

Look Who Followed Me Home

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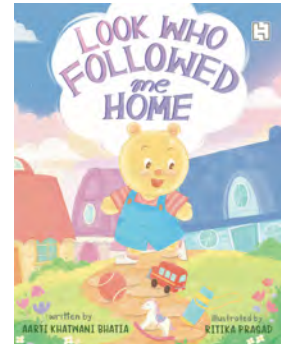
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SELLING POINTS

- A lovable gummy bear protagonist whose sticky hands and innocent excuses will have children giggling.
- Perfect for sparking conversations about taking responsibility, empathy and doing the right thing.
- Humour with heart, making an important life lesson memorable and enjoyable.
- Ideal for children aged 4–8, with simple storytelling that works well for both read-aloud sessions and independent readers.
- Encourages emotional intelligence, helping children understand the impact of their actions on others.
- Bright, expressive illustrations that enhance the humour and charm of the story.
- Perfect for homes, classrooms and libraries as a discussion starter on honesty, sharing and respecting others' belongings.

ABOUT THE BOOK

A beautiful picture book for parents and readers. Gummy Mummy turns a sticky little habit into a fun, feel-good lesson.

Gummy Little's hands are a little too...sticky.

From shiny toys to treats, the things he loves just seem to follow him home.

Gummy Mummy decides it's finally time for Little to learn what truly belongs to him.

Will her clever lesson stick?

Find out in this sweet, squishy rhyming tale from the world of gummy bears.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

Aarti Khatwani Bhatia is an MBA from NMIMS, Mumbai. After years of working with multinational companies like ConAgra Foods and Red Bull, she finally found her calling in stories. She has written for brands like Aveeno Baby, Nestle, Dabur, Prega News, Luvlap, PediaSure, Dove, Casio and many more.

She has written other picture books including *Girl Who Lost Her Yes* and *Radha Dances*.

Lead

SISING

The Amazing Adventures of a Lab Mouse

Rothindranath Goswami & Partha Pratim Goswami

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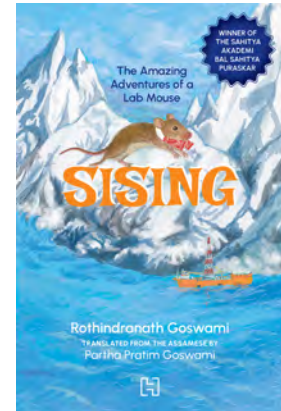
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SELLING POINTS

- Winner of the **Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar**, *Sising* takes children to places they have never been – **a science lab, the Everest and an oil drillship** out on sea! – tossing up knowledge, values and plain pluck in a medley of racy adventures.
- A heartwarming **adventure about courage, curiosity and believing in yourself**, *Sising* shows that bravery isn't about being the biggest or the strongest – it's about **daring to take the first step**.
- With **a lovable little mouse** as the central character who proves that even the smallest heroes can achieve extraordinary things, *Sising* shows young readers that **kindness, determination and a brave heart** can overcome even the biggest challenges.
- Filled with exciting adventures, **out-of-the-blue discoveries and unforgettable characters**, every page brings new surprises, delightful friendships and thrilling moments that will keep children eager to read on.
- Encourages **resilience, kindness and the confidence** to face new challenges. Through Sising's experiences, children learn that every challenge is an opportunity to become better and stronger.
- Perfect for children who love **animal stories, adventure and stories that inspire**. Sising's extraordinary journey will **spark young imaginations** and encourage children to **dream big**.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Small in size. But packed with surprises. Sising is no ordinary mouse.

Born in a laboratory and part of a daring scientific experiment, he carries a powerful chip that helps him learn, think, and understand the world in unusual ways. But Sising wants more than just learning. He wants adventure. Big adventure.

The kind no small creature has any business dreaming about – towering mountains, endless oceans and horizons far beyond the safety of the lab. It sounds impossible. Maybe even a bit ridiculous.

But Sising is determined to try. But once he leaves the lab, he discovers something remarkable – that courage can come in the smallest sizes, and the biggest journeys often begin with a single, uncertain step. How far can one extraordinary mouse really go? Set off with Sising to find out.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Rothindranath Goswami is an acclaimed Assamese author, science communicator, and travel writer whose contributions have enriched children's literature and popular science for over four decades. Recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar (2023), he is best known for creating Sising, one of the most beloved characters in Assamese children's literature.

Beginning his literary journey at the age of eighteen, Goswami has authored an impressive body of work spanning children's fiction, science fiction, popular science, mathematics and travelogues. He has also published a short-story collection and six travelogues, including *Samudrika*, a unique account of his experiences on offshore oil exploration camps in the sea.

Combining his professional background as a geologist with his passion for storytelling, Goswami masterfully translates complex science into engaging narratives for readers of all ages.

Partha Pratim Goswami is a translator of Assamese literature into English. His translations include works by Jnanpith Award-winning authors Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya and Mamoni Raisom Goswami, as well as Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Award recipient Mrinal Kalita. He is a contributor to *Invisible Fences, Intertwined Lives* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, UK, 2026), which includes his English translation of Bhattacharya's Assamese short story *Santhar* (Riddle).

Goswami serves as Chief Translator in the Translation Wing of the Gauhati High Court, Assam. His work focuses on making significant works of Assamese literature accessible to English-language readers.

Timeless Tales of India

Fabulous Folktales from Across the Country

Hachette India

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Binding : PB

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New in Paperback

SELLING POINTS

- A beautifully illustrated and produced anthology, unique in having a story each from every state and union territory of India. There's no other book like this in this format. Most other anthologies have a mix of religious myths and folklore, but this one is a compendium of enduring folktales and serves as a small and valuable archive.
- The folktales have been curated keeping in mind the many different kinds of storylines – funny, strange, fascinating and thought-provoking – along with a variety of regional and local settings, landscapes, characters and values, to offer India's colourful and vast diversity in one must-have book.
- Each story has an additional section with information about that state or union territory.
- This is a large-sized full-colour book with varied and lush illustrations that makes a perfectly memorable and high-value gift to anyone, young or old.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Set off on a colourful trail of tales – from Kashmir to Kerala, Gujarat to Arunachal, and everywhere in between.

An enchanted chest, a very special guest, gold coins in a cake, a helpful snake, golden pearls, courageous girls, tears of gems, mangoes and yams, an undead ghost, an incredible host, a world without night, a strong man's might, adamant kings, rivers that sing, a tiger caught by a scaredy-cat – now what do you think of that?!

This must-have book brings you the most fascinating folktales – from each of India's 28 states and eight Union Territories – brought to life with rich, vibrant illustrations. Celebrate India's storytelling tradition – timeless stories and breathtaking art – all in one magical book!

Featuring stories by: Amrita Bogra, Benita Sen, Deepa Agarwal, Devika Rangachari, Dipavali Sen, Girija Rani Asthana, Indira Bagchi, Ira Saxena, Katie Bagli, Mamata Pandya, Neera Jain, Nita Berry, Nilima Jha, Nilima Sinha, Paulomi Misra Jindal, Ramendra Kumar, Ratna Manucha, Santhini Govindan, Savitri Singh, Shailaja Nair, Somya Dave, Surekha Panandikar, Usha Dutta, Vaneeta Vaid, Varsha Das, Vijayalakshmi Nagaraj and Vinita Krishna.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

This Hachette India classic is a unique anthology of enduring Indian folktales in collaboration with AWIC [Association of Children's Writers and Illustrators], Delhi, founded in 1981 by the well-known writer and cartoonist, K. Shankar Pillai. Since then, the members have been endeavouring to promote the development of children's literature in India. AWIC has been the Indian Section of the International Board on Books for Young People [IBBY] for over 30 years and won international recognition for many of its projects.

