

# Scallywag Press

New titles for 2026

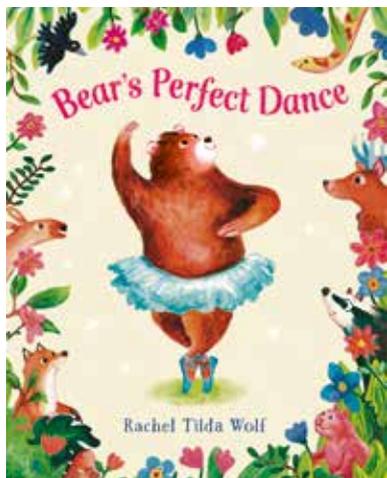
And BACKLIST

Picture Books  
Graphic Novels  
Chapter Books  
Poetry



**Rachel Tilda Wolf**

**Ruth Brown**



**Bear comes to realise that joyfulness is better than technical perfection.**

Bear loves to dance, and spends all day perfecting his moves. But he's always dancing by himself – and some dances need two. Will he ever be able to find an equally perfect dance partner?.

- A book for both boys and girls
- Shows all the fun of dancing, from tutus to ballet shoes, to exploring famous dance types
- Warm, friendly and colourful pictures of the forest and all the animals
- Depicts Bear's emotions as he searches for a partner (loneliness, anxiety, doubt, joy)

**February 2026**

HB • 978-1-83630-040-3 • £12.99  
270 x 216mm • 32pp • Age 3+



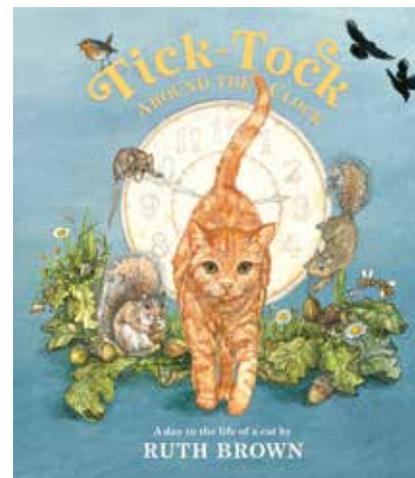
'Fun, upbeat and humorous, this light-hearted narrative provides the perfect vehicle to delve into difficulties with friendship, learning to compromise and the joy of being yourself.'

**CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND**

'Wonderfully warm and gently humorous'  
**THROUGH THE BOOKSHELF**

'Deftly explores how we experience friendship, confidence and sharing what you love.'

**SCHOOL READING LIST**



**A comically observed and detailed picture book from one of the greats of children's illustration.**

Follow Tick-Tock through a noisy and eventful day – from waking up until bedtime. His encounters with squirrels and mice don't end up quite as he hoped, but he always has a meal and a lap to return to every evening.

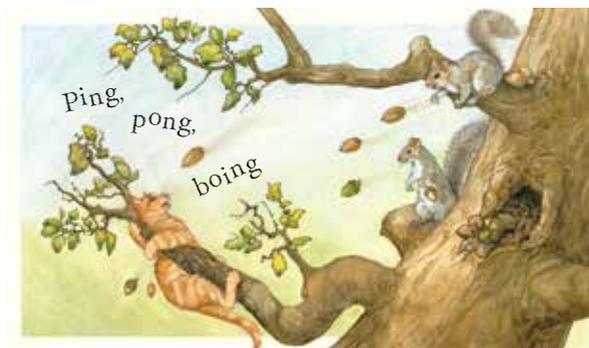
- Interactive, as readers will join in with the noises that mark each experience throughout the day
- Children will identify with the cat's routine of waking up, breakfast, going out, playing, dinner and bedtime
- Tick Tock's emotions are recognisable – pleasure, excitement, concentration, dejection and anticipation
- A safe bed time story with beautiful art

**March 2026**

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275 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'Simple rhymes tap out the rhythm of Tick-Tock's day: the flip flop of feet coming down the stairs, the munch crunch of breakfast time... With few words to read, the illustrations take on an added importance, and they do not disappoint.'

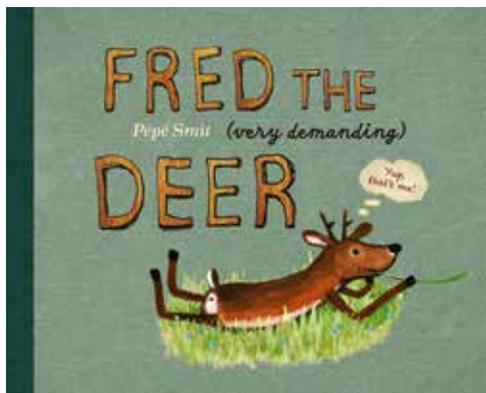
**CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND**



**RACHEL TILDA WOLF** graduated from the MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art in 2023. She lives by the sea in Kent and can often be seen out and about sketchbook in hand drawing from life. *Wolf in the City* (page 23) was her debut picture book, and was shortlisted for the World Illustration Award and long listed for the Klaus Flugge Prize.

**RUTH BROWN** is the award-winning creator of some of Britain's best loved children's books. Born in Devon, she now lives in London and Frome. Ruth's books are translated into many languages, and she has won the *Earthworm Award*, the *English Association Award*, the *Prix Sorciere* and been shortlisted 3 times for the *Kate Greenaway Medal*. See page 16 for: *Eye Spy*, *Ten Little Dogs* and *A Gallery of Cats*





A hilarious battle of wills between the author and her protagonist, Fred

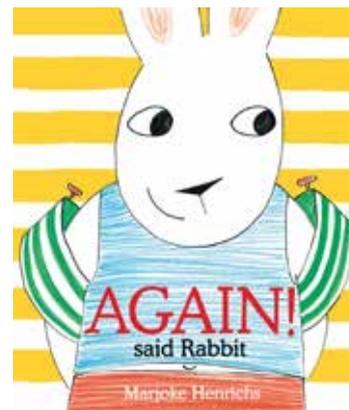
Fred the deer loves living in the forest. Or does he? No, he says he does not! He is bored, and wants to visit the town! Once there, he wants shoes. Then he wants chips... but he needs hands to eat chips! Read on to see if Pépé will give him hands, and just how the story will end up!

May 2026  
 HB • 978-1-83630-059-5 • £12.99  
 200 x 250mm • 36pp • Age 3+

- A book to make children and adults laugh, but also think
- Readers will secretly identify with Fred, who is demanding and stubborn but somehow loveable
- A book with timeless art and high-quality production values, including cloth spine
- Already a classic in the Netherlands, where it has reprinted many times



**PÉPÉ SMIT** lives in the Netherlands where she trained as a visual artist at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy and the Sandberg Institute. Her illustrations have appeared in several leading magazines and newspapers, but she has increasingly focused on creating picture books.



The third book featuring this loveable Rabbit, exploring the emotions in a young child's world.

Rabbit is off to the seaside for the day – this time with his mum and dad. He wants to build sandcastles, play football, and fly his kite. Then again. And again! When things stop going his way, will his day be ruined?

