

# Scallywag Press

## Trade Catalogue

New titles for 2023

with BACKLIST

Poetry

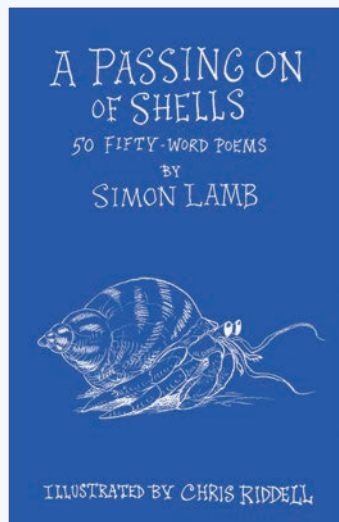
Picture Books

Chapter Books



# POETRY

**Simon Lamb and Chris Riddell**



**February 2023**

HB: 978-1-915252-12-8 £10.99  
216 X 135mm, 112pp, Age 7+

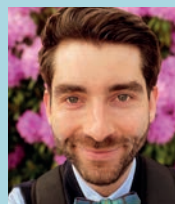
Chris Riddell's joyful and sensitive illustrations interpret the poems with his distinctive insight and flair adding new layers of meaning, and as Simon says they 'elevate this book beyond words'.

Beautifully produced with a textured cover, de-bossing and thick paper, this collection will appeal to readers of all ages, and be perfect for use in schools, to inspire creative writing and discussion around the poems.

Poet Simon Lamb delivers a debut collection of fifty luminous poems, each written in exactly fifty words.

With subjects ranging from family, identity, and growing up, to the need for hope, the wonder of nature, and the very concept of poetry itself, Simon offers his poems as small nuggets of wisdom, warmth and wit to help readers of all ages navigate their lives.

Always present is a three-dimensional sense of drama and interaction with the reader, and a sure-footed playfulness with words and how they are presented on the page.



**SIMON LAMB** is a Scottish poet, performer and storyteller based in Ayrshire, where he holds the role of Scribe at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum.



**CHRIS RIDDELL**, a former Children's Laureate, is creator of an extraordinary range of books and winner of many awards including three Greenaway medals. He lives in Brighton

# PICTURE BOOKS

**Padmacandra**



**February 2023**

HB: 978-1-915252-11-1 £12.99  
275 X 240mm, 32pp, Age 4+

The illustrations are packed with sub stories and comedy. Padmacandra's debut title *The Tale of the Whale* was short listed for the 2022 Klaus Flugge Prize for illustration and design.



PB: 978-1-912650-91-0  
£7.99



**Bouncy Bo and little Smudge**  
**Lived in a CASTLE,**  
**with their father, Mr Judge....**

Bouncy Bo and Little Smudge live in a sombre castle with their serious father. They are full of laughter and mischief, but it seems as if all the adults have forgotten how to smile... until an eye-opening visit to their grandparents proves otherwise!

The repeatable catch phrase 'Don't be Silly!' will get children really engaged, and adults will be reminded about the value of play and the joy it brings to our lives.



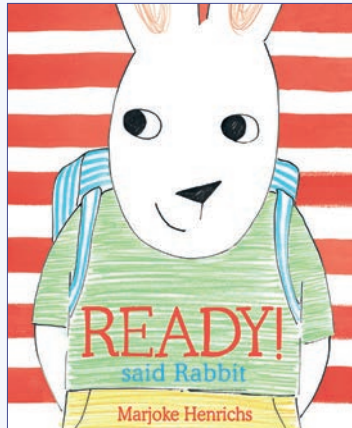
**PADMACANDRA** grew up in Scotland, lives in Norfolk and graduated from the Cambridge School of art. She is a buddhist, works part time with the elderly, and teaches meditation



# PICTURE BOOKS

Markoje Henrichs

Jeanne Willis and Brian Fitzgerald



**NEW in PB for March 2023**

PB: 978-1-915252-07-4 £7.99

HB: 978-1-912650-79-8 £12.99

275 X 240mm, 32pp, Age 3+

An everyday battle of wills between a mother and child where everyone ends up a winner!

