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Highlights

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RULE OF WOLVES (KING OF SCARS BOOK 2)

[Leigh Bardugo](#)

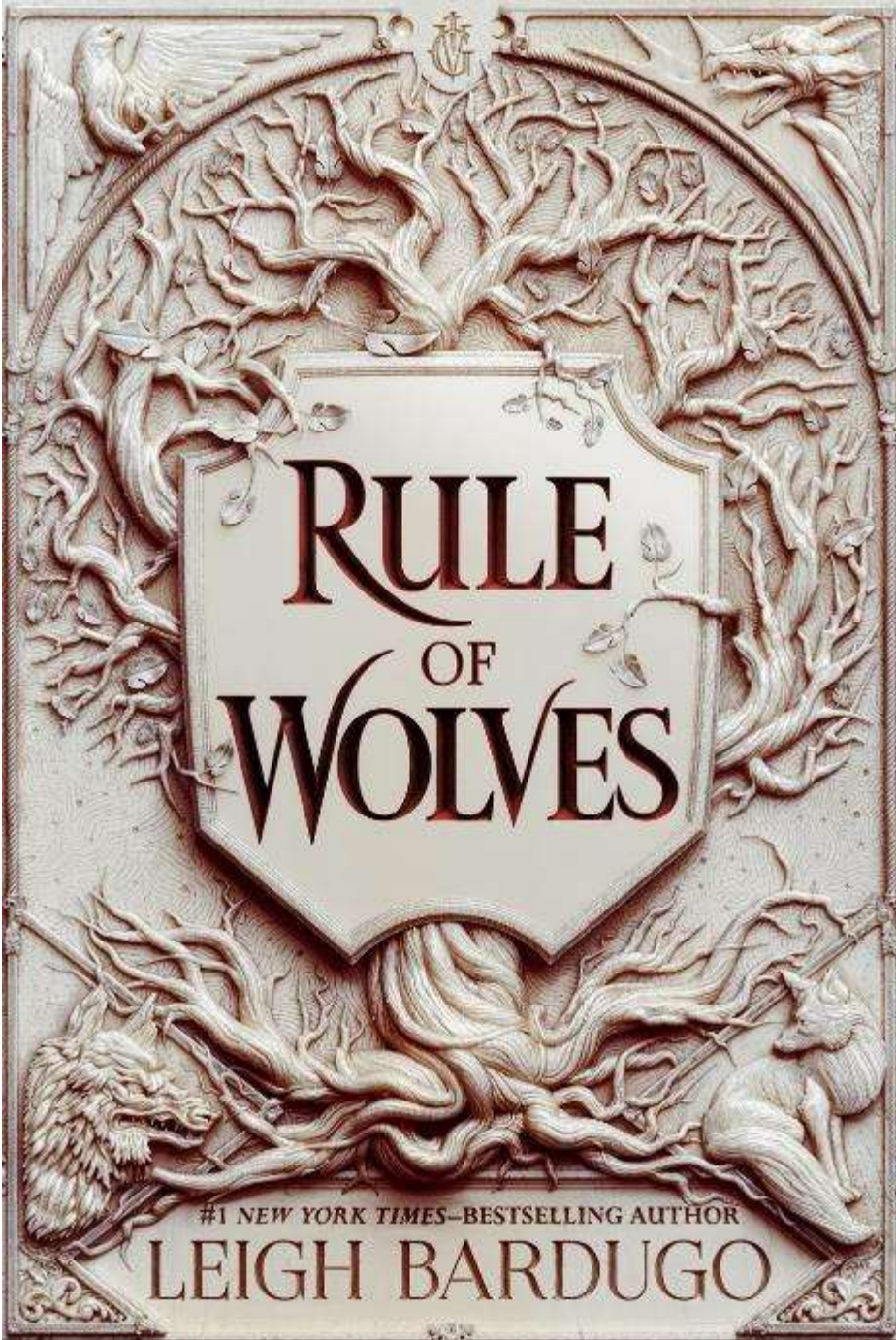
The wolves are circling and a young king will face his greatest challenge in the explosive finale of the instant #1 *New York Times*-bestselling *King of Scars Duology*. The Grishaverse will be coming to Netflix soon with *Shadow and Bone*, an original series!

The Demon King. As Fjerda's massive army prepares to invade, Nikolai Lantsov will summon every bit of his ingenuity and charm - and even the monster within - to win this fight. But a dark threat looms that cannot be defeated by a young king's gift for the impossible.

The Stormwitch. Zoya Nazyalensky has lost too much to war. She saw her mentor die and her worst enemy resurrected, and she refuses to bury another friend. Now duty demands she embrace her powers to become the weapon her country needs. No matter the cost.

The Queen of Mourning. Deep undercover, Nina Zenik risks discovery and death as she wages war on Fjerda from inside its capital. But her desire for revenge may cost her chance at freedom and Nina the chance to heal her grieving heart.

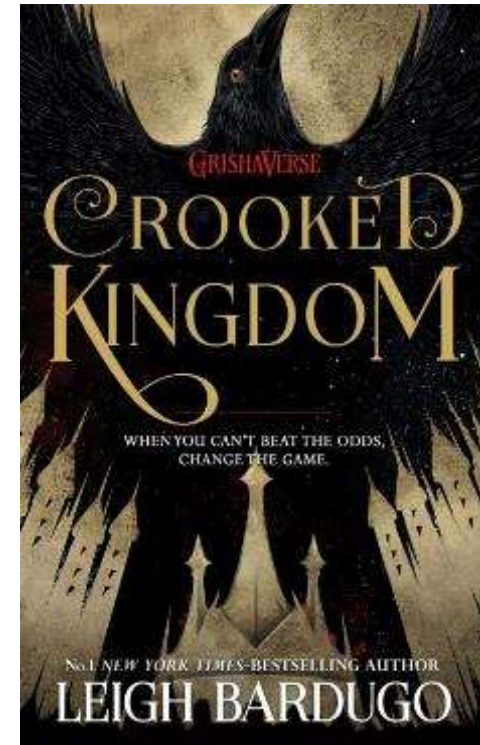
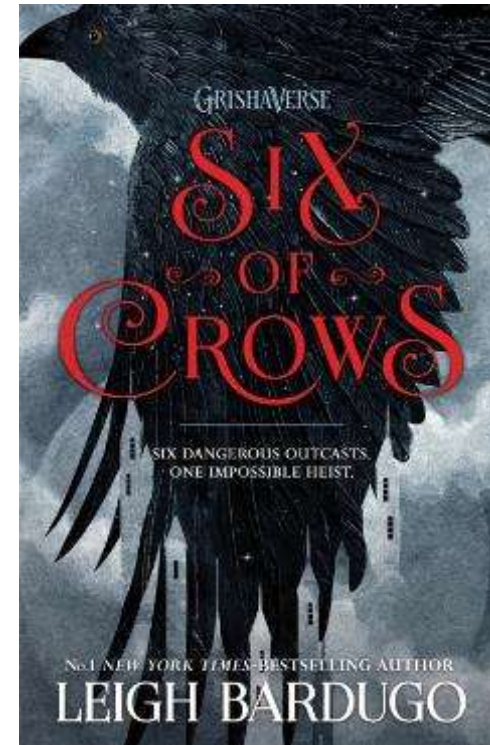
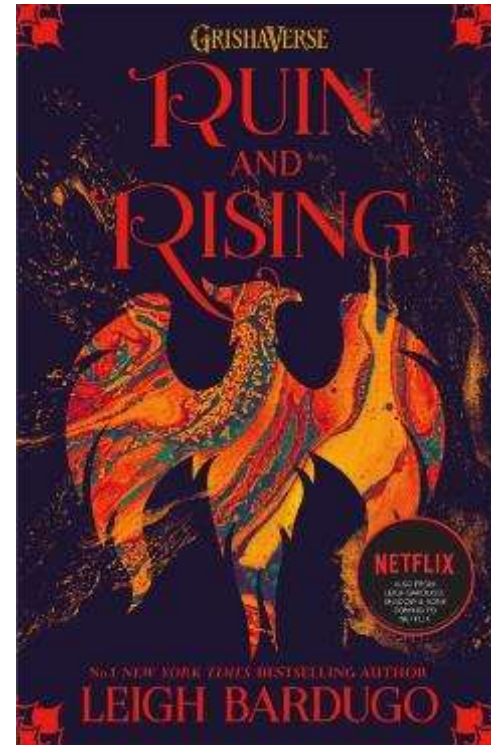
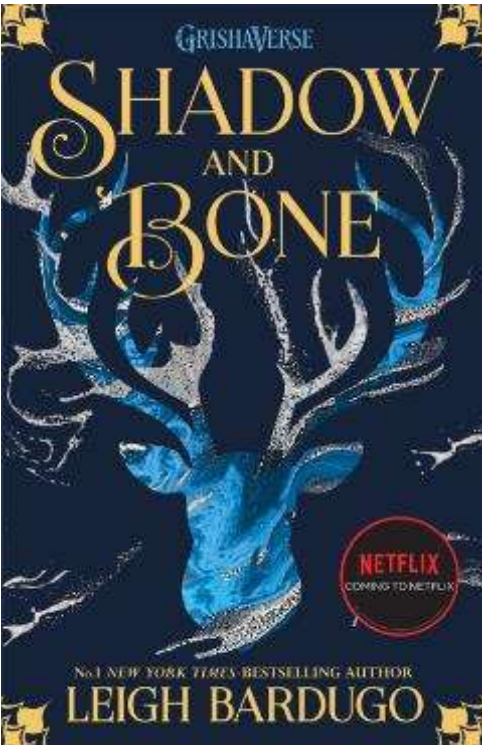
King. General. Spy. Together they must find a way to forge a future in the dark as a nation fall.



- ISBN: 9781510109186
- Format: Trade Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 528



BACKLIST COVERS



HIS LIFE IS IN HIS BROTHER'S HANDS. BUT IS LOVE ENOUGH?

THE COST OF KNOWING

BRITTNEY MORRIS

THE COST OF KNOWING

[Brittney Morris](#)

From the acclaimed author of *SLAY*, comes a gripping novel, about brothers, grief, and what it means to be a young Black man in America. For fans of *Dear Martin* and *They Both Die at the End*.

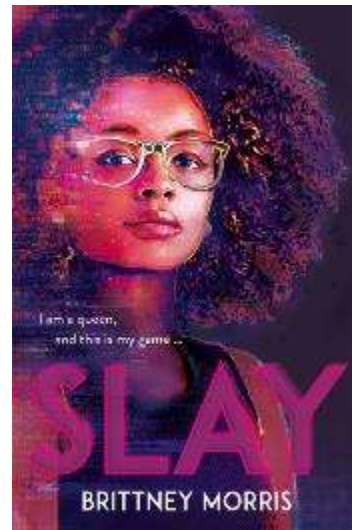
Sixteen year old Alex Rufus lives with his younger brother, Isaiah, in a quiet neighbourhood in Chicago. But recently, the neighbours are on high-alert – whenever they see someone they don't think looks safe, they take matters into their own hands, often calling the cops without reason.

Alex starts taking on more shifts at the local ice-cream shop, Scoops, and spending time with his girlfriend, Talia. But then, Alex starts experiencing visions of the future whenever he touches objects or the people around him. And when he picks up a family photo, he has a vision that his younger brother, Isaiah, is going to die – he can't tell how, but he knows it will be soon.

All Alex wants is to protect Isiah, but how can he protect him in the present, when he knows the dangers of the future? *And how will he ensure Isaiah's place in it, when the one place he felt protected, his neighbourhood, doesn't feel like home anymore?*

A story that speaks to hard truths about race, prejudice, and the inherent injustice that permeates the world we live in.

- ISBN: 9781444951745
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 352





JAMIE McFLAIR VS THE BOYBAND GENERATOR

[Sean Thorne](#) [Luke Franks](#)

Illustrated by [Davide Ortu](#)

Four best friends, two boybands, and an evil uncle with a monstrous secret – what could possibly go wrong? KID NORMAL meets BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT in this hilarious new series for 8+ readers.

This story begins with a snoring pug, a forgetful grandma, and the hero of this adventure in a really bad mood. There is also a goose on the loose. We just wanted to warn you.

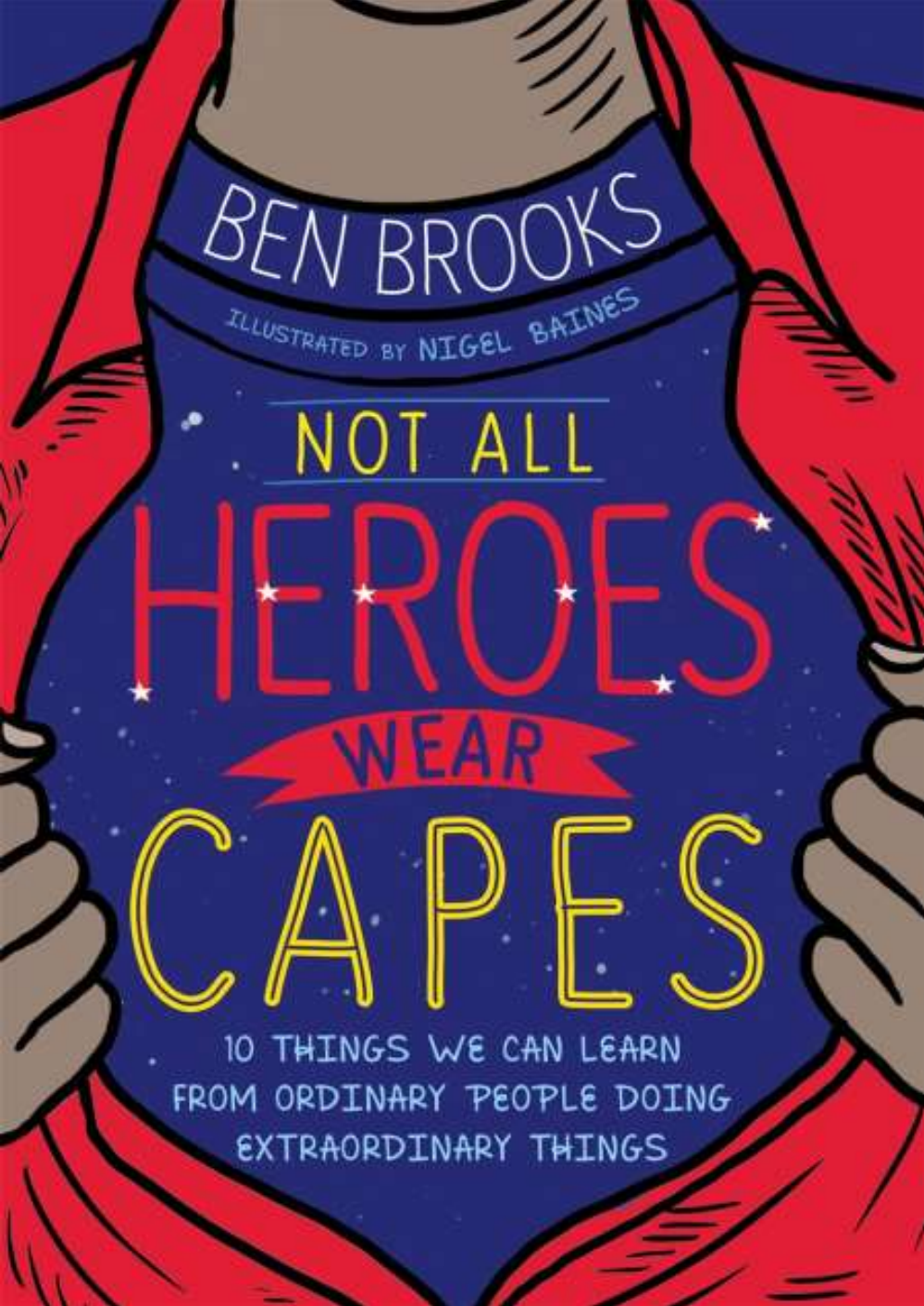
Jamie McFlair's favourite band got a slot performing on the country's biggest talent show, but it went wrong thanks to Barry Bigtime (in an 'incident' involving a chocolate milkshake and worn underpants – don't ask).