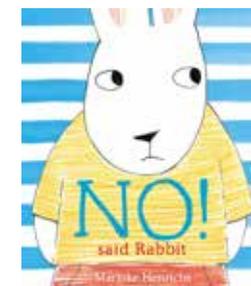
- Young readers will love to join in with the repeated refrain 'Again'
- All days at the seaside have ups and downs – a universal experience for adults and children
- Rabbit's rollercoaster emotions are handled gently by his parents
- International appeal with books sold in 18 languages

June 2026  
 HB • 978-1-83630-062-5 • £12.99  
 275 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 3

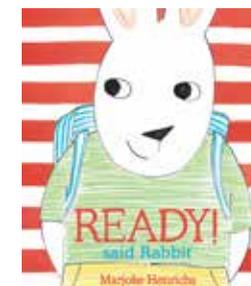
By now a familiar picture book character'  
**BIG ISSUE NORTH**  
 'Clever use of repetitive language and the bright, scribbly illustrations full of familiar objects, make this another perfect book for the very young.'

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

'Full of movement and humour'  
**BOOKTRUST**



PB • 978-1-912650-82-8  
 £7.99



PB • 978-1-915252-07-4  
 £7.99

**No! said Rabbit** was short listed for the 2021 **Book Trust Storytime Prize** and long listed for the **Klaus Flugge Prize**.

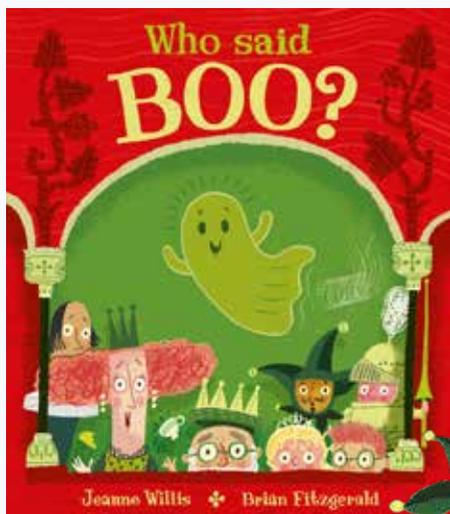


**MARJOKE HENRICHS** graduated from the MA Children's Book Illustration course at Cambridge School of Art in 2019. She is also a theatre designer and a painter. She was born in the Netherlands and now lives in Suffolk. Find more books by Marjoke on page 18.



## 6 New Hardback Picture Books

Jeanne Willis and Brian Fitzgerald



*Once there was a green castle. Everything inside was green – the door, the carpets, even people's clothes. But there's a problem! There's also a naughty little ghost who likes frightening everyone, and nobody can see him because he is also green!*

Each character who gets a fright from the ghost blames someone else, until the jester finds a simple solution that will uncover the real culprit.

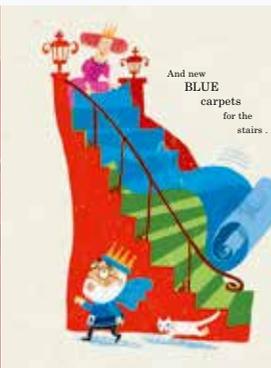
September 2026

HB • 978-1-83630-037-3 • £12.99  
275 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 3+



- Spot the green ghost hidden on each page!
- The repetition of 'boo!' will get children interacting with the story
- Readers will enter into the fun and side with the ghost, whilst realising he's naughty and must be stopped
- Treats bad behaviour and blaming others in a humorous way

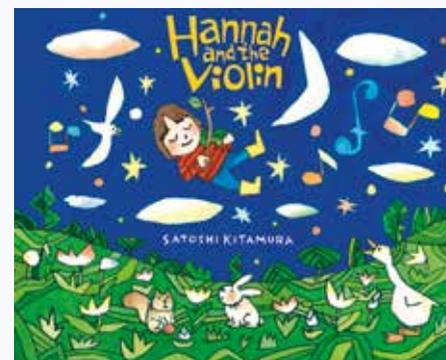
See pages 8 and 18 for more books by Jeanne and Brian



## New Paperback Picture Books 7

Satoshi Kitamura

Brendan Wenzel



**Music and imagination combine to create an unforgettable experience!**

When Hannah spots a leaf on the grass, she thinks it looks like a violin, and decides to see if she can play it. Soon everything is singing and dancing to the music!

February 2026

PB • 978-1-83630-058-8 • £7.99  
220 x 275mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'Encourages an interest in music, the various instruments and the 'music' available to us in our environment.' **A LIBRARY LADY**

'This celebration of play and invention... and the opportunities it opens for talking, wondering and creating are huge.' **LOVE READING**

'I strongly recommend this beautiful and thought-provoking picture book'  
**THE LETTERPRESS PROJECT**



**A bold and playful exploration of how the sun touches all life on earth.**

Celebrate the mysteries of light from sunup to sundown as it weaves its way through creation inspiring change, hope, wonder, and curiosity.

'Gentle, perfectly paced verse... Recommended for readers of all ages.' **BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

'Mastery of visual storytelling, with a clue before every page turn of what might come'  
**LANCASHIRE EVENING POST**

'A quite unusual and thought-provoking read for younger children.' **WORLD'S SMALLEST LIBRARY**

April 2026

PB • 978-1-83630-032-8 • £7.99  
203 x 254mm • 40pp • Age 3+



**JEANNE WILLIS'S** texts have sold in many languages, and won awards including the Smarties Prize (Silver), Sheffield Children's Book Award and Red House Children's Book Award.



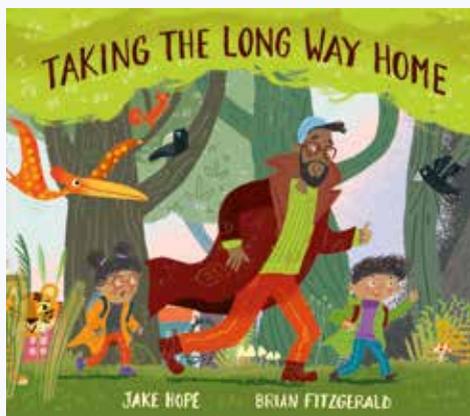
**BRIAN FITZGERALD** is an Irish illustrator who studied at the National College of Art and Design in Dublin and won the Bologna Fair International Silent Book Competition in 2014.



**SATOSHI KITAMURA** lives in Japan, but spent many years in London. Internationally acclaimed, his books are in 20 languages and have won multiple awards. See pages 19 and 20 for more books by Satoshi.



**BRENDAN WENZEL** lives in the USA and is a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator, creator of the Caldecott Honor book *They All Saw a Cat*.



Using all five senses and a dash of imagination, the ordinary walk back from school becomes a fantastic adventure!

Normally Zarah and her brother are collected from school by their dad, who rushes them home taking every shortcut. But today Uncle Jerome is collecting them, and he takes 'The long way home'. Reluctant to go further than necessary at first, the children are soon caught up in amazing adventures, due to their uncle's sense of fun and imagination.

**April 2026**  
 PB • 978-1-83630-060-1 • £7.99  
 245 x 270mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'A lovely book to share with little children. Brian Fitzgerald's varied compositions and printmaking create a sense of a world waiting to be explored and this story should inspire lots of outdoor adventures.' **BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

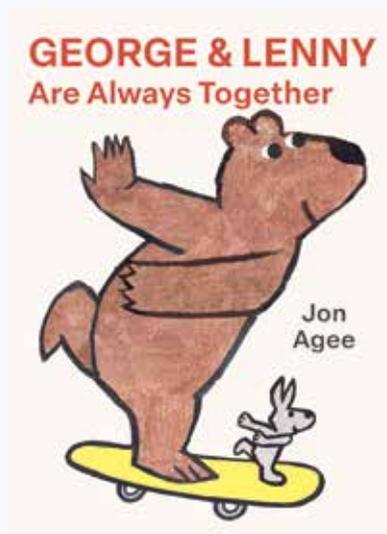
'This delightful and engaging picture book highlights the joy of play and the power of imagination, encouraging children to slow down, explore and find inspiration as they navigate the world around them.' **CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND**



**JAKE HOPE** is a reading development and children's book consultant. He is an active reviewer and a passionate advocate for libraries.



