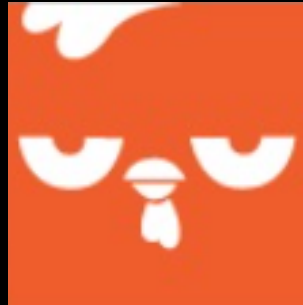


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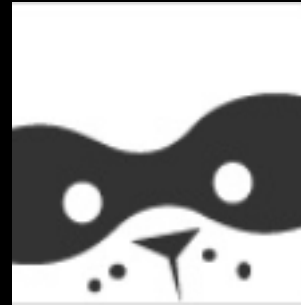
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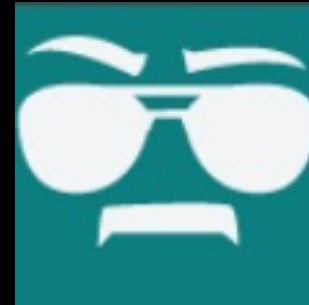
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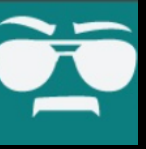
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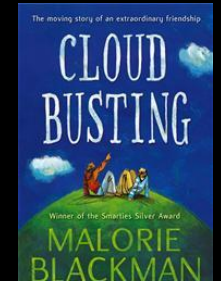
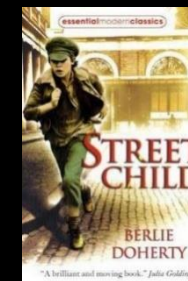
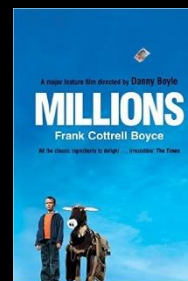
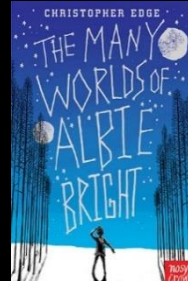
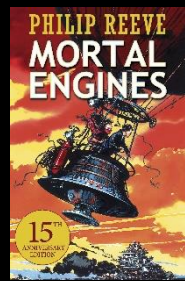
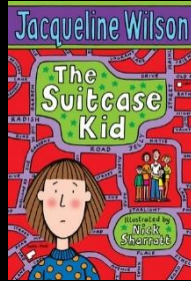
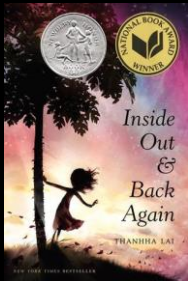
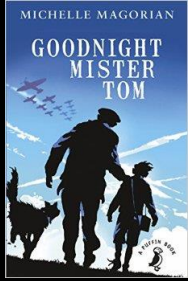
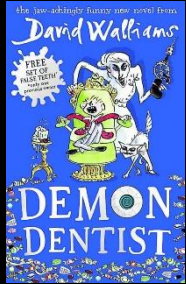
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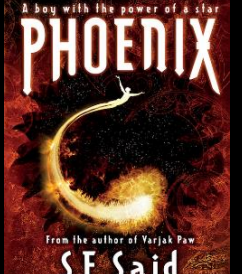
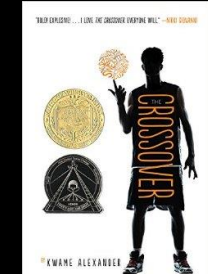
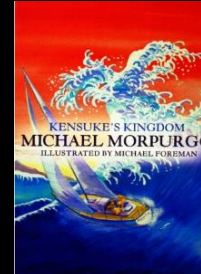
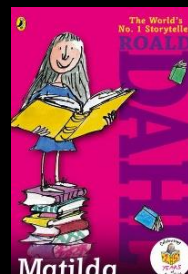
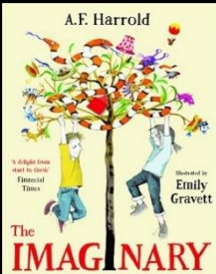
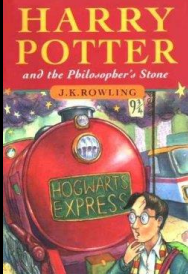
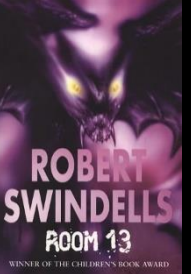
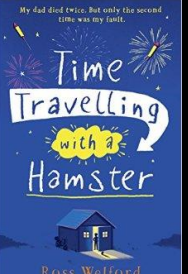
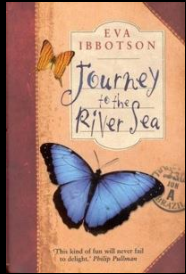


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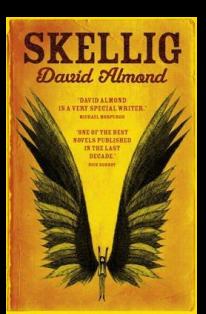
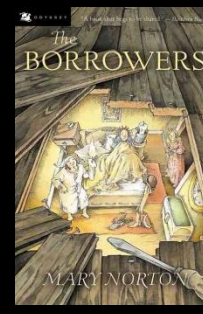
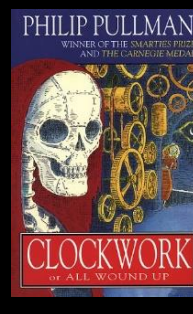
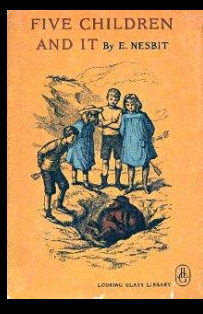
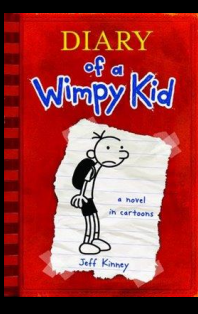
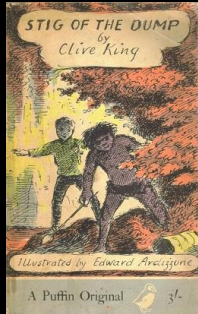
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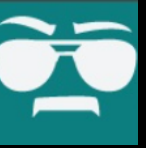


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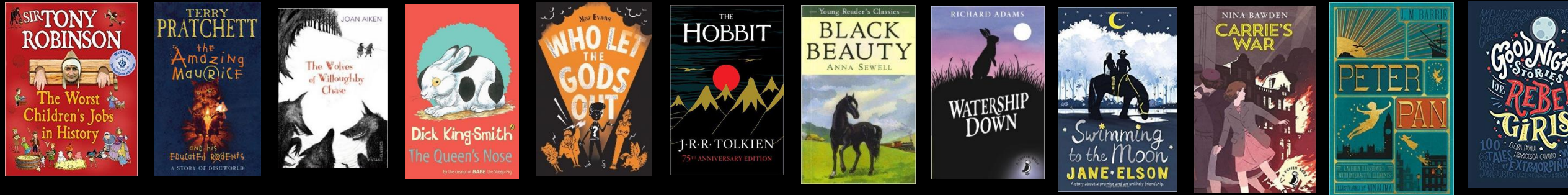


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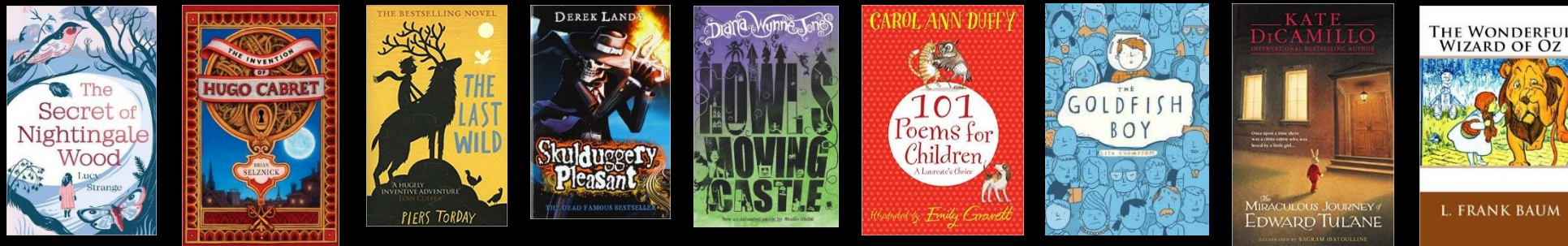
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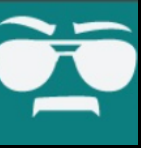


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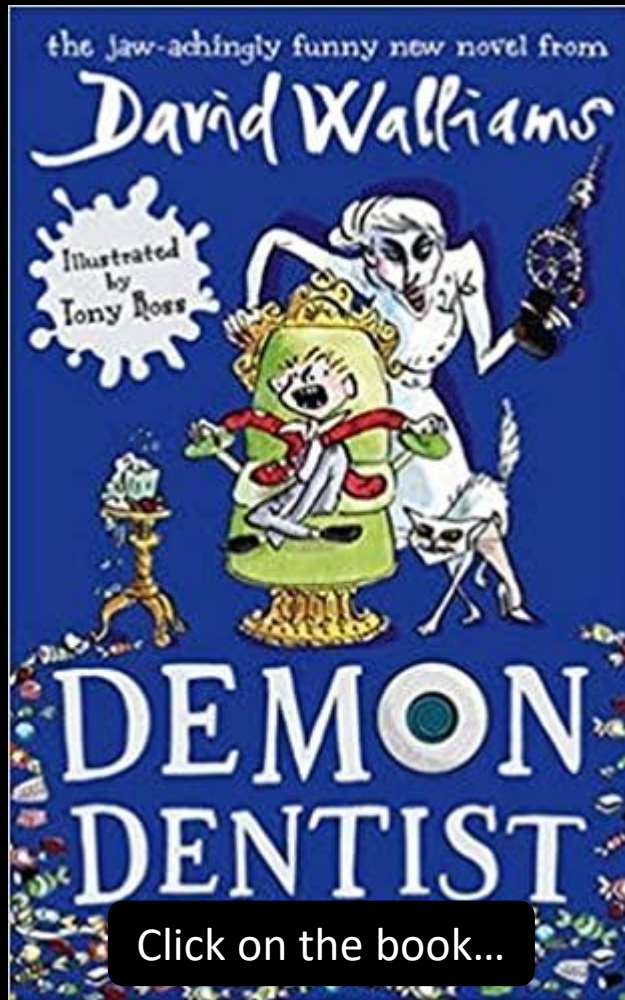


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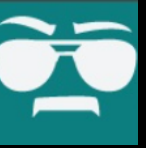
Darkness had come to the town. Strange things were happening in the dead of night. Children would put a tooth under their pillow for the tooth fairy, but in the morning they would wake up to find... a dead slug; a live spider; hundreds of earwigs creeping and crawling beneath their pillow. Evil was at work. But who or what was behind it...?

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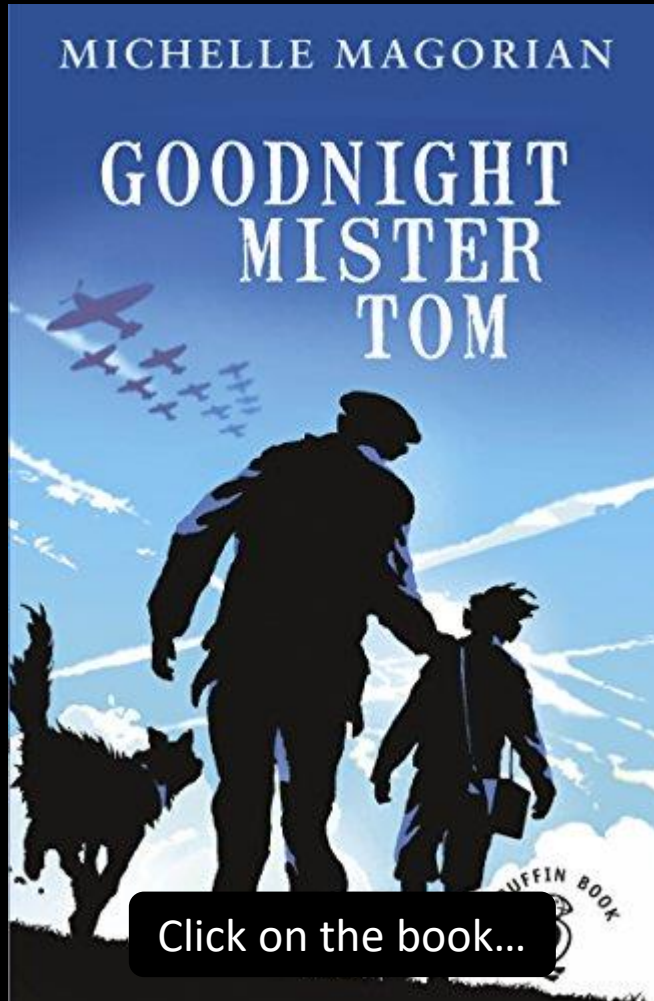
David's books have been translated into 53 languages and sold over 25 million copies worldwide. With a canon of ten chartbusting novels and five hilarious picture books, Walliams has cemented his place as one of the most important children's authors of our time.

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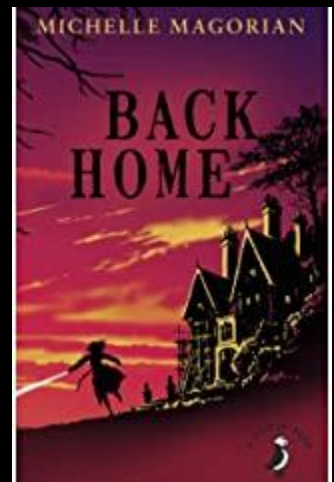
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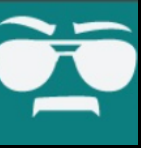
Goodnight Mister Tom - winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Award - by Michelle Magorian has delighted generations of children. It's the story of young Willie Beech, evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London. As time goes by Tom begins to worry when Willie doesn't answer his letters, so he goes to London to find him, and there makes a terrible discovery.

About the author:

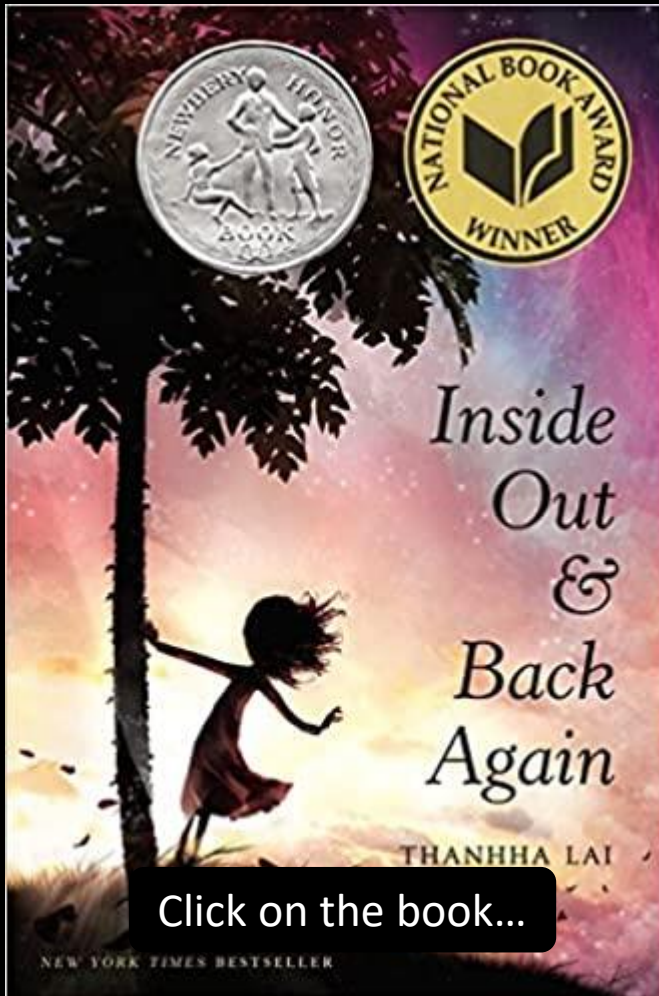
Michelle was born in 1947 in Portsmouth, Hampshire of a Welsh mother and Irish father with an Armenian Surname! Michelle Spent her toddler years in Singapore and two-and-a-half years (aged 7-9) in Australia. In between times, up to the age of eighteen, she lived in Portsmouth.

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Hà has only ever known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope--toward America.

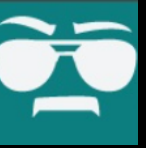
This moving story of one girl's year of change, dreams, grief, and healing received four starred reviews, including one from *Kirkus* which proclaimed it enlightening, poignant, and unexpectedly funny.

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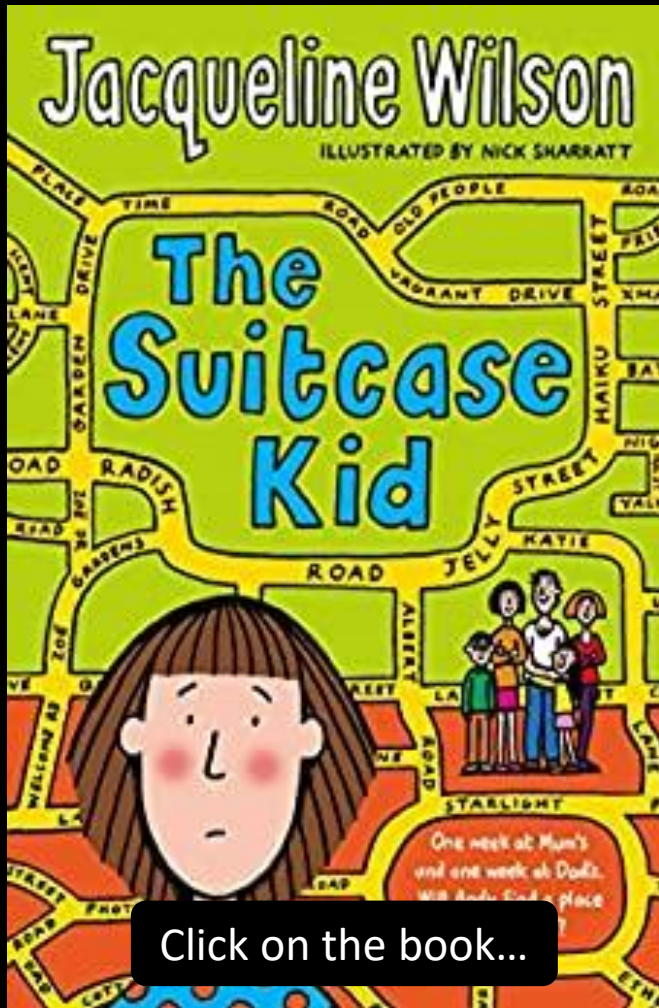
Thanhha Lai fled Vietnam during the [Vietnam War](#). She then moved to Alabama and graduated from [University of Texas, Austin](#) with a degree in [journalism](#) and from 1988 worked about two years for the [Orange County, California](#) newspaper *The Register*, covering Little Saigon, the local [Vietnamese](#) community. She earned a [Master of Fine Arts](#) from [New York University](#) and settled in New York City, where she teaches

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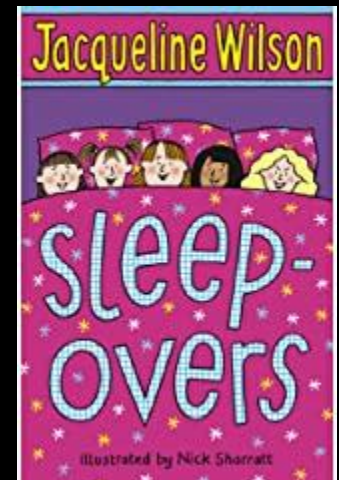
When my parents split up they didn't know what to do with me. . .

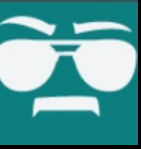
My family always lived at Mulberry Cottage. Mum, Dad, me - and Radish, my Sylvanian rabbit. But now Mum lives with Bill the Baboon and his three kids. Dad lives with Carrie and her twins. And where do I live? I live out of a suitcase. One week with Mum's new family, one week with Dad's. It's as easy as A B C. That's what everyone says. But all I want is to go home - back to Mulberry Cottage...

About the author:

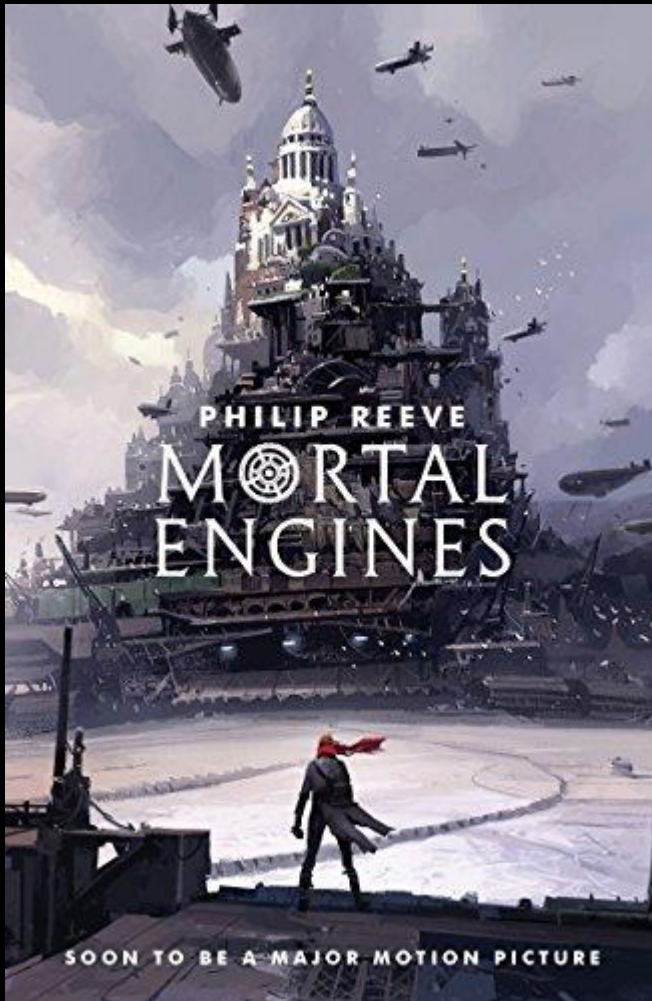
Jacqueline Wilson is an extremely well-known and hugely popular author. The Illustrated Mum was chosen as British Children's Book of the Year in 1999 and was winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Award 2000. Jacqueline has won the prestigious Smarties Prize and the Children's Book Award for Double Act, which was also highly commended for the Carnegie Medal. In June 2002 Jacqueline was given an OBE for services to literacy in schools and in 2008 she was made a Dame.

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In a dangerous future, huge motorized cities hunt, attack and fight each other for survival. As London pursues a small town, young apprentice Tom is flung out into the wastelands, where a terrifying cyborg begins to hunt him down. Mortal Engines launched Philip Reeve's brilliantly-imagined creation, the world of the Traction Era, where mobile cities fight for survival in a post-apocalyptic future.

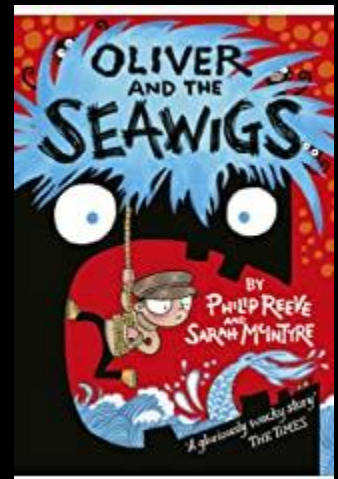
Mortal Engines won the coveted Gold Smarties Award.

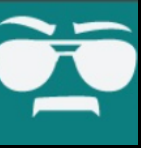
Now a feature film of the same name, starring Hera Hilmar, Robert Sheehan and Hugo Weaving. Produced by Lord of the Rings director, Peter Jackson.

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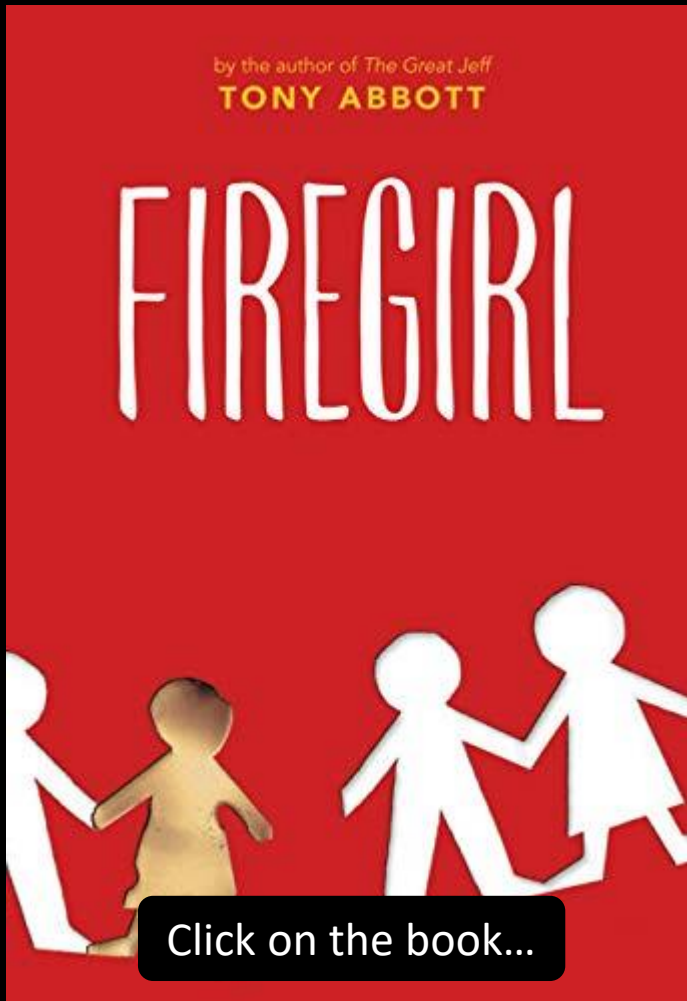
Philip Reeve is best known as the author of Mortal Engines, currently being adapted for the screen by Peter Jackson. He has written many other works, including Railhead, Here Lies Arthur, and a series of popular books for younger readers with the illustrator Sarah McIntyre.

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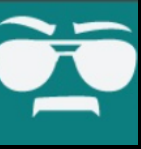
From the moment Jessica arrives, life is never quite the same for Tom and his seventh-grade classmates. They learn that Jessica has been in a fire and was badly burned, and will be attending St. Catherine's will receiving medical treatments. Despite her appearance and the fear she evokes in him and most of the class, Tom slowly develops a tentative friendship with Jessica that changes his life.

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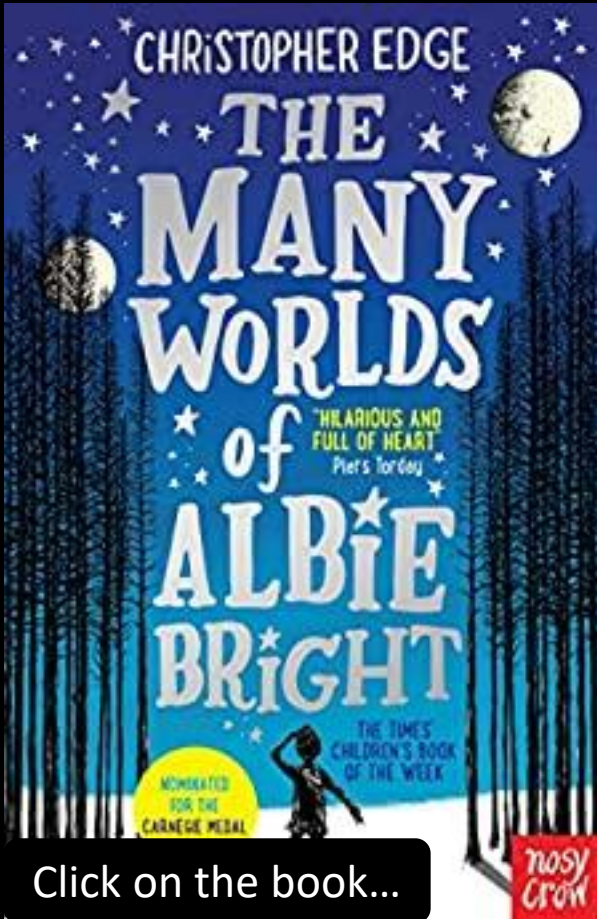
Tony Abbott is the author of over sixty books for young readers, including the extremely popular Secrets of Droon series, which is available on audio from Listening Library. He has been a bookseller and librarian, and currently lives in Connecticut with his wife and two daughters.

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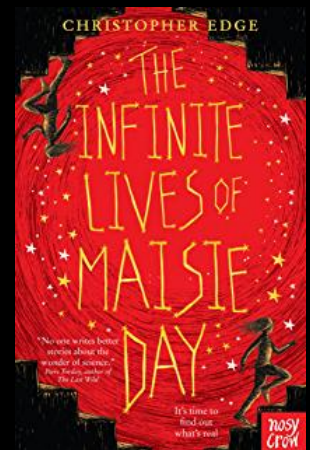
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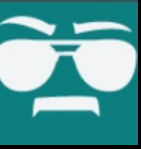
When Albie's mum dies, it's natural he should wonder where she's gone. His parents are both scientists and they usually have all the answers. Dad mutters something about Albie's mum being alive and with them in a parallel universe. So Albie finds a box, his mum's computer and a rotting banana, and sends himself through time and space to find her...Quality commercial fiction, well written with real heart and adventure.

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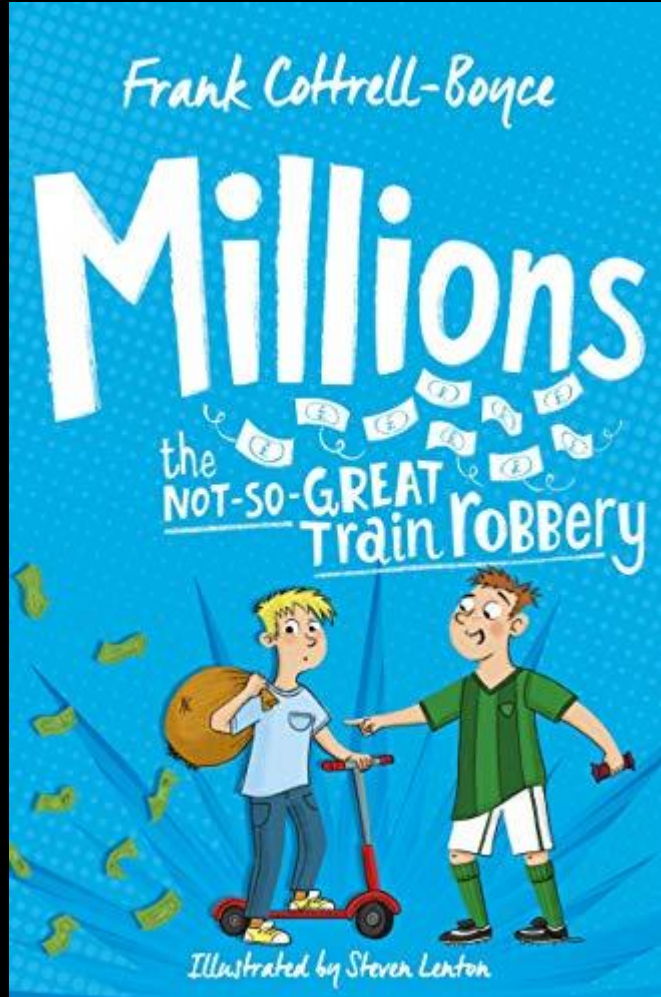
Christopher Edge is an award-winning children's author whose books have been translated into more than twenty languages. Christopher grew up in Manchester where he spent most of his childhood in the local library, dreaming up stories. After studying English at university, he worked in a record shop and as an English teacher before discovering a publishing job that allowed him to read lots of brilliant children's books. *The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day* was chosen by The Times as their Children's Book of the Week, whilst his other books include the critically-acclaimed *Twelve Minutes to Midnight* series. Christopher now lives in Gloucestershire with his wife and two children and still spends most of his time in the local library, dreaming up stories.

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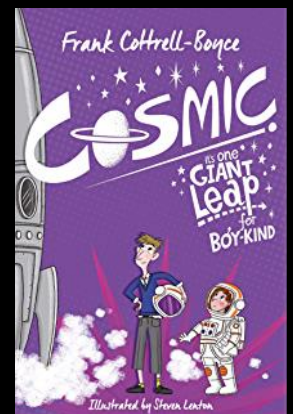


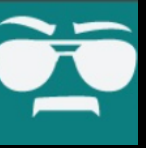
Brothers Damian and Anthony didn't mean to get caught up in a botched train robbery. But what would you do if a massive bag of cash dropped from the sky and you had only a few days to spend it before it became worthless? Buy a million pizzas? End world poverty? Not such an easy decision, is it? The boys soon find out that being rich is a mug's game. Not only is the clock ticking, the bank robbers want their money back . . .

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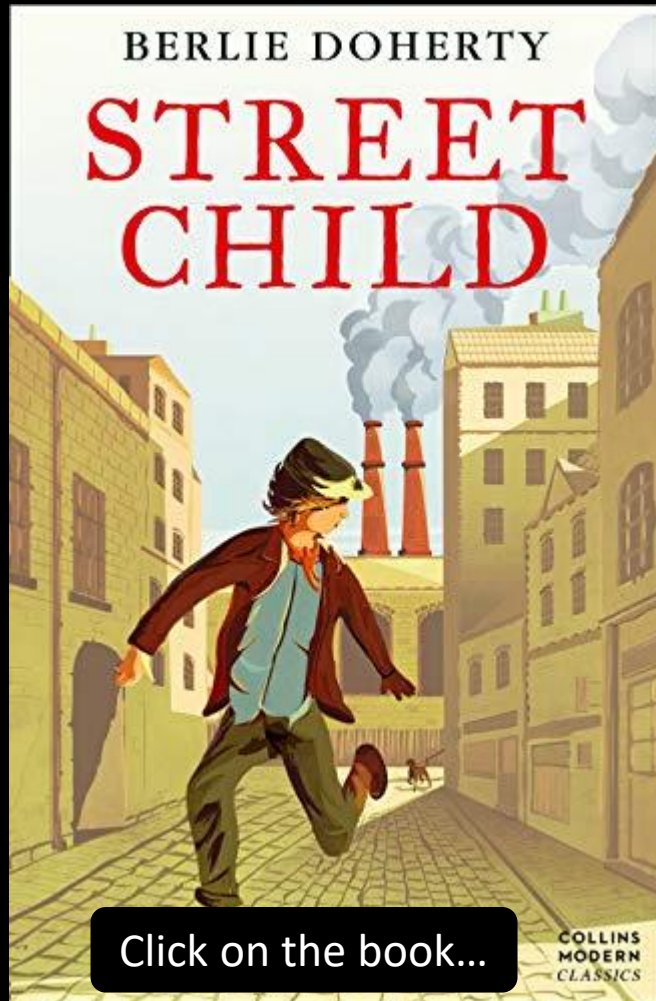
Frank Cottrell-Boyce is a successful British screenwriter whose film credits include *Welcome to Sarajevo*, *Hilary and Jackie* and *24 Hour Party People*. *Millions*, his debut children's novel, won the 2004 Carnegie Medal and was shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Award. His second novel, *Framed*, was shortlisted for the 2005 Whitbread Children's Fiction Award and has also been shortlisted for the 2005 Carnegie Medal. His third novel, *Cosmic*, was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize.

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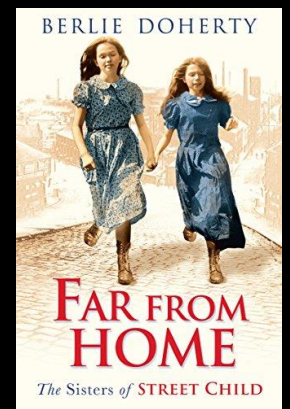
The unforgettable tale of an orphan in Victorian London, based on the boy whose plight inspired Dr Barnardo to found his famous children's homes.

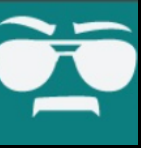
When his mother dies, Jim Jarvis is left all alone in London. He is sent to the workhouse but quickly escapes, choosing a hard life on the streets of the city over the confines of the workhouse walls. Struggling to survive, Jim finally finds some friends... only to be snatched away and made to work for the remorselessly cruel Grimy Nick, constantly guarded by his vicious dog, Snipe. Will Jim ever manage to be free?

About the author:

Berlie Doherty was born in Knotty Ash, Liverpool, the youngest of three children. She always wanted to be a writer, but when she was little there were many things she wanted to be - a singer, ballet dancer, air hostess, librarian... Her serious writing started at university, where she trained to be a teacher. Now she lives in an isolated cottage in the country and writes in a barn overlooking the Pennines.

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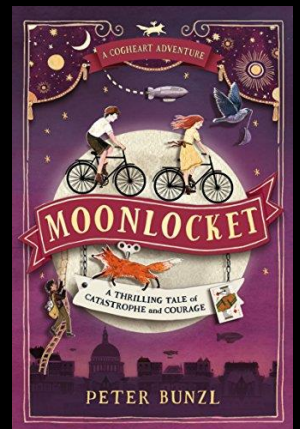
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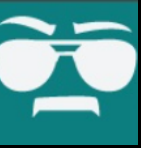
Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her? With her friends – Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox – Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realises that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart... Murder, mayhem and mystery meet in this gripping Victorian adventure.

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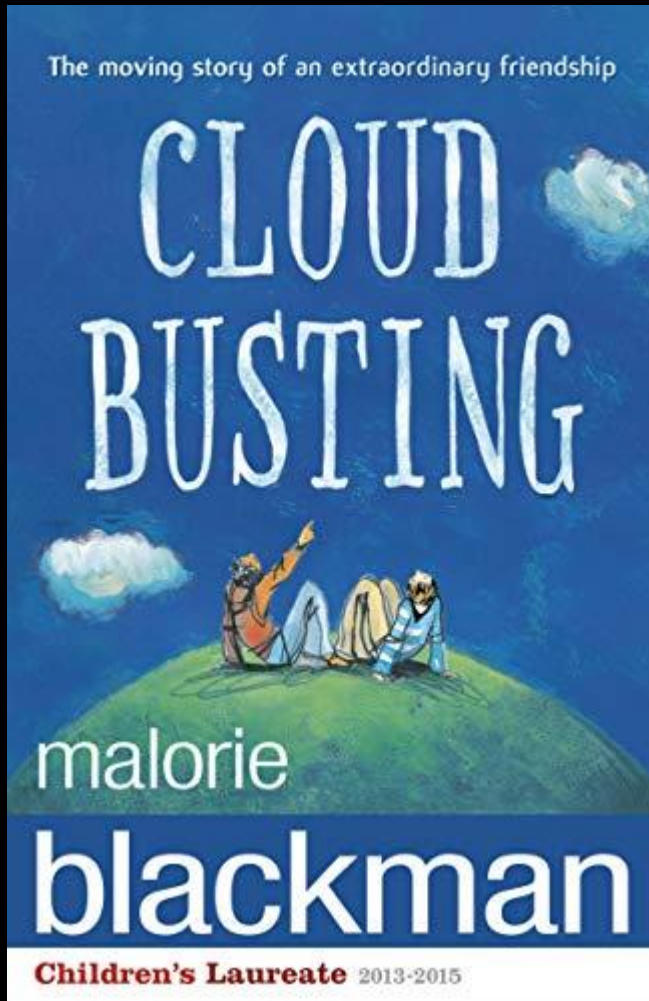
Peter Bunzl grew up in London and lives there with his partner Michael. He is a BAFTA-award-winning animator, as well as a writer and filmmaker

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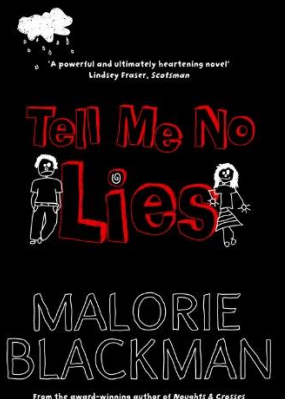
Davey is the new boy in class and Sam can't stand him. He thinks Davey is a Grade A moron. But when the two are thrown together Sam discovers that Davey's eccentric way of looking at the world makes life a lot more fun. Until the day something terrible happens...

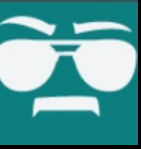
A funny and sad story, told completely in verse.

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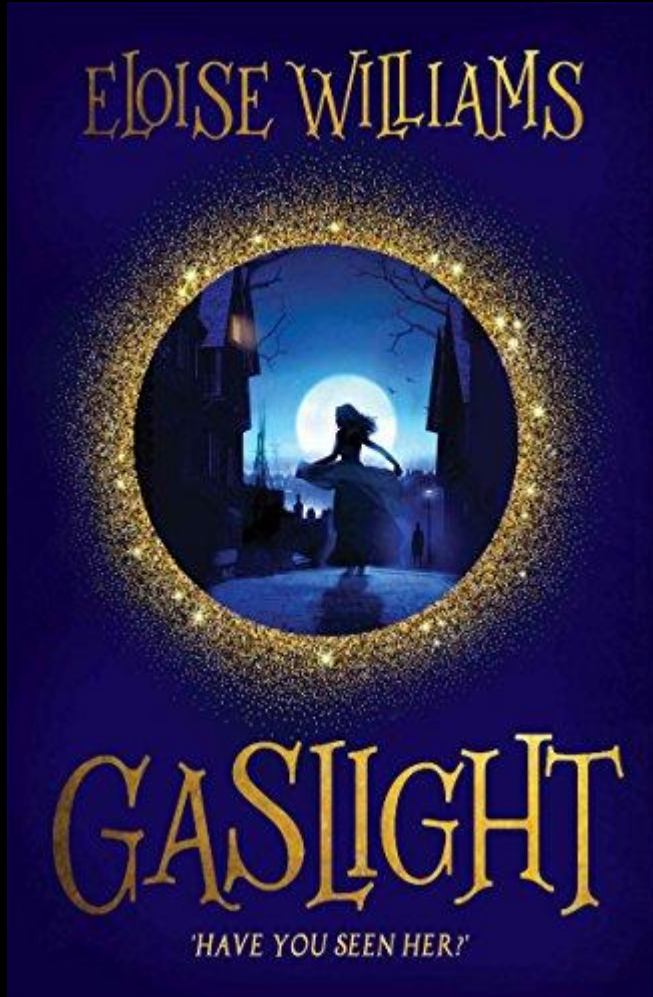
Malorie Blackman worked as a database manager and systems programmer before becoming a full-time writer. Her reputation has steadily grown and she has been awarded a number of prizes including the WHSmith's Mind-Boggling Books Award and the Young Telegraph/Gimme 5 award for HACKER, the Young Telegraph/Fully Booked award for THIEF! and, more recently, shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal for PIG-HEART BOY. She was voted Voice/Excel Children's Writer of the Year in 1997.

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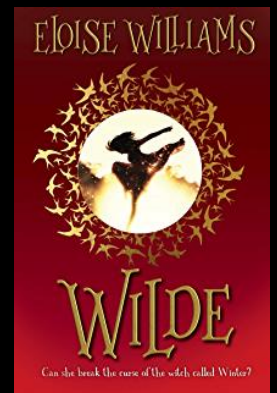


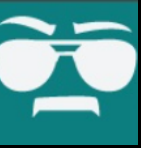
1899. All Nansi knows is that her mother disappeared on the day she was fished out of Cardiff docks. She can't remember anything else. Now, with no other family to turn to, she works for Sid at the Empire Theatre, sometimes legally, sometimes thieving, trying to earn enough money to hire a detective to find her mother. Everything changes when Constance and Violet join the theatre, both with their own dark secrets. Nansi is forced to be part of Violet's crooked psychic act. But it's when Constance recognises her, and realises who her mother must be, that Nansi's world is turned upside down forever. She is soon on the run for her life and she will have to risk everything if she's going to find the truth.

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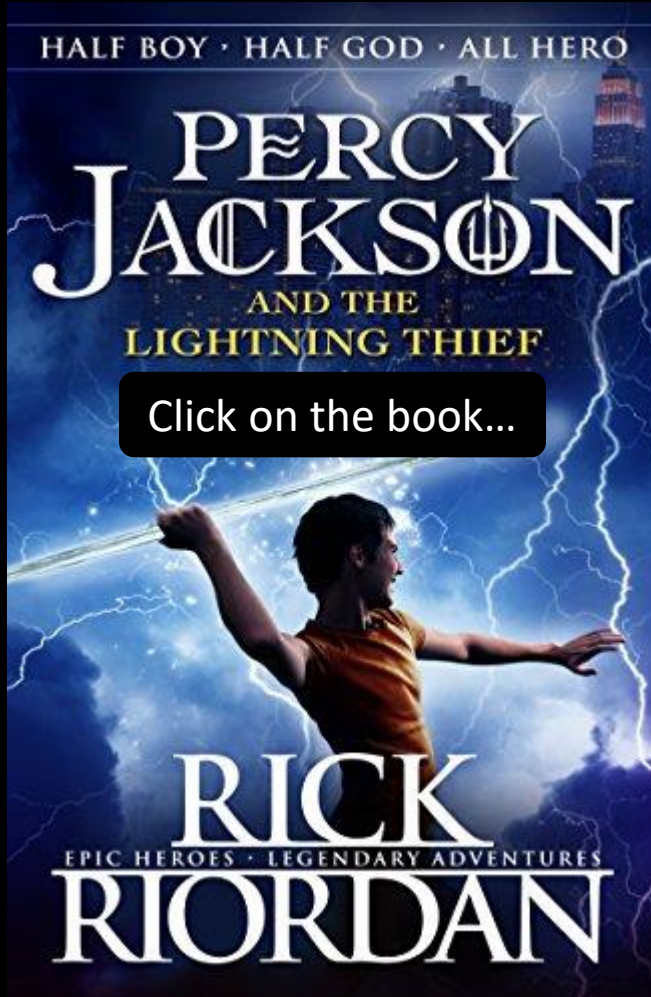
Eloise Williams grew up in south Wales. She now lives in Pembrokeshire, very close to the beach where she walks her dog Watson Jones. She worked in the theatre in wardrobe, then studied Drama. After working for over ten years as an actress, she studied for a Masters in Creative Writing at Swansea University.

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Half boy. Half God. ALL Hero.

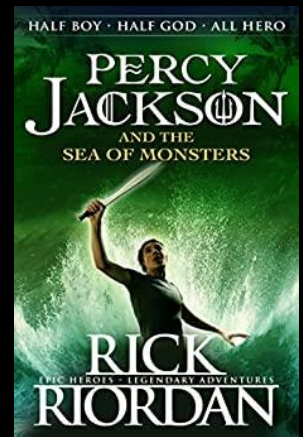
Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek God. I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. Now I spend my time battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive.

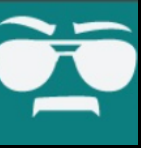
This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt - and making Zeus angry is a very bad idea.

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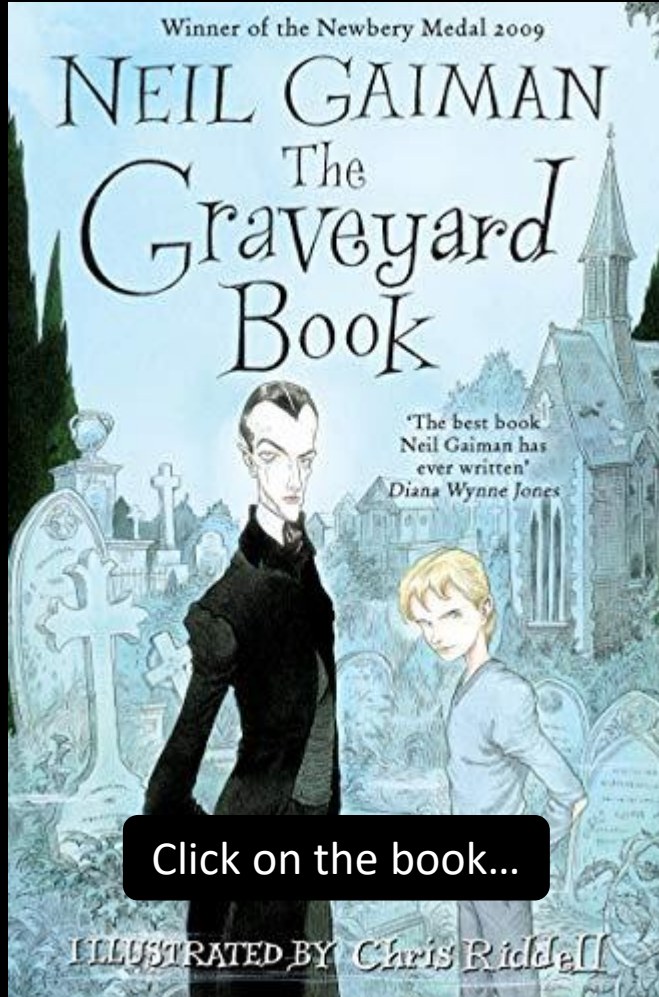
Rick Riordan is an award-winning mystery writer. He lives in San Antonio, Texas, with his wife and two sons. Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Rick's first novel featuring the heroic young demigod, was the overall winner of the Red House Children's Book Award in 2006.

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Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, raised and educated by ghosts.

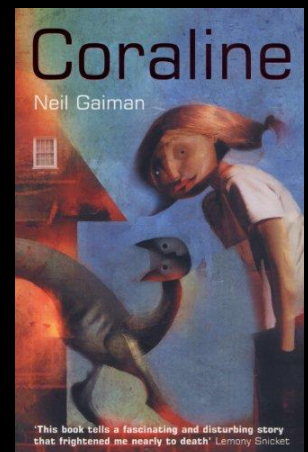
There are dangers and adventures for Bod in the graveyard. But it is in the land of the living that the real danger lurks, for it is there that the man Jack lives ...

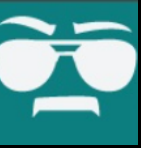
WINNER OF THE LOCUS YOUNG ADULT AWARD
WINNER OF THE HUGO BEST NOVEL PRIZE
WINNER OF THE BOOKTRUST TEENAGE AWARD

About the author:

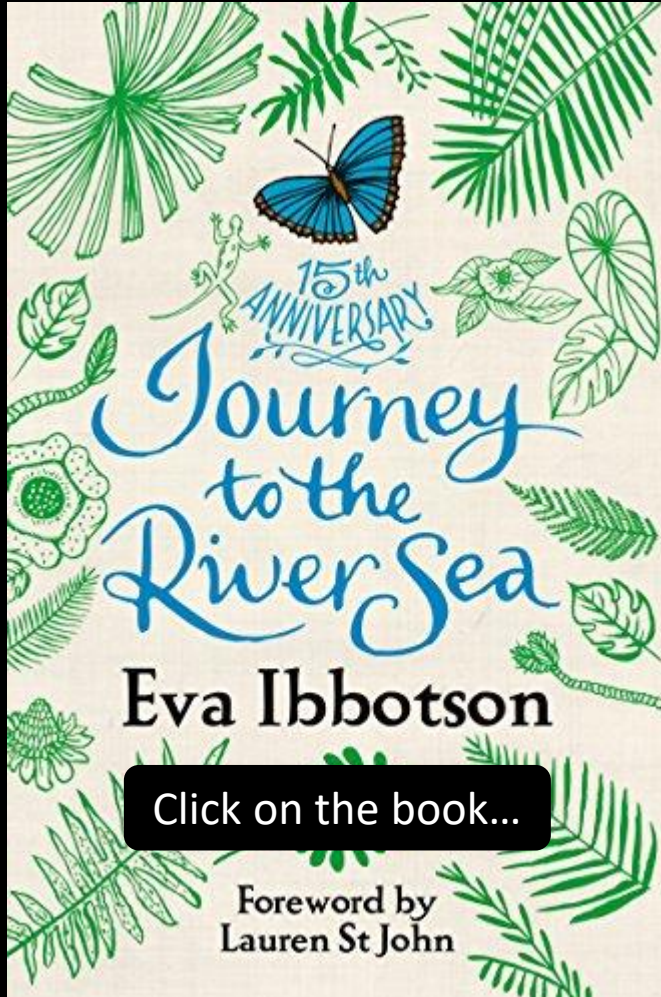
Neil Gaiman is a tour de force of creative talent. He is the bestselling author of *Coraline* and *Stardust*, both of which are major motion films. Neil also co-wrote the script for *Beowulf* starring Anthony Hopkins and Angelina Jolie. He is the creator/writer of the award-winning *Sandman* comic series and has written several books for children.

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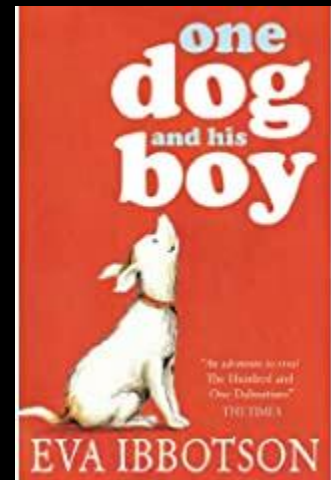
It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences in Journey to the River Sea, Eva Ibbotson's highly colourful, joyous adventure.

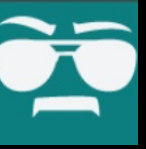
Winner of the Smarties Gold Medal.
Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Award.

About the author:

Eva Ibbotson is one of the best-loved children's writers in the world. Her first children's novel was published in 1975, and her most famous story, JOURNEY TO THE RIVER SEA, won the Smarties Gold Prize in 2001. Her books have been shortlisted for many literary awards. Eva died at the age of 85 in 2010

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'There was something else out on the sea by the rocks - something dark that seemed to lurch out of the waves . . . What could it be?'

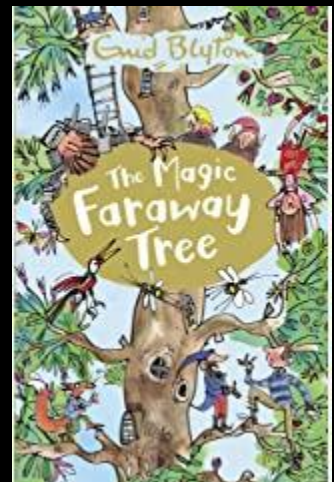
Julian, Dick and Anne are spending the holidays with their tomboy cousin George and her dog, Timothy. One day, George takes them to explore nearby Kirrin Island, with its rocky little coast and old ruined castle on the top.

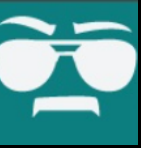
Over on the island, they make a thrilling discovery, which leads them deep into the dungeons of Kirrin Castle on a dangerous adventure. Who - and what - will they find there?

About the author:

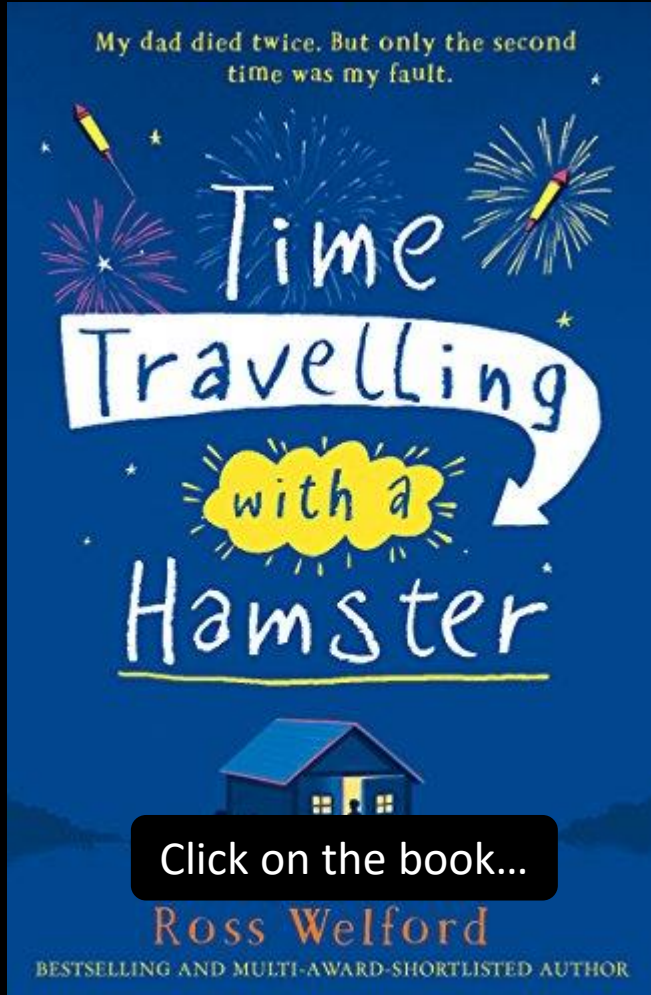
Enid Blyton is one of the most popular children's authors of all time. Her books have sold over 500 million copies and have been translated into other languages more often than any other children's author. Enid Blyton adored writing for children. She wrote over 700 books and about 2,000 short stories. The Famous Five books, now 75 years old, are her most popular.

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A story that crosses time and generations, for adventure-loving readers young and old.

On Al Chaudhury's twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al's late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life. Al soon discovers that time travel requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, setting his school on fire and ignoring philosophical advice from Grandpa Byron. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer...

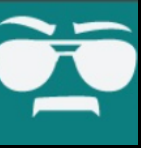
Time Travelling With a Hamster is a funny, heart-warming race-against-time – and across generations – adventure that you will won't be able to put down.

About the author:

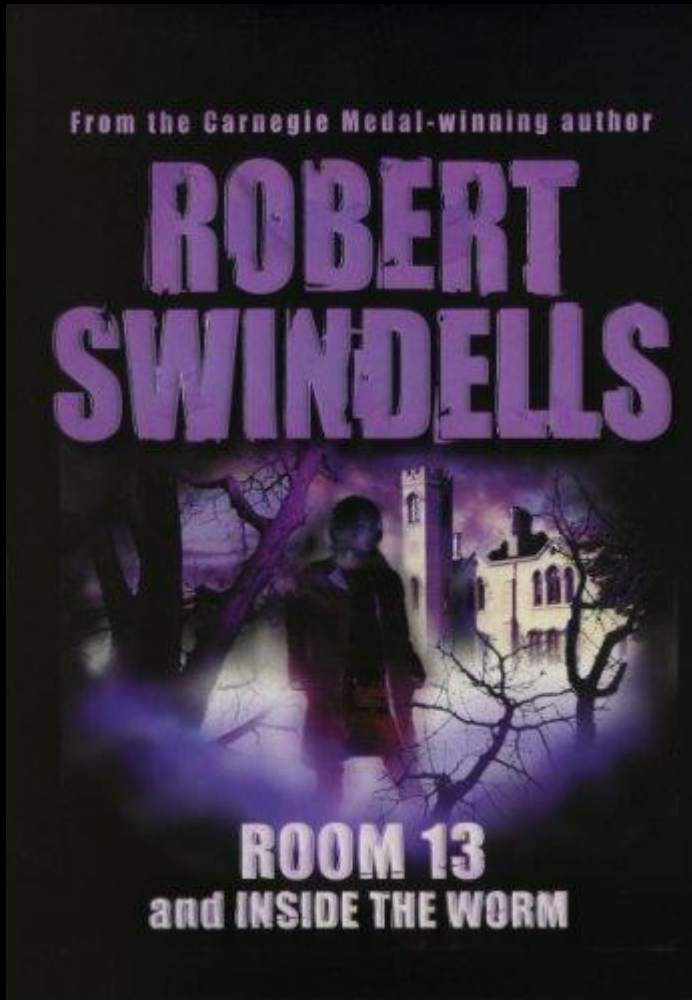
Ross Welford was a journalist and television producer before becoming a full-time writer. He lives in London with his wife, children, a border collie and several tropical fish.

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Somebody was in there. Somebody - or some thing . . .

There is no room thirteen in the creepy Crow's Nest Hotel, where Fliss and her friends are staying on a school trip. Or is there? For at the stroke of midnight, something peculiar happens to the door of the linen cupboard next to room 12. And something is happening to Ellie-May Sunderland, too - something very sinister . . .

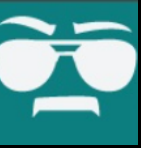
A gripping page-turner from a master of spooky suspense, award-winning Robert Swindells. Don't read this under the covers at midnight!

About the author:

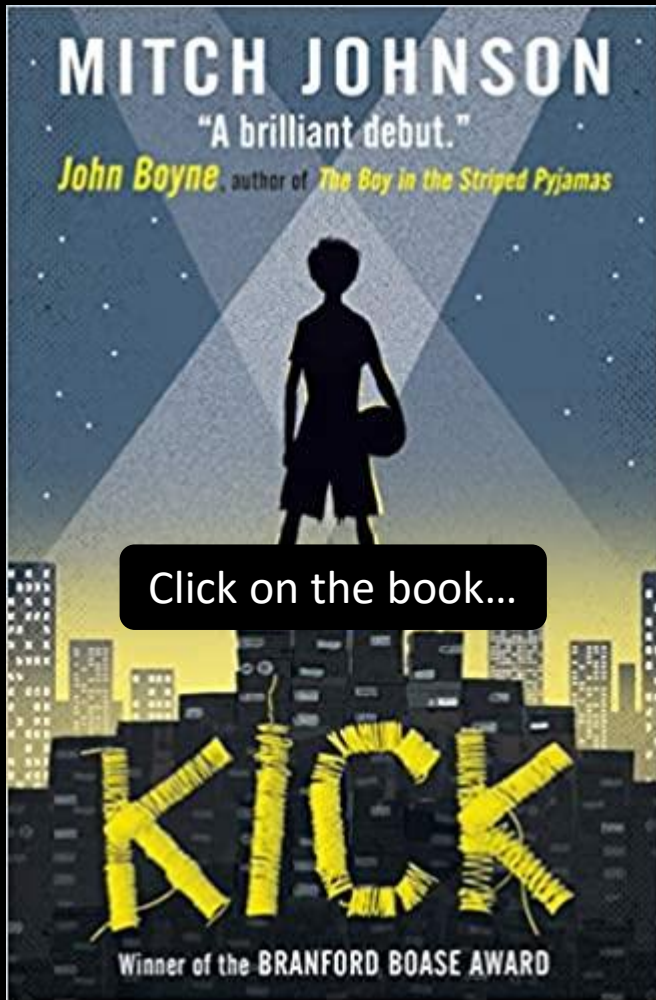
ROBERT SWINDELLS left school at fifteen to work on a local newspaper. At seventeen, he joined the RAF for three years, then trained and worked as a teacher. Now a full-time writer, he is the author of a number of bestselling titles for the Random House children's list.

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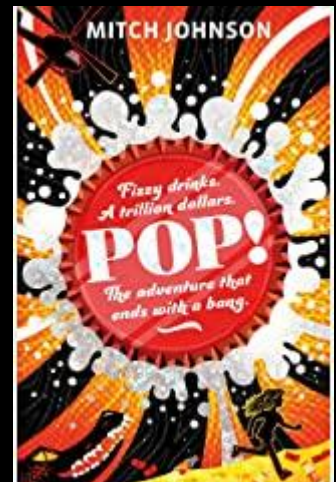


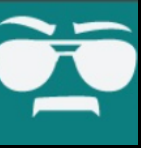
Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star. Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life. A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.

About the author:

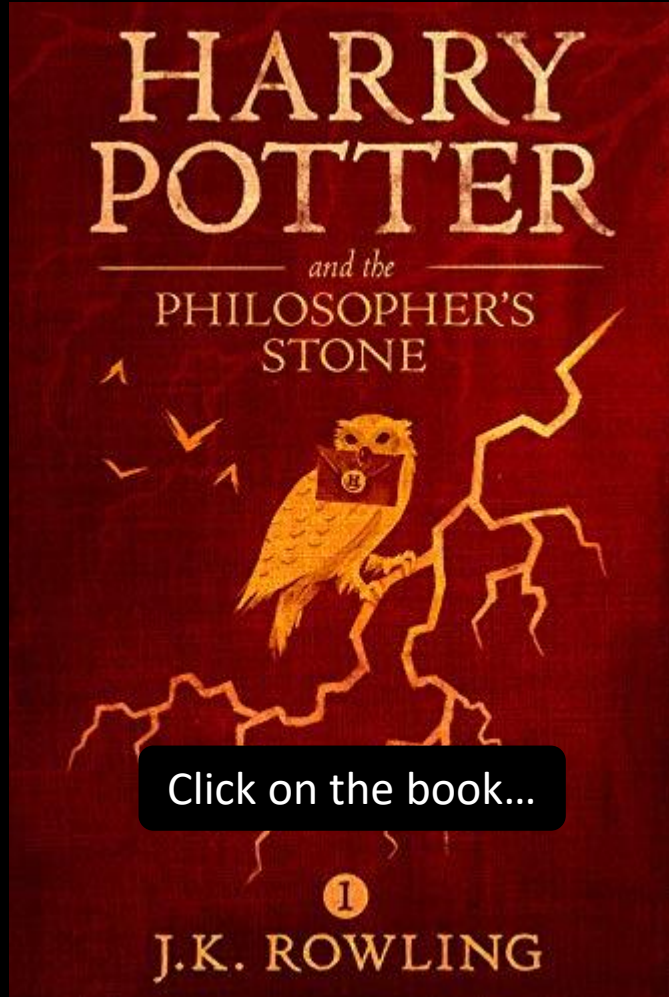
Mitch Johnson is an award-winning writer of children's books. His debut novel, *Kick*, was endorsed by Amnesty International UK for its portrayal of children's rights and has been translated into multiple languages. In 2018, *Kick* won the Branford Boase Award, a prize given to the most promising children's book by a debut author.

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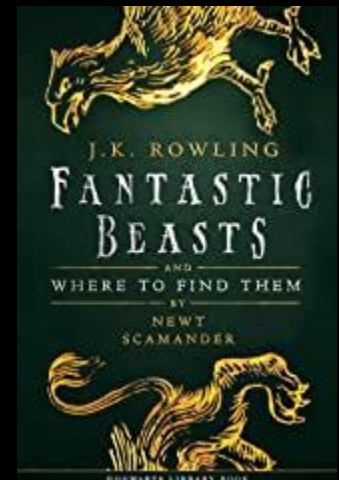
Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at number four, Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle.

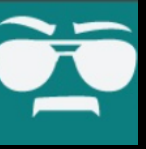
Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. An incredible adventure is about to begin!

About the author:

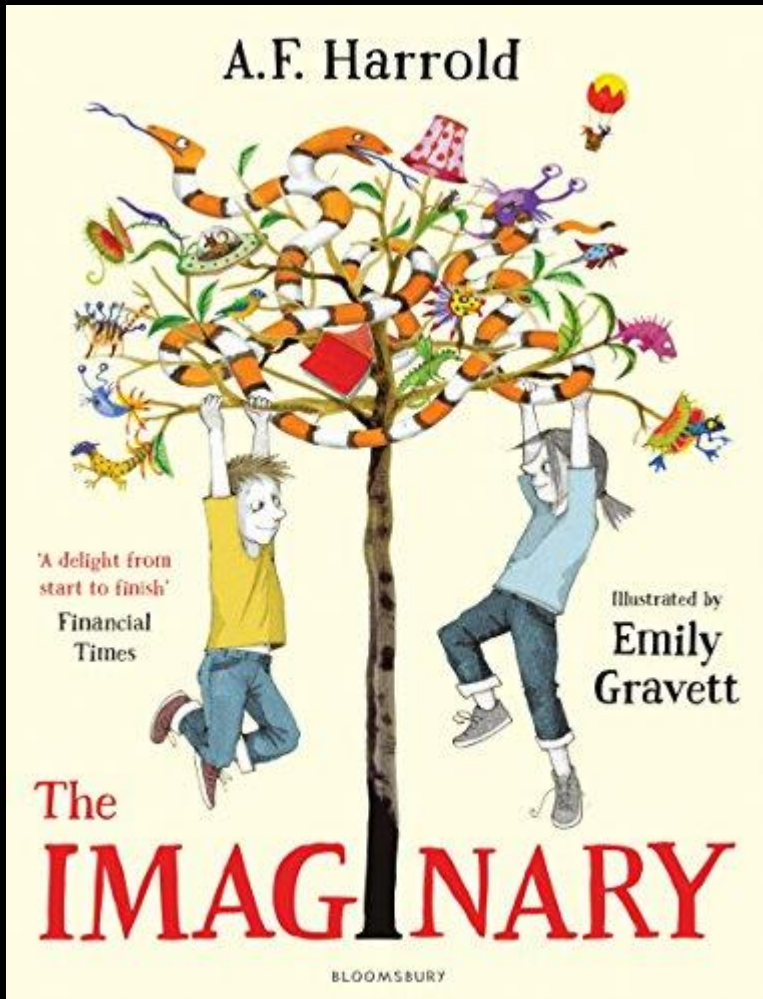
J.K. Rowling is best-known as the author of the seven Harry Potter books, which were published between 1997 and 2007. The enduringly popular adventures of Harry, Ron and Hermione have gone on to sell over 500 million copies, be translated into over 80 languages and made into eight blockbuster films.

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Rudger is Amanda's best friend. He doesn't exist, but nobody's perfect. Only Amanda can see her imaginary friend – until the sinister Mr Bunting arrives at Amanda's door. Mr Bunting hunts imaginaries. Rumour says that he eats them. And he's sniffed out Rudger. Soon Rudger is alone, and running for his imaginary life. But can a boy who isn't there survive without a friend to dream him up?

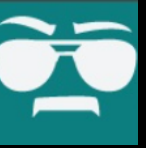
A brilliantly funny, scary and moving read from the unique imagination of A.F. Harrold, this beautiful book is astoundingly illustrated with integrated art and colour spreads by the award-winning Emily Gravett.

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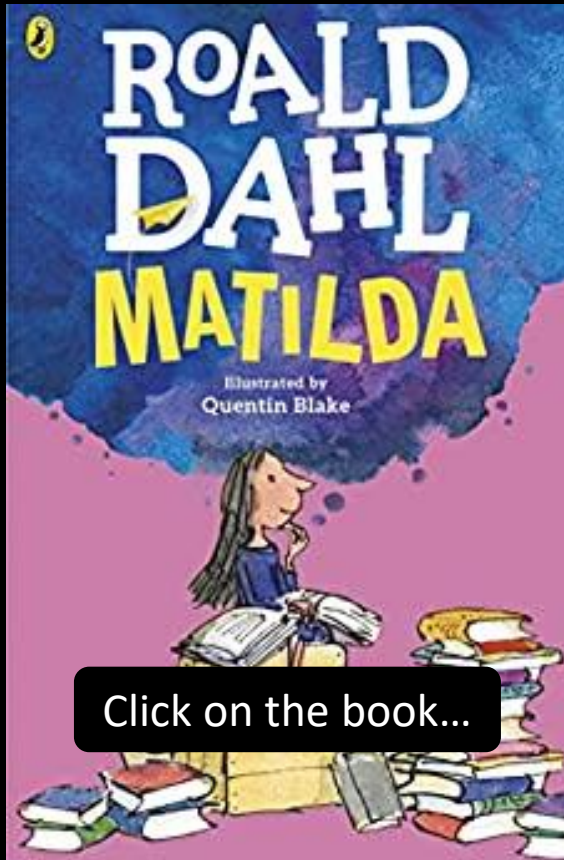
A.F. Harrold is an English poet (1975 - present). He writes and performs for adults and children, in cabaret and in schools, in bars and in basements, in fields and indoors. He is active in schools work, running workshops and slams and doing performances at ungodly hours of the morning, and has published several collections of poetry.

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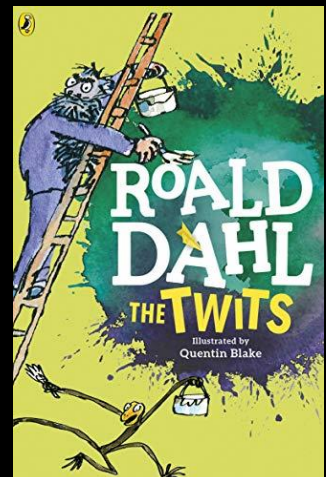
Matilda is the world's most famous bookworm, no thanks to her ghastly parents. Her father thinks she's a little scab. Her mother spends all afternoon playing bingo. And her headmistress, Miss Trunchbull? She's the worst of all.

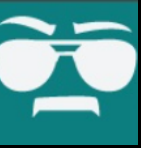
She's a big bully, who thinks all her pupils are rotten and locks them in the dreaded Chokey. Despite these beastly grownups trying to push her down, Matilda is an extraordinary girl with a magical mind. And she's had enough. So all the terrible adults had better watch out, because she's going to teach them a lesson they'll never forget!

About the author:

The son of Norwegian parents, Roald Dahl was born in Wales in 1916 and educated at Repton. He was a fighter pilot for the RAF during World War Two, and it was while writing about his experiences during this time that he started his career as an author. His fabulously popular children's books are read by children all over the world. Some of his better-known works include James and the Giant Peach, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Fantastic Mr Fox, Matilda, The Witches, and The BFG. He died in November 1990.

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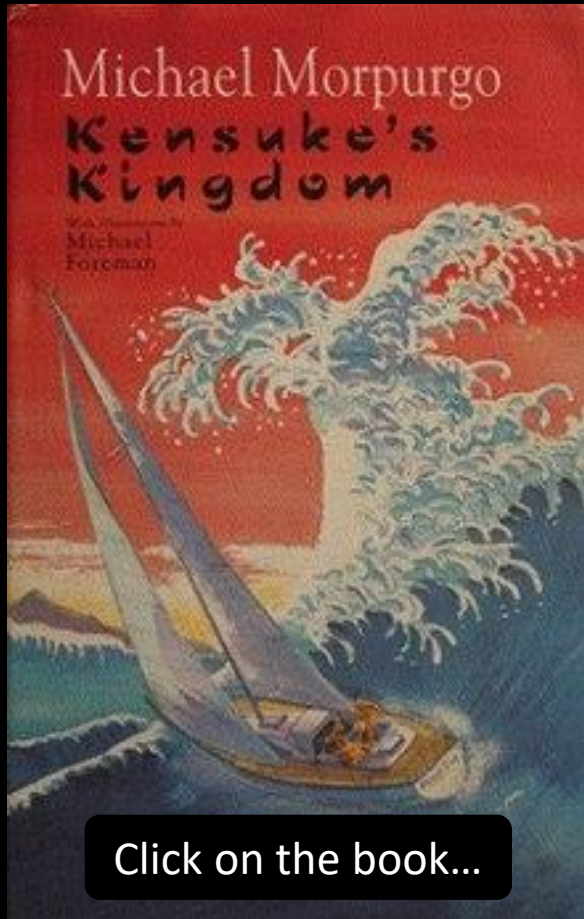
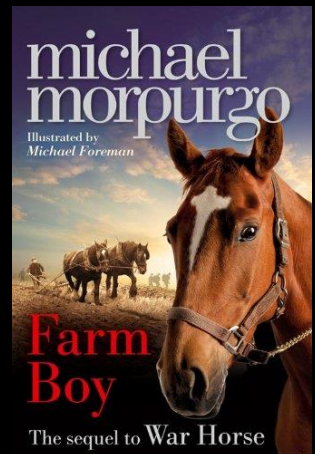
Kensuke's Kingdom is an adventure story about an eleven year old boy and his dog who get ship-wrecked on a remote island. The boy Michael has been on a pleasant sail around the world with his parents when suddenly he falls overboard in the middle of the night.

Awakening on a beach, he has few survival skills and little hope.

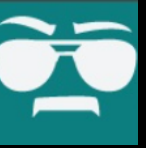
About the author:

Multi-award winning author, Michael Morpurgo, is one of Britain's best-loved writers for children and has won many prizes, including the Smarties Prize, The Writers Guild Award and the Blue Peter Book Award for his recent novel, Private Peaceful, which has also had two successful runs as a play devised by Bristol Old Vic. From 2003 to 2005 he was the Children's Laureate, a role which took him all over the UK to promote literacy and reading, and in 2005 he was named the Booksellers Association Author of the Year.

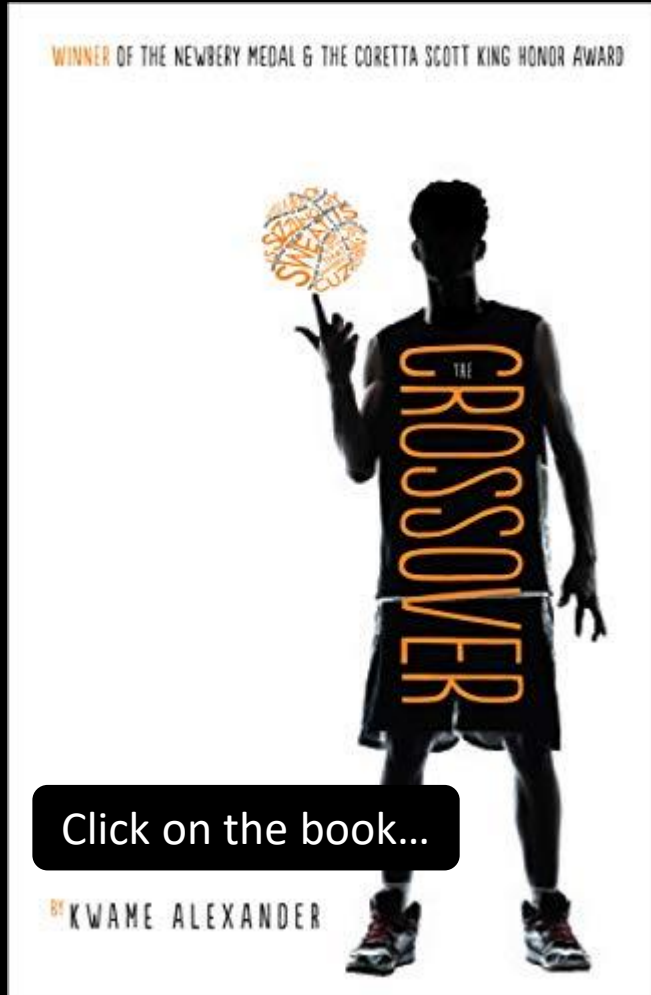
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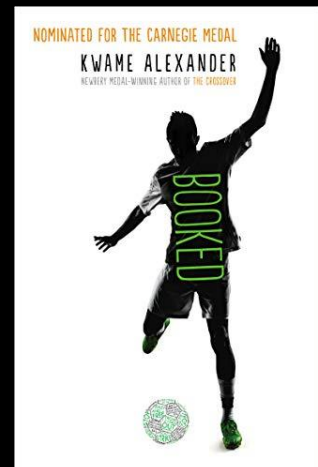
‘With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . .
The court is SIZZLING.
My sweat is DRIZZLING.
Stop all that quivering.
Cuz tonight I'm delivering’

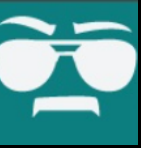
12-year-old Josh and his twin Jordan have basketball in their blood. They're kings of the court, star players for their school team. Their father used to be a champion player and they each want nothing more than to follow in his footsteps. Both on and off the court, there is conflict and hardship which will test Josh's bond with his brother. In this heartfelt novel in verse, the boys find that life doesn't come with a play-book and it's not all about winning.

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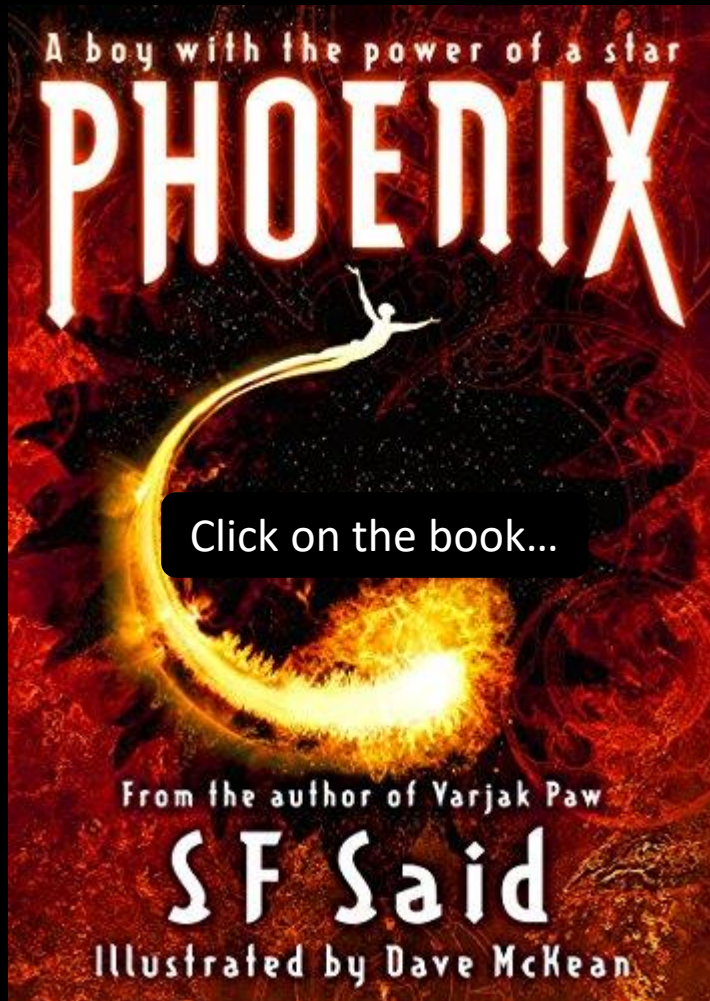
Kwame Alexander is a poet, children's book author, playwright, producer, public speaker and performer. He conducts creative writing workshops in middle and high schools, often reaching more than five hundred students monthly.

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A BOY WITH THE POWER OF A STAR . . .

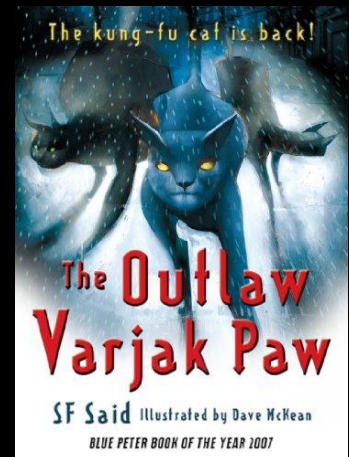
Lucky thinks he's an ordinary Human boy. But one night, he dreams that the stars are singing to him, and wakes to find an uncontrollable power rising inside him.

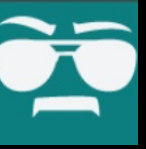
Now he's on the run, racing through space, searching for answers. In a galaxy at war, where Humans and Aliens are deadly enemies, the only people who can help him are an Alien starship crew – and an Alien warrior girl, with neon needles in her hair . . .

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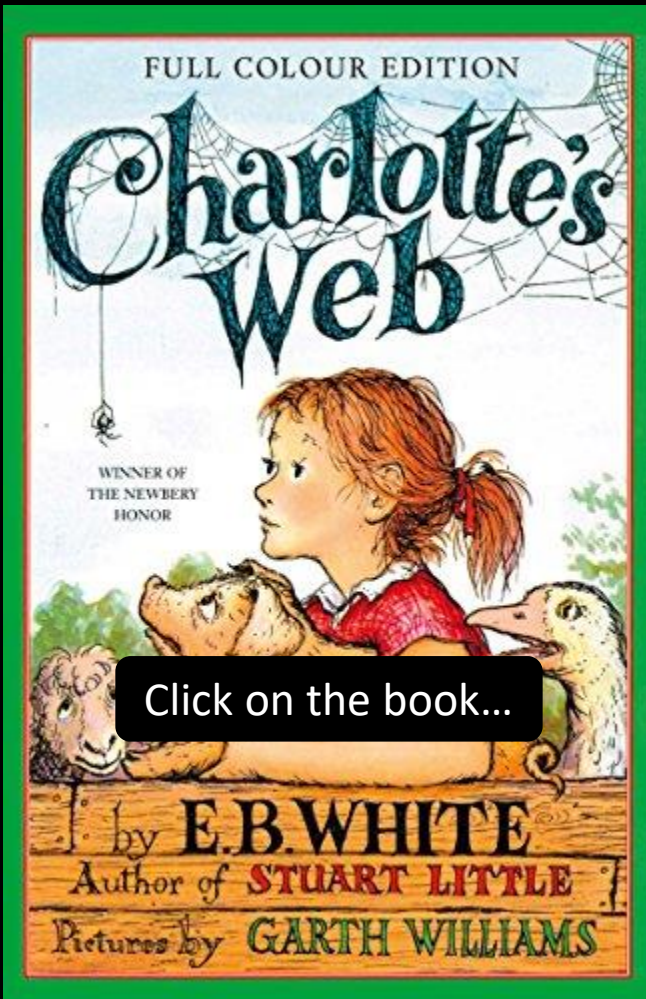
SF Said is the Nestlé Smarties Book Prize-winning author of Varjak Paw. He was born in Lebanon in 1967, but has lived in London since he was two years old.

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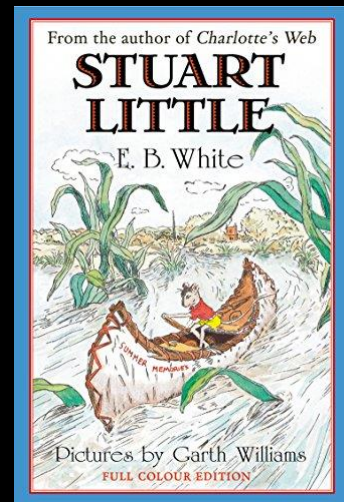
'Some Pig'. 'Humble'. 'Radiant'. These are the words in Charlotte's Web, high up in Zuckerman's barn. Charlotte's spiderweb tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. They also express the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's life when he was born the runt of his litter.

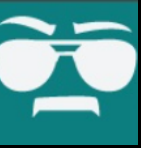
E. B. White's Newbery Honour Book is a tender novel of friendship, love, life, and death that will continue to be enjoyed by generations to come.

About the author:

E. B. White was born in New York in 1899 and died in 1985. He kept animals on his farm in Maine and some of these creatures crept into his books, such as STUART LITTLE which was recently made into a blockbusting film. He received many awards including the Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal in 1970, an award given every five years to authors who have 'made a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children'.

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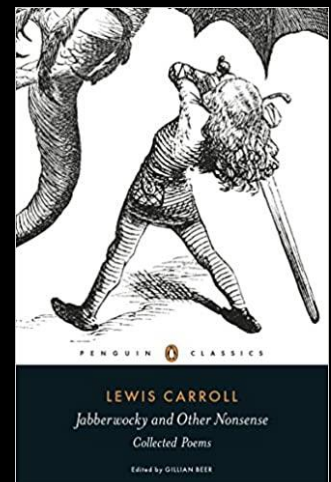


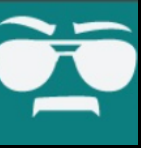
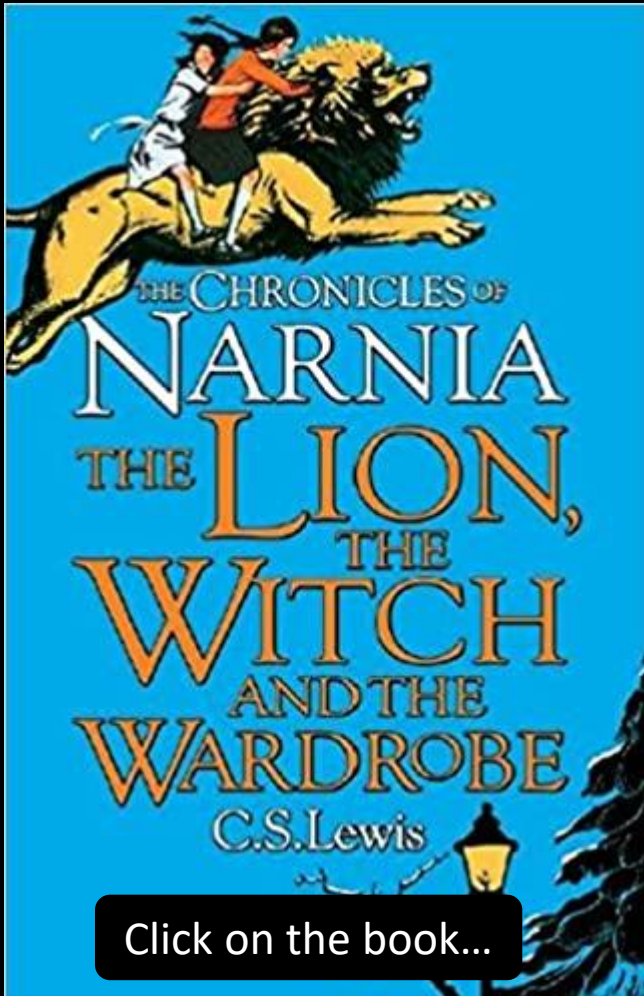
Down the rabbit hole away little Alice goes. Follow her at your own peril, but beware of the world you are about to enter. One with a decapitation-crazed queen, an unintelligible duchess, a sleepy dormouse, a chronically late rabbit, a witty Cheshire cat, a blue hookah-smoking caterpillar, a Hatter and a March Hare hosting a mad tea party, and a caucus race so bewildering that the best way to explain it is just to do it.

About the author:

Lewis Carroll was born on 27 January 1832. He studied at Christ Church, Oxford and went on to become a mathematics lecturer there from 1855 to 1881. Lewis Carroll's most famous works are Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (published in 1865) and the sequel Alice Through the Looking-Glass, which contains the classic nonsense poem The Jabberwocky (published in 1872).

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Our adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie—step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.

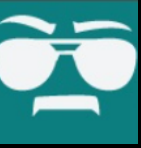
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is the second book in C. S. Lewis's classic fantasy series, which has been drawing readers of all ages into a magical land with unforgettable characters for over sixty years. This is a stand-alone read, but if you would like to explore more of the Narnian realm, pick up The Horse and His Boy, the third book in The Chronicles of Narnia.

About the author:

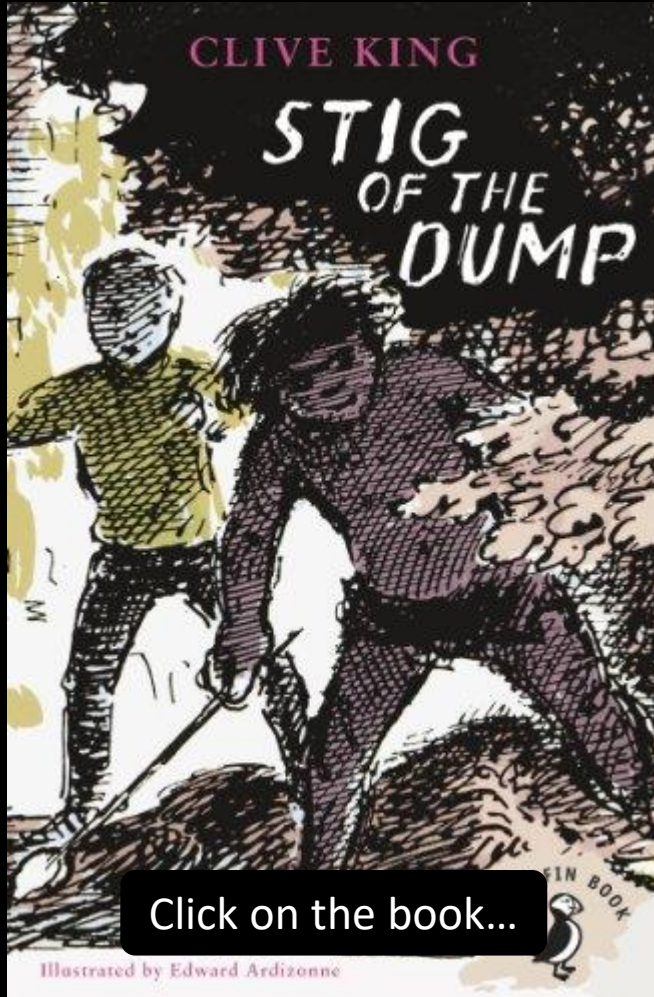
CLIVE STAPLES LEWIS (1898-1963) was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and arguably one of the most influential writers of his day. He was a fellow and tutor in English Literature at Oxford University until 1954. To date, the Narnia books have sold over 100 million copies and been transformed into three major motion pictures.

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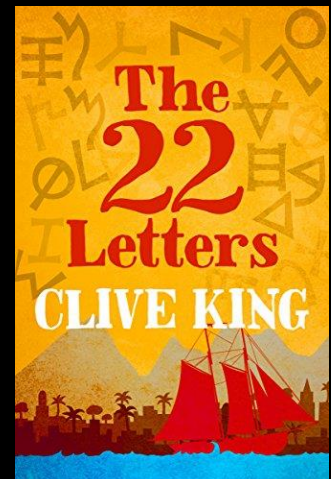
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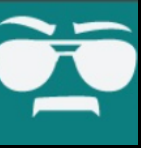
Barney is a solitary little boy, given to wandering off by himself. One day he is lying on the edge of a disused chalk-pit when it gives way and he lands in a sort of cave. Here he meets 'somebody with a lot of shaggy hair and two bright black eyes' wearing a rabbit skin and speaking in grunts. He names him Stig. Of course nobody believes Barney when he tells his family all about Stig, but for Barney cave-man Stig is totally real. They become great friends, learning each others ways and embarking on a series of unforgettable adventures.

About the author:

Clive King was born in Richmond, Surrey, in 1924. When he was young his family moved to a village called Ash, near Sevenoaks in Kent, which is the setting for Stig of the Dump. He went to Downing College, Cambridge, and the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. He then served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. His service as a sailor and his work as a language teacher took him all over the world. Clive King lives with his family in Norfolk and is a full-time writer.

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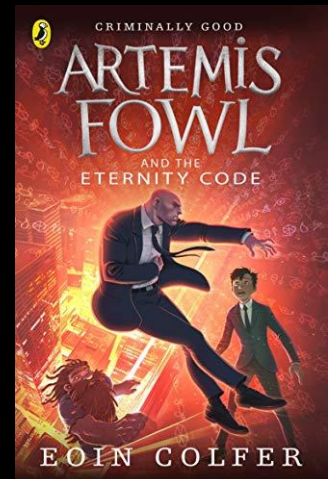
No scheme is too dastardly, no plot too devious. And he's just discovered that fairies are real. Poor fairies.

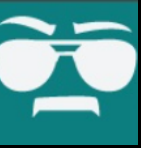
But these are not the cuddly creatures of bedtime stories. They are armed. They are dangerous. And when Artemis captures Captain Holly Short for her fairy gold, he messes with the wrong elf. Holly isn't armed but she's incredibly dangerous, and pretty annoyed with all the kidnapping. Artemis Fowl is about to find out that fairies fight back . . .

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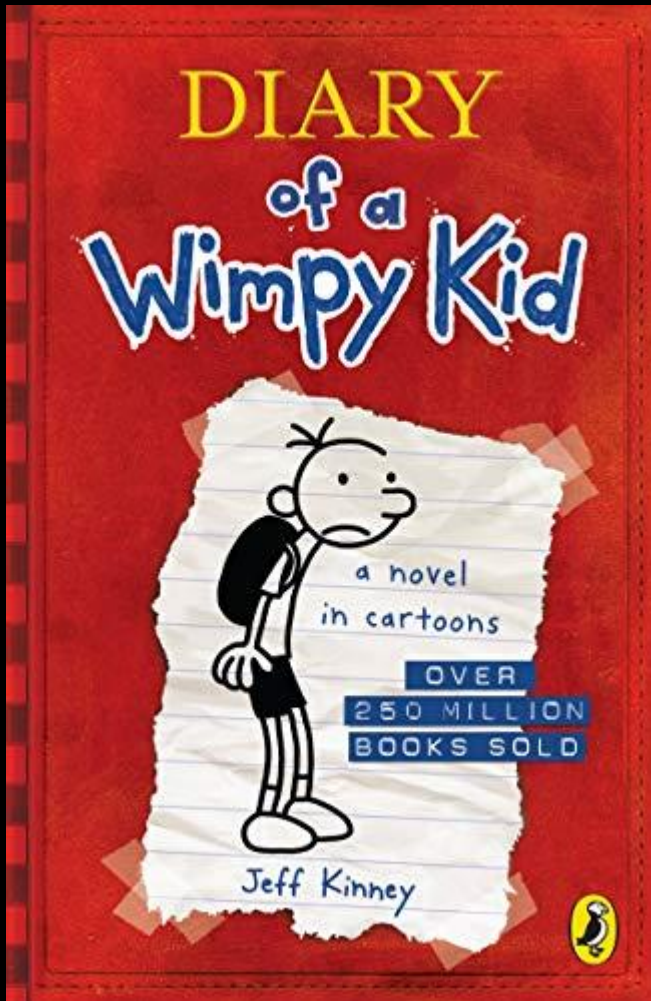
Eoin Colfer was born in Wexford on the southeast coast of Ireland in 1965, where he and his four brothers were brought up by his father (an elementary school teacher, historian and artist of note) and mother (a drama teacher). He first developed an interest in writing in primary (elementary) school with gripping Viking stories inspired by history that he was learning in school at the time.

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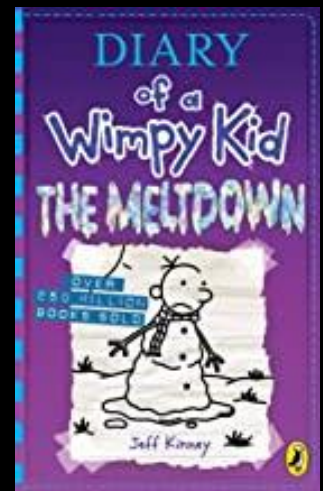
'Let me get something straight: this is a JOURNAL not a diary... The other thing that I want to clear up right away is that this was MOM's idea, not mine.'

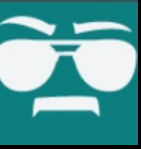
Things aren't going well for Greg Heffley. He's been thrust into a new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. With his friend Rowley, Greg's desperate to prove his new maturity, which only going up a grade can bring. But when Rowley's star starts to rise, will Greg be able to reach the same heights of popularity as Rowley?

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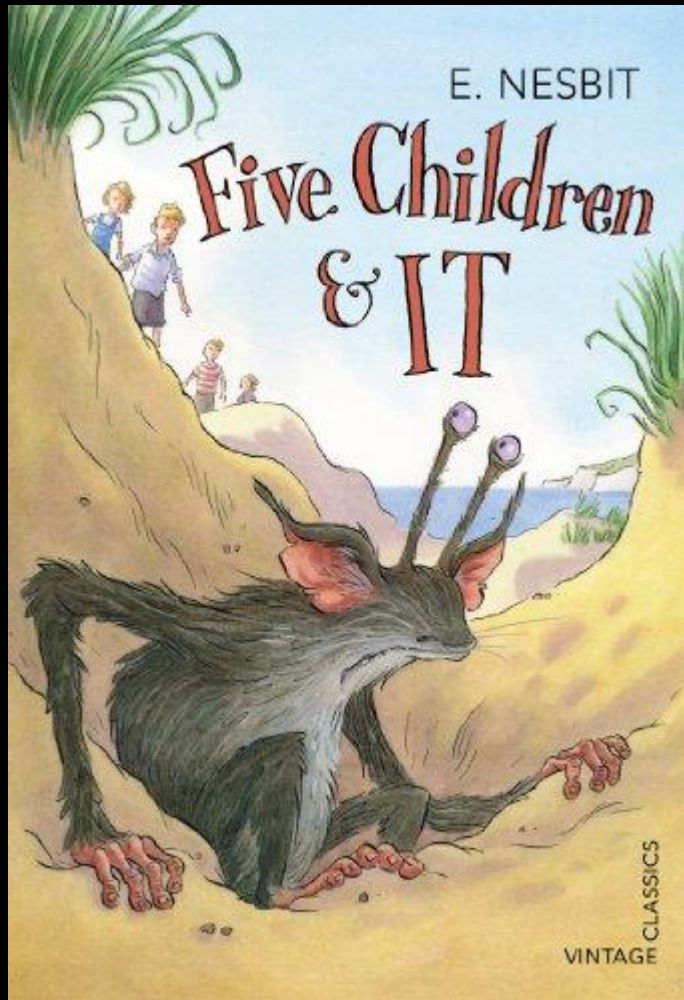
Jeff Kinney is a #1 New York Times bestselling author and a five-time Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award winner for Favorite Book. Jeff has been named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. He is also the creator of Poptropica, which was named one of Time magazine's 50 Best Websites. He spent his childhood in the Washington, D.C area.

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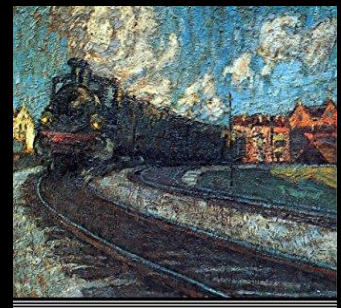
I dare say you have often thought about what you would do if you were granted three wishes. The five children - Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane and their baby brother - had often talked about it but when they are faced with the grumpy sand-fairy they find it difficult to make up their minds. And that is just the beginning of their dilemmas. As they discover, there is nothing quite like a wish for getting you into terrible trouble.

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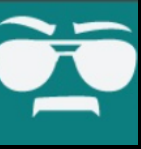
E.Nesbit was born in London in 1858. Her father died when she was four years old and she spent much of her childhood travelling around England, France, Germany, and Spain with her mother and sister Mary in an endeavour to cure Mary of tuberculosis.

Nesbit married Hubert Bland in 1880 and they went on to become two of the founding members of the Fabian Society.

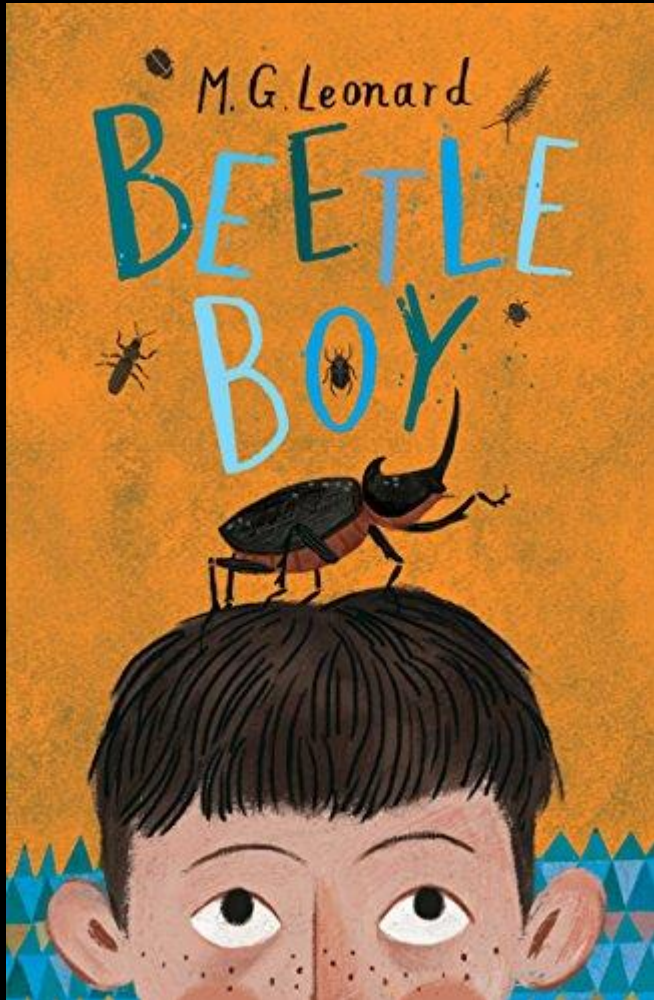
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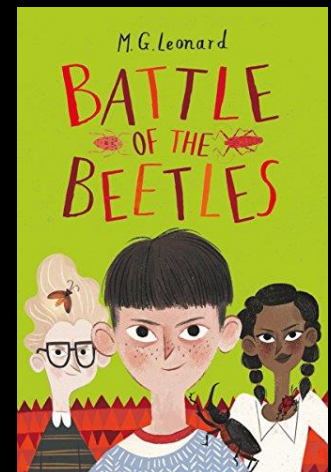
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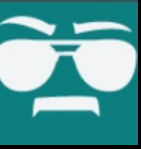
Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle - and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery?

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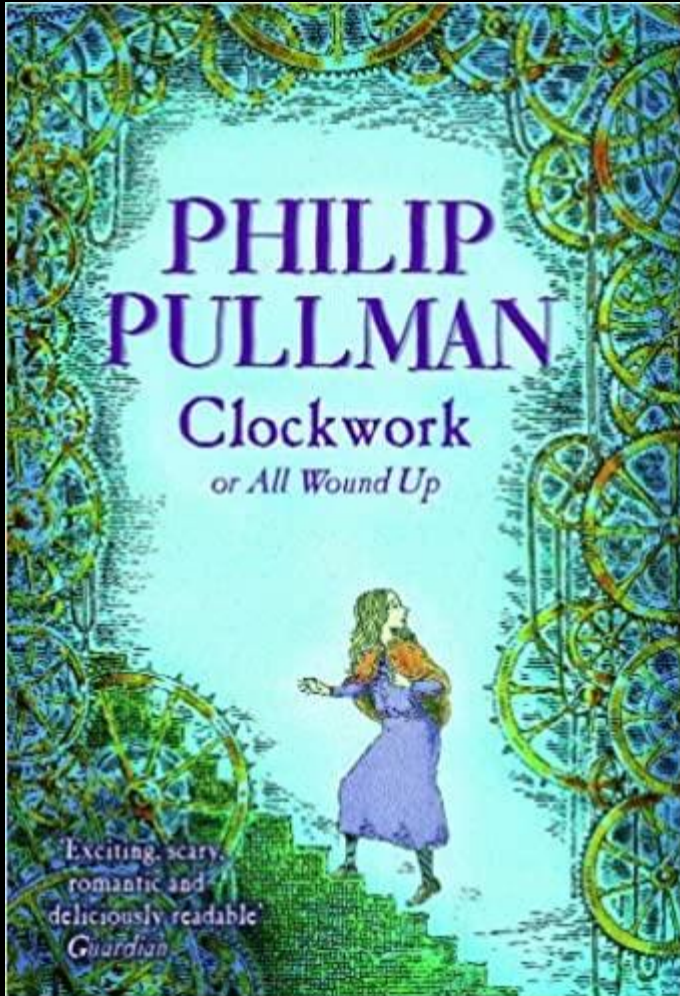
M.G. Leonard is senior digital media producer at the National Theatre of Great Britain, where she creates podcasts and documentaries about making theater. Beetle Boy, her debut novel and book one of The Beetle Trilogy, was a Publishers Weekly and New York Public Library Best Book of the Year. She lives in Brighton, England, with her family.

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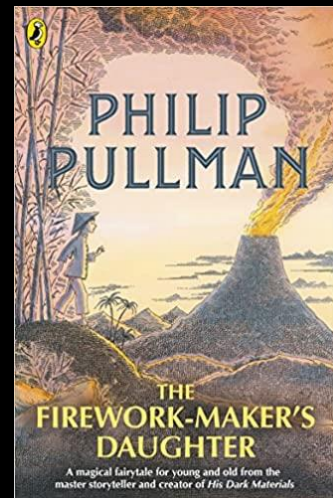


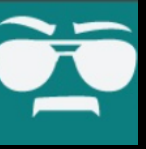
A tormented apprentice clock-maker, a deadly mechanical knight in armour - and the sinister Dr Kalmenius, who some say is the devil ... Wind up these characters, fit them into a story on a cold winter's evening, with the snow swirling down, and suddenly life and the story begin to merge in a peculiarly macabre - and unstoppable - way. Almost like clockwork ...

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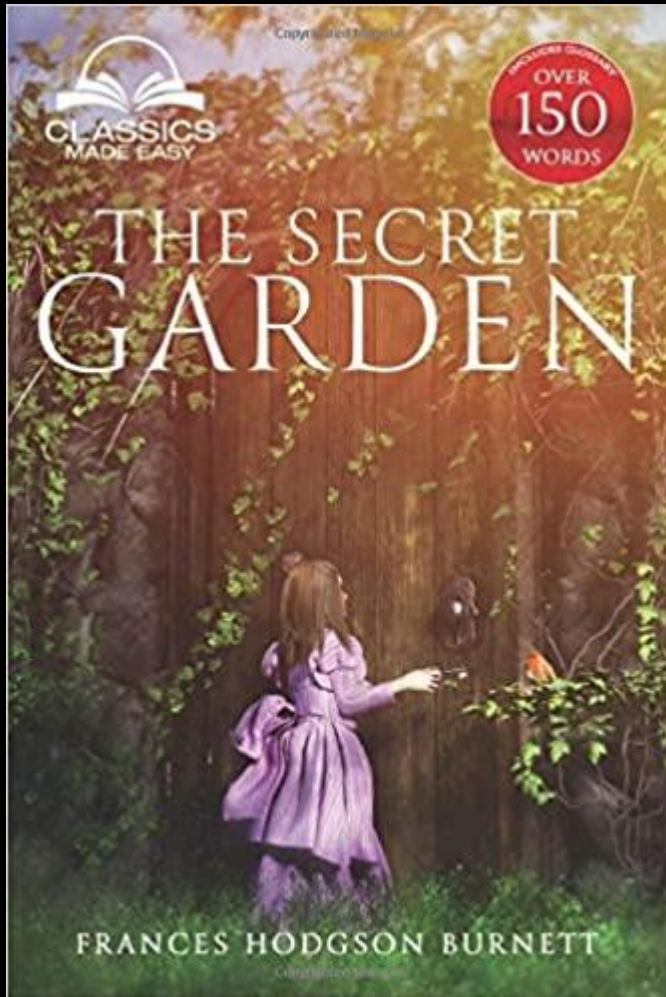
Philip Pullman was born in Norwich on 19th October 1946. The early part of his life was spent travelling all over the world, because his father and then his stepfather were both in the Royal Air Force. He spent part of his childhood in Australia, where he first met the wonders of comics, and grew to love Superman and Batman in particular. From the age of 11, he lived in North Wales, having moved back to Britain. It was a time when children were allowed to roam anywhere, to play in the streets, to wander over the hills, and he took full advantage of it. His English teacher, Miss Enid Jones, was a big influence on him, and he still sends her copies of his books.

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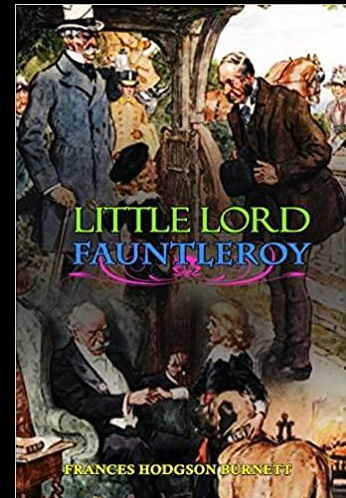


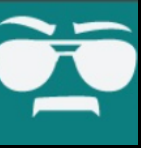
Follow Mary Lennox from India to Yorkshire, England, and watch her grow from an over-privileged girl who has never tied her own shoes, to a caring young woman. In her adventures, Mary meets a young man who can converse with animals, discovers and solves the hidden mystery of a secret garden, and helps her sick cousin to recover. Guided by a remarkable red robin, through her deeds and work she grows right along with this very special garden.

About the author:

Frances Hodgson Burnett was born in Manchester in 1849, the eldest daughter of a family which emigrated to America in 1865 after the father's death. Interested in making up stories from her childhood, Frances turned to writing professionally when the family's fortunes continued to decline in post-Civil-War Tennessee.

