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About the author:

Smriti Daniel isn't a roboticist, but she had a lot of fun interviewing several of them for this book. She's a journalist, editor and presenter, and this is her second book for children.

Putting the art in autoworks

Golden robots were introduced by CSIRO in 1965 – the first of a series of golden robots to be built in the spirit of the golden age of art. These robots were built to be the most beautiful and most useful of all the golden robots in the world. They were built to be the most beautiful and most useful of all the golden robots in the world. They were built to be the most beautiful and most useful of all the golden robots in the world.

Ethical questions: ROADS AT WORK

These technologies, such as robots, often change the way we live. But they also open up possibilities for new and better ways of living. For example, when we use robots to help us live better, we can live better. When we use robots to help us live better, we can live better. When we use robots to help us live better, we can live better.

ROBOT RESPONDERS

Rescue Missions to Space Adventures

SMRITI DANIEL

- Discover robots that tackle fires and floods, can go into radiation zones or on deep-sea missions
- Explore how nature inspires robot design and take a look at the future of robotics
- Meet the scientists, researchers and rescue teams working with robots around the world
- Packed with fascinating facts, clear explanations, and eye-catching illustrations to spark curiosity and inspire young readers

Age range 8 to 12

Meet the robots that dare to go where humans can't!

From blazing fires and crumbling buildings to radioactive zones and stormy seas, rescue robots are on the front lines – saving lives, exploring the unknown and tackling tasks too dangerous for people. Whether they're diving to the ocean floor, fixing satellites or cleaning hospitals, robots are redefining what's possible.

Behind every heroic robot is brilliant design and cutting-edge technology. Think flexible joints, precision flight, lasers for mapping, and fire-fighting abilities to spray hundreds of litres of water in seconds. But success also depends on seamless teamwork between humans and machines.

Explore the fascinating world of robotic innovation in *Robot Responders*. Uncover how nature inspires engineers, discover the latest life-saving technologies, and get a glimpse of the next generation of robots that are already in development.

Material magic

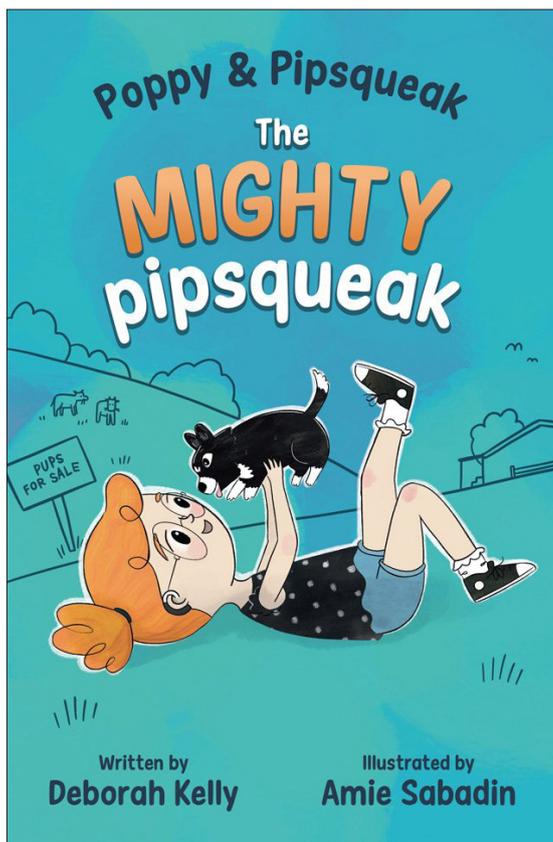
While recycling goes into their bodies, new materials give them bodies ready to act. Before the 20th century, materials available for building were heavy and not always durable. But now, designers are changing the game. Materials such as lightweight aluminium and fibre-reinforced plastic allow robots to be more flexible and agile. These robots can be used in a wide range of applications, from space exploration to disaster relief.

3D printing – the key to a soft touch

Imagine your hands are made of metal. Could you pick up an egg without crushing it? Probably not. Right? That's a robot, but not very gentle. Is there a way to make a robot hand that can feel like a human hand? It's not a simple task, but it's one that's being tackled by researchers around the world.

Soft robotics – the key to a soft touch

Soft robotics is a new field of robotics that focuses on creating robots that are flexible and adaptable. These robots are often made from soft materials like silicone or rubber, and they can be used in a wide range of applications, from medical care to disaster relief.



POPPY & PIPSQUEAK: THE MIGHTY PIPSQUEAK

DEBORAH KELLY, ILLUSTRATED BY AMIE SABADIN

- A little girl saves a runt puppy, hand-raising it until it becomes a working dog
- Set in a small farm community with children actively involved in running the farm. Deals with the realities of farm life in an approachable way
- Encouraging children to do their best to overcome problems and never give up
- A positive message for young readers that being small can't stop them from achieving big things
- Has a main character with physical challenges such as poor eyesight and hearing loss

Age range 6 to 10

Jessie-Dog has had her puppies, but one is much smaller than the others.

Dad says there's no place for weak pups on a farm. But Poppy insists it can do everything the others can, too. After all, when Poppy was born, it was a long time before she could come home from the hospital.

So Poppy is determined to convince him that Pipsqueak can grow into a fine dog. But what if she fails?

What if Dad decides Pipsqueak needs another home, far away from Poppy?



9781761112768 | March 2026 | Wombat Books | PB | 72pp | 198x129mm | AU \$11.99 | NZ \$12.99



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About the author & illustrator:

Deborah Kelly is a multi-award winning, internationally published author of picture books, junior fiction, middle-grade and young adult titles. Her books include the *Ruby Wishfingers* series, *Little Horses* and *The Thing about Oliver*, which was recently included in the sample school curriculum in New South Wales. Deborah is passionate about literacy and enjoys visiting schools, libraries and festival events to share her books with children.

Amie Sabadin has been scribbling and splashing paint since forever. With a background in design, and a handbag always stocked with art supplies, she finds inspiration everywhere. She works in both traditional and digital mediums. Amie lives in Queanbeyan, New South Wales, with her husband, their two children and their miniature schnauzer. When she's not drawing, she enjoys organising her art supplies, walking and spending time with her family

CHAPTER 1

A New Litter

'Wake up, Poppy. The pups are here!'

Poppy sat up in bed and rubbed her eyes. It was still dark.

'What time is it?' she croaked.

'Early,' Mum whispered. 'Come on!'

Poppy jumped out of bed and put a jacket on over the top of her pyjamas. At the back door, she pulled on her red rubber boots and her bright purple beanie. The sky was just starting to lighten as she made their way down the back driveway across the frosty lawn.



Mum opened the gate. It rattled and groaned sleepily as they stepped through it into the home paddock. A mob of wallabies bounced off into the distance and far away a herd of cattle began lowing.

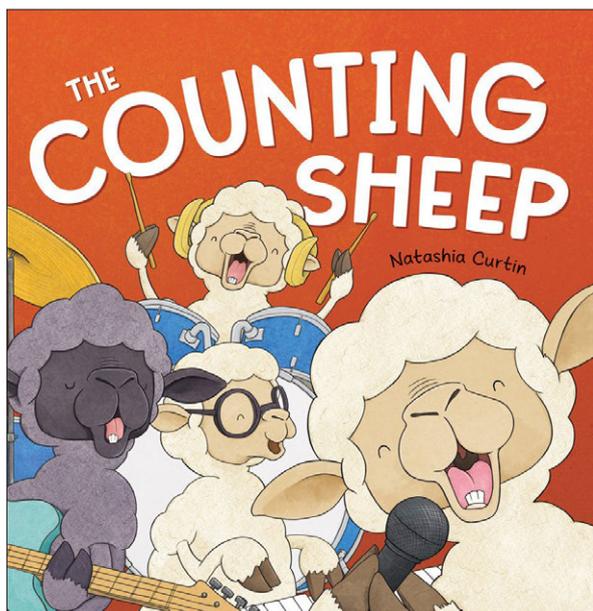
'Where are the puppies are there?' Poppy asked. 'Keep up with Mum. What are they? Are they boys or girls?'

there until the pups were old enough to crawl out of the way in time. Nestled in beside Jessie were one, two, three, four, five wriggling black and white puppies!



'Well done, Jessie-Dog,' whispered Poppy.

Jessie lifted her head and thumped her tail before flopping back down again.



THE COUNTING SHEEP

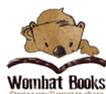
NATASHIA CURTIN

- A funny tale about chasing your dreams, even if those dreams end up looking a little different from what you first envisioned
- Everyone needs to see a couple of sheep in punk rock get up!
- Gorgeous illustrations
- Entertaining for kids and adults, even if they're reading it for the twentieth time!