'A picture book that really does work.'

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS ★★★★★**

'Guaranteed to raise a smile.'

**MIRROR BOOK CLUB, BEST SUMMER READS**

'I'm sure it will prove to be a frequently demanded pleasure in our house for some months to come.'

**THE SCHOOL READING LIST**

**Short listed for the Book Trust Story Time Prize**

**Included in the Book Trust Great Books Guide 2021**

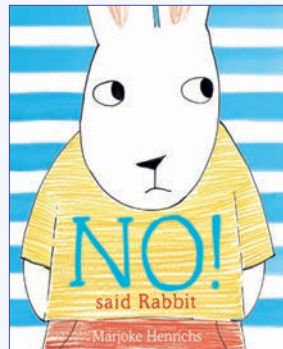
***Rabbit and Dad are going to the park, but will they ever be ready to leave the house?***

Find out in this tender and humorous family comedy where each has to be patient and tolerant with the other, and finally both are ready for fun!

'Henrichs again perfectly depicts the joyful chaos and confusion that make up so much of a toddler's life. Adults will laugh at the truth of it all... another perfect book for the very young.' **BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

'By now a familiar picture book character following his first outing, Rabbit returns with a routine that's all too familiar to parents – getting ready to leave the house. Told with simplistic humour and warmth.'

**BIG ISSUE NORTH**



PB: 978-1-912650-82-8  
£7.99



**June 2023**

HB: 978-1-915252-03-6 £12.99

275 x 240mm 32pp Age 3+

***Albie arrived wearing NOTHING but fur, he could have been either a Him or Her... Most teddy bears let their owner decide, but Albie would not, for a bear has its pride.***

But each outfit that Albie purchases – from fairy to pirate, from cowboy to elegant city gent – proves unsuitable in some way, and by the end of the week his bedroom is heaped with discarded clothes. How will he dress in order to feel like himself?

This hilarious story in verse is about the joys of dressing up, and one bear's search for his own identity. A delight to read aloud, accompanied by riotous illustrations, and with a nod to sustainability and up-cycling.



**MARJOKE HENRICHS** graduated from the MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art in 2019. She is also a theatre designer and a painter. Marjoke was born in the Netherlands and now lives in Suffolk;



**JEANNE WILLIS** lives in London. Her many books have won the Silver Medal Smarties Prize, the Nasen Special Needs Award, the Sheffield Children's Book Award and the Red House Children's Book Award.



**BRIAN FITZGERALD** is an Irish illustrator who lives and works in Dún Laoghaire. He won the Bologna Fair International Silent Book Competition in 2014.





April 2023

HB: 978-1-915252-00-5 £12.99  
240 X 240mm, 32pp, Age 3+

**IN THE GARDEN:**  
A collection of titles which encourage young children to relate to the natural world.

*I heard a bird. I breathed in – listening.  
I heard my breathing, my heart beating . . .*

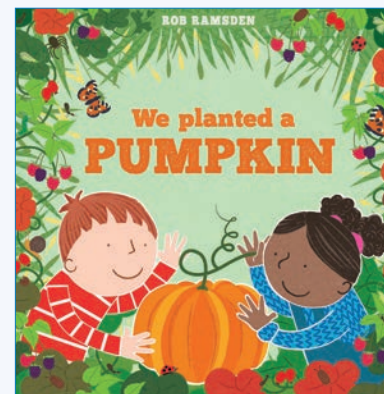
A little girl hears a bird which is frightened away by some cats fighting. As she searches for her bird, she encounters many other intriguing animals and insects. Then, after sitting down to listen to and enjoy the sounds of nature all around, suddenly her bird comes back!

This enchanting exploration of the sights and sounds of the natural world brings in themes of music, mindfulness and meditation, and will be appreciated by adults and children alike.

