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NOVELTIES



THE WHEELS ON THE COSTUME

By Cindy Jin Illustrated by Lauren Lowen Imprint: Little Simon

Get ready to go trick-or-treating on Halloween night with this wheelchair-themed novelty board book with moving wheels that showcases creative costumes to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus"!

Little ones will love seeing how a wheelchair can transform into an awesome race car, a mighty

bulldozer, a lovely princess carriage, and more! This festive book celebrates disability and inclusivity in a fresh, fun way and proves that kids of all abilities have the magic to transform into whatever they want to be on Halloween night.

Publication Date: July 2023

Ages: 1-5

Page Extent: 12 pp



FUZZY FURRY OUCH

By Amanda Jane Jones and Cree Lane Jones Imprint: Little Simon

This fresh, funny touch-and-feel board book will encourage little ones to feel different textures while also teaching them what *not* to touch in real life!

From a fuzzy peach to a furry caterpillar to—ouch!—a prickly cactus, young readers will love feeling the textures in this book as they learn about what's okay to touch and what's not. From the familiar (a cactus or a stove) to the silly (a dinosaur or a rocket ship), this book is filled with playful energy, bright and bold illustrations, and humorous text that's sure to be a hit with readers young and old!

Publication Date: November 2022

Ages: All Ages

Page Extent: 26 pp







I LOVE YOU, LITTLE SHARK

By Jeffrey Burton Illustrated by Anna Hurley Imprint: Little Simon

This tenderhearted board book introduces underwater creatures while celebrating a parent's love, and it features a soft, plush shark fin with fun crinkling sounds!

You're my little baby shark. Don't you know? It's true! You're my one and true love Throughout the ocean blue.

All parents love their little ones, whether they're crabby or curious, or swim with the tide. Follow Little Shark as he meets ocean-dwelling friends and hears sweet affirmations of love.

Publication Date: May 2023

Ages: All Ages
Page Extent: 14 pp

I LIKE YOU

By Hannah Eliot Illustrated by Sejung Kim Imprint: Little Simon

This adorable board book features sweet rhymes about how animals show affection to one another, and pull-tabs throughout provide real animal facts!

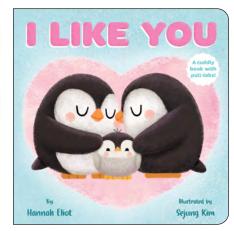
To keep warm, penguins huddle. Plus, who doesn't love a cuddle?

From penguins cuddling to otters holding hands, this lovey-dovey board book about animal snuggles is filled with charming rhymes and adorable illustrations.

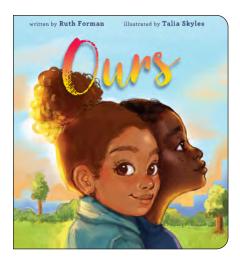
Publication Date: January 2023

Ages: All Ages
Page Extent: 14 pp





NOVELTIES



OURS

By Ruth Forman Illustrated by Talia Skyles Imprint: Little Simon



From the bestselling author of *Curls, Glow,* and *Bloom* comes a board book that joyfully celebrates skin-tone self-love with a mirror for little ones.

I love mine (mine) she loves hers (hers) he loves his (his) I love theirs

Show young readers how to see themselves and others with confidence and love with this beautiful rhyming board book that toddlers and parents alike will adore.

Publication Date: August 2022

Ages: All Ages

Page Extent: 24 pp







123 ZOOM

By Chiêu Anh Urban Imprint: Little Simon

Kids will learn to count *and* write numbers in this fun, colorful, and interactive hands-on novelty book from the talented Chiêu Anh Urban!

Stylistic in design, this colorful and interactive counting book with cutout layers invites youngest readers to zoom on trains, submarines, spaceships, and a variety of things that go!

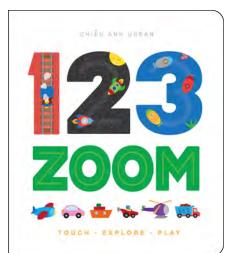
Count, touch, and trace from one to ten, whether it's one plane on the runway, two dump trucks on the construction site, or ten bicycles on a bike path. Then fly, sail, race, and count backward through clouds, ocean, and land to find hidden surprises.

Publication Date: April 2022

Ages: 1-4

Page Extent: 30 pp







THE THANK YOU BOOK

By Danna Smith Illustrated by Juliana Perdomo Imprint: Little Simon

This joyous board book celebrates the different ways we can say thank you to those around us—from hugging a friend to thanking a teacher to showing gratitude in even bigger ways!

Thanking is easy. Thanking is fun. It shows you are grateful when kind things are done.

From thanking your teacher for teaching to thanking your vet for caring, from sharing a hug to giving a card, this sweet book shows all the ways we can express gratitude. And as the book builds, so does the scale of the thanks, showing young readers that even if they start small, they can have a big impact.

Publication Date: September 2022

Ages: All Ages
Page Extent: 24 pp



100 DAYS OF KINDNESS

By Cindy Jin Illustrated by Grace Habib Imprint: Little Simon

Celebrate one hundred little ways to spread kindness every day in this sweet counting book filled with lift-the-flap surprises!

Being kind comes from your heart and all of us can do our part. Count the days as we find 100 ways to be kind!

Featuring fun lift-the-flap surprises on every page, this interactive board book shows little ones that they have the power and choice to help make our world a kinder, more loving place. It all starts with doing one small act of kindness for family members, friends, teachers, and others to help make their everyday lives a little bit brighter, happier, and more meaningful.

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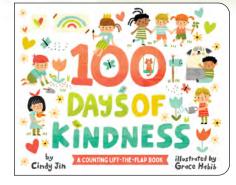
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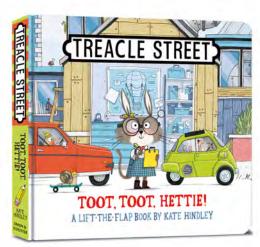








NOVELTIES



TREACLE STREET #4: TOOT, TOOT, HETTIE!

By Kate Hindley

Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Charming vehicle fun in the fourth book in award-winning Kate Hindley's adorable lift-the-flap series

It's a very busy morning on Treacle Street, and Hettie is waiting at the bus stop on the way to her Invention Workshop. But the traffic is terrible! Whoever can be in all these weird and wonderful vehicles? Lift the flaps to find out!

Young readers will delight in the busyness and enticing detail of the vehicles on Treacle Street, filled with characters that we have come to know and love.

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Ages: 3 up

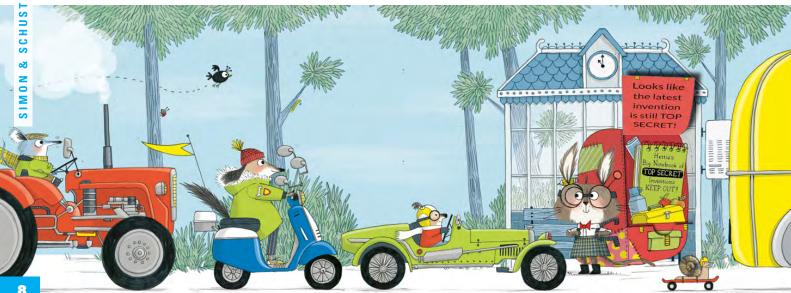
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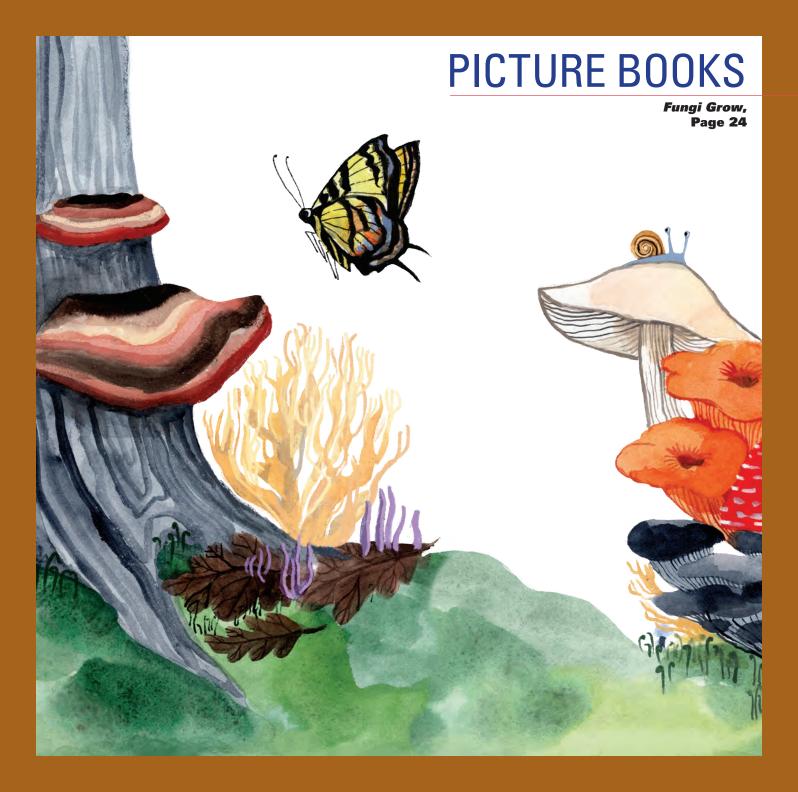
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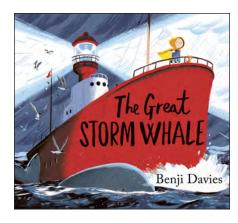












THE GREAT STORM WHALE

By Benji Davies

Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Return to the world of The Storm Whale in this dramatic new adventure from globally successful and award-winning picture book creator, Benji Davies.

