



**WALKER  
BOOKS**

**September 2021**

# Highlights

“Fiercely, furiously good.” *Melinda Salisbury*



## All Our Hidden Gifts

[Caroline O'Donoghue](#)

A dark and supernatural contemporary teen debut by author and journalist Caroline O'Donoghue.

*I'll give up the tarot readings. I'll apologize to Lily. But Lily doesn't come to school on Monday. Or Tuesday. It's not until Wednesday that the police show up.*

Maeve Chambers doesn't have much going for her. Not only does she feel like the sole idiot in a family of geniuses, she managed to drive away her best friend Lily a year ago. But when she finds a pack of dusty old tarot cards at school, and begins to give scarily accurate readings to the girls in her class, she realizes she's found her gift at last. Things are looking up – until she discovers a strange card in the deck that definitely shouldn't be there. And two days after she convinces her ex-best friend to have a reading, Lily disappears.

Can Maeve, her new friend Fiona and Lily's brother Roe find her? And will their special talents be enough to bring Lily back, before she's gone for good?

- ISBN: 9781406393095
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 400

# Character Books

# Maisy's Surprise Birthday Party



A Maisy First Experiences Book

Lucy Cousins

## Maisy's Surprise Birthday Party

[Lucy Cousins](#)

**An extra-special First Experiences book to celebrate 30 years of Maisy!**

Today is Maisy's birthday, hip-hip-hooray! She dresses up in her favourite outfit and eats a yummy breakfast ... but there are no cards from any of her friends. Have they all forgotten about her birthday? Of course not! Her friends are throwing her a very special surprise party. Join the birthday mouse as she plays party games, eats a scrumptious feast, opens her cards and presents and makes a special wish as she blows out the candles on her cake!

The perfect book for teaching little ones all about birthday traditions, from party games to blowing out candles, this is an extra-special addition to the bestselling First Experiences range, celebrating 30 years of Maisy!

- ISBN: 9781406395112
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Character Book
- Extent: 32





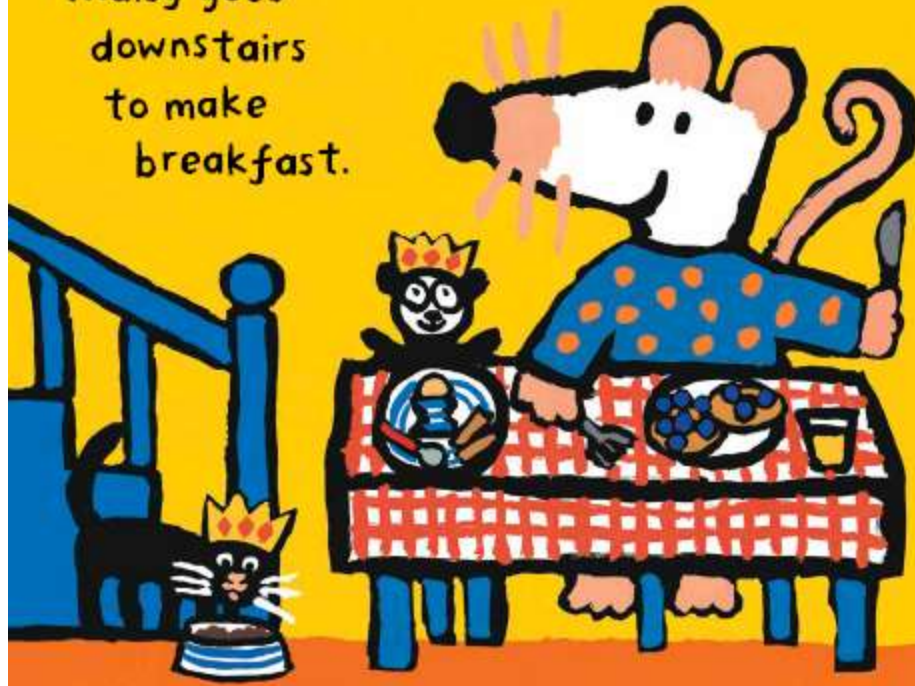
It's a beautiful, sunny day,  
and Maisy has woken up  
very early.



Today is her birthday. Hooray!



Maisy goes  
downstairs  
to make  
breakfast.

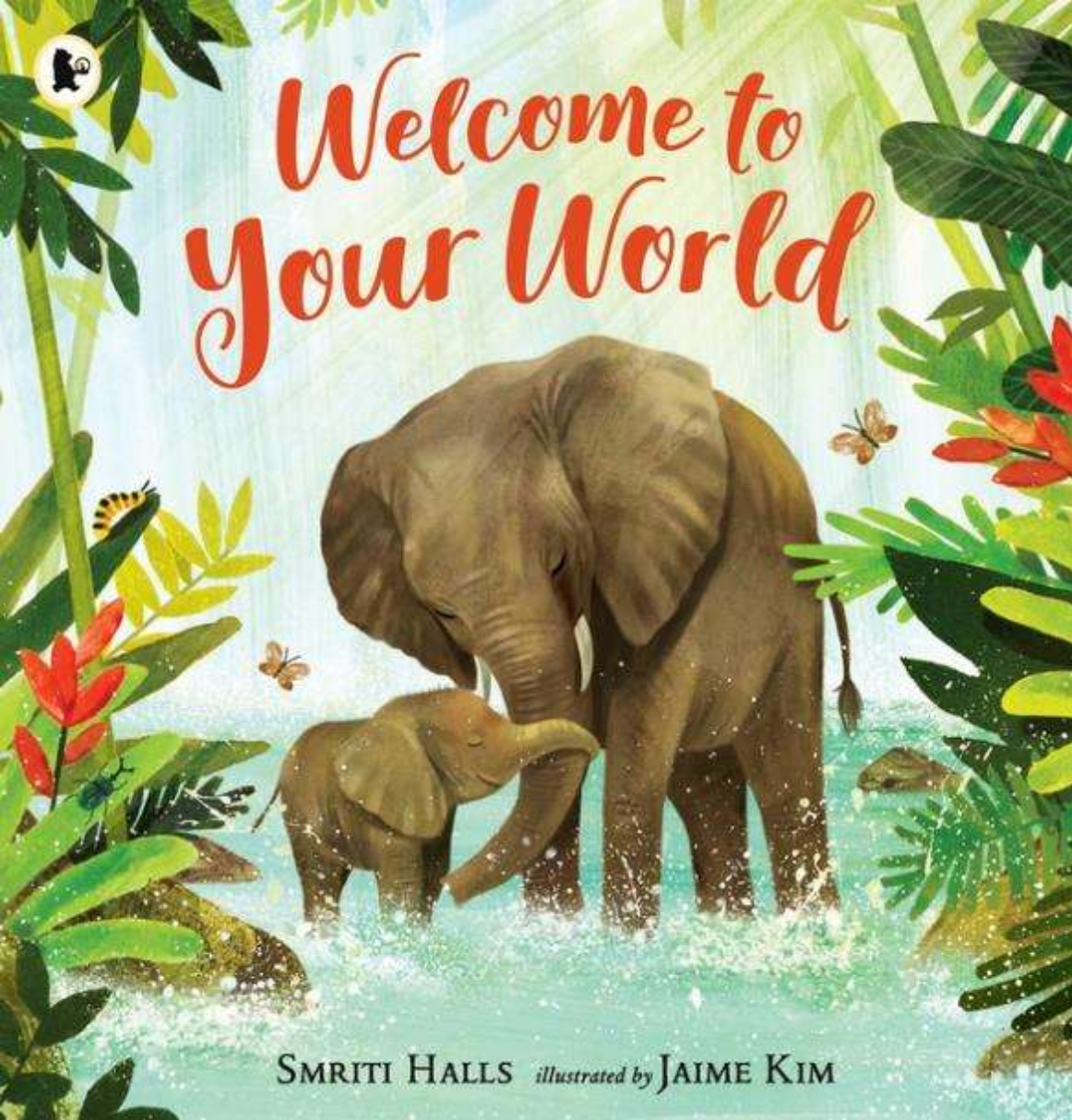


Pancakes – yum, yum,  
what a lovely  
birthday treat!



# Board & Picture Books





## Welcome to Your World

[Smriti Halls](#)

Illustrated by [Jaime Kim](#)

**A stunning celebration of new life, nature and our precious world. Perfect for sharing with big and small.**

*Welcome, little baby, round your mama curled. Welcome, little baby. Welcome to your world.* Journey along with a new small someone through our natural world, discovering the warmth and love that is found all around us. From ice-capped mountains to the depths of the sea, through forests, plains and jungles, this book brims over with delicious parent and baby pairings – elephants, eagles, monkeys, polar bears and more!

**A lyrical, stunningly illustrated book that celebrates the wonders of nature, while also subtly calling to protect it. A must-have gift for a newborn!**

- ISBN: 9781406394283
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32



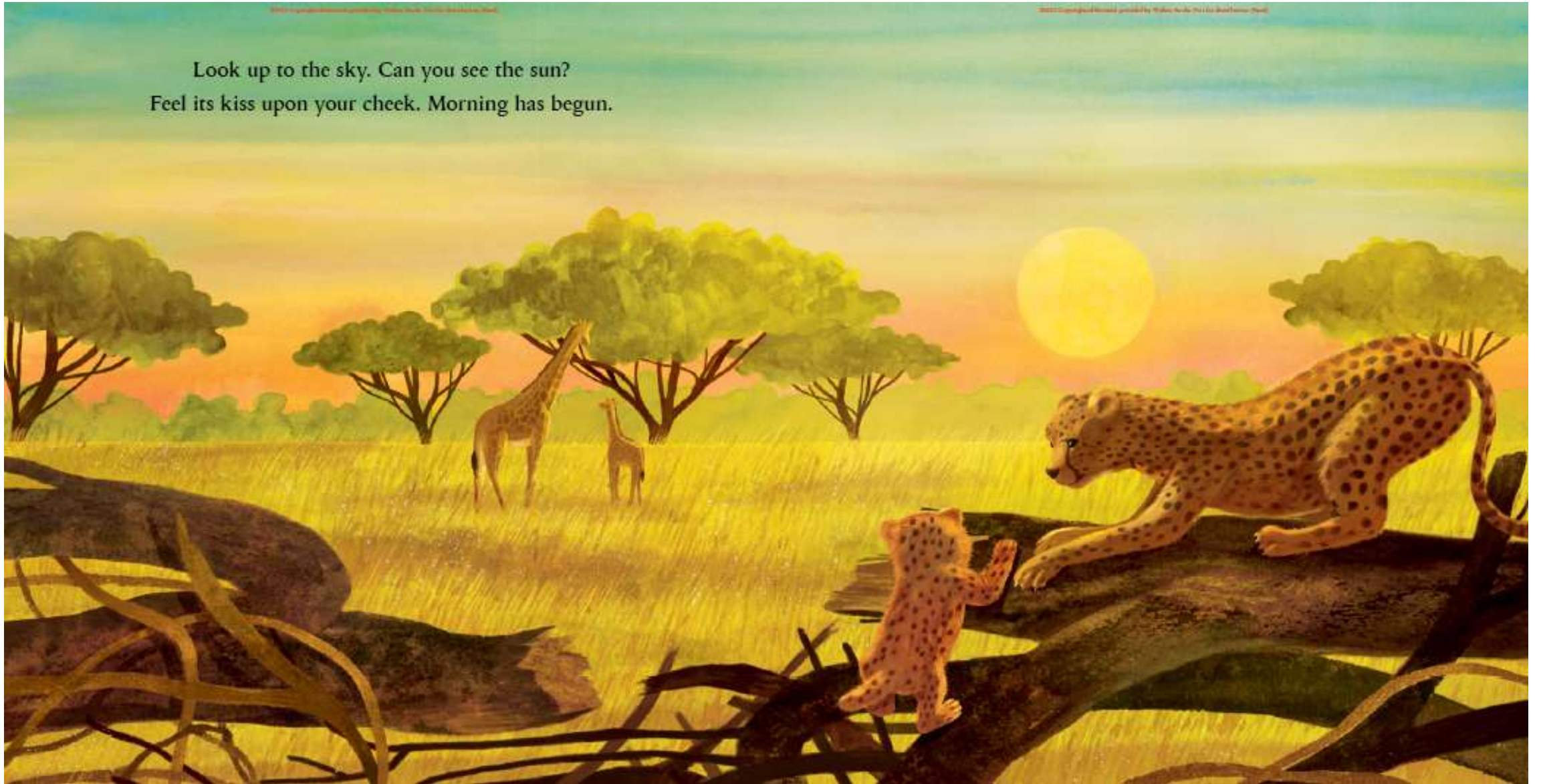


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Welcome, little baby,  
round your mama curled.  
Welcome, little baby.  
Welcome to your world.