**BRIAN FITZGERALD** is an Irish illustrator who studied at the National College of Art and Design in Dublin and won the Bologna Fair International Silent Book Competition in 2014.



Wanting to be alone and wanting to be together are two different sides to the same coin in this funny and wise tale.

George and Lenny are inseparable friends. Life is terrific – they are always together! So, what will happen when one of them decides to try some alone time?

'This gentle book explores everyone's need to sometimes take time out, whatever their age, and how best to explain it to people they love. It resolves the dilemma with utter joy and, as ever, the expressions convey a world of emotion.' **DAILY MAIL**

'A great book to remind us what a gift it can be to spend time by ourselves' **JUNO MAGAZINE**

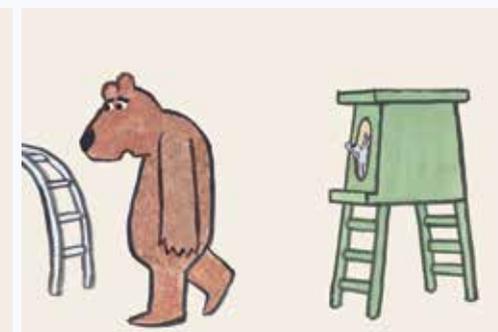
'The deadpan humour and simple but, oh-so-expressive illustrations with their bold, black outlines, mark this out as another Jon Agee classic...'

**LOVE READING**

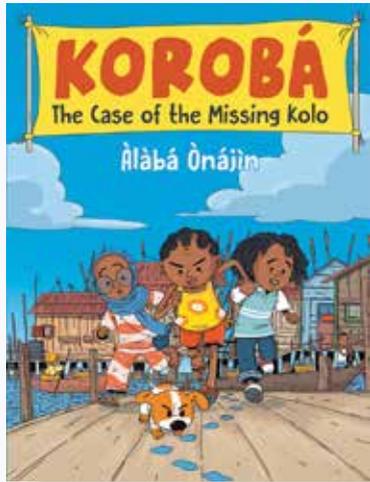
**July 2026**  
 PB • 978-1-83630-065-6 • £7.99  
 254 x 190mm • 40pp • Age 3+



**Nominated for the 2026 Carnegie Medal for Illustration**



**JON AGEE** attended The Cooper Union School of Art in New York City. A full-time author, he lives with his wife in San Francisco. Jon has won multiple awards in his native America, and in the UK he has been shortlisted for the FCBG 2023 Children's Book Award, nominated for the Carnegie Medal for Illustration and long listed for the UKLA award. Find more books by Jon on pages 14 and 15.



A new graphic novel series packed with colour and adventure, set in a vibrant African community.

Ten-year-old Korobá knows everyone in Makoko, the Nigerian fishing village where she lives. The last thing Korobá would expect in Makoko is a thief. Yet Saidat's wooden piggy bank has been stolen!

Buckle up, budding mystery fans... It's time to join Korobá and friends on their thrilling chase for the culprit.

- All the exotic adventure and rich detail of the best Tintin or Enid Blyton stories.
- Visual literacy as the illustrations feature some very important clues
- Accessible, warm and uplifting

'A fascinating slice of everyday African life, skilfully realised. We need more African stories.'

**KEN WILSON-MAX**

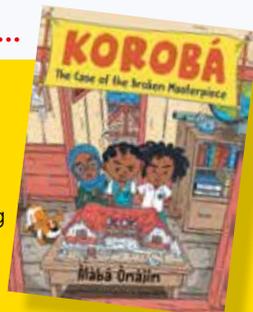
'An engaging, character-driven story... both narratively efficient and visually exquisite'

**SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL, starred review.**

'The Korobá series proves that one way to put a new twist on a classic story is to put it into a new context, offering readers a window into a different culture...'

Key cultural details are woven seamlessly into the excitement, suspense, and revelations of a cracking good mystery.' **BOOKLIST, starred review**

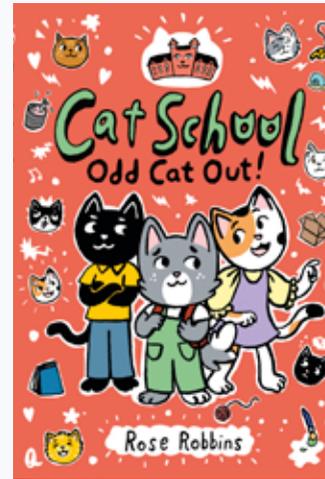
**COMING NEXT...**



May 2026  
PB • 978-1-83630-064-9 • £8.99  
216 x 165mm • 144pp • Age 7+  
Full colour throughout



**ÀLÁBÁ ÒNÁJÌN** was born in Nigeria, and now lives in Gloucestershire. His work has been published in USA and by UNESCO. As a child, he loved reading mysteries such as *The Famous Five*, and aims to create equally fun and empowering stories featuring smart child protagonists but set in his home country.



First in a new graphic novel trilogy featuring young kittens Tangle and Eno, and their new and neuro-divergent friend Pelly.

It's a new year at Cat School! Tangle and Eno are anxious, but soon settle back in. New kitten Pelly arrives late, and seems strange. She feels alienated and stays home, but is sought out and brought back into the main mix by the efforts of Tangle and Eno. Now they are firm friends!

- Boy and Girl characters dealing with new experiences, anxiety, feelings, friendship and community
- A storyline that welcomes a neuro-diverse character but is a fun narrative for a general audience, with lots of humour, empathy and inclusiveness
- Lots of fun extra features like a map of the school, Cat school rules, a Cat Herbarium...

May 2026  
PB • 978-1-83630-039-7 • £8.99  
203 x 140mm • 144pp • Age 7+  
Illustrations in 2 colours

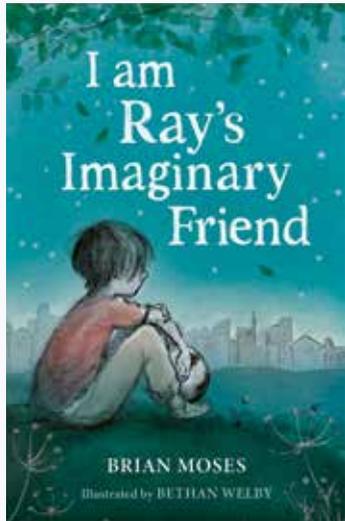


Watch out for the sequel!

**ROSE ROBBINS** lives in North London, and is a qualified teacher and SEN specialist. Rose creates upbeat books about disability, which have been short listed for the Waterstones Children's Book Award, nominated for the Greenaway and chosen as a 2021 IBBY Outstanding Book for Young People with Disabilities. Find more books by Rose on page 22.



**Brian Moses and Bethan Welby**



**March 2026**  
 PB • 978-1-83630-034-2 • £8.99  
 198 x 129mm • 216pp • Age 7+  
 B/w illustrations



**A moving and humorous verse chapter book written by an imaginary friend**

Did you know there's a school for imaginary friends? Well there is, and one of its star pupils is the narrator of Ray's story!

Ray loves life in his village until one day he hears his parents talking about moving house. Traumatized by the idea, Ray invents an imaginary friend to talk to and even runs away. Eventually Ray is able to accept the move, and also the refugee mother and child who come to live with his family in their new home.