As a fearsome storm blows around Noi's house, his grandma tells of an unforgettable friendship between a little girl and a whale, many storms ago. But as she finishes her tale of perseverance and new beginnings, Noi soon realises it's part of their own story too.

This glorious addition to the bestselling Storm Whale series celebrates the stories and love that are passed down through generations.

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RIGHTS SOLD: Catalan, Chinese (simplified), Danish, Dutch, Estonian, French (world), German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese (Portugal), Slovene, Spanish (Chile), Spanish (Spain), Turkish

From the World of The Storm Whale









Also by Benji Davies



Also illustrated by Benji Davies











BRAVE

STEVE SMALL



By Steve Small Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Being brave when you feel afraid is the very bravest brave of all . . .

It's time for Arlo's family to leave their winter den and journey to Spring Valley, but he isn't so sure about all this change. Arlo likes their home just as it is; and after all, his sister, Eva, is the brave one. But when a snowstorm separates them as they travel, Arlo finds that when it's his turn to be brave, being afraid won't stop him from saving the day.

With heartwarming illustrations, this tender story by internationally acclaimed picture book creator Steve Small is perfect for anyone who has ever been afraid of change.

Publication Date: October 2023

Page Extent: 32 pp

OPTION PUBLISHERS: Dutch, French, Greek, Japanese, US











THE LITTLEST YAK: HOME IS WHERE THE HERD IS

By Lu Fraser Illustrated by Kate Hindley Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

This fantastic, heartwarming follow-up to the internationally bestselling, award-winning *The Littlest Yak* and *The Littlest Yak: The New Arrival* takes Gertie and her family to pastures new.

"But a home," Mummy smiled, "is about so much more than the books on the shelf or the toys on the floor."

When the ice starts melting, it's time for the yaks to move on and find a new mountain. Gertie's mum tells her that home is about more than the things that you pack, but Gertie's not so sure. She tries to squash and squeeze everything they own onto her sledge. But, oh no! It seems she's left behind the most important thing of all . . . her baby sister, Dotty! Perhaps home isn't about the *things* you have after all.

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OPTION PUBLISHERS: Basque, Catalan, Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified) Croatian, Dutch, French, Gaelic (Scotland), German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Lithuanian, Portuguese, Slovene, Spanish, Turkish, US, Welsh









QUIET

By Tom Percival Illustrated by Richard Jones Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A touching tale of courage and how sometimes the smallest voice can deliver the biggest message. From award-winning creators Tom Percival and Richard Jones, collaborating for the first time.

Once there lived a bird with a bright turquoise flash on one wing. Her woodland home is full of the chatter of all kinds of birds . . . so much so that her little voice gets drowned out. But when a machine comes to tear down the trees, she finds a way to make that little voice stronger, unite all the creatures of the wood, and save their home.

A lyrical, moving picture book from the author of *The River* and the illustrator of *Little Bear* that reminds us that everyone can make a difference.

Publication Date: March 2024

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THE BRIDGES

By Tom Percival Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

From the author of *The River* and *The Invisible* comes this empowering picture book about connection and the power of stories.

Mia's parents have to work very hard, and they rarely have the time to play with her. Sometimes she's so lonely, she feels as though she lives on an island, far out to sea.... But when a mysterious package arrives, with a book just for Mia, her island starts to feel a lot less lonely, and bridges start to appear. Where will they take her? And how might they change her life?

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OPTION PUBLISHERS: Catalan, Chinese (simplified), French, Greek, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Spanish (Latin America), Spanish (Spain)











CLICK CLACK

By Pip Jones Illustrated by Rob Starling Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Two adorable new friends on a mission to make the whole world warm . . .

Tired of being alone, Nitwig sets out to find a friend. And when she finds one, she uses her click-clacking knitting needles to make something special for him. But she doesn't stop there—Nitwig finds lots of other friends to make things for. Nitwig knits mittens for mice and cowls for kittens, beanies for bunnies and blouses for baboons . . . until the whole world is wrapped up warm.

This heartwarming story full of joyful rhymes and witty wordplay is sure to be a repeat-read favourite.

Publication Date: February 2024

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OPTION PUBLISHERS: Catalan, Chinese (simplified), Dutch, French, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish (Latin America), Spanish (Spain), Swedish, Turkish, US





THE LION'S PRIDE

By Frances Stickley Illustrated by Chris Chatterton Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

The King of the Jungle learns to swallow his pride and think of others in this roaringly funny story from Frances Stickley and Chris Chatterton.

Brian the lion is the mightiest, bitiest beast in the jungle, and he's certain all the other animals LOVE him . . . until he finds out they were all just too frightened to stand up to him! If he wants to keep his friends, he'll have to learn how to listen to others, speak up for those smaller than himself, and be a little fairer.

With a rollicking, rhyming text from Frances Stickley and fabulous illustrations from Chris Chatterton in their first picture book together, this funny story is the perfect way to start conversations about how to treat others.

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VIRGINIA AND THE ANGEL (W.T.)

By Issy Emeney Illustrated by Chris Mould Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Deliciously dark and with the most fantastic twist, this hilarious cautionary tale is the perfect book for children who like their stories with a bit of bite!

Virginia was a tyrant, a bully and a brat, who was rude to sweet old ladies, and tormented next door's cat.

Then one day the doorbell rings and Virginia meets Julian. Her mother calls him an angel and insists he share Virginia's room, but Virginia has never shared in her life! Obviously, Julian must go. But where has he come from? And why is he here?

Perhaps he's not quite as angelic as he appears. . . .

With gloriously gothic illustrations from Chris Mould, this fabulously dark tale is perfect for parents looking for the picture book equivalent of Roald Dahl's twisted tales.

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STOP! THAT'S NOT MY STORY

By Smriti Halls Illustrated by Erika Meza Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A joyful, empowering call to be the hero of your OWN story!

A girl opens up a book looking for the story that's perfect for HER, and she tumbles inside. But *Goldilocks* is not her story, and *Jack and the Beanstalk* is not her story, and *Little Red Riding Hood* is not her story. . . . There's only one thing for it: she's going to have to write her own story—and the hero will be HER.

A celebration of the stories we all love and the stories we are yet to write, this vivid, irresistible picture book introduces the terrific new partnership of bestselling author Smriti Halls and illustrator Erika Meza.

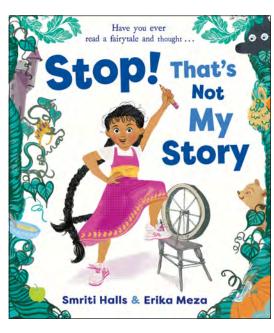
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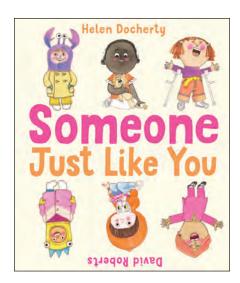
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SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU

By Helen Docherty Illustrated by David Roberts Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A deeply moving, vitally important book encouraging empathy and kindness

Somewhere in this world, there is someone just like you, who finds the same things funny and who laughs the way you do.

Have you ever stopped to think that there might be someone out there who is just like you? And if they needed you, would you help them?

Helen Docherty's lyrical rhyming text is perfectly matched by David Roberts's stunning, thoughtful illustrations, as the two combine to make a picture book that is as necessary as it is beautiful.

Publication Date: September 2023

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RIGHTS SOLD: French (Canada), Hebrew, US



MY BROTHER IS AN AVOCADO

By Tracy Darnton

Illustrated by Yasmeen Ismail Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A hilarious stage-by-stage tour through all the sizes of a growing baby—from teeny-tiny poppy seed to giant watermelon—from an exciting new picture book partnership!

It's hard to wait for an exciting new baby to join the family, especially when it's still growing inside Mum's tummy. But when her dad tells her the size of the baby at each stage, one little girl imagines all the fun she can have with her baby brother as a teeny-tiny poppy seed, then a grape, then a lemon. . . . But she's not quite sure how she feels about having an avocado for a brother!

This funny picture book playfully explores the long and tiresome waiting game for a much-anticipated new sibling—with an adorable twist at the end. Illustrated by the Professional Winner of the Children's Publishing category at the World Illustration Awards 2020.

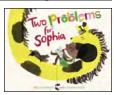
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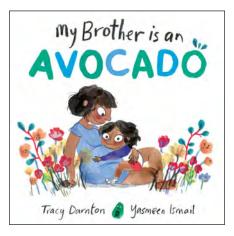
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RIGHTS SOLD: Greek, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Spanish (Argentina), US













MY SMALL WORLD: UNDERWATER

By Caryl Hart Illustrated by Harry Woodgate Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

The second in this hugely commercial series focusing on wonderful small worlds and how to create them. Next up: UNDERWATER!