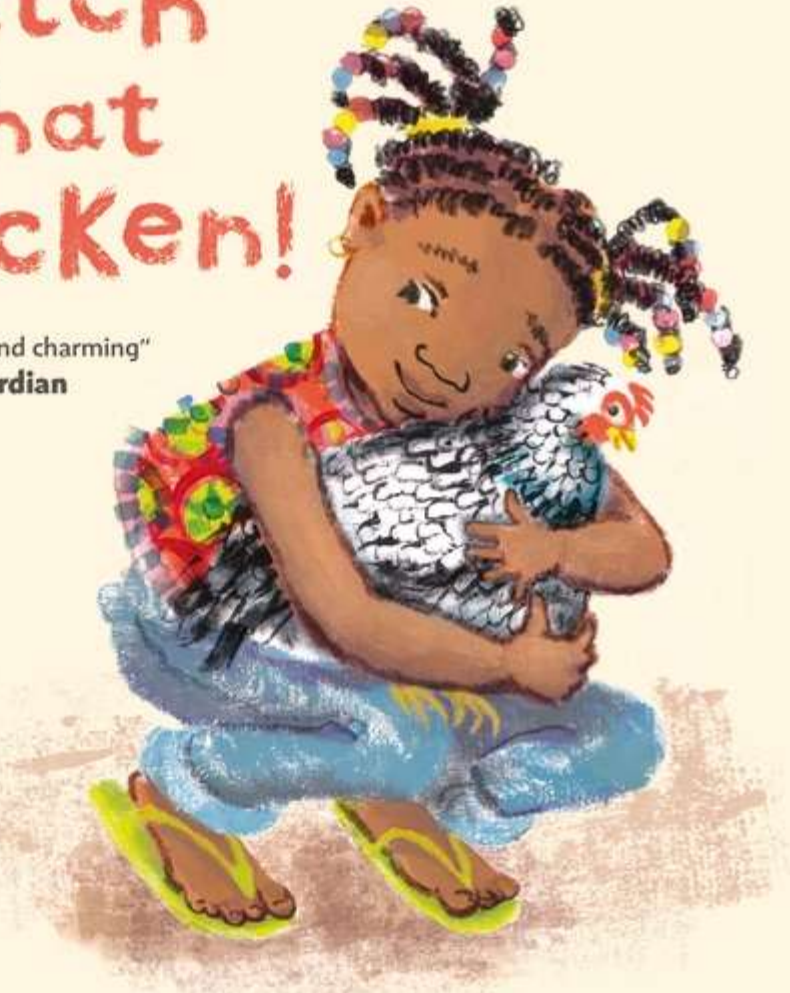
Look up to the sky. Can you see the sun?  
Feel its kiss upon your cheek. Morning has begun.





# Catch That Chicken!

"Colourful and charming"  
**Guardian**



illustrated by

**ATINUKE • ANGELA BROOKSBANK**

## Catch That Chicken!

[Atinuke](#)

Illustrated by [Angela Brooksbank](#)

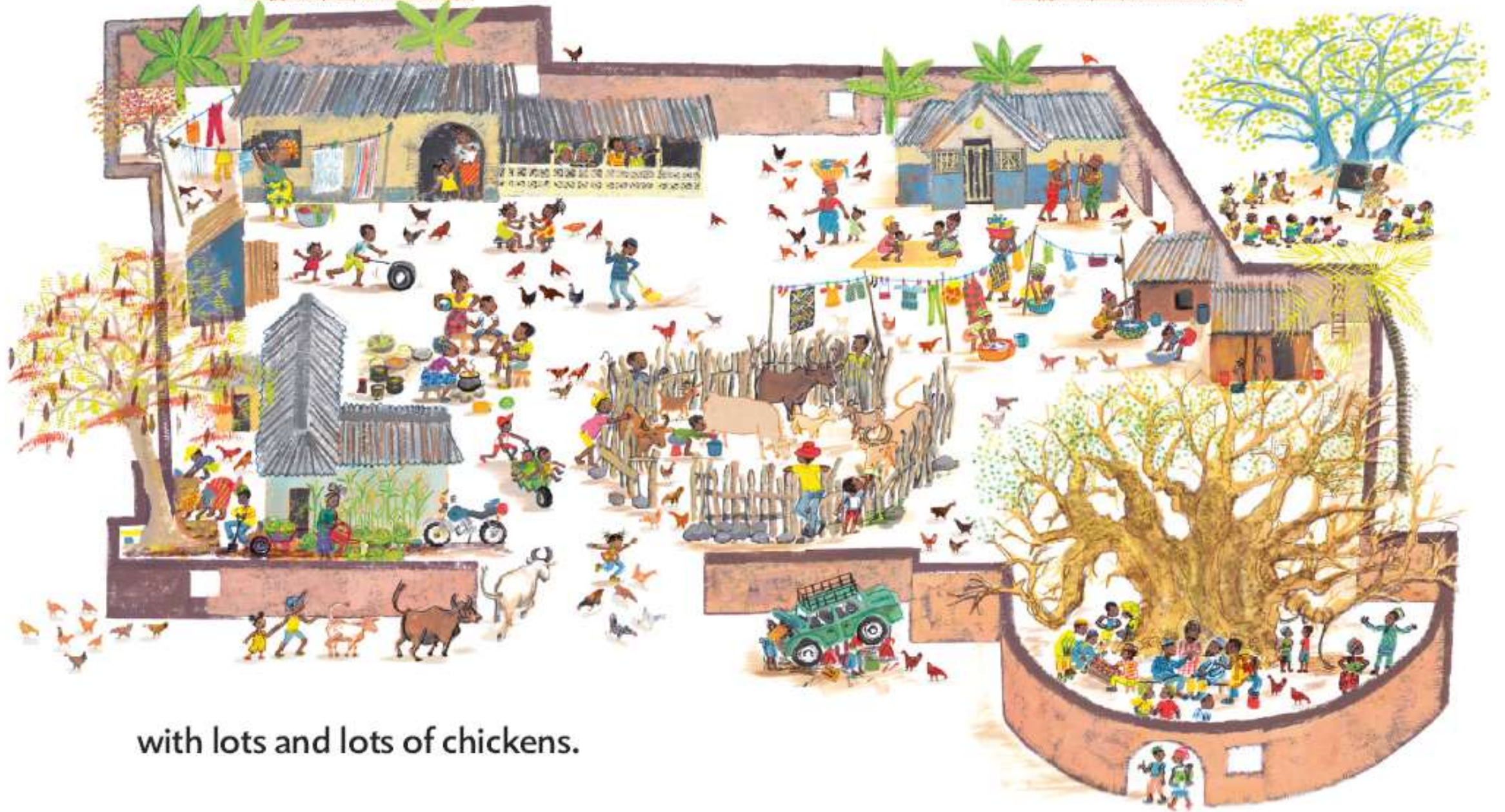
**Fast, brave Lami has to learn to do quick thinking, not quick running, if she wants to be the best chicken catcher in the village!**

Lami loves chickens. She's the best chicken catcher in the village. She's fast, she's brave and she always catches that chicken. Until the day she chases one up the baobab tree, slips ... and falls. How can she catch chickens with a sore ankle? Could there be another way to catch that chicken? Told with great humour by Nigerian storyteller, Atinuke, this story of the headstrong, impetuous Lami will strike a chord with all children.

The gentle message – to use quick thinking not just quick running – gives an incredibly satisfying ending, while Angela Brooksbank's beautiful artwork captures the energy and the beauty of the West African setting perfectly.

- ISBN: 9781406394504
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32





with lots and lots of chickens.



**"Catch 'am, Lami! Catch 'am!"**  
shouts brother Bilal.

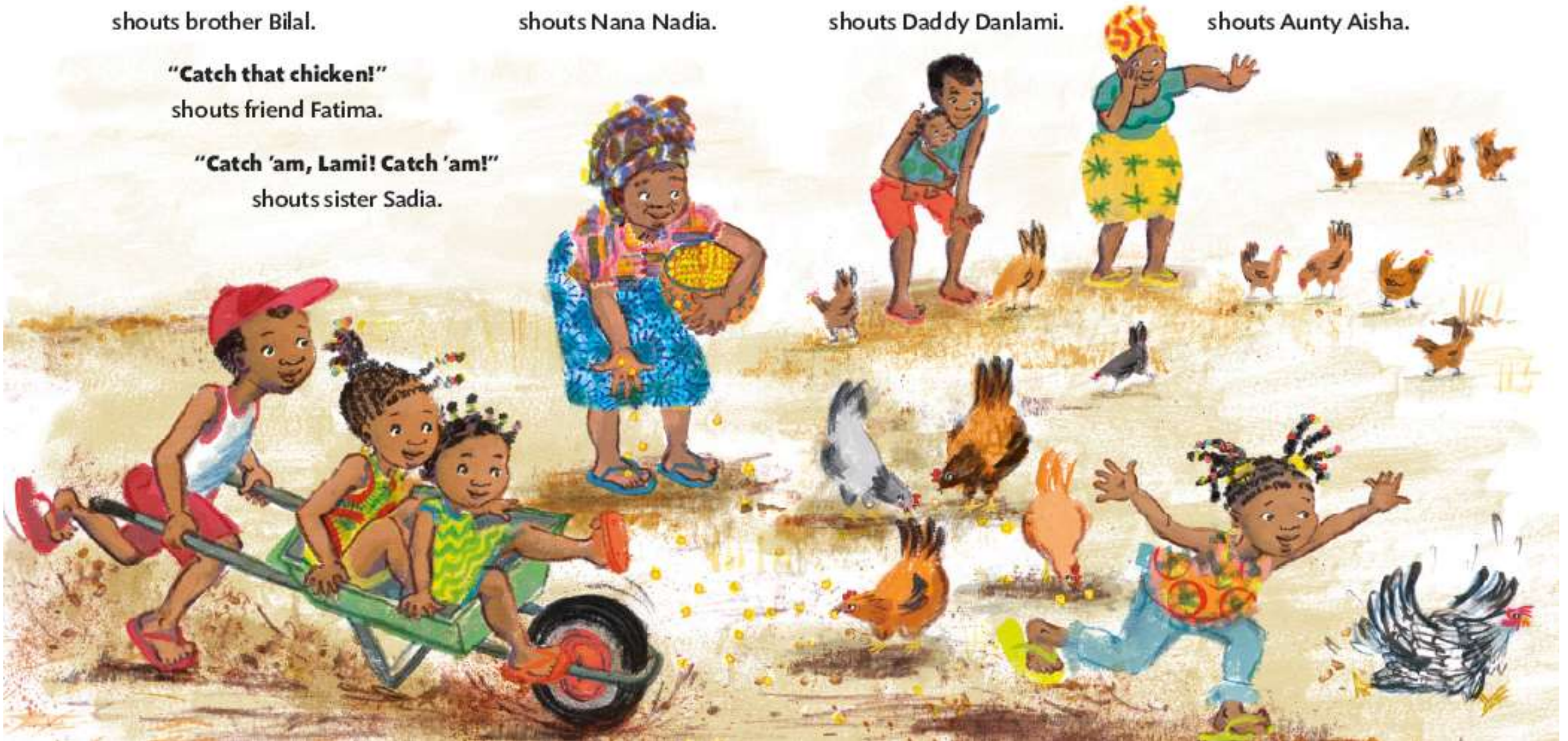
**"Catch that chicken!"**  
shouts friend Fatima.