- A story about anxiety that is handled with originality and humour
- Fabulous illustrations with both emotional depth and light-heartedness

'A terrific poetry novel that takes us deep into coping with change and growing stronger.' **PIE CORBETT**

'Thought-provoking, heart-warming and beautifully written'  
**SCHOOL READING LIST**

'Absolutely brilliant. This deceptively simple tale packs a real emotional punch.'

**ROGER STEVENS**

'This heartwarming story is a real masterclass in the power of empathy. The verse structure makes this a very accessible read and the delicate and beautiful line drawings throughout, add to the appeal.'

**LOVEREADING4KIDS**

**Derek Keilty and Louis Ghibault**

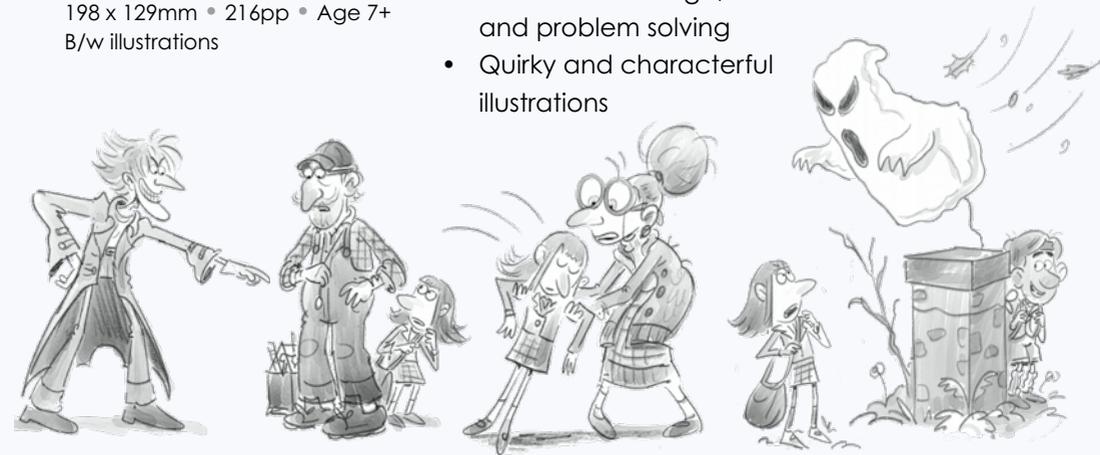


**September 2026**  
 PB • 978-1-83630-066-3 • £7.99  
 198 x 129mm • 216pp • Age 7+  
 B/w illustrations

**In the first of a new series, a school author visit goes spooktacularly wrong, but launches Olivia on her career as a Spooky Special Agent!**

Olivia is the only one who can detect that the visiting author is a ghost – but that shock is just the beginning! Her grandfather turns out to be a secret agent for SCARE – Spook Capture and Rehabilitation Enterprises – and Olivia has inherited his Spook Sense! So when Grandpa is kidnapped, Olivia has no choice but to embark on a chilling rescue mission with her best friend Roop.

- Fantastical adventure packed with ghosts and gadgets
- For boys and girls
- Themes of courage, team work and problem solving
- Quirky and characterful illustrations



**BRIAN MOSES** lives in East Sussex, UK. His books have sold over one million copies and he has been labelled 'one of Britain's favourite children's poets' by the National Poetry Archive. See more books by Brian on p27



**BETHAN WELBY** lives in Devon, UK. Her picture books have been longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Award, and short listed for the V&A Award, nominated for the Carnegie, and won a White Raven. See more books by Bethan on p23

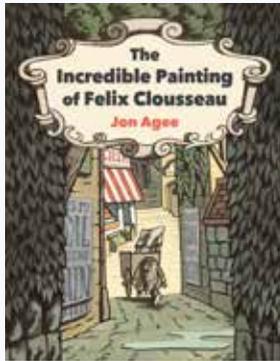


**DEREK KEILTY** lives in Belfast, UK. He takes storytelling and creative writing workshops to local schools, and awards include a short listing for the Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year. See more on pages 24 and 25.



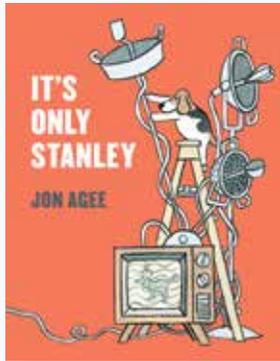
**LOUIS GHIHAULT** lives in Belgium and has illustrated *Monster Hunting for Beginners* (Farshore) and several picture books in France

Jon Agee



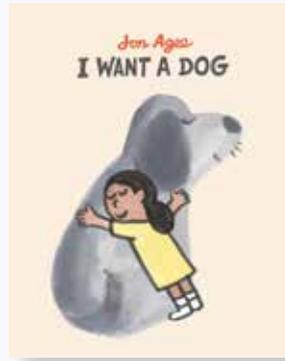
HB • 978-1-912650-57-6 • £12.99  
286 x 229mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'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**



PB • 978-1-912650-47-7 • £7.99  
292 x 225mm • 32pp • Age 3+

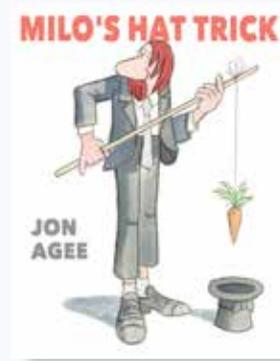
'With a rhyme that romps from start to finish, a feast of visual and verbal wit . . . this is Agee at his quirkiest and playful best!'  
**LANCASHIRE EVENING POST**



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

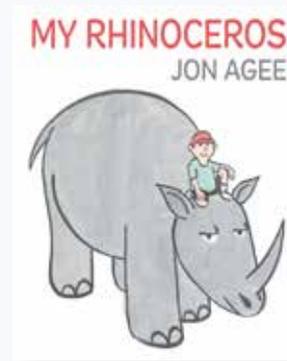
'The interaction between the girl and the man at the animal shelter is superb . . . perfectly paced text that includes a hilarious final twist.'  
**RED READING HUB**

Jon Agee



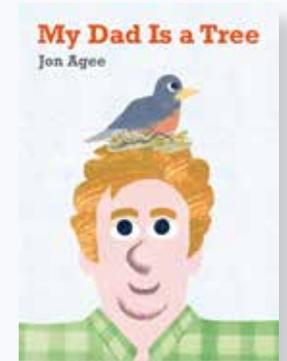
PB • 978-1-915252-80-7 • £7.99  
298 x 228mm • 32pp • Age 4+

Brimming with Agee's wonderfully understated comedy, rich imaginative powers, surprising twists and playful illustrations, this funny, exuberant and clever story is Agee at his entertaining best.'  
**LANCASHIRE EVENING POST**



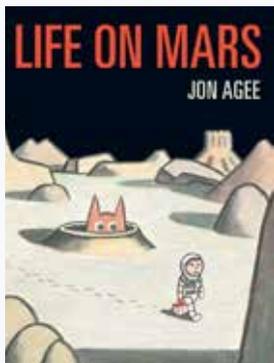
PB • 978-1-915252-09-8 • £7.99  
279 x 222mm • 32pp • Age 3+

