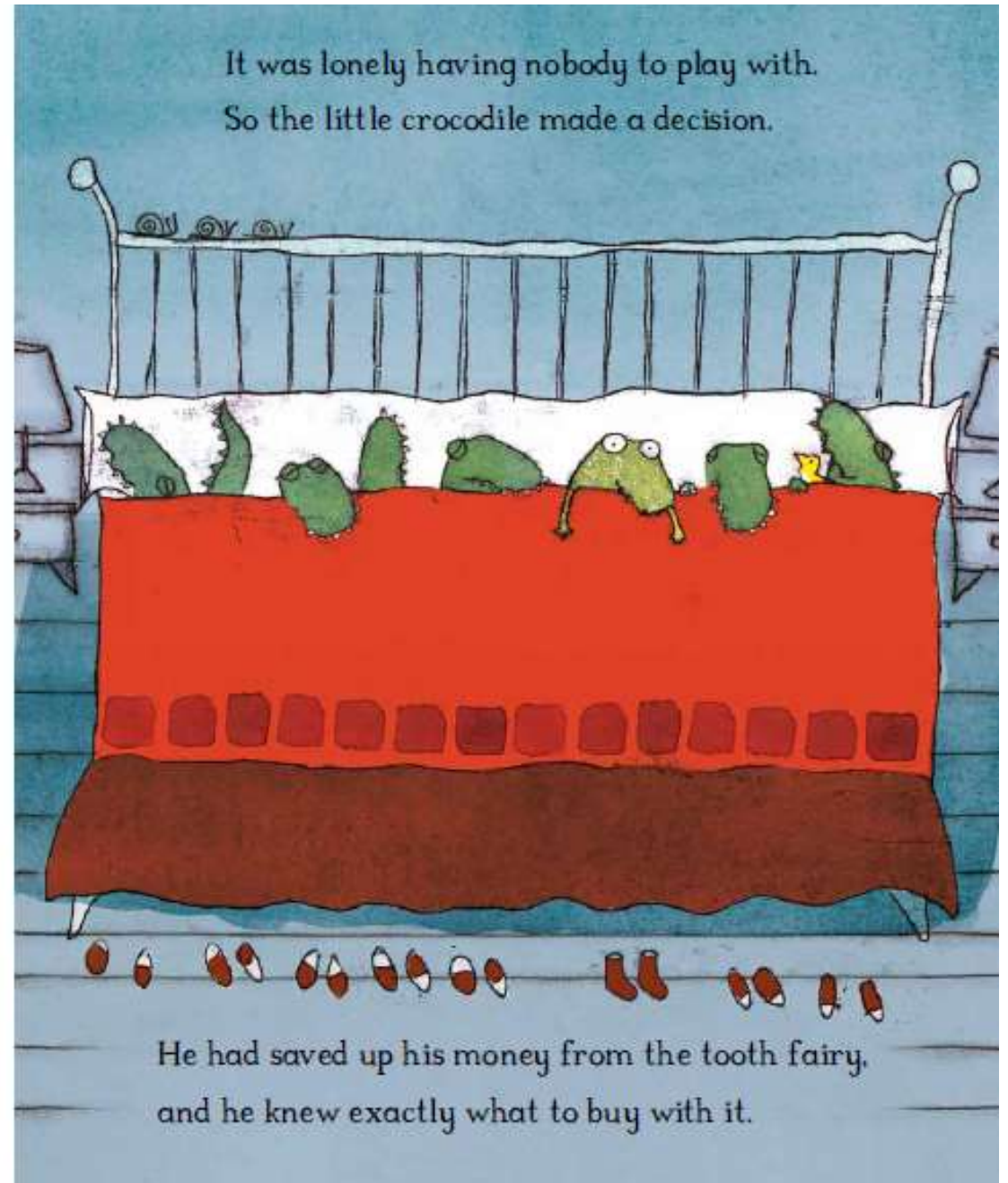
And this little crocodile didn't like swim club.



What
he
really
liked
was
climbing
trees!



But nobody else did.



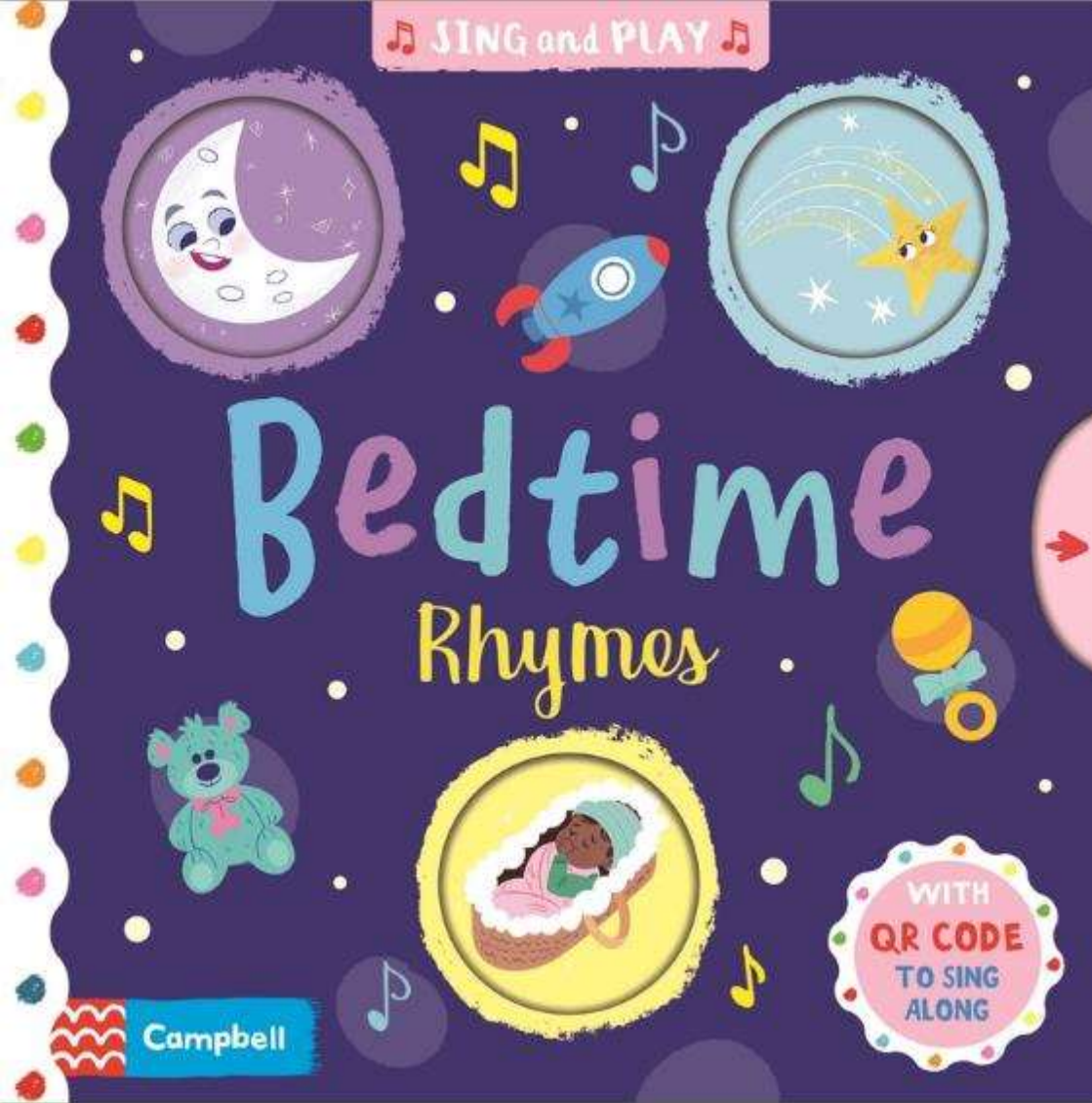
It was lonely having nobody to play with.
So the little crocodile made a decision.

He had saved up his money from the tooth fairy,
and he knew exactly what to buy with it.



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Bedtime Rhymes

[Joel and Ashley Selby](#), [Campbell Books](#)

A first novelty board book for toddlers introducing them to classic bedtime rhymes, with audio.

Watch the cow jump over the moon, rock the baby's cradle and gaze at all the twinkly stars in the night sky before bed in *Bedtime Rhymes*.

Toddlers will love using the chunky push, pull and slide mechanisms to bring these classic playtime rhymes to life. Scan the QR code to sing along together too! With bright, bold illustrations from Joel and Ashley Selby, this is the perfect gift for little ones.

- ISBN: 9781529059939
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 10

WEE WILLIE WINKIE



Wee Willie Winkie
Runs through the town,
Upstairs and downstairs
In his nightgown,
Rapping at the window,
Crying through the lock,
"Are the children in their beds?
For it's now eight o'clock!"

HEY, DIDDLE, DIDDLE



Hey, diddle, diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed
To see such fun,
And the dish ran away
With the spoon.



Bedtime Rhymes

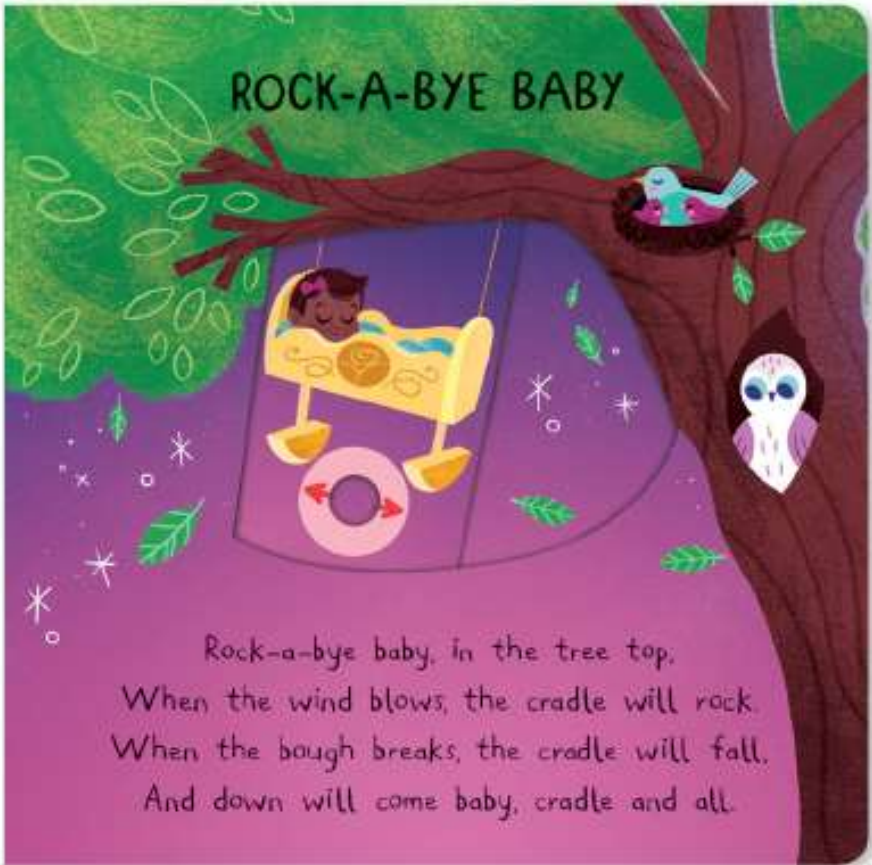


DIDDLE DIDDLE DUMPLING

Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John,
Went to sleep with his trousers on,
One shoe off and one shoe on,
Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John.



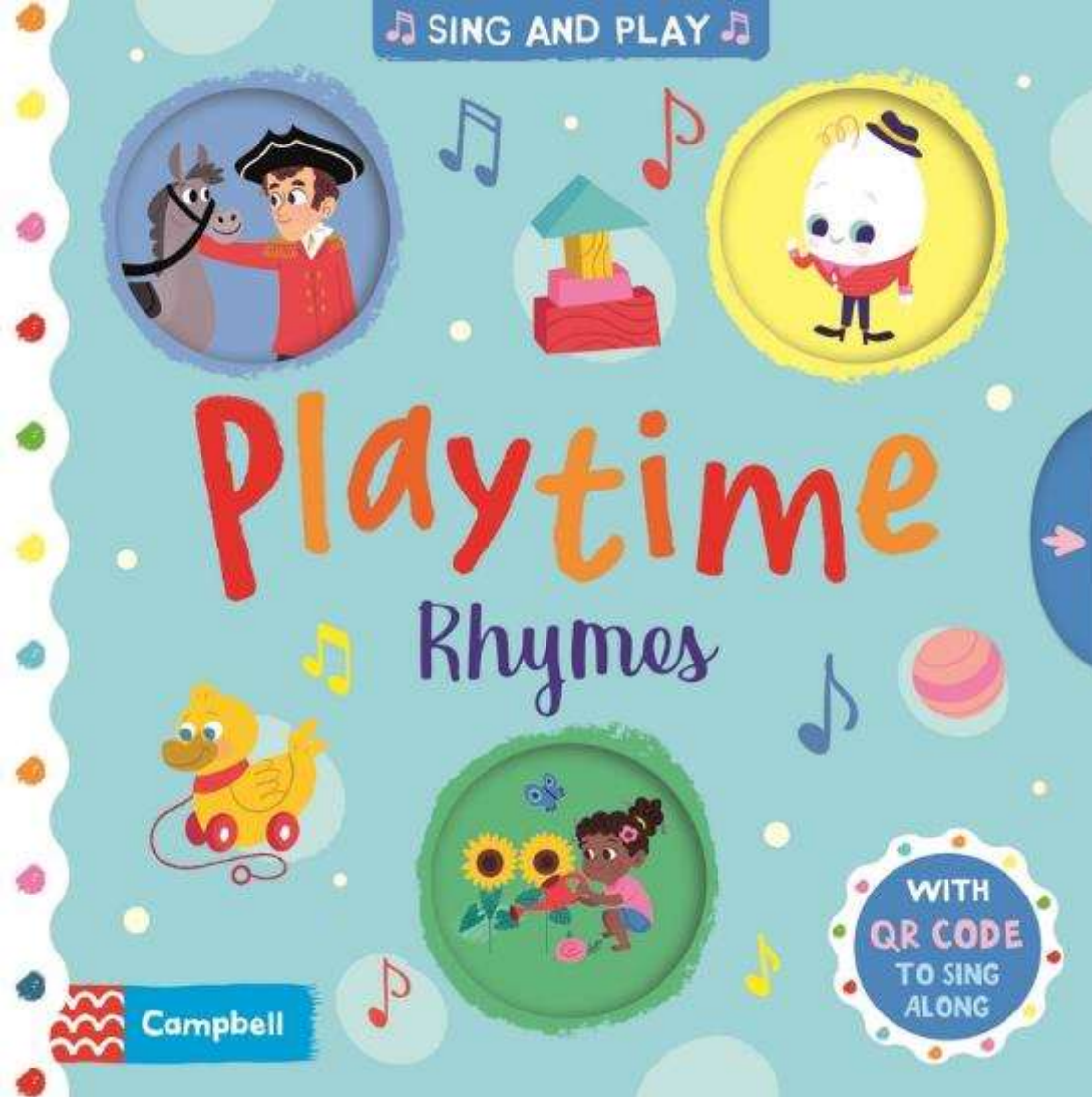
ROCK-A-BYE BABY



Rock-a-bye baby, in the tree top,
When the wind blows, the cradle will rock.
When the bough breaks, the cradle will fall,
And down will come baby, cradle and all.



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Playtime Rhymes

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Follow Jack and Jill up the hill, row row your boat down the stream and buckle your shoe in *Playtime Rhymes*.

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- ISBN: 9781529059922
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 10

Playtime Rhymes

MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY



Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockleshells,
And pretty maids all in a row.

HUMPTY DUMPTY

Humpty Dumpty
Sat on a wall
Humpty Dumpty
Had a great fall.



All the king's horses
And all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty
Together again.



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Playtime Rhymes

POLLY PUT THE KETTLE ON

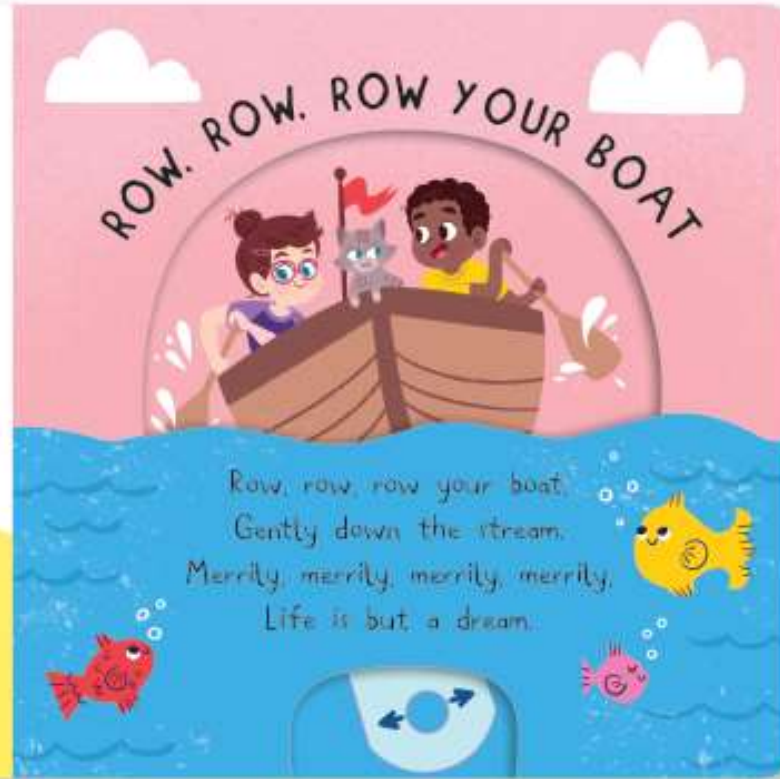
Polly, put the kettle on,
Polly, put the kettle on,
Polly, put the kettle on,
We'll all have tea.

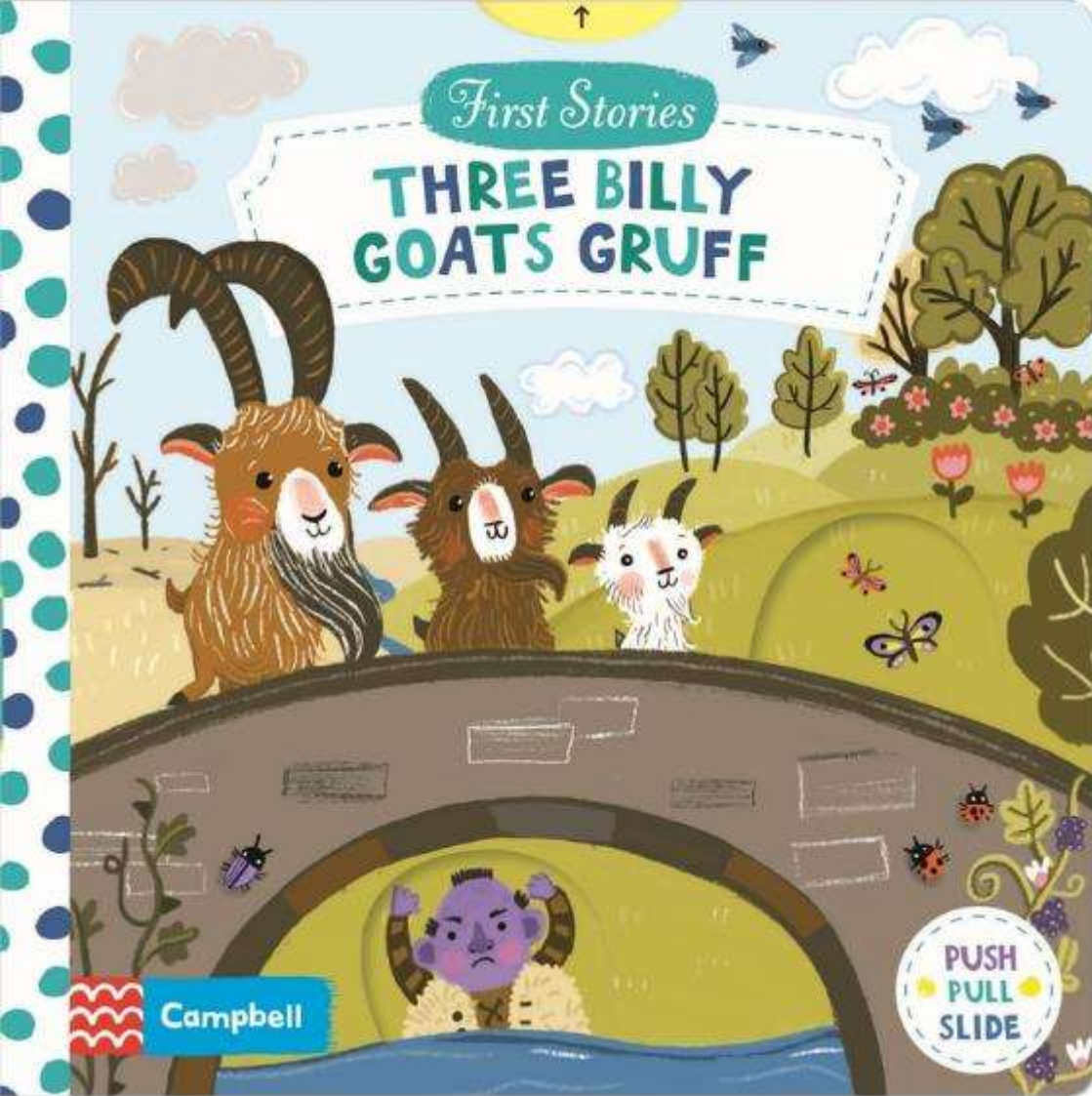


Sukey, take it off again,
Sukey, take it off again,
Sukey, take it off again,
It's half past three.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the stream,
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,
Life is but a dream.