Barry is a music big shot, all round nasty man...and Jamie's Uncle. The next day, he launches his own massive new band and Jamie smells a rat. With the help of three trusty best friends – popular Daisy, no-nonsense Jenners, and timid Mel – Jamie vows to uncover Barry's dastardly plan.

But Jamie doesn't know about BARRY'S SECRET. A secret that is TERRIBLE and SHOCKING and VERY STRANGE. There's something hidden in Barry's basement – a machine that is the key to his musical success. But what happens when the boyband generator goes wrong? We'll give you a clue: it is NOT GOOD and THE ENTIRE WORLD is at risk. Can Jamie stop Barry Bigtime before it's too late?

- ISBN: 9781444956023
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 288

WREN & ROOK



NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPE

[Ben Brooks](#)

What do you think of when you hear the word 'hero'? Is it the wall-climbing, cape-wearing, villain-fighter you see in comics and films?

Heroes can actually come in **all** forms, shapes and sizes.

Some cook for the hungry. Some nurse the poorly back to health. Others raise money for important causes. From small acts of kindness to inventions that have saved the lives of hundreds of people, every person in this book has found their passion – or their superpower. No matter how big or small it might be, your power can be used to change the world for the better too.

So put away the cape, climb down from that wall and discover how ordinary people can still do extraordinary things and become heroes.

Written by Ben Brooks, the bestselling author of the Dare to Be Different books, and paired with vibrant comic-style illustrations throughout, this is the perfect guide for the budding superhero in your life!

ADDDDDDDDDDDDDDD

- ISBN: 9781526362896
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 160



What Is a Superhero?

'A HERO CAN BE ANYONE, EVEN A MAN DOING SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AND REASSURING AS PUTTING A COAT AROUND A YOUNG BOY'S SHOULDERS TO LET HIM KNOW THE WORLD HADN'T ENDED.'

- Batman

I want you to picture a hero. Who are you imagining? Someone who can fly? Turn invisible? Lift a car off someone with just their little finger? Someone in an uncomfortable-looking costume and an expensive-looking car?

Most people don't think they're heroes. In fact, even after people do incredibly brave things, they'll often say something like: 'I'm not a hero, I'm just an ordinary human being'.

This made me wonder what it actually means to be a 'hero'. Can an ordinary human be a hero too? Could I ever be a hero? What about you?

Before I wrote the book you're holding now, I wrote about the lives of three hundred different people for a series of books about individuals who dared to be different. Each person was chosen

because they did, said, sang or made something that improved the lives of those around them. Some of them made discoveries among the stars, some put their lives on the line for peace, some raised money for those less fortunate than themselves and others spread joy through music, literature or art.

To me, each of those people were heroes. Why? Well, I would define 'hero' like this:

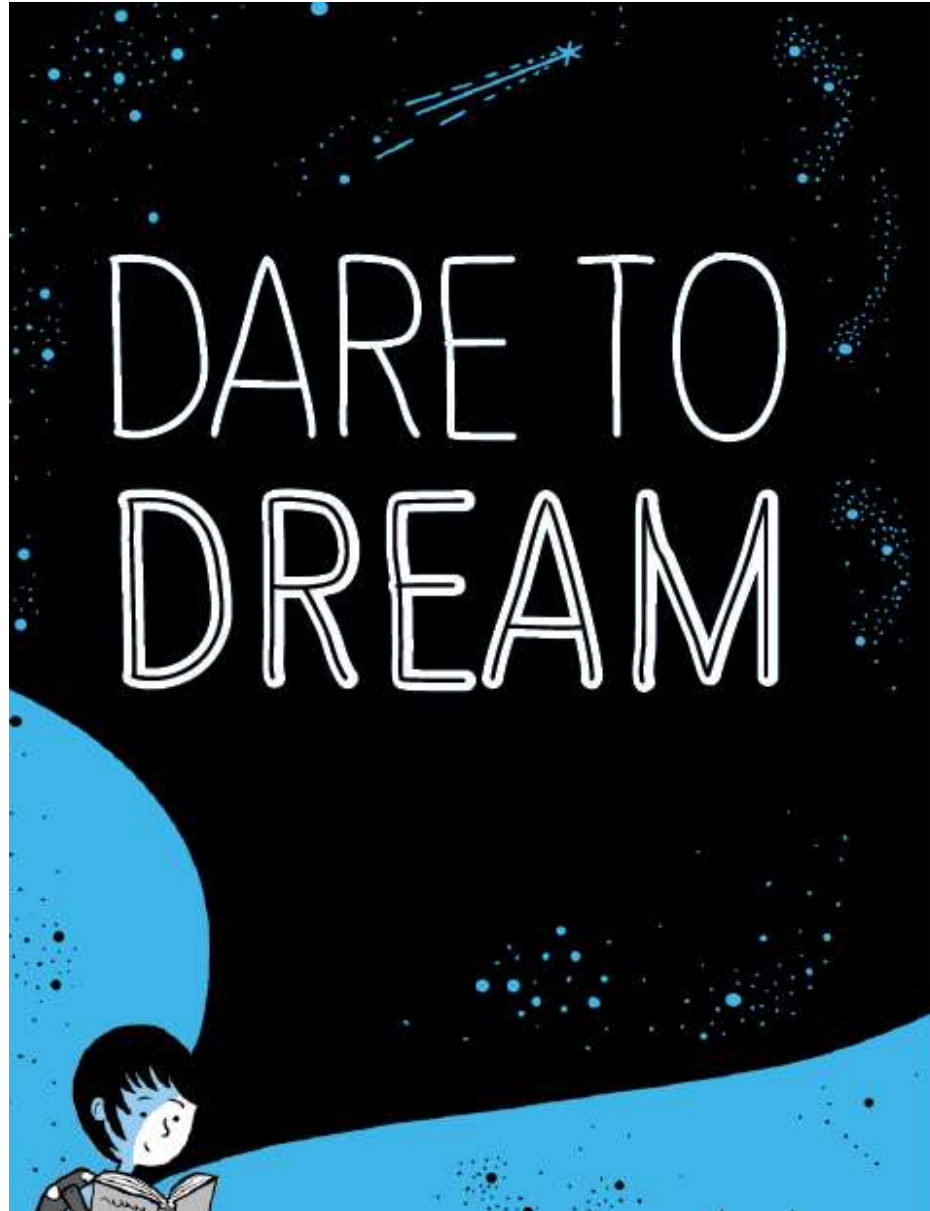


A HERO
is someone who
WANTS TO LIVE
in a better world
and decides
TO DO SOMETHING
about it.



That's the definition I believe to be true, at least. If you look 'hero' up in the dictionary, it might say something slightly different, but this isn't a dictionary, it's my book and I get to decide what it says. (It could say 'pizza is a vegetable' or 'headlice make good pets' if I wanted it to, though I'll try to keep things as close to the truth as possible.)

The cape-wearing superheroes in our films and comics still fit nicely into this definition: they want to make the world a better place and they all try to do something about it. Whether they were born



DARE TO DREAM



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'SHOOT FOR THE MOON, EVEN IF YOU
MISS, YOU'LL LAND AMONG THE STARS.'

- Norman Vincent Peale

When I was around half the size I am now, I spent most nights secretly reading under my duvet by the light of my phone. I'd found a book called *Heroes of Polar Exploration* at a jumble sale. The book told the stories of people venturing to the coldest places on earth and, quite often, dying in them. These early explorers battled to survive in treacherous lands as they tried to gather scientific data on forces never before encountered by humans. Their toes froze and fell off, they starved, they started to see things that weren't there and many spent years lost in the icy wilderness. I was obsessed.

Soon, I was reading all I could about Antarctica and the Arctic. I spent my free time drawing maps. I planned expeditions across ice shelves and learned the different parts of a ship. When I read that Ernest Shackleton survived a polar winter by eating his dogs, I asked myself whether I too would eat my dog if I became an explorer. (I decided I wouldn't and that I'd just try and remember to bring enough cheese and onion crisps to last the whole journey.)

Take the case of Ellen MacArthur, who found herself reading an entirely different kind of book to Joanne or me. Ellen's book was an adventure story called *Swallows and Amazons*.



¹ I'm not encouraging you to spend your lunch money on boats. You're probably human, so you definitely need food. If you want to raise money for a project you care about, try asking your parents for extra chores or looking for small bits of work like washing cars or delivering papers.



Of course, Joanne might not be the type of hero we see in films, but if leading an organisation that helps people in danger isn't heroic, then I'm not really sure what is.

Like me, Joanne found her dream between the covers of a book. But that's not the only place we can look for dreams. We can find them anywhere, which makes it important to look out for things that inspire us. Whenever I couldn't find something in my bedroom, my mum would say, 'It's not going to jump out and hit you in the face.' Unless I was looking for my sister, she was usually right. What also became clear was that the things I was looking for were never in the places I expected them to be. If they were, it wouldn't be so hard to find them.

Socks aren't hard to find when they're in the sock drawer. They're hard to find when they're in the fridge or the biscuit jar or the sweet tin that doesn't have sweets in it anymore, just old batteries and sticky coins.



DREAMS TOO
can often be found
IN THE PLACES
WHERE PEOPLE
least expect
TO FIND THEM.

They can leap out of books or films or songs or games you play with friends. They can arrive fully formed or they can grow slowly inside us, as we learn more and more about certain topics, places, people or events.

One friend of mine was ten years old when he went to the British Museum on a school trip and stumbled into the exhibit on Egyptians. He was instantly hooked. He's now an Egyptologist who spends a lot of time pottering around ancient tombs and trying to decipher messages that are over two thousand years old.

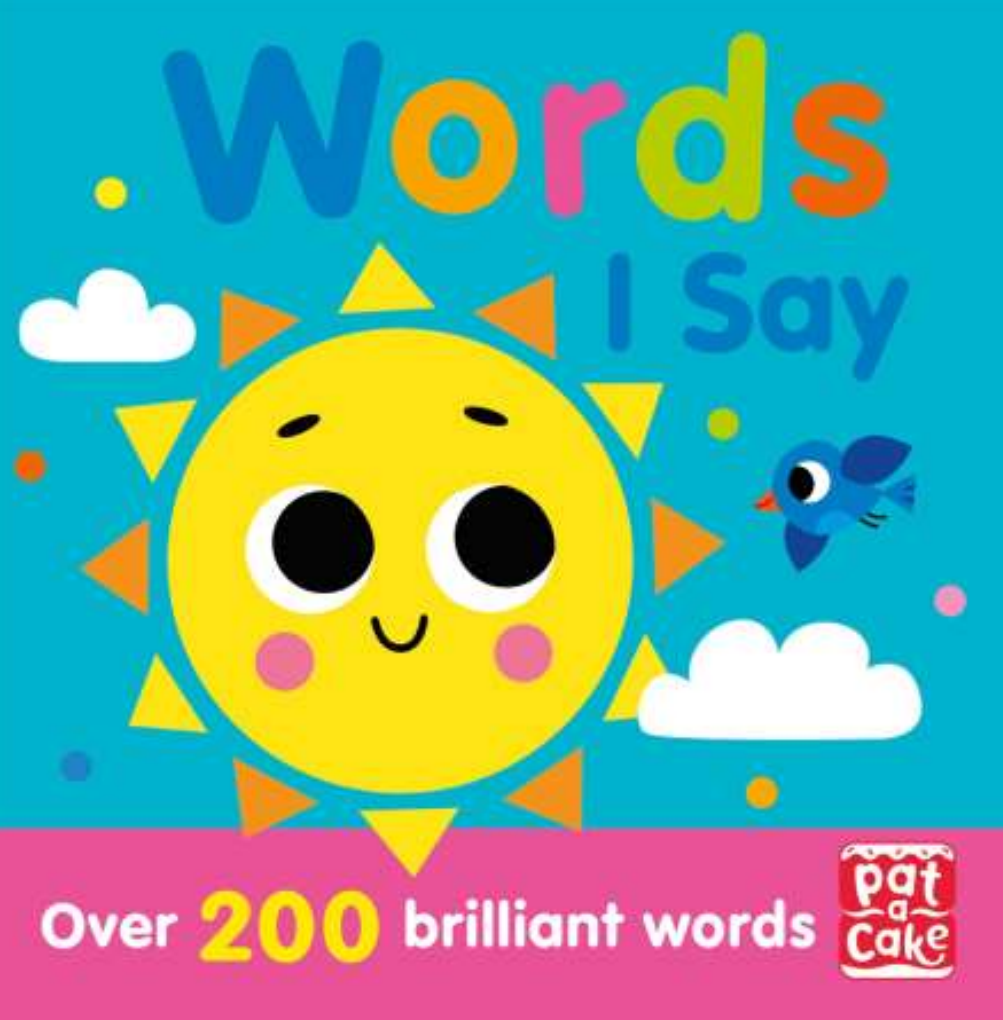
Another friend of mine was taken to the circus every year as a child but didn't take up juggling until he was thirty, after years spent being an accountant. Juggling was a dream that had been inside him since childhood, it just needed a little time to come out. And now he performs at festivals and fairs all over England. No one has to decide exactly what they want to do with their life while they're young.



YOU ALSO DON'T HAVE
TO EVER SETTLE
ON JUST ONE DREAM.

Dreams can grow
and change, as we do.

PATACAKE



TALKING TODDLERS: WORDS I SAY

[Pat-a-Cake](#)

Over 190 pages packed with important words and pictures, perfect for getting toddlers talking.

These little books have LOTS of pages featuring more than 200 words, sounds and bright pictures. They are great for supporting curious toddlers who are learning to speak and to recognize pictures. There's even a little flip character waving from the bottom of every page!

- ISBN: 9781526382610
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 192



TALKING TODDLERS: THINGS I DO

[Pat-a-Cake](#)

Over 190 pages packed with words and pictures, perfect for getting toddlers talking about all the things they do.

These little books have LOTS of pages featuring more than 200 words, sounds and bright pictures of key items, actions and emotions that are important to and for little ones. They are great for supporting curious toddlers who are learning to speak and to recognize pictures. There's even a little flip character waving from the bottom of every page!