Age range 3 to 6

There once were four friends who loved playing music together. But every time they began to play, something strange happened...

Written by Natasha Curtin, author-illustrator of *Just Like You* and *Vernon the Penguin*, and illustrator of the *Mini & Milo* series, this warm and funny tale about chasing your dreams will delight children and adults alike.



9781761113154 | March 2026 | Wombat Books | HB | 32pp | 240x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$26.99



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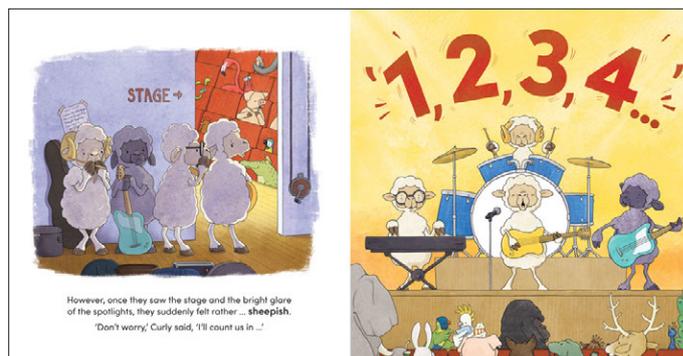
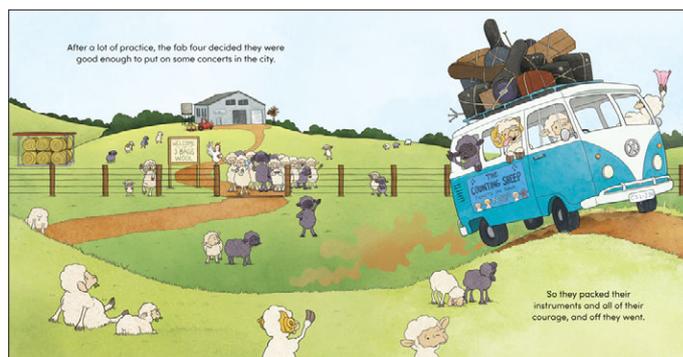


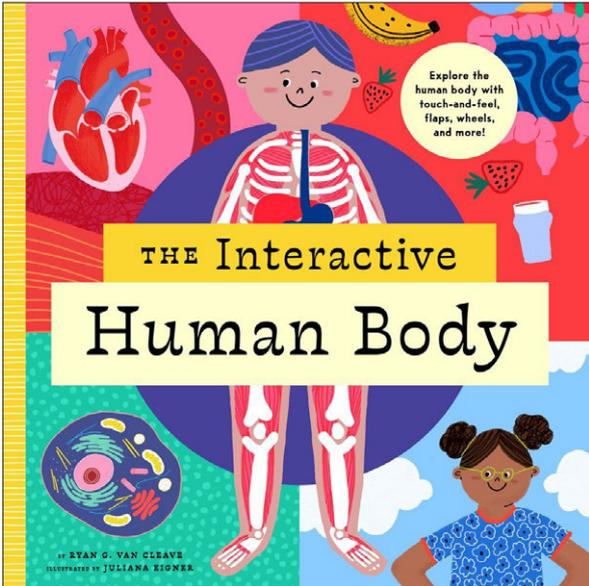
About the author:

Natashia Curtin grew up in a remote Yolngu community in Arnhem Land, NT, before finishing high school in Papua New Guinea and then going to university in Melbourne.

She worked as a designer for many years before chasing her dream of creating picture books.

Natashia's books include the CBCA 2025 notable book *Just Like You*, *Vernon the Penguin* and the *Mini and Milo* series (written by Venita Dimos). Married with two lanky teenage boys, Natashia likes coaching basketball, boogie-boarding and reading fantasy novels in her spare time.





BUSHEL & PECK BOOKS

9781638190882 | March 2026 | Bushel & Peck | HB | 16pp | 254x254mm | AU \$39.99 | NZ \$44.99

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THE INTERACTIVE HUMAN BODY

Explore the Human Body with Flaps, Wheels, Levers, Touch and Feel, and More!

RYAN G. VAN CLEAVE, JULIANA EIGNER

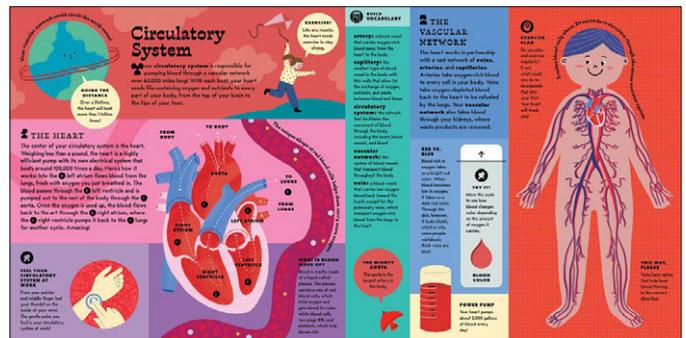
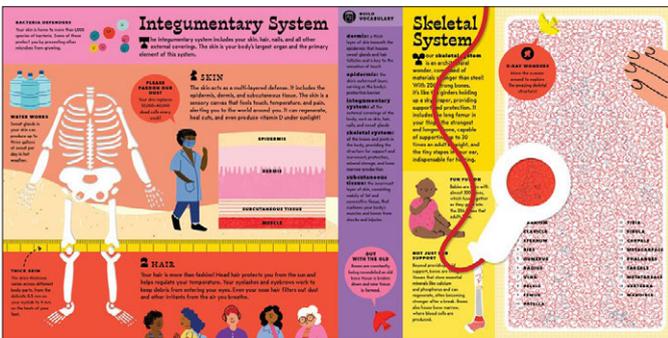
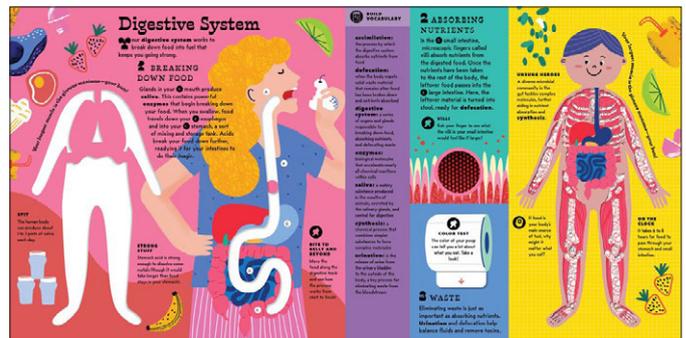
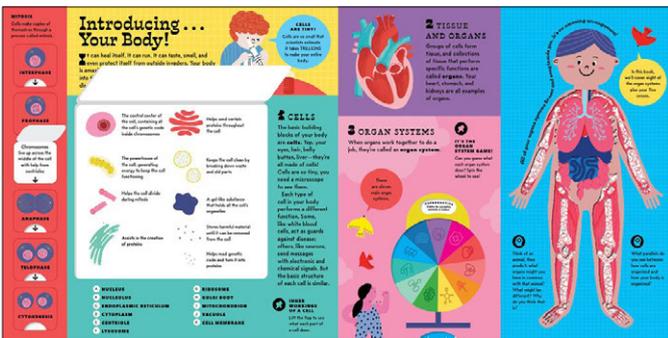
- Includes flaps, wheels, touch-and-feel, and other exciting mechanisms that bring the human body to life!
- Covers all the usual body systems and touches on more advanced topics like cells and DNA

Age range 7 to 10

Explore the human body like never before! Flaps, wheels, touch-and-feel spots, and other exciting interactive elements!

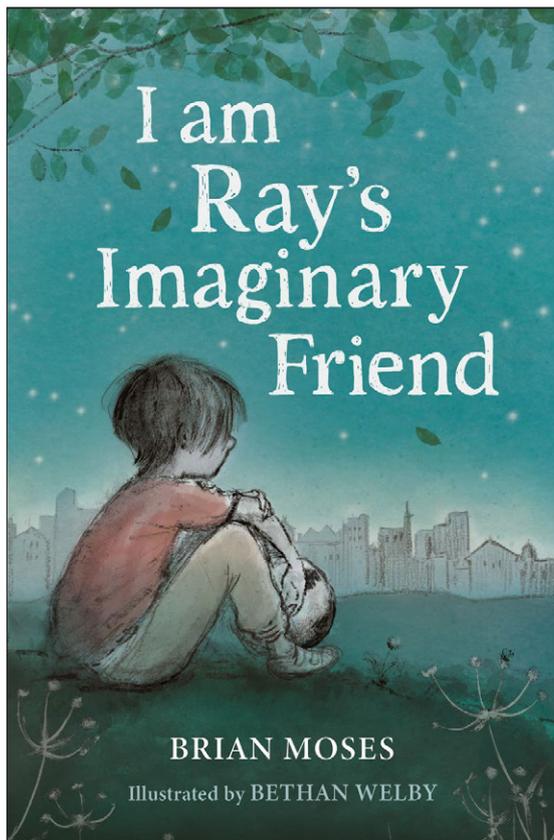
This dynamic book allows kids to learn about organs, systems, cells, DNA, and more in a creative, hands-on format that is irresistible!