Three Billy Goats Gruff

[Campbell Books](#), [Sandie Sonke](#)

A first novelty board book of the Three Billy Goats Gruff with push, pull and slide mechanisms.

First Stories: *Three Billy Goats Gruff* is the perfect introduction for young children to this classic nursery tale.

Push, pull, slide mechanisms bring the story to life and introduce all the familiar characters. Follow the brave billy goats as they try to cross the bridge and outsmart the hungry troll!

This well-loved story is beautifully imagined for a new generation by illustrator Sandie Sonke

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First Stories

Billy Goats Gruff

Three hungry billy goats gruff were looking for fresh green grass.
But over the bridge of a grumpy troll they would have to pass.



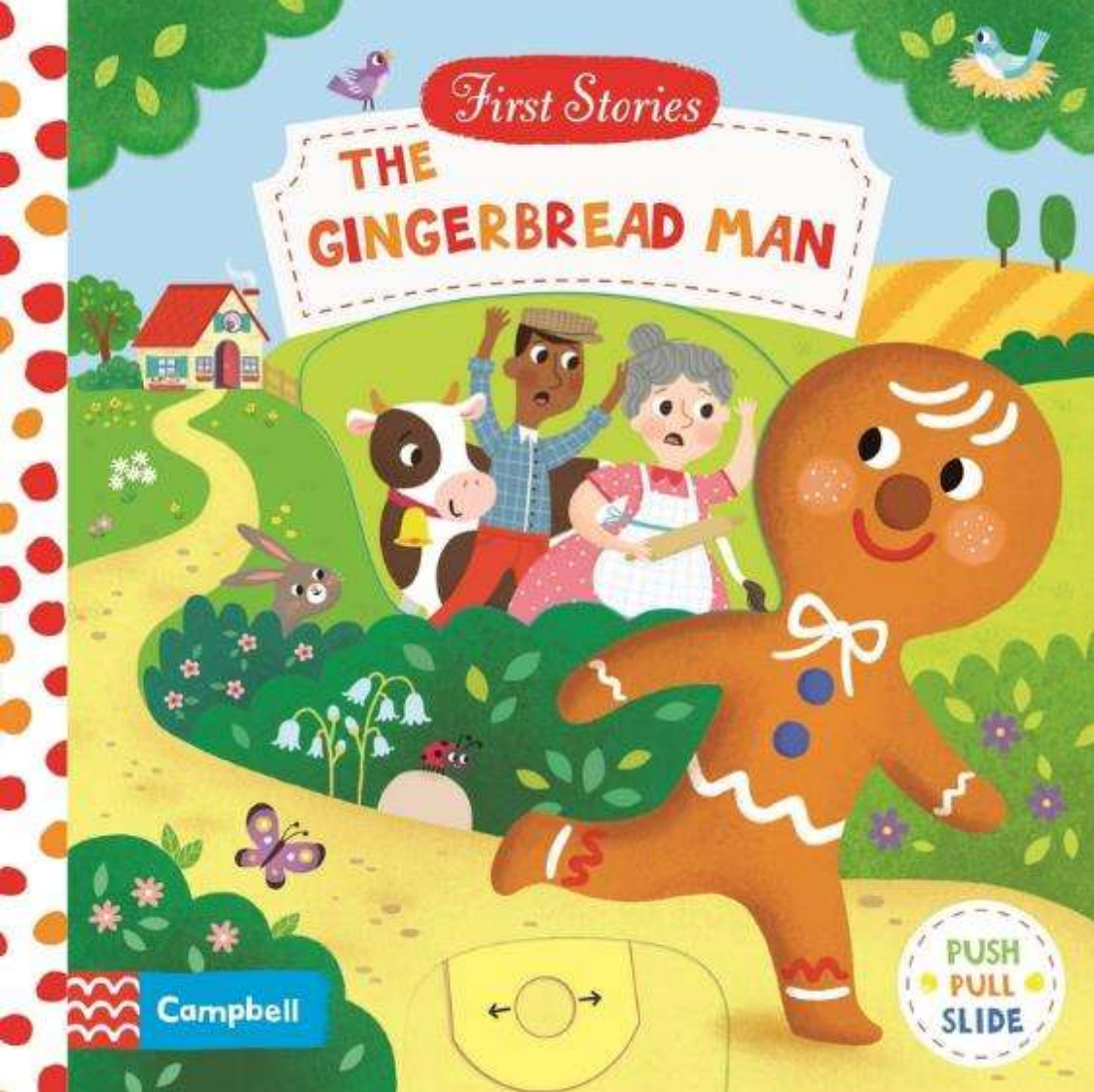
First Stories

Billy Goats Gruff



The little goat trip-trapped across – the troll had found his lunch!
“My middle brother,” cried the goat, “would be better to munch.”





The Gingerbread Man

[Campbell Books](#), [Kasia Dudziuk](#)

A first novelty board book of *The Gingerbread Man* with push, pull and slide mechanisms.

First Stories: *The Gingerbread Man* is the perfect introduction for young children to this classic nursery tale.

Push, pull, slide mechanisms bring the story to life as you chase the Gingerbread Man and join in with all of the characters trying to catch him!

This well-loved story is beautifully imagined for a new generation by illustrator Kasia Dudziuk.

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First Stories

The Gingerbread Man

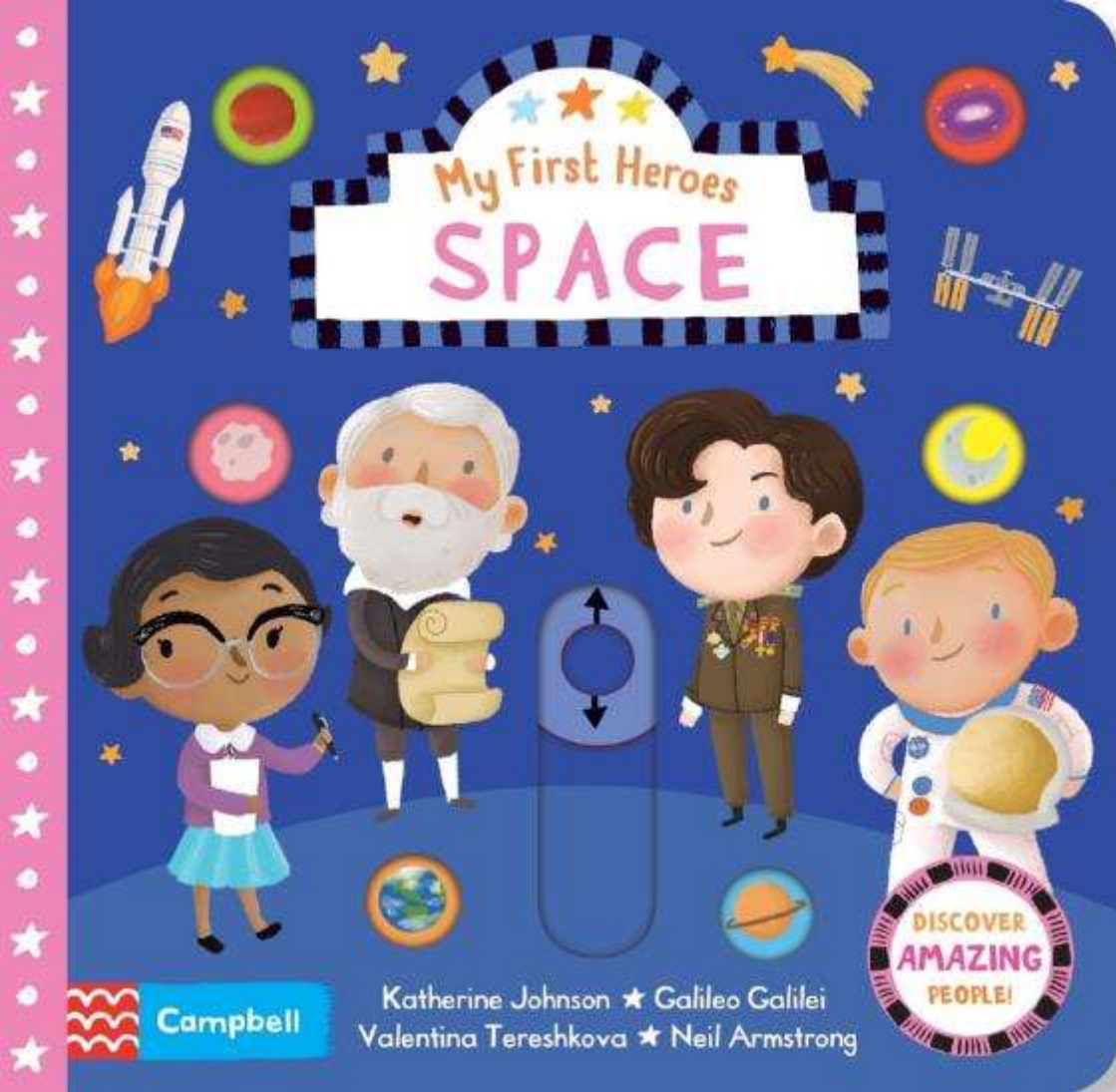


First Stories

The Gingerbread Man

"Stop!" called the woman and after him chased.
Quick as a flash, behind the trees he raced.





Space

[Campbell Books](#), [Jayri Gómez](#)

A novelty board book for preschoolers, introducing them to the people who helped us to understand space.

Discover the amazing people who helped us to understand space in *My First Heroes: Space!*

Push, pull and slide the scenes to find out about Galileo, Katherine Johnson, Valentina Tereshkova and Neil Armstrong, and be inspired by their incredible achievements.

With scenes to explore, fun facts to learn and bright, bold illustration by Jayri Gómez, this is the perfect introduction for inquisitive preschoolers to these amazing space heroes.

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- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 10

My First Heroes

Space

Galileo Galilei



Galileo Galilei was an **Italian astronomer** who lived long ago. He made an amazing **discovery** but no one believed him. He even went to **prison** for his beliefs!

wow!

Galileo **changed** how people think about the Sun and the Earth.

How did he do it?

He built a new **telescope** to study space.

He **proved** that the Earth travels around the Sun.

People thought it was the **other way** around!

Today, we know Galileo was right! All the planets, including the Earth, go around the Sun.



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My First Heroes Space

Katherine Johnson



Katherine Johnson was an African-American mathematician. She loved numbers so much that she used to count everything!

π = wow!

Johnson's work helped astronauts to travel safely in space.

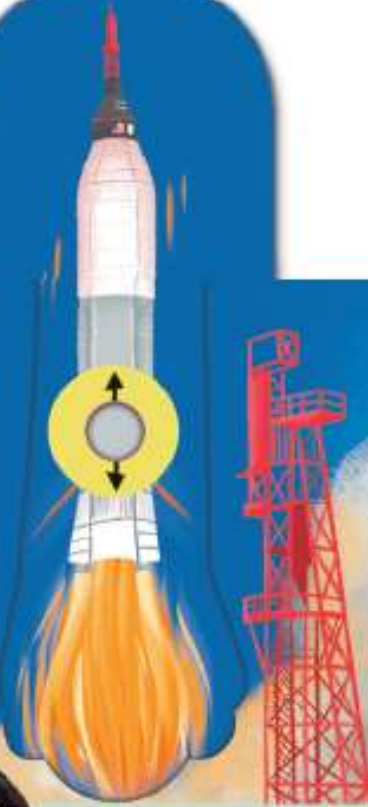
How did she do it?

She planned the flight paths for spacecraft.

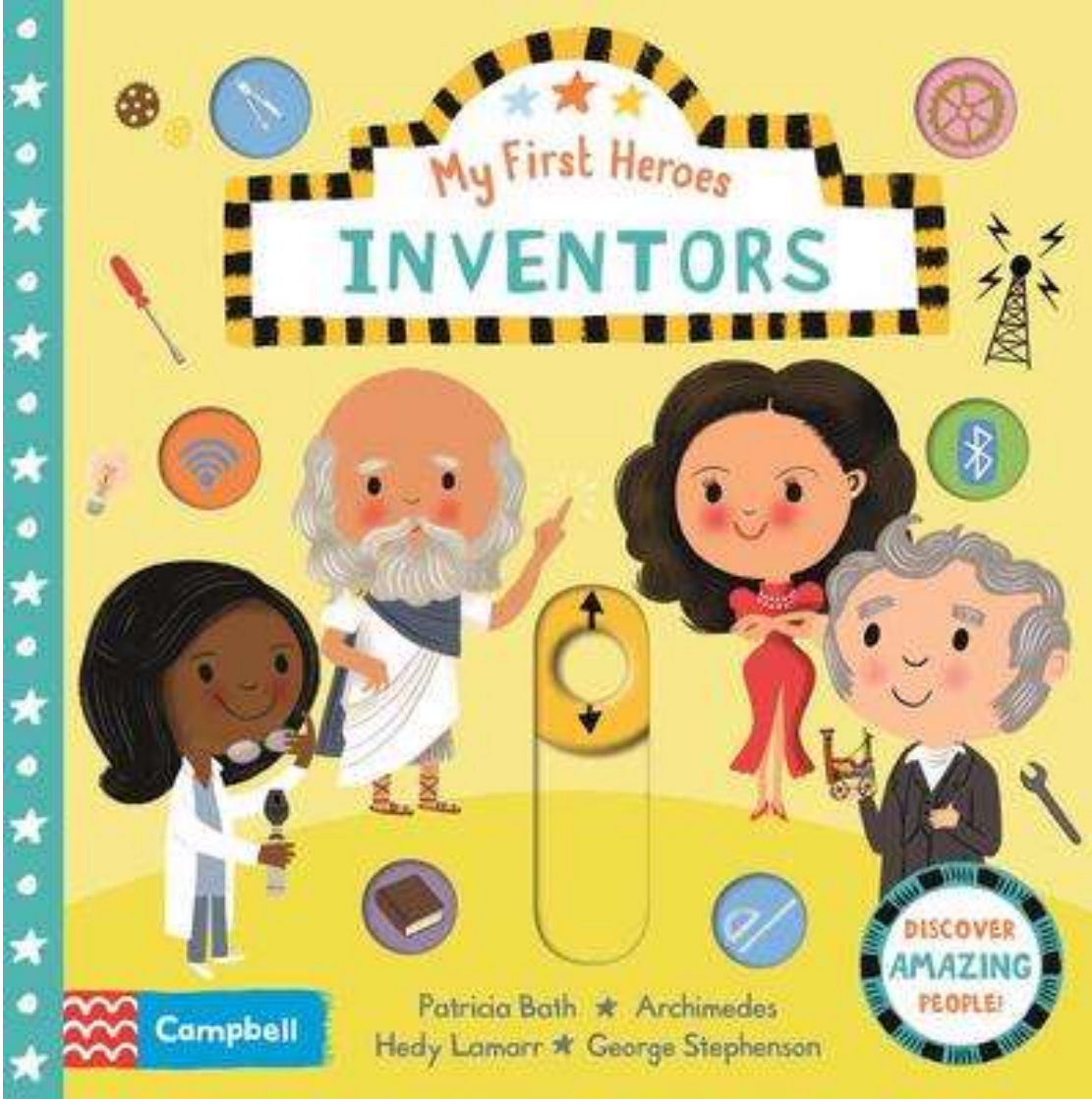
She was so clever she could do difficult maths in her head.

Her work helped astronauts to land on the Moon!

Katherine Johnson calculated how fast to fly in space.



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Inventors

[Nila Aye](#), [Campbell Books](#)

A novelty board book for preschoolers, introducing them to the inventors who changed the world.

Discover the inventors who changed our world in *My First Heroes: Inventors!*

Push, pull and slide the scenes to find out about Archimedes, Patricia Bath, George Stephenson and Hedy Lamarr, and be inspired by their incredible work.

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The *My First Heroes* series has been endorsed and recommended by Dr Amanda Gummer's Good Play Guide.

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- Extent: 10

My First Heroes

Inventors



Archimedes



Archimedes was an inventor and maths genius in Ancient Greece. When he made a brilliant discovery, people say he shouted 'Eureka'. This means 'I've found it'.



wow!



One of his jobs was to solve difficult problems for the king.

What did he invent?

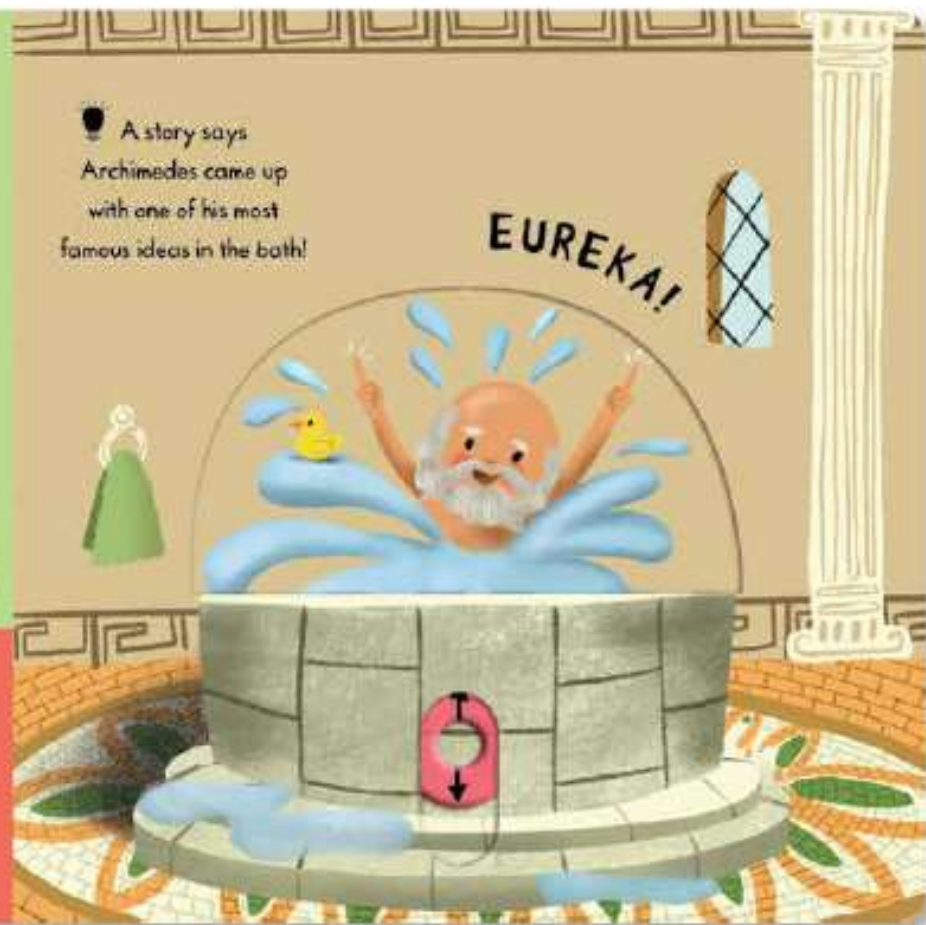
A way to move a ship with rope and pulleys.

A screw to lift water uphill for farmers.

He also described what happens when things float.

A story says Archimedes came up with one of his most famous ideas in the bath!

EUREKA!



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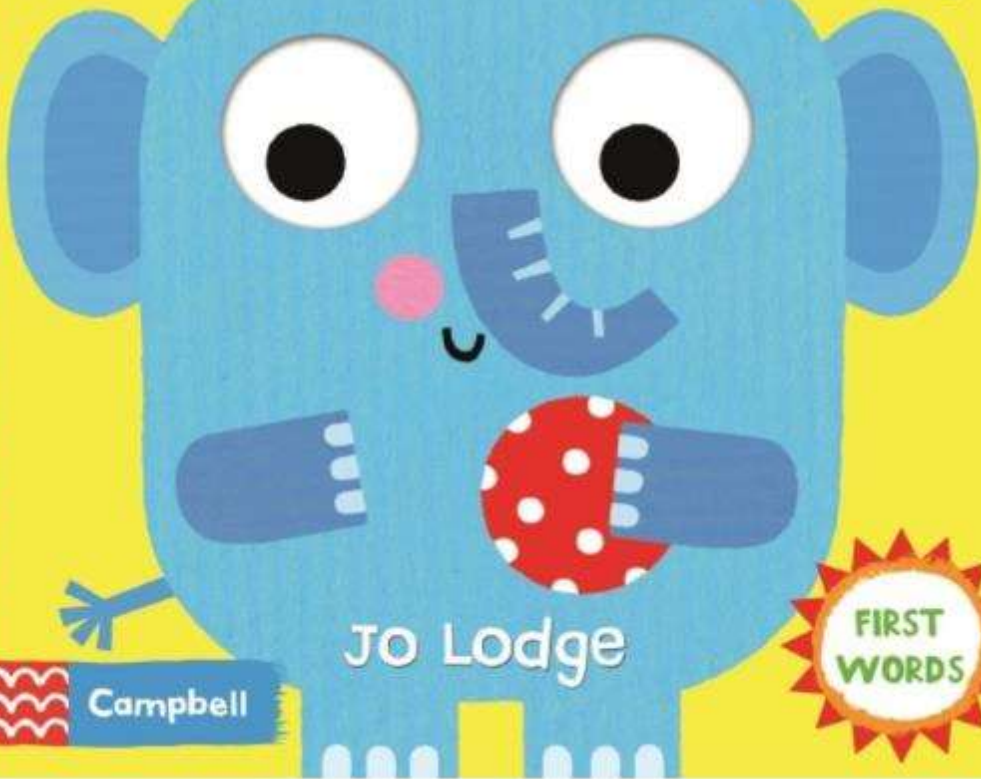
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Inventors



The
Googlies

Let's Go Out, Elephant



Let's Go Out, Elephant

[Jo Lodge](#), [Campbell Books](#)

A first-word board book for babies. With bold, googly eyes, a mechanism and bright illustrations by Jo Lodge.