More than 25 leading and loved children's authors, who are members of AWIC, has contributed to this hand-picked collection of folktales, while more than 15 wonderful illustrators have beautified it with their stunning illustrations.

Hachette Children's Yearbook and Infopedia 2027

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Subject : Children's and YA Non-Fiction/ Reference and GK

Binding : PB

Format : Demy

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SELLING POINTS

- Easy **to read**, with **bite-sized** information for every curious reader, with not a single dull page.
- **Portable** and **handy** but **power-packed** with information.
- News in capsules for **easy retention**.
- Loaded with **carefully culled facts** about countries of the world, Indian states, history, environment, geography, literature, space, sports and science and technology.
- News you can use: **round-ups** and **highlights** of national and international events, and details about the year ahead.
- Covers the most **important current affairs** topics: trending topics and news in various fields; the **environment**; advancements in science; **awards and award-winners**, Indian and international **news**.
- **Fascinating trivia** presented in clear-cut boxes.
- **This year's recap**: News round-ups; **sports recap**; more than **40 newsmakers**; awards and prizes.

ABOUT THE BOOK

18th UPDATED EDITION! KNOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE!

If you're a curious fact-finder...

If you want to build your general knowledge...

If you're looking for a handy guide to must-know information...

If you want to stay informed about what's happening around the world...

Then this book is just what you need! The *Hachette Children's Yearbook & Infopedia* brings you the latest news, general knowledge, current affairs, fascinating facts and much more in the bestselling annual edition. Packed with carefully researched and updated information, it is the perfect companion for every smart student who wants to stay informed and ahead.

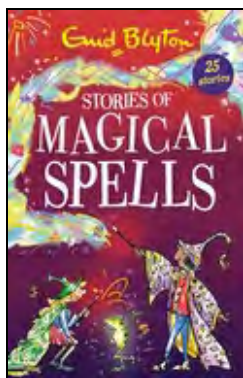
Pick it up and start exploring – for reference, projects, homework, quizzes and so much more! **Plus:** Facts and statistics on India and every country in the world!

What You'll Find Inside: 1. News Highlights from India and around the World; 2. People Who Made Headlines; 3. Inside the Earth; 4. Environment News; 5. Out There in Space; 6. History Timelines; 7. Science Basics; 8. Literature Info; 9. Sports Spotlights; 10. Superlatives; 11. The Year Ahead... and More!

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Series	Bumper Short Story Collections
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Not for Sale	Can
Author born in	East Dulwich
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Previous Titles

Enid Blyton wrote many of the 20th century's most popular children's series, including *The Famous Five*, *The Naughtiest Girl*, *The Secret Seven*, *The Magic Faraway Tree*, *The Adventure Series*, *Malory Towers*, *St Clare's* and *The Adventures of the Wishing-Chair*.

Stories of Magical Spells

Enid Blyton

Keynote

A collection of spellbinding stories full of magical creatures and exciting adventures from Enid Blyton, the world's best-loved storyteller.

Description

There's magic around every corner in this spellbinding short story collection from Enid Blyton, the world's best-loved storyteller!

Discover the goblin who cast a wicked spell, the magic stone that finds lost things and the boots that walk away on their own. From wizards and witches to pixies and fairies and all the spells they cast in between, there's something for everyone in this magical collection from Enid Blyton.

These traditional tales are ideal for younger children being read to and for newly confident readers to read alone. Each story stands alone and is the perfect length for reading at bedtime or in the classroom.

Enid Blyton remains one of Britain's favourite children's authors and her bumper short story collections are perfect for introducing her to the latest generation of readers.

Read all of Enid Blyton's bumper short story collections. New in 2026:

Cosy Bedtime Stories

Perfect Pet Stories

Five-Minute Christmas Stories

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Sales Points

- The bumper short-story collections have sold over 500,000 copies in the UK and export [Vista sales]
- These short stories are perfect for newly confident readers to read alone or for shared reading
- Fresh and contemporary cover illustrations by Mark Beech and foil finishes make these books the perfect gifts

Author Biography

Enid Blyton is one of the world's best-loved storytellers. Her books have sold over 500 million copies and have been translated into more languages more often than any other children's author.

She wrote over 700 books and 2,000 short stories, including favourites such as *The Famous Five*, *The Secret Seven*, *The Magic Faraway Tree* and *Malory Towers*.

Born in London in 1897, Enid lived much of her life in Buckinghamshire and adored dogs, gardening and the countryside. She died in 1968 but remains one of the world's best-loved storytellers.

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Malory Towers Mystery Club: Kidnap at Midnight Book 1

Fleur Hitchcock

Keynote

Malory Towers with a mystery twist! A brand-new series by Fleur Hitchcock, inspired by Enid Blyton.

Description

Malory Towers with a mystery twist! A brand-new series by Fleur Hitchcock, inspired by Enid Blyton.

New girl Emma can't wait to meet her classmates and explore the famous Malory Towers. Together with her new-found friends Sheila and Marie she quickly settles into school life, but soon there are big questions to be answered . . . What secret is their classmate Margaret hiding? Why is she lurking around the stables? And could there really be a kidnapper on the loose at Malory Towers?

Only the Malory Towers Mystery Club can solve this puzzle!

A brand-new mystery series, full of friendship, intrigue and beloved characters old and new. Perfect for every generation of Blyton readers.

Sales Points

- Following the success of the *New Famous Five* series by Chris Smith, this is an exciting *Malory Towers* extension series that captures the essence of the original with an exciting mystery twist
- Cosy crime continues to ride high in the charts and this is a perfect introduction to the genre for younger readers, set at the beloved Malory Towers
- Perfect for younger fans of *Murder Most Unladylike* by Robin Stevens
- Targeted at 8+ readers but with plenty to appeal to older Blyton fans as well
- Fleur Hitchcock is the perfect author for this series - a lifelong Blyton fan, an author with a proven track record in writing mysteries for children and a Waterstones bookseller based in Bath.

Author Biography

Fleur writes thrillers and adventures for 8 - 13 year olds, many of which are mysteries, mostly contemporary, and some historical. With more than 20 published books behind her, she is a passionate advocate for children's reading and enjoyment of books, working as a children's bookseller in Bath and bringing books and children together in schools across the country.

She has been nominated for many prizes and has won both the Leeds and Salford book awards. She lives in the Wiltshire countryside, and sets most of her books in the West Country. She is married and has two adult children.

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The Girl at the Front of the Class
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Where Magic Grows

Unique Tales of Wonder and Enchantment

Onjali Q. Raúf (Illustrated By Katarzyna Doszla)

Keynote

Discover seven unique fables, filled with humour, heart and hope, from Onjali Q. Raúf, author of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. Beautifully illustrated in black and white by Katarzyna Doszla, this is the perfect book to read and cherish together.