Come on an amazing journey from the sunny shore to the dark depths of the ocean! On the way, you'll meet a shy crab, supersmart dolphin, tuneful whale, and many, many more. Then, at the end, learn how to build your very own small world with instructions and a handy how-to guide!



From bestselling and award-winning author Caryl Hart and Waterstones Children's Book Prize winner Harry Woodgate comes this fantastic new series.

My Small World: Dinosaurs is publishing in June 2023, and My Small World: Frozen is coming soon!

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THERE'S A BEACH IN MY PANTS!

By Michelle Harrison Illustrated by David Tazzyman Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

The first in a fabulous new series by bestselling and much-loved author Michelle Harrison, illustrated by David Tazzyman

We went to the seaside, Mum, Pip and me. To play in the sand dunes and splash in the sea. We'd have SO MUCH fun. I had it all planned! As soon as we got there . . . I RAN FOR THE SAND!

But one little girl gets SO MUCH MORE than she bargained for after her day out at the beach—with the most hilarious consequences!

From superstar fiction author Michelle Harrison and bestselling illustrator David Tazzyman comes the first book in a laugh-out-loud series set to become a family favourite.

Publication Date: June 2024

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BEKAH AND THE MOON

By Tolá Okogwu Illustrated by Abeeha Tariq Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A moving and magical picture book about the love between a young girl and the moon

"Luna's here, there's no need to fear."

Bekah loves the moon, and she knows the moon loves her too. Each night, when shadows or strange noises frighten her, she is visited by Luna, who bathes the room in moonlight and chases away her fears. But as Luna appears less and less often, Bekah begins to doubt whether her love was ever real.

In this mesmerising story from the author of *Daddy Do My Hair* and the highly acclaimed Onyeka middle-grade series, Bekah finds that even when someone can't always be by your side, their love never leaves you.

Publication Date: March 2024

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SNAIL IN SPACE

By Rachel Bright Illustrated by Nadia Shireen Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A riotous, rousing celebration of self-belief starring the one and only Gail the Snail!

Like her fellow young snails, Gail has always been told not to dream too big or reach too far, but Gail is not your average snail, and she has plans on a COSMIC scale.... Yes! Gail dreams of being the first snail in space. But does she have what it takes in this gripping race against time?

Find out in this fabulously funny new picture book from the creators of *Slug in Love*—bestselling duo, Rachel Bright and Nadia Shireen.

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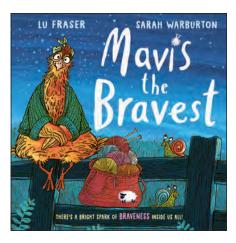
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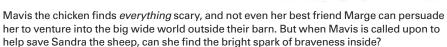


MAVIS THE BRAVEST

By Lu Fraser

Illustrated by Sarah Warburton Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A sparky, encouraging story for anyone who has ever felt a little bit less than brave, from the author of *The Littlest Yak*



This adorable picture book from the beloved team behind *One Camel Called Doug* is brimful of humour, warmth, reassurance, and two exceedingly courageous chickens!

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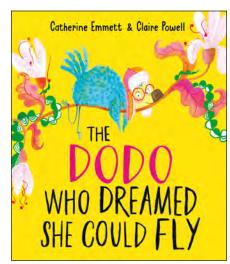
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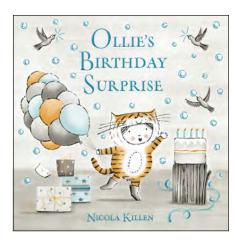












OLLIE'S BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

By Nicola Killen Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

The bestselling Ollie series is perfect for teaching children about shapes and colours, with striking illustrations, cut-outs, and foil throughout. Translated into fourteen languages.

It is Ollie's birthday, and she is feeling excited! So when a bunch of colourful balloons float past her window and into the magical woods, Ollie can't help but follow. But where could they be headed and what surprises lie in store? Join Ollie and her magical friends on a birthday adventure she'll never forget.

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OPTION PUBLISHERS: Catalan, Chinese (simplified), Greek, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Romanian, Russian, Spanish (Latin America), Spanish (Spain), Welsh

RIGHTS SOLD: French (Canada), French (France), Italian, US









FLY BOY

By JJ Bola

Illustrated by Clara Anganuzzi Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

From bestselling adult fiction author and renowned poet JJ Bola comes his astonishingly powerful debut picture book.

Fly Boy is angry. Fly Boy is mad.

Fly Boy is jealous.

Fly Boy is sad.

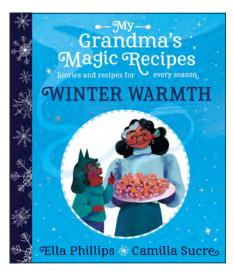
Fly Boy's wings are dark and red. At school he breaks pens and shoves and hits. Fly Boy is desperate to fly far, far away and escape all the pain. But there is always too much noise. Thomas's wings are bright and blue—as clear as the sea and sky. Maybe, just maybe, he can help Fly Boy heal. . . .

Masterful, mesmerising, and the perfect entry point for parents looking to encourage conversations about children's mental health. An unmissable picture book.

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MY GRANDMA'S MAGIC RECIPES: WINTER WARMTH

By Ella Phillips Illustrated by Camilla Sucre Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A joyful celebration of family, the season of winter, and the magic of plant-powered food!

At Grandma's Christmas party, there is the smell of sugar and spice, as well as calypso music and dancing and lots of friends and family . . . but no Grandma! Where could she be? Perhaps she's in the kitchen, waiting for Zee to help her turn dough into yummy ginger biscuits!

This delightfully cosy and atmospheric story is accompanied by two deliciously warming winter recipes. The first in a series of stories-with-recipes celebrating seasonal plant power!

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SUPERTATO: MEAN GREEN TIME MACHINE

By Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Ever wondered how Supertato got his superpowers? It's time to travel back to the *fruit*-ure to find out in the brand-new adventure in this super bestselling series!

It's night-time in the supermarket, and the veggies are trying DESPERATELY . . . not to laugh at Supertato's baby photos!

Supertato looks SUPER cute, but just as he's telling Carrot that he hasn't always been super, a certain round, mean, green character overhears him. If ONLY Evil Pea could have got rid of Supertato BEFORE he got his superpowers . . . ! But that would mean he'd need a time machine. . . . Wouldn't it?

And so, the superspud's latest thrilling adventure begins in the superhero origin story you never knew you needed . . . until now!

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Supertato series—over 1 million copies sold in the UK alone, and now a major TV series with the BBC













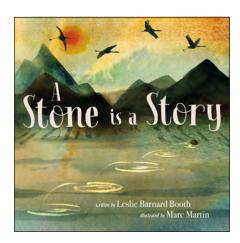












A STONE IS A STORY

By Leslie Barnard Booth Illustrated by Marc Martin Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Follow a stone's journey through time as it faces ice, water, wind, and scorching heat in this beautiful nonfiction picture book that is Seeds Move! meets A Stone Sat Still.

"Where do rocks come from?"

The answer may be more incredible than you think! After all, a stone is not just a stone: a stone is a story. Embark on a journey across time to see how one stone can change and transform: from magma under Earth's crust to the sand swept up by a rushing river, to the very heart of the tallest mountain. Watch what happens when rain, ice, and wind mold this rock into something new, something you might even hold in your hand something full of endless possibility.

Complete with additional information about geology and the rock cycle, this lyrical and captivating story invites readers to experience the wonder of the natural world around us and to see—in every cliff, pebble, and stone—a window into Earth's deep past.

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THE BOY WHO SAID WOW

By Todd Boss

Illustrated by Rashin Kheiriyeh Imprint: Beach Lane Books

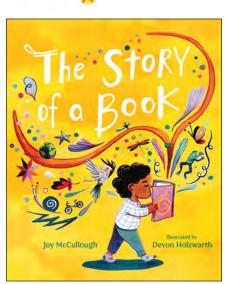
Inspired by the beautiful true story of a nonverbal boy moved to speech at his first Mozart concert, this picture book is a testament to the power of art and the boundless joy it can bring.

When Grandfather comes to take his grandson to a concert, Ronan is guiet as they leave the house, quiet in the car, and quiet at the concert hall. But when the performance is over and the beautiful music fades out at last, Ronan opens his mouth . . . and lets out a great big WOW!

Not any old WOW, but Ronan's very first WOW! That one word fills up the hearts of Ronan's family, the musicians, the audience, and—when the recording goes viral-the world.

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THE STORY OF A BOOK

By Joy McCullough Illustrated by Devon Holzwarth Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

A gorgeous, joyful picture book following the lifespan of a book as it comes across different readers—and creates a kind of magic—along the way

A new book is fresh ink on crisp pages never opened the words inside just waiting to be read. Sometimes, oh! The perfect reader (let's say it's you) drinks in the words and together you make a special kind of magic. Magic that's sweeter when you share it....