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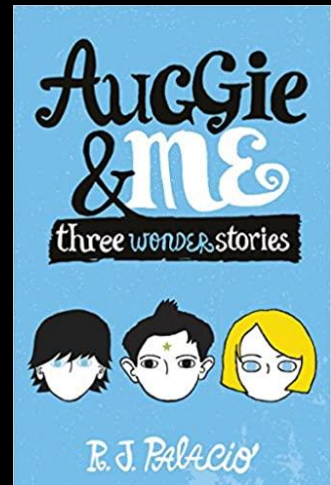
Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.

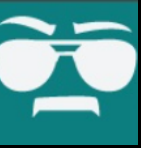
Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

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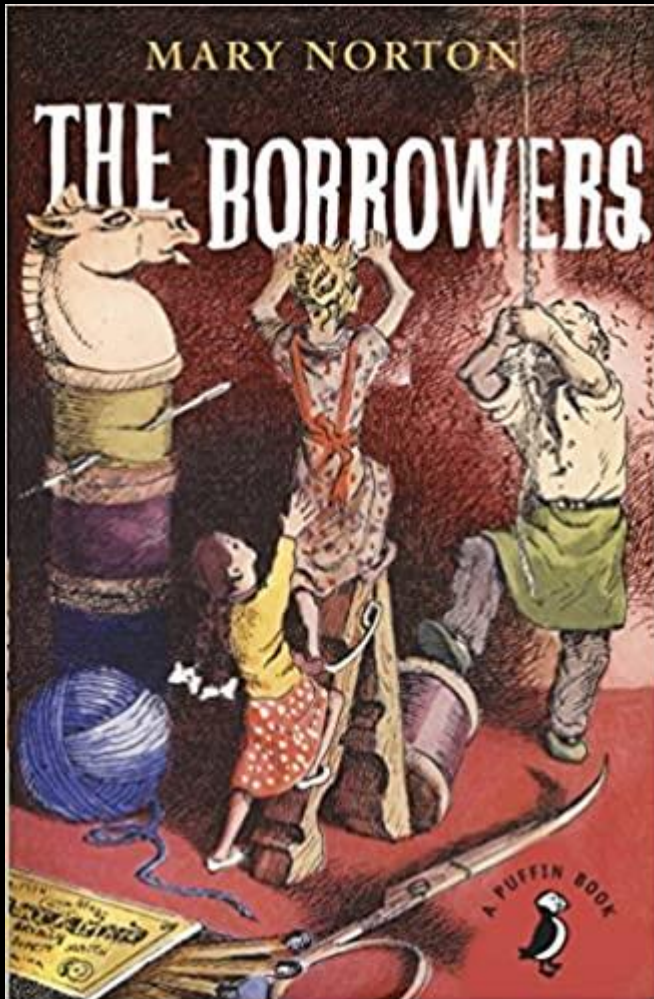
R. J. Palacio lives in Brooklyn, NY with her husband, two sons and two dogs (Bear and Beau). Her debut novel, *Wonder*, has been on the New York Times bestseller list since March, 2012, and has sold over 14 million copies worldwide. The book's message of kindness has inspired the Choose Kind movement, and has been embraced by readers, young and old, around the world.

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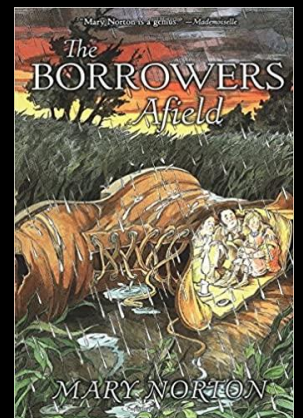


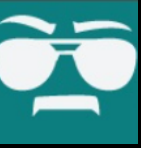
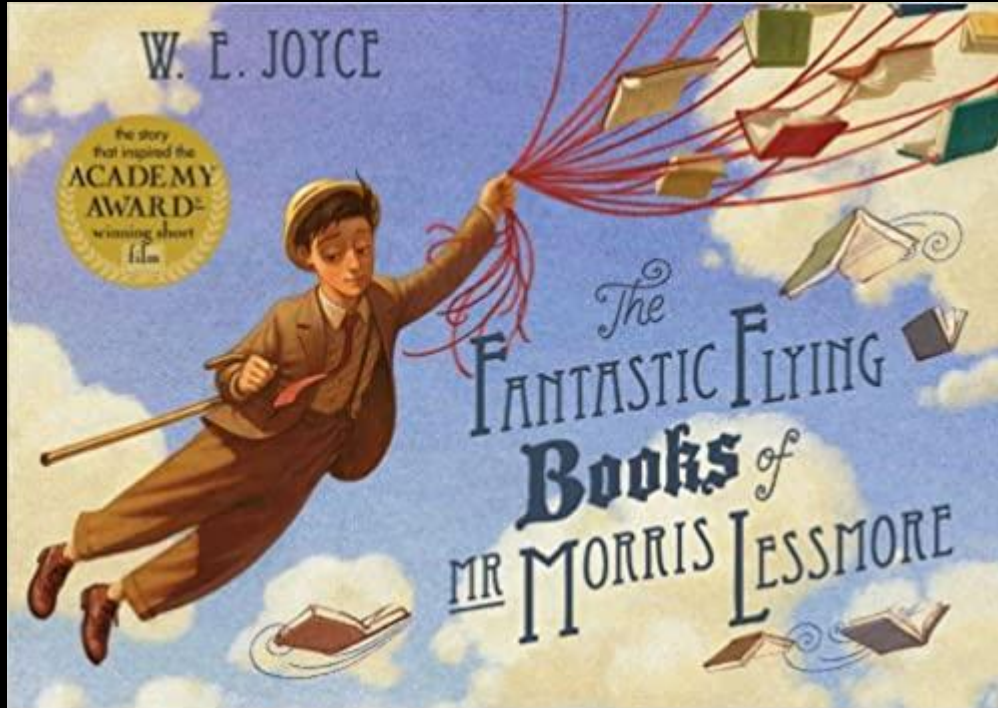
The Borrowers live in the secret places of quiet old houses; behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock. They own nothing, borrow everything, and think that human beings were invented just to do the dirty work. Arrietty's father, Pod, was an expert Borrower. He could scale curtains using a hatpin, and bring back a doll's teacup without breaking it. Girls weren't supposed to go borrowing but as Arrietty was an only child her father broke the rule, and then something happened which changed their lives. She made friends with the human boy living in the house...

About the author:

Mary Norton was born in 1903 and brought up in a house in Bedfordshire, which was to become the setting for The Borrowers. First published in 1952, The Borrowers was an immediate success, winning the Library Association's Carnegie Medal.

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Morris Lessmore loved words.

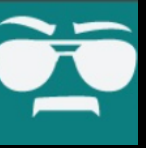
He loved stories. He loved books.

But every story has its upsets...

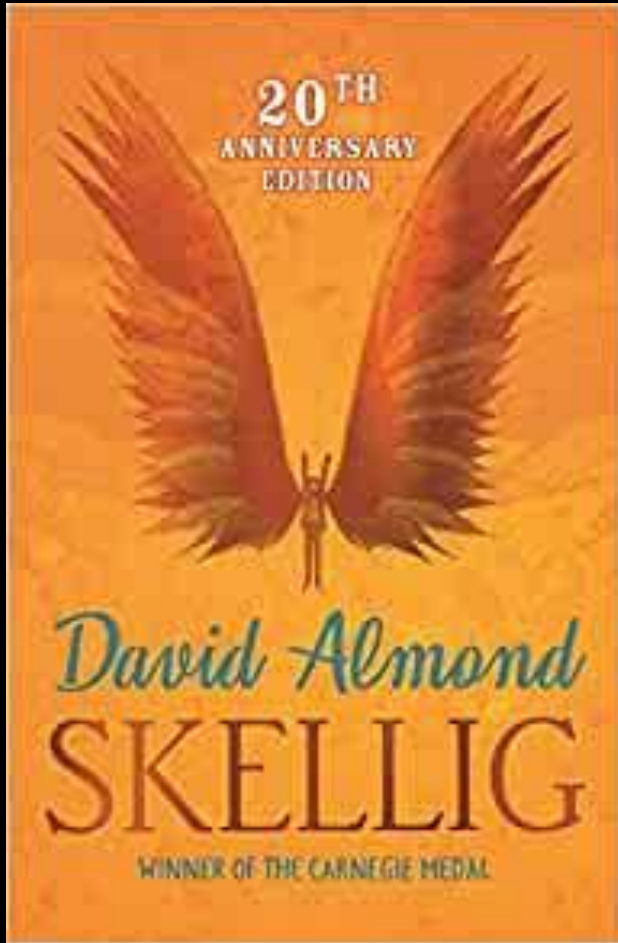
Everything in Morris Lessmore's life, including his own story, is scattered to the winds. But the power of story will save the day.

About the author:

William Joyce has put his personal stamp on all types of children's media. He's won three Emmy awards for his Rolie Polie Olie animated series, developed character concepts for *Toy Story* and *A Bug's Life*, and made films including *Robots* and *Meet the Robinsons*. He's currently executive producer of the DreamWorks Animation release of *Rise of the Guardians* (Fall 2012) inspired by his new series. He is also producing *The Leaf Men*, based on his book *The Leaf Men*.



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When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain.

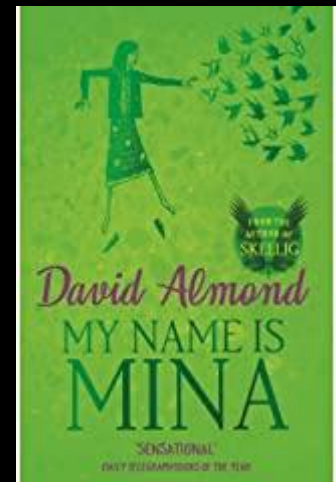
Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital.

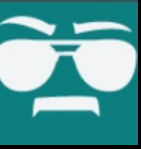
But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . .

About the author:

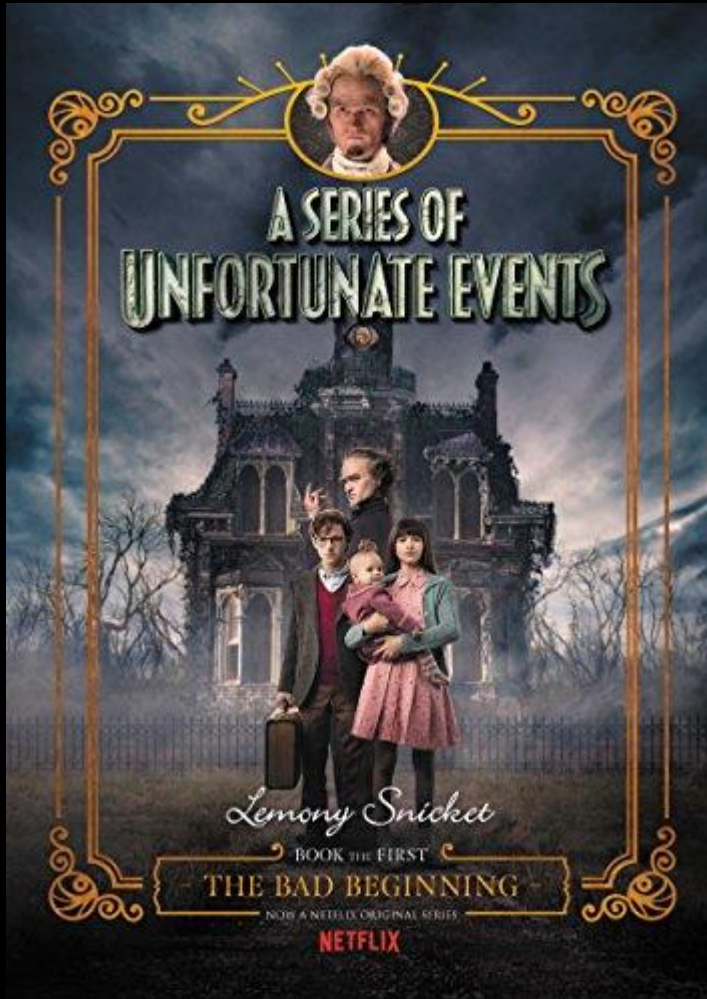
In 2010 he received the Hans Christian Andersen Award, the world's most prestigious prize for children's authors. His innovative, boundary-breaking work is loved by readers of all ages, and receives widespread critical acclaim. He is Professor of Creative Writing at Bath Spa University. He lives in Bath and in Newcastle upon Tyne.

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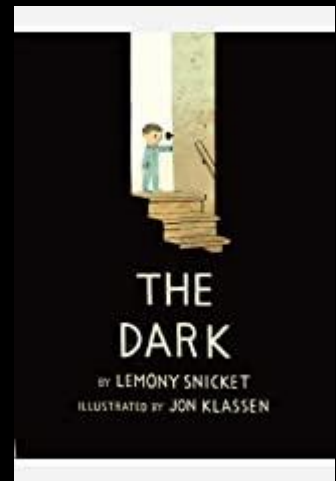
Are you made fainthearted by death? Does fire unnerve you? Is a villain something that might crop up in future nightmares of yours? Are you thrilled by nefarious plots? Is cold porridge upsetting to you? Vicious threats? Hooks? Uncomfortable clothing?

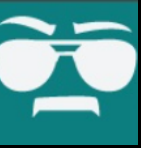
It is likely that your answers will reveal A Series of Unfortunate Events to be ill-suited for your personal use. A librarian, bookseller, or acquaintance should be able to suggest books more appropriate for your fragile temperament. But to the rarest of readers we say, "Proceed, but cautiously."

About the author:

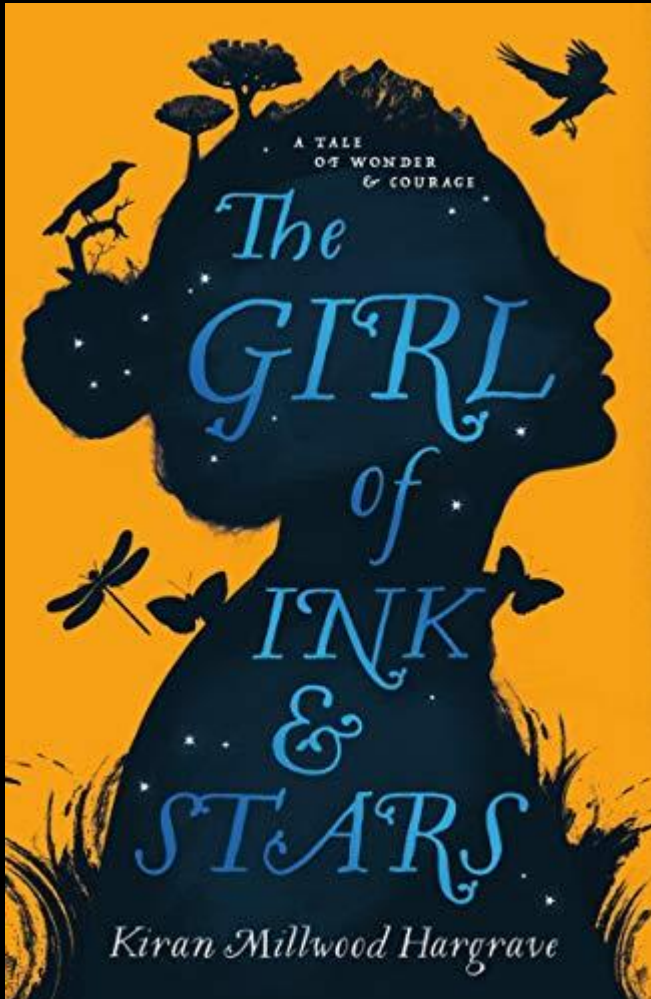
Lemony Snicket had an unusual education which may or may not explain his ability to evade capture. He is the author of the 13 volumes in A Series of Unfortunate Events, several picture books including The Dark, and the books collectively titled All The Wrong Questions.

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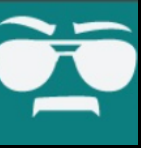
Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped. When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster-filled wasteland - and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep. Soon, following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself.

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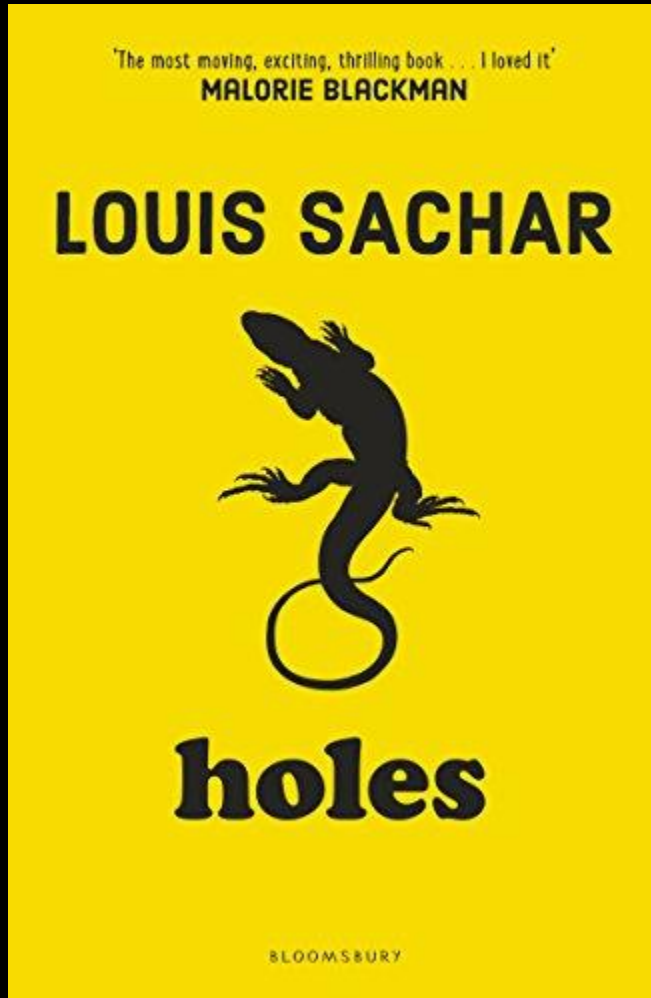
Kiran Millwood Hargrave is an award-winning poet and novelist. A graduate of Oxford University's Creative Writing MA, she currently lives and writes in Oxford, England.

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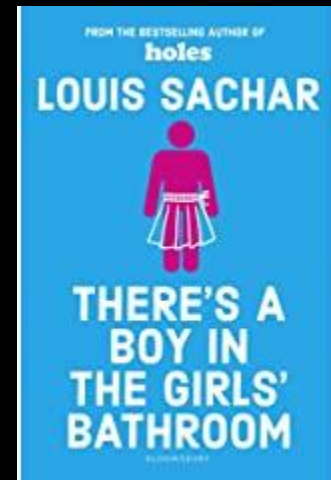
Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it's character building, but this is a lie. It's up to Stanley to dig up the truth.

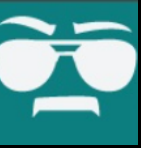
Witty, inventive and completely unique, this is a masterpiece of storytelling that combines sly humour with irresistible, page-turning writing.

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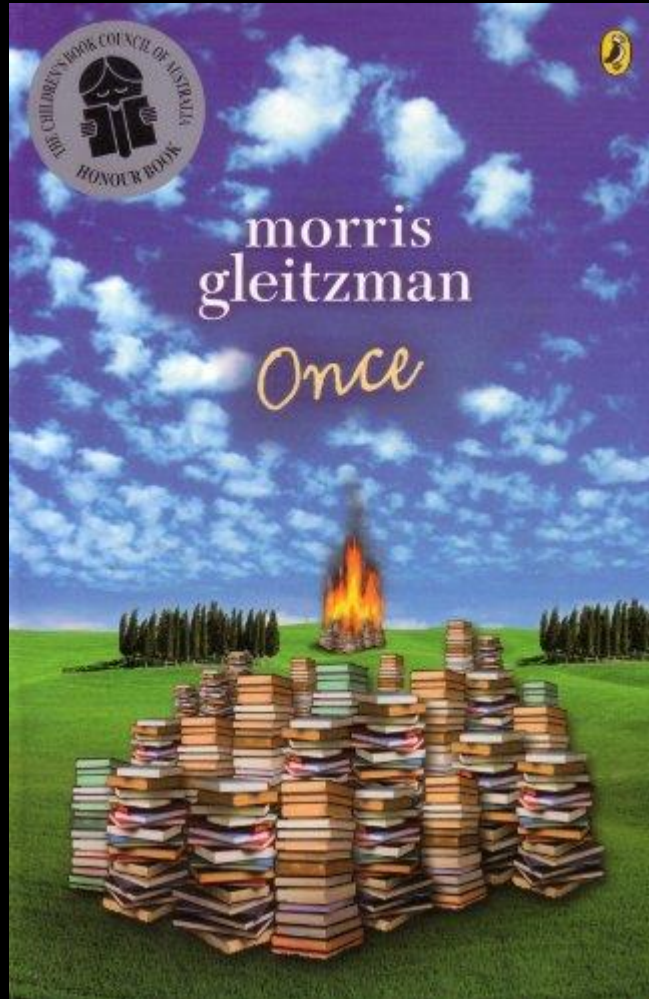
Louis Sachar was born in East Meadow, New York and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and Hastings College of Law. He is married and has one daughter. He writes at his home in Austin, Texas under the watchful eyes of his dogs Lucky and Tippy.

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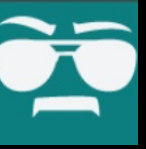
Once I escaped from an orphanage to find my Mum and Dad.
Once I saved a girl called Zelda from a burning house.
Once I made a Nazi with toothache laugh.
My name is Felix.
This is my story.

About the author:

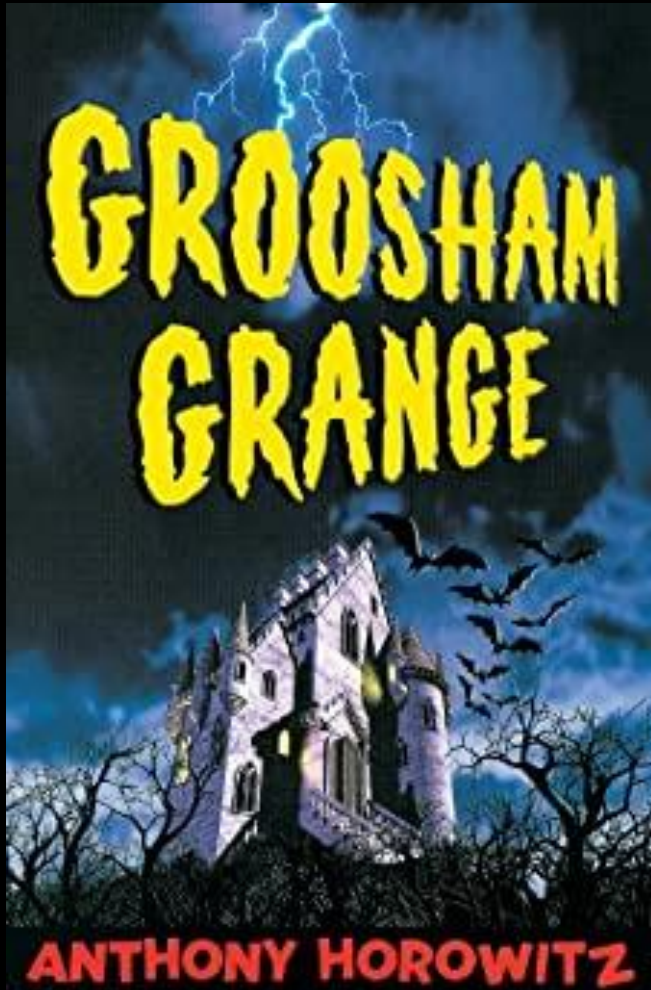
Morris Gleitzman has been a frozen-chicken thawer, fashion-industry trainee, department-store Santa, and screenwriter, among other things. Now he's one of Australia's best-loved children's book authors.

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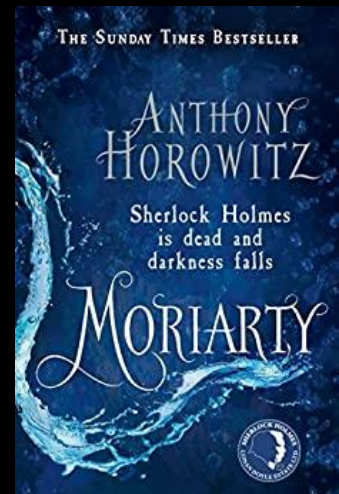
Sent to Groosham Grange as a last resort by his parents, David Eliot quickly discovers that his new school is a very weird place indeed. New pupils are made to sign their names in blood; the French teacher disappears every full moon; the assistant headmaster keeps something very chilling in his room... What's the meaning of the black rings everyone wears? Where do the other pupils vanish to at night? Most important of all, how on earth can David get away - alive?

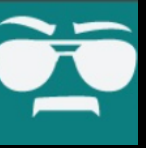
About the author:

Anthony Horowitz is a popular and prolific children's writer, whose books now sell in more than a dozen countries around the world. He has won numerous prizes for his books which include Stormbreaker (shortlisted for the Children's Book Award) and its sequels.

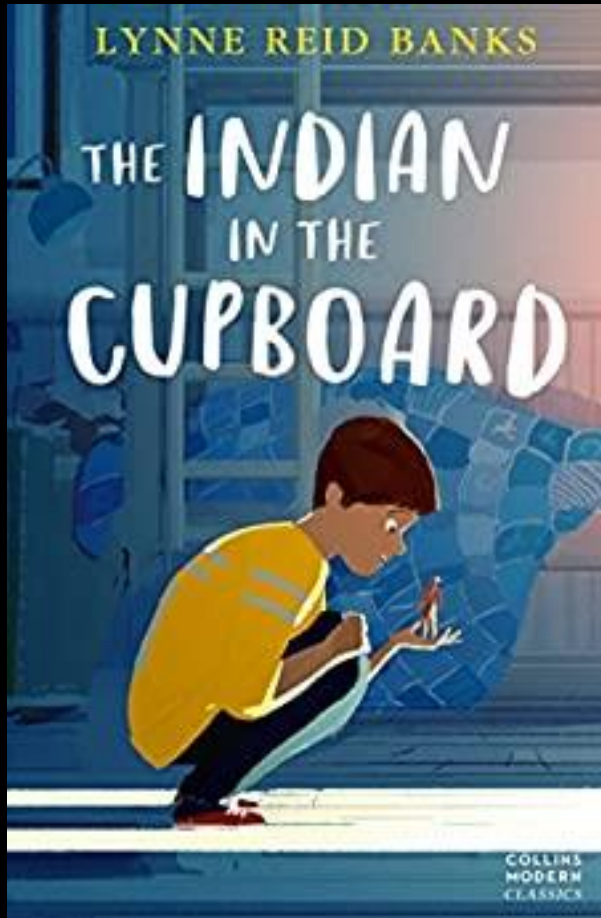
Anthony also writes extensively for TV, with credits including the hit series Murder in Mind, as well as Foyle's War; Midsomer Murders; Poirot; and Murder Most Horrid. He lives in north London with his family.

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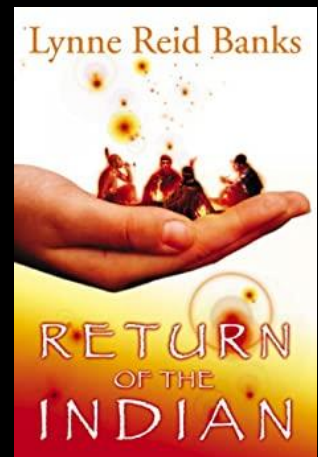
The Indian in the Cupboard is the first of five gripping books about Omri and his plastic North American Indian – Little Bull – who comes alive when Omri puts him in a cupboard

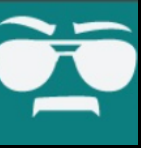
For Omri, it is a dream come true when the plastic American Indian he locks into the old cupboard comes to life. Little Bull is everything an Indian brave should be – proud, fearless and defiant. But being in charge of a real, live, human being is a heavy responsibility, as Omri soon discovers. And when his best friend, Patrick, is let in on the secret, he soon realises that life-changing decisions lie ahead.

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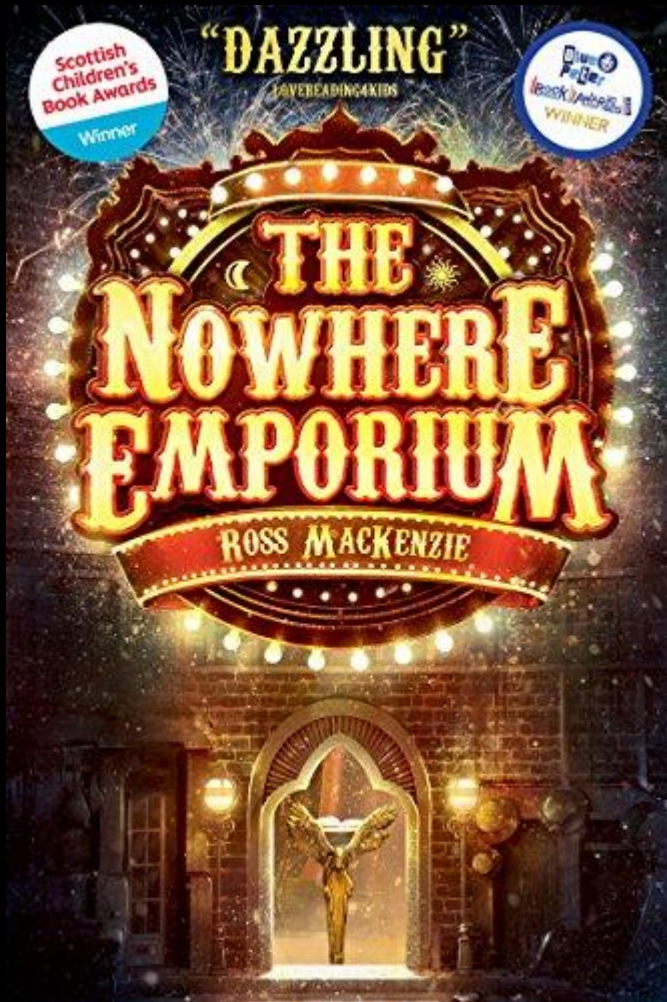
Lynne Reid Banks was evacuated from England to Canada during World War II, and she then returned to England in 1945 to study for the stage. She later became a freelance journalist and playwright and in 1955 became the first female TV news reporter.

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When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment.

Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms -- rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined.

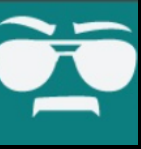
But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble. Can Daniel save his home, and his new friends, before the Nowhere Emporium is destroyed forever?

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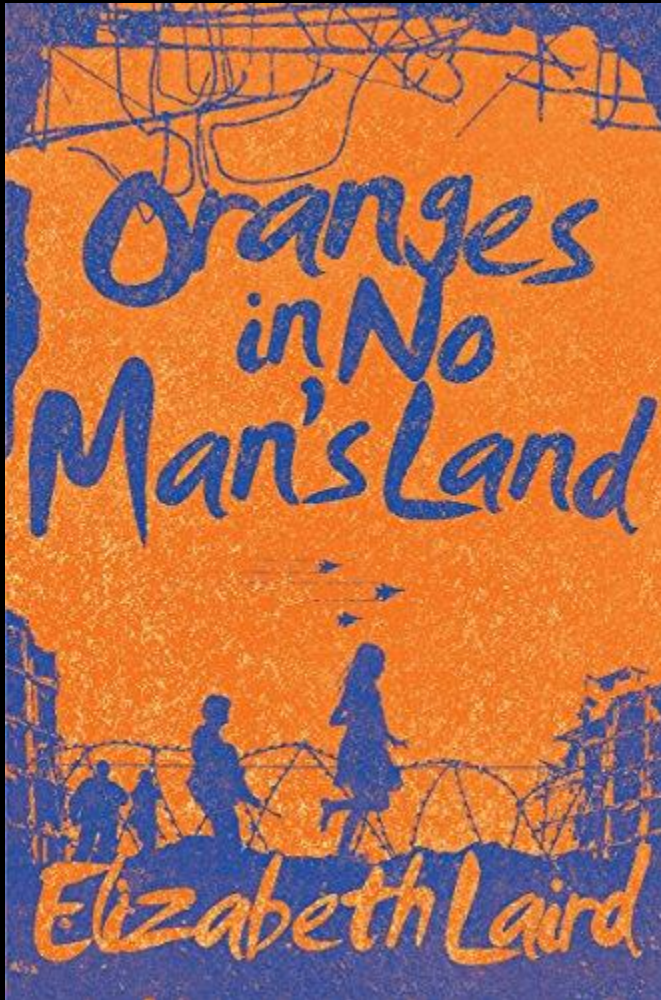
Ross lives in Renfrew, Scotland, with his wife and two daughters, but spends much of his time in another world.

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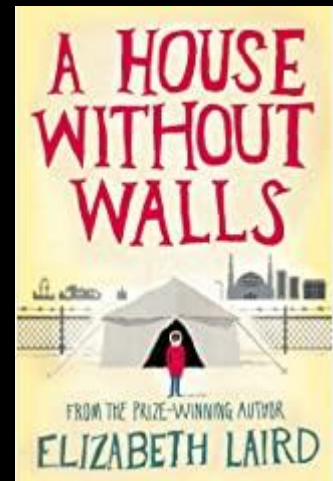


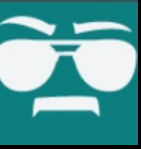
Since her father left Lebanon to find work and her mother tragically died in a shell attack, ten-year-old Ayesha has been living in the bomb-ravaged city of Beirut with her granny and her two younger brothers. The city has been torn in half by civil war and a desolate, dangerous no man's land divides the two sides. Only militiamen and tanks dare enter this deadly zone, but when Granny falls desperately ill, Ayesha sets off on a terrifying journey to reach a doctor living in enemy territory.

About the author:

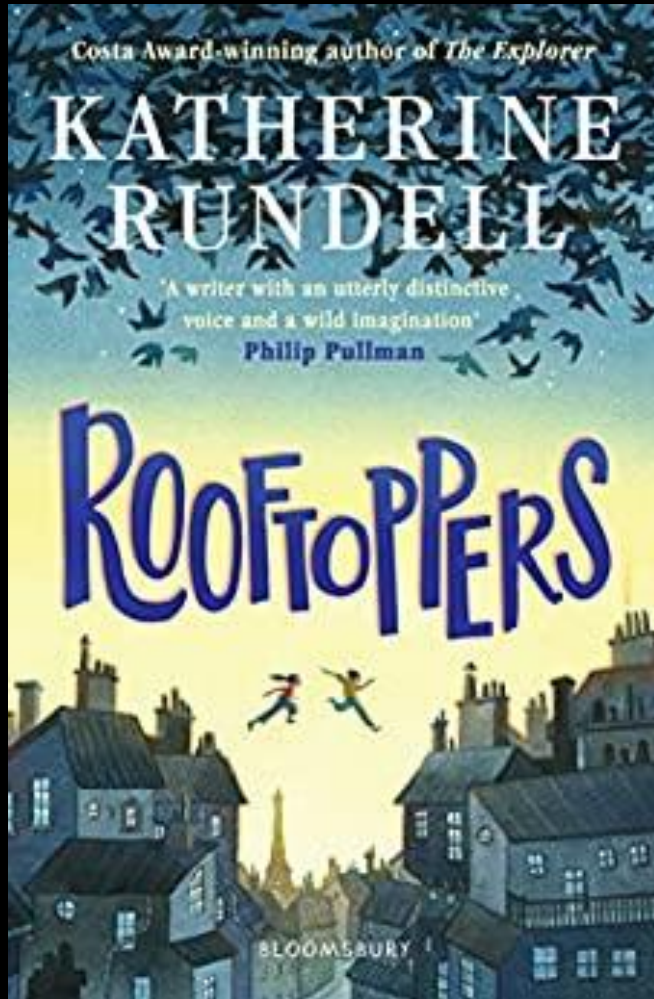
Elizabeth Laird was born in New Zealand and always had a burning ambition to travel. She has spent much time abroad in places such as Malaysia, Lebanon, Austria and Ethiopia but now lives with her husband, who is also an author, on the edge of Richmond Park. Elizabeth says that she feels immensely privileged to be able to earn her living as a writer. She cherishes the freedom of working on her own thing in her own time. She also loves the unexpectedness of writing. She never knows where inspiration will strike next or where it will lead her.

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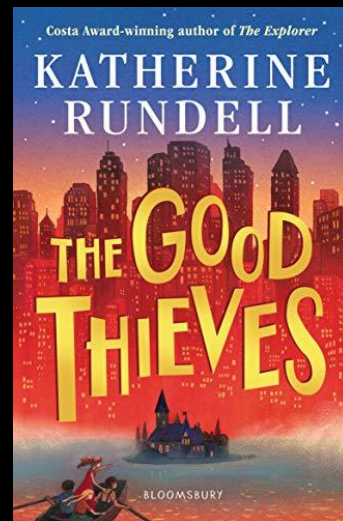
Everyone tells Sophie that she was orphaned in a shipwreck – found floating in a cello case on the English Channel on her first birthday. But Sophie is convinced her mother also survived.

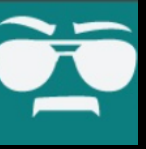
When the Welfare Agency threatens to separate her from her guardian and send her to an orphanage, Sophie takes matters into her own hands, starting with the only clue she has – the address of a cello-maker in Paris. On the run from the authorities, Sophie finds Matteo and his network of rooftoppers – urchins who walk tightropes and live in the sky. In a race across the rooftops of Paris, will they be able to find her mother before it's too late?

About the author:

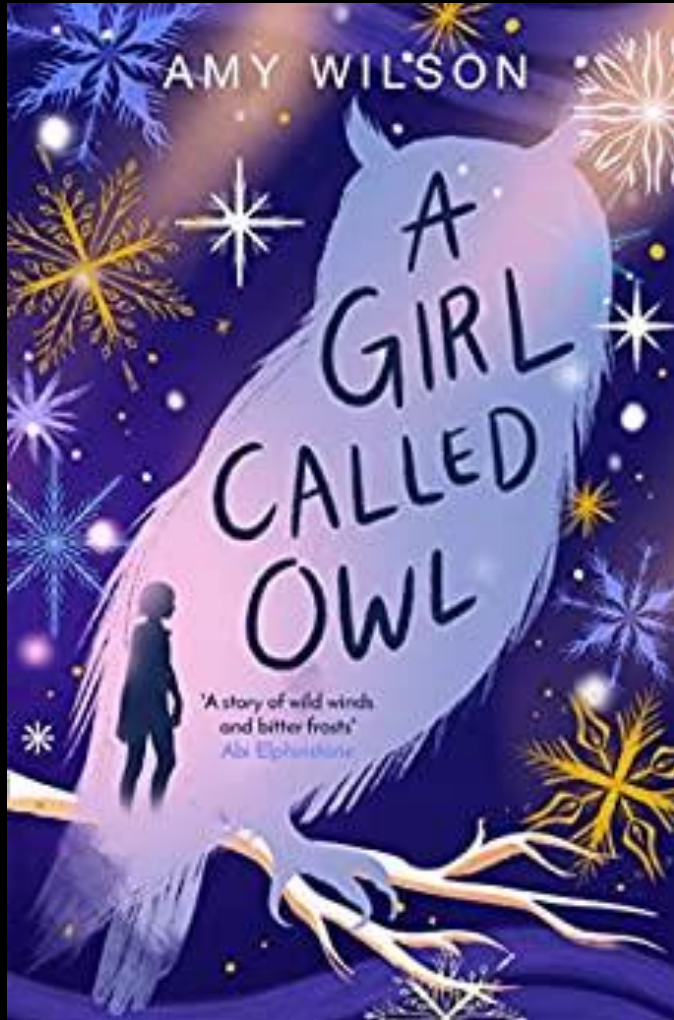
Katherine spent her childhood in Africa and Europe before taking her degree at the University of Oxford and becoming a Fellow of All Souls College. As well as writing, she studies Renaissance literature and occasionally goes climbing on the rooftops late at night.

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It's bad enough having a mum dippy enough to name you Owl, but when you've got a dad you've never met, a best friend who needs you more than ever, and a new boy at school giving you weird looks, there's not a lot of room for much else.

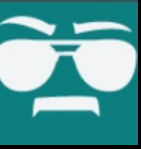
So when Owl starts seeing strange frost patterns on her skin, she's tempted to just burrow down under the duvet and forget all about it. Could her strange new powers be linked to her mysterious father? And what will happen when she enters the magical world of winter for the first time?

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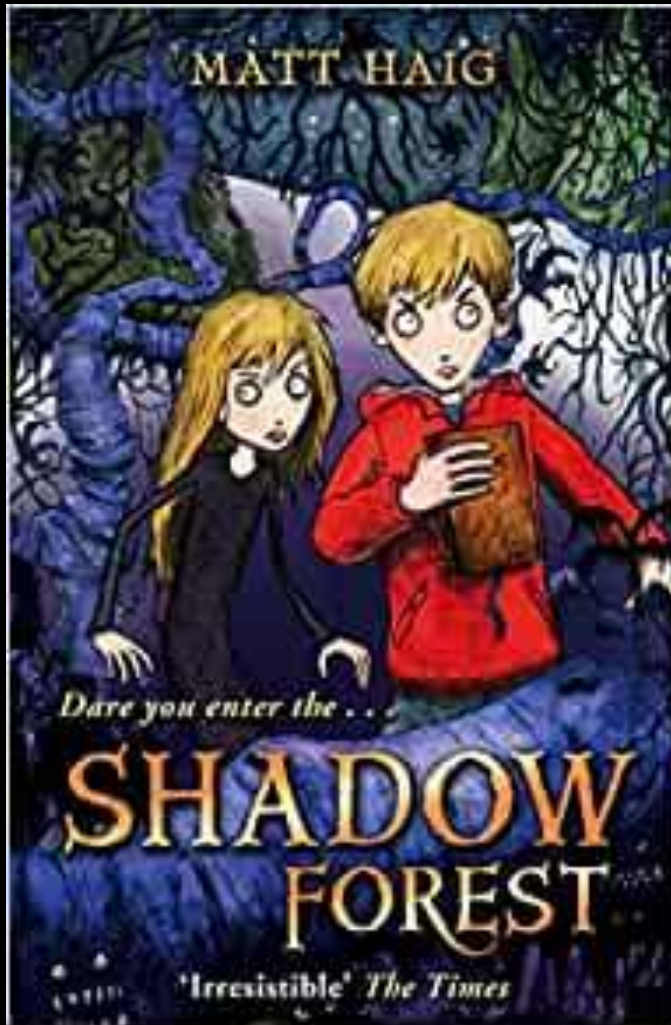
Amy Wilson has a background in journalism and lives in Bristol with her young family. She is a graduate of the Bath Spa MA in Creative Writing and is the author of the critically acclaimed novels *A Girl Called Owl* – nominated for the CILIP Carnegie medal – and *A Far Away Magic*.

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Samuel Blink is the hero of this story, but he doesn't know it yet.

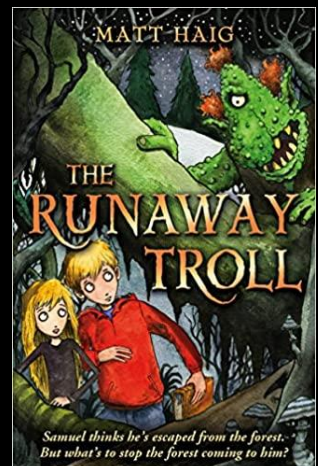
Right now, he and his sister Martha are in the back of his parents' car. He has no idea a giant log is about to fall from the sky and change his life forever. He doesn't know that he and Martha will be forced to move to Norway and eat their Aunt Eda's smelly brown cheese. He hasn't the slightest clue Martha will disappear into the Shadow Forest - a forest full of one-eyed trolls, deadly Truth Pixies, a shadow-stealing witch and the evil Changemaker.

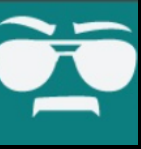
Samuel Blink doesn't know any of this. So don't tell him. It might ruin the book .

About the author:

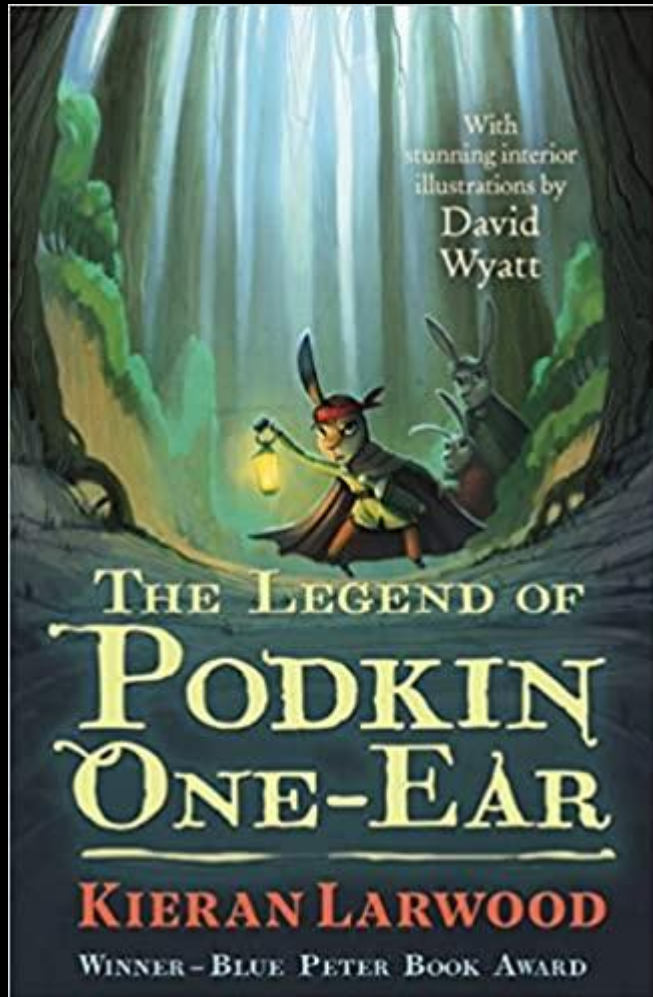
Matt Haig has sold more than a million books in the UK and his work has been translated into over forty languages

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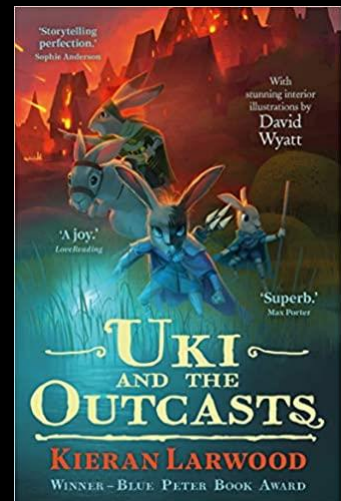


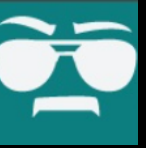
Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. But for now, he's quite happy to laze around annoying his older sister Paz, and playing with his baby brother Pook. Then Podkin's home is brutally attacked, and the young rabbits are forced to flee. The terrifying Gorm are on the rampage, and no one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny, and attempt to defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbitkind has ever known.

About the author:

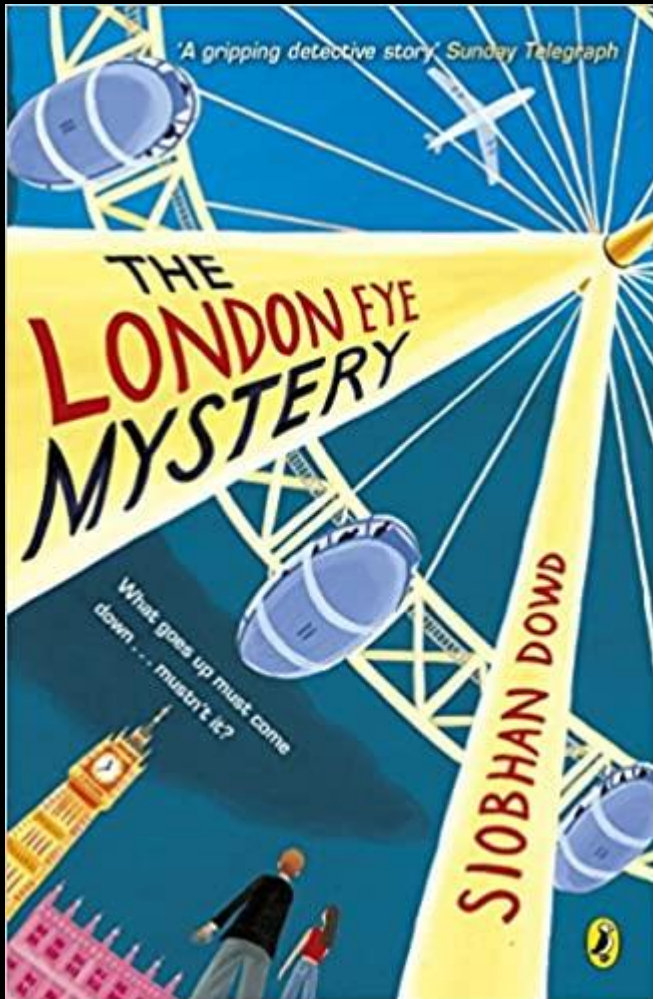
Kieran Larwood has been passionate about stories and storytelling ever since he first read *The Hobbit* aged six. He is a full-time writer and ex-teacher and has won the Blue Peter Book Award for *The Legend of Podkin One-Ear*. He lives on the Isle of Wight with his family, and between work, fatherhood and writing, doesn't get nearly enough sleep.

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11.32am. Ted and his sister Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. The pod rises from the ground, high above the city.

12.02am. The pod lands and the doors open. Everyone exits - everyone but Salim.

Has he spontaneously combusted? (Ted's theory.)

Has he been kidnapped? (Aunt Gloria's theory.)

Is he even still alive? (The family's unspoken fear.)

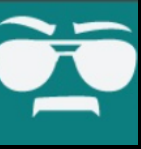
Even the police are baffled - so it's up to Ted, whose brain runs on its own unique operating system, to solve this mystery and find Salim. Teaming up with Kat, Ted follows a trail of clues across London - while time ticks dangerously by...

About the author:

Siobhan Dowd lived in Oxford with her husband, Geoff, before tragically dying from cancer in August 2007, aged 47. She was both an extraordinary writer and an extraordinary person.

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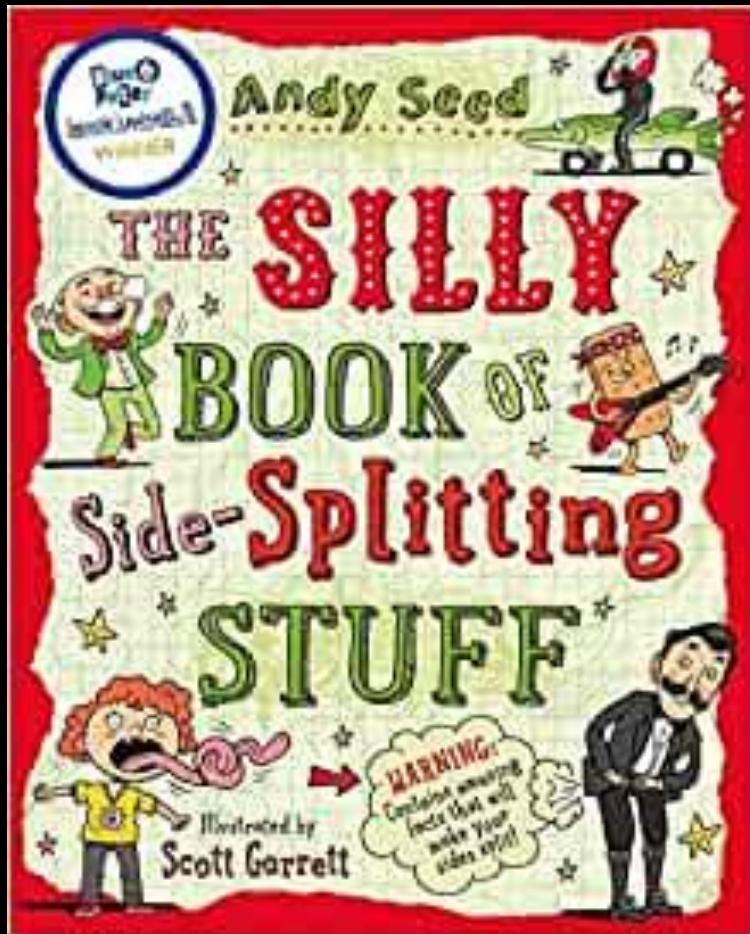
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This laugh-out-loud book is bursting with lists, facts, jokes and funny true stories all about silly people, silly animals, silly inventions, silly names and much more. Discover The Great Stink, the man who ate a bike, a girl really called Lorna Mower and a sofa that can do 101mph.

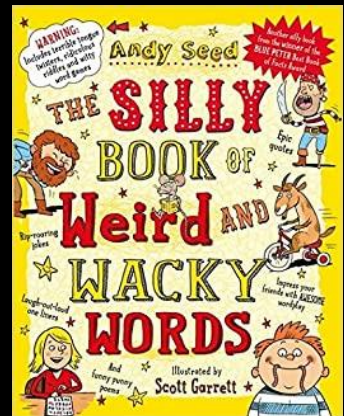
Find out about famous pranks, crazy festivals, nutty cats, gross foods, epic sports fails, ludicrously silly words and really rubbish predictions. There are even lots of great silly things to do. Unmissable!

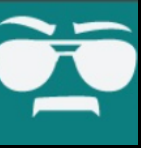
About the author:

Andy is a former teacher who now visits over 50 schools a year, inspiring children to become readers by sharing his enthusiasm for books, humour, nature, sport and the great outdoors. As well as working with organisations like The British Museum and The National Trust, Andy loves cheese, table tennis and making people laugh. He lives in a forest in Gloucestershire, UK with his wife and a scheming cat.

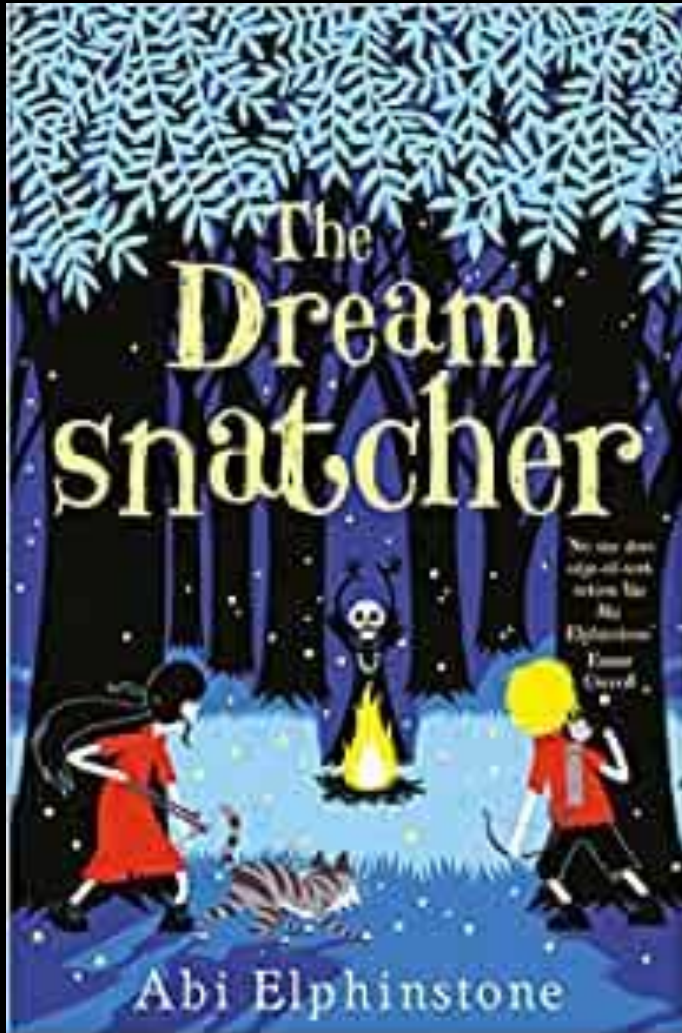


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Twelve-year-old Moll Pecksniff wakes one night in the middle of the forest, lured there by a recurring nightmare - the one with the drums and the rattles and the masks. The Dreamsnatcher is waiting. He has already taken her dreams and now he wants her life.

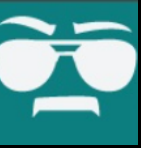
Because Moll is more important than she knows... The Oracle Bones foretold that she and Gryff, a wildcat that has always been by her side, are the only ones who can fight back against the Dreamsnatcher's dark magic. Suddenly everything is at stake, and Moll is drawn into a world full of secrets, magic and adventure.

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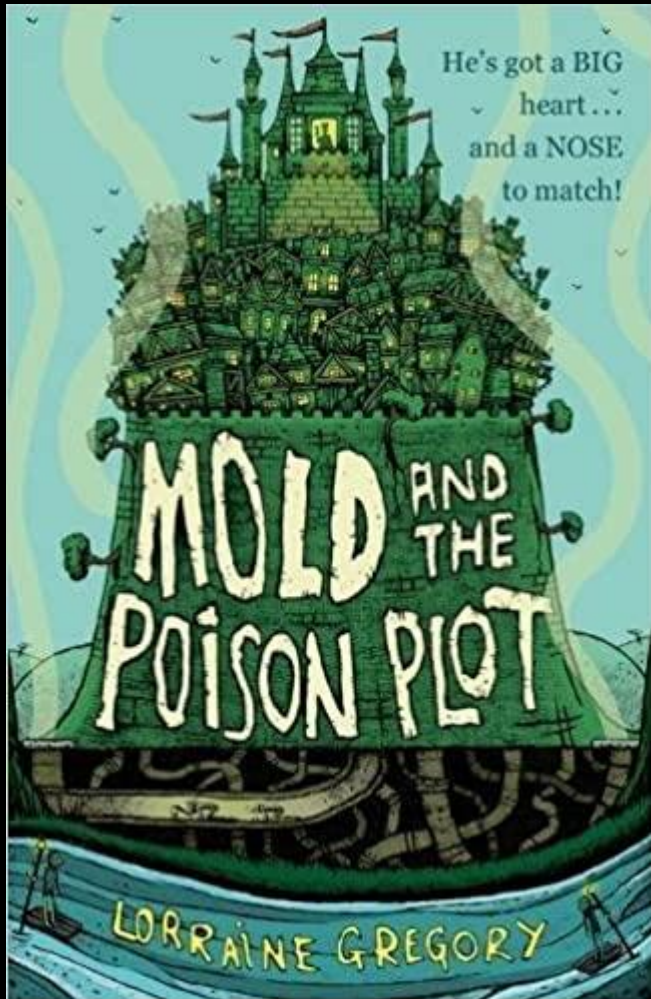
Abi Elphinstone grew up in Scotland where she spent most of her childhood running wild across the moors, hiding in tree houses and building dens in the woods. After being coaxed out of her tree house, she studied English at Bristol University and then worked as an English teacher in Africa, Berkshire and London.

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He's got a big heart . . . and a nose to match!

Mold's a bit of a freak. His nose is as big as his body is puny and his mother abandoned him in a bin when he was a mere baby. Who else but the old healer, Aggy, would have taken him in and raised him as her own? But when Aggy is accused of poisoning the King, Mold sets out to clear her name.

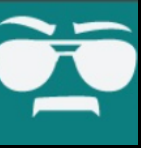
In a thrilling race against time to save Aggy from the hangman's noose, Mold faces hideous, deadly monsters like the Yurg and the Purple Narlo Frog. He finds true friendship in the most unusual - and smelly - of places and must pit his wits and his clever nose against the evil witch Hexaba.

About the author:

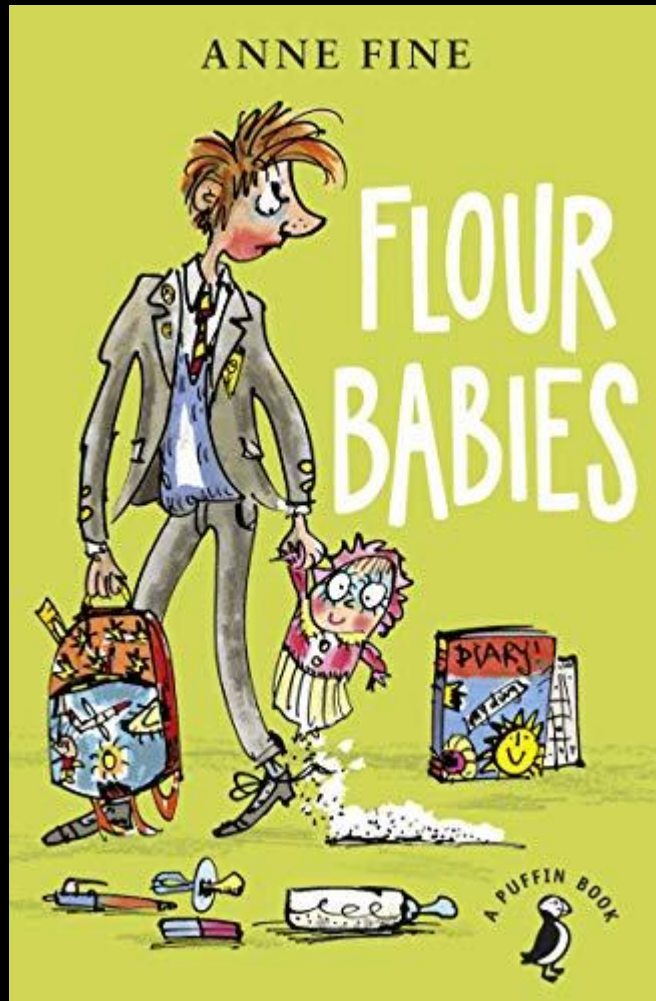
Lorraine Gregory's opening chapters for Mold and the Poison Plot saw her accepted by the Golden Egg Academy which champions new writers and helps them to get their work published. She is also the co-founder of the hugely-popular hashtag #ukmgchat, a middle-grade fiction discussion group.

Also by this author:





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Flour Babies by Anne Fine, won the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award in 1992. When the annual school science fair comes round, Mr Cartwright's class don't get to work on the Soap Factory, the Maggot Farm or the Exploding Custard Tins.

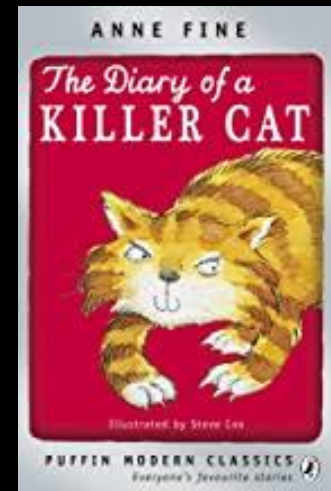
To their intense disgust they get the Flour Babies - sweet little six-pound bags of flour that must be cared for at all times.

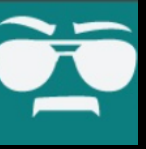
Hilariously funny, Flour Babies is a brilliant depiction of secondary school life.

About the author:

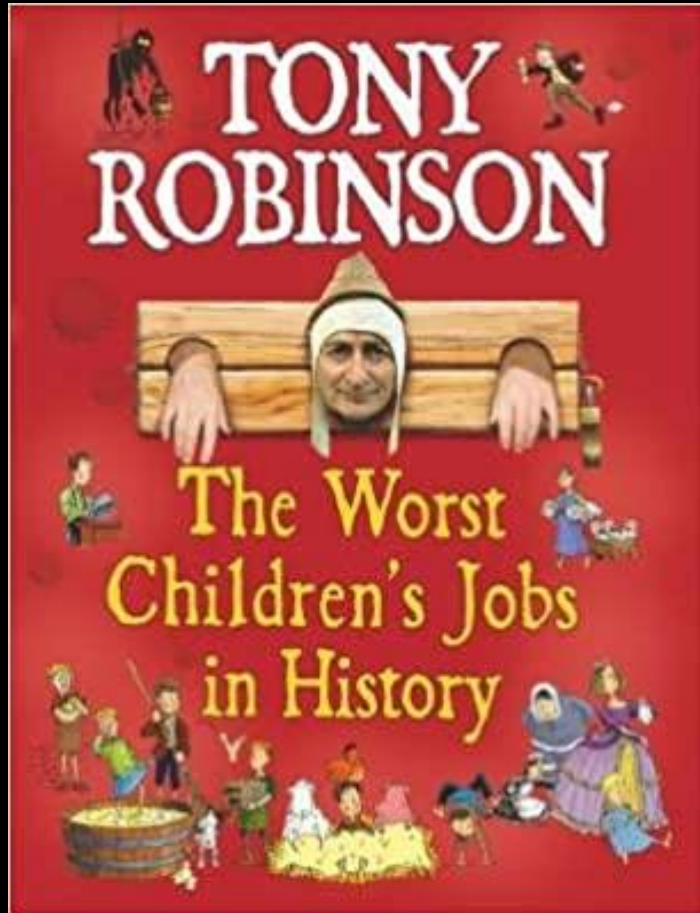
Anne Fine has written numerous highly acclaimed and prize-winning books for children and adults. Anne was named Children's Laureate in 2001 and was awarded an OBE in 2003

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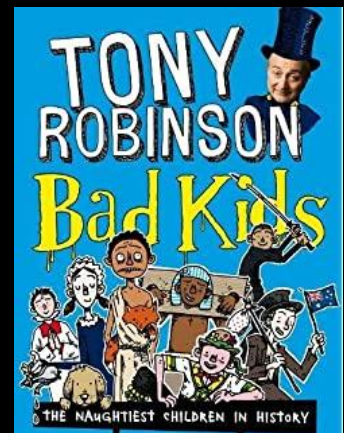
No longer will you have to listen to your parents, grandparents, uncles, neighbours, and random old people in the Co-op telling you how much harder they had it in their day. Next time you find yourself in that situation, ask them if they were a jigger-turner or a turnip-picker in their young day. No? An orderly boy, perhaps? A stepper? Maybe they spent their weekends making matchboxes? Still no? Then they have no idea about the real meaning of hard work.

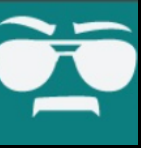
With profiles and testimonies of real kids in rotten jobs, this book will tell you things you probably didn't want to know about the back-breaking, puke-inducing reality of being a child in the past.

About the author:

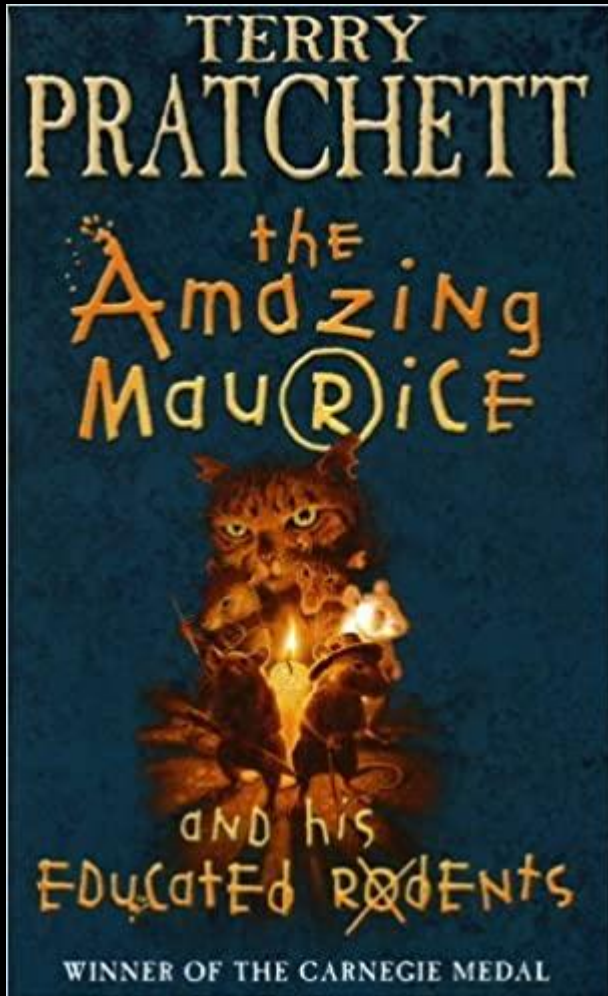
Sir Tony Robinson has written many books on historical subjects, including Bad Kids and The Worst Jobs in History. He has written several television series for children including Maid Marion and Her Merry Men for which he received a BAFTA and a Royal Television Award.

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It's not a game any more . . .

Every town on Discworld knows the stories about rats and pipers, and Maurice - a streetwise tomcat - leads a band of educated ratty friends (and a stupid kid) on a nice little earner. Piper plus rats equals lots and lots of money.

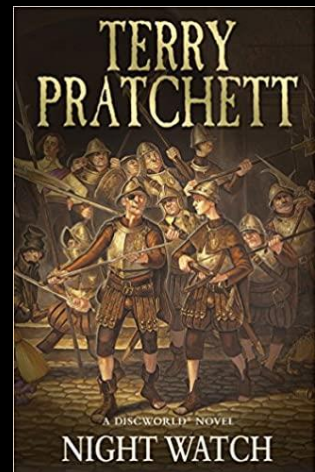
Until they run across someone playing a different tune.

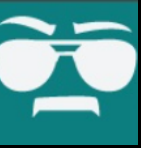
Now he and his rats must learn a new concept: evil . . .

About the author:

Sir Terry Pratchett was the acclaimed creator of the global bestselling Discworld series. In all, he was the author of fifty bestselling books. His novels have been widely adapted for stage and screen, and he was the winner of multiple prizes, including the Carnegie Medal, as well as being awarded a knighthood for services to literature. Worldwide sales of his books now stand at 70 million, and they have been translated into thirty-seven languages.

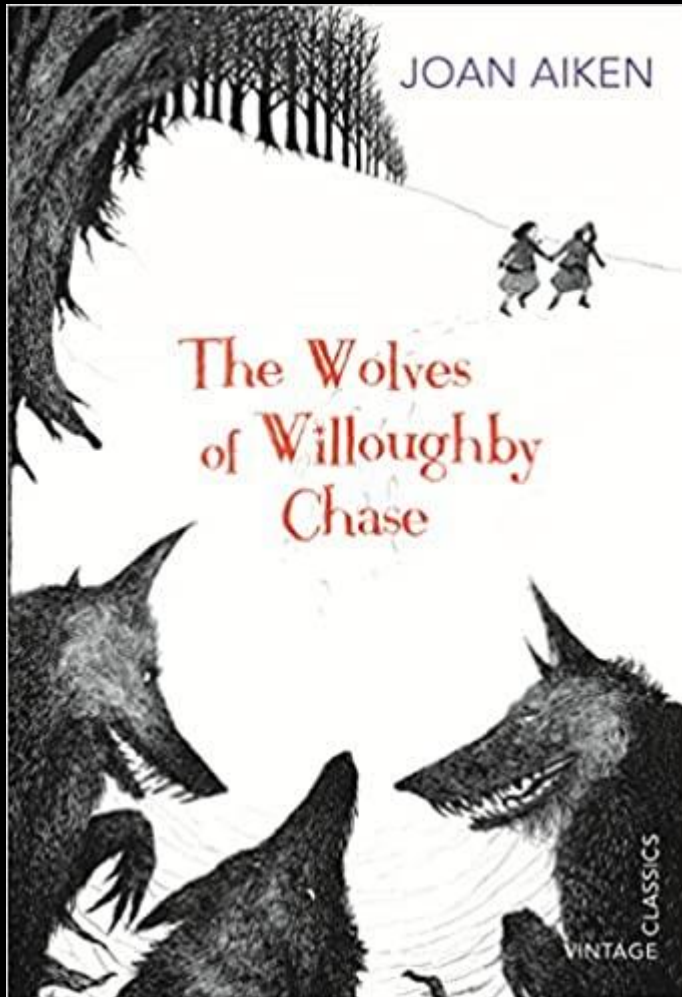
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Can you go a little faster? Can you run?

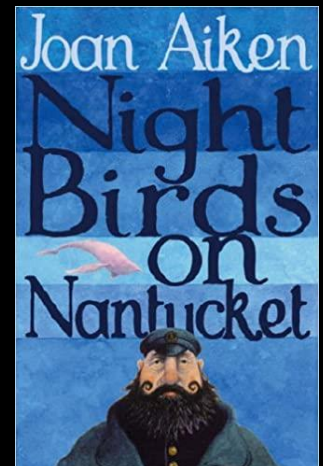


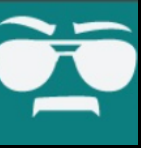
Long ago, at a time in history that never happened, England was overrun with wolves. But as Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia discover, real danger often lies closer to home. Their new governess, Miss Slighcarp, doesn't seem at all nice. She shuts Bonnie in a cupboard, fires the faithful servants and sends the cousins far away from Willoughby Chase to a place they will never be found. Can Bonnie and Sylvia outwit the wicked Miss Slighcarp and her network of criminals, forgers and snitches?

About the author:

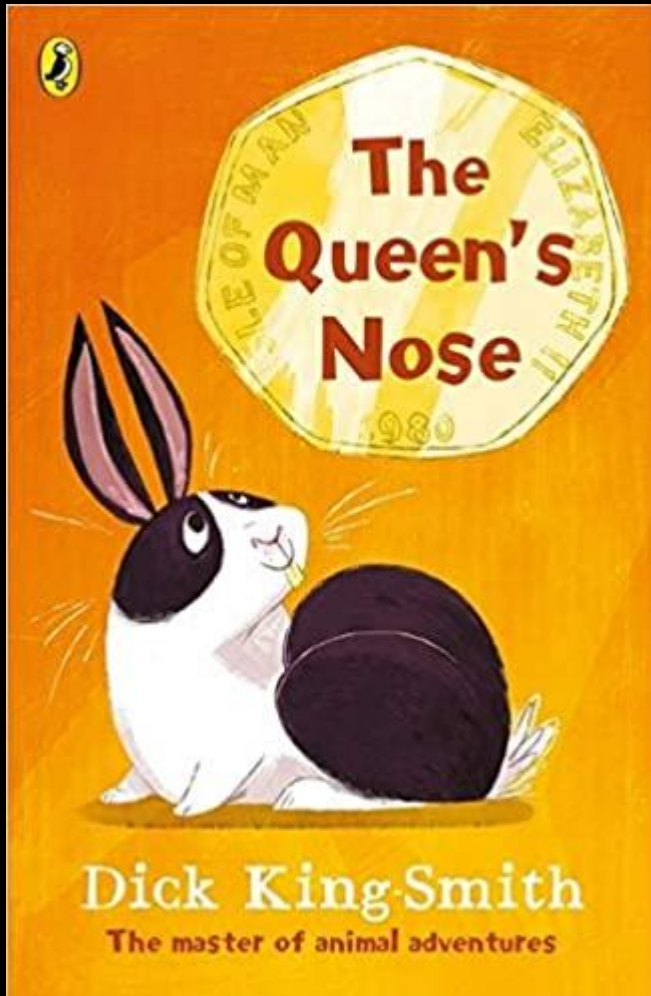
Joan Aiken was born in Sussex in 1924. She was the daughter of the American poet, Conrad Aiken; her sister, Jane Aiken Hodge, is also a novelist. Before joining the 'family business' herself, Joan had a variety of jobs, including working for the BBC, the United Nations Information Centre and then as features editor for a short story magazine. Joan Aiken wrote over a hundred books for young readers and adults and is recognized as one of the classic authors of the twentieth century.

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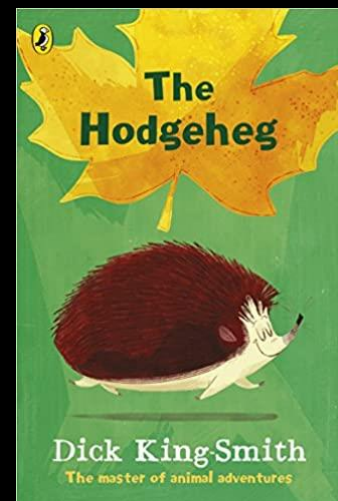
Harmony's uncle sends her on a treasure trail - which disappointingly ends in her finding a 50p piece. But the coin is a magic one, and when you rub the queen's nose, your wishes will come true!

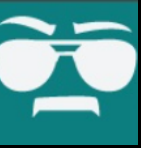
From the number one author for animal magic comes this wonderful new edition of a much-loved classic.

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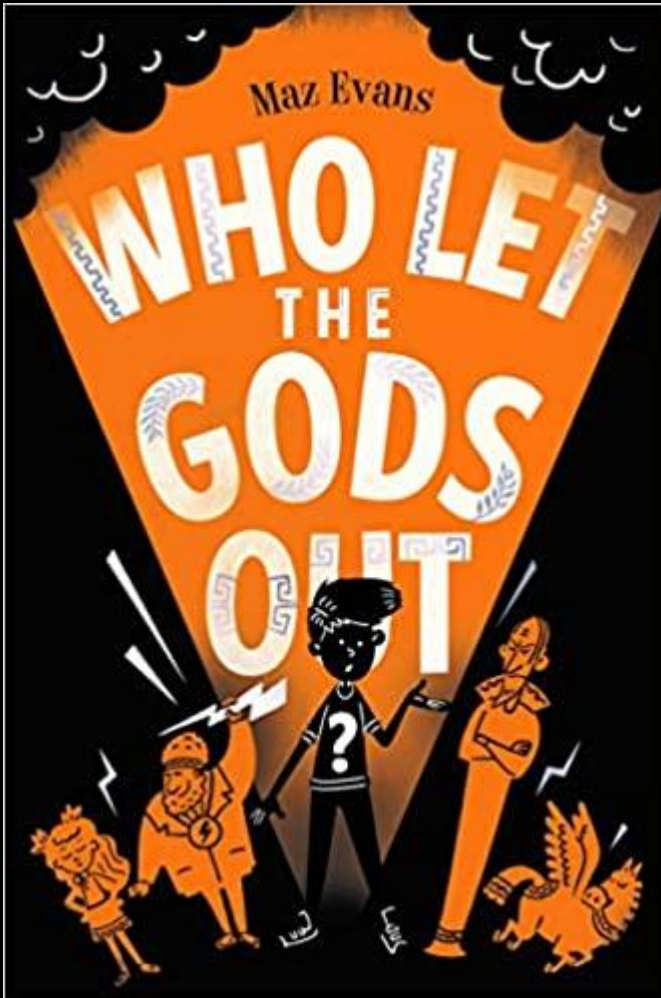
Dick King-Smith was a Gloucestershire farmer until the age of 45, when he gave up farming to become a primary school teacher. Now a bestselling full-time author, his work has received many awards including a Bronze Medal for the Smarties Prize of 1997 for All Because of Jackson and the Children's Book Award in 1995 for Harriet's Hare. In 1992, he was also voted Children's Author of the Year. In 1995, his top-selling title The Sheep-Pig was developed into a box-office movie, BABE, introducing hundreds of thousands of youngsters to his work.

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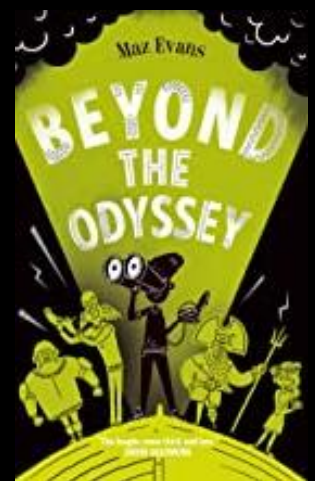


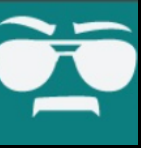
Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world - and solving Elliot's problems too?

About the author:

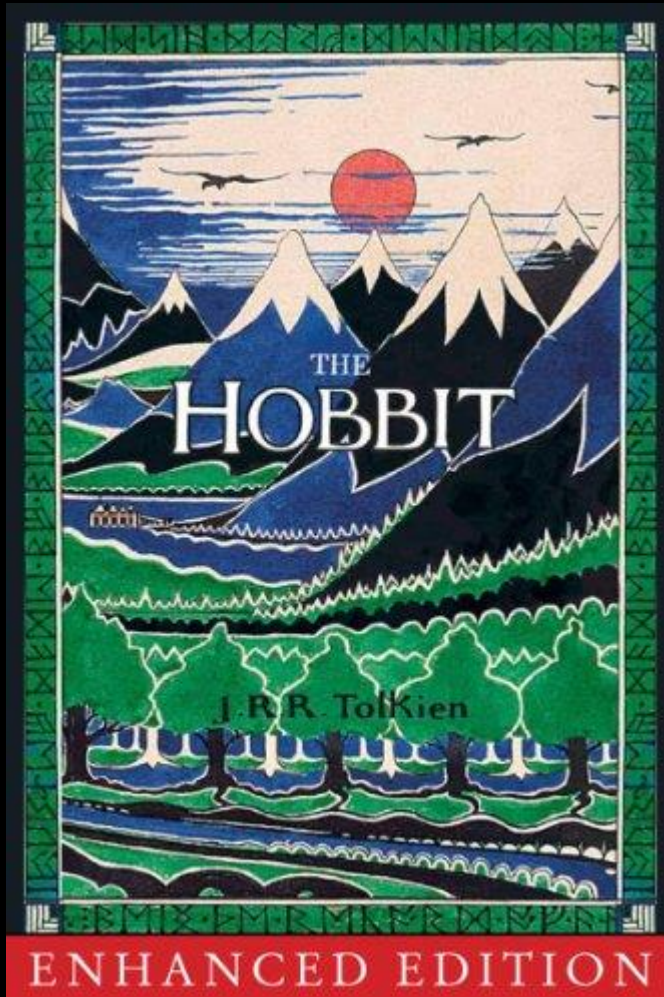
Maz began her career as a TV journalist, critiquing for The Daily Telegraph, The Daily Mail, The Sun, and TV Times magazine and she still regularly broadcasts her views on anything from politics to parenthood on BBC Radio 2, BBC News, BBC Radio 4, Five Live and the bus. Maz has participated in the Casualty and Holby City BBC shadow schemes and her children's poetry has been published in Caterpillar magazine.

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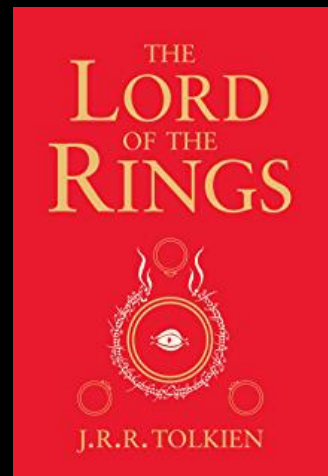


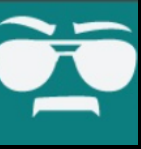
Bilbo Baggins enjoys a quiet and contented life, with no desire to travel far from the comforts of home. Then one day the wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves arrive unexpectedly and enlist his services—as a burglar—on a dangerous expedition to raid the treasure-hoard of Smaug the dragon. Bilbo's life is never to be the same again.

About the author:

J.R.R. Tolkien was born on 3rd January 1892. After serving in the First World War, he became best known for *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, selling 150 million copies in more than 40 languages worldwide. Awarded the CBE and an honorary Doctorate of Letters from Oxford University, he died in 1973 at the age of 81.

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BLACK BEAUTY



ANNA SEWELL

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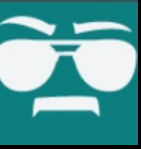
From the meadow of his youth to the crowded, frosty streets of London, *Black Beauty* tells the story of his life under many masters in Victorian England, among them the kind Squire Gordon, the principled Jeremiah Barker, and the exploitive Nicholas Skinner. No matter the circumstance, Beauty bears joy and hardship with grace, heeding his mother's advice to be good, gentle, and hardworking—always.

About the author:

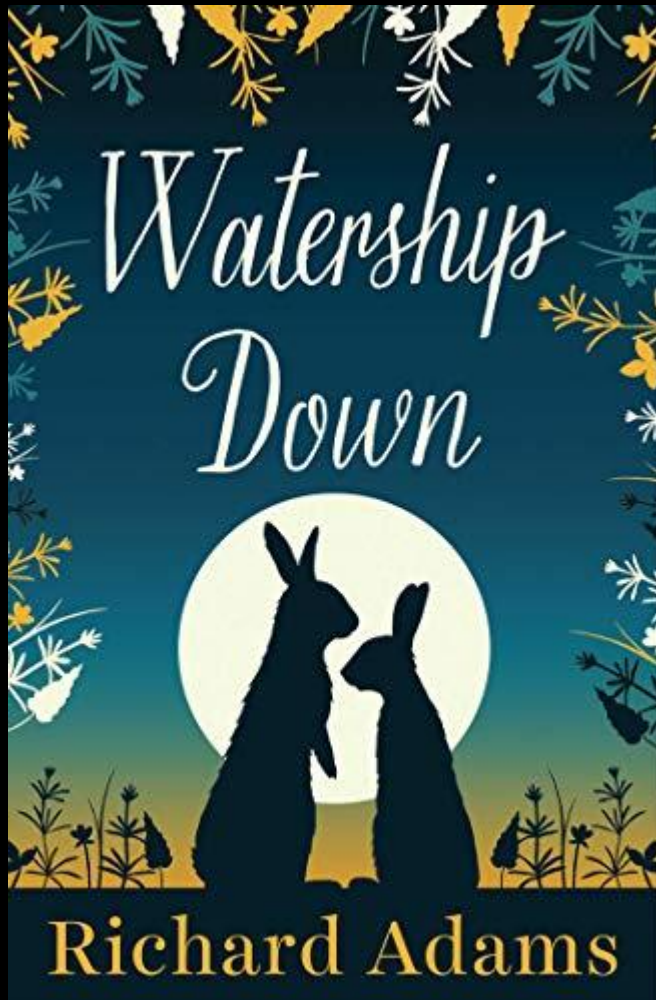
Born in Norfolk, England, Anna Sewell (1820–1878) suffered an ankle injury as a small child. Unable to walk long distances without the aid of a crutch, Sewell used horse-drawn carriages to get around, and the interaction with the animals catalyzed her love for horses as well as her activism for their humane treatment.

She began writing *Black Beauty* in 1871, though she was in ill health and mostly bedridden in the years it took to write. Sewell died five months after the novel's publication in late 1877.

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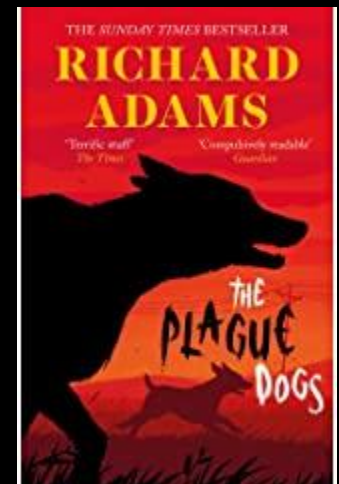


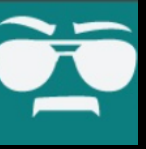
A phenomenal worldwide bestseller for over forty years, Richard Adams' spellbinding classic *Watership Down* is one of the best-loved novels of all time. Set in the beautiful English countryside of the Berkshire Downs, a once idyllic rural landscape, this stirring tale of adventure, courage, and survival follows a band of very special rabbits fleeing the destruction of their home by a developer. Led by a stout-hearted pair of brothers, they leave the safety of Sandleford Warren in search of a safe haven and a mysterious promised land, skirting danger at every turn.

About the author:

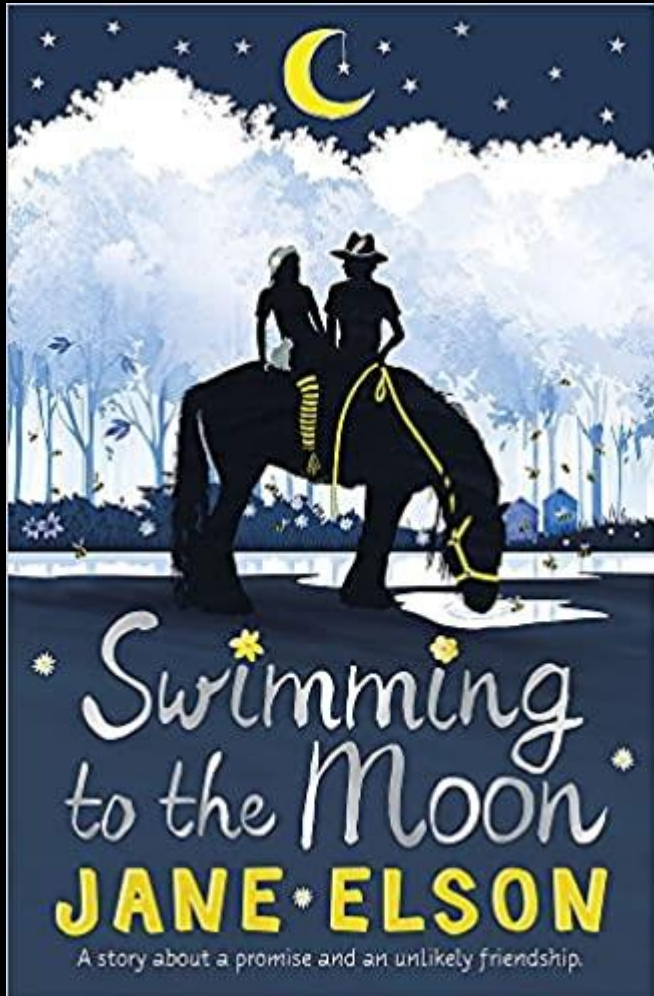
Richard Adams, the son of a country doctor, was born in Newbury in England in 1920. He was educated at Bradfield College and Worcester College, Oxford. He served in the Second World War and in 1948 joined the civil service. In the mid-1960s he completed his first novel, *Watership Down*, for which he struggled for several years to find a publisher. In 1974 he retired from the civil service and published a series of further books. Adams died on Christmas Eve, 2016.

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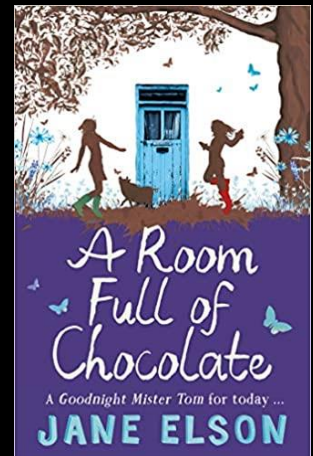
Bee stumbles through life in her stripy socks with her head in the clouds, doing her very best to keep out of the way of her bickering parents and avoid the bendy tap dancing freak Crystal Kelly - who makes her life a misery. But when Crystal double-dares her to volunteer for a sponsored swim in honour of her great grandmother Beatrix's memory, Bee can't back down. Even though she is terrified of water and cannot swim!

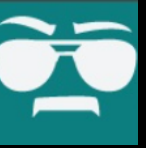
Then new boy Moon-Star gallops to Bee's rescue on his horse and takes her to meet Old Alice, who lives in a beautiful painted wagon. As Bee enters this new world, her life is changed for ever.

About the author:

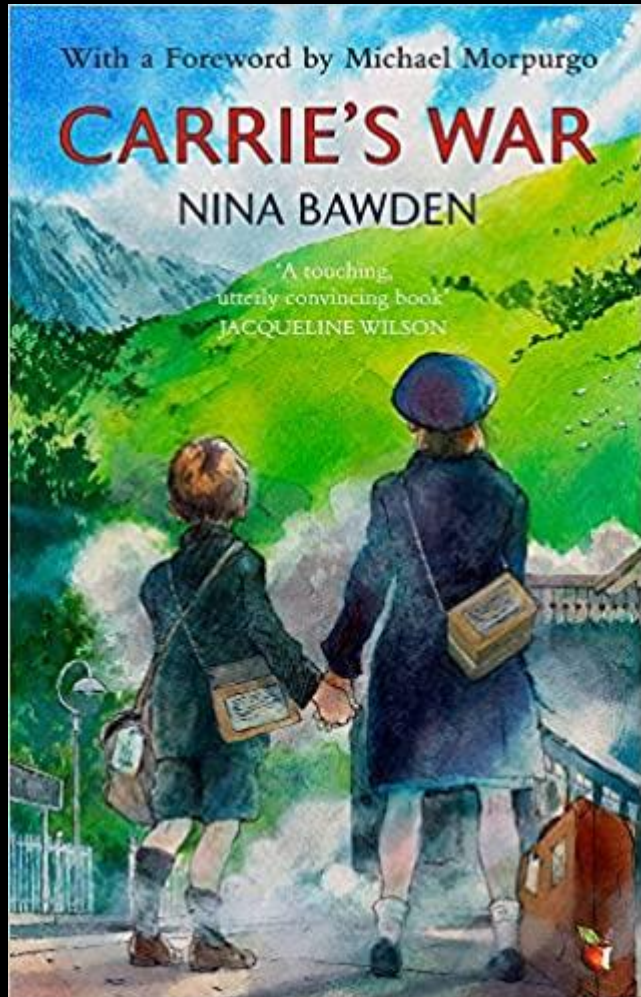
Jane is an award-winning author. When not writing Jane is an advocate for the charity Nacoa and the rescue charity All Dogs Matter. She enjoys judging at fun dog shows and hearing the amazing stories from the people who have rescued these beautiful animals and how their lives have been changed.

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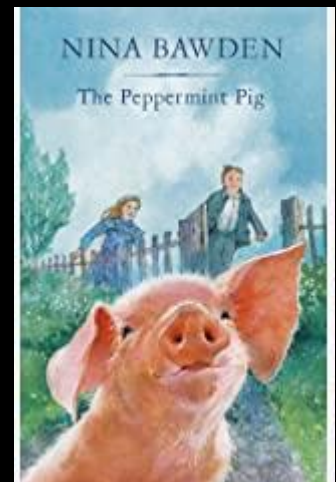
It is wartime and Carrie and her little brother Nick have been evacuated from their London home to the Welsh hills. In an unfamiliar place, among strangers, the children feel alone and find little comfort with the family they are billeted with: Mr Evans, a bullying shopkeeper and Auntie Lou, his kind but timid sister.

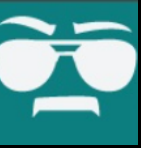
When Carrie and Nick visit Albert, another evacuee, they are welcomed into Hepzibah Green's warm kitchen. Hepzibah is rumoured to be a witch, but her cooking is delicious, her stories are enthralling and the children cannot keep away. With Albert, Hepzibah and Mister Johnny, they begin to settle into their new surroundings. But before long, their loyalties are tested: will they be persuaded to betray their new friends?

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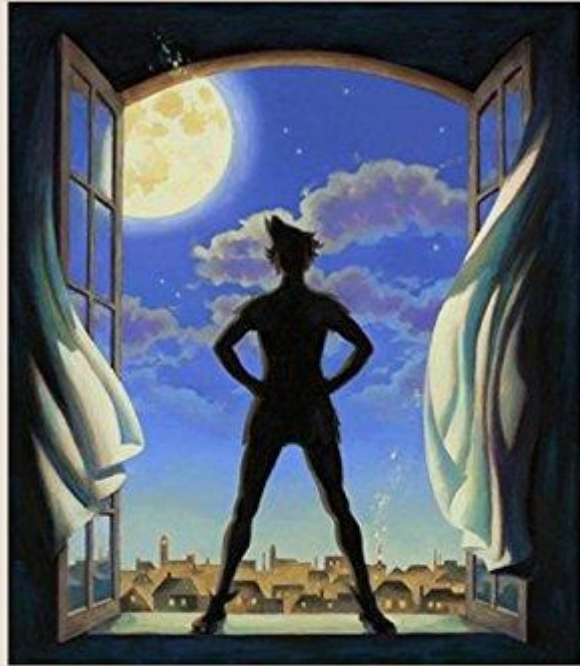
Nina Bawden (1925-2012) was one of Britain's best-loved writers for both adults and children. Several of her children's books have become contemporary classics. She wrote over forty novels, slightly more than half of which are for adults

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J. M. Barrie

PETER PAN

BEELZEBUB CLASSICS

The character of Peter Pan first came to life in the stories J. M. Barrie told to five brothers -- three of whom were named Peter, John, and Michael. Peter Pan is considered one of the greatest children's stories of all time and continues to charm readers one hundred years after its first appearance as a play in 1904.

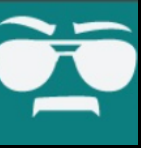
About the author:

J. M. Barrie (1860-1937) was a Scottish playwright and novelist best remembered for creating the character Peter Pan. The mischievous boy first appeared in Barrie's novel *The Little White Bird* in 1902 and then later in Barrie's most famous work, *Peter Pan, or The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up*, which premiered on stage in 1904 and was later adapted into a novel in 1911.

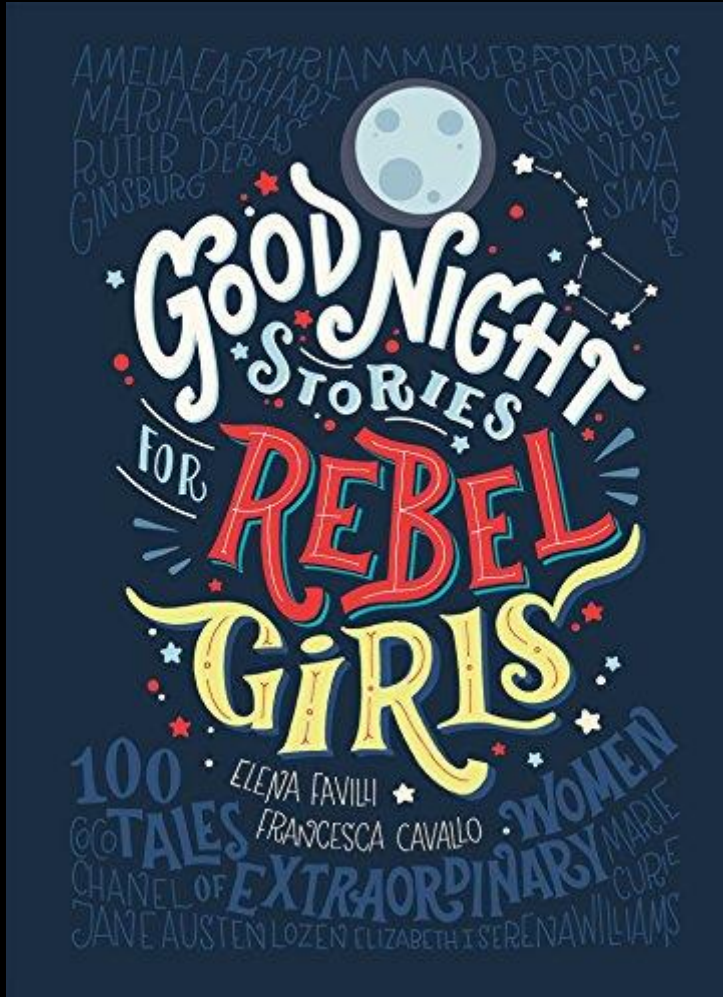
The book has become one of the most beloved children's stories of all time.

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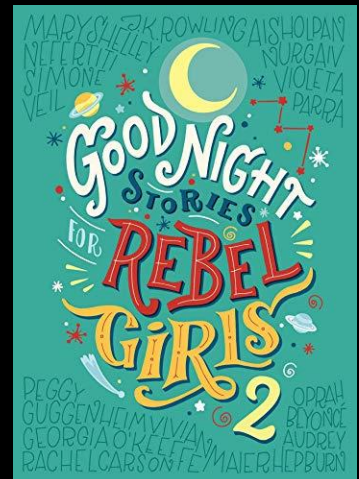


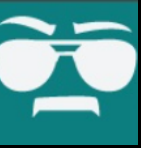
What if the princess didn't marry Prince Charming but instead went on to be an astronaut? What if the jealous step sisters were supportive and kind? And what if the queen was the one really in charge of the kingdom? Illustrated by sixty female artists from every corner of the globe, Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls introduces us to one hundred remarkable women and their extraordinary lives, from Ada Lovelace to Malala, Amelia Earhart to Michelle Obama. Empowering, moving and inspirational, these are true fairy tales for heroines who definitely don't need rescuing.

About the author:

Elena Favilli is a media entrepreneur and a journalist. She has worked for Colors magazine, McSweeney's, RAI, Il Post, and La Repubblica, and has managed digital newsrooms on both sides of the Atlantic. In 2011, she created the first iPad magazine for children, Timbuktu magazine. She is the founder and CEO of Timbuktu Labs. Francesca Cavallo is a writer and theatre director. Her award-winning plays have been staged all across Europe.

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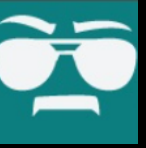
The Dreamsnatcher's Abi Elphinstone heads up this gorgeous collection of wintery stories, featuring snow queens, frost fairs, snow dragons and pied pipers . . . from classic children's writers Michelle Magorian, Geraldine McCaughrean, Jamila Gavin, Berlie Doherty, Katherine Woodfine, Piers Torday, Lauren St John, Amy Alward, Michelle Harrison and Emma Carroll.

About the author:

Abi Elphinstone grew up in Scotland where she spent most of her childhood running wild across the moors, hiding in tree houses and building dens in the woods. After being coaxed out of her tree house, she studied English at Bristol University and then worked as an English teacher in Africa, Berkshire and London.

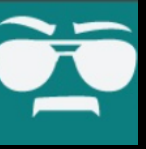
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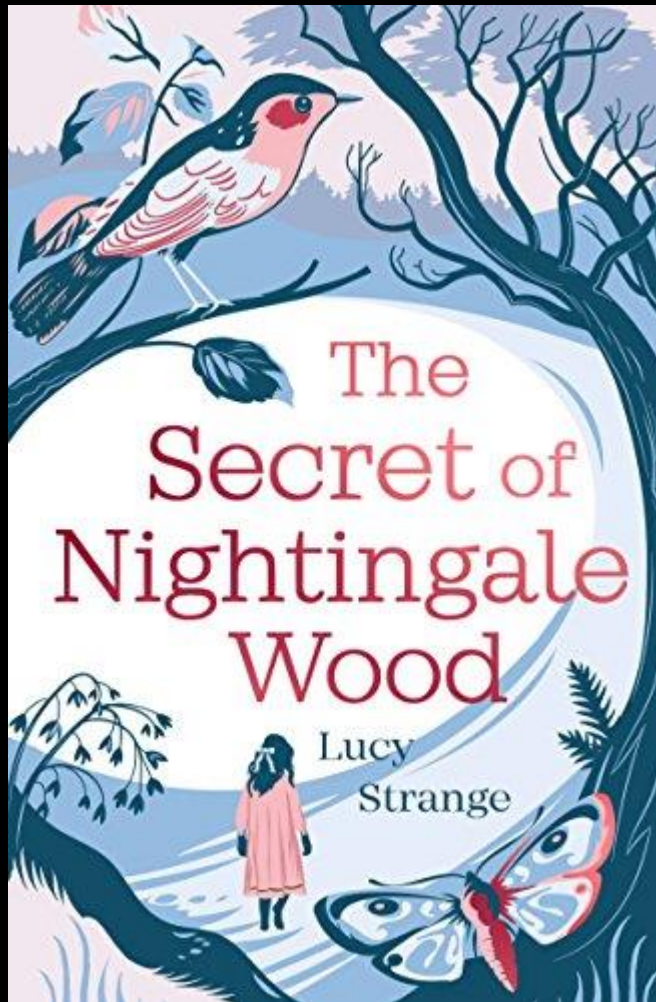


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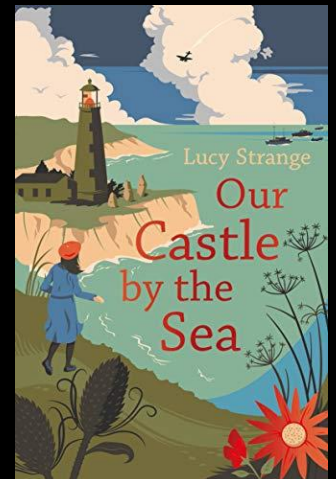


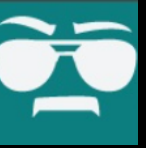
1919. Henry moves to the countryside with her family, scarred by her brother's untimely death. Her only friends are characters from her favourite books - until, one day, she wanders into the woods and meets Moth, a striking witch-like woman. Together they form a bond that could help Henry save her family and overcome her grief.

About the author:

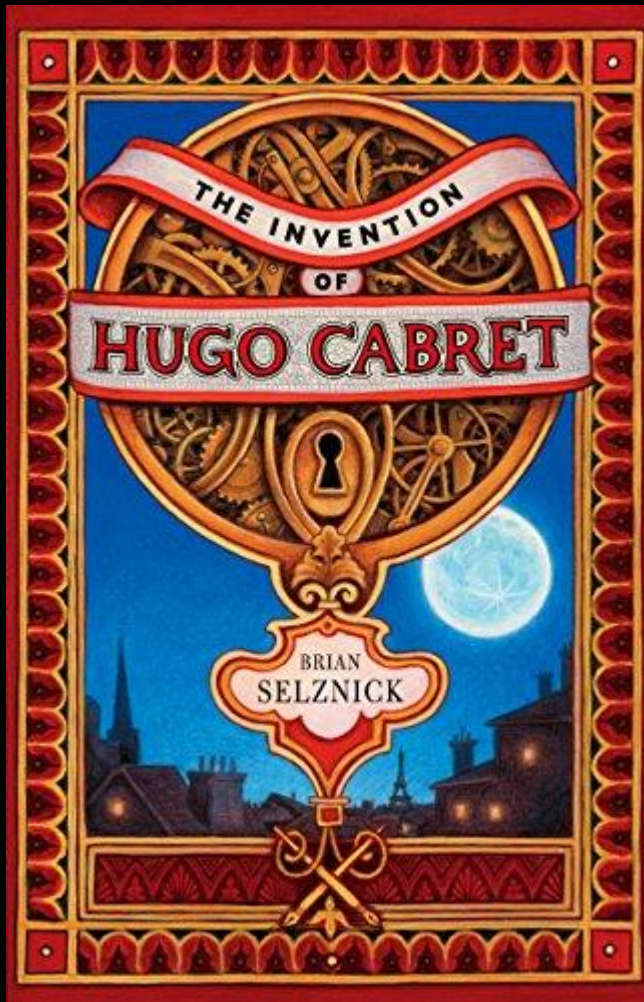
Lucy Strange worked as an actor, singer, and storyteller before becoming a secondary school English teacher. She lives in Kent, England. The Secret of Nightingale Wood is her first novel.

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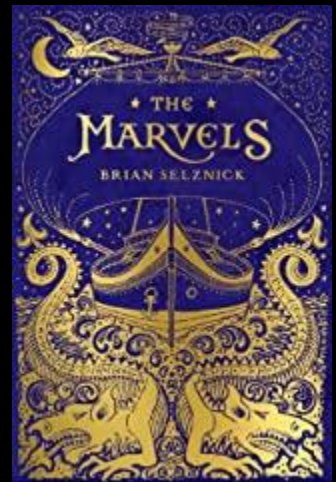


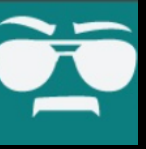
ORPHAN, CLOCK KEEPER, AND THIEF, twelve-year-old Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric girl and her grandfather, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy. A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father form the backbone of this intricate, tender, and spellbinding mystery

About the author:

BRIAN SELZNICK is the illustrator of the Caldecott Honor winner *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins* and *The New York Times*—Best Illustrated *Walt Whitman: Words for America*, both by Barbara Kerley, as well as the Sibert Honor winner *When Marian Sang* by Pam Muñoz Ryan, and numerous other celebrated picture books and novels. Brian Selznick lives in Brooklyn, New York, and San Diego, California.

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This is a story about a boy named Kester. He is extraordinary, but he doesn't know that yet. All he knows, at this very moment, is this:

1. There is a flock of excited pigeons in his bedroom.
2. They are talking to him.
3. His life will never be quite the same again...

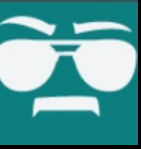
Kester lives in a land in quarantine. A deadly virus has killed all the animals except pests and it's expected to be equally dangerous to humans. But when Kester realises he can talk to the pests, he finds they have great hope invested in him.

About the author:

Piers Torday was born in Northumberland, which is possibly the one part of England where more animals live than people. After working as a producer and writer in theatre, live comedy and TV, he now lives in London - where there are more animals that you might think.

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Meet Skulduggery Pleasant: detective, sorcerer, warrior.

Oh yeah. And dead.

Stephanie's uncle Gordon is a writer of horror fiction. But when he dies and leaves her his estate, Stephanie learns that while he may have written horror, it certainly wasn't fiction.

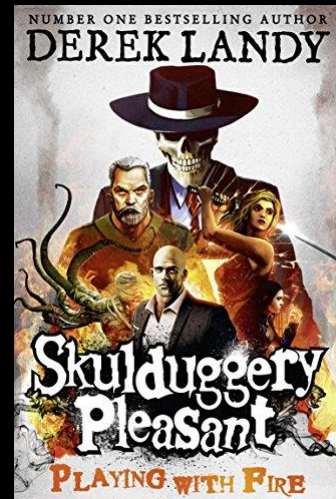
Pursued by evil forces intent on recovering a mysterious key, Stephanie finds help from an unusual source – the wisecracking skeleton of a dead wizard.

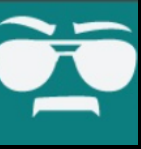
About the author:

Derek Landy is the author of the internationally bestselling Skulduggery Pleasant series, which has been published in 35 languages and won him many awards, including the Red House Children's Book Award and the Irish Book of the Decade.

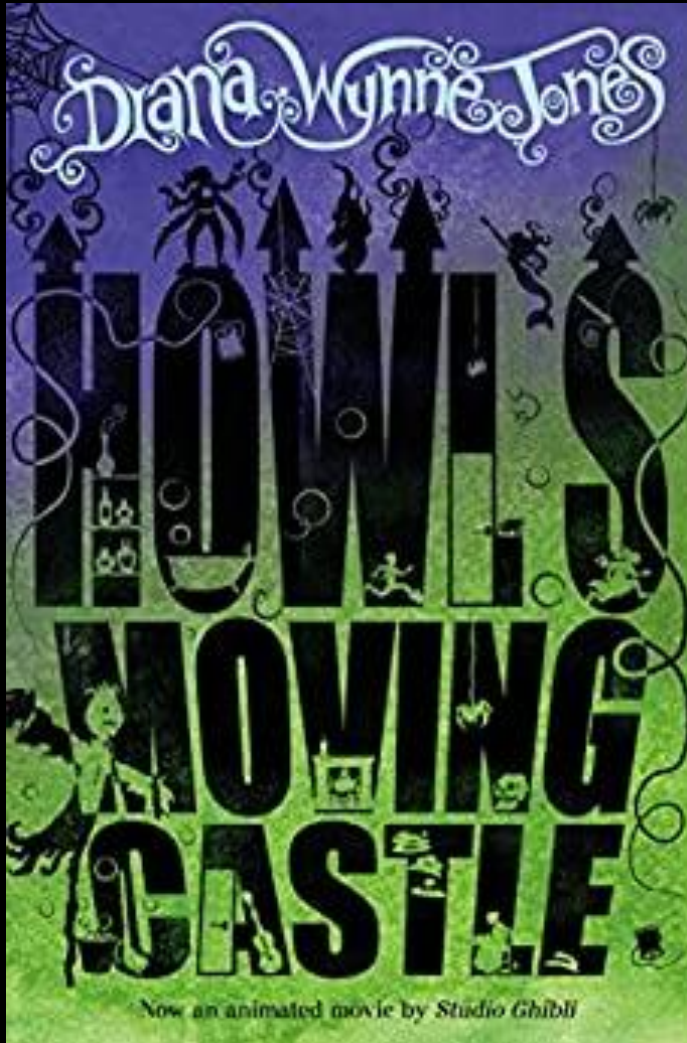
Derek lives in Ireland.