Description

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Have you heard of the tiger with no tail? Or of the extra-specially-super-deliciously-fantastically naughty boy who got a frog stuck in his throat? No? Well, tuck yourself in, and let Onjali Raúf entertain you with her first collection of never-before-told fables of magic and mischief...

From the sand-laden shores of Egypt where an axe married a tree, to the mountains of Japan where dragons and hungry mirrors roam, discover new tales of magic, wonder and imagination, inspired by old sayings, everyday objects and countries of the world.

Written with Onjali's trademark heart and humour, and inspired by her travels, Where Magic Grows is a compilation of seven original fairy tales where friendship, kindness - and poetry - await.

Sales Points

- Now in an accessible paperback format for the first time, this illustrated collection of fables from much loved author Onjali Rauf is the perfect book for a child to enjoy by themselves, dipping in and out, or for a family to read together at bedtime
- These read like classic fables - but ones unlike any you've read before. Set in various locations across the world, the universal theme throughout is the power of hope and love - and the idea that anyone can make a difference with a bit of kindness
- Onjali's debut novel *The Boy at the Back of the Class* has sold over half a million copies, been translated into 21 languages, received rave reviews and has won both the Blue Peter Award and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize
- Onjali's subsequent books have followed on from the success of her first, selling thousands of copies, being translated into multiple languages and winning awards and critical acclaim - as well as being beloved by children, teachers and librarians alike as they tackle difficult but important issues in a child-friendly way
- Onjali Rauf is a British Muslim women's rights activist. She founded her charity *Making Herstory* to fight domestic violence against women and has also founded O's Refugee Aid Team to support refugees living in Calais and Dunkirk. She writes beautifully about difficult subjects for children

Author Biography

Onjali Q. Raúf (Author)

Onjali Q Raúf's first book, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, was Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2019, the Blue Peter Book Prize 2019 and has recieved many other accolades.

Raúf's second book, *The Star Outside My Window*, went on to win the Diversity Book Award for Children's Fiction (UK) 2020.

Her further fiction titles include: *The Night Bus Hero*, *The Lion Above the Door*, *The Letter with the Golden Stamp* and *The Game I Will Never Forget* as well as the fairy tale collection *Where Magic Grows*, the non-fiction title *Hope on the Horizon*, and the picture book *The Girl at the Front of the Class*.

In 2022, Raúf was recognised for her services to Literature and Women's Rights in the New Year Honours.

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The Ickabog

The bestselling fairytale, now illustrated by Ben Mantle

J.K. Rowling (Illustrated By Ben Mantle)

Keynote

Prepare for a legendary adventure.

Description

Once upon a time there was a terrible monster called the Ickabog. Or so the story goes . . .

Prepare for a legendary adventure from one of the world's greatest storytellers J.K. Rowling, now featuring striking illustrations from award-winning illustrator Ben Mantle.

Once upon a time there was a tiny kingdom called Cornucopia, as rich in happiness as it was in gold, and famous for its food. From the delicate cream cheeses of Kurdsburg to the Hopes-of-Heaven pastries of Chouxville, each was so delicious that people wept with joy as they ate them.

But even in this happy kingdom, a monster lurks. Legend tells of a fearsome creature living far to the north in the Marshlands... the Ickabog. Some say it breathes fire, spits poison, and roars through the mist as it carries off wayward sheep and children alike. Some say it's just a myth...

And when that myth takes on a life of its own, casting a shadow over the kingdom, two children - best friends Bert and Daisy - embark on a great adventure to untangle the truth and find out where the real monster lies, bringing hope and happiness to Cornucopia once more.

Sales Points

- The Ickabog is a fairytale for our times, about the power of hope and friendship to triumph against all odds, from one of the world's best storytellers
- This stunning edition features a new foreword from J.K. Rowling
- This new edition features a striking cover and 25 black and white illustrations by the award-winning Ben Mantle. The Ickabog was originally published in November 2020, in a beautiful edition featuring children's artwork, after a competition during the COVID-19 lockdown; that edition is still in print
- Combined sales of HCG's editions of The Christmas Pig and The Ickabog are more than a million copies

Author Biography

J.K. Rowling (Author)

J.K. Rowling is the author of the enduringly popular Harry Potter books. After the idea for Harry Potter came to her on a delayed train journey in 1990, she plotted out and started writing the series of seven books and the first, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, was published in the UK in 1997. The series took another ten years to complete, concluding in 2007 with the publication of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

To accompany the series, J.K. Rowling wrote three short companion volumes for charity, *Quidditch Through the Ages* and *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, in aid of Comic Relief and Lumos, and *The Tales of Beedle the Bard*, in aid of Lumos. She also collaborated on the writing of a stage play, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, which was published as a script book.

Her other books for children include the fairy tale *The Ickabog* and *The Christmas Pig*, which were published in 2020 and 2021 respectively and have also been bestsellers. She is also the author of books for adults, including a bestselling crime fiction series.

J.K. Rowling has received many awards and honours for her writing. She also supports a number of causes through her charitable trust Volant and is the founder of the children's charity Lumos.

To find out more about J.K. Rowling visit jkrowlingstories.com.

Ben Mantle (Illustrator)

Ben Mantle is the illustrator of Shane Hegarty's *Boot*, shortlisted for the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award. His picture book *The Best Birthday Present Ever* won the Dundee Picture Book Award and he has illustrated a number of iconic fiction covers such as Piers Torday's *The Lost Magician* and Jenny McLachlan's *The Land of Roar*. Ben studied Animation at the Surrey Institute of Art & Design before working as an animator. Since 2008, Ben has been working as a children's book illustrator and also produces screen



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Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore – The Complete Screenplay

J.K. Rowling & Steve Kloves

Keynote

The official complete screenplay of *Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore* by J.K. Rowling & Steve Kloves, accompanied by illuminating behind-the-scenes content and commentary.

Description

Professor Albus Dumbledore knows the powerful Dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald is moving to seize control of the wizarding world. Unable to stop him alone, he entrusts Magizoologist Newt Scamander to lead an intrepid team of wizards, witches, and one brave Muggle baker on a dangerous mission, where they encounter old and new beasts and clash with Grindelwald's growing legion of followers. But with the stakes so high, how long can Dumbledore remain on the sidelines?

The official screenplay of *Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore* pairs the complete script penned by J.K. Rowling & Steve Kloves with illuminating behind-the-scenes content, including costume sketches, location renderings, graphic design, insights from key cast and creative team members, and more.

With dramatic duels, captivating creatures, and magic at every turn, this is epic adventure at its very best.

Sales Points

- The third original screenplay in the *Fantastic Beasts* series not only expands upon the earlier events that helped to shape the wizarding world, but also **unveils the secret backstory of one of its most iconic and beloved characters**, Albus Dumbledore.
- The first two original screenplays have sold more than **a million copies in hardback**, including a combined **625k through Bookscan TCM in the UK and 220k through Bookscan ABM in Australia**. The paperback editions combined have sold a further **115K copies through Bookscan TCM in the UK**.
- *Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore* was a **major global movie release** starring **Eddie Redmayne as Newt Scamander** and **Jude Law as the young Albus Dumbledore**.
- The *Harry Potter* series, published between 1997 and 2007, has sold over **500 million copies worldwide**, is distributed in more than **200 territories** and **translated into 80 languages**, and **has been turned into eight blockbuster films**.