Watch food move through the digestive system, feel the texture of your intestines, split cells, spin DNA, and more in *The Interactive Human Body*, the innovative book that begs to be explored.



About the author:

Ryan G. Van Cleave is the author of dozens of books for both children and adults. He earned a PhD in American literature with an emphasis in poetry and has taught writing at numerous colleges and universities. As the Picture Book Doctor, Ryan helps celebrities create stories for kids and bring them to life on the page, stage, and screen.



I AM RAY'S IMAGINARY FRIEND
BRIAN MOSES, ILLUSTRATED BY BETHAN WELBY

- Uniquely narrated by an imaginary friend, which brings gentle humour to the story
- A relatable story about anxiety and empathy
- Free verse format makes for easy reading, creating space for the feelings experienced by Ray
- A boy character – but a book for boys and girls
- Fabulous illustrations with both emotional depth and light-heartedness
- Cover has matt lamination and foil

Age range 7 to 11

Did you know there was 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. Horrified 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 Ukrainian refugee mother and child who come to live with his family in their new home. As Ray finds his feet again, the Imaginary Friend wonders if he is needed any more, or if he can also move on?



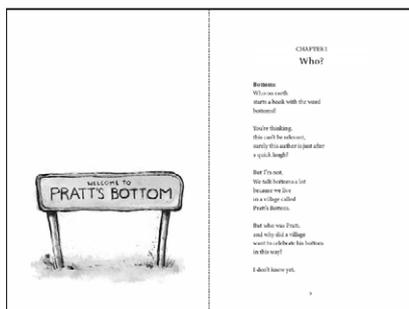
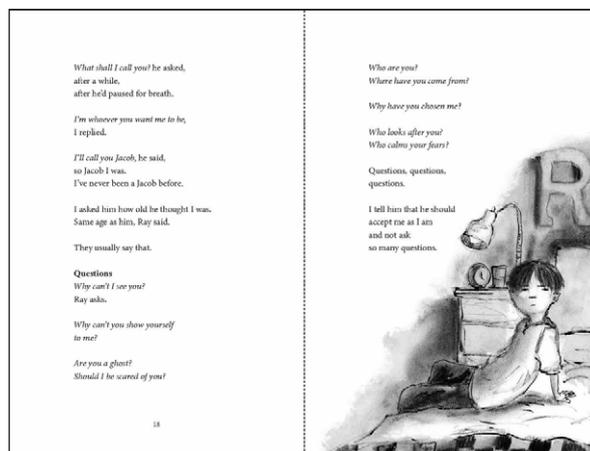
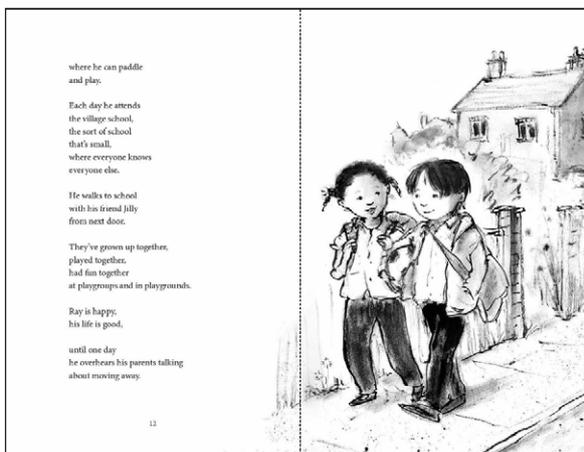
9781836300342 | March 2026 | Sallywag Press | PB | 216pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99

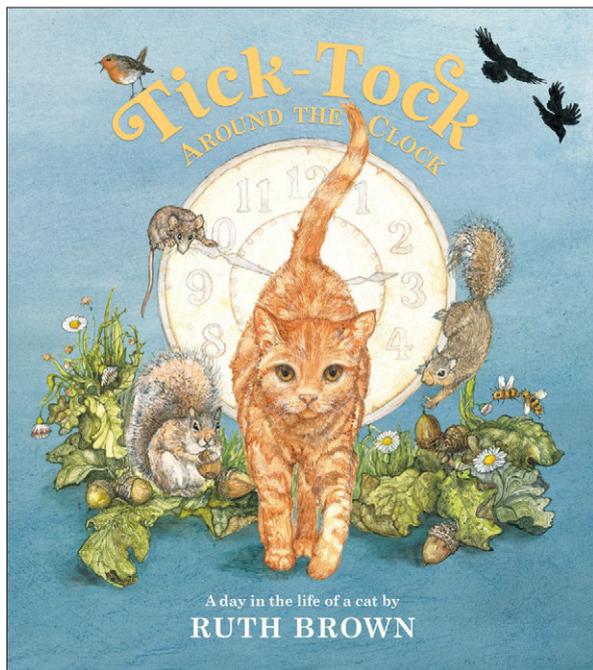
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About the author & illustrator:

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.

Bethan Welby lives in Devon, UK. Her debut picture book *The After Christmas Tree* was longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Award, and *Phyllis and Grace* was shortlisted for the V&A Award, nominated for the Carnegie, and won a White Raven.





TICK TOCK AROUND THE CLOCK

RUTH BROWN

- A gorgeous book for cat lovers of all ages
- Children will identify with the cat's routine of waking up, breakfast, going out, playing, dinner and bedtime, and will love joining in with the noises heard throughout the day
- Tick-Tock's emotions are recognisable – pleasure, excitement, concentration, dejection and anticipation
- A safe bed time story with detailed art and humour, reminiscent of Shirley Hughes
- Beautiful hardback with gold foil on cover

Age range 3+

From the author of classic picture books *Dark Dark Tale* and *Greyfriars Bobby* comes this beautiful picture book about a day in the life of Tick-Tock the cat.

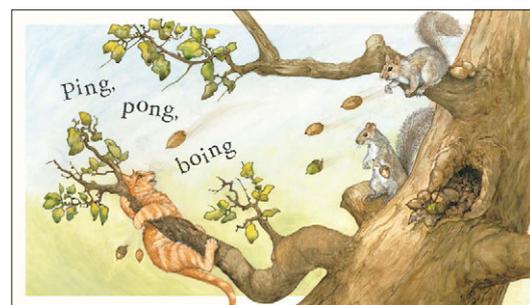
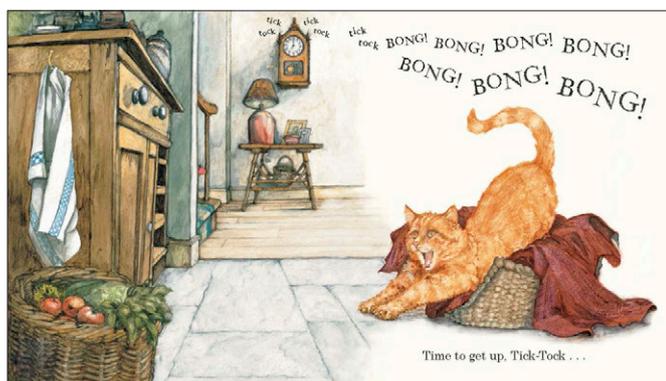
Follow Tick-Tock through a noisy and eventful day – from waking up until bedtime. His encounters with squirrels and mice don't end up quite as he hoped, but he always has a meal and a lap to return to every evening.