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THE TOGETHER TREE

By Aisha Saeed Illustrated by LeUyen Pham Imprint: Salaam Reads

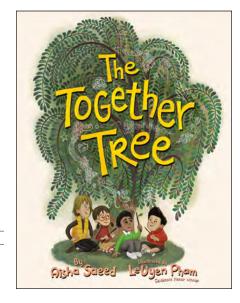
All Are Welcome meets Be Kind in this poignant and accessible picture book about the power that every bystander—no matter how small—has to extend kindness and stand up in the face of intolerance.

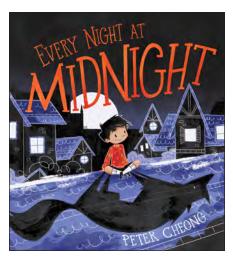
At his new school, quiet Rumi feels small and unwelcome, and a few kids bully him for his brown skin and bright shoes. He finds refuge beneath the old willow tree by the playground and builds his own world of hope and dreams of belonging.

One day, when Rumi is made a target again, one of his classmates bravely steps in to defend him. It's in that moment of solidarity that Rumi's class finally realizes that under the shade of the willow tree, all are welcome, and they create a space they can play in—together.

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EVERY NIGHT AT MIDNIGHT

By Peter Cheong Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

A little lone werewolf prowls the nights on his own until he finds friendship in the most unexpected of places in this whimsical and tender picture book.

Every night at midnight, Felix turns into a wolf. His hands and feet turn into velvety paws, his senses grow sharper, and he grows a long, furry tail. Felix loves exploring on four legs, and he has the nighttime world to himself. There's no one else like him.

During the day, Felix is human, but it still feels like there's no one like him. The other kids used to invite him to play, but now they keep their distance. That's fine, though. Felix doesn't need anyone else. But after a chance encounter, Felix the little lone wolf starts to wonder whether he might find his pack after all.

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FUNGI GROW

By Maria Gianferrari Illustrated by Diana Sudyka Imprint: Beach Lane Books

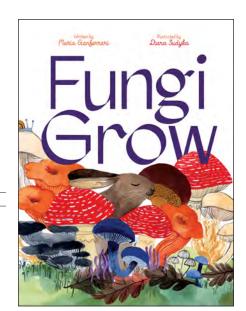
Do you know how fungi grow? Discover when, how, where, and why in this poetic and illuminating nonfiction picture book.

Aboveground, belowground, all around, fungi grow. They root and fruit and twist and twine everywhere on earth. Some are edible, some are medicinal, some are even poisonous. Step into this book and discover the amazing array of mushrooms and see how they multiply. Learn how fungi heal and help humans. Explore the incredible underground fungal network that helps forests thrive. And so much more!

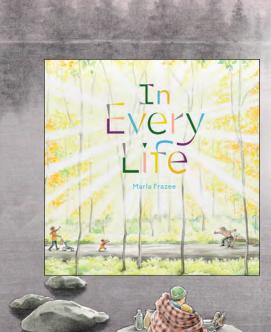
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IN EVERY LIFE

By Marla Frazee Imprint: Beach Lane Books

A simple and profound meditation on the many wonders of life from two-time **Caldecott Honor recipient Marla Frazee**

In every life, there is love and loss, hope and joy, wonder and mystery. With glowing art and spare, powerful text, Caldecott Honoree Marla Frazee celebrates the moments, feelings, and experiences, both big and small, that make up a life.

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RIGHTS SOLD: Korea







YETIS ARE THE WORST!

By Alex Willan

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

In this hilarious follow-up to Unicorns Are the Worst! and Dragons Are the Worst!, Gilbert the Goblin's next adventure takes him to the frozen tundra, where he's determined to find the legendary yeti.

Gilbert the Goblin is the first to admit that he was, ahem, mistaken - unicorns actually throw the best tea parties, and dragons make delicious ice cream soup. This time, though, he can absolutely confirm that YETIS ARE THE WORST!

Sure, they may seem cool and mysterious, but once you meet one, he's certain they're not all they're cracked up to be! And that's what Gilbert plans to do: meet a yeti. That is, if he can find one. . . . But how hard can that be?

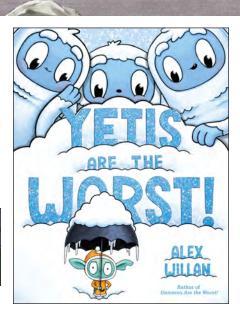
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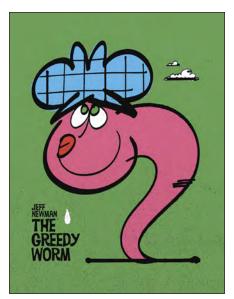
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THE GREEDY WORM

By Jeff Newman

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From celebrated illustrator Jeff Newman comes a delightfully funny wordless picture book about a very greedy worm, a very large apple, and the importance of sharing with friends.

The greedy worm has his eye on a very big apple and he does NOT want to share with any of the other hungry bugs. In fact, he eats the whole thing himself in one giant chomp to keep them away. But when a bird starts eyeing the now plump (and sluggish) greedy worm, he'll need those bugs he snubbed to keep the feaster from becoming the feast. And he might just learn a thing or two about sharing in the process....

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OUR POOL

By Lucy Ruth Cummins

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

On a hot day, people come from all over the city to spend the day at the pool in this joyful picture book that's a love song to summer, the city, community, and staying cool!

Today is a pool day in the city! The sun is shining, so what are you waiting for? Friends and family. Kids and grandparents. Big bodies and small bodies. *Everybody* is welcome at our pool! Get ready for swimming and splashing, zigzagging and dunking, and racing and laughing.

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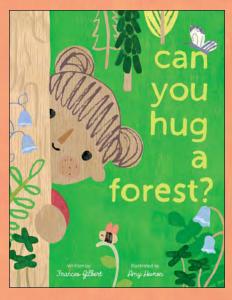








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CAN YOU HUG A FOREST?

By Frances Gilbert Illustrated by Amy Hevron Imprint: Beach Lane Books

Celebrate the beauty of the natural world in this meditative picture book encouraging mindfulness, gratitude, and love for the environment—featuring illustrations painted on actual wood.

Can you hug a forest? Of course you can. First you hug the air: open your arms, lift up your chin, and breathe in all the way down to your toes. Then you hug a leaf and a flower and a trail and a stream and all the other wondrous natural elements that make up a forest. Take every chance to soak in your natural surroundings and be grateful for nature.

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LOOK

By Gabi Snyder Illustrated by Samantha Cotterill Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

In the tradition of Tomie dePaola's *Quiet* comes this lyrical, timely picture book that shows if you really look, you never know what the world might offer for you to see.

We are in this VAST world.
And the world is all around filled with colors and shapes and sizes.
What if you stop,
look around,
and get a closer view?

Author Gabi Snyder and diorama-style illustrator Samantha Cotterill's new book encourages mindfulness and grounding by seeking out patterns in the world around us.

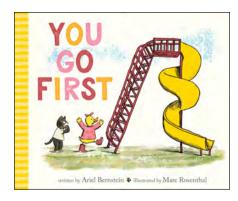
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LOOK . . .

OPTION PUBLISHERS: French, Slovene





YOU GO FIRST

By Ariel Bernstein Illustrated by Marc Rosenthal Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

In the spirit of Mo Willems

and Ben Clanton, this charming, laugh-out-loud picture book shows how a good friend can become even better by trying new things and putting others first.

Cat and Duck are very good friends and play together all the time, so when the new slide gets built, they can't wait to try it out! Only, the slide is very big and curvy. What if it's too big for Cat? As Cat and Duck move closer to the front of the line, Cat imagines everything that could go wrong until his worries start to rub off on Duck. Now Duck doesn't want to go down the slide either.

Cat feels bad that Duck is missing out on the fun because of him. Can he find a way to make it right?

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ETHAN AND THE STRAYS

By John Sullivan Illustrated by Hatem Aly Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

From the award-winning author of *Kitten and the Night Watchman* comes a heartwarming picture book about a young boy who finds joy in rescuing and caring for stray cats.

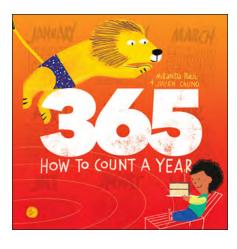
On the way to school, Ethan notices some stray kittens in the alleyway. He wants to look after them, but his dad has a strict no-pet policy. Still, with the help of his older brother, Ethan does what he can to rescue the kittens and realizes that caring for something else can bring great joy. This hopeful story is based on the author's real-life experiences rescuing stray animals.

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365

By Miranda Paul Illustrated by Julien Chung Imprint: Beach Lane Books

It takes the Earth 365 days to spin around the sun. But what does that actually look like? Find out in this fun

numerical breakdown of a whole entire wonderful year!

A year can feel like a really, really long time—31,535,000 seconds might seem like forever. So let's break it down! A year is made up of 365 "good mornings" and "good nights." It's fifty-two Friday night movie nights, twelve calendar backgrounds, and one birthday wish.

This unique take on a concept book will introduce young readers to numbers both big and small and give them the tools to understand all the time that passes by in mysterious and exciting ways each year.

Publication Date: September 2023

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HOW TO MAKE A MEMORY

By Elaine Vickers Illustrated by Ana Aranda Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

The Wonderful Things You Will Be meets The Remember Balloons in this lyrical and gentle picture book about the joy and importance of making memories and cherishing life's most special moments.