Author Biography

J.K. Rowling is the author of the enduringly popular, era-defining *Harry Potter* seven-book series, as well as several stand-alone novels for adults and children, and the acclaimed *Strike* crime fiction series written under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith. Many of her books have been adapted for film and television, and she has collaborated on a play continuing *Harry's* story on stage, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, and a new series of films inspired by her series companion volume *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*.

Steve Kloves (Screenwriter/Producer) wrote the screenplays for seven of the *Harry Potter* films, based on the beloved books by J.K. Rowling. He also served as a producer on *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* and *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*, and more recently produced *Mowgli: Legend of the Jungle*. His additional credits include *Racing with the Moon*, *Wonder Boys*, *Flesh and Bone* and *The Fabulous Baker Boys*. He also directed the latter two.



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Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage general interest: Puzzles and quizzes (YNVP) Children's / Teenage general interest: Hobbies, quizzes, toys and games (YNV)
CBMC	C5L79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Activity Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Fun Games for Brainy Kids: The Big Christmas Wordsearch

Keynote

A festive wordsearch collection packed with Christmassy fun for kids to dip into throughout the season.

Description

Get into the Christmas spirit with this bumper book of festive wordsearches. Packed with seasonal scenes, cheerful characters and wintry words to find, it's the perfect activity book for cosy days, car journeys and holiday excitement. From Santa and snowmen to presents, puddings and reindeer, there's plenty here to keep kids entertained all Christmas long.

Sales Points

- Packed with festive wordsearch puzzles for hours of seasonal fun
- Ideal for quiet time, travel, stocking fillers and holiday gifting
- Child-friendly, accessible format that kids can enjoy independently
- Strong Christmas theme with wide appeal across the autumn/winter selling period

Author Biography

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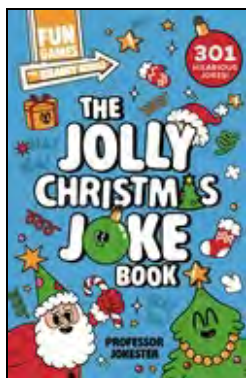
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Main Identifier	9781526368591
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage general interest: Puzzles and quizzes (YNVP) Children's / Teenage general interest: Hobbies, quizzes, toys and games (YNV)
CBMC	C5L79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Activity Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	128 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Fun Games for Brainy Kids: The Jolly Joke Book

Keynote

A laugh-out-loud Christmas joke book bursting with silly gags, festive funnies and family-friendly humour.

Description

What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Frosties. This cheerful Christmas joke book is packed with festive laughs for kids to share with family and friends. From Santa jokes and elf gags to reindeer riddles and snowy silliness, it's the perfect stocking-filler read for children who love making people laugh.

Sales Points

- Full of festive jokes and punchlines with instant child appeal
- Great for sharing aloud with friends, siblings and family over Christmas
- Highly giftable, accessible format with strong impulse-buy potential
- Complements the activity books by adding humour and variety to the range

Author Biography

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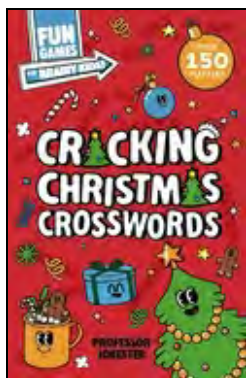
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Main Identifier	9781526368584
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage general interest: Puzzles and quizzes (YNVP) Children's / Teenage general interest: Hobbies, quizzes, toys and games (YNV)
CBMC	C5L79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Activity Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Fun Games for Brainy Kids: Cracking Christmas Crosswords

Keynote

A fun-filled Christmas crossword book designed to entertain children while building word confidence and puzzle-solving skills.

Description

Keep clever kids busy this Christmas with a joyful collection of festive crosswords. Full of seasonal clues, merry themes and satisfying wordplay, this book is perfect for children who love a challenge. Whether they're puzzling at home, on holiday or over the Christmas break, these crosswords are a great way to mix fun with brain-teasing entertainment.

Sales Points

- Festive crossword format offers a slightly more challenging activity option
- Encourages problem-solving, spelling and vocabulary in an enjoyable way
- Strong seasonal gifting potential for puzzle-loving children
- A good companion title to the wordsearch book, helping build range cohesion

Author Biography

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Price	£12.99 / ₹899
Main Identifier	9781408369968
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Friendship stories (YFMF) Children's / Teenage general interest: Nature, animals, the natural world (YNN) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)

CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Hardback
Format	275x209
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Author:
The Lion Inside
The Koala Who Could
The Squirrels Who Squabbled
The Way Home for Wolf
The Whale Who Wanted More
The Gecko and the Echo
The Camel Who Had the Hump
The Turtle Who Turned the Tide
The Most Magnificent Moose
The Worrysaurus
The Hugasaurus
The Stompysaurus
The Wobblysaurus
The Chattysaurus
The Hideysaurus
The Messysaurus

Illustrator:
The Snow Lion
Perdu
Feelings
Town Mouse, Country Mouse
Bird Builds a Nest
The Squirrels' Busy Year
Winter Dance

Sometimes It Rains

Rachel Bright (Illustrated By Richard Jones)

Keynote

A beautiful and moving tale of love, gratitude and seeing magic and wonder in everything, from the author of *The Lion Inside*. Perfect for fans of *Guess How Much I Love You*.

Description

A poignant, timeless and uplifting tale from the bestselling author of *The Lion Inside*.

In the quiet and still of the evening, a tall rabbit and a small rabbit sit on the high hill and watch the sun go down, rabbits together. The tall rabbit feels like the *luckiest* rabbit in the whole, wide world, whilst the small rabbit wonders if *his* luck falls a little short.

But when a storm rumbles overhead and raindrops splash on their noses, they both realise something wonderful: it's not what you *have* in life . . . but how you choose to look at it.

A tale of love, gratitude and seeing the magic and wonder in everything. Perfect for fans of *Guess How Much I Love You* and *I Love You to the Moon and Back*, this stunning picture book from two creators at the top of their game is the ideal gift to share with someone you love.

Sales Points

- Crossover gifting appeal - with the feel of a modern classic, this is perfect for fans of *Guess How Much I Love You*
- A standout picture book touching on pertinent themes of mindfulness and gratitude
- An exciting new partnership between two stellar picture book talents: written by Rachel Bright, bestselling, multi-award-winning author of *The Lion Inside*, and with art by Richard Jones, illustrator of the internationally acclaimed *The Snow Lion*
- A partnership with huge international reach: Rachel Bright and Richard Jones' picture books have been translated into 44 and 20 languages respectively

Author Biography

Rachel Bright (Author)

Rachel Bright is a wordsmith, illustrator and professional thinker of happy thoughts. A prolific creator, she has written countless bestselling books for children, including *Love Monster*, *The Lion Inside*, *The Koala Who Could* and *The Worrysaurus* and has won many prestigious awards including The Lollies, The Evening Standard Oscar's Book Prize and The Sainsbury's Book Award. Her books have been translated into 47 languages and have sold over 5 million copies worldwide. She is also the creator of award-winning stationery and homewares range, *The Brightside*. Rachel lives in a forest clearing near the seaside, with her partner, their two young daughters and numerous animals.