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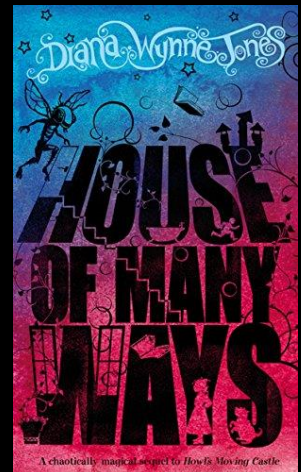
Deciding she has nothing more to lose, Sophie makes her way to the moving castle that hovers on the hills above her town, Market Chipping. But the castle belongs to the dreaded Wizard Howl, whose appetite, they say, is satisfied only by the souls of young girls...

There Sophie meets Michael, Howl's apprentice, and Calcifer the fire demon, with whom she agrees a pact. Her entanglements with Calcifer, Howl and Michael and her quest to break her curse come alive with Diana Wynne Jones's unique combination of magic, humour and imagination.

About the author:

Diana Wynne Jones (1934–2011) spent her childhood in Essex and began writing fantasy novels for children in the 1970s. With her unique combination of magic, humour and imagination, she enthralled generations of children and adults with her work. She won the Guardian Award in 1977 with *Charmed Life*, was runner-up for the Children's Book Award in 1981 and was twice runner-up for the Carnegie Medal.

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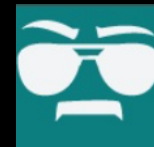


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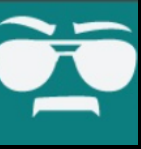
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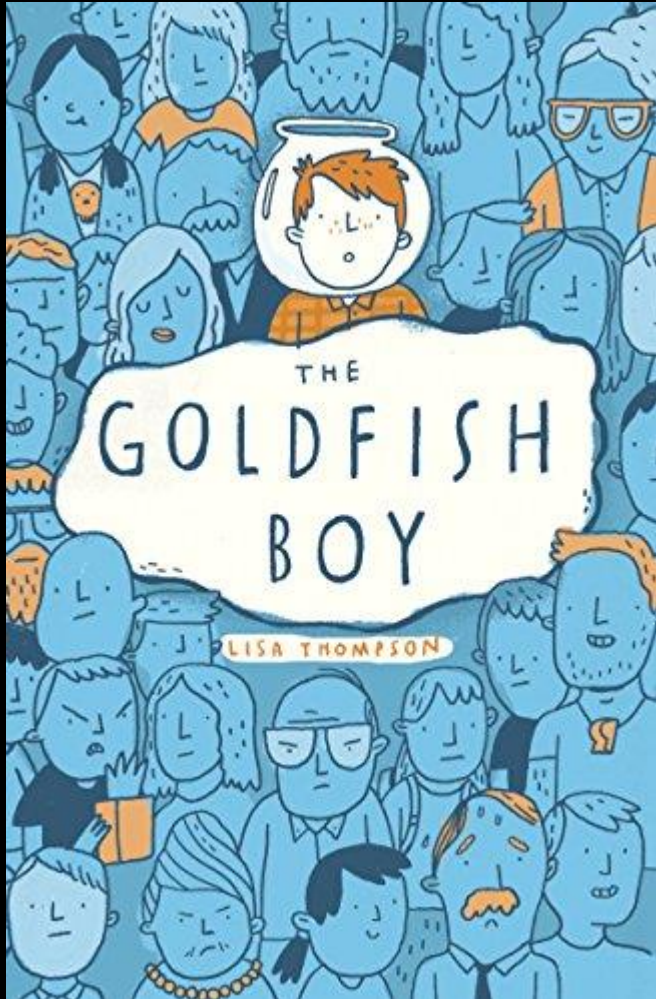
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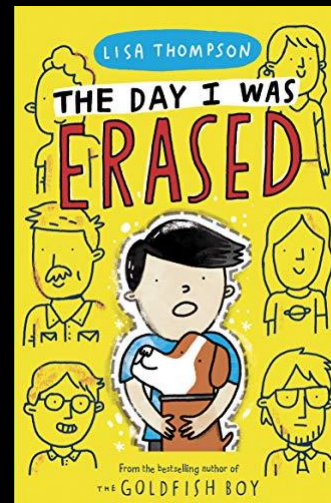


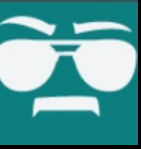
Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance - with the help of a brilliant cast of supporting characters. Page-turning, heartbreaking, but ultimately life-affirming, this story is perfect for fans of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* and *Wonder*. It is a book that will make you laugh and cry.

About the author:

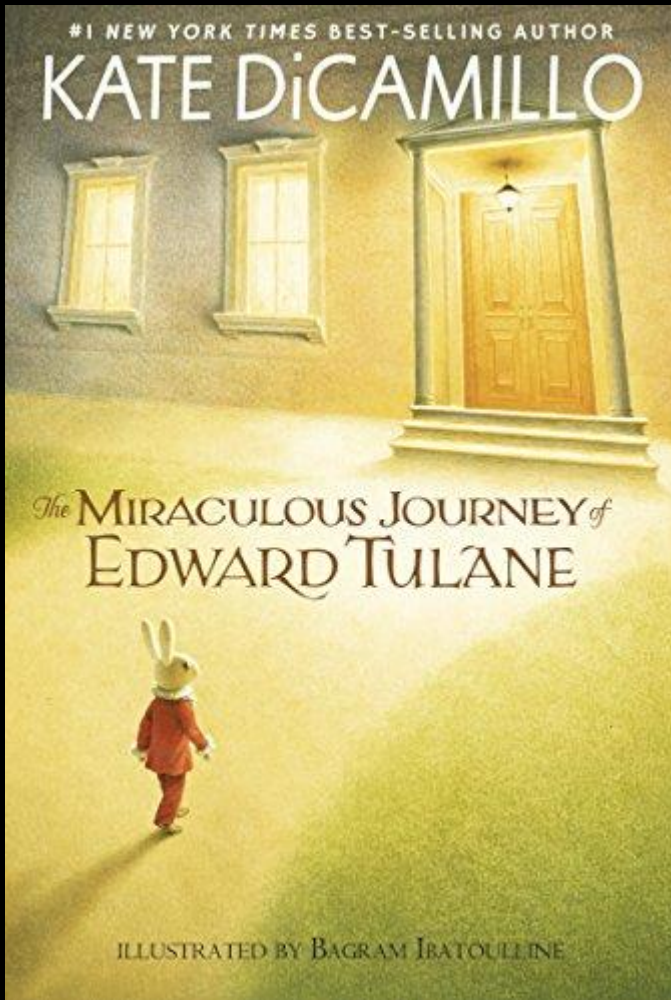
Lisa Thompson is a children's novelist born in Essex, UK. Her debut novel, *The Goldfish Boy*, was published in the UK in January 2017, where it was a Waterstones Children's Book of the Month and went on to become a bestseller.

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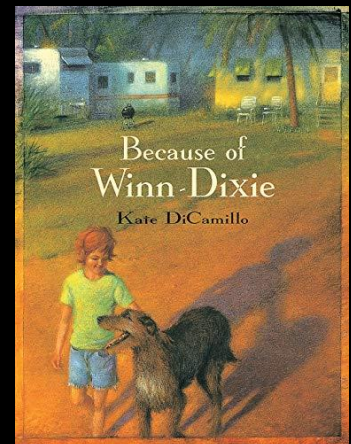


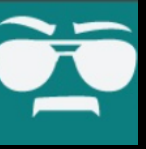
Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost... Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. Along the way, we are shown a miracle--that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.

About the author:

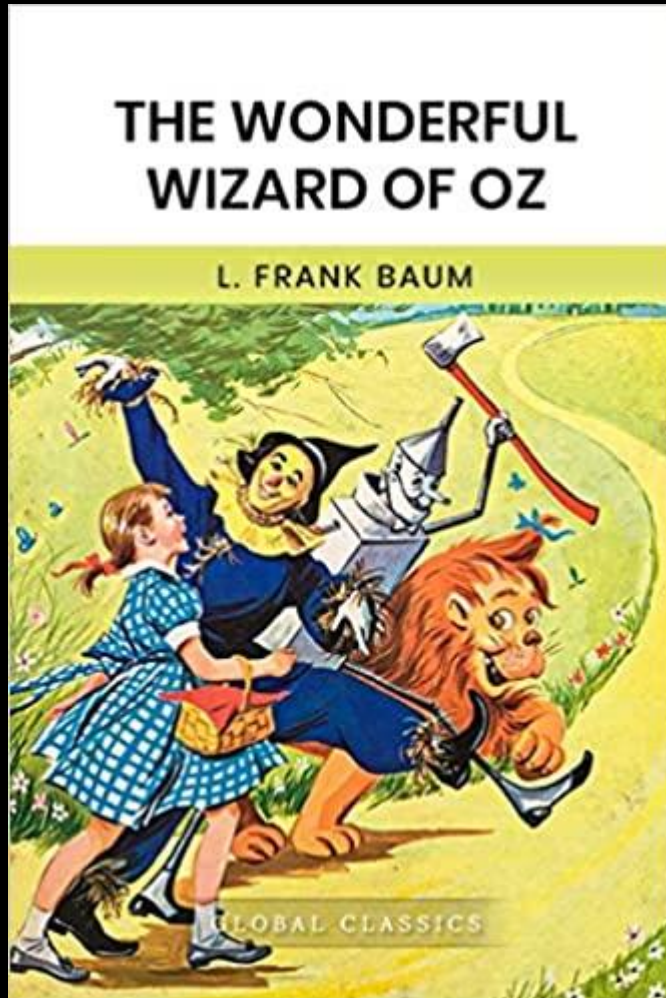
Kate DiCamillo is the author of *Because of Winn-Dixie* (Newbery Honor), *Tiger Rising* (National Book Award Finalist), *The Tale of Despereaux* (Newbery Medal), *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* (Boston Globe-Horn Book Award), the *Mercy Watson* series (Theodore Geisel Honor) and *Great Joy* (New York Times Bestseller).

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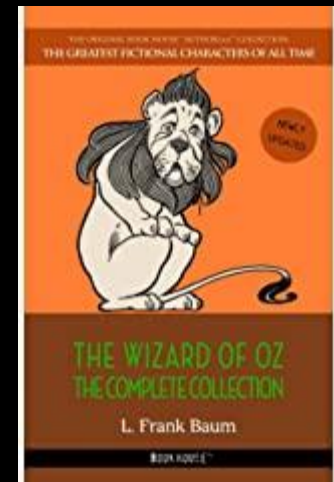


The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is an American children's novel written by author L. Frank Baum, originally published by the George M. Hill Company in Chicago on May 17, 1900. It has since seen several reprints, most often under the title The Wizard of Oz, which is the title of the popular 1902 Broadway musical adaptation as well as the iconic 1939 musical film adaptation. The story chronicles the adventures of a young farm girl named Dorothy in the magical Land of Oz, after she and her pet dog Toto are swept away from their Kansas home by a cyclone.

About the author:

Lyman Frank Baum was born in Chittenango, New York in 1856 and had seven brothers and sisters. Until the age of twelve Baum was privately tutored at home and in 1869 he spent two years at a military academy. After various jobs including journalist and actor, Baum wrote his first novel *Goose in Prose* in 1897. He went on to write over sixty books, including, in 1900, his most famous novel, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. L. Frank Baum was married with four children and died in 1919.

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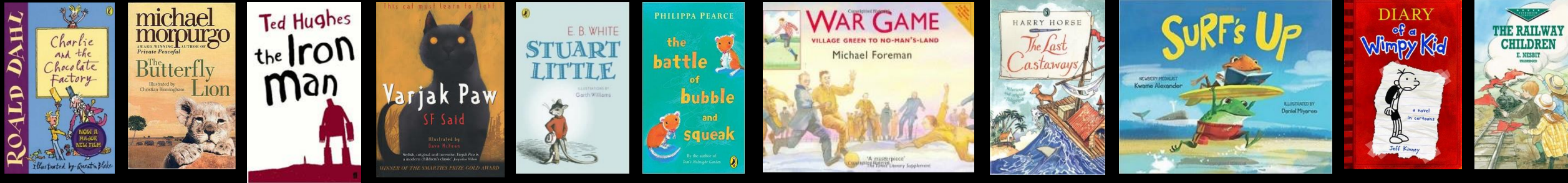
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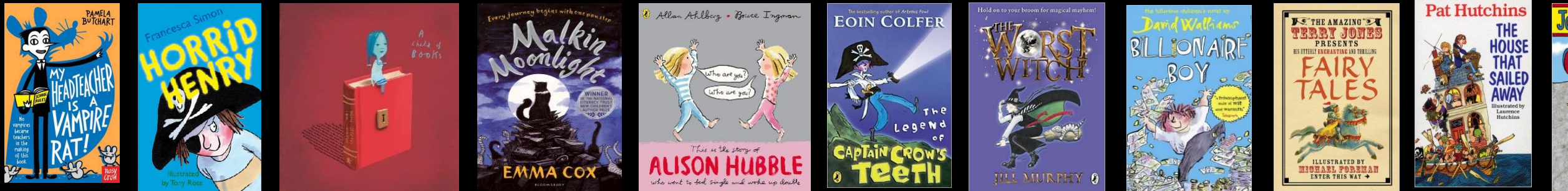


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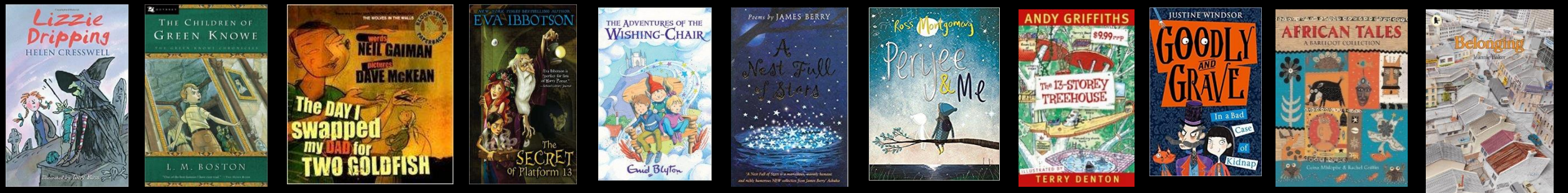
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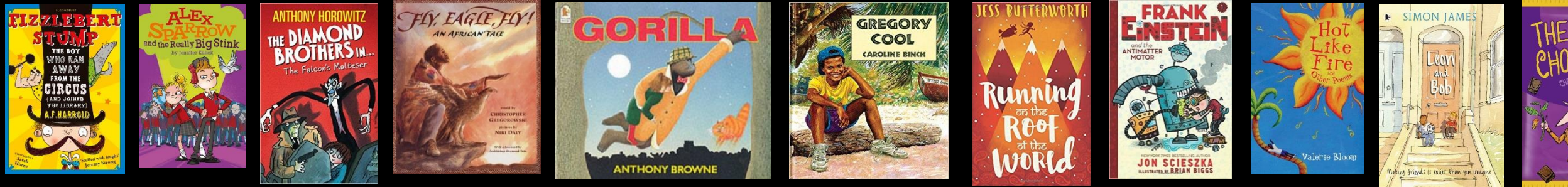
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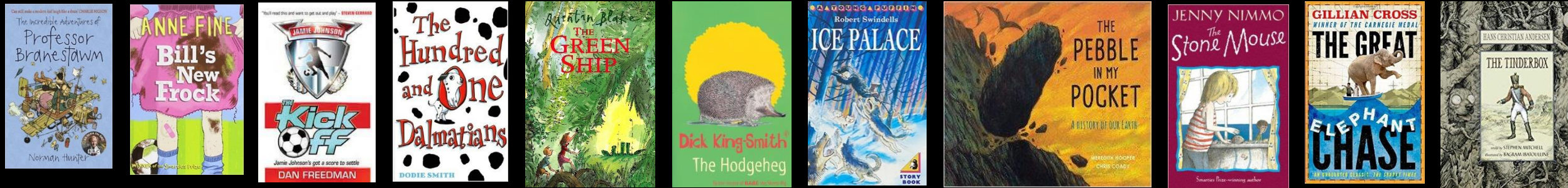


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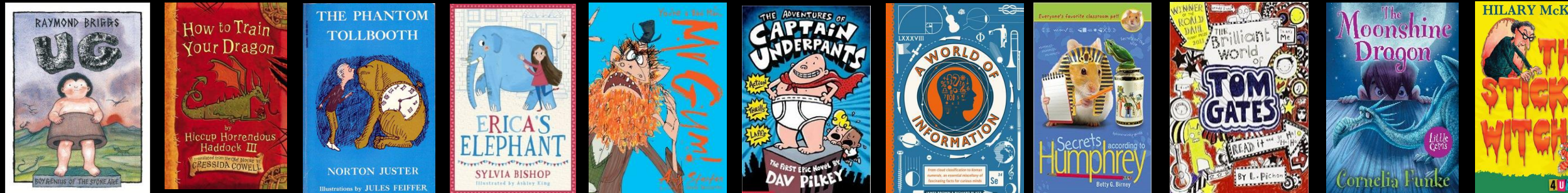
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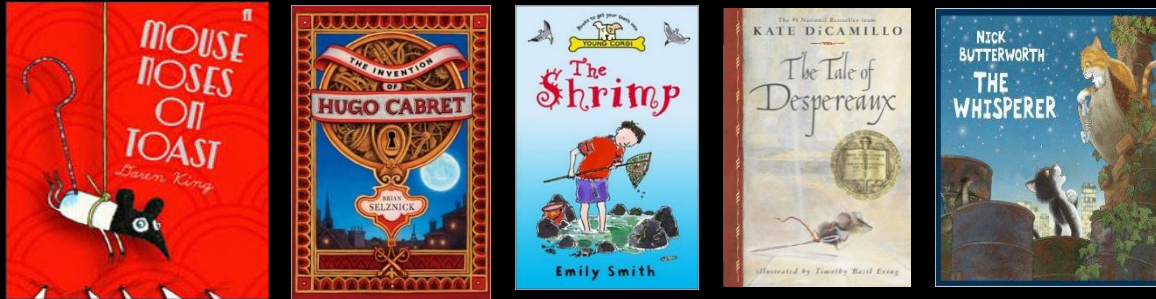


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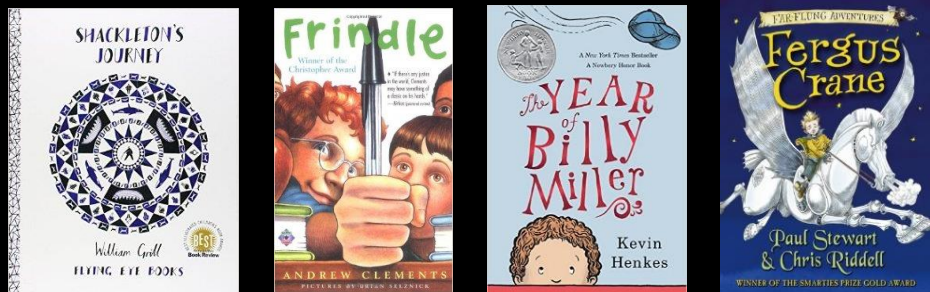
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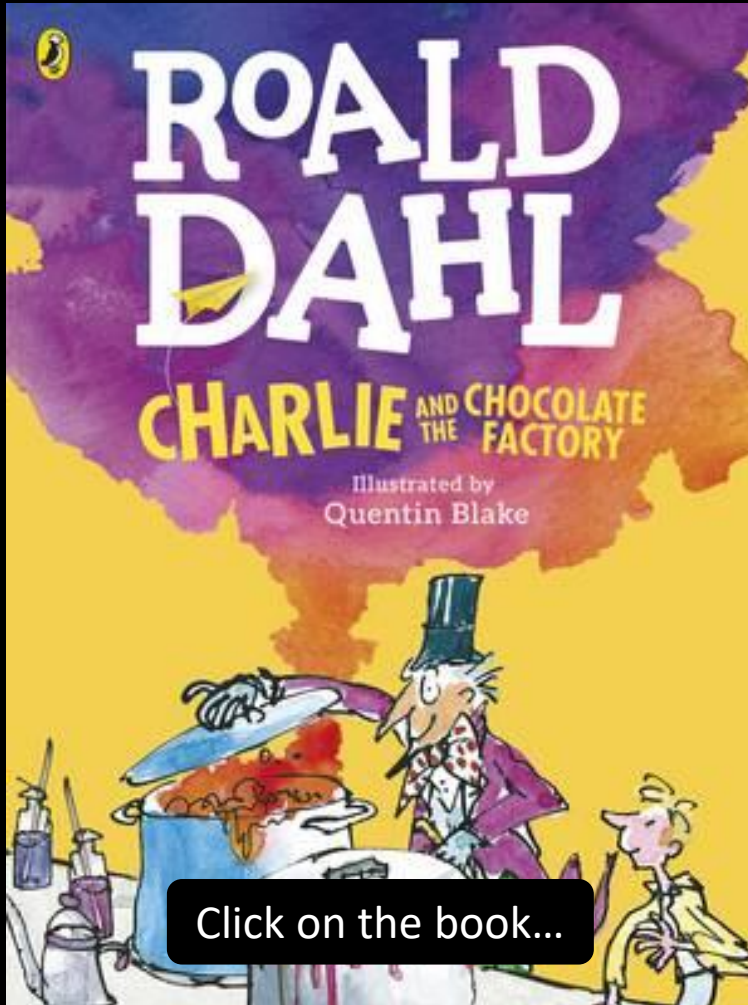


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Mr Willy Wonka is the most extraordinary chocolate maker in the world. And do you know who Charlie is? Charlie Bucket is the hero. The other children in this book are nasty little beasts, called: Augustus Gloop - a great big greedy nincompoop; Veruca Salt - a spoiled brat; Violet Beauregarde - a repulsive little gum-chewer; Mike Teavee - a boy who only watches television. Clutching their Golden Tickets, they arrive at Wonka's chocolate factory. But what mysterious secrets will they discover? Our tour is about to begin. Please don't wander off. Mr Wonka wouldn't like to lose any of you at this stage of the proceedings...

About the author:

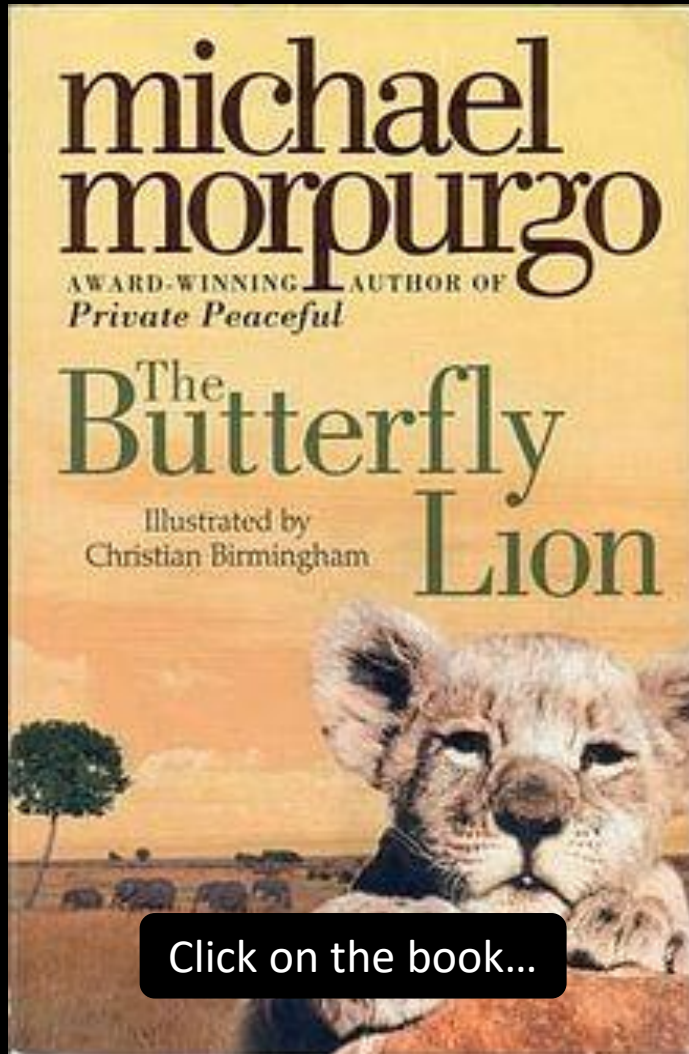
Roald Dahl was born in Wales of Norwegian parents – the child of a second marriage. His father and elder sister died when Roald was just three. His mother was left to raise two stepchildren and her own four children. Roald was her only son. He had an unhappy time at school - at Llandaff Cathedral School, at St Peter's prep school in Weston-super-Mare and then at Repton in Derbyshire. Dahl's unhappy time at school was to influence his writing greatly.

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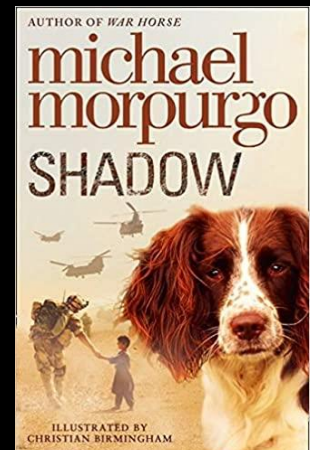


A lyrical and moving tale of a young boy growing up in Africa, and his lifelong friendship with a white lion.
“All my life I’ll think of you, I promise I will. I won’t ever forget you.”
Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.

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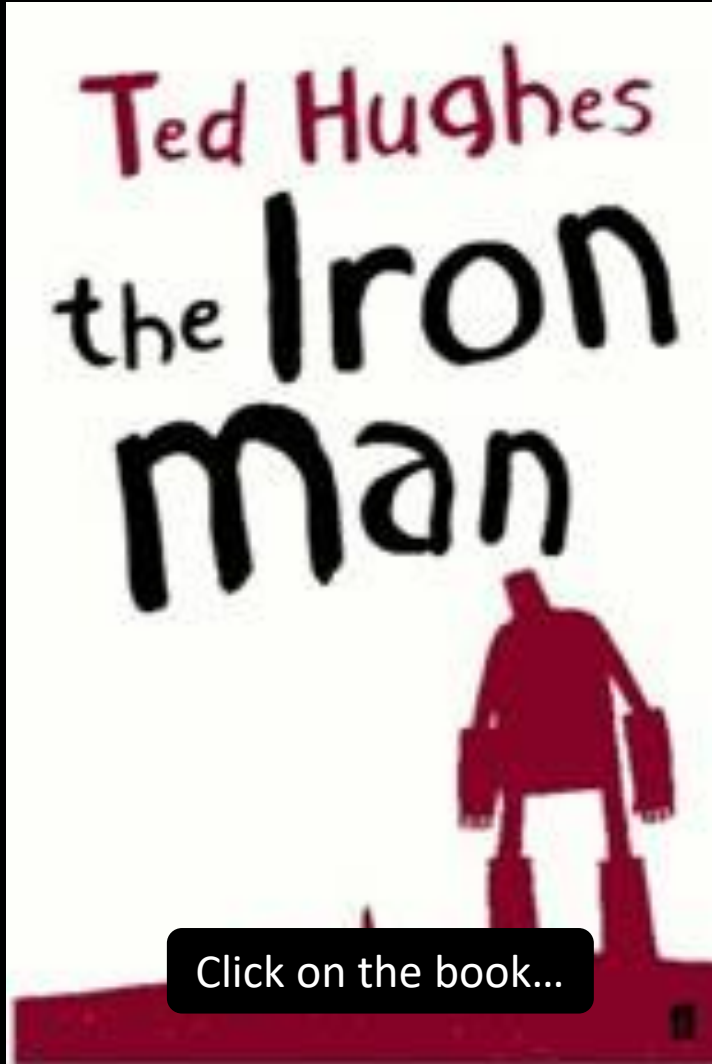
Michael Morpurgo, is one of Britain's best-loved writers for children and has won many prizes, including the Smarties Prize, The Writers Guild Award and the Blue Peter Book Award for his recent novel, *Private Peaceful*, which has also had two successful runs as a play devised by Bristol Old Vic. From 2003 to 2005 he was the Children's Laureate, a role which took him all over the UK to promote literacy and reading, and in 2005 he was named the Booksellers Association Author of the Year.

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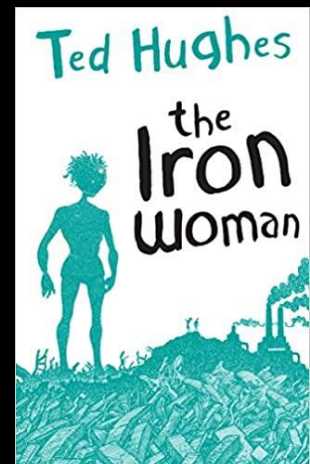
*The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff.
Where had he come from? Nobody knows.
How was he made? Nobody knows.*

Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction by the Iron Man and set a trap for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.

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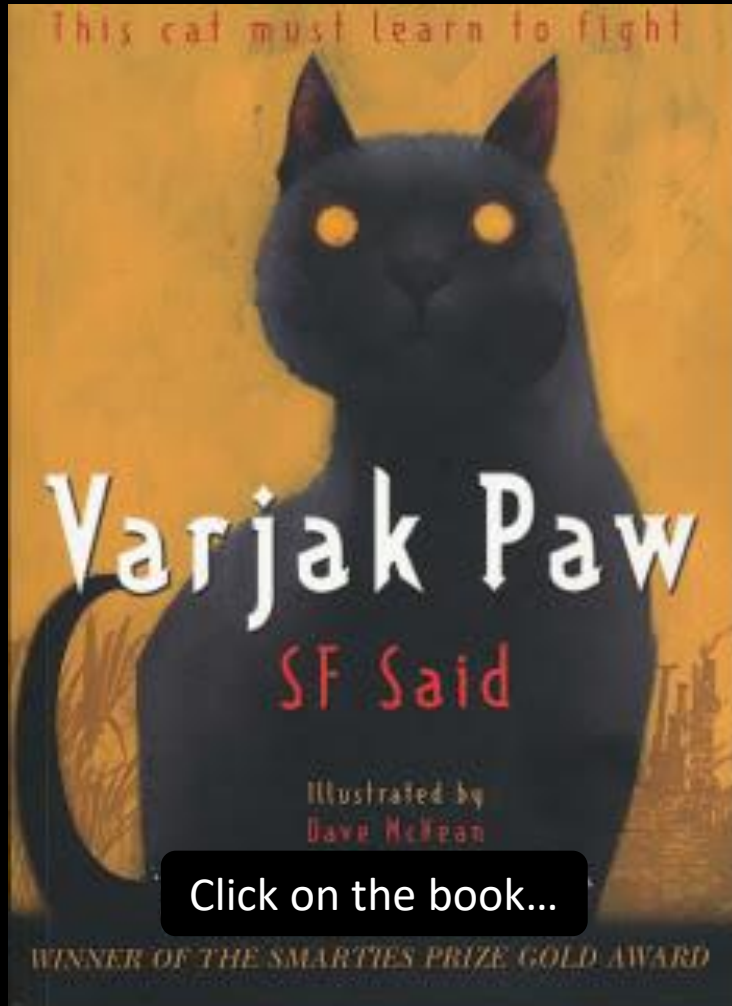
Ted Hughes (1930-1998) was born in Yorkshire. His first book, *The Hawk in the Rain*, was published in 1957 by Faber and Faber and was followed by many volumes of poetry and prose for adults and children. He received the Whitbread Book of the Year for two consecutive years for his last published collections of poetry, *Tales from Ovid* (1997) and *Birthday Letters* (1998). He was Poet Laureate from 1984, and in 1998 he was appointed to the Order of Merit.

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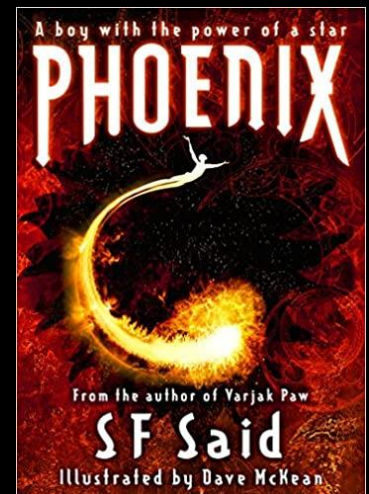
Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats.

Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings.

About the author:

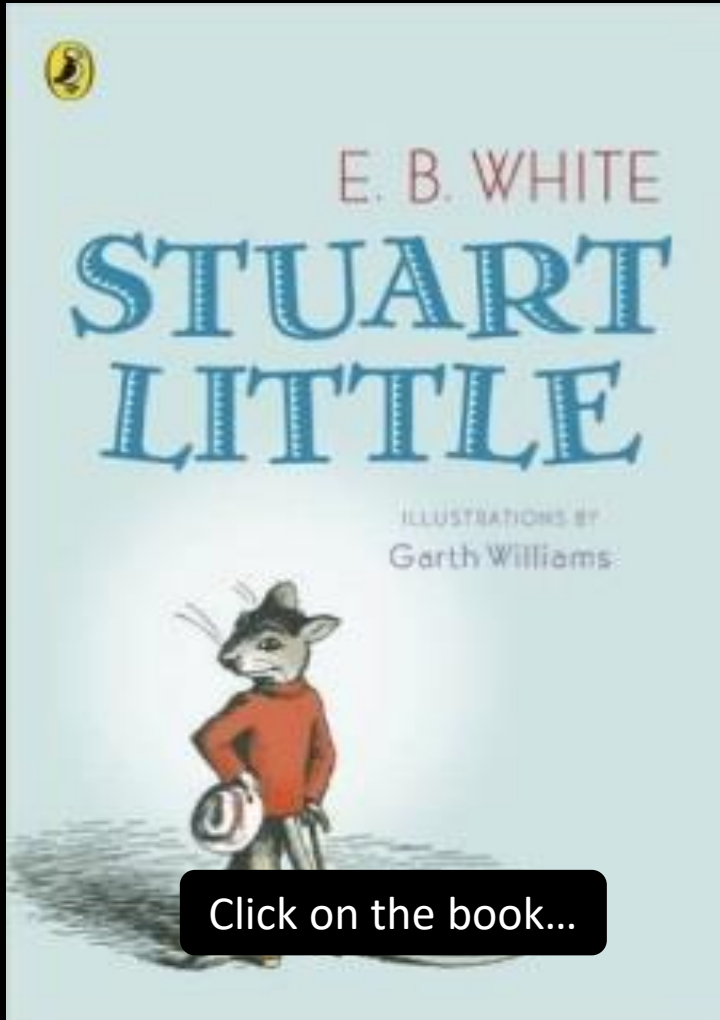
SF Said's first book, *Varjak Paw*, won the Nestlé Smarties Prize for Children's Literature. The sequel, *The Outlaw Varjak Paw*, won the BBC Blue Peter Book Of The Year. *Phoenix* is his third book. He has written widely about literature, films and the arts for *The Guardian* and *The Daily Telegraph*; and works regularly with CLPE, promoting reading and literacy in schools.

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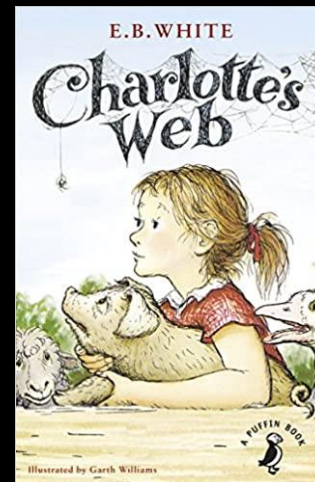


Stuart Little is no ordinary mouse. Born to a family of humans he lives in New York City with his parents, his older brother George and Snowball the cat. He's an adventurous and heroic little mouse. When his best friend, a beautiful little bird called Margalo disappears from her nest, Stuart is determined to track her down. He ventures away from home for the very first time in his life and finds himself embroiled in one exciting adventure after another, making new friends and meeting old ones along the way.

About the author:

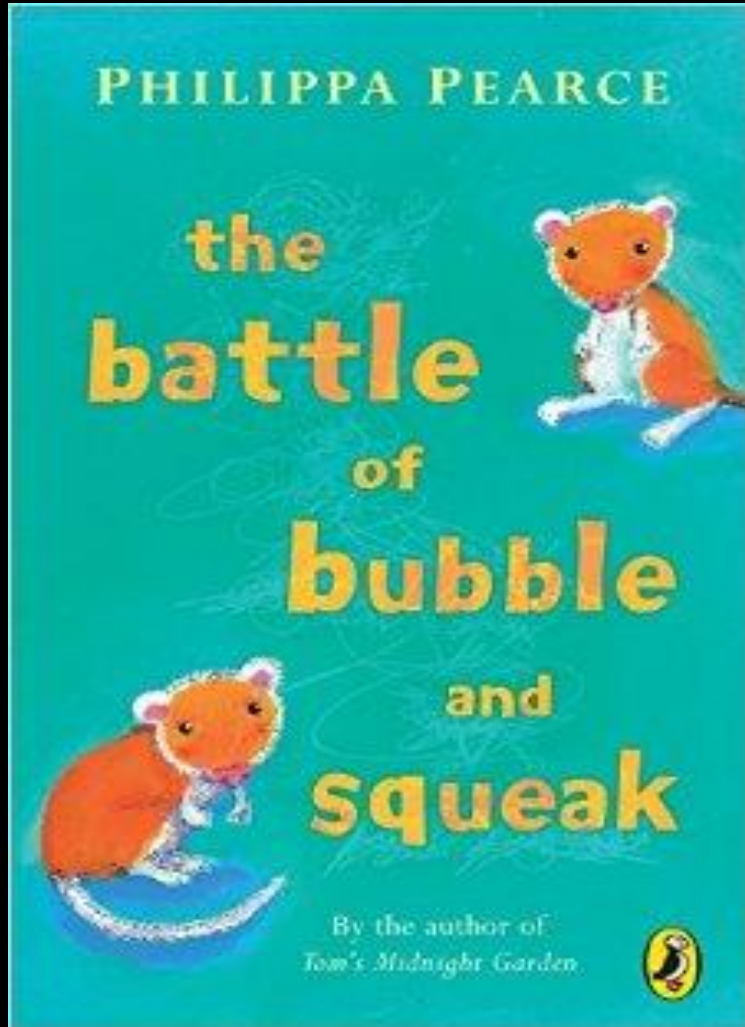
E. B. White was born in New York in 1899 and died in 1985. He kept animals on his farm in Maine and some of these creatures crept into his books, such as STUART LITTLE which was made into a film in 2000 starring Hugh Lawrie.

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Sid, Peggy and Amy adore the two gerbils, Bubble and Squeak, but their mother detests them. A major family battle results, and it's clear life is never going to be quite the same again. But after a near fatal encounter between Bubble and Ginger the cat, Mrs Sparrow begins to see that life with 2 gerbils might not be so bad after all.

About the author:

Philippa Pearce spent her childhood in Cambridgeshire and was the youngest of four children of a flour-miller. The village, the river, and the countryside in which she lived appear more or less plainly in Minnow on the Say and Tom's Midnight Garden. She later went on to study English and History at Cambridge University. She worked for the BBC as a scriptwriter and producer, and then in publishing as an editor. She wrote many books including the Modern Classic, Tom's Midnight Garden, for which she won the Carnegie Medal. She was also awarded an OBE for services to Children's Literature.

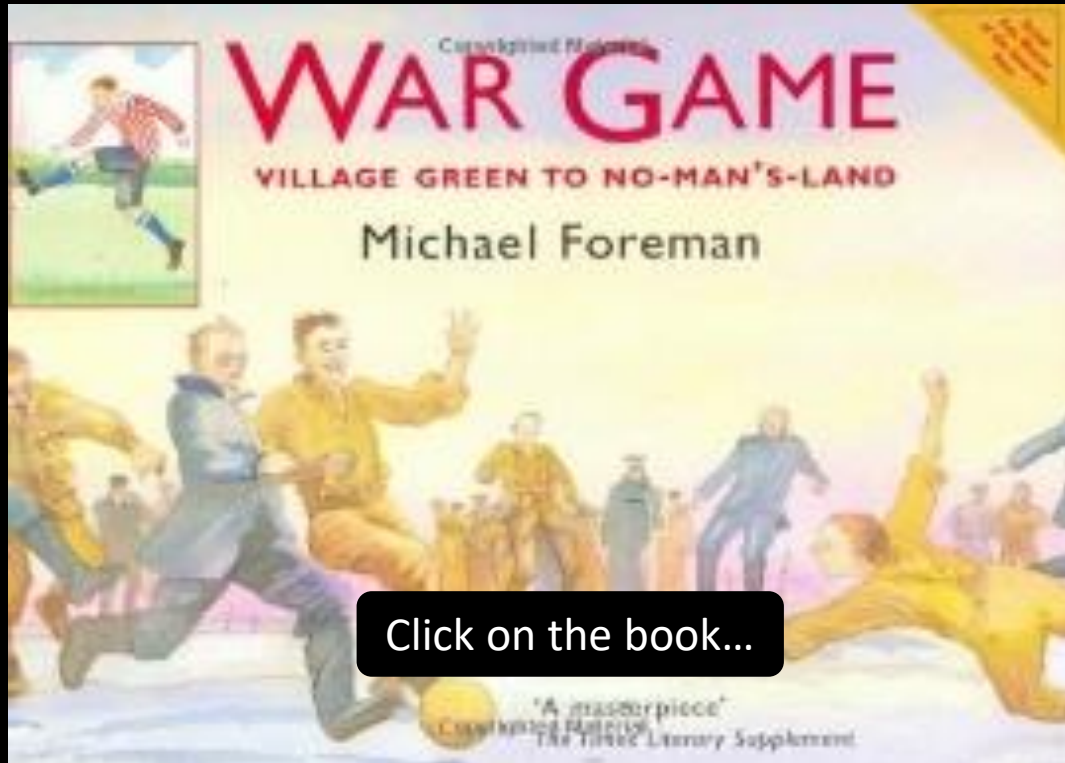
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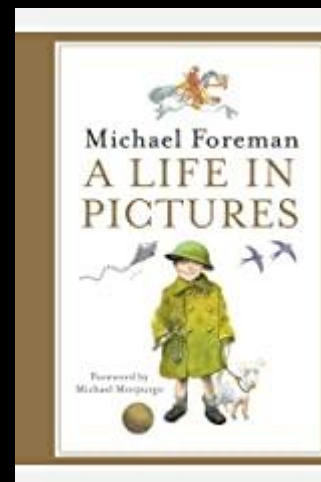


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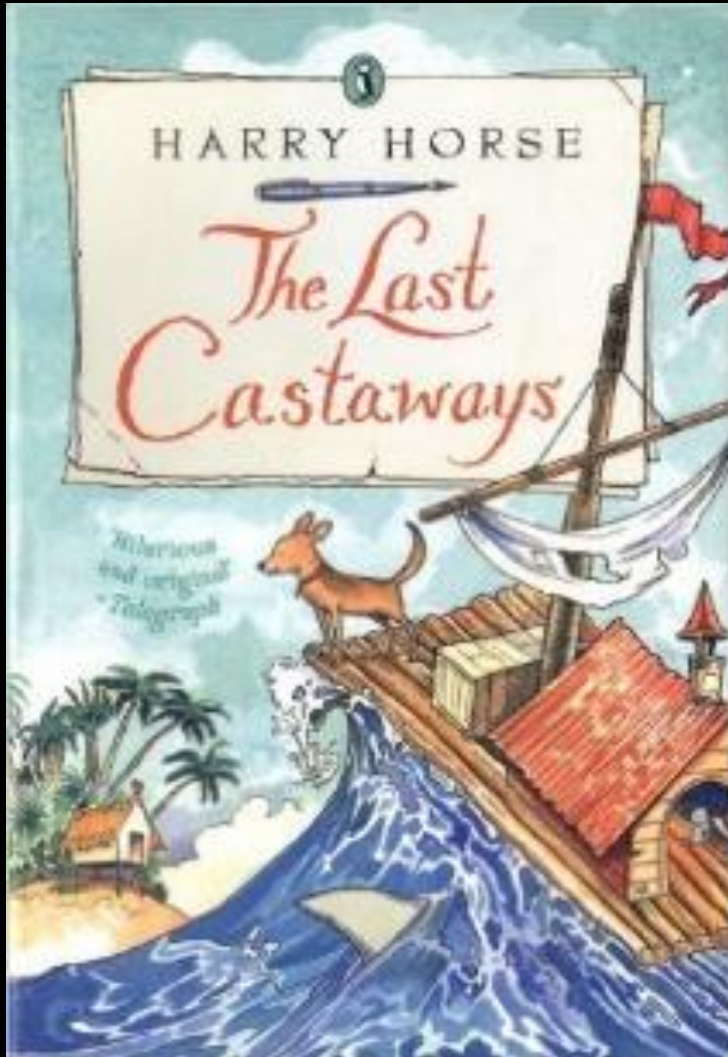
Michael has also illustrated many classic children's books including 'Treasure Island', 'Peter Pan and Wendy', 'The Wind in the Willows' and 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'.

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On holiday in Saltbottle, Grandfather and Roo discover the Unsinkable, the boat which took them to the North Pole in the first book, lying in a sadly dilapidated state and up for sale. At the auction, the short-sighted auctioneer accidentally sells the boat to Roo - sold to the old lady in the brown fur coat! Now they have to find the money and the Captain suggests a fishing trip to the Great Cod Banks in the Forgotten Sea. Off they go, but the trip ends in disaster when the boat sinks and Grandfather and Roo are cast away on a desert island. They find their own Man Friday (called Tuesday) but he turns out to be a film director staying in a luxury hotel. Meanwhile, the Captain has found the treasure and rescued the Unsinkable.

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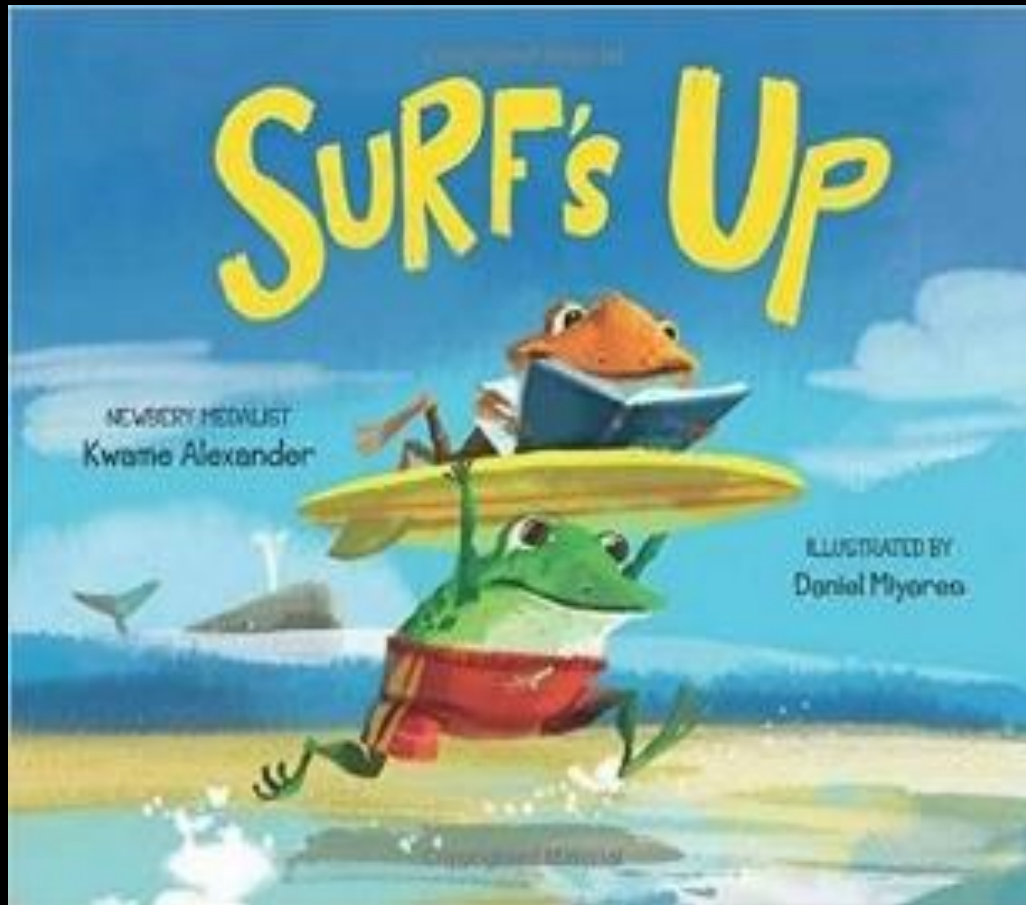
Harry Horse is the pen name of British author, cartoonist, and illustrator **Richard Horne**. There are thousands of stories about Harry, most of them hilarious, many of them also true. Harry based this delightful story on his nephew Lewis.

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Surf's up, Bro! Not yet, Dude. Books are boring. Not this one! Newbery Award Winner Kwame Alexander's bouncy ode to the joy of reading is available in board book format

Bro and Dude have very different ideas about how to spend a day at the beach. But as Bro continues to gasp and cheer while he reads his book (*Moby Dick*), Dude can't help getting pulled in--literally. Before you can shout "Surf's up!" both frogs are sharing the same adventure--that is, until they get to the beach.

About the author:

Daniel Miyares is a critically acclaimed picture book author and illustrator. He believes that our stories have the power to connect us all.

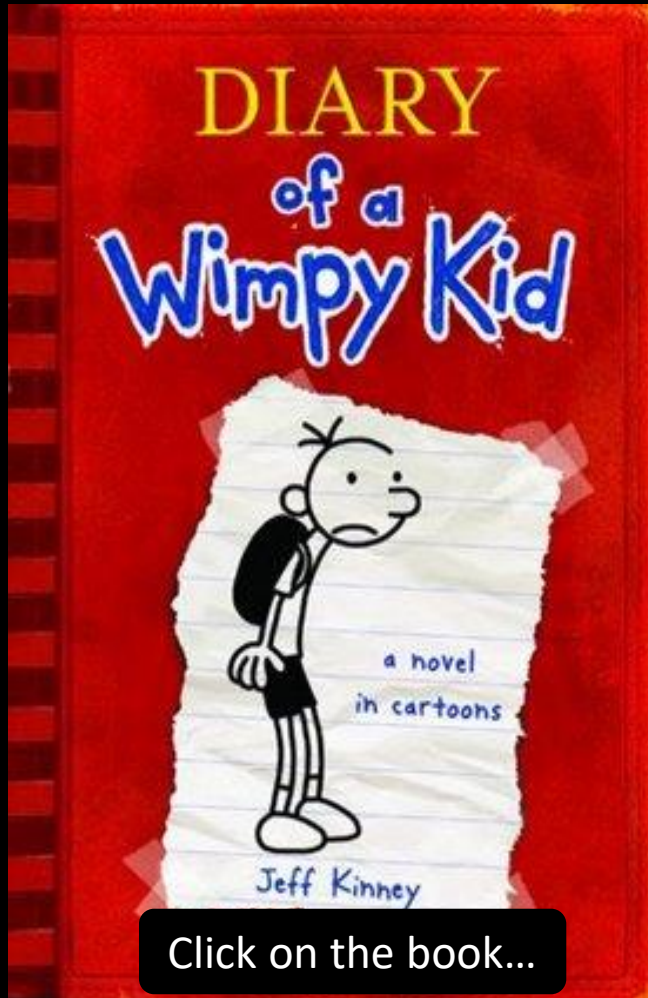
Daniel's story currently takes place in Lenexa, KS with his wife, their two wonderful children, and a dog named Violet that gives them all a run for their money.

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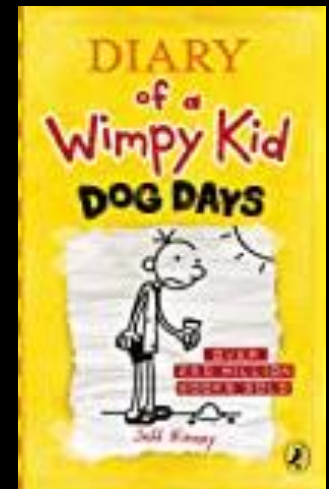
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Sixth grader Greg Heffley doesn't understand his annoying younger brother, obnoxious older one, or well-meaning parents. But he knows enough to record his daily thoughts in a manly journal-not some girly diary. In a unique novel brimming with laugh-out-loud moments, Greg chronicles his first turbulent year of middle school.

About the author:

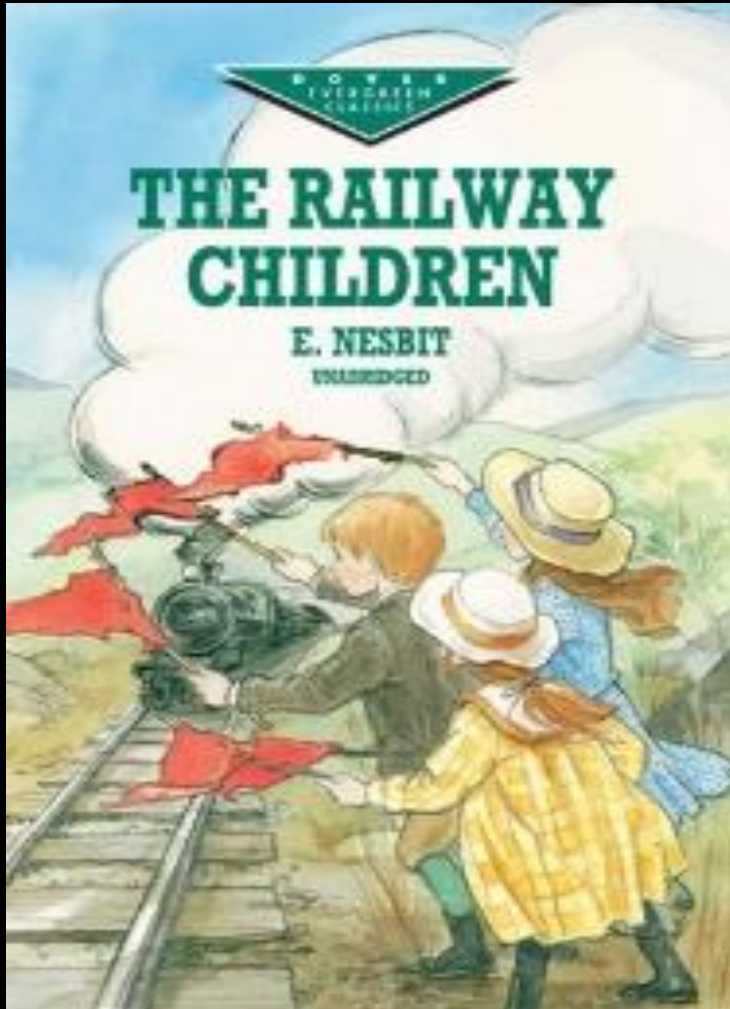
Jeff Kinney is a #1 New York Times bestselling author and a five-time Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award winner for Favorite Book. Jeff has been named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. He is also the creator of Poptropica, which was named one of Time magazine's 50 Best Websites. He spent his childhood in the Washington, D.C., area and moved to New England in 1995. Jeff lives with his wife and two sons in Massachusetts, where they own a bookstore, An Unlikely Story.

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Roberta, Peter, and Phyllis find their life altered when their father is falsely accused of spying and imprisoned. Moving to the “Three Chimneys” as a result, the children make the acquaintance of an Old Gentleman, a regular passenger on the 9:15 train, and enlist his help in clearing their father’s name.

About the author:

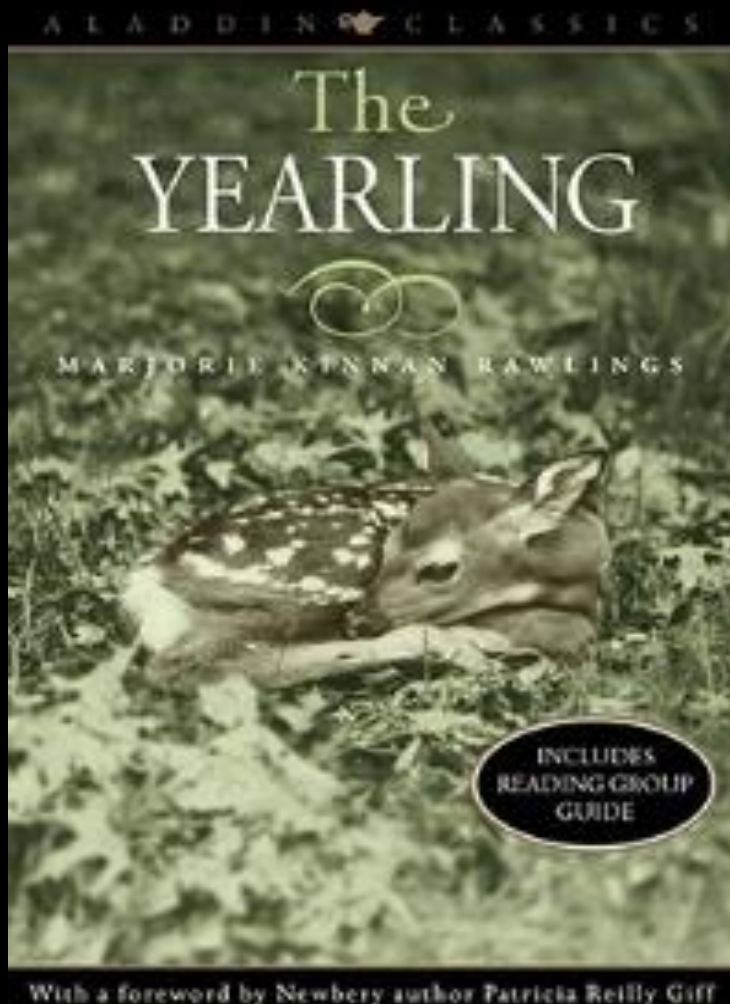
Edith Nesbit was a mischievous child who grew up into an unconventional adult. With her husband, Hubert Bland, she was one of the founder members of the socialist Fabian Society; their household became a centre of the socialist and literary circles of the times. E. Nesbit turned late to children's writing. Her first children's book, *The Treasure Seekers*, was published in 1899 to great acclaim. Other books featuring the Bastable children followed, and a series of magical fantasy books, including *Five Children and It* also became very popular. *The Railway Children* was first published monthly in the *London Magazine* in 1905, and published as a book in 1906, which has been in print ever since.

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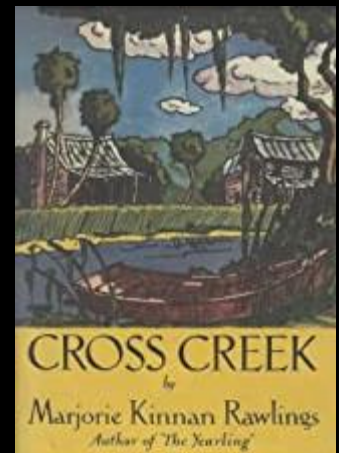


The Yearling is a novel by [Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings](#) published in March 1938. It was the main selection of the [Book of the Month Club](#) in April 1938. It was the [best-selling novel in America in 1938](#) and the seventh-best in 1939. It sold over 250,000 copies in 1938. It has been translated into Spanish, Chinese, French, Japanese, German, Italian, Russian and 22 other languages. It won the 1939 [Pulitzer Prize for the Novel](#).

About the author:

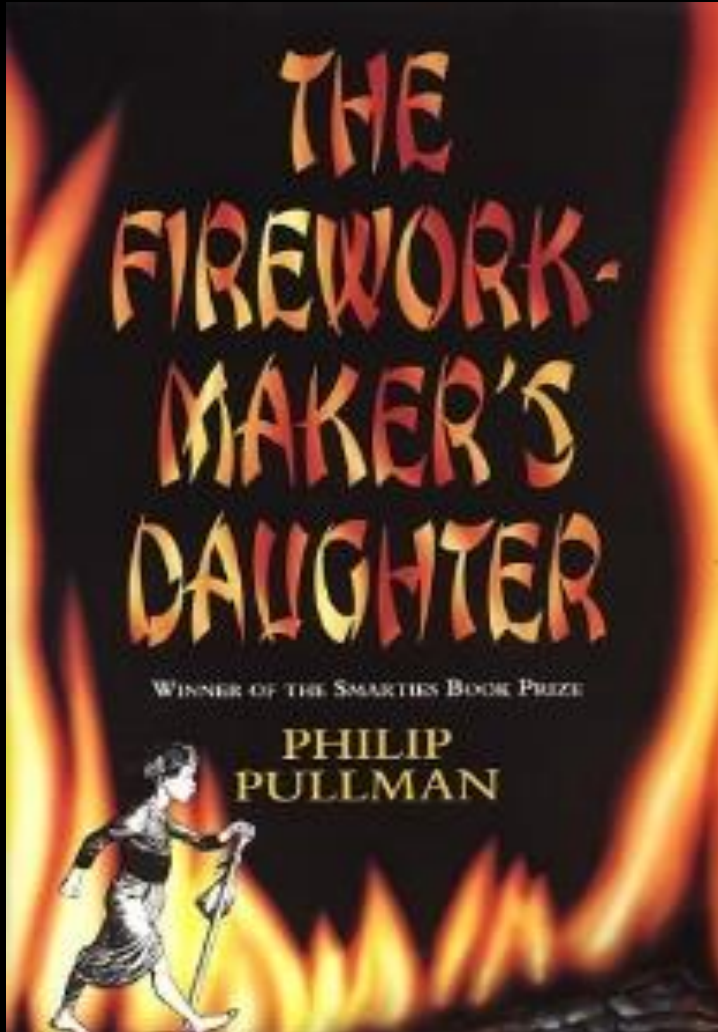
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (August 8, 1896 – December 14, 1953) was an [American author](#) who lived in rural [Florida](#) and wrote novels with rural themes and settings. Her best known work, [The Yearling](#), about a boy who adopts an orphaned fawn, won a [Pulitzer Prize](#) for fiction in 1939.

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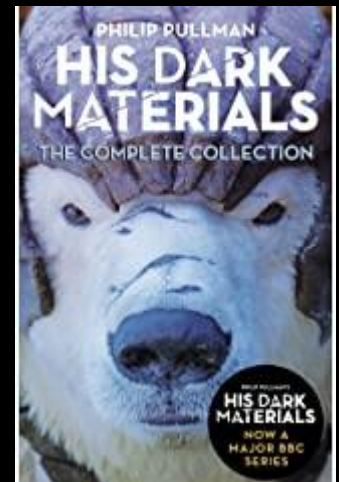


Lila dreams to become a firework-maker, just like her father. In order to become a true firework-maker, she sets off alone on a perilous journey to reach the terrifying Fire-Fiend. She travels through jungles alive with crocodiles, snakes, monkeys and pirates, and climbs up the scolding volcano. On finding the Fire-Fiend, she realises more is at stake than she ever imagined. Will Lila survive? Lila's is the kind of magical adventure that all children dream of and the gripping story of the fleet-footed heroine will live long in the memory of anyone who enters her world.

About the author:

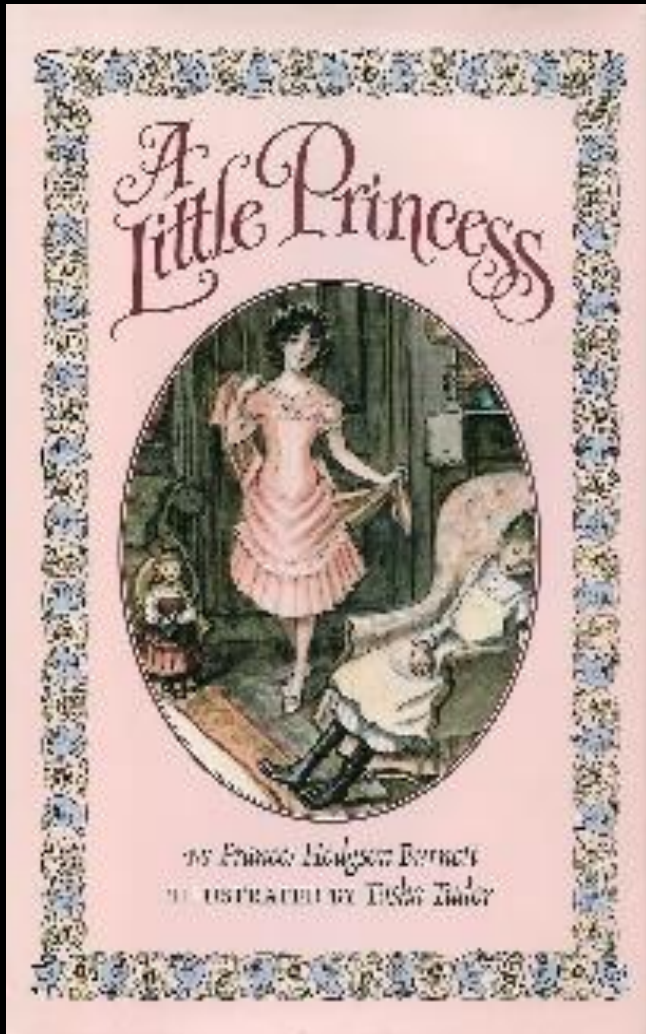
Philip Pullman was born in Norwich on 19th October 1946. The early part of his life was spent travelling all over the world, because his father and then his stepfather were both in the Royal Air Force. He spent part of his childhood in Australia, where he first met the wonders of comics, and grew to love Superman and Batman in particular.

Also by this author:





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Initially doted on by a wealthy father, the kind and creative Sarah Crewe leads a pampered life and is regarded highly by most who meet her earning the nickname princess. Unfortunately, Sarah's fortunes quickly change when her father dies suddenly, after his latest mining venture fails. Now a penniless orphan Sarah is forced to live in the attic at the girl's school she attends and becomes the servant of the cruel headmistress, Miss Minchin.

About the author:

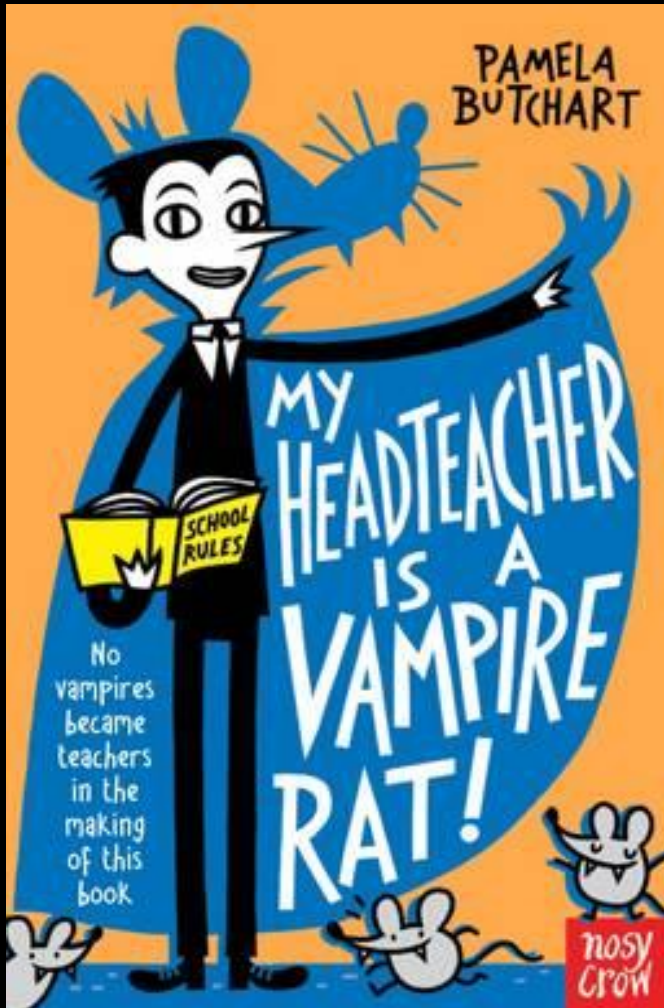
Frances Hodgson Burnett was born in Manchester in 1849, the eldest daughter of a family which emigrated to America in 1865 after the father's death. Interested in making up stories from her childhood, Frances turned to writing professionally when the family's fortunes continued to decline in post-Civil-War Tennessee. Two unhappy marriages marred Mrs Hodgson Burnett's private life but she became an American citizen in 1905 and settled in Long Island until her death in 1924.

Also by this author:





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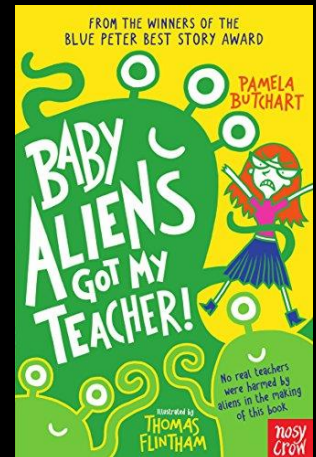


The third zippy and zany tale by Pamela Butchart sees Izzy and her friends plunged into more primary-school craziness. This time, they decide that their new head teacher is a vampire rat, based on his being slightly scary, having the blinds drawn in his office during the day and the fact he's banned garlic bread at lunchtimes. Now they just have to come up with a plan to vanquish him.

About the author:

As a child, Pamela was lucky enough to grow up in a house full of pets, have a mum and dad who were bonkers, and go to The Best Most Awesome Primary School in the World™. As a student, Pamela's student jobs included: fishwife, teaching basketball in America, phlebotomist, and Artist Liaison for a (really bad) Abba tribute band. Now, Pamela teaches philosophy to teenagers and spends all day pondering questions such as, 'Is time travel possible?' and 'How do I know I'm not really a robot?'

Also by this author:





Number One for Fiendish Fun!

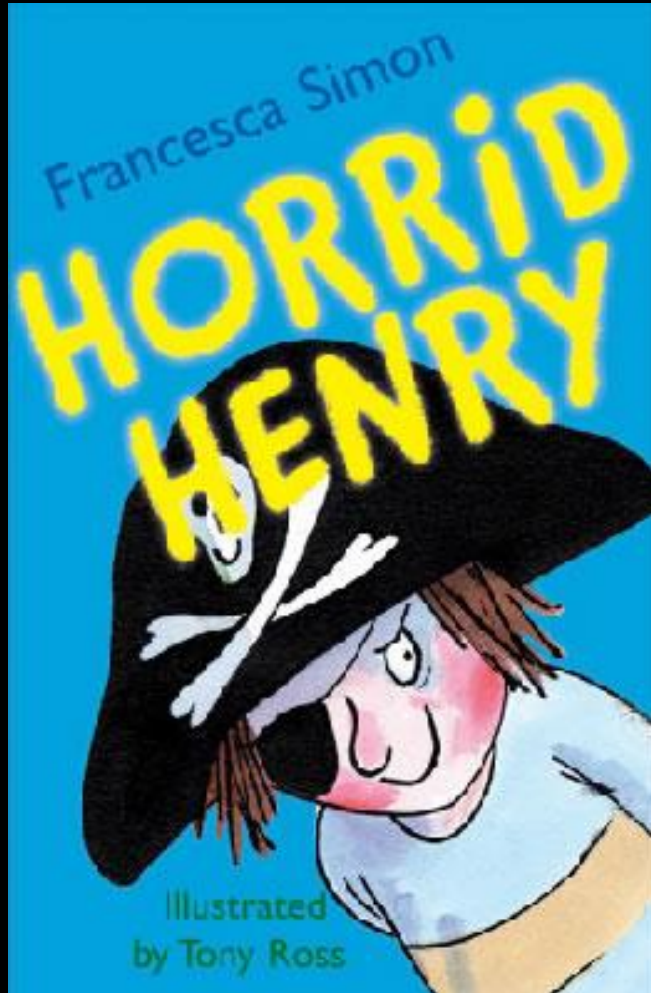
This book contains HIDEOUS behaviour, terrible dancing, disgusting glop and a trip to France!

Four utterly hilarious and totally brilliant Horrid Henry stories by Francesca Simon, with illustrations by Tony Ross. An irresistible introduction to reading for pleasure.

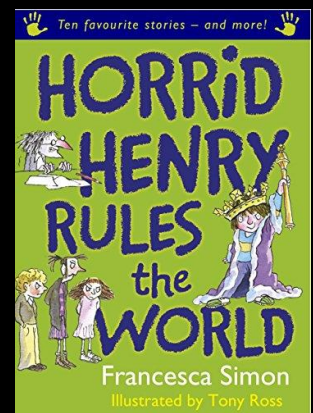
About the author:

Francesca Simon spent her childhood on the beach in California and started writing stories at the age of eight. She wrote her first Horrid Henry book in 1994. Horrid Henry has gone on to conquer the globe; his adventures are published in 27 languages and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

Francesca has won the Children's Book of the Year Award and been a judge for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. In 2009, in one of the proudest moments of her career, Francesca was awarded a Gold Blue Peter badge.



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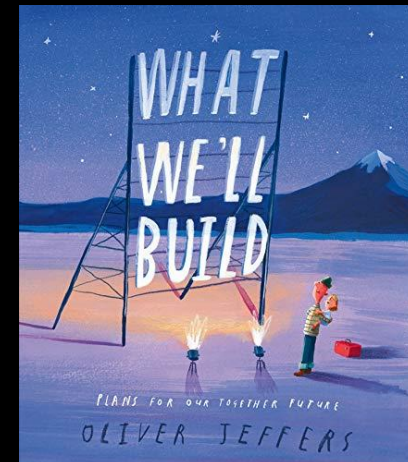
A little girl sails her raft across a sea of words, arriving at the house of a small boy and calling him away on an adventure. Through forests of fairy tales and across mountains of make-believe, the two travel together on a fantastical journey that unlocks the boy's imagination.

About the author:

Oliver Jeffers is an artist, designer, illustrator and writer from Northern Ireland. His distinctive paintings have been exhibited in multiple cities, including the National Portrait Gallery in London and the Brooklyn Museum New York.

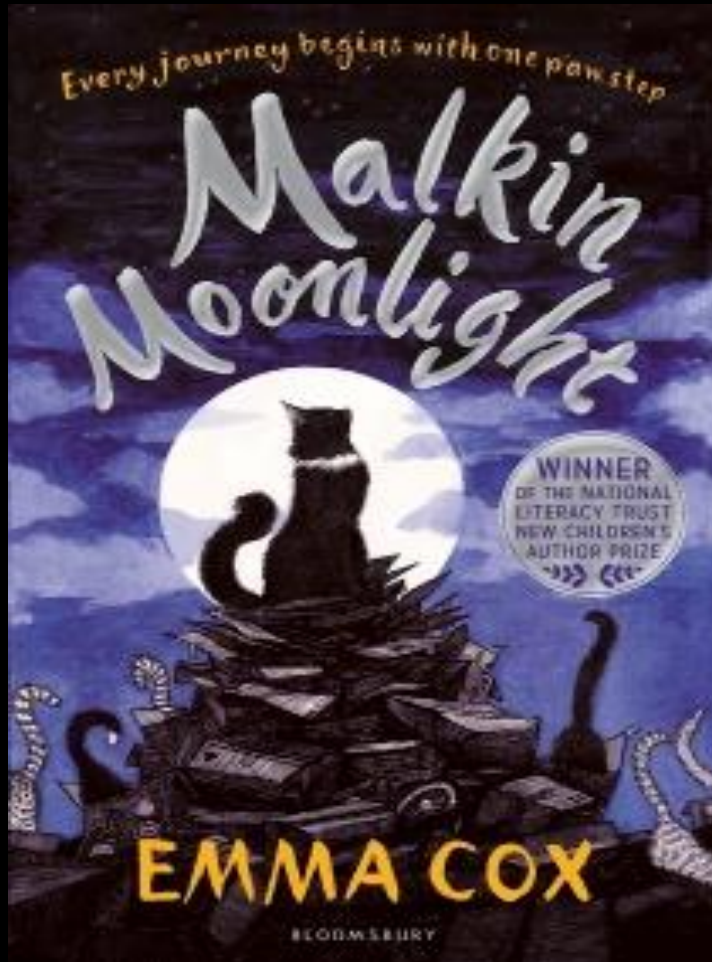
Oliver won an Emmy in 2010 for his collaborative work with artist and filmmaker Mac Premo. He has made art for Newsweek, The New York Times, United Airlines, TED, Nintendo, and has illustrated a number of novels. In 2007, Jeffers was the official illustrator for World Book Day.

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Malkin is a small black cat with a magnificent tail, and he's destined to be a hero. He just doesn't know it yet.

On his third life, Wild Malkin falls in love with Roux, a Domestic cat who likes the comforts of home. Together they explore the night and have adventures. And when Roux's owners decide to move away, she chooses to become a Wild too and live with Malkin.

Setting out to find a new home, they stumble across a recycling centre full of cats - at war. Can Malkin realise his destiny and find a way to bring peace to the land? An extraordinary adventure awaits ...

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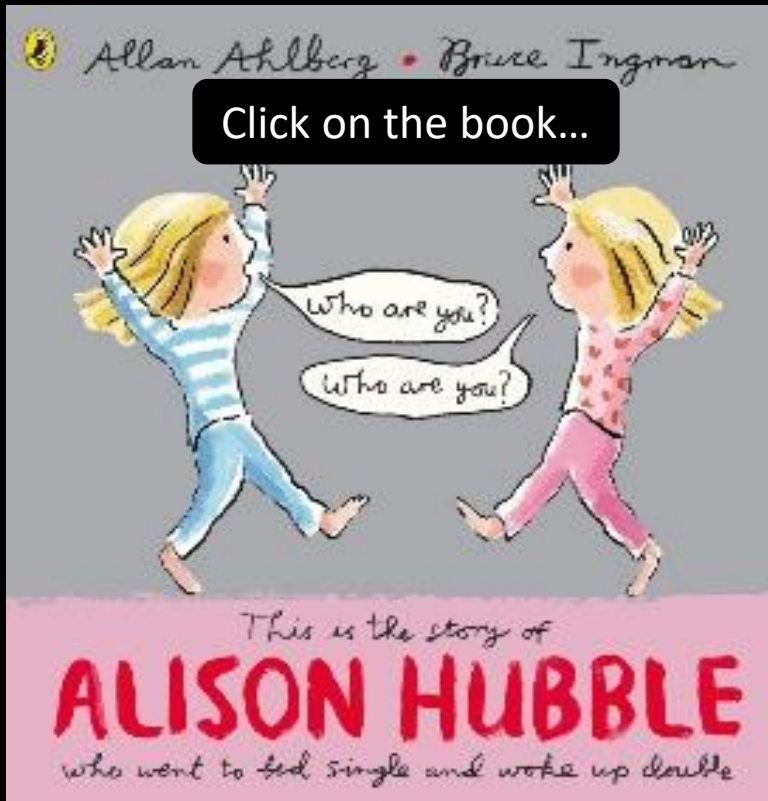
Emma Cox is Head of English at an independent school in Devon and also works as a Gifted and Talented associate lecturer at Exeter University. Being creative has been a lifelong love for Emma. She has been writing since the age of four and spends every weekend and school holidays creating new stories. Malkin Moonlight is her first novel.

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*This is the story of Alison Hubble
Who went to bed single . . .
And woke up double!*



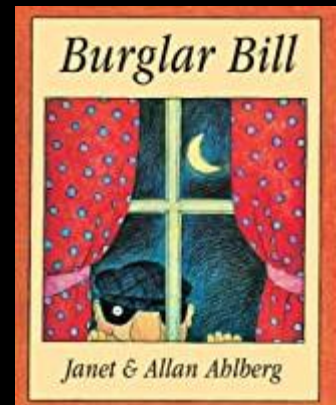
A tale of MATHEMATICAL MAYHEM from magnificent illustrator Bruce Ingman and master storyteller Allan Ahlberg!

Alison Hubble is shocked when she wakes up to find a twin in the bed next to her. And she keeps doubling . . . and doubling . . . and doubling!

About the author:

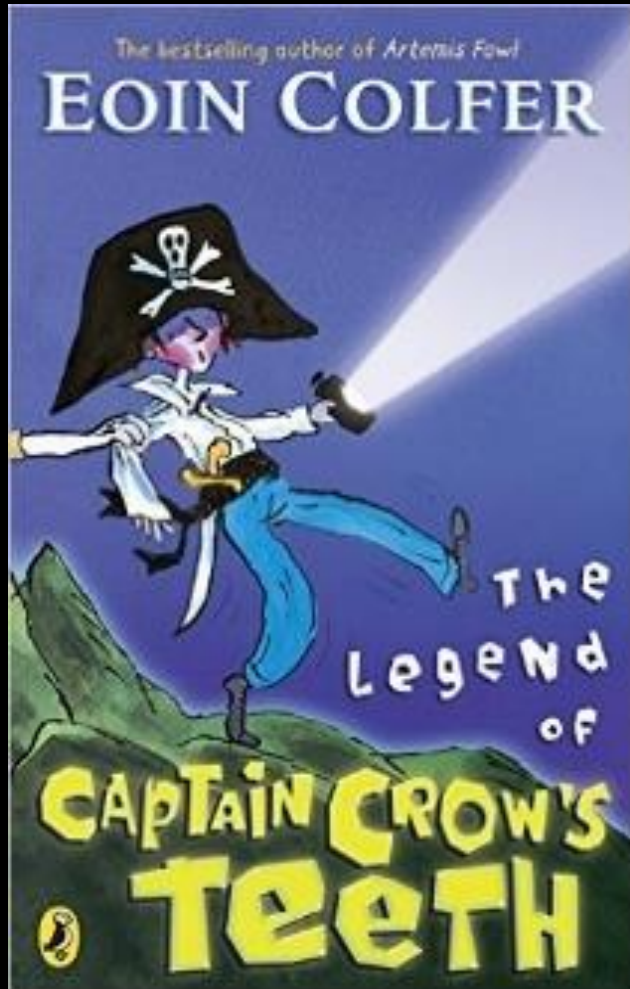
Allan Ahlberg, a former teacher, postman, plumber's mate and grave digger, is in the super-league of children's writers. He has published over 100 children's books and, with his late wife Janet, created such award winning picture books as EACH PEACH PEAR PLUM and THE JOLLY POSTMAN

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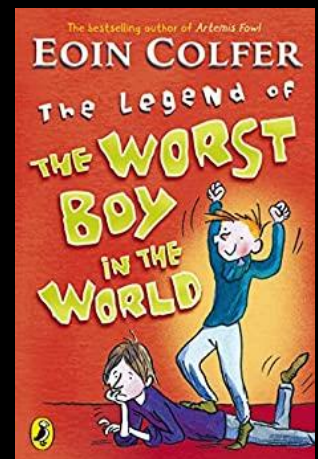


Will's brother Marty is always playing practical jokes. But when he tells the bloodcurdling story of the cutthroat pirate Captain Crow, Will is *terrified*. Is it another one of Marty's tricks, or could Captain Crow's ghost really be out to get him?

About the author:

Eoin Colfer (pronounced Owen) is the New York Times best-selling author of the blockbuster Artemis Fowl series as well as Airman; Half Moon Investigations; The Supernaturalist; Eoin Colfer's Legend of... books; The Wish List; Benny and Omar; Benny and Babe; and Illegal, a graphic novel. He was born in Wexford on the southeast coast of Ireland in 1965, where he and his four brothers were brought up by his father (an elementary school teacher, historian and artist of note) and mother (a drama teacher). He first developed an interest in writing in primary (elementary) school with gripping Viking stories inspired by history that he was learning in school at the time.

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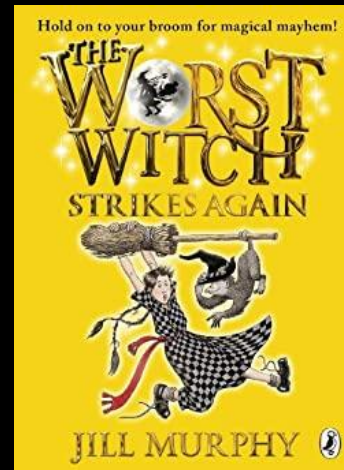
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Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it. She keeps getting her spells wrong and crashing her broomstick. And when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet into her worst enemy, chaos ensues...

About the author:

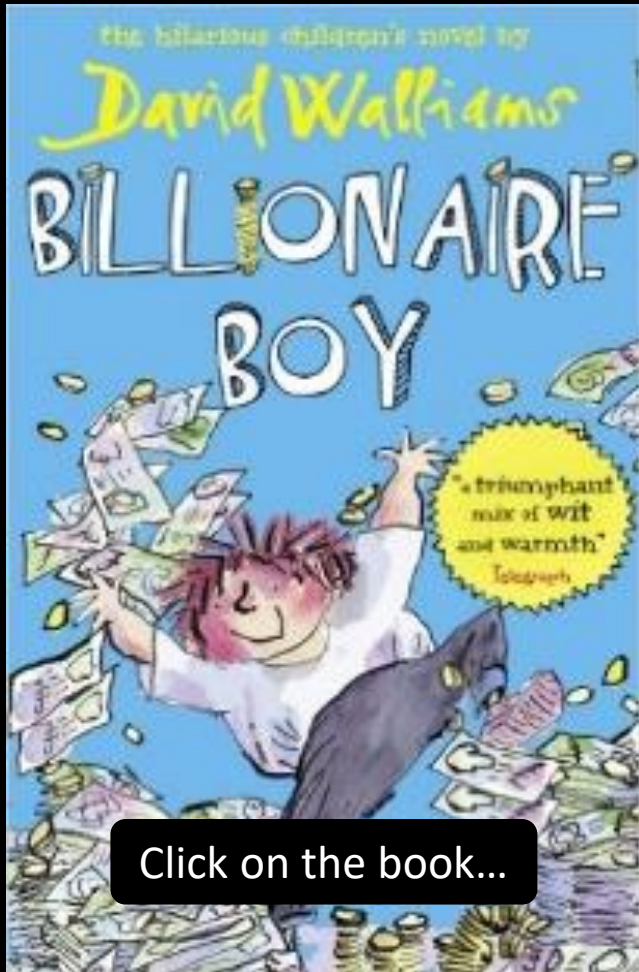
Jill Murphy was born in London in 1949. From a very early age she was drawing and writing stories, and was already putting books together (literally, with a stapler) by the time she was six. She went on to study at Chelsea, Croydon and Camberwell Schools of Art. Jill worked in a children's home for four years and as a nanny for a year, before becoming a freelance writer and illustrator. The Worst Witch stories are some of Puffin's most successful titles.

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A hilarious, touching and extraordinary new fable from David Walliams, number one bestseller and one of the fastest growing children's author across the globe.

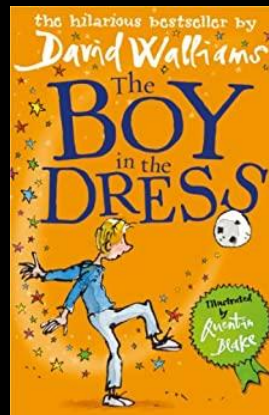
Joe has a lot of reasons to be happy. About a billion of them, in fact. You see, Joe's rich. Really, really rich. Joe's got his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler who is also an orangutan. He's the wealthiest twelve-year-old in the land.

But Joe isn't happy. Why not? Because he's got a billion pounds... and not a single friend. But then someone comes along, someone who likes Joe for Joe, not for his money. The problem is, Joe's about to learn that when money is involved, nothing is what it seems.

About the author:

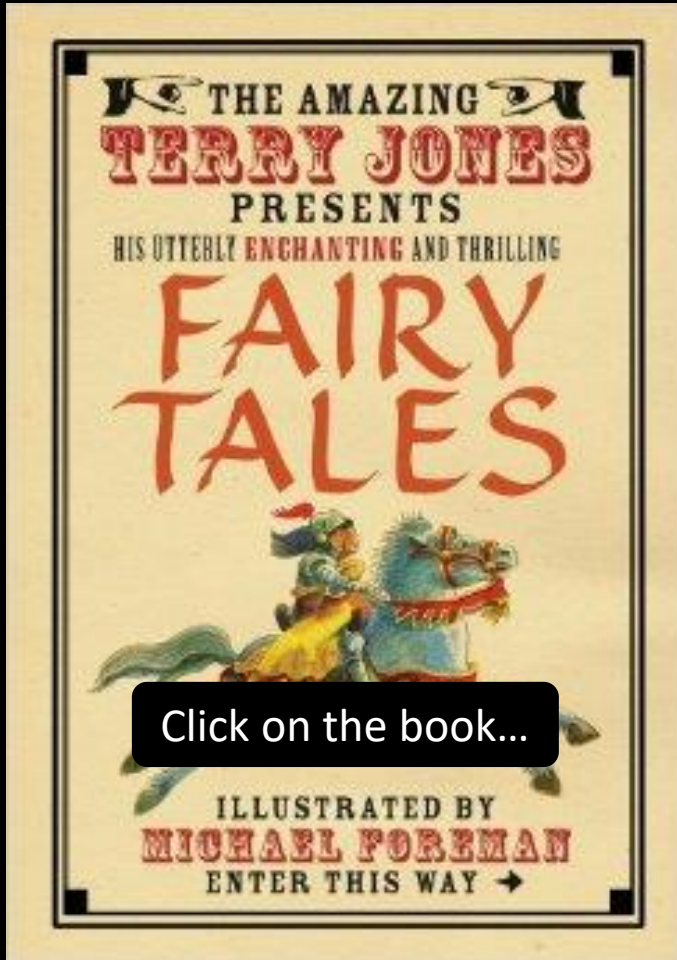
David Walliams continues to take the literary world by storm. His tenth novel, BAD DAD, was an immediate number one, following the triumph of THE MIDNIGHT GANG, the biggest-selling children's book of 2016. THE WORLD'S WORST CHILDREN 2, spent four weeks at industry number one.

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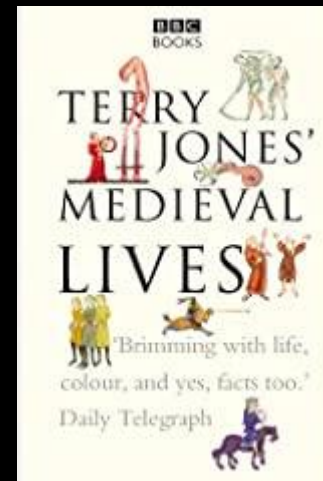


This amazing collection of wonderful stories, written by the hilarious Terry Jones and illustrated by Michael Foreman, will have both children and parents rolling with laughter. Sail to the moon with a brave and beautiful princess. Swim around the world with a talking fish. Meet a boy who has a dinosaur in his shed. A fabulous new edition of the classic story collection from Monty Python's Terry Jones.

About the author:

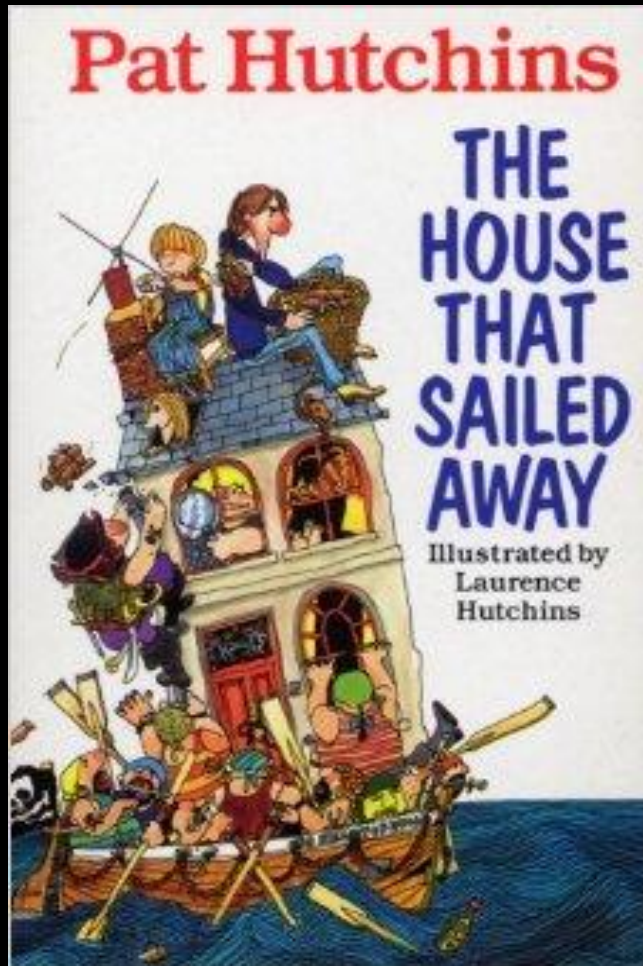
Terry Jones is perhaps best known as a scriptwriter and member of the Monty Python team. He is a successful historian, performer, director and writer for film, radio and television. His children's books have been enormously popular, including Bedtime Stories, The Knight and the Squire, The Lady and the Squire, Nicobobinus and The Saga of Erik the Viking

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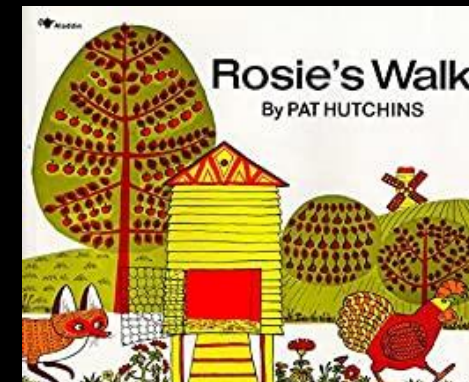


Grandma, Mother, Father, Morgan, the baby and Tailcat find themselves catapulted into the whackiest adventure ever when their house floats off down the street and out to sea! Blood-thirsty pirates, a kidnapping and buried treasure are just some of the hair-raisers in store in Pat Hutchins' own adaptation of her ever-popular children's novel.

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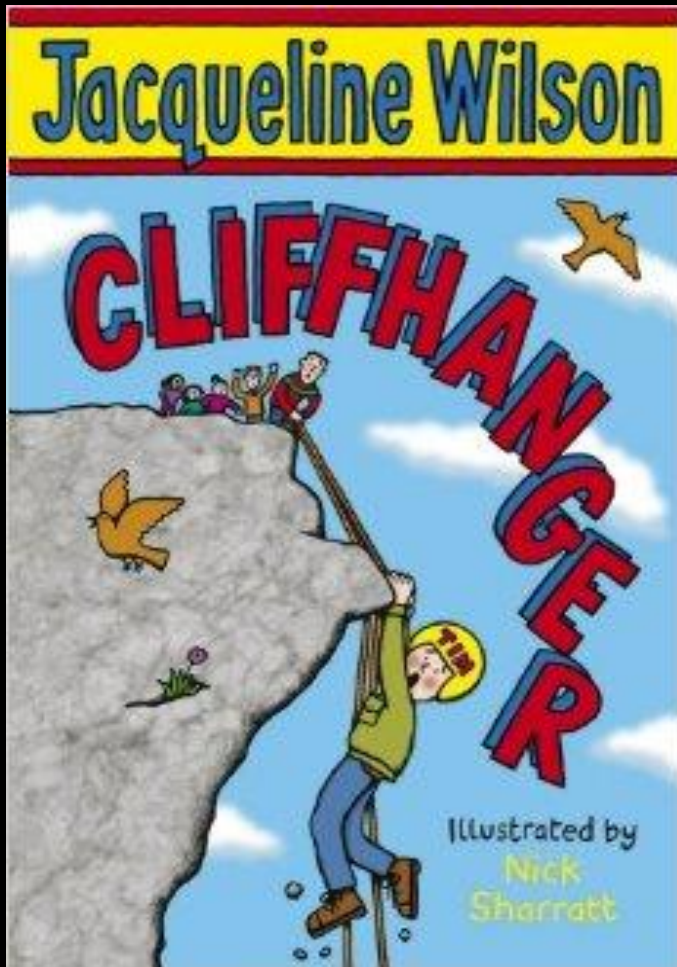
Pat Hutchins has always loved drawing and at the age of 16 won a scholarship to Darlington Art School. She is now one of the most popular picture book creators in the world with over 30 children's books published after the success of her classic *Rosie's Walk*.

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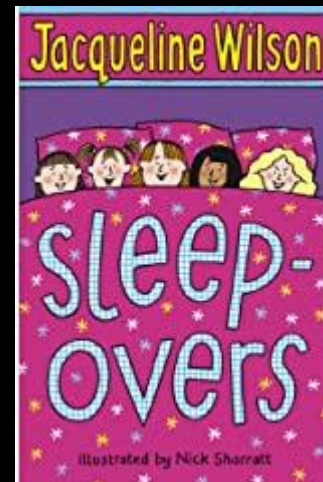
From climbing and abseiling to canoeing and a Crazy Bucket Race, Tim's adventure holiday promises to be full of action. There's just one problem: he is hopeless at sports of any kind.

Can Tim survive the horrors of a week absolutely packed with activity? Can his team - the Tigers - be the overall champions? There are some surprises in store for everyone!

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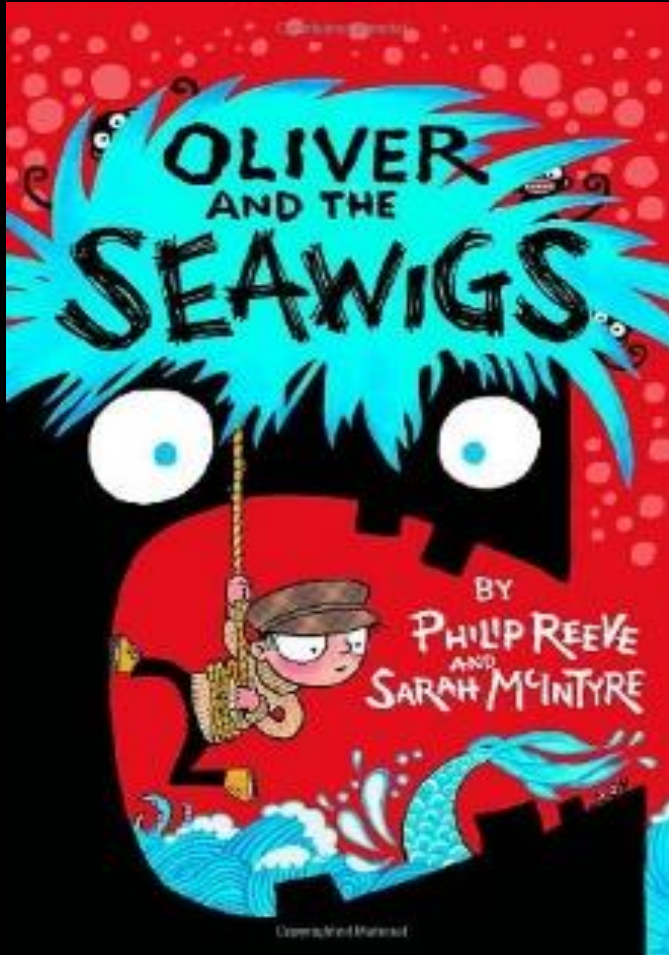
Jacqueline Wilson is an extremely well-known and hugely popular author. The Illustrated Mum was chosen as British Children's Book of the Year in 1999 and was winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Award 2000. Jacqueline has won the prestigious Smarties Prize and the Children's Book Award for Double Act, which was also highly commended for the Carnegie Medal. In June 2002 Jacqueline was given an OBE for services to literacy in schools and in 2008 she was made a Dame.

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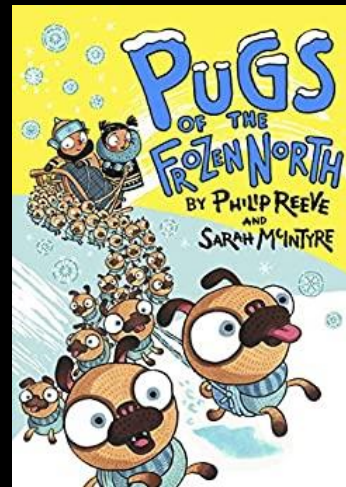
A lively, gorgeously illustrated story from Dynamic Duo, Reeve and McIntyre! Along with his new friends, a grumpy old albatross, a short-sighted mermaid, and a friendly island called Cliff, Oliver goes off in search of his missing parents. But before he can put his rescue plan into action there's the evil Stacey de Lacey and an army of greasy, green sea monkeys to contend with . . .

About the author:

PHILIP REEVE is the acclaimed author of the Mortal Engines/Predator Cities series, the Fever Crumb series, and *Here Lies Arthur* (Carnegie Medal winner). He was born and raised in the seaside town of Brighton and has been writing down adventures since he was five years old.

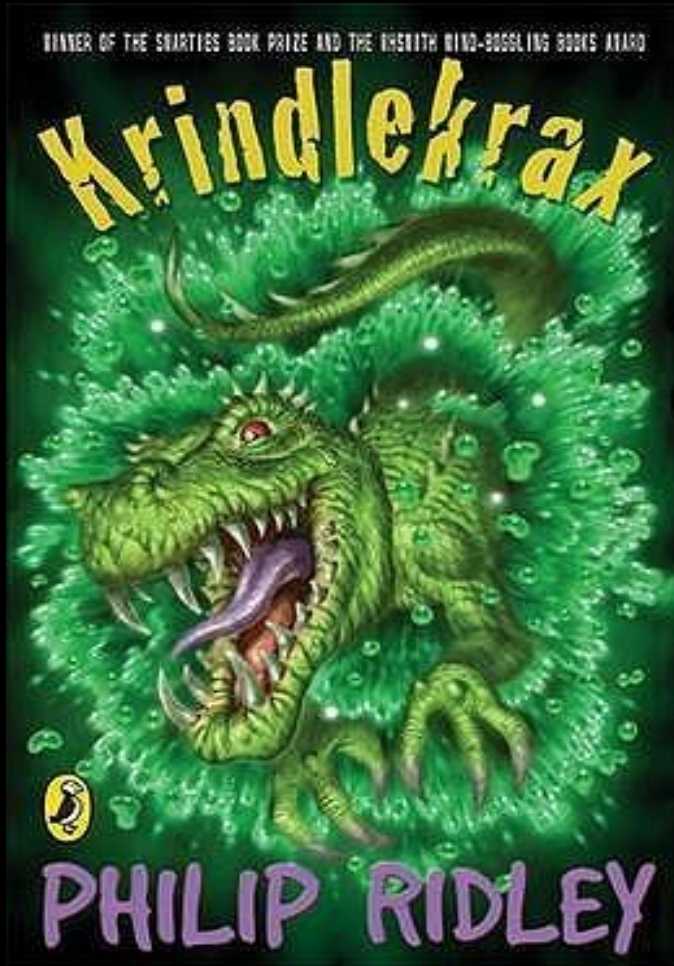
SARAH MCINTYRE has written and illustrated several picture books and comics for children. Her delightfully over-the-top drawings and mischievous monkey illustrations brought Philip and Sarah together for this series. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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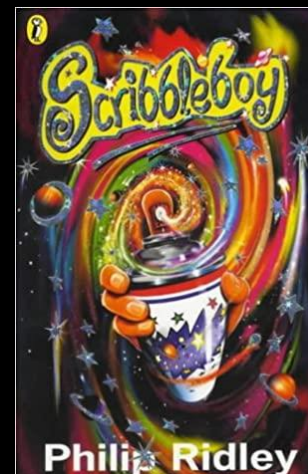
A very funny school story with weird and wonderful characters by the award-winning author, Philip Ridley.

Ruskin Splinter is small and thin, with knock-knees, thick glasses and a squeaky voice, and the idea of him taming a dragon makes the whole class laugh. Big, strong Elvis is stupid but he looks like a hero. So who is more likely to get the big part in the school play? But when the mysterious beast, Krindlekrax, threatens Lizard Street and everyone who lives there, it is Ruskin who saves the day and proves he is the stuff that heroes are made of after all.

About the author:

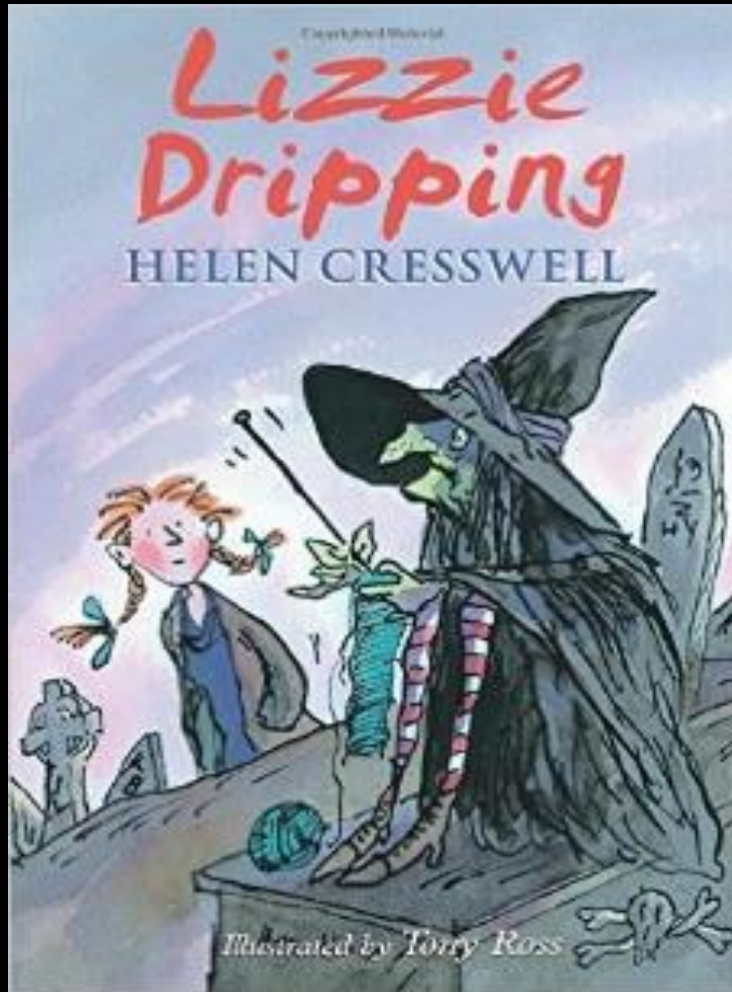
PHILIP RIDLEY was born in the East End of London, where he still lives and works. He studied painting at St Martin's School of Art and by the time he graduated had exhibited widely throughout Europe and written his first novel.

Also by this author:





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Everyone in the village where Lizzie lives thinks that she's a dreamer - so it's no wonder that they don't believe her when she says she's seen a witch. But Lizzie doesn't care because she knows it's true and having a witch for a friend makes life much more exciting. Helen Cresswell is a well-known writer and has written more than forty books. She has adapted stories such as *The Phoenix and the Carpet* and *The Demon Headmaster* for television.

About the author:

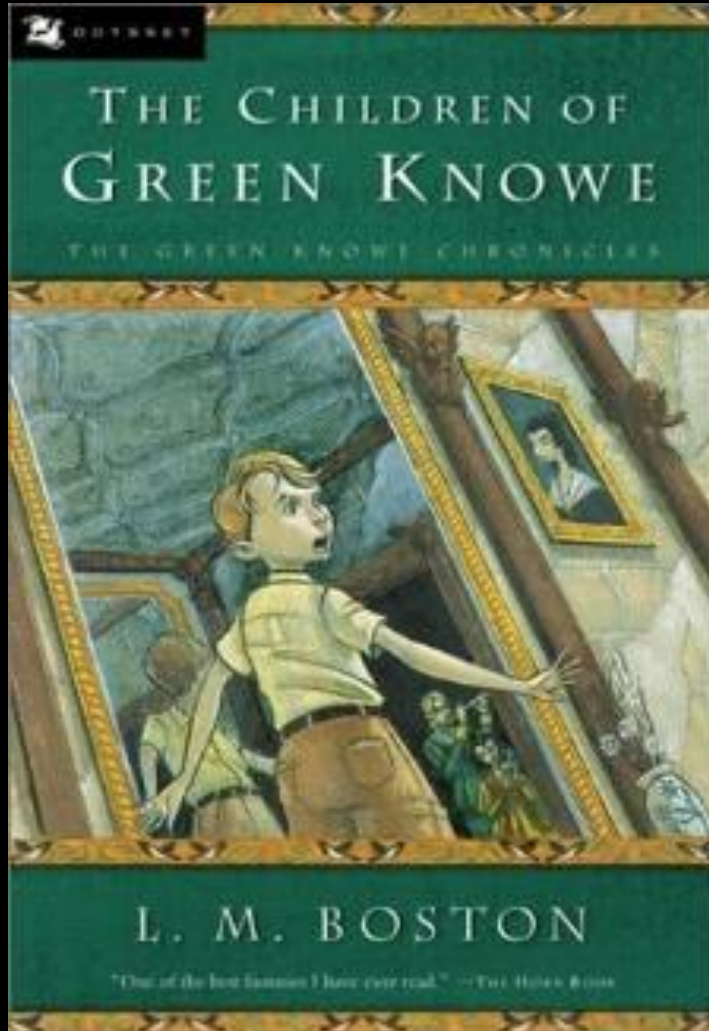
Helen started writing at the age of six. At that time her primary interest was poetry. As well as being the author of many critically acclaimed novels, she wrote many television scripts, including *Moondial*, *Lizzie Dripping*, *The Demon Headmaster*, and *The Phoenix and the Carpet*.

Also by this author:





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Tolly's great grandmother isn't a witch, but both she and her old house, Green Knowe, are full of a very special kind of magic. There are other children in the house - children who were happy there centuries before. Running around Green Knowe's moat, gardens and mysterious rooms, Tolly slowly discovers them, their toys and animals, and their wonderful stories . . .

About the author:

Lucy Boston was born in Southport, Lancashire, one of six children. She went to Quaker school in Surrey. After marrying she moved to a beautiful manor house near Cambridge, which provided the setting for her Green Knowe stories. She won a Carnegie Medal for *A Stranger at Green Knowe*. Her books are illustrated by her son, Peter.

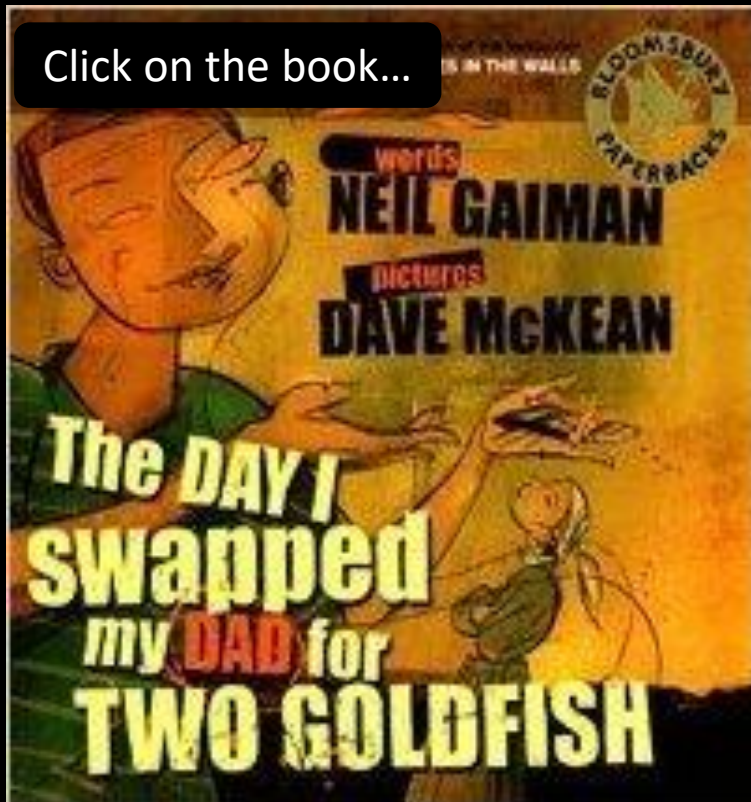
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What if you wanted your best friend's two goldfish so much that you'd swap anything for them, even your father? What if your mother came home and found out what you'd done?