**"Catch 'am, Lami! Catch 'am!"**  
shouts sister Sadia.

**"Catch that chicken!"**  
shouts Nana Nadia.

**"Catch that chicken!"**  
shouts Daddy Danlami.

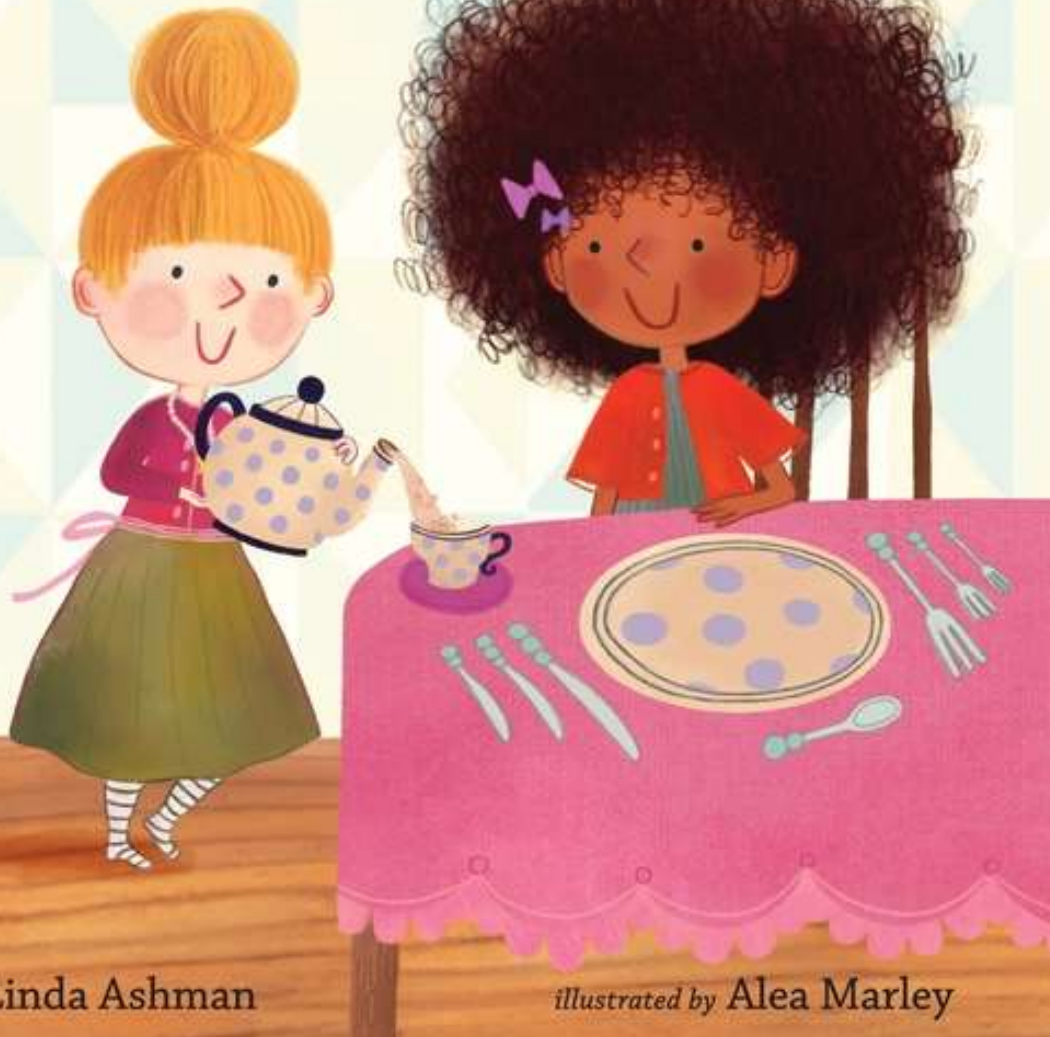
**"Catch that chicken!"**  
shouts Aunty Aisha.







# PHOEBE DUPREE Is Coming to Tea!



Linda Ashman

illustrated by Alea Marley

## Phoebe Dupree Is Coming to Tea!

[Linda Ashman](#)

Illustrated by [Alea Marley](#)

**Abby is anxious to host the perfect tea party for a friend she idolizes, but life serves up a sweet taste of the fun to be had when perfection is off the table.**

*Have you met Phoebe – Miss Phoebe Dupree? Phoebe's as perfect as perfect can be. To Abby, her friend Phoebe can do no wrong. Phoebe is speedy. Phoebe is smart. She's equally brilliant at science and art. So when the budding hostess invites Phoebe over for a tea party, everything from the sugary treats on the menu to Abby's dog, Louie, must be, well ... perfect. But when life – and possibly Louie – send a clear message to let loose, the girls indulge in a perfectly imperfect playdate.*

Linda Ashman's vivacious rhyme and Alea Marley's inviting illustrations serve up a classic tale of enduring friendship at a tea party that will leave readers wanting to pull up a chair.

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

Have you met Phoebe—Miss Phoebe Dupree?  
Phoebe's as perfect as perfect can be.

Phoebe is speedy.  
Phoebe is smart.



She's equally brilliant at science and art.



She sings like a bird (she's never off-key).



And Phoebe Dupree is coming to tea!

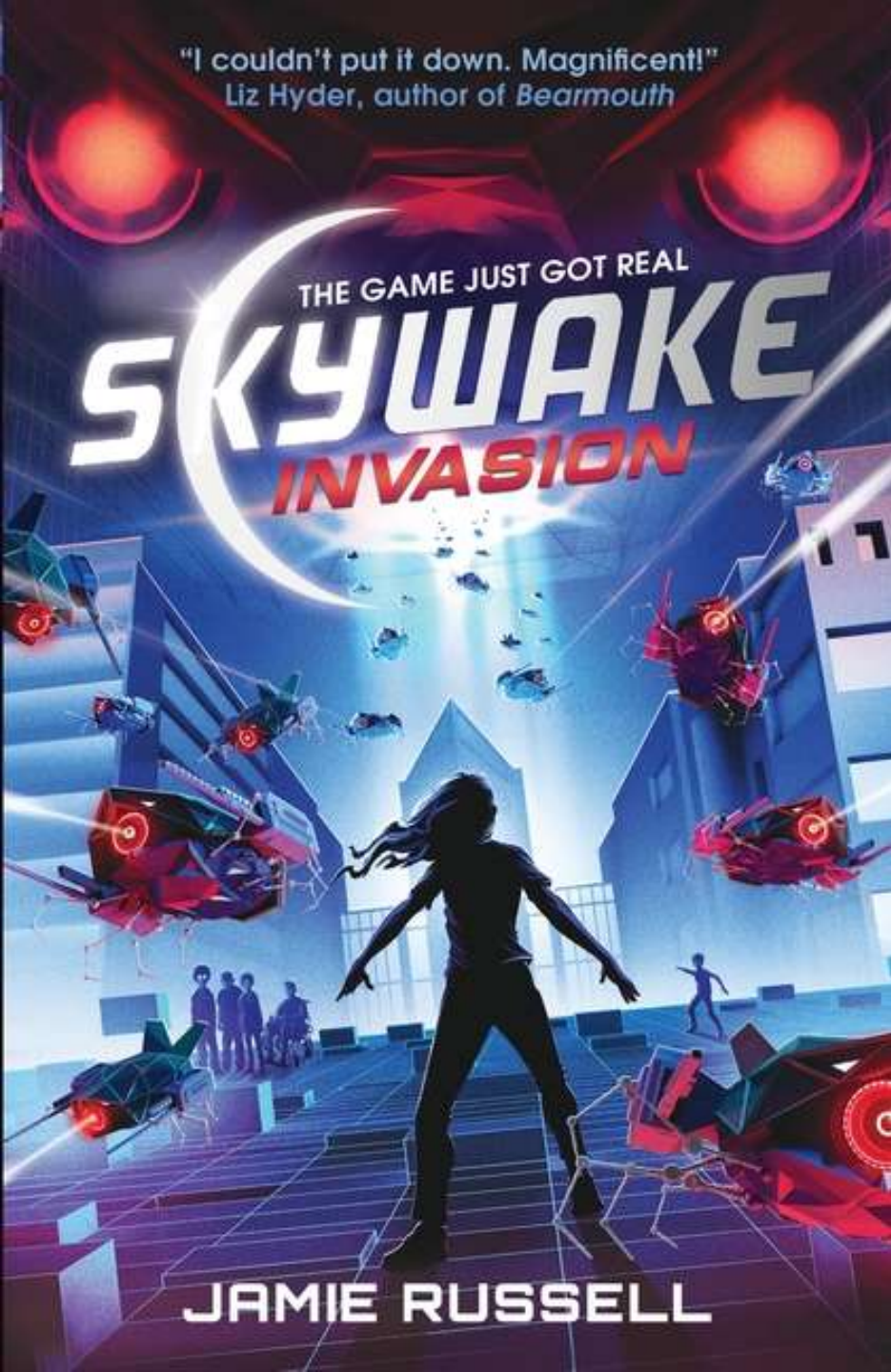


I bathe and brush Louie,  
then lay down the law:  
"You'll greet Phoebe nicely  
with one gentle paw."



# Fiction





## SkyWake Invasion

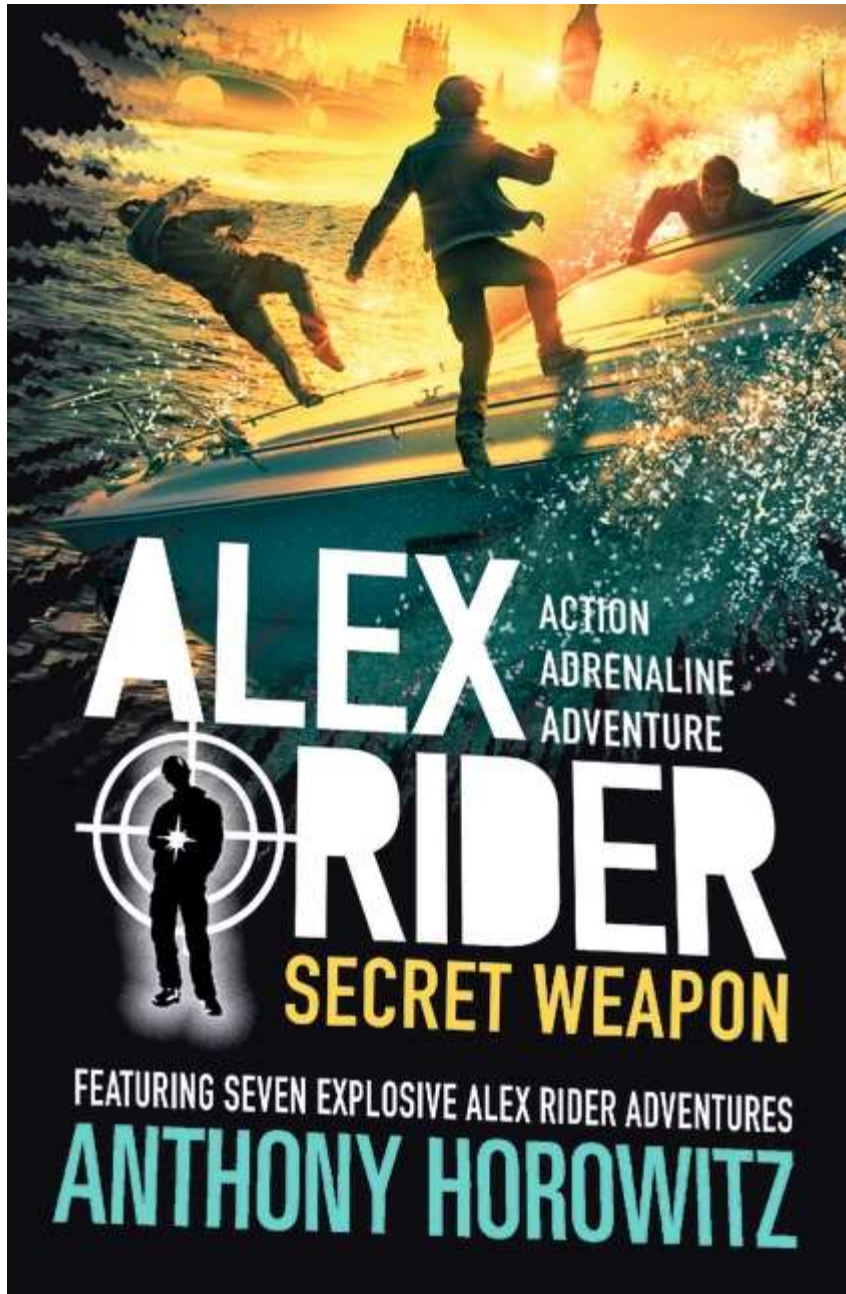
[Jamie Russell](#)

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

Fifteen-year-old Casey Henderson is obsessed with smash-hit game SkyWake – and she’s good at it, too. Little does she realize it’s actually an alien training tool created by the mysterious extra-terrestrial Red Eyes. When the aliens swoop down on a national gaming tournament, Casey and her teammates discover they’re abducting the best gamers to fight in a distant alien war across the galaxy.

Casey’s gaming skills are her best hope of stopping the aliens and rescuing her little brother – but first she and her online teammates must learn to work together in real life...

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



## Secret Weapon PB (July release)

By [Anthony Horowitz](#)

**An essential collection of seven explosive Alex Rider stories by number one bestselling author, Anthony Horowitz.**

Ever since MI6 recognized his potential, Alex Rider has constantly been thrust into the line of danger. From a routine visit to the dentist that turns into a chase through the streets of London, to a school trip with a deadly twist, no day has ever been ordinary for the teenage super-spy. This collection of thrilling adventures features familiar and new assailants from the best-loved world of Alex Rider, and also includes three never-before-seen stories.