Richard Jones (Illustrator)

Richard Jones was born in Warwickshire and has been living and working in Devon for over 20 years. After graduating from the University of Plymouth with a first-class degree in Graphic Design and Illustration, he stayed on to complete a PhD. Richard's style is something different; working with beautifully layered textures, he creates stand-out illustration, with a gentle, muted palette and memorable character design. His illustrated books include *Feelings* and *Town Mouse, Country Mouse*, both written by Libby Walden and published by Little Tiger Press; *Bird Builds a Nest* and *The Squirrels' Busy Year* by Martin Jenkins and published by Walker Books; and *Winter Dance* by Marion Dane Bauer, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. His picture book, *The Snow Lion*, by Jim Helmore and published by Simon and Schuster has been published in 20 languages.



Publication date	Thursday, September 24, 2026
Price	£8.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781786541468
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Action and adventure stories (YFC) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-A CJ) Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)
CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	384 pages
Word Count	
Series	Midnight Treasure
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

As well as *Midnight Treasure*, Piers has written *The Last Wild* series, *The Lost Magician*, *The Frozen Sea*, and *There May Be A Castle*, and adapted *The Box of Delights*, *A Christmas Carol* and *The Wind in the Willows* for the stage.

Wolf Crown

Get lost in a world of werwolves and vampirs, from an award-winning author

Piers Torday

Keynote

A breathtaking fantasy world from the award-winning author of *The Last Wild*. In this spellbinding follow-up to *Midnight Treasure*, adventure with Tibor and Roza into an empire of vampirs and werwolves. For readers who loved Katherine Rundell's *Impossible Creatures* or S.F. Said's *Tyger*.

Description

A breathtaking fantasy world from the award-winning author of *The Last Wild*. In this spellbinding follow-up to *Midnight Treasure*, adventure with Tibor and Roza into an empire of vampirs and werwolves. For readers who loved Katherine Rundell's *Impossible Creatures* or S.F. Said's *Tyger*.

Praise for *Midnight Treasure*: 'Stop the hunt for your next epic read because this is a treasure of a fantasy book. High stakes, big heart, frightfully good' A.F. Steadman, author of the *Skandar* series

In a world of vampirs and werwolves, Tibor and Roza are heirs to the throne. They're the only people alive who can defeat the vampir emperor, the White Prince.

If only they could agree on how.

Join them on their epic treasure hunt for the long-lost Wolf Crown. Can they outwit the White Prince's spies, dragons and werwolves - before it's too late?

From the award-winning Piers Torday comes this spectacular, irresistible treasure hunt: there will be clues, spells, imprisonments and escapes, fights, betrayals ... but above all there will be courage and hope.

Sales Points

- This is a brilliant follow-up to an exceptional book, with a strong vampire/werewolf theme underpinned by Piers's family connection to the Transylvanian locations inspiring the story
- Piers Torday's books have sold well over 200,000 copies through the TCM
- Piers Torday is a celebrated children's writer whose books have been shortlisted for numerous awards, and won the Guardian Children's Book Prize

Author Biography

Piers Torday began his career in theatre and then television as a producer and writer. His first book for children, *The Last Wild*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award, nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal and is being adapted for the stage by the Unicorn and National Theatre. His second book, *The Dark Wild*, won the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. Other titles include *There May Be A Castle* (People's Book Award finalist), which was adapted for the stage by the Little Angel Theatre, *The Lost Magician* (Teach Primary Book Award) and *Midnight Treasure*, the New Statesman Children's Book of the Year. He recently adapted *The Box of Delights* for the RSC. Other stage adaptations include *Christmas Carol* and *The Wind in the Willows* (Wilton's Music Hall).

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Thema 1.6	Picture storybooks (YBCS) Children's / Teenage general interest: Witches, wizards and magicians (YNXW) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)

CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	270x210
Extent	48 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

The Wolf's Secret
Leina and the Lord of the Toadstools

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The Owl Witch

Myriam Dahman and Nicolas Digard (Illustrated By Júlia Sardà)

Keynote

A bewitching modern fairy tale about truth, overcoming evil and the power of friendship.

Description

In a solitary house on a secluded island lives a woman known as the Owl Witch who longs for companionship.

One evening, a traveller called Noor arrives with a mysterious invitation from her master, Blackink Baldassare, a devilish force who rules the depths of the sea.

Can the Owl Witch outsmart the wily Blackink and help Noor to regain her freedom?

A richly atmospheric gift of a book about courage and empowerment, from the award-winning creators of The Wolf's Secret and Leina and the Lord of the Toadstools, illustrated by the internationally acclaimed artist Júlia Sardà.

Sales Points

- *The Wolf's Secret* won the 4-11 Picture Book Awards, Foyles Children's Book of the Year and was nominated for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal
- With strong themes of bravery, honesty and friendship
- A sumptuous hardback gift book with foil detail, stunningly illustrated by internationally acclaimed artist Júlia Sardà

Author Biography

Myriam Dahman (Author)

Myriam Dahman was born and raised in Morocco and moved to France, aged 18, to study. Since then, she's lived in Barcelona, Shanghai, New York and the Caribbean. She now lives in Paris, where she works as a climate change expert while also writing children's books. She's published several children's books in France including *Ma Maison a le Hoquet*, *Le Barbare en Collants Jaunes* and *Tout Pour Devenir une Sorcière*.

Nicolas Digard (Author)

Born in Paris in 1980, **Nicolas Digard** began writing in 2006 as a scriptwriter for animated television series. He has written more than 60 episodes on series including *Angelo Rules*, *The Jungle Bunch to the Rescue*, *Super 4* and *Gawayn*. He published his first historical novel *Les Loups De Sherwood* (The Sherwood Wolves), in 2014. He wrote the first seven books in the bestselling children's series *Frigiel & Fluffy*, and is the author of *Slurp!*, and *Le Manchot Qui Avait Marre D'être Pris Pour Un Pingouin*. Nicolas is currently working on a new animated series and a historical series for television, and is writing his second historical novel. He is a strong advocate for authors' rights.

Júlia Sardà (Illustrator)

Julia Sarda is a freelance illustrator from Barcelona. She began her studies at the Fine Arts University of Barcelona, but then switched to a graphic arts course at an illustration school to focus more on her technique and to prepare herself for an illustration career. She worked as a colorist in a studio making editorial merchandise for Disney and Disney Pixar. Two years later she bravely set off on her own as a freelance illustrator. She began working on concept art for video games where she honed her own style and developed her vision. Now she works mostly in children's illustration and has had the pleasure of illustrating some of her favourite classics including *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

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Publication date	Thursday, September 24, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier	9781526330321
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage general interest: Science and technology (YNT) Children's / Teenage fiction: Crime and mystery fiction (YFCF) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)
CBMC	C3N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	210x165
Depth	10mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Kid Detectives
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

9781526330253 Kid Detectives: The Dizzying Skyscraper Discovery
9781526330284 Kid Detectives: The Hair-raising Rollercoaster Mystery
9781526330314 Kid Detectives: The Perilous Problem of the Howling Hurricane

Kid Detectives: An Astonishing Astronaut Adventure

Adam Bushnell (Illustrated By John Haslam)

Keynote

Join a group of four kid detectives and help them find out about STEM while developing problem solving, observation and deduction, and investigating skills

Description

Join a group of four kid detectives and help them find out about STEM while developing problem solving, observation and deduction, and investigation skills.