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wake up



get dressed



brush my teeth



brush my hair



eat

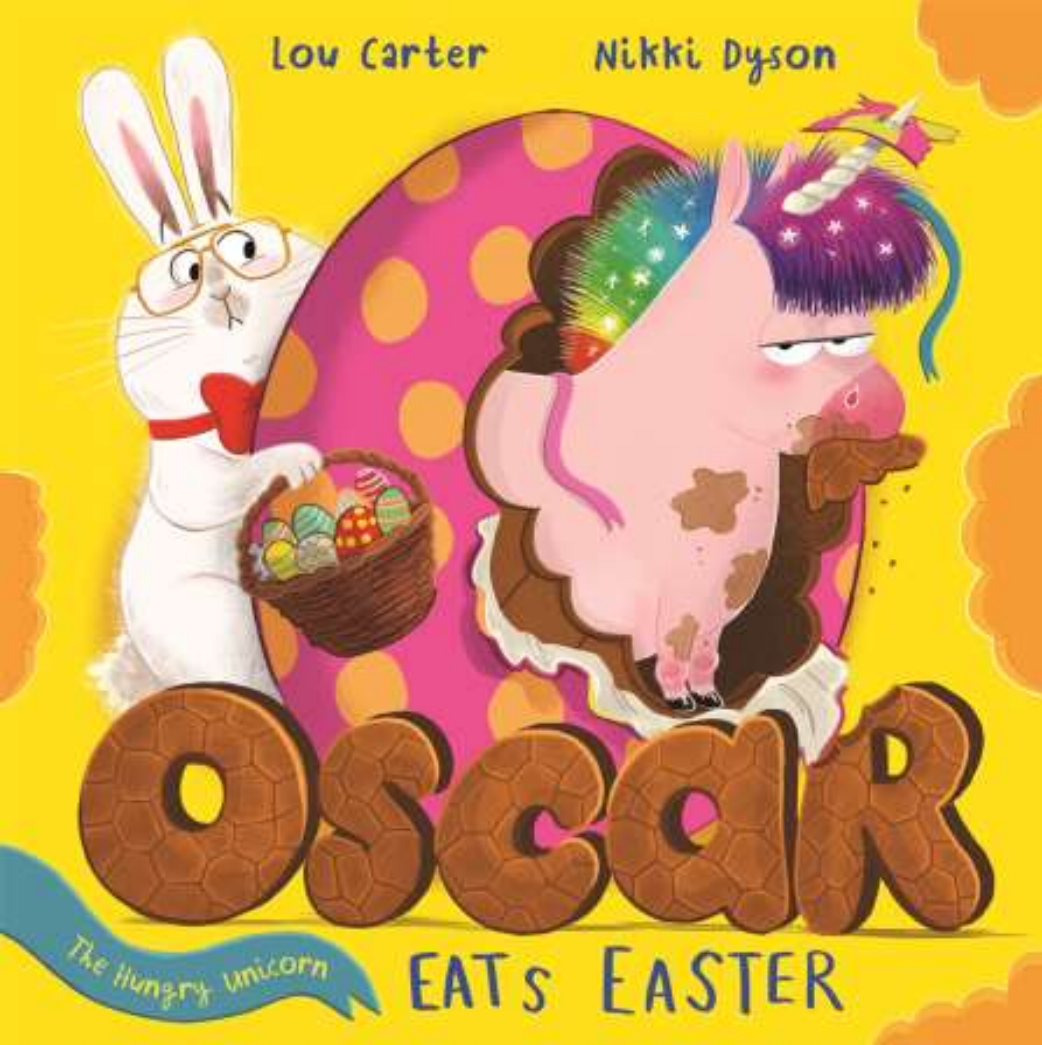


What a crunchy apple!

drink



Picture Books



OSCAR THE HUNGRY UNICORN EATS EASTER

[Lou Carter](#)

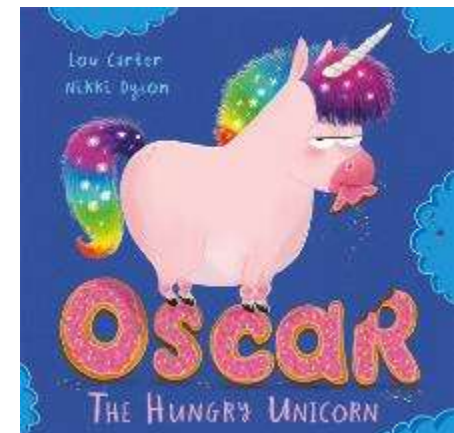
Illustrated by [Nikki Dyson](#)

Oscar the Hungry Unicorn returns to save Easter in this third hilarious Oscar adventure from Lou Carter, the best-selling author of *There Is No Dragon in This Story*.

It's Easter and the Easter Bunny has put together the most incredible, absolutely fantastic egg hunt. Everyone is excited, but uh-oh... Oscar the Unicorn is hungry!

Oscar has eaten the eggs, the baskets, the signs - in fact, he's eaten everything! The Easter Bunny is too tired to hide more eggs, so Oola and rest of the fairytale crew step in to help. But just as the great chocolate egg hunt is about to get underway, some silly pirates accidentally misplace the map to the hidden Easter treats. Can Oscar's keen sense of smell - and his unstoppable hunger - save Easter before it's too late?

- ISBN: 9781408359396
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32



It's Easter Day and Princess Oola is **SUPER
EXCITED** about the Easter Egg Hunt.



Oscar the Unicorn
loves Easter eggs **TOO**.

(NOT THE RIBBONS THOUGH. THEY GET STUCK IN HIS TEETH.)



The eggs are **VERY** well hidden.
Where has the Easter Bunny
put them all?



Free-Range FREDDY

Rachel Bright
Izzy Evans



FREE-RANGE FREDDY

[Rachel Bright](#)

Illustrated by [Izzy Evans](#)

A colourful new arrival turns the chicken coop upside-down in this delightfully funny rhyming picture book from Rachel Bright, multi-award-winning author of *The Lion Inside*.

A new egg is ready to hatch, and the chickens all think they know what to expect. But when Freddy bursts from his shell with a multi-coloured explosion, it's clear he's not like ANY other chick they know!

Join Free-Range Freddy as he turns the farmyard upside-down and shows the other hens just how *egg-citing* life can be if you only look at it a little differently . . .

A delightfully funny rhyming picture book about the importance of being true to oneself and embracing difference. Award-winning wordsmith Rachel Bright, creator of *The Lion Inside* and *The Koala Who Could*, pairs with wonderfully talented debut illustrator Isobel Evans, winner of the Carmelite Prize.

- ISBN: 9781408350072
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32



Once upon a chicken coop,
a mother hen called Peggy
Waddled up the chicken steps,
to lay a little egggy.



BUT a strange thing
started happening, a tiny bit at first . . .



The hens began to whisper,

"We suppose it
could be worse."



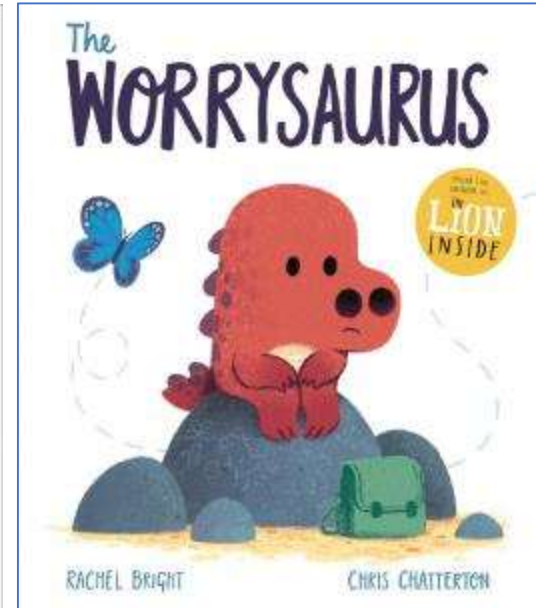
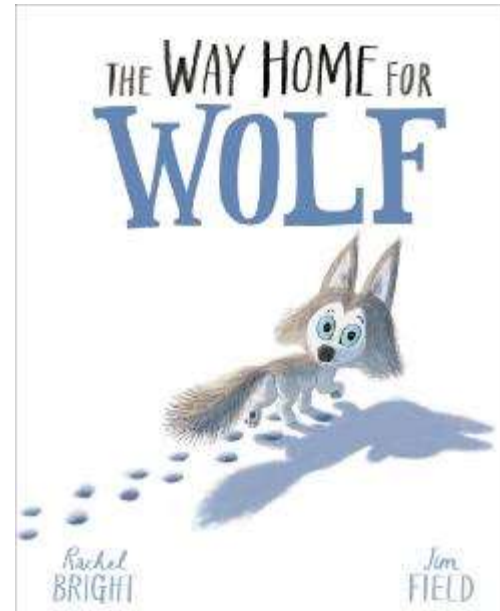
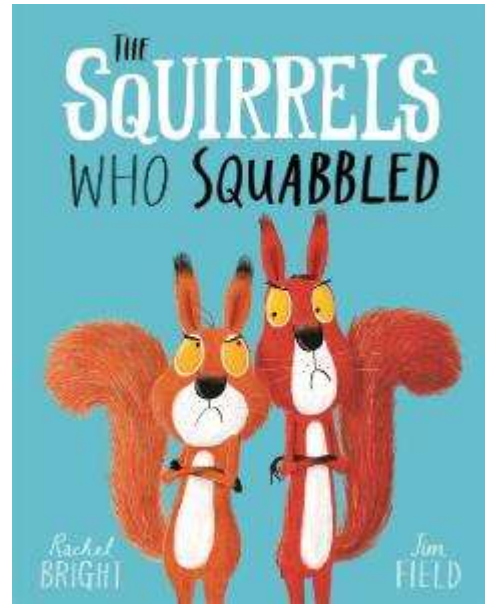
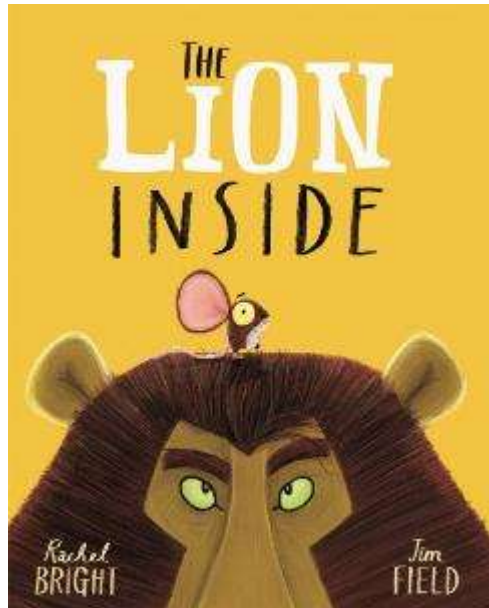
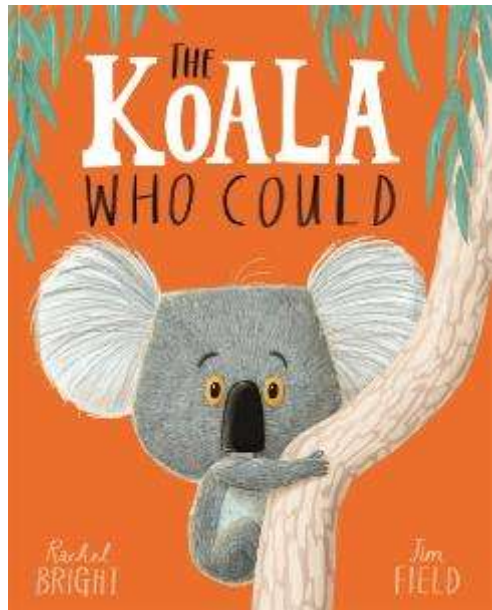
And the more he doodle-did his thing,
the more his sunshine spread . . .

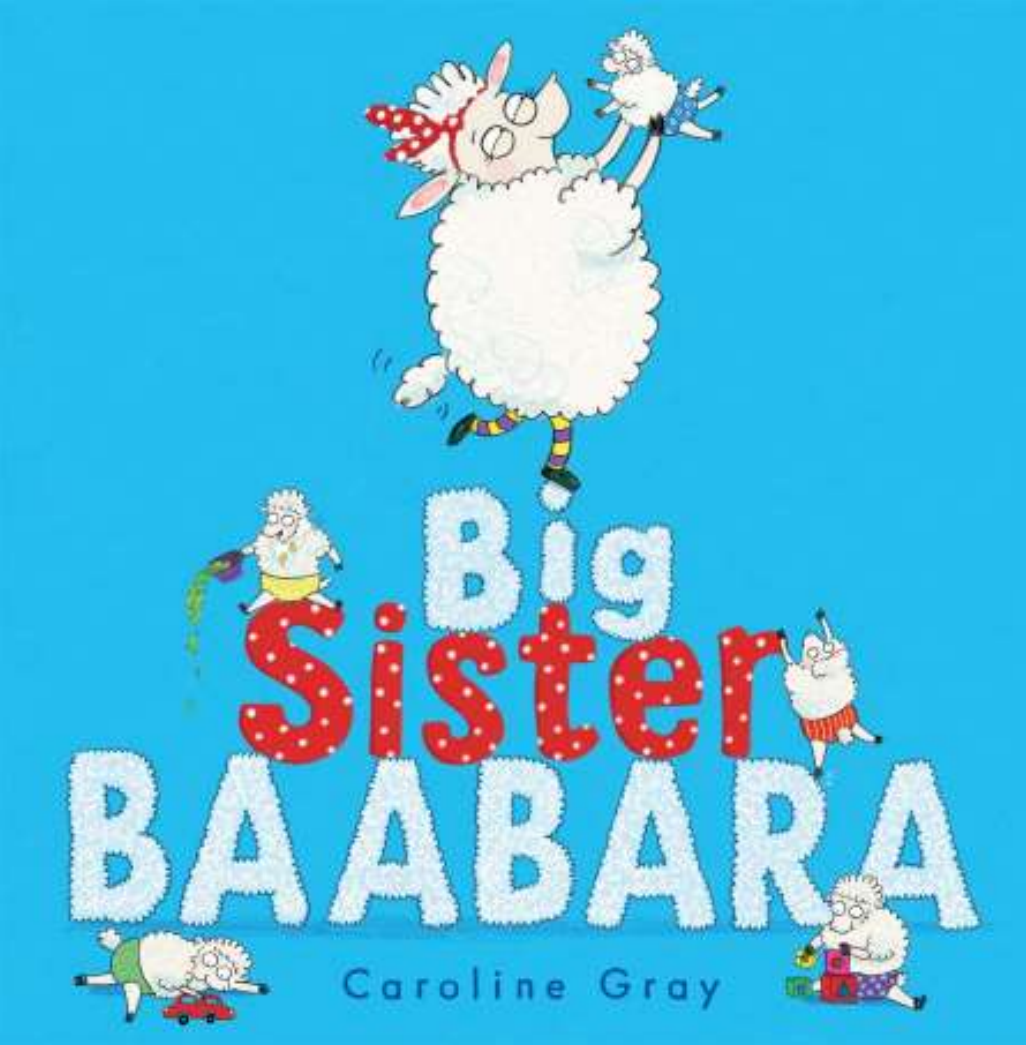


Yes, Praddy was one wild chick,
that's what those hens would say.
But we're ALL a little wild sometimes.
And guess what?

That's OK.

BACKLIST COVERS





BIG SISTER BAABARA

[Caroline Gray](#)

Baabara wants more than anything in the world to be a big sister...

Baabara Muttons has everything that a young sheep could wish for. But there's one thing she wants more than anything else in the world: to be a big sister to a *real-life actual baby!*

Well, sometimes wishes do come true. Will the reality of not one ... not two ... but *five* new baby brothers and sisters live up to Baabara's expectations?

A hilariously funny new baby story from a sparkling new picture book talent!

- ISBN: 9781444929492
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32

In the quiet village of Chew-upon-Cud, there lived a sweet little lamb by the name of Baabara Muttons.



Baabara had everything a young sheep could wish for: grown-ups to take care of her, lots of nice things to eat and a cuddly cow called Loula Belle.

There was just ONE thing missing from Baabara's life. More than anything in the world, she wanted to be . . .

A BIG SISTER

(to an actual, real-life baby).



