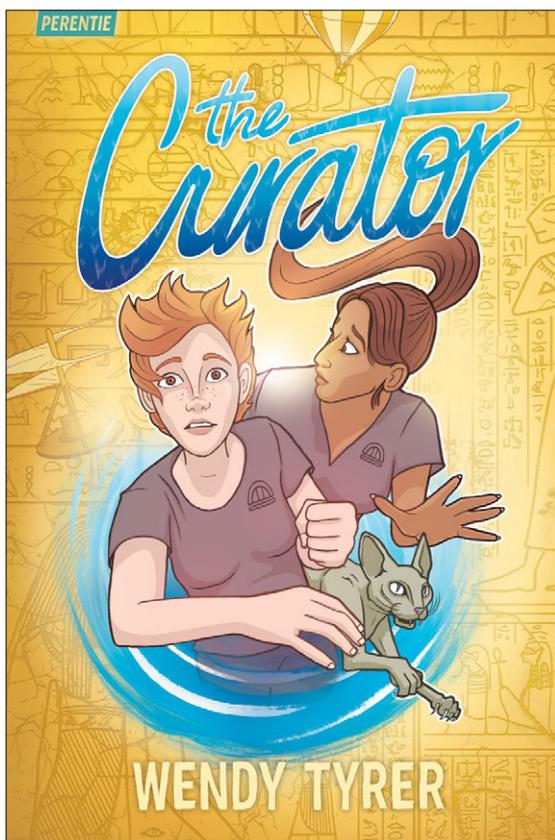
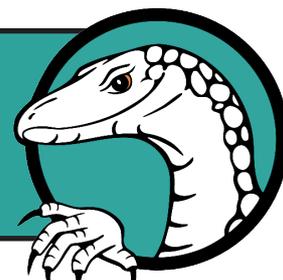


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Age range 14+

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All around the world, artists are disappearing. But struggling art student Mimi isn't too concerned – she's not a 'real artist' yet.

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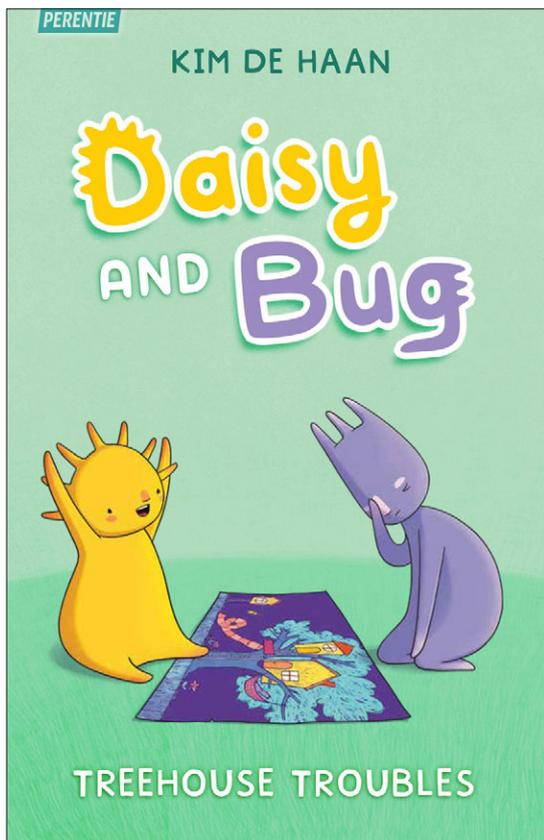


About the author:

Wendy Tyrer is an illustrator, animator, designer, and writer who lives by the sea in an old Wendy House with her doodle-dog, two kids, and patient husband. She loves to draw, write, read, share food with friends, and get fiercely competitive over a game of Catan. After earning a degree in Graphic Design and a Postgraduate Diploma in Animation and Multimedia, Wendy worked with leading advertising and design agencies, and served as Creative Lead on statewide and national campaigns. For the past decade, she has run her design studio, Picta Creative, where she continues to blend storytelling, design, and imagination to craft meaningful visual experiences.

Whether through illustration, written word, design or other media, Wendy believes in the power of story and its ability to connect and inspire.

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DAISY AND BUG

Treehouse Troubles

KIM DE HAAN

- **This graphic novel blends simple text, strong visuals, and fast-paced humour to engage even the most reluctant readers**
- **Odd-couple friendship dynamic: Daisy's chaotic optimism collides with Bug's reluctant loyalty, creating instant comedic tension and a duo readers will want to follow through multiple adventures**
- **Absurd fun with heart: Packed with slapstick mishaps, escalating chaos, and laugh-out-loud moments, the story also reinforces themes of problem-solving, resilience, and teamwork**
- **Standalone story with series plan: *Treehouse Troubles* reads as a complete, satisfying adventure on its own, while also introducing characters with strong series appeal and endless room for new shenanigans**
- **Inclusive, broad appeal: The series invites every child to see themselves in the story whether they are dreamers like Daisy or nap-lovers like Bug**

Age range 6 to 8

Daisy wants to build the BEST TREEHOUSE EVER. But there's a little problem...Daisy and Bug don't have a tree. Daisy has a bad reputation for good ideas. Bug just wants to nap.

What will happen when one of Daisy's ideas grows out of control?



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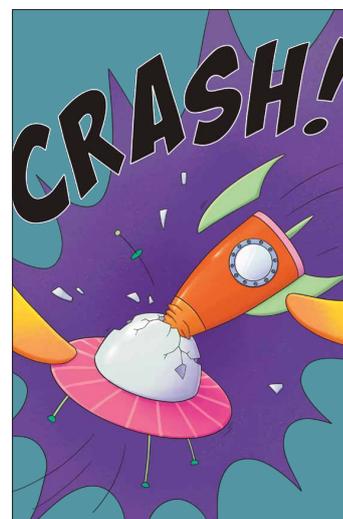
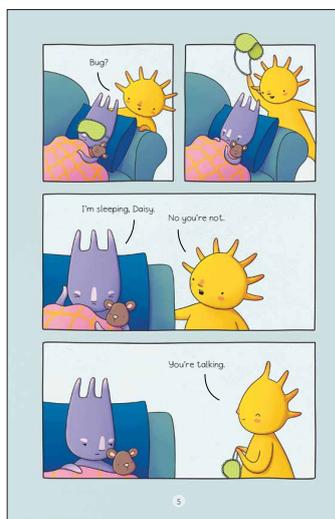
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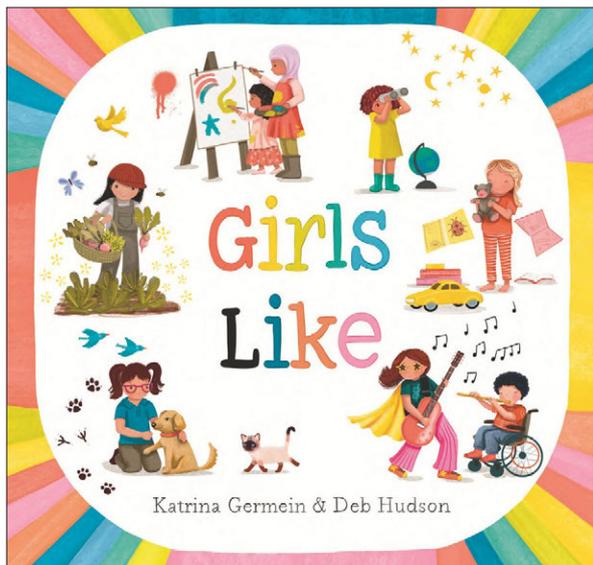


About the author:

Kim de Haan is an illustrator and writer who creates warm, optimistic stories for kids. A lifelong bookworm, she spent over a decade working in architecture and design before realising she wanted to be on the other side of the book too.

Kim lives on Guringai Land in Sydney's Northern Beaches. If she's not busy creating stories, she's probably crafting, cooking something delicious, or enjoying a hard earned nap.





GIRLS LIKE

KATRINA GERMEIN, ILLUSTRATED BY DEB HUDSON

- From the bestselling author of *Bev and Kev*, *Fabulous Frogs*, *One Little Duck*, and the *My Dad Thinks He's Funny* series

Age range 3+

Dance feet
Dare feet
Fast feet
Bare feet

Vibrantly illustrated by Deb Hudson, award-winning author Katrina Germein's gorgeous *Girls Like* is a joyous celebration of all the ways to be a girl.