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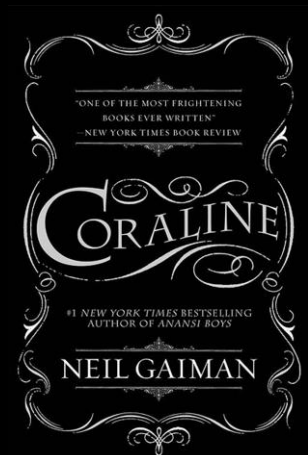


The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish is a hilarious adventure and was the first book for younger readers from the acclaimed author and illustrator of the *New York Times* best-sellers *The Wolves in the Walls* and *Coraline*.

About the author:

Neil is an English author of short fiction, novels, comic books, [graphic novels](#), nonfiction, audio theatre, and films. His works include the comic book series [The Sandman](#) and novels [Stardust](#), [American Gods](#), [Coraline](#), and [The Graveyard Book](#). He has won numerous awards, including the [Hugo](#), [Nebula](#), and [Bram Stoker](#) awards, as well as the [Newbery](#) and [Carnegie](#) medals.

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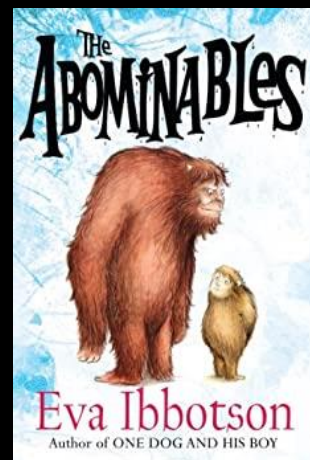
It appears only once every nine years. And when it opens, four mysterious figures step into the streets of London. A wizard, an ogre, a fey and a young hag have come to find the prince of their kingdom, stolen as a baby nine years before.

But the prince has become a horrible rich boy called Raymond Trottle, who doesn't understand magic and is determined not to be rescued.

About the author:

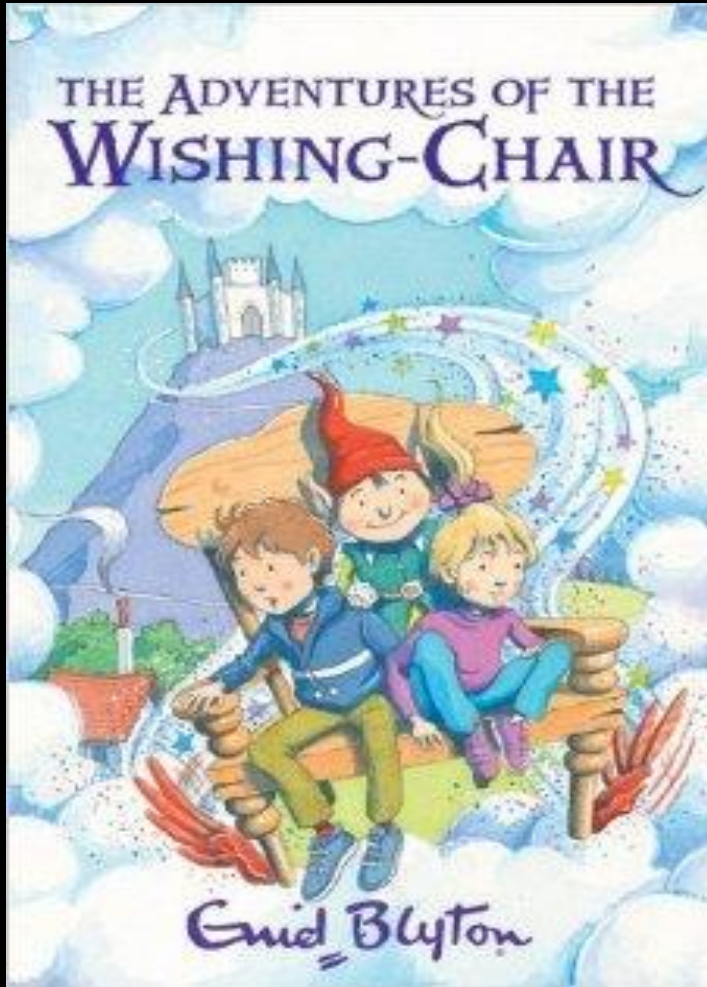
Eva Ibbotson is the bestselling author of *Journey to the River Sea* and *The Star of Kazan*. She lives in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and has four grown-up children. She has written ten books for children which have been translated into many languages and have won several prizes.

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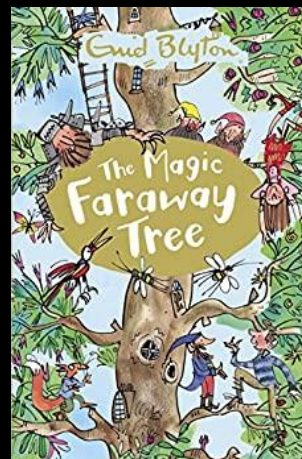
Set off a magical adventure with the first book in Enid Blyton's classic fantasy series about a chair that can fly and grant wishes!

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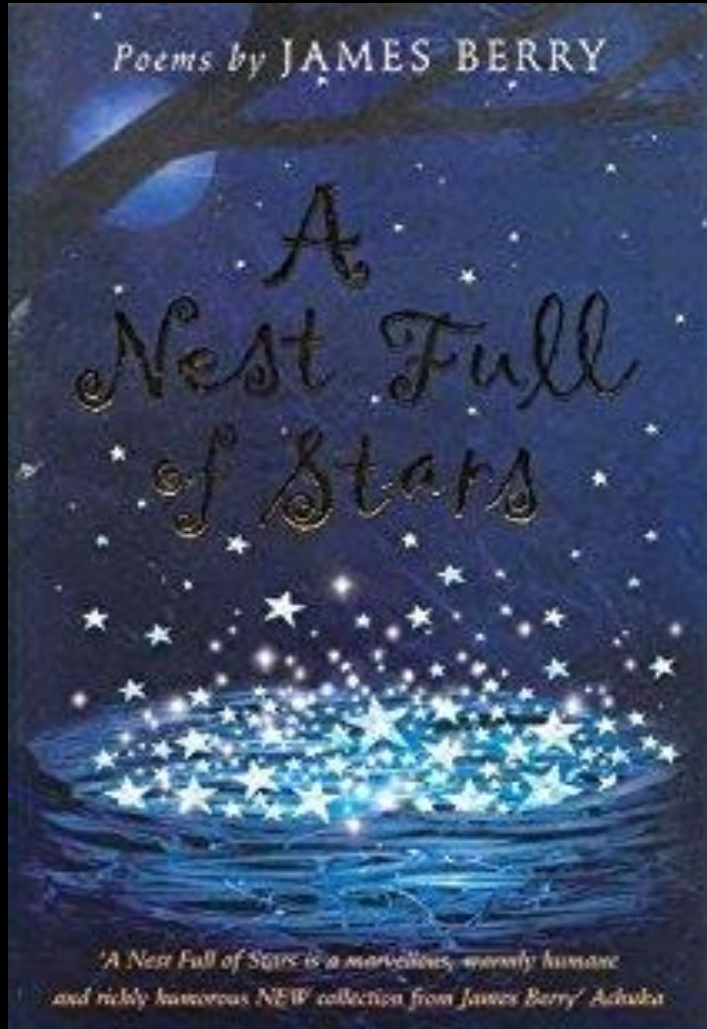
Enid Blyton is one of the most popular children's authors of all time. Her books have sold over 500 million copies and have been translated into other languages more often than any other children's author. Enid Blyton adored writing for children. She wrote over 700 books and about 2,000 short stories. She is also the author of other favourites including The Secret Seven, The Magic Faraway Tree, Malory Towers and Noddy.

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'A Nest Full of Stars' is a marvellous, warmly humane and richly humorous new collection from James Berry' *Achuka*

*Only chance made me come and find
my hen, stepping from her hidden
nest, in our kitchen garden.
In her clever secret place, her tenth
egg, still warm, had just been dropped.
Not sure of what to do, I picked up
every egg, counting them, then put them
down again. All were mine.*

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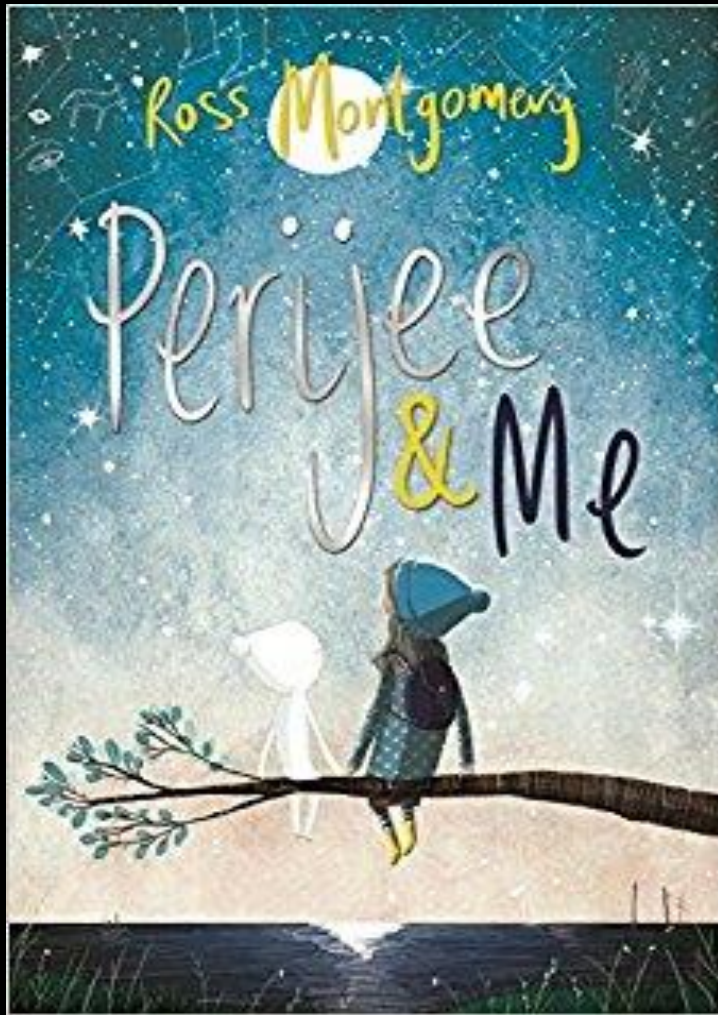
James Berry, [OBE](#), Hon FRSL (28 September 1924 – 20 June 2017), was a black [Jamaican](#) poet who settled in England in the 1940s. His poetry is notable for using a mixture of standard English and [Jamaican Patois](#). Berry's writing often "explores the relationship between black and white communities and in particular, the excitement and tensions in the evolving relationship of the Caribbean immigrants with Britain and British society from the 1940s onwards"

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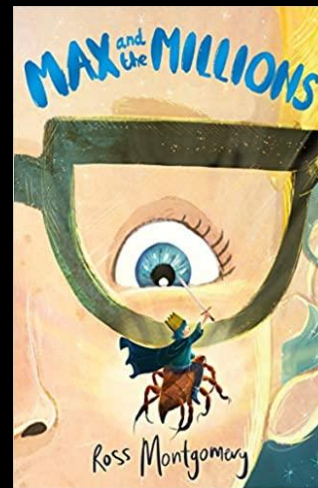
When 11-year-old Caitlin discovers a shrimp-like alien creature on the shores of her island home, she takes responsibility for teaching it about the world. Mostly, this just involved stopping little Perijee from eating everything! Caitlin becomes increasingly close to her alien friend, treating him like a brother. There's only one problem - Perijee won't stop growing.

Then the authorities try to hunt him down and through his fear, Perijee disappears and starts causing trouble. Caitlin must leave home and travel across the country to try and convince Perijee to stop destroying everything before it's too late.

About the author:

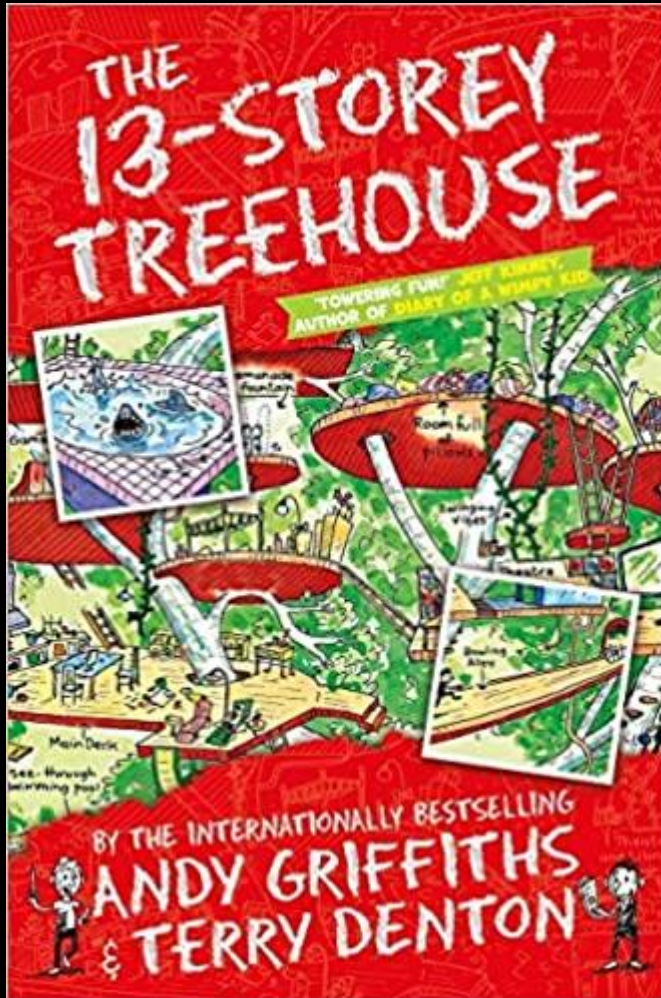
Ross Montgomery has worked as a pig farmer, a postman and a primary school teacher, so writing books was the next logical step. He spent his childhood reading everything he could get his hands on, from Jacqueline Wilson to Beano annuals, and it taught him pretty much everything that's worth knowing.

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Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry! Just watch out for the sea monkeys, and the monkeys pretending to be sea monkeys, and the giant mutant mermaid sea monster . . . Oh, and, whatever you do, don't get trapped in a burp-gas-filled bubble . . . !

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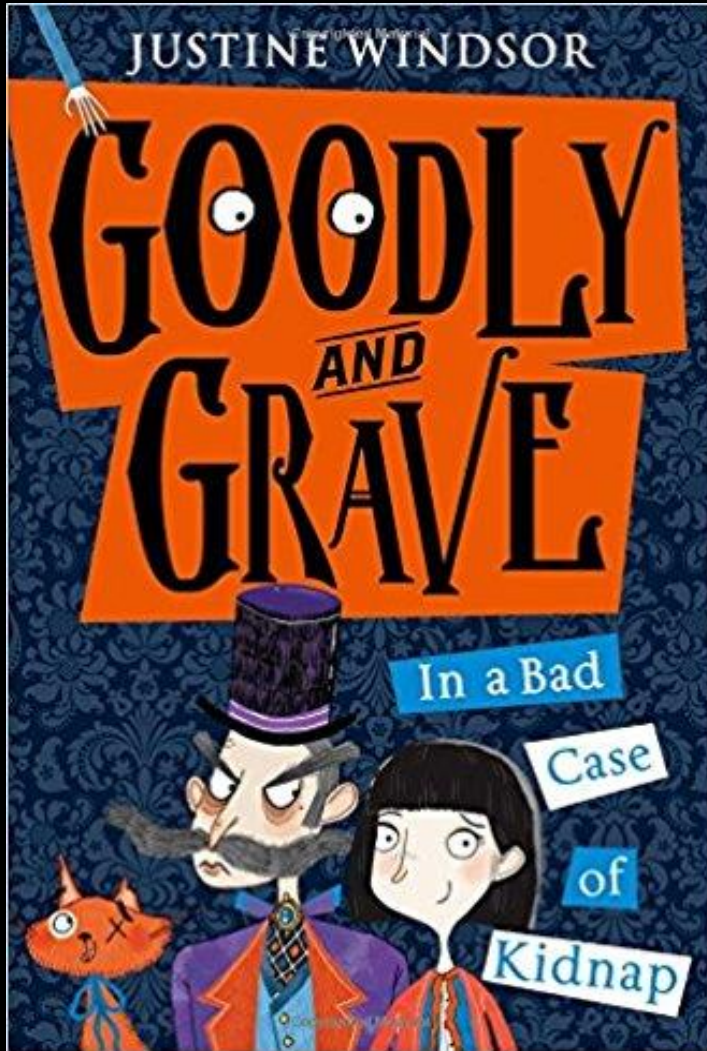
Andy Griffiths is Terry's best mate. He is also Australia's number-one children's author. His books, including the popular Treehouse series, have been hugely successful internationally, winning awards and becoming bestsellers in the UK and the USA as well as in his homeland, Australia. Andy thrives on having an audience: he has worked as a high-school teacher, been the lead singer in a rock band and a stand-up comedian.

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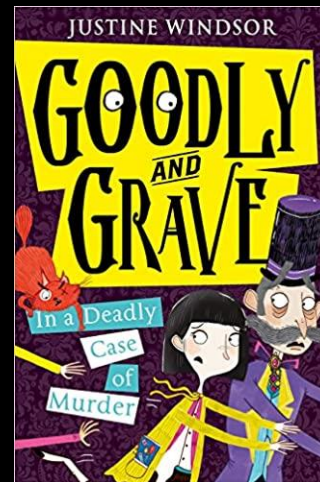


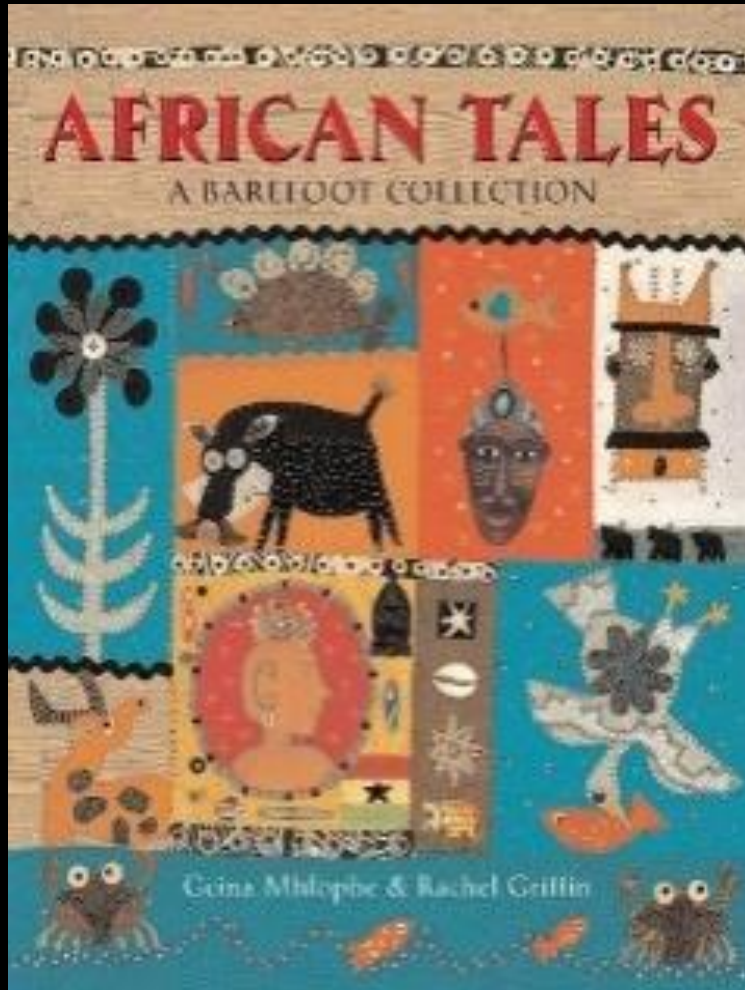
Lucy Goodly is the new boot girl at Grave Hall, working for the cold, aloof Lord Grave. The other staff – Vonk the Butler, Mrs Crawley the cook and Violet the scullery maid – all seem friendly but Lucy soon notices that strange things are afoot in her new home – and not just Mrs Crawley’s experimental anchovy omelettes. There are moving statues, magical books and Lord Grave has a secret. Meanwhile, all over the country, children are vanishing. Could the mystery of the missing children be linked to the strange goings-on? Lucy is determined to find out...

About the author:

Justine Windsor is a debut author but has been shortlisted and won various new writers awards including the Times/Chicken House children’s writers prize and the youwriteone.com Children’s Book of the Year. She lives and works in London.

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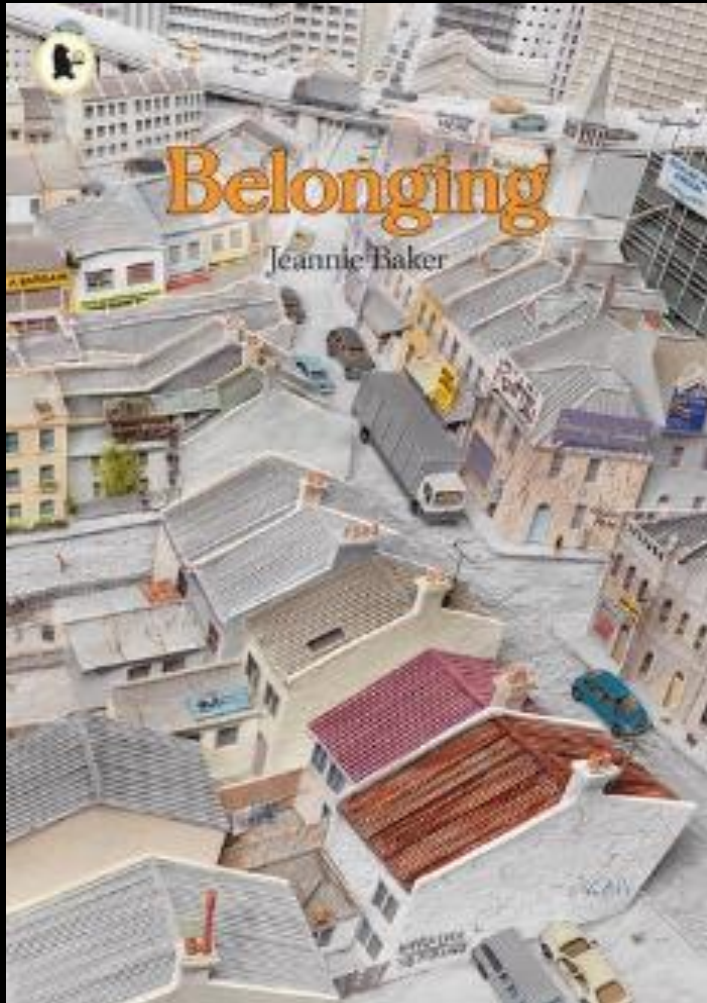


This anthology includes eight traditional tales from all over Africa. Sumptuous hand-sewn collage artwork decorated with African beads adorns these unforgettable tales of bravery, wisdom, wit and heroic deeds.

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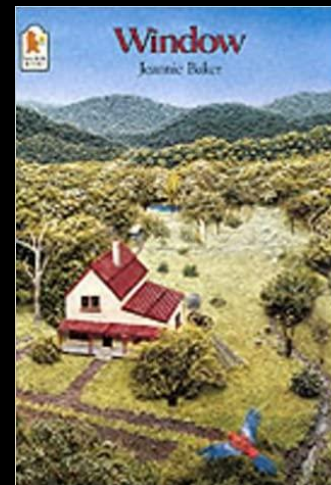


Observed through the window of a house, a city street gradually becomes a place to call home as the inhabitants begin to rescue their street by planting grass and trees in the empty spaces. Year by year, everything begins to blossom... Told wordlessly and with stunning collage illustrations, *Belonging* explores the re-greening of the city and the role of community, the empowerment of people and the significance of children, family and neighbourhood in changing the urban environment for the better.

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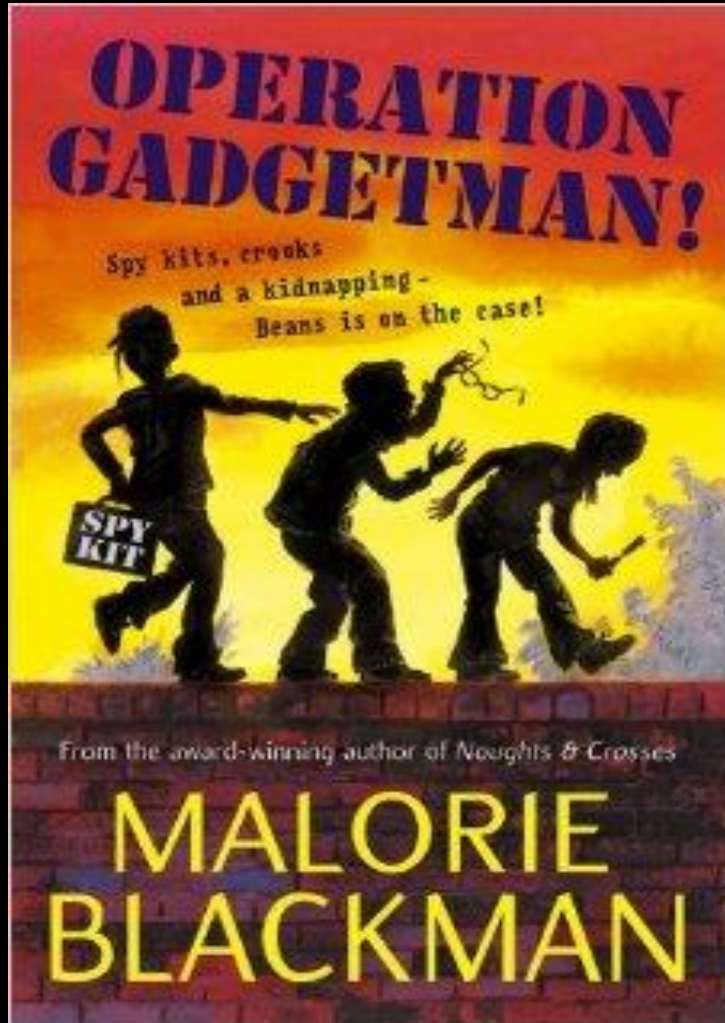
A collage artist, picture book author and film maker whose work often has a strong environmental focus.

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Beans calls her dad 'Gadgetman' because of the weird and wonderful gadgets he comes up with - everything from exploding biscuits to Spy Kits. But when Gadgetman accidentally invents a device that could be used to steal millions of pounds, the wrong people find out and Gadgetman is kidnapped! With the help of her friends - and her special Gadgetman Spy Kit - Beans is determined to track down the kidnappers and rescue her dad. But can she find Gadgetman before he is forced to hand over the details of his invention...?

About the author:

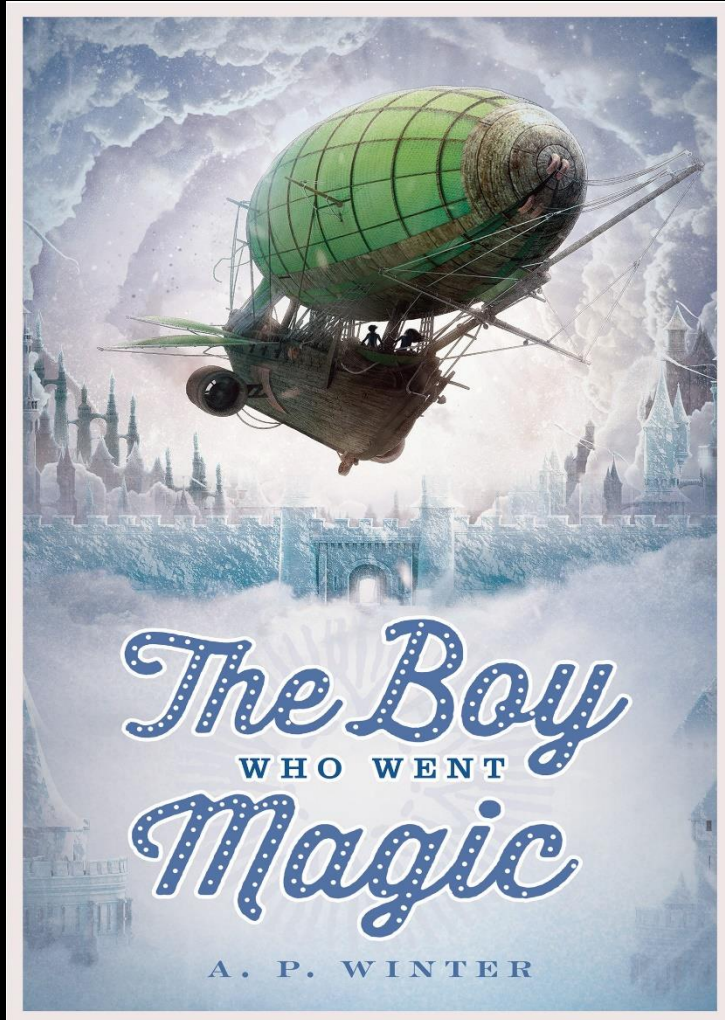
Malorie Blackman is acknowledged as one of today's most imaginative and convincing writers for young readers. The novels in her Noughts & Crosses sequence have won several awards, including the FCBG Red House Children's Book Award.

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Magic is long-gone ... or is it? A chain of fantastical mishaps in schoolboy Bert's dull life spiral out of control - but then he's rescued by Finch, a plucky girl-adventurer with metal legs. Soon they're sailing across a sea of clouds. Magic is their destination, for reasons Bert will soon discover ...

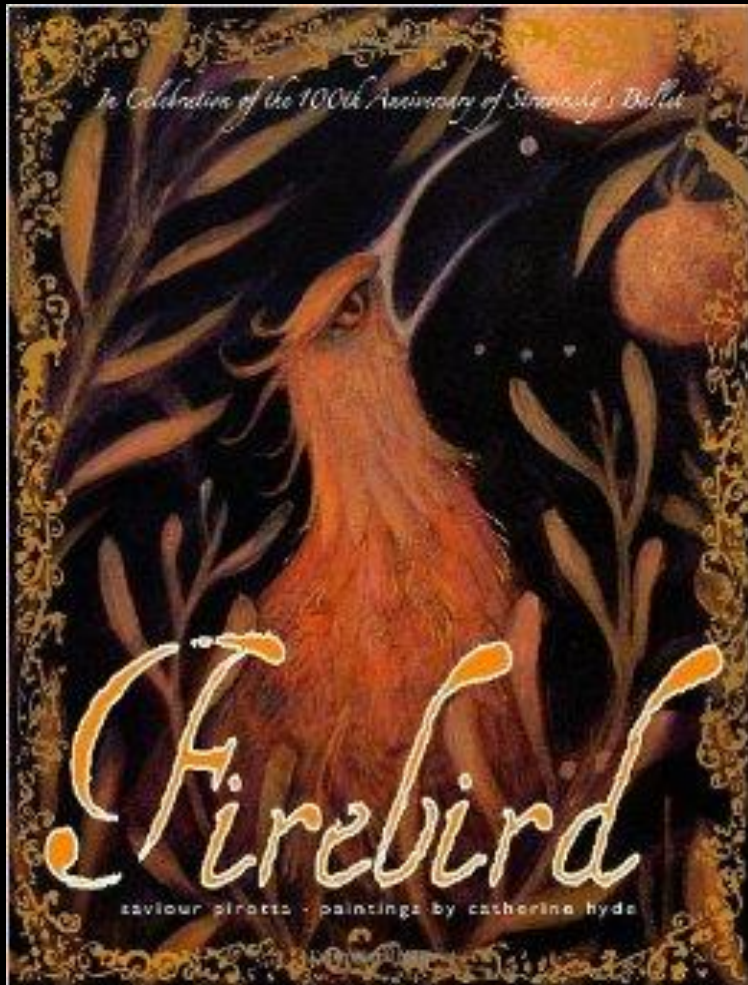
About the author:

A.P. Winter lives in York, England and is a full-time writer and part-time professional chocolate taster. He recently completed a Master's degree in creative writing. In his spare time he enjoys long-distance running, martial arts, learning new recipes, and avoiding the weather with his cat.

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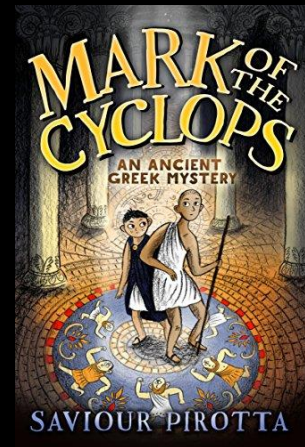


The legendary firebird has been stealing King Vaslav's golden apples - how can he catch this dazzling thief? With the help of the King's overlooked youngest son, and a mysterious wolf, the mystery of the firebird is unravelled. This is a spellbinding retelling of the original Russian folktale that inspired Stravinsky's famous ballet, illustrated with the stunning paintings of artist Catherine Hyde.

About the author:

Saviour Pirotta is a best-selling children's author. The first novel in his Ancient Greek Mysteries, the Mark of the Cyclops, won the North Somerset Teachers' Book Award 2018. His picture book The Unicorn Prince, illustrated by Jane Ray, was an editor's pick in The Bookseller November 2018 and The Guardian's pick of the month in October 2018. His latest series is based at the end of the Neolithic and the start of the Bronze Age.

Also by this author:





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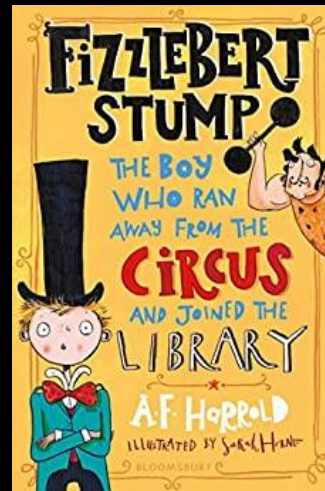
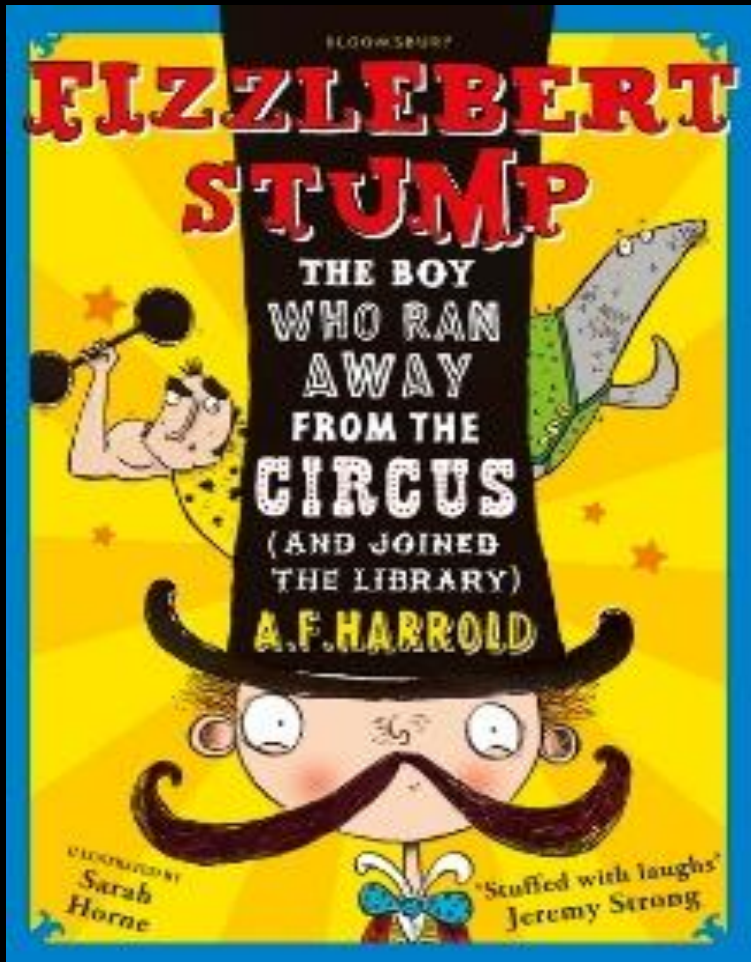
'There are many boys in the world, all slightly different from one another, and most of them are referred to by names. These are often John or Jack or Desmond, but sometimes they are James or Philip or Simon. Once, and once only, there was a boy whose name was Fizzlebert.'

Fizzlebert Stump lives in a travelling circus. But although he gets to hang around with acrobats, play the fool with clowns, and put his head in a lion's mouth every night, he's the only kid there - and he's bored. But then Fizz decides to join a library, and life suddenly gets a lot more exciting, when a simple library card application leads to him being kidnapped by a pair of crazed pensioners! Will he ever see the circus again?

About the author:

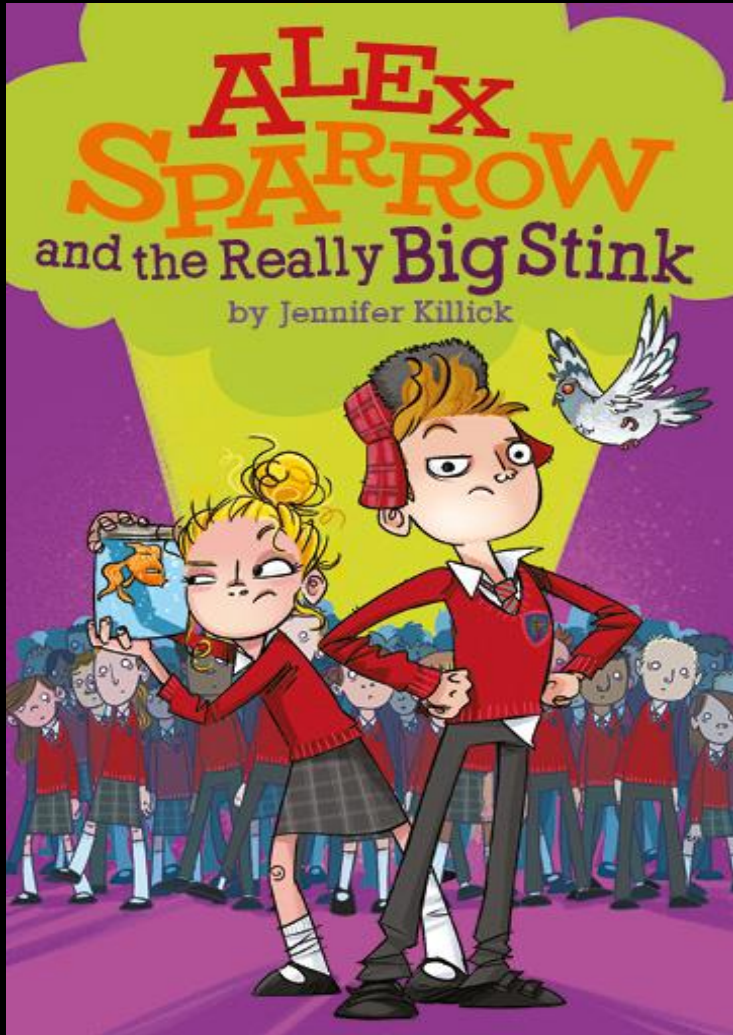
A.F. Harrold is an English poet (1975 – present) who writes and performs for adults and children. He is the owner of many books, a handful of hats, a few good ideas and one beard. He spends his time showing off on stage, writing poems and books, and stroking his beard (it helps churn the ideas).

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Alex Sparrow is a super-agent in training. He is also a human lie-detector. Working with Jess – who can communicate with animals – they must find out why their friends, and enemies, are all changing into polite and well-behaved pupils. And exactly who is behind it all. ALEX SPARROW is a funny, mid-grade novel full of farts, jokes and superhero references. Oh, and a rather clever goldfish called Bob. In a world where kids' flaws and peculiarities are being erased out of existence, Alex and Jess must rely on what makes them different to save the day.

About the author:

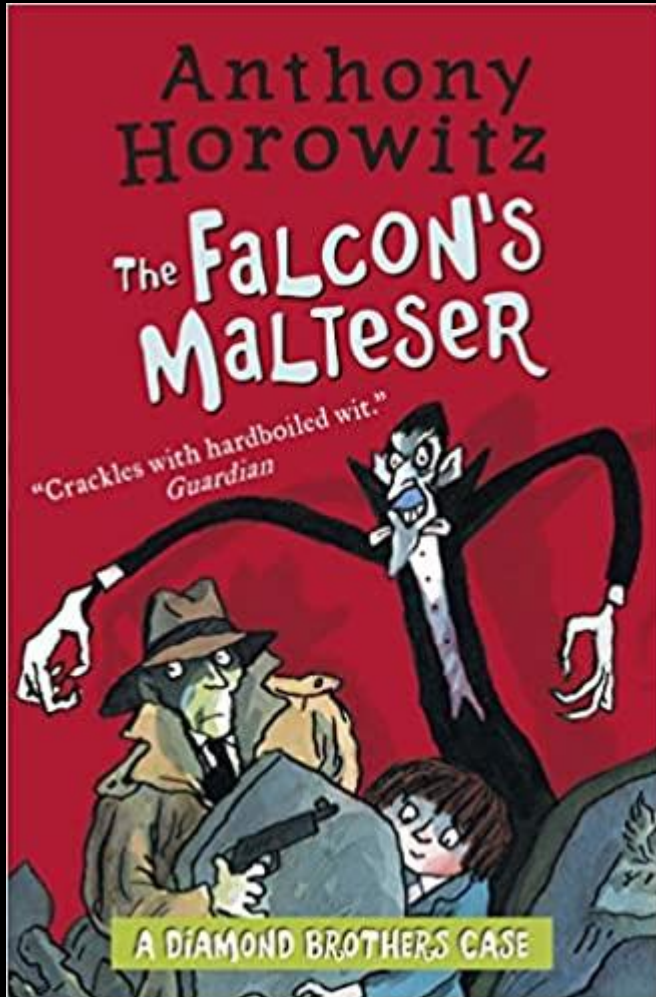
Jennifer Killick has always wanted to be a writer, but really started when she applied for a Creative Writing MA at Brunel University, which is where she first got the idea for 'The Really Big Stink'. She lives in Uxbridge, in a house full of children, animals and Lego. When she has the time she loves to read, write, and run as fast as she can.

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Meet the Diamond Brothers, the world's most defective detectives, by the author of the number one bestselling Alex Rider series. When a dwarf comes into the office and leaves a package, Tim Diamond, the world's worst private-detective, is faced with his toughest case yet. The office is ransacked and the package is found to contain simply a box of Maltesers. Who was the dwarf ... and why was he murdered shortly after his visit?

About the author:

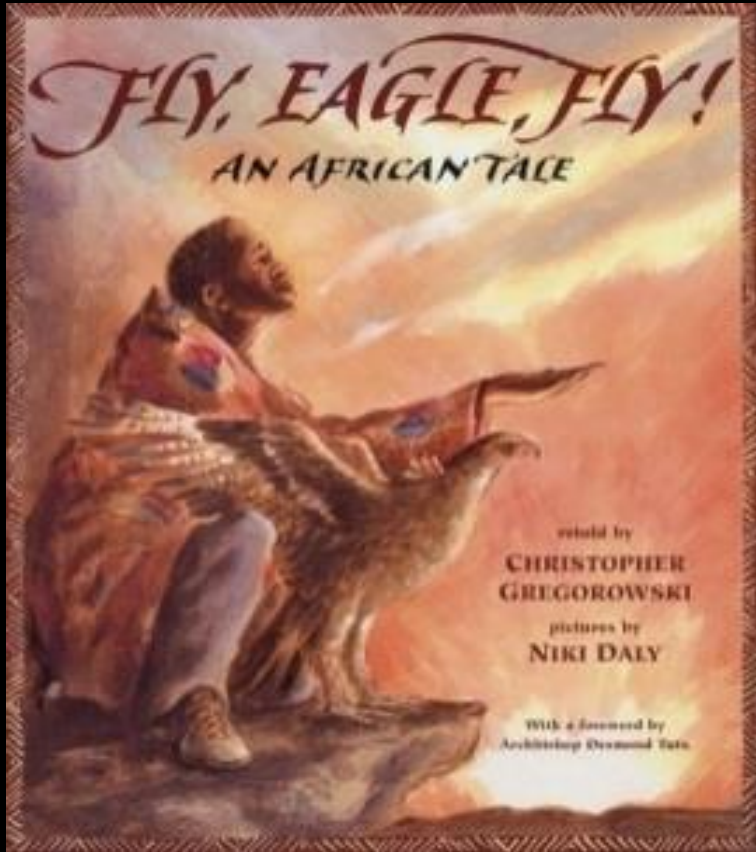
Anthony says "The game changer for me was Stormbreaker, the first Alex Rider adventure, published in 2000. There were eleven more books in the series - the latest, Never Say Die, was published in 2017 - and they are now being developed for TV. I have plenty of other children's books out there - I was delighted to discover my Power of Five series (Raven's Gate, Evil Star etc) on sale in a tiny bookshop in Elounda, Crete only a few days ago."

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After a stormy night, a farmer, searching for his lost calf, finds a baby eagle that has been blown out of its nest. He takes it home and raises it with his chickens. When a friend comes to visit one day, he tells the farmer that an eagle should be flying high in the sky, not staying on the ground. "But this eagle walks like a chicken, eats like a chicken, even thinks like a chicken," the farmer replies. Twice, the farmer's friend tries to get the eagle to fly, but it sees the chickens on the ground and drops down each time. At last the friend, followed by the farmer, carries the young eagle back into the mountains and places the great bird on a rocky ledge, just before sunrise. As the air is filled with golden light and the sun appears, the friend cries, "Fly, Eagle, fly!" and the eagle raises its wings and soars upward, out of sight. This simply told yet dramatic story from Africa will delight children everywhere and encourage them to "lift off and soar," as Archbishop Tutu puts it in his foreword. In lovely, expressive paintings of great beauty, sparked with touches of humour, Niki Daly, an internationally known artist, catches the essence of this powerful tale.

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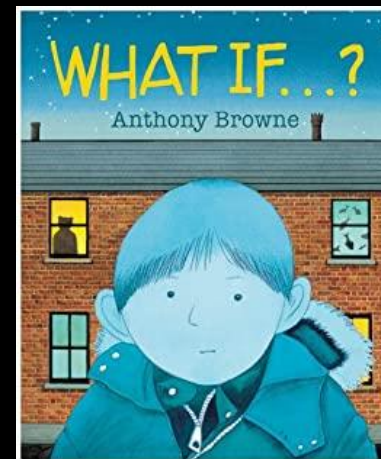
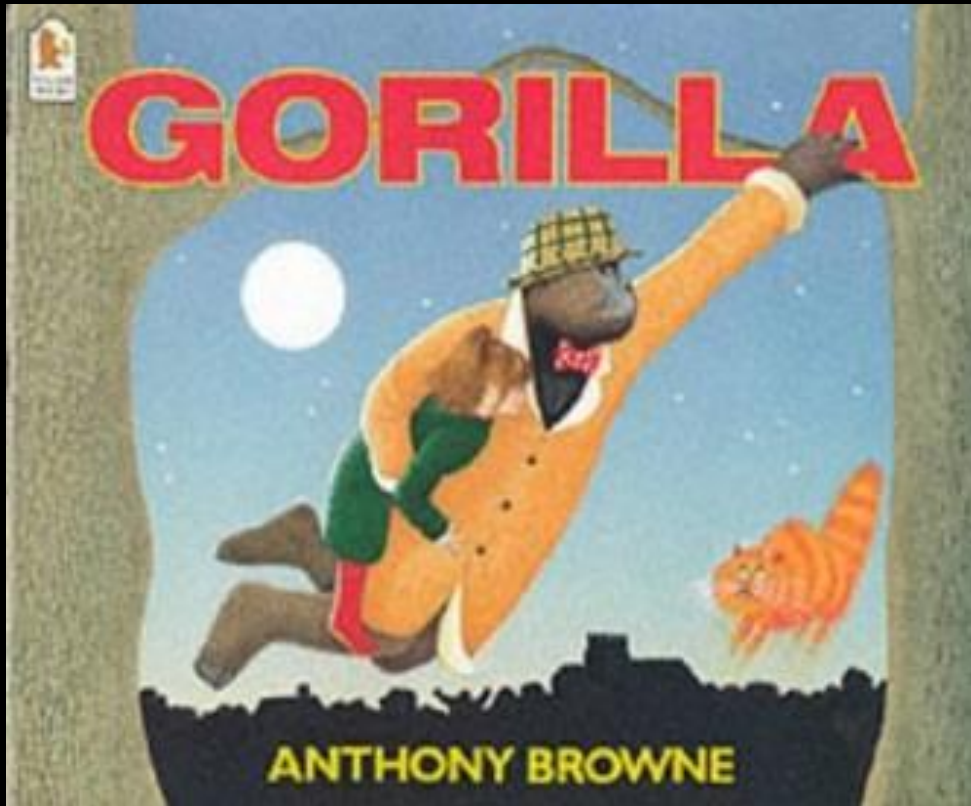
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Hannah spends all of her time reading gorilla books, watching gorilla TV shows, and drawing gorilla pictures. She has gorillas on her bedside lamp and even on her box of cereal. Hannah loves gorillas and longs to see a real one, but her father is always too busy - or too tired - to take her to the zoo. Then, on the night before her birthday, something extraordinary happens - and Hannah's wish comes gloriously true.

About the author:

Anthony Browne is the acclaimed author and illustrator of such prize-winning bestsellers as *Gorilla* (winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal and the Kurt Maschler Award), *Willy the Wizard*, *My Dad*, *Voices in the Park* (winner of Kurt Maschler Award) and *Zoo* (winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal).

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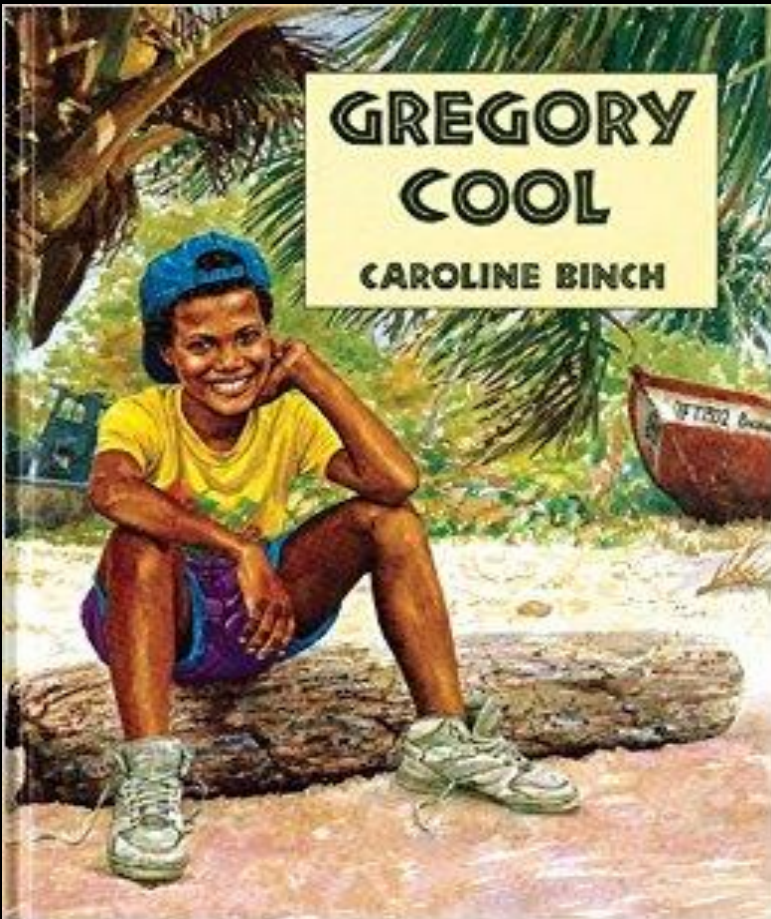
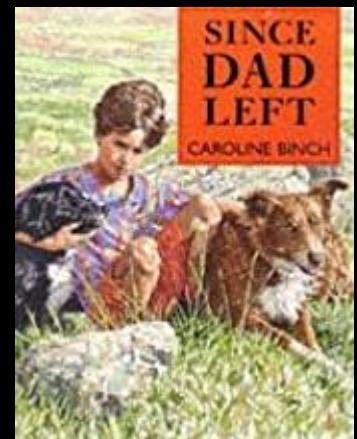
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When Gregory wakes up on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents, his heart sinks. The food is strange, the sun too hot, his cousin Lennox is on another wave length, and there are none of the televisions, video games and other high-tech gadgets that a cool city-boy takes for granted. How Gregory adjusts to the strange culture, and learns to enjoy the lifestyle of the Caribbean is enchantingly told and illustrated by award-winning author Caroline Binch.

About the author:

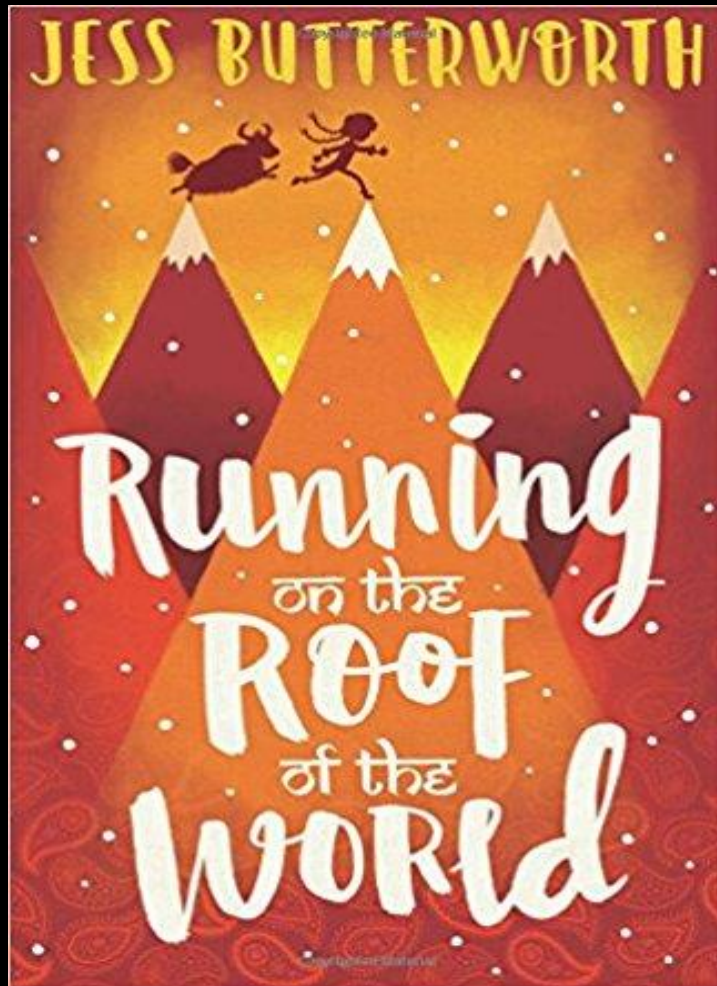
Caroline Binch's illustrations for *Hue Boy*, written by Rita Phillips Mitchell, won the Smarties Prize. She illustrated the bestselling story *Amazing Grace* and several other Grace stories by Mary Hoffman. *Gregory Cool*, which Caroline wrote and illustrated, was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal, and her *Since Dad Left* won the United Kingdom Book Award in 1998.

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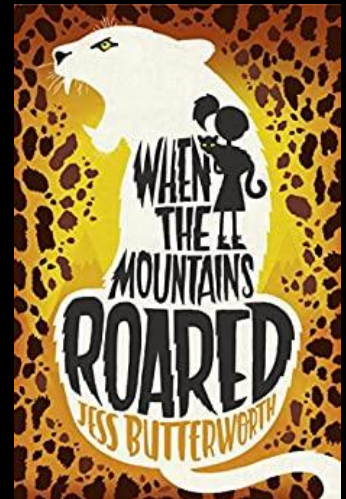


There are two words that are banned in Tibet. Two words that can get you locked in prison without a second thought. I watch the soldiers tramping away and call the words after them. 'Dalai Lama.' Tash has to follow many rules to survive in Tibet, a country occupied by Chinese soldiers. But when a man sets himself on fire in protest and soldiers seize Tash's parents, she and her best friend Sam must break the rules. They are determined to escape Tibet - and seek the help of the Dalai Lama himself in India. And so, with a backpack of Tash's father's mysterious papers and two trusty yaks by their side, their extraordinary journey across the mountains begins.

About the author:

Jess spent her childhood between the UK and India, and grew up hearing stories about the Himalayas from her grandmother. She's lived in India and even met with the Dalai Lama. She studied creative writing at Bath Spa and after a few years living in Louisiana, is now back in the UK, where she lives with her husband and daughter.

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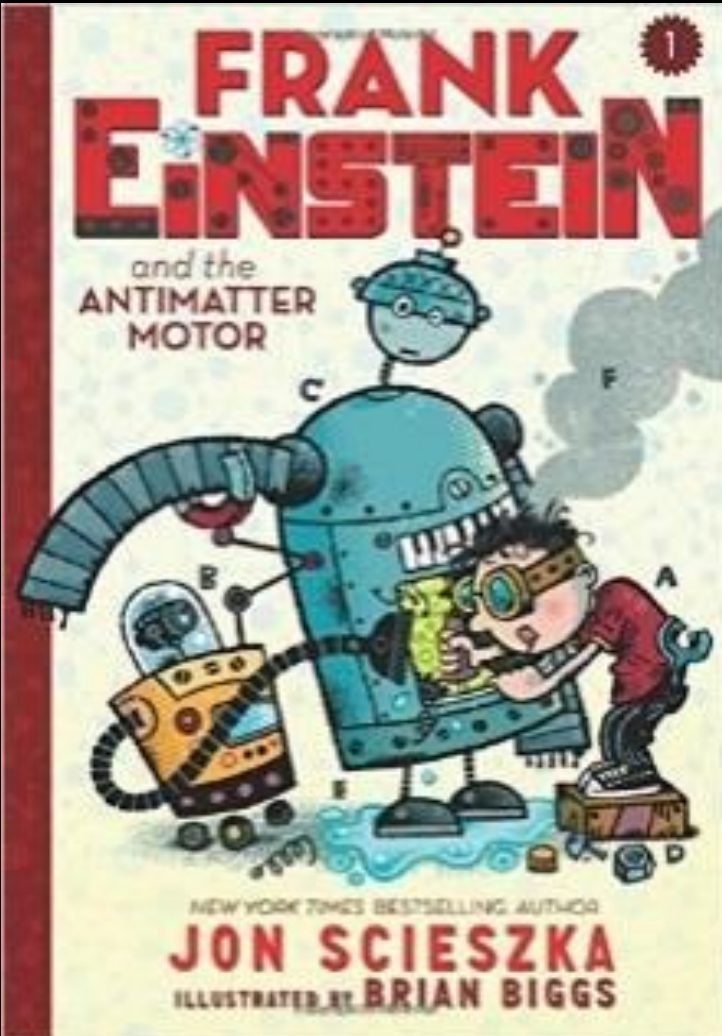
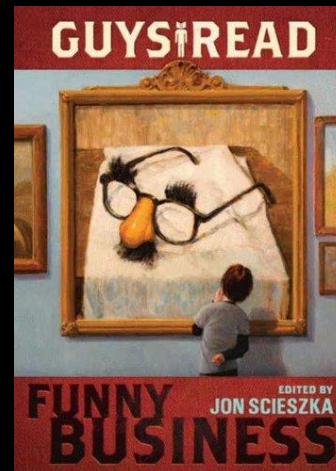
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Kid-genius and inventor Frank Einstein loves figuring out how the world works by creating household contraptions that are part science, part imagination, and definitely unusual. In the series opener, an uneventful experiment in his garage-lab, a lightning storm, and a flash of electricity bring Frank's inventions—the robots Klink and Klank—to life! Not exactly the ideal lab partners, the wisecracking Klink and the overly expressive Klank nonetheless help Frank attempt to perfect his inventions... until Frank's archnemesis, T. Edison, steals Klink and Klank for his evil doomsday plan!

About the author:

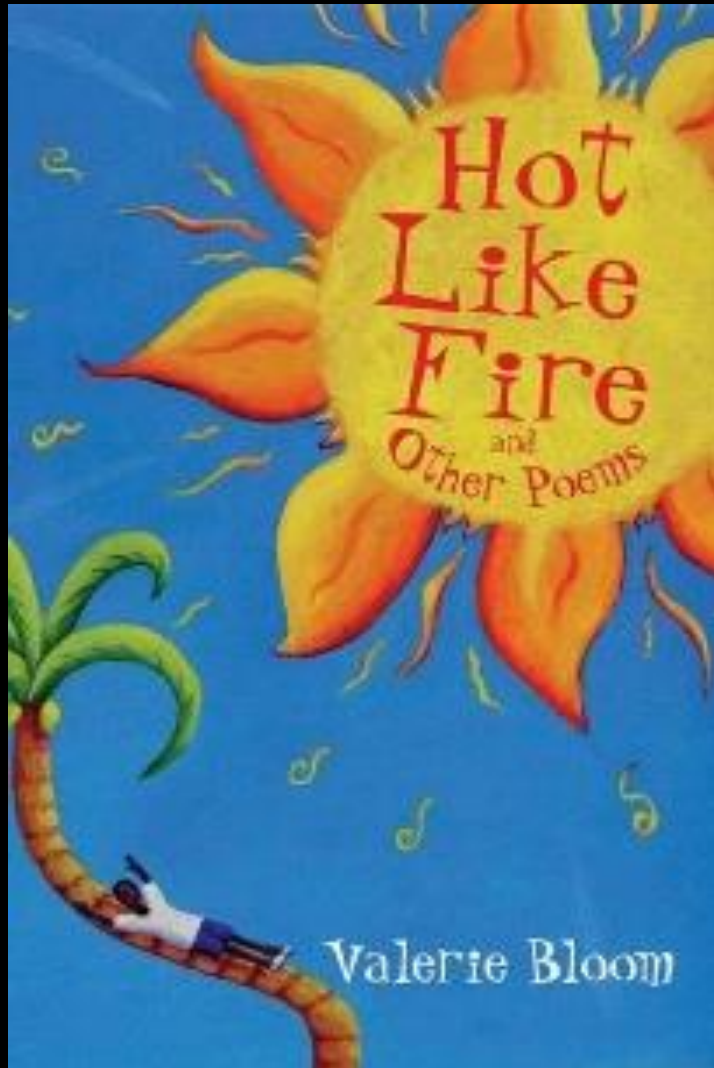
Jon Scieszka is one of the most important, iconic, and well-loved voices in children's literature. From his classic picture books (*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs!* and *The Stinky Cheese Man*) and chapter books (the *Time Warp Trio* series) that have sold millions of copies to his literacy initiatives such as Guys Read and his tenure as the first National Ambassador of Young People's Literature, Jon Scieszka has cemented his reputation as one of the most trusted and respected authorities on what middle-grade boys read.

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When de July sun hot like fire, Den I have jus' one desire, To run down to de shop an' buy a Kisko pop. The World Is Sweet and Hot Like Fire published in one volume for the first time. Valerie Bloom's poetry is beautifully crafted yet full of energy and fun. Her mixed use of standard English and dialect is a delight to read and hear. Children love reading and listening to her work! Valerie's subjects range from global pollution, problems with maths homework and the sad demise of pet frogs (he croaked of course) to taking sandwiches to school and being afraid of ghosts.

About the author:

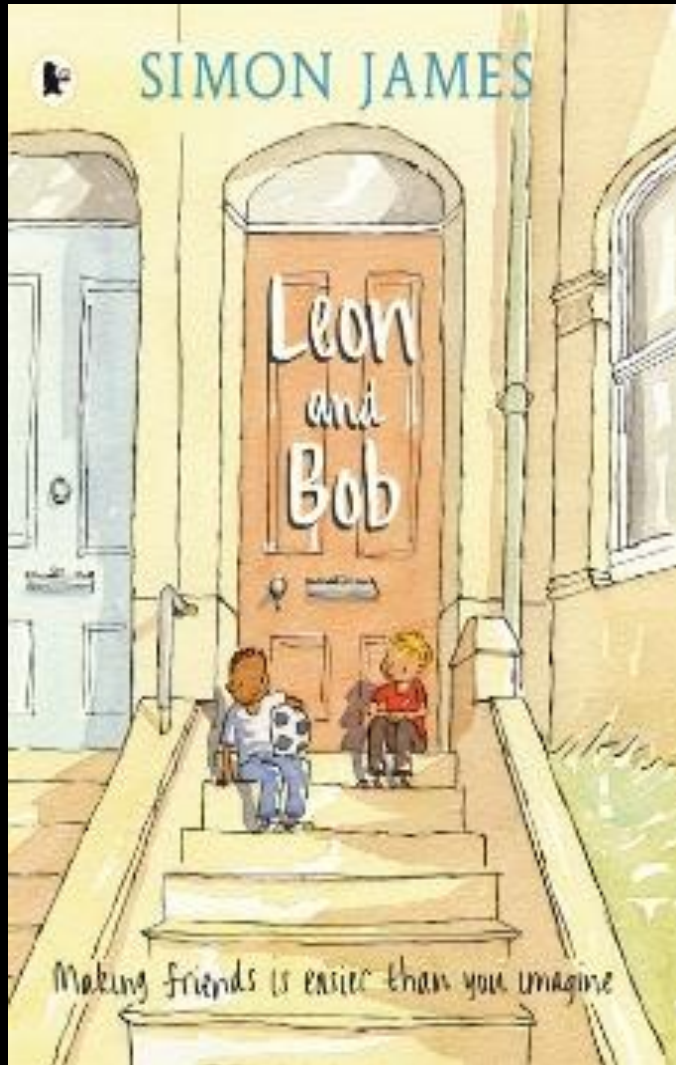
Valerie Bloom is originally from Jamaica and she came to England in 1979. She spends a huge amount of time at festivals and schools performing and promoting her work, for which she is in great demand. Valerie was awarded an MBE for her services to poetry in 2008.

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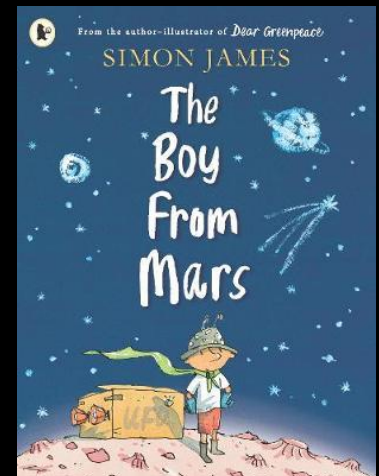


An urban tale about a boy and his imaginary friend. Bob is Leon's best friend. He shares Leon's room. Everywhere Leon goes, Bob goes too. Then one day a boy moves in next door. But when Leon goes to ask his new neighbour to go to the park with him, he discovers Bob has gone.

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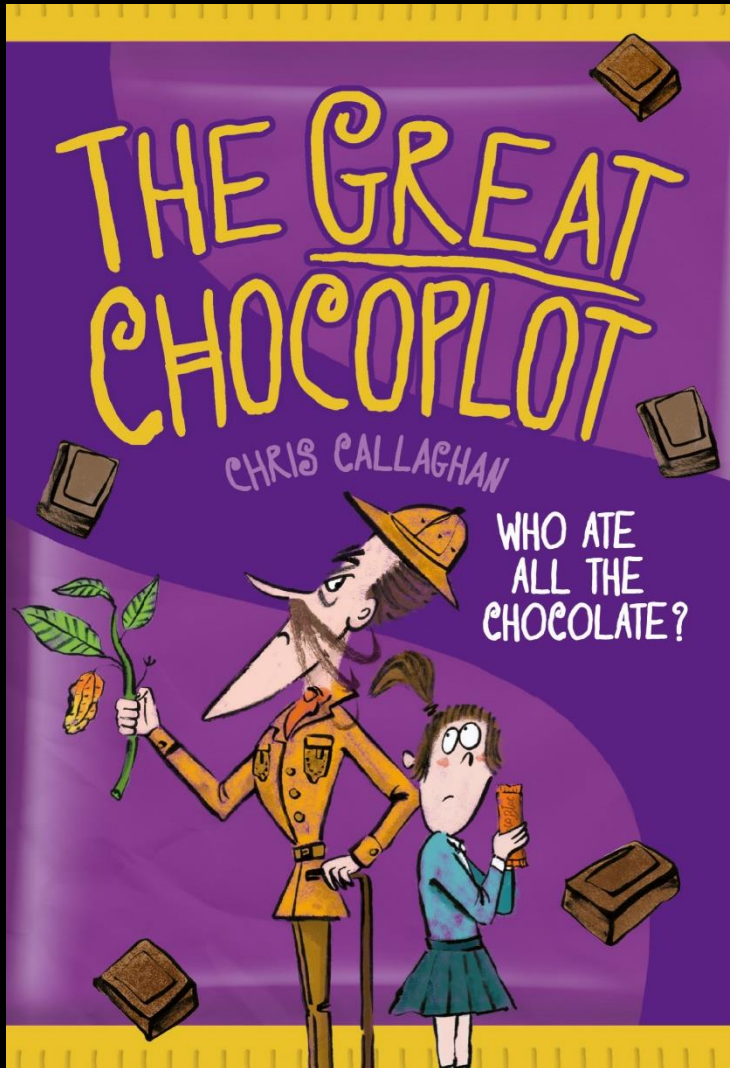
Simon James grew up in Bristol and Exeter. He was educated at Queen Elizabeth School, Crediton. From an early age, he spent much of his time drawing and stapling stories into little books. His father had lots of books on cartoonists, many of whom Simon tried to copy. His favourites were Ronald Searle and Gerard Hoffnung. He spent the rest of his time climbing trees, saving worms from puddles and worrying about the strange shapes in the curtains at night. After leaving school, Simon had many different jobs, whilst hoping to be a cartoonist. Some time later he went to college to study graphic design and art history. "Whilst working with words and images together, I developed a greater understanding of the techniques used in creating picture books." he says.

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Jelly and her family live in Chompton-on-de-Lyte, where everyone loves a Chocablocka bar or two. So when the end of chocolate is announced, she can't believe it. Determined to investigate, Jelly and her gran follow a trail of clues to a posh chocolate shop and its owner, the pompous Garibaldi Choclati. Gari's suspiciously smug, despite his failing business and yucky chocolate. Is it really the chocopocalypse, or is there a chocoplot afoot?

About the author:

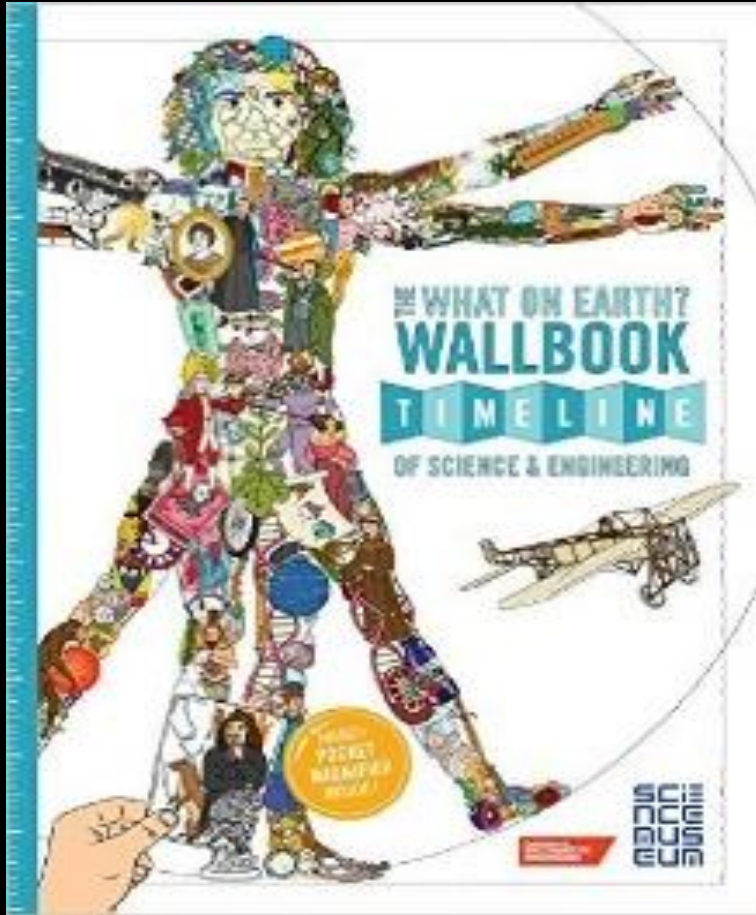
Chris' first job was on a Pick 'n' Mix counter, followed by a career in the Royal Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. Even though fully trained on how jet fighters work and fly, he still suspects that there is a little magic involved somewhere. Then as an Environmental Scientist he spent a lot of time getting wet on factory roofs, measuring pollution. He left all that behind to become a Stay At Home Dad where his brain began fizzing with stories. His wife and daughter kept insisting that he wrote some of these stories down. So he did.

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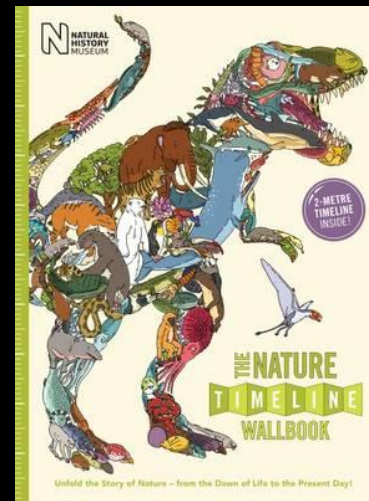
The What on Earth? Wallbook is an exhilarating journey through a range of subjects. The book is designed both to be read as a book and to be viewed as a poster that concertinas out to 2.3 metres. Terrifically original publishing.

There are 4 in the series so far on Big Bang to present day, natural history, sport and science & engineering.

About the author:

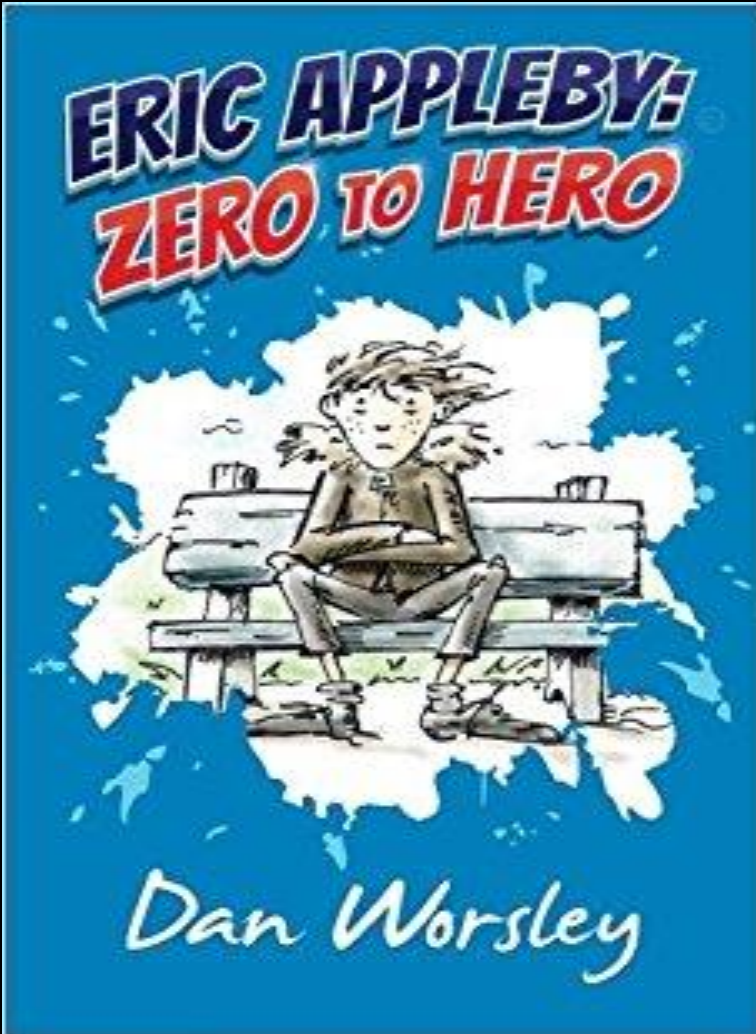
Christopher graduated with a double first in history from Cambridge in 1990 and went on to become the Technology Editor for The Sunday Times. He left in 2000 to become CEO of Immersive Education in Oxford before becoming an author in 2006. His best selling history of the world, called What on Earth Happened? (Bloomsbury 2008) is now in 15 languages and has sold more than 500,000 copies worldwide. He established his own publishing house What on Earth Publishing in Spring 2010 and has published a series of timelines in collaboration with illustrator Andy Forshaw covering history, nature, science, sport, Shakespeare and Magna Carta.

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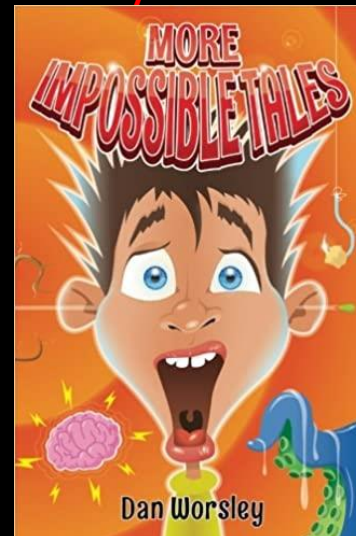


Eric Appleby is the ultimate failure, plain and simple. He only ever succeeds when he's messing things up and during his young life, very little has ever gone according to plan. One day though, Eric is caught up in a life-changing situation which ultimately results in his dramatic transformation from a down-on-his-luck schoolboy into the world's newest and most unlikely hero.

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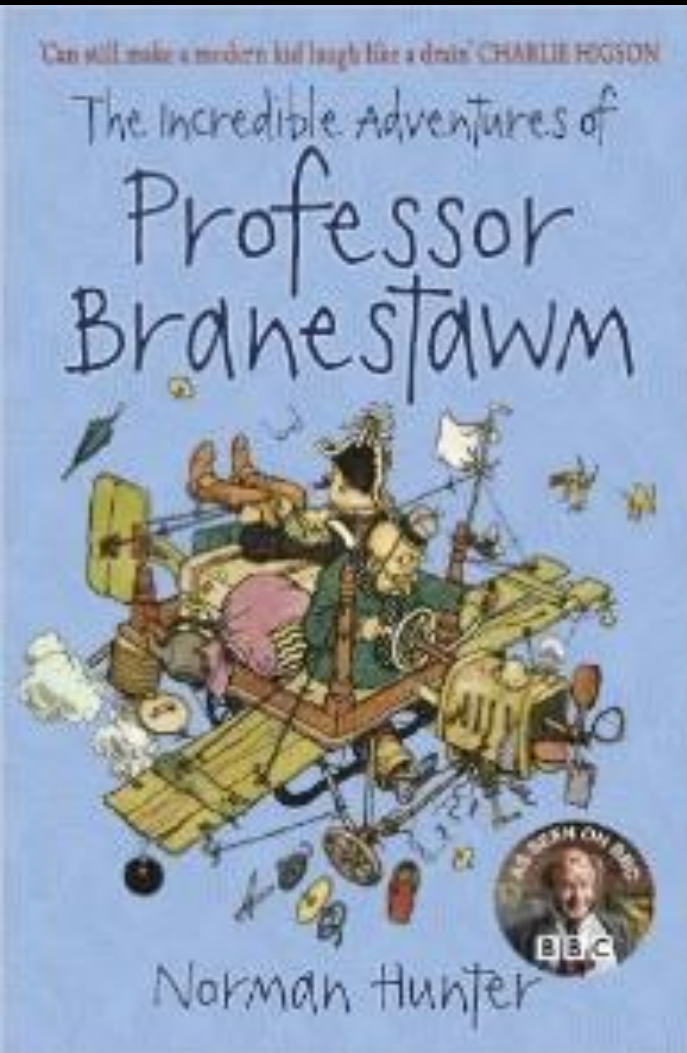
Dan Worsley is a children's author and storyteller from Blackpool, UK. 'Eric Appleby: Zero to Hero' is his second book and follows his writing debut, 'Impossible Tales!' which was published in 2014. Dan's latest book sees him team up for the first time with illustrator, Martin Spore. When he's not writing, Dan visits schools, libraries and all manner of public spaces where he encourages children to read and write through his inspiring author visits, writing workshops and spellbinding storytelling sessions.

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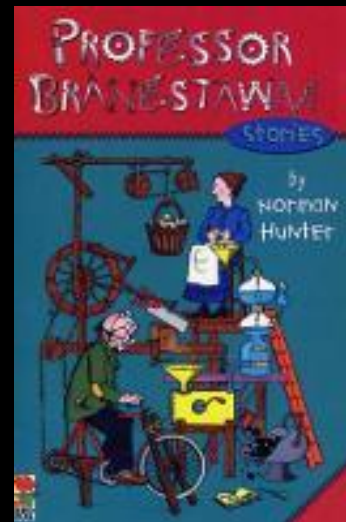


Still one of the immortals of children's literature - Professor Branestawm's continues to amuse generations of young readers. The wonderfully nutty, fabulously entertaining mishaps of Professor Branestawm. He's madly sane and cleverly dotty. Professor Branestawm is the most absent-minded inventor you'll ever meet and no matter how hard he tries his brilliant ideas never seem to keep him out of crazy scrapes.

About the author:

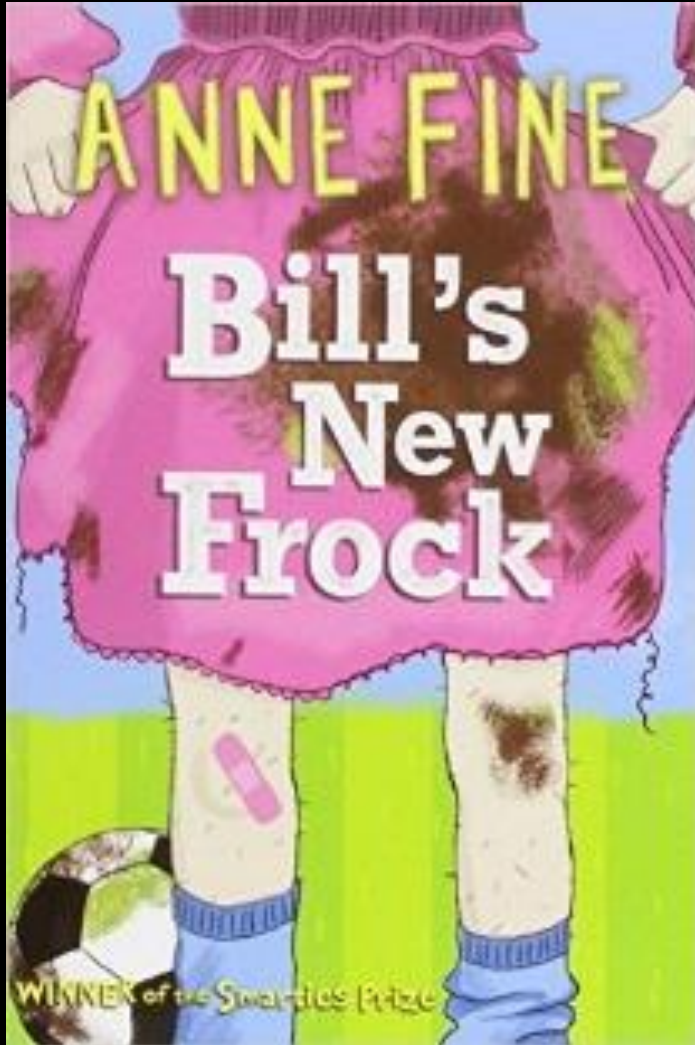
Norman Hunter was born in 1899 in Sydenham, London. After leaving school and finishing what he described as a 'course of all-in wrestling with typewriters', he became an advertising copywriter. He also began, in 1915, giving performances of conjuring, and made over two hundred appearances at Maskelyne and Devants. His first Branestawm book was published in 1933. After the Second World War, Norman Hunter moved to South Africa, where he continued to work in advertising. Conjuring was still one of his spare time occupations. He returned to England in 1969 where he lived near the river at Staines until his death in 1995.

Also by this author:





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Bill wakes up one day as a girl, and is horrified to be sent to school in a frilly pink frock with fiddly shell buttons. There he finds life suddenly very different. The bully whistles at him, instead of kicking him, he can't be picked to lift a table - not being a 'big strong boy' - his work's supposed to be ultra neat and he's being cast as Lovely Rapunzel, who in any case never gets to say anything! By the time he gets home the impractical frock is covered in mud and - thank goodness - Bill will never have to wear it again!

About the author:

Anne Fine was born and educated in the Midlands and now lives in County Durham. She has written numerous highly acclaimed and prize-winning books for children and adults.

Also by this author:





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Jamie's heart was beating all through his body. Everything depended on him. He HAD to score... Soccer prodigy Jamie Johnson is desperate to become Highwood School's star football player (and, in his dreams, Hawkstone United's, too). But after he wrecks his chances at the trials, the pressure's on to prove himself. Can he shoot from his school team all the way to the top? This riveting football series comes from an FA insider with an unrivalled knowledge of how Premiership football works. Capturing the sweat, passion and glory of the beautiful game, it will keep every footie fan glued to the page.

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About the author:

Dan Freedman is best known for his hugely popular series of Jamie Johnson football novels. The books have been adapted for TV by the BBC and the drama series has become the most downloaded children's show on the BBC iPlayer.

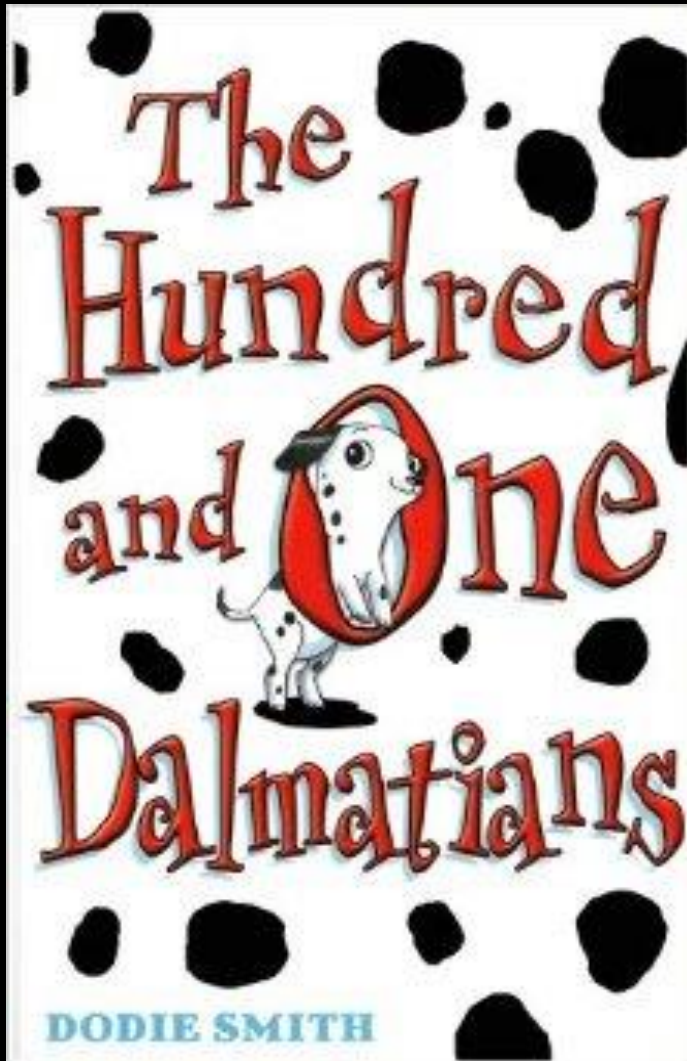
Jamie Johnson has been broadcast all over the world and Dan's global booksales have surpassed 850,000.

Before becoming an author, Dan was managing editor for The FA.





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When Dearly's Dalmatians have their first litter of pups fifteen in all everyone is delighted. But their joy is short lived, for the pups are kidnapped! Scotland Yard is baffled, but the keenest canine minds are on the case and on the trail of Cruella de Vil, the most fiendish person to ever covet a fur coat. Pongo and Missis would give everything they have to bring their puppies safely home... but will they succeed in rescuing them from the clutches of the evil Cruella de Vil? A tale full to overflowing with those prime requisites of a good story warmth and humour, imagination and suspense

About the author:

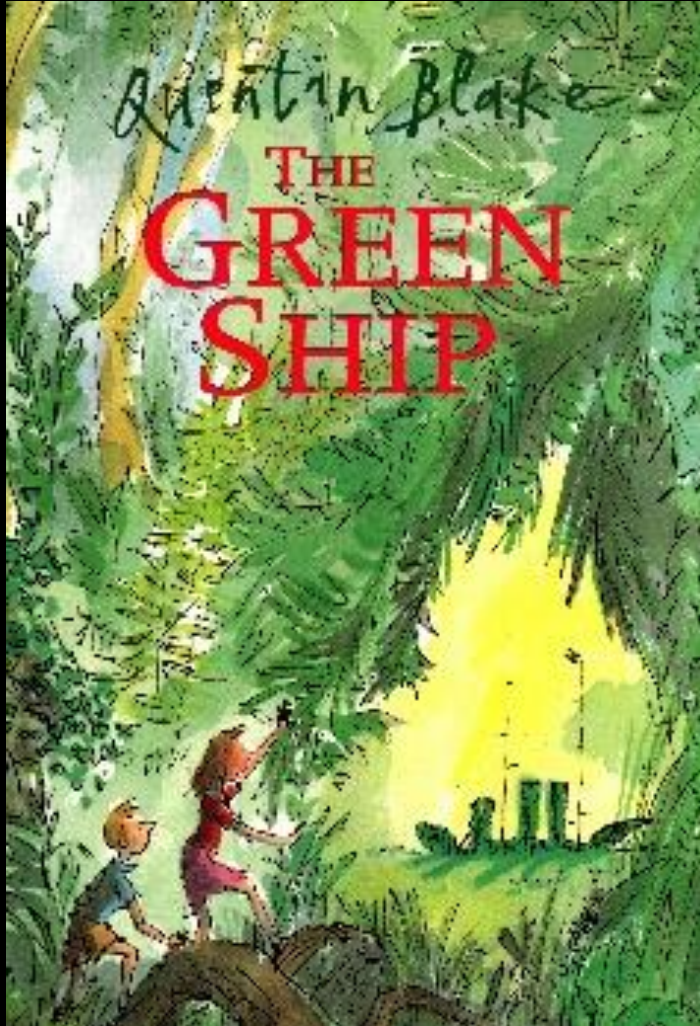
Dodie Smith was born in Manchester in 1896. Aged 17 she set off for London, determined to become an actress, but she struggled to find work, living off baked beans in freezing hostels. While working at the famous Heals department store, Dodie turned to writing plays instead, and her first was an overnight sensation

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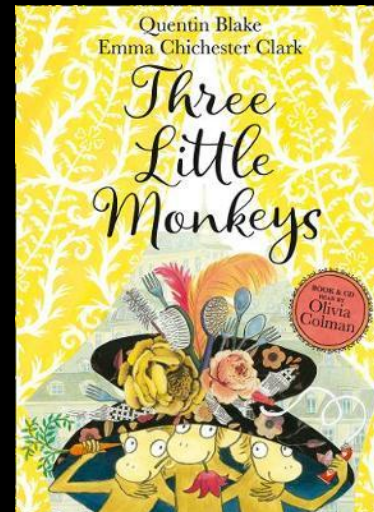


Two children find the Green Ship when they climb over the wall into what is more like a forest than a garden. The ship has bushes for bows and stern and its funnels are trees; a small garden shed on an ancient stump is the wheel house and in command of the ship is the owner of the garden, old Mrs Tredegar. Throughout the summer she and the Bosun and the two children sail the Seven Seas visiting exotic faraway places and having wonderful adventures.

About the author:

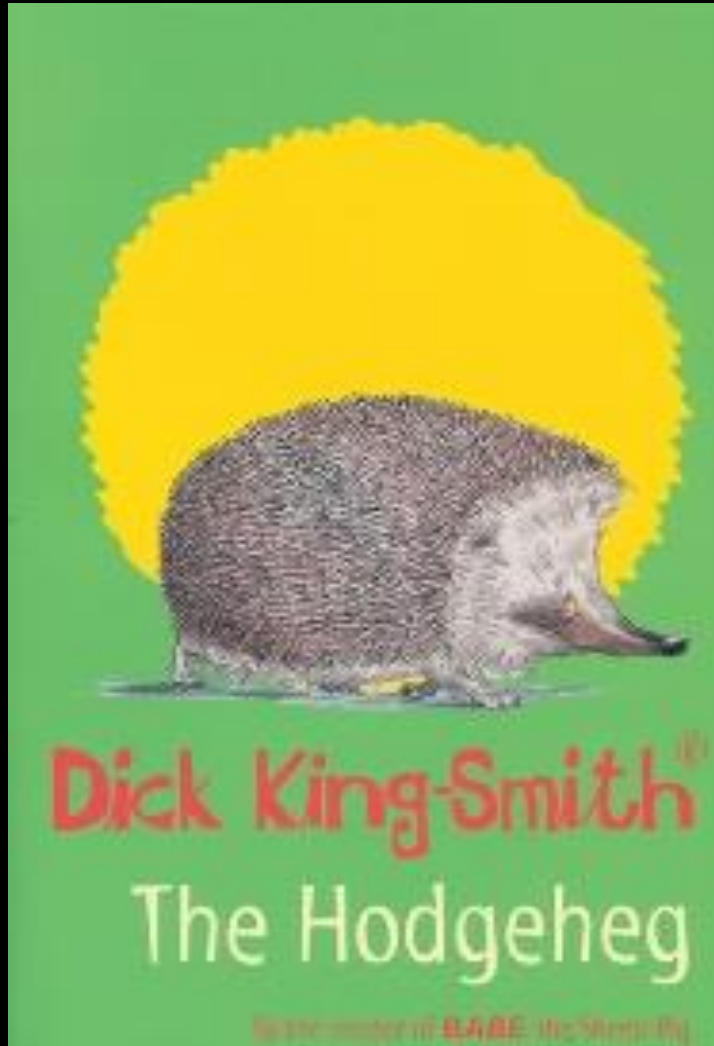
Quentin Blake is one of Britain's best-loved and most successful author-illustrators, and was made the first Children's Laureate in 1999. He has won the Whitbread Award, the Hans Christian Andersen Award for Illustration, been shortlisted for The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award which rewards the best in contemporary children's and young adult literature from all over the world and has won the Kate Greenaway Medal among others. He was born in 1932 and has been drawing ever since he can remember.

Also by this author:





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Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but unfortunately on the wrong side of the road from the Park, with its beautiful lily pond, and more importantly its juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is a dangerous barrier but Max notices that humans seem to cross it quite easily. If they can, why can't hedgehogs? So Max sets out on a quest to find a safe way to reach the Park. His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head, and Max finds when he tries to speak his words are all mixed up. He is now a Hodgeheg, not a hedgehog, but he is still determined to fulfil his mission. After some careful detective work, Max eventually discovers the best way to cross the road - with the help of the lollipop lady, of course!

About the author:

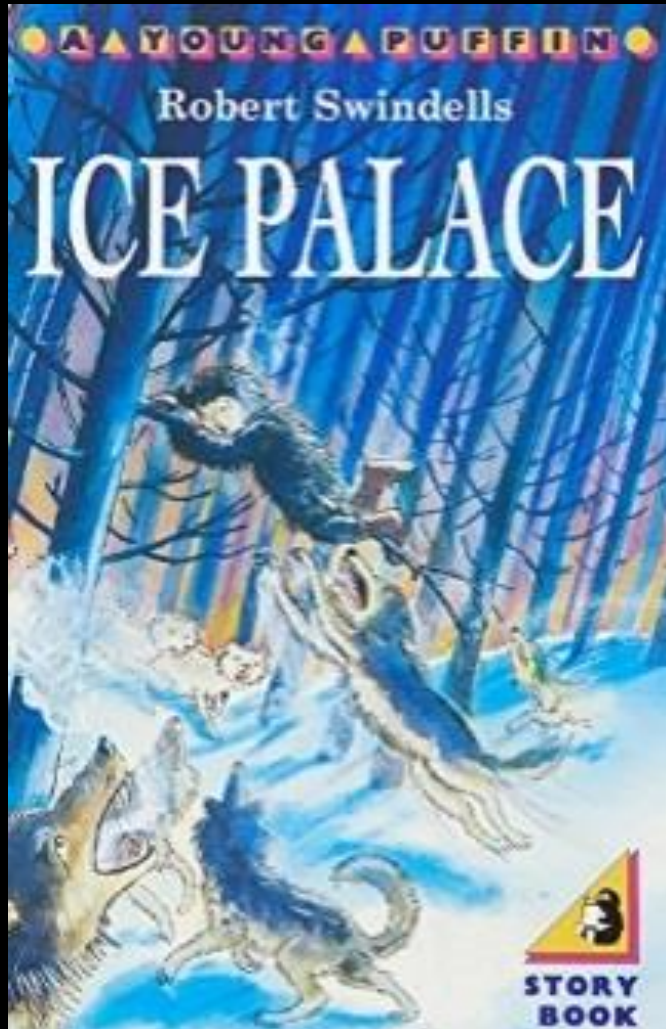
Dick King-Smith was born in 1922 and brought up in Gloucestershire. Dick served with the Grenadier Guards during World War II and was mentioned in dispatches. He then spent twenty years working as a farmer and a short period teaching in a primary school before becoming a full-time writer. Dick wrote over seventy stories!

Also by this author:





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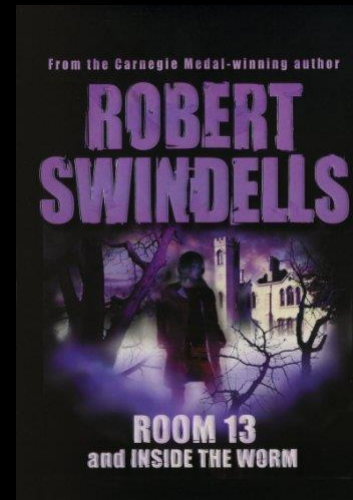


Ivan lives in a land where the winter is dark and fearful. Starjik, King of Winter, steals Ivan's little brother and Ivan braves the bitter cold to find him.

About the author:

Robert Swindells was born in Bradford in 1939 and continues to live in Yorkshire. He left school at 15 and worked in a variety of jobs, including primary school teaching, before becoming a full-time writer. His widely acclaimed novels often reflect his political passions, such as *BROTHER IN THE LAND*, which is set in the aftermath of a nuclear war. He has won the Red House Children's Book Prize several times and in 1993 he won the prestigious Carnegie Medal for *STONE COLD*, a young adult novel about homelessness.

Also by this author:





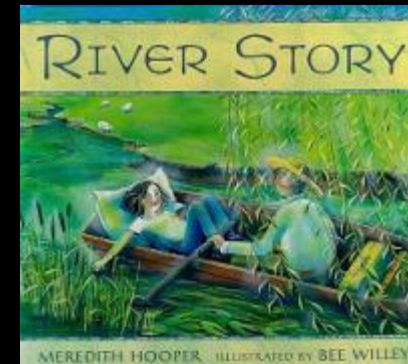
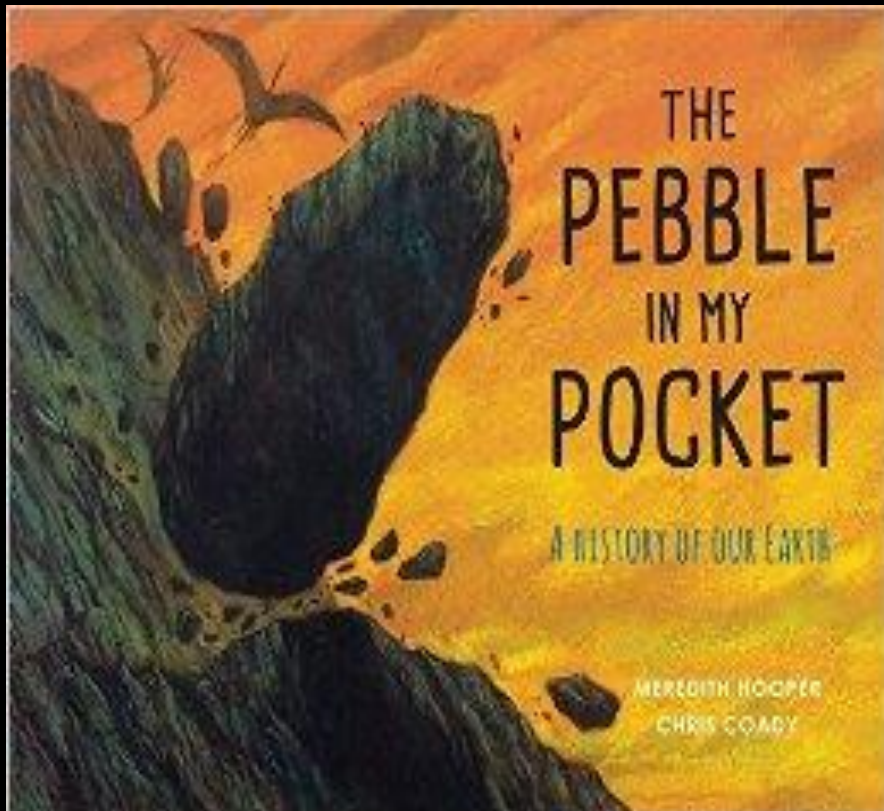
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Where do pebbles come from? How were they made? This book tells the story of a pebble, from its origins in a fiery volcano 480 million years ago to a busy, modern landscape. Readers follow the processes of rock formation and erosion that create new pebbles all over the world.

About the author:

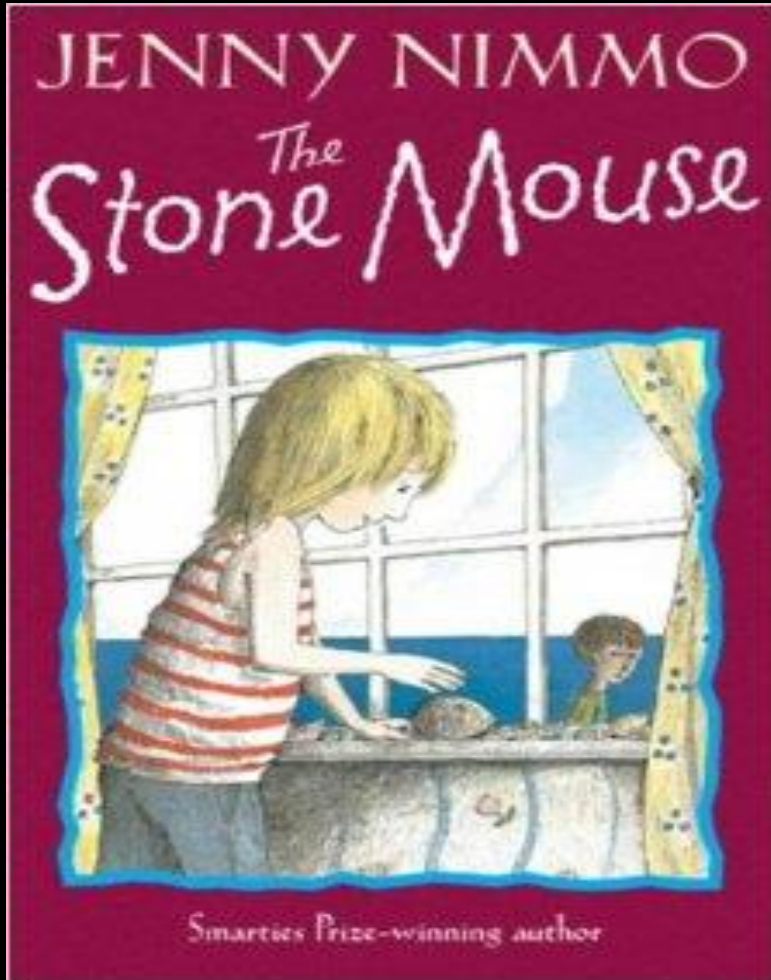
Meredith Hooper is a prolific Australian author. Born and educated in Adelaide, Meredith received her first degree from the University of Adelaide, before travelling to Oxford on an international scholarship to complete postgraduate studies in imperial history. She then travelled with her English husband to the United States and Canada, where she wrote a history of America for English school children and began research on her first best-seller, *Everyday Inventions*.

Also by this author:





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This is an acclaimed tale about magic and emotions, highly commended for the Carnegie Medal. When Elly and her family come to look after her aunt's house, she sees at once that Stone Mouse is special; but her brother Ted says he's just a dirty old pebble. But then Ted is angry with everyone and everything and, as Stone Mouse soon discovers, that means trouble...

About the author:

Jenny Nimmo lives in a converted watermill in Wales. Her husband, David, is a painter and print-maker, and all three of her children speak Welsh fluently. She finds Wales, a land of legends, a very inspiring place to live. For as long as she can remember, Jenny has loved books. At boarding school, reading was her way to overcome loneliness or boredom. However, she is aware that not everyone finds reading comes easily, and feels passionately that every child should have all the help they need, and access to as many books as they want.

Also by this author:





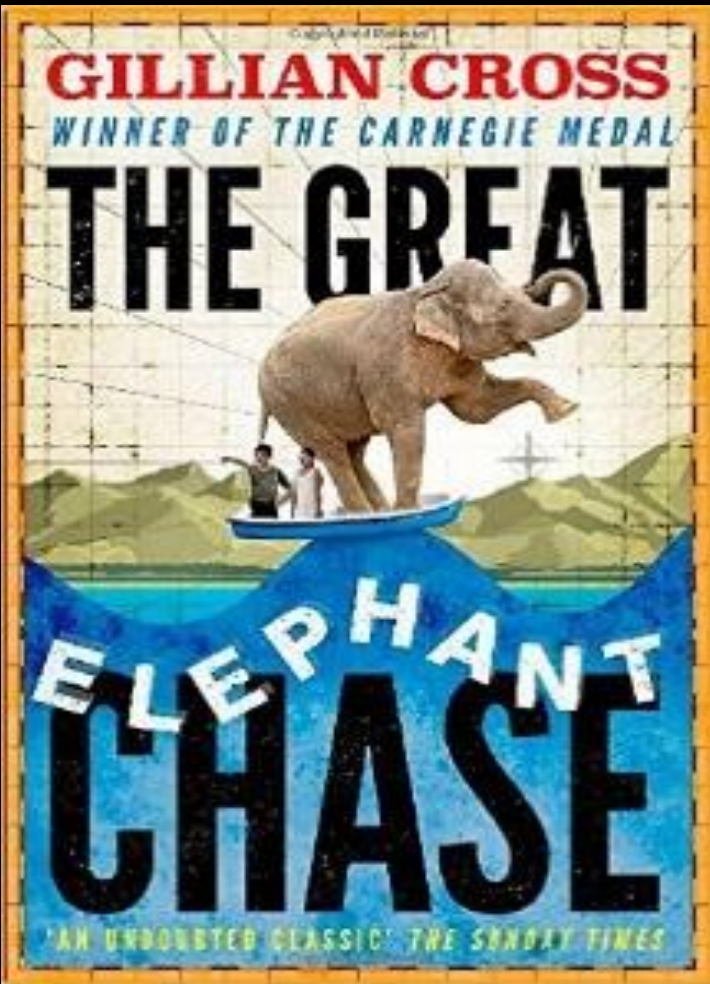
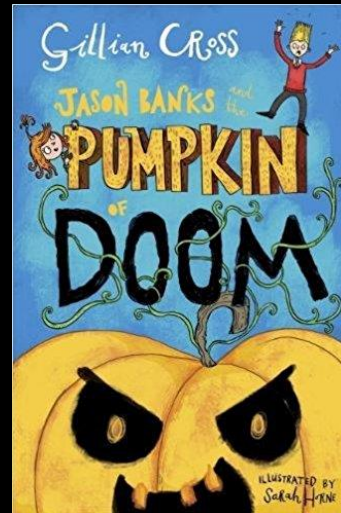
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Tad and Cissie are on the run with Khush the elephant. Clammy-fingered, steely-eyed Hannibal Jackson will do anything to capture the animal. Maybe even kill ...Staying ahead means being faster and smarter-but how do you hide an elephant? Especially one with a mind of its own.

About the author:

Gillian Cross has won numerous literary prizes, including the Carnegie Medal, the Whitbread Children's Novel Award (now the Costa), and the Smarties Prize. Gillian Cross has been writing children's books for over thirty years. Before that, she took English degrees at Oxford and Sussex Universities, and had various jobs including working in a village bakery and being an assistant to a Member of Parliament.

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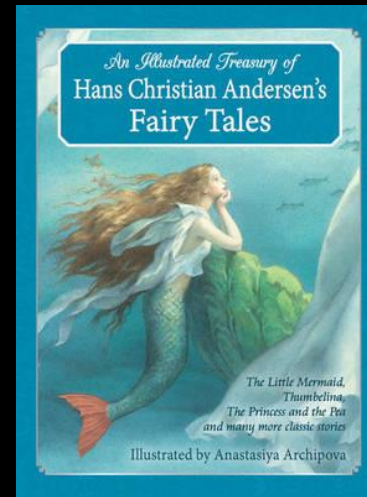
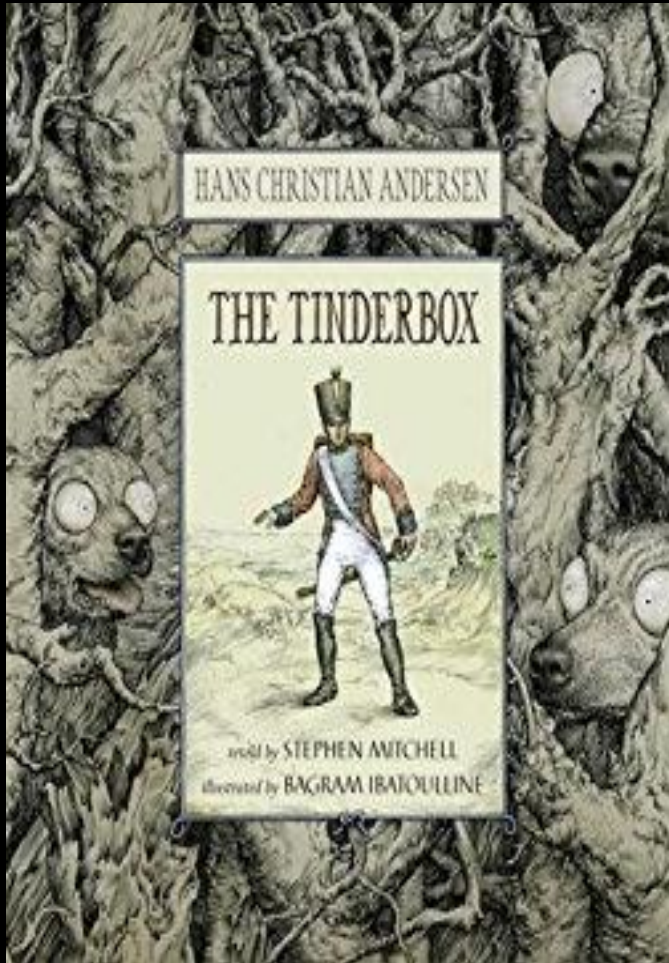
A soldier acquires a magic tinderbox which allows him to summon three powerful dogs, who will do whatever he tells them. But when he is discovered using magic to spend time with a beautiful princess, the soldier is sentenced to death. Can the three dogs to save his life?