I would LOVE it



and SQUEEZE it



and we'd be the bestest friends in
the Whole Wide World, thought Barbara.

Well, sometimes wishes
really do come true.



A baby was
on the way!

As the months
went by,
Baabara's
excitement
grew . . .



. . . and grew!



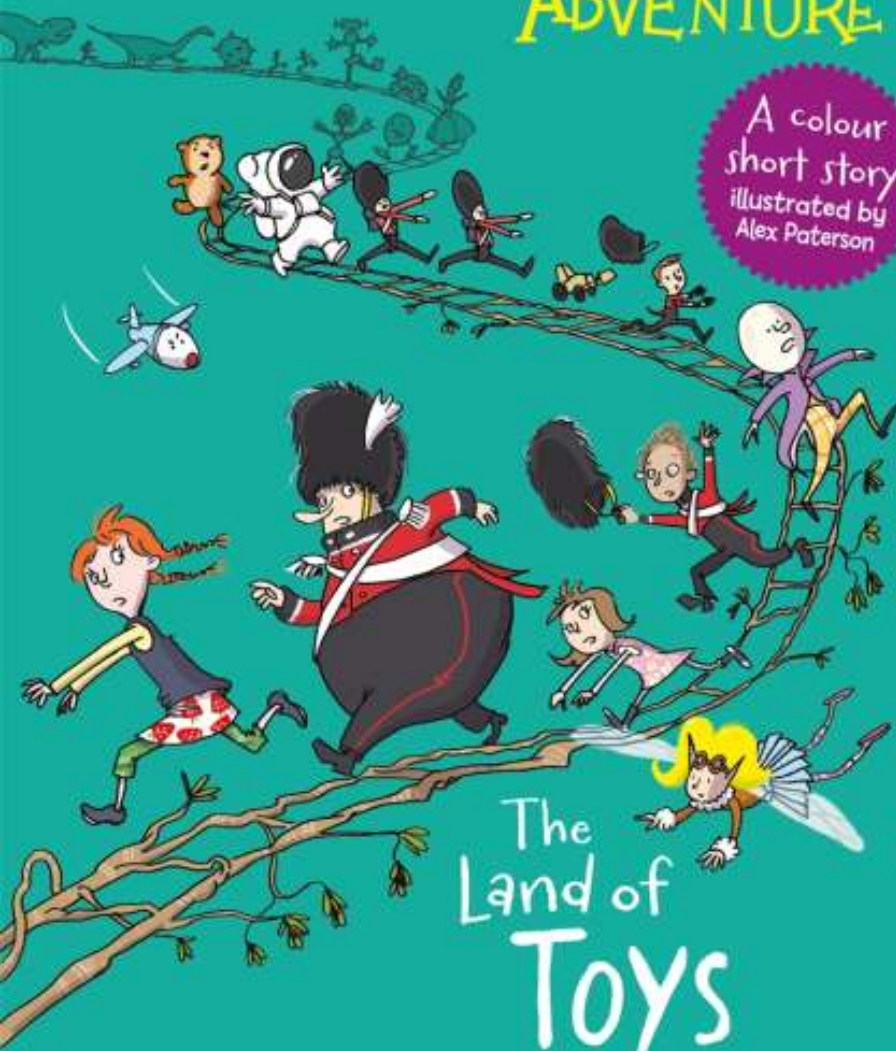
Until, at last, the big day came . . .



Illustrated & Young Fiction

Enid Blyton

A FARAWAY TREE ADVENTURE



A colour short story illustrated by Alex Paterson

A FARAWAY TREE ADVENTURE: THE LAND OF TOYS

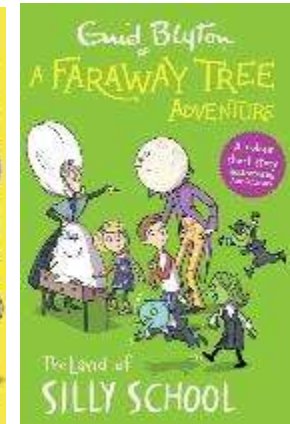
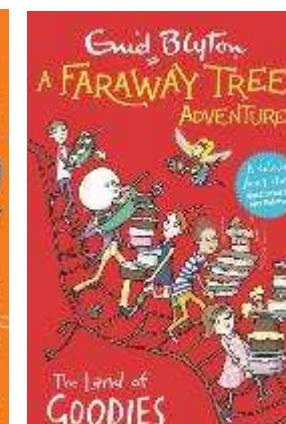
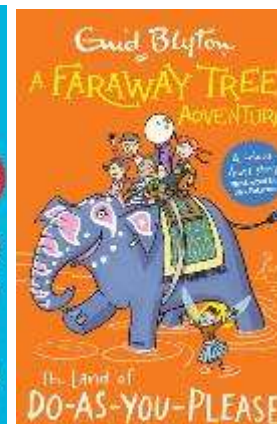
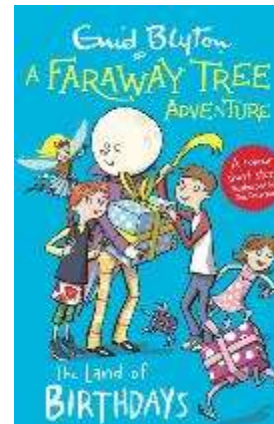
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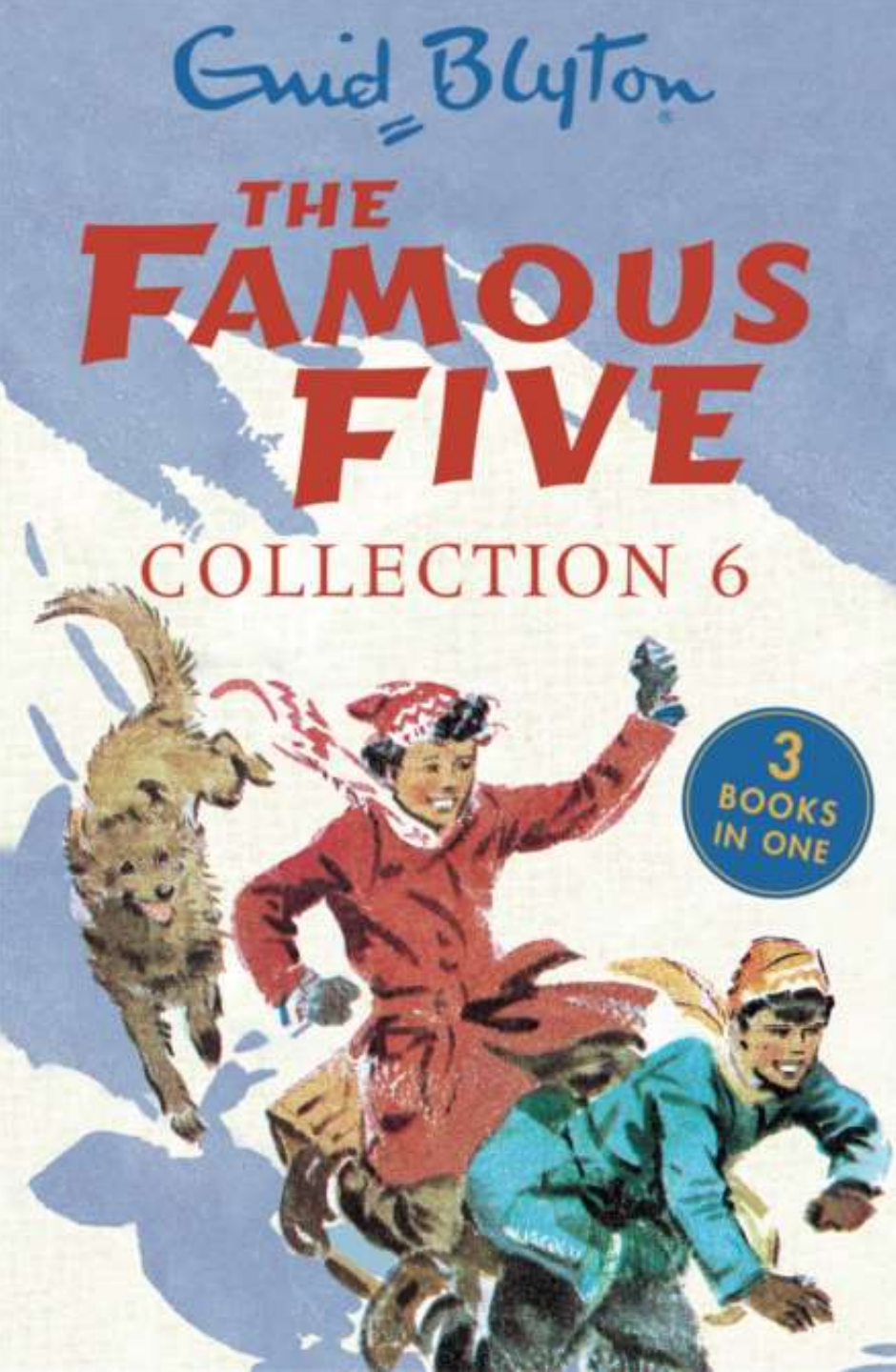
A full-colour short story taken from the world of the Magic Faraway Tree. Perfect for new readers. Discover the magic!

Joe, Beth, Frannie and cousin Rick go up the Faraway Tree for another fantastical adventure! This time, they reach the Land of Toys, where teddy bears, dolls and clockwork toys run around all day long. Poor Saucepan-Man gets thrown in prison by some toy soldiers and the children must rescue him before it's too late...

The stories about the Magic Faraway Tree have been entertaining children for more than 80 years. Now these colour short stories offer a great way for young new readers to discover the adventures of Silky, Moon-Face, the Saucepan Man and all of their friends in the Enchanted Wood.

- ISBN: 9781444959901
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 80





THE FAMOUS FIVE COLLECTION 6

[Enid Blyton](#)

Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog find excitement and adventure wherever they go in Enid Blyton's most popular series, The Famous Five. This new collection contains three fantastic books in one volume. Join the adventure!

Five Go to Billycock Hill (Book 16)

The five are excited to befriend a pilot on holiday. But when he disappears with top-secret equipment, they begin to wonder if he could be a spy . . .

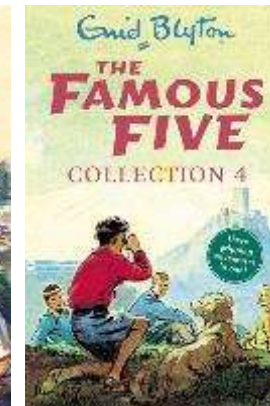
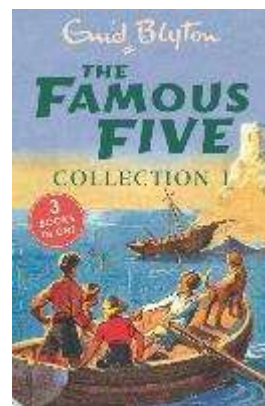
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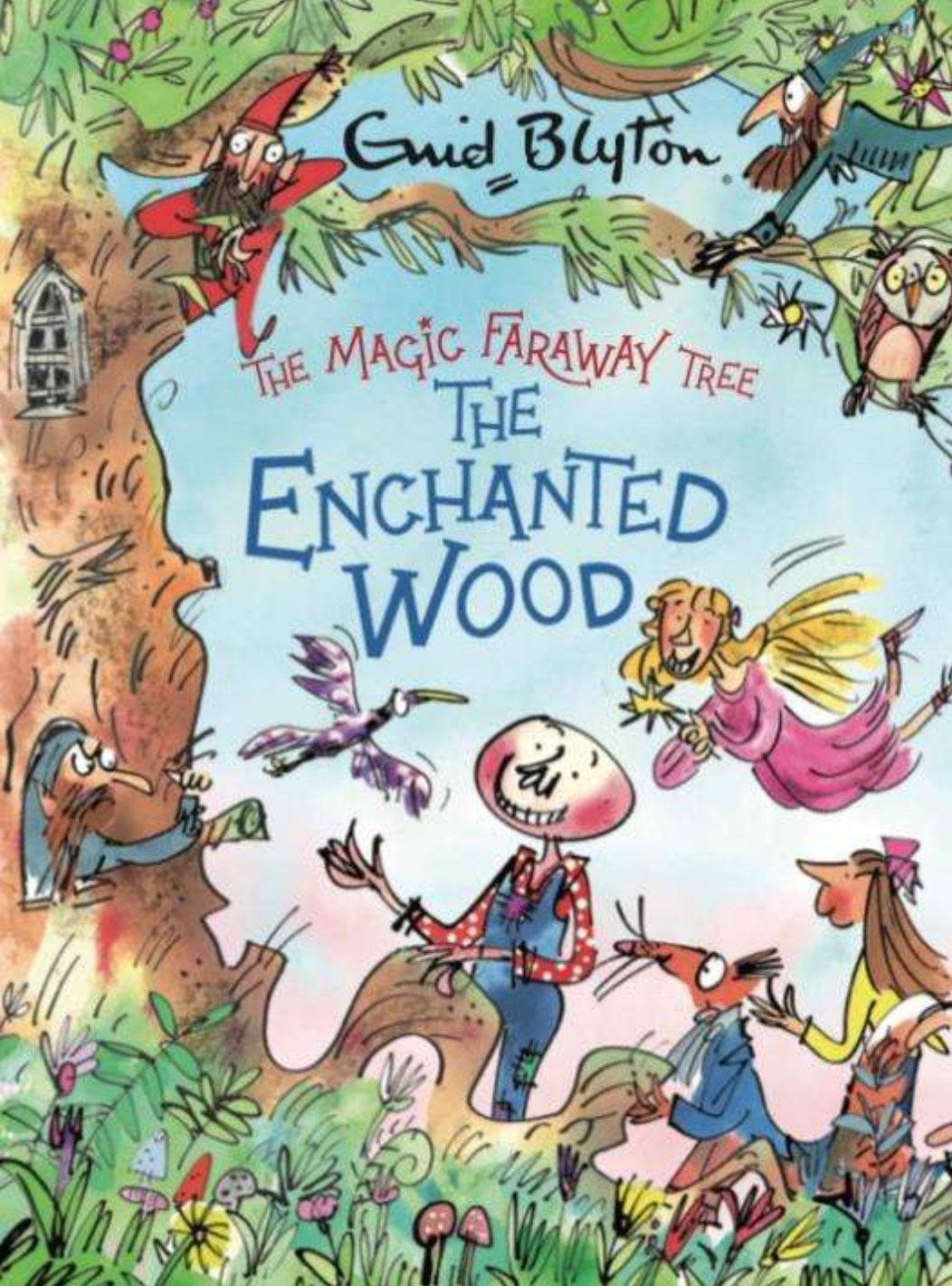
On a wonderful skiing holiday, the Five spot a seemingly deserted house. But why do they then see a face in the window? And why does it look so terrified?

Five on Finniston Farm (Book 18)

When they hear that the farm where they're staying has hidden dungeons, the Five can't resist seeking them out. Could they be hiding a dark secret?

- ISBN: 9781444958188
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 592





THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE: THE ENCHANTED WOOD DELUXE EDITION

[Enid Blyton](#)

Illustrated by Mark Beech

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A beautiful full-colour illustrated hardback edition of this much-loved classic. Discover the magic!