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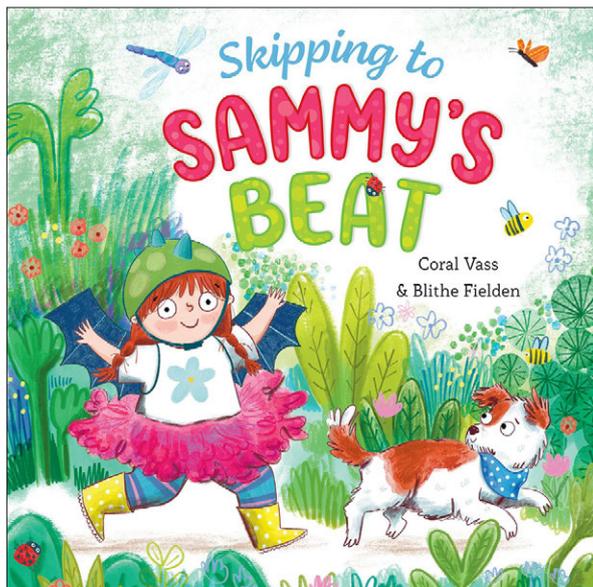
Tarntanya (Adelaide);
Naarm (Melbourne)

About the author and illustrator:

Katrina Germein is a best-selling children's author, published and translated internationally. Her popular titles include *Bev and Kev*, *Fabulous Frogs*, *One Little Duck*, and the *My Dad Thinks He's Funny* series. Katrina's work has been Highly Commended in the Prime Minister's Literary Awards and won a CBCA Honour, as well as CBCA short-listings and Notables. Katrina is a past winner of the Speech Pathology Book of the Year Award and the SCBWI Crystal Kite Award. Her books have been recorded five times for the children's television show, *Play School*. When she's not writing books or talking about them, Katrina enjoys reading, daydreaming, and drinking tea with friends; she also likes bushwalking and going to the beach. 2026 sees the release of Katrina's twenty-ninth picture book, *Girls Like*.

Deb Hudson is an illustrator and designer based in beautiful Melbourne, Australia. Creating for both children and the young at heart, her illustrations are whimsical and nature-inspired with a sweet, cheerful, and handmade feel. Her work has appeared in over 20 books, as well as stationery, home goods, and greeting cards. Since her 2018 debut with *The Golden Thread*, Deb has worked on many beloved projects, including the *What Zola Did* series. Her clients include Penguin Books, Hachette, MidnightSun, Disney Plus, and La La Land Gifts. She was also the featured illustrator for the 2021 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge.





SKIPPING TO SAMMY'S BEAT

CORAL VASS, ILLUSTRATED BY BLITHE FIELDEN

- A delightful story by an award-winning author about being yourself, singing to your own tune and drumming to your own beat
- Confidence and friendship are key themes
- Provides an excellent starting point for discussions about following your own path in life
- Playful, sensitive illustrations by talented illustrator

Age range 3 to 6

Sammy loves to splash in puddles, dangle from trees, look for ladybirds and skip and dance down the path to her very own beat.

TAP, DA-DUM, TAP, TAP, DA-DUM!

But when Sammy turns five, she feels silly wearing her tutu and gumboots and so she stops dancing altogether.

Eventually, Sammy can't hear her beat any more – the very beat that makes her special. How does Sammy find her beat again?



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About the author and illustrator:

Coral Vass is an award-winning Australian children's author. With a background in media, Coral has always delighted in telling stories and has been writing books for 15 years. Her first book with New Frontier Publishing, *Please Handle with Care* (illustrated by Tull Suwannakit), was selected as a CBCA Notable Book in 2023. Her other titles include best-selling *Goodnight Possum* and 2019 CBCA Book of the Year Eve Pownall winner, *Sorry Day* (illustrated by Dub Leffler). She loves to visit schools, often running writing workshops and inspiring young people with a love for literature. Coral is an ambassador for Reading Out of Poverty and is passionate about giving all children an equal opportunity to read.

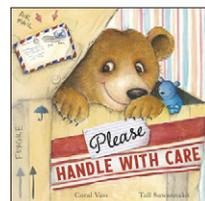
Blithe Fielden is an illustrator from the UK but is now based in Brisbane, Australia. Inspired by the beauty of nature, animals and the environment, Blithe loves to create playful illustrations, depicting the world through the eyes of children. Since graduating from Leeds Arts University with a BA in Illustration in 2021, Blithe has worked alongside several small businesses and clients, showcasing her illustrations to a range of audiences.



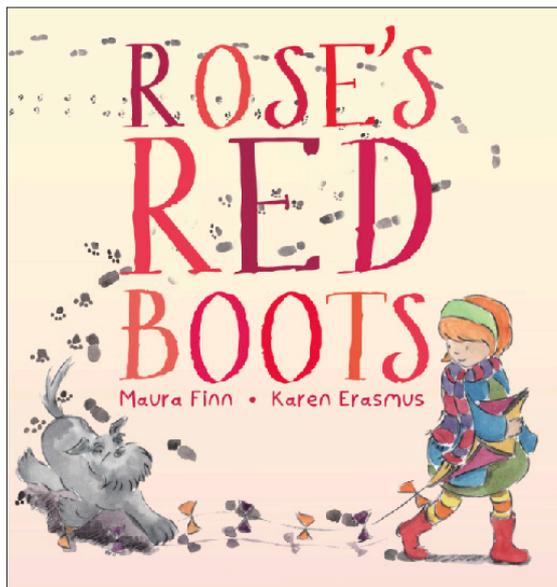
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PLEASE HANDLE WITH CARE

CORAL VASS, ILLUSTRATED BY TULL SUWANNAKIT



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ROSE'S RED BOOTS

MAURA FINN, ILLUSTRATED BY KAREN ERASMUS

- Autumn
- Outdoor play
- Pet care
- Friendship
- Adventure

Age range 3 to 6

*The little red boots went marching, marching, marching.
The little red boots went marching, merrily on their way ...'*

One bright autumn morning, Rose and her cheeky companion, Banjo, head off to fly their kite.

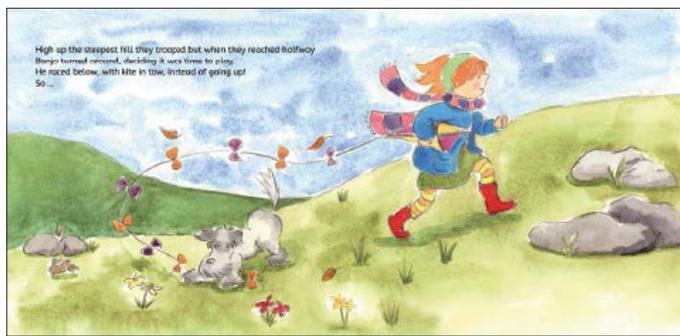


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High up the steepest hill they trooped but when they reached halfway
Banjo turned around, deciding it was time to play.
He raced below, with Mite in tow, instead of going up!
So...

About the author and illustrator:



Born and bred in New Zealand, **Maura Finn** now lives in Melbourne with her husband and two young daughters. In her early writing days, she ran a rather lucrative

playground business, swapping tailor-made poems for lunchbox leftovers. Now, many years later, she has rediscovered the joy and value of picture books through sharing them with her own children, and is delighted to think that her stories may contribute to other children's love of reading.



A long admirer of illustrators like Freya Backwood and Emily Gravett, **Karen Erasmus** was delighted to illustrate her first children's picture book in 2011,

and has now completed more than ten books. She works in watercolour, ink and pastel, and aims to create images that are engaging and lively for young readers.



Also available:

MY MAGNIFICENT JELLY BEAN TREE

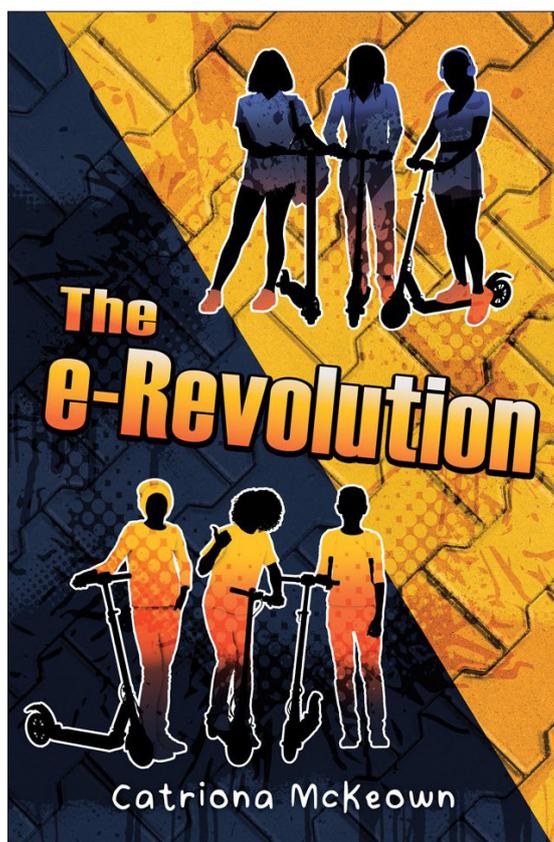
MAURA FINN, ILLUSTRATED BY AURA PARKER



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THE E-REVOLUTION

CATRIONA MCKEOWN

- Explores contemporary issue that interest teens: e-scooters and their associated laws and rules
- Explores the consequences of short-sighted pranks and taking revenge
- Themes of trust, independence, friendship, rivalry, advocating for things you believe in and community
- Minimal words. Maximum impact. Rhiza Shorts are teen novellas created for quick reads. They are suitable for every day readers wanting a quick story, as well as reluctant teen readers

Age range 12+

Jolie and her friends Charlotte, Bronwyn and Hayley are at war with three boys in Year 9 at school. It's a love/hate relationship, where they set each other up with dares and the losers have consequences.