About the author:

Hans Christian Andersen was born on April 2, 1805, and his early life was full of great sadness. His family was very poor. His father was a sad shoemaker. His father would read him a story every day at 2:00. His father died when he was 11 years old. When Hans Andersen was the age of 14 he ran away to Copenhagen.

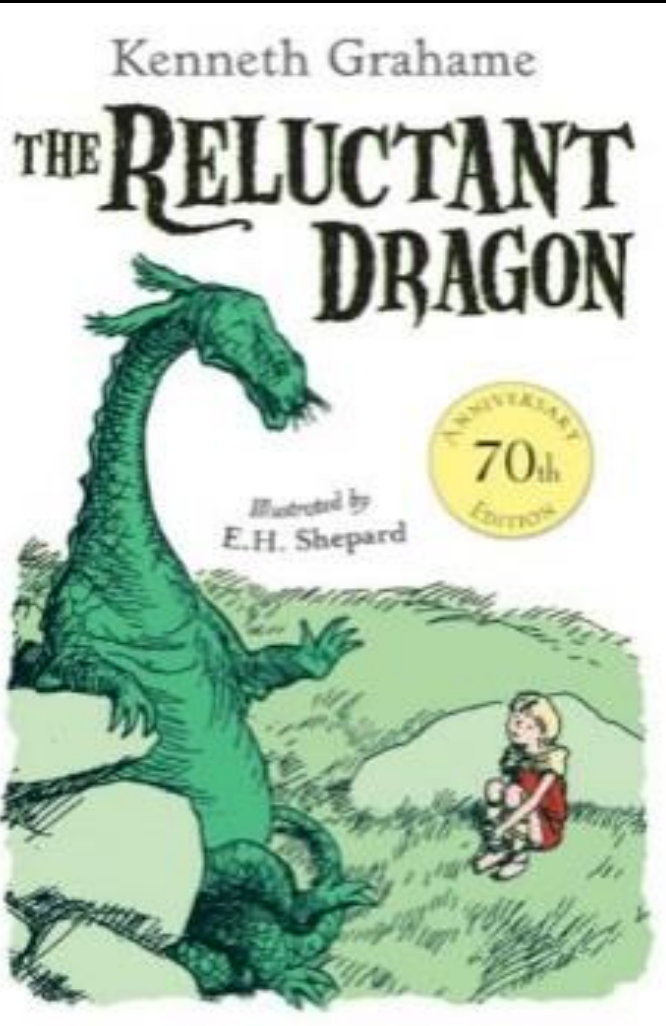
Andersen was Denmark's most famous author. Andersen wrote as many as 350 stories. His books are read all over the world. Here are 5 of the many stories he wrote: The Ugly Duckling, The Emperor's New Clothes, The Little Mermaid, Thumbelina, The Red Shoes. One of his most interesting book's is The Emperor's New Clothes It is about a king who is very vain, and two people teach him a lesson. Andersen always wanted new things, but he could not buy them. This story is a reflection of his life.

Also by this author:





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'Now, dragon,' said the Boy imploringly. 'You've got to fight him some time or other you know, 'cos he's St George and you're the dragon. Better get it over, and then we can go on with the sonnets.' Everyone knows St George has to do battle with the dragon, but what happens when the dragon simply won't fight St George?

About the author:

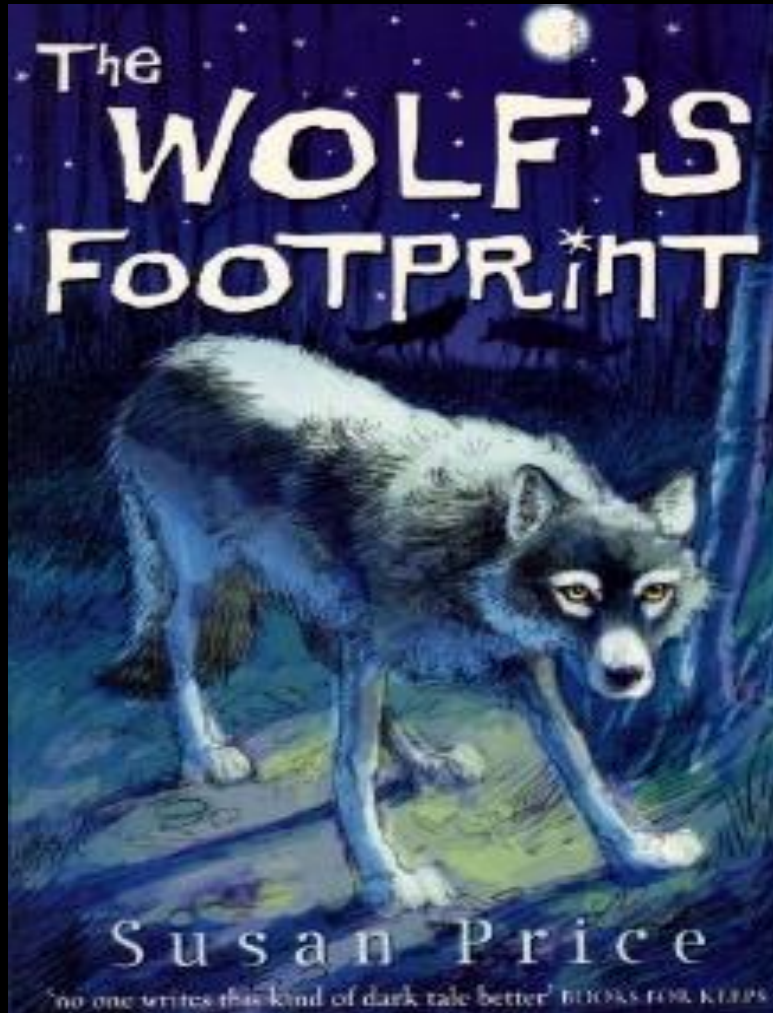
Kenneth Grahame was born in Edinburgh, Scotland but in early childhood, after being orphaned, moved to live with his grandmother on the banks of the River Thames in southern England. He was an outstanding pupil at St Edward's School in Oxford and wanted to attend Oxford University but was not allowed to do so by his guardian on grounds of cost. Instead he was sent to work at the Bank of England in 1879, and rose through the ranks until retiring as its Secretary in 1908 due to ill health.

Also by this author:





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In the darkness, a shadow moved, and something green glinted in a patch of moonlight. Another shadow drifted among the trees! Green eyes and grey shadows, all about them, watching...Abandoned in the forest by parents who can no longer afford to feed them, Daw and Elke are full of fear as night falls and animals surround them. But, instead of attacking, the circling wolves offer them a chance to join the pack -- just one drink from the water pooling in a wolf's footprint will transform them!

About the author:

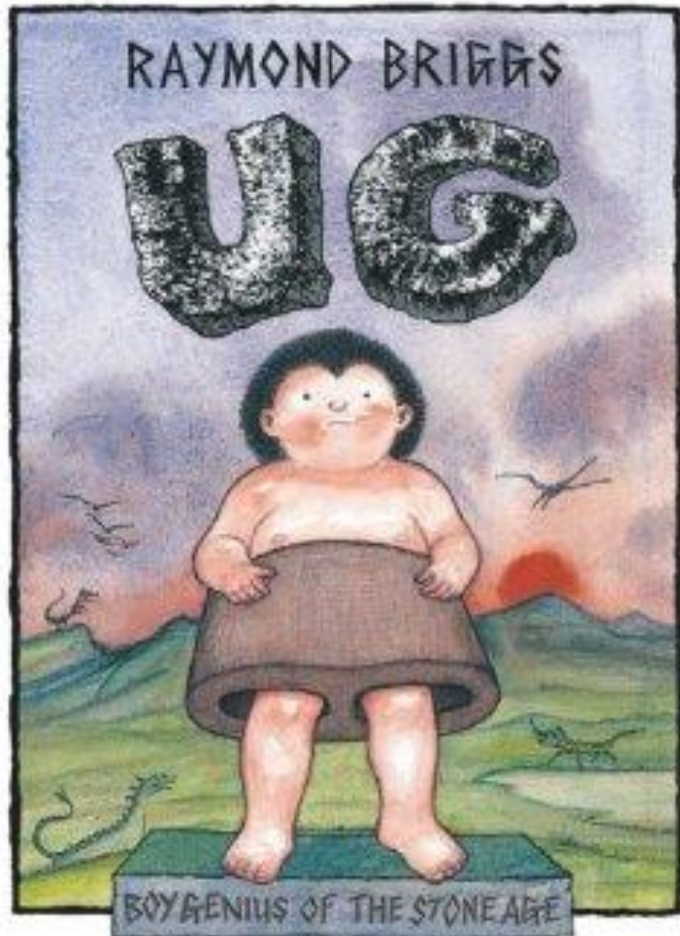
Susan Price is an acclaimed, prize-winning author who won the Carnegie Medal in 1987 with *Ghost Drum* and the 1998 Guardian Children's Fiction Award for *The Sterkarm Handshake*. She wrote her first book aged 16 and became a full time writer aged 22. She now has over twenty children's novels to her name and has been described as 'one of the best contemporary writers for children' by Susan Hill in the Daily Telegraph. She likes archery and lives with her husband in the West Midlands.

Also by this author:





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Ug and his parents live in the Stone Age. And that means stone blankets, stone cold food, an even colder cave and, worst of all, hard stone trousers! Being an inquisitive and intelligent child, Ug suggests a series of modifications to improve the quality of family life. His ideas about heating, cooking, boats, and balls that actually bounce are initially met with a hostile reaction. But with the help of his father, who slowly comes round to his son's way of thinking, Ug comes tantalisingly close to his ultimate garment goal . . .

About the author:

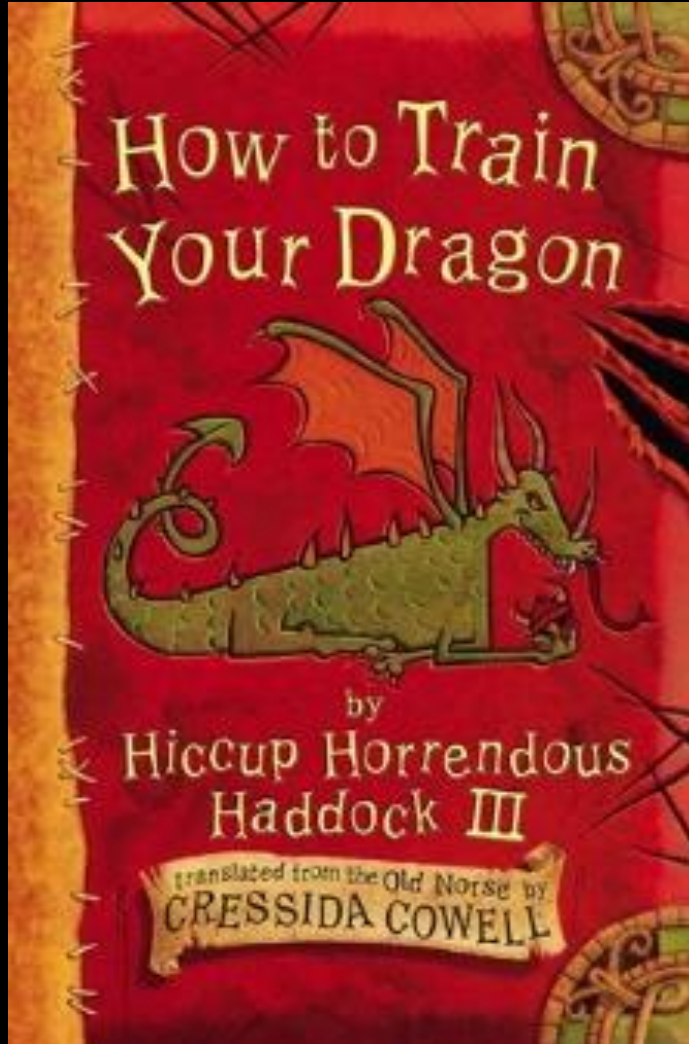
Raymond Briggs is one of our most respected and beloved artists. Born in Wimbledon Park in 1934, he studied at the Wimbledon School of Art and later at the Slade School of Fine Art, and went on to produce a treasure trove of work. He has created characters that are now icons for generations of children, including Fungus the Bogeyman, Father Christmas and, of course, the beloved Snowman.

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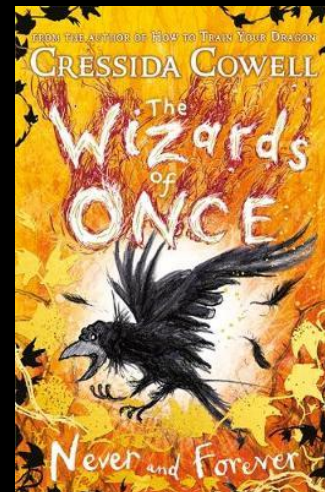


THE STORY BEGINS in the first volume of Hiccup's How to Train Your Dragon memoirs...Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was an awesome sword-fighter, a dragon-whisperer and the greatest Viking Hero who ever lived. But it wasn't always like that. In fact, in the beginning, Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was the most put upon Viking you'd ever seen. Not loud enough to make himself heard at dinner with his father, Stoick the Vast; not hard enough to beat his chief rival, Snotlout, at Bashyball, the number one school sport and CERTAINLY not stupid enough to go into a cave full of dragons to find a pet...It's time for Hiccup to learn how to be a Hero

About the author:

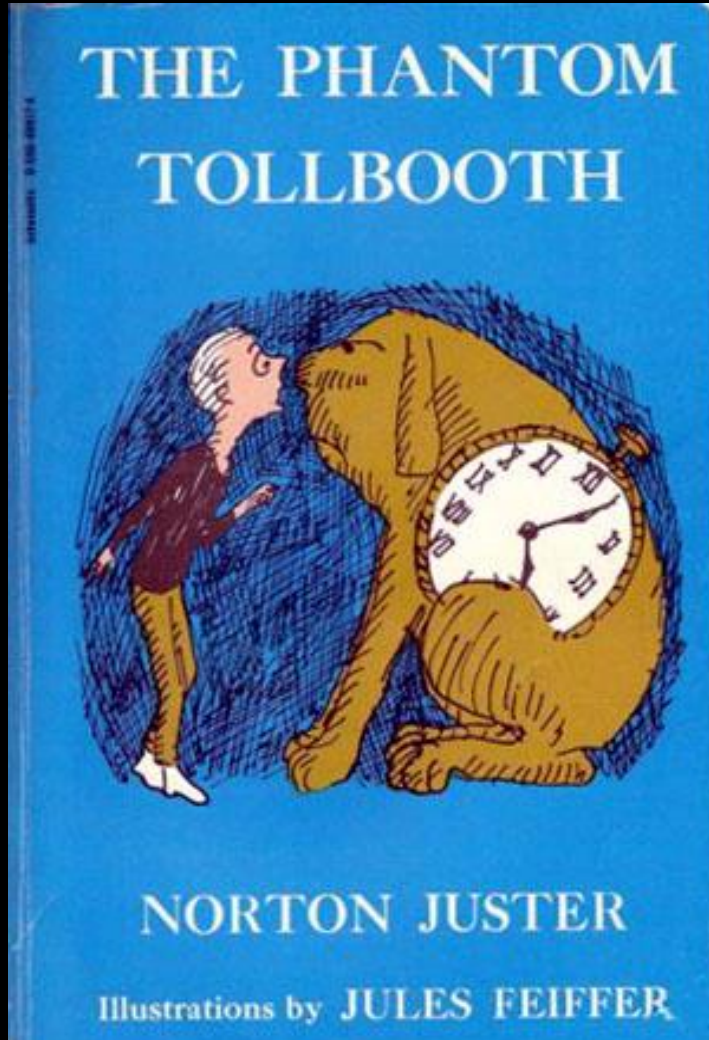
Cressida Cowell grew up in London and on a small, uninhabited island off the west coast of Scotland. The name of the island is a secret, but it was such a small island it wasn't really big enough to have a name at all. There were no roads or shops or electricity on the island, just one house and a storm-blown wilderness of sea-birds and heather. Every year, Cressida's family spent four weeks of the summer, and two weeks of the spring, on the island.

Also by this author:





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When Milo finds an enormous package in his bedroom, he's delighted to have something to relieve his boredom with school. And when he opens it to find – as the label states – One Genuine Turnpike Tollbooth, he gets right into his pedal car and sets off through the Tollbooth and away on a magical journey!

Milo's extraordinary voyage takes him into such places as the Land of Expectation, the Doldrums, the Mountains of Ignorance and the Castle in the Air. He meets the weirdest and most unexpected characters (such as Tock, the watchdog, the Gelatinous Giant, and the Threadbare Excuse, who mumbles the same thing over and over again), and, once home, can hardly wait to try out the Tollbooth again. But will it be still there when he gets back from school?

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About the author:

Norton Juster is an architect and planner, professor emeritus of design at Hampshire College, and the author of a number of highly acclaimed children's books, including *The Dot* and *The Line*, which was made into an Academy Award-winning animated film.



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When Erica Perkins wakes up on the morning of her tenth birthday, the last thing she expects is to find a very confused elephant sitting on her doorstep. So begins an unlikely friendship. But can a small girl and a rather large elephant learn to live together in a tiny terraced house? And when the dastardly owner of the local zoo plots to steal the elephant, will Erica be able to outsmart him?

About the author:

Sylvia Bishop is the author of the much-loved ERICA'S ELEPHANT and THE BOOKSHOP GIRL. When not writing, Sylvia is also one half of improvised comedy duo the Peablossom Cabaret. She lives in London. Ashley is an illustrator who lives and works in Warwickshire and graduated from Coventry University with a 1st Class Honours Degree in Illustration and Animation. Since graduating, Ashley has gone on to specialise in children's book illustration, with titles including ERICA'S ELEPHANT and the 44 TINY SECRETS series.

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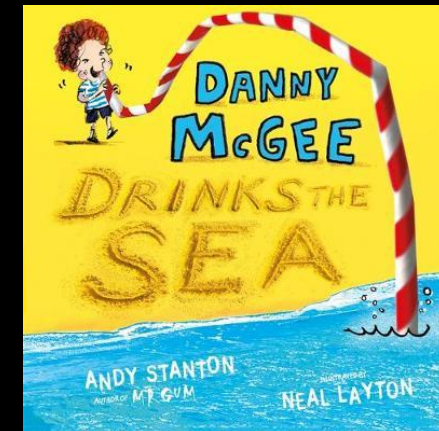


Good evening. Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him. And an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub. And Jake the dog, and a little girl called Polly. And there's heroes and sweets and adventures and everything. You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum! is the first book in the internationally best-selling series by Andy Stanton, which has won everything from the Blue Peter Book Award (twice) to the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and the Red House Children's Book Award.

About the author:

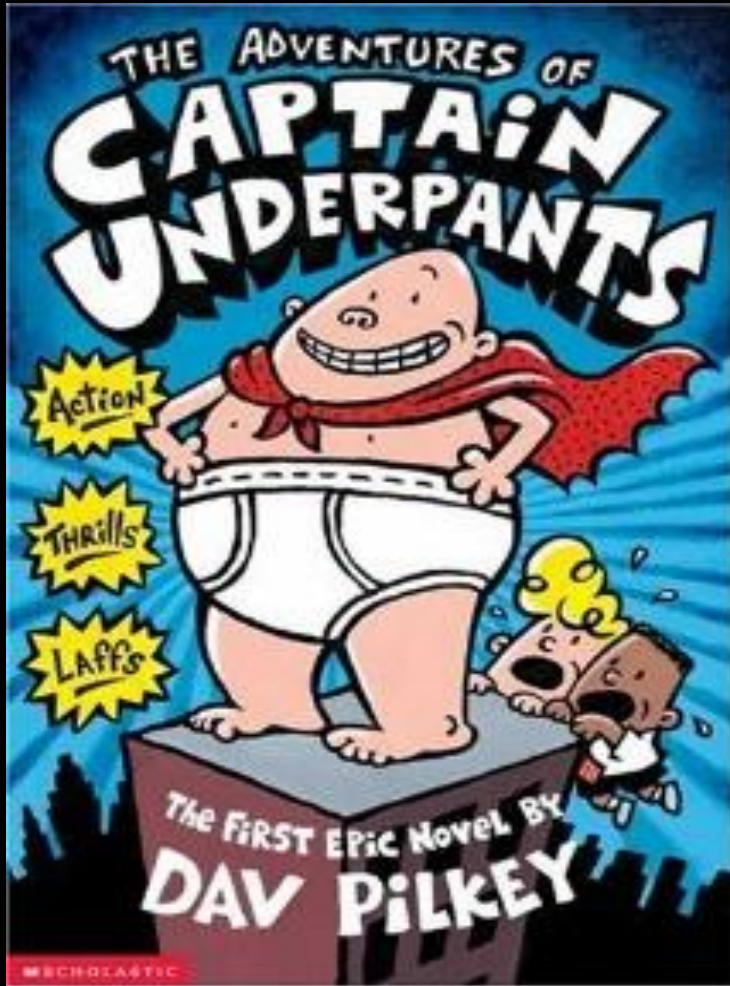
Andy Stanton studied English at Oxford University but they kicked him out. He has since worked as a stand-up comedian, a film script reader, a cartoonist and an NHS lackey.

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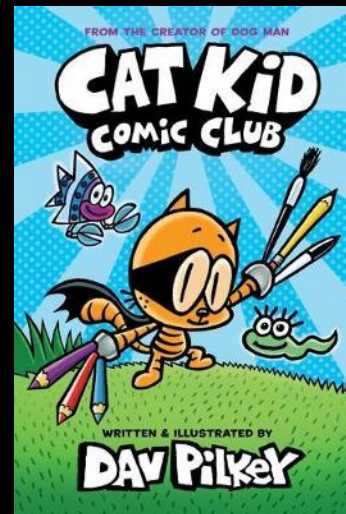


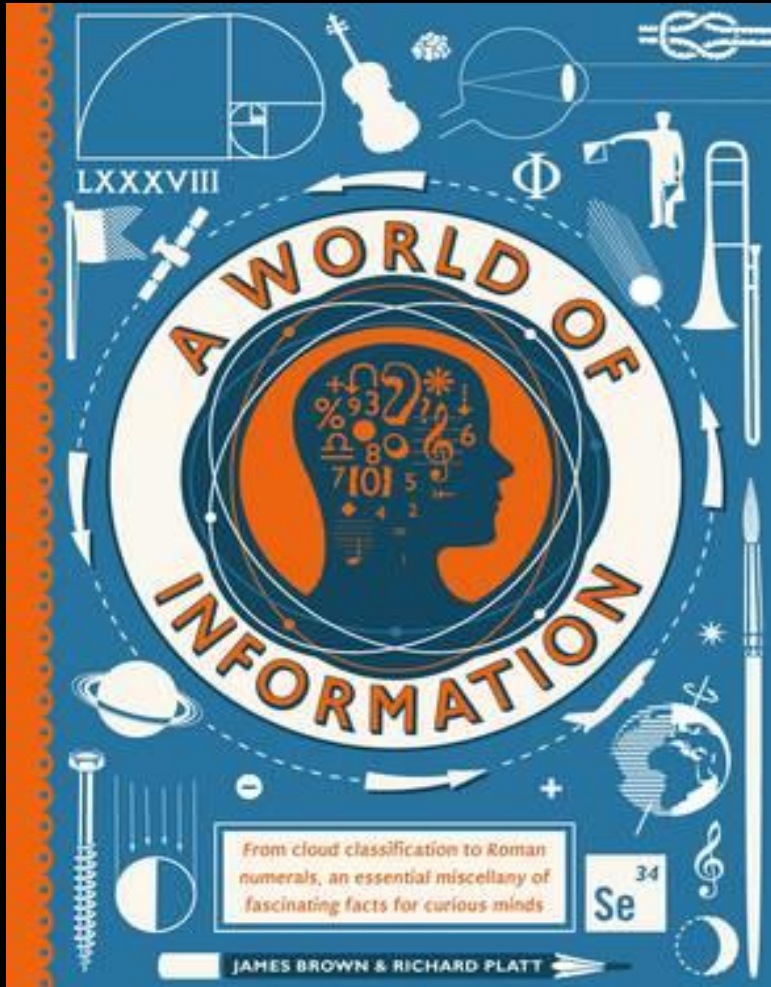
George and Harold create the greatest super-hero in their school's history and now they're about to bring him to life. Meet Captain Underpants. His identity is so secret, even he doesn't know who he is. The novel introduces "flip-o-rama" - the illustration technique that lets you animate the action.

About the author:

Dav Pilkey was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1966. He currently lives in Eugene, Oregon with his dogs, Little Dog, Leia, and Martha Jane, and his cats, Blueberry and Edward Velvetpaws. Dav (originally Dave) hit upon the current spelling of his name when a label maker used to create name tags refused to print the letter. Though the spelling has changed, the pronunciation is the same.

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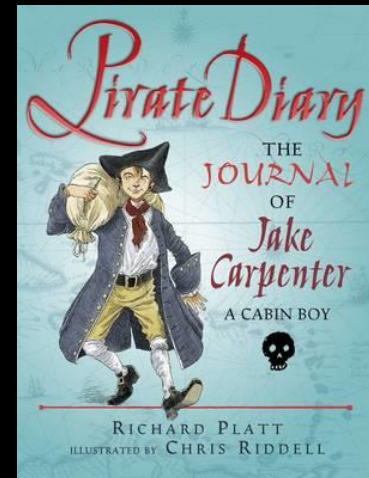


This visually stunning miscellany from the effortlessly stylish print-maker James Brown is a collection of incredible facts and figures.

About the author:

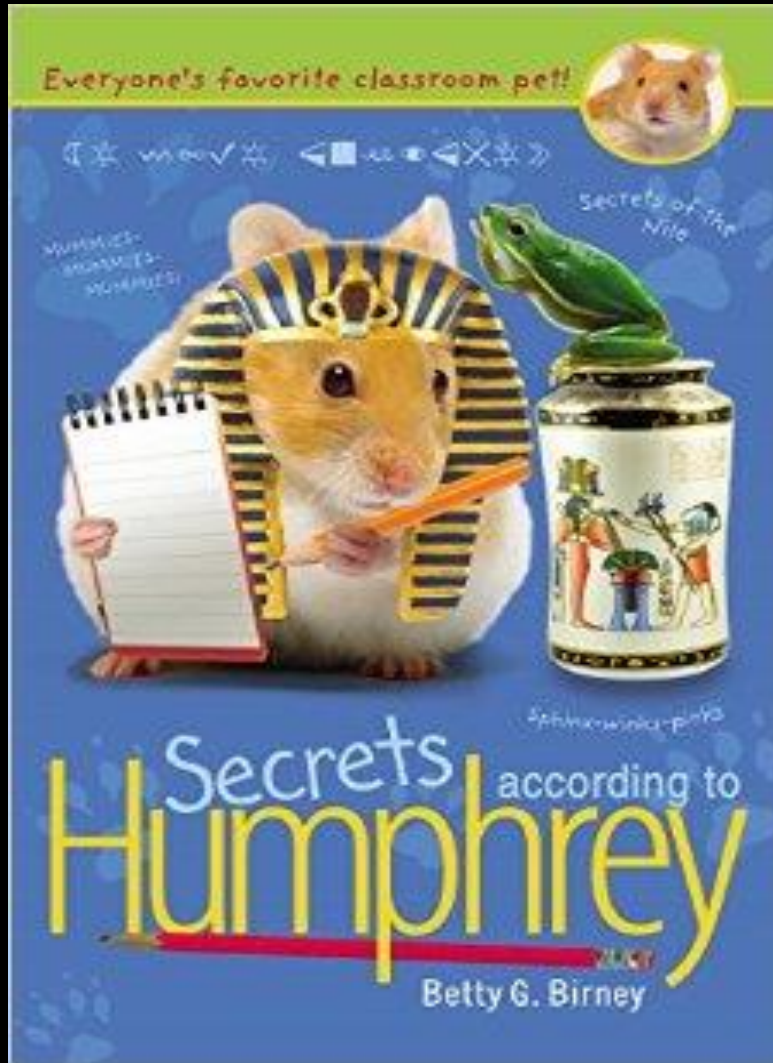
As an artist I've written about 60 books, mostly factual books for children. My first children's book was Incredible Cross Sections, which had fantastic illustrations by Stephen Biesty. One of the things I enjoy most about writing is that it gives me the chance to work with wonderful illustrators. When Chris Riddell drew the pictures for Castle Diary and Pirate Diary he managed to capture the characters of all the people in the stories exactly as I'd imagined them. I also love writing because people pay me to find out all this fascinating stuff about strange, wacky and obscure subjects.

Also by this author:





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Best-selling class hamster Humphrey finds out many fascinating things as a new term begins in Room 26. It all begins when the words 'pharaoh, papyrus, pyramid and hieroglyphics' appear on the classroom blackboard... Suddenly, Humphrey finds himself caught up in all kinds of secrets from far-off Egypt. And, like many others, he finds that keeping secrets isn't a good idea!

About the author:

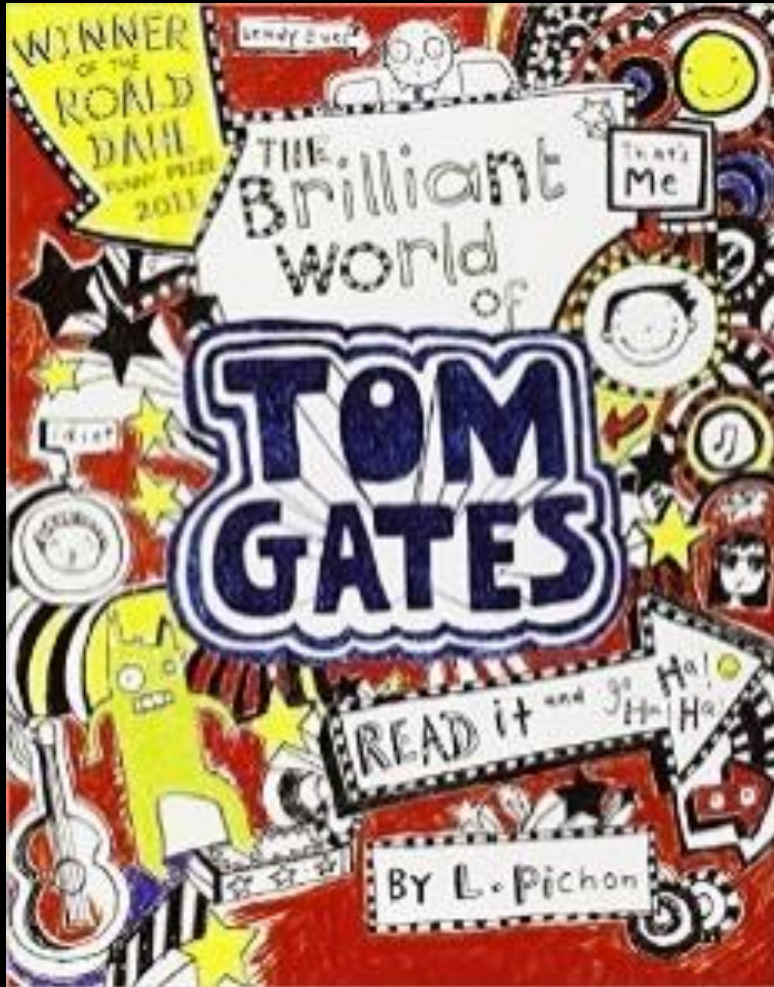
Betty G. Birney worked at Disneyland for many years, has written several children's television shows and is the author of over twenty-five books, including the best-selling *The World According to Humphrey*, which won the Richard and Judy Children's Book Club, *Friendship According to Humphrey*, *Trouble According to Humphrey*, *Surprises According to Humphrey* and *More Adventures According to Humphrey*.

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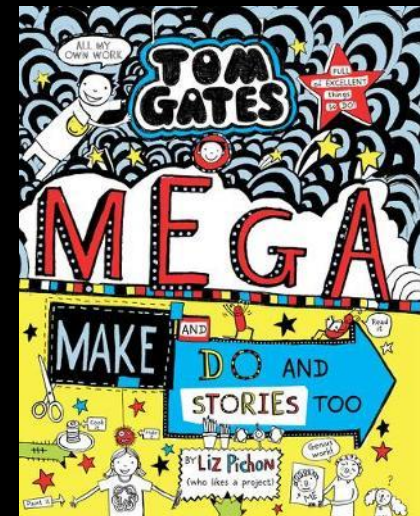


Tom Gates is the bane of his grumpy teacher, Mr Fullerman. And in his hilariously wacky journal, you'll find all sorts of comic craziness to make you groan with glee! Tom's battered homework diary is crammed with his scribbles and stories, cartoons and ideas – as well as comments from the long-suffering Mr Fullerman. Warning! Do not attempt to read this in public. You will snigger loudly!

About the author:

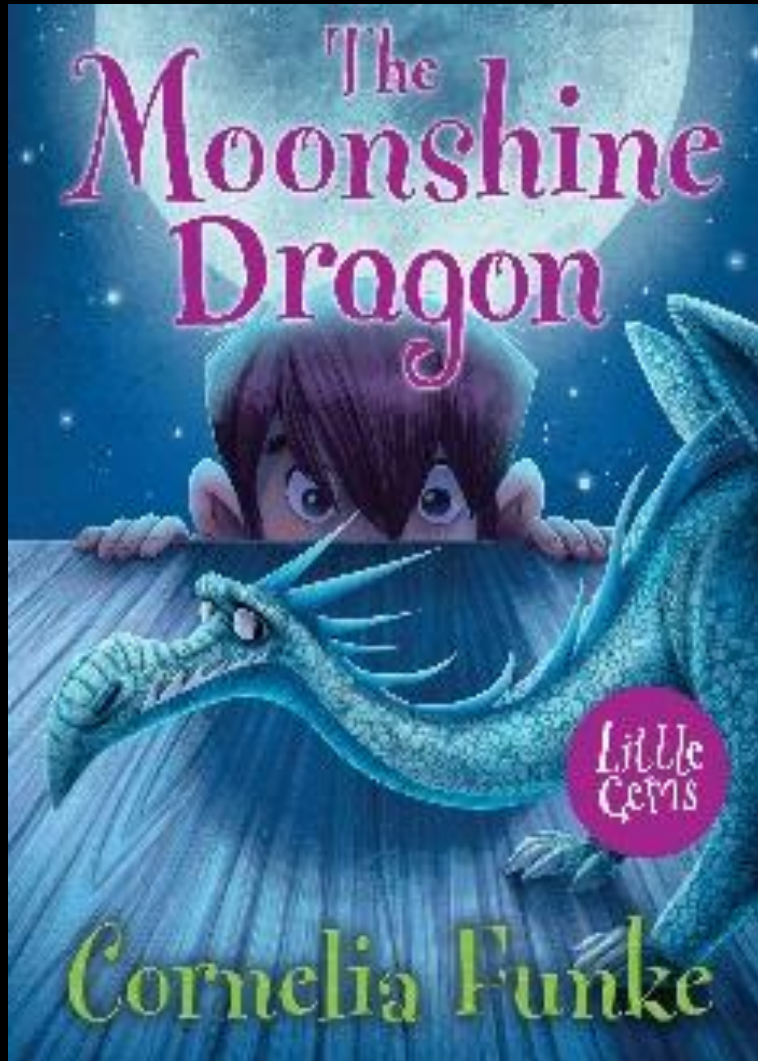
Liz Pichon studied Graphic Design at Middlesex Polytechnic and Camberwell School of Art in London. She then worked in the music industry for Jive records as a designer and art director, organising photo sessions and designing record and CD covers. Since going freelance, her work has been used on many different products all over the world. From beach towels to fabric, calendars, mugs and games. She has worked on several successful ranges of cards, some of which are still selling today. Liz lives with her husband and three children in Brighton.

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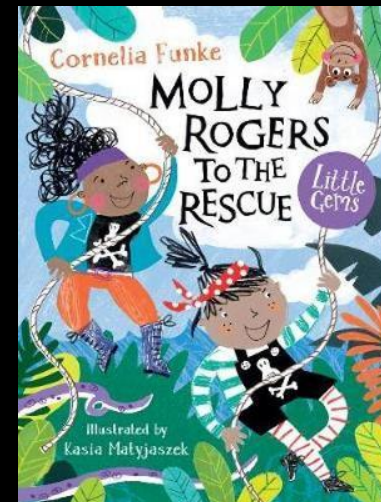


From the internationally bestselling author of the Inkheart series. When a tiny silver dragon is chased out of Patrick's storybook by an equally tiny knight, all sorts of mayhem breaks loose! Soon moonshine magic has shrunk Patrick too, and he is forced to hole up inside his toy castle as the knight attacks the 'fire worm'. Can Patrick defeat the knight and make it to morning?

About the author:

Cornelia Funke's bestselling Inkheart trilogy has been a huge hit and been made into a major motion picture. She has won the Book Sense Children's Literature Award twice and the Roswitha Prize. She was voted into Time magazine's list of 100 most influential people in 2005.

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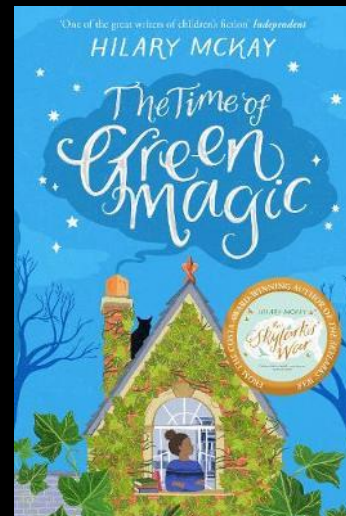


Tom, Ellie and Whiskers the Cat have to go and live with witchy Aunt Tab when their parents set off on a raft around the world. But staying with Aunt Tab turns out to be worse than they first thought - everything in her house is covered with sticky treacle! Can Tom and Ellie escape, or are they stuck?

About the author:

Hilary McKay won the Costa Children's Book Award for The Skylarks' War, the Guardian Fiction Prize for The Exiles, and the Smarties and the Whitbread Award for The Exiles in Love and Saffy's Angel respectively. Hilary McKay's Fairy Tales was her first book with Macmillan Children's Books and is a critically acclaimed collection of clever retellings.

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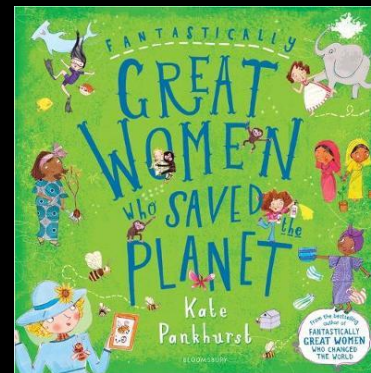
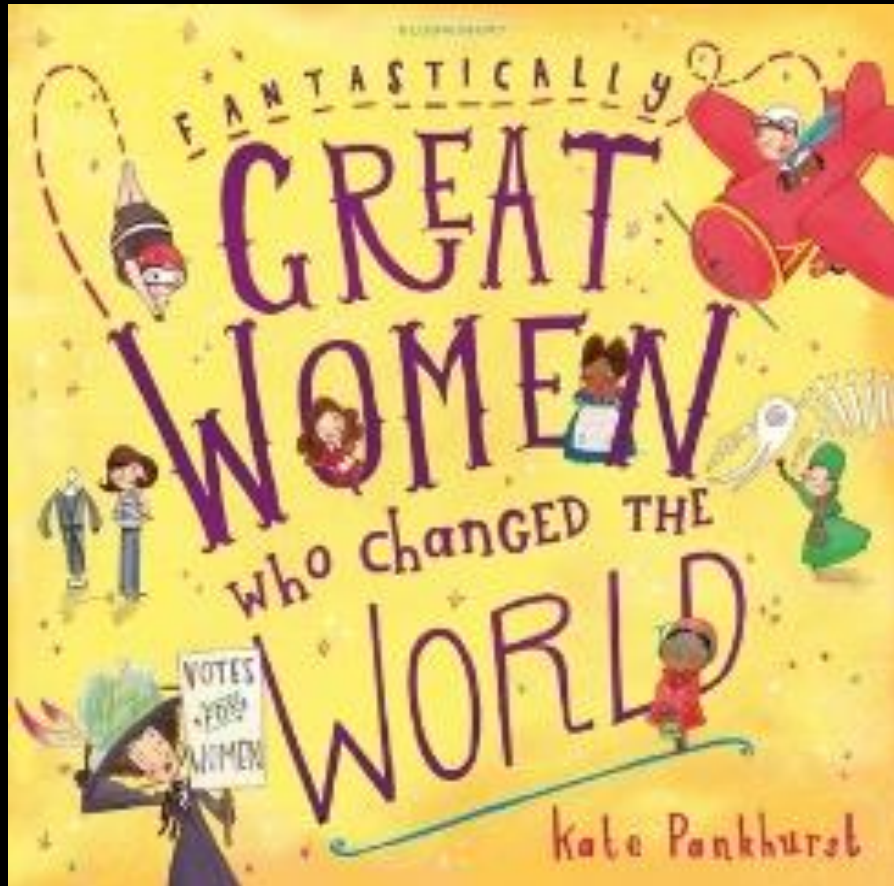
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Kate Pankhurst, descendent of Emmeline Pankhurst, has created this wildly wonderful and accessible book about women who really changed the world. Discover fascinating facts about some of the most amazing women who changed the world we live in. Fly through the sky with the incredible explorer Amelia Earhart, and read all about the Wonderful Adventures of Mary Seacole with this fantastic full colour book. Bursting full of beautiful illustrations and astounding facts, *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World* is the perfect introduction to just a few of the most incredible women who helped shaped the world we live in.

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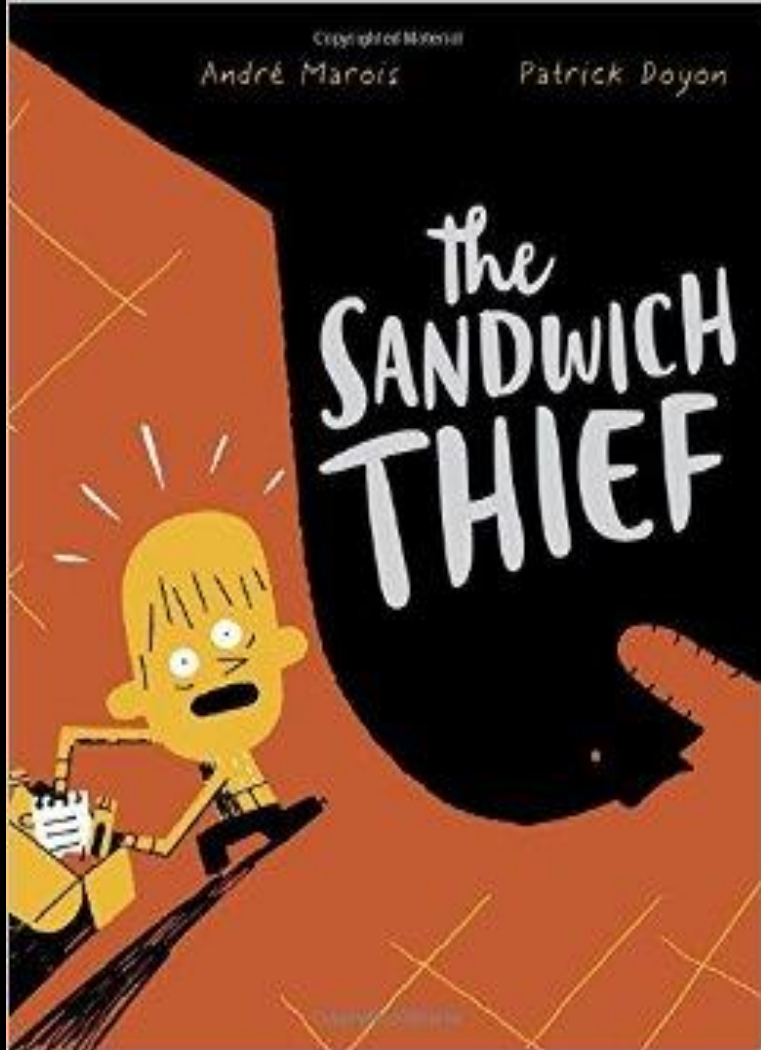
About the author:

Kate Pankhurst illustrates and writes from her studio in Leeds with her spotty dog, Olive. She loves a good story, the funnier the better, and gets her best ideas by doodling in her sketchbook; because even quick wonky drawings can spark ideas for amazing plots. As a child, Kate spent most of her time drawing silly characters and thinking up funny things for them to do, she feels very lucky to now do this as her job.





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Marin loves the sandwiches his parents make for him-every day they're different and more delicious than the last. One morning, someone dares to steal his favourite sandwich: ham-cheddar-kale. Furious, Marin begins a fevered and famished investigation to unmask the thief. The days go by, the suspects multiply and Marin's sandwiches continue to disappear. This droll, graphic caper is a funny school mystery exploring the high stakes of low blood sugar. The first in a series, the book's witty text and graphic illustrations make this funny school mystery perfect for early and advanced readers alike-and for anyone who's been the victim of lunchtime crime.

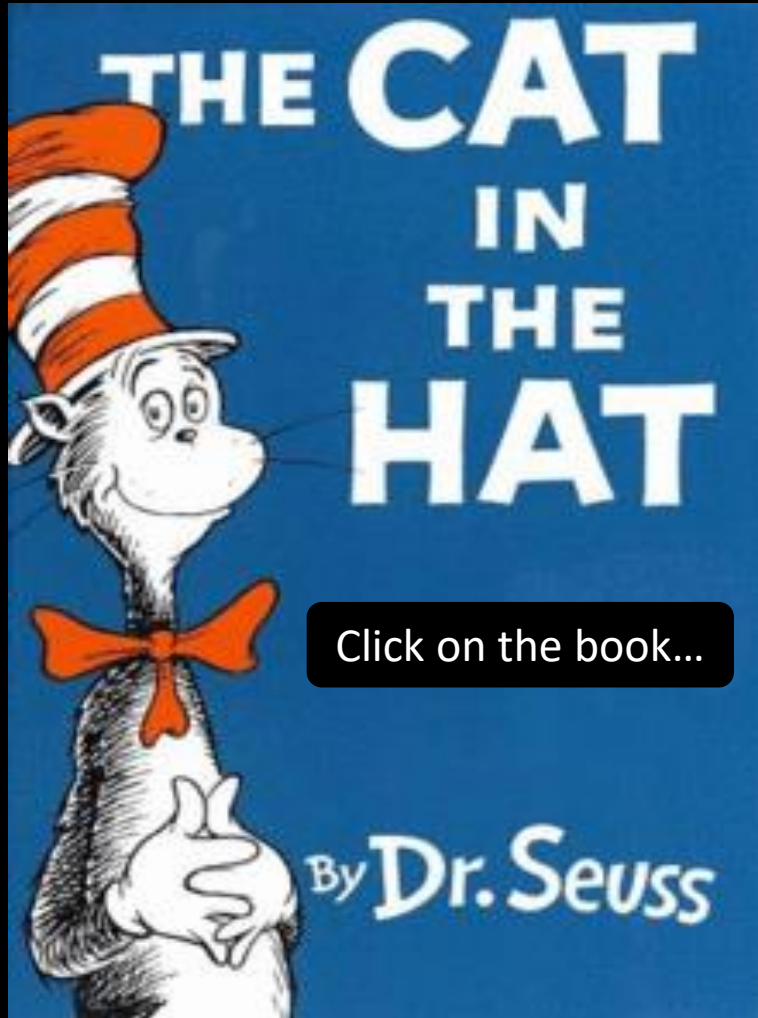
About the author:

Andre Marois writes crime novels for adults and detective stories for children, in addition to running workshops in schools and regularly contributing to journals and magazines. He lives in Montreal, Canada. Patrick Doyon is an animator and a book and magazine illustrator. The Sandwich Thief is his first book. He lives in Montreal, Canada.

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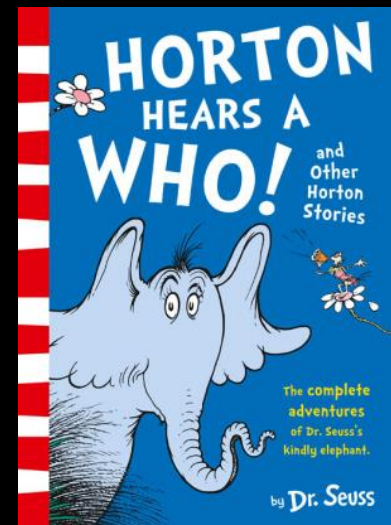
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The one and only Cat in the Hat from the iconic Dr. Seuss gets a brand new look, introducing his roller-coaster ride of mayhem to a new generation of readers. The iconic story from the one and only Dr. Seuss, now with a brand new look! When Sally and her brother are left alone, they think they're in for a dull day - until the Cat in the Hat steps in on the mat, bringing with him mayhem and madness! This is the classic book that every child should have the joy of reading. The perfect book for early readers, the new style brings a worldwide favourite to a whole new generation.

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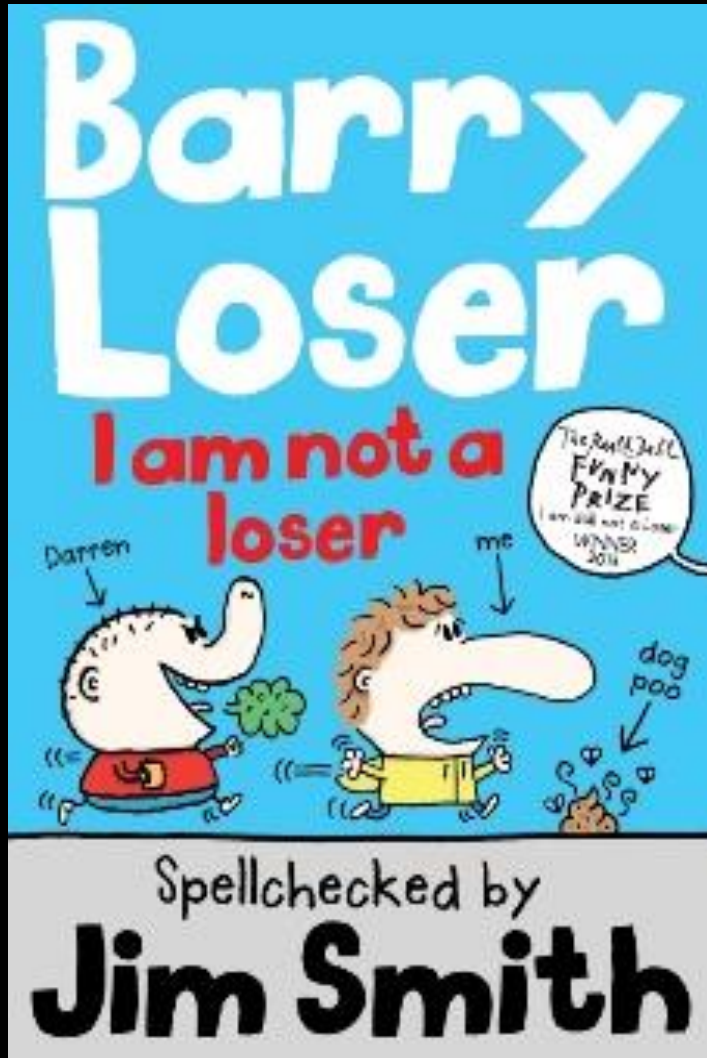
Theodor Seuss Geisel – better known to millions of his fans as Dr. Seuss – was born the son of a brewer and park superintendent in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1904. After studying at Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, and later at Oxford University in England (where he met his first wife Helen Palmer), he became a magazine humorist and cartoonist and an advertising man. He soon turned his many talents to writing children's books

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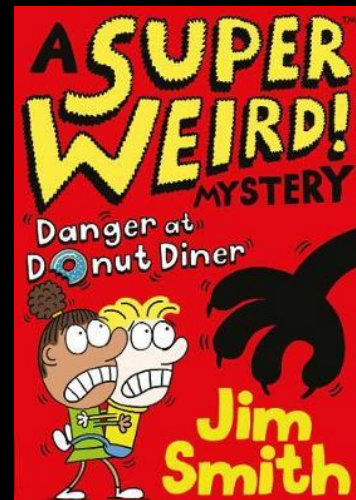


Everyone at Barry's school has gone football crazy, but Barry gets thrown out of the team (the Mogden Maniacs) for being completely rubbish. Then it turns out that his best friend Bunky is a super striker - so Barry becomes his manager. The cup final match is approaching and Bunky's getting carried away with his football fame - can Barry keep his head in the game?

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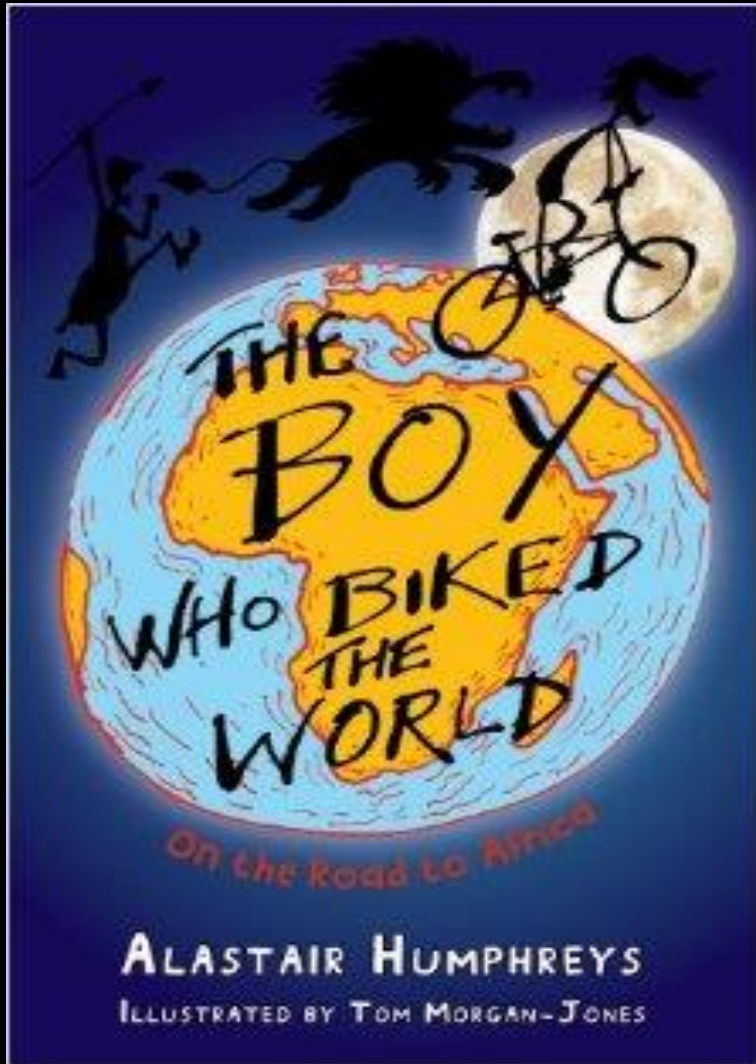
After graduating with a first class degree in advertising, graphic design and illustration in 1997, Jim Smith was spotted by the owner of a small coffee shop chain and brought in to fill the walls of their flagship store with his paintings. It was a three month contract; fourteen years later, Jim is head of design at Puccino's Worldwide Ltd, now an international coffee shop franchise with stores in the UK, Europe and Egypt. In the meantime he's illustrated kids' food packaging for M&S, drawn cartoons on the sides of PJ smoothies and branded a New York based Iced Tea company.

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The first part of The Boy Who Biked the World follows Tom leaving England, cycling through Europe and all the way through Africa to the tip of South Africa. Along the way, young readers are introduced not only to the various fascinating landscapes he passes through, but also to the various people who so happily embrace him as he traveled on his journey. With engaging illustrations, postcards, and journal entries throughout, this book provides an immersive experience for any young adventurer.

About the author:

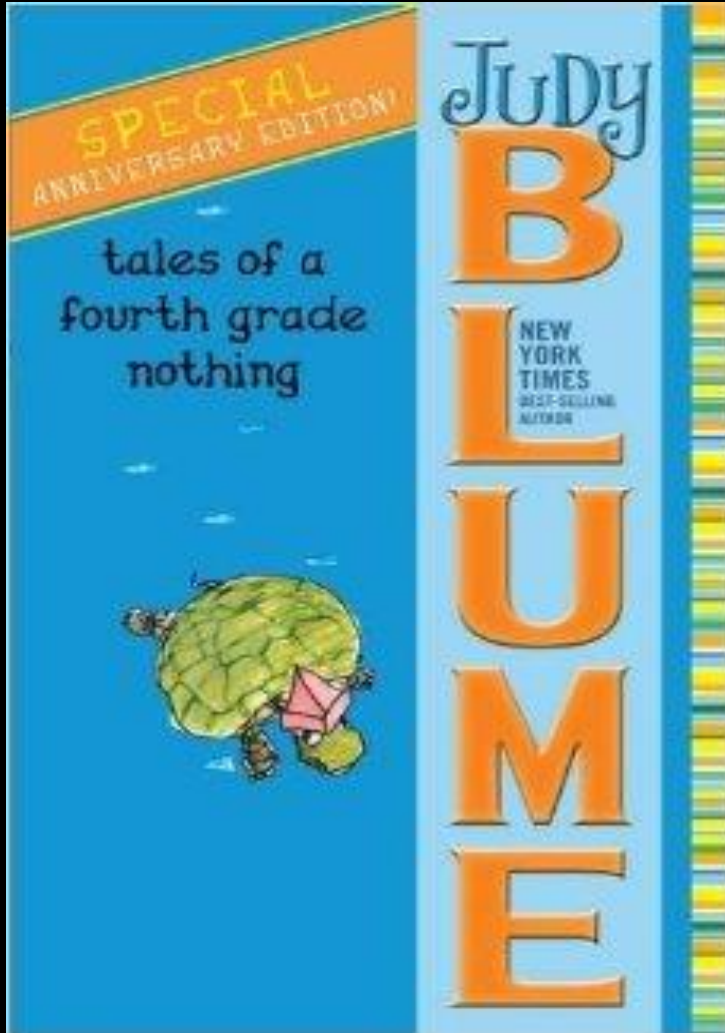
Alastair Humphreys is an adventurer and author. After training as a teacher, he spent four years cycling round the world, a journey of 46k miles through 60 countries and five continents. Sir Ranulph Fiennes called it, 'the first great adventure of the millenium'. Alastair has also walked across India, rowed across the Atlantic Ocean, rowed to France, run six marathons through the Sahara Desert, crossed Iceland by foot and packraft. He has recently become the pioneer of 'microadventures', a movement encouraging people to seek out short, local adventures.

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Peter thinks he has the world's biggest problem – his naughty little brother, Fudge.

Fudge causes trouble wherever he goes and it's usually up to Peter to sort out the mess. When Peter wins a tiny green turtle called Dribble, he's determined to keep it away from his brother. But when Fudge does get his hands on Dribble – disaster strikes!

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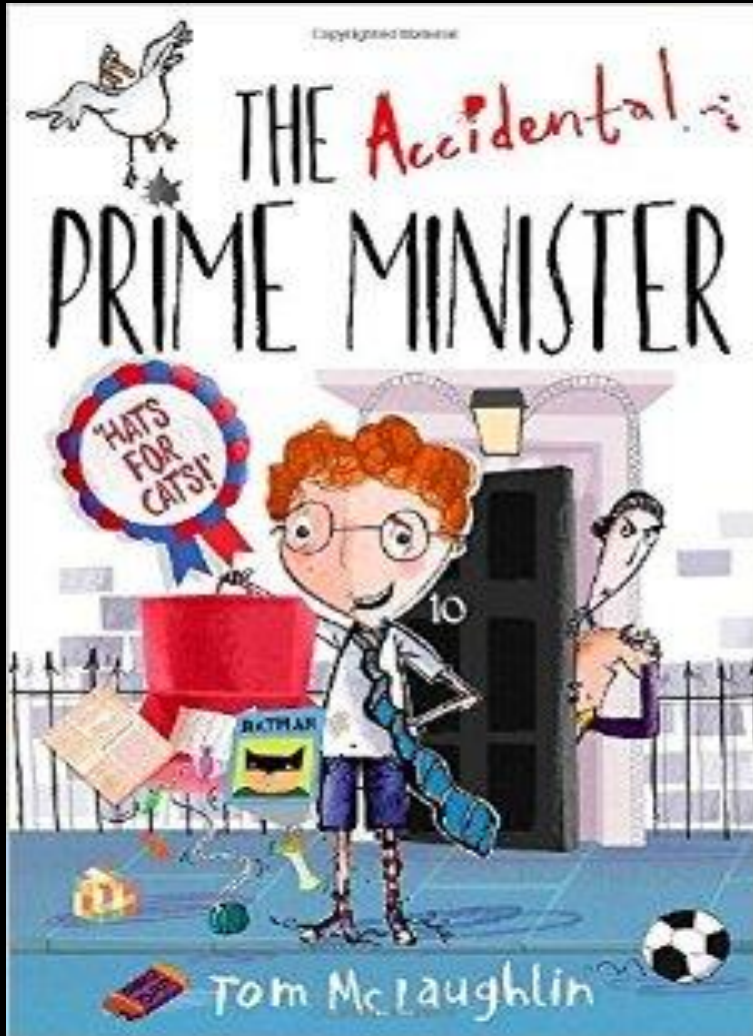
Judy Blume spent her childhood in Elizabeth, New Jersey USA, making up stories inside her head. She has spent her adult years in many places, doing the same thing, only now she writes her stories down on paper. Adults as well as children will recognize such Blume titles as: Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret; Superfudge; Blubber; Just As Long As We're Together and Forever. She has also written the novels Wifey, Smart Women, and her latest, Summer Sisters, the New York Times No. 1 bestseller. More than 75 million copies of her books have been sold.

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When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world!

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About the author:

I write pictures and doodle words for Bloomsbury, Puffin, Oxford University Press, Simon & Schuster, Scholastic, The Guardian; Disney, Nickelodeon. After leaving art college in '97, I spent nearly 10 years as a political cartoonist for The Western Morning News before going freelance. I've been published both as a writer and an illustrator for a number of publishers, had my books translated across Europe and South America. Apart from publishing, I've also spent time script writer and a character designer for several animation channels. I live in Devon, spend most of my days drinking tea and dreaming up new stories.

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When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is - but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home - until, one day, her mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

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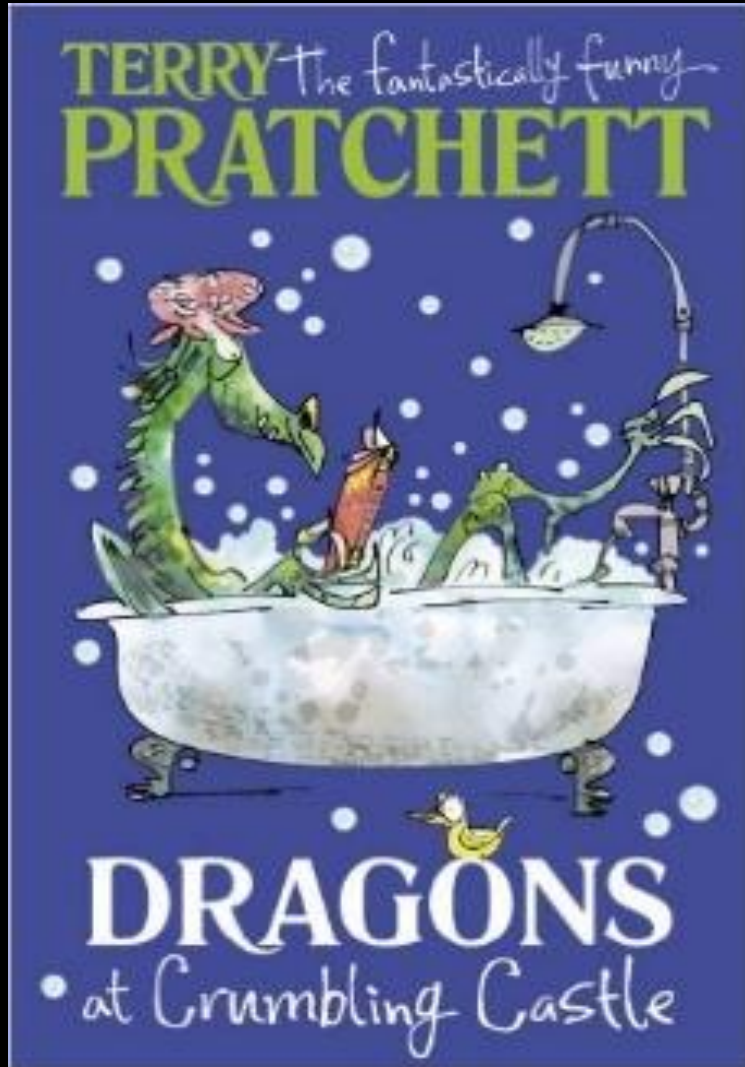
Peter Brown is the author and illustrator of many bestselling children's books, including the fabulously funny Mr Tiger Goes Wild. He has won a Caldecott Honor and a New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Book award. Peter lives in New York.

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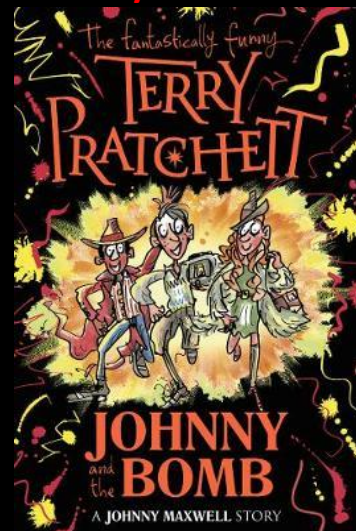
Dragons have invaded Crumbling Castle, and all of King Arthur's knights are either on holiday or visiting their grannies. It's a disaster! Luckily, there's a spare suit of armour and a very small boy called Ralph who's willing to fill it. Together with Fortnight the Friday knight and Fossfiddle the wizard, Ralph sets out to defeat the fearsome fire-breathers. But there's a teeny weeny surprise in store . . .

Fourteen fantastically funny stories from master storyteller Sir Terry Pratchett, full of time travel and tortoises, monsters and mayhem!

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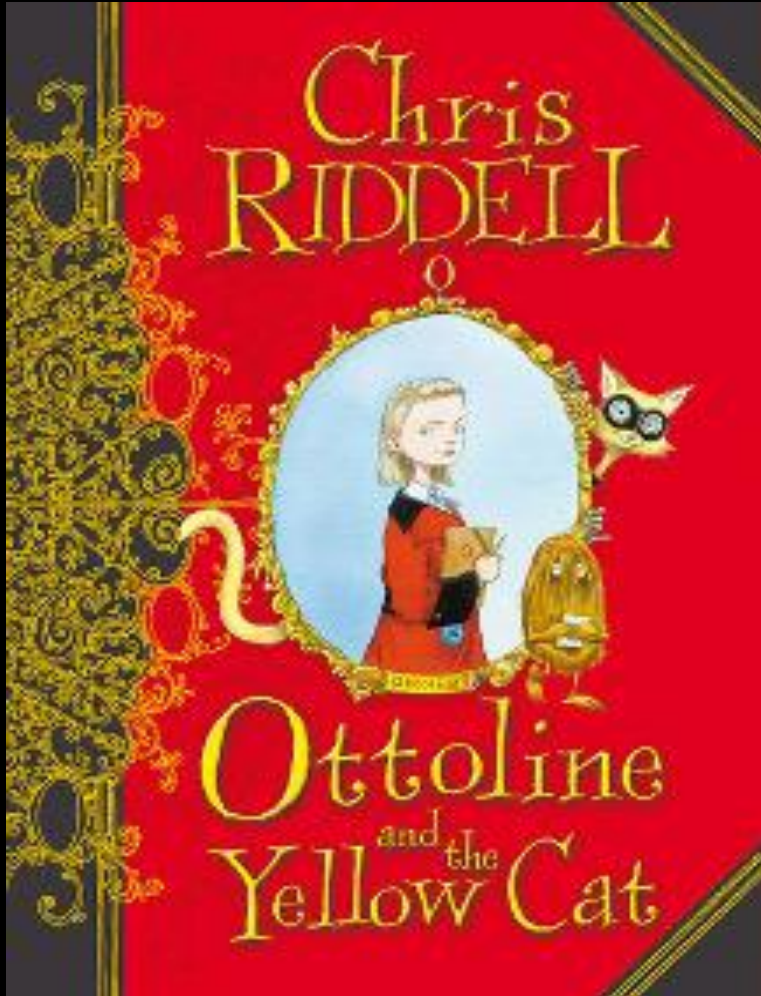
Terry Pratchett (1948 - 2015) was born in 1948 in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. He had his first story published when he was just thirteen, and after leaving school at seventeen to become a journalist he continued writing, publishing his first novel, *The Carpet People*, in 1971 and going on to produce the phenomenally successful *Discworld* and his trilogy for young readers, *The Bromeliad*.

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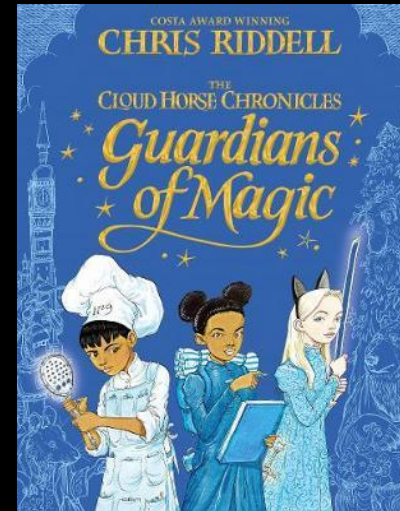


A glorious adventure fantasy told in words and loads of Chris Riddell's fabulous pictures, this tells how Ottoline, who loves solving puzzles, and her friend Mr Munro, a cat with a distinct personality and a number of foibles, set out to resolve the mystery of the lapdogs who are being stolen from all over town. A beautiful book to read or even just to hold.

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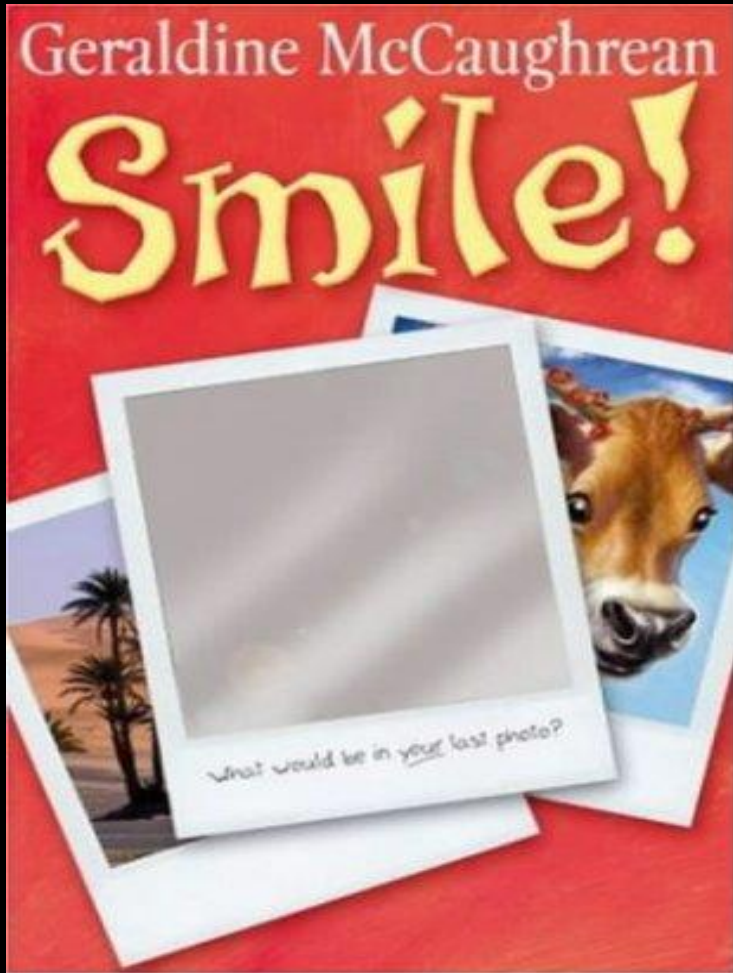
Chris Riddell, the 2015-2017 UK Children's Laureate, is an accomplished artist and the political cartoonist for the Observer. He has enjoyed great acclaim for his books for children. His books have won a number of major prizes, including the 2001 and 2004 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medals. Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse won the Costa Children's Book Award 2013.

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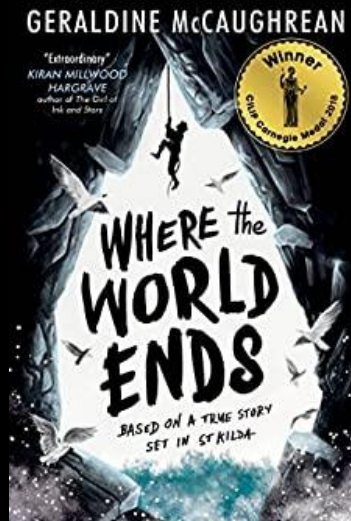


A magical and uplifting tale. When Felix's plane crashes, he finds himself in a small remote village. The only thing he has salvaged from the plane is a Polaroid camera with ten remaining pictures. At first the villagers are suspicious, but they soon enter into a mission to find the ten most important subjects for the photographs. And each photo that Felix takes seems to have a magical effect.

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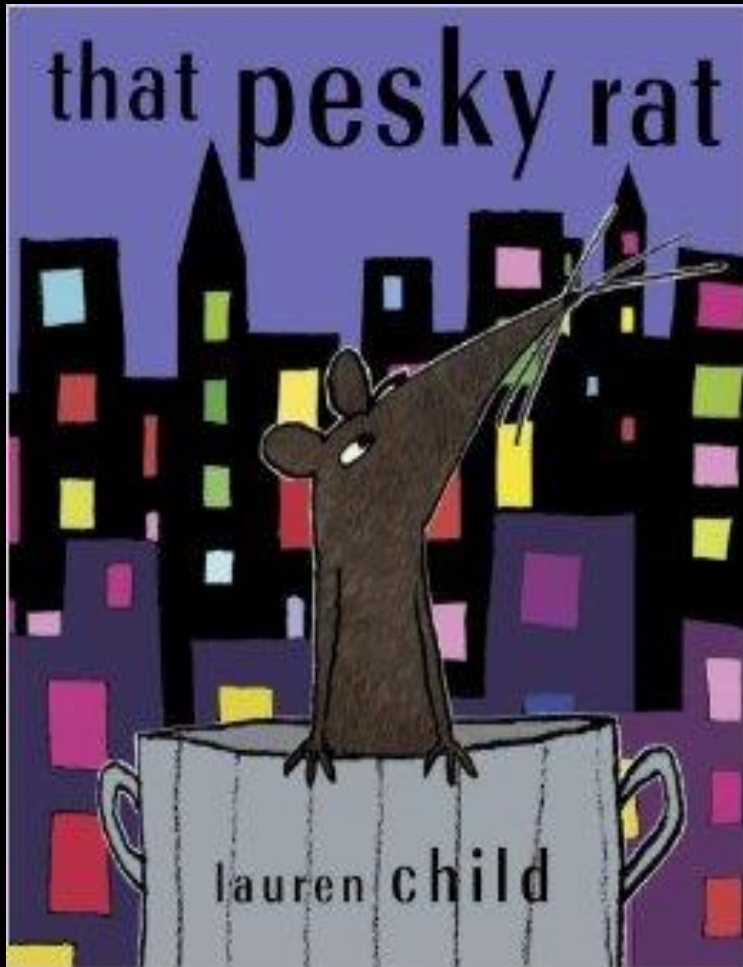
It's 40 years now since I first got published, and 50 since I found out how writing let me step outside my little, everyday world and go wherever I chose - way back in Time, to far distant shores, towards my own, home-made happy ending. I write adventure, first and foremost, because that's what I enjoyed reading as a child. But since I have published over 180 books now, there are all manner of books in among that number - gorgeously illustrated (not by me!) picture books, easy readers, retellings, collections of short stories and dozens of other stories and poems for anthologies; junior and teenage books.

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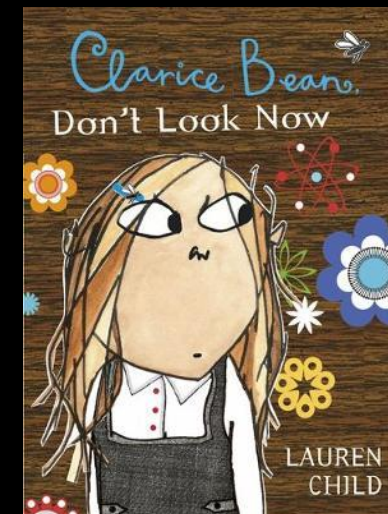


The pesky rat wonders what it would be like to live with the creature comforts actual pets enjoy pets like his friends Pierre the chinchilla, Oscar the Siamese cat, Nibbles the lop-eared rabbit and Andrew the Scottie dog instead of in dustbin number 3, Grubby Alley. And he's got a plan for how to make his dream come true ...

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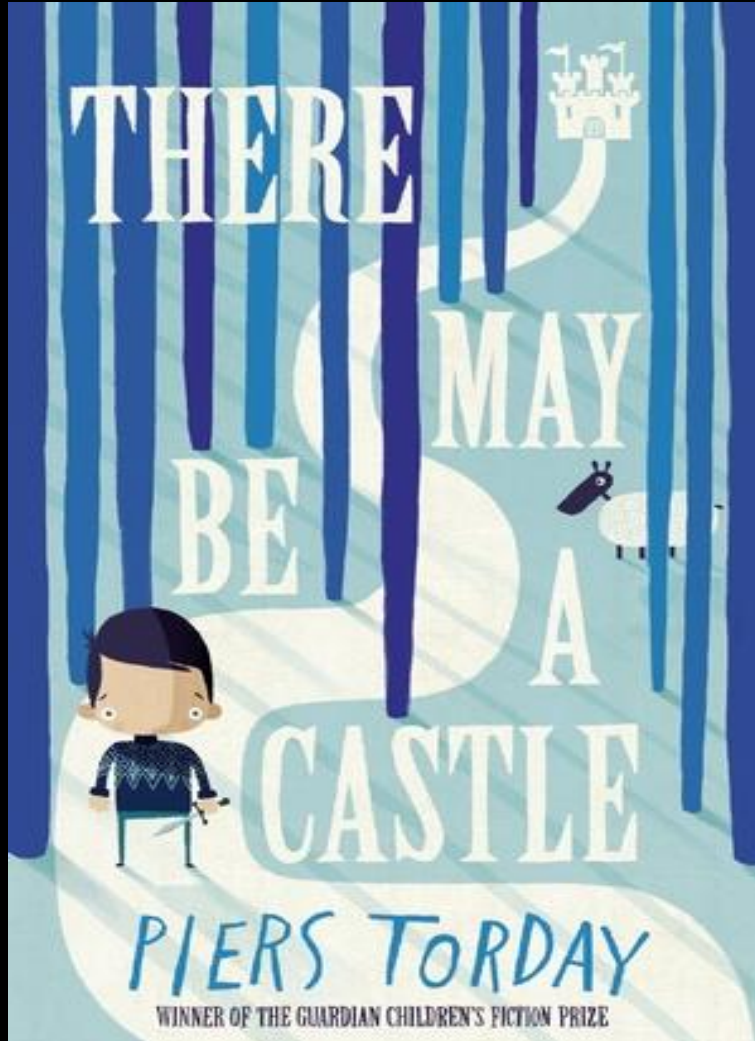
Lauren Child burst on to the children's books scene in 1999 and has since published many bestselling and award-winning books, including those featuring the hugely popular Charlie and Lola, and the Clarice Bean series. She has won numerous awards including the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal and the Smarties Gold Award. Her books have been made into an award-winning TV series and have sold in many languages with runaway success.

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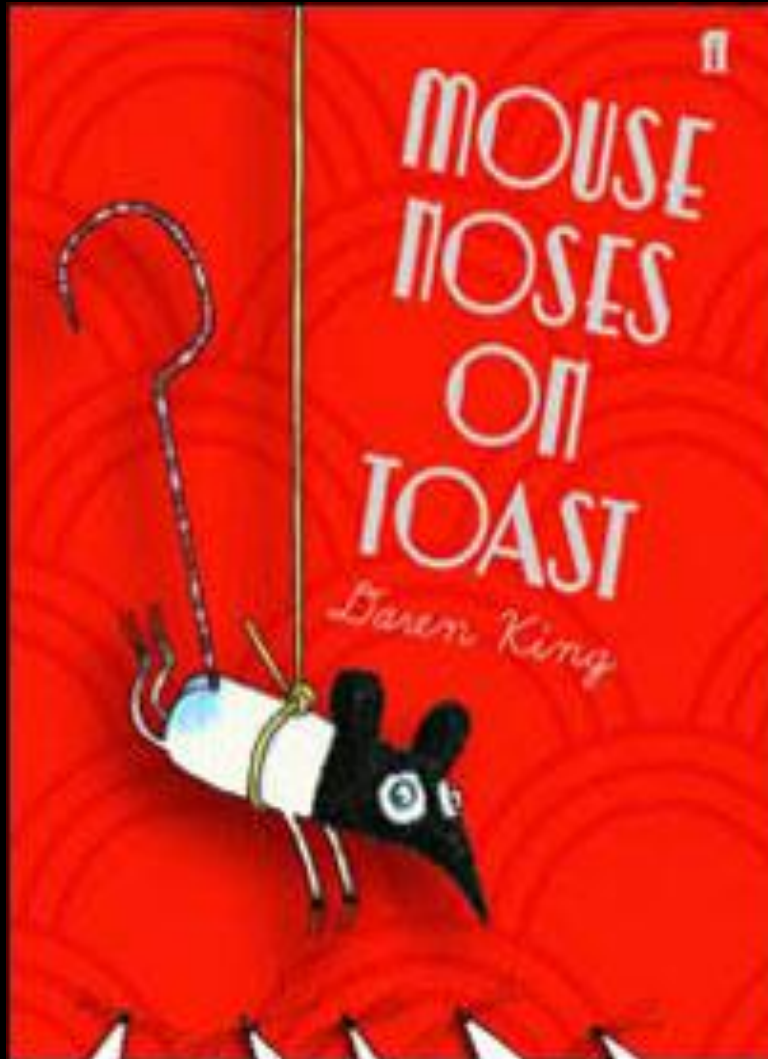
It's Christmas Eve and Mouse, his sisters and mum are driving across the snowy moors to his grandparents' house when their car plunges off the road. Thrown clear Mouse begins a journey for help, but as a knight in one of the fantasy stories that mean so much to him in real life. It's an epic journey too, full of strange characters, friends and enemies alike, and despite the dreamlike atmosphere the reader is never in any doubt as to how dangerous it is, or how much depends on Mouse reaching the castle. Not many books change readers' views of the world, this might be one of them.

About the author:

Piers Torday began his career in theatre and then television as a producer and writer. His bestselling first book for children, *The Last Wild*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award and nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal as well as numerous other awards. His second book, *The Dark Wild*, won the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. The third book in the trilogy, *The Wild Beyond*, was published in 2015 to critical acclaim.

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Gathering his friends - Sandra, Rowley Barker Hobbs, the sheepdog, and the Tinby, a kind of monster - Paul becomes determined to find the truth behind the mouse noses on toast. But what awaits them all at the mouse noses abattoir?

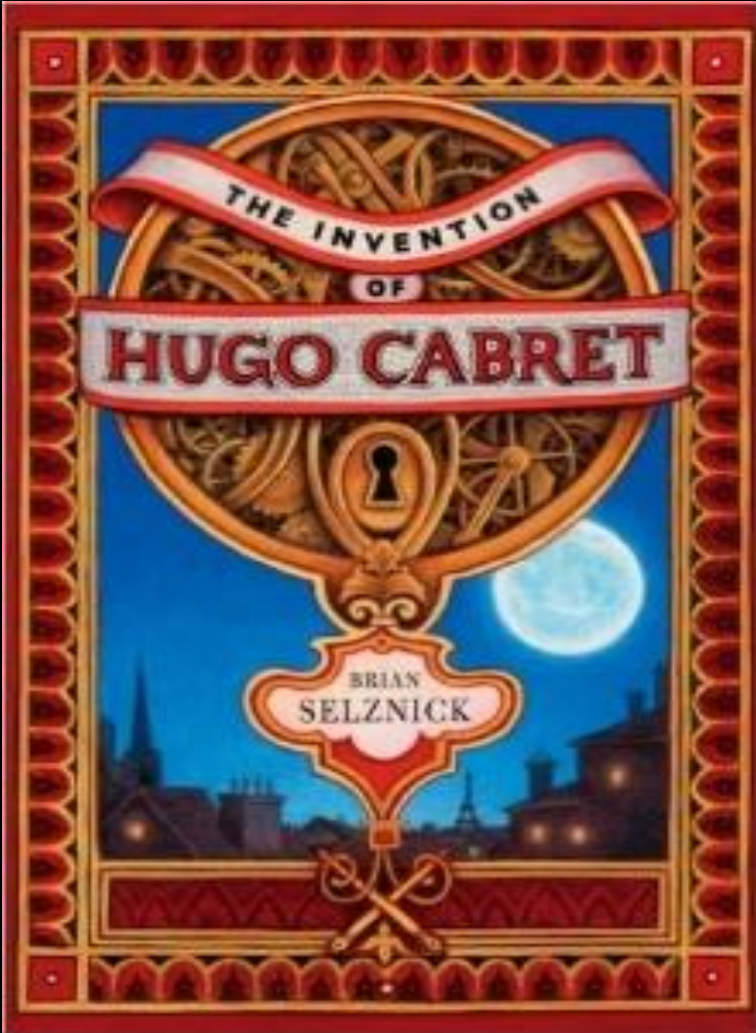
About the author:

Daren King was born in Harlow, Essex. His debut novel, *Boxy an Star*, was shortlisted for the Guardian First Book Award. He has written two other novels for adults, *Jim Giraffe* and *Tom Boler*, and a novel for children, *Mouse Noses on Toast*.

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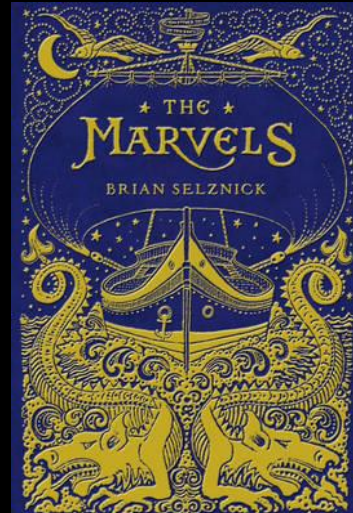


Paris, 1931. Orphan, clock keeper and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks – like the gears of the clocks he keeps – with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the train station, Hugo's undercover life and his most precious secret are put in jeopardy. A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father form the backbone of this intricate, tender, and spellbinding mystery.

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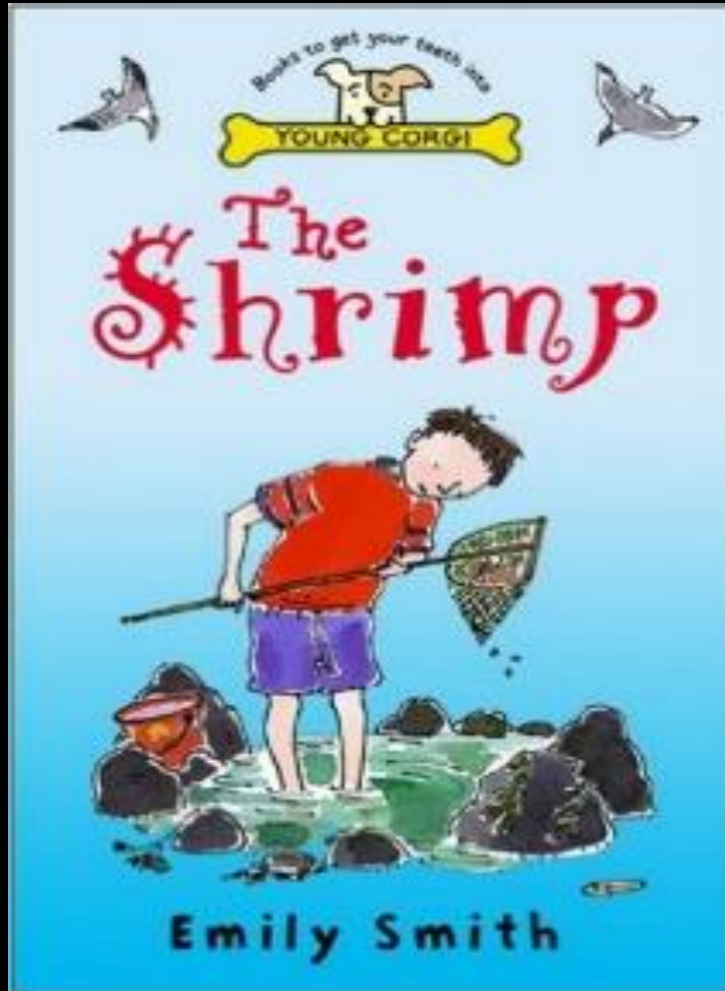
Caldecott Honour–winning illustrator and New York Times bestselling author Brian Selznick graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design with the intention of becoming a set designer for the theatre. However, after spending three years selling books and designing window displays for a children's bookstore in Manhattan, he was inspired to create children's books of his own.

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Ben spends the holidays with his nose in the sand and bottom in the air. It's not because he's shy - though some of his classmates do call him the Shrimp. It's because he's got a great idea for his wildlife project. A competition is on! The class projects are going to be judged by a famous TV wildlife presenter, and the prize is irresistible. Ben would love to win it, but others have their eyes on the prize too...

About the author:

Emily Smith is a journalist and mother of three children. Her very first children's book, ASTRID THE AU PAIR FROM OUTER SPACE, won the silver medal in the 6-8 age group, at the Smarties Prize 1999. Her next title for Young Corgi, THE SHRIMP, won the 6-8 age group Smarties gold medal in 2000.

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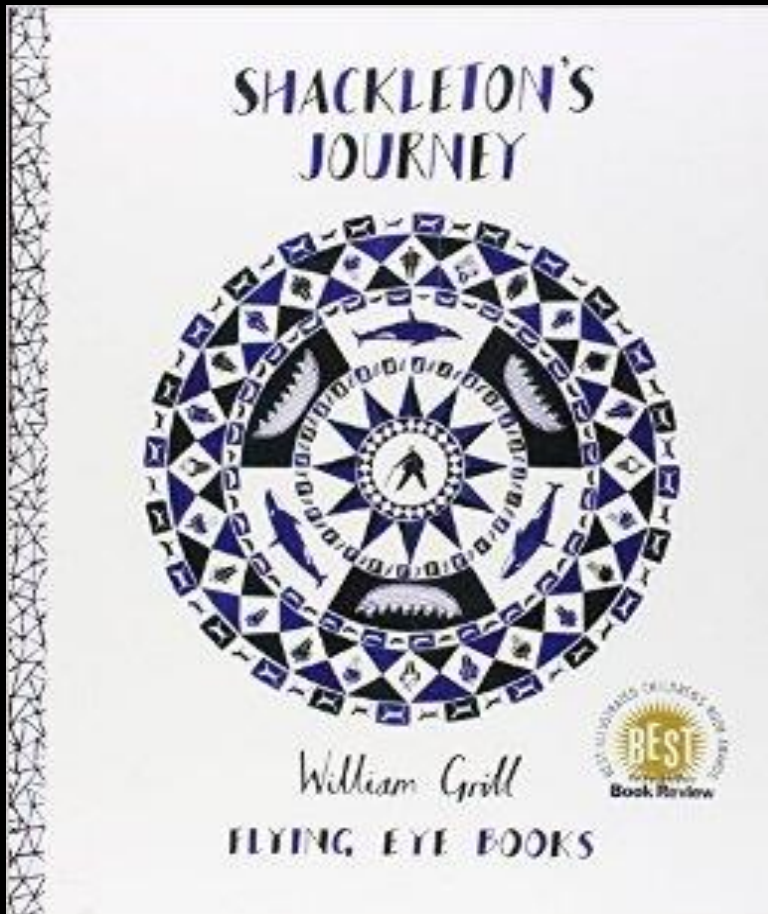


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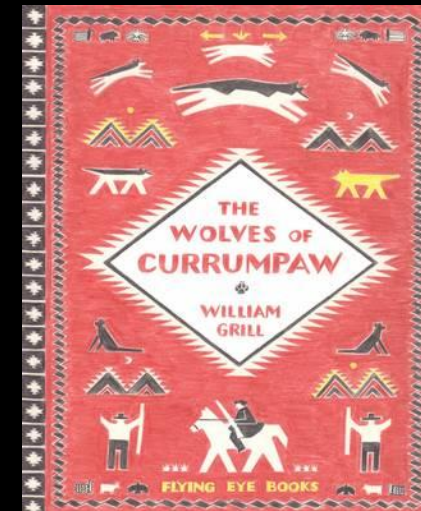
In the last days of the Heroic Age of Exploration, Ernest Shackleton dreamed of crossing the frozen heart of Antarctica, a place of ferocious seas, uncharted mountains and bone-chilling cold. But when his ship, the Endurance, became trapped in the deadly grip of the ice, Shackleton's dreams of crossing Antarctica were shattered. Stranded in a cold, white world, and thousands of miles from home, the men of the expedition set out on a desperate trek across the ice in search of rescue.

About the author:

William Grill is a new talent in the British illustration scene. He graduated with a BA (Hons) at University College Falmouth and published his debut book, Shackleton's Journey, with Flying Eye Books in 2014. Grill's main interest lies in narrative illustration where he uses the natural world to inspire his artwork. His use of coloured pencils, layers of shading and work in relief printmaking all contribute towards the evocative and atmospheric illustrations that are so unique to his style.

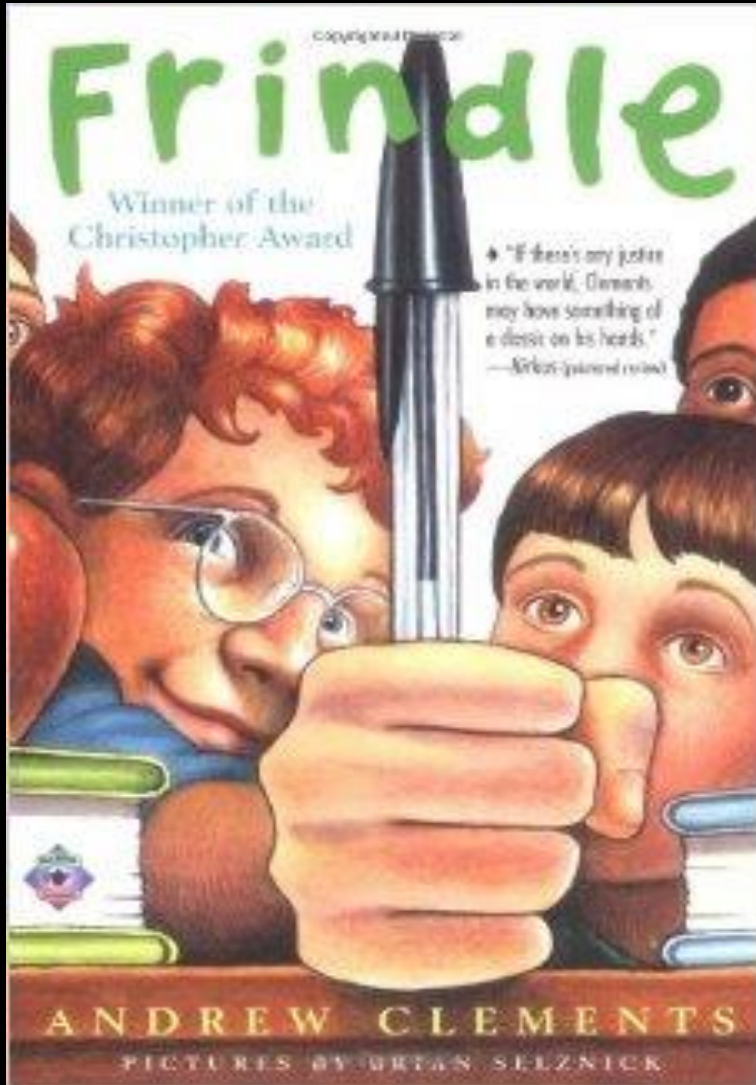


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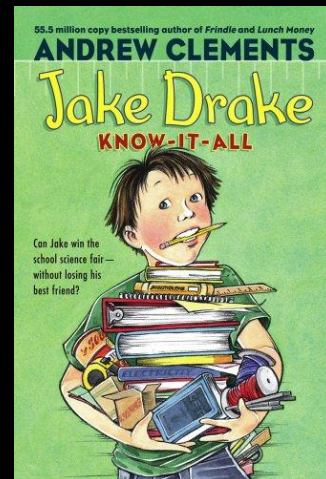


Is Nick Allen a troublemaker? He really just likes to liven things up at school -- and he's always had plenty of great ideas. When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever the frindle. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle? Things begin innocently enough as Nick gets his friends to use the new word. Then other people in town start saying frindle. Soon the school is in an uproar, and Nick has become a local hero. His teacher wants Nick to put an end to all this nonsense, but the funny thing is frindle doesn't belong to Nick anymore. The new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.

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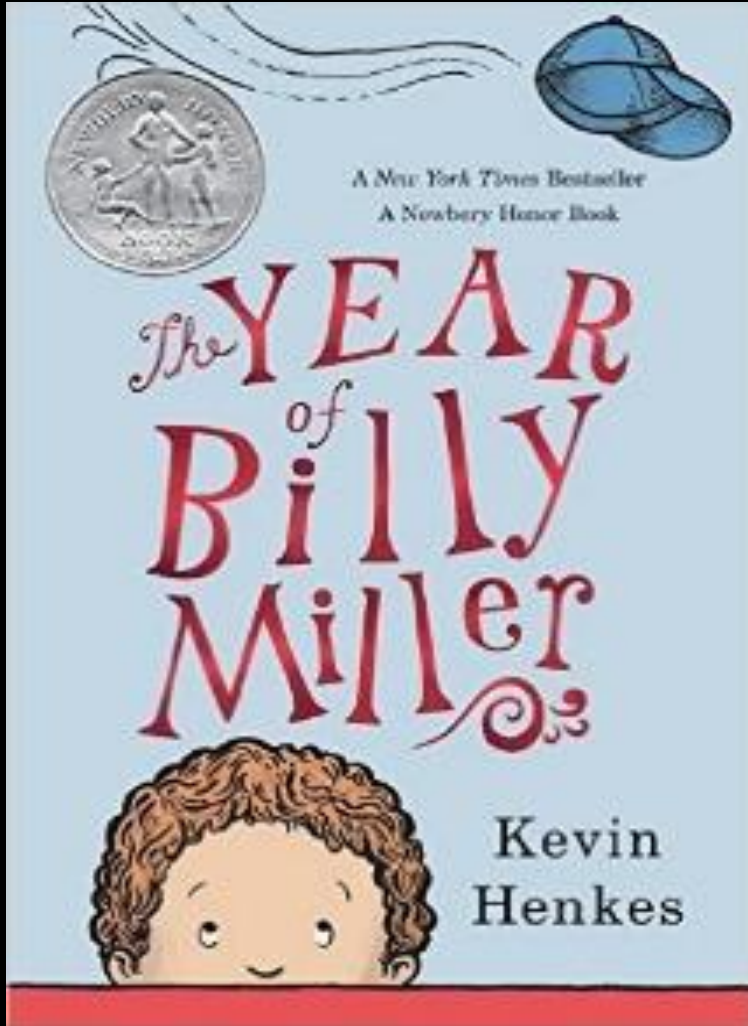
Mr. Clements taught in the public schools near Chicago for seven years before moving east to begin a career in publishing. Now a full-time writer, he lives in central Massachusetts with his wife and their four children.

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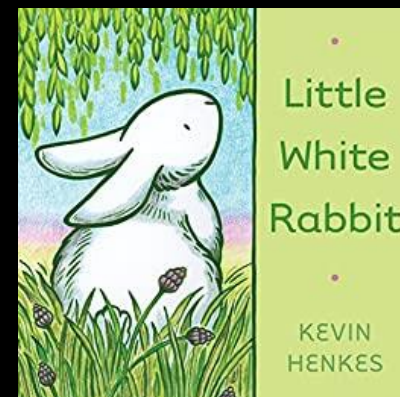


When Billy Miller has a mishap at the statue of the Jolly Green Giant at the end of summer vacation, he ends up with a big lump on his head. What a way to start second grade, with a lump on your head! As the year goes by, though, Billy figures out how to navigate elementary school, how to appreciate his little sister, and how to be a more grown up and responsible member of the family and a help to his busy working mom and stay-at-home dad.

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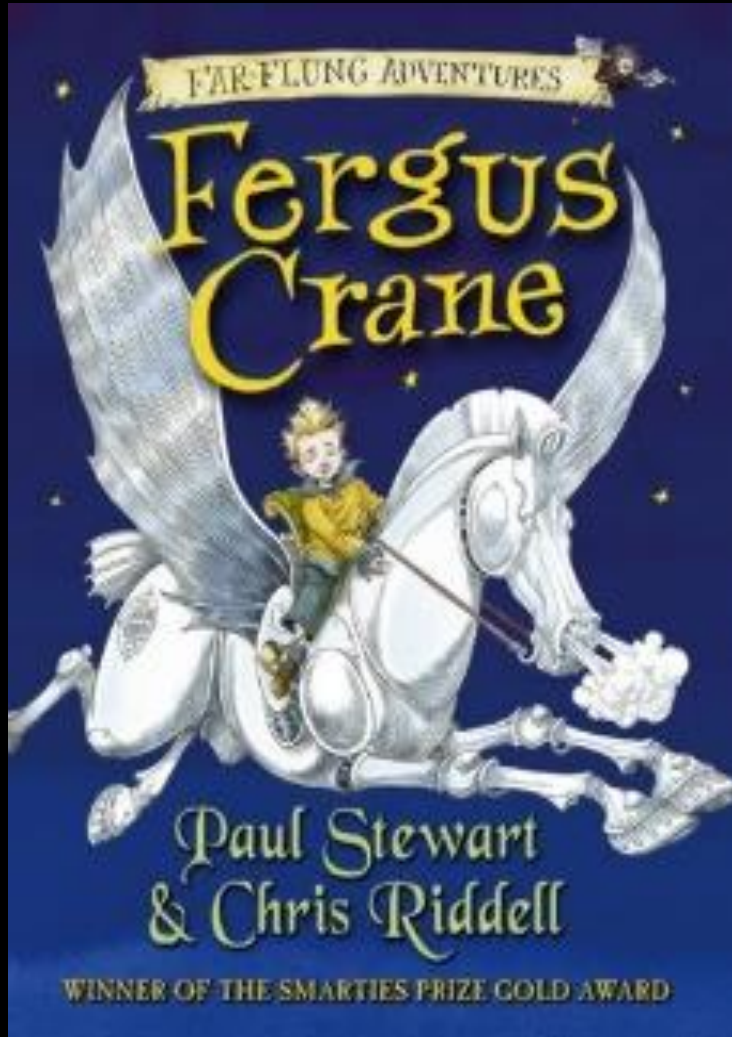
Kevin Henkes (born November 27, 1960) is an American writer and illustrator of children's books. As an illustrator, he won the Caldecott Medal for *Kitten's First Full Moon* (2004). Henkes writes and illustrates children's picture books, many of which feature mice as their main characters. He also writes middle-grade fiction. Henkes wrote his first book during his freshman year in college.

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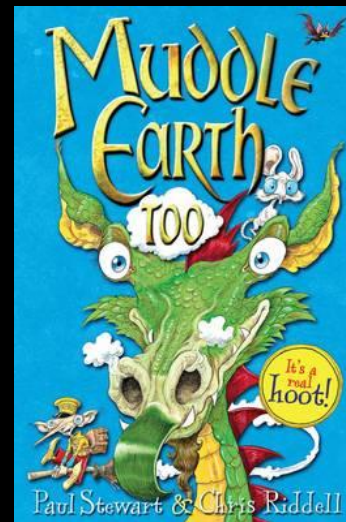


Young Fergus Crane receives a mysterious invitation to join the School Ship Betty-Jeanne. What he finds on board from the sinister headmaster Captain Claw through to his unlikely band of teachers does not inspire confidence. But Fergus is a brave boy and a bold one who has a great destiny marked out for him. When he discovers the School Ship Betty -Jeanne has sailed away to Fire Isle without him but with his timid school mates, he sets off in hot pursuit on the back of a flying horse.

About the author:

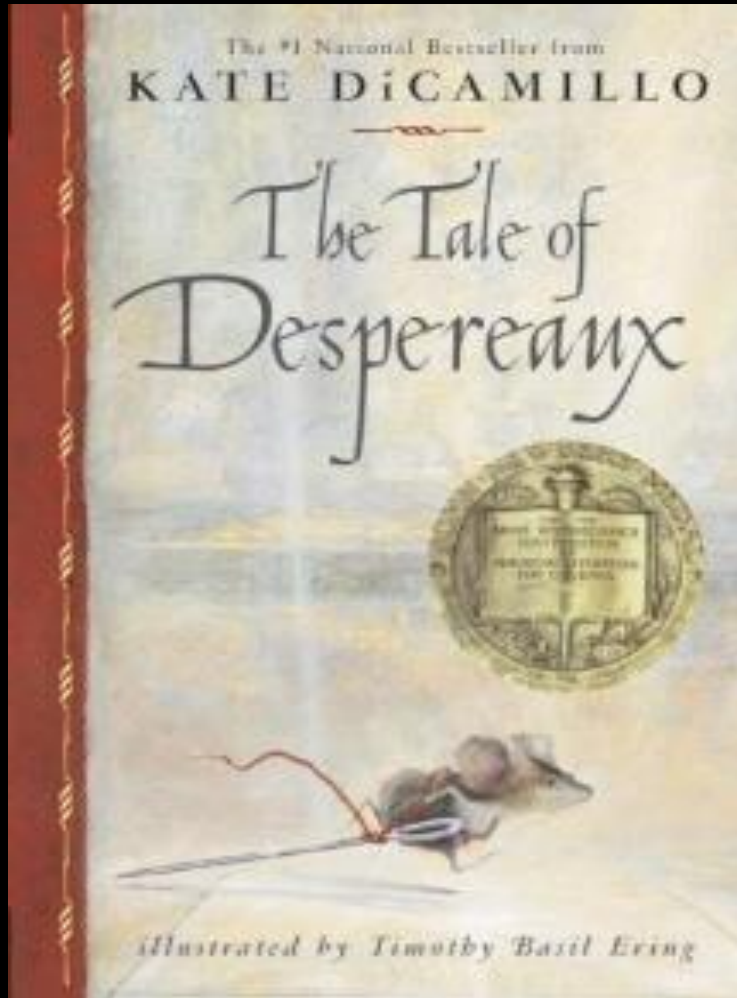
Paul Stewart was born in 1955 in London. He is a graduate of Lancaster University and of the University of East Anglia's creative writing course. For several years he taught English as a foreign language in Sri Lanka. Returning to England, he continued teaching before becoming a full-time writer. His first book was published in 1988 and he has since worked for a number of publishers and had over fifty titles published.

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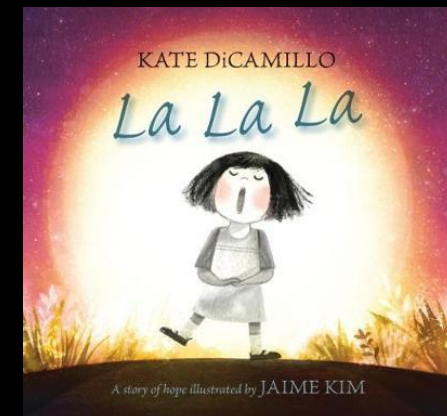


Here, reader, is the tale of a tiny, sickly mouse with unusually large ears; a mouse who takes his fate into his own hands. It is the tale of a beautiful, flaxen-haired princess who laughs often and makes everything around her seem brighter. It is the tale of a poor, deaf serving girl who entertains foolish dreams of splendour. It is a tale of impossible love, of bravery and of old-fashioned courage. And, reader, it is a tale of treachery - unlimited treachery...

About the author:

Kate DiCamillo's writing journey has been a truly remarkable one. She grew up in Florida and moved to Minnesota in her twenties, when homesickness and a bitter winter led her to write *Because of WinnDixie* – her first published novel, which became a runaway bestseller and snapped up a Newbery Honor. *The Tiger Rising*, her second novel, was also set in Florida and went on to become a National Book Award finalist.

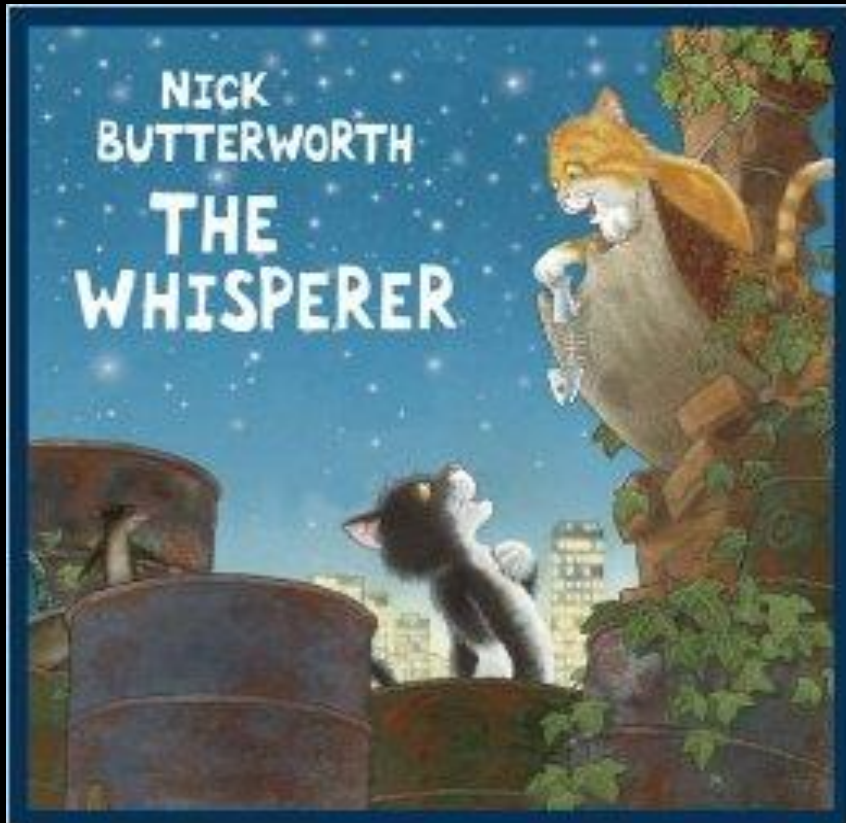
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But just maybe, things in the scrap yard are about to change for the better. Or as The Whisperer sees it...for the worse...

About the author:

Nick Butterworth was born in north London in 1946 and grew up in a sweet shop. As a boy, he always loved drawing and had an insatiable appetite for stories, two passions which have continued into adulthood. After a conjurer made an appearance at one of his birthday parties he also developed a fascination with magic.