Categories: [Fiction](#)

For readers aged: 9+

### Publication details:

Format: Paperback

ISBN: 9781406390582

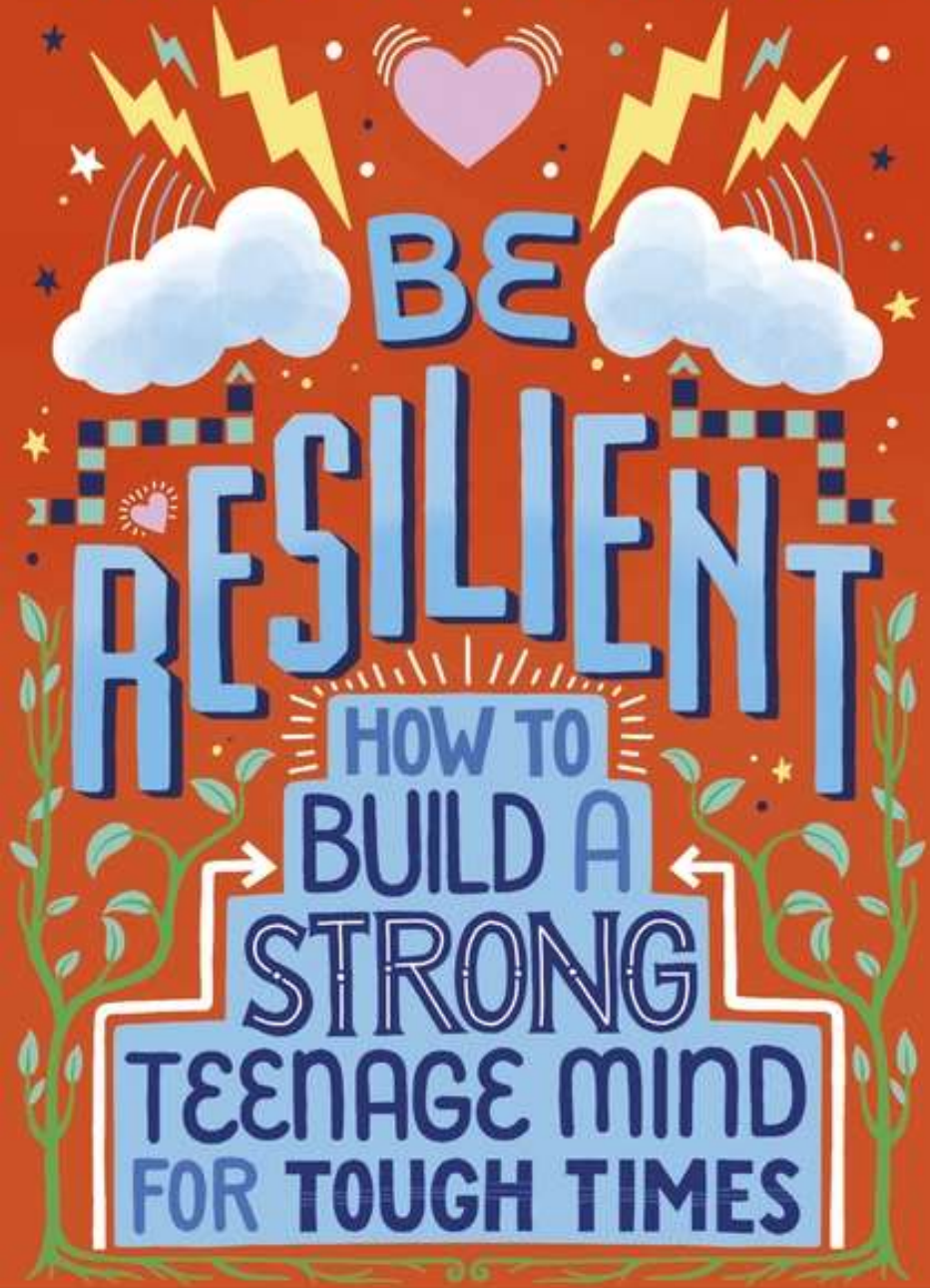
Size: 198 x 129 mm

Pages: 352

# Non-Fiction



# NICOLA MORGAN



## Be Resilient: How to Build a Strong Teenage Mind for Tough Times

[Nicola Morgan](#)

The essential teenage guide to building resilience for challenging times, from award-winning well-being expert Nicola Morgan, author of the bestselling *Blame My Brain* and *The Teenage Guide to Stress*.

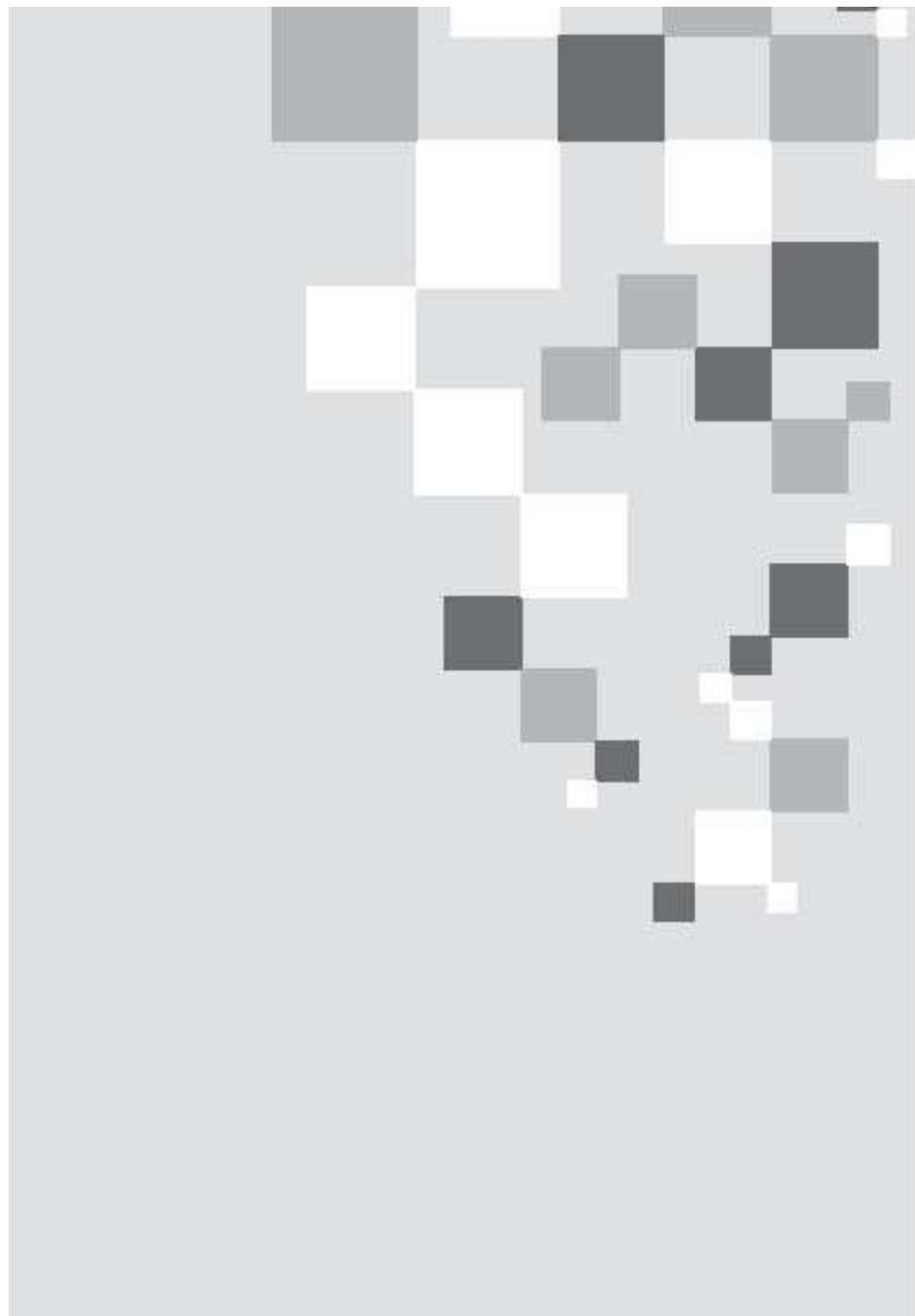
Some events in life will always be out of our control, whether it's a global crisis or a traumatic event at home – but *Be Resilient* shows that the power to cope is in our hands. Discover how to develop the skill of mental resilience in this fascinating guide from award-winning author and teenage brain expert Nicola Morgan. From building a support network to building optimism, find positive, practical advice for preparing for, coping with and bouncing back from the toughest of times.

Authoritative and backed by the latest science, this is a reassuring companion for teenagers everywhere.

- ISBN: 9781406399257
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 192

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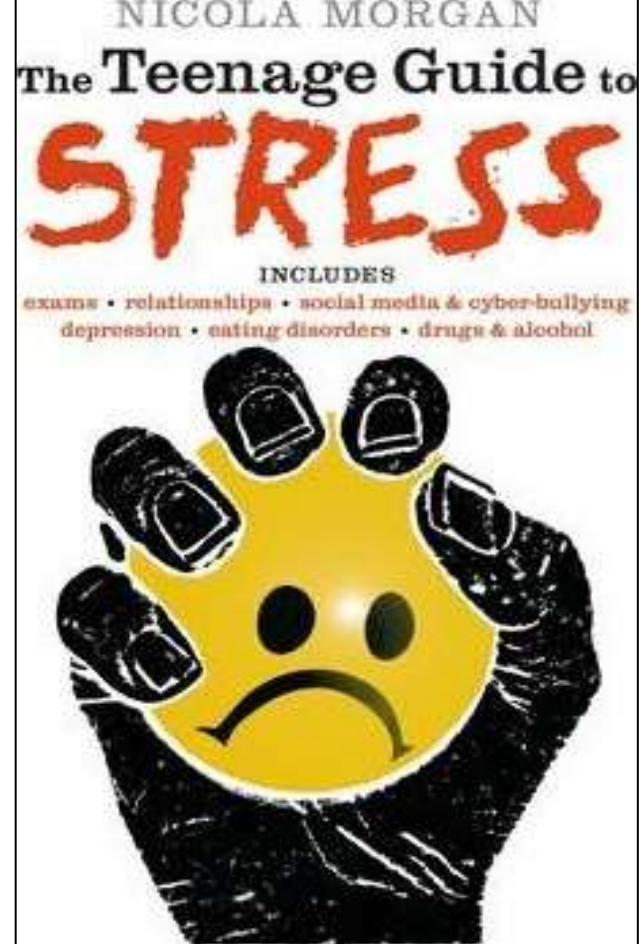
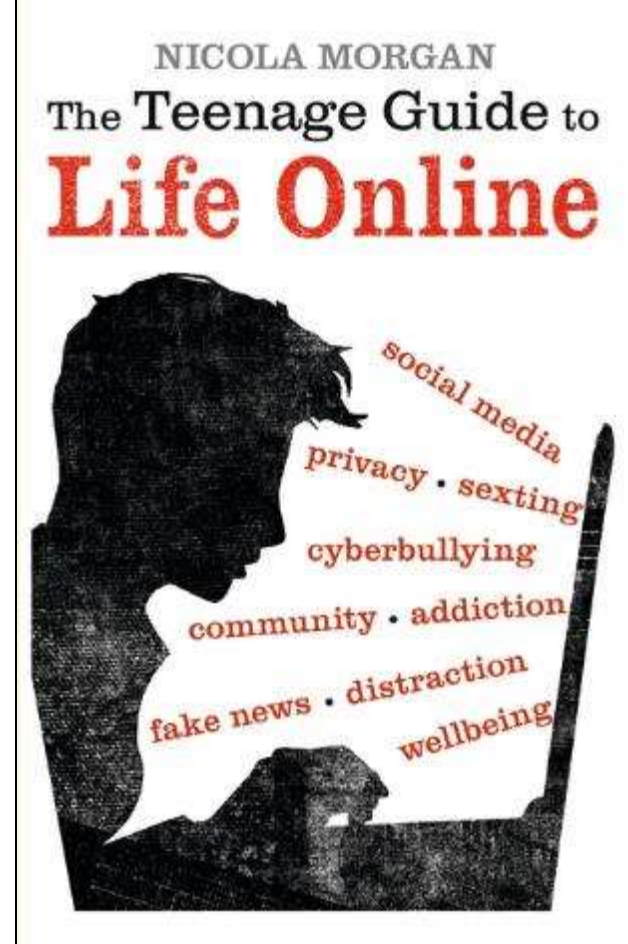
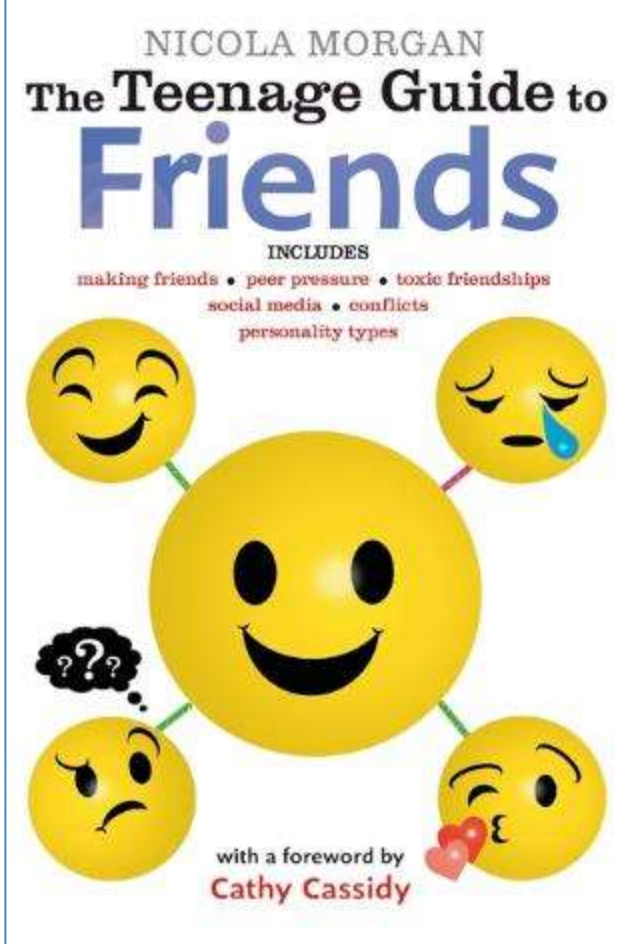


It's one of the hardest facts of life that every human must learn: bad things can happen. From small upsets or disappointments to major, life-changing distresses, they can happen to anyone, whether we "deserve" them or not, and we don't know when or what they will be. Our challenge is to know this and yet not live in fear, not ruin every happy moment by dwelling on bad things that might – but might not – be round the corner. Because wonderful things happen, too! We have to be realistic and ready, but positive and confident in our ability to stay strong. That's resilience.