To remember means to keep something in your mind.
To hold it safe in your memory, like a small, smooth egg in your hand.
How do you make a memory? And how do you remember?

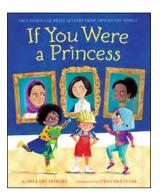
This poignant story takes readers through the bittersweet celebration of the last day of school, the pause before blowing out birthday candles, the magical closeness of gathering around a campfire: those tiny moments that enrich life.

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IF YOU WERE A PRINCESS

By Hillary Homzie Illustrated by Udayana Lugo Imprint: Aladdin

Not All Princesses Dress in Pink meets Herstory in this inspiring and educational picture book about princesses past and present, as three girls wonder what it would be like to be princesses themselves.

If you were a princess, what would you be?

Maybe you'd fight for the rights of young girls and women throughout the world. Or graduate from university and find work as a research scientist. Or you might be a musician, a songwriter, a rapper, or a poet.

Three best friends discover this and more as they learn what being a princess truly means. Through the facts and profiles of real-life princesses woven throughout, the friends become empowered to try to make a difference within their own communities—and they discover that anyone can be a princess after all.

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WE ARE GOING TO BE PALS!

By Mark Teague Imprint: Beach Lane Books

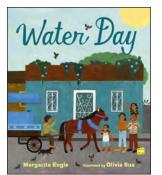
An egret and a rhinoceros navigate the ups and downs of their symbiotic relationship and friendship in this warm and witty book from bestselling author-illustrator Mark Teague.

In a not-so-simple symbiotic friendship between two pals, Egret does his best to teach Rhino how to be a friend. Friends eat together, have fun together, and help each other out, right? But they also respect boundaries, recognize their differences, and compromise (sometimes).

When Egret ends up in a sticky situation, it's Rhino to the rescue as this unlikely pair realizes that communication and kindness are the key to *any* friendship.

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WATER DAY

By Margarita Engle Illustrated by Olivia Sua Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

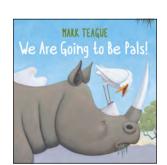
A joyful picture book from acclaimed author Margarita Engle about a young girl and her community celebrating the arrival of the water man, who visits weekly to distribute water to the village

Water days are busy days, grateful, laughing, thirsty days.

A small village no longer has a water supply of its own, but one young girl and her neighbors get by with the help of the water man. When he comes to town, water flows like hope for the whole familia, and everyone rejoices.

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RED & GREEN

By Lois Ehlert Imprint: Beach Lane Books

The classic story of the night before Christmas gets a humorous twist in the final work from the acclaimed and beloved picture book creator, Lois Ehlert (1934–2021).

It was a cold, wintry night and all through the house, not a creature was stirring—except a small mouse! Follow this mischievous mouse on his late-night holiday adventures.

With die-cut pages and Lois Ehlert's signature cut-paper style, this book is sure to bring lots of joy and laughter to the holiday season and become a new family favorite.

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WINTER

By Kelsey E. Gross Illustrated by Renata Liwska Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

From debut author Kelsey E. Gross and *New York Times* bestselling artist Renata Liwska comes a book that celebrates the magic of the winter solstice in a quiet forest with a group of animal friends.

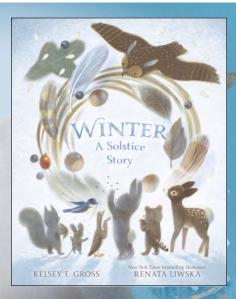
Tonight is the longest night of the year. Solstice is here. Deep in the dark forest, the cold and quiet of winter is all around. Owl watches sunlight dim to a shimmer.

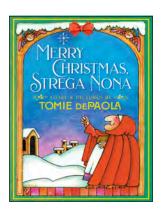
Who can help to share the light and a gift of hope? Owl, mouse, and deer all watch as the light fades and dark surrounds them. Together they can help to find the light. The night goes on, and the moon and stars shine down on a lone tree in the forest. The animals gather around the moonlit tree and share its light.

Winter solstice is here as the winter sky brings magic for all to share.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS, STREGA NONA

By Tomie dePaola

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

In this holiday follow-up to Tomie dePaola's Caldecott Honor book *Strega Nona*, our favorite grandma-witch is back and bringing her magic to Christmas with a town feast. Can she count on Big Anthony as her only helper?

It's Christmas time in Calabria, and with Strega Nona's annual feast around the corner, she has no time for her usual magical tasks. Christmas has a magic of its own, and no one knows magic like Strega Nona does, especially Big Anthony. But with the clock ticking on her preparations, will Big Anthony finally be able to prove that he can be counted on with some magic of his own?

With warm illustrations in Tomie's classic folk-art style, this refreshed addition to the Strega Nona series is a must-have for fans of all ages.

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THE SNOW MAN

By Jonah Winter Illustrated by Jeanette Winter Imprint: Beach Lane Books

Discover the true story of a man who lived alone in the mountains with a hobby of measuring snowfall that led to groundbreaking data tracking in climate change studies.

When he came to the mountains as a young man, his only companions were a skunk and a pine marten. He needed something to fill the hours. So he began measuring the snow that fell. Day after day, and year after year, he measured.

As he grew older he noticed something: The snow was disappearing. It arrived later and melted sooner, and there wasn't as much of it. He shared his snow data with a local scientist, who shared it with other scientists, until the Snow Man's measurements were used by climate scientists all over the world.

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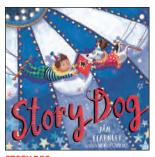
By Adam Reed Illustrated by Xindi Yan Imprint: Simon Spotlight

The new hit CBS holiday special. Also streaming on Paramount+! Start a new holiday tradition and celebrate what makes each child unique with this giftable boxed set that comes with a timeless picture book and a lovable, huggable plush. *Reindeer in Here* celebrates that being different is normal.

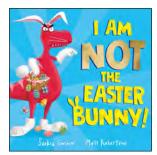
At holiday time, a special little reindeer with mismatched antlers shows up as an early gift from Santa to stay with each child and go on daily adventures with them. The reindeer learns the child's true Christmas wishes (and makes sure Santa does as well), all the while encouraging the child to celebrate their own differences. It's a new holiday tradition the whole family will love!

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STORY DOGBy Jan Fearnley **RIGHTS SOLD**: Dutch, German, Greek



I AM NOT THE EASTER BUNNY
By Saskia Gwinn
Illustrated by Matt Robertson



IZZY GIZMO

By Pip Jones Illustrated by Sara Ogilvie

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IZZY GIZMO AND THE INVENTION CONVENTION

By Pip Jones Illustrated by Sara Ogilvie

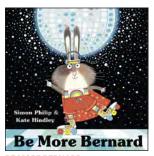
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THE FROST GOBLIN
By Abi Elphinstone
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THE SNOW DRAGON
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BE MORE BERNARD

By Simon Philip Illustrated by Kate Hindley

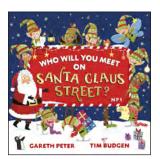
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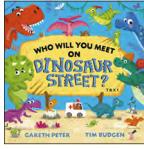
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WHO WILL YOU MEET ON SANTA CLAUS STREET?

By Gareth Peter Illustrated by Tim Budgen RIGHTS SOLD: Greek



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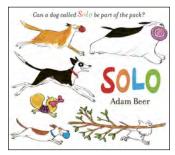
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WHO WILL YOU MEET ON HALLOWEEN STREET?

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SOLO By Adam Beer

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THE DRAGON WITH THE BLAZING BOTTOM

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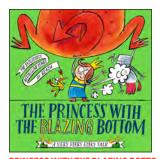
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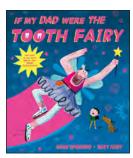
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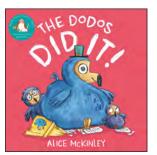
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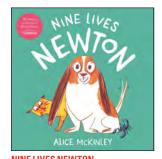


IF MY DAD WERE THE TOOTH FAIRY

By Mark Sperring Illustrated by Matt Hunt



THE DODOS DID IT!
By Alice Mckinley



NINE LIVES NEWTON

By Alice Mckinley

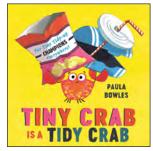
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WE'VE GOT TALENT

By Hannah Whitty Illustrated by Paula Bowles

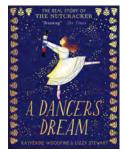
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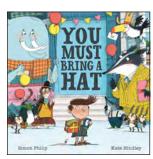
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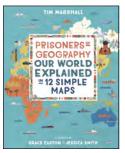
By Katherine Woodfine, Illustrated by Lizzy Stewart RIGHTS SOLD: Italian



YOU MUST BRING A HAT

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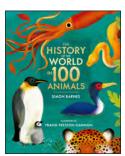


PRISONERS OF GEOGRAPHY

By Tim Marshall

Illustrated by Grace Easton and Jessica Smith

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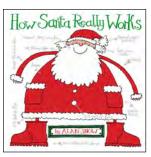


THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD IN 100 ANIMALS

By Simon Barnes

Illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon

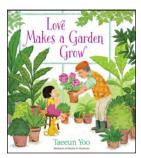
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HOW SANTA REALLY WORKS

By Alan Snow

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LOVE MAKES A GARDEN GROW

By Taeeun Yoo

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WHEN THE SKY GLOWS

By Nell Cross Beckerman Illustrated by David Litchfield RIGHTS SOLD: Korean



LIZZY AND THE CLOUD

By the Fan Brothers

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IT FELL FROM THE SKY

By the Fan Brothers

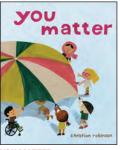
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THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY

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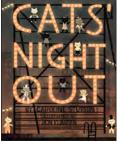
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YOU MATTER

By Christian Robinson

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CATS' NIGHT OUT

By Caroline Stutson Illustrated by Jon Klassen

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By Daniela Sosa

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DARK ON LIGHT

By Dianne White Illustrated by Felicita Sala

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MINA

By Matthew Forsythe

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POKKO AND THE DRUM

By Matthew Forsythe

RIGHTS SOLD: Catalan, Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Dutch, French (world), German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese (Portugal), Spanish (Spain)



CREEPY CARROTS!