The simple text uses poetry and repetition and will be a joy to re-read many times.



**ROB RAMSDEN** lives and works in Suffolk as an illustrator and educator. He's the dad of the boy who saw a bee! As a keen gardener, Rob has become the student, and the pollinators have become his teachers; his type of gardening is strictly about the wildlife. Rob's first book was long listed for the Klaus Flugge Prize for illustration and design.



NEW in PB for May 2023

PB: 978-1-912650-86-6 £7.99  
HB: 978-1-912650-38-5 £12.99  
240 X 240mm, 32pp, Age 3+

Two friends plant a pumpkin seed and nurture it through the seasons. The plant buds, flowers and produces a pumpkin. But will it ever be ripe and ready to harvest?

'Shares with young readers the delight of working with nature, and shows the need to be patient.'

**READING ZONE**

'A gorgeous book to share with the young and likely to be the start of many adventures in the garden.' **LOVE READING 4 KIDS**

Readers will enjoy moving beyond the text to explore the various garden minibeasts that are dotted throughout the book.'

**CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND**

Short listed For The Teach Early Years Awards 2021



PB: 978-1-912650-35-4 £7.99

'This simple look at a sunflower life cycle and the seasons is again pitch perfect for the very young. A small piece of brilliance.'  
**RED READING HUB**



PB: 978-1-912650-34-7 £7.99

'Effectively simple...conveys its crucial environmental message without a hint of preachiness.'  
**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**



If you've read and enjoyed I SAW A BEE be sure to get hold of Rob Ramsden's follow up title.'

**TEACH EARLY YEARS**

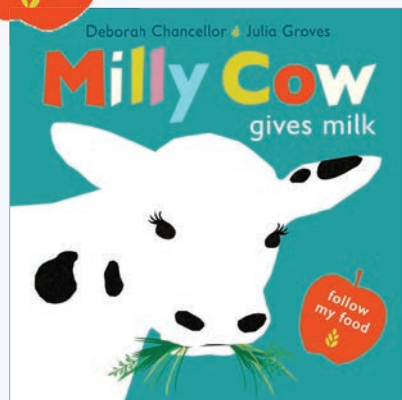




# PICTURE BOOKS

Deborah Chancellor and Julia Groves

Cori Doerrfeld



NEW in PB for March 2023

PB: 978-1-915252-13-5 £7.99

HB: 978-1-912650-52-1 £10.99

240 X 240mm, 32pp, Age 4+

*Follow my Food* is a collection of four narrative non-fiction picture books to show children where their food comes from, and to stimulate conversations about sustainability and animal welfare.

'A really lovely series, stylish and great to share and a perfect introduction to farms, where our food comes from, and non-fiction texts for young children EYFS and KS1.' **READING ZONE**

Now, new paperback editions include extra material and a child-friendly recipe. In the first title, a child follows Milly Cow to find out how milk is produced.

'A perfect introduction to how milk is produced...**JUST IMAGINE**



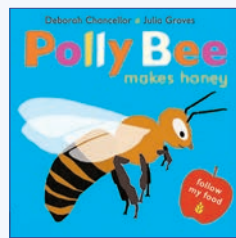
HB: 978-1-912650-89-7

PB: 978-1-915252-14-2

£11.99/£7.99

'The perfect book to help budding eco-warriors.'

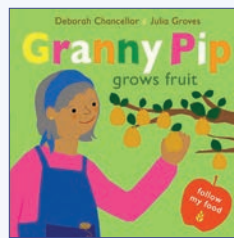
**LANCASHIRE EVENING POST**



HB: 978-1-912650-70-5

£10.99

'Attractive and informative... there's just the right level of detail to enable young people to understand how a jar of honey is produced.' **BOOKTRUST**



HB: 978-1-912650-96-5

'Charming and informative ... advises children about how to grow and look after a garden.'