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



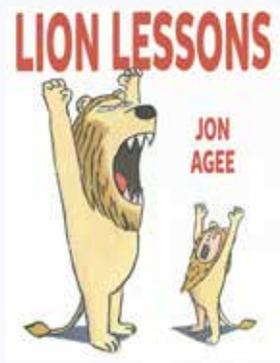
HB • 978-1-915252-17-3 • £12.99  
279 x 203mm • 40pp • Age 4+

'A unique journey that celebrates the bond between a child and their father, demonstrating that love knows no bounds.'  
**JUST IMAGINE**



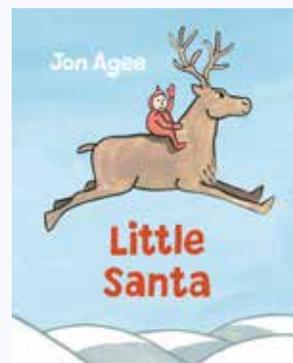
PB • 978-1-912650-15-6 • £7.99  
292 x 225mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'Delightful . . . Children of 3-5 will shriek with laughter, and even adults may get the joke.'  
**NEW STATESMAN**  
'Rich in humour, fun, subtle simplicity and visual virtuosity. Out of this world!'  
**LANCASHIRE EVENING POST**



HB • 978-1-912650-20-0 • £12.99  
PB • 978-1-912650-33-0 • £7.99  
292 x 225mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'All the hallmarks of a classic picturebook . . . sure to bring out the inner lion in every little reader.'  
**INIS MAGAZINE**  
'Full of wit, both visual and verbal.'  
**SUNDAY TIMES**



HB • 978-1-912650-78-1 • £12.99  
298 x 241mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'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**

Elena Arevalo Melville



PB • 978-1-912650-05-7 • £8.99  
292 x 216mm • 48pp • Age 3+

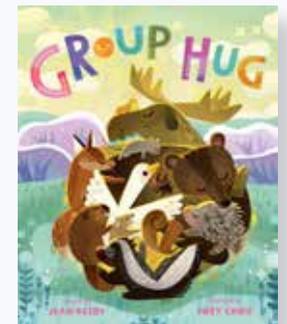
'In one of the most powerful picture books of the year, Jon Agee makes us question the perceived order of things.'  
**THE SCOTSMAN**  
'Demonstrates how much can be done with few words and simple pictures...'  
**SUNDAY TIMES**

Jean Reidy/Joey Chou



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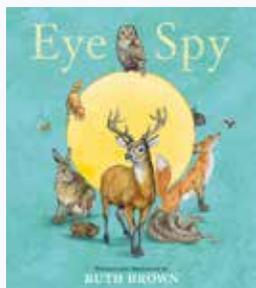
'Lovely bold, expressive drawing conjures a magical story.'  
**SUNDAY TIMES**  
'Forges its own eccentric and appealing path through a landscape that feels fresh and new.'  
**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**



PB • 978-1-912650-84-2 • £7.99  
280 x 229mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'A lovely story about the need for hugs whenever we are feeling lonely or sad.'  
**HEALTHY BOOKS**  
'We love the jaunty rhyming text . . . the message of kindness and inclusivity.'  
**BOOKISH WAY TO PLAY**

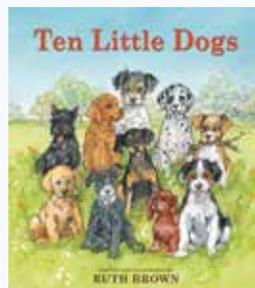
**Ruth Brown**



PB • 978-1-915252-76-0 • £7.99  
275 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 4+

'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**

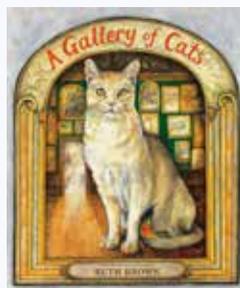


Mini HB • 978-1-912650-92-7  
£8.99 • 240 x 210mm  
28pp • Age 2+

'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**

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



PB • 978-1-912650-45-3 • £7.99  
275 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'Exceptional draughtsmanship makes all her books a feast...'

**SUNDAY TIMES**

**Nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2022**

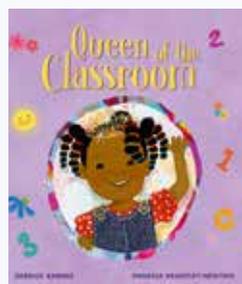
**Derrick Barnes/Vanessa Brantley-Newton**



PB • 978-1-912650-37-8 • £7.99  
254 x 228mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'This wonderfully empowering picture book 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**



PB • 978-1-912650-94-1 • £7.99  
254 x 228mm • 32pp • Age 3+

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

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**



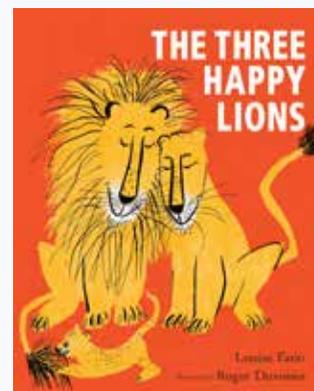
'If you are looking for a version of the classic Clement Clarke Moore seasonal poem this year then I'd whole-heartedly

recommend this superbly designed one first published in 1954. Retro brilliance, this!'

**RED READING HUB**

HB • 978-1-912650-19-4 • £11.99  
333 x 154mm • 40pp • Age 3+

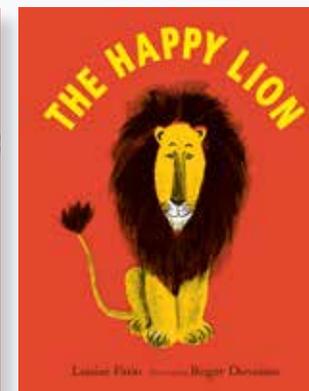
**Roger Duvoisin**



PB • 978-1-912650-72-9 • £7.99  
HB • 978-1-912650-71-2 • £12.99  
270 x 216mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'A lovely opportunity for the very young to experience another language.'

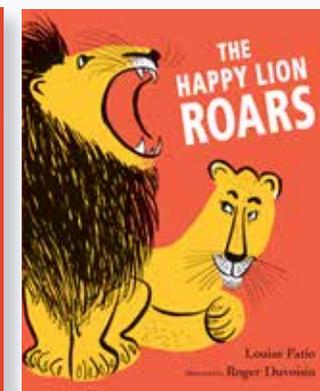
**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**



PB • 978-1-912650-13-2 • £7.99  
270 x 216mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'Set in France this story includes themes of family dynamics, individuality and being true to yourself. Well done Scallywag Press re-introducing us to these gems.'

**BOOK AND GIFT BLOGGER**



PB • 978-1-912650-42-2 • £7.99  
270 x 216mm • 32pp • Age 3+

**Cori Doerrfeld**



PB • 978-1-915252-78-4 • £7.99  
280 x 216mm • 40pp • Age 4+

'Demonstrates how important an intergenerational relationship can be and how families can support each other through tough times.'

**JUST IMAGINE**

**Part of the 2024 Empathy Lab collection**



PB • 978-1-912650-14-9 • £8.99  
254 x 254mm • 36pp • Age 3+

'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**

**Part of the 2020 Read for Empathy collection**



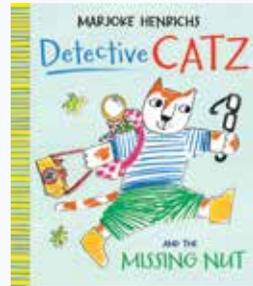
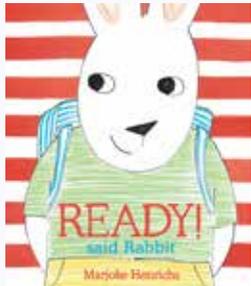
PB • 978-1-912650-44-6 • £7.99  
254 x 254mm • 36pp • Age 4+

'This book is perfect to share at transitional points in anybody's life. There is great value in using this book as a tool to help children to communicate their emotions and develop strong emotional intelligence.'