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



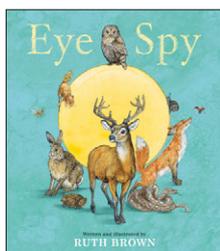
9781836300410 | March 2026 | Sallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 275x240mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

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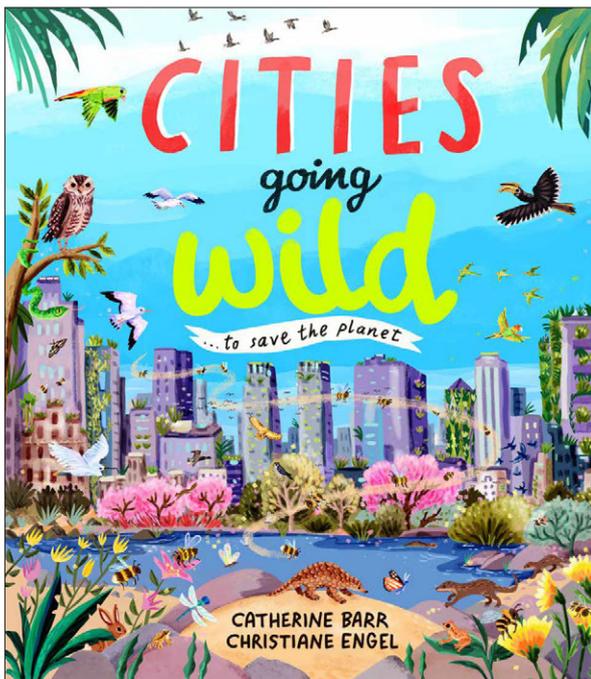
EYE SPY
RUTH BROWN



9781915252760 | May 2024 | Sallywag Press | PB | 32pp | 275x240mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

About the author:

Ruth Brown is the creator of some of Britain's best loved children's books. She was born in Devon and now lives in London and Frome. Ruth's books are translated in many languages around the world, and she has won the Earthworm Award, the English Association Award, the Prix Sorcière and been shortlisted 3 times for the Kate Greenaway Medal.



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9781915659804 | March 2026 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 40pp | 275x240mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the author & illustrator:

Catherine Barr is a leading author on science and nature topics for young children, specialising in presenting them in new and exciting ways. She worked for Greenpeace and London's Natural History Museum before becoming a full-time writer. Her previous books for Otter-Barry are *Red Alert: 15 Endangered Animals Fighting to Survive*, *Invisible Nature: A Secret World Beyond Our Senses* (winner of the Teach Primary science book prize), *Wildlife Crossings: Protecting Animal Pathways Around the World* and *Water: Protect Freshwater to Save Life on Earth*. Catherine is an inspiring speaker, who particularly enjoys visiting schools to share her books.

Christiane Engel grew up in Germany and now lives in Kent, England. She has a BA in Children's Art and an MA in Children's Illustration, and is an author and book creator as well as an illustrator, with over 50 books for young children to her credit. Christiane works with soft pencil, acrylics, watercolour and digital media. She has previously collaborated with Catherine Barr for Otter-Barry Books in *Water: Protect Freshwater to Save Life on Earth*, and *Wildlife Crossings: Protecting Animal Pathways Around the World*.

CITIES GOING WILD

To Save the Planet

CATHERINE BARR, ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTIANE ENGEL

- Inspiring and hopeful – showing how cities on every continent are going green
- Includes activities for families and schools to make their own 'greening' contributions
- Spotting activities on every city spread, to find the wildlife in the picture

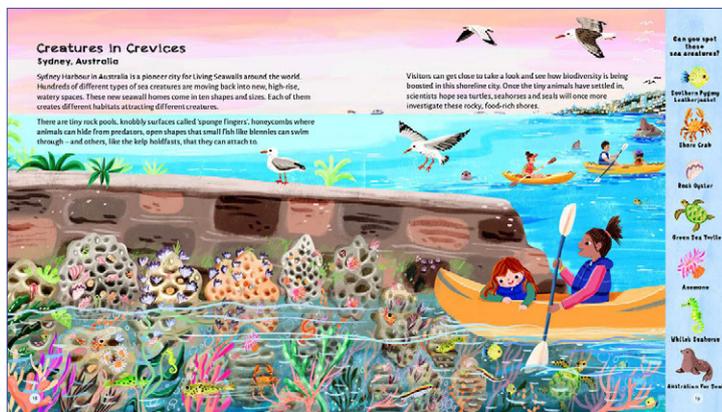
Age range 6+

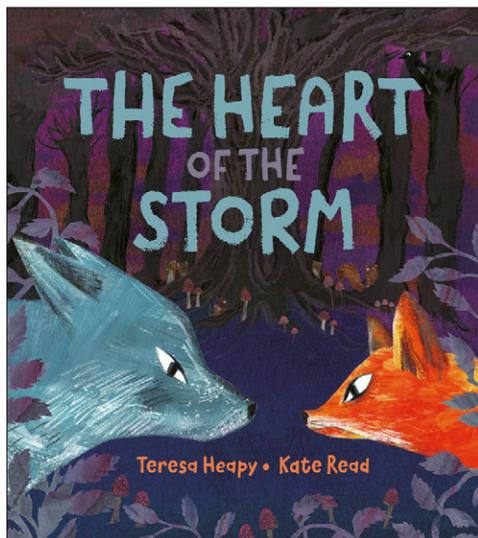
Bring nature to the big city! Cities across the world are doing it – making themselves friendlier places for plants and wildlife – and happier, healthier places for all of us.

Find out about Sky Forests and Bird-Friendly Cities, Spongy Spaces and Rain Gardens, Insect Super-Highways, Living Walls, Urban Jungle Food and all the other ways in which cities worldwide are changing.

Have fun spotting the birds, insects and other creatures that share our cities. And look out for lots of activities, so that YOU can make YOUR city green!

'A crucial book for children's understanding of the symbiotic relationship between humans and nature, and the joy a connection to nature can bring.' – Bookseller





THE HEART OF THE STORM
TERESA HEAPY, ILLUSTRATED BY KATE READ

- An action-packed story – great for boys as well as girls
- The drama of the storm is vividly brought to life in words and pictures
- Shows how hatred can turn to friendship, through generosity, courage and kindness
- Illustrator won international fame for her first picture book, *One Fox*

Age range 5+

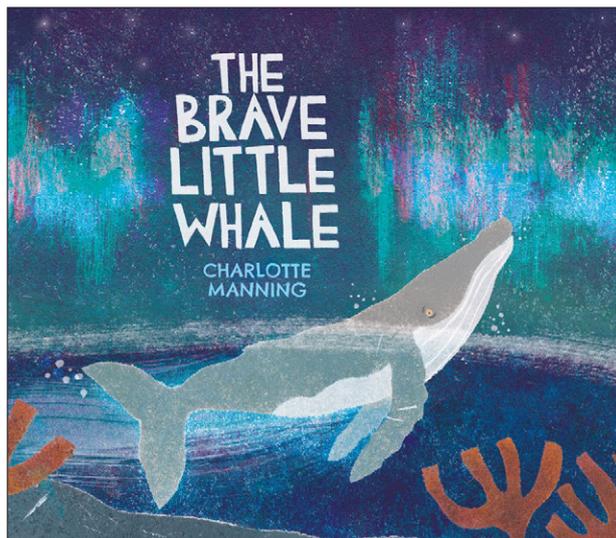
Ruby the fox and Growl the wolf live deep in the forest. There's just one problem – they hate each other...!

But when a raging storm tears through the forest and the animals have to flee, they must help each other to survive. Can Ruby and Growl overcome their enmity and find friendship in the heart of the storm?

An exciting, fast-paced picture book adventure with stunning illustrations, celebrating courage and the importance of helping each other.



9781915659835 | February 2026 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 32pp | 275x240mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



THE BRAVE LITTLE WHALE
CHARLOTTE MANNING

- An immersive experience, drawing children into the whales' underwater lives
- Includes key facts about whales and their habitats alongside the story
- Gorgeous illustrations by an up and coming picture book creator
- Vividly depicts whale and ocean conservation issues

Age range 4+

'Be brave, little Uki, be brave,' calls Grandpa Yuka. But Uki doesn't feel brave at all!

Uki is a young Humpback Whale. Every year his beloved grandpa Yuka leads little Uki and the whale pod from tropical seas to the icy waters of the Arctic. But this time is different – this time Cousin Amka will be the leader...

There are dangers ahead for the whales, terrible storms and hungry sharks. And when sharp-toothed Orcas attack, Amka becomes trapped deep down, in an old fishing net.

Can Uki remember the song of peace his grandfather taught him? Can he save the pod and will he now be brave enough to lead the whales to safety?

This exciting story with richly coloured illustrations, is inspired by the real lives of Humpback Whales, and includes fascinating facts about the whales and their amazing journey.



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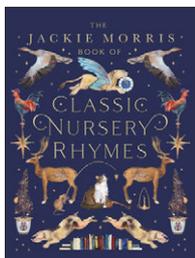
An exciting independent children's publisher aiming to make a difference, push boundaries and publish books that children will love.