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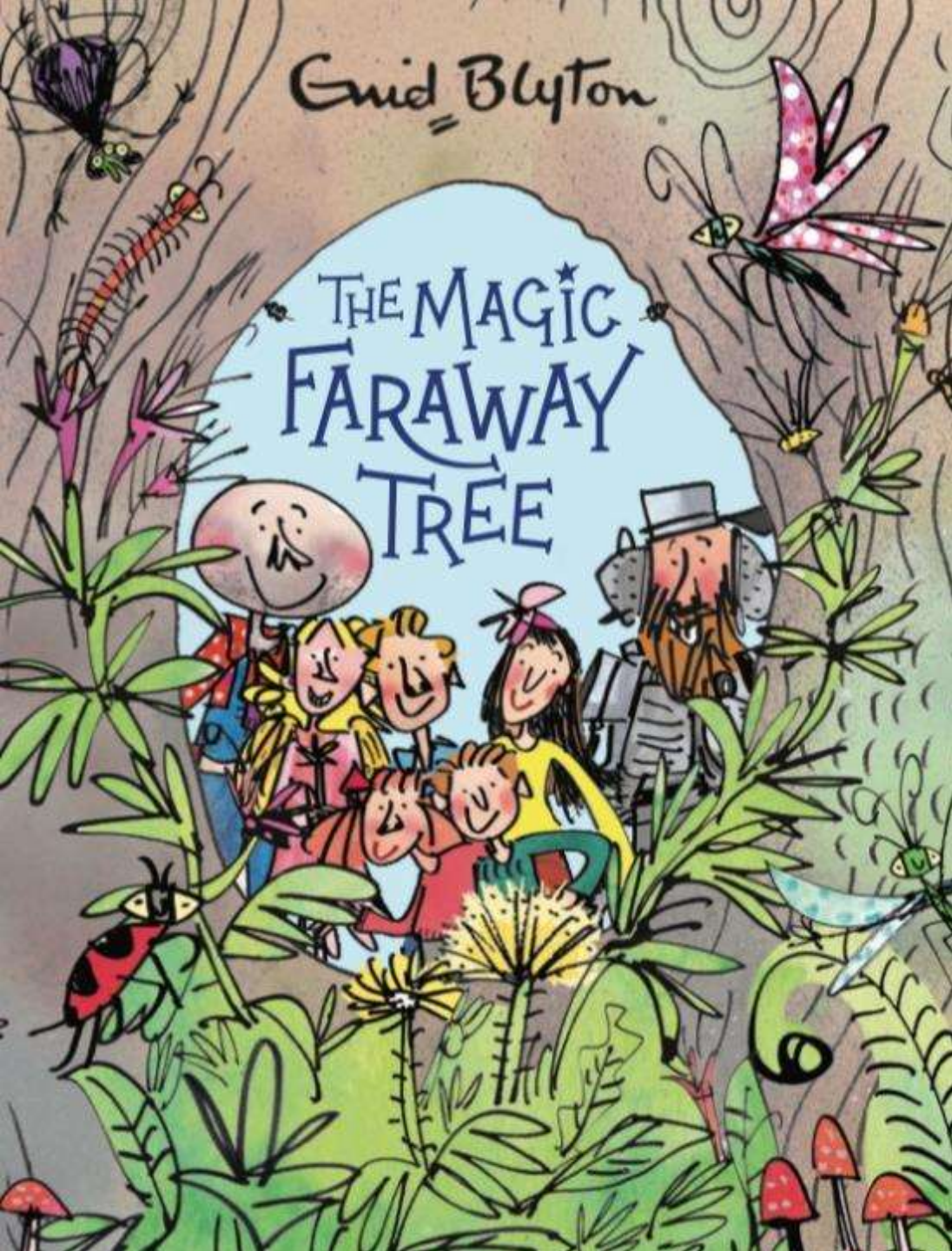
The first story in the *Magic Faraway Tree* series by one of the world's most popular children's authors, Enid Blyton.

Joe, Beth and Frannie find the Enchanted Wood on the doorstep of their new home, and when they discover the Faraway Tree it is the start of a wonderful series of magical adventures.

Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Spells, the Land of Treats, or the Land of Do-As-You-Please?

This is the perfect story for bedtime and shared reading for young children. Discover the magic!

- ISBN: 9781444959536
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 208



THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE: THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE DELUXE EDITION: BOOK 2

[Enid Blyton](#)

Illustrated by Mark Beech

Keynote

A beautiful full-colour illustrated gift hardback of this much-loved children's classic

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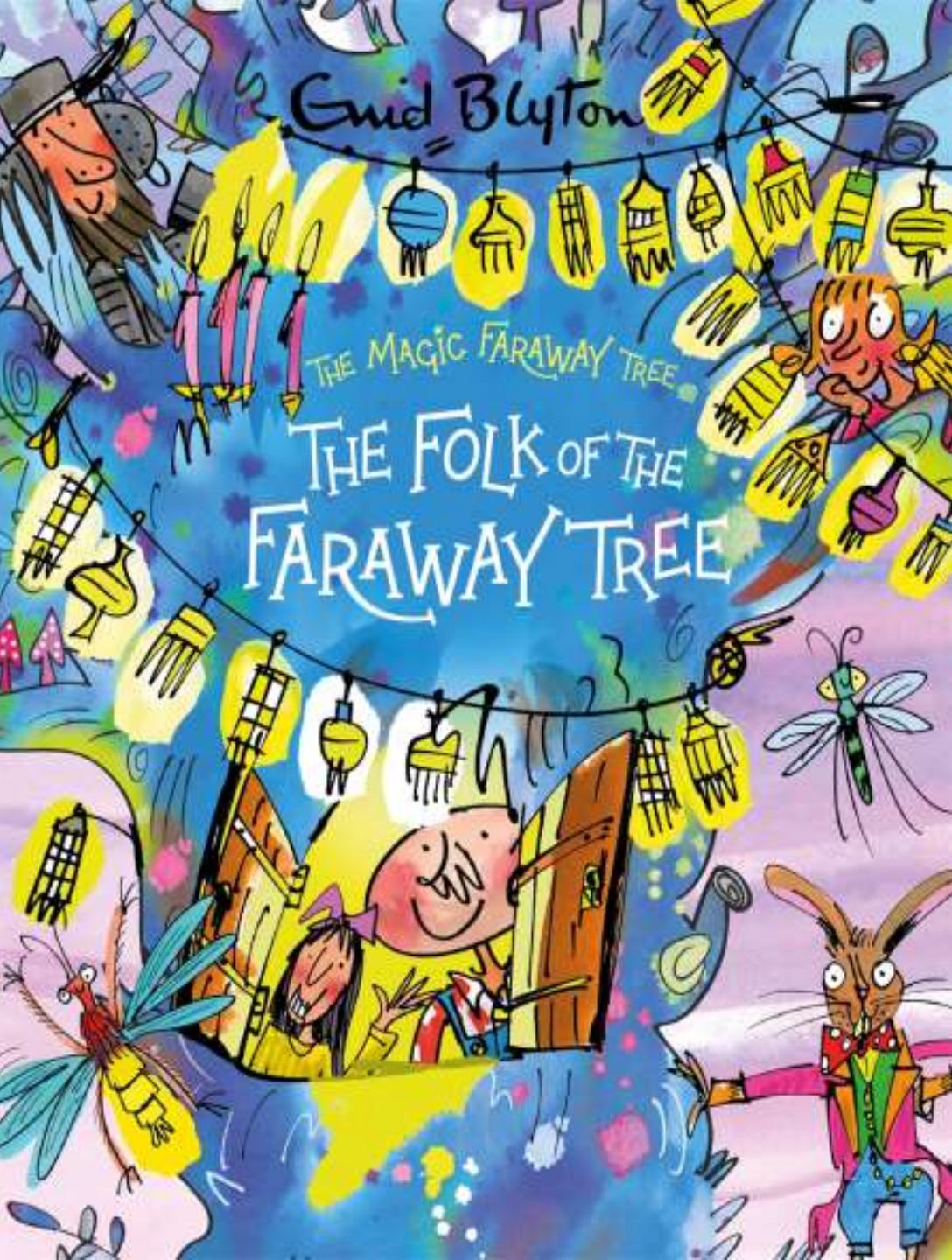
The second book in the Magic Faraway Tree series by one of the world's most popular children's authors, Enid Blyton.

Joe, Beth and Frannie's cousin Rick comes to stay, reluctant at first to share in their adventures at the top of the Faraway Tree.

But once Rick meets Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy and experiences the wonders of the Faraway Tree he is as enchanted as his cousins. Together they travel to the Land of Dreams, where all is not as cosy as they expect, and into the Land of Topsy-Turvy where it's not just their expectations that are turned upside down!

A perfect book to share at bedtime or any time - discover the magic!

- ISBN: 9781444959543
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 208



THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE: THE FOLK OF THE FARAWAY TREE DELUXE EDITION 03

[Enid Blyton](#)

Illustrated by Mark Beech

The third book in the magical Faraway Tree series by one of the world's most popular children's authors, Enid Blyton.

The mischievous Connie comes to enjoy a few days with Joe, Beth and Frannie while her mother is sick. Connie refuses to believe in the Faraway Tree or the magical folk who live in it, even when the Angry Pixie throws ink at her!

Join the children and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Secrets, the Land of Enchantments, or the Land of Know-Alls?

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THE MYSTERY SERIES

A brilliant mystery series from bestselling author Enid Blyton, perfect for fans of *The Secret Seven*.

Previously published as The Find-Outers.

First published in 1943, these editions are unillustrated.

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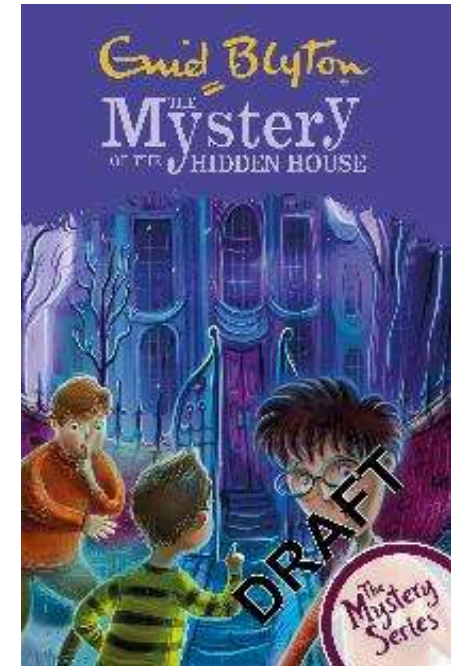
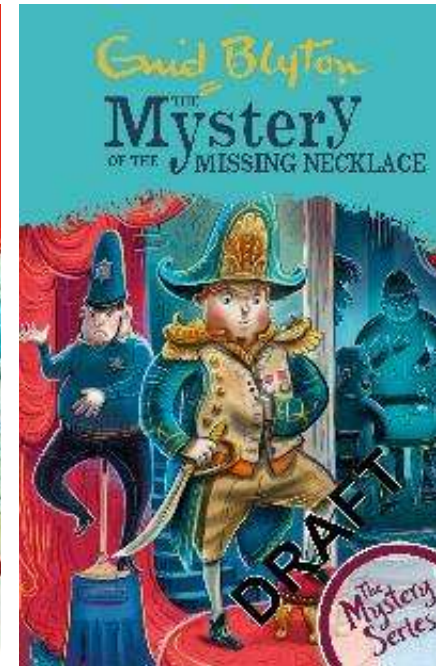
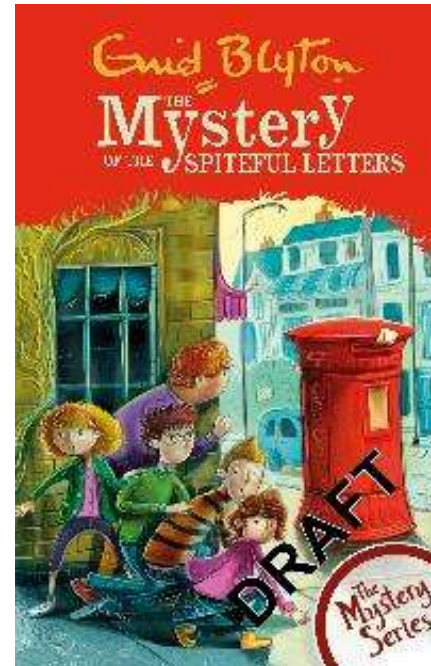
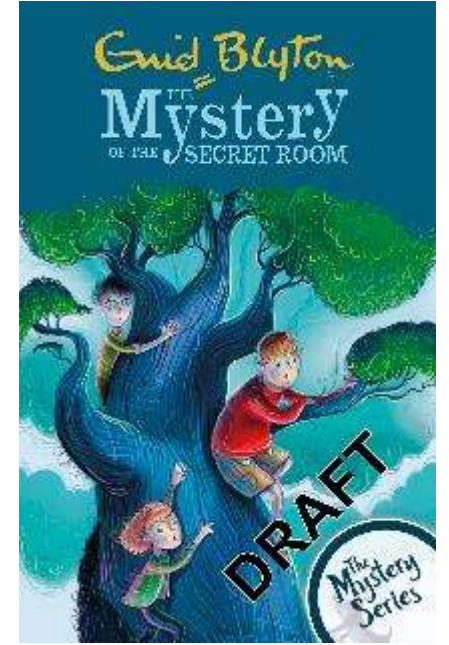
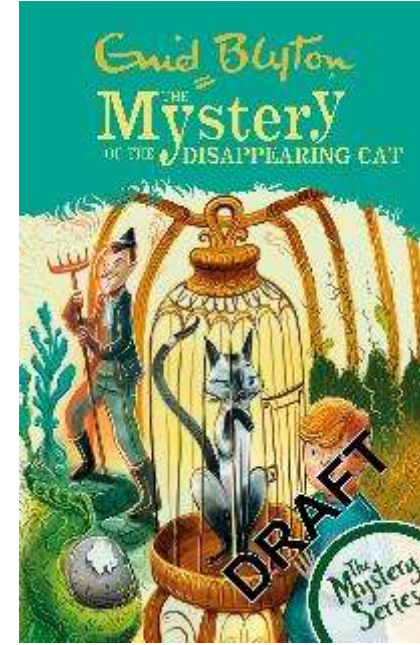
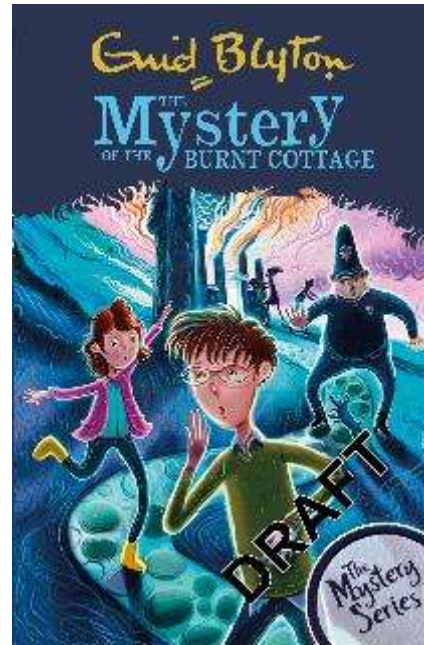
Someone has set fire to Mr. Hick's cottage, but who could it be? Fatty, Larry, Daisy, Pip, Bets and Buster the dog have their very first case to solve. But it's not easy being detectives with policeman Mr. Goon telling them to "clear orf". The Find-Outers are determined - they have to solve the mystery before Mr Goon does!