**★★★★ READING ZONE**



Marjoke Henrichs



PB • 978-1-912650-82-8 • £7.99  
275 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'A picture book that really does work.'**BOOKS FOR KEEPS** ★★★★★  
'Guaranteed to raise a smile.'

**MIRROR BOOK CLUB,  
BEST SUMMER READS**  
Short listed for the Book Trust  
Story Time Prize  
Included in the Book Trust  
Great Books Guide 2021

PB • 978-1-915252-07-4 • £7.99  
275 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'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**

HB • 978-1-915252-35-7 • £12.99  
275 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 4+

'Promotes empathy, determination and self-confidence, making it ideal to read and share with nursery and EYFS children.'

**SCHOOL READING LIST**

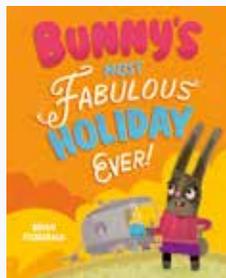
Jeanne Willis/Brian Fitzgerald



PB • 978-1-915252-57-9 • £7.99  
275 X 240mm • 32pp • Age 4+

'This laugh-out-loud rhyming story blends funny, powerful and highly-engaging themes of empowerment, roles and sharing with hilariously bold illustrations.'

**SCHOOL READING LIST**



PB • 978-1-83630-006-9  
£7.99 • 279 x 229mm  
40pp • Age 3+

'A sweet story about the importance of going with the flow and getting out of your comfort zone – you never know what might happen when you try something new!'

**INIS, Recommended  
Irish Reads 2024**

'A change of heart leads to an enriching, fun-filled friendship.'

**THE TIMES IRELAND**

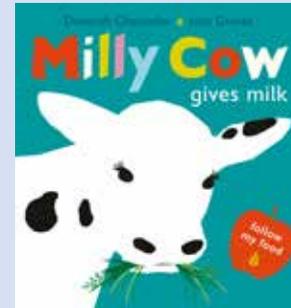
'The illustrations are full of humour and whilst the message is simple, the text does not talk down to children and uses great vocabulary, exactly what I love in a picture book.'

**READING ZONE**

Deborah Chancellor/Julia Groves

Four narrative non-fiction picture books to show children where their food comes from, and to stimulate conversations about sustainability and animal welfare

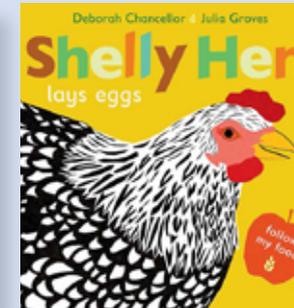
240 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 4+



PB • 978-1-915252-13-5 • £7.99

'A perfect introduction to how milk is produced...'

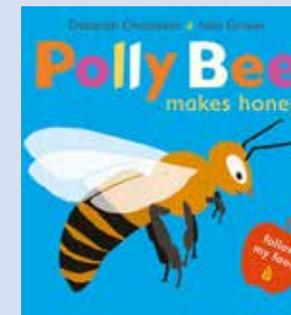
**JUST IMAGINE**



PB • 978-1-915252-14-2 • £7.99

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

**LANCASHIRE EVENING POST**



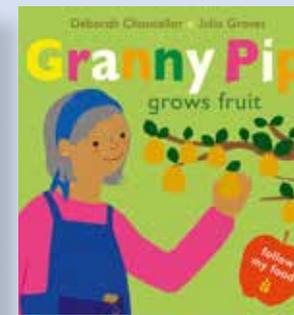
PB • 978-1-915252-15-9 • £7.99

'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**

'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**

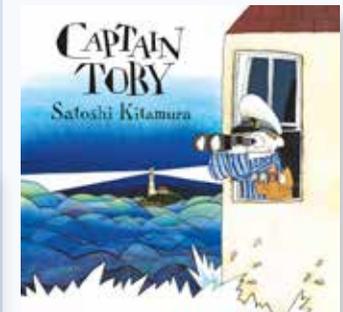


PB • 978-1-915252-16-6 • £7.99

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

**SCHOOL READING LIST**

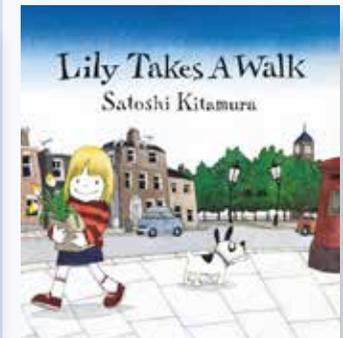
Satoshi Kitamura



PB • 978-1-912650-75-0 • £6.99  
216 x 216mm • 28pp + gatefold  
Age 3+

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

**I TEACH THINGS**



PB • 978-1-912650-69-9 • £6.99  
216 x 216mm • 28pp + gatefold.  
Age 3+

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

**JUST IMAGINE**

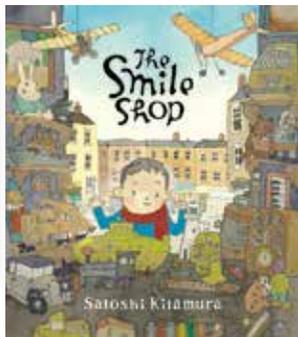
Satoshi Kitamura



PB • 978-1-912650-25-5 • £7.99  
240 x 275mm • 32pp • Age 2+

'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**

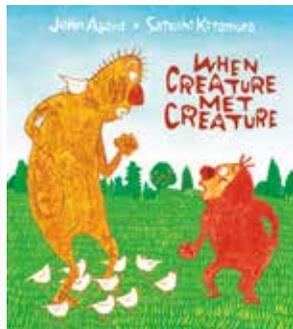
**Nominated for the Greenaway Medal 2020**



PB • 978-1-912650-97-2 • £7.99  
260 x 230mm • 32pp • Age 4+

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

**LANCASHIRE EVENING POST**

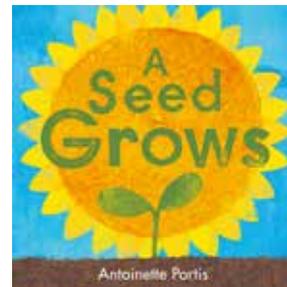


HB • 978-1-912650-50-7 • £12.99  
260 x 230mm • 32pp • Age 3+

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

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

Antoinette Portis



PB • 9781836300076 • £7.99  
HB • 978-1-912650-93-4 • £12.99  
230 x 230mm • 40pp • Age 3+

'Reminiscent of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, this is a simple – and surprisingly moving – depiction of a seed becoming a sunflower.'

**I-NEWSPAPER**

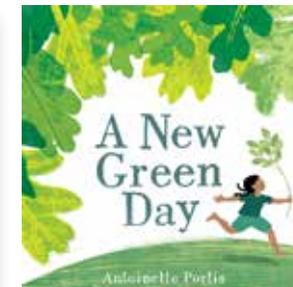


PB • 978-1-912650-60-6 • £7.99  
230 x 230mm • 40pp • Age 3+

'A gloriously illustrated non-fiction picture book about water.'