Otter-Barry BOOKS

THE JACKIE MORRIS BOOK OF CLASSIC NURSERY RHYMES JACKIE MORRIS

- From the acclaimed illustrator of *The Lost Words*, a personal selection of over 40 traditional nursery rhymes, superbly illustrated in watercolour



Age range 2+

A wonderfully illustrated and sumptuous collection of nursery rhymes for all ages, including many favourite rhymes as well as some that will be a delightful discovery. Originally published as *The Cat and the Fiddle* in 2011, this edition includes a new introduction by Jackie Morris – a spirited defence of the nursery rhyme, which she fears is in danger of being forgotten in a digital world.

9781913074050 | September 2020 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 64pp | 300x220mm | AU \$36.99 | NZ \$42.99 | DISC: GEN

THE FINAL YEAR MATT GOODFELLOW, ILLUSTRATED BY JOE TODD- STANTON

- The first novel, told in verse for middle-grade readers, by a leading children's poet, with atmospheric pictures by a Carnegie-shortlisted illustrator



Age range 8+

Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side – they've been inseparable since Nursery. But when they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down. His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough?

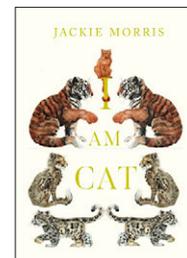
9781915659040 | September 2023 | Otter Barry Books | PB | 304pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

I AM CAT JACKIE MORRIS

- A beautiful, large-format gift edition of Jackie Morris's classic cat picture book

Age range 3+

I am Cat. At night I prowl, but in the day I sleep, curled in warm places. And when I sleep, I dream...



Cat's dreams lead into the lives of other cats in far-off and wild places, a tiger in the jungle, a cheetah on the African plains, a jaguar swimming in the forest river, a wild cat in the Scottish Highlands, a snow leopard in the Himalayas...Ten species are depicted, each in its own environment, in breathtaking full-spread illustrations.

9781915659415 | January 2025 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 40pp | 365x270mm | AU \$37.99 | NZ \$42.99 | DISC: GEN

THE FIRST YEAR MATT GOODFELLOW, ILLUSTRATED BY JOE TODD- STANTON

- From award-winning poet, Matt Goodfellow comes the eagerly awaited sequel to best-selling verse novel, *The Final Year*



Age range 9+

Nate's eleven and has just finished Primary School. After a challenging final year, life is looking up. His brother has recovered from a life-threatening heart condition, he's got the love of his mum, brothers and Auntie San, and he's off to Secondary School with his two best mates.

But while he's making new friends and avoiding the fists of Turner, his old nemesis, and struggling to come to terms with a strict new teacher and a sense of isolation from his brothers, a sudden surprise appearance in Nate's life threatens to throw him completely off course.

9781915659606 | April 2025 | Otter Barry Books | PB | 480pp | 198x129mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

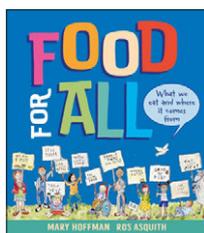


Introducing Otter Barry Books

FOOD FOR ALL

What We Eat and Where it Comes From

MARY HOFFMAN,
ILLUSTRATED BY
ROS ASQUITH



- A unique, global exploration of the food we eat, where it comes from and how it is shared



Age range 4+

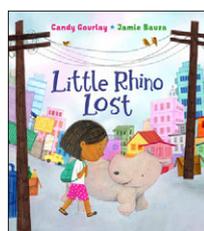
FOOD! We all need it to live – and here is a book bursting with information, questions and ideas about the food we eat, where it comes from and how it is shared. Is there enough food to go round? Is farming making climate change worse – and, most important of all, how can we feed everyone on our planet, now and in the future?

Created by bestselling superstars Mary Hoffman and Ros Asquith, the team behind *The Great Big Books* series, this is a brilliant, inspirational and diverse exploration of FOOD, with witty and thought-provoking illustrations.

9781915659378 | April 2025 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 48pp | 275x240mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

LITTLE RHINO LOST

CANDY GOURLAY,
ILLUSTRATED BY JAMIE
BAUZA



- An enchanting story about empathy, kindness, community spirit and the importance of nature in our cities



Age range 3+

Little Rhino is lost in the big, crowded city and he's afraid his mummy will never find him, far from home, with no tall trees, yummy leaves or green grass anywhere.

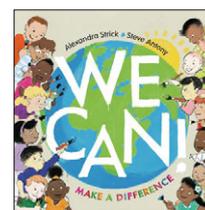
Maya wants to help but what can she do to make her home a place that Little Rhino's mummy will come to? Can Maya and everyone around her turn their homes and their city into a welcoming green space, with flowers, plants and trees – somewhere a little rhinoceros could call home?

9781915659361 | March 2025 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 32pp | 275x240mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

WE CAN!

Make a Difference

ALEXANDRA STRICK,
ILLUSTRATED BY STEVE
ANTONY



- Join 15 diverse children in an inspirational We Can! festival. Real children helped to create this book, to show the kind of world they would like to live in



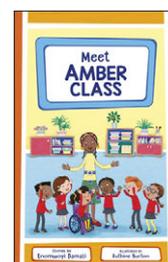
Age range 5+

What kind of world do children want to live in? Can we all come together to make a difference and make our world a better, safer, greener, kinder place? YES, we can! Join 15 children as they plan and deliver an amazing We Can! festival – a joyous, peaceful call to action, with green activities, mural-making, mindfulness and kindness along the way, beautifully depicted in words and pictures by the bestselling creators of *You Can!*

9781915659309 | October 2024 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 40pp | 265x260mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

MEET AMBER CLASS

ENOMWOYI DAMALI,
ILLUSTRATED BY RUTHINE
BURTON



- This brilliant, diverse and inclusive first chapter book celebrates a primary class and their teacher and is full of fun, warmth and humour



Age range 5+

Meet Amber Class! Nzingha loves books and stories, Stacey sings and dances and Xaolin plays the piano. Andrew loves sport – but what about Kayden? He likes beetles – and making people laugh! And they ALL love their teacher, Mrs Adisa.

With Mrs Adisa's help, the children learn to believe in themselves and have a go at things; they find out how to sort out arguments and stay friends; and they discover how to feel good about themselves and their special talents.

9781915659576 | February 2025 | Otter Barry Books | PB | 80pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



Introducing Otter Barry Books

WILDLIFE CROSSINGS

Protecting Animal Pathways Around the World

CATHERINE BARR,
ILLUSTRATED BY
CHRISTIANE ENGEL

- An important and unique information book based on the latest scientific research, showing how people across the world are creating 'wildlife corridors' to help animals move safely between wildlife areas



Age range 6+

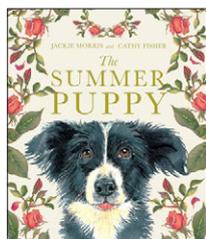
Our planet is criss-crossed by a network of ancient pathways, reflecting the journeys of millions of animal species in search of food, water, safety and mates. But human development is blocking these vital 'ribbons of life'. Track the journeys of seven amazing animals. Discover why they are in trouble, follow their journeys and find out how scientists and campaigners across the world are creating 'wildlife corridors' to keep animals safe.

9781915659200 | March 2024 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 40pp | 275x240mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THE SUMMER PUPPY

JACKIE MORRIS,
ILLUSTRATED BY CATHY FISHER

- Lyrical story about a puppy's first summer, with beautiful illustrations, from a bestselling, award-winning duo



Age range 3+

'Born at the very start of the summer, so small she could rest easily in the cupped hands of a child...'

From a little furry bundle, Rosie the puppy grows, learns, and explores her world – rose petals, spiders and butterflies in the garden, the jungle of long summer grass, the fields where a fox calls, the beach where she chases waves and digs deep in the sand.

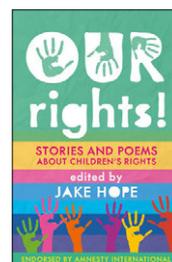
Warmly and lovingly, Rosie's first summer is recreated in Jackie Morris's poetic words and Cathy Fisher's unforgettable images.

9781915659323 | June 2025 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 40pp | 275x240mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

OUR RIGHTS!

Stories and Poems About Children's Rights

EDITED BY JAKE HOPE,
ILLUSTRATED BY RUTHINE BURTON, HABIBA NABISUBI, CHIH-AN CHEN, ENDORSED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



- Stories and poems from prizewinning and internationally acclaimed authors, each highlighting different rights of the child, as declared by the United Nations

Age range 7+

All children have the right to life, survival and development; to protection from violence and abuse; to education; to express their opinions and be listened to...