**SCHOOL READING LIST**



October 2023

HB: 978-1-915252-52-4 £12.99

280 x 216 mm, 40pp, 4+

Finn is in a horrible mood and doesn't want to talk about it, but after some persuading, agrees to go for a hike with Grandpa. Throughout their forest walk, they see many different things: big, strong trees with networks of roots growing underneath, still water with schools of fish swimming below, and an expectant bird with eggs nestled under her. Grandpa explains that people also have hidden feelings beneath the surface, and despite appearances, may be feeling the same way you do.

A wonderful tool to help when tackling difficult conversations about feelings and emotions.



HB: 978-1-912650-43-9

254 x 254mm 40pp Age 3+ £12.99

World ex USA & Can

'An excellent book to use to talk to children in times of transition and change.'

**BOOKTRUST**

A winner of the Teach Early Years Awards 2021



PB: 978-1-912650-14-9

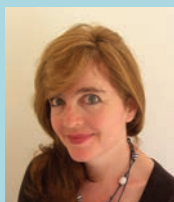
254 x 254mm 36pp Age 3+ £7.99

World ex USA & Can

'This is a wonderful and deeply moving story to be read and explored as the simple lesson of just listening is taught.' **CHILDREN'S BOOK IRELAND**

A winner of the Teach Early Years Awards 2019

Part of the 2020 Read for Empathy collection



**DEBORAH CHANCELLOR** lives in Saffron Walden. She has written over a hundred books for children, and been shortlisted for the Little Rebels Award.



**JULIA GROVES** lives in Norwich. Her previous baby books and picture books have been nominated for the Progressive Pre-School Awards

**CORI DOERRFELD** lives in Minneapolis, MN with her husband and two children.

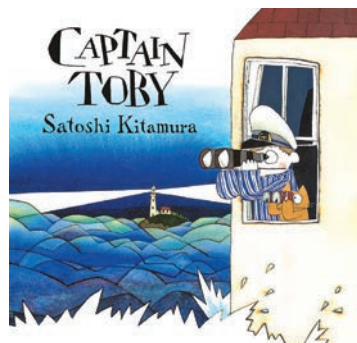
She received her Post Baccalaureate from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

Cori wrote *The Rabbit Listened* after several of her friends went through difficult times.

# PICTURE BOOKS

Satoshi Kitamura

Jon Agee

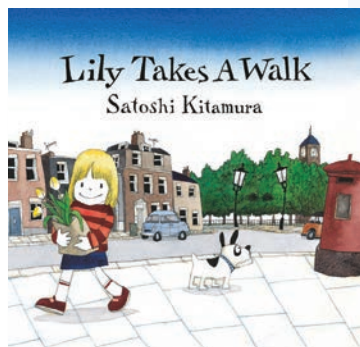


**New in PB June 2023**

PB: 978-1-912650-75-0 £6.99  
HB: 978-1-912650-74-3 £10.99  
216 x 216mm, 28pp + gatefold  
Age 3+ World ex USA & Can

'A superb flight of imagination such as a child might have giving rise to a captivating adventure. Get hold of a copy now.'  
**SEASIDE READER**

'A surreal and dramatic story that shows the power of imagination. I cannot recommend it highly enough!'  
**I TEACH THINGS**



**New in PB September 2023**

PB: 978-1-912650-69-9 £6.99  
HB: 978-1-912650-68-2 £10.99  
216 x 216mm, 28pp + gatefold  
Age 3+ World ex USA & Can

'Provides an opportunity for children to discuss the things that frighten them...and hopefully, gain some much-needed reassurance.'  
**JUST IMAGINE**

'An experience to savour and return to for several further excursions.'  
**RED READING HUB**



HB: 978-1-912650-02-6 £11.99  
PB: 978-1-912650-25-5 £7.99  
240 x 275, 32pp, Age 2+  
World ex USA & Can