**IRISH INDEPENDENT**

**Long listed for the UKLA Award 2021**



HB • 978-1-912650-48-4 • £12.99  
203 x 203mm • 40pp • Age 3+

'Every riddle asks readers and listeners to embrace the great outdoors, to re-experience the familiar with all their senses alert.'

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

**English Association Book Award 2021**

**Nominated for the 2021 Greenaway Medal**

Padmacandra



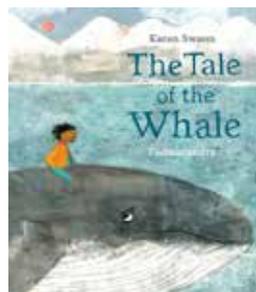
HB • 978-1-915252-11-1 • £12.99  
275 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 4+

'A delightfully fun picture book with a jaunty rhyming text...

A refreshing take on grandparents... Very entertaining.'

**Long listed for the UKLA Award 2024**

Karen Swann/  
Padmacandra



PB • 978-1-912650-91-0 • £7.99  
280 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'Not since *The Snowman* has a journey conjured so much sheer joy, connection and imagination.'

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

'Will inspire younger children to consider the environment.'

**SCHOOL READING LIST**

**Winner of the Derby Book Award**

**Shortlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize**

Inbal Leitner



PB • 978-1-912650-61-3 • £7.99  
240 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 3+

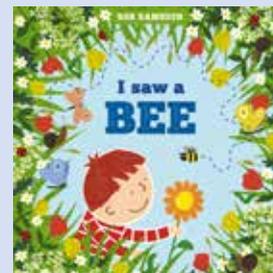
'A story of emigration, but resonates for anyone currently apart from loved ones.'

**SUNDAY TIMES CULTURE**

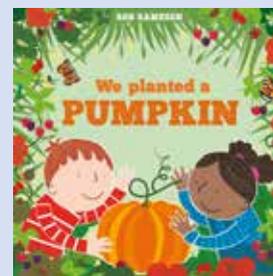
**Nominated for the Greenaway Medal 2021**

**Daily Telegraph Best Children's Books 2020**

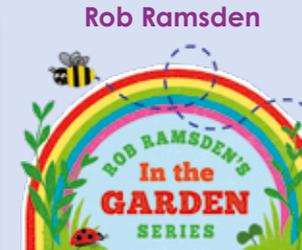
Rob Ramsden



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**Short listed For The Teach Early Years Awards 2021**

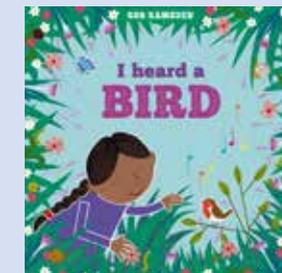


**A collection of titles which encourage young children to relate to the natural world.**

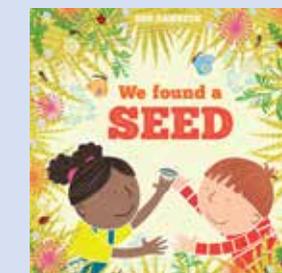
240 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 3+  
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'Effectively simple...conveys its crucial environmental message without a hint of preachiness.'

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

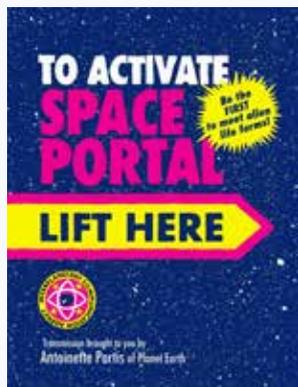


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PB • 978-1-912650-35-4

Antoinette Portis



HB • 978-1-83630-035-9 • £12.99 • 279 x 203mm 56pp • Age 3+

**This book is an interstellar portal, and the aliens inside want to get to know you!**

Before you lift the cover, be sure you're ready to meet Zrk and Blrg. They're not so different from you—but to them, you're the alien!

'Highly recommended, this uniquely bold alien and space-themed picture book is perfect for imaginative 4+ year olds.'

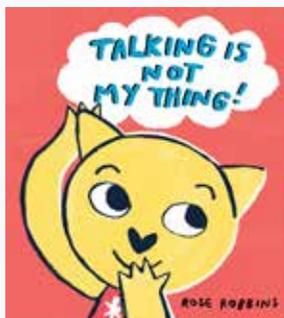
**SCHOOL READING LIST**

'A perfect read aloud and sharing story, full of humour, with a quiet message of acceptance'

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**



Rose Robbins

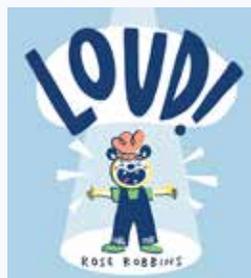


PB • 978-1-912650-59-0 • £8.99 270 x 245mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'A celebration of diversity and neurodiversity, but also quite simply a lovely picture book to share with any child.'

**BOOKTRUST**

**Nominated for the Greenaway Medal 2021**

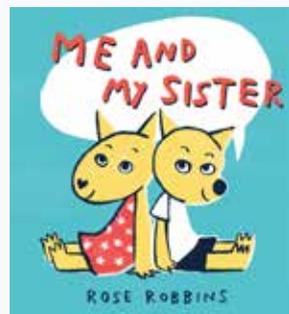


PB • 978-1-912650-87-3 • £7.99 270 x 245mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'The feelings of a child presenting challenging behaviour are sensitively explored in this simple story about the frustration of not fitting in or being understood'

**BOOKS FOR KEEPS**

'A vibrant and explosive exploration of diversity and neurodiversity.'

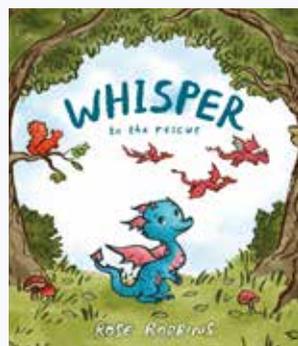


PB • 978-1-912650-23-1 • £8.99 270 x 245mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'Robbins creates a sensitive portrait of accommodating different needs within a family unit.'

**IRISH TIMES**

**Shortlisted for the Waterstones Book Prize 2020**

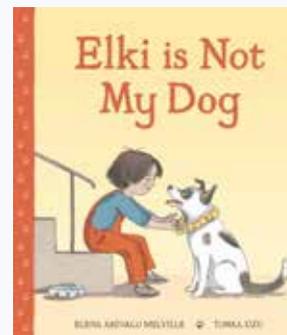


HB • 978-1-915252-20-3 • £12.99 280 X 240mm • 32pp • Age 4+

'Will succeed in galvanising young children into using their own voices – vocally and visually – to stand up for environmental and other important issues they believe in.'

**RED READING HUB**

Tonka Uzu/Elena Arevalo Melville

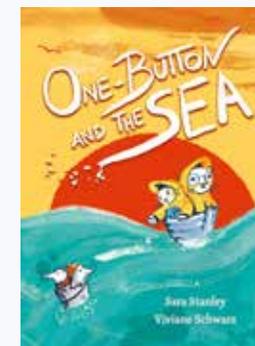


HB • 978-1-915252-36-4 £12.99 • 275 X 240mm 32pp • Age 4+

'Particularly powerful for its authentic representation of children living in a block of flats, playing outside and taking action as a collective.'