Meet The Googlies by Jo Lodge! In *Let's Go Out, Elephant*, children will learn first words to do with going out to explore nature!

Bold, googly eyes and a sliding mechanism bring this adorable elephant to life while children share the simple story and point at the bold pictures.

An ideal book for babies, this title combines brilliant illustrations, a simple story and first words - a perfect introduction to nature and the outside world for your little one!

- ISBN: 9781529026771
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- Genre: Non-Fiction
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Hello, Elephant! Let's go out.



Can you say it with me?



scarf



coat



boots

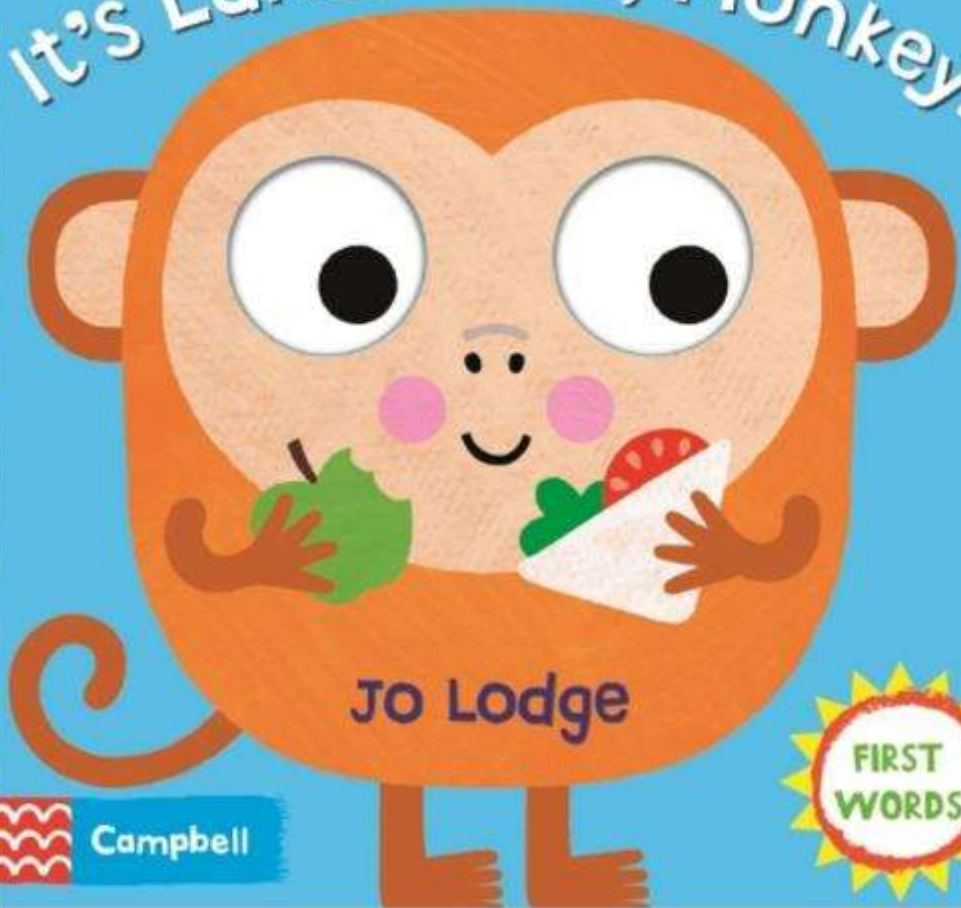
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It's Lunchtime, Monkey!



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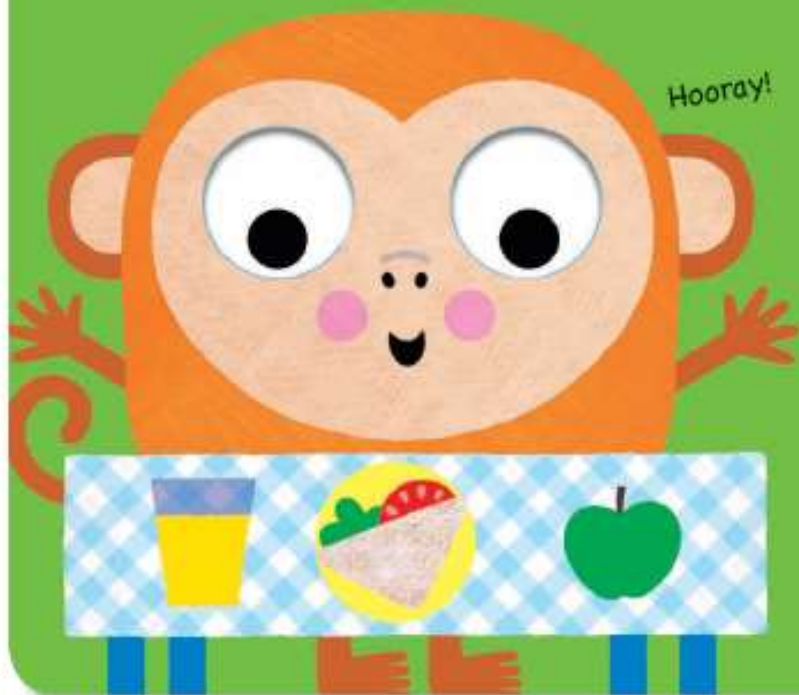
Bold, googly eyes and a sliding mechanism bring this adorable monkey to life, while children share the simple story and point at the bright pictures.

An ideal book for babies, this title combines bright illustrations, a simple story and first words - perfect as an introduction to meal time routines for your little one

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JO LODGE - GOOGLIES
It's Lunchtime, Monkey!

It's lunchtime, Monkey!



Can you say it with me?



table



chair



bib

JO LODGE - GOOGLIES
It's Lunchtime. Monkey!

Which fruit do you like best?



Can you say it with me?

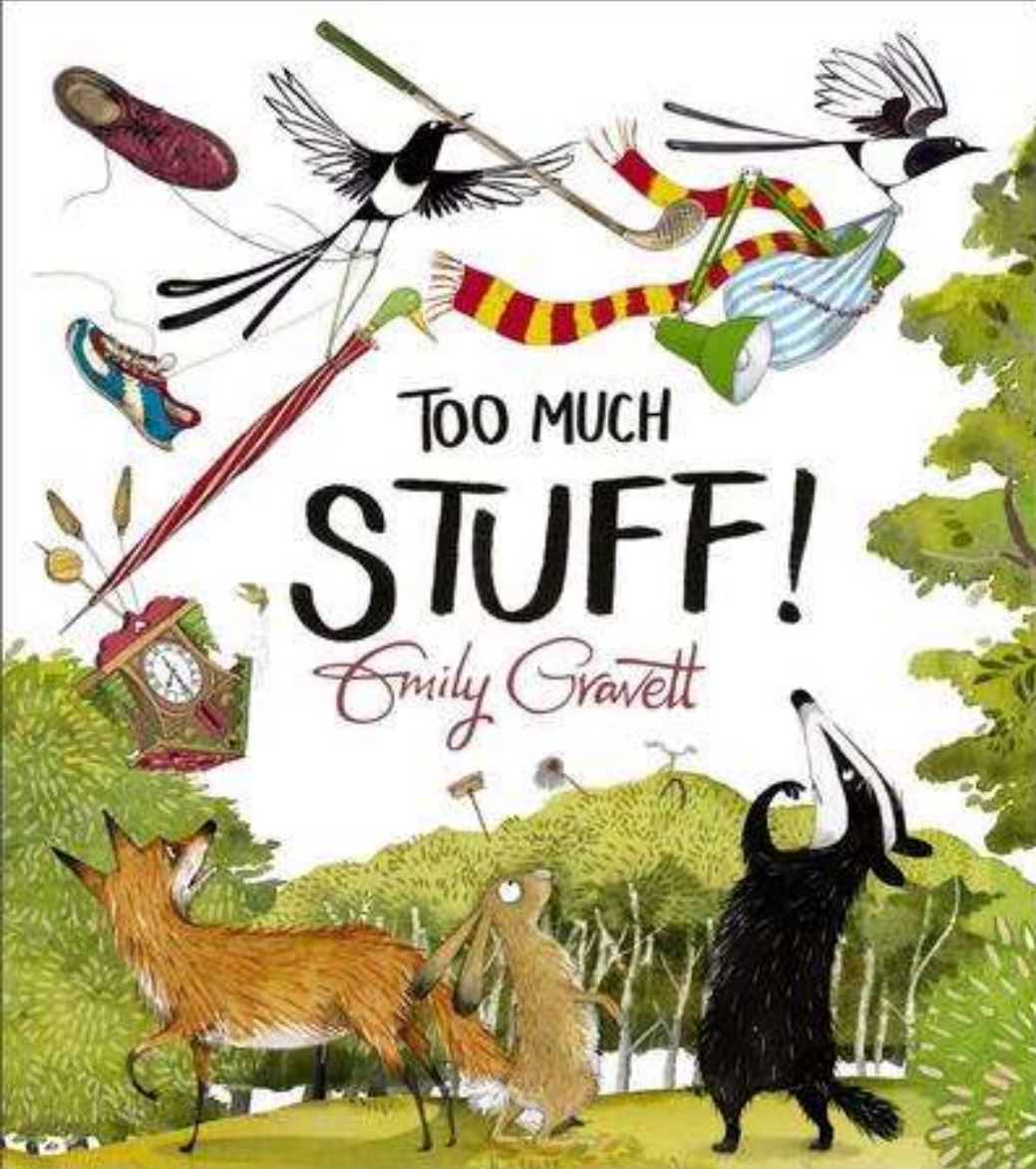


		
apple	banana	strawberry



Picture Books





Too Much Stuff

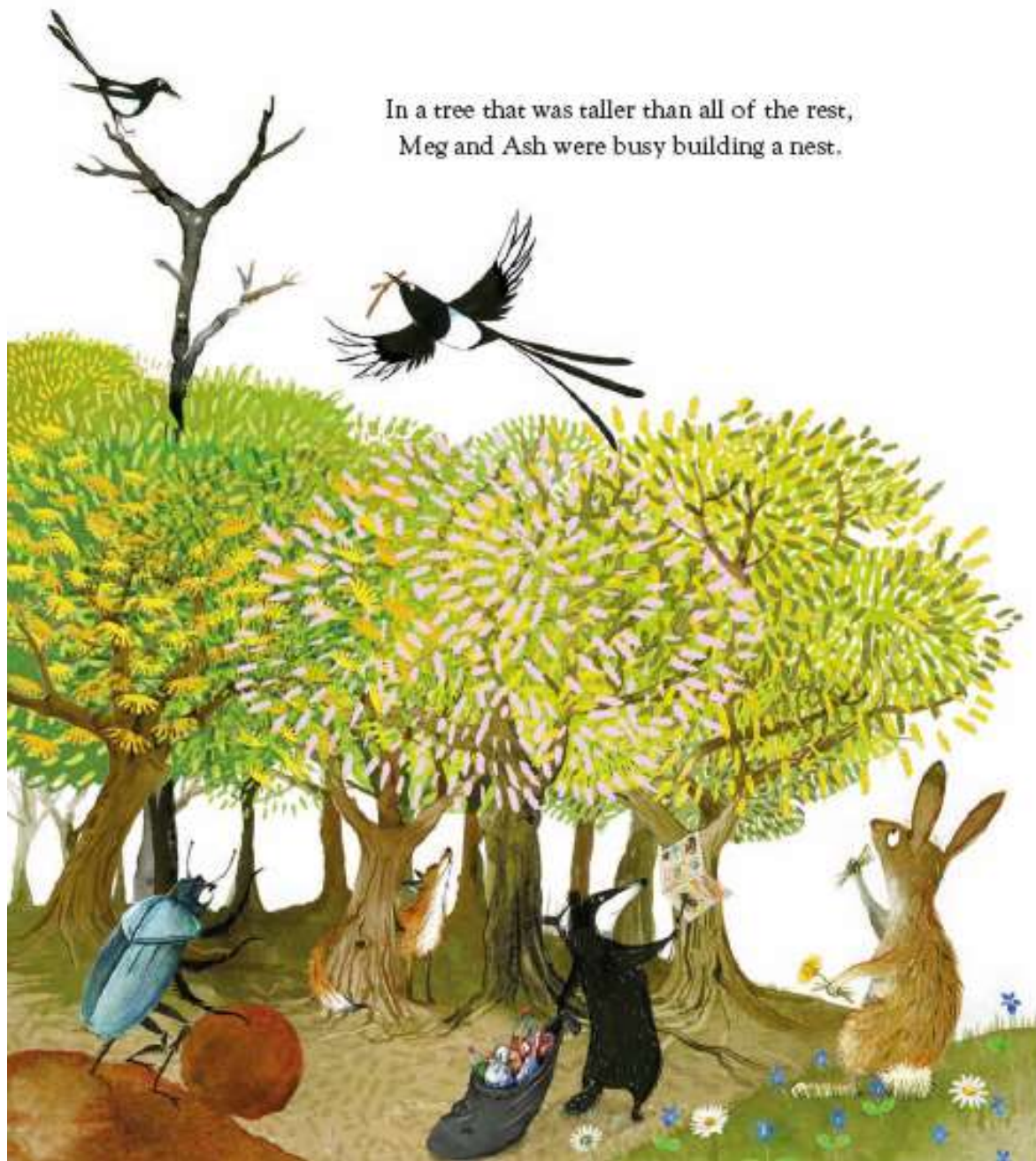
[Emily Gravett](#)

From the creator of modern classic *Meerkat Mail* comes a very funny woodland story showing the dangers of having too much stuff. *Too Much Stuff* is based in the same forest as Gravett's award-winning *Tidy*, it features a host of gorgeous woodland animals, including Pete the badger.

Meg and Ash are a pair of magpies who are building a nest for their perfect eggs. Although they begin their nest construction using the usual mud, sticks and grass, Meg and Ash are soon convinced that their nest doesn't have enough stuff and begin to collect more things to add to an ever-growing pile. From cuckoo clocks to mops and socks, a pram and even a car – their need for stuff seems endless. Until – crash! – the inevitable happens.

Emily Gravett's engaging, exquisitely illustrated story will appeal to fans of *Tidy* and of such classics as *The Animals of Farthing Wood*.

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- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32



In a tree that was taller than all of the rest,
Meg and Ash were busy building a nest.



They built it from mud, and from grass, and from sticks,
And they dreamed that one day they would fill it with chicks.



Then lastly, to keep it all cosy and clean,
They lined the whole thing with an old magazine.



It wasn't that long before they had laid
Four perfect eggs in the nest that they'd made.

But looking around, they worried their nest
Needed more stuff, to make it the best.

And so, while one of them stayed behind,
The other flew off to go and find
The extra things that they agreed
Their chicks were really going to NEED.



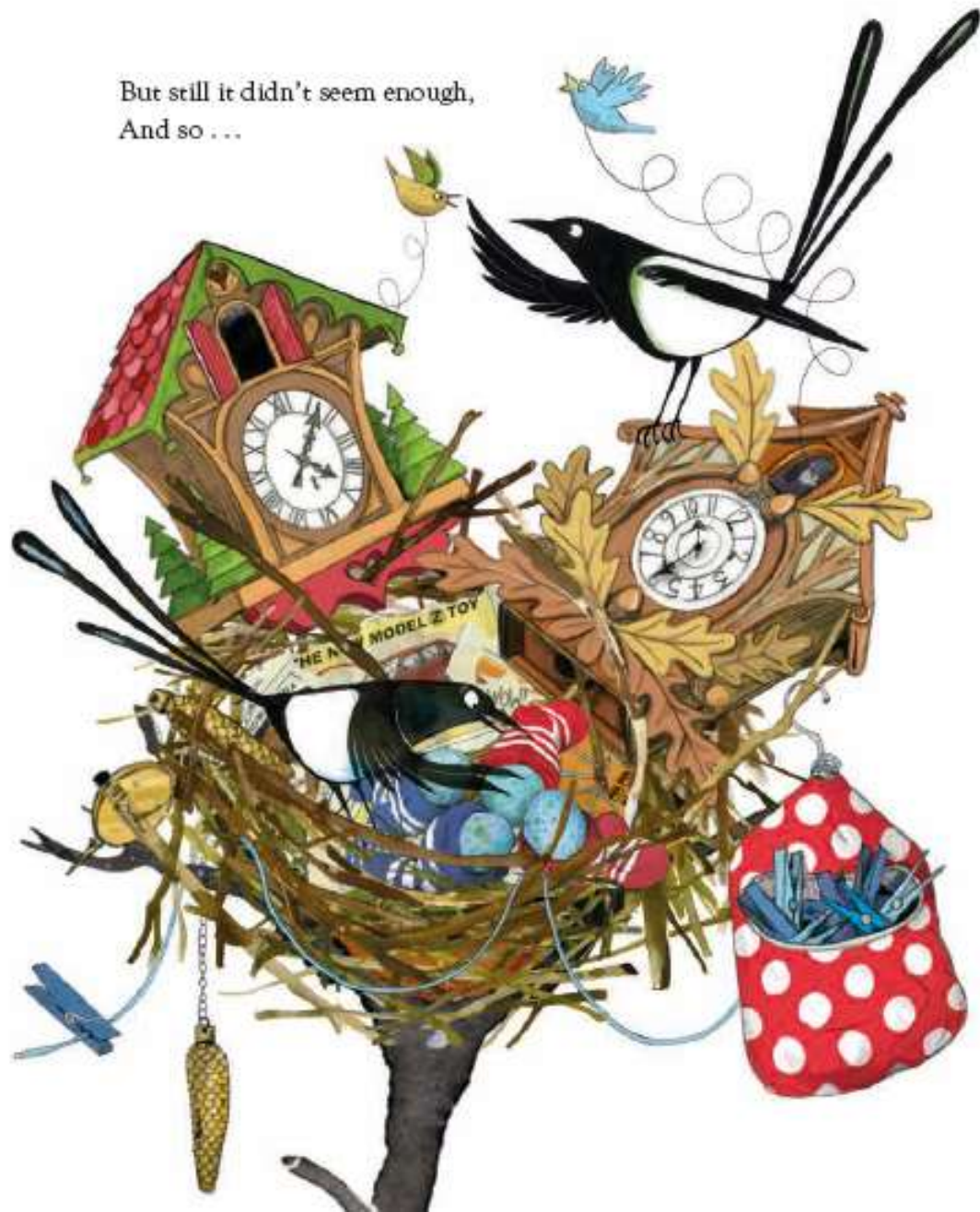
At first they brought back little stuff:

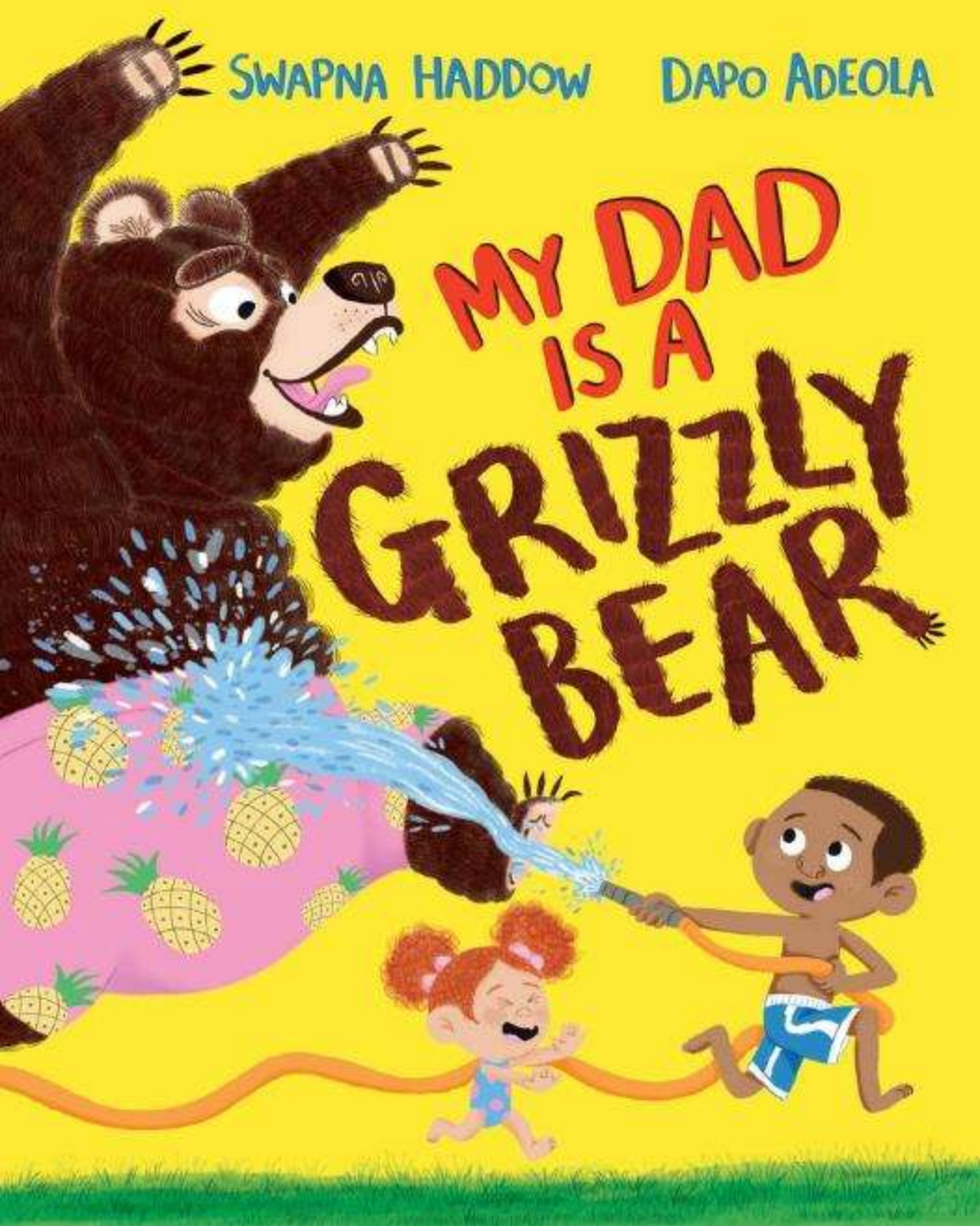


Two ornamental cuckoo clocks,
Four tiny socks,
And a pack of plastic pegs
(In shades of blue to match their eggs).