'A masterfully crafted story for tots, impeccable in its apparent simplicity, yet with all the elements of tension, resolution and surprise needed in a good story. Perfection!'  
**CAROUSEL**

**Shortlisted for the BookTrust Storytime Prize 2019**

**Nominated for the Greenaway Medal 2020**



HB: 978-1-912650-50-7 £12.99  
260 x 230mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex USA & Can

'Will prompt appreciation of the power of language and the importance of being able to share how we feel with others.'  
**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**



HB: 978-1-912650-21-7 £12.99  
260 x 230mm, 32pp, Age 4+  
World ex USA & Can

'Speaks loudly about the power of kindness and its value to us as human beings in a shared world'  
**LANCASHIRE EVENING POST**

**Nominated for the Greenaway Medal 2021**



**May 2023**

HB: 978-1-915252-17-3 £12.99  
279 X 203mm, 40pp, Age 4+

**Do you want to be a tree?  
It's easy.**

Pretend your arms are branches, your body is a trunk, and your legs are roots. Then stand in one place and see what happens! If your parent is as patient as the dad in this story, you might get to stay outside all . . . day . . . long!

Themes of mindfulness and empathy with nature accompany the feel-good exuberance as father and daughter play together outside.

The Copley County Animal Shelter has an aardvark, a lizard, a goose, a weasel, and plenty more. But do they have a dog? One little girl is determined to take home a dog, and she will not take 'no' for an answer!

A hilarious subversion of the standard *you-cannot-have-a-pet* trope



**September 2023**

PB: 978-1-915252-10-4 £7.99  
280 x 216mm, 40pp, Age 4+

**JON AGEE** is an award-winning, full-time author whose many books have sold over two million copies. He lives with his wife in San Francisco. Jon has visited the UK twice since 2019 to launch *The Wall in the Middle of the Book* and *My Rhinoceros* and to perform with The Children's Bookshow.



# PICTURE BOOKS BACKLIST

Alphabetical by illustrator

Jon Agee



HB: 978-1-912650-78-1 £12.99  
298 x 241mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex US and Can

'The story of Santa's early childhood and the thrilling series of events that led him to become the legendary fellow he is today.'

**JON AGEE**

'The kind of book around which traditions can be built – a classic in the making – and will be read and enjoyed in many families for years to come.'

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**



HB: 978-1-912650-99-6 £12.99  
279 x 222mm, 32pp, Age 3+

'Jon Agee's  
My Rhinoceros is a  
genuine masterpiece.  
Even better, every kid  
will love it.'

**MAURICE SENDAK**

**Shortlisted  
for the FCBG  
Children's Book  
Award**



HB: 978-1-912650-57-6 £12.99  
286 x 229mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex US and Can

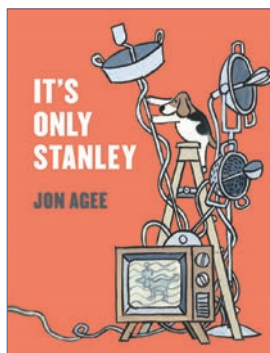
'The story of an artist who stuns the world when his portrait of a duck starts quacking. But Clousseau finds that artistic fame can quickly turn sour.' **THE OLDIE**

'On one hand, there's a fun story about paintings coming to life, and on the other, a thoughtful look at what people want from art, and what they don't.'

**BOOKTRUST**

'With a rhyme that romps from start to finish, a feast of visual and verbal wit, an addictive sense of fun that imbues every page, and its warm celebration of family loyalty and togetherness, this is Agee at his quirkiest and playful best!'

**LANCASHIRE  
EVENING POST**



HB: 978-1-912650-46-0 £12.99  
PB: 978-1-912650-47-7 £7.99  
292 x 225mm, 32pp, Age 3+

'It's the interaction between words and pictures (and deadpan humour) that really makes this book sing.'

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

'A simply stupendous, superbly paced read aloud say I; Jon Agee does it again.'