Sara Stanley/Viviane Schwarz



PB • 978-1-83630-033-5 £7.99 • 275 x 226mm 32pp • Age 4+

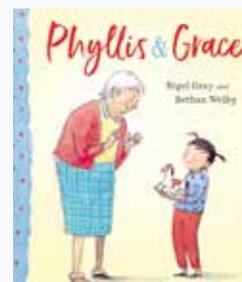
'A beautiful resonant fable about memory, love and hope – brought to life with luminous illustrations'

**CHRIS RIDDELL**

**Nominated for the Carnegie Medal for Illustration**



Nigel Gray/Bethan Welby



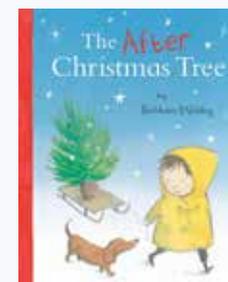
HB • 978-1-912650-51-4 • £12.99 275 x 240mm • 32pp • Age 4+

'Together words and pictures beautifully document the progression of dementia and how it might appear, from a young child's viewpoint.'

**RED READING HUB**

'Sensitive and surprisingly uplifting'

Bethan Welby



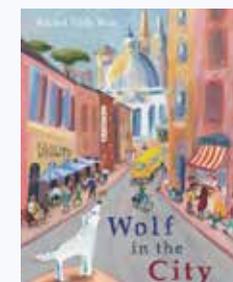
PB • 978-1-912650-98-9 • £7.99 275 x 200mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'Tells the plaintive story of a small Christmas tree abandoned on a cold pavement in January, ideal to read when the festive season draws to an end.'

**SUNDAY TELEGRAPH**

**Longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Award 2021**

Rachel Tilda Wolf



HB • 978-1-915252-83-8 • £12.99 270 x 216mm • 32pp • Age 3+

'This gentle story shows us the importance of home, sweet home... The artwork has the warm hues and tones of old Italian cities, and it's an adventure readers of all ages will relish.'

**LOVEREADING4KIDS**

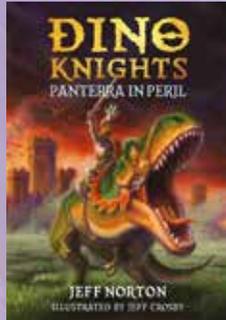


**DINO KNIGHTS: Jeff Norton/Jeff Crosby**

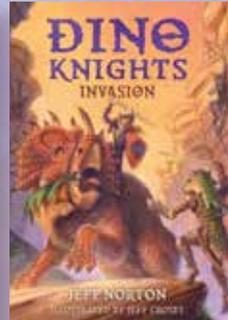
From the champion of reluctant readers, Jeff Norton, a fast-paced fantasy series, set in a medieval land where dinosaurs still roam.  
178 x 126mm • b/w illustrations throughout. Age 7+ • PB

'You like knights?  
You like dinosaurs?  
Watch out your head  
might just explode.'  
**THE TIMES**

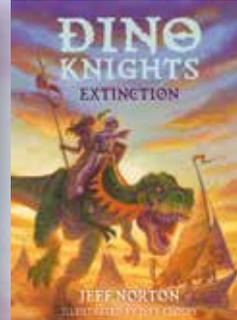
'I thoroughly enjoyed  
reading this book.  
It is fast-paced and  
packed full of action  
and adventure.'  
**READING ZONE**



PB • 978-1-912650-73-6  
£6.99 • 160pp



PB • 978-1-912650-88-0  
£6.99 • 192pp

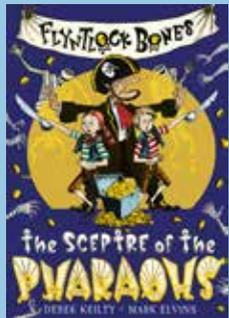


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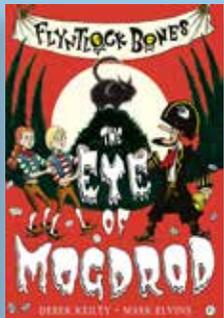
**FLYNTLOCK BONES: Derek Keilty/Mark Elvins**

When Flynn applies for the job as cabin boy on the Black Hound, he doesn't expect it to be a pirate ship. But soon he's setting sail for the Seven Seas, to find stolen treasure – and return it to the original owners!

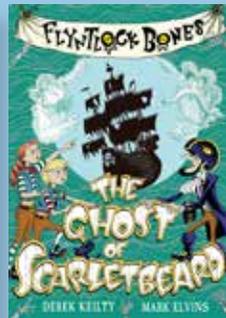
178 x 126mm • 176pp • b/w illustrations throughout • Age 7+



PB: 978-1-912650-40-8  
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PB: 978-1-912650-67-5  
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PB: 978-1-912650-77-4  
£6.99



'It's a brilliant twist on pirate stories, combining all the best bits – think treasure maps, swashbuckling, suitably grumpy pirate cooks, walking the plank, pirate grog – with a mystery thriller narrative'

**THE BOOK ACTIVIST**

'Has a timeless, classic feel ... illustrations that really have the wow factor'  
**BOOK TRUST**

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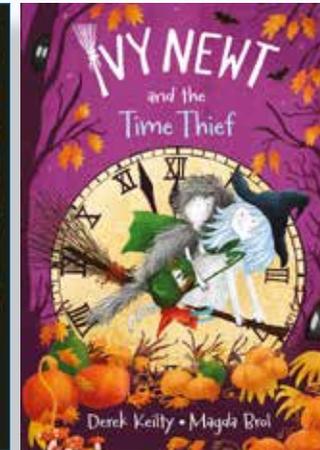
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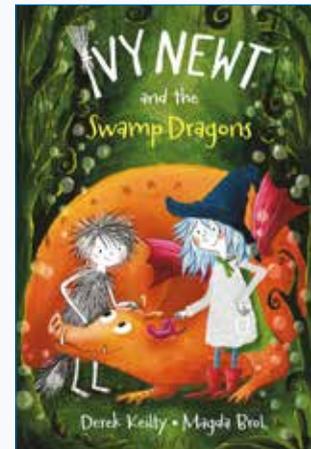
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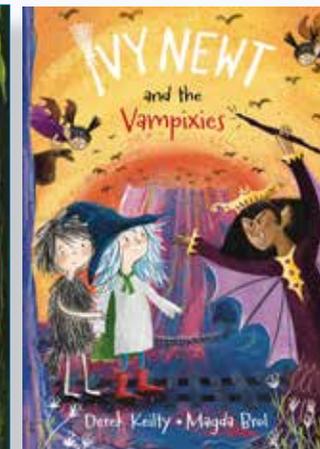
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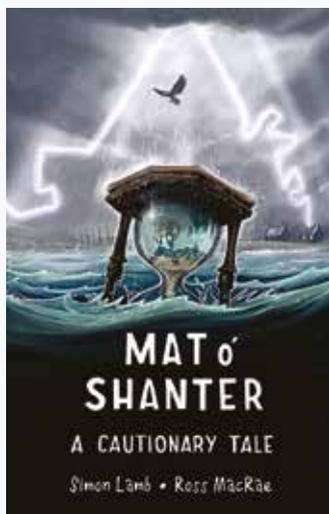
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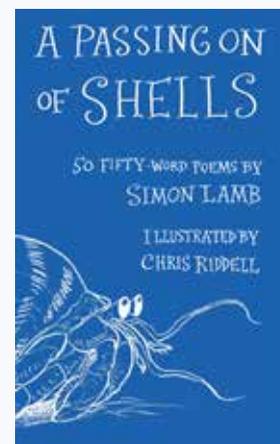
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