By Aaron Reynolds Illustrated by Peter Brown

RIGHTS SOLD: Catalan, Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Dutch, French (world), Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Portugal), Spanish (world)



SHARE SOME KINDNESS, BRING SOME LIGHT

By Apryl Stott

RIGHTS SOLD: Castilian, Slovene, Spanish (Spain)



CREEPY PAIR OF UNDERWEAR

By Aaron Reynolds

Illustrated by Peter Brown

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ALMOST ALWAYS BEST, BEST FRIENDS
By Apryl Stott



CREEPY CRAYON

By Aaron Reynolds Illustrated by Peter Brown

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DEAR SANTA

By Rod Campbell

RIGHTS SOLD: Greek, Welsh



FIND YOUR BRAVE

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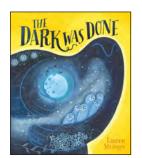
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HOME IS WHERE THE BIRDS SING

By Cynthia Rylant Illustrated by Katie Harnett

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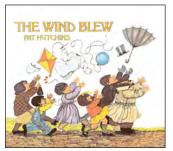


THE DARK WAS DONE By Lauren Stringer



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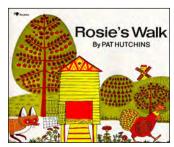
By Jamie A. Swenson Illustrated by Scott Magoon



THE WIND BLEW

By Pat Hutchins

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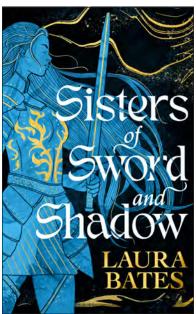


ROSIE'S WALK

By Pat Hutchins

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SISTERS OF SWORD AND SHADOW

By Laura Bates

Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

What if the Knights of the Round Table had been women? An epic fantasy duology from the UK's leading and bestselling feminist writer—for fans of Leigh Bardugo and Sarah J. Maas

A woman with sharp, straight brows tightened together, with hair the colour of the last autumn leaves twisted tight to the nape of her neck, with a split in her lip that shone bright with cherry fresh blood. A woman with her legs encased tight in shining leather, fine boots gripping tight to the horse's flanks. She held out her hand. "Well then. Are you coming?"

Cass is supposed to be celebrating her sister's wedding and awaiting her own arranged marriage. But when a beautiful leather-clad woman rides up and offers to take her away, Cass doesn't hesitate. Introduced to a group of women working to right the wrongs of men, Cass is drawn into a world of ancient feuds, glorious battles, and deadly intrigue. Destiny awaits in the Sisterhood of Silk Knights.

Publication Date: November 2023

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 364 pp/75K words

RIGHTS SOLD: US



BITE RISK

By S. J. Wills

Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

When everyone's a vicious beast, it's hard to spot the monsters. . . . The first book in a blockbuster teen horror series for fans of *Stranger Things*, Fear Street, and Skulduggery Pleasant

Sel Archer lives in an ordinary town with ordinary residents, except for one night a month.... When the full moon comes out, all the adults become werewolves, and it's up to the young people to protect themselves from danger. But, as this quiet life unravels, and the Turned begin to escape, can Sel and his friends uncover exactly who—or what—is watching their every move?

A nail-biting series won at auction, with chills and thrills delivered in an accessible and pacy drama. Do you dare to enter the Town of the Turned?

Publication Date: #1: June 2023; #2: March 2024; #3: January 2025

Ages: 11 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/65K words

RIGHTS SOLD: French (world), German, Turkish, US

SECRET SISTER

By Sophie McKenzie Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

An edge-of-your-seat teen thriller set in the bestselling world of Girl, Missing

Two sisters, two very different lives: Asha has spent her life on a closed commune, not knowing she has a sister called Willow.

Willow has always believed her twin sister died years ago. So when she receives a call from a girl claiming to be Asha, she doesn't know what to think.

Can the girls piece together the truth about their pasts and find their way back to each other?

A page-turning drama from million-copy-selling author Sophie McKenzie, delivering family secrets and explosive drama.

Publication Date: July 2023

Ages: 11 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/50K words

OPTION PUBLISHERS: Polish, Russian

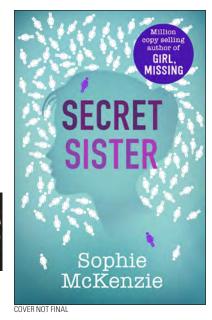














THE BUTTERFLY ASSASSIN: THE HUMMINGBIRD KILLER

By Finn Longman

Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Friend by day. Traitor by night. A dark, twisting YA trilogy following a teen assassin

Teen assassin Isabel Ryans now works for Comma—and she's good at it—but she still craves a normal life. When her loyalty to her friends begins to conflict with her loyalty to Comma, Isabel finds herself with enemies on all sides. Can she ever truly be safe in a city ruled by killers?

A bold new YA voice, Finn Longman delivers a slick and edgy trilogy for fans of global phenomena *The Hunger Games* and *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*.

"An electrifying debut!" - Chelsea Pitcher

Publication Date: #1: Available now; #2: May 2023; #3: May 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 432 pp/99K words

RIGHTS SOLD: French (world)



ONLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By Abiola Bello

Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

The Spanish Love Deception meets The Holiday in an enemies-to-lovers winter romance.

City girl Tia Sowande is dreading the festive period. Fresh from a break-up, the last thing she wants is to spend Christmas in the countryside. Quincy Parker and his family run Saiyan Hedge Farm, and this year they're hosting the village Winter Ball.

Tia and Quincy don't see eye to eye until they realize they both have something to gain by pretending to be a couple. But when a snowstorm threatens to cancel the ball, their fake relationship is put to the test. Will Tia and Quincy be able to keep up the pretense, or will real feelings get in the way?

Snapped up in a major preempt, this celebration of love, laughter, and happily-ever-afters is written by the award-winning and Carnegie-nominated author, Abiola Bello. A third seasonal title will publish in summer 2024.

"Gorgeous writing, witty dialogue, a magical setting, and two characters you'll fall head over heels for." —Jennifer Niven

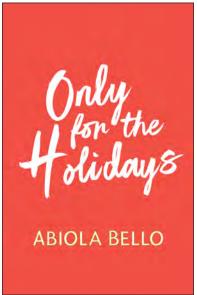
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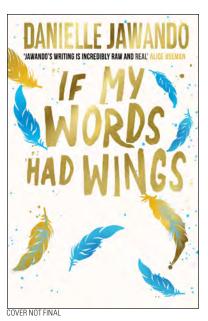
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OPTION PUBLISHERS: German, Polish, US





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IF MY WORDS HAD WINGS

By Danielle Jawando Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A life-affirming story of rehabilitation and hope after prison, for fans of Angie Thomas and Elizabeth Acevedo

After getting in with the wrong crowd and being involved in a high-profile armed robbery, fifteen-year-old Tyrell Forrester is sentenced to two years in juvenile prison. Now he's getting out, and he's determined to turn things around. Inspired by a visiting poet while inside, Ty discovers a whole new world through spoken word and is finally finding his voice. But will escaping his old life and friends be that easy? And will the discriminatory legal system ever let him be free?

The third YA novel from critically acclaimed Danielle Jawando, shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, the YA Book Prize, the Jhalak Children's & YA Prize, and the Branford Boase Award.

"Jawando's writing is incredibly raw and real; I felt completely immersed." - Alice Oseman

Publication Date: February 2024

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 368 pp/75K words

OPTION PUBLISHER: Polish





HOW FAR WE'VE COME

By Joyce Efia Harmer Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A groundbreaking time-slip novel exploring the legacy of slavery

Sometime, me love to dream that me is a human, a proper one, like them white folks is.

Enslaved on a plantation in Barbados, Obah dreams of freedom. As talk of rebellion bubbles up around her in the Big House, she imagines escape. Meeting a strange boy who's not quite of this world, she decides to put her trust in him. Jacob is from the twenty-first century. Desperate to give Obah a better life, he takes her back with him. At first it seems like dreams really do come true—until the cracks begin to show and Obah sees that freedom comes at an unimaginable cost.