Our Kid Detectives Isla, Farah, Sam and Mohammad are at Space Camp and following a group of astronauts in training. Unfortunately their lead astronaut keeps experiencing some problems with her equipment and activities. She's the top in her class - what could be causing such trouble now?

Join the Detective gang as they attempt to work out the issues at Space Camp. Can they save the day?

Features interactive elements, such as:

- Looking for clues in the illustrations
- Comparing your weight on different planets
- Spot the difference between two astronaut suits
- Gathering crucial information from information panels about gravity, famous space missions and spacecraft

Through interactive adventures that combine facts, brain-teasing puzzles and lively illustrations, this series impart STEM knowledge in an original way to inspire a love of the subject. The story in each book will have the reader solving puzzles, finding clues, cracking secret codes and uncovering mysteries.

Perfect for aspiring detectives aged 7+.

Sales Points

- Illustrated, story-based approach engages the reader and makes the educational content both accessible and fun
- The series explores high interest STEM topics with key facts alongside the adventures of four kid detectives
- Includes interactive elements that encourage the reader to play detective and quiz questions to embed knowledge

Author Biography

Adam Bushnell (Author)

Adam is a former teacher who turned his hand to writing full time in 2007. He has written both adult teaching guides and children's fiction books and is often touring schools and libraries and running creative writing sessions. He lives in Durham.

John Haslam (Illustrator)

John Haslam has been working as an illustrator for most of his professional life. John worked in advertising for 10 years and worked on various projects including TV storyboards, to illustrating for all kinds of accounts from Pritt Stick (the Pritt Stick Man was his invention), to comic pages such as Danger Mouse, Disney and Transformers.

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Horowitz Horror Graphic Novel Collection

Anthony Horowitz

Keynote

Horror fans aged 10+ will love these four sinister graphic novels to keep them up at night, from the bestselling author of the Alex Rider series, Anthony Horowitz.

Description

Horror fans aged 10+ will love these four sinister graphic novels to keep them up at night, from the bestselling author of the Alex Rider series, Anthony Horowitz.

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The Phone Goes Dead

Calls from beyond the grave haunt David's every waking moment . . .

Scared

As animals attack and the trees close in, Gary realises he's not just lost in the dark. He's being hunted . . .

The Hitchhiker

Trapped in a car with a killer, Jacob must decide who will survive the night . . .

Killer Camera

Matt must save his family before a cursed camera flash unleashes untold horror . . .

Sales Points

- Quick-win drop in for Halloween 2026 reformatting existing content
- Only horror title on the list for this age range in Q3 2026
- World rights so opportunity for Rights to take back to market and possible co-eds
- Delivers on spooky, suspenseful, stories perfectly 10+ scare fans
- First published before the UK Graphic Novel market took off but now fills gap in that market

Publication date	Thursday, September 24, 2026
Price	£12.99 / ₹899
Main Identifier	9781510114531
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Horror and ghost stories, chillers, or other scary supernatural stories (YFD) Children's / Teenage general interest: Supernatural and mythological creatures (YNXB) Children's / Teenage general interest: Zombies, ghosts and the undead (YNXB3) Hallowe'en / Halloween (5HCP)
CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	229x151
Extent	192 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

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Price **£8.99 / ₹599**

Main Identifier **9781408377222**

Thema 1.6 **Picture books:
character books
(YBCH)
Picture storybooks:
imagination and play
(YBCS2)
Interest age: from c 3
years (5AC)
For National
Curriculum Early
Years (England and
Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA)**

CBMC **A3M68**
Age **0-5 years**
Subject **Fiction**
Type **Picture Book**
Character **Character**
Tie In **TV / Film Tie-in**

Binding **Paperback**
Format **245x245**
Extent **32 pages**
Word Count
Series **DreamWorks Gabby's
Dollhouse**
Not for Sale **USA**

1st Serial **Refer to Publisher**

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Audio **Refer to Publisher**

Dramatisation **Refer to Publisher**

and
documentary

Electronic **Refer to Publisher**

Film and TV **Refer to Publisher**

Large print **Refer to Publisher**

Podcast **Refer to Publisher**

Translation **Refer to Publisher**

Undramatised **Refer to Publisher**

(straight)

reading

US **Refer to Publisher**

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DreamWorks Gabby's Dollhouse: The Cupcake Tree

Official Gabby's Dollhouse

Keynote

Grab your kitty ears and join Gabby, Pandi Paws and all their cat-tastic friends for another meow-mazing adventure in Gabby's Dollhouse!

This is an official book, based on an episode from the smash-hit Netflix series.

Description

Climb to the top of the cupcake tree in this 24-page storybook based on the cat-tastic Netflix show *DreamWorks Gabby's Dollhouse*!

Gabby's dollhouse delivery today is a tiny cupcake tree! Cakey Cat shows her how to take care of it. But when CatRat sneakily feeds the plant extra honey, the tree grows up and out of the Dollhouse - with CatRat on top! Can Gabby and the other Gabby Cats complete the steps to shrink the tree and save CatRat?

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Sales Points

- **Gabby's Dollhouse is a top-tier preschool franchise with massive global reach.**
The series streams in **190+ countries** and consistently ranks among **Netflix's top preschool titles**.
Cross-platform presence (YouTube, games, toys, live events) ensures **constant brand visibility**, driving strong demand for licensed publishing.
- **Story taps into show's strongest themes: creativity, kindness and imaginative play.**
Episodes featuring baking, crafting and Gabby's signature 'cat-tastic' positivity are among the **most-watched** and **most-shared**.
- **Franchise audience is highly engaged and collectible-driven.**
- **Features bright, full-colour episode stills.**

Author Biography

DreamWorks' **Gabby's Dollhouse** is a top-rated Netflix preschool show full of imagination, kindness and friendship. Gabby uses her kitty ears to get tiny and join her friends on a-meow-zing adventures in the dollhouse.



Ink and Shadows

A gripping YA thriller set within a university's secret occult society

Lauren Willmore

Keynote

Step into the hallowed halls of St Augustines where dark secrets lurk behind every door. A sumptuously gothic YA murder mystery set within a university's secret occult society.

Description

"Magical dark academia with a gothic, murderous twist? Take my money! *Ink and Shadows* is the campus book every witchy reader will want on their shelf." - Melissa Welliver, author of *To The Death*.

All students offered a place at St Augustines University will get an elite education, but only a chosen few will be invited to join The Society of Ink and Shadows: the elusive group dedicated to practising the occult arts.

Having struggled to fit into university life, Eve is overjoyed when this invitation is extended her way. But when a fellow society member is maliciously attacked, setting off a series of deadly incidents across the campus, she soon learns that there's a price to pay for being part of such an exclusive circle.

As society members are picked off one by one, Eve must race to unmask the killer before she becomes the next victim. But can she trust her new friends, or is there a traitor among them?

"Buried secrets, chilling murders and twists that keep you racing to the last page. Couldn't ask for more!" - P.C. Roscoe, author of *How The Other Half Die*.