When the boys win a bet, the girls cry 'Unfair!' However, their plan for revenge backfires and leads to the principal banning all e-scooters from school premises and insisting students must follow government regulations, which means they can only ride a scooter with an adult. How can they get to school? To their jobs?

Jolie and her friends want to fix things, but what can they achieve on their own? Is the only person who can help the one person Jolie doesn't want to turn to?

Also available:

WAYS TO DIE RIGHT

CATRIONA MCKEOWN



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GOOD LUCK AND OTHER LIES

CATRIONA MCKEOWN



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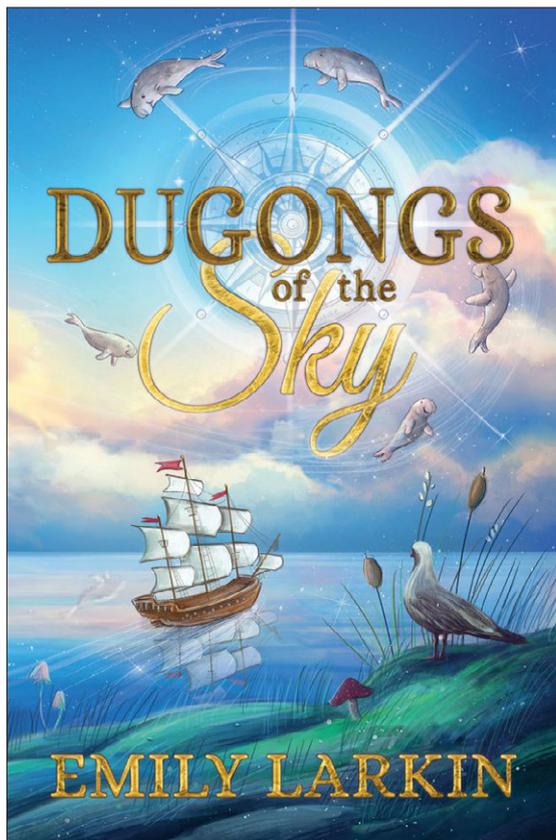
Sunshine Coast

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About the author:

Catriona McKeown is an established, award-winning author. She has three full-length contemporary Young Adult novels published: *The Boy in the Hoodie* (winner of Caleb's Unpublished Manuscript Award 2017), *Memphis Grace* (Winner of the Australian Family Therapist Award 2020), and *Good Luck and Other Lies*. Catriona is an Australian High School teacher, working primarily with students with additional needs. She also helps students develop their entrepreneurial skills to create solutions to today's problems. She lives on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.



DUGONGS OF THE SKY

EMILY LARKIN

- A strong message for readers about caring for the environment, and a strong focus on protecting endangered animals
- A beautiful blend of fantasy creatures and real Aussie wildlife
- Nuanced characters with believable dynamics that teach readers that first impressions can sometimes be wrong
- Themes of friendship, community, respect, overcoming prejudice, and collaboration of differing cultures
- Many opportunities to tie in with the Australian school curriculum (particularly for Years 4-6)
- An empathetic protagonist for middle-grade readers to 'read up' to

Age range 10 to 14

The sky dugongs are in danger, but Captain Scree Barnacle is determined to save them.

Her voyage to overturn an ancient hunting law means sailing the perilous Starstruck Straits – and dealing with sabotage. But who is threatening Scree's mission, and are others in danger too?

Can the Wildkin captain and Patch, her plucky ship's mate, untangle a magical plot, help the lost creatures find their way home, and save the animals?

Dugongs of the Sky is an exciting seafaring adventure for middle-grade readers about magic, mystery and friendship.

Dugongs of the Sky is about friendship, animals and the meaning of courage. It's ideal for readers who love the high adventure of Claire Fayers's *The Accidental Pirates* duology and the magical whimsy of Liz Flanagan's *Wildsmith* series. It's an exciting seafaring adventure with magic, mystery and friendship. And, of course, flying dugongs! *Dugongs of the Sky* is great for animal lovers and everyone who loves twists and turns! It will soar into your heart.

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WITHIN THE WARD

EMILY LARKIN



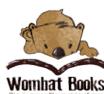
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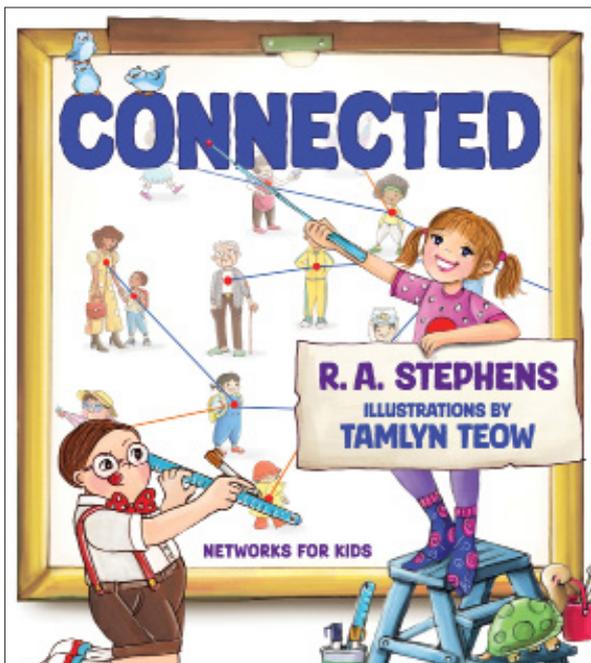
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About the author:

Emily Larkin is a Queensland author and academic who holds a Doctor of Creative Arts (Writing) from the University of the Sunshine Coast. She loves teaching Writing and Literature at the University of Queensland.

Emily writes in a variety of genres and is the author of the picture book *The Whirlpool*, illustrated by Hélène Magisson and published by Wombat Books (2017), and the young-adult dystopian novel *Within the Ward*, published by Rhiza Edge (2021). Her short fiction and poetry features in Australian and international literary journals, including *Meniscus*, *Idiom 23*, *Seizure*, *Trove*, *Literary Orphans*, *The Write Launch*, *Number Eleven Magazine*, *Flumes*, *The Zodiac Review* and more.



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About the author and illustrator:



R. A. Stephens is a teacher by day, writer, editor and publisher by night. She is passionate about the written word, what stories can do to take a reader to a new world and open our

eyes to love, compassion, the bigger picture and much more. When not working, teaching or writing, she enjoys living in the country and spending time with her kids and cats.



Tamlyn Teow is an artist, illustrator and props designer. In 2013, she left a corporate career to learn how stories are told through art. Tamlyn's passion is to create works that give

hope in challenging times, spark curiosity and bring individuals together by opening their eyes to truth and meaning. Tamlyn has worked in the art department for various productions, including *Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga*, *Peter Rabbit 2*, *Shang-Chi* (Marvel Studios) and *North Shore*. She has illustrated a number of picture books, designs book covers and illustrates chapter books.

CONNECTED

Networks for kids

R. A. STEPHENS, ILLUSTRATED BY TAMLYN TEOW

- **Helps children feel a part of something bigger than themselves**
- **Shows how we are all connected and how people can meet each other and know people around the world**
- **Sits somewhere between fiction and non-fiction and could be swung in either direction, focusing more on maths or more on the connections**
- **Introduces young children to a high-level but simple maths concept in a simple way – the basic introduction to graph theory through networks. Each person is a node and the line that connects them (the edge) is their relationship. As it branches out, it gets bigger and bigger! Everyone is connected!**

Age range 5 to 8

Connected introduces the mathematical concept of networks, where no node is left unconnected, emphasising the importance of community and the connection that exists between people.

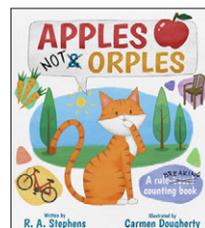
Chloe is here to teach you about networks! She has a dot on her shirt called a node. So do her siblings, Jack and Willow. As family, their nodes are connected by an edge. Each of them are connected to their friends by edges, and then their friends' friends, until the network is expanded further and further. In maths, this is called a spanning tree, where no node is left unconnected!

This book sits somewhere between fiction and non-fiction with an easy-to-understand introduction to the mathematical concept of networks, as well as a reassurance to readers that they're never alone. *Connected* will particularly appeal to visual and spatial learners, with a sentimental quality making it enjoyable as a leisure read.