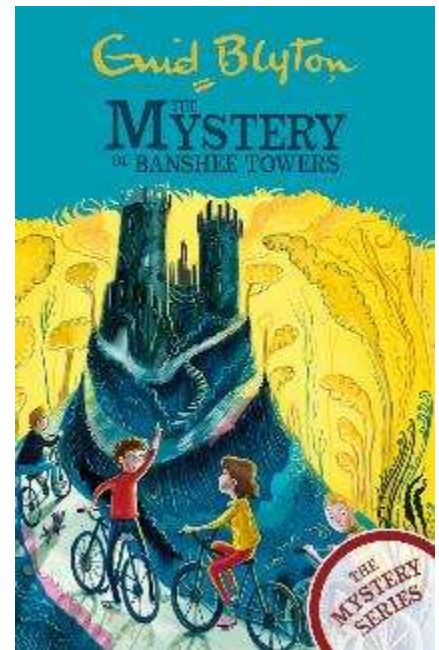
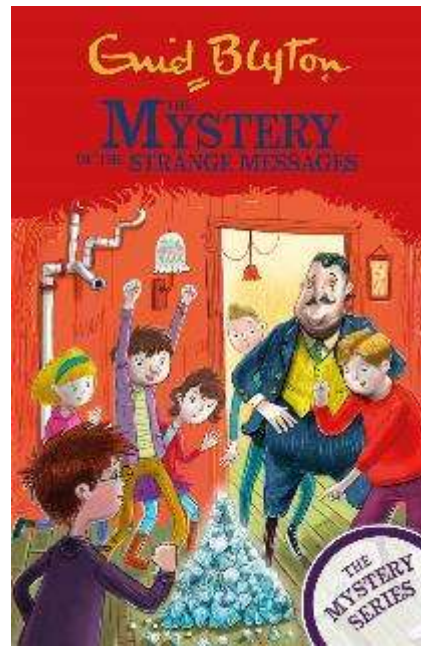
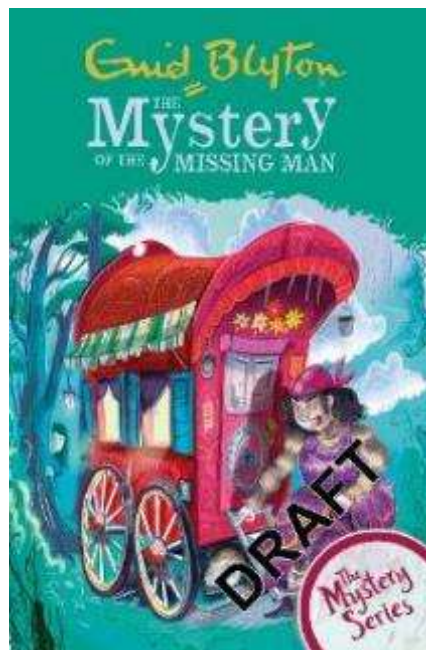
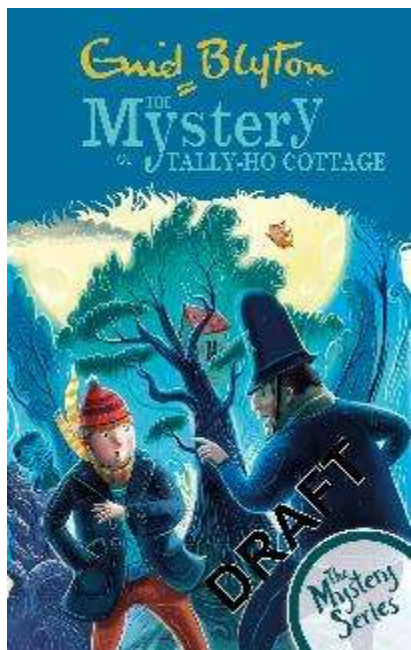
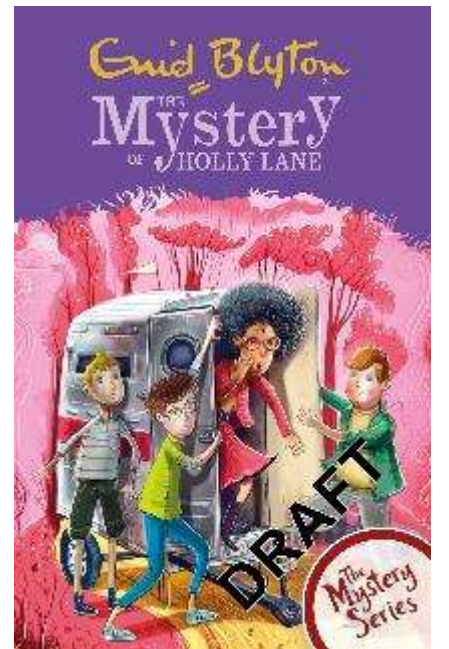
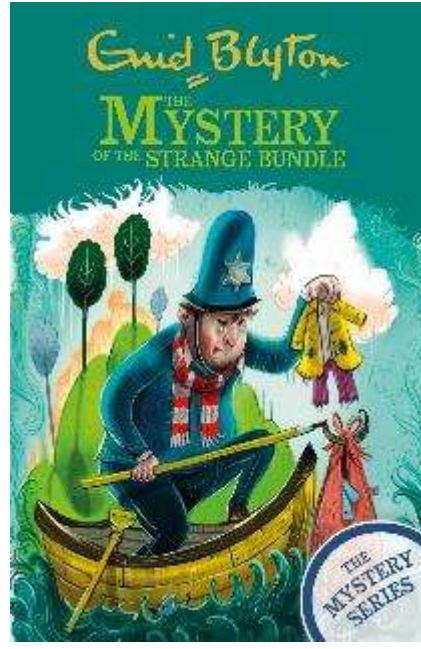
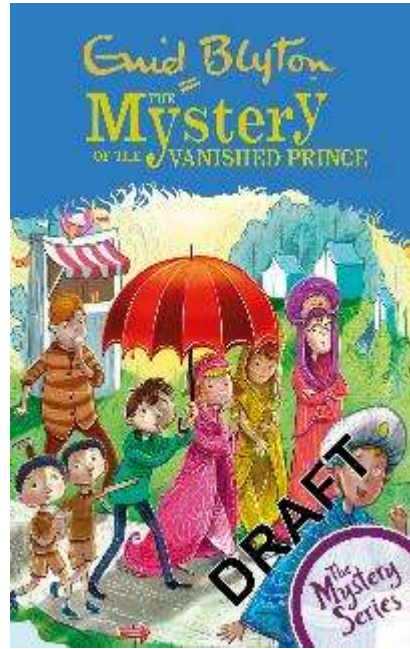
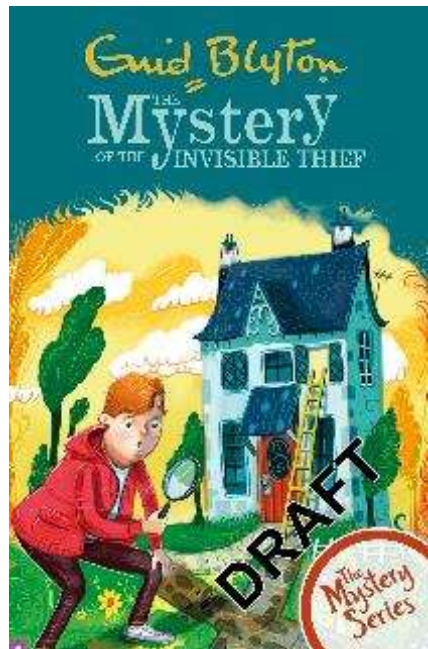
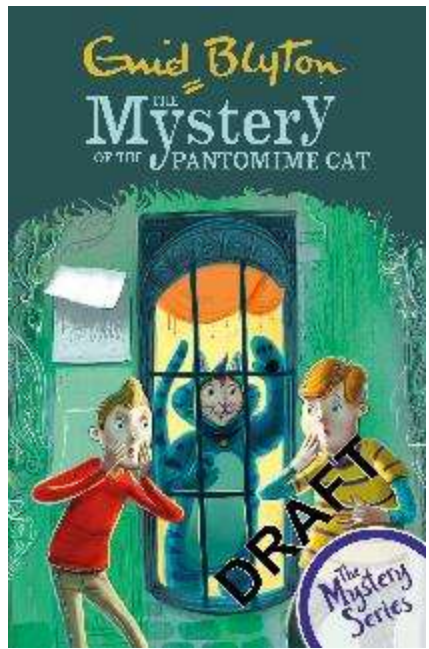
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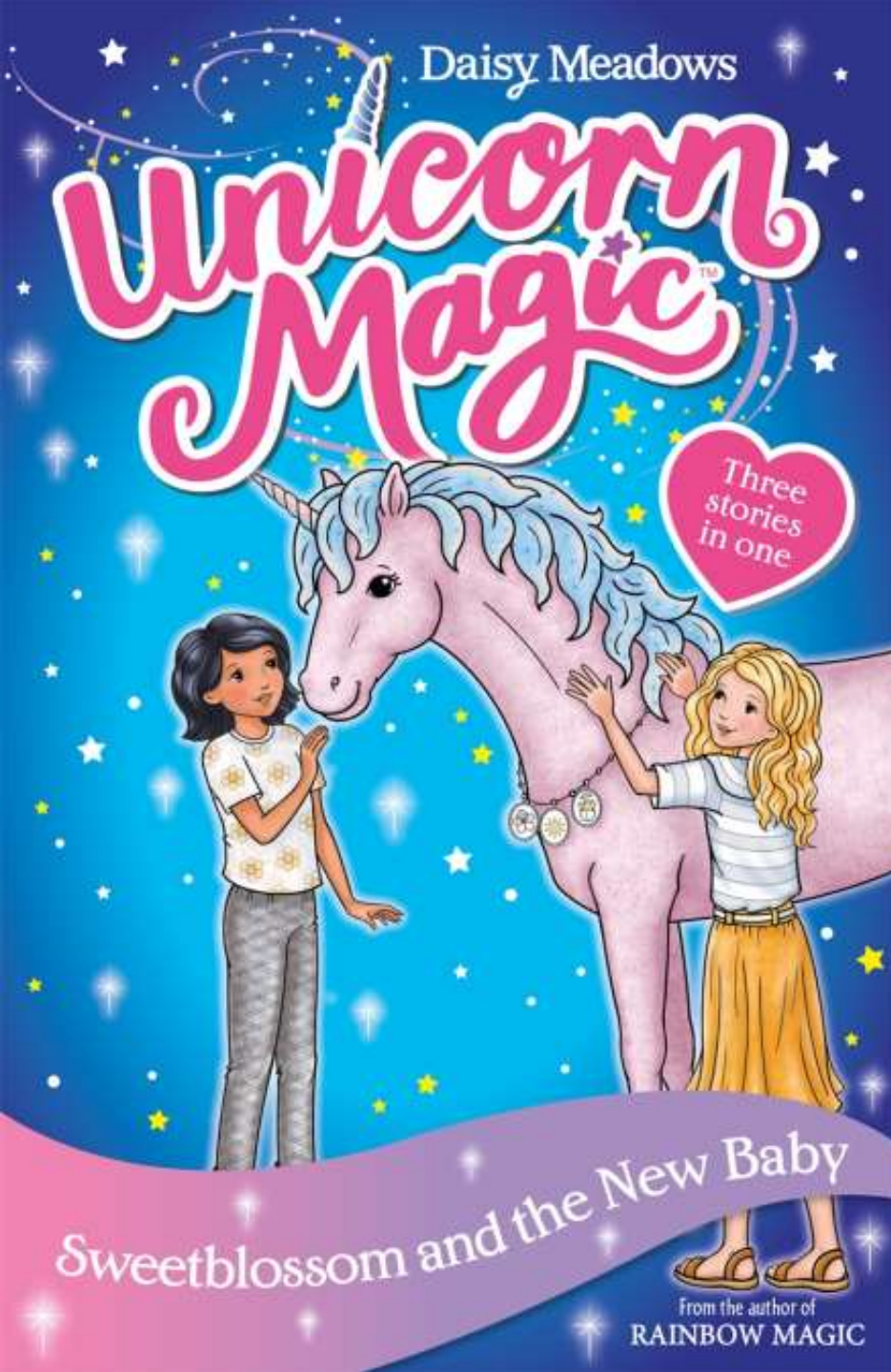
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UNICORN MAGIC: SWEETBLOSSOM AND THE NEW BABY

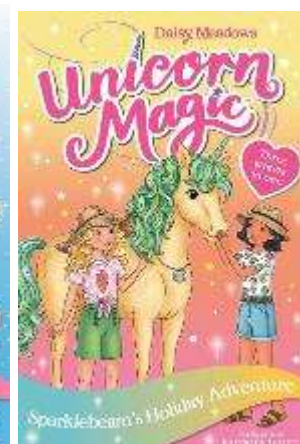
[Daisy Meadows](#)

A secret world full of magic, unicorns and friendship! The brand-new series from the bestselling Daisy Meadows, author of RAINBOW MAGIC and MAGIC ANIMAL FRIENDS, and the most-borrowed author in UK libraries.

Join best friends Emily and Aisha for a springtime adventure in a secret world full of unicorns, magic and friendship! Journey with them to the wonderful land of Enchanted Valley, where the beautiful Queen Aurora rules kindly over the unicorns and all other magical creatures.

The girls are thrilled to find themselves on a new adventure in Enchanted Valley. Everyone is looking forward to springtime, but the creatures' traditional Springtime Beginning celebration is put at risk when the wicked unicorn Selena steals the magical springtime lockets. Now the sun won't be strong enough to lengthen the days, plants and flowers won't grow properly and – worst of all – no new animal babies will be born. Can Emily and Aisha, together with their unicorn friends, find the stolen lockets and stop Selena's horrible plan?

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RAINBOW MAGIC: JUDE THE LIBRARIAN FAIRY

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Rachel and Kirsty must help Jude the Librarian Fairy to find her magical objects before chaos takes over libraries everywhere!

Jude the Librarian Fairy looks after readers in both the fairy and human worlds. But when Jack Frost steals her lucky library stamp, radiant reading glasses and brilliant bookmark, it spells trouble for libraries everywhere! Can Rachel and Kirsty help defeat him, before the magic of reading is ruined?

‘These stories are magic; they turn children into readers!’ ReadingZone.com

If you like Rainbow Magic, check out Daisy Meadows’ other series: Magic Animal Friends and Unicorn Magic!

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BRIDESMAIDS CLUB: FAIRYTALE WEDDING WISH

[Posy Diamond](#)

You are invited to join in the wedding fun with Sophie, Shanti, Cora and Emily! Cora's dad is getting married but wishes that the bride wasn't her wicked stepmum-to-be . . .

Cora gets to be a bridesmaid at a fairy tale-themed wedding in a castle. Unfortunately, the venue isn't the only fairy tale thing about the wedding – the bride also happens to be her “wicked stepmother”, Horrible Helena. Cora is finding it hard getting used to being part of a blended family and sharing her dad. And she's worried that it will hurt her mum's feelings if she gets close to her stepmother. Can her Bridesmaid Club friends help Cora to realize that two families means twice the love?