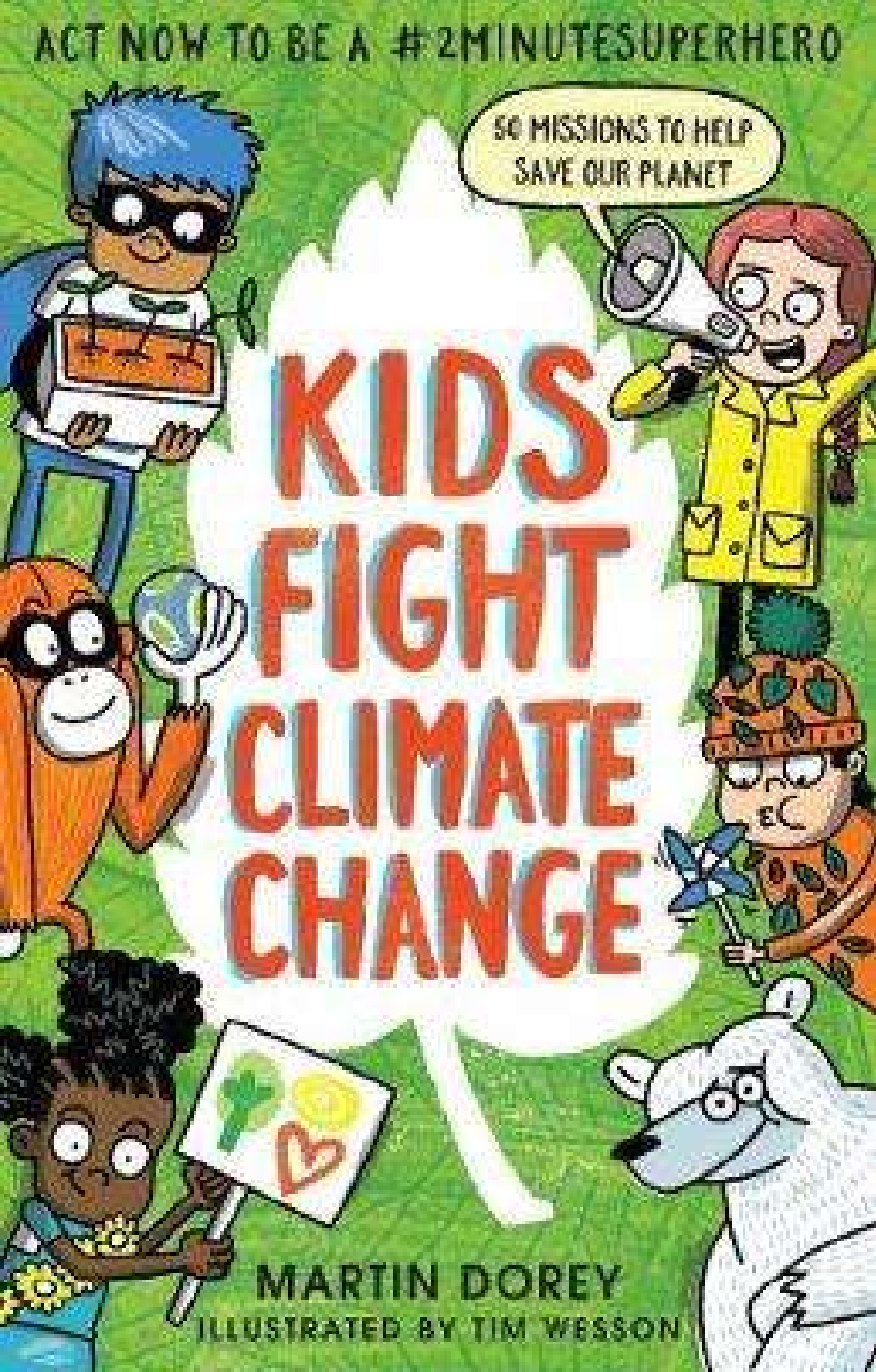
Our lives are like an ocean and we are the small boat trying to cross safely. Sometimes the water is calm and we sail easily, without a care in the world. But storms can come, sometimes out of a blue sky. The storms can be small and brief or long and treacherous. Just as some parts of the ocean are more dangerous than others, some parts of our lives are more difficult. And not all oceans are the same, just as some people's lives have more challenges than others.

Teenage years are often particularly rocky. Younger children can face challenges, too, but it's easier for adults to reassure or distract them and they often feel secure in the knowledge that their adults can sort things out.

But you, an adolescent, are not so easily reassured. You've learnt that no one can be entirely safe from harm and life cannot be risk-free; you've noticed that good and innocent people







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

[Martin Dorey](#)

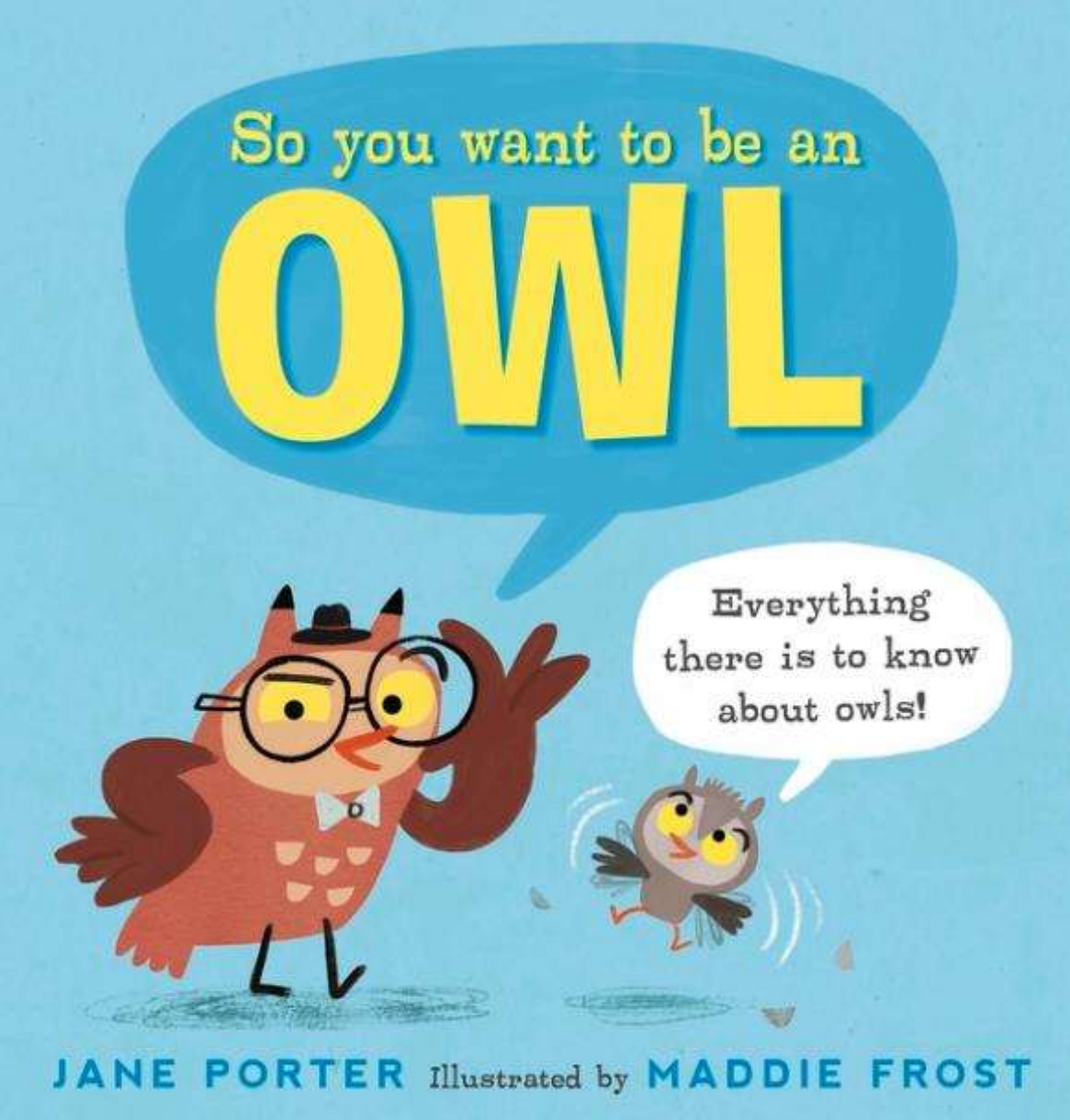
Illustrated by [Tim Wesson](#)

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

Our planet is in trouble. It needs YOU. Together we can fight climate change by speaking up and changing what we eat, how we travel and the ways we use energy. Find out how you can become a #2minutesuperhero by completing 50 fun missions that reduce your carbon footprint at home, school and in your community. Informative, practical and positive, this guide for children is written by Martin Dorey, anti-plastic campaigner and author of the bestselling *No. More. Plastic*, and is the founder of the Beach Clean Network and the #2minutebeachclean movement. He believes that every voice matters on this urgent issue.

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





## 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.

- ISBN: 9781406394566
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 32



# Welcome to Owl School.

I'm Professor Olaf, and I'm here to teach you all about being an owl. We're always on the lookout for sharp-eared, keen-eyed, silent types to join Team Owl.



Let's take a look at the checklist:



Do you think it looks easy?

Get your feathers straight and we'll get started...

# INDENT





## The Child of Dreams

[Irena Brignull](#)

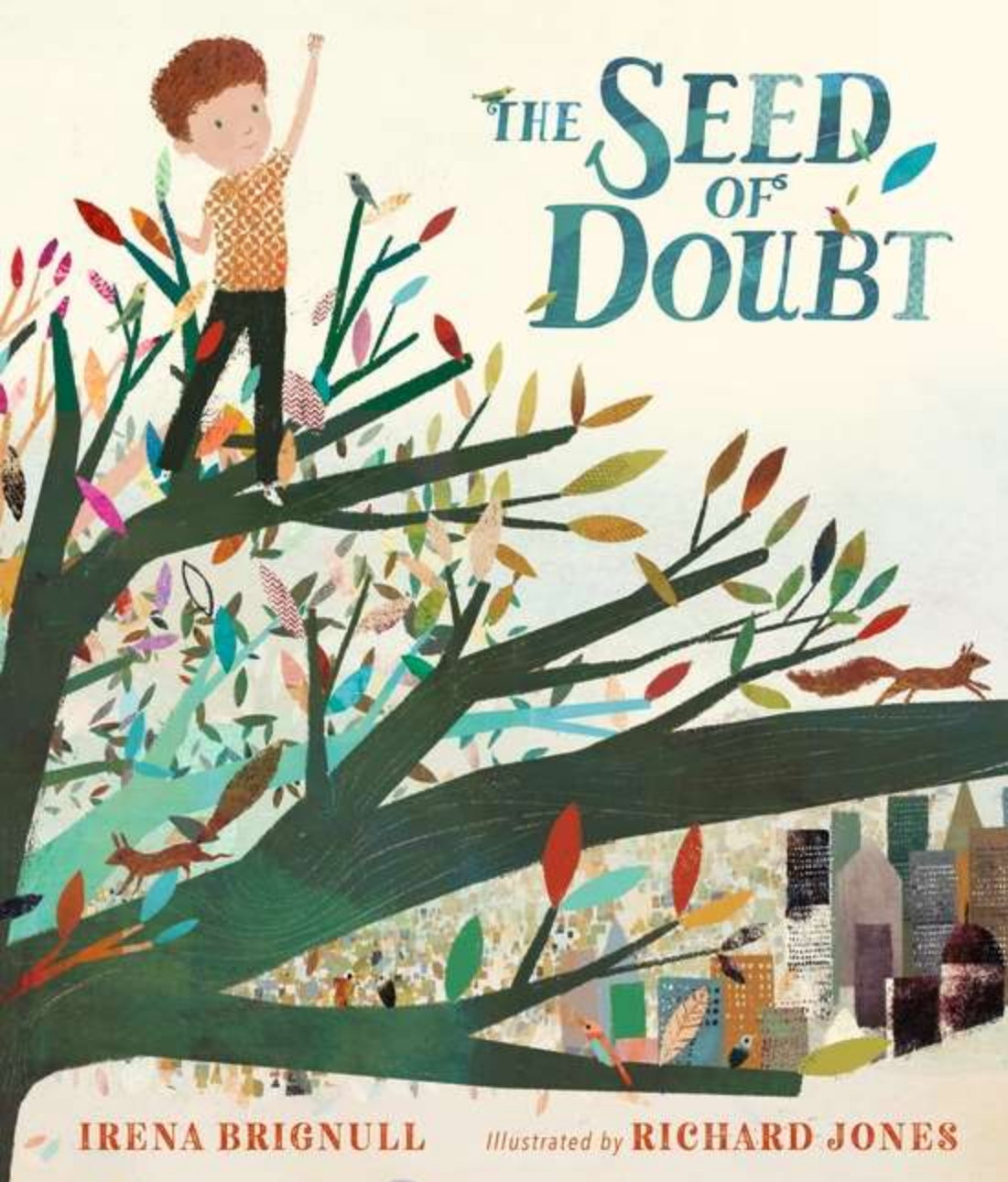
Illustrated by [Richard Jones](#)

**A moving picture book that celebrates family and belonging, from acclaimed screenwriter Irena Brignull.**

A little girl wants to know where she came from and why she doesn't have a father. When her mother cannot tell her, the girl decides to find out for herself. Her journey leads her on a quest through the woods, tracing her own story back to its source with the help of the animals she meets, until she discovers what truly matters in making a family. A timeless story with sumptuous illustrations, this picture book will be shared and treasured by all families whatever their shape or size.