But still it didn't seem enough,
And so . . .





My Dad Is A Grizzly Bear

[Swapna Haddow](#), [Dapo Adeola](#)

A warm and funny story about a family where the young son is sure his Dad is a grizzly bear!

A playful, warm and funny story following a boy with a wild imagination and his lively family, from brand new creative duo: Swapna Haddow and Dapo Adeola.

Shhh. Beware. My dad is a grizzly bear.

In this family, it's just possible that Dad is a grizzly bear . . . He has fuzzy fur, enormous paws and loves the outdoors. He sleeps a lot even in the cinema and when he's awake, he's always hungry, usually eating up all the honey. What else could Dad be? But sometimes, when it's scary at night, a lovely big bear hug is just what is needed.

A hilarious debut picture book written by Swapna Haddow author of the Dave Pigeon series and illustrated by the brilliantly talented Dapo Adeola author of *Look Up!*

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My dad is a grizzly bear.



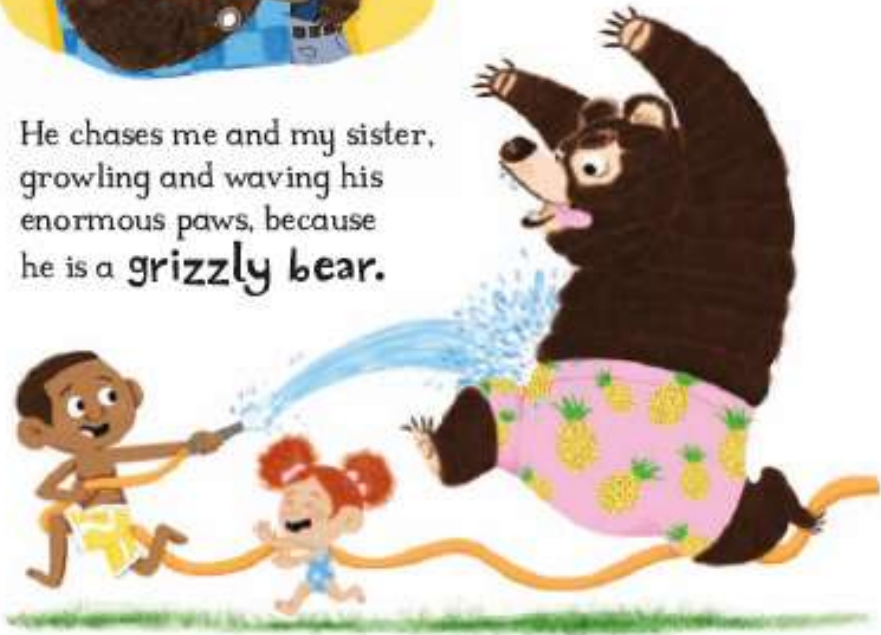
He has the fuzziest fur that **scratches** and **scratches**.



Mum laughs and teases him when he gives her big sloppy kisses.



He chases me and my sister, growling and waving his enormous paws, because he is a **grizzly bear**.

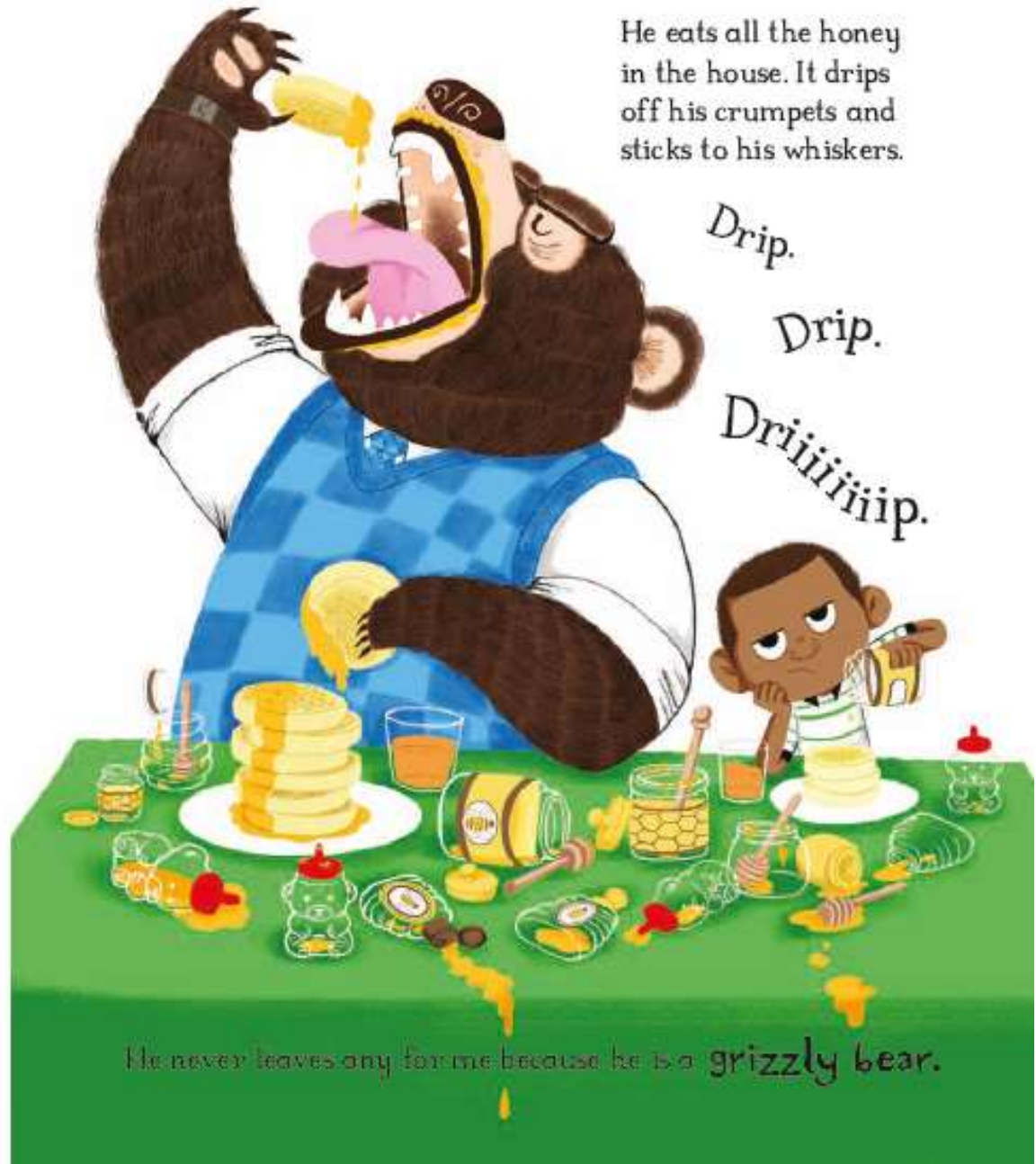


He eats all the honey in the house. It drips off his crumpets and sticks to his whiskers.

Drip.

Drip.

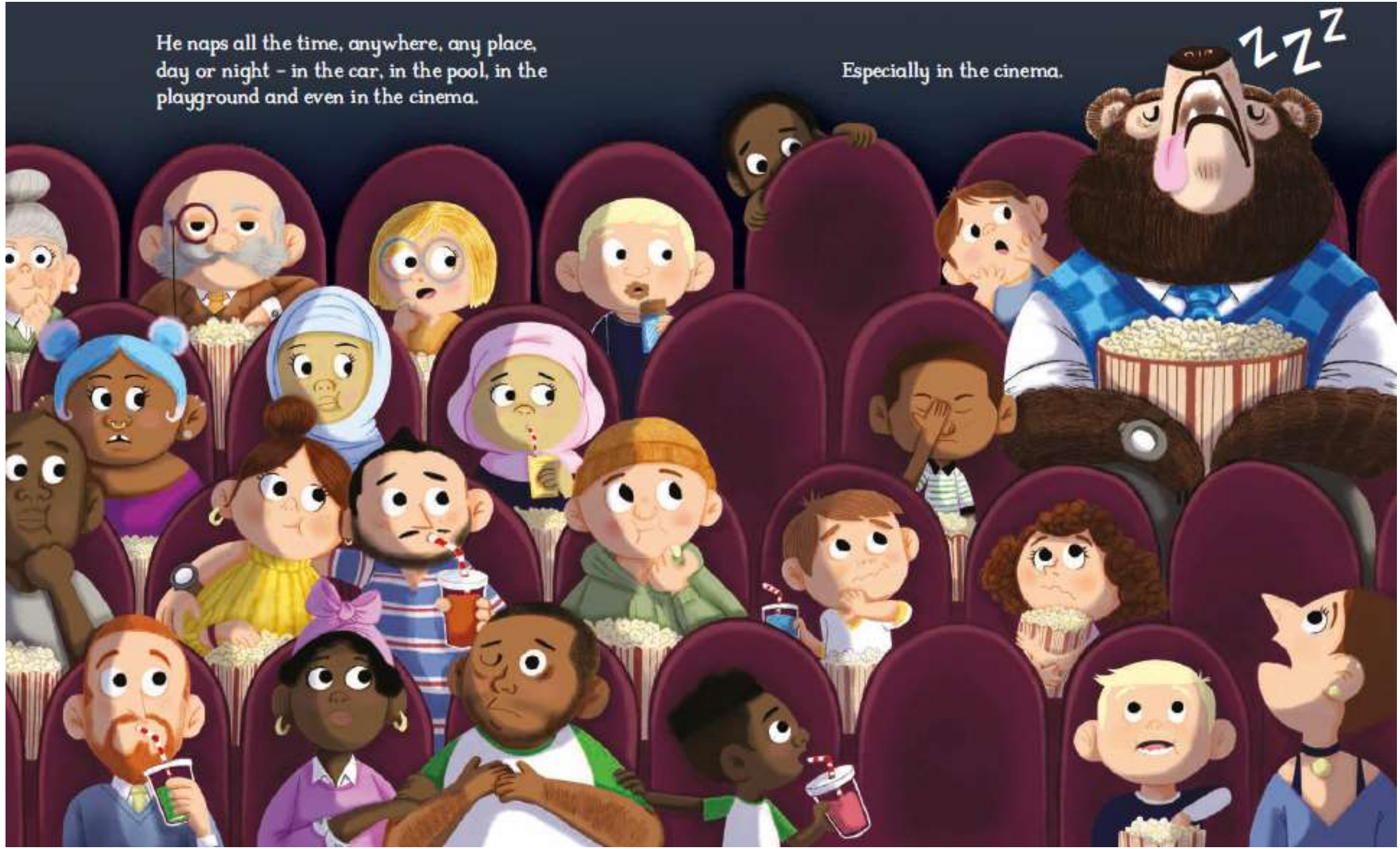
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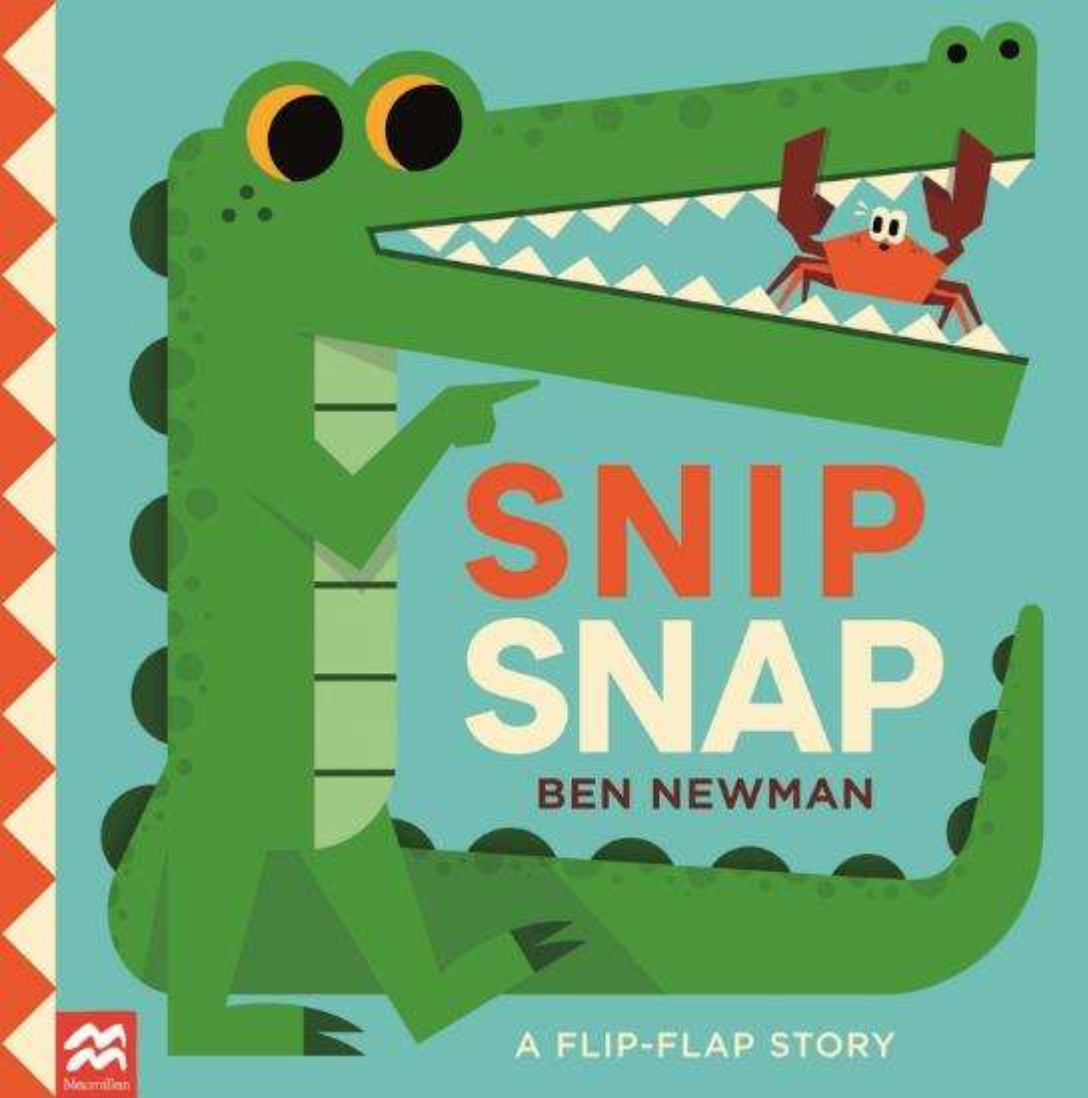


He never leaves any for me because he is a **grizzly bear**.

He naps all the time, anywhere, any place,
day or night - in the car, in the pool, in the
playground and even in the cinema.

Especially in the cinema.





Snip Snap

[Ben Newman](#)

The delightfully noisy story of when a naughty crab meets an unsuspecting crocodile - specially developed for preschool-aged children who love joining in.

Chaos ensues when a crocodile who has been minding her own business (and her egg!) gets a sharp nip on the tail! Specially developed and tested with his own preschool-aged children by Ben Newman, the illustrator of the bestselling *Professor Astro Cat* series.

It's peaceful and quiet by the river bank, where a crocodile watches over her eggs. But when the crab goes SNIP! SNIP! both noise and mayhem follow! Splish-splash ... flap-flap ... wobble-wobble ... crick-crack - and all from one naughty little nip!

Based on common animal noises and miming games played by preschool children everywhere, the onomatopoeic words in this story are easy to remember and say together - perfect for young children who love to join in.

Rhythmic words and dynamic, expressive illustrations help this joyful story of consequences to motor along, with special cut-away pages to add to the fun.

A book to come back to again and again, *Snip Snap* is a deceptively simple story about friendship, family, forgiveness - and of course, the great joys of being naughty!

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- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32



The crab goes...



...SNIP, SNIP!

Fiction

VEGA JANE

AND THE

MAZE OF MONSTERS



THE SUNDAY TIMES NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER

DAVID BALDACCI

Vega Jane and the Maze of Monsters

[David Baldacci](#), [Tomislav Tomic](#)

Vega Jane and the Maze of Monsters (previously published as *The Keeper*) is the second installment in master storyteller David Baldacci's bestselling Vega Jane series for children, now in a revised and re-illustrated edition.

Full of thrills, mystery and danger, *Vega Jane and the Maze of Monsters* is the second title in the fast-paced fantasy adventure series for children of 10+ by bestselling master storyteller David Baldacci.

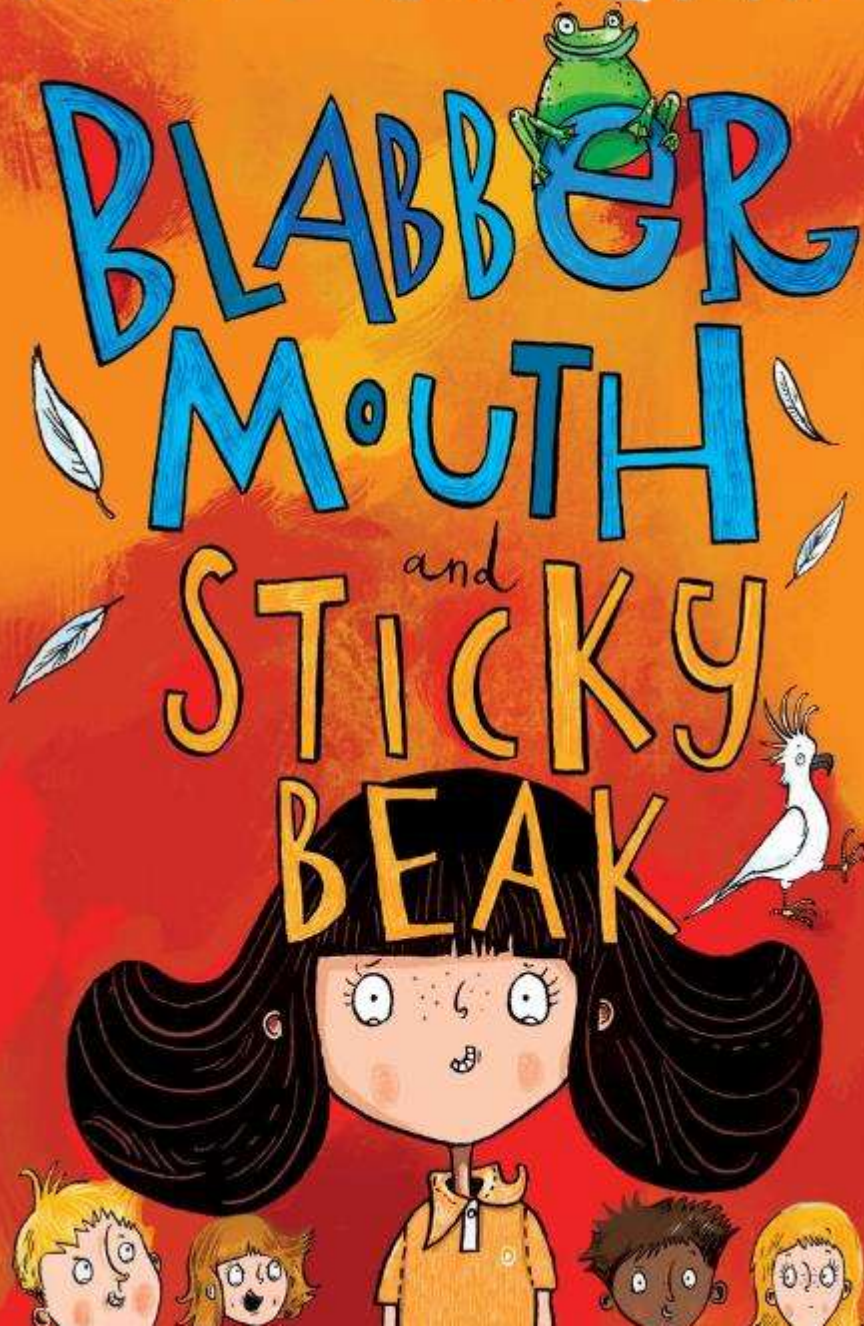
Everything Vega Jane has ever known is a lie. But if she and her best friend Delph are to find the truth about who they are and where they came from, they must first survive the Quag, a wild, enchanted place filled with monsters and dark sorcery. It will stretch their courage to the limit.

The Quag will throw everything at Vega. It will try to break her. It will try to kill her. And survival might come at a price not even Vega is willing to pay.