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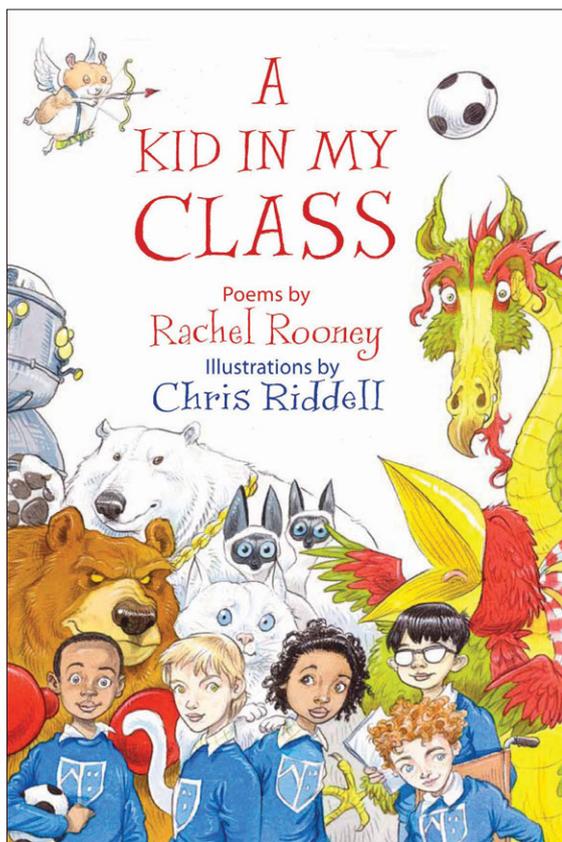
R. A. STEPHENS, ILLUSTRATED BY CARMEN DOUGHERTY



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A KID IN MY CLASS

Poems

RACHEL ROONEY, ILLUSTRATED BY CHRIS RIDDELL

- **Now in paperback!**
- **Bestselling poetry collection by award-winning Rachel Rooney with iconic illustrator Chris Riddell**

Age range 7+

They're all here...every kid in the class has their own poem. The pushy one, the shy one. The whizz kid and the daydreamer. The best-friender and the kid who runs in his wheelchair. The tough kid, the poet. And not forgetting the class hamster.

This collection from an outstanding poet, Rachel Rooney, winner of the CLIPPA Award, is perfectly matched by the amazing witty and inventive illustrations by Chris Riddell, the former UK Children's Laureate.

'This moreish collection of poems about a class full of characters is beautifully written and illustrated and will ring bells with all children about their own behaviour and that of their schoolmates.' – *The Sunday Times*

'Rooney evokes children's perspectives with empathy. The poignancy and humour of these character sketches are heightened by their illustrations.' – *Guardian*

'I absolutely love this children's poetry book.' – **David Walliams**

'Thought-provoking and fun.' – *The Week Junior*

'Full of both emotion, and knowledge of the classroom, this is a superb collection, brilliantly illustrated. Poetry has never seemed more alive and more relevant.' – *Minerva Reads*

'There is not one weak point in this wonderful collection.' – *Poetry Zone*

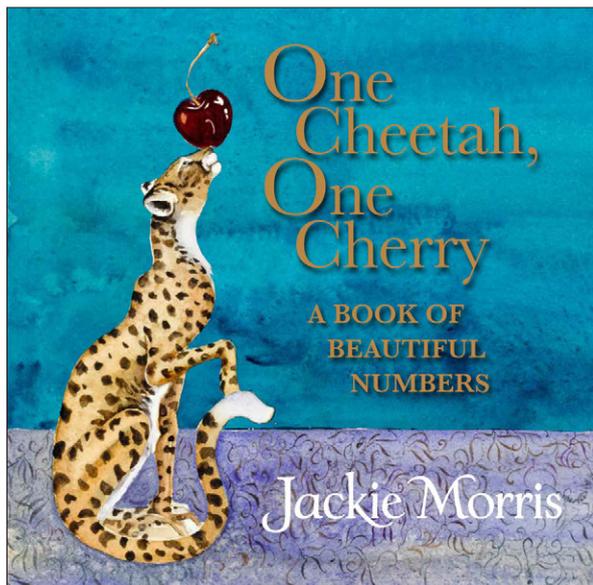
About the author and illustrator:



Rachel Rooney worked as a teacher of children with special needs while bringing up her three sons. Her debut poetry collection, *The Language of Cat*, won the CLiPPA Award in 2012, and was followed by CLiPPA-shortlisted *My Life as a Goldfish*, and *Hey, Girl!*, a powerful exploration of adolescence, for 11+. Rachel lives in Brighton.



Chris Riddell, Children's Laureate 2015-17, is internationally renowned both as artist and author. His awards include the Kate Greenaway Medal (2002, 2004), the Costa Children's Book Award (2013), and the Hay Festival Medal for Illustration (2015). He is currently president of the School Library Association. His bestselling books include the *Goth Girl* series, the *Coraline* series, *The Sleeper and the Spindle* with Neil Gaiman and *A Great Big Cuddle* with Michael Rosen. He lives in Brighton, UK.



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About the author:

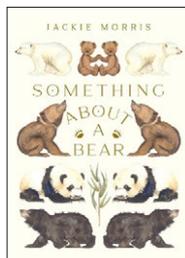
Jackie Morris is an author and illustrator, photographer and painter. She lives in a small house beside the sea in Wales. Her many books

include *Tell Me a Dragon* and Ted Hughes's *How the Whale Became*. She has a lively presence on social media and progress of her work can be followed on her blog: www.jackiemorris.co.uk

Also available:

SOMETHING ABOUT A BEAR

JACKIE MORRIS



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ONE CHEETAH, ONE CHERRY

A Book of Beautiful Numbers

JACKIE MORRIS

- **Now as a board book!**
- **Brings a classic counting book to a younger audience**
- **Strong gift appeal with gold leaf and beautiful art**
- **Top quality production with rounded cover**
- **Jackie Morris has a huge fan-base and following on social media, and in galleries, bookshops and gift shops**

Age range 1+

One cherry, one cheetah

Two dogs, two balls, one big, one small

Three bears, three bowls, three silver spoons

This stunning counting book, illustrating numbers 1 to 10 in beautiful animal paintings, is now presented as a very special board book, embellished with gold leaf as in the original hardback edition, bringing this gorgeous book to a younger readership.

With playful words and stunning pictures with lots of detail to pore over, the book depicts dogs, bears, foxes, elephants, tigers, pandas, otters, mice – and of course one cheetah and a cherry – making this a perfect introduction to numbers and counting.

'A book to pore over with delight' – Parents in Touch

'A particularly decorative counting book' – Observer



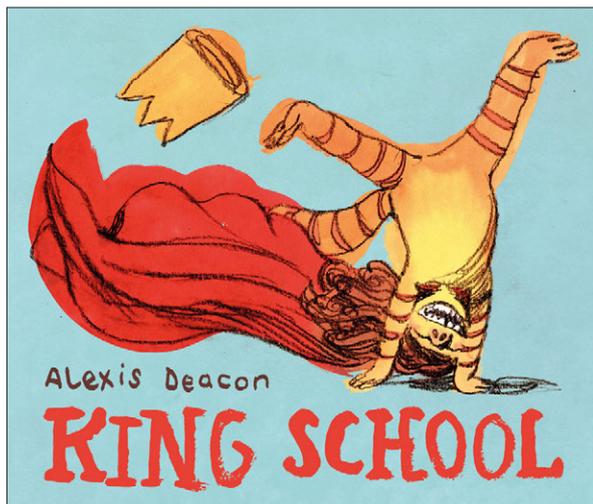
Eight clever otters,

juggling with small stones.



Five elegant elephants,

walking nose to tail.



KING SCHOOL

ALEXIS DEACON

- Rare new picture book from the author of classics such as *Beegu* and *Slow Loris* and *I am Henry Finch*
- Deceptively simple story about what's really important in life
- Joyfully anarchic
- Witty and delightful illustrations reminiscent of Maurice Sendak

Age range 4+

There's a new king in the land, but he's a child!

The people say he must go to King School, but the king hates wearing heavy robes and remembering difficult rules.

So the king says, 'NO!'

And he takes the people into the forest and shows them a different way to be king...

A brilliant new story from the internationally acclaimed author of *Beegu* and *Slow Loris*.