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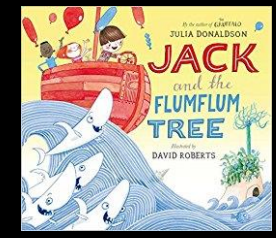
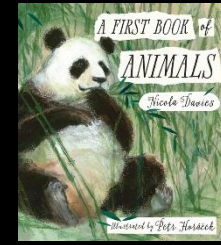
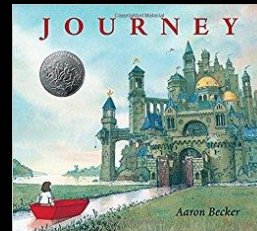
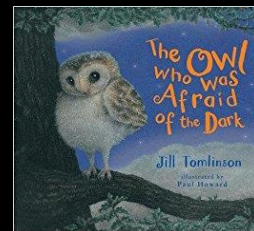
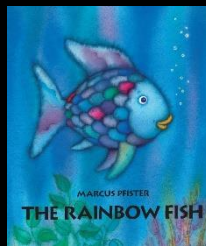
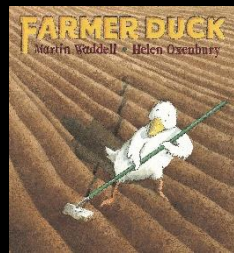
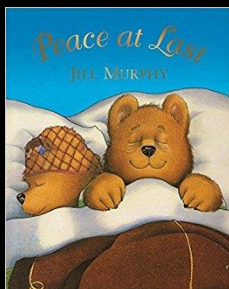
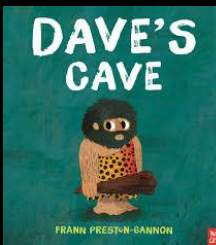
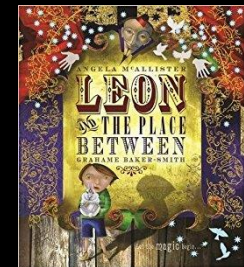
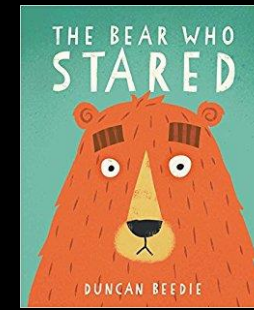
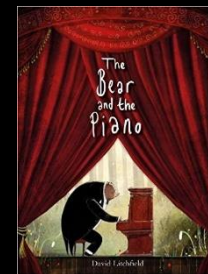
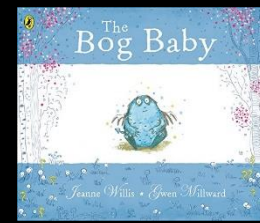
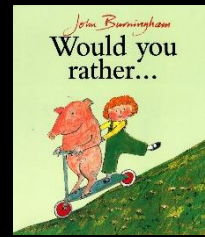
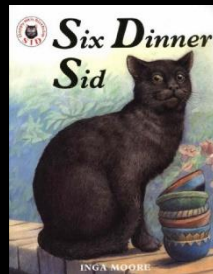
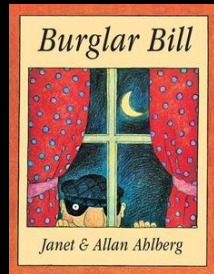
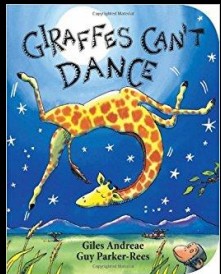
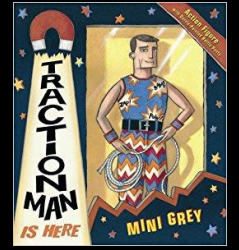
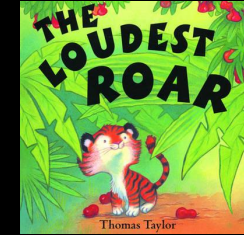
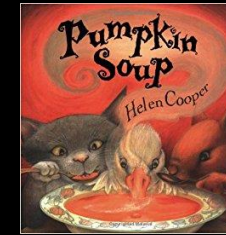
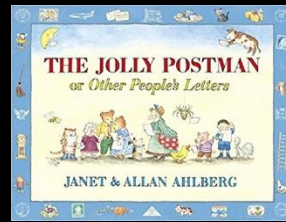
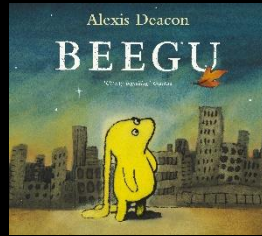
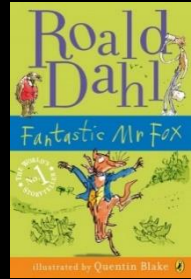
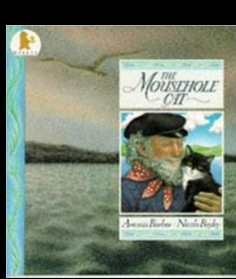
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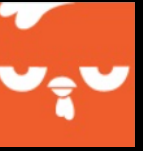


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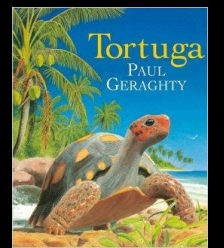
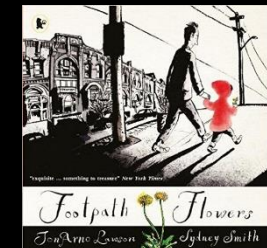
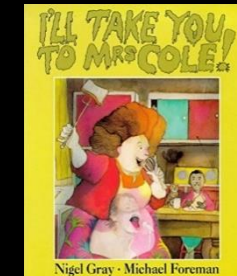
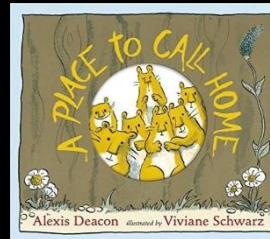
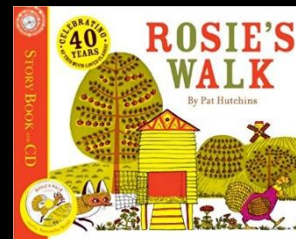
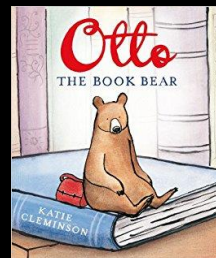
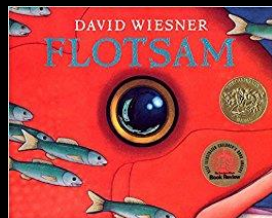
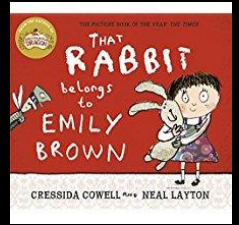
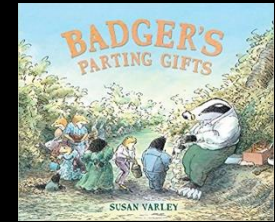
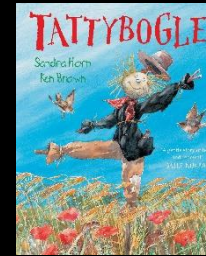
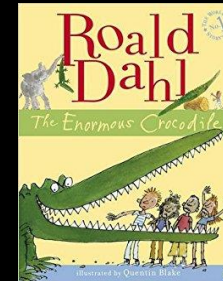
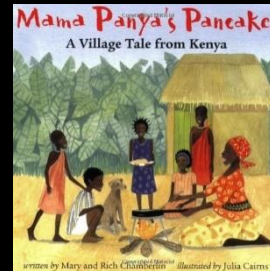
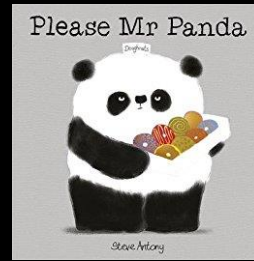
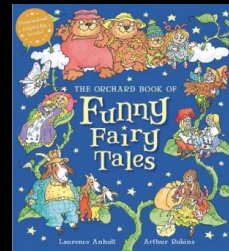
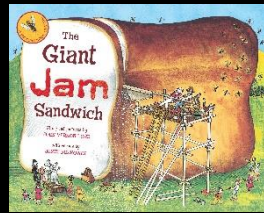
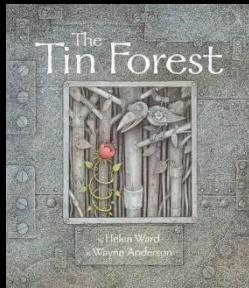
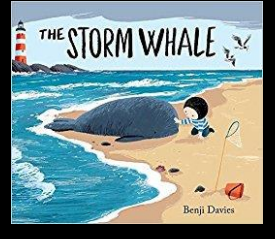
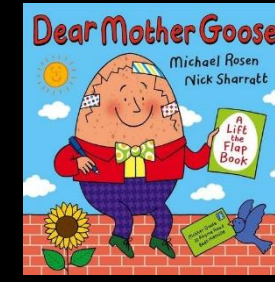
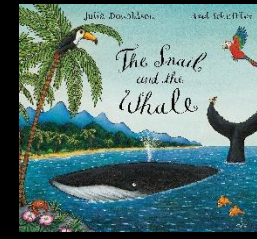
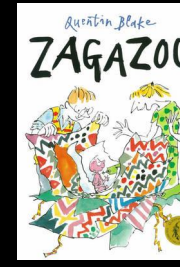
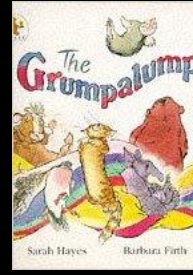
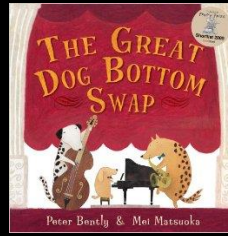
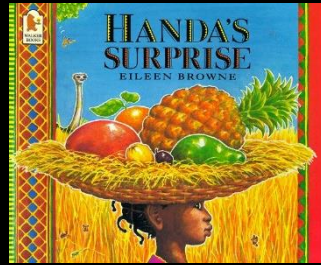
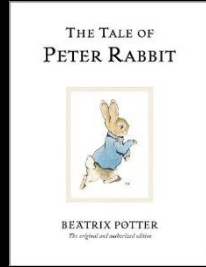
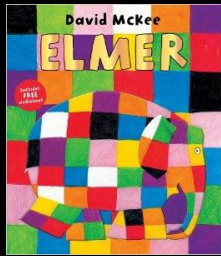
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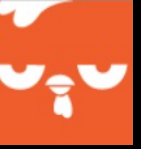
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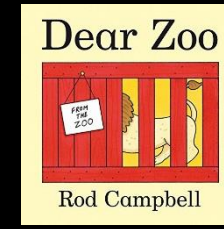
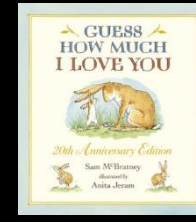
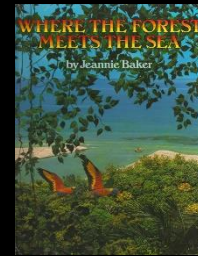
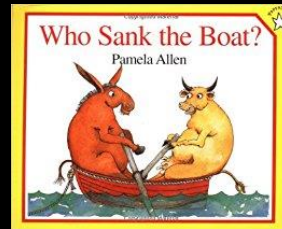
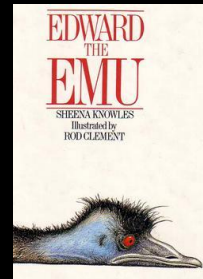
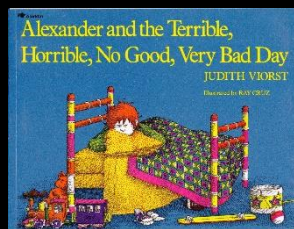
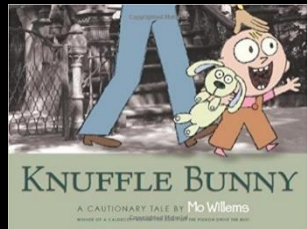
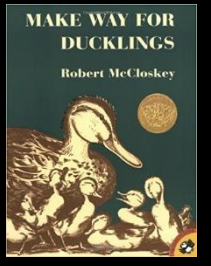
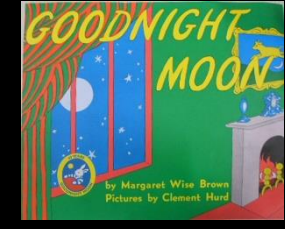
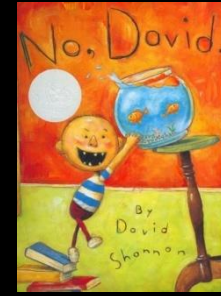
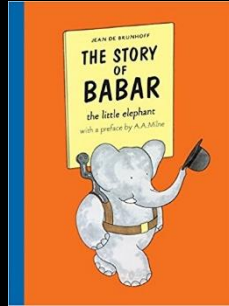
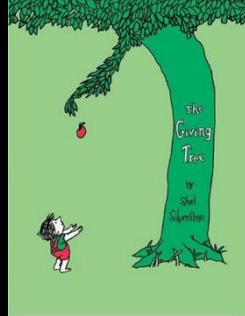
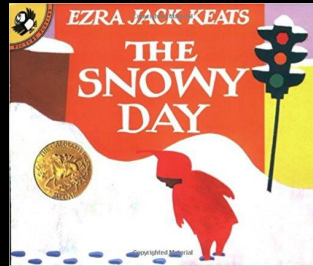
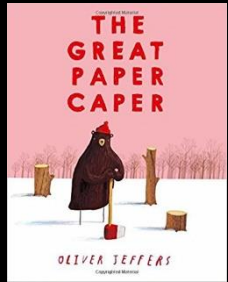
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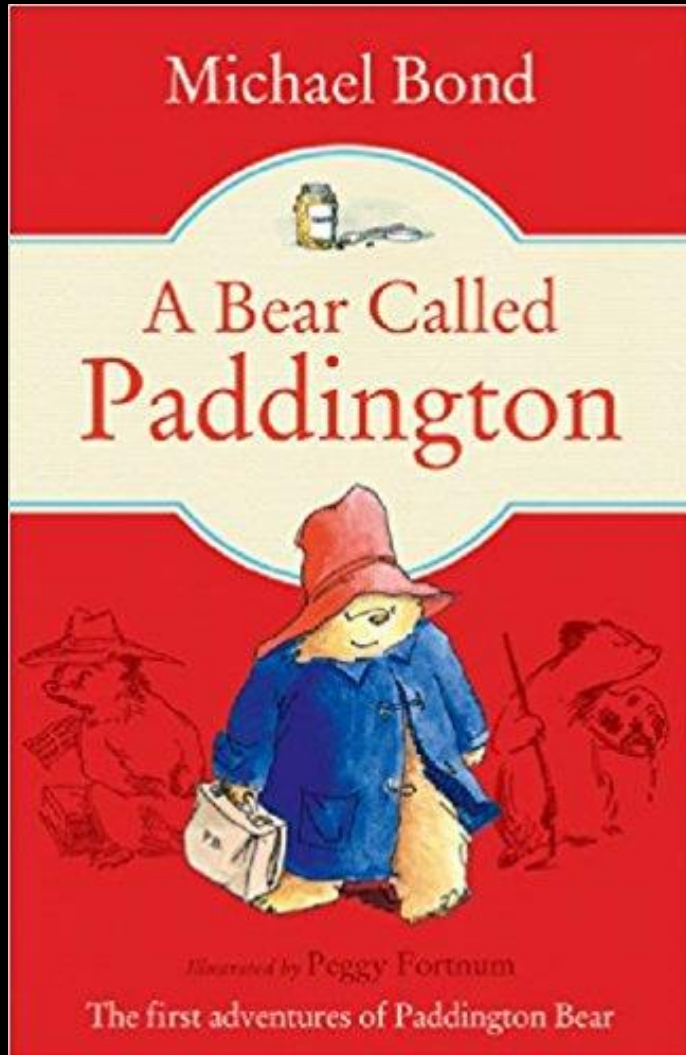
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“A bear on Paddington Station?” said Mrs Brown in amazement.
“Don’t be silly – there can’t be.”

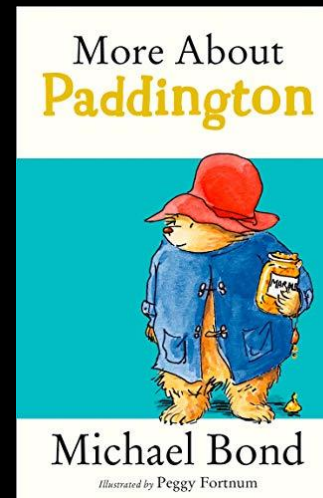
The Browns first met Paddington on a railway station – Paddington station, in fact. He had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru with only a jar of marmalade, a suitcase and his hat.

The Browns soon find that Paddington is a very unusual bear. Ordinary things – like having a bath, travelling underground or going to the seaside become quite extraordinary, if a bear called Paddington is involved.

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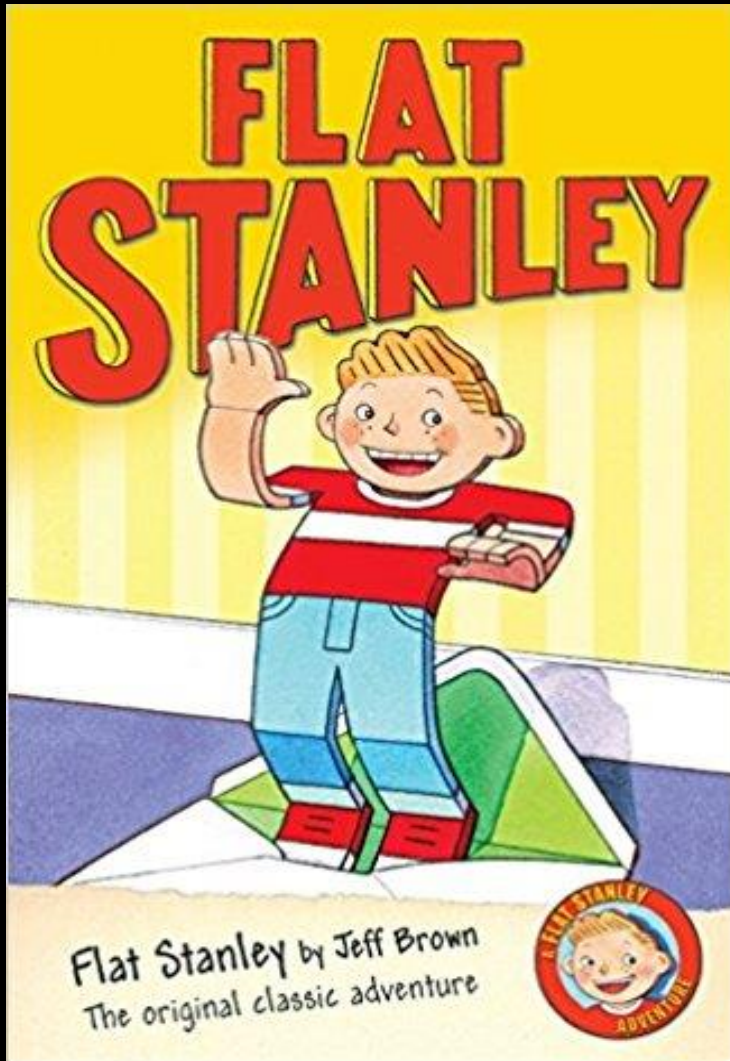
Michael Bond was born in Newbury, Berkshire on 13 January 1926 and educated at Presentation College, Reading. He served in the Royal Air Force and the British Army before working as a cameraman for BBC TV for 19 years. In 2015, Michael was awarded a CBE for his services to children’s literature, to add to the OBE he received in 1997. Michael died in 2017, leaving behind one of the great literary legacies of our time.

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Flat Stanley Stanley Lambchop wakes up one morning to find a notice-board has dropped on him in the night, leaving him happy and healthy, but only half an inch thick. It's a little unusual, but he finds he can fly like a kite, be sent on holiday through the post and can use his special new skills to catch some art thieves. Still, he's glad when his brother Arthur thinks to use the bicycle pump to inflate him back to his normal shape.

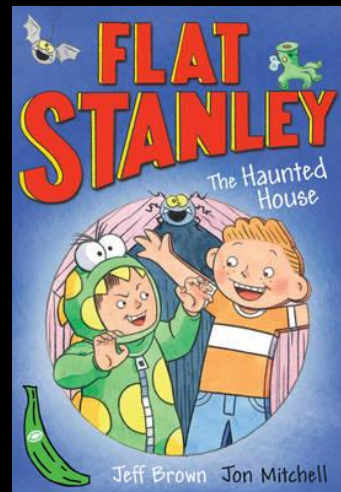
About the author:

Jeff Brown was born Richard Chester Brown.

In Hollywood he worked for the producer Samuel Goldwyn Jr. and was a story consultant at Paramount. Preferring to write himself, he sold fiction and articles to national magazines while working at The New Yorker, Life, The Saturday Evening Post, Esquire and finally at Warner Books, where he was a senior editor until 1980.

The idea for Stanley came to him one night at bedtime when his sons J. C. and Tony were young and stalling for time. One asked what would happen if the big bulletin board on the wall were to fall on J. C., and Mr. Brown said he would most likely wake up flat. That led to speculation about what such a life might be like.

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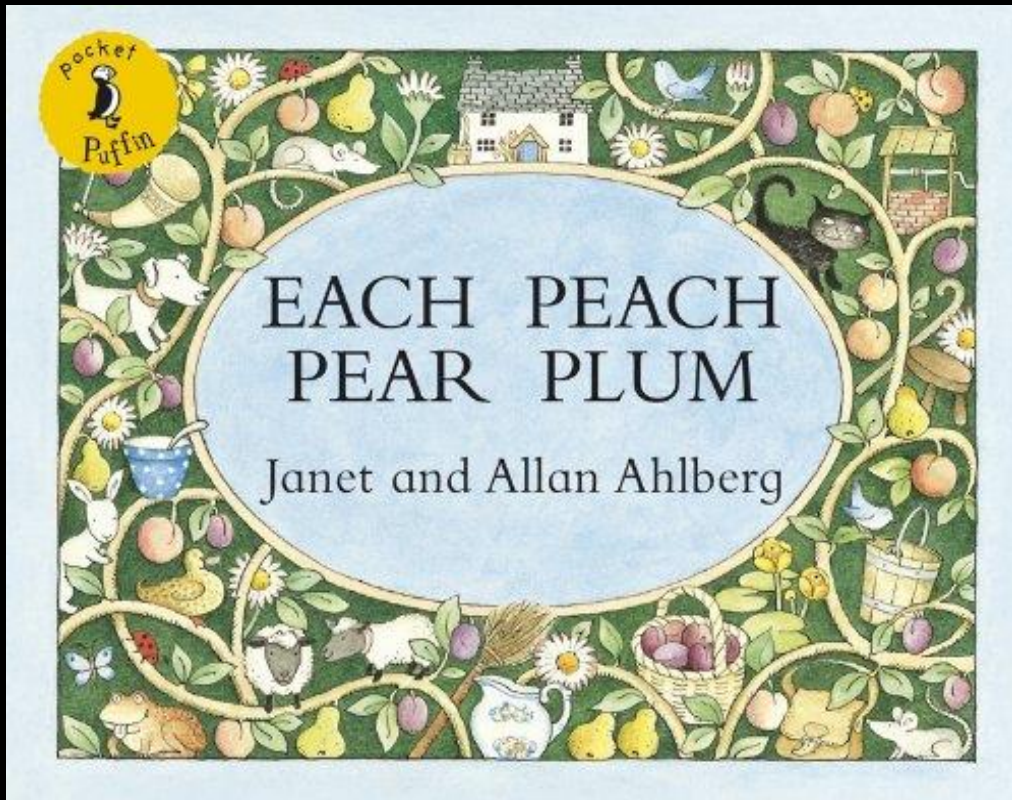
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A beautiful brand new cased board book version of this classic picture book by the iconic Janet and Allan Ahlberg.

Each Peach Pear Plum introduces characters from well-known nursery stories, such as the Three Bears, Mother Hubbard and Tom Thumb, and encourages children to participate and to find the characters hidden in the pictures. The text, with its strong rhyme and rhythm, is perfect to read aloud to very young children, while the game of 'I Spy' keeps children enthralled.

About the author:

Allan Ahlberg was born in Croydon in 1938, but grew up in Oldbury, near Birmingham. From the age of twelve, his dream was to be a writer. Before he fulfilled his ambition, he tried his hand at a variety of other jobs including postman, grave digger, plumber's mate and teacher.



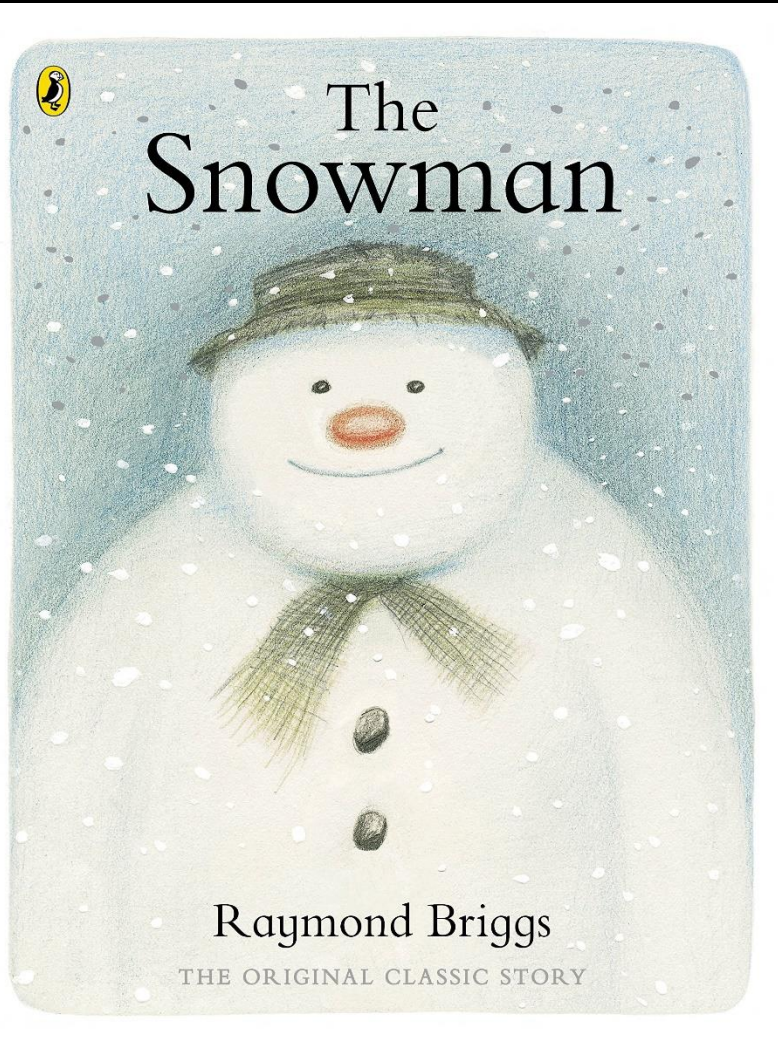
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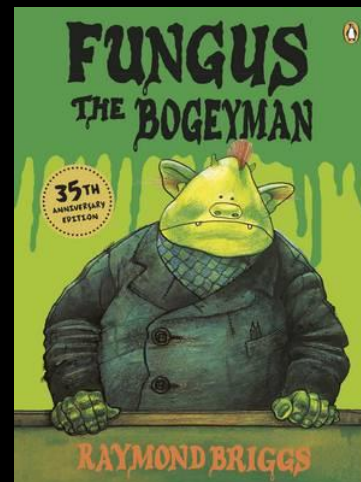


This is one of the all time favourites of any nursery and certainly a book to turn back to time and time again whether you're a child or an adult. No words, just the most wonderful pictures telling a poignant and moving story about a boy and a snowman. It's a book that will fire the imagination of every child because they themselves can create the words to go with the pictures. Not just a classic but THE classic of all time, in our humble opinion. A book for parents to 'read' aloud with young children as well as perfect for slightly older children to immerse themselves in an imaginary world.

About the author:

Raymond Briggs is one of our most respected and beloved artists. Born in Wimbledon Park in 1934, he studied at the Wimbledon School of Art and later at the Slade School of Fine Art, and went on to produce a treasure trove of work.

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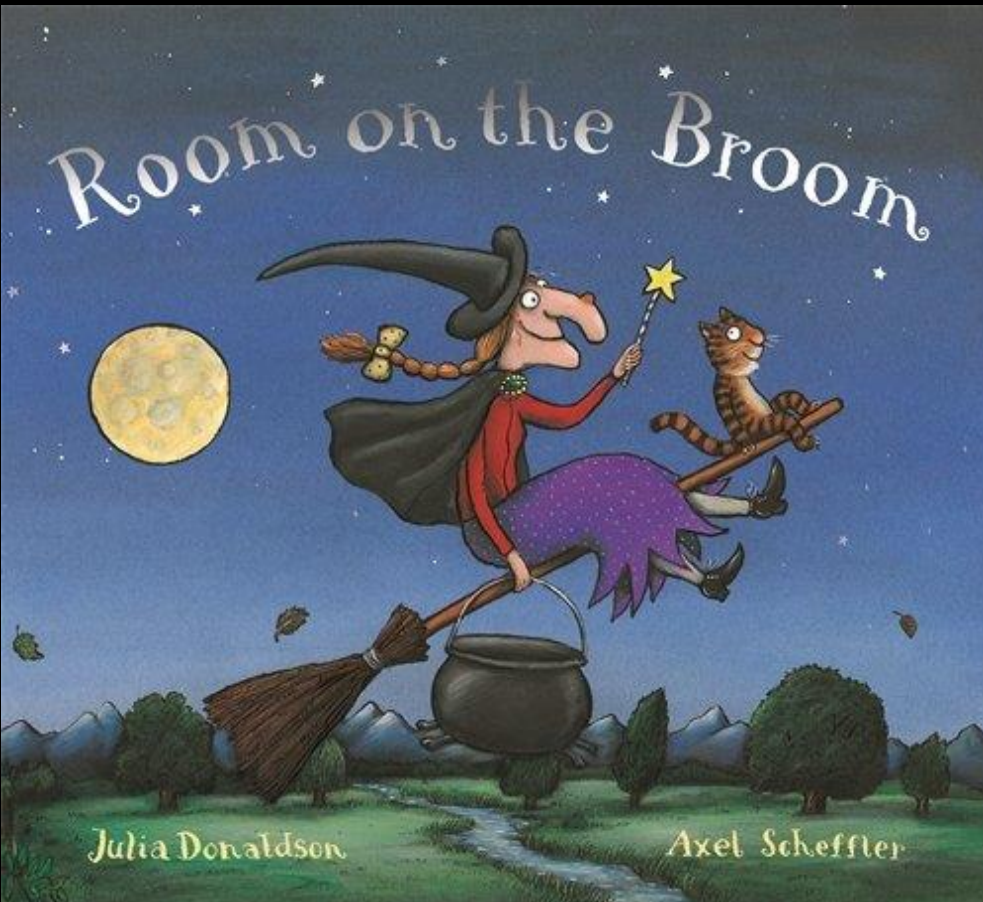
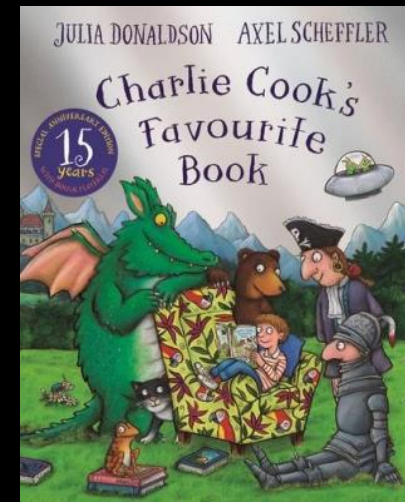
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The witch and her cat fly happily over forests, rivers and mountains on their broomstick until a stormy wind blows away the witch's hat, bow and wand. Luckily, they are retrieved by a dog, a bird and a frog, who are all keen for a ride on the broom. It's a case of the more, the merrier, but the broomstick isn't used to such a heavy load and it's not long before...SNAP! It breaks in two! And with a greedy dragon looking for a snack, the witch's animal pals better think fast.

About the author:

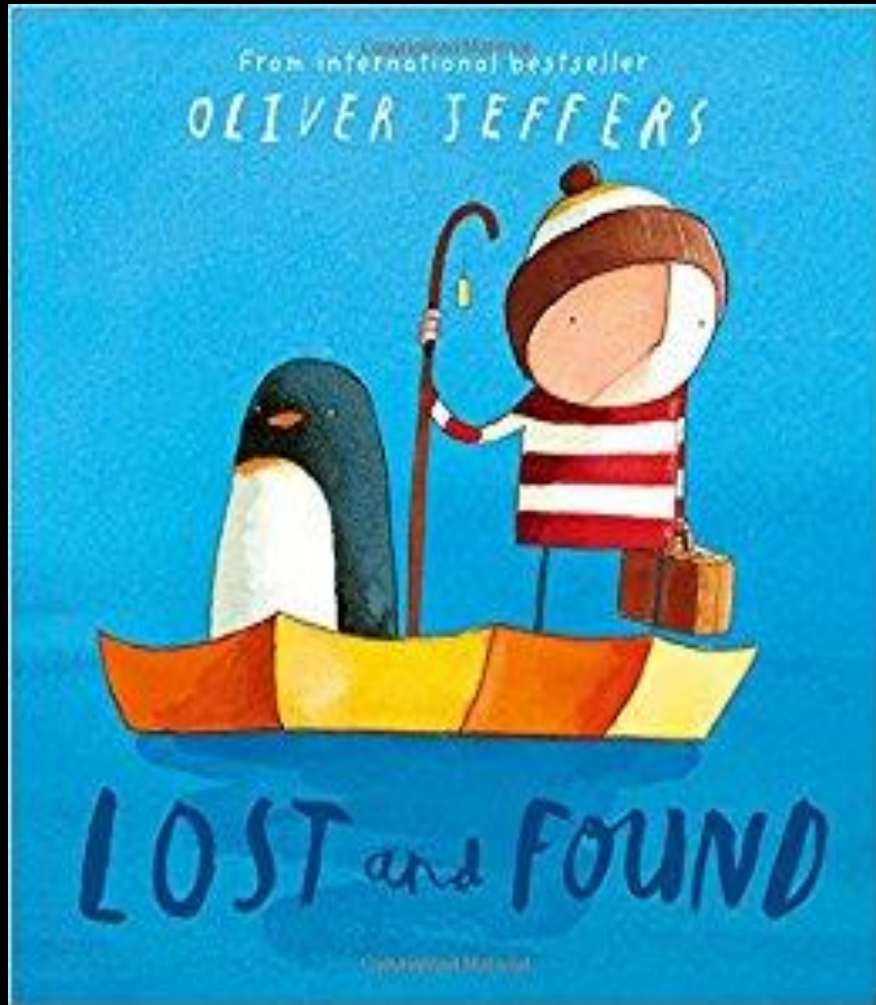
Julia Donaldson is the outrageously talented prize-winning author of some of the world's best-loved children's books, including modern classics *The Gruffalo* and *The Gruffalo's Child*, which together have sold over 17 million copies worldwide, and the hugely successful *What the Ladybird Heard* adventures.

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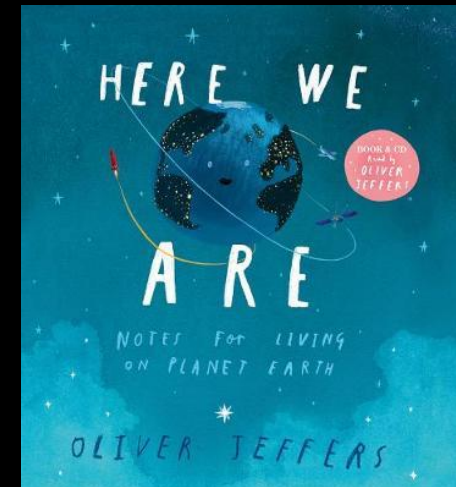


Celebrating the value of friendship, this is an exquisitely illustrated picture book with a simple story line. Opening his door and finding a penguin on it, the little boy takes pity on the sad looking creature who he immediately assumes is lost. Together they set out on an adventure across icy-blue wastes to find the penguin's real home. The cool of the landscape makes a perfect backdrop to the warmth of the friendship between the pair.

About the author:

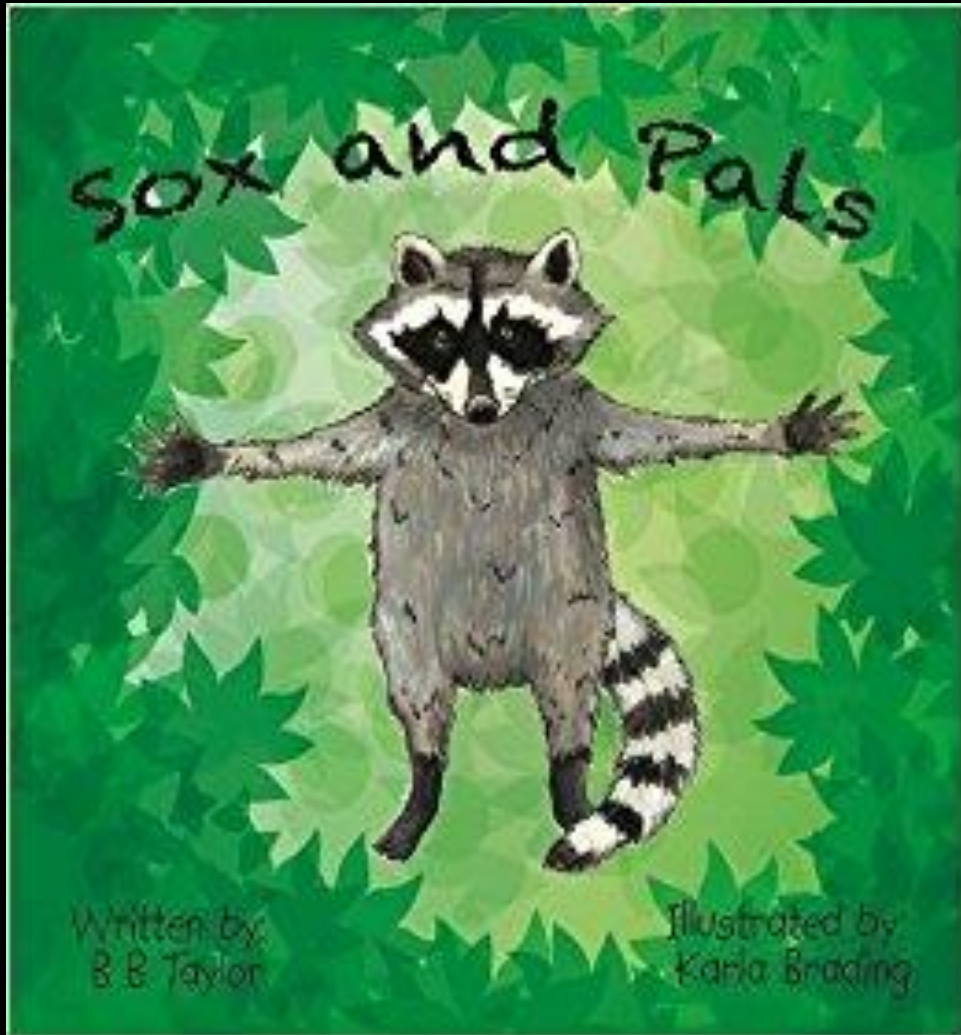
Oliver Jeffers has won numerous awards and delighted millions of kids and parents alike with his beautifully hand illustrated stories. Jeffers's picture books are wonderfully accessible. They explore themes of friendship, loneliness, independence and imagination. He has written and illustrated, or "made", as he prefers to put it, five hugely successful picture books.

Also by this author:





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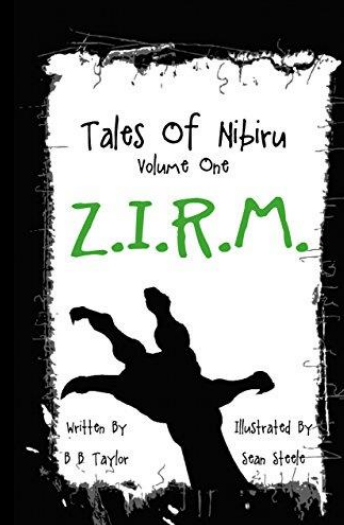


Follow Sox and his pal Nicky as they play, explore and have fun, a lighthearted and happy story for young readers, based on real animals :) Money raised from each book goes to supporting animal charity Gentleshaw Wildlife Centre

About the author:

Children's author and animal lover, Stories filled with colour and imagination.

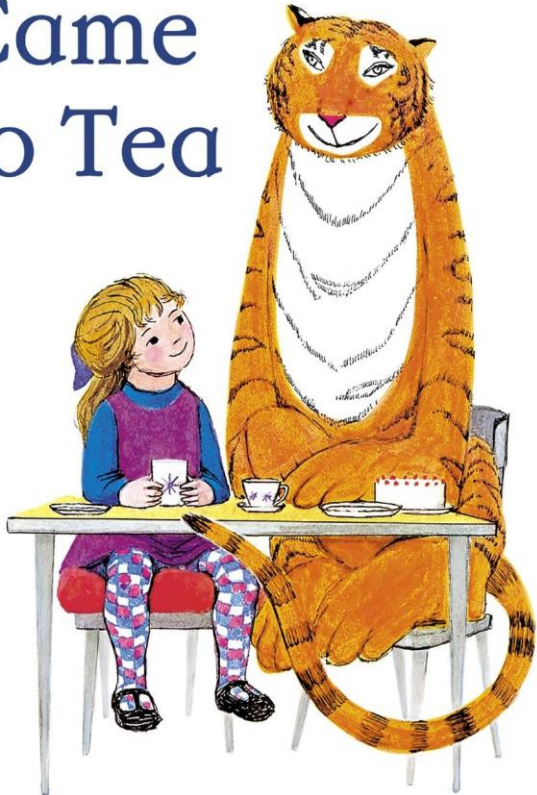
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The Tiger Who Came to Tea



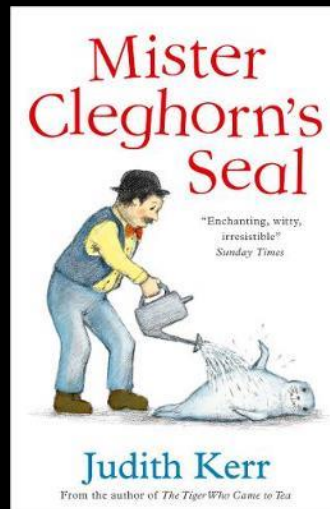
Judith Kerr

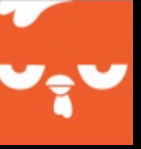
The Tiger has been coming to Tea for 50 glorious years! Celebrate this incredible anniversary with this brand new cased board book edition of the beloved classic. The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger!

About the author:

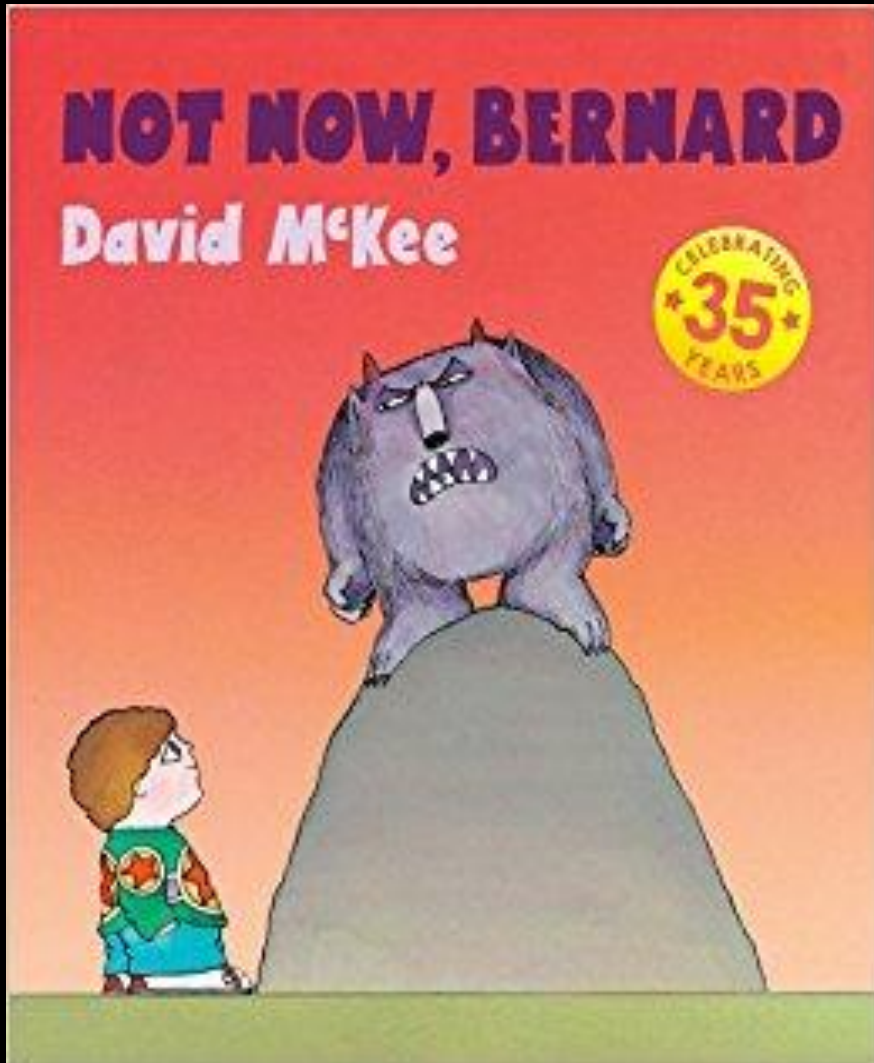
Judith Kerr was born in Berlin in 1923 but escaped from Hitler's Germany with her parents and brother in 1933 when she was nine years old. Judith and her family passed through Switzerland and France before finally arriving in England in 1936. Judith wrote about her experiences in her classic autobiographical story, *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*. Judith won a scholarship to the Central School of Arts in 1945, and since then has worked as an artist, television scriptwriter and, for the past thirty years, as an author and illustrator of children's books.

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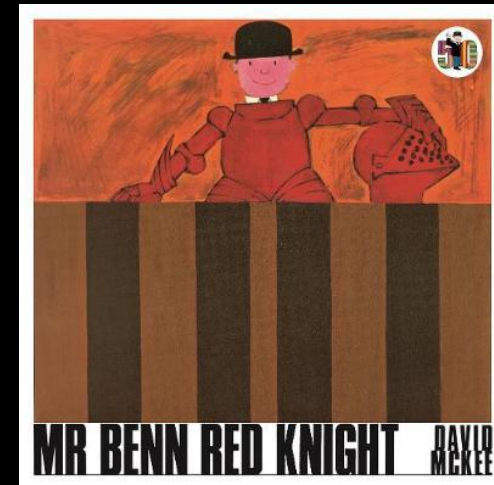


This is the story of Bernard, whose parents are too busy to understand that there is a monster in the garden... and one that wants to eat him!

About the author:

David McKee has written and illustrated over 50 picture books for Andersen Press and has penned a number of children's classics including King Rollo, Mr Benn, Not Now Bernard and Elmer the Patchwork Elephant. David loves to paint and now lives in the South of France but regularly visits the UK.

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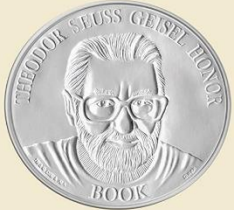




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I WANT MY HAT BACK

JON KLASSEN



A simply told story with a delicious and irresistible mischievous twist in its ending. Poor Bear! He has lost his hat. He asks everyone if they have seen it but no one can help. Where can it be? Just when Bear has given up all hope he spies it. And someone else is wearing it. Poor Rabbit! Where is he once Bear has his hat back? With its spare, building text and beautifully simple illustrations this tells its tale wittily.

About the author:

Jon Klassen has created illustrations for popular series The Incurable Children of Ashton Place and served as an illustrator on the animated feature film Coraline. His illustrations for Caroline Stutson's Cats Night Out won the Governor General Award in 2010. I Want My Hat Back is the first book he has both written and illustrated. Originally from Niagara Falls, Canada, he lives in Los Angeles, USA.

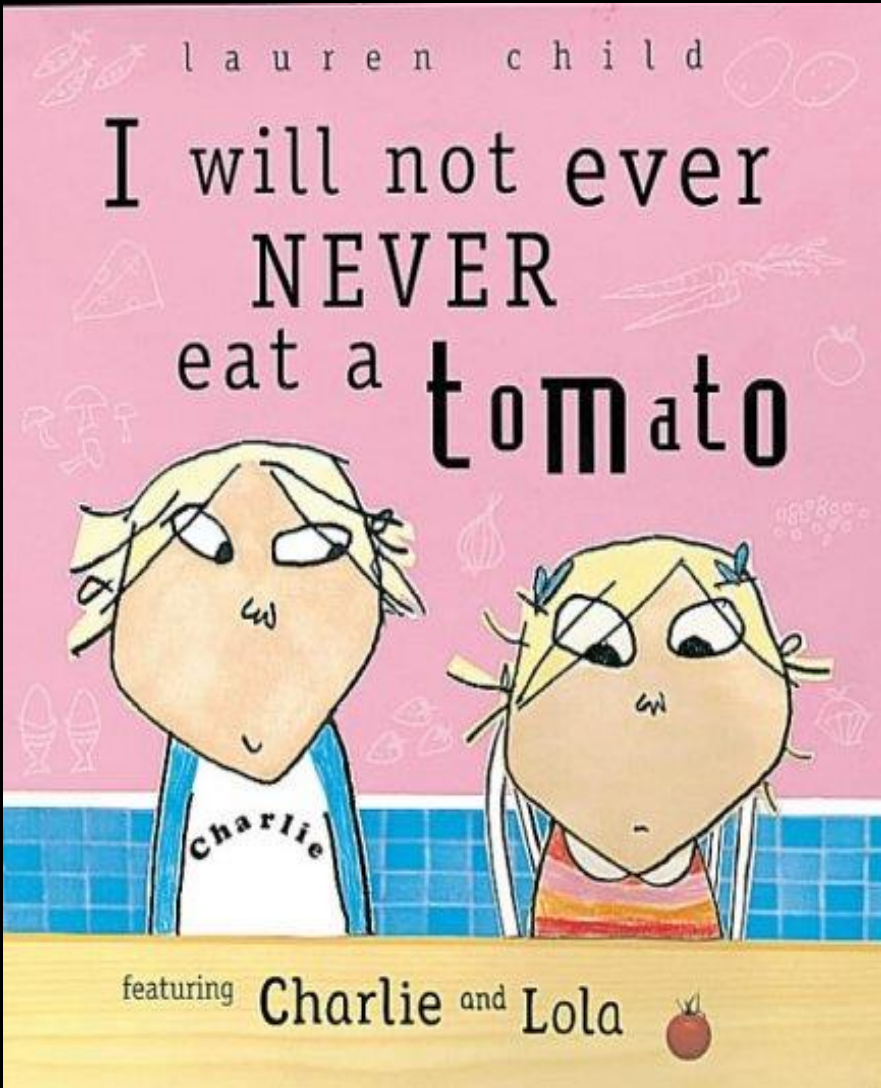
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THIS IS NOT MY HAT
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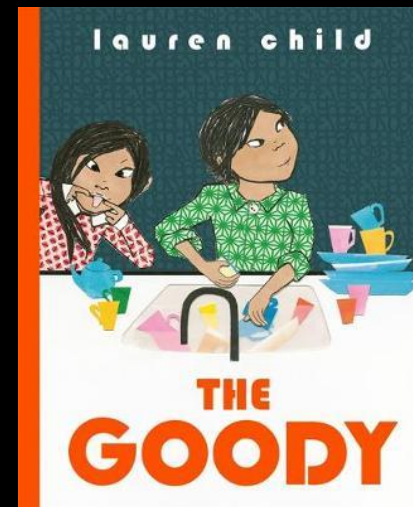


A book designed for tackling fussy eaters in a fun way. The story's central characters are Charlie and Lola. There are many foods which Lola doesn't like, so one day Charlie decides to play a trick on her, and you can guess from the title what happens.

About the author:

Lauren Child burst on to the children's books scene in 1999 and has since published many bestselling and award-winning books, including those featuring the hugely popular Charlie and Lola, and the Clarice Bean series. She has won numerous awards including the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal and the Smarties Gold Award. Her books have been made into an award-winning TV series and have sold in many languages with runaway success.

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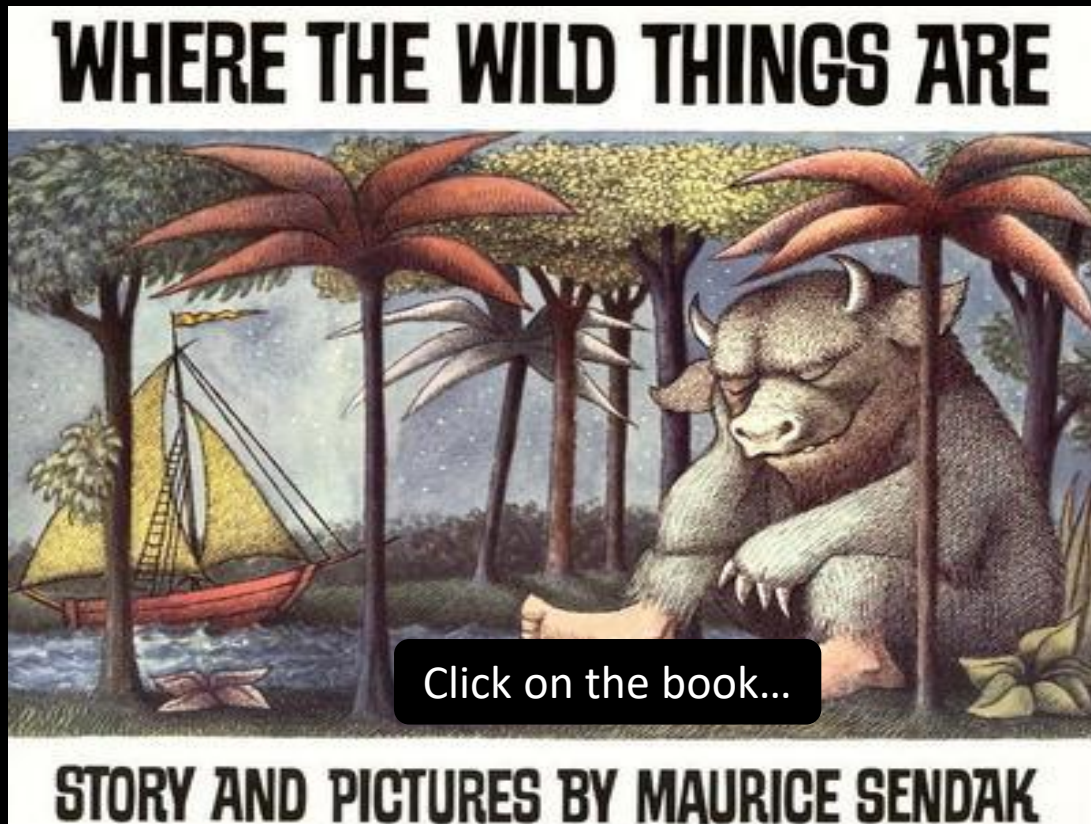


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One night Max puts on his wolf suit and makes mischief of one kind and another, so his mother calls him 'Wild Thing' and sends him to bed without his supper. That night a forest begins to grow in Max's room and an ocean rushes by with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things are. Max tames the wild things and crowns himself as their king, and then the wild rumpus begins. But when Max has sent the monsters to bed, and everything is quiet, he starts to feel lonely and realises it is time to sail home to the place where someone loves him best of all.

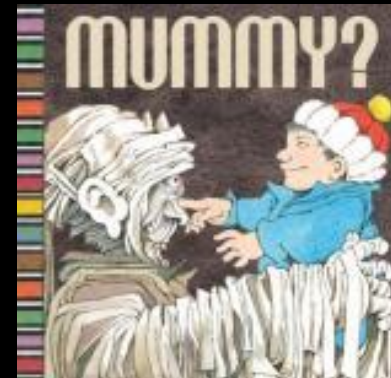
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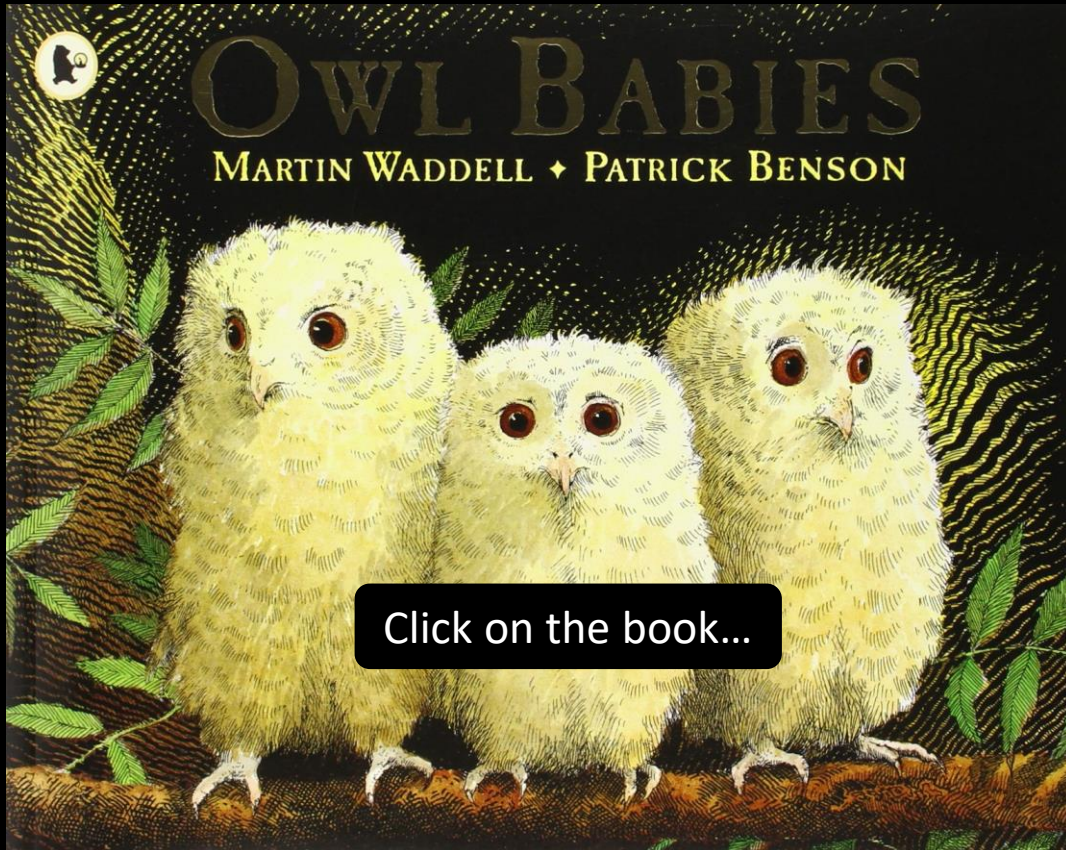
About the author:

Maurice Sendak received the 1964 Caldecott Medal for *Where the Wild Things Are*. In 1970 he received the international Hans Christian Andersen Medal for illustration, and he remains the only American ever awarded this honour.





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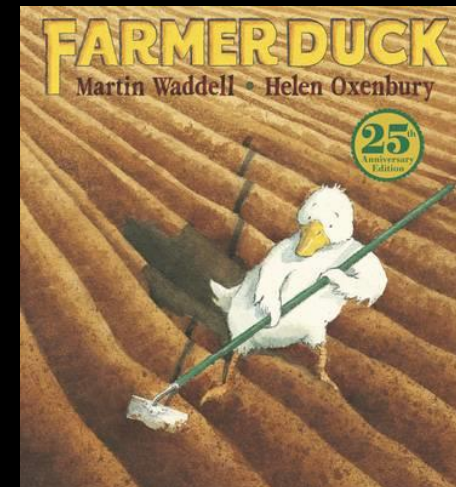


Owl Babies is a comforting read for any toddler who has ever worried about mum leaving them alone, or any child starting pre-school for the very first time. Sarah, Percy and Bill the baby owls wake one night to find their mother gone. And as the darkness gathers and they perch patiently on their branch waiting for her return, oh how they worry!

About the author:

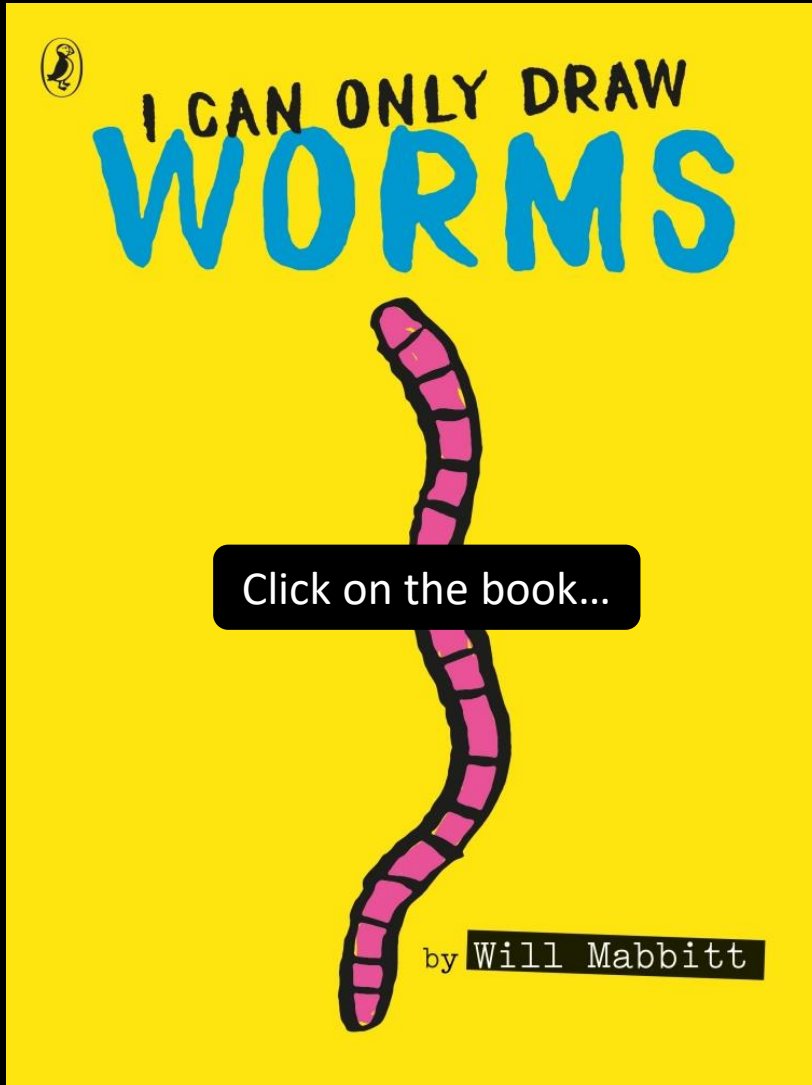
I was read to a lot as a child by people who knew how to read stories. These stories came alive for me, and the love of story has stayed with me ever since. I live where I lived as a child, and nearly all my stories come from things that have happened to me here, at the foot of the Mountain of Mourne.

Also by this author:





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This book is about worms. I can only draw worms. You might think worms are boring - but you'd be wrong. These worms have INCREDIBLE adventures! I can't draw those bits, though, so you'll have to imagine them. A hilarious and superbly silly book that will have children in stitches and begging for more.

About the author:

Will Mabbitt has an overactive imagination. It used to get him in trouble but now it's his job. His first book, The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones, was shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award. He's achieved little of else note, preferring to spend his time loitering in graveyards. He can also be found wandering the streets of Brighton in a daze. He is probably having an idea. He lives with his family, in Lewes, on the south coast of England.

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We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen

Helen Oxenbury

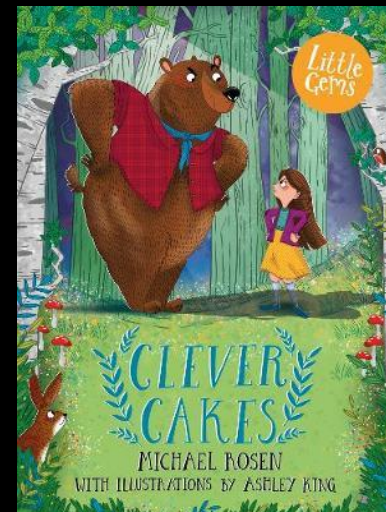


Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river, squelch through the mud and brave their way through the swirling, whirling snowstorm in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!

About the author:

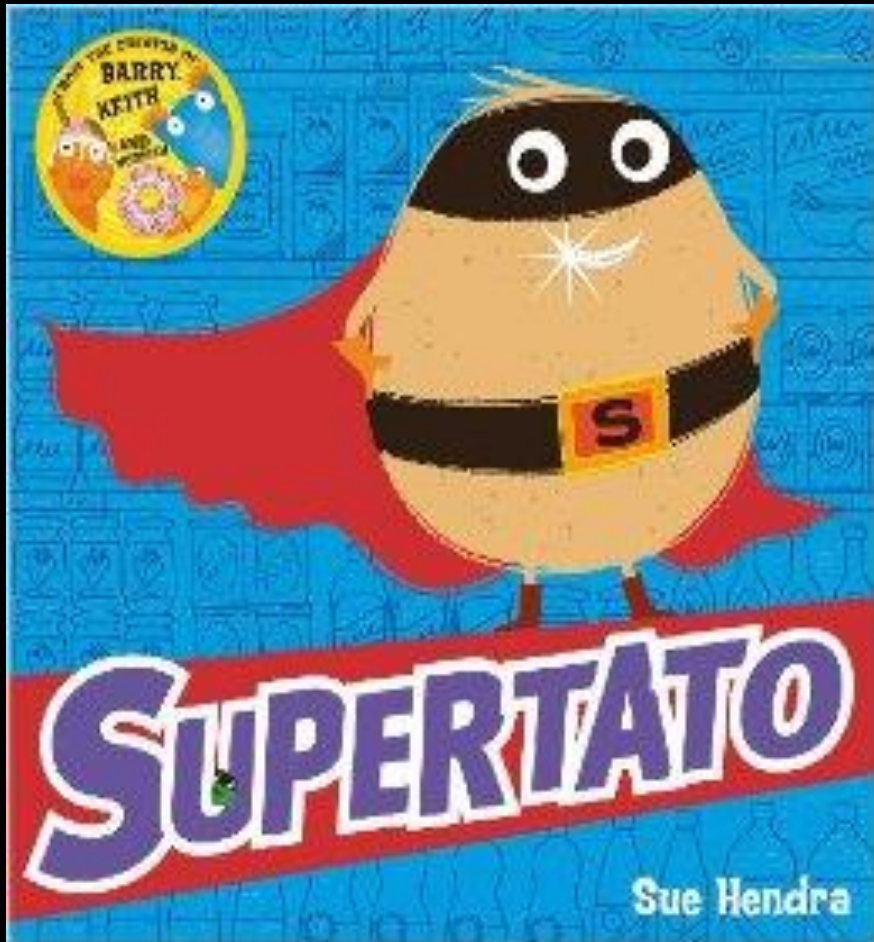
Michael Rosen is a hugely bestselling author of picture books and poetry. Michael frequently appears on radio and gives talks and lectures on children's literature. Michael was the Children's Laureate for 2007–2009 and the winner of the Eleanor Farjeon Award. He lives in London.

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When one badly behaved pea escapes from the freezer, chaos ensues. Luckily, there is a super hero to hand. Supertato, the potato with a very big difference, is soon on the tail of this tearaway. After a chase through scrumptious looking cakes, a near fatal accident for Supertato when he is attacked with a potato masher and much more the pea is finally trapped in a deliciously wobbly looking jelly and frog-marched back to the freezer.

About the author:

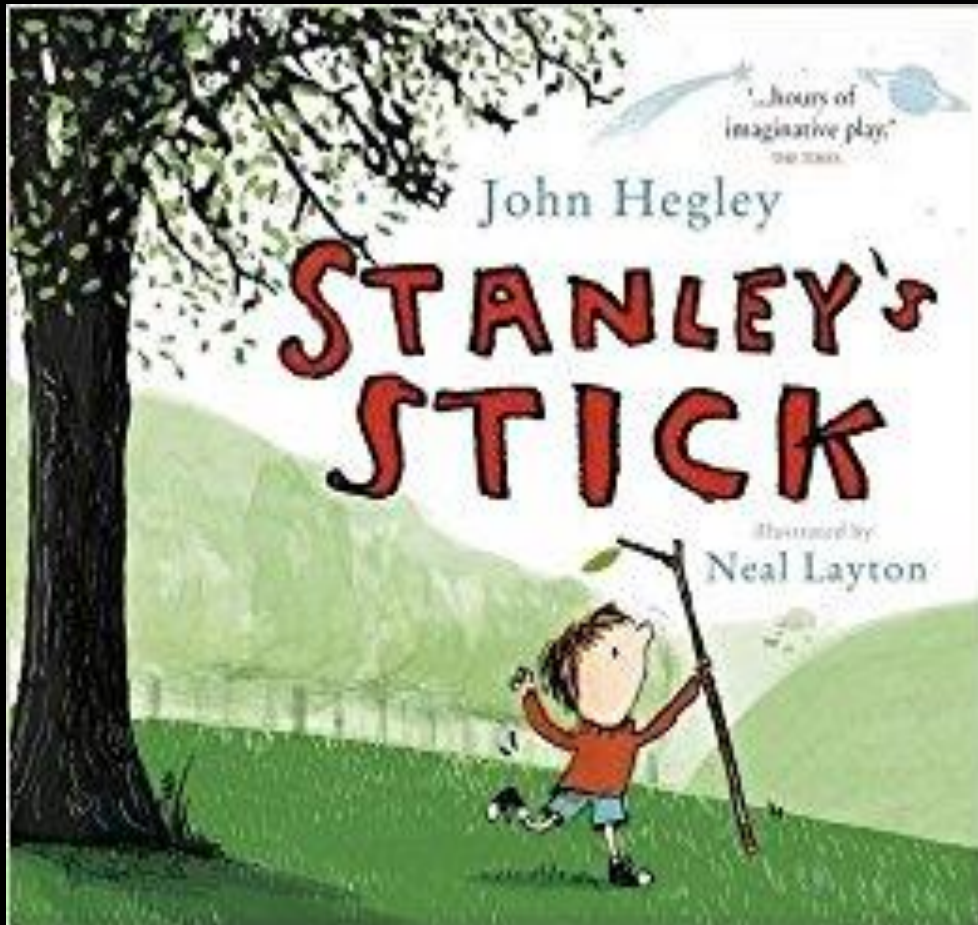
Sue Hendra graduated from the University of Brighton in 1994 and has been an illustrator of children's books since, and has now worked on over 100 titles. When she met Paul Linnet they fell in love and started writing and illustrating together and came up with bestsellers such as Barry the Fish with Fin-gers, Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell, Nobot the Robot with No Bottom, Supertato and most recently Supertato:Veggies Assemble. Sue and Paul live in Brighton with their young daughter, Wanda.

Also by this author:





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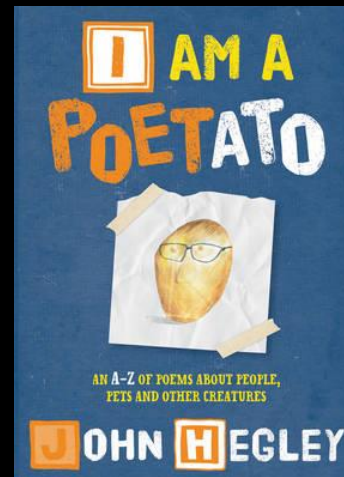


Stanley's stick is not just a stick. With a stick in hand, Stanley's options are endless - he flies to the moon, writes in the sand, goes fishing, plays a whistle and rides a dinosaur - and his imagination takes over and the magic begins.

About the author:

JOHN HEGLEY was born in north London and brought up in Luton. He now lives in Islington. He started out as a stand-up comedian/poet, performing his work on the festival and comedy circuit and he became something of a cult performer from the early 80s onwards. He has recently started to direct his writing and performances more towards children.

Also by this author:





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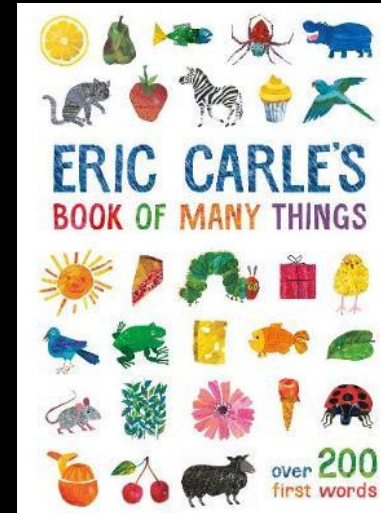
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This classic story of a famished caterpillar who eats his way through a week of various foods makes the perfect story to share and enjoy the journey of a very hungry caterpillar turning into a butterfly.

About the author:

Eric Carle is an internationally bestselling and award-winning author and illustrator of books for very young children including his most well-known title *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. With his late wife, Barbara, Eric Carle co-founded The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Massachusetts in 2002. Eric Carle divides his time between the Florida Keys and the hills of North Carolina.

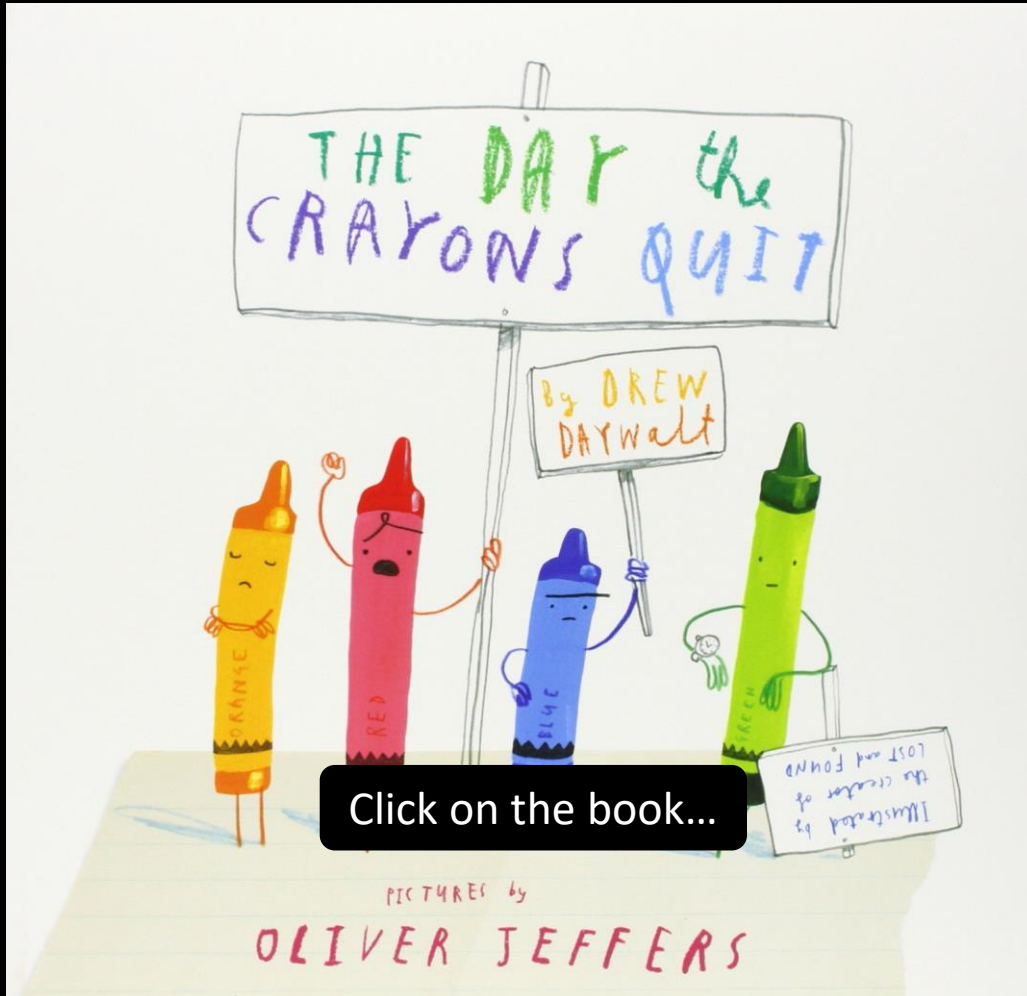
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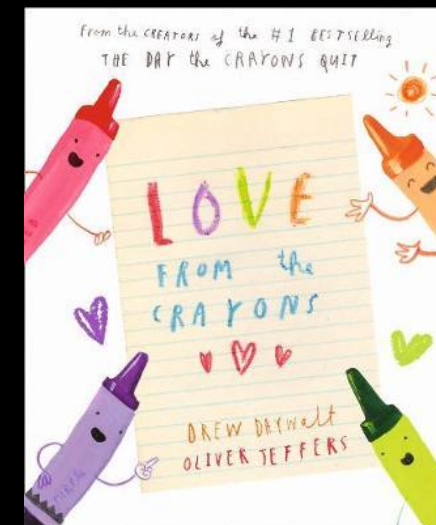


Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit! Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. Green has no complaints, but Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking to each other. The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?

About the author:

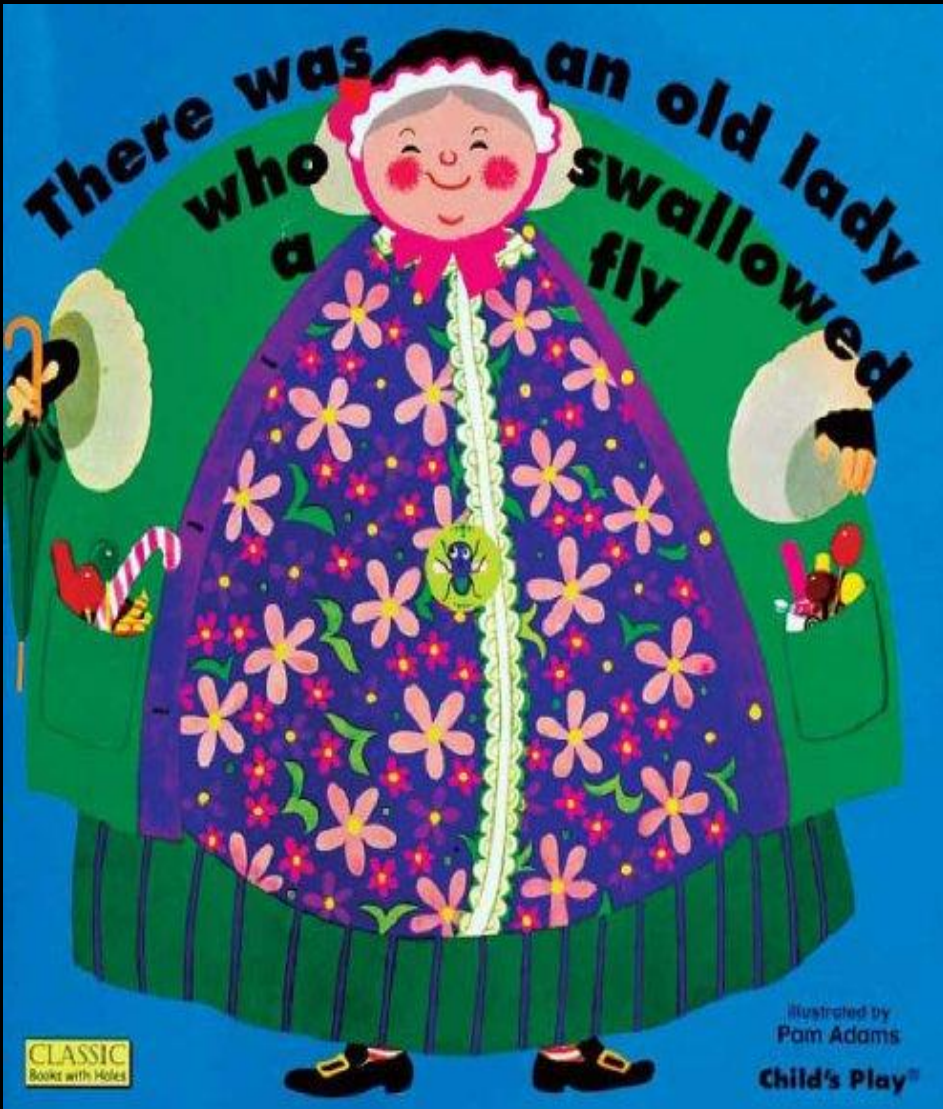
Drew Daywalt is an award-winning writer/director of film and TV, his work featured on Disney, MTV, FEARnet and Syfy. He lives in Southern California.

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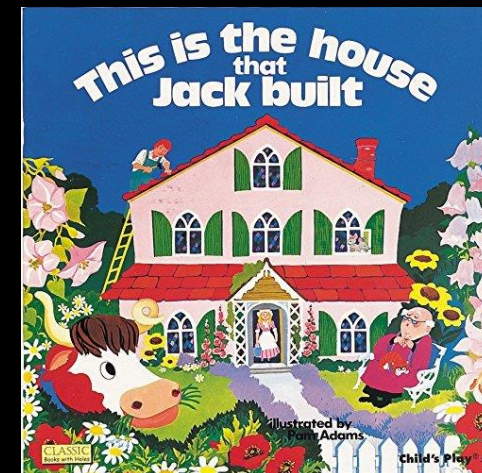


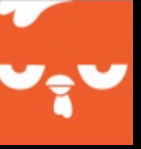
Forty years after its first publication this much-loved Child's Play classic is as popular as ever. Ingenious die-cut holes bring this iconic nursery rhyme to life, and Pam Adams' fabulous illustrations lend humour and vibrancy to the proceedings. Bouncy images, innovative die cutting and favourite rhymes make Books with Holes a must for every child. Available in three formats, suitable for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and the nursery or classroom.

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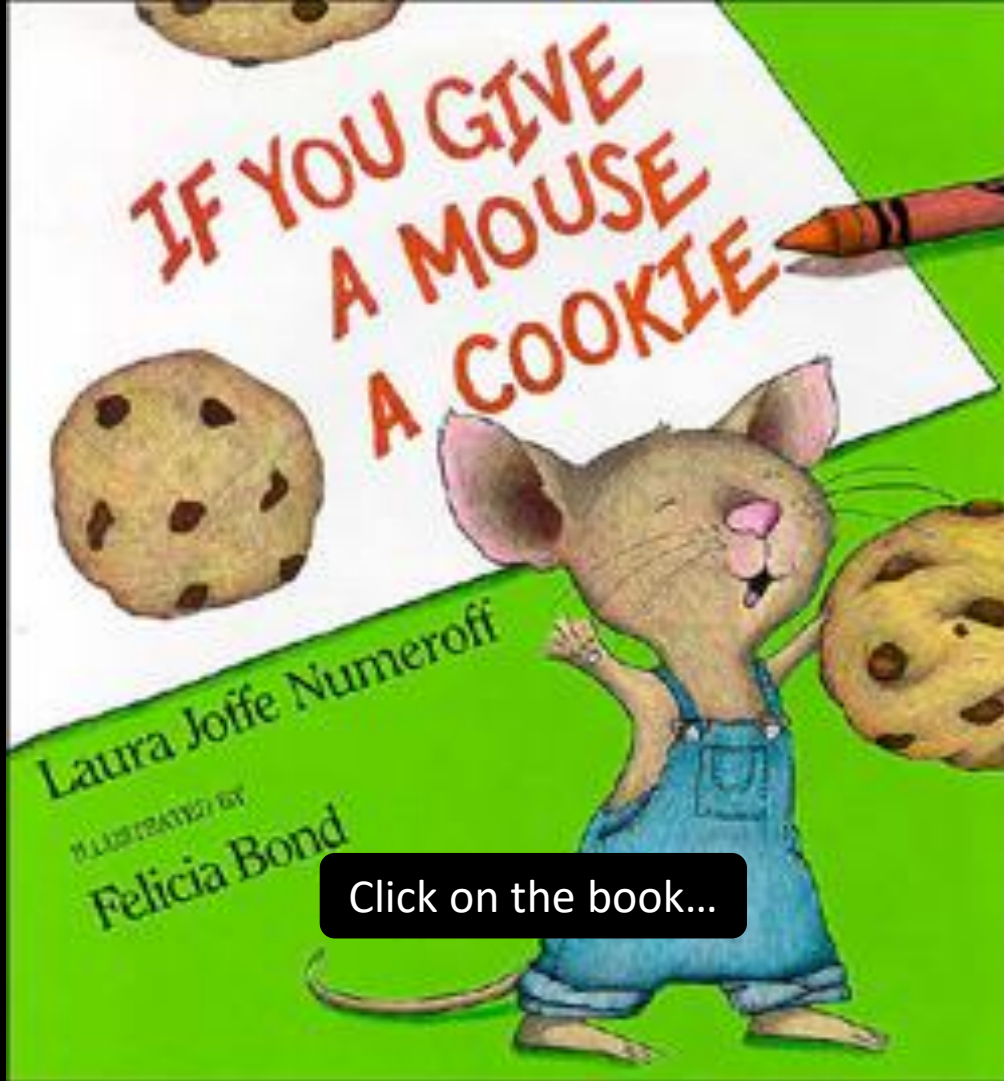
Pam Adams was born in England in 1919. She attended the Central School of Art in London and worked with graphics agencies in London. This book was released in 1972!

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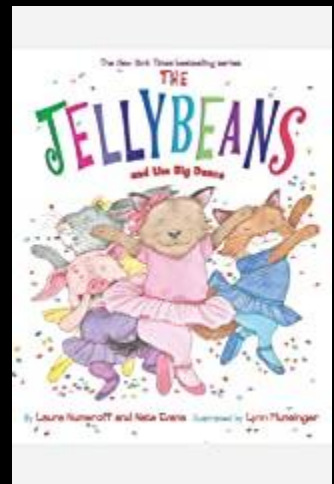
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A comical tale of what happens after you give a mouse a cookie and what else they ask for! You were warned!

About the author:

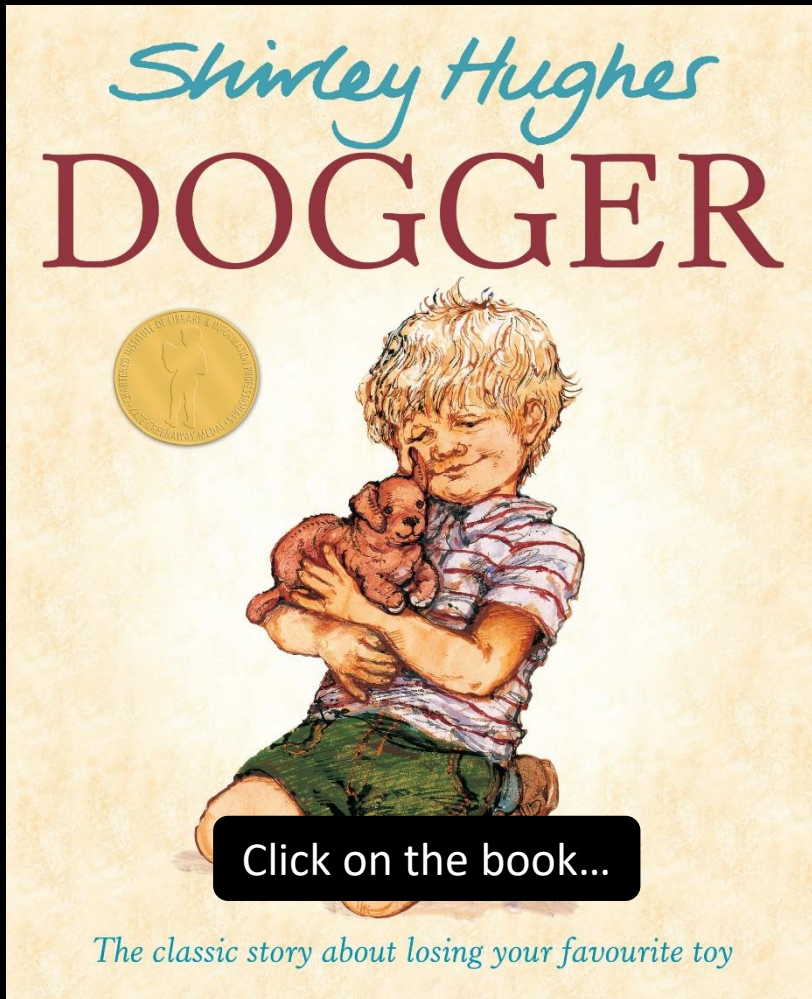
A New York Times bestselling children's book author, Laura is best known for the series based on her book If You Give a Mouse a Cookie. First printed in 1985, "Mouse" is beyond its 60th printing. The fourth book in the series, If You Take a Mouse to the Movies, was on the New York Times children's bestseller list for five months, with nine weeks at number one.

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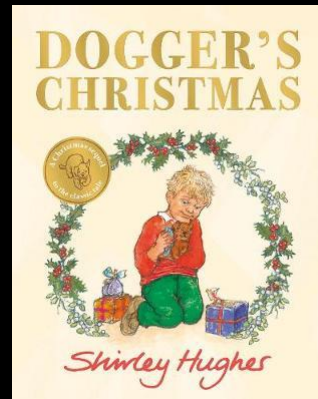


Filled with humour and Shirley Hughes' deft touch, this is a book for young readers to tackle by themselves, as well as a delight to read aloud. It's moving and inspirational on how to cope with a problem situation. A classic for every bookshelf and it will strike a chord with adults and children everywhere.

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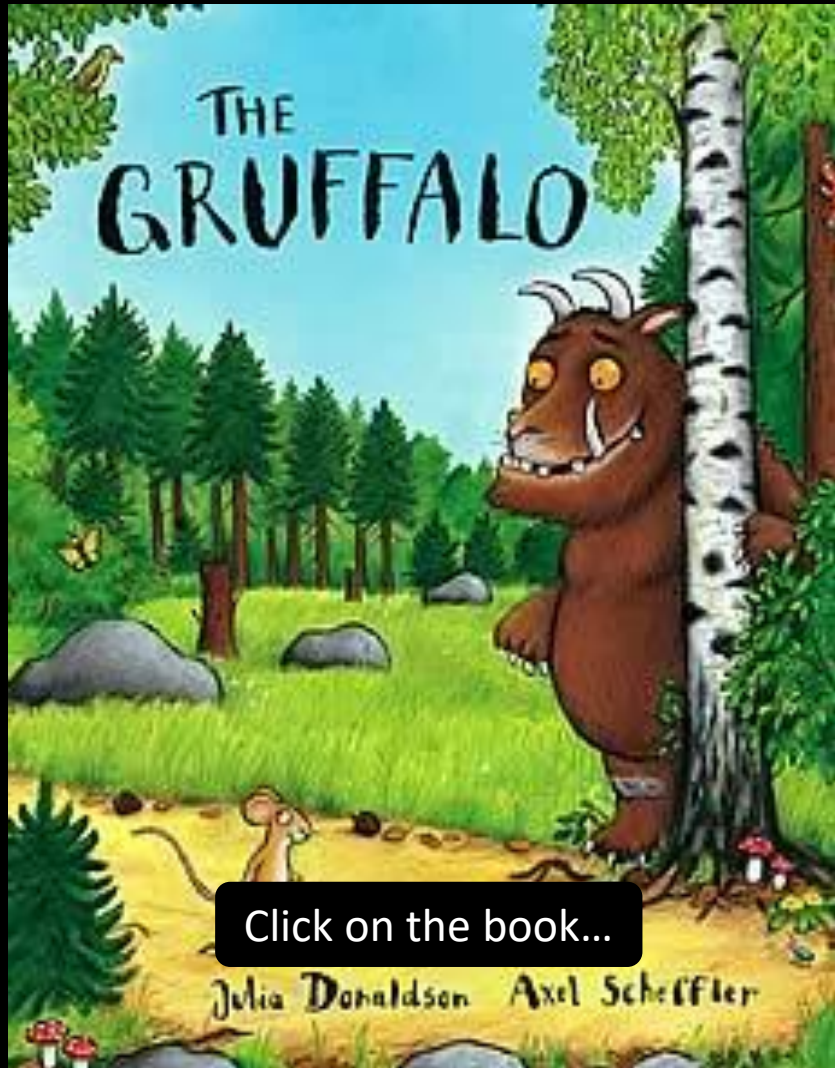
Shirley Hughes has won many prestigious awards, including the Kate Greenaway Medal twice. She began to write and design her own picture books when she had a young family and has now published more than two hundred titles.

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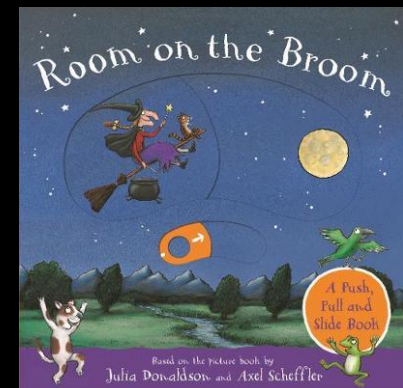
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A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood. A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good. Walk further into the deep dark wood, and discover what happens when a quick-witted mouse comes face to face with a fox, an owl, a snake . . . and a hungry Gruffalo!

About the author:

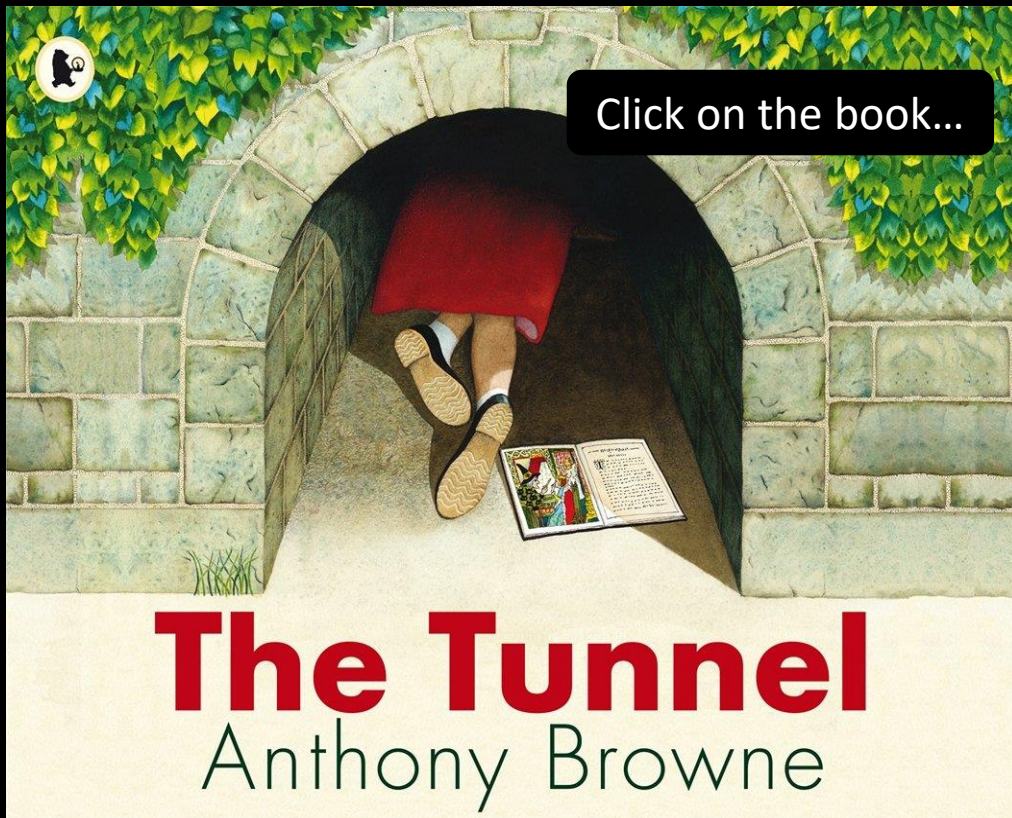
Julia Donaldson is the outrageously talented prize-winning author of some of the world's best-loved children's books, including modern classics The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child, which together have sold over 17 million copies worldwide

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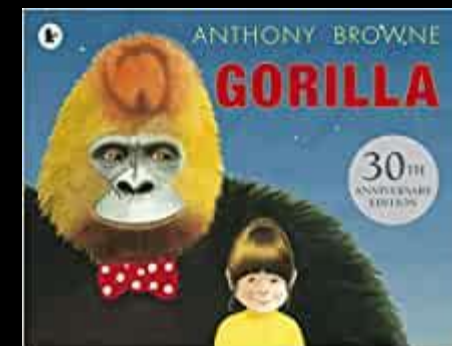


Once upon a time there lived a brother and sister who were complete opposites and constantly fought and argued. One day they discovered the tunnel. The boy goes through it at once, dismissing his sister's fears. When he doesn't return his sister has to pluck up the courage to go through the tunnel too. She finds her brother in a mysterious forest where he has been turned to stone...

About the author:

Anthony has won many prizes for his work, including the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2000, for his services to children's literature - the first British illustrator to win the prize since 1956. He is the present Children's Laureate.

Also by this author:





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Poor Mr Bump just cannot stop having accidents. If there was something for Mr Bump to bump into, he'd bump into it all right...

The Mr Men and Little Miss have been delighting children for generations with their charming and funny antics. Bold illustrations and funny stories make Mr Men and Little Miss the perfect story time experience for children aged two up. Have you met them all?

About the author:

Born in 1935 in Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire, Charles Roger Hargreaves is Britain's third best-selling author of all time having sold more than 100 million books, including all the familiar Mr. Men and Little Miss characters. Roger Hargreaves followed a career in advertising before becoming an author and illustrator. He wrote the first Mr. Men book in 1971 when his 8 year old son, Adam Hargreaves, asked 'What does a tickle look like?' In response, Roger drew a figure with a round orange body and long, rubbery arms and Mr. Tickle was born.

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MR. BUMP

By Roger Hargreaves



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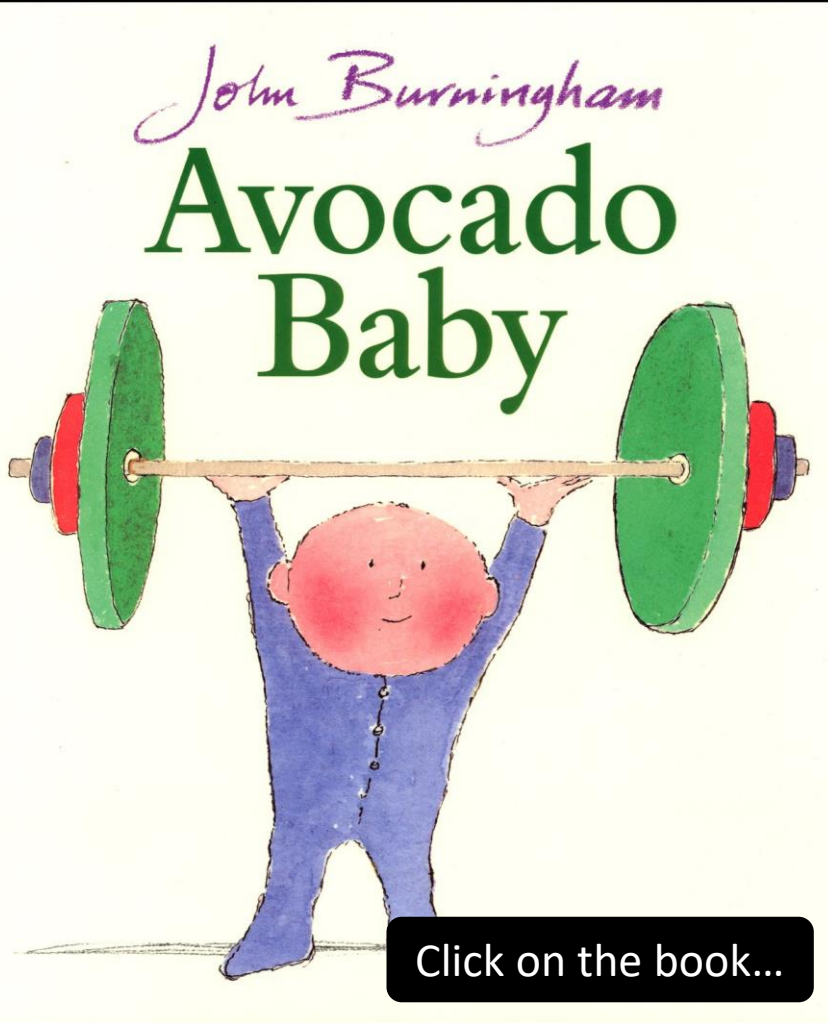
MR. TICKLE

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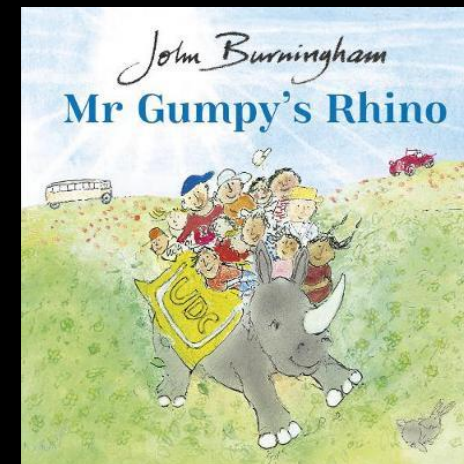


This story tells about the Hargraves baby, who is born into a very weak family but grows super-strong once its mother begins feeding it mashed avocado.

About the author:

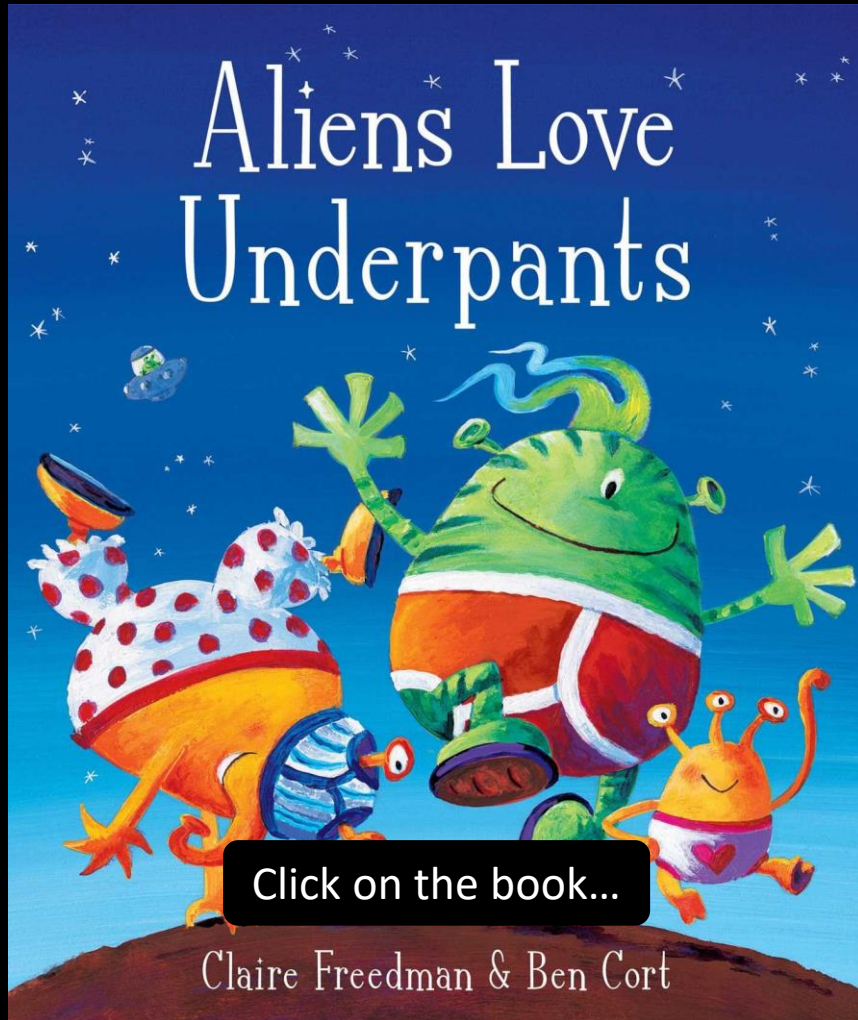
John Burningham (1936-2019) studied illustration and graphic design at the Central School of Art, graduating with distinction in 1959. Many illustration commissions followed including iconic posters for London Transport, before the publication of *Borka: the Adventures of a Goose with No Feathers*, John's first book for children (Cape, 1963) which won the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal for illustration and heralded the beginning of an extraordinary career.

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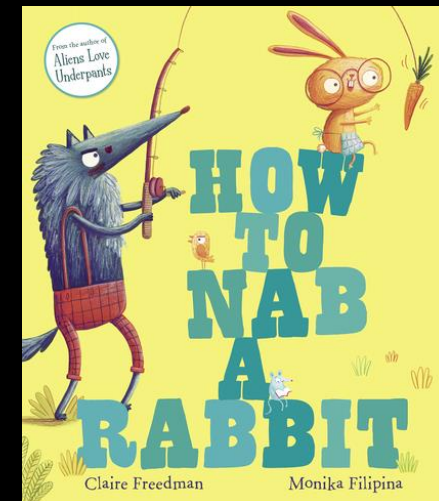


There are no underpants in space so the Aliens have to come down to earth to find them on people's washing lines. Aliens love their different shapes, sizes and colours, in fact, they seem to have an unusual attraction to pants of all kinds. Find out all the things they love about them in this easy to read story.

About the author:

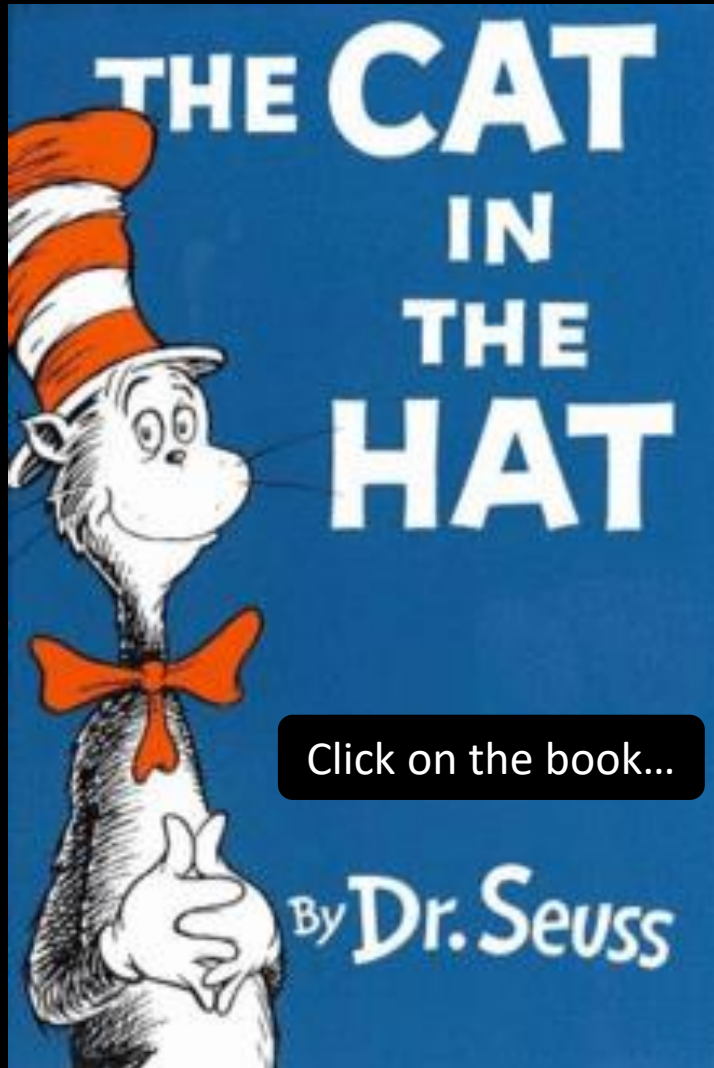
Claire Freedman lives on the Essex coast. She has worked for the BBC, Harrods and for a reprographic company and now writes full-time. She is the author of a number of books for children, including A Kiss Goodnight, Snuggle Up, Sleepy Ones and On This Special Night with Little Tiger Press. When not writing, Claire spends her time sailing, walking in the countryside and, when she can, travelling abroad.

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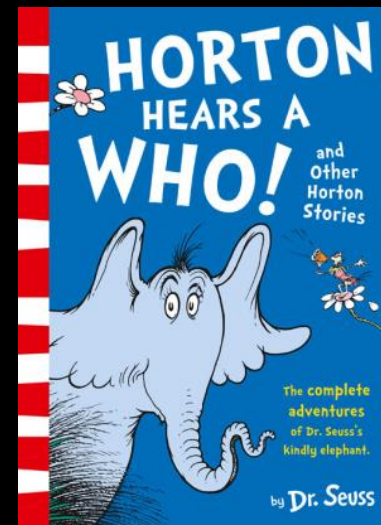


The one and only Cat in the Hat from the iconic Dr. Seuss gets a brand new look, introducing his roller-coaster ride of mayhem to a new generation of readers. The iconic story from the one and only Dr. Seuss, now with a brand new look! When Sally and her brother are left alone, they think they're in for a dull day - until the Cat in the Hat steps in on the mat, bringing with him mayhem and madness! This is the classic book that every child should have the joy of reading. The perfect book for early readers, the new style brings a worldwide favourite to a whole new generation.

About the author:

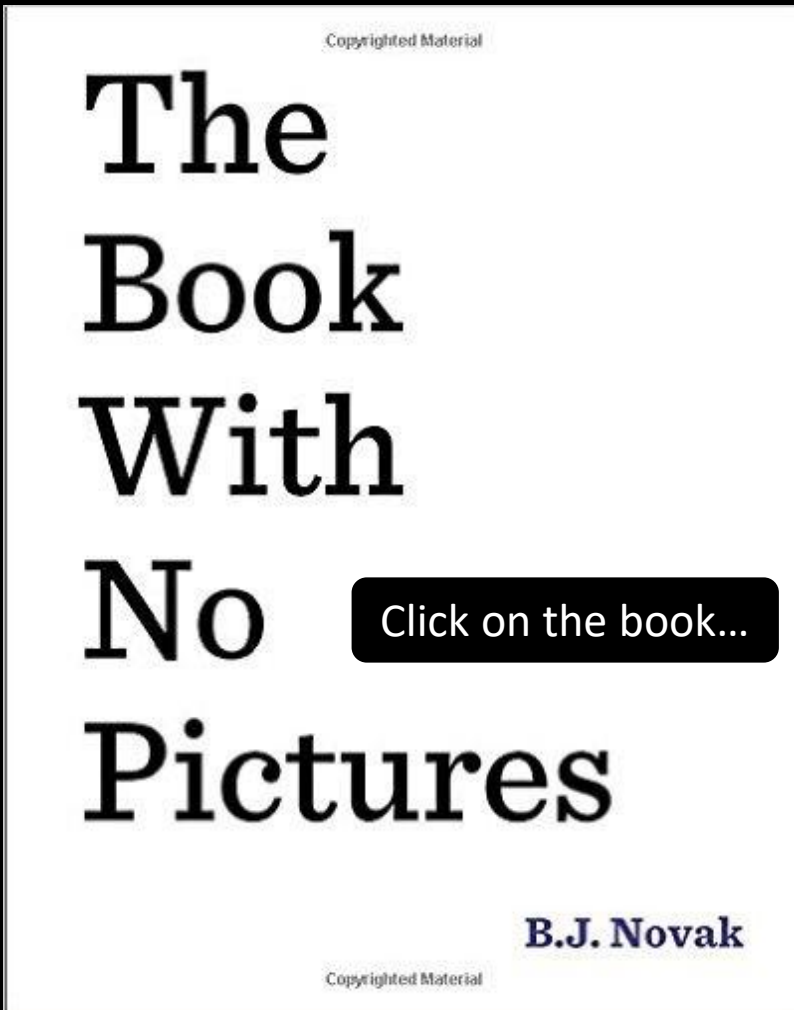
Theodor Seuss Geisel – better known to millions of his fans as Dr. Seuss – was born the son of a brewer and park superintendent in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1904. After studying at Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, and later at Oxford University in England (where he met his first wife Helen Palmer), he became a magazine humorist and cartoonist and an advertising man. He soon turned his many talents to writing children's books

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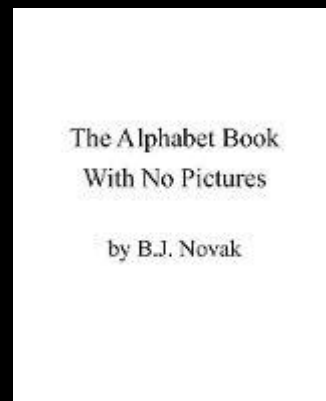
You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except ...here's how books work. Everything written on the page has to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say ...BLORK. Or BLUURF. And even if the words include things like BLAGGITY BLAGGITY and MY HEAD IS MADE OF BLUEBERRY PIZZA! That's the rule. That's the deal.