"A joy to pore over." *The Irish Independent, Children's Books of the Year*

- ISBN: 9781406392807
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 56



## The Seed of Doubt

[Irena Brignull](#)

Illustrated by [Richard Jones](#)

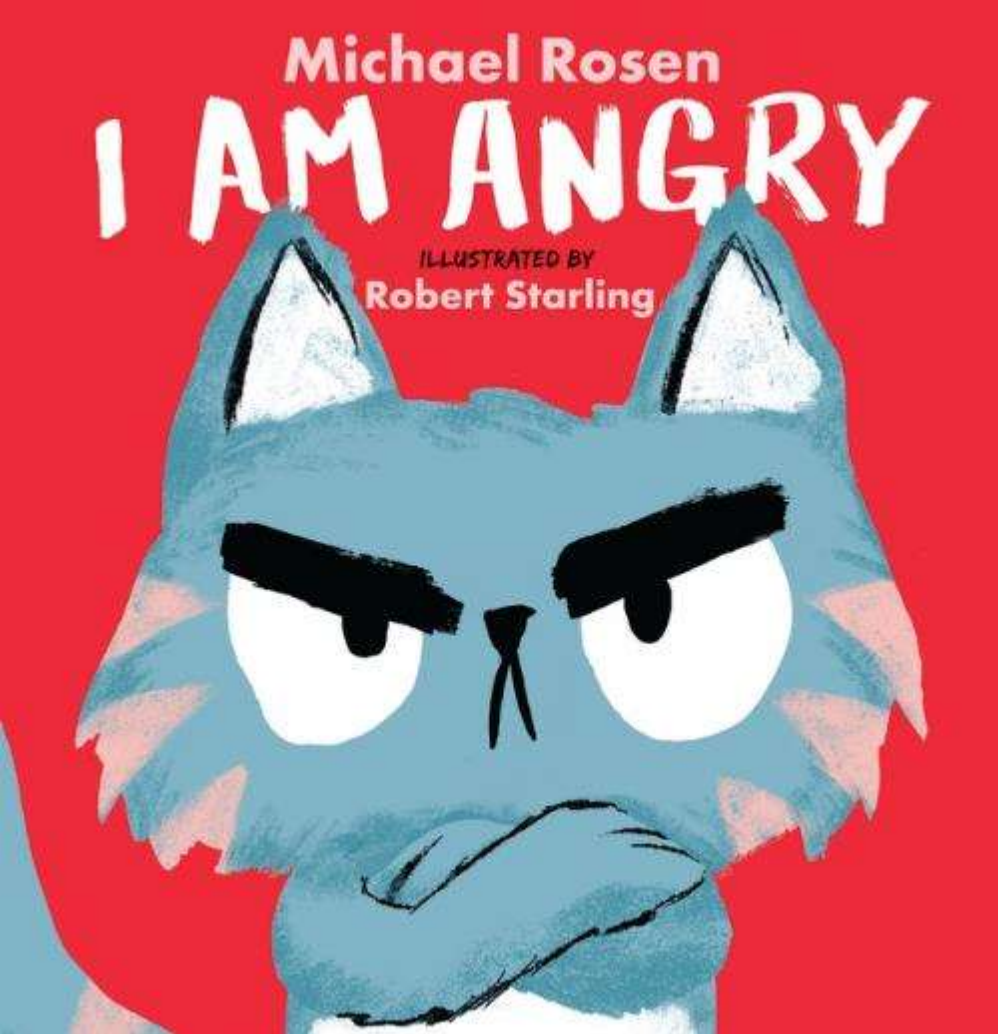
**A beautiful picture book about believing in yourself from the author and screenwriter Irena Brignull, with sumptuous illustrations by Richard Jones.**

A little boy dreams of a world beyond the farm where he lives – a world full of mountain ranges, oceans and cities, where he could do anything. But one day he plants a seed from which doubts start to grow.

Instead of thinking of all that he could do, he thinks more of what he could not. Can he overcome his fears and chase his dreams?

- ISBN: 9781406389425
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 40





## **I Am Angry**

[Michael Rosen](#)

Illustrated by [Robert Starling](#)

**The first in a funny new series from former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen and rising star Robert Starling.**

This kitten may look cute and cuddly, but better beware: they're angry. *Really* angry. Angry, angry, angry! And this isn't any old "angry". This is a jump-up-and-down, roll-on-the-ground kind of angry. This is a spider-scaring, *tiger*-scaring kind of angry. This is a burst-balloon-ing, SQUASH-THE-MOON-ING kind of angry... As surreal as things may get, this is also the kind of angry that parents of toddlers will recognize – a bad mood which comes out of nowhere, escalates wildly, then disappears as suddenly as it arrived.

Based on the popular poem from *A Great Big Cuddle*, *I Am Angry* combines Michael Rosen's brilliant rhymes and anarchic imagination, Robert Starling's perfect knack for character and a reassuring message: anger may feel overpowering, but it doesn't last for ever.

- ISBN: 9781406396652
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32





I'm so angry, I'll ...