'One of the most subtle and innovative writers working today.' – Waterstones

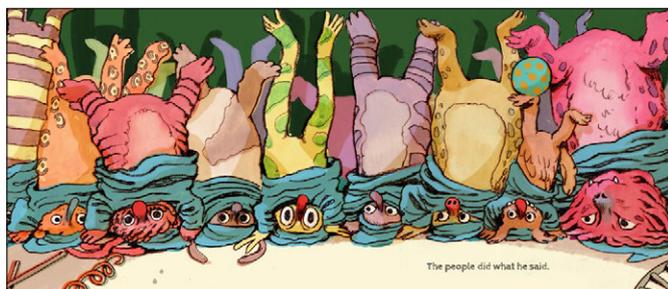
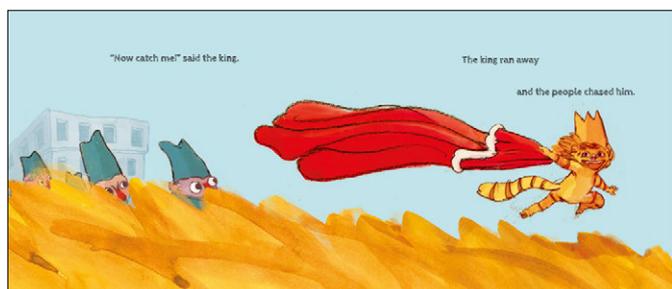
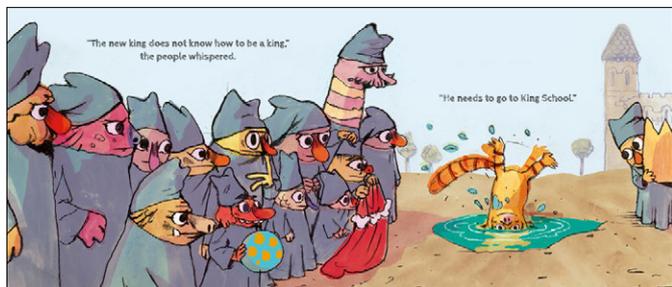


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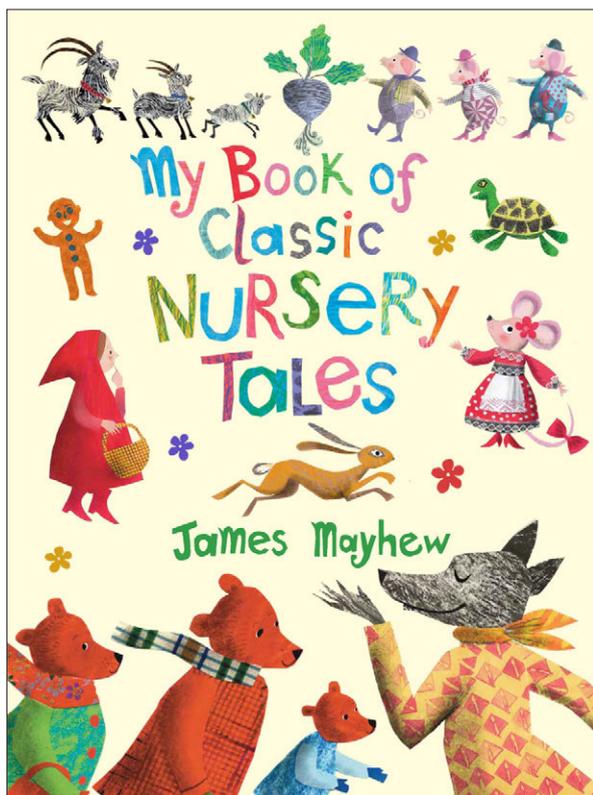
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DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author:

Alexis Deacon graduated with first-class honours from Brighton School of Art. His first book, *Slow Loris*, was published in 2002 and was shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award. In 2015 *Time Magazine* included it in the 100 best Children's Books of All Time. He has twice been shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal and has twice won the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book Award. He lives in London.



MY BOOK OF CLASSIC NURSERY TALES

JAMES MAYHEW

- A perfect gift book for young children
- An illustrated version of the tales for our own time, but which keeps the 'classic' feel
- *Once Upon a Tune* was *A Sunday Times Children's Book of the Year 2021* and a *Guardian Best Children's Book 2021*
- High standard production with jacket and special finishes

Age range 2+

A beautiful new collection of eight nursery tales – traditional stories for younger children, including all the favourite classics, delightfully retold and enchantingly illustrated by James Mayhew, internationally bestselling author and illustrator of *Once Upon a Tune*, *A Symphony of Stories*, the *Mrs Noah* series and many other much-loved picture books.

The stories included are: Goldilocks and the Three Bears (England), Little Red Riding Hood (Germany), The Billy Goats Gruff (Norway), The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf (England), The Enormous Turnip (Ukraine), The Tortoise and the Hare (Ancient Greece), The Gingerbread Man (North America), The Vain Little Mouse (Spain).

Using the same technique of colourful cut-outs and collage as in his bestselling *Once Upon a Tune: Stories from the Orchestra*, James Mayhew has created another spectacular gift book, this time for a very young audience.



9781915659736 | April 2026 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 72pp | 300x220mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99

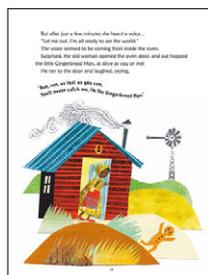
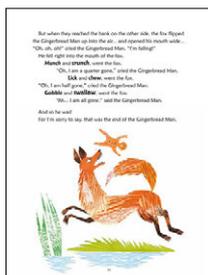
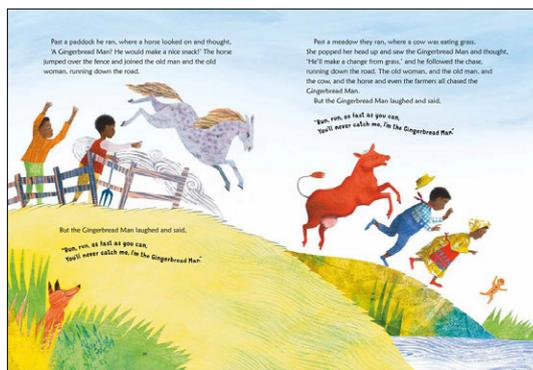
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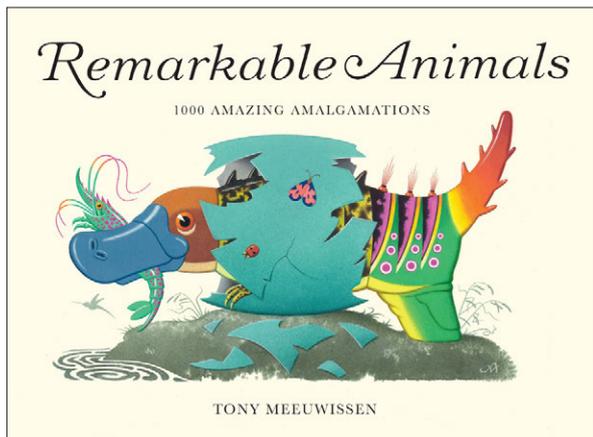


About the author:

James Mayhew is a prize-winning author, artist and storyteller whose books reflect his great advocacy of the arts and traditional storytelling

for young children. He is the illustrator of the *Mrs Noah* books, written by Jackie Morris, and has written and illustrated *Once Upon A Tune*, *A Symphony Of Stories* and *My Book Of Classic Nursery Tales*. When he isn't making books he is painting with orchestras. He lives in Suffolk.





9781915659705 | April 2026 | Otter Barry Books | HB
| 24pp | 190x260mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the author:

Tony Meeuwissen is one of Britain's leading graphic artists and designers. His inimitable work has embraced magazine illustration, postage stamps, book covers and illustrations, and many other uses. Winner of seven national and international awards, he was named a Royal Designer for Industry by the Royal Society of Arts in 2013. A collection of his work is held by the Victoria & Albert Museum in London. He lives near Stroud in Gloucestershire, England.



REMARKABLE ANIMALS

1000 Amazing Amalgamations

TONY MEEUWISSEN

- **Ingenious design makes the names and text mix and match as well as the images**
- **A gift book that will give endless enjoyment to all ages**

Age range 4+

Remarkable Animals is one of the most ingenious mix-and-match books ever devised. Based on ten real-life animals, each described in words as well as pictures, it offers 1,000 fantastic variations.

Just flip the pages and see ten remarkable animals become 1,000 crazy creatures, taking on new names and astonishing new identities as their heads, bodies and tails are swapped around.

Devised and brilliantly executed by master-artist Tony Meeuwissen, this is a book that will be treasured by readers of all ages.