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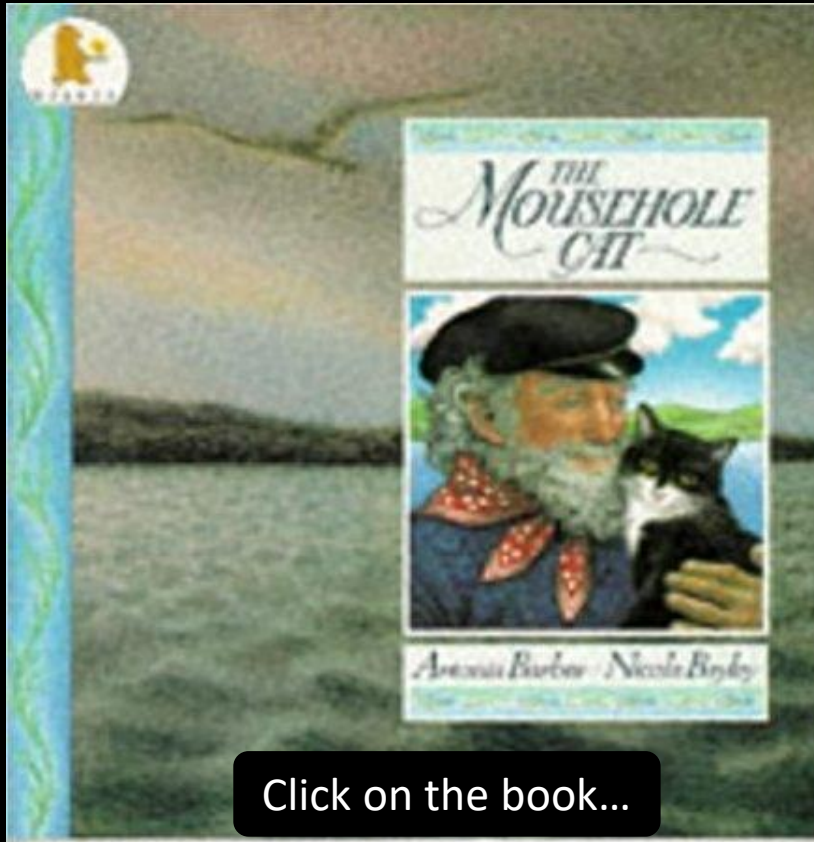
B. J. Novak is well known for his work on NBC's Emmy Award-winning comedy series The Office as an actor, writer, director and executive producer. He is also acclaimed for his stand-up comedy, his performances in motion pictures and his New York Times bestselling book of short stories, One More Thing. A graduate of Harvard University with a degree in English and Spanish literature, B. J. Novak lives in Los Angeles, California.

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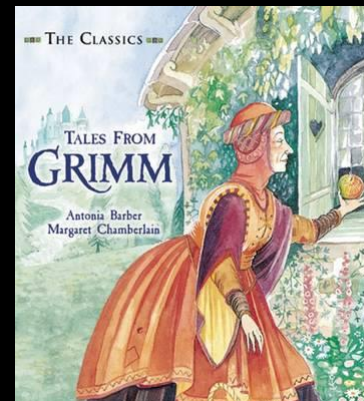


A picture book favourite, this is the dramatic and moving Cornish tale of a cat and a fisherman who brave the stormy seas to save their village. This is the stunningly illustrated story of the seaside village of Mousehole Cornwall, where Mowzer the cat lives happily with old fisherman Tom - Tom who rocks the rocking chair just right, and catches fresh fish for dinner every night. Their life is a happy one - until one terrible winter, the Great Storm-Cat comes clawing and snarling and leaping at the harbour walls, so that no boat can go out to sea to fish. Soon, with Christmas coming, there is no food left in Mousehole. It is then that Mowzer and Tom set out to brave the fury of the waves together, and discover that it might just need a cat's perspective to understand - and tame - the ferocious ways of the Great Storm-Cat sea...

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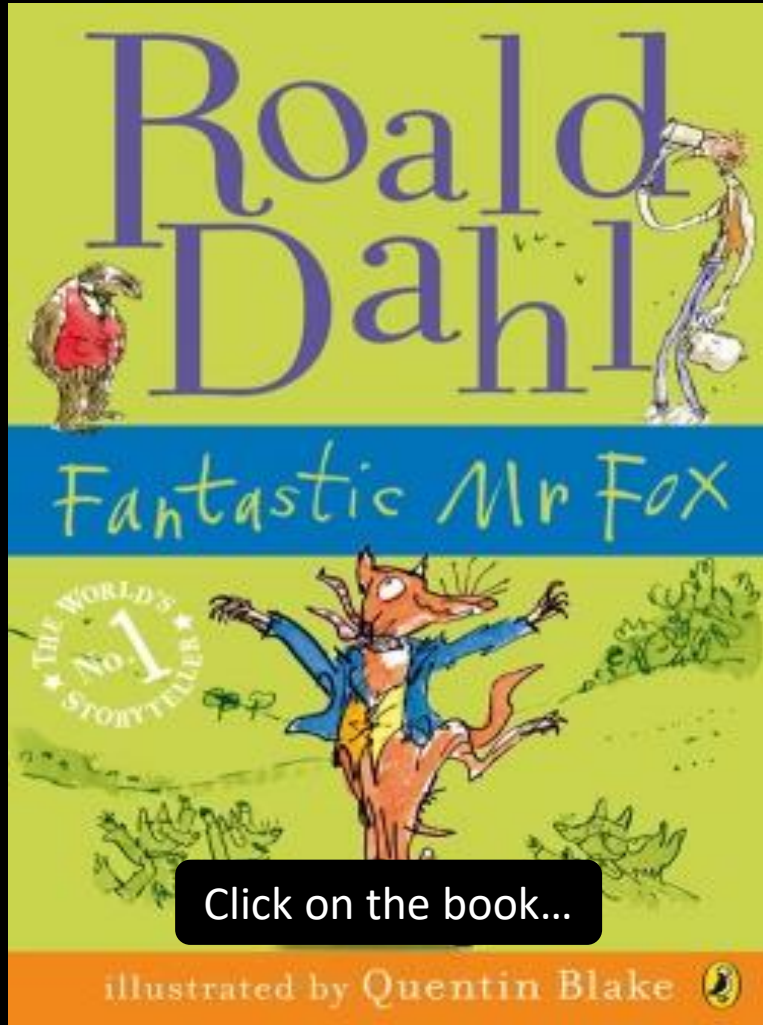
Antonia Barber comes from a theatrical family, and began making up stories and plays in early childhood. After studying at the University of London, she became a playwright, and then a successful children's author.

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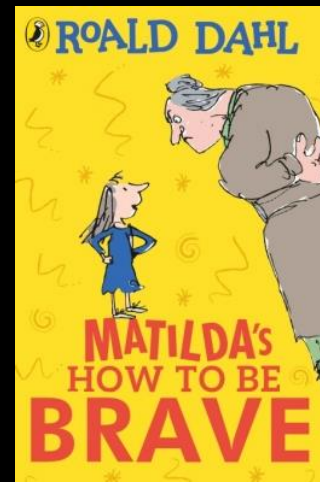


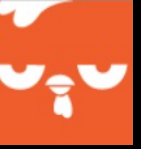
Boggis, Bunce and Bean are just about the nastiest and meanest three farmers you could meet, and they hate Mr Fox. They are determined to get him. They lie in wait outside his hole, each one crouching behind a tree with his gun loaded, ready to shoot, starve or dig him out. Mr Fox has other plans.

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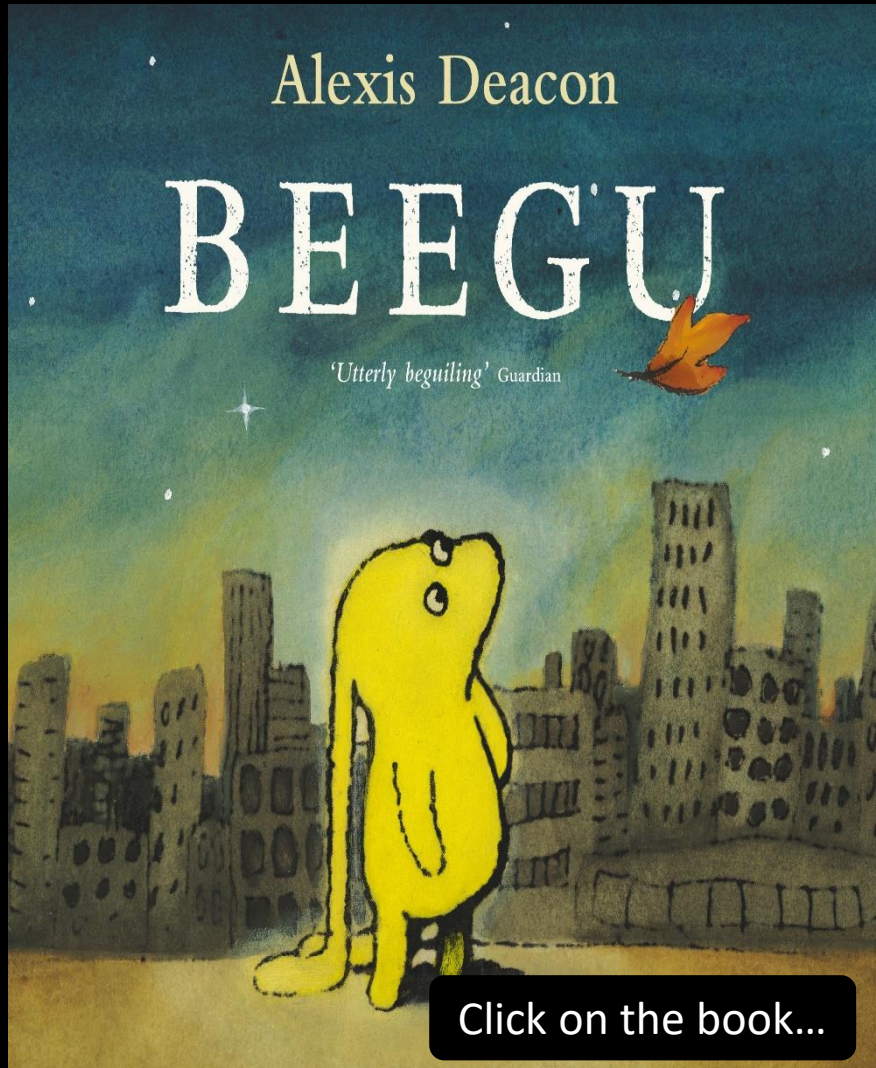
Roald Dahl was born in Wales of Norwegian parents – the child of a second marriage. His father and elder sister died when Roald was just three. His mother was left to raise two stepchildren and her own four children. Roald was her only son. He had an unhappy time at school - at Llandaff Cathedral School, at St Peter's prep school in Weston-super-Mare and then at Repton in Derbyshire. Dahl's unhappy time at school was to influence his writing greatly.

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Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter ...

About the author:

Alexis Deacon graduated in 2001 from the University of Brighton, where he studied Illustration. Alexis Deacon's first picture book *Slow Loris* (2002) was shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award. His second *Beegu* (2003) was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Award. In 2008, he was chosen as one of the ten Best New Illustrators as part of the Booktrust's Big Picture Campaign. He lives in South East London.

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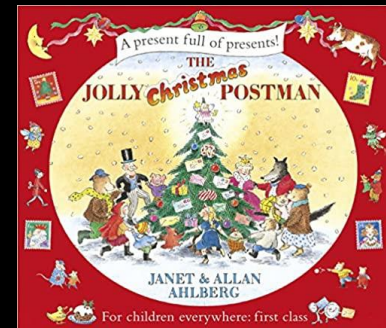
Join the Jolly Postman on his rounds as he delivers cards and letters to various fairy-tale characters. He has a letter of apology for the three bears from Goldilocks, a postcard from Jack for the giant, a solicitor's letter on behalf of Little Red Riding-Hood for the wolf who ate grandma, and more! This classic and innovative story includes six envelopes with pull-out letters and cards

(see the next book, The Jolly Christmas Postman, read by Santa [here](#))

About the author:

As a child, Allan was born in Croydon, but grew up in Oldbury in the Black Country. He says that if he hadn't grown up to be a writer, he would have loved to have been a soccer player. As an adult, Allan always dreamed of being a writer, but tried his hand at many other jobs before he achieved his ambition. He was a postman, grave-digger, plumber's mate and teacher.

Also by this author:



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THE JOLLY POSTMAN *or Other People's Letters*

JANET & ALLAN AHLBERG



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Sunny the meerkat lives with his enormous family in the Kalahari desert. They are all very close ...so close, in fact, that one day Sunny decides he's had enough and packs his bags. He's off to visit his mongoose cousins. But from the watery world of the Marsh Mongoose to the nocturnal lifestyle of the Malagasy Mongoose, Sunny just doesn't fit in. And who's that shadowy figure who seems to be following him around?

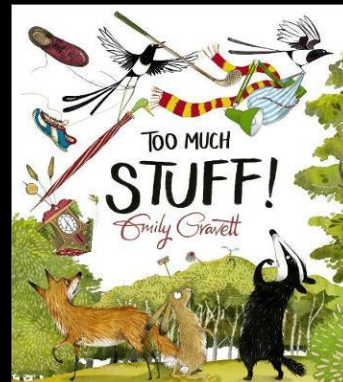
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About the author:

Emily Gravett has a rare talent indeed for creating exceptional books for children. The winner of two Kate Greenaway Awards, her skill and wit are second to none as she pushes the boundaries and wrings maximum fun and detail from every page. Emily first sprang into the limelight with the ground-breaking *Wolves*, in 2005, which has been followed by such brilliant modern classics as *Meerkat Mail*, *Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears*, *Monkey and Me* and *The Odd Egg* and the fabulous *Bear and Hare* series.

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In this classic tale, Meg the witch and Mog her cat go off to a wild Hallowe'en party with all the other witches. The spell they cast goes off with a BANG!

About the author:

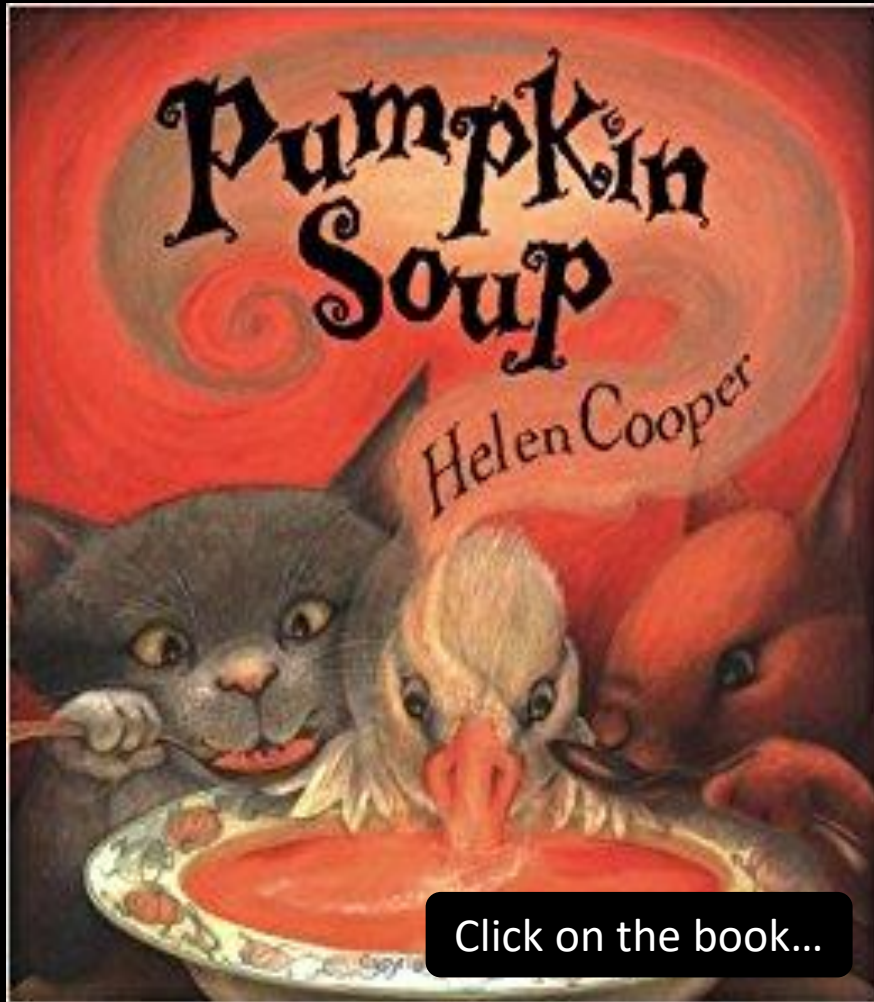
Helen Nicoll was born in Natland, Westmorland, in 1937. She was educated at schools in Bristol, Devon and London. Helen Nicoll married Robert Kime in 1970 and they had one daughter and one son. Helen Nicoll was a television producer with the BBC for many years. It was here, as Producer of the children's educational series Watch, that she first met Jan Pienkowski. After working together for four years, they decided it was time to preserve their creativity in book form for future generations of children to enjoy. The result is the immensely popular Meg and Mog series.

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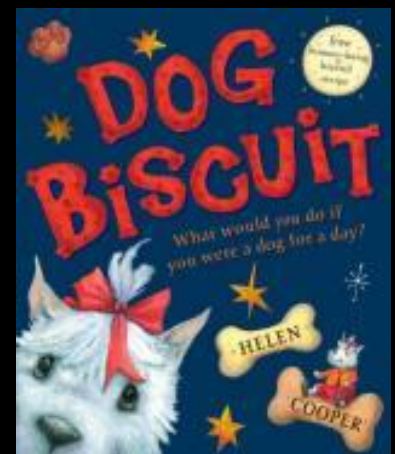


Cat, Duck and Squirrel live in an old white cabin, with a pumpkin patch in the garden. Every day Cat slices up some pumpkin, Squirrel stirs in some water and Duck tips in some salt to make perfect pumpkin soup... until the day Duck wants to do the stirring... A funny, rhythmical story about friendship and sharing, with fabulous animal characters, illustrated in glowing autumnal colours.

About the author:

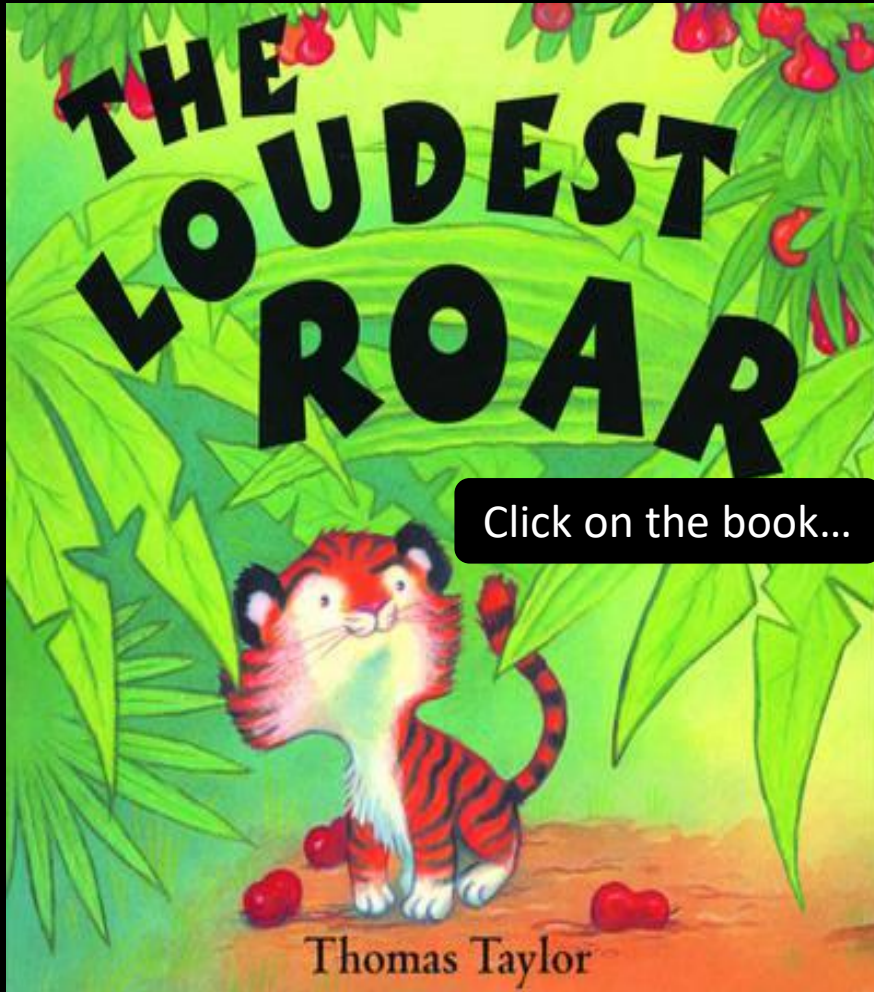
Helen Cooper's childhood was spent in Cumbria, but she now lives in Oxford with her husband, Ted Dewan and young daughter. As well as being a highly talented artist, Helen is also a keen musician who studied music at college and worked as a music teacher before writing and illustrating full time. She has illustrated over fourteen books and her work has been translated into fifteen languages. Helen is the first ever author/illustrator to have won the Kate Greenaway Medal with two consecutive books.

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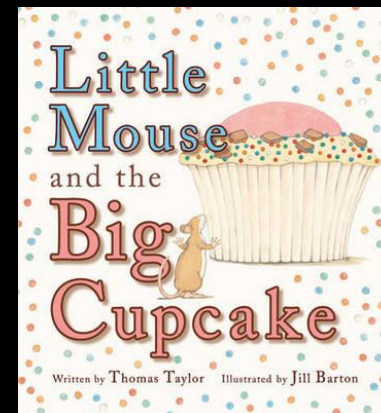


Meet Clovis, the roaringest tiger in the whole world Clovis is a very noisy little tiger. He knows he has the loudest roar in the whole jungle. And Clovis thinks that everyone else should know it too. He's good at roaring, but he's very good at hiding - and that's when the trouble begins. The other animals soon tire of him jumping out and shocking them with his loud roar! - but what can they do to stop him?

About the author:

Thomas Taylor was born in Norwich, but grew up by the sea in Wales. His childhood was mostly about drawing, something he learnt to do in Maths classes. After art school, Thomas set out to illustrate books, then to write them himself. His first commission was the cover art for Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling. Following this, he pursued a career in picture books, mostly from France where he lived for many years. Thomas now lives on the south coast of England and has two sons.

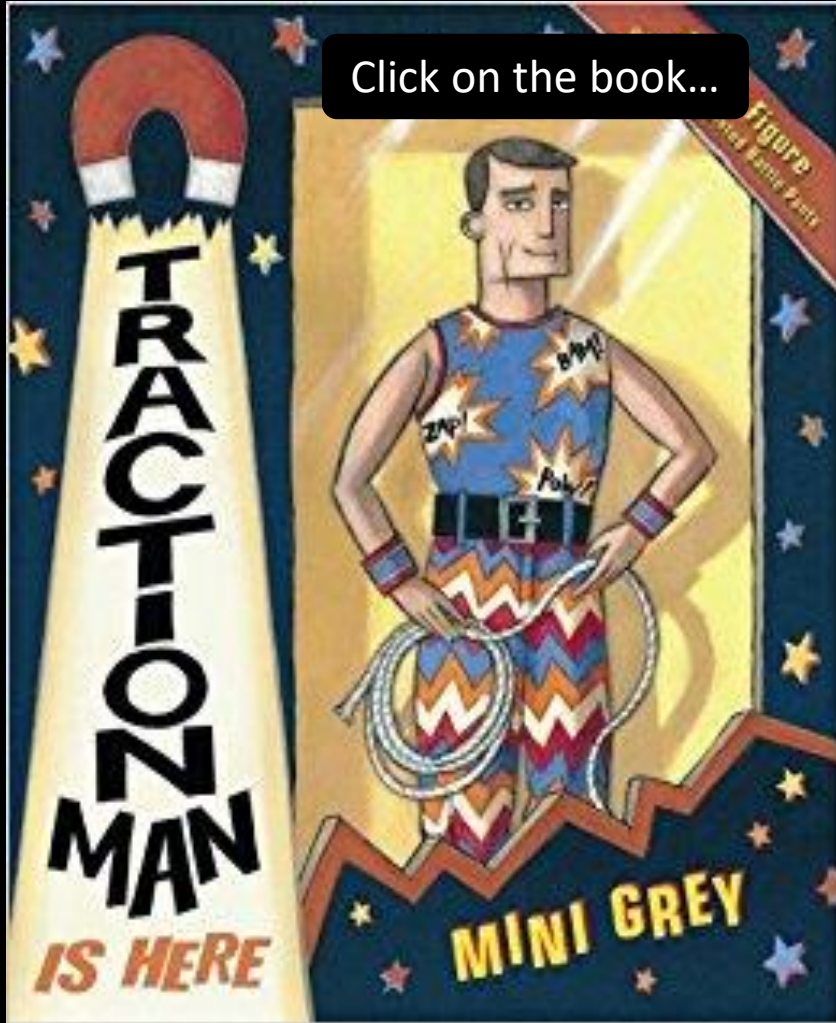
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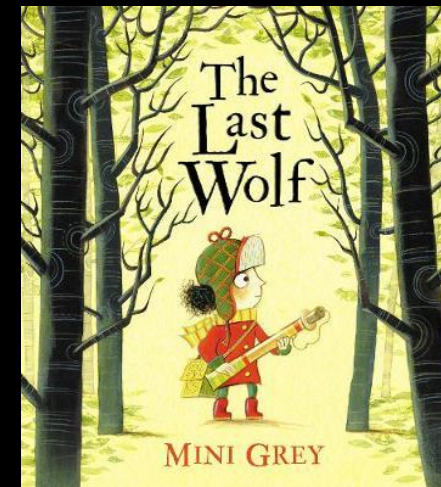


With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. He is never less than stylishly turned out and accessorised. He is the last word in fashion flair until he is presented with a knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet. Can he overcome the humiliation of his dowdy look and rediscover the action hero within?

About the author:

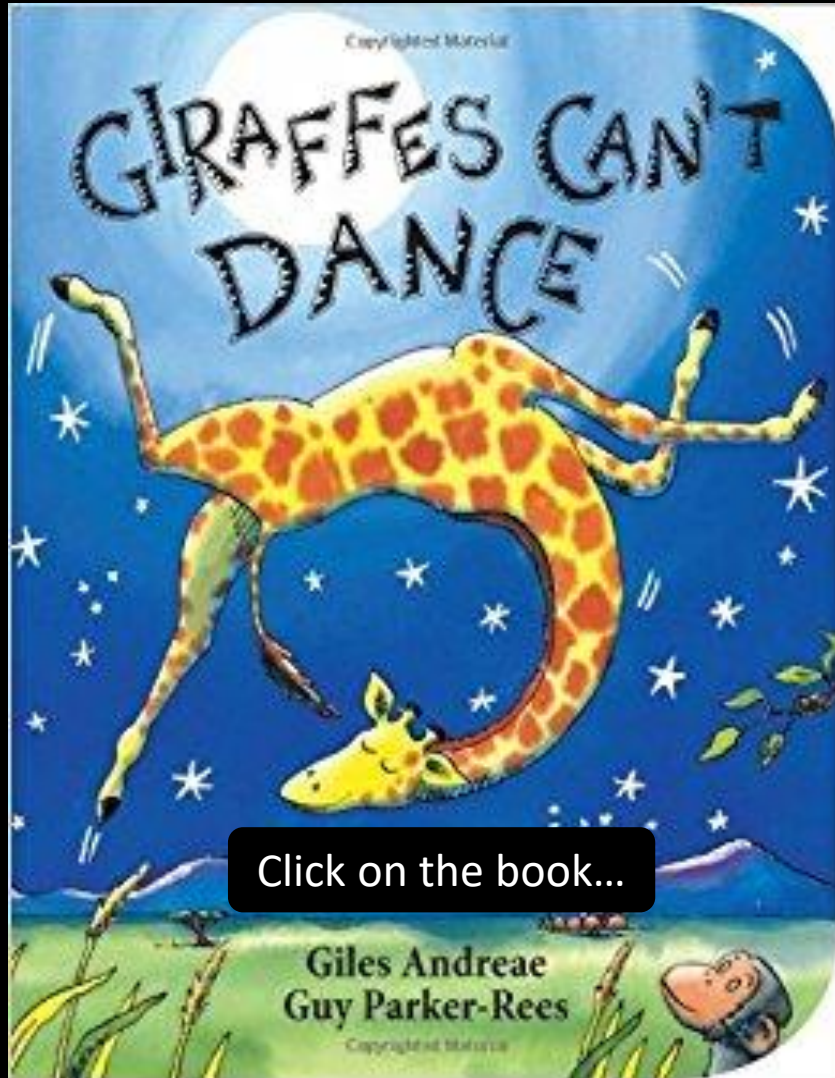
Mini Grey was given her name after being born in a Mini in a car park in Newport, Wales. She studied for an MA in Sequential Illustration at Brighton under the tutelage of John Vernon Lord. Mini also worked as a primary school teacher in Oxford, where she now lives.

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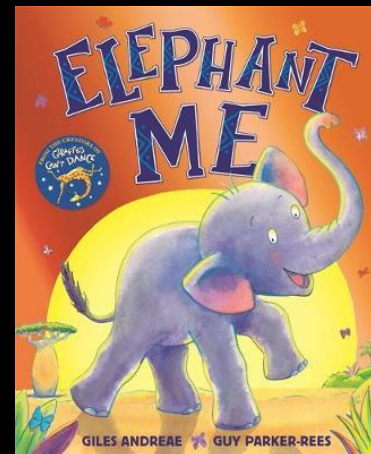
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A little encouragement was all that was needed to make Gerald the Giraffe realise that he could, after all, dance as well as any other animal in the kingdom. So, for any child that suffers from a lack of confidence this is the perfect book to give them that confidence to do something they didn't think they could do.

About the author:

Giles Andreae was born in London in 1966. His books have sold over 3 million copies worldwide, making him one of the most successful children's authors working today. He began writing when he was at primary school and gets a lot of his ideas from trying to keep his own children entertained. Giles is the hugely successful and talented author behind numerous award-winning children's books, including the bestselling *Giraffes Can't Dance*. He is also the creator of the well-known Purple Ronnie and Edward Monkton poetry ranges.

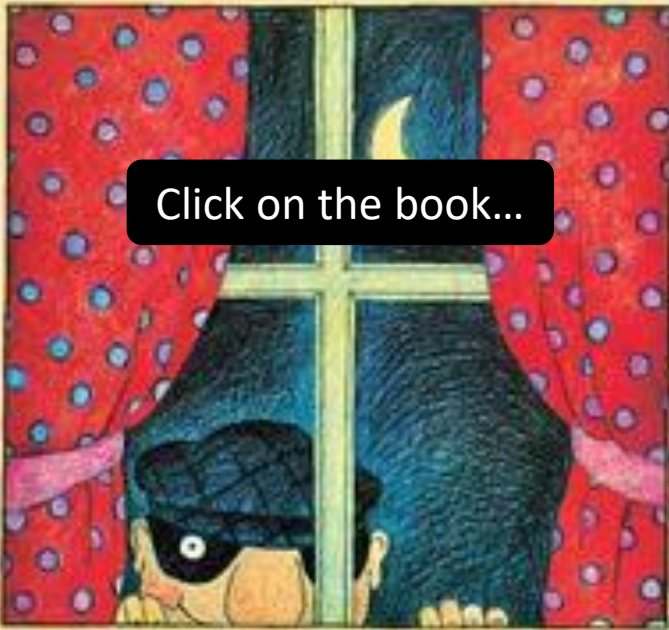
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Burglar Bill



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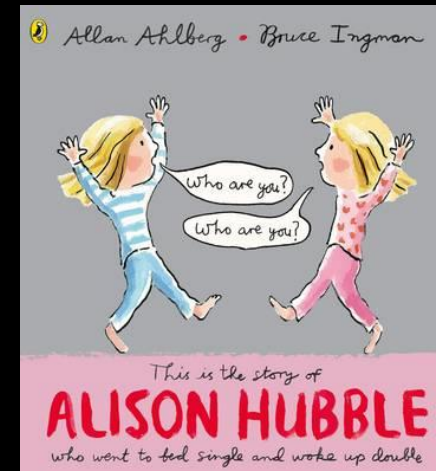
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Every night Burglar Bill goes out to work, stealing things. One night, by mistake, he steals a baby. . . A ridiculous story full of affection, especially Burglar Bill caring for his stolen baby and teaching it to say 'run for it.'

About the author:

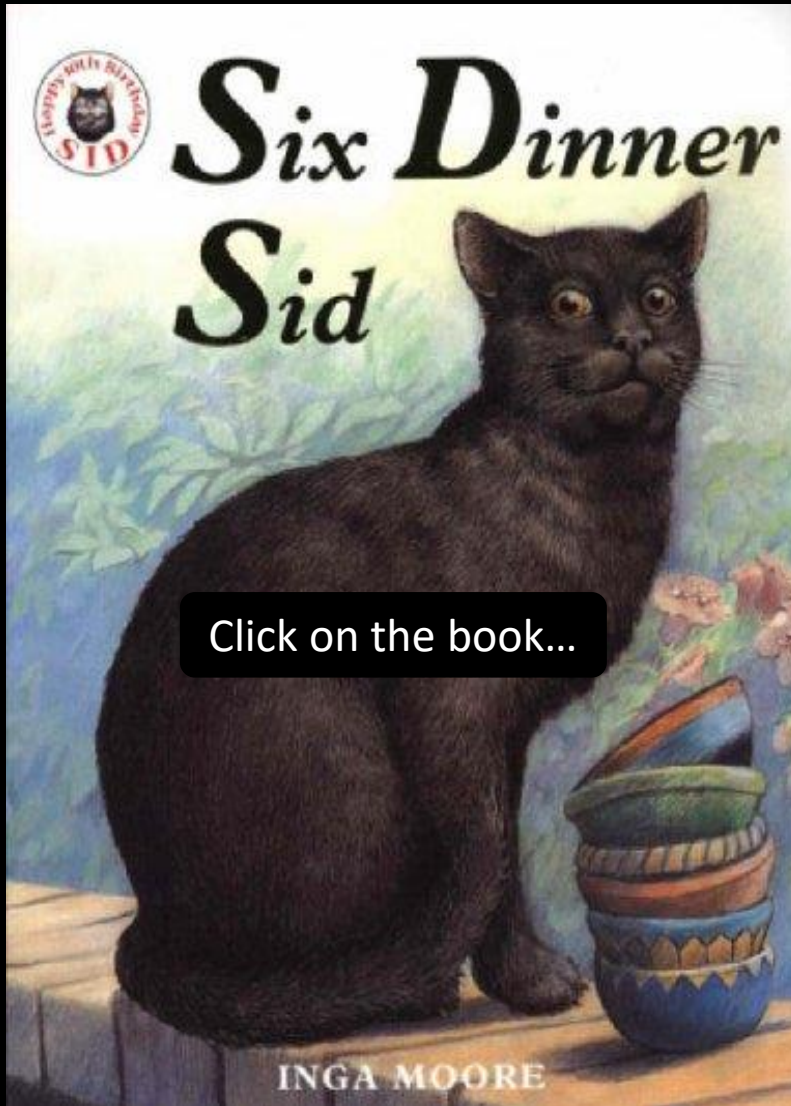
As a child Allan was born in Croydon, but grew up in Oldbury in the Black Country. He says that if he hadn't grown up to be a writer, he would have loved to have been a soccer player. As an adult Allan always dreamed of being a writer, but tried his hand at many other jobs before he achieved his ambition. He was a postman, grave-digger, plumber's mate and teacher

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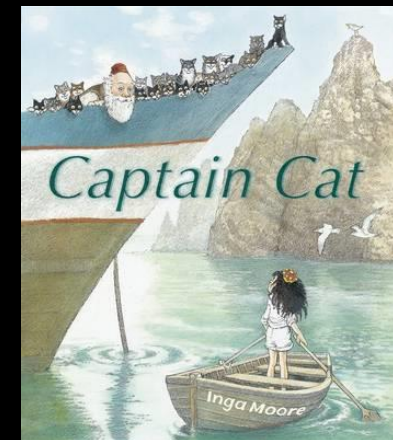
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Sid is a cat who is addicted to having six meals a day and glories in this lifestyle. Manipulative, persuasive and a charmer he has wrapped everybody round his little paw - each owner believes that Sid belongs to them only . . . until the day he is found out!

About the author:

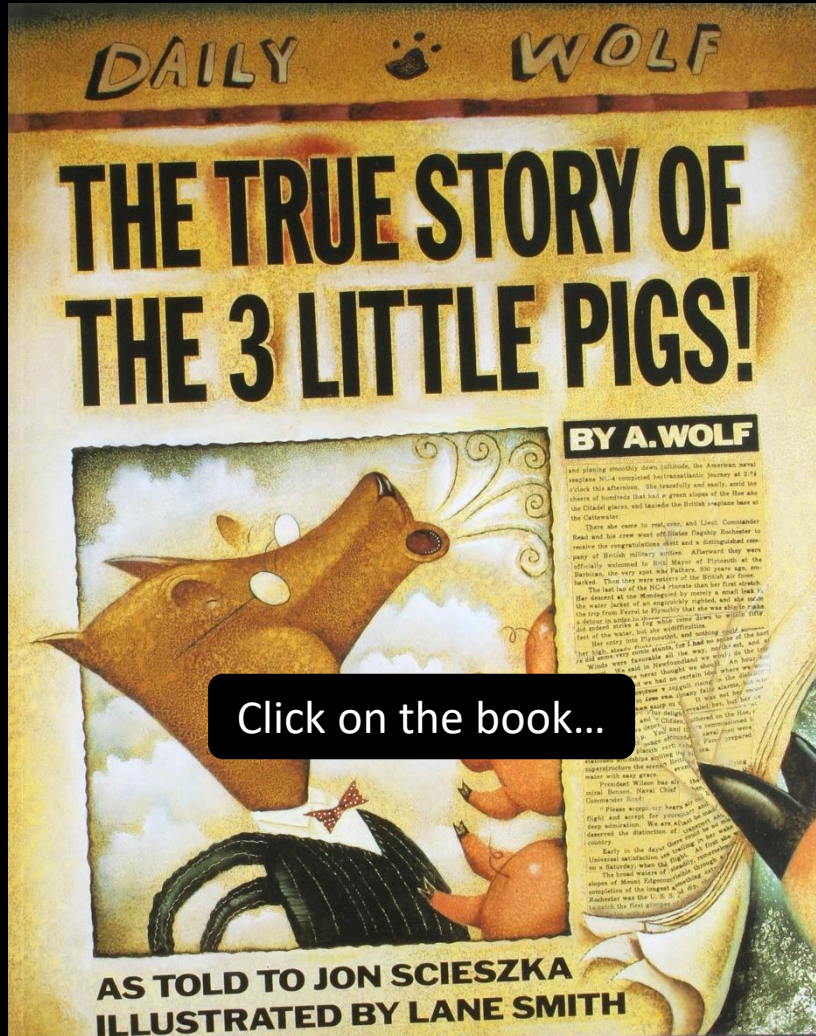
Inga Moore has illustrated numerous classics to much critical acclaim, including Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows*, *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett and Oscar Wilde's *The Canterville Ghost*. Published almost 20 years ago, her title *Six Dinner Sid* continues to grace bookshop shelves and won the Smarties Book Prize. Inga lives in Gloucestershire.

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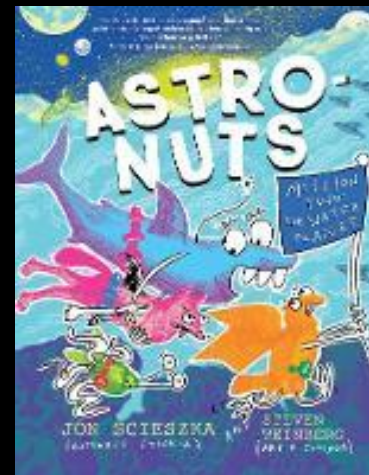


You may think you know the story of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf - but only one person knows the real story. And that person is A. Wolf. His tale starts with a birthday cake for his dear old granny, a bad head cold and a bad reputation. The rest (as they say) is history. A hilariously inventive retelling of the popular story which Publishers Weekly called the 'Funniest book of the year'.

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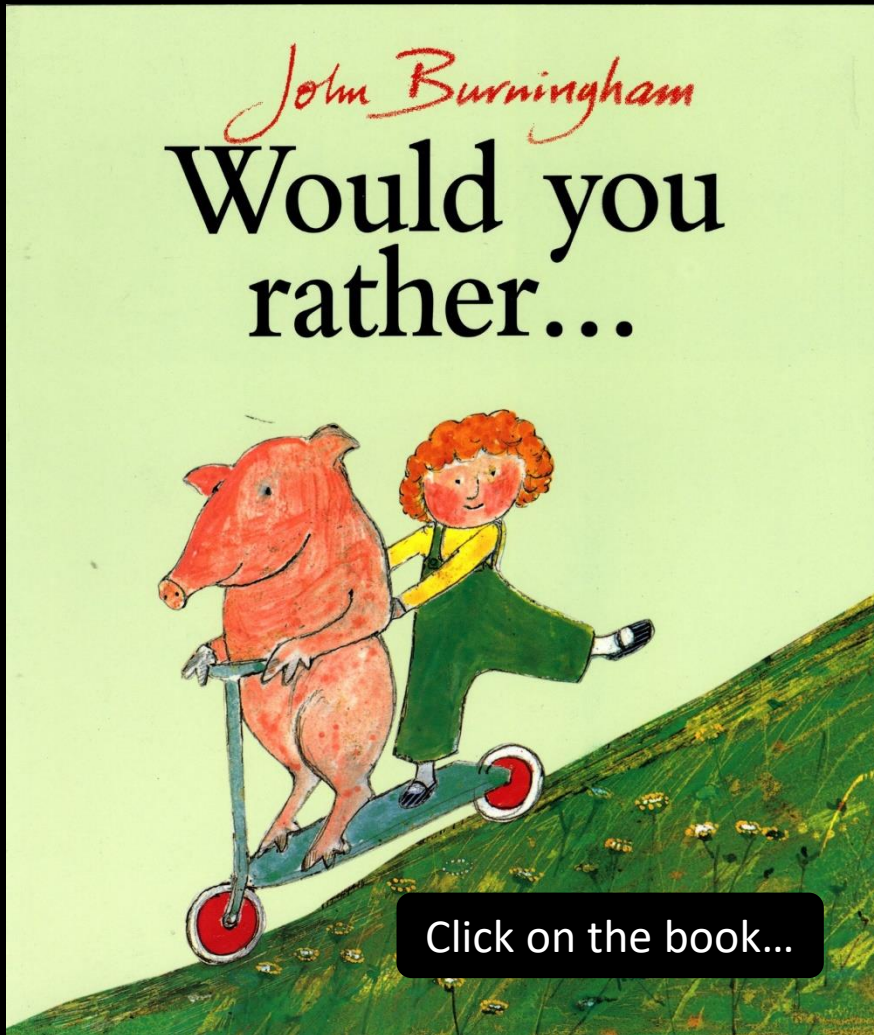
Jon Scieszka was the first National Ambassador for Young People's Literature in the USA. He is the author of some of the best known and funniest books written for children and is the creator of the Trucktown series. Jon is a former school teacher and an avid promoter of literacy. Jon lives with his family in New York.

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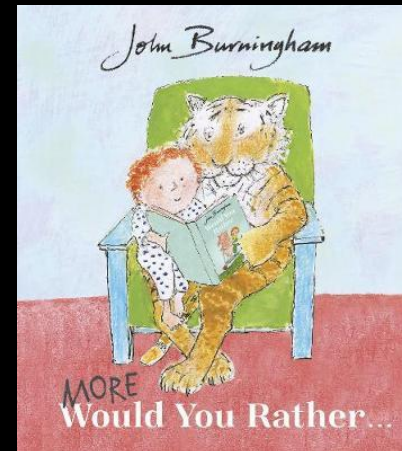


Would you rather have breakfast with bears, lunch with a lion or dinner with ducks? Would you like to fly with the pelicans or swim with the fish? Would it be worse if an elephant made a terrible smell or you fell over in a field of cows? Ask - and answer - these questions and many more in this funny, imaginative game of a book from John Burningham.

About the author:

John Burningham (1936-2019) studied illustration and graphic design at the Central School of Art, graduating with distinction in 1959. Many illustration commissions followed including iconic posters for London Transport, before the publication of *Borka: the Adventures of a Goose with No Feathers*, John's first book for children (Cape, 1963) which won the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal for illustration and heralded the beginning of an extraordinary career. John Burningham has since written and illustrated over thirty picture books, that have been translated and distributed all over the world.

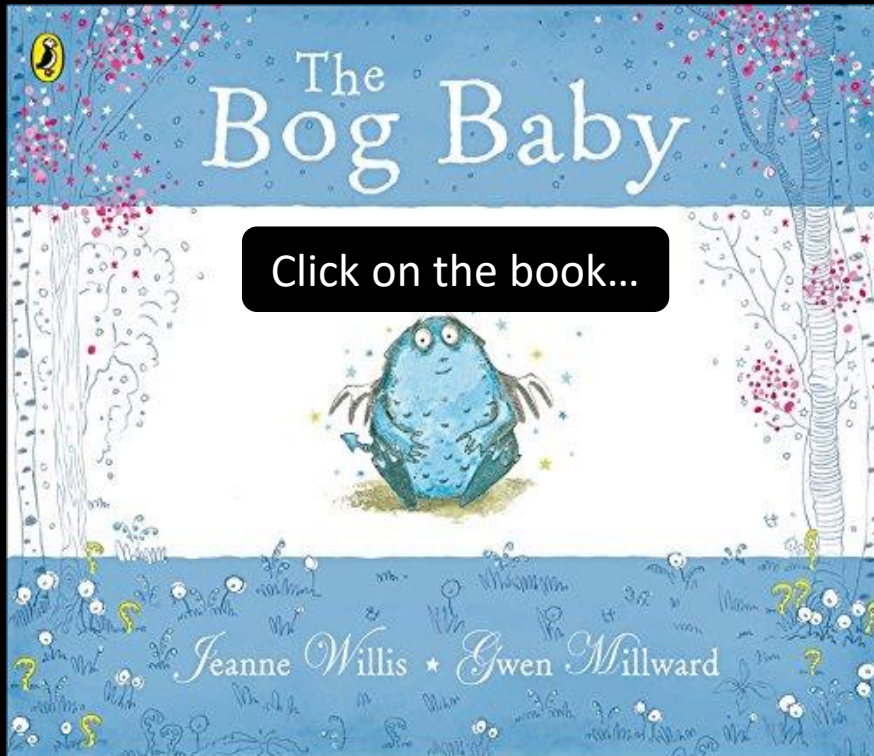
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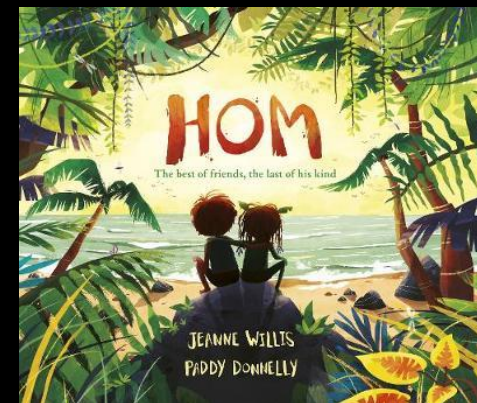
When two small sisters go fishing to the magic pond, they find something much better than a frog or a newt. They find a bog baby. Small and blue with wings like a dragon, the girls decide to make him their secret. I won't tell if you won't. But the bog baby is a wild thing, and when he becomes poorly, the girls decide they must tell their mum. And she tells them the greatest lesson, if you really love something, you have to let it go.



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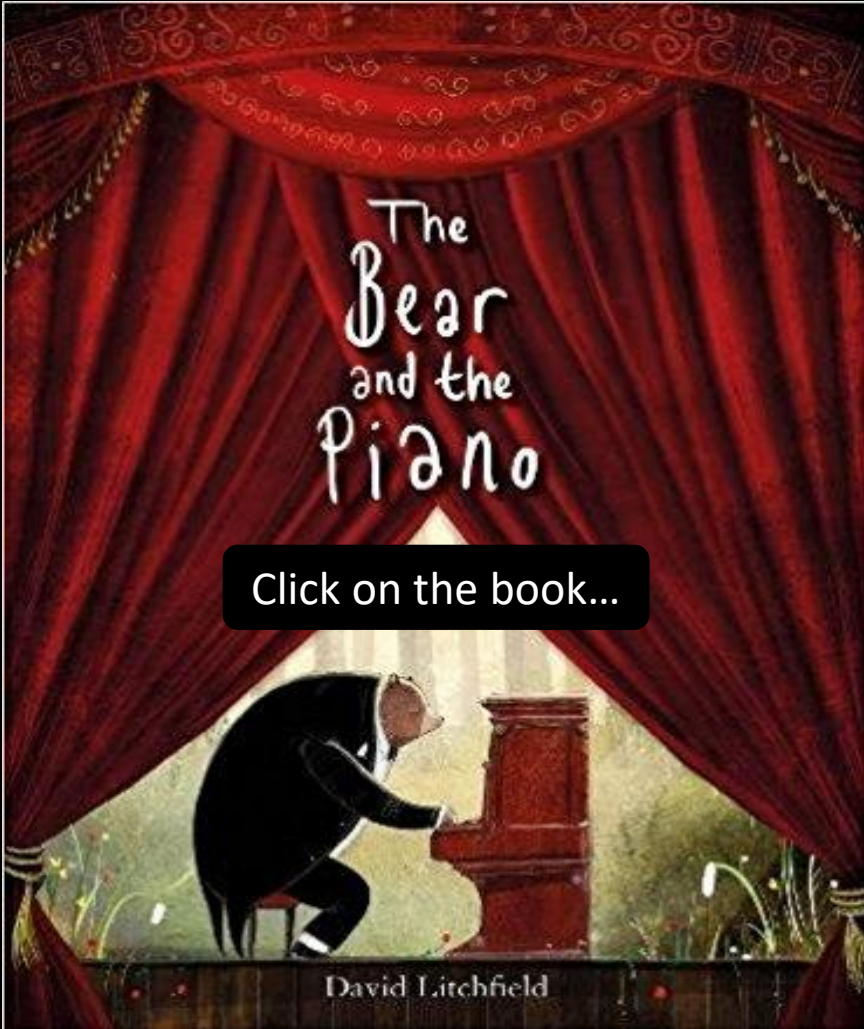
Jeanne Willis is an award-winning children's author and scriptwriter. She had her first picture book published by Andersen Press at the age of 21, and since then she has won the Silver Medal Smarties Prize (Tadpole's Promise), the Nasen Special Needs Award (Susan Laughs), the Sheffield Children's Book Award (Who's in The Loo) and the Red House Children's Book Award (Bottoms Up).

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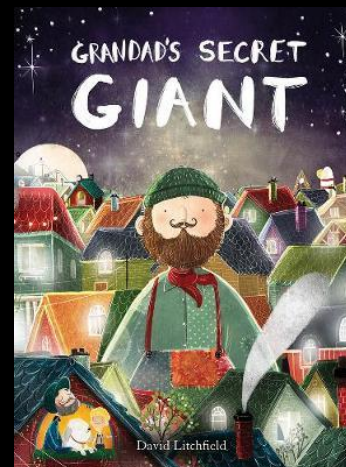


One day, a young bear stumbles upon something he has never seen before in the forest. As time passes, he teaches himself how to play the strange instrument, and eventually the beautiful sounds are heard by a father and son who are picnicking in the woods. The bear goes with them on an incredible journey to New York, where his piano playing makes him a huge star. He has fame, fortune and all the music in the world, but he misses the friends and family he has left behind.

About the author:

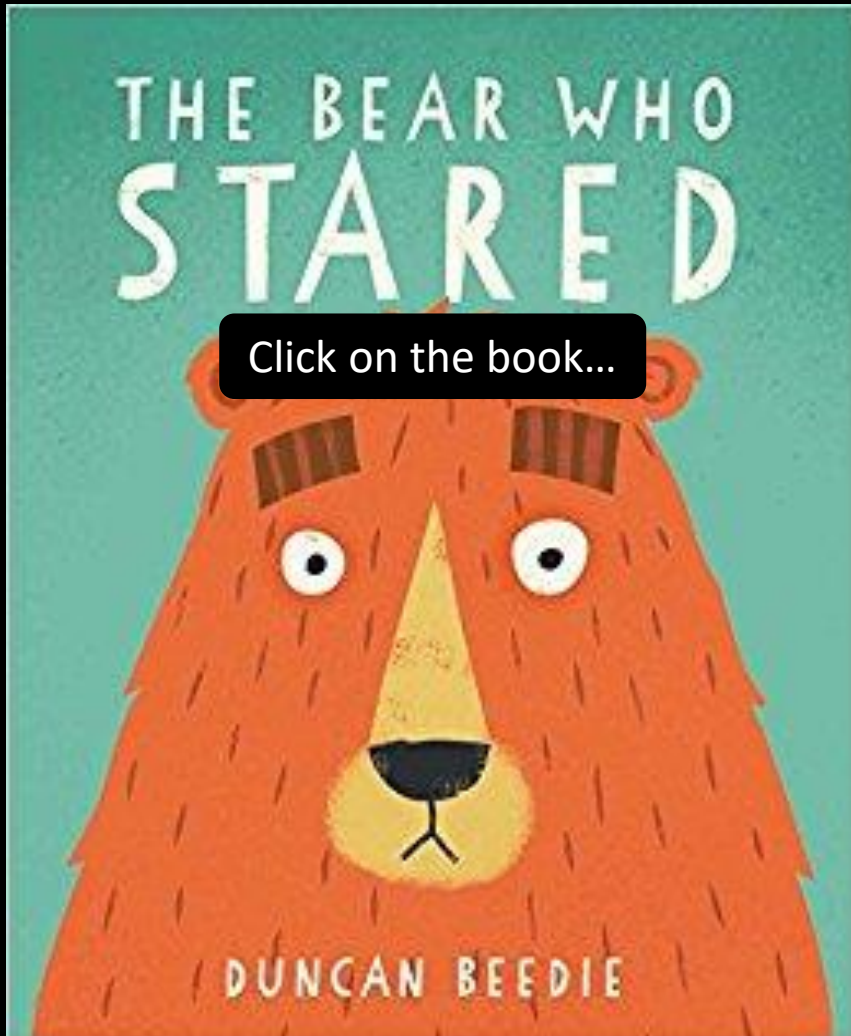
David Litchfield first started to draw when he was very young, creating Star Wars and Indiana Jones 'mash up' comics for his older brother and sister. Since then David's work has appeared in magazines, newspapers, books and on T-shirts. He has also exhibited his illustrations in both solo and group shows in the U.K, Europe and America. The Bear and the Piano was his first picture book. David lives in Bedford with his family.

Also by this author:





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There once was a bear who liked to stare... and stare... and STARE. Bear doesn't mean to be rude, he's just curious but too shy to say anything. But nobody likes being stared at and it soon gets Bear into trouble. Luckily a goggly-eyed frog helps Bear realise that sometimes a smile is all you need to turn a stare into a friendly hello.

About the author:

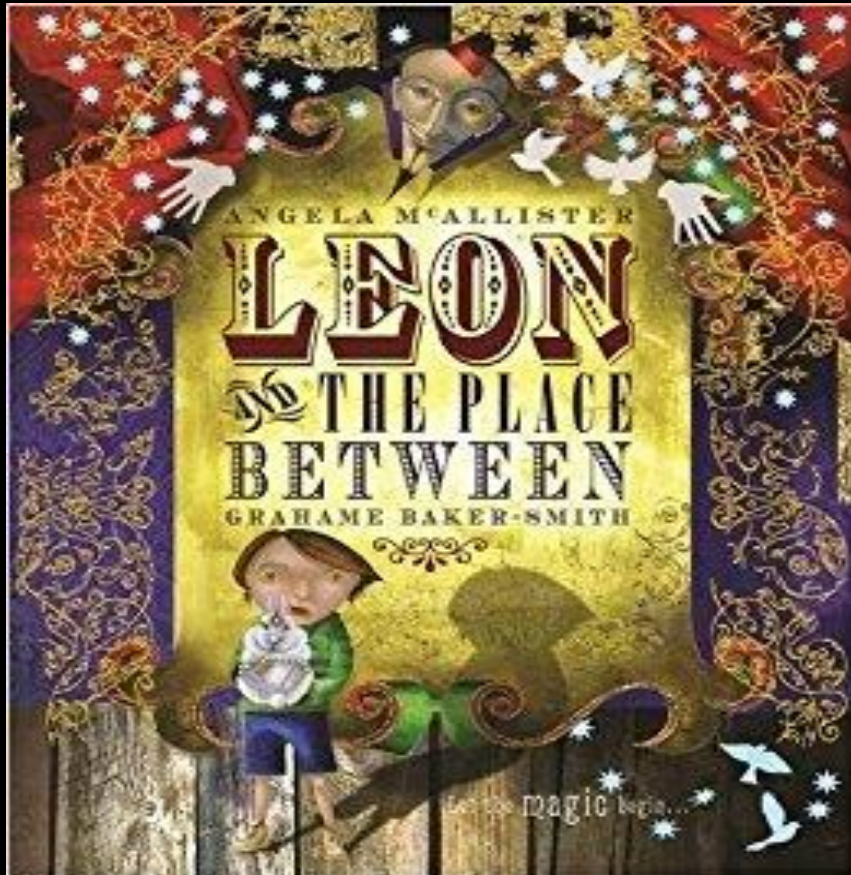
Duncan is a freelance illustrator based in Bristol, UK. He has been doodling and drawing since way back in the early 1980s, lying on his parents' living room floor, grasping a felt tip in his clammy little fist, through to his current profession, grasping a Wacom stylus in his clammy little fist. So, not much has changed, although he no longer lies on the floor to draw. He has a desk in a studio that overlooks the city. It's much more accommodating than nylon shag pile.

Also by this author:





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Wanting to prove to his brothers and sister that magic really exists, Leon volunteers to be in Abdul Kazam's magic show and gets transported to a mysterious world. Filled with rabbits, doves, playing cards and magician's assistants - among other things - if a magician can make it disappear, it will end up in the Place Between! When Leon returns, not only do his brothers and sister believe, but we do too.

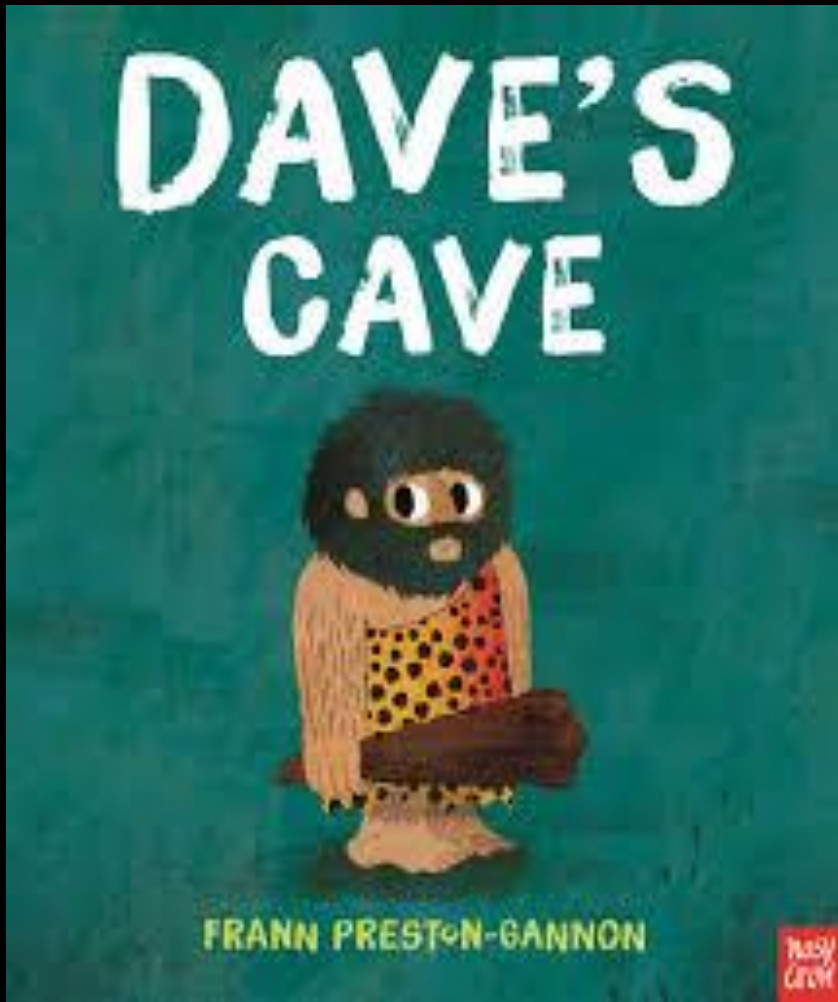
About the author:

Grahame is a self-taught illustrator from Oxford who completed his training at Berkshire School of Art. He has worked in illustration for twenty years and in 2011 won the Greenaway Medal for his inspiring tale of fatherhood, *FARTHER*. He has illustrated two other picture books for Templar: the Greenaway shortlisted *Leon and the Place Between* and *The Winter's Child*.

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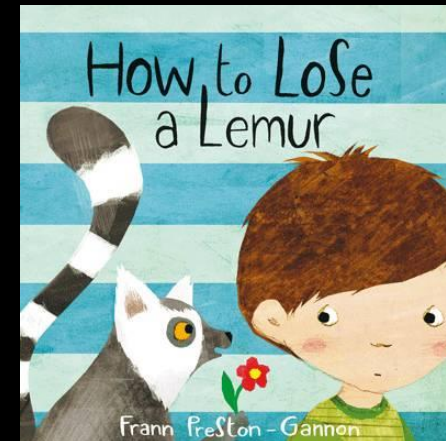


Dave loves his cave. Inside is decorated EXACTLY the way he likes it. But, Dave is unhappy. What if there might be an even better cave out there? And off he sets in search of a new home. But it turns out that good caves are VERY hard to find.

About the author:

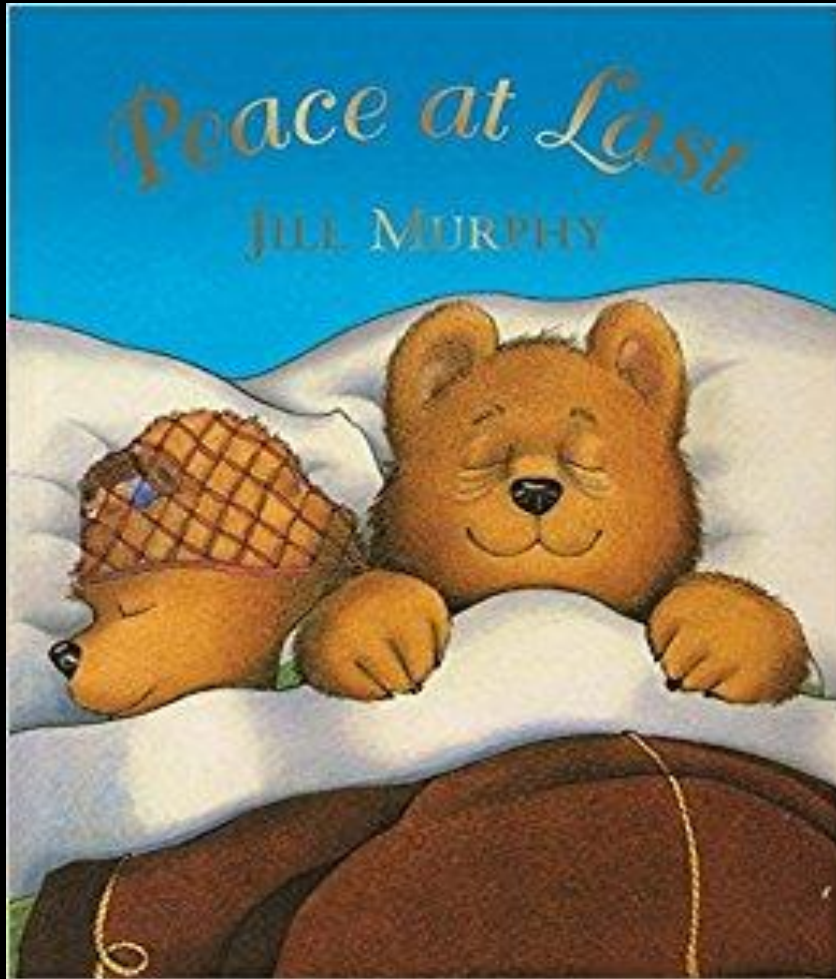
Frann is a London based illustrator and designer who graduated from Kingston University in July 2010. She has worked for clients such as Vintage books, Sunday Publishing and Burt's Bees. She is also the 2011 winner of the Maurice Sendak fellowship and the first UK illustrator to be honoured with the scholarship.

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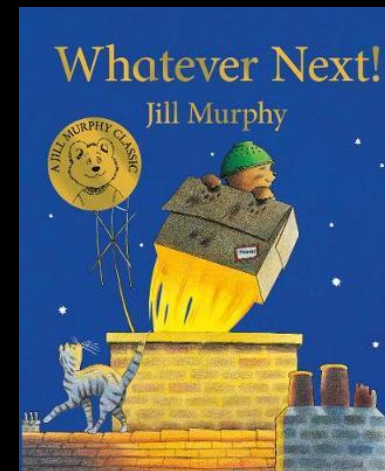


The hour was late and Mr Bear was tired. But he could not sleep - however he tried and wherever he tried, SNORE, SNORE went Mrs Bear. TICK-TOCK, TICK-TOCK went the clock. Would he never get to sleep?

About the author:

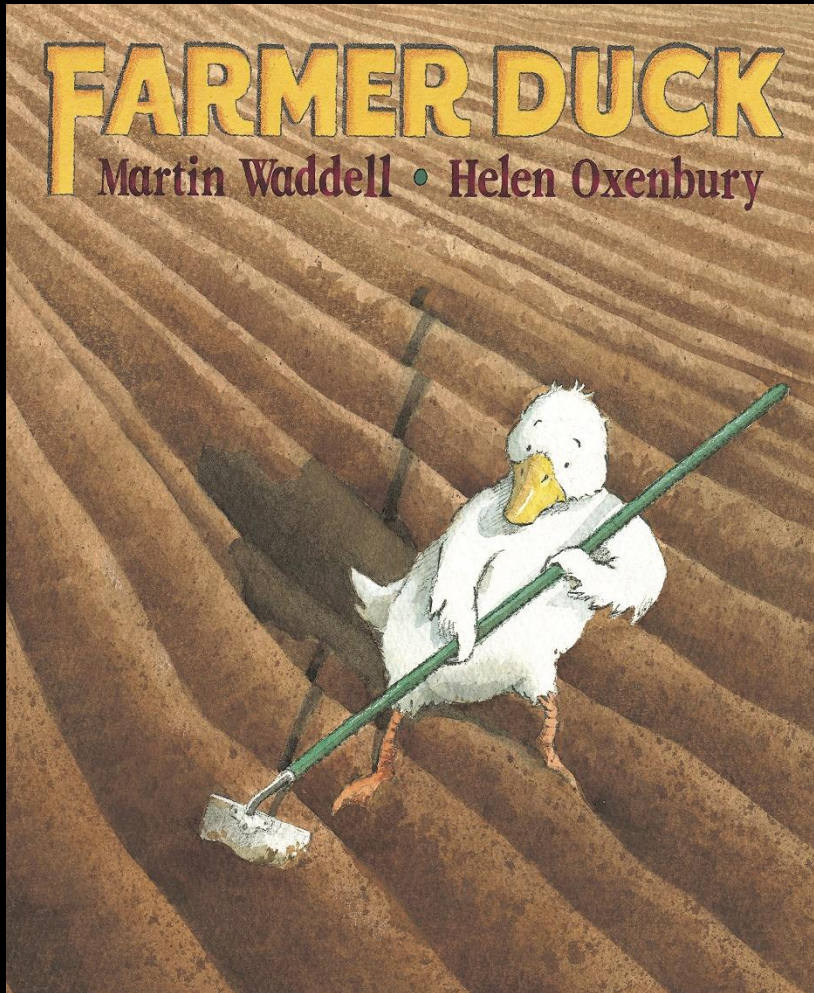
One of the World Book Day 2014 Authors Jill Murphy is one of Britain's most treasured author-illustrators. She wrote and illustrated her first book, the bestselling *The Worst Witch*, while still only eighteen, and went on to create the award-winning Large family series, which has sold over five million copies worldwide and been adapted for television. Jill's other characters include a small monster called Marlon who starred in the acclaimed picture books *The Last Noo-Noo* and *All for One*, and Ruby the bunny.

Also by this author:





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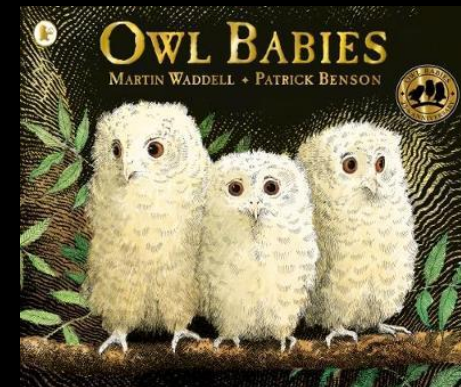


The winner of the Smarties Book Prize and the Children's Illustrated Book of the Year, this story is about a duck who lived with a lazy old farmer. The duck did all the work while the farmer stayed in bed all day. Then the other animals decided to take action!

About the author:

As a child I was read to a lot as a child by people who knew how to read stories. These stories came alive for me, and the love of story has stayed with me ever since. I live where I lived as a child, and nearly all my stories come from things that have happened to me here, at the foot of the Mountain of Mourne.

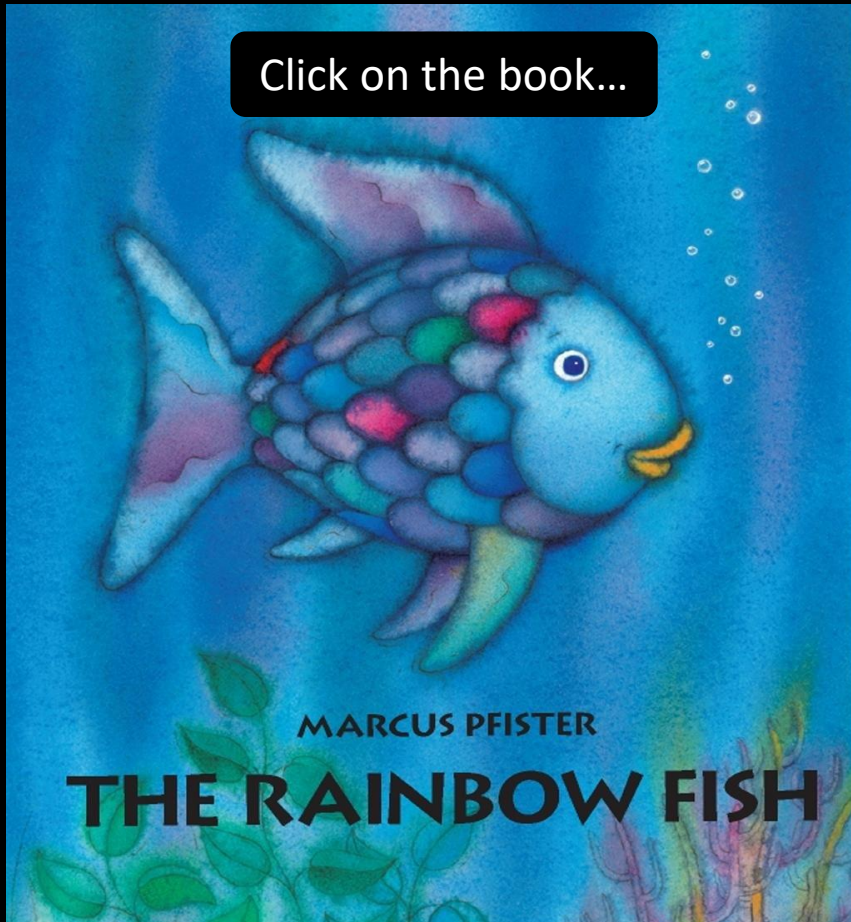
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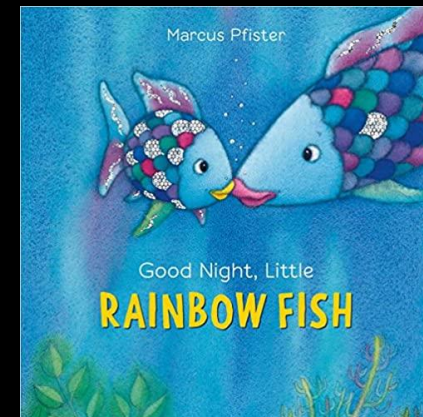


The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister is a book about a unique fish with shimmering scales. Other fish admire him and request some of his scales because they want to share in his beauty. At first reluctant, Rainbow Fish eventually relents and finds he enjoys sharing his scales.

About the author:

Marcus Pfister was born in Berne, Switzerland, and began his career as a graphic artist in an advertising agency. In 1983, he decided to dedicate more time to artistic pursuits, and began to write and illustrate his first book, The Sleepy Owl, which was published in 1986. His best-known work to date is The Rainbow Fish.

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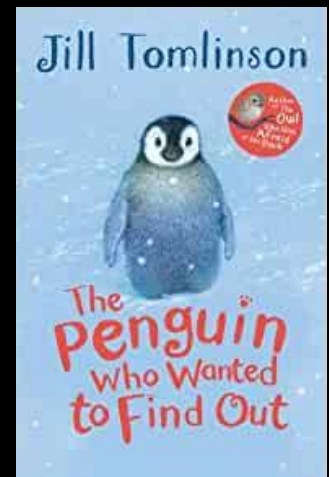
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Plop, the Baby Barn Owl, is like every Barn Owl there ever was, except for one thing – he is afraid of the dark. "Dark is nasty" he says and so he won't go hunting with his parents. Mrs Barn Owl sends him down from his nest-hole to ask about the dark and he meets a little boy waiting for the fireworks to begin, an old lady, a scout out camping, a girl who tells him about Father Christmas, a man with a telescope and a black cat who takes him exploring. He realizes that through these encounters that dark is super after all.

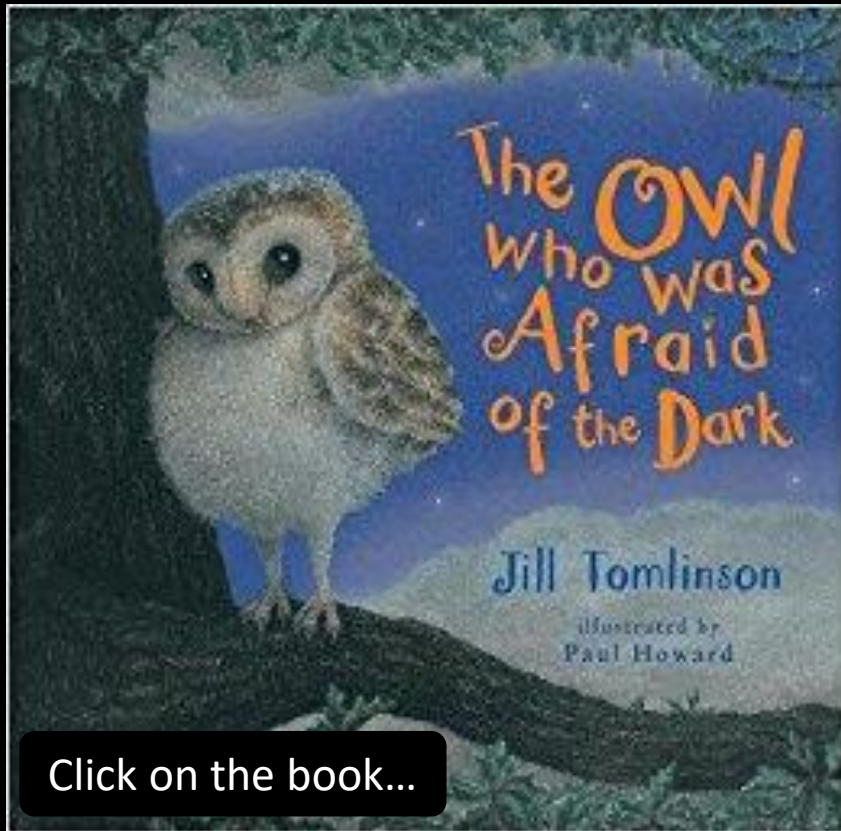
About the author:

Jill Tomlinson Jill Tomlinson never intended to be a writer. She trained as an opera singer, and then decided to have a family whilst her voice matured. But illness intervened, and she had to find another outlet for her energies. She started on a journalism course, and by the third lesson decided she wanted to write for children. So she did!

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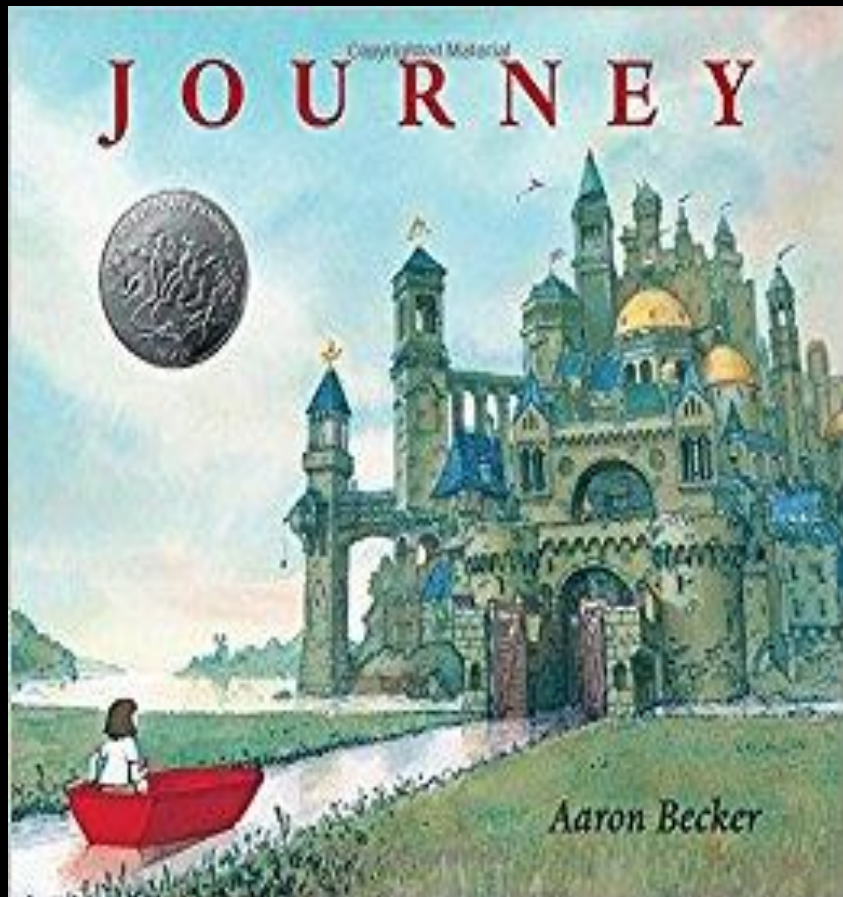


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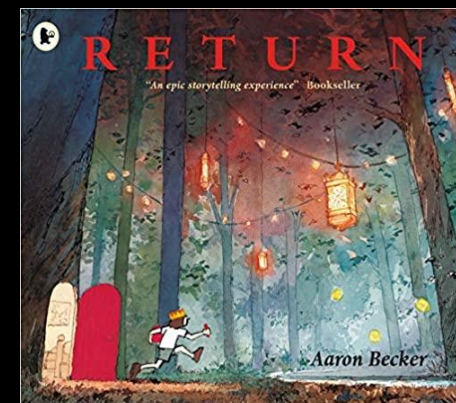
Aaron Becker's stunning, wordless picture book debut about self-determination and unexpected friendship follows a little girl who draws a magic door on her bedroom wall. Through it she escapes into a world where wonder, adventure and danger abound. Red marker pen in hand, she creates a boat, a balloon and a flying carpet which carry her on a spectacular journey ... who knows where? When she is captured by a sinister emperor, only an act of tremendous courage and kindness can set her free. Can it also guide her home and to happiness? In this exquisitely illustrated book, an ordinary child is launched on an extraordinary, magical journey towards her greatest and most rewarding adventure of all...

About the author:

Aaron Becker has worked as an artist in the film and animation industry, and is the creator of the beautiful wordless picture book, *Journey*, awarded the Caldecott Honour in 2014, and its follow-up, *Quest*.

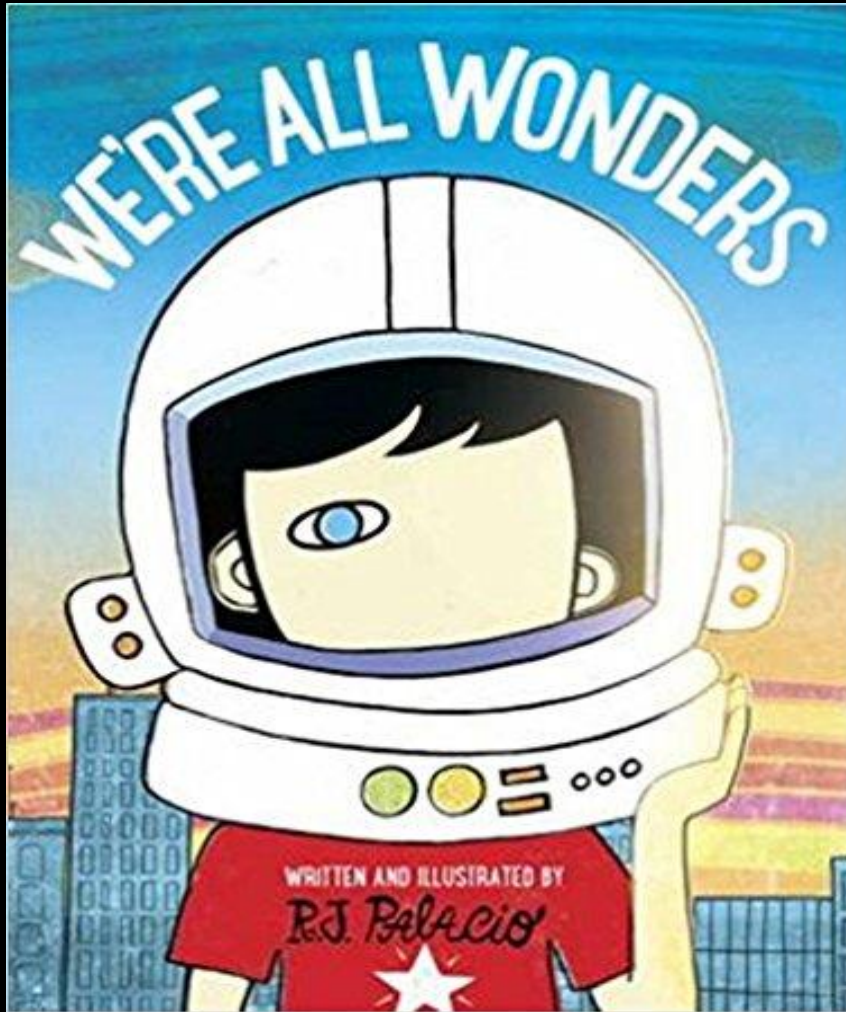


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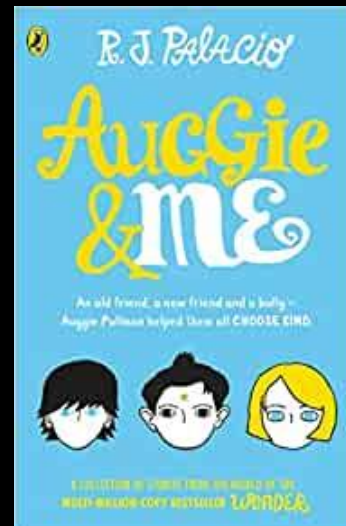
With spare, powerful text and richly-imagined illustrations, *We're All Wonders* shows readers what it's like to live in Auggie's world - a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way.

We're All Wonders taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect way for families and teachers to talk about empathy, difference and kindness with young children.

About the author:

R. J. Palacio was born and raised in New York City. She attended the High School of Art and Design and the Parsons School of Design, where she majored in illustration. She was a graphic designer and an art director for many years before writing her critically acclaimed debut novel, *Wonder*, which has been on the New York Times bestseller list since March 2012, and sold over 16 million copies worldwide.

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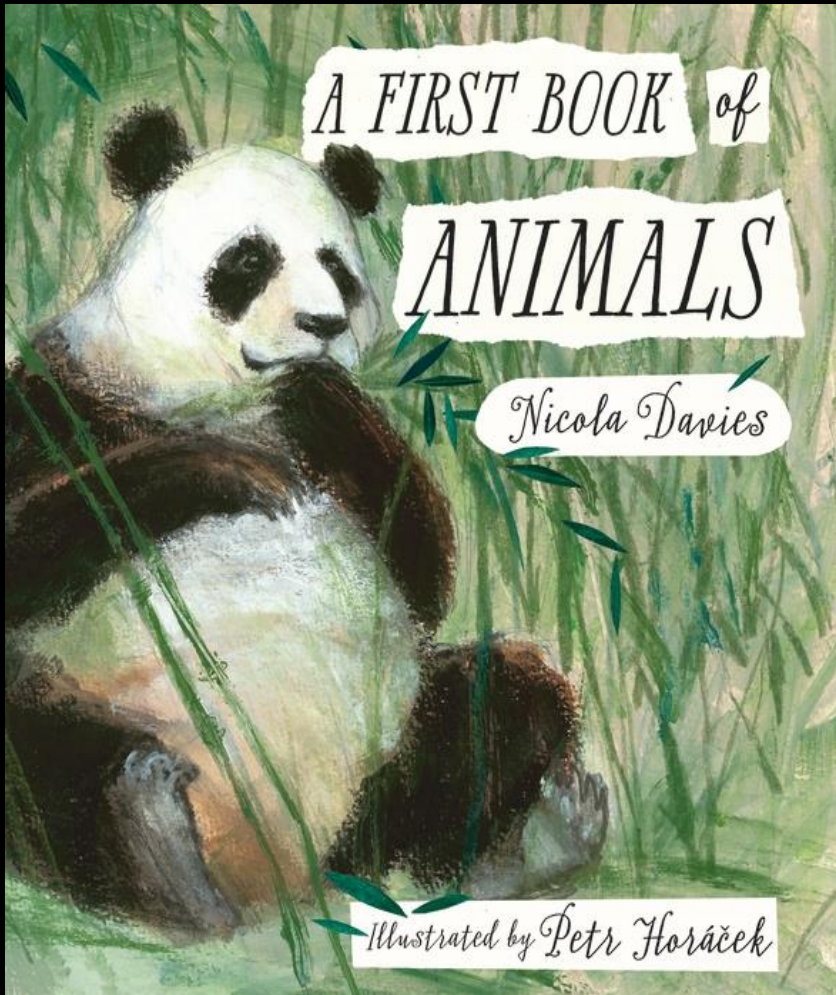
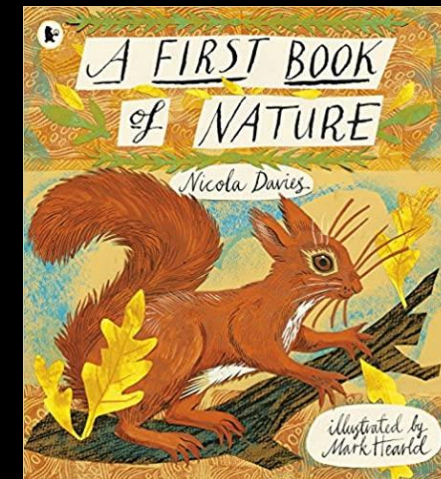
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Nicola Davies, the award-winning author of *A First Book of Nature*, presents a spellbinding treasury of poems about the animal world, illustrated in breathtaking detail by Petr Horacek. Polar bears playing on the ice, tigers hunting in the jungle, fireflies twinkling in the evening sky and nightingales singing in the heart of the woods – there are animals everywhere. From blue whales to bumblebee bats and everything in between, *A First Book of Animals* takes you all over the planet to visit all kinds of different creatures. This book is a glorious celebration of life in the wild in all its variety and splendour, and belongs on every child's bookshelf.

About the author:

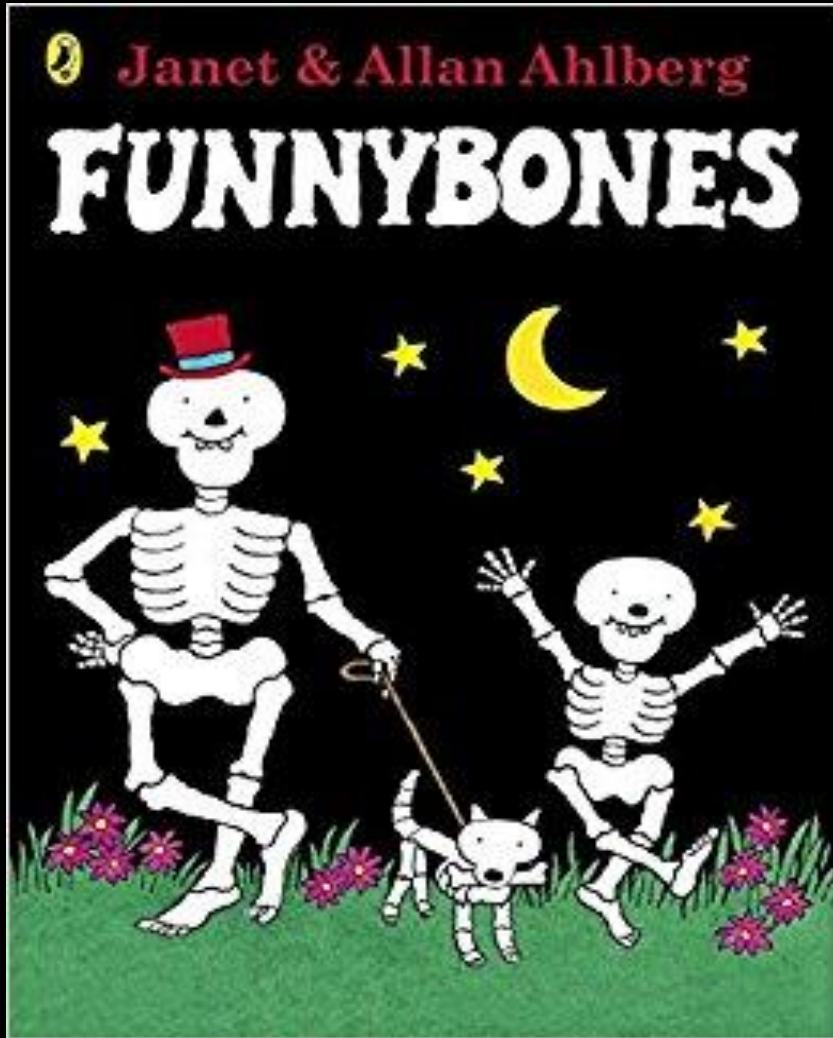
I'm a zoologist by training and by passion - I've been lucky enough to see all sorts of animals in all sorts of places - Sperm whales off Dominica, gibbons in NE India, orang utans and hornbills and proboscis monkeys in Borneo (and that was just last year).

Also by this author:





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This is the first book in the "Funnybones" series and introduces the skeletons - a big skeleton, a little skeleton and a dog skeleton. They live in a dark dark cellar of a dark dark house on a dark dark hill and so the word repetition continues through this lighthearted story for early readers. The skeletons venture out of their cellar one night to find someone to scare, but everyone is in bed so they amuse themselves by scaring each other and playing with the skeleton animals that live in the zoo.

About the author:

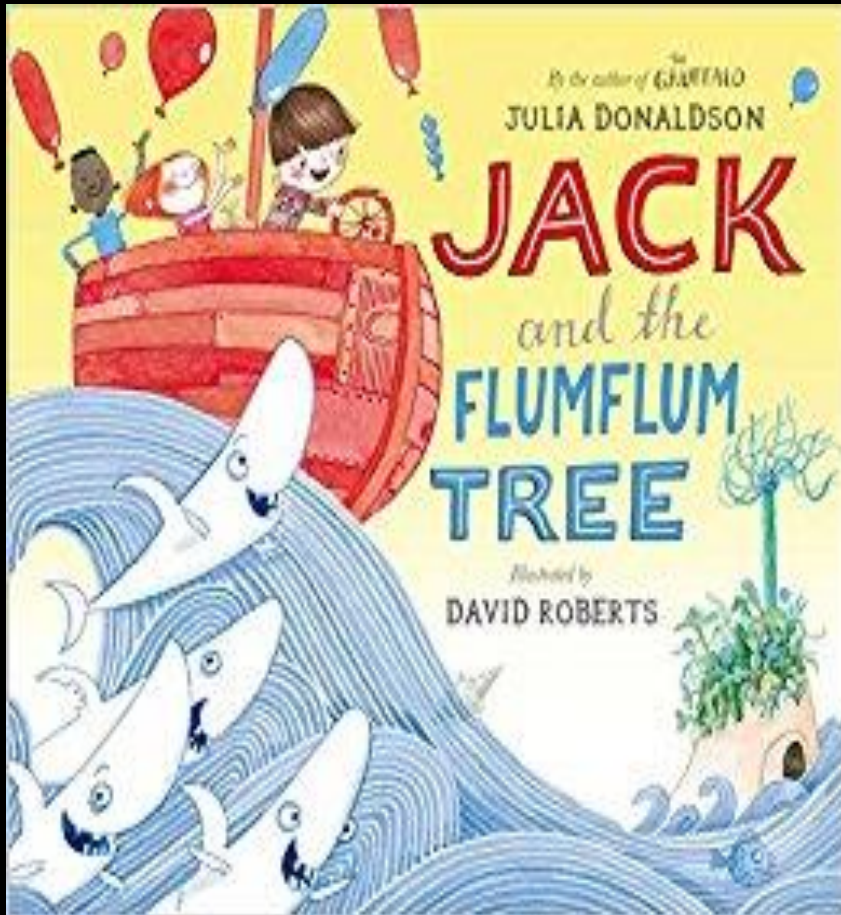
Janet Ahlberg (21 October 1944 – 13 November 1994), née Janet Hall, and Allan Ahlberg (born 5 June 1938) were a British married couple who created many children's books, including picture books that regularly appear at the top of "most popular" lists for public libraries. They worked together for 20 years until Janet died of cancer in 1994. Allan wrote the books and Janet illustrated them. Allan Ahlberg has also written dozens of books with other illustrators.

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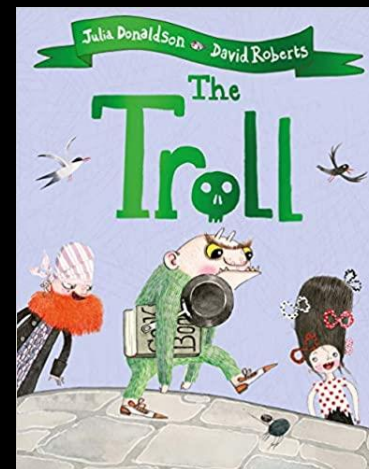
Jack's Granny is sick with a bad case of the moozles! And the only cure is the fruit of the flumflum tree which grows on the faraway Isle of Blowyernose. It's a perilous journey, but Jack bravely sets sail with a motley crew of three and a large patchwork sack that Granny has filled with an odd assortment of items from chewing gum to tent pegs. But what use will they be against hungry sharks, a leaky boat and a thieving monkey?

About the author:

Jack and the Flumflum Tree is a fantastic, action-packed rhyming adventure from Julia Donaldson, bestselling author of *The Gruffalo*, with richly detailed illustrations from award-winning illustrator David Roberts.

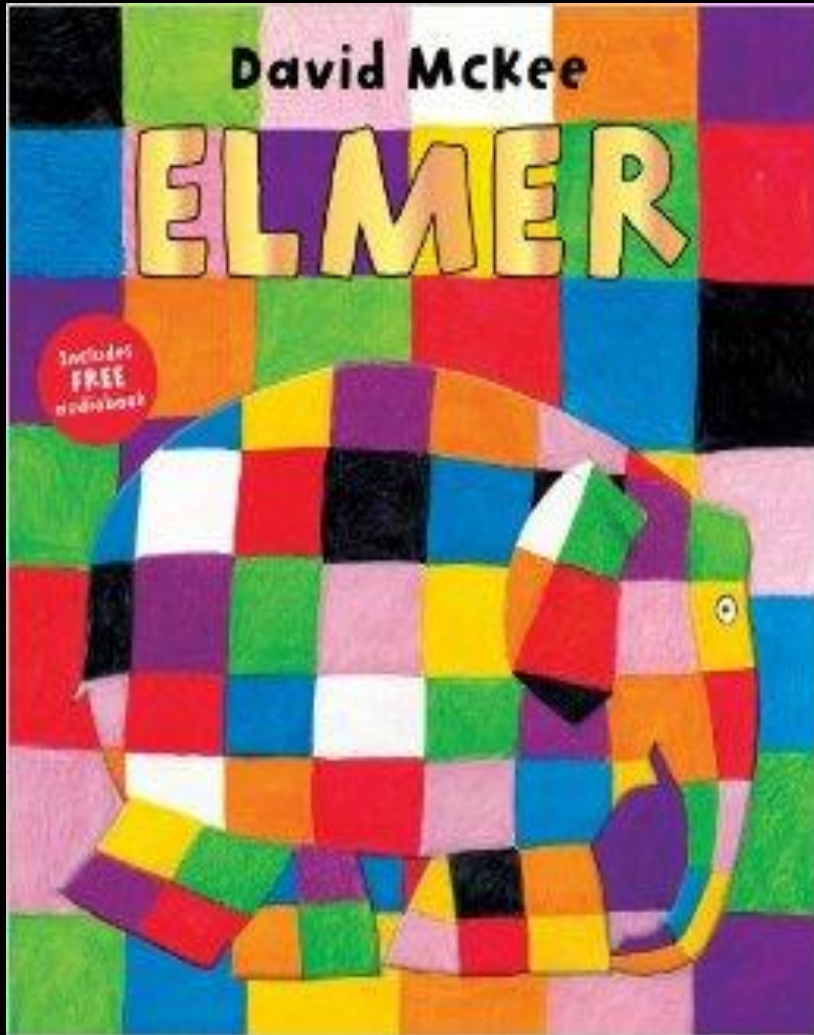
Enjoy these other stories from Julia Donaldson and David Roberts: *Tyrannosaurus Drip*, *The Troll*, *The Flying Bath* and *The Cook and the King*.

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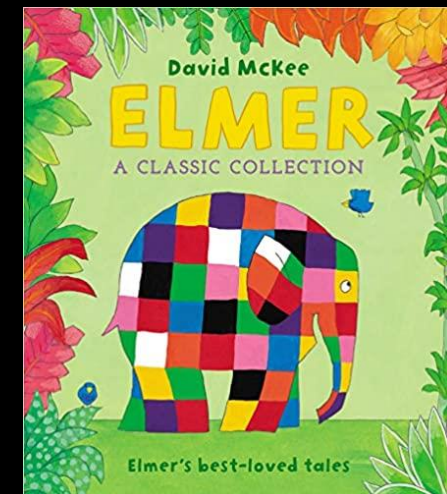
he grey elephants all love him, but he soon starts to wonder what it would be like to be just the same as them...

Full of colour, wisdom and pathos, little readers will love this classic tale at bedtime. Deservedly a modern classic, with over ten million copies of his books sold worldwide, Elmer's subtle message, that it is OK to be different, resonates with children across the world. Elmer the colourful patchwork elephant has been a nursery favourite since 1989.

About the author:

David McKee's first book was published in 1964. His books are now published in many languages throughout the world, and many of them have been adapted for television. He is one of the leading contemporary children's book creators.

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THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT



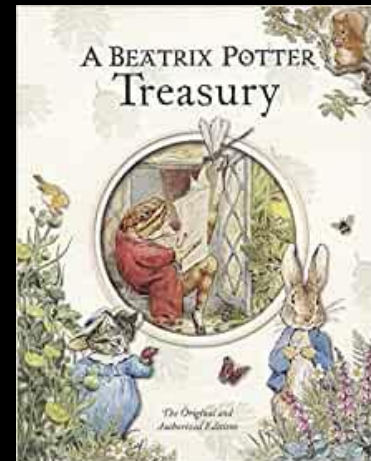
BEATRIX POTTER
The original and authorized edition

The Tale of Peter Rabbit was first published by Frederick Warne in 1902 and endures as Beatrix Potter's most popular and well-loved tale. It tells the story of a very mischievous rabbit and the trouble he encounters in Mr McGregor's vegetable garden!

About the author:

Beatrix Potter is one of the world's best-loved children's authors, capturing our imagination for over 100 years with her beautifully illustrated Tales. However, few people are aware of the fascinating woman that Beatrix was or the achievements she accomplished in her lifetime, during an era when ambitious women were not allowed to flourish. An artist, storyteller, botanist, environmentalist, farmer and businesswoman, Potter was a visionary and a trailblazer and left an incredible legacy.

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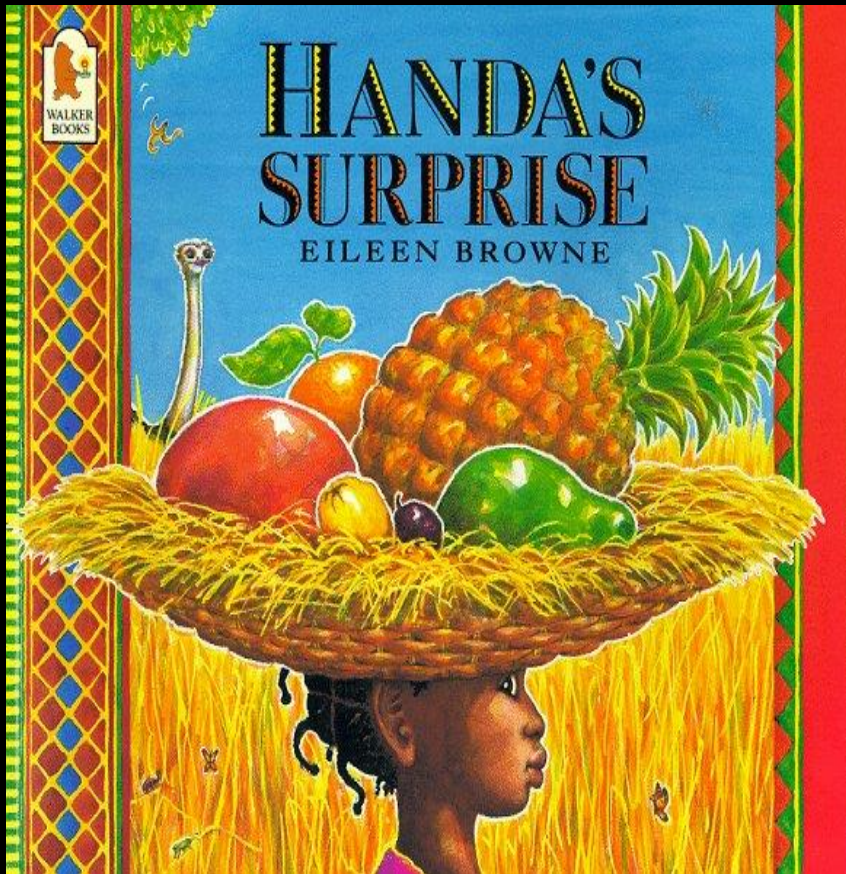
A modern classic named one of the best culturally diverse picture books in the UK, this is the story of Handa, who's part of the Luo tribe in south-west Kenya. Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo, who lives in the neighbouring village. But as Handa wonders, I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best?, a series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket, which she's carrying on her head... When Handa reaches Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend?

Richly-illustrated, brimming with luscious fruit and cheeky wild animals, this mouth-watering story is for the youngest of readers. In the best pantomime spirit, children will long to tell Handa what's happening right behind her!

About the author:

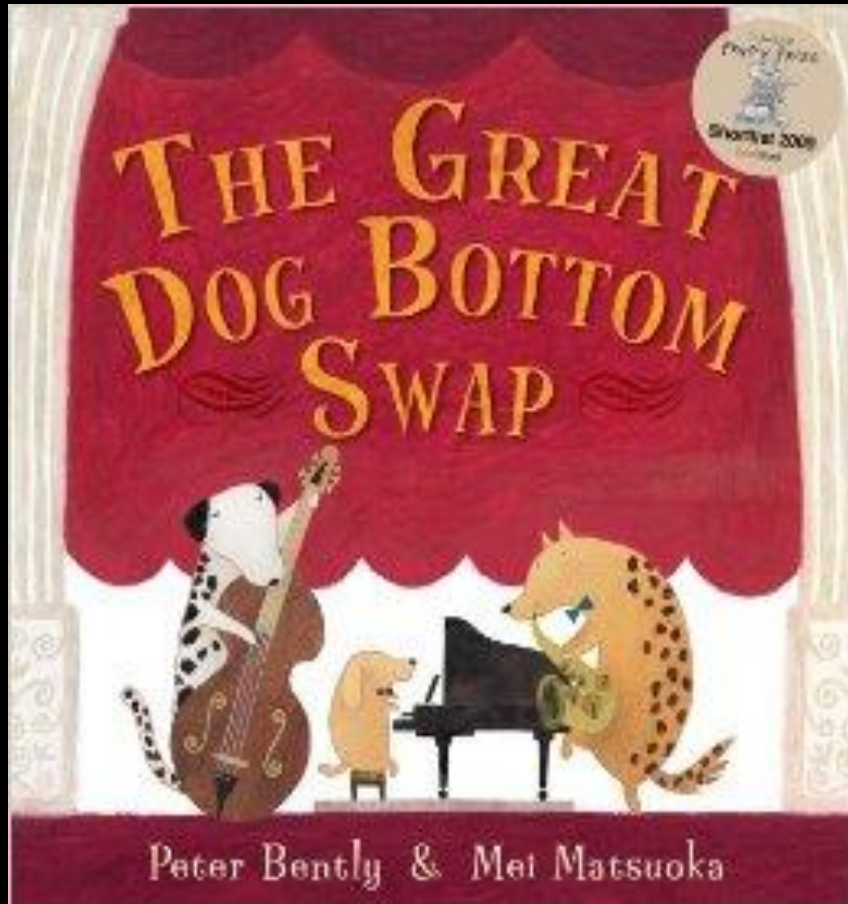
Eileen Browne worked as a schoolteacher and a youth worker before becoming an author and illustrator. Her titles include *Handa's Surprise*, which was shortlisted for the 1995 Sheffield Children's Book Award, *Handa's Hen* and *Tick Tock*. She lives in Wiltshire.

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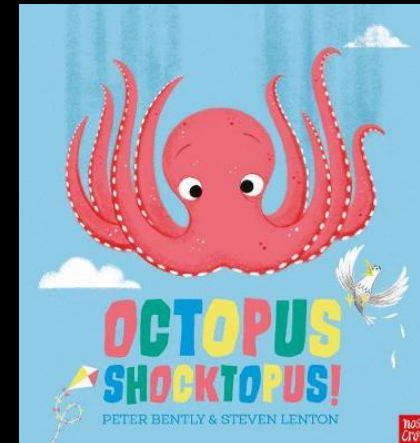


The day has arrived for the Dogs' Summer Ball. It's so high class that each dog must remove their bottom before they are allowed inside the hall. But in the middle of all the frivolity something unexpected happens and the dogs have to make a hasty exit...with or without the correct bottom!

About the author:

Peter Bently is the award-winning author of many books for younger children. These include KING JACK AND THE DRAGON (one of the American Library Association's Notable Books of the Year), THE GREAT DOG BOTTOM SWAP (shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize) and CATS AHOY!, (winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize). He lives in London.