"Simultaneously cosy and absolutely chilling. This should be required reading for spooky season." - Felicity Epps, author of *A Grave Inheritance*.

Sales Points

- Classic murder mystery tapping in to dark academia and witchy trends
- Perfect for fans of *The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* and *The Traitors*
- Debut author with an accessible, commercial voice

Reviews

- 'I loved this so much! Buried secrets, chilling murders and twists that keep you racing all the way to the last page. Couldn't ask for more!' - P.C. Roscoe, author of *How The Other Half Die*

Author Biography

Lauren Willmore studied Illustration for Children's Publishing at the North Wales School of Art before moving into writing. Alongside writing novels, Lauren also works with her husband to co-create graphic novels and has collated an anthology to raise money for the Comic Book Alliance. She lives in Northamptonshire with her husband, her two sons and their cat-dog chihuahua Nash. When not writing, Lauren also enjoys archery and baking elaborate cakes.

Publication date	Thursday, September 10, 2026
Price	£9.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781444984217
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Thrillers / suspense (YFCB) Children's / Teenage fiction: Horror and ghost stories, chillers, or other scary supernatural stories (YFD) Children's / Teenage fiction: Dark fantasy (YFHT) Children's / Teenage general interest: Mysteries and the unexplained (YNX) Interest age: from c 16 years (SAT)
CBMC	E3N79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	352 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

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A Witch's Guide to Love and Deception

A cosy YA fantasy from the author of *The Baby Dragon Cafe*

Aamna Qureshi

Keynote

Another charming and romantic cosy YA fantasy from the author of *A Witch's Guide to Love and Poison* and *The Baby Dragon Cafe*, Aamna Qureshi.

Description

Another charming and romantic cosy YA fantasy from the author of *A Witch's Guide to Love and Poison* and *The Baby Dragon Cafe*, Aamna Qureshi.

Unlike her brothers, Sonya was not made for the crown. Born without magic and often disregarded, she decides to run away from the castle and leave her old life behind.

Having never left the castle grounds, it isn't long before she finds herself in trouble and a handsome stranger comes to her rescue. Azam, a 'stitch-witch', offers her a place to stay in his cosy cottage where he lives with his grandmother and little sister.

Sonya falls in love with her new life and the little cottage where she is free to be herself.

But news of the missing princess soon spreads, and when Sonya's new life is threatened, she must decide who she can trust...

Perfect for fans of:

- will-they-wont-they romance
- cottagecore with a Pakistani twist
- found family
- gorgeous outfits!

Sales Points

- A rich and beautiful tale of magic, romance and found family that taps into the beloved cosy fantasy trope
- Aamna Qureshi is an award-winning author at the cusp of her big break! She's passionate, creative and has built a platform and cult following of dedicated readers
- There is growing appetite for diverse cosy YA fantasy, especially in the BookTok and book influencer space

Author Biography

Aamna Qureshi is a Pakistani, Muslim American who adores words. She is the award-winning author of YA fantasy novel, *The Lady or the Lion*. She grew up on Long Island, New York, in a very loud household, surrounded by English (for school), Urdu (for conversation), and Punjabi (for emotion). Much of her childhood was spent being grounded for reading past her bed-time, writing stories in the backs of her notebooks, and being scolded by teachers for passing chapters under the tables. Through her writing, she wishes to inspire a love for the beautiful country and rich culture that informed much of her identity.

Publication date	Thursday, September 10, 2026
Price	£9.99 / ₹699
Main Identifier	9781444977493
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Fantasy romance (YFHR)
	Children's / Teenage fiction: Magical realism / Magical fantasy (YFHD)
	Interest age: from c 12 years (5AN)
CBMC	E3N79
Age	12+ years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	304 pages
Word Count	
Series	A Witch's Guide
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can

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The Guardians of Dreamdark: Silksinger

Sequel to the thrilling faerie fantasy from the author of Daughter of Smoke and Bone

Laini Taylor

Keynote

Step into the world of Dreamdark, a place of bright magic and unimagined danger... The second book in an immersive fantasy duology from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Laini Taylor.

Description

Second in an immersive fantasy duology from the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author of THE DAUGHTER OF SMOKE AND BONE and STRANGE THE DREAMER, Laini Taylor.

Whisper Silksinger is the last of the secret guardians of the Azazel, one of the powerful Djinn who dreamed the world into being. Relentlessly pursued by bloodthirsty devils, she flees to the city of Nazneen to restore the Azazel to his temple. At the same time, Hirik Mothmage is also on a secret quest, to find the Azazel and restore his disgraced clan's ancient honour.

And behind them all flies Magpie Windwitch, first champion of the new age of faeries, desperate to rescue Whisper and the Azazel alike before they fall in the clutches of a sinister hidden enemy.

Praise for Book 1, The Guardians of Dreamdark - Windwitch:
"Laini Taylor's faeries are whimsical and tiny but fierce. This book was so much fun." Holly Black, author of *The Folk of the Air* series

*** NO STEAMY CONTENT - SUITABLE FOR ALL READERS ***

Sales Points

- Laini Taylor is the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author of YA/crossover titles such as THE DAUGHTER OF SMOKE AND BONE and STRANGE THE DREAMER - her total UK sales are over a million copies across all formats.
- Windwitch and Silksinger are Laini's youngest offering to date. They are suitable for the youngest end of YA with no inappropriate content, but also rich and complex and can be enjoyed by Laini's older fans.

Author Biography

Laini Taylor is a *Sunday Times* bestselling and award-winning writer. She lives in Portland, Oregon, USA, with her husband and daughter.

Publication date	Tuesday, September 01, 2026
Price	£14.99 / ₹999
Main Identifier	9781444985306
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Fantasy (YFH) Children's / Teenage general interest: Witches, wizards and magicians (YNXW) Children's / Teenage general interest: Fairies, elves, or similar magic-like beings or folk (YNXB4) Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Friends and friendships (YXHB) Interest age: from c 10 years (SAL)
CBMC	D3N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Trade Paperback
Format	Royal
Extent	368 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; EU; Ire; SA
Not for Sale	Can; UK; USA
Author living in	Oregon, USA
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher



J. Algernon Pickle in The Mystery at Odd-Doings House

Alex T. Smith

Keynote

Imagine if Hercule Poirot was a beaver... A fast-paced crime caper for readers aged 7+ with black and white illustrations.

Description

Imagine if Hercule Poirot was a beaver... A fast-paced crime caper for readers aged 7+ with black and white illustrations.

Ten-year-old Jacob Oolong lives with his eccentric great aunt, Lady Petronella Oolong in the penthouse flat of Odd-Doings House.

They arrive home one afternoon to find an enormous heart shaped box of delicious chocolates has arrived for Lady Oolong. And these aren't any old chocolates though. These are from Eclair's (Est. 1844) and are the most wonderful and the most expensive chocolates in the entire world.

But the next morning - SHOCK HORROR! - they've vanished! Not just gone... **STOLEN!**

With his great aunt prostrate in her nightie with shock, it's up to Jacob to find out who has taken them, but he'll need help. He calls in a private detective who, rather surprisingly, is a beaver living on the floor below them. Enter... J. Algernon Pickle.