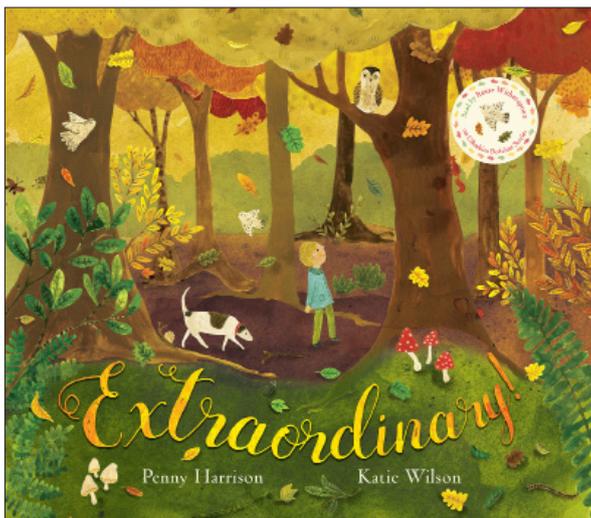
'Clever and eye-catching.' – *The Sunday Times*

'Beautiful and great fun.' – *Guardian*

'A delight.' – *LoveReading4Kids*

'Great for tweaking even the most timid imaginations.' – *School Library Journal*





EXTRAORDINARY!

PENNY HARRISON, ILLUSTRATED BY KATIE WILSON

- **Now in paperback!**
- **As featured on *CBeebies Bedtime Stories*, read by Oscar-winning Reese Witherspoon**
- **Teaches children to see and cherish the extraordinary in ordinary, everyday moments**
- **A beautiful depiction of diverse families and friendships**
- **Encourages outdoor play and activities**

Age range 3 to 6

A gentle tale about reaching for the stars and being extraordinary...but remembering the ordinary too. *Extraordinary!* celebrates the best moments in life: the ones we share with friends and family. They may be simple, they may be ordinary, but they are moments we will cherish forever.



9781923331464 | April 2026 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 240x280mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99



Naarm (Melbourne)

DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author and illustrator:



Penny Harrison is a children's author, journalist and experienced daydreamer, living in Naarm, Melbourne, Australia. She has been playing with words and pictures since

she was little, growing up on a cattle farm in remote NSW. Penny contributes to a range of leading magazines and newspapers, and has written more than 10 internationally published picture books. In her spare time, she loves foraging in the garden, dabbling in any kind of craft activity and making plenty of mess. You can find Penny on Instagram @pen.harrison

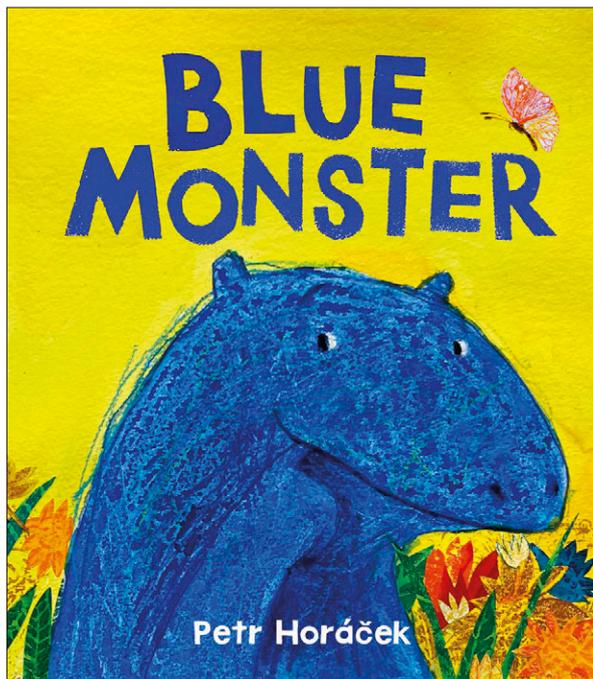
Katie Wilson is an illustrator and designer based in beautiful New Zealand. Creating for both adults and children, her illustrations are sweet and cheerful with a handmade feel. Her work has appeared in magazines, greeting cards and books. Katie's clients include Hallmark, Papyrus, Rotovision, Quartet and Woodmansterne.

Also available:

IMAGINE A TIME
PENNY HARRISON,
ILLUSTRATED BY JENNIFER
GOLDSMITH



9781922326966 | June 2024 | New Frontier | HB | 32pp | 240x280mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



BLUE MONSTER

PETR HORÁČEK

- **Now in paperback!**
- **A laugh-out-loud picture book with a big surprise, loved by both children and adults**

Age range 4+

Blue Monster wants to play with Rabbit – but Rabbit is sleeping and doesn't want to play. SO...what should Blue Monster do?

Blue Monster does something you should NEVER do and then...he does it again and again!

Now he DEFINITELY has no one to play with! He feels sad, lonely and VERY guilty. But when Blue Monster opens his mouth and YAWNS...what a surprise!

Things may get better after all! If Blue Monster only says he's sorry...

'A wonderfully funny and surprising picture book.' – *Reading Zone*

'OUTRAGEOUSLY good.' – *Achuka*

'A terrific read-aloud that will both shock and amuse young listeners.' – *Red Reading Hub*



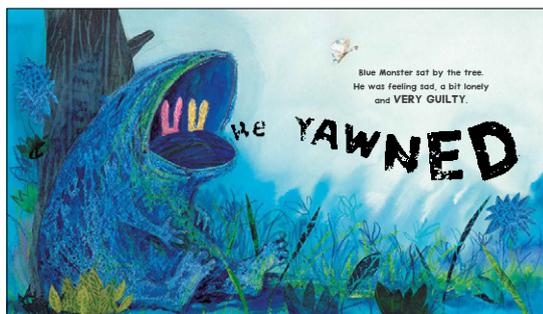
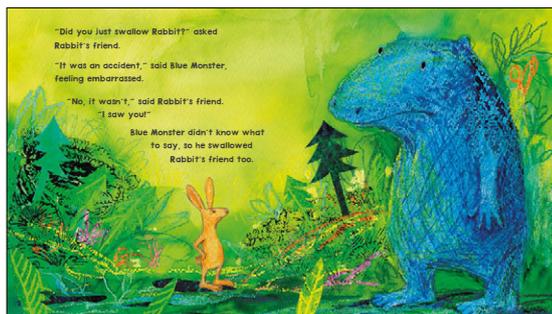
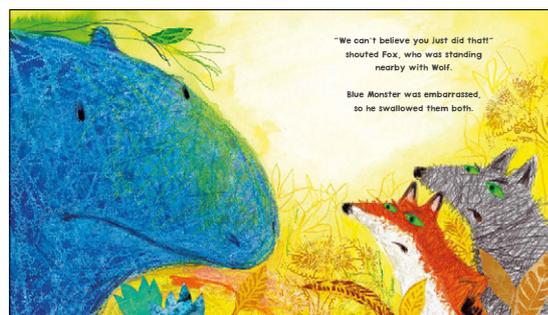
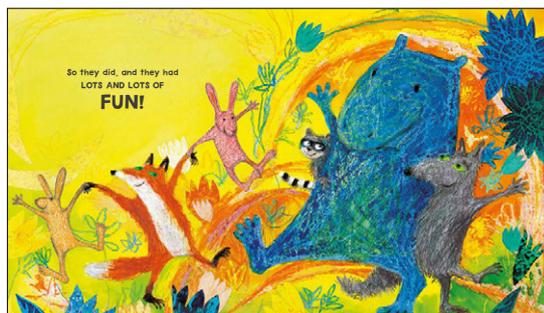
9781915659774 | April 2026 | Otter Barry Books | PB | 40pp | 275x240mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99

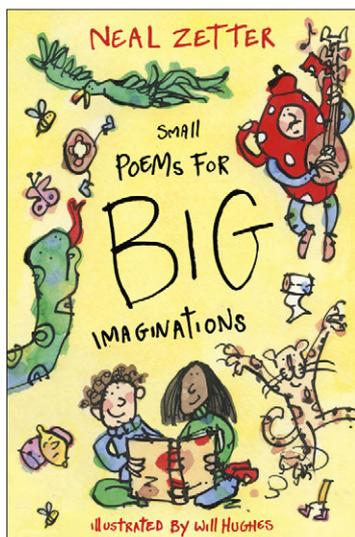
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About the author:

Petr Horáček was born in Prague and studied at the Academy of Fine Art. After graduating in 1994, he moved to England. His first two picture books were published in 2001, winning the 'Books for Children' Newcomer award. Since then he has gained a string of international distinctions. His books for Otter-Barry include *The Last Tiger*, *The Perfect Present*, shortlisted for the BookTrust Storytime Prize 2024, and *The Star Whale* with Nicola Davies. He lives in Worcester.