jump up  
and



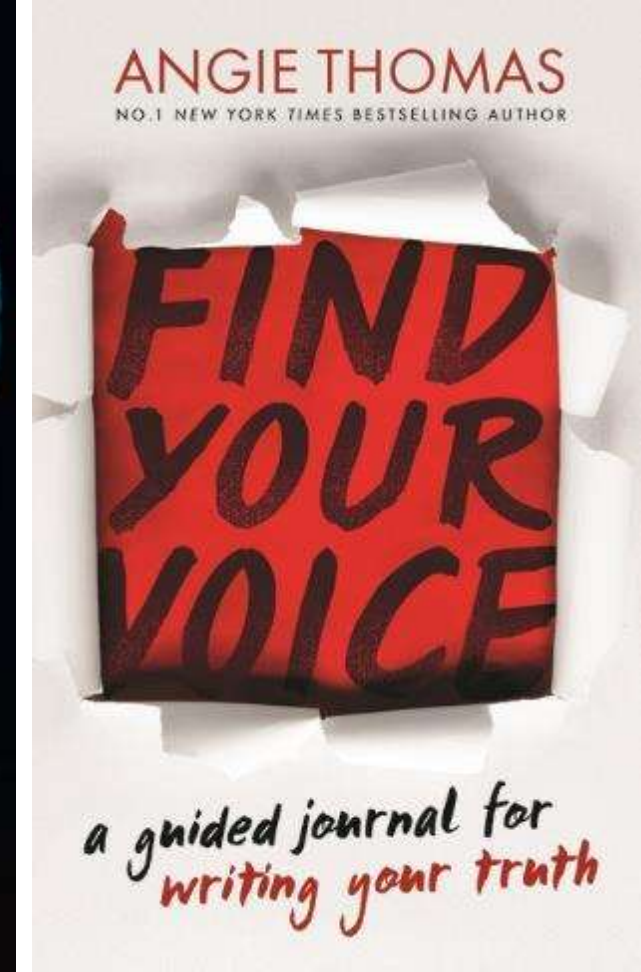
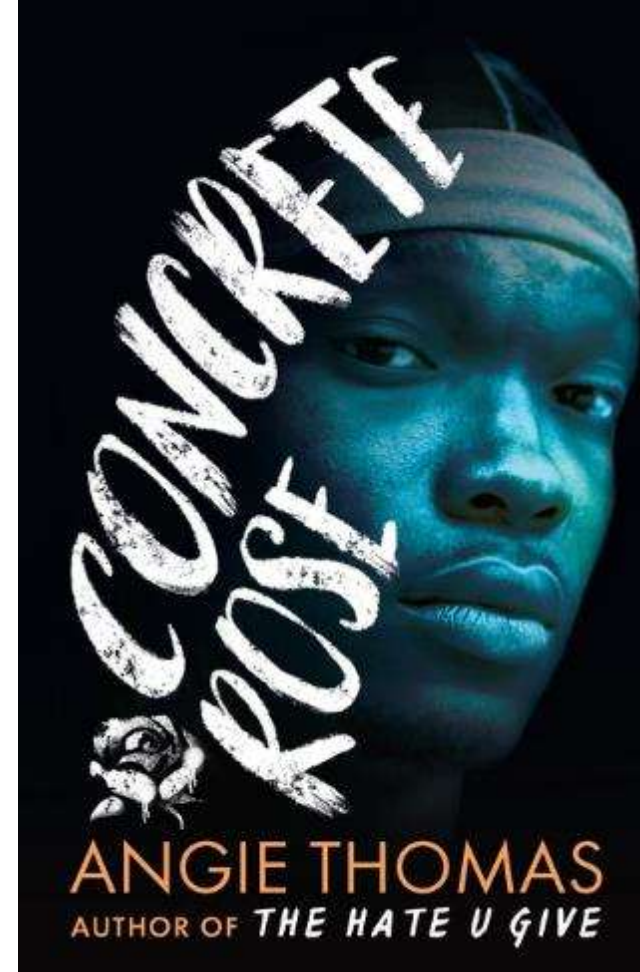
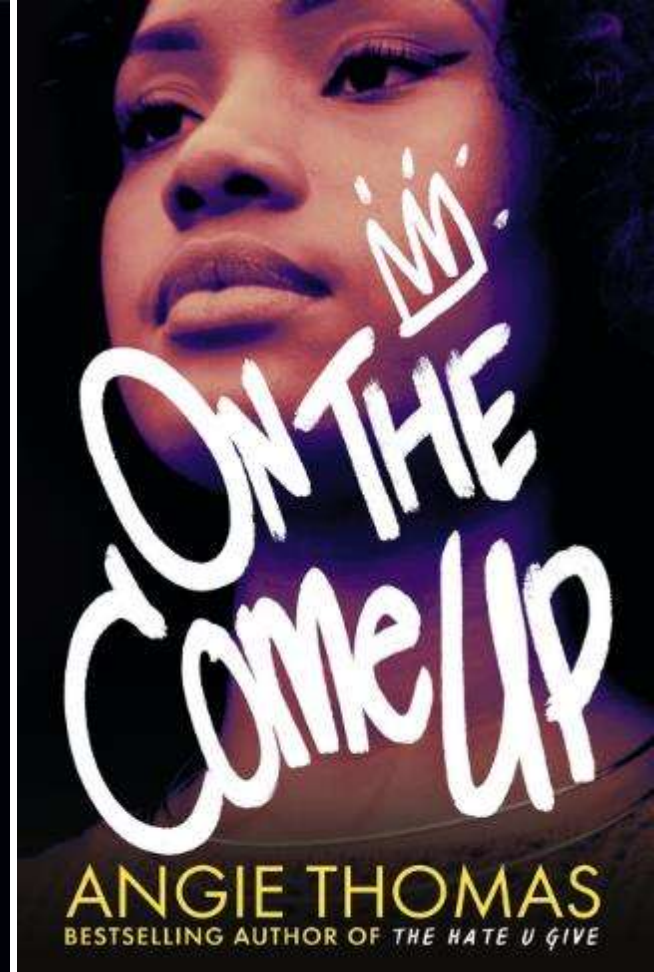
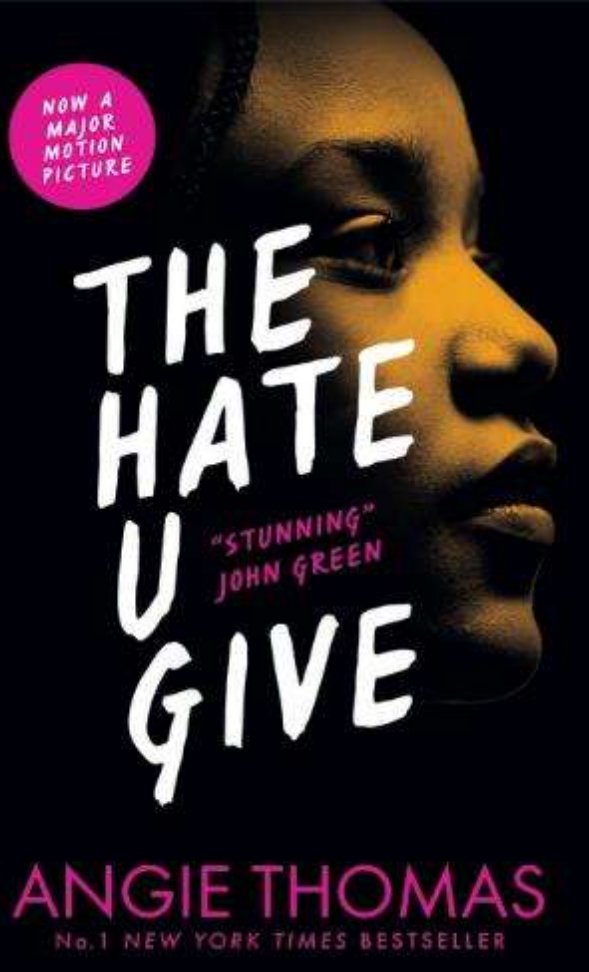
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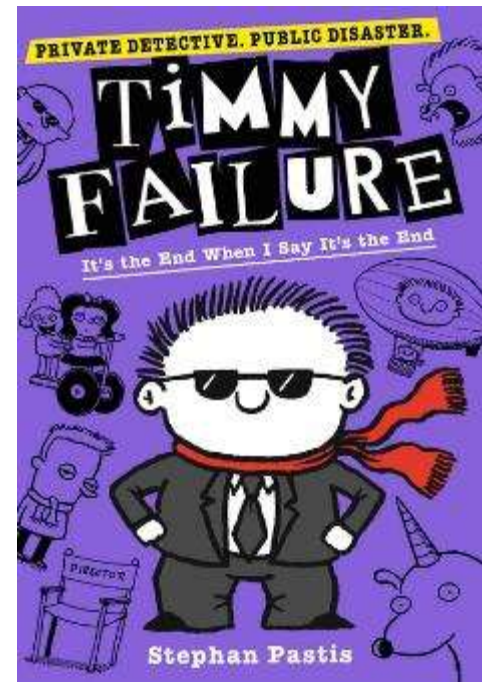
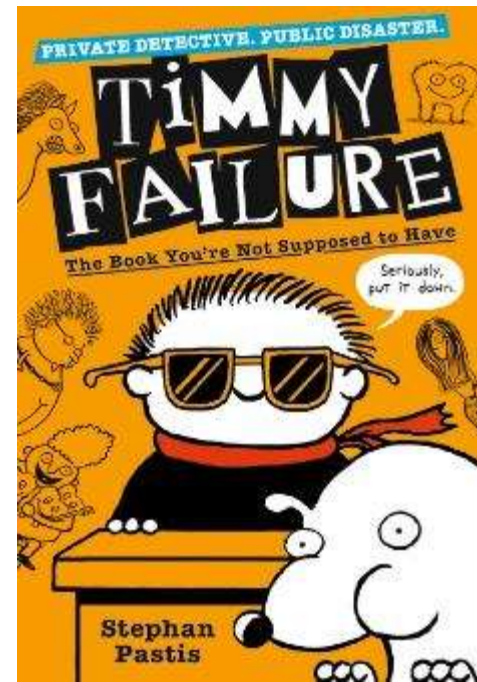
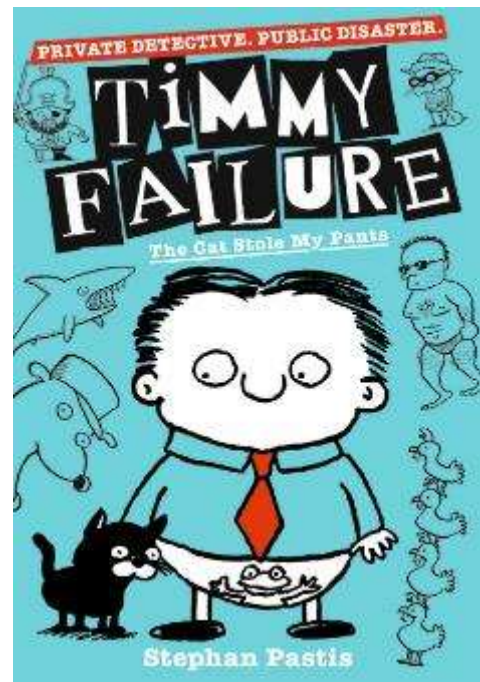
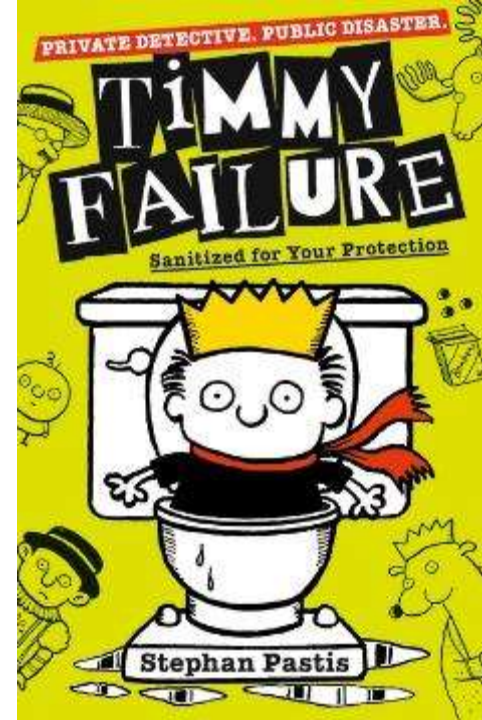
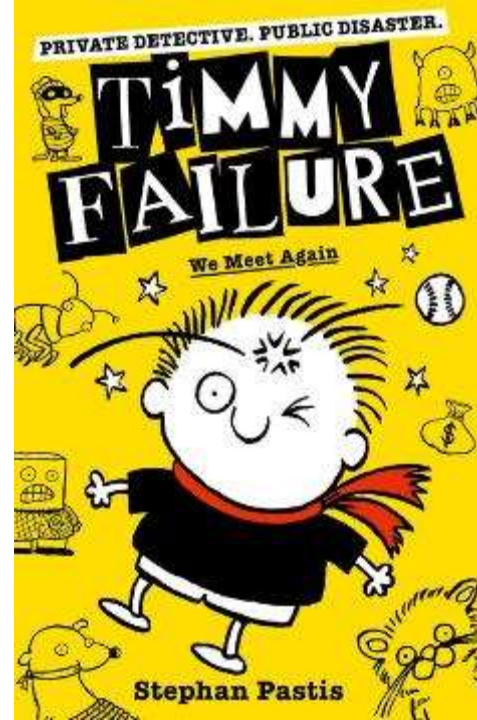
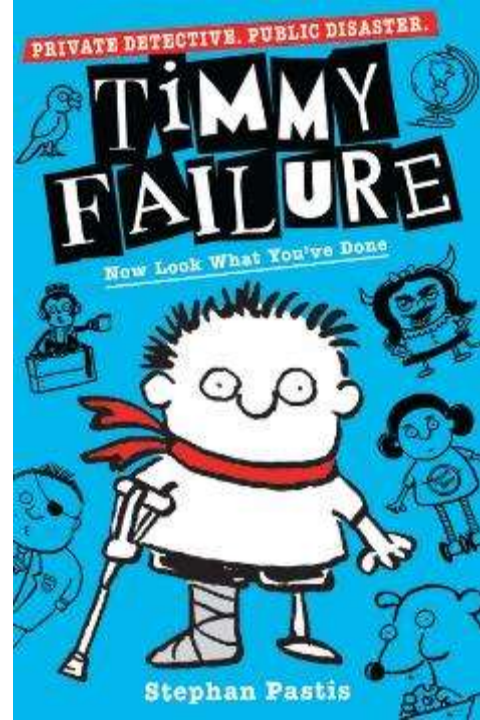
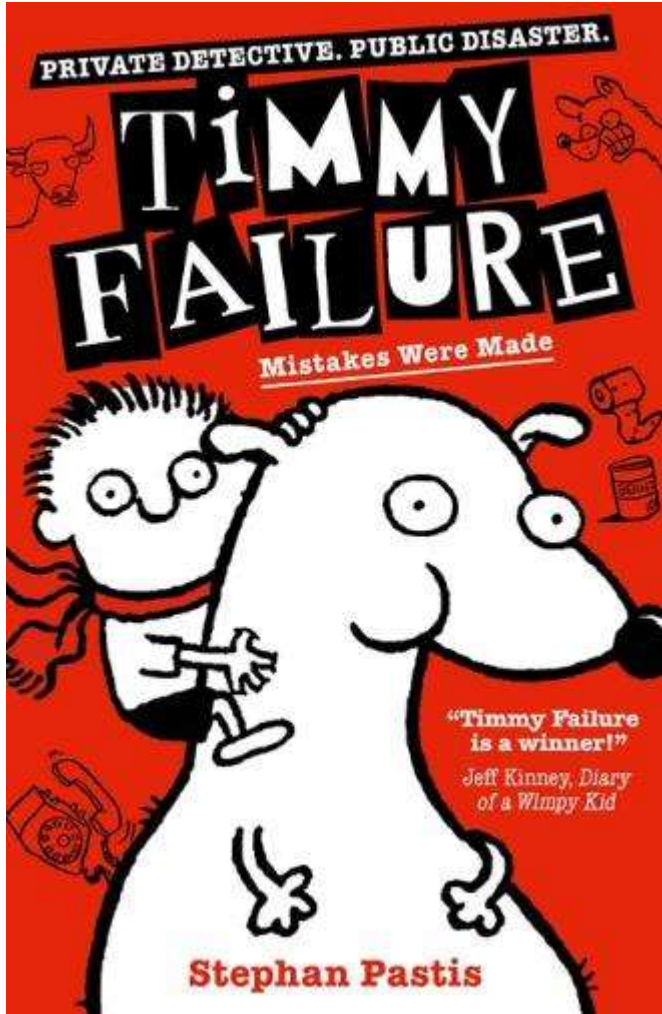


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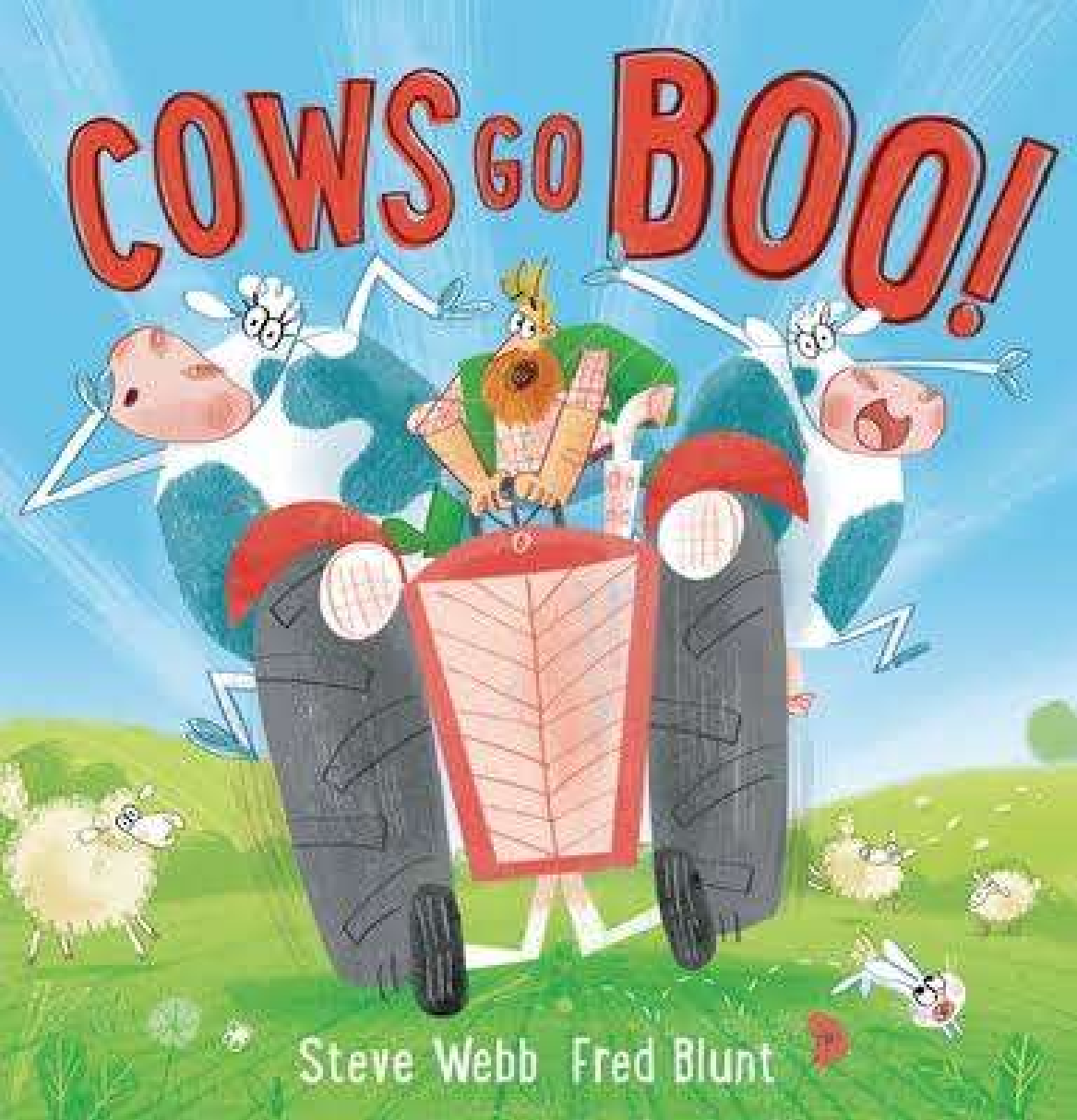