These are just some of the children's rights highlighted in this important and much-needed collection of stories and poems by a galaxy of well-known authors and poets, including two UK Children's Laureates.

9781913074210 | July 2023 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 240pp | 198x129mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

LET'S BE EARTHLINGS

MARY MURPHY

- A joyful celebration of life on planet Earth as experienced by one little alien

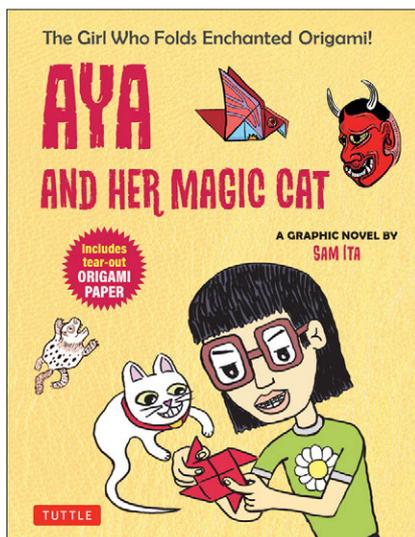


Age range 3+

A little alien touches down on our amazing planet. Able to shape-shift into every form of Earth life, he becomes all kinds of Earth creatures, from a beaver to a chameleon, from a frog to a kangaroo, a puppy, even a flea – and then a flower-bud and a tree. The visitor finds a constant succession of exciting surprises on our Earth – there is only one thing missing. A friend to share it all with.

Mary Murphy's simple yet profound words and images show young children the beauty and diversity of life on Earth – and in doing so, help them understand that they need to look after our precious planet.

9781915659620 | August 2025 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 32pp | 275x240mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



AYA AND HER MAGIC CAT

A Graphic Novel

SAM ITA

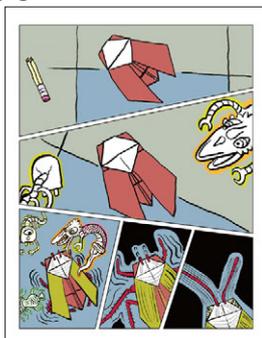
- A charming graphic novel about Aya Wada – a teenage girl and her magical cat, Neko – who establish a close bond while getting up to hilarious enchanted hijinks involving origami paper models that Neko magically brings to life!
- Each chapter has instructions for an origami folding activity using the 16 illustrated tear-out folding paper sheets that are included at the back of the book!
- Sam Ita is an experienced paper engineer who has worked on many bestselling books

Age range 8 to 14

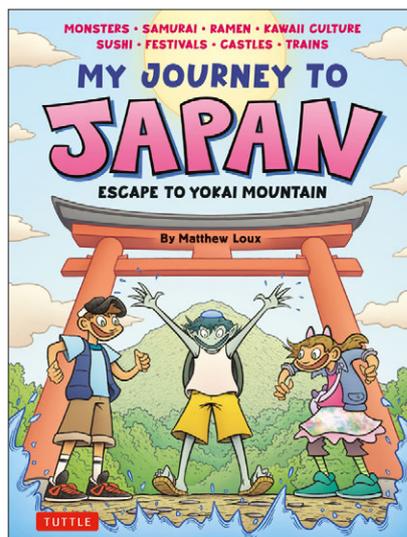
This exciting graphic novel tells the story of Aya Wada, a teenage girl who visits her relatives in Japan and unknowingly adopts a powerful feline Kami spirit named Neko, who follows her home to America. Each chapter tells an amusing story about how Neko brings Aya's folded origami paper models to life – literally!

Follow along as Aya and Neko create magic, memories and a little mayhem wherever they go.

Each chapter includes instructions for a simple origami model that readers can fold using the illustrated tear-out folding papers that are included at the back of the book.



9784805319987 | March 2026 | Tuttle Publishing | PB | 128pp
| 216x165mm | AU \$27.99 | DISC: GEN



MY JOURNEY TO JAPAN

Escape to Yokai Mountain

MATTHEW LOUX

- An action-packed graphic novel for middle grade readers combining an exciting narrative about visiting Japan with lots of fun facts about Japanese culture
- Young readers join American twins Penny and Paulie on a magical adventure where they meet a gang of wild and wooly yokai monsters and learn about friendship and cooperation
- Matthew Loux is the author of *The Time Museum* and other popular graphic novels for middle grade readers

Age range 8 to 13

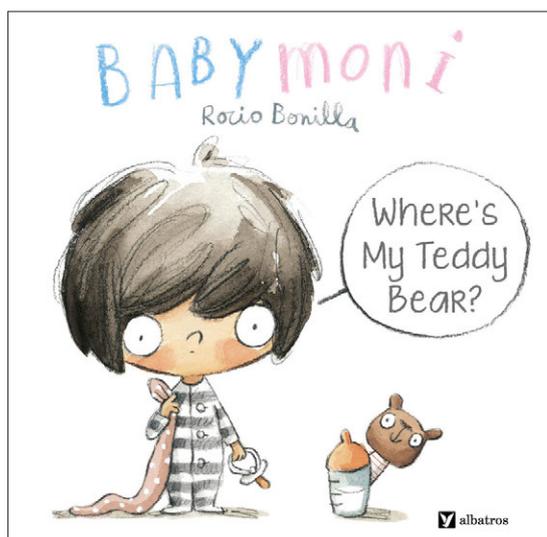
Explore Japanese culture with Penny, Paulie and magical Shimesu!

Twins Penny and Paulie are super excited to be in Tokyo – even if they're stuck in a boring hotel while their dad attends 'important' meetings. But when the twins meet a strange frog-like creature named Shimesu in the hotel pond, their trip suddenly becomes a wild ride!

Shimesu is a yokai – a supernatural creature – and he's in big trouble. He's been kicked off Yokai Mountain and needs help getting back. Soon Penny and Paulie are diving through his magical water vortex to places across Japan – and experiencing Japan like no visitor has before!



9784805319390 | March 2026 | Tuttle Publishing | HB | 80pp
| 254x191mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



WHERE'S MY TEDDY BEAR?

ROCIO BONILLA

- Sweet and simple title to read before going to bed!
- A fun and playful way to introduce little ones to daily routines (especially bedtime routines)
- It includes a list of all the routine-related words presented in the story to strengthen vocabulary building
- From best-selling author/illustrator Rocio Bonilla
- A toddler-friendly series of *Minimoni*, its counterpart for older readers
- Sturdy board book with rounded corners for safer handling

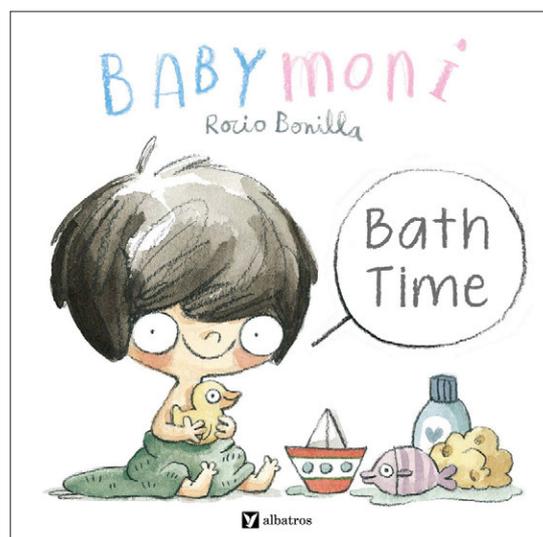
Age range 1 to 3

Where's Teddy? Join Babymoni's bedtime adventure!

Get ready for an adorable bedtime story with *Where's My Teddy Bear?* – featuring everyone's favourite little friend, Babymoni! This sweet and simple story takes you back to when Minimoni was just a baby, getting ready for a cosy night's sleep. But oh no! Babymoni can't find her cuddly teddy bear! Join her as she searches for her favourite teddy bear. Will she find her furry friend in time for bedtime? Perfect for babies and toddlers, this charming board book makes bedtime a fun and comforting ritual. Get ready for lots of 'awws' and sleepy yawns!



9788000076119 | March 2026 | Albatros Media | BH | 20pp | 139x139mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



BATH TIME

ROCIO BONILLA

- A fun and playful way to introduce little ones to bathtime routines
- Fun illustrations and situations will elicit giggling

Age range 1 to 3

Spish splash fun! Babymoni's bath time adventure!