SMALL POEMS FOR BIG IMAGINATIONS

NEAL ZETTER, ILLUSTRATED BY WILL HUGHES

- **Short, direct poems full of fun**
- **Strong rhythm and rhyme make them easy to read and repeat**
- **Written with a particular eye on young readers who find longer poems a bit daunting, or for whom English is a second language**

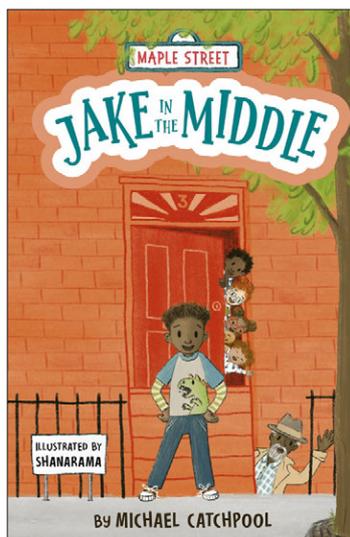
Age range 7+

*Small poems are fabulous fun
So I thought I would write this one
It will not be too long I think
Cos my pen has run out of*

Only Neal Zetter could create a collection of short poems that includes 'The Looooooooooooongest Poem in the Universe'. His new volume makes a great introduction to the fun, enjoyment and new understandings that poetry can bring. All are short, direct and entertaining. Whether reading with a single child or a group, they arouse immediate interest and are perfect for reading aloud. Year 6 children in a London primary school followed the production from draft to publication: here are some of the things they said about it. 'A book where you go up and down and swirl around', 'Neal's poems challenge me, but I enjoy figuring out the jokes', 'His poems inspire me and make me want to ROAR with joy'.



9781915659873 | April 2026 | Otter Barry Books | PB | 80pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



JAKE IN THE MIDDLE

Maple Street

MICHAEL CATCHPOOL, ILLUSTRATED BY SHANARAMA

- **New first reader series by a Black British author, well-known in the educational world**
- **Particularly addresses the situation of the middle child in a family**
- **Action-packed stories set at home and at school**
- **Characters and adventures children will strongly relate to**
- **Exciting debut illustrator from a diverse background**

Age range 5+

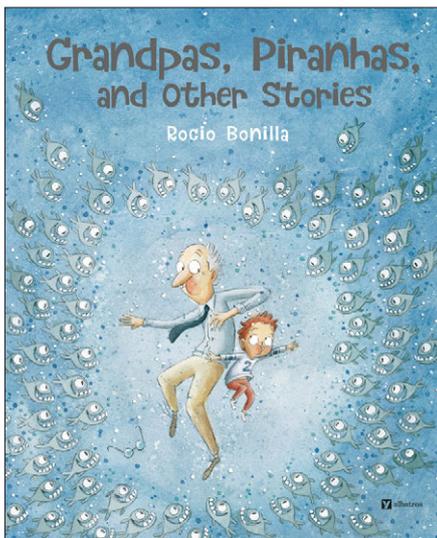
The first in a funny and lively new chapter book series – *Maple Street*.

Written for first readers, about a Black British extended family – Jake, older sister Ellie, little brother Sam, Mum, Dad and Grandpa, all living in Maple Street. *Jake in the Middle* has four delightful interlinked stories about home and school life – 'Shoes, Shoes, Shoes!' where naughty Sam runs off with Jake's new trainers; 'Catch of the Day', where a favourite toy falls into the pigsty at the city farm; 'The Class Museum', featuring a special fossil Jake 'borrowed' from Ellie's bedroom; and 'All Fall Down', where Grandpa displays his amazing cricket skills.



9781915659880 | April 2026 | Otter Barry Books | PB | 96pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

'Brilliant new chapter book for early readers, with a collection of four interlinked stories set around home and school life.' – *The Bookseller*



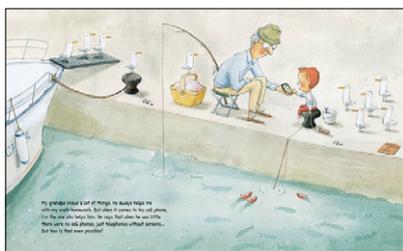
GRANDPAS, PIRANHAS, AND OTHER STORIES

ROCIO BONILLA

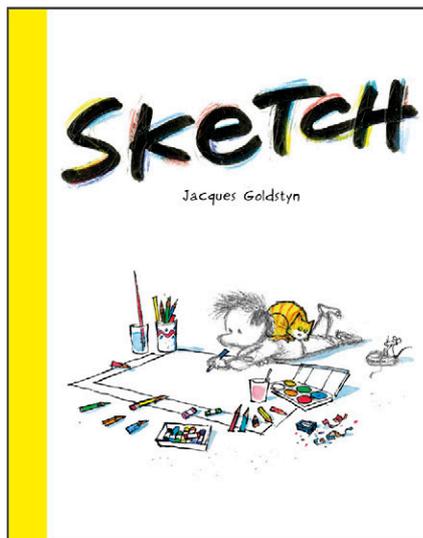
- Intergenerational story that underscores the importance of grandparents in their grandchildren's lives, and how memories built with them last a lifetime
- Funny and relatable situations tell a story of love and support of a grandfather
- The story takes the reader all the way from the grandfather's childhood to the readers' future, showcasing changes in life, education and technology

Age range 3 to 6

Get ready for a whirlwind of fun and heartwarming moments with Nico and his amazing Grandpa Rodrigo! From fishing expeditions and bike rides to tackling tricky homework and even a close call with a whole lot of piranhas, life is never boring when these two are together. *Grandpas, Piranhas, and Other Stories* is a joyful celebration of the unique bond, endless laughter, and quiet wisdom that grandparents bring to our lives. It's a perfect way to honour the connection between generations and share the warmth of family love with the little ones in your life.



9788000076072 | April 2026 | Albatros Media | HB | 48pp | 302x241mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



SKETCH

JACQUES GOLDSTYN, TRANSLATED BY HELEN MIXTER

- Jacques Goldstyn's award-winning cartoon-style illustrations bring the story to life on each page
- Developed by renowned children's publisher Patricia Aldana to bring outstanding books from around the world to the English-speaking market
- Explores themes of feeling different, being unique, expressing individual creativity, and the power of friendship

Age range 7 to 10

From the award-winning illustrator of *The Stars* comes a story about the power of art, and about how being different and true to yourself can change the world.

In a perfectly ordered town, where everything has its place and everyone behaves properly at all times, Sketch stands out. While others walk in perfect lines and write in perfect letters, Sketch's creativity spills out everywhere. But despite the support of his parents and his art teacher, he sometimes feels alone.

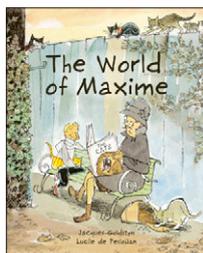


9781778402777 | March 2026 | Greystone Kids | HB | 88pp | 241x191mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THE WORLD OF MAXIME

LUCILE DE PESLOÛAN,
ILLUSTRATED BY JACQUES
GOLDSTYN, TRANSLATED BY
HELEN MIXTER



- **The perfect book to inspire self-confidence and celebrate friendships**
- **Kids will love the graphic style illustrations on each page, sure to capture the attention of little readers**



Age range 7 to 10

Maxime is ten years old. Her favourite things are her books and cats – especially her own cat, Turmeric. Like Matilda, the heroine of her favourite book, she feels different. She wouldn't mind being like other kids but they make so much noise, it hurts her ears. So, her friends are the characters in her books, and her cat. If she were brave enough, she would talk to the new girl at school, who carries a copy of *Matilda* in her book bag.

9781778400544 | June 2025 | Greystone Kids | HB | 112pp | 241x190mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

MY FRIEND MAY

JULIE FLETT



- **The book asks readers to share their own cat stories and invites children to use their critical thinking skills and connect with the book on a deeper level**
- **Celebrates friendship, community and the playful nature of cats**



Age range 4 to 8

From the winner of the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book Prize and the American Indian Youth Literature Award.

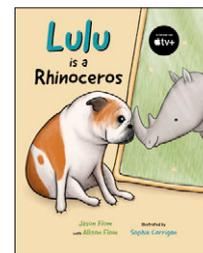
I'd like to tell you a rather true story about a big black cat who started out gray. Her name was May.

Margaux and her cat May became friends when Margaux was just six years old. They grew up together, sharing countless memories along the way. But one day, May is late coming home. Where is May? Is she under the porch? Maybe on the roof?

9781778401718 | June 2025 | Greystone Kids | HB | 40pp | 228x279mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

LULU IS A RHINOCEROS

JASON FLOM, WITH
ALLISON FLOM,
ILLUSTRATED BY SOPHIE
CORRIGAN



- ***Lulu is a Rhinoceros* conveys themes of diversity, tolerance, self-expression, radical acceptance, and individuality**



Age range 3 to 7

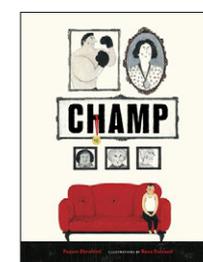
*Everyone thinks Lulu is a bulldog.
But she knows that can't be true!
Because Lulu is a rhinoceros!*

Lulu knows she is a rhinoceros. She may have soft, fuzzy fur and a little nub that wiggles when she's happy – but in her heart, she has thick gray skin and a tail that whips and twirls. And more than anything, Lulu would like her very own rhinoceros horn! *'If only I had my horn, they would finally see the REAL me!'*

9781778403002 | May 2025 | Greystone Kids | HB | 40pp | 254x203mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

CHAMP

PAYAM EBRAHIMI,
ILLUSTRATED BY REZA
DALVAND



- ***Champ* is a powerful story about finding the courage to be yourself – even if that means being different from everyone around you**
- **Conversation starter for kids about protest and the many resistance movements happening around the world**



Age range 5+

Abtin is nothing like the rest of his family. The Moleskis are fiercely competitive sports champions, and they expect Abtin to become a great athlete too. But Abtin is a reader, an artist, and has his own way of doing things. Despite his family's best efforts, Abtin remains stubbornly himself. Wanting his family to be proud of him, he comes up with a plan to make them happy: a plan that doesn't go quite as expected...