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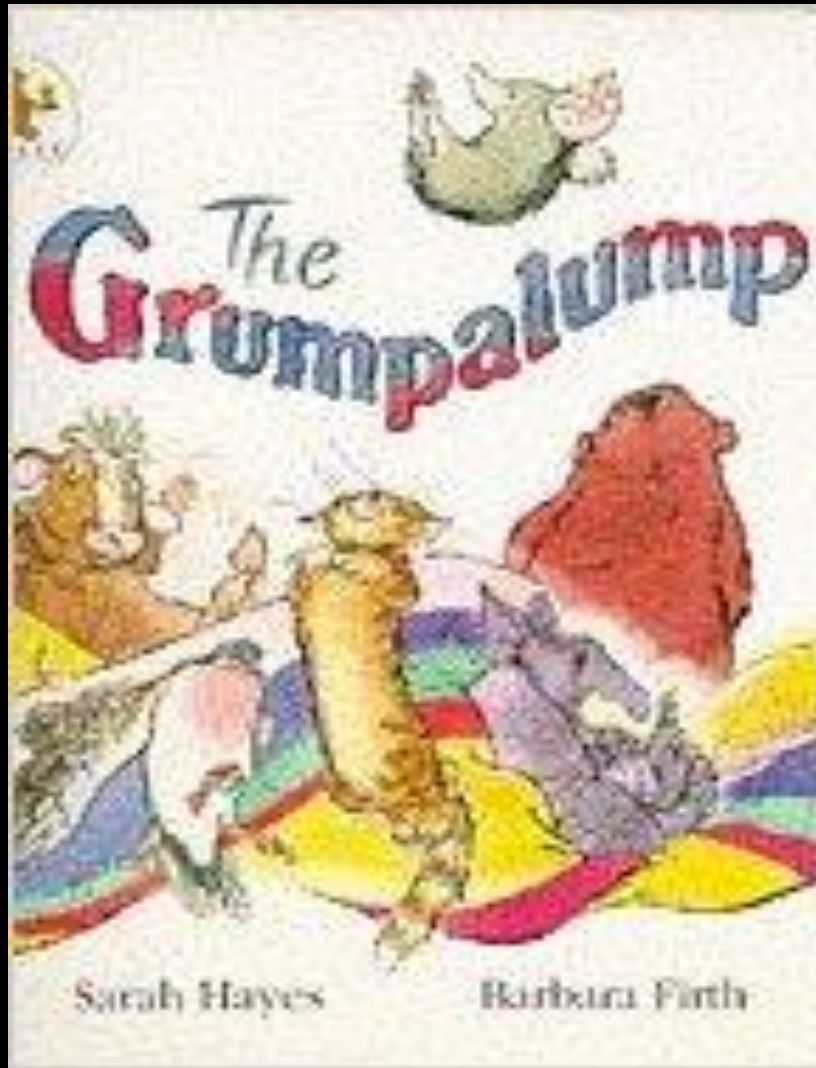


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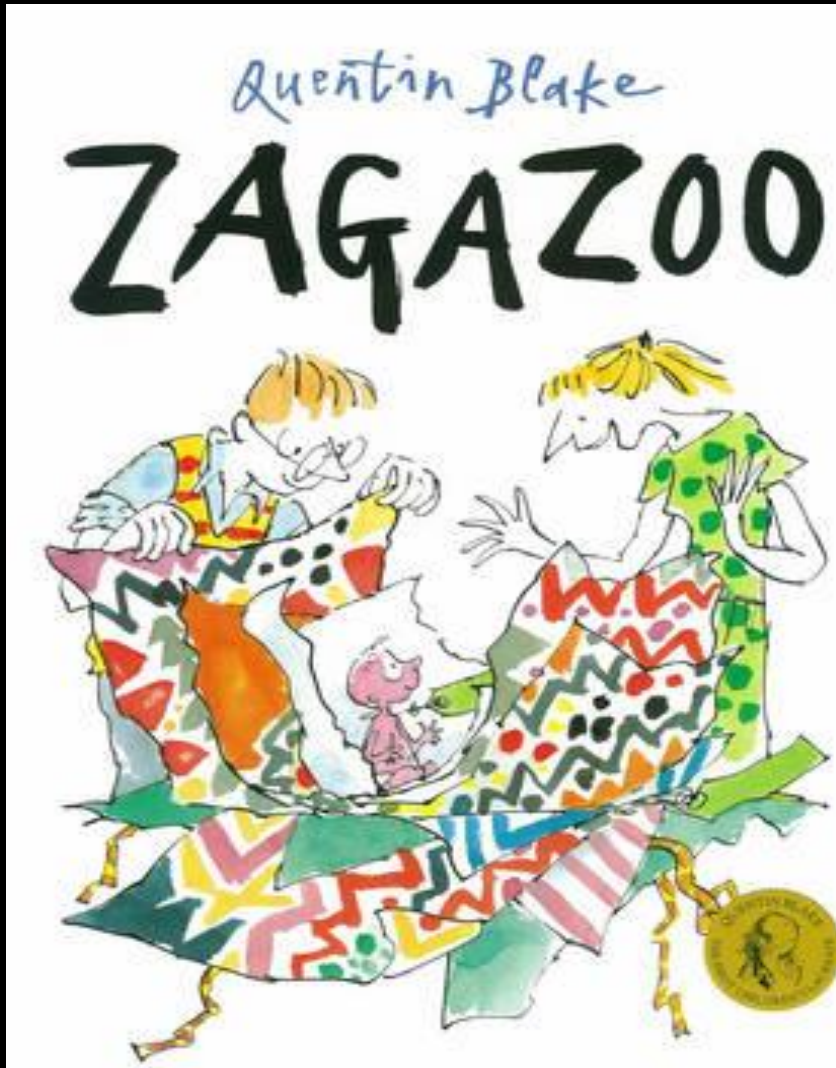
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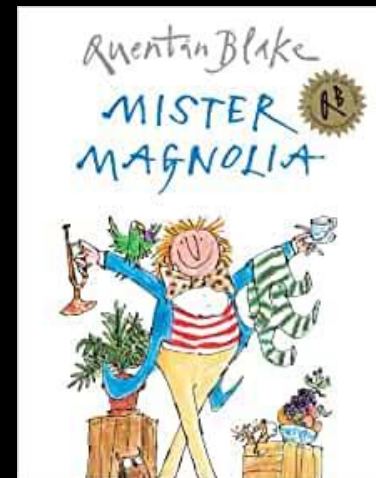


Zagazoo is a baby like no other. In this quite exceptional picture book young readers will be delighted by the hilarious and unexpected changes in his behaviour as Zagazoo grows up. Parents may detect some strange echoes of family life. There have been many classic picture books from the incomparable pen of Quentin Blake, but never one more extraordinary.

About the author:

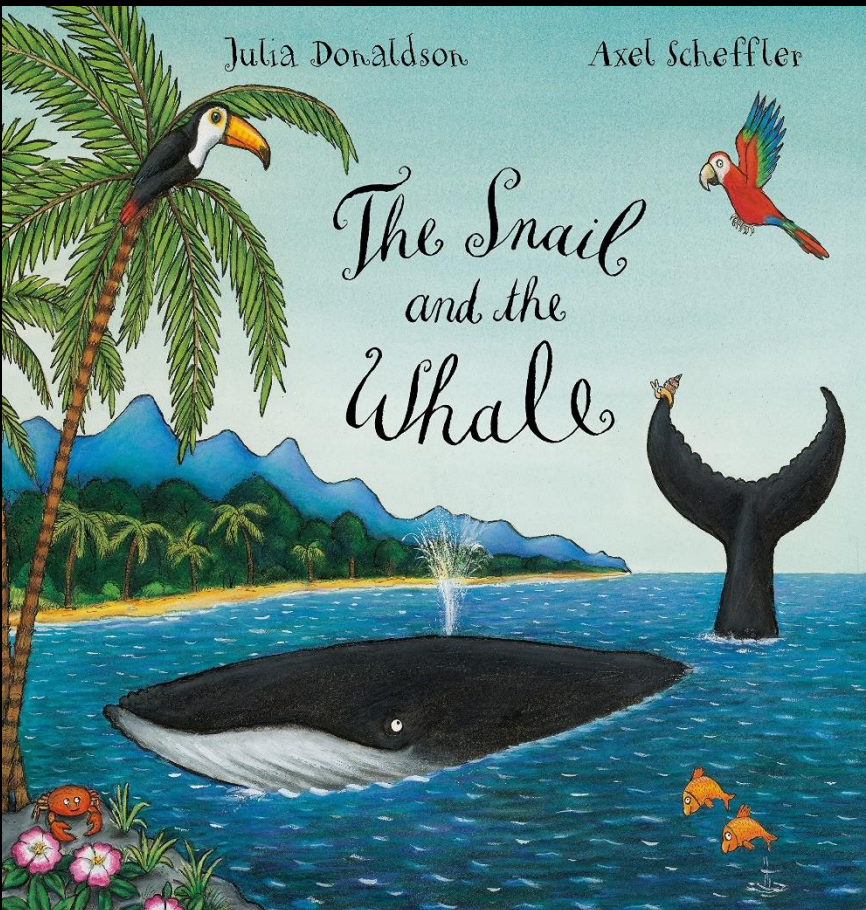
Sir Quentin Saxby Blake, CBE, FCSD, FRSL, RDI (born 16 December 1932) is an English cartoonist, illustrator and children's writer. He may be known best for illustrating books written by Roald Dahl. For his lasting contribution as a children's illustrator he won the biennial, international Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2002, the highest recognition available to creators of children's books. From 1999 to 2001 he was the inaugural British Children's Laureate.

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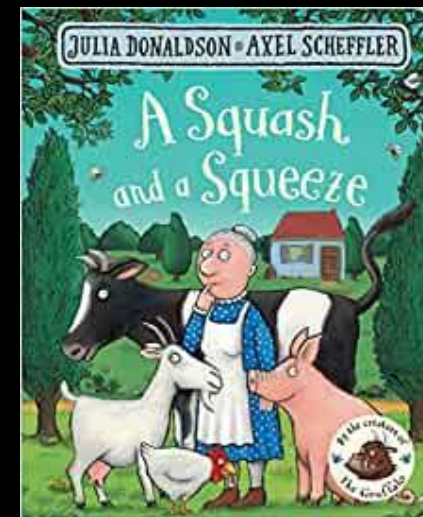


One little snail longs to see the world and hitches a lift on the tail of an enormous whale. Together they go on an amazing journey, past icebergs and volcanoes, sharks and penguins, and the little snail feels so small in the vastness of the world. But when disaster strikes and the whale is beached in a bay, it's the tiny snail's big plan that saves the day!

About the author:

Julia Donaldson is the outrageously talented, prize-winning author of some of the world's best-loved picture books including modern classics *The Gruffalo* and *The Gruffalo's Child*, which together have sold over 17 million copies worldwide and have been translated into seventy-five languages.

Also by this author:





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Agony aunt Mother Goose helps Humpty Dumpty conquer his fear of falling and Little Miss Muffet deal with an over-friendly spider as well as helping a whole host of other much-loved characters in this charming lift-the-flap book. With its witty, jokey letters, it's a nursery rhyme book with a twist from an award-winning author and illustrator team.

About the author:

Michael Rosen is one of the most popular contemporary poets and authors of books for children. His titles include *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* which was the winner of the Smarties Book Prize.

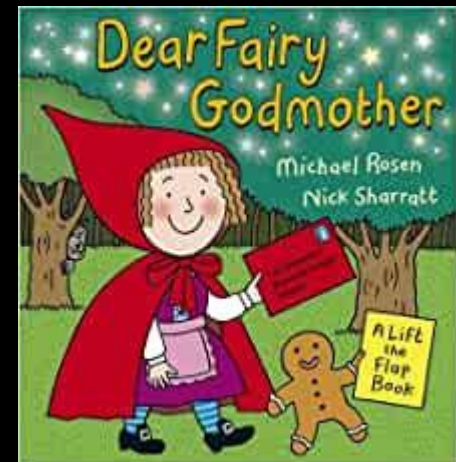
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Dear Mother Goose

Michael Rosen
Nick Sharratt



Mother Goose
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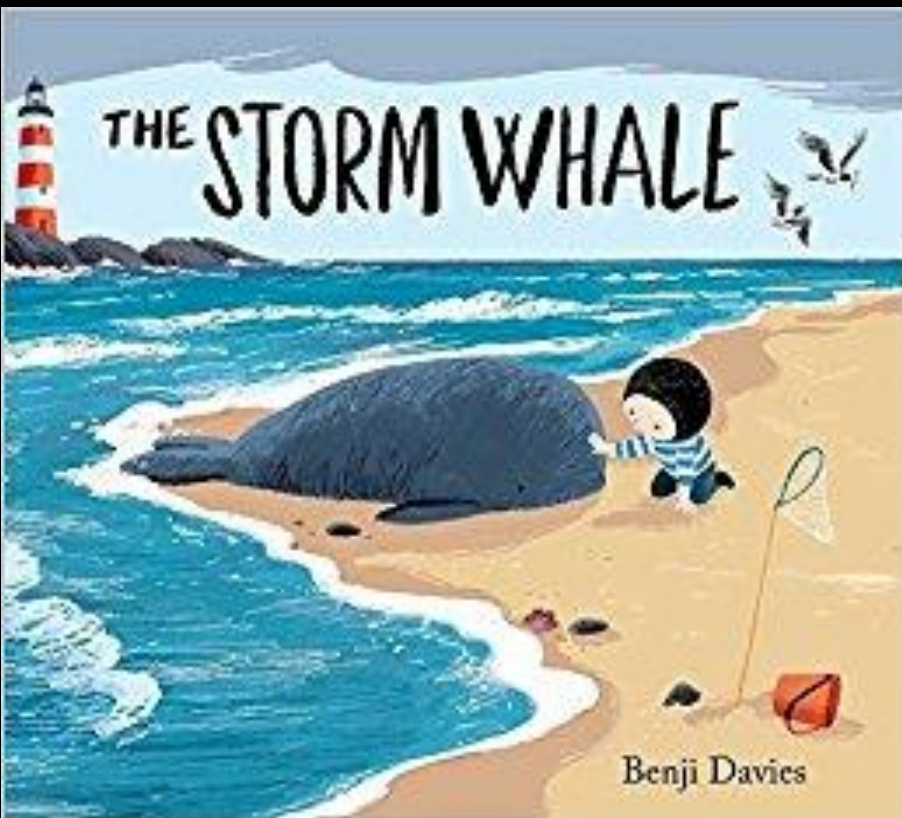
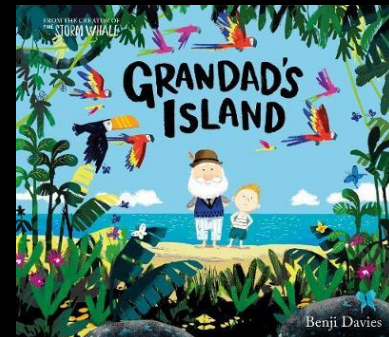
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Noi and his father live in a house by the sea, his father works hard as a fisherman and Noi often has only their six cats for company. So when, one day, he finds a baby whale washed up on the beach after a storm, Noi is excited and takes it home to care for it. He tries to keep his new friend a secret, but but there's only so long you can keep a whale in the bath without your dad finding out. Noi is eventually persuaded that the whale has to go back to the sea where it belongs. For Noi, even though he can't keep it, the arrival of the whale changes his life for the better - the perfect gift from one friend to another.

About the author:

Benji Davies is an illustrator and animation director. From a young age he was often to be found painting at the kitchen table, a scene which can still be seen to this day. Benji studied animation at university, and has since worked on a diverse array of projects, from picture books and animated short films to music videos, commercials and title sequences.

Also by this author:





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The Tin Forest



Helen Ward
Wayne Anderson

Helen Ward's tale of The Tin Forest follows an old man who tidies the rubbish in a junkyard and dreams of a better place. With faith, ingenuity and hard work, he transforms it into a wonderland in this poetic modern fable.

About the author:

Helen Ward trained as an illustrator at Brighton School of Art, under the direction of well-known children's illustrators such as Raymond Briggs, Justin Todd, Chris McEwan and John Vernon Lord. In 1985, her final year at Brighton, Helen was awarded the first Walker Prize for Children's Illustration. Awards for Helen's work include The National Art Library Awards 1998 and 2001 for The Hare and the Tortoise and her version of Kenneth Grahame's The Wind in the Willows in the Templar Classic series, and The National Art Library Award for The Tin Forest.

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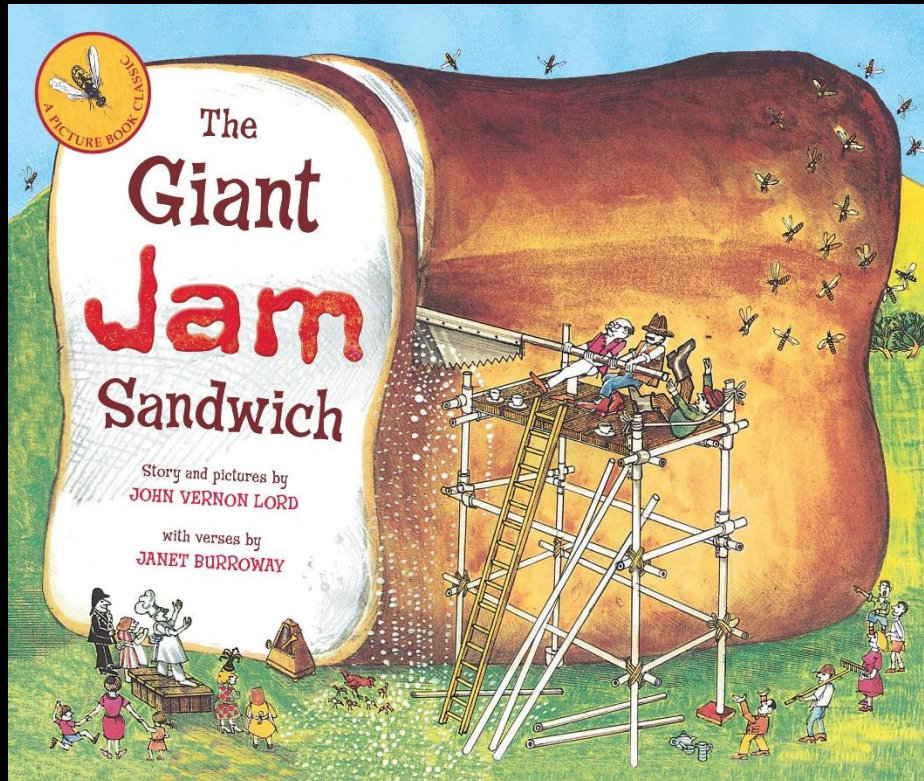
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One hot summer in Itching Down, Four million wasps flew into town. What are the villagers going to do about this noisy, nasty nuisance of a swarm? Make a giant jam sandwich - that's what!

About the author:

Janet Burroway (Author) Janet Burroway is the author of novels, plays, poetry, essays, texts for dance and children's books. She divides her time between Florida, Wisconsin and Chicago in the US John Vernon Lord (Author) John Vernon Lord is an award-winning author-illustrator who has been working for nearly 50 years. He has illustrated many classic texts by Aesop, Lewis Carroll and Edward Lear, as well as his own stories, and he was also a distinguished lecturer and teacher of illustration for 45 years until his retirement.

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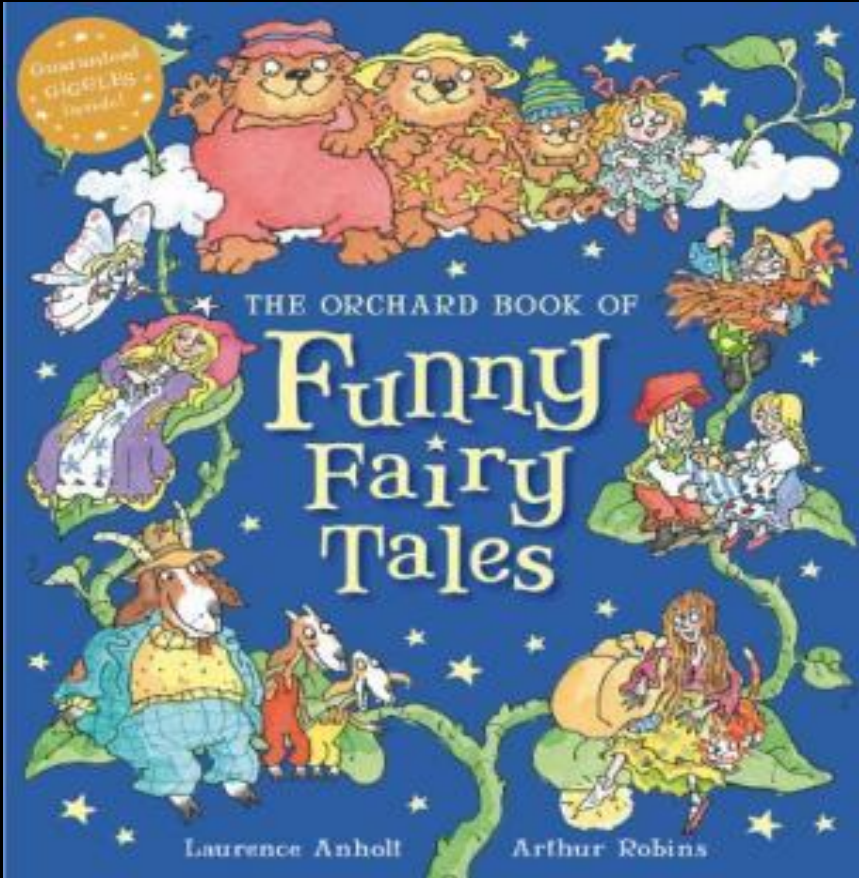
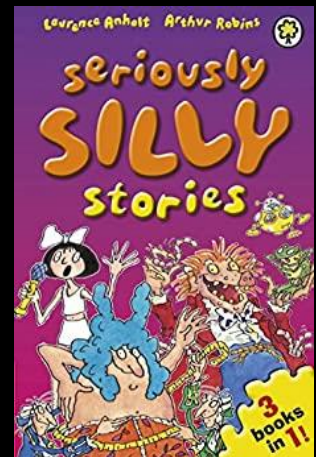
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From 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' to 'Cinderella' and 'The Billy Goats Gruff' to 'Hansel and Gretel', Laurence Anholt's lively retellings are full of fun and silly humour and perfectly complemented by Arthur Robins' brilliantly funny illustrations. Storytime has never been such fun! Contents: Cinderella, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Billy Goat's Gruff, the Sleeping Beauty and Hansel and Gretel.

About the author:

In a career spanning three decades, LAURENCE ANHOLT has produced over 200 books, which are published in more than 30 languages. His titles span every age and genre from baby board books to adult crime, winning numerous awards, including the Historical Association Young Quills Award and the prestigious Nestlé Smarties Gold Award on two occasions.

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Please Mr Panda



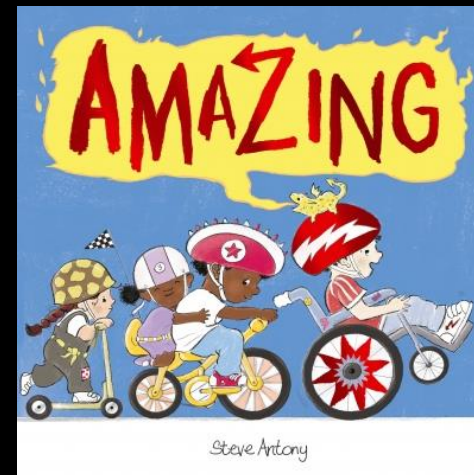
Steve Antony

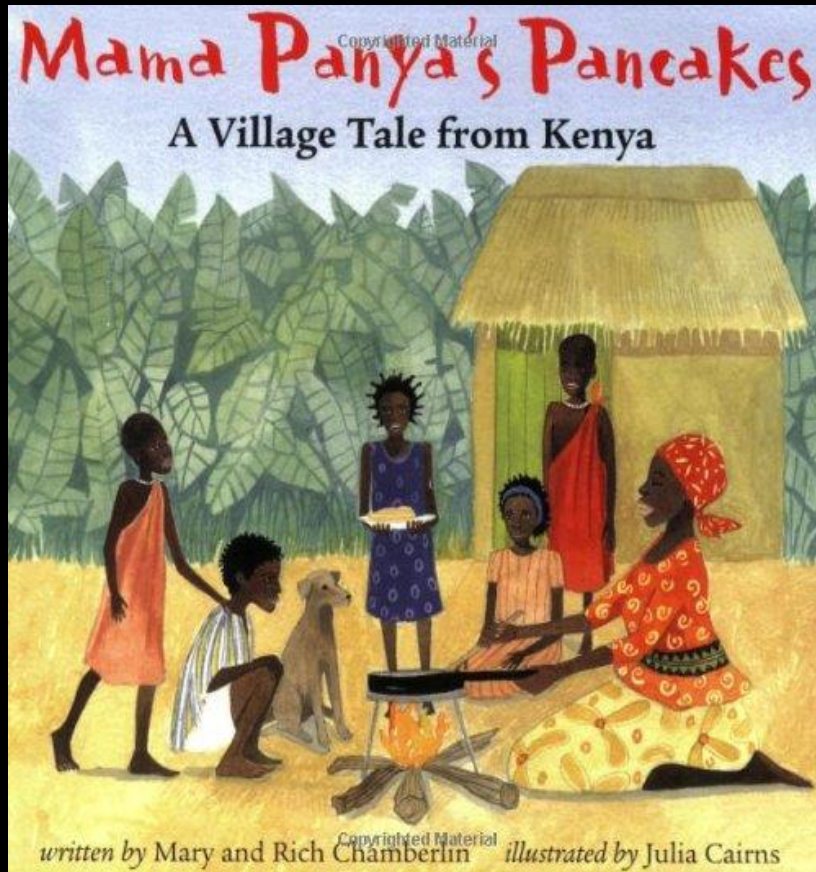
With a Jon Klassen appeal, Steve Antony is the one to watch. Panda has a tray of doughnuts. Animal after animal tells him the one they want, but it's only when Lemur says 'please' politely that Panda will give any out! A witty and stylish lesson that manners will get you EVERYTHING. Even a trayload of doughnuts.

About the author:

Steve Antony is a highly talented and versatile author-illustrator. He has had a passion for storytelling from an early age, but it was the MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge that really enabled him to channel this passion. Since embarking on the MA course, he has enjoyed creating picture books on a range of subjects from the Queen's hat to a war between rectangles and lizards! He aims to create picture books that are slightly 'off the wall', books that children will laugh at and adults will tweet about, but most of all, books that he enjoys.

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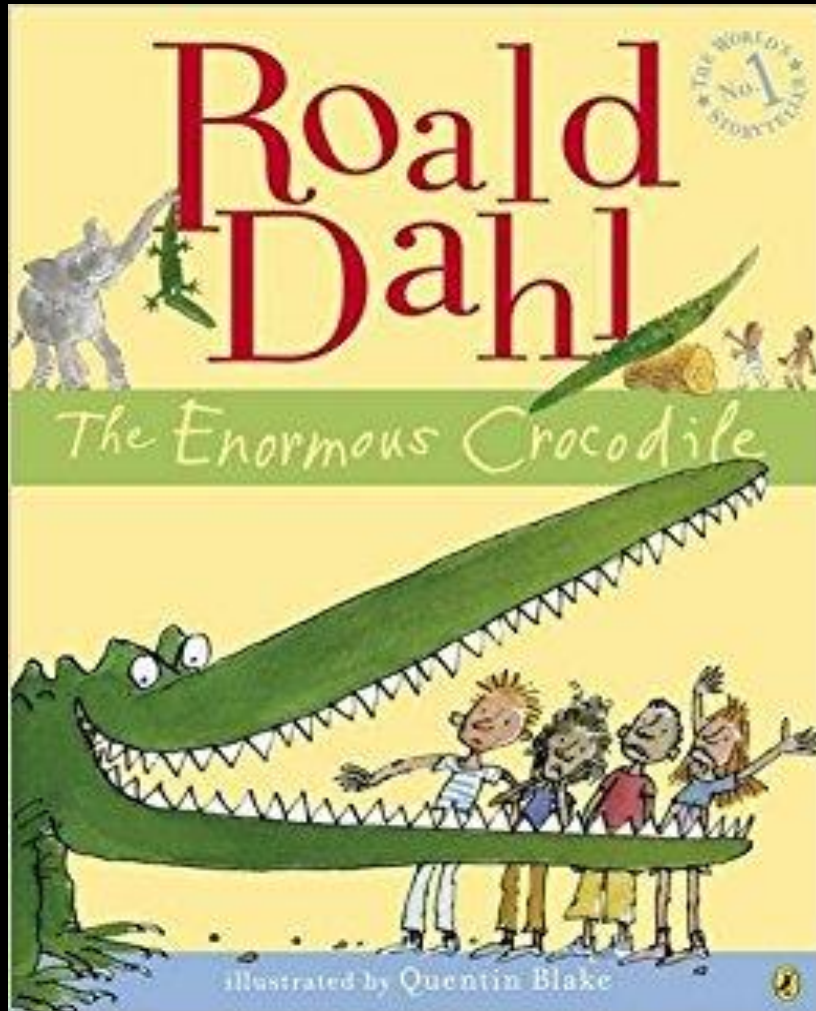


On market day, Mama Panya's son Adika invites everyone he sees to a pancake dinner. How will Mama Panya ever feed them all? This clever and heartwarming story about Kenyan village life teaches the importance of sharing, even when you have little to give

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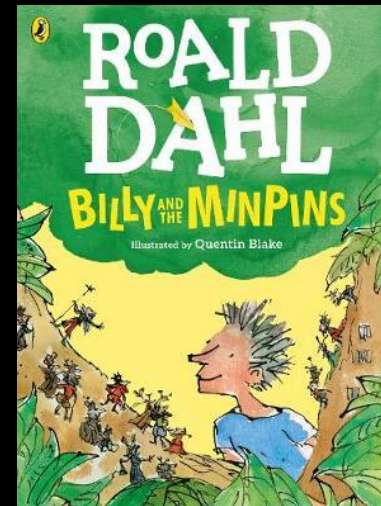


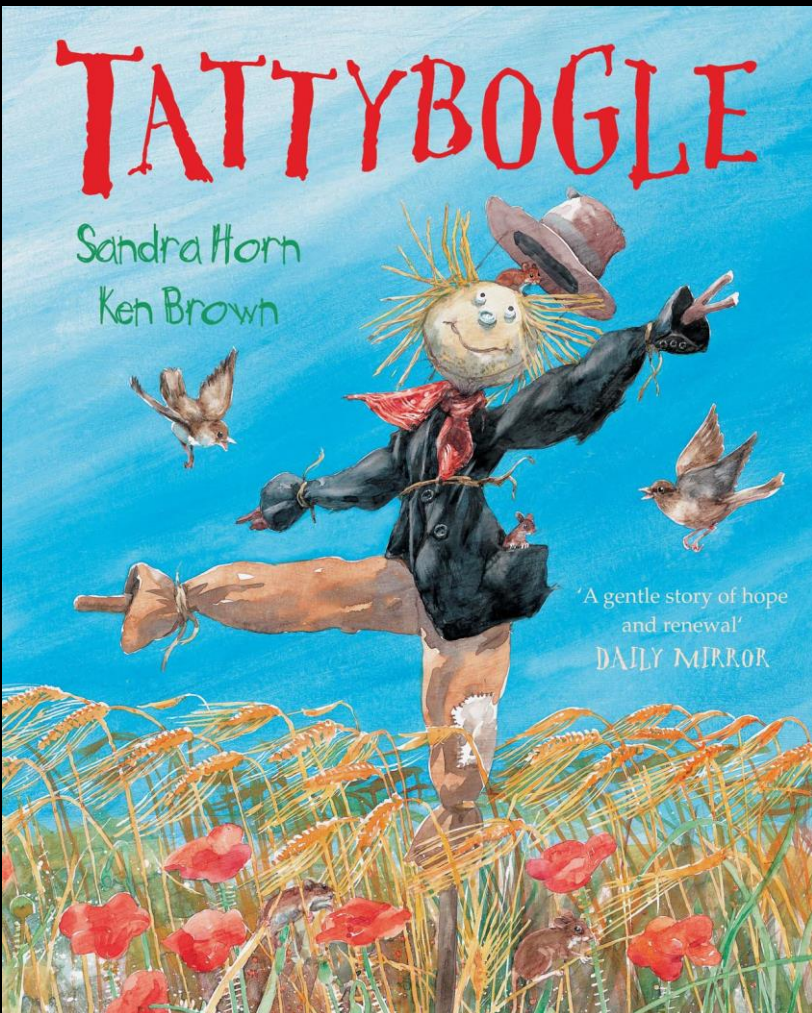
Phizzwhizzing new cover look and branding for the World's NUMBER ONE Storyteller! The Enormous Crocodile is planning what to have for his lunch. This foul fiend - the greediest croc in the whole river - wants to eat something juicy and delicious. His teeth sparkle like knives in the sun and he's getting hungrier and hungrier. But what can the greedy grumptious brute guzzle up? Beware - he's looking for someone ...someone who looks a lot like YOU!

About the author:

Roald Dahl was born in Wales of Norwegian parents – the child of a second marriage. His father and elder sister died when Roald was just three. His mother was left to raise two stepchildren and her own four children. Roald was her only son. He had an unhappy time at school - at Llandaff Cathedral School, at St Peter's prep school in Weston-super-Mare and then at Repton in Derbyshire.

Also by this author:





Tattybogle, the scarecrow, has a head full of straw and cheerful thoughts. The rain is Tattybogle's music, the wind is his dancing partner. Then one day the playful wind blows too hard, and all that is left of Tattybogle is an old stick. But that is only the start of a glorious new life, because the stick starts to take root in the earth, and becomes a tree . . .

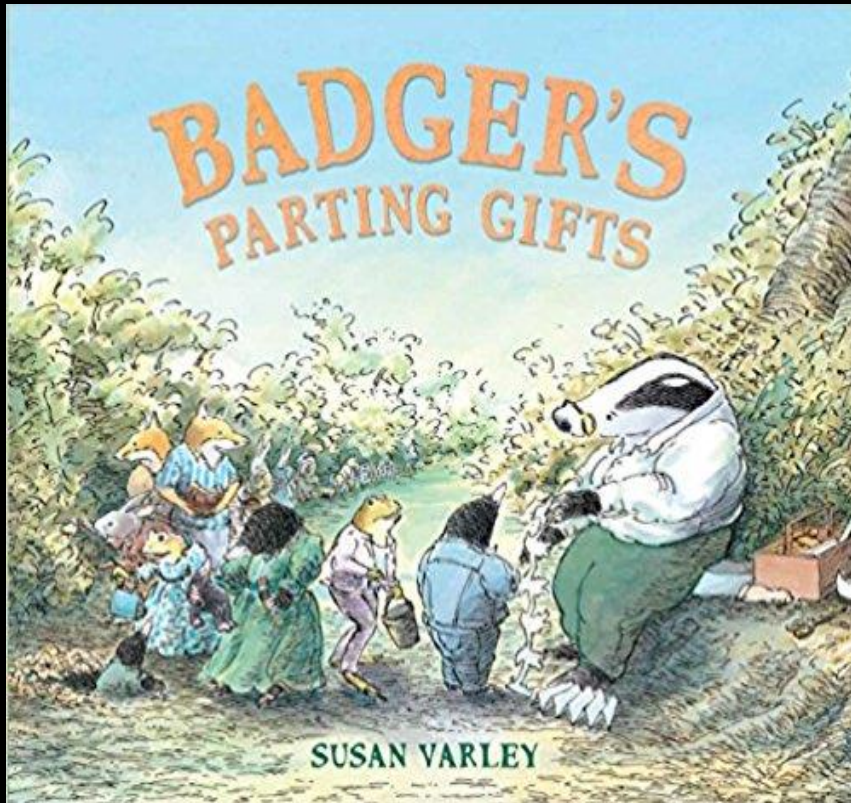
About the author:

Sandra Horn trained as a clinical psychologist, but writing has always been a passion of hers. She won the TVS Prize for Best TV Script at a Southampton Writer's Conference. She is married, and has three grown up sons. Ken Brown was an award-winning author and illustrator, having created many picture books for Andersen Press. His books have been translated into many languages all over the world. He was married to fellow picture book illustrator Ruth Brown.

Also by this author:



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Badger is very old. While he misses some of the things he used to be able to do when he was young, he is not afraid of dying. He warns his friends that one day he will go down the Long Tunnel and he encourages them not to be too sad when it happens. But, when Badger doesn't come out from his home one day, all the animals are very sad. To help them to get over their deep emotions they each think of the special things they did with Badger. Sharing their memories brings great comfort and helps them to come to terms with the absence of their very special friend.

About the author:

Susan Varley is a prize-winning artist who has illustrated many books for Andersen Press. Her picture book *Badger's Parting Gifts* is one of the most enduring of all time, winning many prizes, including the Mother Goose Award in 1985.

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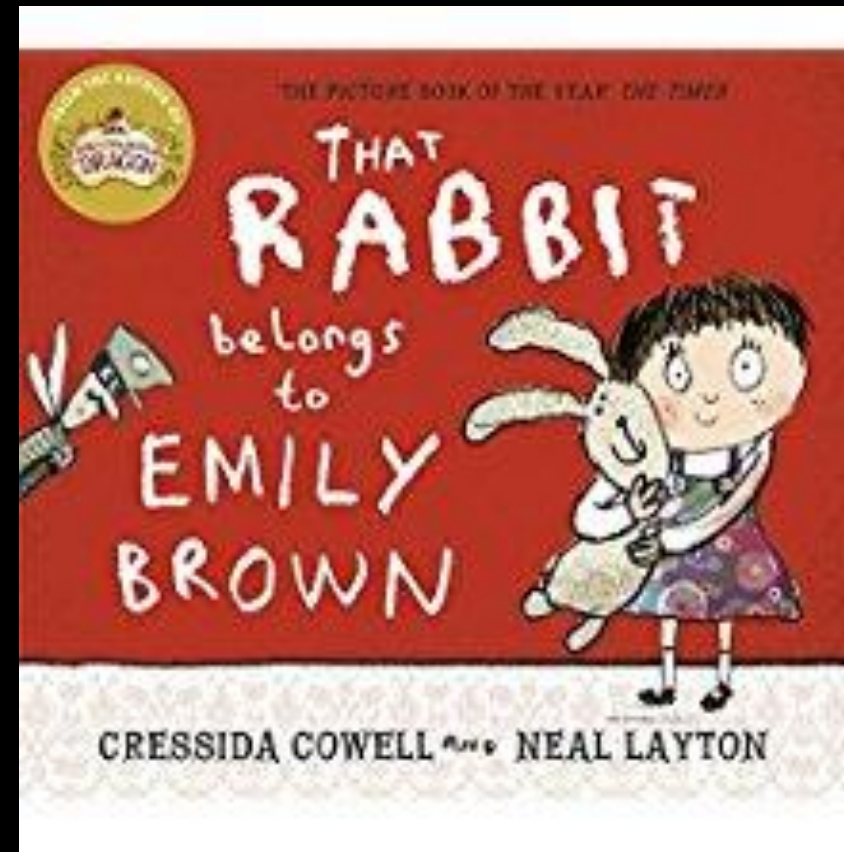
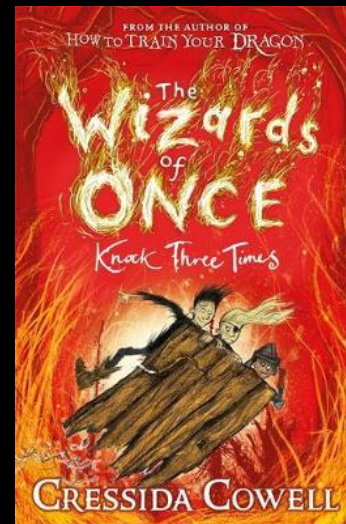
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When the Queen steals Emily Brown's favourite toy and erstwhile companion, a toy rabbit called Stanley, Emily sets out to get him back and teach that naughty queen a valuable lesson!

About the author:

Cressida Cowell, Waterstones Children's Laureate 2019–2021 Cressida Cowell grew up in London and on a small, uninhabited island off the west coast of Scotland. The name of the island is a secret, but it was such a small island it wasn't really big enough to have a name at all. There were no roads or shops or electricity on the island, just one house and a storm-blown wilderness of sea-birds and heather.

Also by this author:





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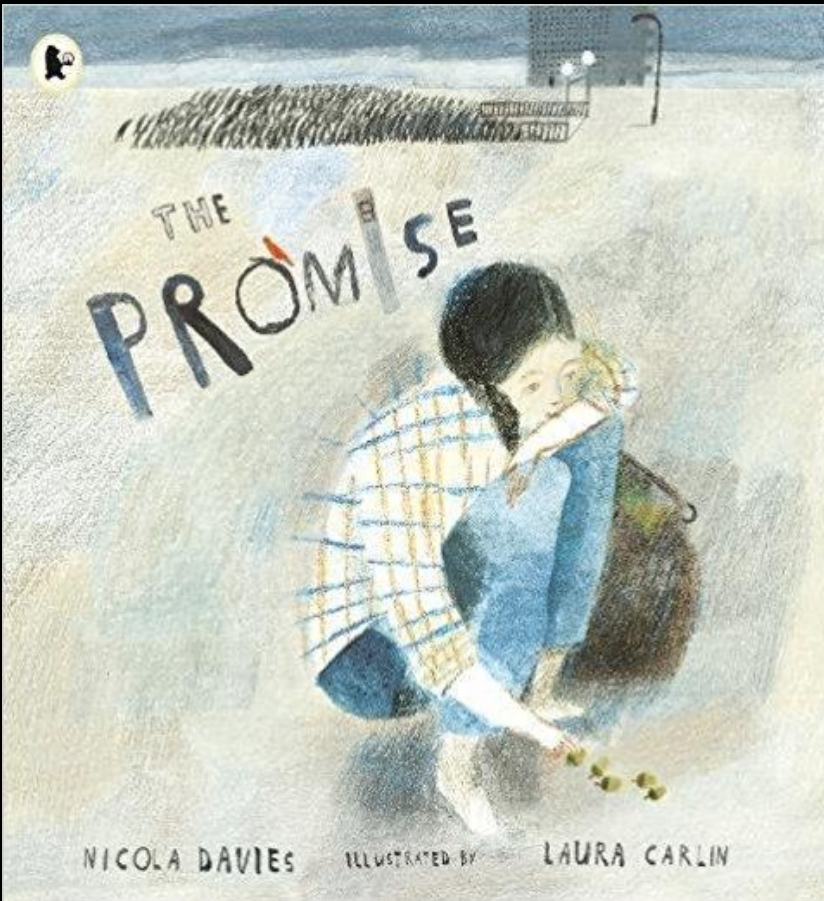
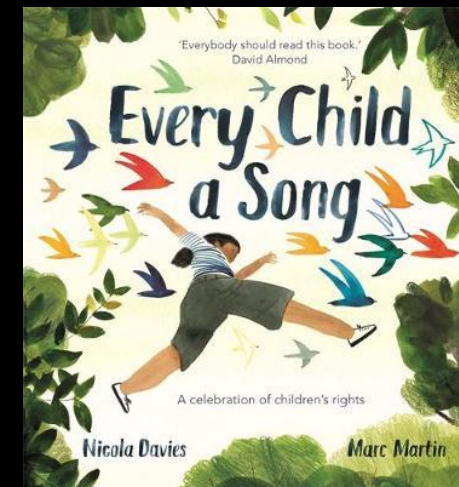
In a mean city, on a mean street a young thief tries to rob an old woman's bag. But she can't have it unless she makes a promise in return – to plant them well. So she does and gets a bag filled with acorns. That is the beginning of a journey that changes her life and the lives of others that live in the city. The story touches deeply, no matter what the age.

Nicola's writing emerges on the belief that a human's relationship with nature is essential and that especially now we need to renew and cherish that relationship.

About the author:

Nicola Davies is an award-winning author whose many books for children include *Ice Bear*, *Big Blue Whale* and *King of the Sky*. She is a Zoology graduate, an expert in whales and bats, and has worked for the BBC Natural History Unit. She lives in Powys.

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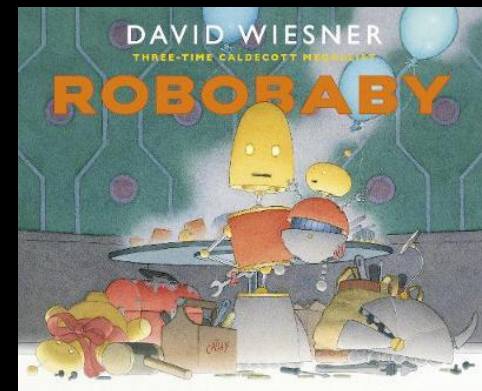
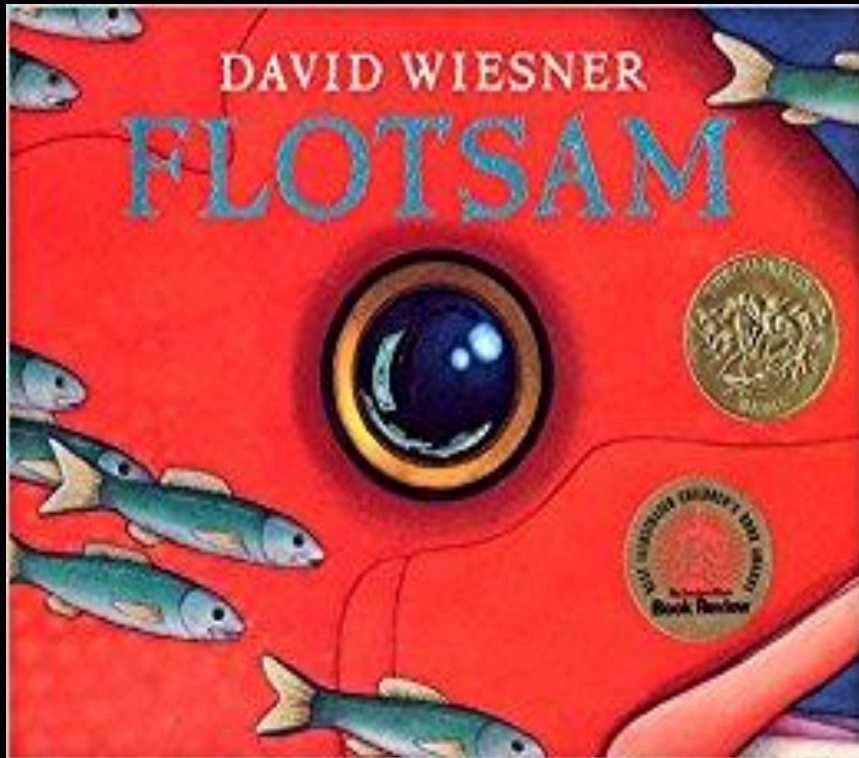
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A bright, science-minded boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine flotsam - anything floating that has been washed ashore. Bottles, lost toys, small objects of every description are among his usual finds. But there's no way he could have prepared for one particular discovery: a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera, with its own secrets to share... and to keep.

About the author:

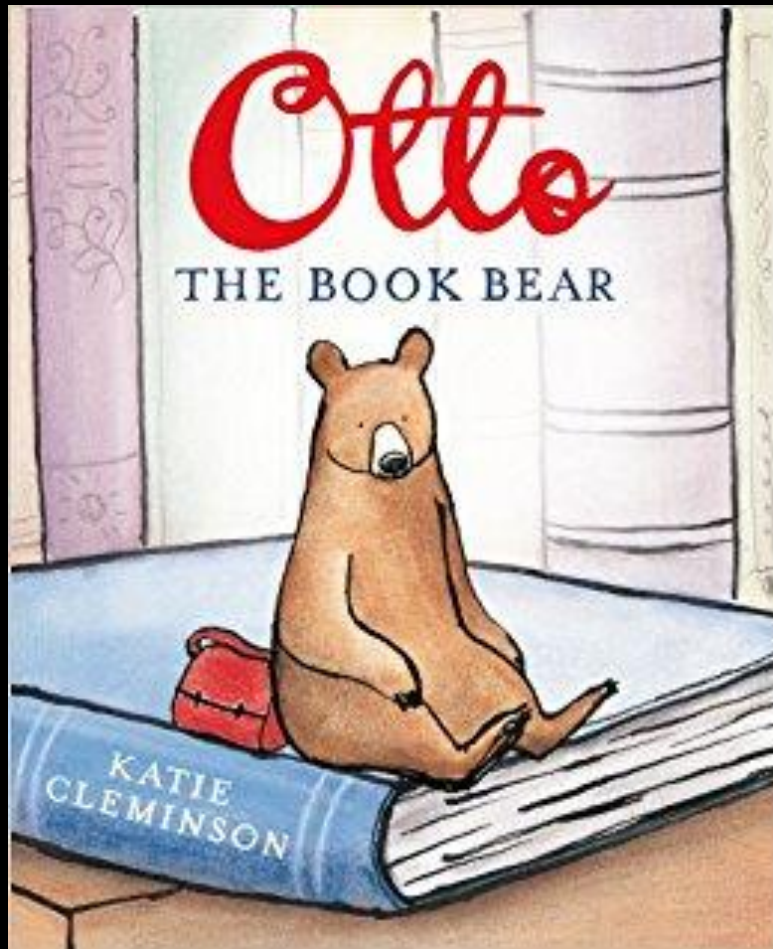
David Wiesner is one of the best-loved and most highly acclaimed picture book creators in the world. His books have been translated into more than a dozen languages and have won numerous awards. Three of the picture books he both wrote and illustrated became instant classics when they won the prestigious Caldecott Medal: Tuesday in 1992, The Three Pigs in 2002, and Flotsam in 2007, making him only the second person in the award's long history to have won three times.

Also by this author:





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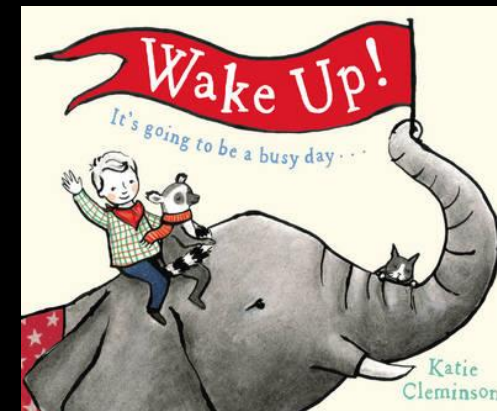


Otto is a Book Bear and nothing makes him happier than when people read his book. But he also has a very special secret - when no one is looking he can come to life and explore the house. But one day something terrible happens: Otto's book is left behind when the family moves away, and now there is no one to read Otto!

About the author:

Katie gained her foundation diploma in Art and Design at Falmouth College. She went on to study Illustration for Children's Publishing at the North Wales School of Art, where she graduated with a First in the summer of 2007. Katie works with inks, charcoal and Photoshop and loves the work of Lane Smith and Jackson Pollack.

Also by this author:





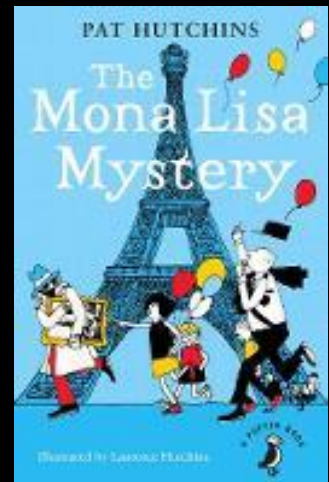
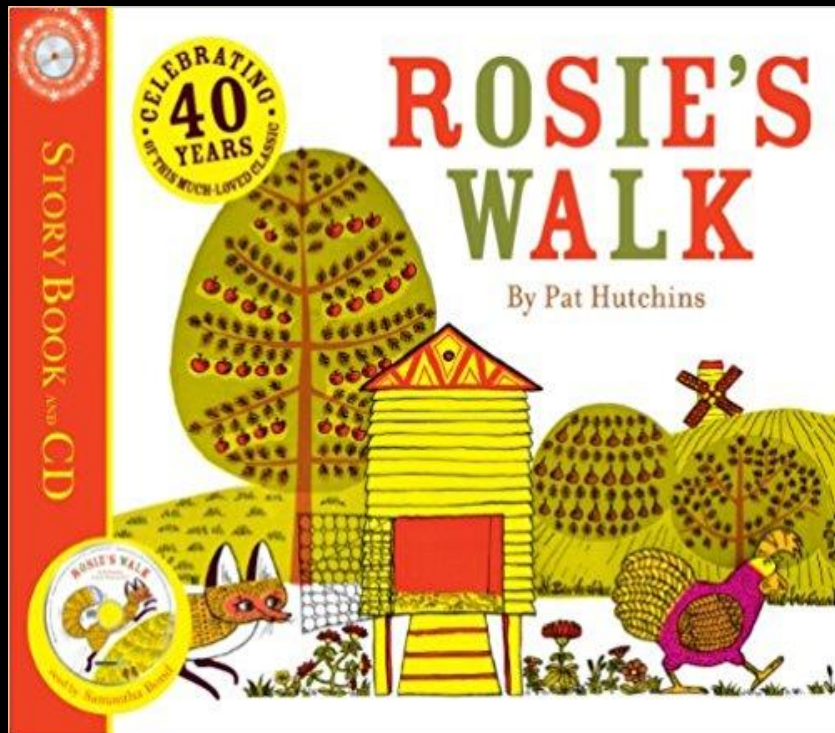
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Rosie the hen is going for a walk, but she'd better watch out - there's a very sneaky fox hot on her tail feathers! Rosie's Walk has become a beacon in the world of children's picture books, an ever-popular classic which generations have enjoyed. Children love the humour of this near-wordless story.

About the author:

Pat Hutchins has always loved drawing and at the age of 16, won a scholarship to Darlington Art School. She is now one of the most popular picture book creators in the world with over 30 children's books published after the success of her classic Rosie's Walk.

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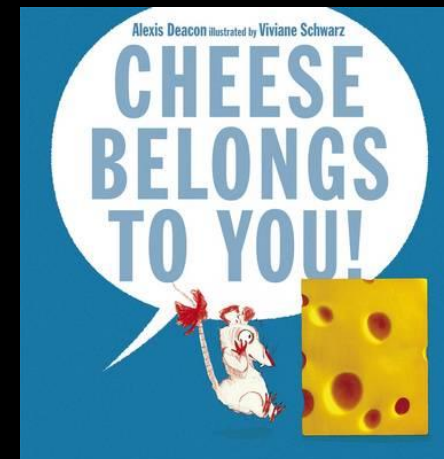
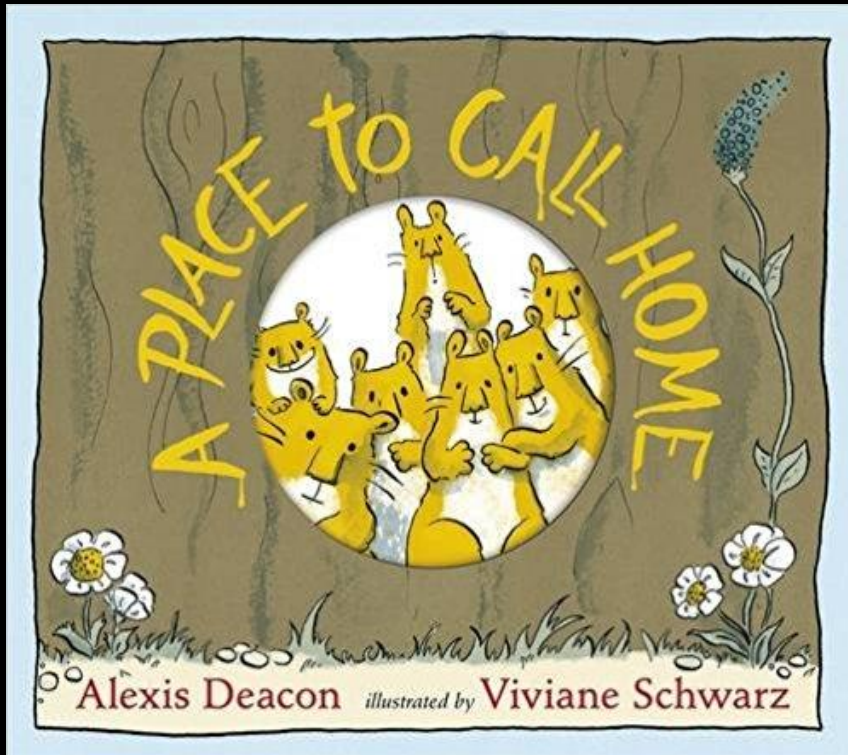
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This is an endearing adventure story about finding a place to call home. This is the story of a band of seven furry brothers. They live in a nice, safe, warm home - a very small hole. Yet as they grow up they become too big for the tiny space and are forced out into the world. And so their adventure begins - a quest for a new place to call their own! This determined little unit tackle the elements: crossing the sea, climbing a mountain, trawling across the desert and surviving a labyrinth until, finally, they reach the edge of the world...What will they see here and will they ever find a place they can call home?

About the author:

Alexis Deacon graduated in 2001 from the University of Brighton, where he studied Illustration, Alexis Deacon's first picture book *Slow Loris* (2002) was shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award. His second *Beegu* (2003) was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Award.

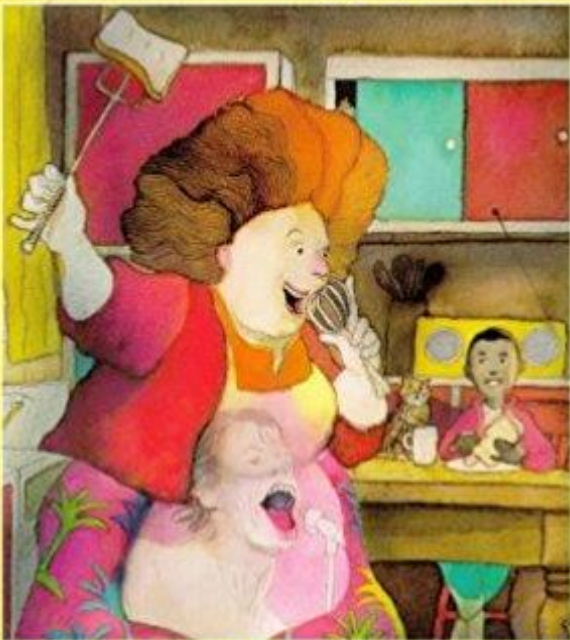
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I'LL TAKE YOU TO MRS COLE!



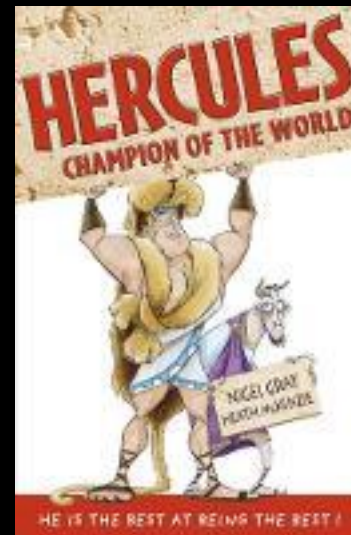
Nigel Gray • Michael Foreman

Whenever he is naughty, a young boy's mother threatens him with Mrs Cole, who appears to be a disreputable character living nearby in total chaos. One day he runs away from home and finds himself outside Mrs Cole's house. She invites him in and he discovers that Mrs Cole's noisy, kindly house is welcoming and warm and far from being frightening.

About the author:

Nigel Gray was born in Northern Ireland and brought to England as a child. After leaving school he worked for eleven years in numerous unskilled jobs. He then went to the University of Lancaster as a mature student and was awarded a BA in English in 1974. In 1984 he was awarded an MA in Creative Writing at the University of East Anglia.

Also by this author:





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The car trip to Grandma's house is taking forever.

Are We There Yet? explores the amazing possibilities of imagination on a long, boring car journey, as time slows down so much that it starts going backwards. Featuring dinosaurs, Ancient Egyptians, knights and pirates, this is one amazing journey through the imagination.

About the author:

Dan Santat is a New York Times best-selling author and illustrator. His picture book, The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend, won the 2015 Caldecott Medal for distinguished illustration. He also wrote The Guild of Geniuses and created the Disney Channel animated series The Replacements. He lives in Southern California with his wife, two children and various pets.

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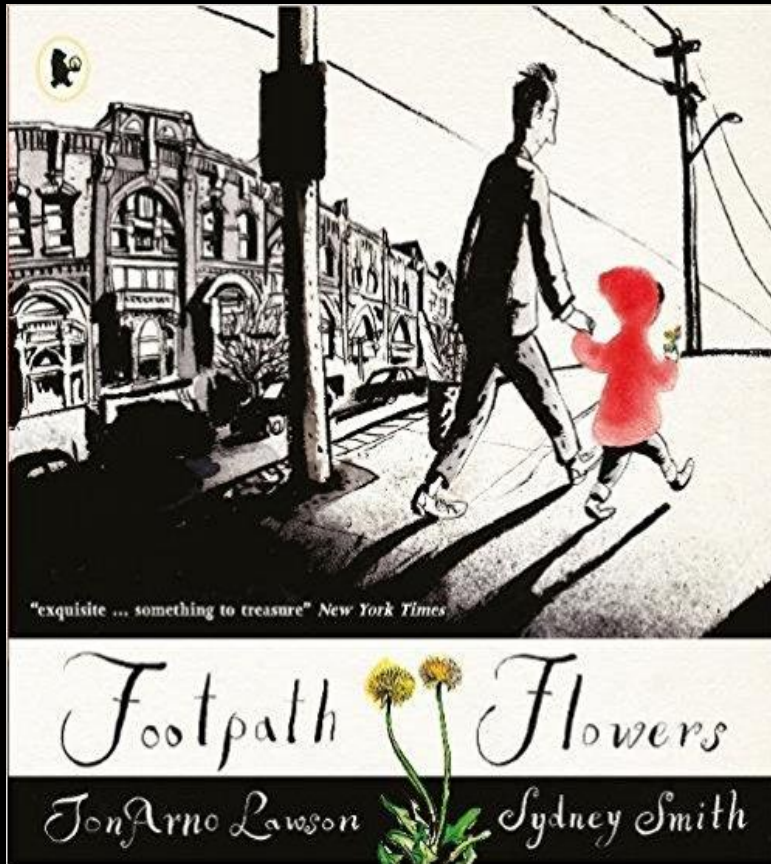
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In this wordless, beautifully illustrated picture book from award-winning poet JonArno Lawson, a little girl collects wild flowers while her distracted father pays her - and their surroundings - little attention. Each flower the little girl gathers becomes a gift for a person or animal, and whether the gift is noticed or ignored, both giver and recipient are transformed by their encounter. An ode to the importance of small things, small people and small gestures, *Footpath Flowers* is a quiet but powerful testament to the joy that children can find in ordinary things and the mutual value of giving.

About the author:

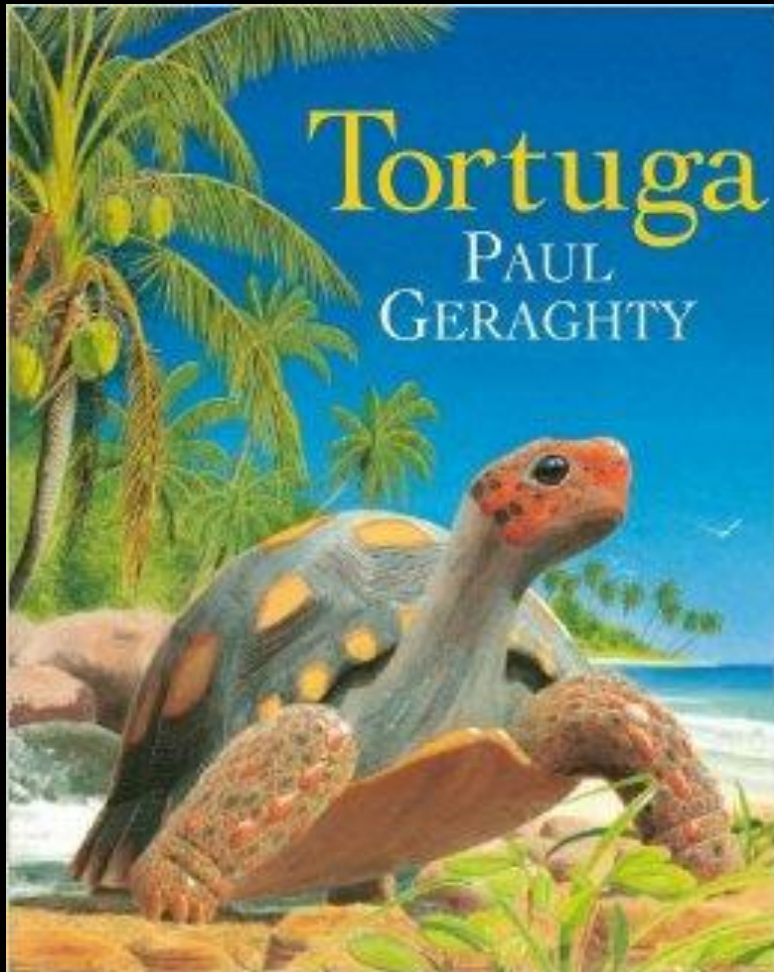
JonArno Lawson is a Canadian award-winning poet and writer who has published several works of verse. His collections for children include *Black Stars in a White Night Sky* and *The Man in the Moon Fixer's Mask*, and for adults, *Inklings* and *Love is an Observant Traveller*. He lives in Toronto with his wife and three children.

Also by this author:





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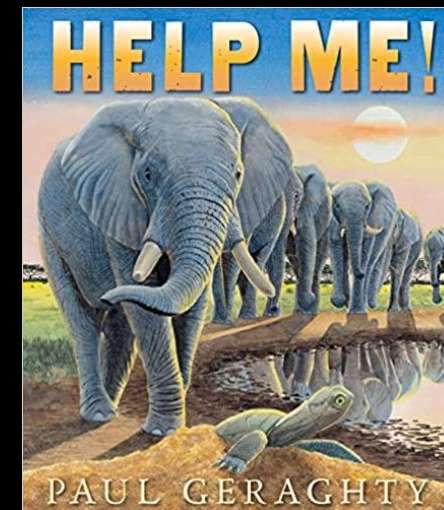


Tortuga, the tortoise, is caught in a storm and finds herself washed up on a remote island where raiding sea birds swoop down and steal her newly laid eggs. Exhausted and alone Tortuga desperately searches for a safe place to live and a new mate. But just as she feels all is lost she discovers that some of her eggs survived and have hatched into baby tortoises!

About the author:

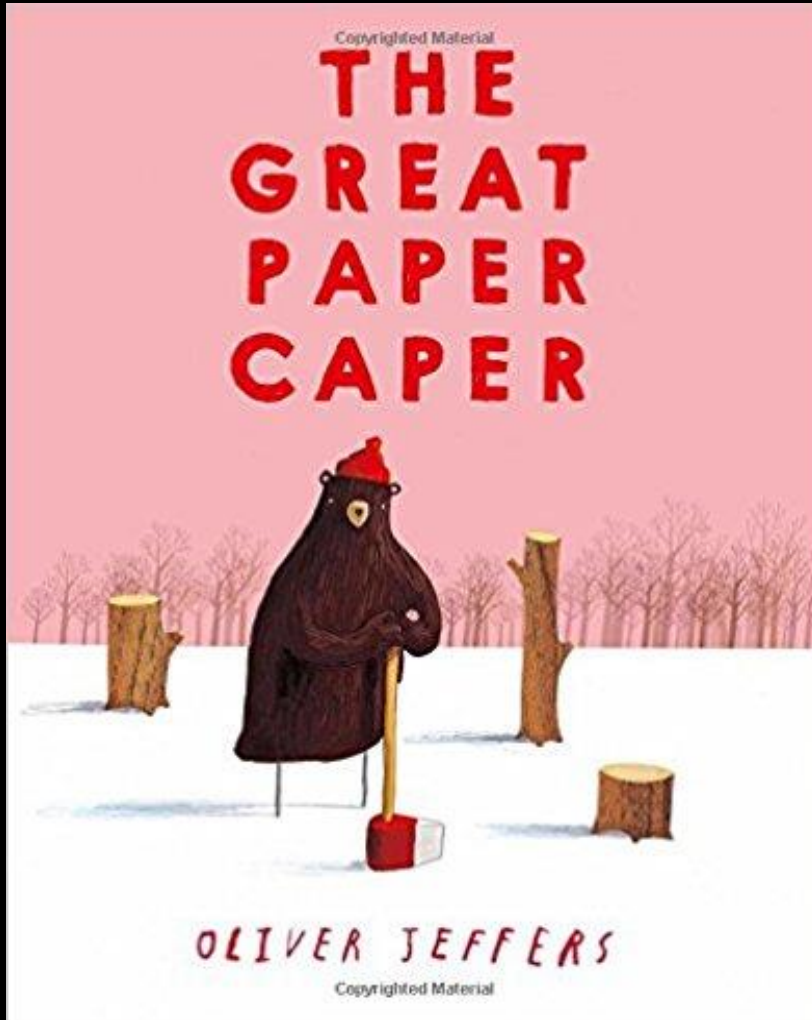
Paul Geraghty is the winner of both the Earthworm Award for The Hunter, and the Federation of Children's Book Groups Best Picture Book Award for Solo. He lives in New Malden, Surrey and when not working on his books travels extensively visiting schools and libraries to talk about his work.

Also by this author:





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When life in the forest begins to change; when trees mysteriously lose their branches, when whole tree trunks start to disappear, when homes are lost, the only course of action for the forest dwellers is to begin a full scale investigation. Alibis must be proved, clues must be sought but even so, blame is never far from anyone's thoughts.

Who is the perpetrator of this heinous crime? Will justice be done?

About the author:

Oliver Jeffers is an artist, designer, illustrator and writer from Northern Ireland. From figurative painting, collage and installation to illustration and award winning picture-books, Oliver Jeffers practice takes many forms. His distinctive paintings have been exhibited in multiple cities, including the National Portrait Gallery in London and the Brooklyn Museum New York.

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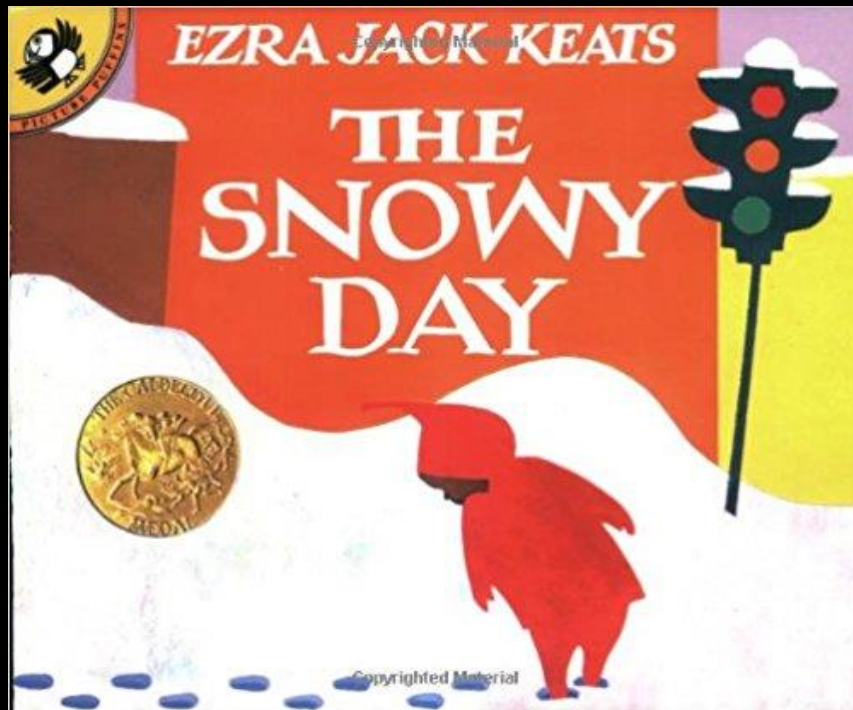


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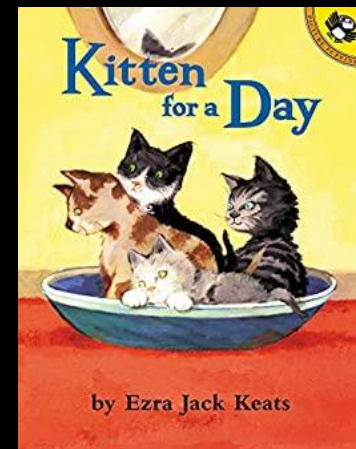
In this book sparkling with atmosphere, a small boy experiences the joy of a snowy day

About the author:

Ezra Jack Keats (1916-1983) is the Caldecott Medal winning author of *The Snowy Day*, which broke ground in 1962 as one of the first picture books for young children to portray a realistic, multi-cultural urban setting. Since its initial publication, *The Snowy Day* has come to be regarded as both a children's classic and one of the most important picture books ever written/illustrated.

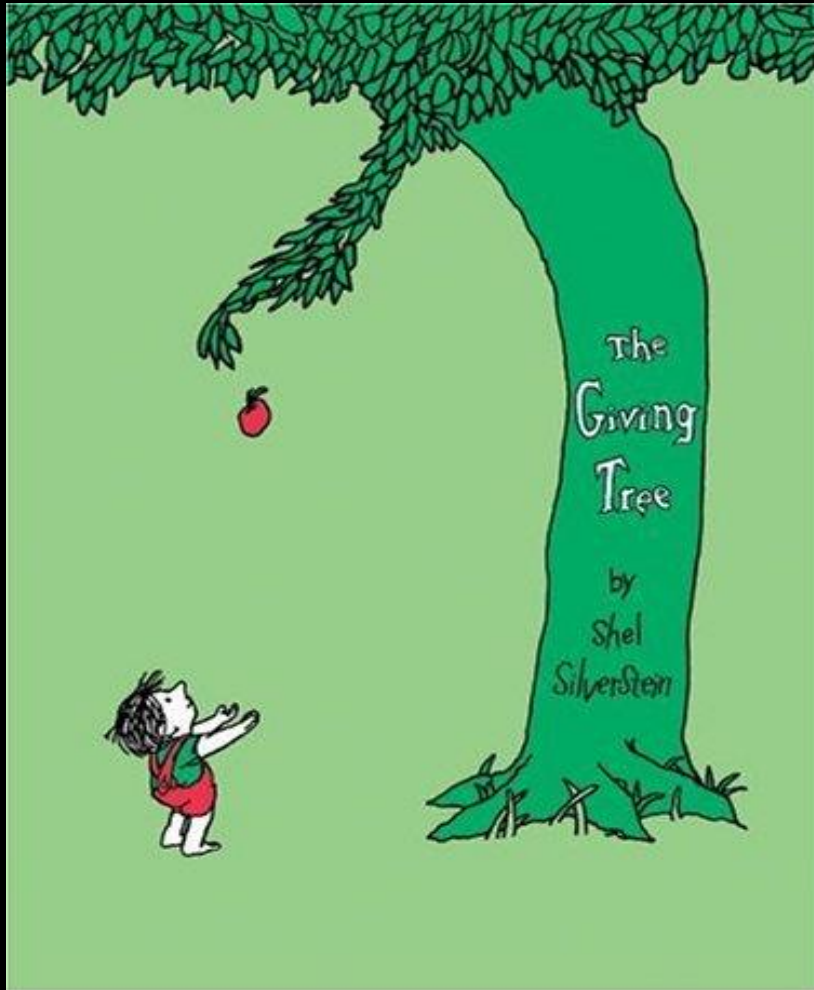


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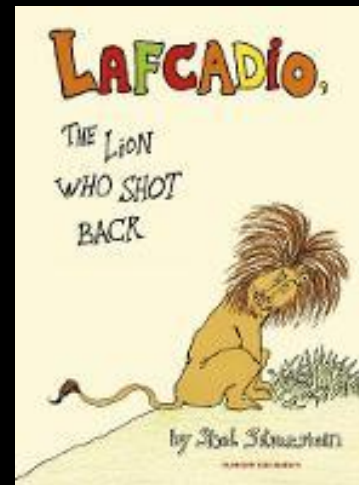
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Once there was a little tree ...and she loved a little boy. So begins a story of unforgettable perception, beautifully written and illustrated by the gifted and versatile Shel Silverstein. Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk ...and the tree was happy.

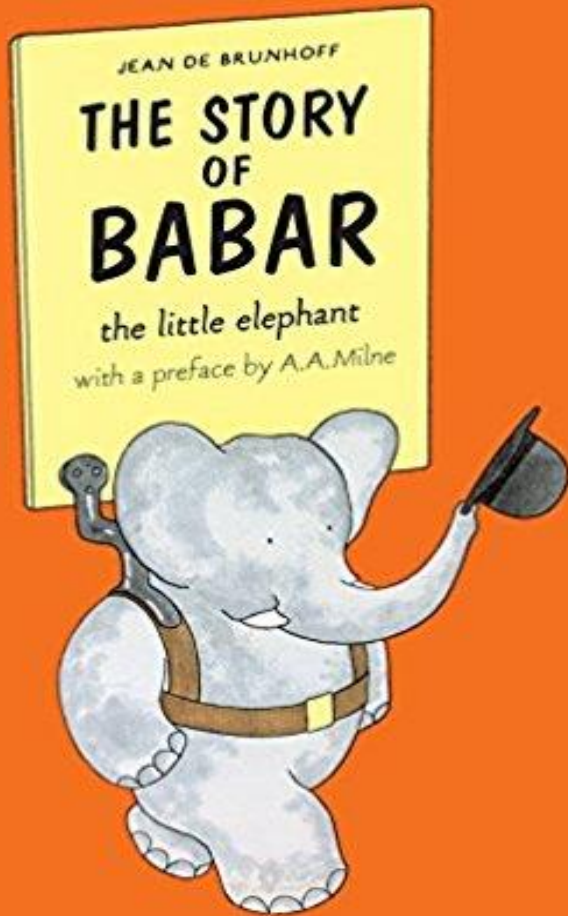
But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave. This is a tender story, touched with sadness, aglow with consolation. Shel Silverstein has created a moving parable for readers of all ages that offers an affecting interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return.

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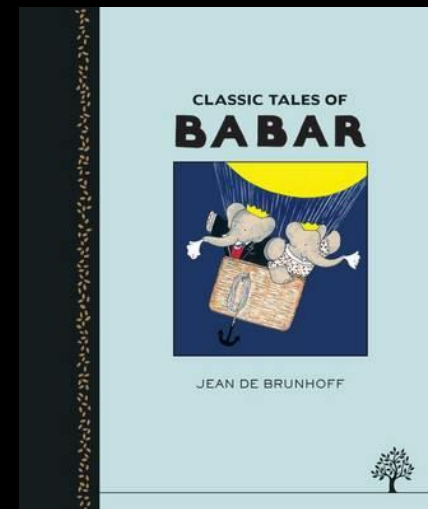


Classic French picture book tells of the orphaned baby elephant who runs away to the city, becomes 'civilised' - and returns to the jungle to be king of the elephants.

About the author:

Jean de Brunhoff (1899-1937) is considered to be one of the greatest picture book authors in history. Babar began as a story told by his wife, Cécile de Brunhoff, to their two young sons, Laurent and Mathieu, of a little elephant whose mother is shot by hunters and then moves to Paris in search of a new home. The boys so loved the story they asked their father Jean, an artist, to create some drawings of the elephant he named Babar. The first Babar book, The Story of Babar was published in France in 1931.

Also by this author:





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Late on Christmas Eve, after the town has gone to sleep, a boy boards a mysterious train that waits for him: the Polar Express bound for the North Pole. When he arrives there, Santa offers him any gift he desires. The boy modestly asks for one bell from the reindeer's harness. It turns out to be a very special gift, for only believers in Santa can hear it ring.

THE POLAR EXPRESS

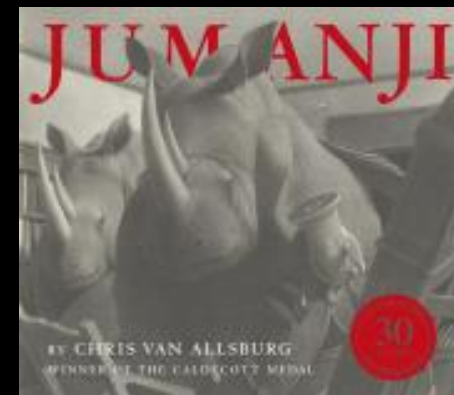


Rediscover the spirit of Christmas with this charming gift set, including the magic bell from the story. Will you be able to hear it ring?

About the author:

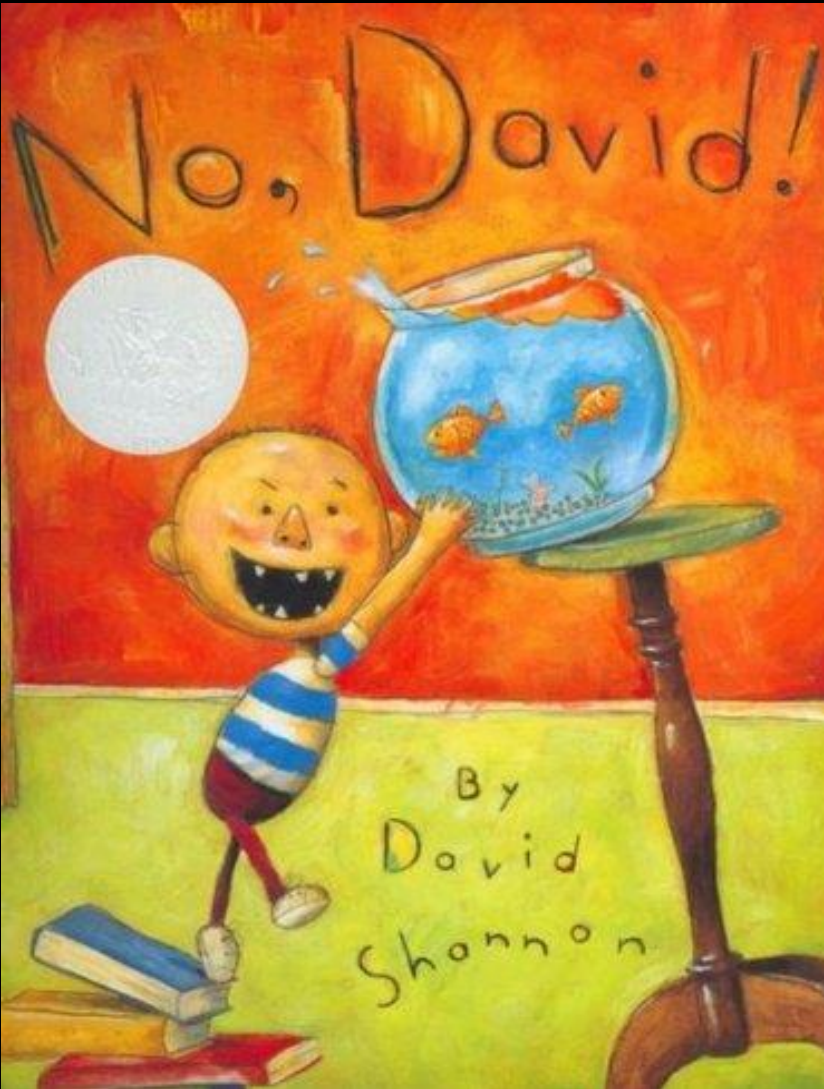
Chris van Allsburg lives in Providence, Rhode Island and lectures at the Rhode Island School of Design. He is a sculptor and artist, who first won the Caldecott Medal for Jumanji and then won it again for Polar Express.

Also by this author:





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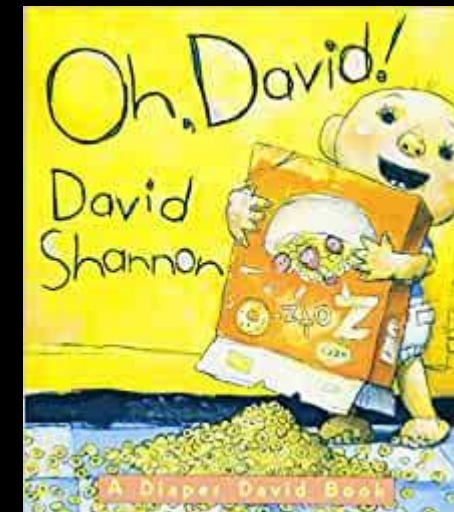


When David Shannon was five years old, he wrote and illustrated his first book. On every page were these words: NO, DAVID! . . . and a picture of David doing things he was not supposed to do. Now David is all grown up. But some things never change. . . . NO, DAVID! remains a perennial household favorite, delighting children, parents, and teachers alike. David is a beloved character, whose unabashed good humor, mischievous smile, and laughter-inducing antics underline the love parents have for their children--even when they misbehave.

About the author:

David Shannon is the internationally acclaimed creator of more than 30 picture books, including *No, David!*, a Caldecott Honor Book and his second New York Times Best Illustrated Book of the Year, and four more David picture books.

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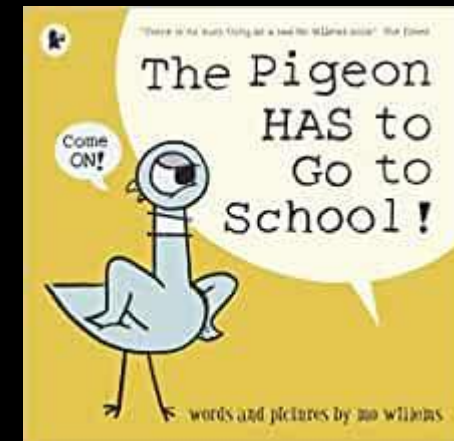


When a bus driver takes a break in this hilarious Caldecott Honor-winning picture book, he gives the reader just one instruction: "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus!" But, boy, that pigeon tries every trick in the book to get in that driving seat: he whines, wheedles, fibs and flatters. Will you let him drive? Told entirely in speech bubbles, this brilliantly original and funny picture book demands audience participation!

About the author:

Mo Willems is a three-time Caldecott Honor winner for *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale* and *Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity*. His celebrated *Elephant & Piggie* early-reader series has been awarded the Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal on two occasions as well as three Honors.

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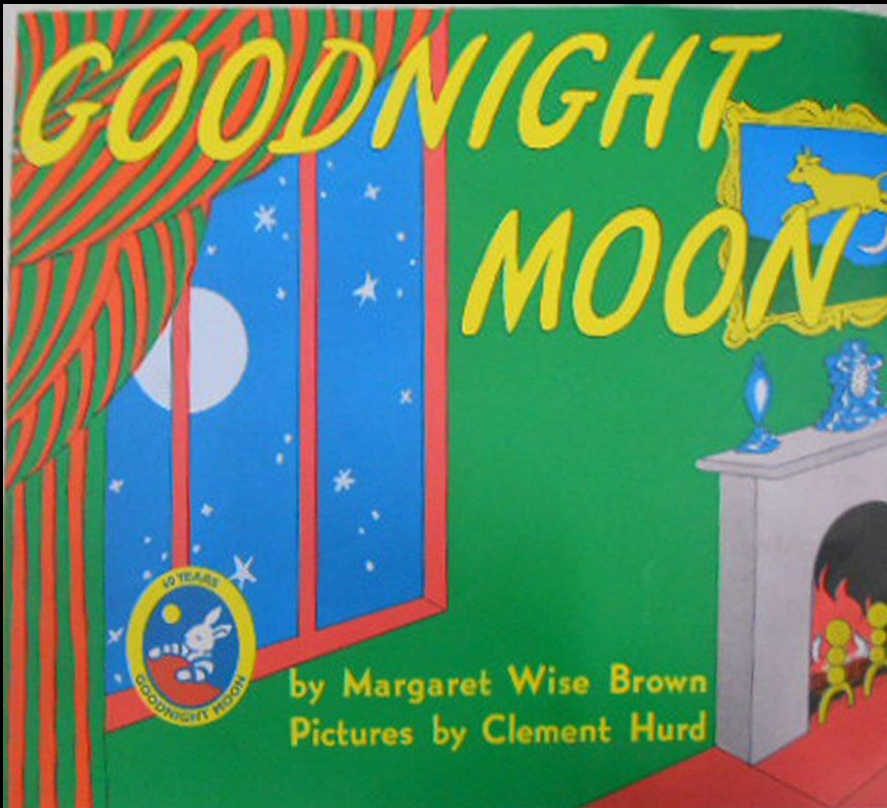
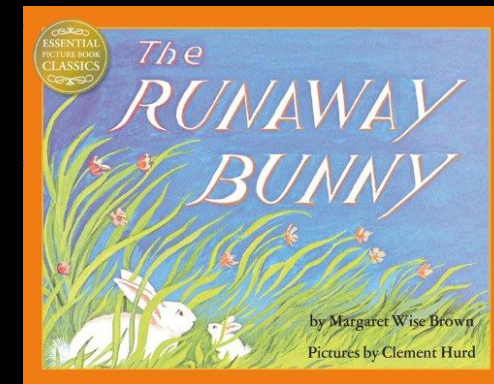
This gentle bedtime story, which has lulled generations of children to sleep, is the perfect first book to share at bedtime.

In a great green room a little bunny is tucked up snugly and safely in bed and is getting ready to say goodnight to all the familiar things in his room, one by one.

About the author:

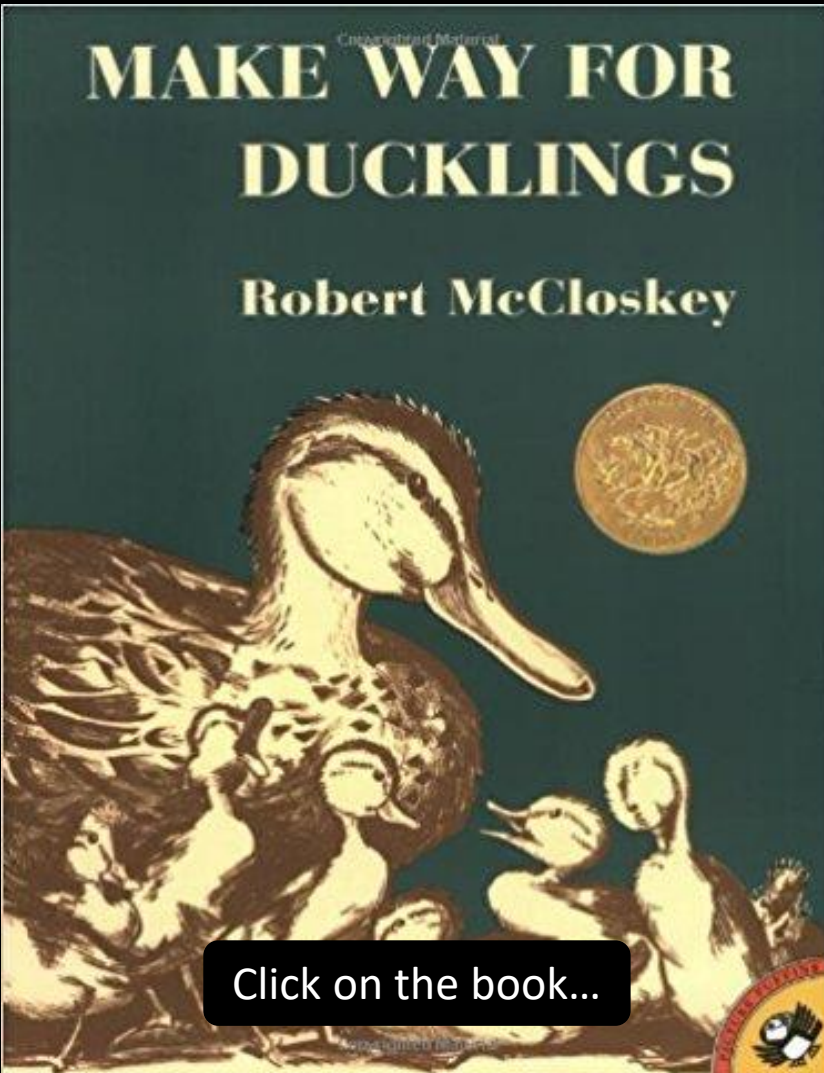
Margaret Wise Brown wrote hundreds of books and stories during her life, but she is best known for Goodnight Moon and Runaway Bunny. Even though she died over 45 years ago, her books still sell very well. Margaret loved animals. Most of her books have animals as characters in the story. She liked to write books that had a rhythm to them. Sometimes she would put a hard word into the story or poem.

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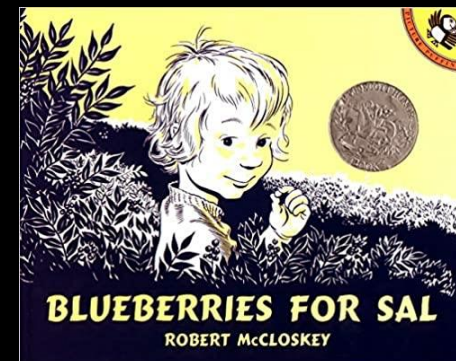


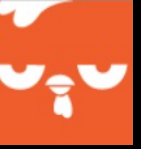
This brilliantly illustrated, amusingly observed tale of Mallards on the move has won the hearts of generations of readers. Awarded the Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children in 1941, it has since become a favourite of millions. This classic tale of the famous Mallard ducks of Boston is available for the first time in a full-sized paperback edition. Make Way for Ducklings has been described as "one of the merriest picture books ever"

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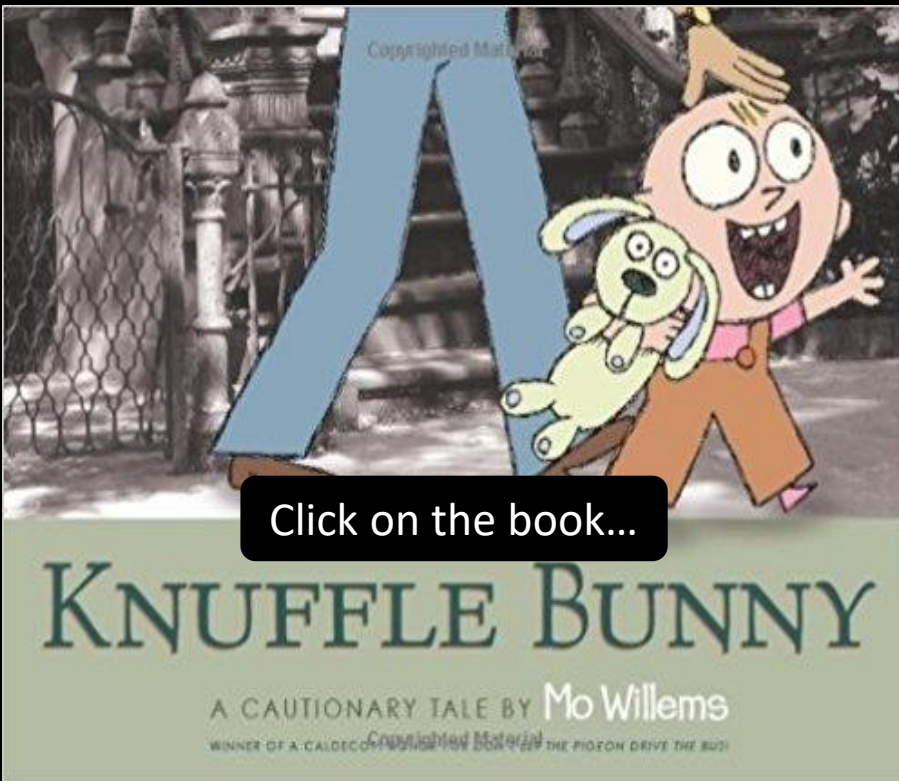
Robert McCloskey (1914-2003) wrote and illustrated some of the most honored and enduring children's books ever published. He grew up in Hamilton, Ohio, and spent time in Boston, New York, and ultimately Maine, where he and his wife raised their two daughters.

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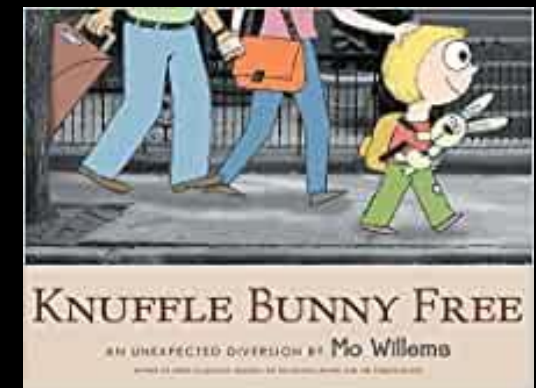


Merging expressive cartoon-esque illustrations with beautiful black-and-white photographs of New York, the visually striking story follows Daddy, Trixie and Knuffle Bunny on their trip to the neighbourhood Laundromat. But their adventure takes a dramatic turn when Trixie realizes some bunny's been left behind... And no matter how hard she tries to tell dad, he just doesn't understand!

About the author:

Mo Willems is the award-winning author of Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus.

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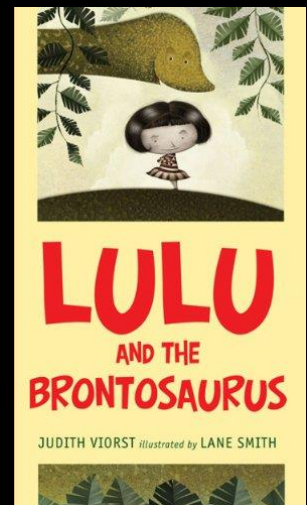
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Alexander is not having a great day. He has to endure gum in his hair, sitting in the middle of the backseat, third-best-friend status, no dessert at lunch, lima beans, railroad pajamas, and kissing on TV--all in one day! Maybe he'll just move to Australia.

About the author:

Judith Viorst is the author of the beloved Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, which has sold some four million copies; the Lulu books, including Lulu and the Brontosaurus; the New York Times bestseller Necessary Losses; four musicals; and poetry for children and young adults. Her most recent books of poetry include What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About? and Nearing Ninety.

Also by this author:



Aladdin

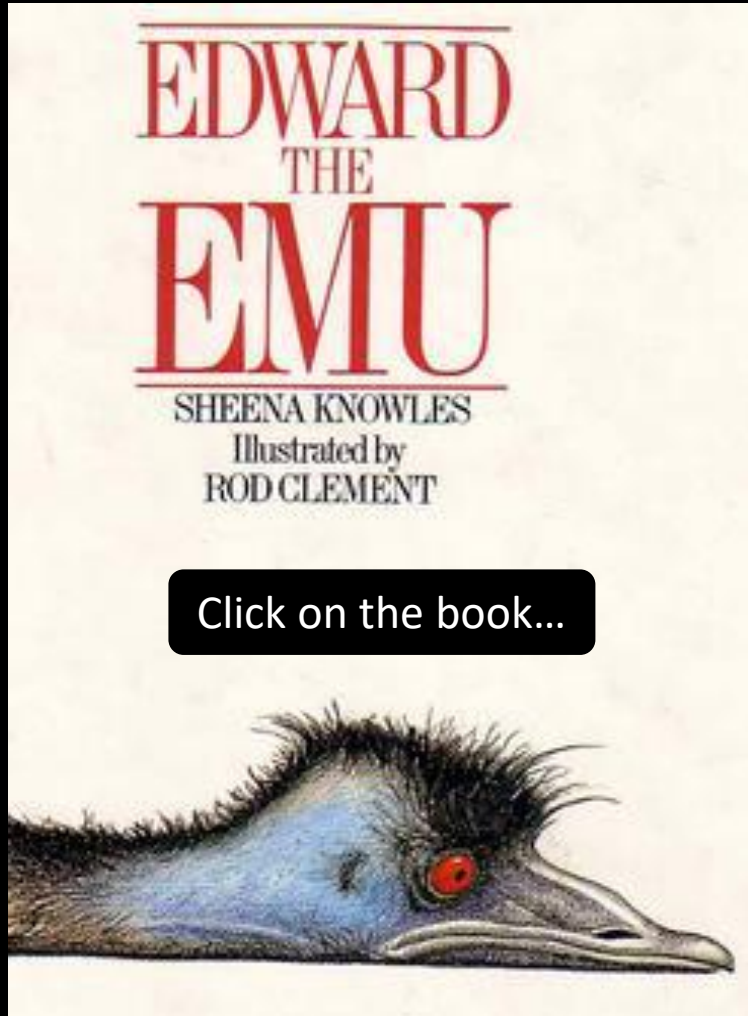
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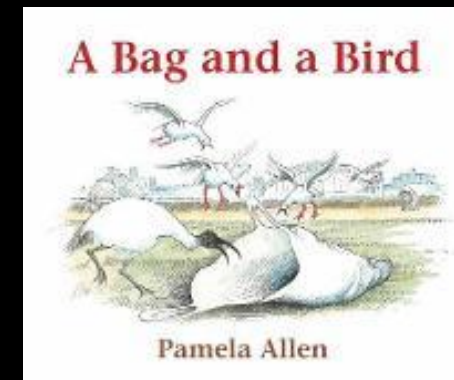
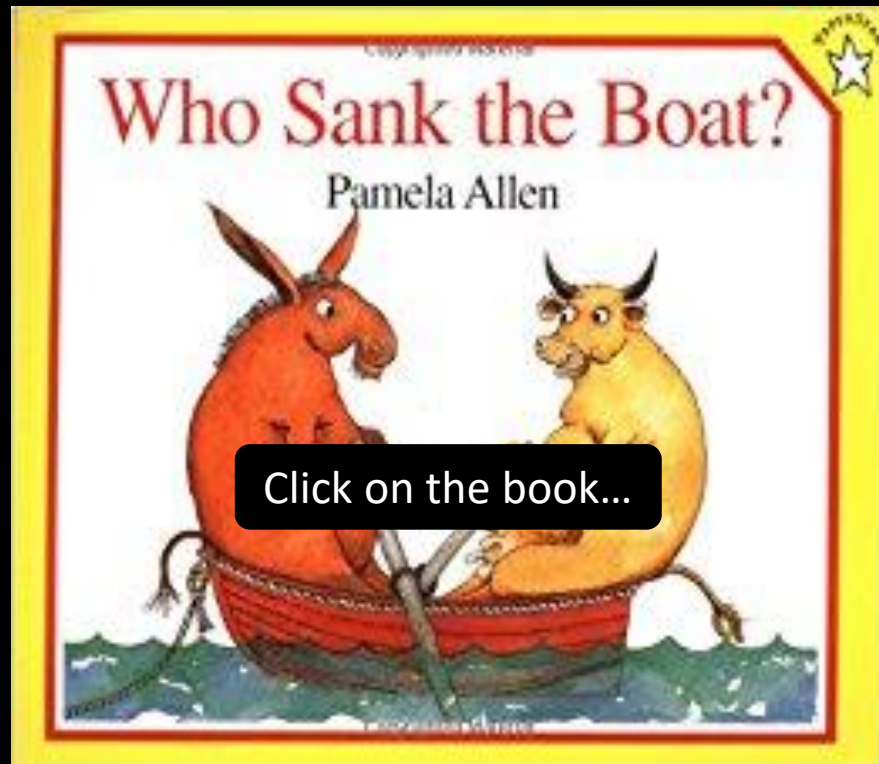
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Who sank the boat? Was it the cow or the donkey or the sheep with her knitting? Surely it wasn't the tiny little mouse? Winner of the 1983 Australian Picture Book of the Year Award, this wonderfully illustrated book is designed for sharing aloud and will make children giggle as they guess which animal spoilt a day's rowing by sinking the boat.

About the author:

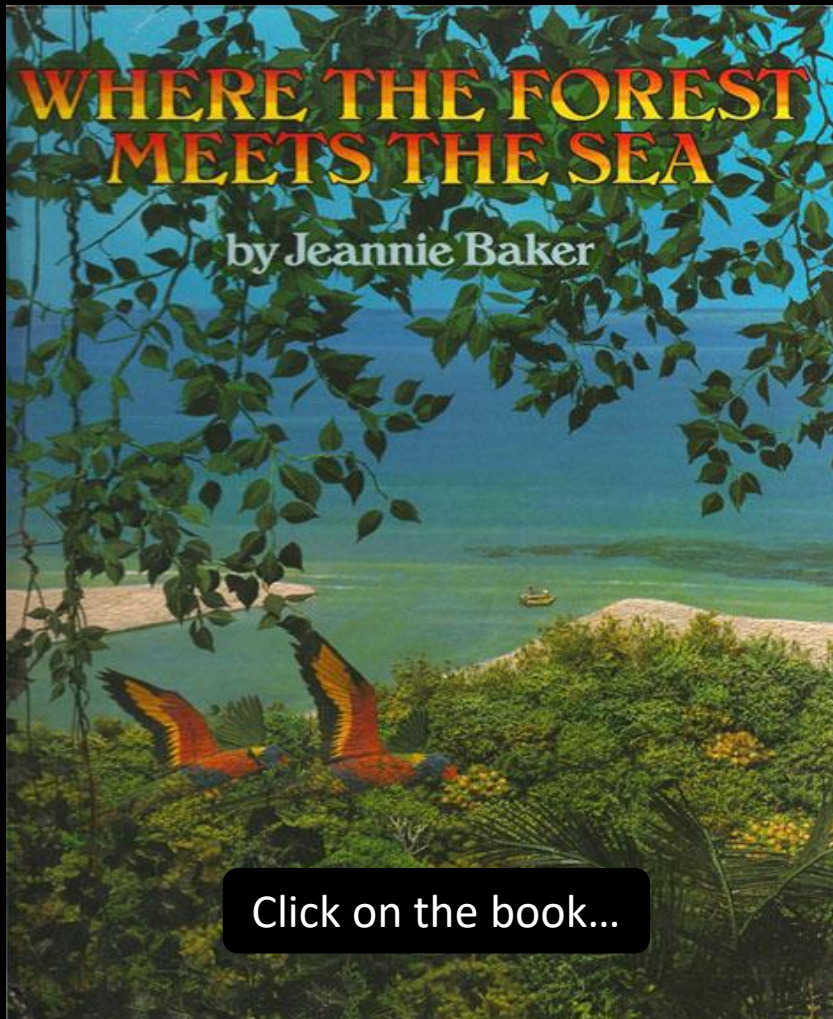
Pamela Allen is a phenomenon in the world of children's books. In twenty-four years she has produced thirty-three picture books, many of which have won prestigious awards and commendations both in Australia and overseas. She is the first illustrator to have won the Children's Book Council of Australia Picture Book of the Year Award two years running, for *Who Sank the Boat?* (1983) and *Bertie and the Bear* (1984).

Also by this author:





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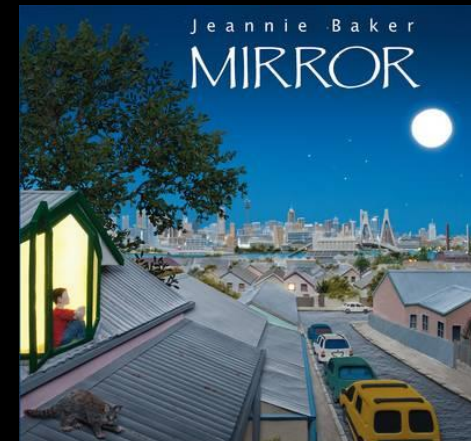
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When a young boy visits a tropical rain forest, he pretends it is a long time ago and that extinct and rare animals live in the forest, and aboriginal children play there. But how much longer will the rainforest remain, he wonders?

About the author:

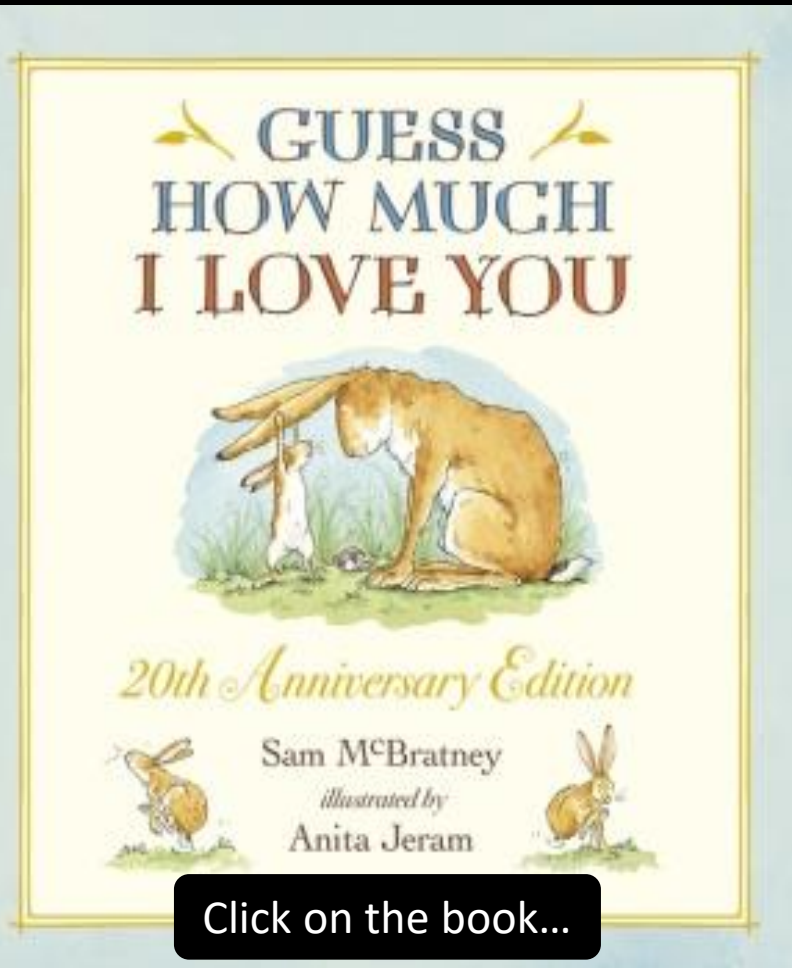
Jeannie Baker is the author and illustrator of a number of children's picture books, including the award-winning *Where the Forest Meets the Sea*. Her characteristic use of mixed media to create detailed and elaborate collages is stunning and unique. She lives in Australia.

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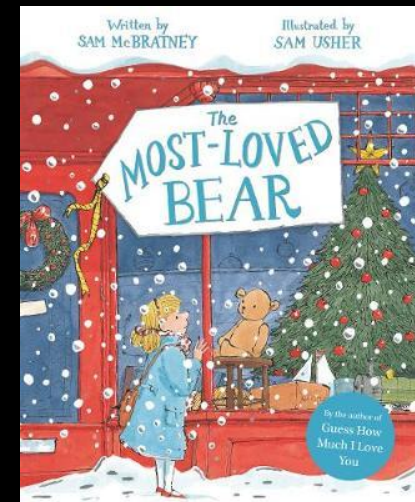


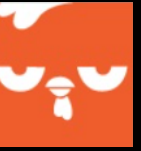
The enchanting story of Little Nutbrown Hare and Big Nutbrown Hare trying to find ways to express their love for each other is the ideal gift for special occasions or anyone you love up to the moon and back.

About the author:

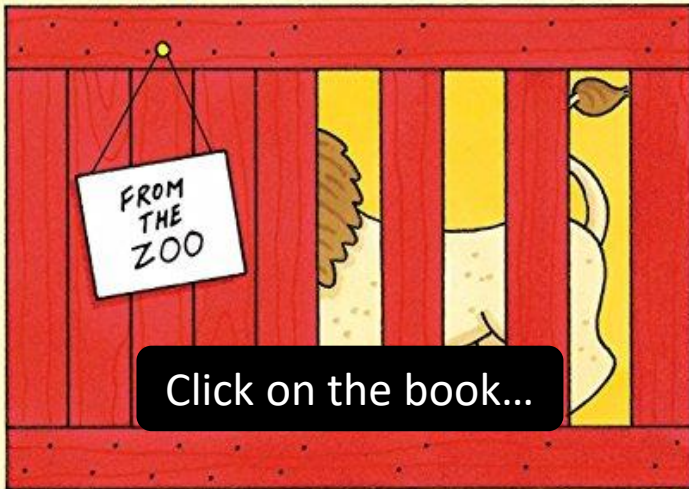
Sam McBratney (1 March 1943 – 18 September 2020) won many awards for his children's books and is best known as the author of the multi-million selling *Guess How Much I Love You* which was shortlisted for the 1994 Kurt Maschler Award, and is now one of the world's bestselling picture books. As a child In his own words, Sam McBratney spent his postwar childhood "in short trousers and Fair Isle jumpers."

Also by this author:





Dear Zoo



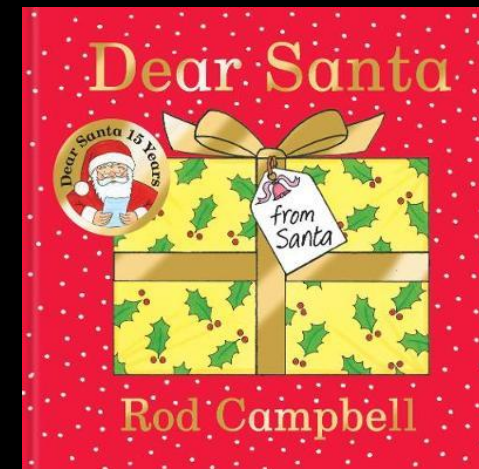
Rod Campbell

Rod Campbell's classic Dear Zoo has been a firm favourite with children and parents alike ever since it was first published in 1982.

About the author:

Rod Campbell has been creating innovative books for the under-fives for over thirty years. Best known for his classic lift-the-flap book Dear Zoo, he is also the creator of the much-loved preschool character Buster. Ingeniously simple with touches of gentle humour, Rod's books have withstood the test of time and are enjoyed by children, parents and teachers around the world.

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