Get ready for lots of bubble time fun with Babymoni! This adorable board book takes little ones on a delightful journey through the bath time routine. Based on the beloved *Minimoni* series, this brand-new board book introduces the littlest readers to a familiar daily activity in a sweet and simple way. With bright illustrations *Babymoni's Bath Time* board book makes learning about bath time an engaging and joyful experience for babies and toddlers. It's the perfect way to turn bath time into a happy and anticipated part of the day!

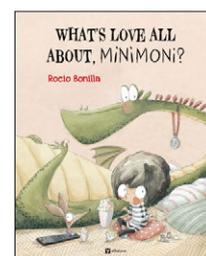


9788000076096 | March 2026 | Albatros Media | BH | 20pp | 139x139mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

Also available:

WHAT'S LOVE ALL ABOUT, MINIMONI?

ROCIO BONILLA



9788000074658 | September 2025 | Albatros Media | HB | 32pp | 300x241mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

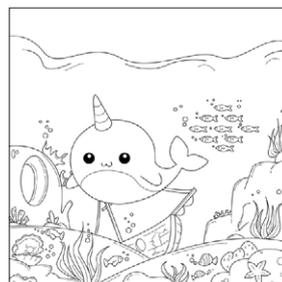
COLOR ME CHIBI

A Coloring Book Featuring 75 Scenes of Kawaii Creatures, Food, Pets, and More
 EDITED BY EDITORS OF ULYSSES PRESS, ILLUSTRATED BY TESSA CREATIVE ART

- Immerse yourself in the adorable world of chibi with 75 kawaii illustrations to colour – perfect for kids of all ages and even adults!

Age range 5+

Color Me Chibi offers kids the opportunity to get creative with colouring through a wide variety of adorable scenes and characters. From mealtime to favourite animals to fantastical creatures, this fun colouring book is sure to entertain for hours! Perfect for young fans of anime, manga, or anything cute. Whether you're looking for something to enrich quiet time or a fun activity to add to your daily routine, bring some cuteness into your life with *Color Me Chibi*!



9781646048465 | March 2026 | Ulysses Press | PB | 160pp | 216x216mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE

THE GLAND FACTORY

A Tour of Your Body's Goops, Juices, and Hormones
 RACHEL POLIQUIN, ILLUSTRATED BY CLAYTON HANMER

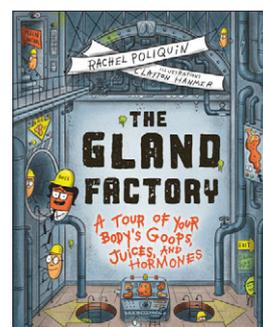
- From the award-winning creators of *The Museum of Odd Body Leftovers*, comes a wonderfully fun – sometimes gross – exploration of the endocrine and exocrine systems

Age range 8 to 12

The human body is all kinds of amazing. Inside you, systems are working hard to make sure your heart doesn't beat too fast or too slow, you aren't too hot or too cold, and you don't fall asleep on your desk at school (most of the time, anyways).

In *The Gland Factory*, you'll get an up-close look at your endocrine and exocrine systems, where glands are feverishly swelling, shrinking, oozing, healing, digesting, and maintaining balance. Extensive backmatter includes a suggested further reading list, a 'Gland Factory Survey' and a detailed glossary of all the wonderfully gross glands explored.

9781778400988 | March 2026 | Greystone Kids | HB | 80pp | 254x203mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



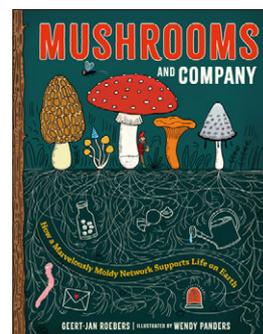
MUSHROOMS AND COMPANY

How a Marvelously Moldy Network Supports Life on Earth
 GEERT-JAN ROEBERS, ILLUSTRATED BY WENDY PANDERS, TRANSLATED BY MICHELE HUTCHISON

- Perfect for young environmentalists and nature enthusiasts comes an information-packed introduction to the fascinating world of mushrooms, moulds, and more!

Age range 8 to 12

In *Mushrooms and Company* readers dive deep into the fungal kingdom and are introduced to an incredible array of mushrooms, moulds, mildews, yeasts, and rusts. Explore the fascinating mycorrhizal network that lives and operates under our feet, in sometimes surprising ways.



9781778402227 | March 2026 | Greystone Kids | HB | 152pp | 266x203mm | AU \$39.99 | NZ \$44.99 | DISC: GEN

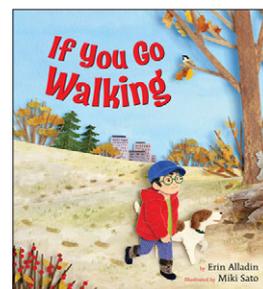
IF YOU GO WALKING

ERIN ALLADIN, ILLUSTRATED BY MIKI SATO

- The companion book, *Outside, You Notice*, which celebrated the Spring and Summer, received a starred review from *Kirkus Reviews*
- Tactile-looking three-dimensional collage illustrations using mixed media with paper collage, textiles, and watercolour artwork
- Informational fiction text that invites curiosity and questions leading to further scientific investigation

Age range 4 to 7

Time spent in the outdoors during Fall and Winter stirs a child's curiosity. In *If You Go Walking*, a thoughtful thread of questions (How do seeds know not to grow until spring?) invites young readers to explore the world around them with wonder. In nature, questions are everywhere, and answers can be too, if you know the right places to look.



9781772783513 | March 2026 | Pajama Press | HB | 32pp | 254x228mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

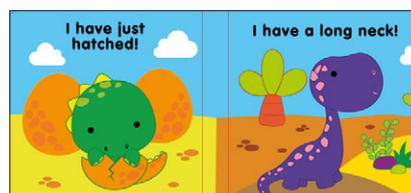
COLOUR CHANGING BATH BOOK: DINOSAUR

DESIGNED BY BUDDY AND BARNEY

- Make bath time fun with this colour-changing bath book
- Includes a matching colour-changing bath toy

Age range 0 to 2

Our awesome colour-changing bath books are perfect for our littlest buddies. These soothing stories are a great companion to the bath time routine! Bring the pages to life by dipping them in water and watching the bright colours appear like magic! Designed to float on top of water and bubbles and are easy to dry and store, these books encourage creativity and early reading skills. Make story time even more exciting with a matching colour-changing bath toy!



9781912544738 | March 2026 | Buddy and Barney | BJ | 10pp | 200x155mm | AU \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

COLOUR CHANGING BATH BOOK: UNICORN

DESIGNED BY BUDDY AND BARNEY

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9781912544721 | March 2026 | Buddy and Barney | BJ | 10pp | 200x155mm | AU \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

FLORENTINE CATS

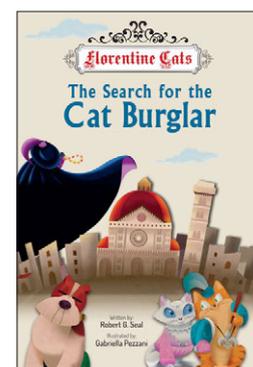
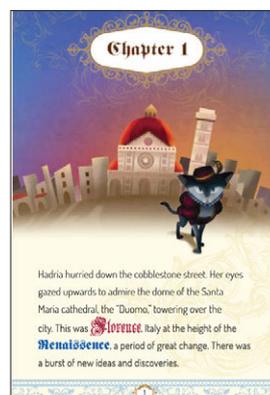
The Search for the Cat Burglar, New edition

ROBERT G. SEAL, ILLUSTRATED BY GABRIELLA PEZZANI

- Humorous stories with cats (and dog) as main characters, with hand-drawn illustrations
- Puzzles for young readers to solve with 'whodunits'
- Florentine snapshots at the end to accompany stories

Age range 9 to 12

Join Tinzi the cat detective and his friends Ringo and Isabella, known as "The Investicatti", as they embark on thrilling adventures in Renaissance Florence and beyond, solving captivating mysteries!



9781913360849 | March 2026 | Toran Press | PB | 120pp | 193x131mm | AU \$17.99 | DISC: GEN

CLAWS AND PAWS

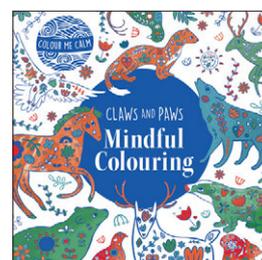
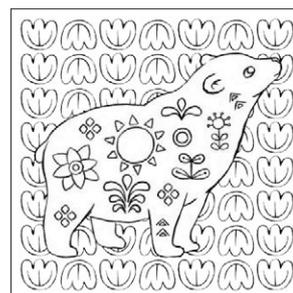
Mindful Colouring

ILLUSTRATED BY MIILA WESTIN

- Designed to help children pause and unwind
- Features unique hand-drawn art to colour in, depicting wildlife and traditional patterns local to the artists
- Includes pages with space to doodle and fun animal sounds
- Printed with soya ink on FSC paper

Age range 8 to 12

Filled with charming Nordic folk art, this beautiful colouring activity book will help children concentrate, unwind and connect to a traditional art.