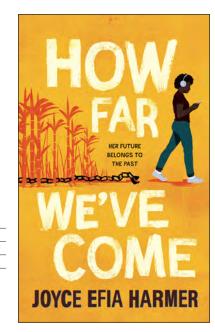
Both hopeful and devastating, this powerful novel about equality, how far we've come, and how far we still have to go introduces an extraordinary new literary voice.

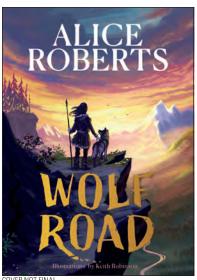
Publication Date: May 2023

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 368 pp/80K words

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WOLF ROAD

By Alice Roberts Illustrated by Keith Robinson Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Embark on an epic prehistoric adventure in this children's debut from well-known TV historian and bestselling non-fiction author, Professor Alice Roberts.

Tuuli is a prehistoric girl, travelling with her tribe through the seasons as they make camp, hunt for food, and protect themselves against the many hazards that the climate throws at them. Tuuli knows there's a bigger world out there, and when she spots a strange boy lurking outside their camp, she realises that he might hold the adventure she is looking for.

A breathtaking new series journeying through the pages of history, publishing in jacketed hardback with wraparound artwork and interior black-and-white plate illustration from Keith Robinson.

Publication Date: #1: August 2023; #2: August 2024

Ages: 9 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/60K words







GOLD MEDAL MYSTERIES #1: THIEF ON THE TRACK #2: PERIL ON THE PITCH

By Ellie Robinson Illustrated by James Lancett Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

The race is on to solve the case in a major new mystery adventure series with authentic disability representation for fans of Adventures on Trains.

In *Thief on the Track*, Hannah, Maria and Seb are at the World Championships, bonding over their excitement at watching their favourite athletes compete. On discovering that one of the star runners has had his gold medal stolen, the three join forces to solve the mystery.

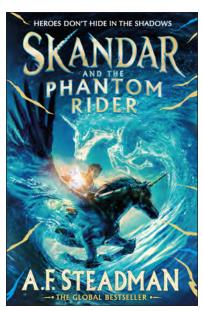
Rejoin the gang in *Peril on the Pitch*, as teams from all over the world gather to compete in the football tournament. When one of the women footballers is kidnapped, can the detectives uncover who is out to sabotage the match before the final whistle blows?

A commercial, accessible mystery series bursting with friendship, travel, and sport, from debut author and Paralympic champion Ellie Robinson, illustrated by James Lancett.

Publication Date: #1: April 2023; #2: January 2024; #3: July 2024 Ages: 8 up

Page Extent: 336 pp/50K words





SKANDAR AND THE PHANTOM RIDER

By A. F. Steadman Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

The epic adventure continues! The second thrilling installment in this record-breaking children's series, sold in forty-seven languages and counting

Skandar and his friends are entering their second year at the Eyrie, the training school for Riders and their unicorns. A new threat is building, and once again Skandar finds himself at the centre of the storm....

With sixty-five thousand hardbacks sold in the UK—and an instant top ten bestseller in the UK, USA, and South Africa—*Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* is a global phenomenon, with film rights held by Sony Pictures.

Join the international Skandar publishers' network!

"Steadman has a vast imagination, her world-building is a joy, the battle scenes are thrilling and her characters charm." $-The\ Times$

Publication Date: #2: April 2023; #3: April 2024; #4: April 2025; #5: April 2026

Ages: 9 up

Page Extent: 416 pp/106K words

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ONYEKA AND THE RISE OF THE REBELS

By Tolá Okogwu Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

The epic second book in the action-packed, empowering, and bestselling middle-grade superhero series for fans of *Amari and the Night Brothers* and *Black Panther*

Having uncovered their head teacher's hidden agenda behind the Academy of the Sun, Onyeka and her friends are on the run. But they desperately need to find a way to restore Niyi's superpower and locate Onyeka's missing parents. Joining forces with a group of rebels, Onyeka and her friends set out to defeat their shared nemesis. But is there a new danger on the horizon for the Solari?

Set in a futuristic Nigeria, this Own Voices series celebrates Afro hair. Book One: *Onyeka* and the Academy of the Sun is soon to be a Netflix film with Will Smith and David Oyelowo attached to produce.

"Exhilarating and original, Onyeka is the superhero you've been waiting for."

—Kiran Millwood Hargrave

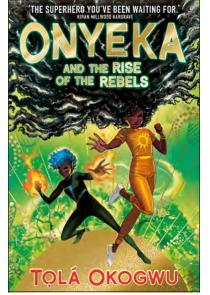
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Ages: 8 up

Page Extent: 288 pp/60K words

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THE KINGDOM OVER THE SEA

By Zohra Nabi Illustrated by Tom Clohosy Cole Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Set in a lavish world of sorceresses, alchemists, and simmering magic, this spine-tingling illustrated middle-grade series debut is perfect for fans of Kiran Millwood Hargrave and Sophie Anderson.

When Yara's mum passes away, she leaves behind a letter with a strange set of instructions. If Yara wants to know the truth about her past, she must travel to Zehaira—a place that is not on any map. A city of sorcerers, alchemists, and magic.

But Zehaira is not what it used to be. The practice of magic has been outlawed and the sultan's alchemists are plotting a sinister scheme that threatens the lives of the people who wield magic—and the answers Yara is searching for seem to be out of reach.

As the secrets of Yara's past unfold, can she help her new friends and find her place in this magical world?

"Enchanting, immersive, and beautifully imagined. Once I'd finished, I couldn't stop dreaming of this magnificent magical world." -A. F. Steadman

"Spellbinding storytelling-lyrical, heartfelt, and glittering with possibilities." -Sophie Anderson

Publication Date: #1: May 2023; #2: March 2024

Ages: 9 up

Page Extent: 354 pp/68K words

RIGHTS SOLD: Catalan, German, Italian, Kazakh, Spanish (world), US

THE NIGHT ANIMALS

By Sarah Ann Juckes Illustrated by Sharon King-Chai Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A moving and uplifting novel about finding help where you need it, from the internationally acclaimed author and illustrator of *The Hunt for the Nightingale*

Nora's mum has good days and bad days, but the bad days are getting worse. When rainbow-shimmering ghost animals begin to appear, she's convinced that they hold the answers. Along with new friend Kwame, Nora follows a glittering ghostly fox, hare, raven, and otter on the adventure of a lifetime, helping her to find the strength she needs to help herself and her mum.

A beautiful story about the magic of friendship, Sarah Ann Juckes's stunning second middle-grade novel was selected as Waterstones Children's Book of the Month and was a top-ten children's fiction title on release.

"An iridescent story that shines with hope and love." - Katya Balen

Publication Date: January 2023

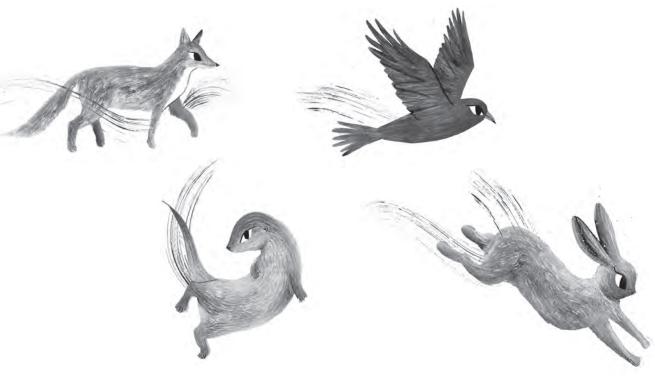
Ages: 9 up

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OPTION PUBLISHERS: Catalan, Chinese (simplified), Dutch, Finnish, French (world), German, Spanish (Spain), Turkish









THE HOLLOW HILL

By Anna Kemp Illustrated by David Wyatt Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Continue the quest of a hero in a magical fantasy for fans of Nevermoor and Kieran Larwood.

When Hazel Quince ventured into Goblyn Wood, she discovered that its magic was fading. Now on a mission to help the fairies and rescue her friend Pete, she needs to travel to the Fae Dominion. Nobody knows what lies inside the Knoll nor what form the Fae have taken after all these years.

When Hazel arrives there, it's a glorious paradise and Pete seems happy. Sure that something is wrong, Hazel is desperate to escape and continue her mission. And in the world outside, the threat to Goblyn Wood is increasing. . . .

Publication Date: September 2024

Ages: 9 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/55K words **OPTION PUBLISHERS:** French (world)



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VALENTINE CROW AND MR DEATH

By Jenni Spangler Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

It's not always easy being Death. A gloriously gothic tale of friendship and discovery, written and fully illustrated throughout by bestselling author Jenni Spangler

Twelve-vear-old Valentine Crow has lived his entire life at the Foundling Hospital. Now he and his best friend, Philomena, are leaving to begin their new lives as apprentices—but Valentine has been assigned to Death himself. Soon Valentine finds himself in an impossible situation when his best friend's name appears on the list of souls to take. Can he fight Death to save Philomena's soul, or does fate have other ideas?

Distinctive, warm, and funny, the highly acclaimed Jenni Spangler's first author/illustrator project is a richly imagined world, perfect for readers of *The Beast and the Bethany*.