**RED READING HUB**

'All the hallmarks of a classic picturebook ... sure to bring out the inner lion in every little reader.'

**INIS MAGAZINE**

'Demonstrates how much can be done with few words and simple pictures... also has a wider resonance: about demonising strangers, preconceived ideas and the folly of a wall.'

**SUNDAY TIMES**

'It's a very funny story, and such a cleverly delivered fable of the silliness and dangers of preconceptions. Don't miss.'

**LOVEREADING4KIDS**

'In one of the most powerful picture books of the year, Jon Agee makes us question the perceived order of things'

**THE SCOTSMAN**

'Delightful ... Children of 3-5 will shriek with laughter, and even adults may get the joke.'

**NEW STATESMAN**

'Witty, ironic, thought-provoking and with that surprise ending, Agee's offering, with his stark Martian scenery, is eminently re-readable.'

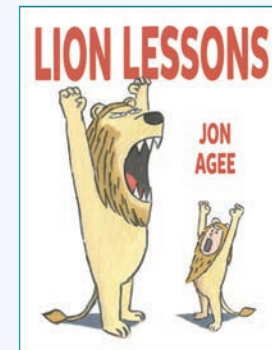
**RED READING HUB**

'This funny picture book is about a little boy in a lion suit who gets seven lessons from a real lion in how to be one. He doesn't do too well on the roaring and the prowling, but when it comes to protecting a friend, he turns out to be lion-hearted. Full of wit, both visual and verbal.'

**SUNDAY TIMES**



PB: 978-1-912650-05-7 £8.99  
292 x 216mm, 48pp, Age 3+  
World exc US, Can, ANZ

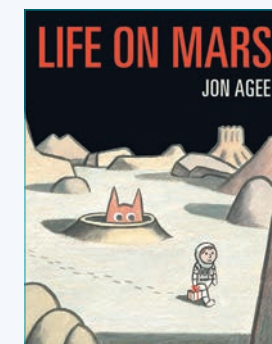


HB: 978-1-912650-20-0 £12.99  
PB: 978-1-912650-33-0 £7.99  
292 x 225mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex US and Can

'Classic slapstick storytelling combines with minimalist master Agee's stylish, uncluttered illustrations in a story rich in humour, fun, subtle simplicity and visual virtuosity.'

Out of this world!

**LANCASHIRE  
EVENING POST**



PB: 978-1-912650-15-6 £7.99  
292 x 225mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex US and Can

# PICTURE BOOKS BACKLIST

Elena Arevalo Melville/Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Ruth Brown



**Winner of the  
Queen's  
Knickers Award  
2020**

**Long listed for the  
UKLA Award 2021**

**Nominated for the  
Greenaway Medal 2020**

**A White Raven**

**A D-Pictus 100 Best  
Children's Books**

**Part of the 2021  
Empathy Lab Collection**

'Lovely bold, expressive drawing  
conjures a magical story'  
**SUNDAY TIMES**

'Forges its own eccentric and  
appealing path through a  
landscape that feels fresh and  
new.'

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

'This surreal tale of empathy,  
kindness and community is one  
to share and discuss at every  
opportunity.'

**RED READING HUB**

**ELENA AREVALO MELVILLE** is  
originally from Guatemala and  
currently lives in Cambridge



PB: 978-1-912650-12-5 £7.99  
275 x 200mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex US and Can

'This wonderfully  
empowering picture book  
for little ones not only  
assuages their possible  
fears about starting school  
or nursery but models a  
celebratory approach  
to the big day with an  
upbeat story about being  
confident.'

**BOOK TRUST**

'Reflects diverse  
classroom contexts and  
promotes aspiration and  
achievement for all. The  
illustrations are gorgeous,  
vibrant and full of warmth.'

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

'Subtly introduces themes  
of self-respect, kindness  
and the joy of a diverse  
classroom.'