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MORRIS GLEITZMAN



Blabber Mouth & Sticky Beak

[Morris Gleitzman](#)

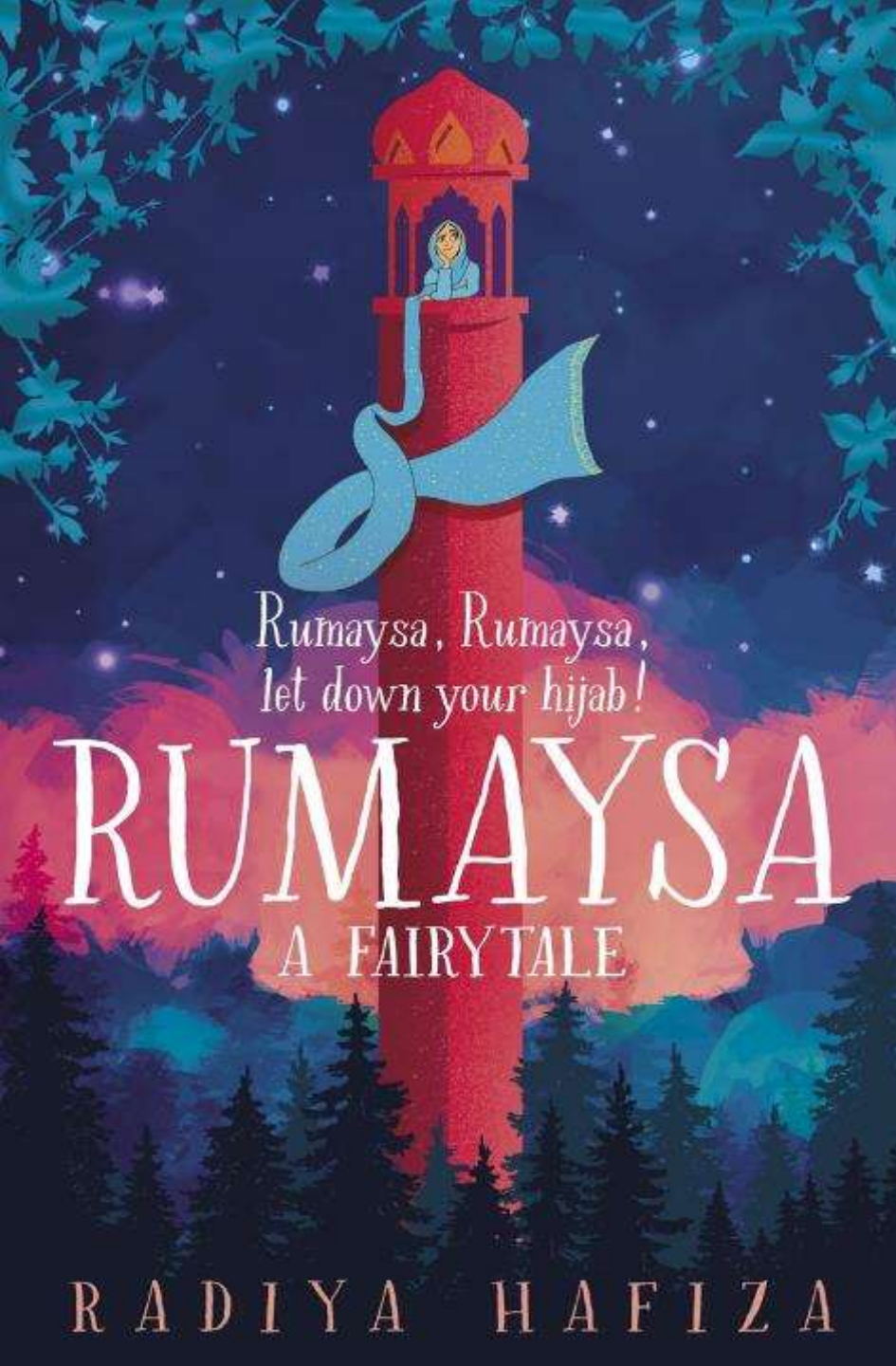
Two hilarious but heartwarming stories in one book, from one of Australia's bestselling authors, and featuring a very unusual and outspoken heroine . . . **Morris Gleitzman's classic stories *Blabber Mouth and Sticky Beak* are now together in one volume, with with a fantastically hilarious cover look from Sarah Horne!**

Rowena Batts is always in trouble. It probably has something to do with her quick temper - stuffing a frog into bully-boy Darryn Peck's mouth wasn't the best idea in the world. Neither was stealing his crazy cockatoo . . .

But Rowena has a bigger problem. Her dad. Somehow she has to tell him that his revolting shirts and his horrific habit of bursting into song in public are even more disastrous than she is. And it's not easy talking your way out of trouble when you were born unable to speak.

Rowena and her dad rock from one batty but bittersweet scenario to the next, across two stories in one book!

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



Rumaysa: A Fairytale

[Radiya Hafiza](#), [Rhaida El Touny](#), [Areeba Siddique](#)

A magical, empowering and fantastically funny fairytale retelling from debut middle-grade author Radiya Hafizah.

Step into a Once Upon a Time where anything is possible . . . Radiya Hafiza's enchanting and funny debut weaves together three stories, spinning the classic fairytale to show that anyone can be a hero.

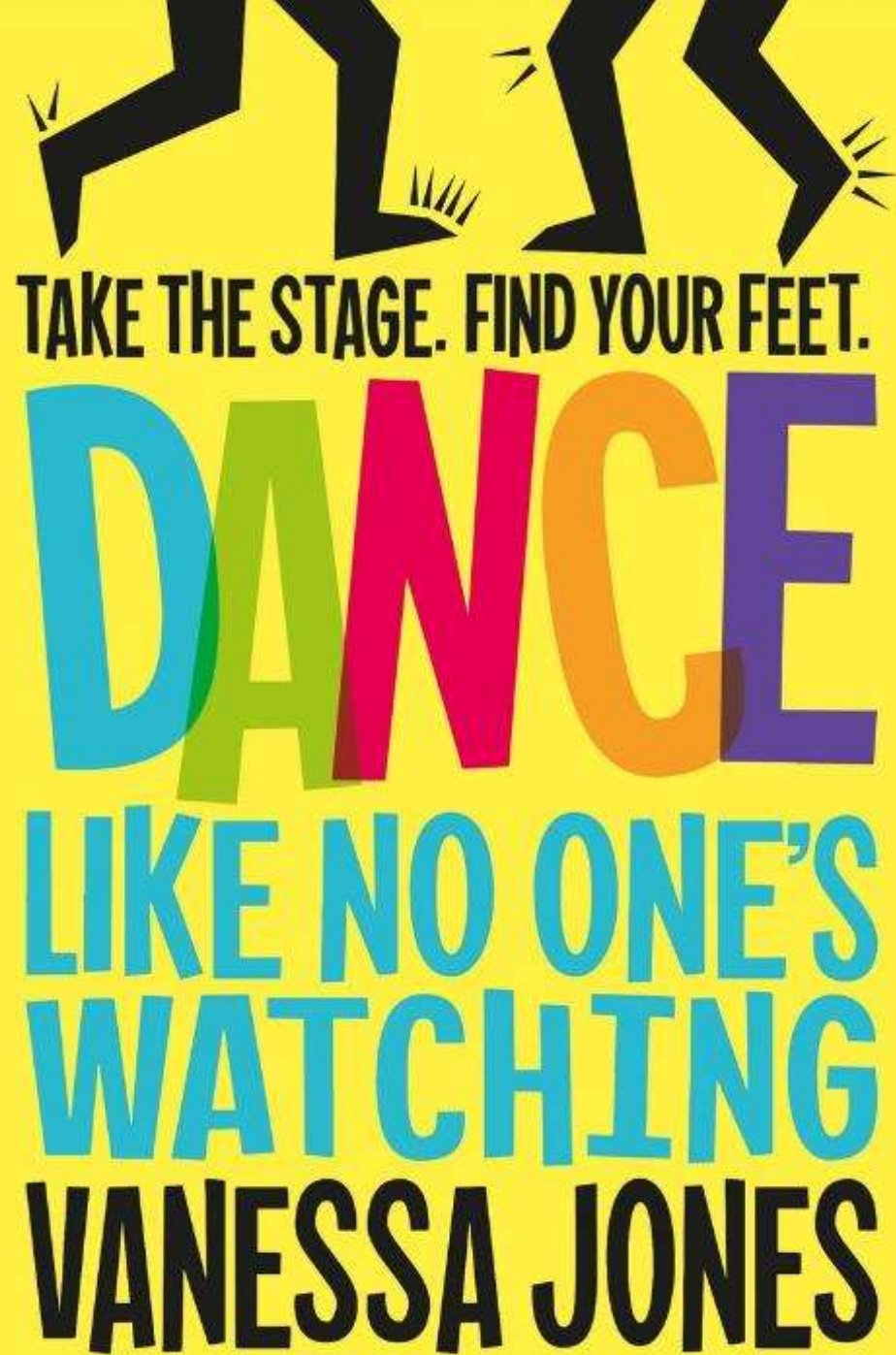
'Rumaysa, Rumaysa, let down your hijab!'

For as long as she can remember Rumaysa has been locked away in her tall, tall tower, forced to use her magic to spin straw into gold for the evil Witch and unable to leave. Until one day, after dropping a hijab out of her small tower-window, Rumaysa realizes how she might be able to escape . . .

Join Rumaysa as she adventures through enchanted forests and into dragon's lairs, discovers her own incredible magical powers and teams up with Cinderayla and Sleeping Sara!

Rumaysa: A Fairytale is a magically fresh, empowering and funny debut, with beautiful inside illustrations by Rhaida El Touny and cover illustration by Areeba Siddique.

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- Extent: 240



Dance Like No One's Watching

[Vanessa Jones](#)

Fame and *Glee* meet Rainbow Rowell's *Fangirl* in former West End actress Vanessa Jones' stunning sequel to *Sing Like No One's Listening*.

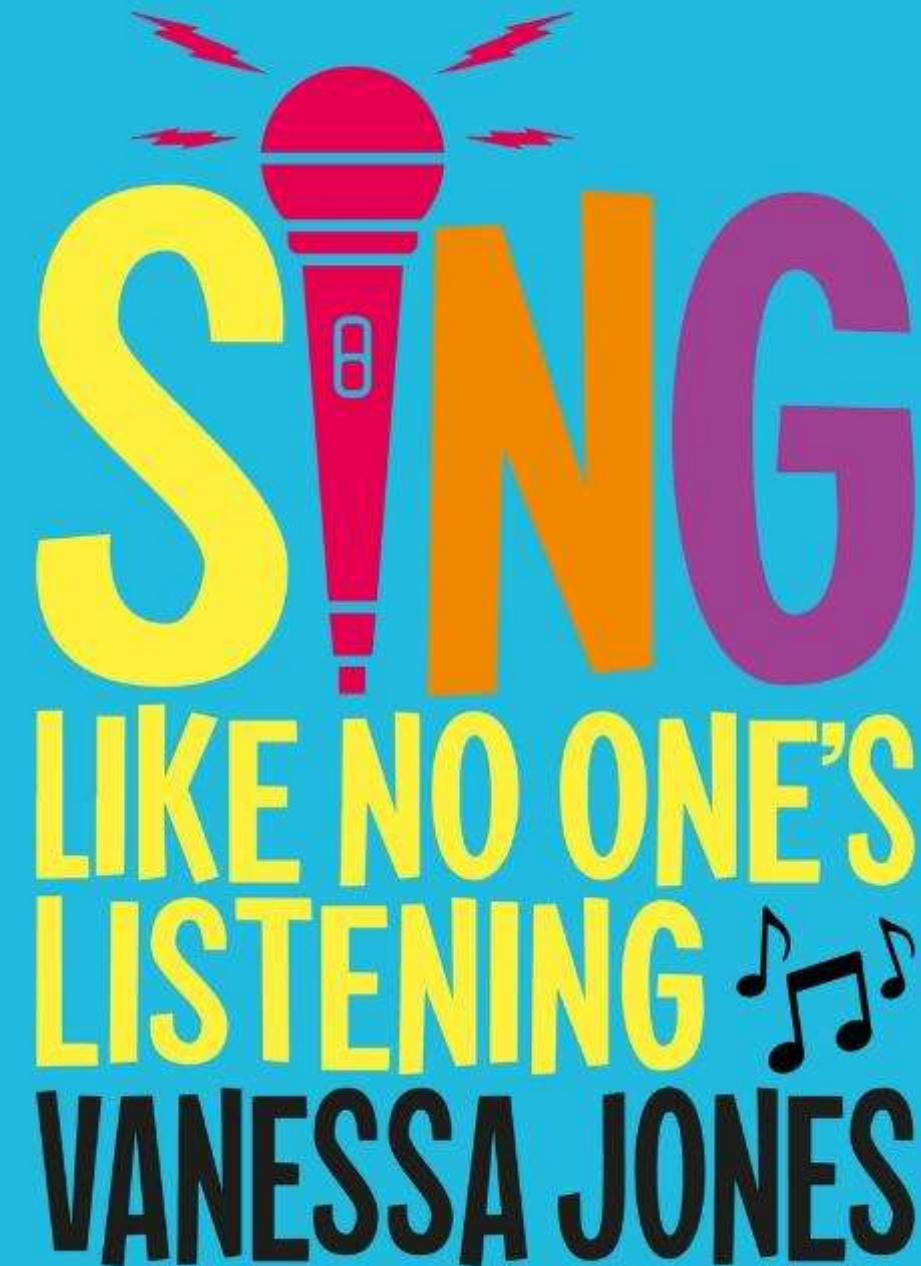
The show must go on.

It's back to show business as usual at Duke's Academy of Performing Arts. Things are finally working out for Nettie, with her voice restored, her gorgeous boyfriend, Fletch, by her side and the lead role in the college musical.

That is, until Fletch is offered the opportunity of a lifetime miles away from London and a TV company invades Dukes, pitting Nettie against old enemy Jade Upton and pulling her friends apart. As she tries to juggle the impossible pressure to perform and following her heart, Nettie discovers secrets about her mother that make her question everything she ever knew. Will Fletch come back? Will the stage ever feel like home? And will she ever find out the truth about her mother? Nettie is determined to find out.

***Dance Like No One's Watching* by Vanessa Jones will show that Nettie is not helpless, and we'd better listen.**

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- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 352



SING
LIKE NO ONE'S LISTENING
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Fame and Glee* meets Rainbow Rowell's *Fangirl* in former West End actress Vanessa Jones' YA novel, *Sing Like No One's Listening

***Sing Like No One's Listening* by Vanessa Jones is a novel about dreaming a dream, finding your voice, and not throwing away your shot!**

Nettie Delaney hasn't been able to sing a note since her mum died. This wouldn't be a problem if she hadn't just started at Dukes Academy, the most prestigious performing arts college in the country, with her superstar mother's shadow hanging over her. Nettie has her work cut out for her and everyone is watching.

But one night, in an empty studio after college, Nettie finds herself suddenly singing, as someone behind the curtain accompanies her on the piano. Maybe all is not lost for Nettie. Maybe she can find her voice again and survive her first year at Dukes. But can she do it before she gets thrown out?

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- Genre: Fiction
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True love
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Slingshot

Mercedes Helnwein

Slingshot

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True love has the worst aim in this darkly funny tale of a boy and a girl who find each other and then screw it all up.

Acidly funny and compulsively readable, Mercedes Helnwein's debut novel *Slingshot* is a story about two people finding each other and then screwing it all up. See also: soulmate, friendship, stupidity, sex, bad poetry, and all the indignities of being in love for the first time.

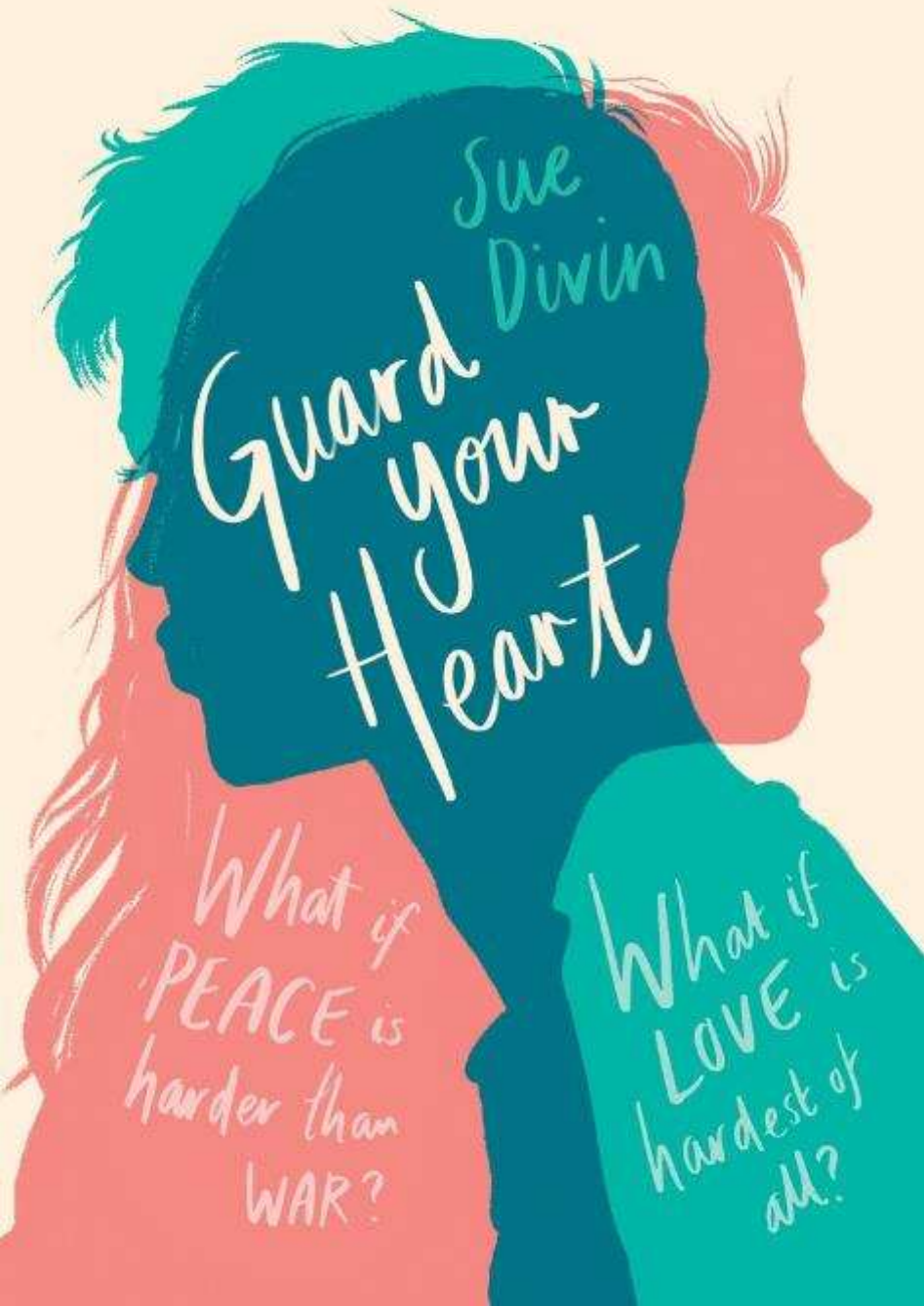
Grace Welles had resigned herself to the particular loneliness of being fifteen and stuck at a third-tier boarding school in the swamps of Florida, when she accidentally saves the new kid in her class from being beaten up. With a single aim of a slingshot, the monotonous mathematics of her life are obliterated forever...because now there is a boy in it that she never asked for. Wade Scholfield.

With Wade, Grace discovers a new way to exist. School rules are optional, life is bizarrely perfect, and conversations about wormholes can lead to make-out sessions that disrupt any logical stream of thought.

So why does Grace crush Wade's heart into a million tiny pieces? And what are her options when she finally realizes that 1. The universe doesn't revolve around her, and 2. Wade has been hiding a dark secret? Is Grace the only person unhinged enough to save him?

Eleanor and Park meets *Ladybird* in this outstanding debut novel.

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- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 416



Guard your Heart

[Sue Divin](#)

Boy meets girl on the Northern Irish border - but what if peace is harder than war?

Derry. Summer 2016. Aidan and Iona, now eighteen, were both born on the day of the Northern Ireland peace deal.

Aidan is Catholic, Irish, and Republican. With his ex-political prisoner father gone and his mother dead, Aidan's hope is pinned on exam results earning him a one-way ticket out of Derry. To anywhere.

Iona, Protestant and British, has a brother and father in the police. She's got university ambitions, a strong faith and a fervent belief that boys without one track minds are a myth.

At a post-exam party, Aidan wanders alone across the Peace Bridge and becomes the victim of a brutal sectarian attack. Iona witnessed the attack; picked up Aidan's phone and filmed what happened, and gets in touch with him to return the phone. When the two meet, alone and on neutral territory, the differences between them seem insurmountable.