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# **PICTURE BOOKS**



## Cows Go Boo!

[Steve Webb](#)

Illustrated by [Fred Blunt](#)

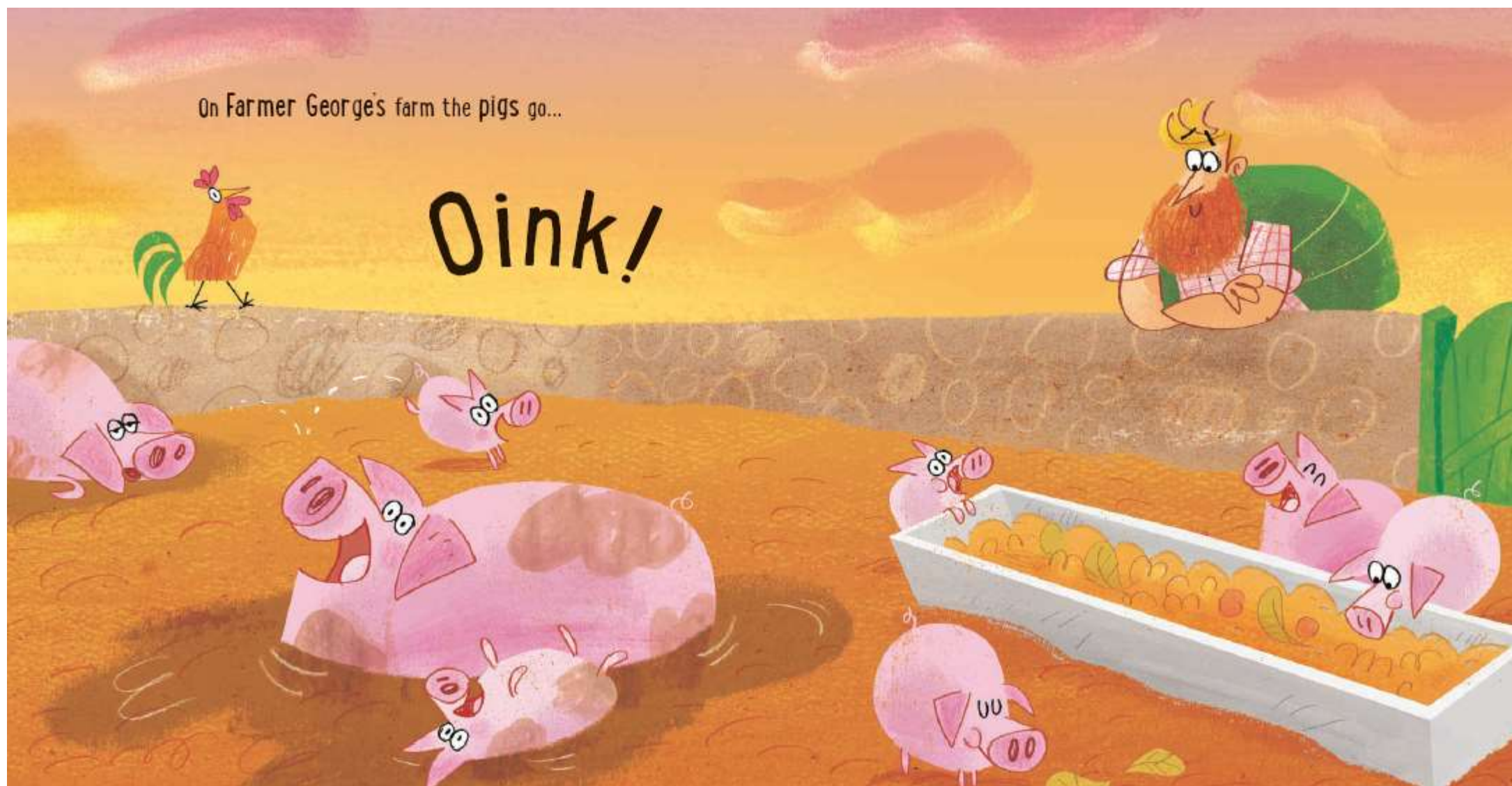
On Farmer George's farm, the pigs go 'oink', the sheep go 'baa', and cows go... wait, where did all the cows go? These cheeky cows have taken to sneaking up on Farmer George and shouting 'BOO!' Luckily, George knows just how to put his impolite herd to good use...

**This hilarious story is guaranteed to get children giggling!**

- ISBN: 9781839130236
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture
- Extent: 32

On Farmer George's farm the pigs go...

Oink!





The sheep go...

**Baaa!**



**FICTION**

'EVERYONE SHOULD READ JUNK'

THE TIMES

# JUNK

MELVIN  
BURGESS

WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION  
FOREWORD BY MALORIE BLACKMAN

## Junk: 25th Anniversary Edition

[Melvin Burgess](#)

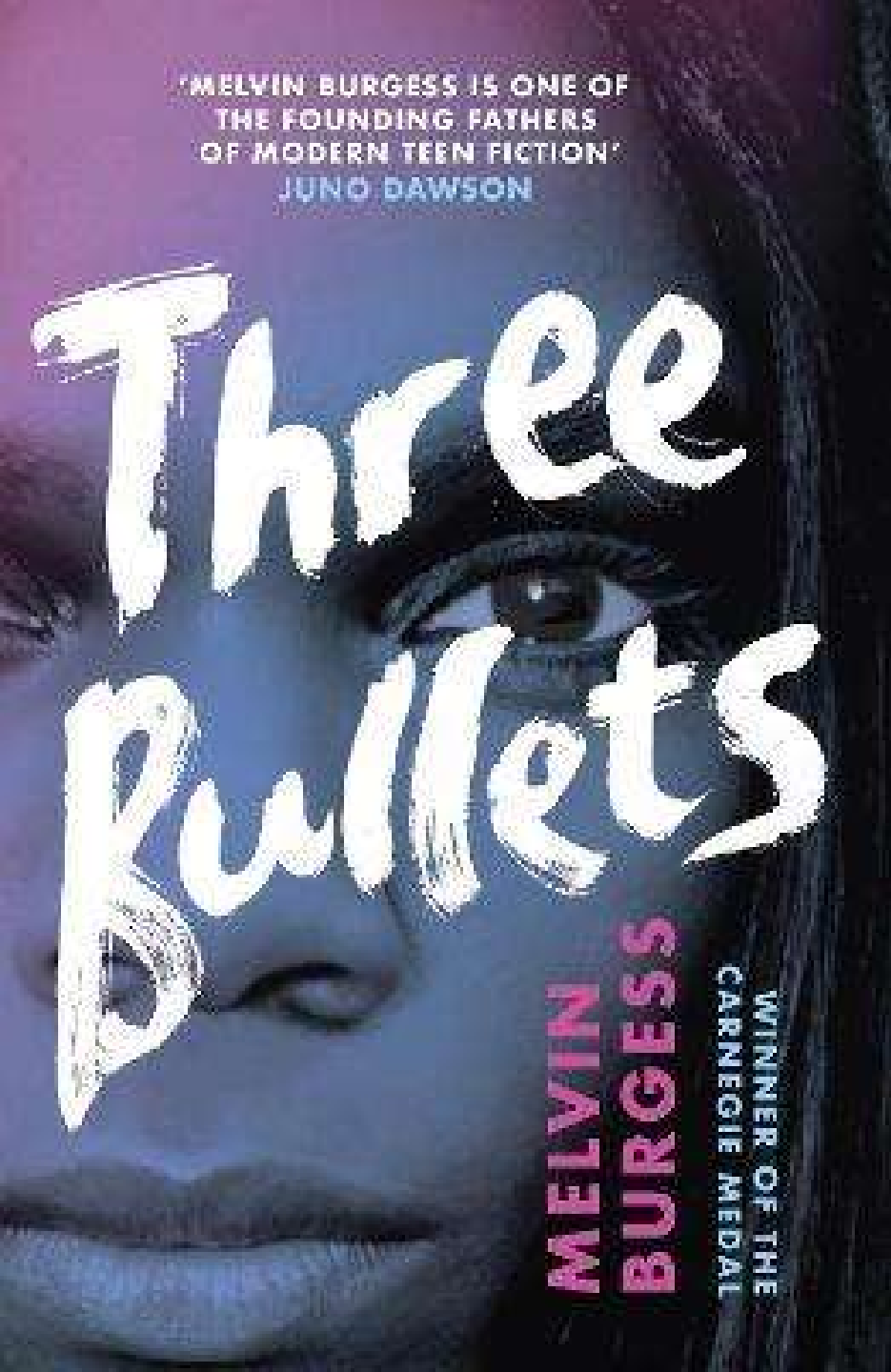
*It was a love story. Me, Gemma and junk. I thought it was going to last forever.*

Tar loves Gemma, but Gemma doesn't want to be tied down. She wants to fly. But no one can fly forever. One day, finally, you have to come down. Melvin Burgess' most ambitious and complex novel is a vivid depiction of a group of teenagers in the grip of addiction. Told from multiple viewpoints, *Junk* is a powerful, unflinching novel about heroin. Once you take a hit, you will never be the same again.

'Everyone should read *Junk*' *The Times*

- ISBN: 9781783448456
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 352





'MELVIN BURGESS IS ONE OF  
THE FOUNDING FATHERS  
OF MODERN TEEN FICTION'  
JUNO DAWSON

## Three Bullets

### [Melvin Burgess](#)

The Bloods are in control and they're desperate to turn Britain into the world they want to see: right, white, Christian supremacist. Anyone who they call abnormal is a target. Amidst the chaos of civil war the country is on the move as small militia groups fight each other and a sea of refugees escapes the cities and the pursuing Bloods.

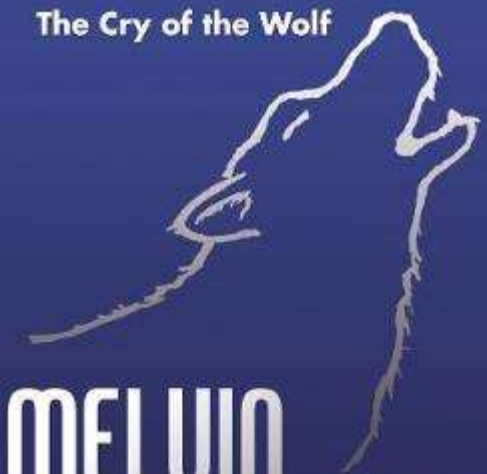
When her home is destroyed in a bombing raid, Marti must strike out on a mission of her own - to save her father and get his vital software into the right hands. But Marti is mixed race and trans and has her young brother in tow. Crossing into enemy territory could prove suicidal.

Yet Marti's enemies haven't reckoned with her indomitable will to survive - and the gun she carries, which has three bullets . . .

- ISBN: 9781839130502
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 240

'A disturbing book, but of real quality' OBSERVER

The Cry of the Wolf



MELVIN  
BURGESS

WINNER OF THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

'Comically terrifying... funny, racist and touching' OBSERVER

DOING IT



MELVIN  
BURGESS

WINNER OF THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

'It's original, challenging and incredibly rude' INDEPENDENT

LADY:  
MY LIFE  
AS A  
BITCH



MELVIN  
BURGESS

WINNER OF THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

'Genuinely chilling... a smart satire on our image-obsessed culture' TELEGRAPH

Sara's  
Face



MELVIN  
BURGESS

WINNER OF THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

MELVIN BURGESS  
WINNER OF THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

The Lost Witch



# **BACKLIST**