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BRIDESMAIDS CLUB: WEDDING DAY DRAMA

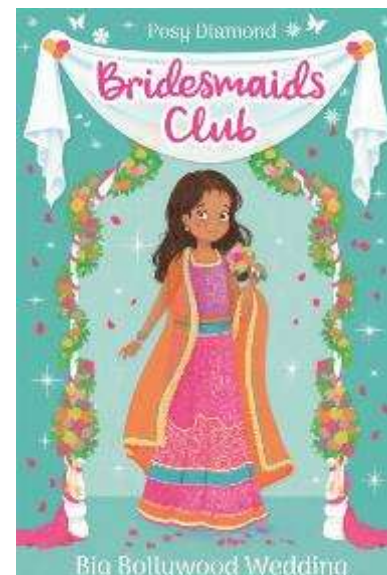
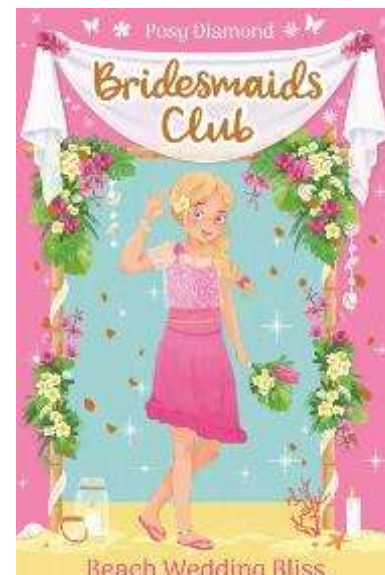
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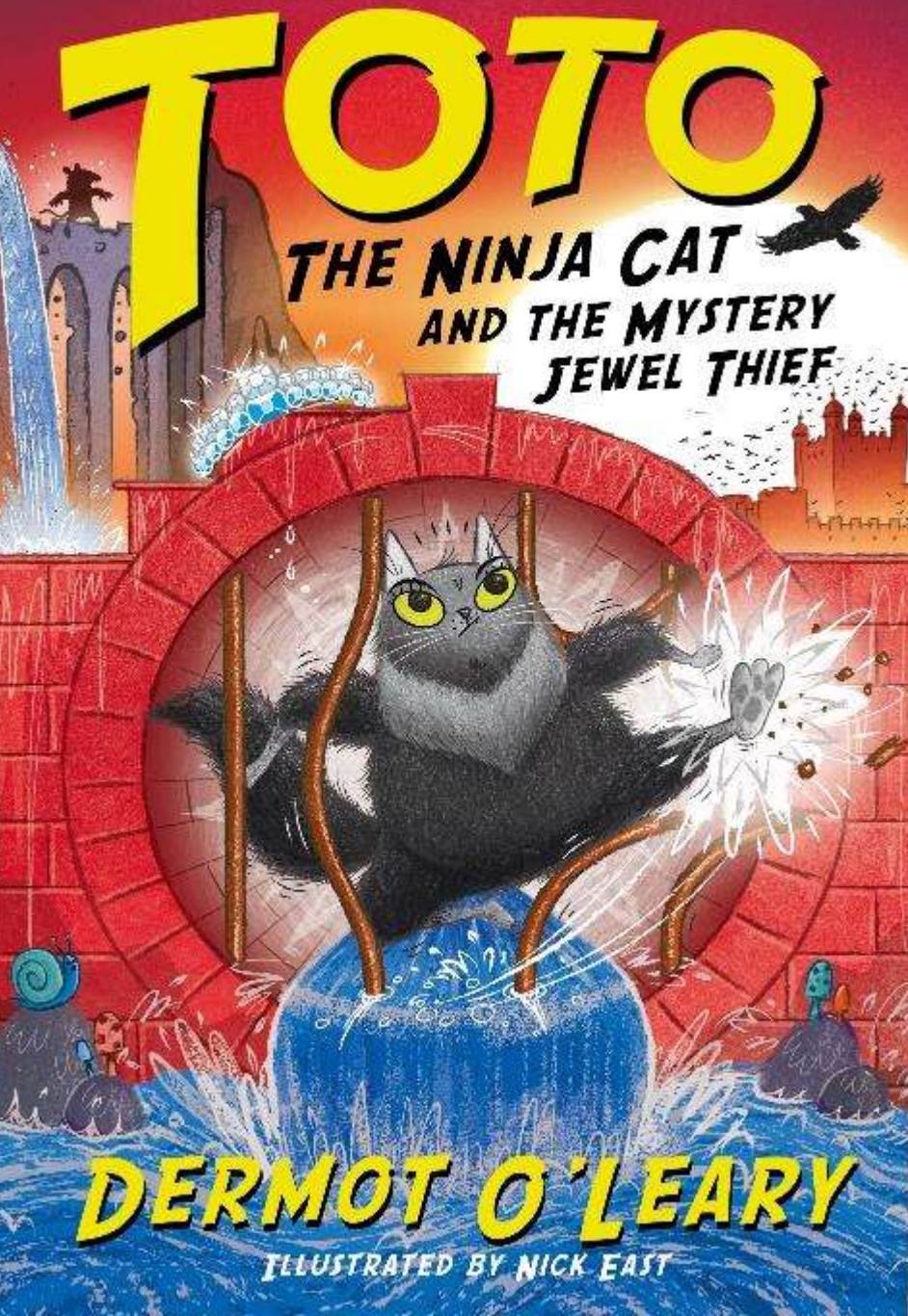
You are invited to join in the wedding fun with Sophie, Shanti, Cora and Emily! It's Emily's chance to shine – she's starring in the school play, AND her uncle's wedding!

Emily has so much to look forward to! She and her Bridesmaids Club friends have all been cast in the school play – and her Uncle Josh is getting married to their drama teacher! But there's drama of the wrong kind when the wedding venue is flooded. Will the wedding need to be cancelled?

The Bridesmaids Club girls know that the show – and the wedding! – must go on! They'll just have to improvise . . .

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- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 192





TOTO THE NINJA CAT AND THE MYSTERY JEWEL THIEF

[Dermot O'Leary](#)

Toto is no ordinary cat, and she can't wait for you to join her on her **FOURTH** ninja adventure! From one of the UK's best-loved broadcasters, purrfect for fans of *The Aristocats*, *The Secret Life of Pets* and *Atticus Claw Breaks the Law*.

Toto and her friends are due to be looking after the French ambassador on a day of sightseeing, finishing at the Tower of London to see the animal world's crown jewels: a sacred diamond cat collar.

But when they arrive, the collar has disappeared - and what's worse, it looks like Toto is responsible! Toto is almost arrested, but she escapes to try and get to the bottom of the mystery and clear her name.

She and her friends will have to follow some strange clues that will take them to a secret bookshop, Buckingham Palace and the rats' underground city in the sewers... Can they defeat an unexpected villain and bring the thief to justice?

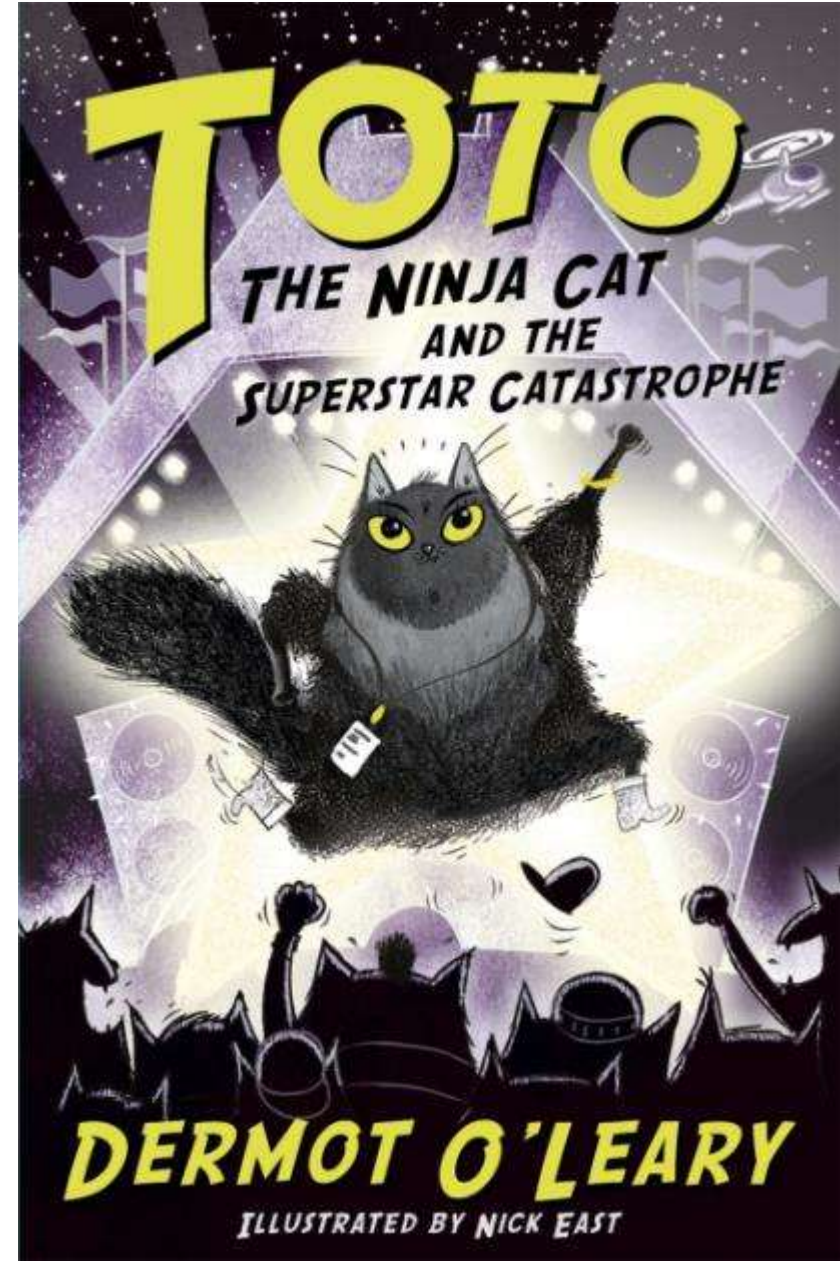
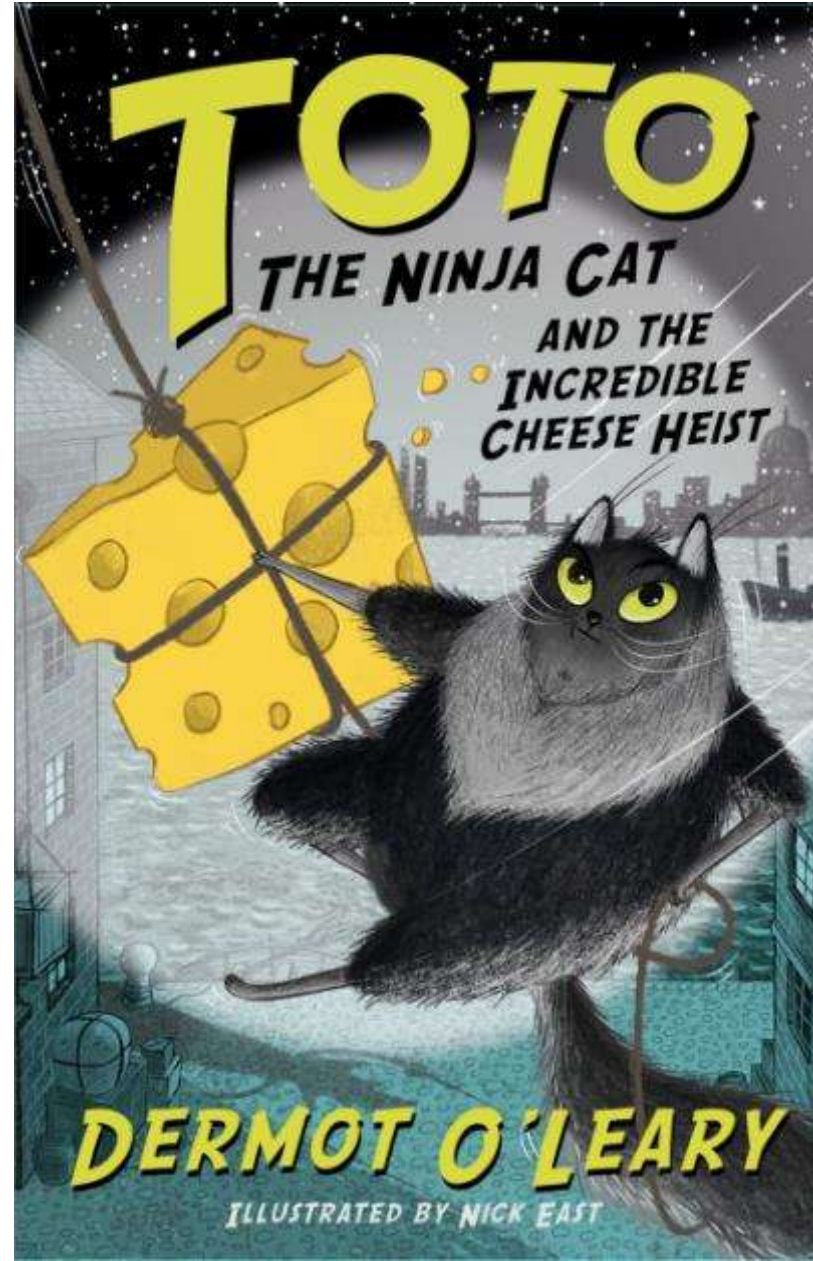
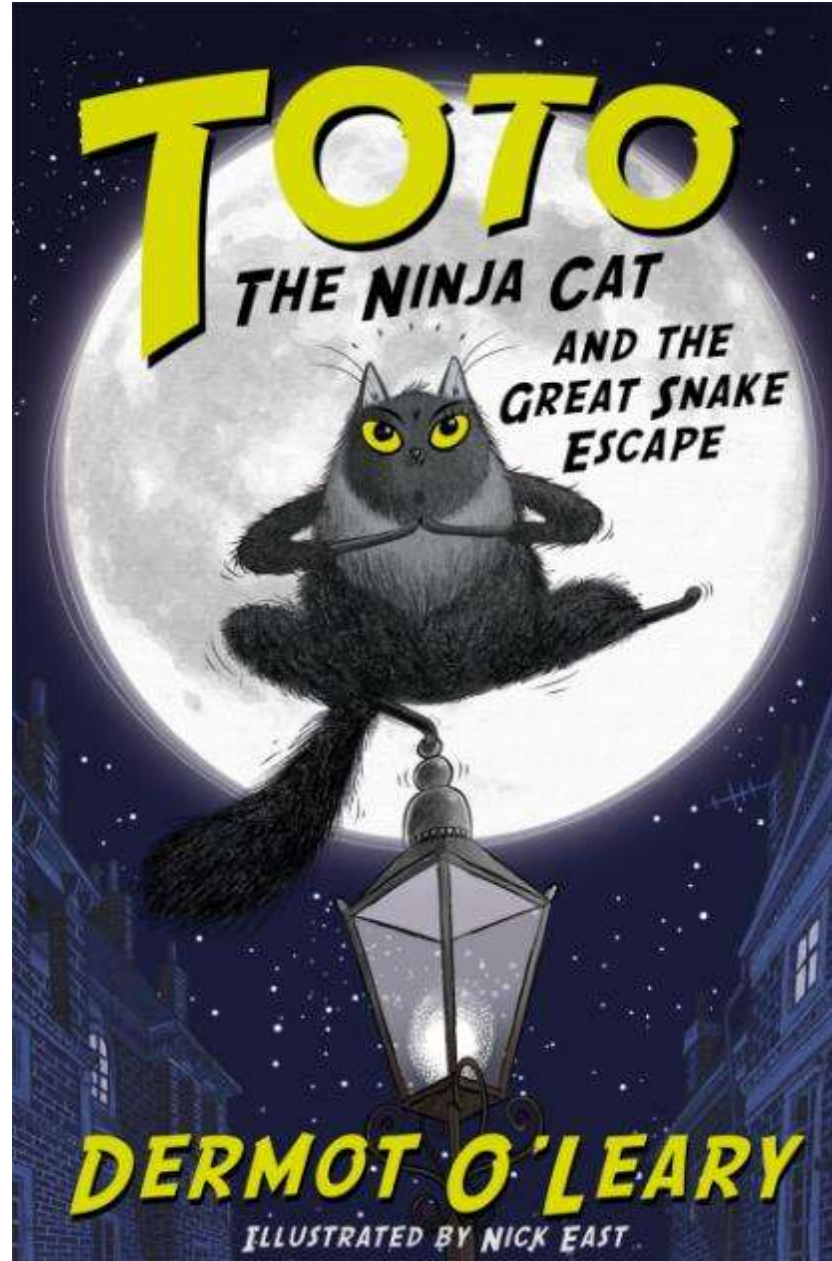
Ideal for reading aloud or for children to curl up with and read alone, the story features brilliant black and white illustrations throughout. With gentle themes of friendship, inclusivity and winning in the face of adversity, this is a hilarious must-read for all animal-loving kids!