**THE BOOKSELLER**



PB: 978-1-912650-94-1 £7.99  
254 x 228mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex USA & Can



HB: 978-1-912650-36-1 12.99  
PB: 978-1-912650-37-8 £7.99  
254 x 228mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex USA & Can

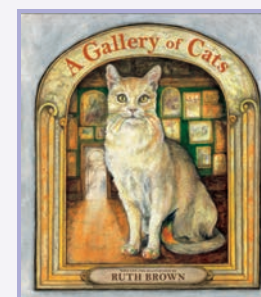
**DERRICK BARNES** lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

His picture book *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut* received  
a Newbery Honor, a Coretta Scott King Honor, and the  
2018 Ezra Jack Keats Award.

**VANESSA BRANTLEY-NEWTON** lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.  
She created *Let Freedom Sing* and *Grandma's Purse* and has  
illustrated many other titles.



HB: 978-1-912650-90-3 £12.99  
275 x 240mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex USA & Can



HB: 978-1-912650-17-0 £11.99  
PB: 978-1-912650-45-3 £7.99  
275 x 240mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex USA & Can

'Exceptional draughtsmanship makes all her  
books a feast...A book to lead readers to  
13 painters from Mondrian to Munch  
and Kahlo to Klimt' **SUNDAY TIMES**

'This book is a delight to explore from start to  
finish. It's imaginative, expressive and immersive.  
There is a perfect synergy between art and  
text... simply sublime' **GOOD NIGHT TO READ**

'This seek-and-find picture book full of riddles and detailed,  
beautifully observed nature drawings of landscapes,  
leaves, trees and creatures will help to teach letters,  
rhymes and a love of wildlife.' **SUNDAY TIMES**

'Award-winning artist and author Ruth Brown's latest book  
is a feast for the eyes and the astonishing detail becomes  
more beautiful on each re-reading...From the rising sun to  
slithery snails and shadowy owls, it encourages children  
to really look inside the pictures and to appreciate the  
rich textures of the natural world. A lovely book to read  
together before bed.' **DAILY MAIL**

**Long listed for the 2023  
UKLA Book Awards**

**Nominated for the 2023 Yoto  
Carnegie Medal for illustration**

**Short listed for  
the Teach Early  
Years Award  
2021**

**Nominated  
for the Kate  
Greenaway  
Medal 2022**



Mini HB: 978-1-912650-92-7 £7.99  
Size 240 x 210, 28pp, Age 2+  
HB: 978-1-912650-53-8 £12.99  
275 x 240mm, 32pp, Age 2+  
World ex USA & Can

'The colour saturated spreads are a feast  
for the eyes... an extremely enjoyable and  
satisfying reading experience for both adult  
and child.' **BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

'A wonderful gift for any young child just  
starting to learn their numbers and it's a fun  
read aloud for younger babies too.'

**THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN**

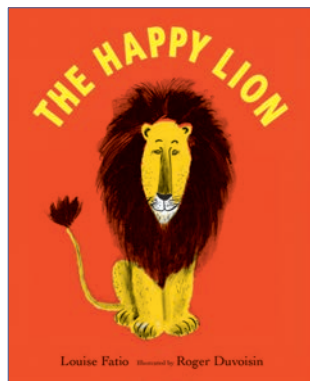
**RUTH BROWN** lives in London and Kent. Ruth is the creator of some of Britain's best-loved  
children's books which are translated into many languages around the world. She has won  
the Earthworm Award, the English Association Award, the Prix Sorcière and been shortlisted  
3 times for the Kate Greenaway Medal.