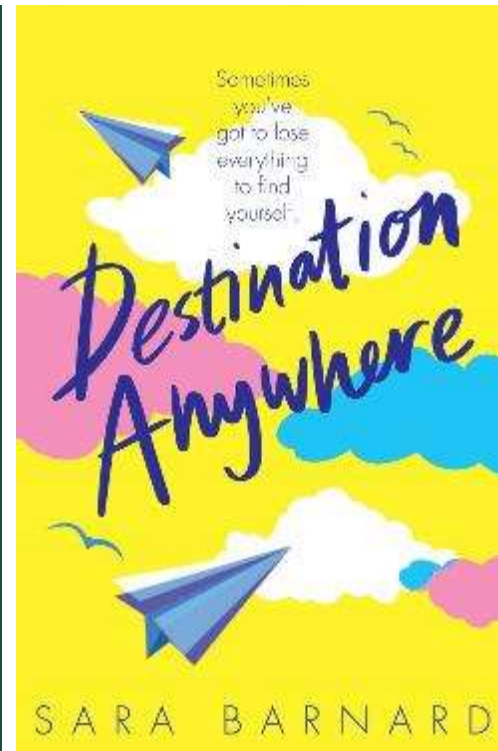
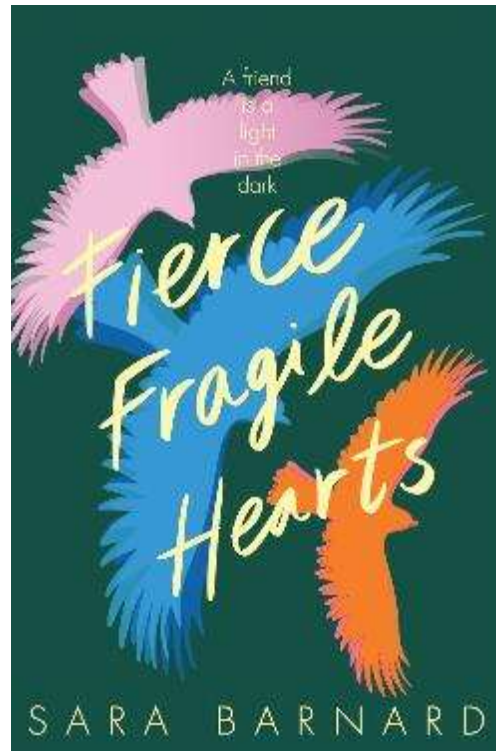
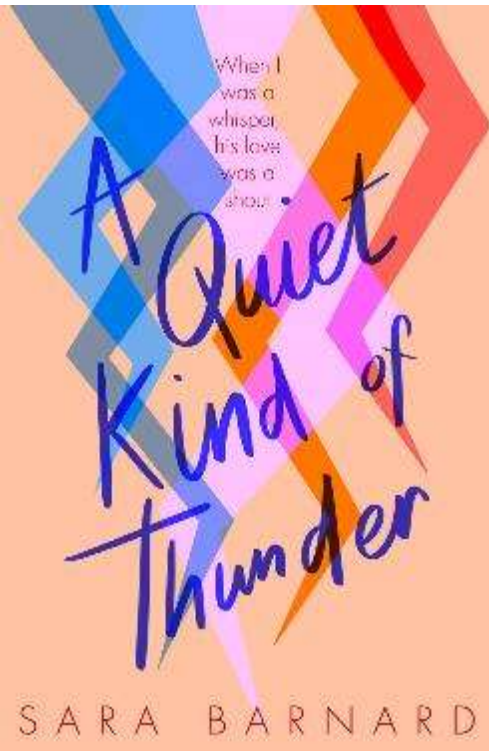
Both their fathers held guns, but safer to keep that secret for now.

Despite their differences and the secrets they have to keep from each other, there is mutual intrigue, and their friendship grows. And so what? It's not the Troubles. But for both Iona and Aidan it seems like everything is keeping them apart, when all they want is to be together

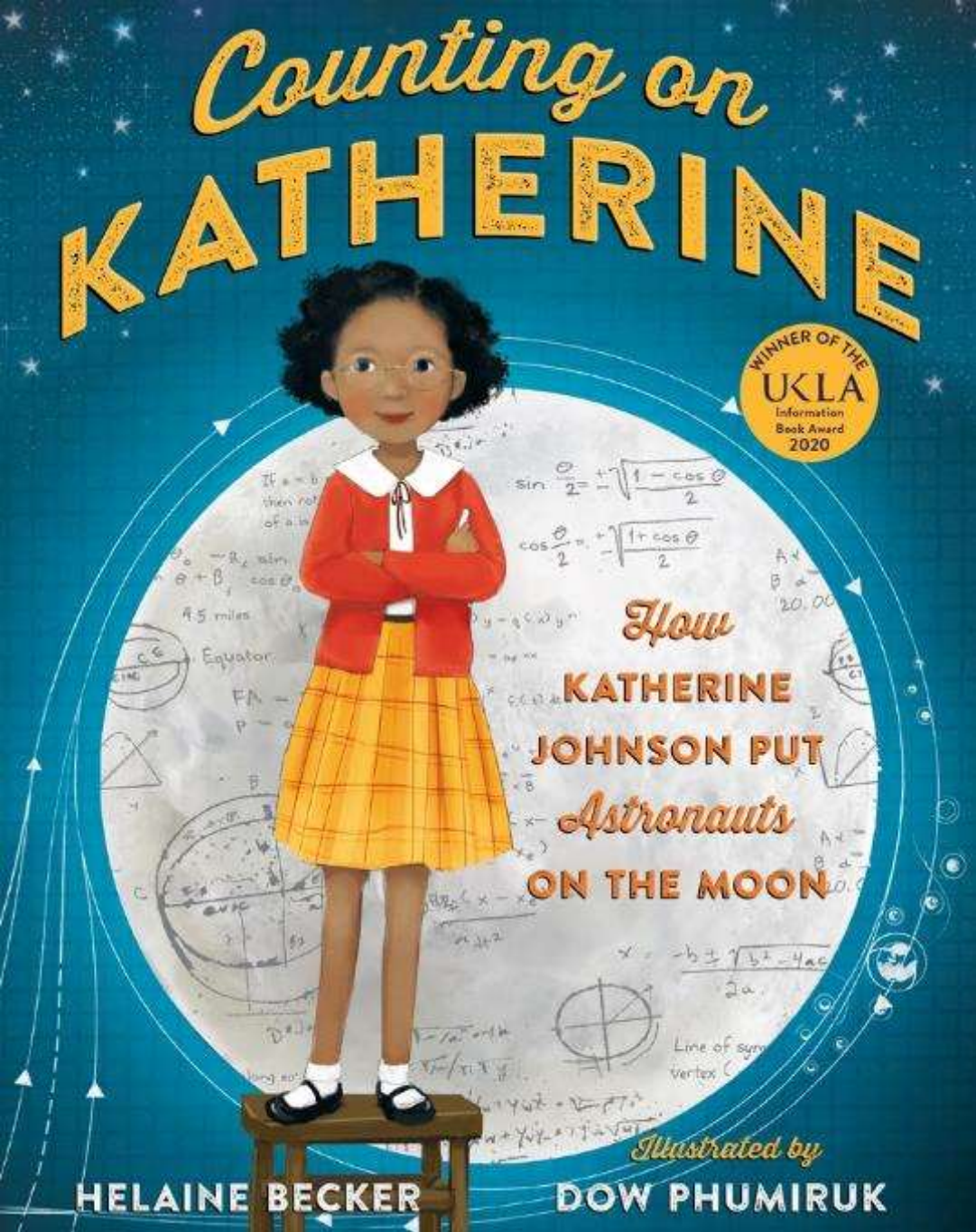
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SARA BARNARD RE-ISSUES

Now with a bold cover look.



Non-Fiction



Counting on Katherine

How Katherine Johnson Put Astronauts on the Moon

[Helaine Becker](#), [Dow Phumiruk](#)

The bold story of Katherine Johnson, an African-American mathematician who worked for NASA during the space race and was depicted in the film *Hidden Figures*. Winner of the information book category of the UKLA Book Awards 2020.

Katherine Johnson is the mathematical genius who helped make the historic Apollo 11 moon landings possible and made sure that Apollo 13 returned home safely when the mission was in critical danger.

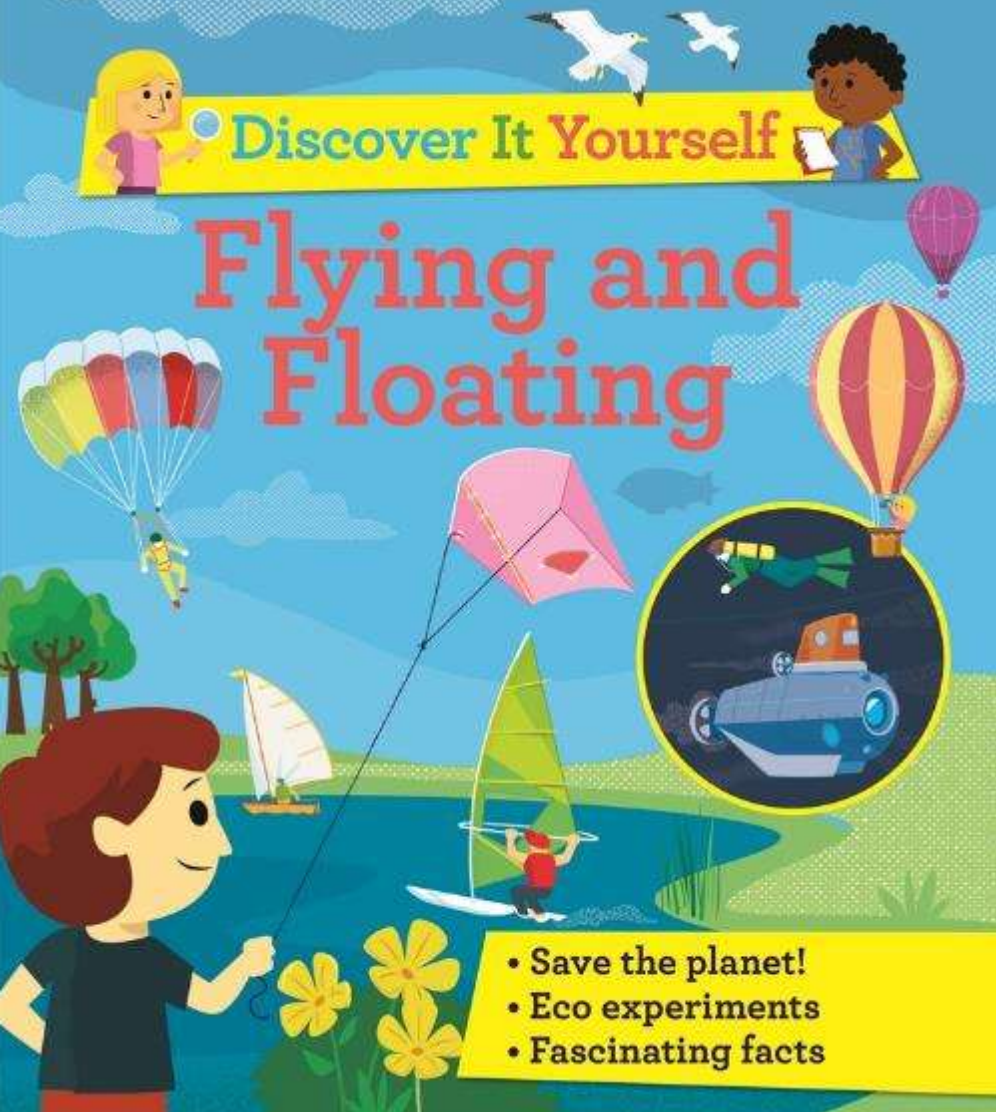
As a child, Katherine loved to count. She counted the steps on the road, the number of dishes and spoons she washed in the kitchen sink, everything! Boundless, curious, and excited by calculations, young Katherine longed to know as much as she could about maths, about the universe . . .

Helaine Becker interviewed Katherine and her family for this authorized biography. From Katherine's early beginnings as a gifted student to her heroic accomplishments as a prominent mathematician at NASA, this is the true story of a groundbreaking African-American woman who went above and beyond what was expected of her in the 1960s, saving lives and making enormous contributions to history. Featuring Dow Phumiruk's gorgeous full-colour illustrations throughout.

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Discover It Yourself: Flying and Floating

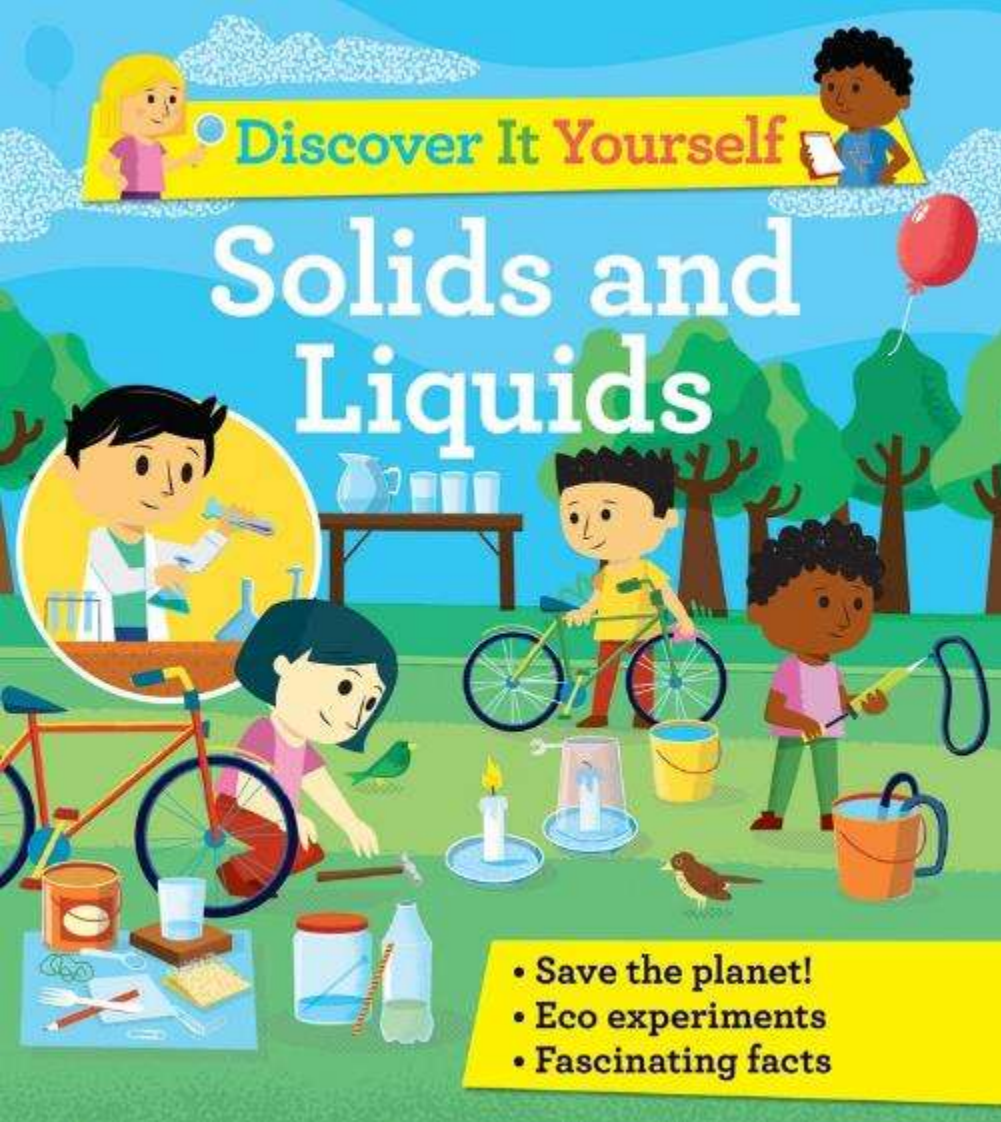
[David Glover](#), [Diego Vaisberg](#)

Making a bubble diver, a hot-air pinwheel, and a homemade kite can be both fun and educational as children explore the properties of air and water.

A vibrant and hands-on approach to practical science experiments. *Discover It Yourself: Flying and Floating* is packed with scientific facts, experiments, and activities linked to air and water.

Keen scientists can discover why air and water are essential to life on Earth, why the wind blows and the three forms of water. After learning the essential key fact, readers can find almost everything they need for the experiments around the home, and the materials and instructions are simply, safely, and clearly presented. Written by David Glover, this STEM-focused book will show readers how to make a hot-air pinwheel, fly your own homemade kit, build a waterwheel, and much more.

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Discover It Yourself: Solids and Liquids

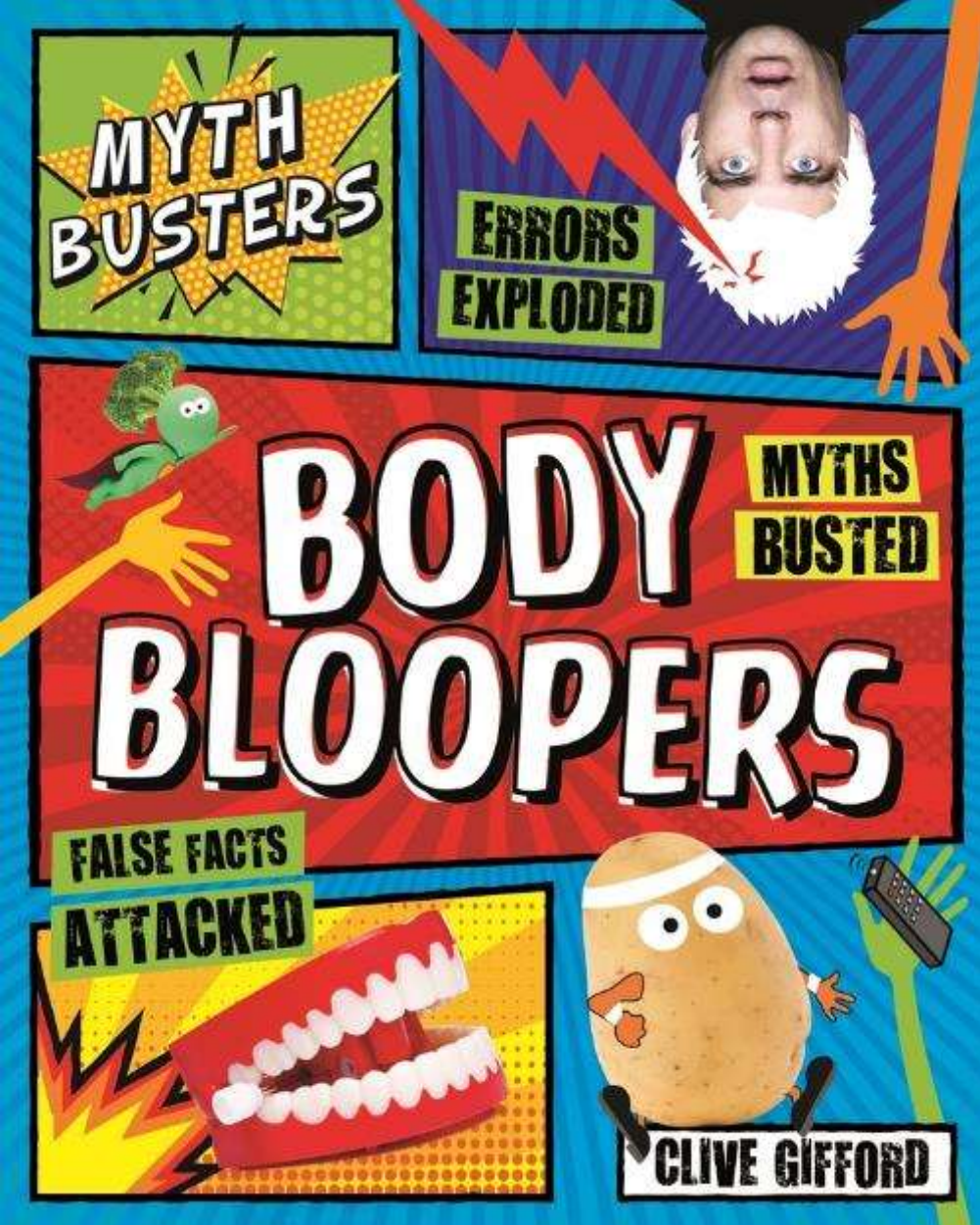
[David Glover](#), [Diego Vaisberg](#)

With projects ranging from designing a bridge to building a rocket, this hands-on science book will help children get to grips with liquids and solids.

A vibrant and hands-on approach to practical science experiments. *Discover It Yourself: Solids and Liquids* is packed with scientific facts, experiments, and activities linked to liquids and solids.

Keen scientists can discover the difference between man-made and natural materials, how chemical reactions occur and why reusing and recycling is so important. After learning the essential facts, readers can find almost everything they need for the experiments around the home, and the materials and instructions are simply, safely, and clearly presented. Written by David Glover, this STEM-focused book will show readers how to make a whizzing chemical-powered rocket, build a rubber roadster, cook up some plastic, and much more.

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Myth Busters: Body Bloopers

[Clive Gifford](#)

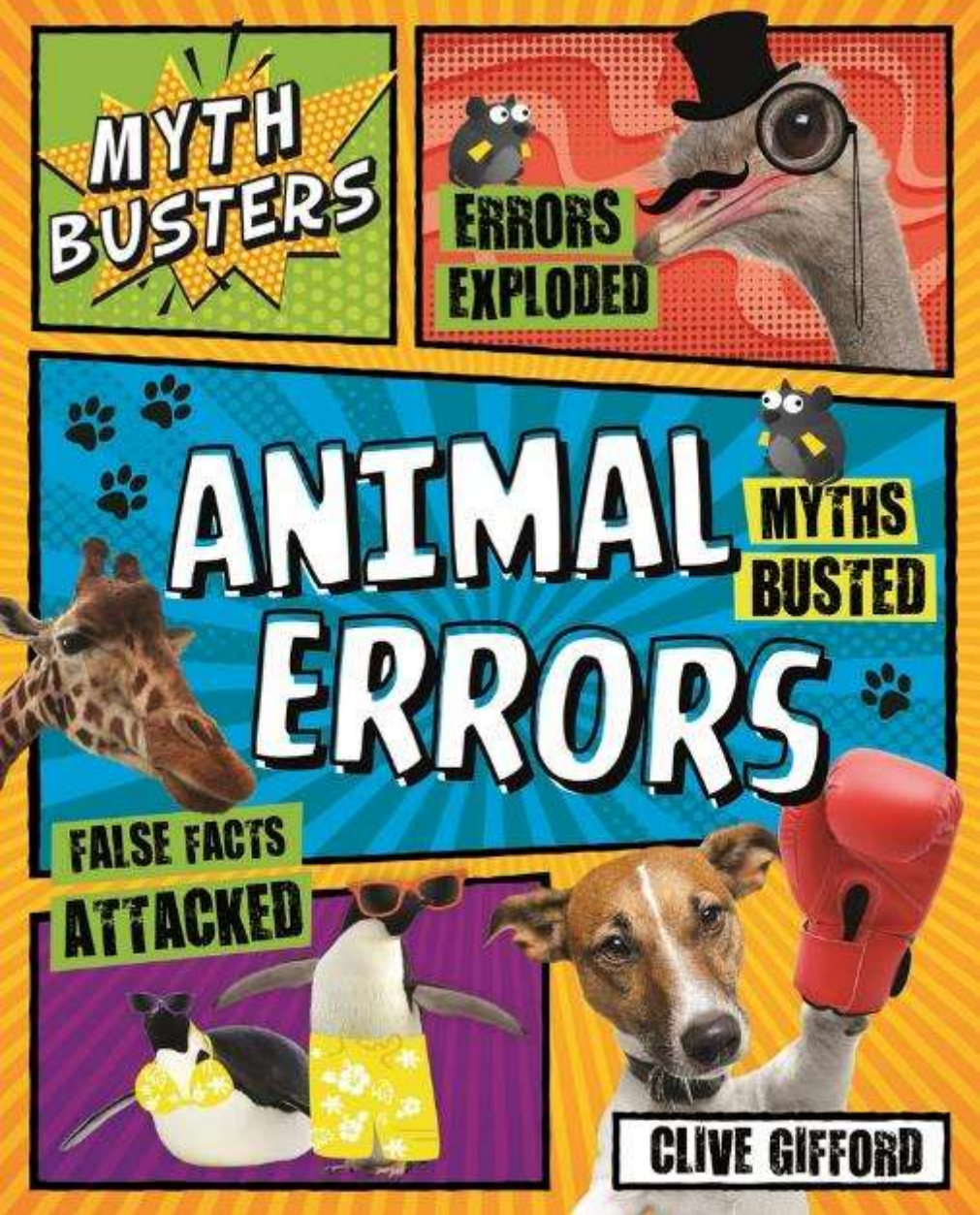
Debunk misconceptions and find out the truth about the body in *Myth Busters: Body Bloopers*!