Dermot says: *'The idea for Toto first came to me when my wife and I rescued two stray cats from an olive grove in Italy. One of them, Toto, has been blind from birth, but we quickly realised she had ninja-like reactions. Like a lot of cat owners (or cat servants), we like to imagine our pets having secret lives when we're out or asleep. So before I knew it I was writing about Toto and her brother Silver's nocturnal adventures around London. I really hope that children who pick it up enjoy reading the adventures of our little Italian underdog (cat).'*

Have you read Toto's other adventures: **The Great Snake Escape**, **The Incredible Cheese Heist** and **The Superstar Catastrophe**?

- ISBN: 9781444952087
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- Extent: 256

BACKLIST COVERS



Middle Grade & YA



WINTERBORNE HOME FOR MAYHEM AND MYSTERY

[Ally Carter](#)

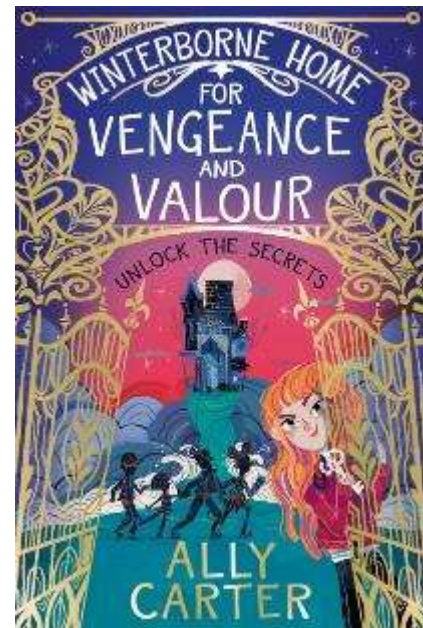
FIVE EXTRAORDINARY ORPHANS. ONE INCREDIBLE MYSTERY.

UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF THE WINTERBORNE HOME FOR VENGEANCE AND VALOUR.

April is one of five foster kids living at Winterborne Home, a sprawling mansion full of secrets. The biggest secret is that Gabriel Winterborne, their reclusive millionaire guardian, is actually The Sentinel, a masked vigilante tasked with protecting the city. When Gabriel goes missing (again!) it's up to the kids to find him before his enemies do. And when April's past catches up with her, she will have to decide how hard she's willing to fight to hold on to her new-found family when everyone seems determined to tear them apart ...

Join April and her ragtag group of friends as they unravel family secrets, creepy legends and mysterious identities in the second book in the captivating new middle-grade series from the bestselling author of *Gallagher Girls*.

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



~~BEST FRIEND?~~ ~~GIRLFRIEND?~~ ~~BLACKMAILED?~~ ~~TRAITOR?~~
DARCY PHILLIPS IS ...

PERFECT ON PAPER



SOPHIE GONZALES

AUTHOR OF **ONLY MOSTLY DEVASTATED**

PERFECT ON PAPER

[Sophie Gonzales](#)

A bisexual girl who gives anonymous love advice to her school friends is hired by the hot new kid to help him get his ex back. *Leah on the Offbeat* meets *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* – the new queer YA rom-com from Sophie Gonzales.

‘Perfectly wonderful’ – Becky Albertalli, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*

Her advice, spot on. Her love life, way off.

Darcy Phillips:

Can give you the solution to any of your relationship woes – for a fee.

Uses her power for good. Most of the time.

Really cannot stand the new Australian jock at school, Alexander Brougham.

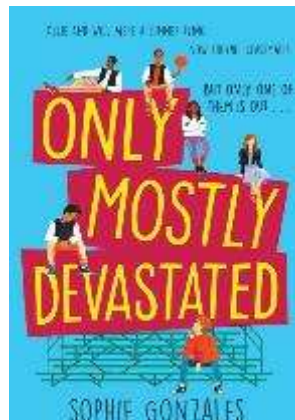
Has maybe not the best judgement when it comes to her best friend, Brooke...who is in love with someone else.

Does not appreciate being blackmailed.

But when Brougham catches Darcy in the act of collecting letters from locker 89 – out of which she’s been running her questionably legal, anonymous relationship advice service – that’s exactly what happens. In exchange for keeping her secret, Darcy begrudgingly agrees to become his personal dating coach. The goal? To help him win his ex-girlfriend back.

Darcy has good reason to keep her identity secret. If word gets out that she’s behind the locker, some things she’s not proud of will come to light, and there’s a good chance Brooke will never speak to her again. Okay, so all she has to do is help an entitled, bratty, (annoyingly hot) guy win over a girl who’s already fallen for him once? What could *possibly* go wrong?

- ISBN: 9781444959277
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 288



Indent



THE WILD BEFORE

[Piers Torday](#)

Can one hare alone change the world? The captivating animal adventure destined to be loved by readers of all ages. A stunning hardback edition from the bestselling, much-loved author, Piers Torday.

One frosty winter's night, a pure white calf is born on an ordinary muddy farm by the light of a silver moon. This is the legendary Mooncalf, whose arrival has been foretold since the dawn of time.

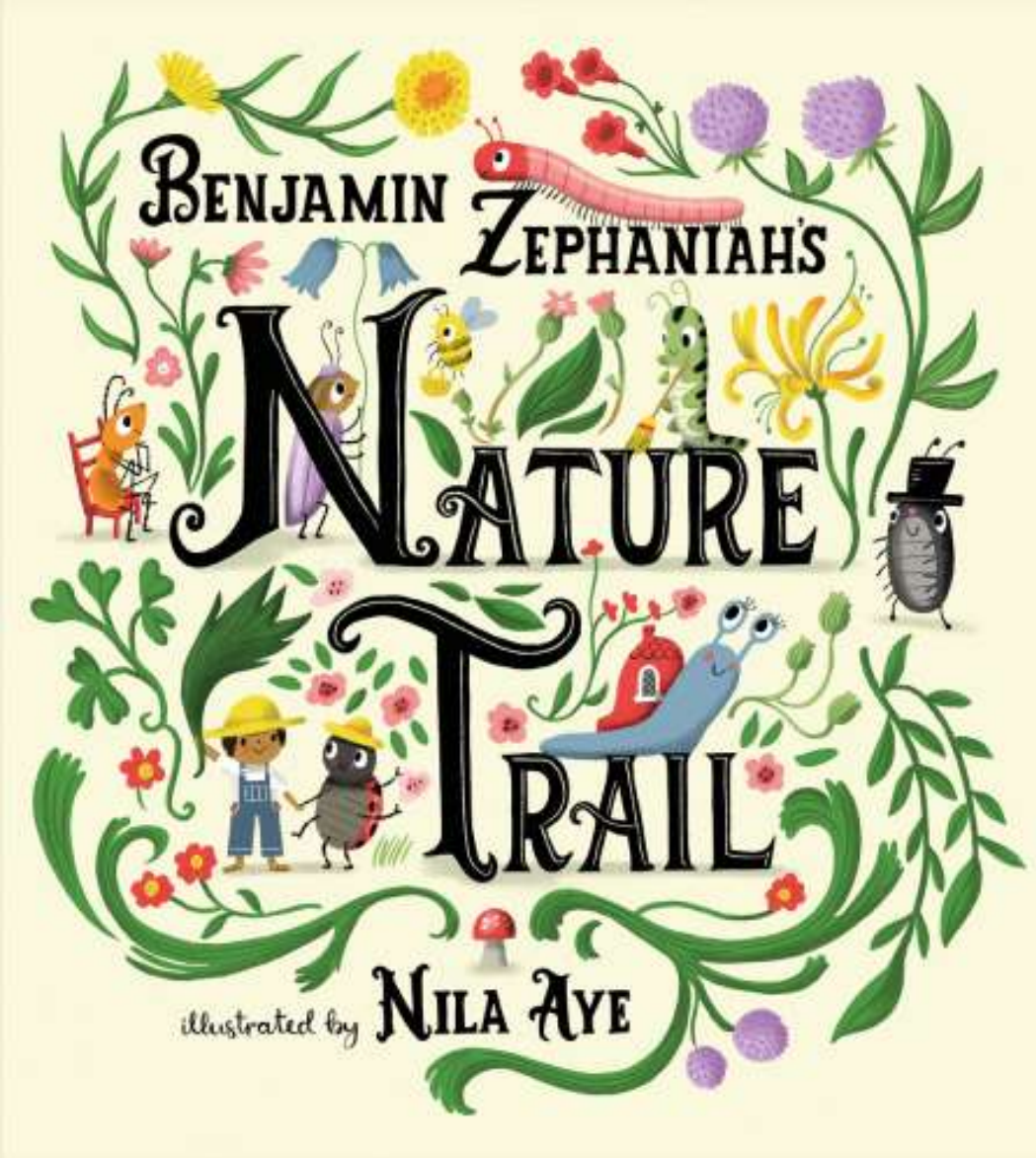
According to a dream passed down from animal to animal, if the calf dies, a great terribleness will come – rising seas, a plague, skies raining down fire, the end of all things... and Little Hare vows to persuade all the animals to protect Mooncalf, whatever the cost.

But it's easier said than done, and soon Little Hare realizes that he is the only one who can save the world...

A stunning prequel to the award-winning, bestselling *The Last Wild* trilogy, touching on timely themes of climate change, friendship, and above all, hope.

'Piers Torday is the new master of books for children' *The Times*

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- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 352



NATURE TRAIL

Benjamin Zephaniah

Illustrated by [Nila Aye](#)

A joyful celebration of nature and the wonder of the world around us by legendary poet and performer Benjamin Zephaniah, one of *The Times*' top 50 British post-war writers.

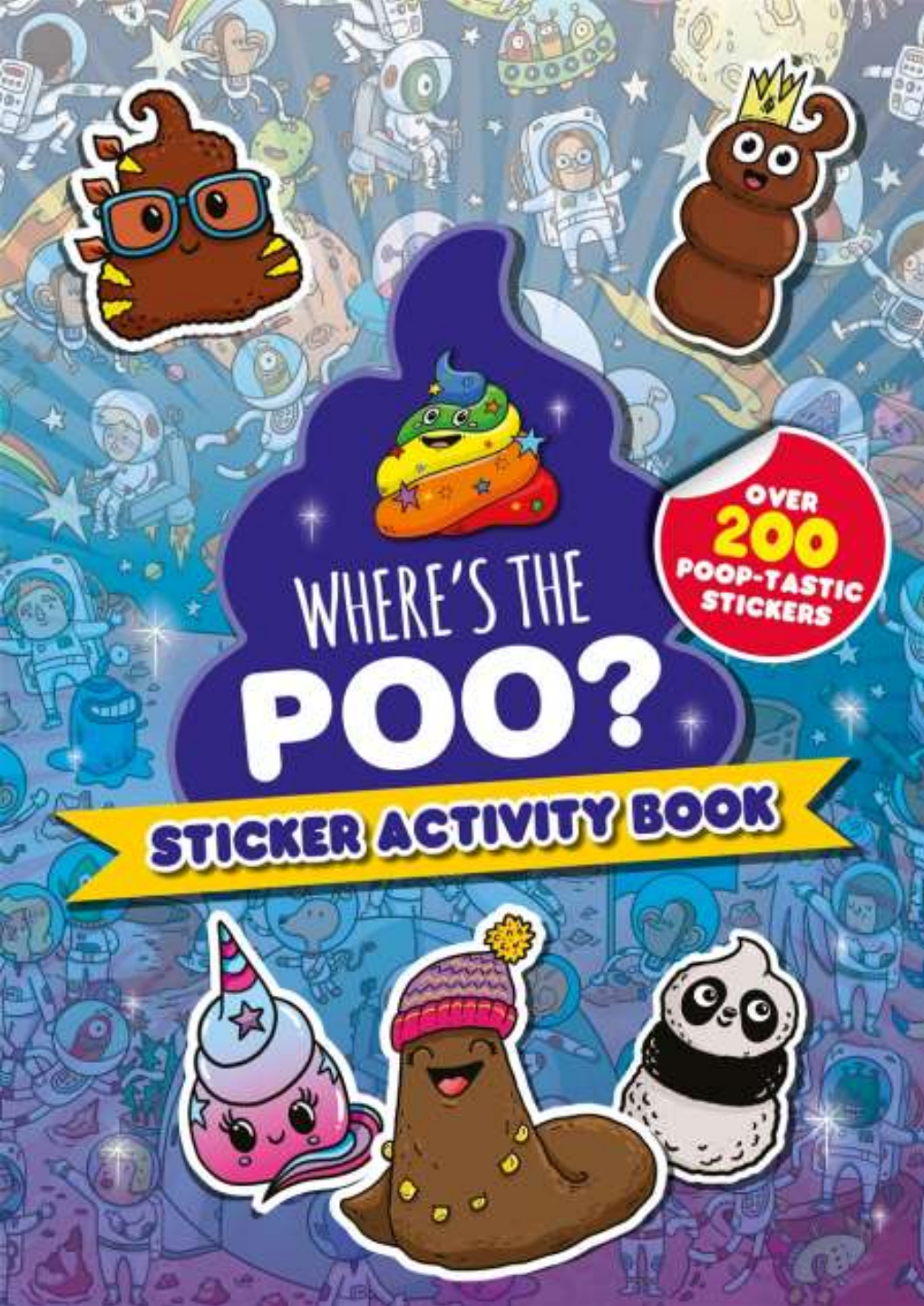
At the bottom of my garden, there's a hedgehog and a frog,
And a lot of creepy-crawlies living underneath a log . . .

All around us, from parks to gardens and flowerpots to pavements, there's a world of wonder just waiting to be discovered. Why not look a little closer and see what you find?

This joyful celebration of nature reminds us all to take a closer look at the world around us, and enjoy the wonder of nature wherever we find it. Packed with animals and minibeasts galore, this imaginative rhyming text is perfect for reading aloud.

- ISBN: 9781408361252
- Format: HARDBACK
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32

Activity Books



WHERE'S THE POO? STICKER ACTIVITY BOOK

[Alex Hunter](#)

Play, colour and stick with a whole gang of poos! Meet all 28 poo friends – find out a fun fact about each one and add their sticker to the Poo Picture Album. Who will be your favourite? Will it be Dippy the vegetarian dinosaur poo? Or Safi the ... super ... slow ... sloth ... poo? Whoever you choose, together you'll solve puzzles, doodle and draw for hours of poo filled fun.

Poop-tastic activities include an out of this world maze through space, a haunted house spot the difference game and drawing your very own dino poos!

Join in the activities and play with over 200 poo stickers!

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- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Activity Book
- Extent: 16