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Ages: 9 up

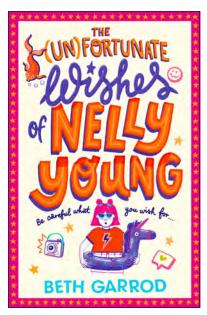
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OPTION PUBLISHERS: Albanian, Russian









THE (UN)FORTUNATE WISHES OF NELLY YOUNG

By Beth Garrod

Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

From bestselling author Beth Garrod, a fantastically funny middle-grade wish-fulfillment story. Perfect for fans of *The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks* and *The Amazing Edie Eckhart*

The stars aren't aligned for best friends Nelly, Clara, and Jas. From total embarrassment at school to family drama, they're in need of more than just a bit of luck. Taking matters into their own hands, the girls write down their ultimate wishes, with no hope of them coming true. But by the morning, everything has started to change, and their wishes become bigger and more outrageous . . . until things start to go wrong. Will the girls be able to fix what they've broken, including their friendship?

Publication Date: March 2023

Ages: 9 up

Page Extent: 320 pp/67K words



ALL THE WAY DOWN

By Stewart Foster Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A life-affirming story about friendship, adventure, and self-belief, for fans of *Holes* and *A Kind of Spark*

When three eleven-year-old "problem children" are thrown together at summer camp, they're challenged to build a place to live together for the next week. But after a trip to a disused tin mine goes awry, Milo and his new friends Oscar and Effie soon find themselves split off from the group and trapped underground. Can they work through their individual issues and come together as a team to find their way to freedom?

Critically acclaimed and award-winning Stewart Foster's latest standalone marks a more adventurous direction for the author while still packing his signature emotional punch.

Publication Date: July 2023

Ages: 9 up

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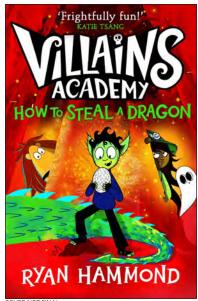












mprint: Simon & Schuster UK

By Ryan Hammond Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Being BAD has never felt so GOOD! The second book in the villainously funny, highly illustrated young middle-grade series from author-illustrator Ryan Hammond. For fans of Amelia Fang, Dog Man, and Grimwood

It's the start of the winter term and there's a new teacher in town at Villains Academy—the notorious dragon-rider Felix Frostbite. Class Z are in awe of him and his lessons on venomous beasts and mythical creatures, but werewolf Bram and his friends the Cereal Killers are suspicious. Soon they uncover Felix Frostbite's evil plan to steal all the dragons from the Wicked Woods and leave Villains Academy undefended. Have the gang learnt enough to outsmart their troublesome teacher, or will Felix Frostbite's heist go down in villain history?

This unmissable series was acquired in a twenty-four-hour preempt. A knockout package with funny and atmospheric illustrations throughout.

"Heartwarming and hilarious—*Villains Academy* is a spookalicious treat, set to terrify every other book on your shelf." —Jack Meggitt-Phillips

Publication Date: #1: Available now; #2: October 2023; #3: April 2024

VILLAINS ACADEMY: HOW TO STEAL A DRAGON

Ages: 7 up

Page Extent: 256 pp/20K words

RIGHTS SOLD: Czech, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Spanish (Spain), US



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GRIMWOOD: LET THE FUR FLY!

By Nadia Shireen Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Laugh your head off in this second adventure in the bestselling Grimwood series, with more than 125,000 copies sold across the series in the UK, and rights sold in seventeen languages and counting!

Ted and Nancy love their new life in Grimwood—the forest where *anything* can happen. But the dastardly mayor of neighbouring town Twinklenuts is on a mission to take over Grimwood and kick everyone out. Ted and Nancy must muster up bags of courage, rally their friends, and show off their treebonking skills to save the home they've grown to love.

Fully illustrated throughout and full of heart, laughs, and surprises, this is perfect for readers aged seven and up and fans of Roald Dahl, *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good*, and the Bunny vs Monkey series.

"Pure genius!" -Louie Stowell, author of Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good

"Ted and Nancy are my favourite funny foxes EVER." —Liz Pichon, author of the Tom Gates series

Publication Date: #1–2: Available now; #3: August 2023; #4: May 2024; #5: February 2025 Ages: 7 up

Page Extent: 256 pp/24K words

RIGHTS SOLD: Catalan, Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Dutch, Finnish, French (world), Georgian, German, Greek, Hebrew, Icelandic, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, Spanish (world), Ukrainian, US







HAPPY HILLS: GIANT DANGER KITTENS

By Sophy Henn Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

An outrageously funny, full-colour graphic novel series from bestselling author and illustrator Sophy Henn. Perfect for fans of Bunny vs Monkey and Dog Man

Join the friendly and *not-so-friendly* residents of Happy Hills, a place where anything can happen and always does. Jam-packed with hilarious episodic mini-stories, Happy Hills features a host of unforgettable characters from fluffy diva-bunny Mimi to chaotic talking toadstool Shroomer and villainous creature of the night, Knick-Knacks.

A brand-new, immersive young-fiction series from the award-winning Sophy Henn, ideal for reluctant readers and graphic novel lovers.

Publication Date: #1: April 2024; #2: October 2024; #3: April 2025

Ages: 5 up

Page Extent: 160 pp

PIZAZZ

By Sophy Henn

Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

From the award-winning author-illustrator Sophy Henn comes a HILARIOUS series featuring the next must-get-to-know girl character—Pizazz!

Pizazz is just like every other nine-and-a-half-year-old. Except for one thing . . . she's a superhero.

Between fitting in at her new school and beating the bad guys before breakfast, Pizazz faces the daily hassles all kids deal with as she works out what it means to be both superhero super and everyday super.

Six books are available in this award-winning young-fiction series brimming with distinctive illustrations and comic-book strips. Ideal for reluctant readers and fans of Dog Man and Tom Gates.

"A SPECTACULAR superhero story that fizzes with fun on every page!"

-Liz Pichon, bestselling author of the Tom Gates series

Publication Date: #1-5: Available now; #6: June 2023

Ages: 7 up

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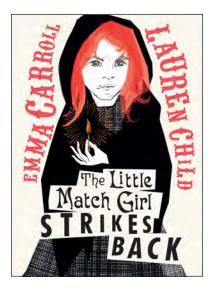








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THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL STRIKES BACK

By Emma Carroll Illustrated by Lauren Child Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

It only takes one strike! A magical and modern reimagining by two internationally bestselling and award-winning creative powerhouses

Bridie is a poor match girl, working hard to look after her family and wishing for a more comfortable life. With each strike of three magic matches, she tumbles into a vision of the future. Realising that she has the power to change her own fortune, Bridie leads a match factory strike in this empowering retelling of a Hans Christian Andersen classic, based on real-life events.

Stunningly illustrated in spot colour throughout, this critically acclaimed and award-shortlisted collaboration introduces a powerful new heroine for future generations to treasure.

"Stands out from the crowd" —The Telegraph

Publication Date: September 2022

Ages: 7 up

Page Extent: 208 pp/15K words

RIGHTS SOLD: Germany, Korea, US

THE HOUSE WITH A DRAGON IN IT

By Nick Lake Illustrated by Emily Gravett Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A promise from a dragon is written in fire. . . . A classic adventure of magic and wish fulfillment from award winners Nick Lake and Emily Gravett

When Summer and her foster family are having lunch one day, a hole appears in the middle of the living room. That hole leads to a dragon and the promise of three wishes, granted by a witch. Summer wishes for friends and money, and things are looking up until she realizes that the hole in the floor is getting bigger and the witch is getting more sinister. Will Summer get her dearest wish—for a true home?

A classic adventure and a beautifully told fable, in a fully illustrated gift to treasure on the family bookshelf, from the creators of *Locked Out Lily*.

PRAISE FOR LOCKED OUT LILY:

"Original, atmospheric, and beautiful." -Sarah Crossan

Publication Date: June 2023

Ages: 9 up

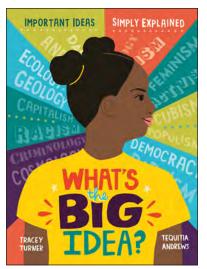
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OPTION PUBLISHERS: Catalan, Italian, Russian, Spanish (world), US





UK NON-FICTION



WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

By Tracey Turner Illustrated by Tequitia Andrews Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

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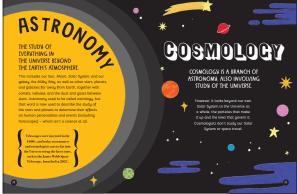
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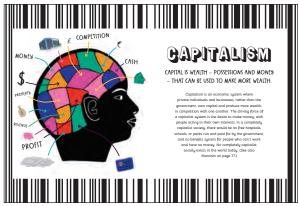
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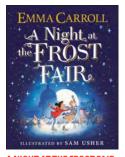
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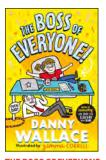
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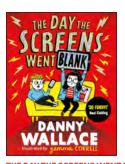
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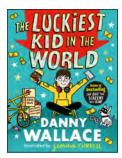
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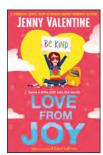
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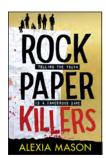
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