Myth Busters: Body Bloopers takes readers on a wild ride through the human body in search of-the truth!

Have you been told carrots improve your eyesight? Or that junk food causes spots? Think again! Conspiracy theories, popular trivia, old wives' tales, common misconceptions, misinterpretations and other fallacies are explored to untruth exactly why they are wrong, and how and why they were adopted as fact in the first place.

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Myth Busters: Animal Errors

[Clive Gifford](#)

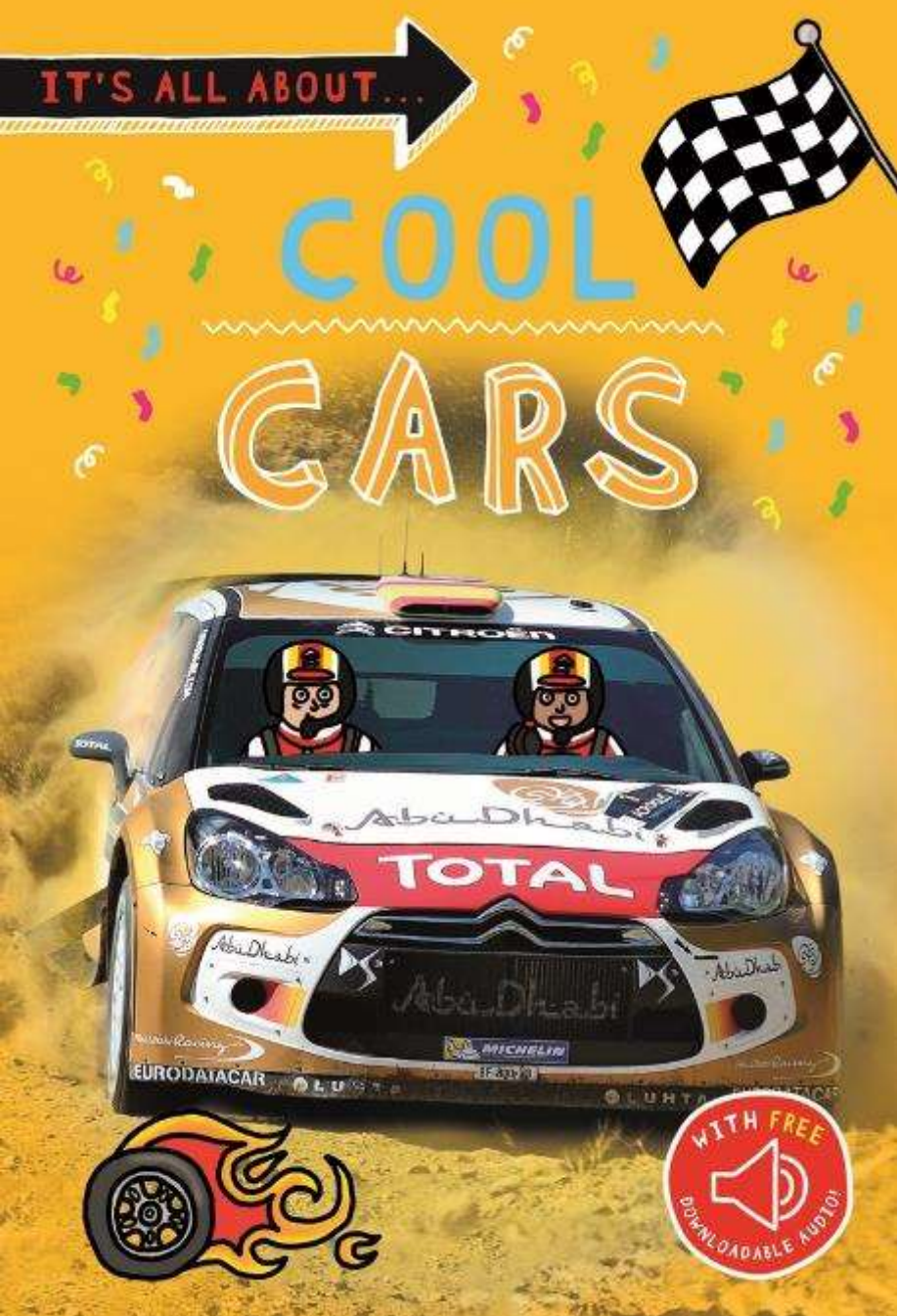
Debunk misconceptions and find out the truth about animals in *Myth Busters: Animal Errors!*

Myth Busters: Animal Errors takes readers on a wild ride through the natural world in search of the truth!

Have you been told a goldfish only has a three-second memory? Or ostriches bury their head in the sand? Think again! Conspiracy theories, popular trivia, old wives' tales, common misconceptions, misinterpretations and other fallacies are explored to untruth exactly why they are wrong, and how and why they were adopted as fact in the first place.

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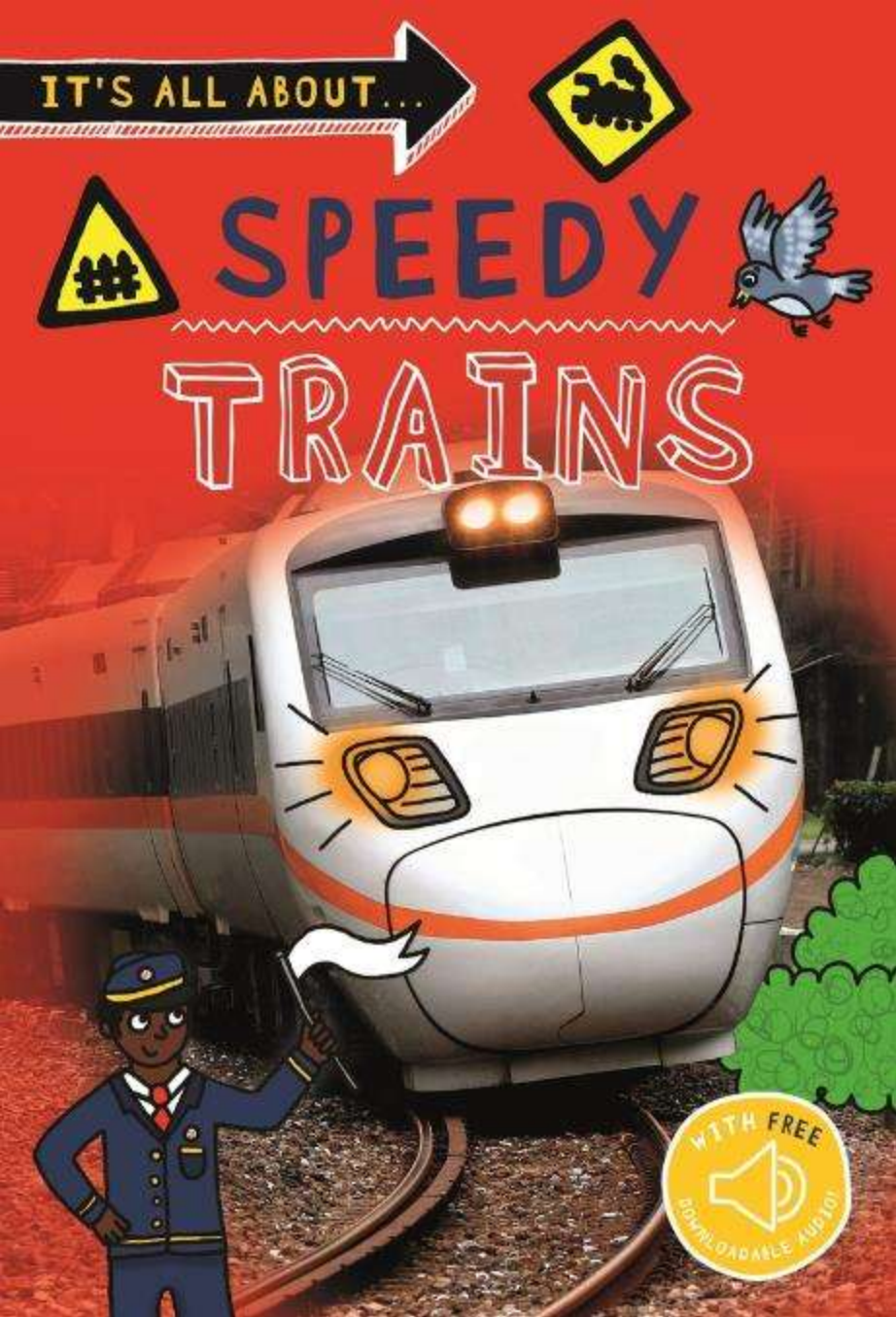
It's all about... Fast Cars

Packed with up-to-date information, facts, and stats on cars — and a great read too!

It's All About... Cool Cars gives young readers everything they want to know about about cars, from the earliest automobiles to speedy supercars, rally racers and even cars that fly. Packed with detailed photography, the latest bite-size facts, and a bonus audio download, this book has everything a car-crazy kid could need.

It's All About... is a collectable series filled with up-to-date stats and facts about a wide range of hot topics, including animals, history, technology, and vehicles. Each book comes with a bonus audio download so children can take their book wherever they go, as well as a glossary that's perfect for teaching and learning.

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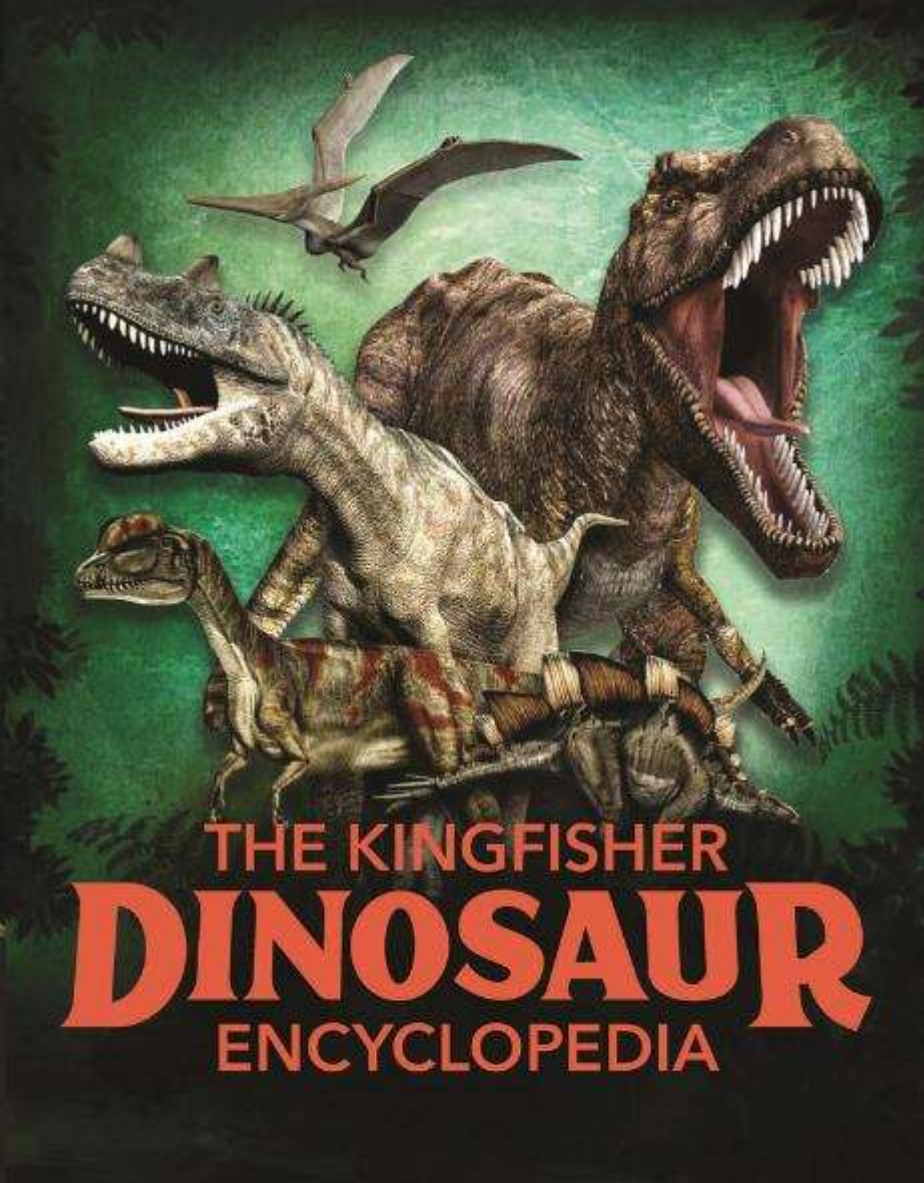
It's All about... Speedy Trains

Packed with up-to-date information, facts and stats on trains — and a great read too! *It's all about... Speedy Trains* gives young readers everything they want to know about trains, from building the first railways to steam engines and maglev trains that hover above the rails.

Learn about trains that go underground, across water, through rock and more. Packed with detailed photography, the latest bite-size facts and a bonus audio download, this book has everything a things-that-go fan could need.

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The Kingfisher Dinosaur Encyclopedia

[Michael Benton](#)

A superb one-volume dinosaur encyclopedia that brings a world of knowledge to your fingertips.

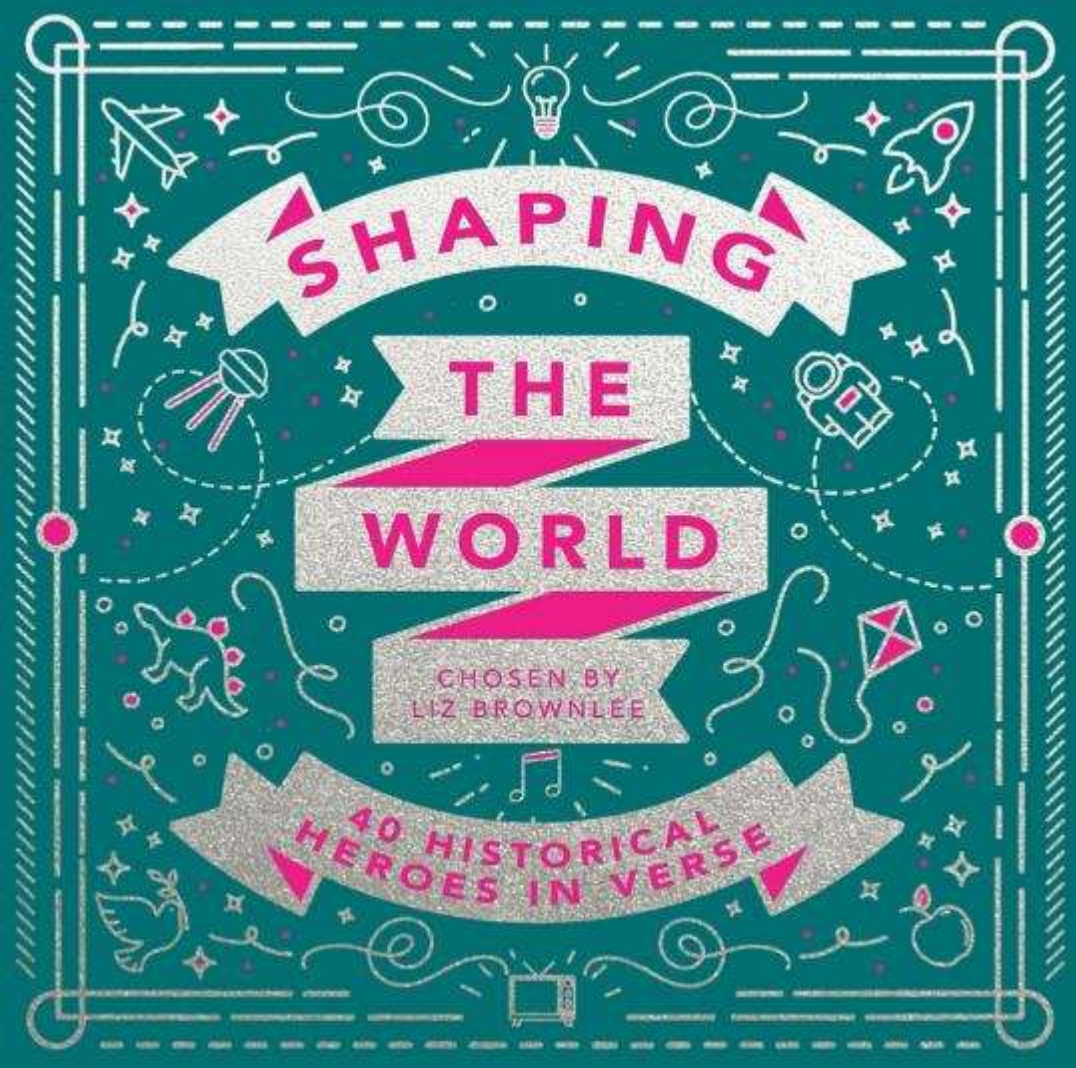
This amazing 160-page volume is the perfect comprehensive guide to the dinosaurs and prehistoric animals that once roamed Earth.

Written by dinosaur expert Michael Benton, the *Kingfisher Dinosaur Encyclopedia* is packed with colourful illustrations, step-by-step sequences and the latest photography to keep children engaged.

Arranged thematically into key areas, the concise text is clear, accurate, and perfectly pitched, making this an unbeatable resource for home and school.

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- Genre: Non-Fiction
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Poetry



Shaping the World

[Liz Brownlee](#), [Liz Brownlee](#)

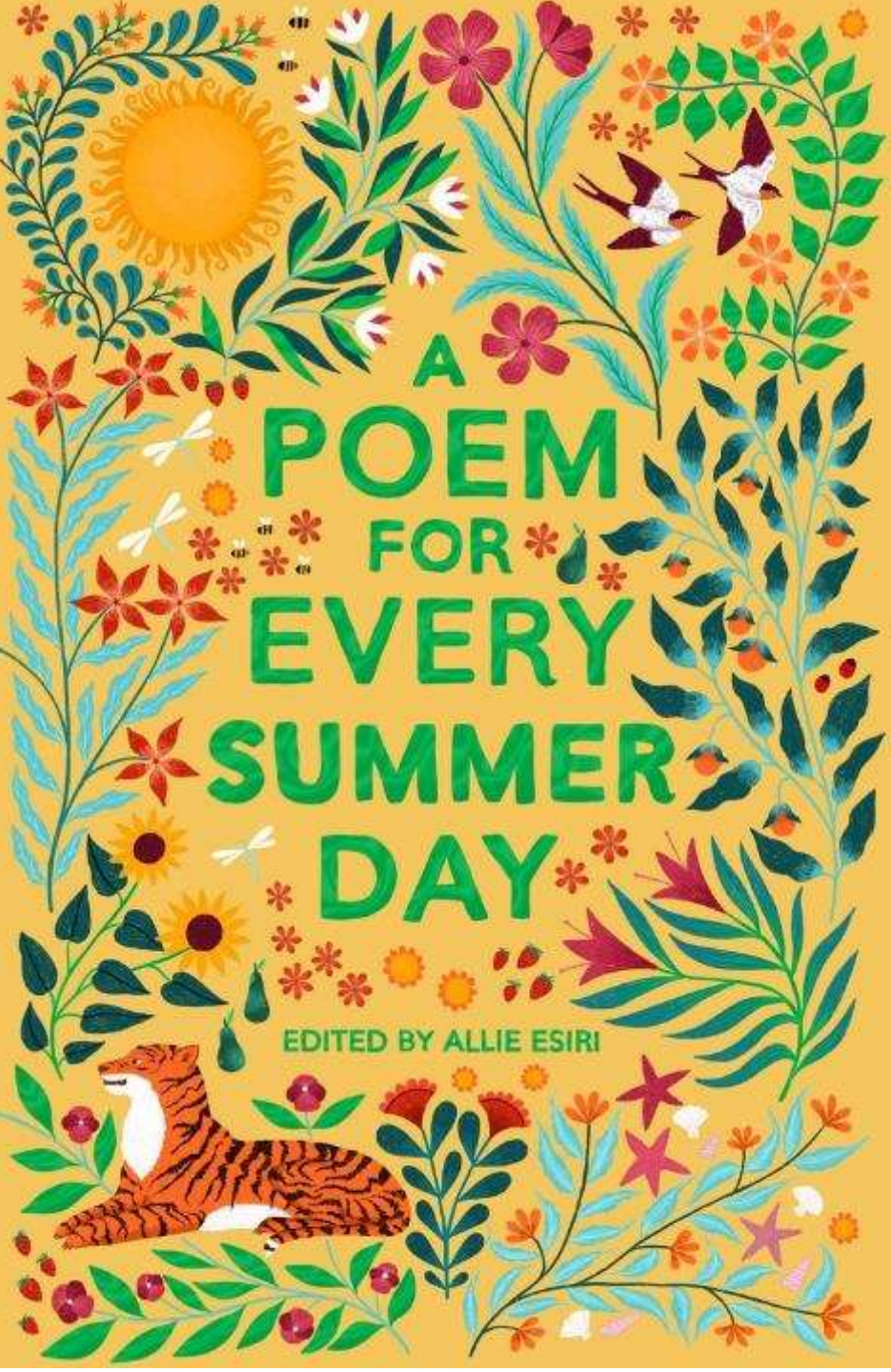
An anthology of shape poems about people who shaped the world!