9781913360771 | March 2026 | Toran Press | PB | 64pp | 240x240mm | AU \$13.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE

FEATHERS AND FUR

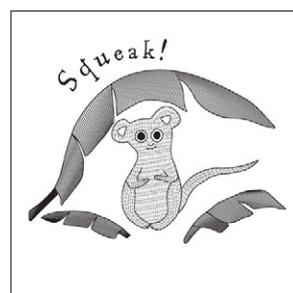
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Age range 8 to 12

An original colouring and activity book, promoting concentration and reflection, while nurturing curiosity about traditional art from around the world.



9781913360788 | March 2026 | Toran Press | PB | 64pp | 240x240mm | AU \$13.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE

MARCH 2026 CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT – AWARDS

DON'T WORRY, FELIX

YOHANN DEVEZY, KATHERINE ALICE, ILLUSTRATED BY ZOE BENNETT



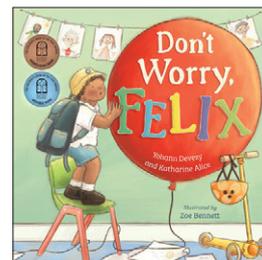
- Normalises children's experiences of anxiety
- Empowers children to identify and decrease symptoms of stress and worry and face their fears
- A set of diverse characters, promoting inclusivity and representing a wide range of readers

Age range 3 to 6

****Winner, Speech Pathology Book of the Year Award 2025, 3 to 5 years****

Felix has a problem. It's a big, red, round problem. A worry balloon that follows him everywhere he goes...As his heart thumps, stomach twists and toes wiggle, it grows and grows and stops him from doing what he wants to do. But when Felix learns a special trick, things start to change...

9781923145054 | October 2024 | New Frontier | HB | 32pp | 254x254mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



HIGHER GROUND

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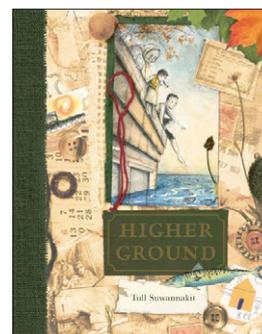
- Beautifully illustrated by award-winning author/illustrator
- *Higher Ground* combines elements of a graphic novel with illustrated picture book and diary, which provides a unique and innovative reading experience
- A wonderful starting point for exploring themes of resilience, strength in the face of adversity and sustainability

Age range 5 to 8

****Nominated, Carnegie Medal for Illustration 2025****

After a great flood, a grandmother, her two grandchildren and their pet rabbit must learn to survive living on their rooftop garden, relying on scarce resources and limited space. Days turn into weeks, and weeks into months, but through life lessons and words of wisdom, hope emerges. *Higher Ground* is an inspiring coming-of-age tale of resilience, courage and spirit.

9781922326997 | March 2025 | New Frontier | HB | 136pp | 230x170mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN



WILLOW'S GUMBOOTS

BEVERLEY MCWILLIAMS, HÉLÈNE MAGISSON



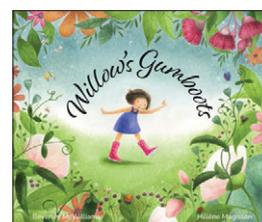
- A delightful story for anyone who has ever had a favourite piece of clothing

Age range 4 to 6

****Winner, Speech Pathology Book of the Year Award 2025, 5 to 8 years****

Willow loved her gumboots. She wore them wherever she went. The gumboots were there in the garden, at the beach and even at parties. But one day Willow discovered that something was wrong with her beloved gumboot.

A delightful story for anyone who has ever had a favourite piece of clothing.



9781922858535 | October 2024 | MidnightSun Publishing | HB | 32pp | 256x216mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



LAND OF SPIRITS

An Unofficial Coloring Book

ILLUSTRATED BY SUHENDRA

- Celebrate your love for Studio Ghibli with this unique collection of hand-drawn illustrations inspired by the whimsical and ethereal settings from Hayao Miyazaki's most beloved animated films

Travel to the land of spirits (*Yomi-no-kuni*) to visit castles floating on the wind, water-bound homes, quiet hillside villages, and magnificent bathhouses with this colouring book crafted for fans of Japanese anime and the Studio Ghibli collection.



9781646045884 | January 2024 | Ulysses Press | PB | 48pp | 216x216mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE

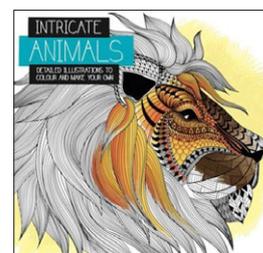
INTRICATE COLOURING ANIMALS

COMPILED BY PAUL CALVER, TOBY REYNOLDS

- Perforated pages so pictures can be removed and displayed
- 48 full-page detailed illustrations to colour
- Ideal for adults and children

Age range 8+

Unleash your inner artist and to exercise your creativity with this large format colouring book. Inside you will find a collection of 48 beautifully elaborate animals illustrations, perfect for those who enjoy a creative challenge and delight in detail. Each page is perforated so pictures can be easily removed and displayed. *Intricate Colouring Animals* is perfect for decorating with markers, coloured pencils, gel pens, or watercolours, and is printed single-sided on high-quality bright-white paper.



9781909244801 | July 2025 | Green Android | PB | 96pp | 285x295mm | AU \$19.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE

CHINESE ZODIAC ANIMALS COLORING BOOK

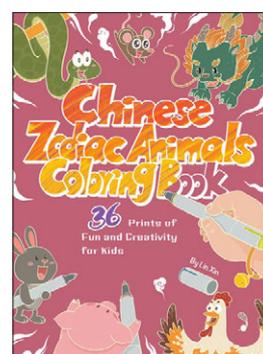
36 Prints of Fun and Creativity for Kids

XIN LIN

- 36 gorgeous and adorable hand-drawn, original zodiac images to colour
- Each image is printed on its own separate page to prevent bleed-through and allow you to easily remove and frame your favourite piece(s) of art
- The large format pages make it easy for children to colour, and the paper is suitable for any drawing tool
- Each Chinese zodiac sign has three diverse images designed to reflect the different personalities represented behind the zodiac sign

Age range 7 to 9

This colouring book allows children to give full play to their creativity while helping them to understand the story behind the Chinese zodiac and recognise their own zodiac sign.



9781632880147 | September 2024 | Shanghai Press | PB | 76pp | 260x184mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE



HOW TO DRAW CUTE STUFF

A Step-By-Step Drawing Guide for Kids

CATHERINE V. HOLMES

- A step-by-step approach to cute art, making it easy for children to bring to life adorable characters and scenes. Perfect for both beginners and those eager to expand their artistic horizons

Age range 6 to 11

Do you have a little Picasso at home who is fascinated by the world of cute and cuddly creatures, enticing food, and lovable aliens? Discover a new world of creativity and self-expression with *How to Draw Cute Stuff*, specially designed to introduce the principles of drawing to kids aged 6 to 11. This fun, engaging guide is not just another drawing book. It's a magical journey into the realm of imagination.



9781956769722 | March 2025 | Library Tales | PB | 93pp | 279x216mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

I CAN DRAW KAWAII ANIMALS

PAUL CALVER, ILLUSTRATED BY KSENYA SAVVA

- Each project completes in five easy steps
- Each project comes with helpful suggestions and space to practice
- Adorable illustrations by Ksenya Savva

Age range 7+

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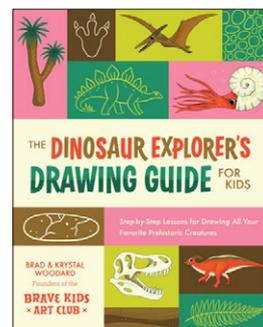
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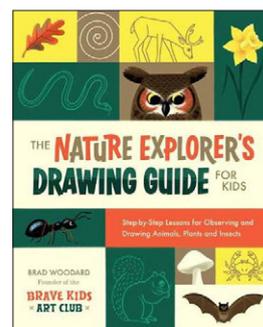
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