9781778401190 | April 2024 | Greystone Kids | HB | 40pp | 285x215mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



BOMPA'S INSECT EXPEDITION

DAVID SUZUKI, TANYA LLOYD KYI, ILLUSTRATED BY QIN LENG



- *Bompa's Insect Expedition* features David Suzuki as Bompa, along with his two grandchildren



- Kids will learn, alongside Nakina and Kaoru, the science of insects and the vital role they play in our world

Age range 4 to 8

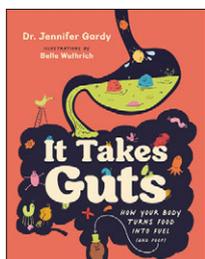
It's time for the twins to go on a nature expedition with Bompa. What marvellous place will they explore this time? Tidepools at the sea? The pond full of frogs' eggs? Maybe deep in the forest? But to their disappointment, they are just exploring outside the door. Yet, as they begin to search for insects, they find world-champion flyers, eaters, and weightlifters. And more tiny surprises at every turn!

9781771648820 | September 2023 | Greystone Kids | HB | 48pp | 241x228mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

IT TAKES GUTS

How Your Body Turns Food Into Fuel (and Poop)

DR. JENNIFER GARDY, ILLUSTRATED BY BELLE WUTHRICH



- Inspired by the *New York Times*-bestseller *Gut: The Inside Story of Our Body's Most Underrated Organ* by Dr. Giulia Enders, from the same publisher



Age range 8 to 12

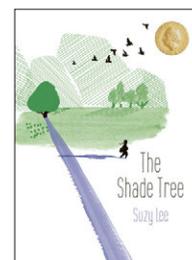
****Winner, AAAS/Subaru Prize for Excellence in Science Books 2023****

Everybody eats, and everybody poops. Pretty ordinary stuff, right? But what happens in between is far from ordinary! That's where your digestive system – also known as your gut – works its magic.

9781778401640 | March 2024 | Greystone Kids | PB | 144pp | 229x178mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

THE SHADE TREE

SUZY LEE, TRANSLATED BY HELEN MIXTER



- Suzy Lee is the winner of the 2022 Hans Christian Andersen Award, and is the recipient of many other prestigious picture book awards



- Kids will root for the young traveller as he outsmarts the rich, greedy man to share the shade with all

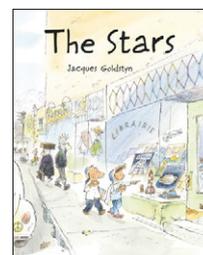
Age range 4 to 10

Villagers like to come to rest and cool down in the shade of a huge, old tree. But when a young traveller decides to join them one day, a rich man on whose land the tree stands demands they leave because he owns the tree and therefore its shade. Thinking fast, the traveller strikes a deal: one that will enable him to outsmart the rich man – and ensure that the villagers will always have access to the tree's shade.

9781778400186 | August 2023 | Greystone Kids | HB | 32pp | 247x177mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THE STARS

JACQUES GOLDSTYN, TRANSLATED BY HELEN MIXTER



- Highlights the excitement and wonder of scientific pursuits, and how science can unite us



- A powerful message about following your passion: Yakov achieves his dream of becoming an astronomer despite his father's expectation that he take over the family grocery store

Age range 7 to 10

Every day, Yakov takes his sisters to the park. He's supposed to look after them, but their games are boring, so he reads about space and dreams of becoming an astronaut instead. His father, though, has other plans: he wants Yakov to take over his grocery store when he grows up.

9781771649193 | October 2023 | Greystone Kids | HB | 72pp | 241x191mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

International Women's Day
8 March 2026

A WAY HOME

EMILY BREWIN

- ***A Way Home* is a big-hearted novel that explores the complexities of growing up with a parent who is struggling, and about the places and people we call home**



Age range 13+

Sixteen-year-old Grace lives under a bridge in Melbourne's CBD. It's cold and wet, but hidden. Safe, at least, until she can go home.

When winter drives her to the City Library one morning, Grace meets Louie, a weird kid with his own problems, and discovers a community piano. The piano reminds Grace of her mum, a celebrated pianist whose mental illness makes life a rollercoaster – and not always a fun one.

When Grace comes up with a plan to find the help she and Mum need, life begins to look up.

9781922858382 | April 2024 | MidnightSun Publishing | PB | 224pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



AVA SPARK

Hello, I'm Here!

ALEX FIELD, ILLUSTRATED BY JOANNA BARTEL

- **Focuses on different ways of communication**
- **Celebrates inclusion and offers discussions about kindness and strong friendship bonds**



Age range 7+

My name is Ava Spark, and I probably speak in a different way to you. Come and join me and my friends as we welcome the super awesome new girl, Liv, to our school. Are you ready? Because I am and I'm here!

'A real feel-good story that beautifully captures the power of friendship.' – Danielle Brown MBE, 2 x Paralympic gold medallist, speaker, inclusion champion, award-winning author

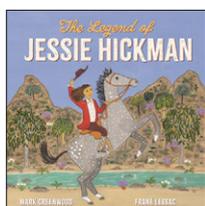
9781923145924 | May 2025 | New Frontier | PB | 160pp | 183x129mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



THE LEGEND OF JESSIE HICKMAN

MARK GREENWOOD, ILLUSTRATED BY FRANÉ LESSAC

- **New title about an Australian bushranger legend from award-winning author-illustrator duo Mark Greenwood and Frané Lessac**
- **A remarkable true story that shares the life of an Australian history in a personable and engaging way**



Age range 5 to 8

This non-fiction picture book brings to life the fascinating but little-known story of Jessie Hickman (1890-1936), Australia's so-called 'Lady Bushranger'.

A woman who lived outside the norms of her time, Jessie was a brave and formidable woman, with a life full of adventure, action and danger.

9781922507853 | October 2025 | National Library of Australia | HB | 32pp | 260x260mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



MARION AND THE FORTY THIEVES

SARAH LUKE

- **Rollicking middle-grade adventure based in history, featuring turn-of-the-century Sydney street and wharf life**



Age range 8 to 12

Marion's life is anything but ordinary. The daughter of the principal, Captain Neitenstein, she is the only girl aboard a magnificent floating boys' school, anchored permanently in Sydney Harbour in the late 1800s. Her best friend has boarded a steamship to France and now it's just her and this ship full of ragtag schoolboys. One night, Marion discovers that a new student, Alexander Walker, is escaping the ship to meet up with his vicious gang, the Forty Thieves. Marion bravely follows Walker into the frightening Rocks neighbourhood to investigate...

9781922507679 | July 2024 | National Library of Australia | HB | 208pp | 200x150mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



International Women's Day
8 March 2026

**AUSSIE STEM STARS:
GISELA KAPLAN**

Bird and primate scientist
EMILY GALE

- **A fresh and unique series that focuses on our leading Australian STEM heroes**

Age range 10 to 13

***Aussie STEM Stars* is an inspiring children's series that celebrates Australia's experts in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.**

Gisela Kaplan's story begins in post-World War II Germany. Despite incredible challenges as a child, she retained a profound curiosity, care and compassion for all living things. Her captivating, ground-breaking scientific research on Australian magpies, tawny frogmouths and other iconic bird species, as well as primates, make Prof. Kaplan a world-leading expert in animal behaviour.

9781925893465 | April 2021 | Wild Dingo Press | PB | 168pp | 198x129mm | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$17.99 | DISC: GEN



**AUSSIE STEM STARS:
EMMA JOHNSTON**

Marine Biologist and TV
Presenter
DEE WHITE

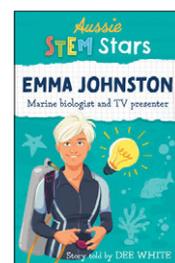
- **Strong role model and inspiration to young scientists to dream the impossible**

Age range 10 to 13

Emma Johnston AO FTSE FRSN was the Dean of Science at the University of New South Wales and President of Science & Technology Australia. She was an authority in marine ecology and a former Pro Vice-Chancellor at UNSW.

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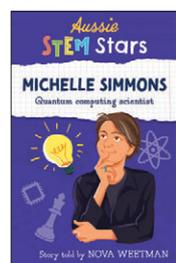
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