Discover the inspiring people who helped shape the world in this gorgeous, quirky anthology containing 40 poems shaped like the people or the thing they are most associated with.

Hear about Amelia Earhart in a poem shaped like a plane, or Francis Drake in the shape of a ship. Each poem is accompanied by a biography.

Includes poems about: Socrates, William Shakespeare, Sir Isaac Newton, Ludwig Van Beethoven, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Johnson, Mary Anning, Elizabeth Blackwell, Florence Nightingale, Thomas Edison, Marie Curie, Emmeline Pankhurst, Mahatma Gandhi, Charlie Chaplin, Anne Frank, Rosalind Franklin, Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela, Maya Angelou, Malala Yousafzai and Greta Thunberg.

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A Poem for Every Summer Day

[Allie Esiri](#), [Allie Esiri](#)

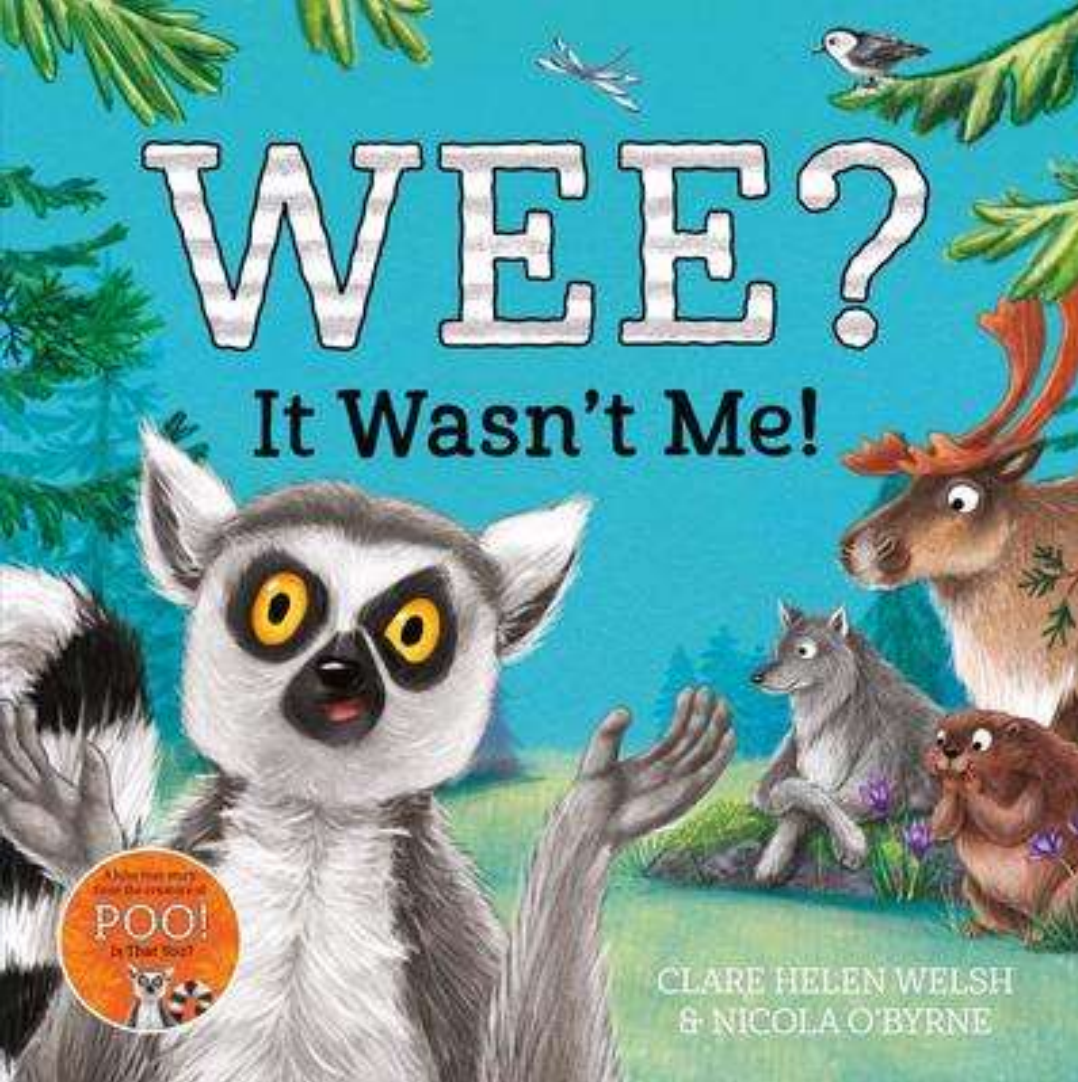
An inspiring anthology to keep you company for every day and night of the Summer. Within the pages of Allie Esiri's gorgeous collection, *A Poem for Every Summer Day*, you will find verse that will transport you to striking summer scenes and inspire adventure. The poems are selected from Allie Esiri's bestselling poetry anthologies *A Poem for Every Day of the Year* and *A Poem for Every Night of the Year*.

Perfect for reading aloud and sharing with all the family, this book dazzles with an array of familiar favourites and remarkable new discoveries. These seasonal poems - together with introductory paragraphs - have a link to the date on which they appear.

Includes poems by Lord Byron, Sylvia Plath, Rudyard Kipling, W.B. Yeats and Langston Hughes who sit alongside Brian Bilston, Michael Rosen, John Agard and Kate Tempest. This soul-enhancing book will keep you company for every day of your life.

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Wee? It Wasn't Me!

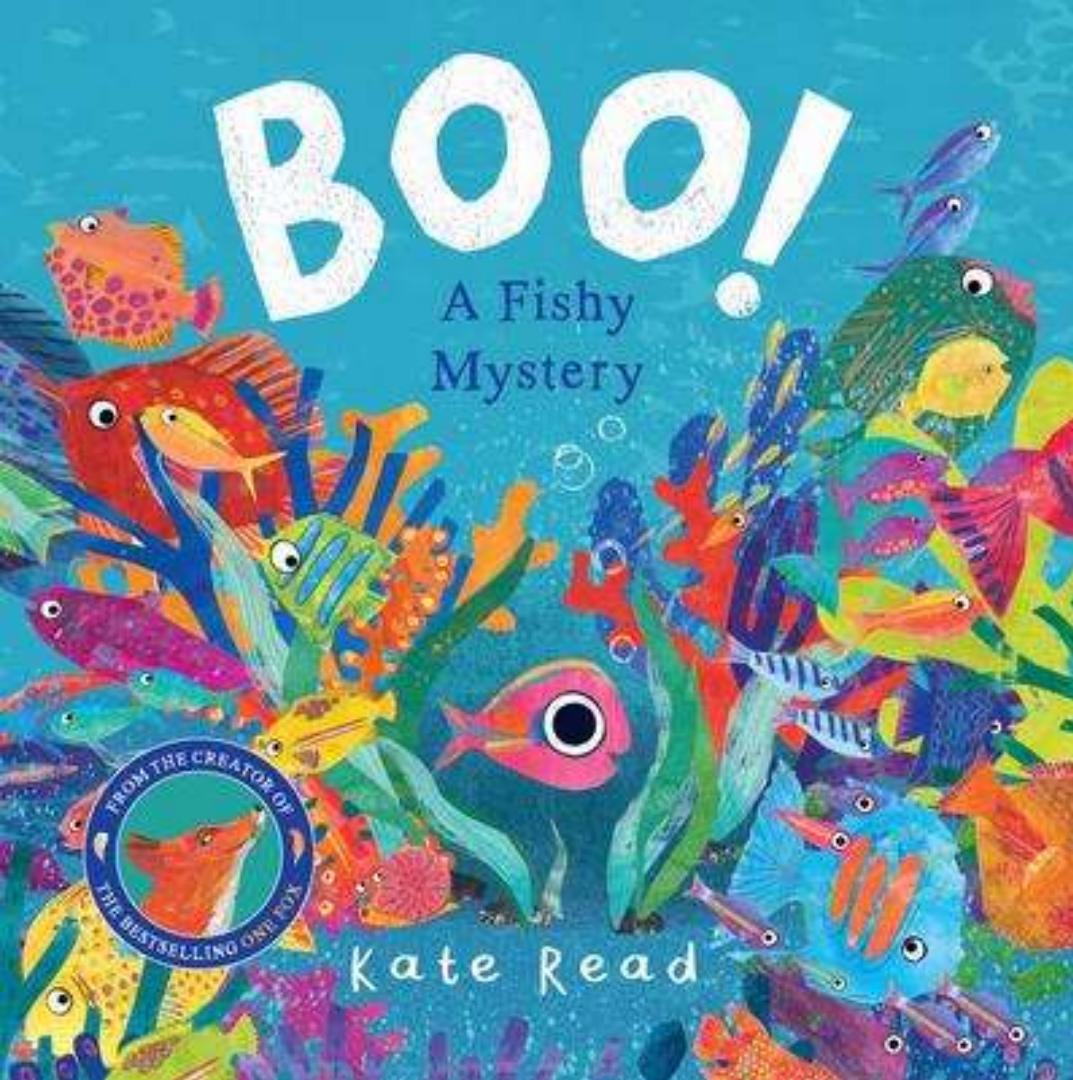
[Clare Helen Welsh](#)

Following on from *Poo! Is that you?*, *Wee? It Wasn't Me!* is the second title starring Lenny the ring-tailed lemur, and once again he is on a mission – this time to find out who produced the puddle of piddle.

This time Lenny is visiting Alaska, skipping across the snow when he suddenly slips in a puddle of something wet, yellow and smelly . . . It's WEE! But whose wee could it be? On Lenny's mission to find out, he meets a wonderful range of creatures, each of which explains to him how and why they produce urine, be it to mark territory or make friends.

Learn about wolves, mountain goats, caribous and more in this piddle-tastic tale written by Clare Helen Welsh and illustrated by Nicola O'Byrne.

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Boo!

[Kate Read](#)

Boo!: A Fishy Mystery is a glorious underwater adventure from the creator of the award-winning *One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller*, featuring a host of sea creatures from an orange crab to a green turtle, a yellow eel and even a purple puffer fish

It all begins with one tiny pink fish who sets off a chain reaction of chaos beneath the waves until suddenly - SNAP! - she finds herself all alone in the ocean. Where has everyone gone, and how can such a tiny creature rescue her friends?

Kate Read's stunning illustrations are as rich and bright as an aquarium of tropical fish and readers will love following the trail of colourful creatures through to the surprise ending. There's even a page at the end showing you how to mix your own colours.

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Coming to England

An Inspiring True Story Celebrating the Windrush Generation

[Floella Benjamin](#), [Diane Ewen](#)

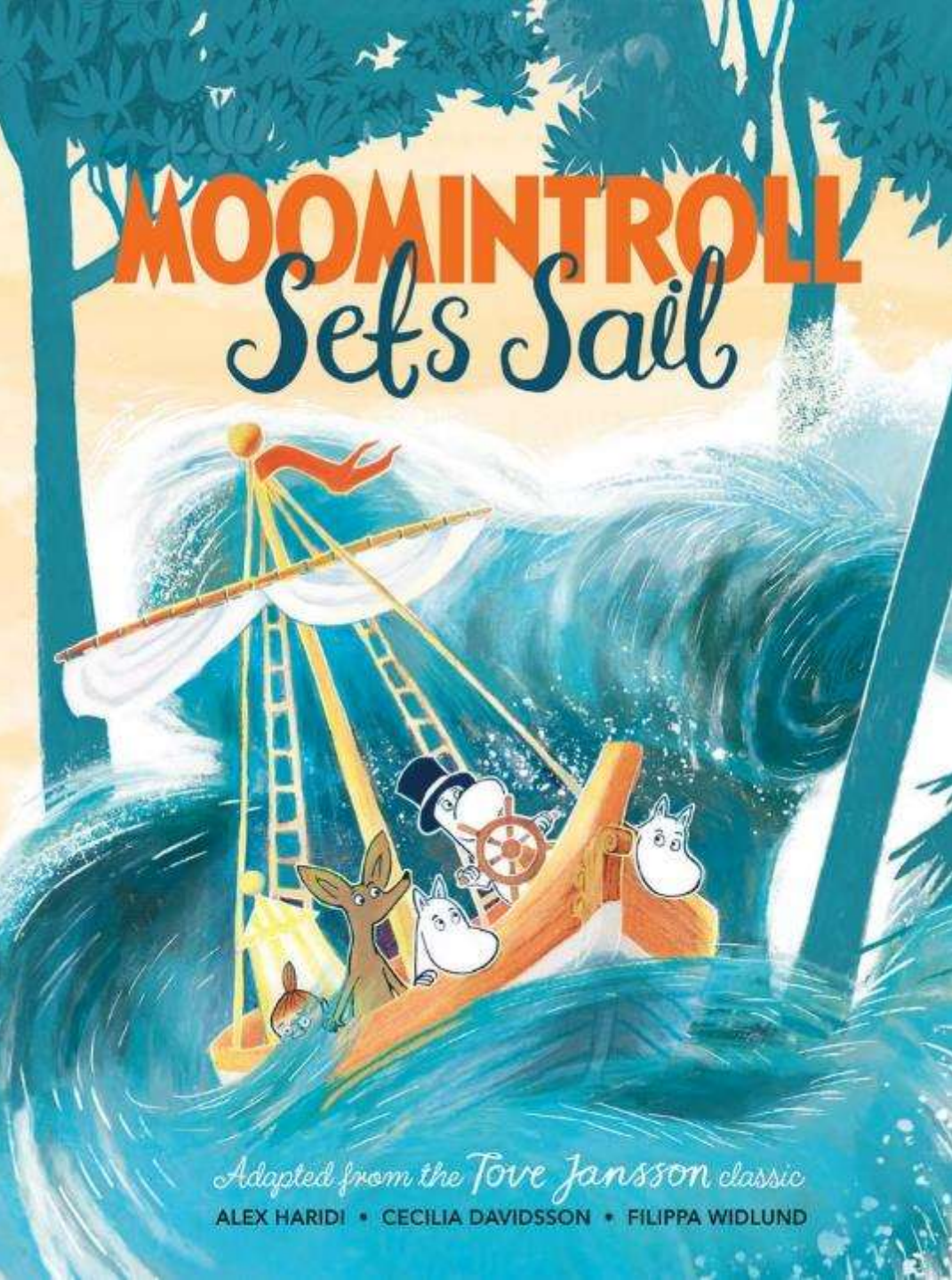
The inspiring true story of Floella Benjamin, written and illustrated for the first time as a picture book for young children.

A story about the triumph of hope, love, and determination, *Coming to England* is the inspiring true story of Baroness Floella Benjamin: from Trinidad, to London as part of the Windrush generation, to the House of Lords.

When she was ten years old, Floella Benjamin, along with her older sister and two younger brothers, set sail from Trinidad to London, to be reunited with the rest of their family. Alone on a huge ship for two weeks, then tumbled into a cold and unfriendly London, coming to England wasn't at all what Floella had expected.

Coming to England is both deeply personal and universally relevant - Floella's experiences of moving home and making friends will resonate with young children, who will be inspired by her trademark optimism and joy. This is a true story with a powerful message: that courage and determination can always overcome adversity.

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Moomintroll Sets Sail

[Tove Jansson](#), [Alex Haridi](#), [Cecilia Davidsson](#), [Filippa Widlund](#)

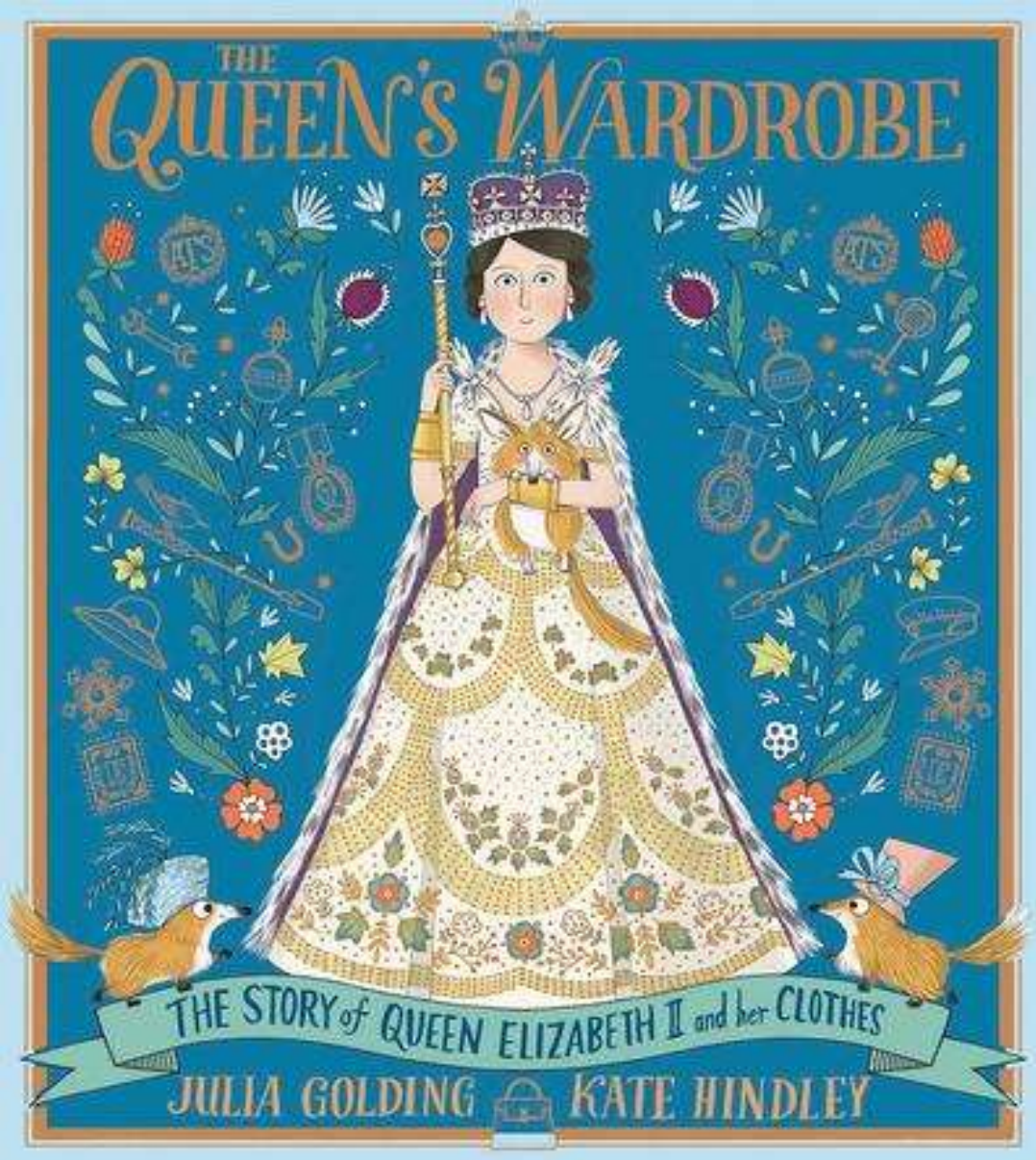
A beautifully-illustrated picture book featuring Tove Jansson's beloved characters, in which the Moomins leave Moominvalley to voyage across the ocean in search of adventure.

Join the Moomins on an ocean adventure in this stunning picture book based on Tove Jansson's classic tales.

The Moomins, Sniff and Little My are setting off across the high seas in Moominpappa's new boat. Along the way they will encounter a swarm of mischievous nibblings, Edward the gigantic Booble, and a very cross Hemulen aunt. Will they make it back safely to Moominvalley . . . or could they be lost at sea?

This beautiful re-telling of Tove Jansson's beloved story is perfect for Moomin fans of all ages. Combining the spirit of Jansson's original warm and witty text with stunning illustrations of all her most beloved characters, *Moomintroll Sets Sail* is a heartwarming story of kindness, adventure and courage, as the Moomins come to realise that although adventure is exciting, home is always best.

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The Queen's Wardrobe

[Kate Hindley](#)

The story of the life of Queen Elizabeth II, told through her clothes and jewellery – with fresh and fun colour illustrations. The perfect book to celebrate the Queen's 95th birthday!

Did you know the Queen's crown weighs as much as a bag of potatoes? Or that she has her own tartan nobody else is allowed to wear?

Written by the Waterstones Children's Book Prize-winning Julia Golding, *The Queen's Wardrobe* is packed with fascinating stories and astounding facts about our record-breaking Queen. The detailed and colourful artwork from bestselling Kate Hindley shows what it's *really* like to grow up as a princess.

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