# PICTURE BOOKS BACKLIST

Roger Duvoisin

Inbal Leitner/  
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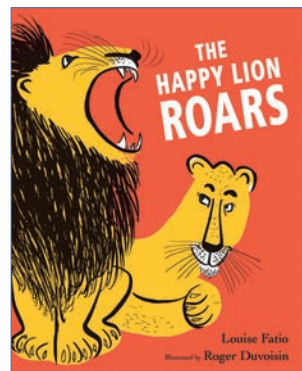


PB: 978-1-912650-13-2 £6.99  
270 x 216mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex US and Can

'This classic from 1954  
has been reprinted,  
and not before time.'  
**KIRKUS**

'A gentle sense of fun and  
mischief, beguiling French  
backdrop, and tender  
portrayal of love'  
**LANCASHIRE  
EVENING POST**

'The perfect read for  
a new generation of  
Duvoisin fans'  
**PICTURE BOOK  
BLOGGER**



HB: 978-1-912650-41-5 £12.99  
270 x 216mm, 32pp, Age 3+  
World ex US and Can

'This simply illustrated picturebook is about separation  
from a beloved grandmother who loves to sew. It is a  
story of emigration, but resonates for anyone currently  
apart from loved ones.'**SUNDAY TIMES CULTURE**

'This is a beautiful metaphoric story about maintaining  
connection in distance, and as such, it is a brilliant  
reflection of our time, when so many children are  
separated from the people they love.'**IRISH TIMES**

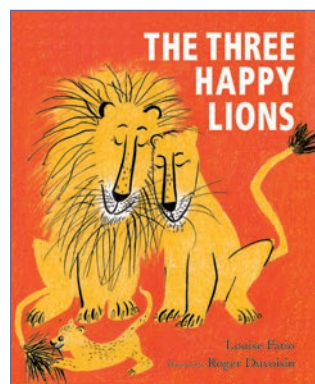
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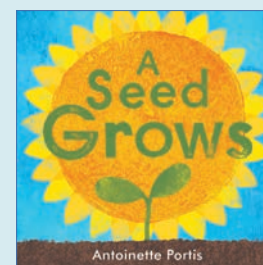
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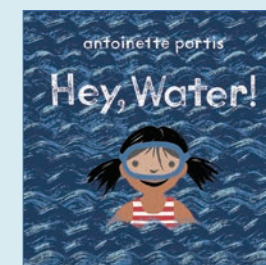
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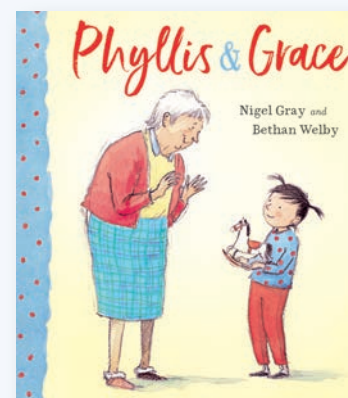
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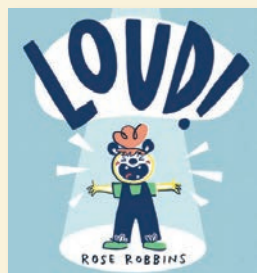
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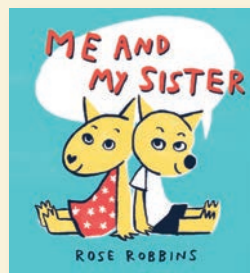
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**MAGDA BROL** was born in Wrocław, Poland, and now lives in South London. Her books include *When the Crocodiles Came to Town*, *Storytime*, and *Pirates Don't go to School*.

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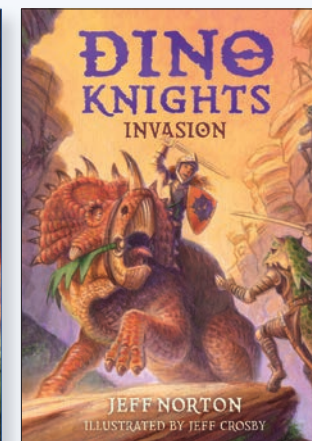


**Mark Elvins** lives in Yorkshire. When he's not drawing pirates he's a print-maker and recently won an English Heritage competition to illustrate the displays at Whitby Abbey.

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