Together, J. Algernon Pickle and Jacob set about investigating this very confusing mystery. Things take an unexpected turn when it becomes clear that the chocolates could only have been stolen by someone who lives in Odd-Doings House. But WHO could it be?

Sales Points

- A funny, irreverent, larger-than-life mystery for 7-9 readers, with 25 black and white illustrations.
- Book 2 will be coming in September 2027.
- From the bestselling creator of *CLAUDE*.
- Among other accolades, *CLAUDE* won the 5-9 young fiction Sainsbury's Children's Book Award and was selected for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Richard and Judy Book Club.

Author Biography

Author-illustrator Alex T. Smith is the award-winning creator of the bestselling *Claude* series, which is published in 20 languages worldwide, and is now on TV. Alex's newest series is the critically acclaimed and well-loved *Mr Penguin*. Alex has won the UKLA Picture Book Award, the Children's Book of the World Illustration Award and the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award, and been shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award. He has also been the official World Book Day illustrator.

Publication date	Thursday, September 10, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier	9781444985672
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Crime and mystery fiction (YFCF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (42-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 8 years (5AJ) Children's / Teenage fiction: Humorous stories (YFQ)
CBMC	C3N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	272 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

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Publication date	Thursday, September 24, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781444981155
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Crime and mystery fiction (YFCF) Children's / Teenage fiction: Interactive adventure stories (YFCA) Children's / Teenage general interest: Vampires, werewolves and shapeshifters (YNXB2) Children's / Teenage general interest: Zombies, ghosts and the undead (YNXB3) Children's / Teenage fiction: Comic (humorous) fantasy (YFHK) Children's / Teenage fiction: Friendship stories (YFMF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)
CBMC	C3N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	144 pages
Word Count	
Series	Werelock and Scratch
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
Author born in	Essex, UK
Author living in	West Sussex, UK

Previous Titles

Werelock and Scratch: Mystery Most Puzzling

Werelock and Scratch: Kidnap Most Puzzling Book 3: An interactive detective story for kids aged 7-9

K.R. Thompson (Illustrated By Binny Talib)

Keynote

Can Werelock Howls solve the case? Only if you help him! A fast-paced, hilarious, highly illustrated and interactive third adventure for mystery and puzzle-loving readers aged 7-9. Solve the case as you read - it's Scooby Doo meets Hotel Transylvania!

Description

Calling all mystery fans: The Werelock and Scratch Detective Agency needs you for their third case!

Can you help Werelock - the world's greatest (and only) werewolf detective - and his raven assistant, Scratch, on a daring rescue mission?

With puzzles, clues and riddles to work out, this hilarious, highly illustrated, werewolf-filled take on Sherlock Holmes needs the reader's help to crack the case!

The stakes are higher than ever as the famous werewolf crime writer, Mildred Mystery, has been kidnapped from a locked room! With only a mysterious ransom note as a clue, Werelock and Scratch must embark on a dangerous quest around Gothica City to find her.

Will they be able to get to Mildred before it's too late? Werelock and Scratch can't do it without you, dear reader, and there's no time to lose!

Praise for Book 1:

'A brilliantly fun puzzle-filled mystery!' – Andy Shepherd, author of The Boy Who Grew Dragons

'Packed with mystery, magic and cracking clues, this fang-tastic new series is sure to delight mini-sleuths everywhere.' – Lucy Brandt, author of the Leonora Bolt series

□□□□ **'I loved this book, it is AWESOME!' - Toppsta reviewer, age 8**

□□□□ **'Such a fantastic book . . . I couldn't put it down and didn't want to go to sleep' - Toppsta reviewer, age 8**

□□□□ **'The puzzles made the story really fun and Scratch was my favourite' - Toppsta reviewer, age 7**

□□□□ **'I like how you can solve clues throughout this book' - Toppsta reviewer, age 8**

□□□□ **'I was hooked all the way to the end' - Toppsta reviewer, age 11**

□□□□ **'This book was fun' - Toppsta reviewer, age 7**

Sales Points

- The author is based in the UK and has experience with author events, she's keen to build her grassroots profile
- This is her debut work of young MG fiction
- The high level of illustrations and interactivity are perfect for both reluctant and more experienced readers - allowing us to take advantage of the appetite in the market for funny, illustrated books for puzzle loving 7-9 year olds
- The extent is short and format accessible
- Clue-solving books are a massive trend and this is an incredibly fun and inventive book

Author Biography

K.R. Thompson (Author)

Long ago in the late 1900s, six-year-old K.R. decided that she was destined to do two things: write children's books; and set up a detective agency to solve quirky mysteries. And so began a decades-long adventure, via a much-loved job as a library assistant, a much-less-loved job stuffing envelopes, and a career as a lawyer... until finally, K.R.'s passion for children's books was reignited by the birth of her children. Now, with the creation of the Werelock and Scratch series, K.R. can finally get to work solving the quirkiest of puzzling mysteries in a world completely of her own making.

K.R. Thompson was born in Essex, UK, grew up in South East London and now lives by the sea in West Sussex with her husband, two children, a cheeky cat and the occasional visiting hedgehog. When she isn't dreaming up stories and mysteries, K.R. can most often be found heading out for walks with a coffee in one hand, a reading book in the other, and a pocketful of snacks to nibble along the way.

Binny Talib (Illustrator)

Binny Talib is an award-winning author, Illustrator and surface pattern designer, based in Sydney, Australia. Binny has a whimsical, contemporary style and has illustrated more



Publication date	Thursday, September 24, 2026
Price	£16.99 / ₹1299
Main Identifier	9781444975772
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage: Gift and novelty books / items (YZG) Picture storybooks (YBCS) Children's / Teenage: Poetry / poems (YDP) Children's / Teenage fiction: Nature and animal stories (YFP) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)
CBMC	C1M79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Poetry & Plays / Songs & Music
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	250x190
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Publishing History

Author: *The Bell Jar*
Ariel
The Colossus

Illustrator:
Winter Tales
A Poet For Every Day of The Year
The Story of Green River
A Poem For Every Autumn Day

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Mushrooms

A beautiful book from Pulitzer Prize-winner Sylvia Plath

Sylvia Plath (Illustrated By Aitch)

Keynote

Delve deep and discover the timeless words of Pulitzer Prize winner, Sylvia Plath, in this beautifully-illustrated edition of her iconic feminist poem.

Description

Nudgers and shovers
In spite of ourselves.

Our kind multiplies:
We shall by morning
Inherit the earth . . .

Delve deep into the undergrowth and explore the underfoot world of mushrooms through the breathtaking words of Pulitzer Prize winner, Sylvia Plath. Discover their many colours and hues, their ability to break through any terrain and their determination to not be ignored. In her eyes, it is a world rooted in nature, resilience and womanhood.

With stunning illustrations from artist Aitch, this is a sumptuous book to be adored and treasured.

The perfect gift for lovers of poetry, nature and those who find beauty in the overlooked.

Sales Points

- A richly atmospheric and feminist poem in picture-book form from legendary poet Sylvia Plath, one of the most dynamic and admired poets of the 20th century and winner of the Pulitzer prize.
- Sylvia Plath's work is internationally renowned and has been translated into over 32 languages
- A luxurious hardback gift book, with gold foil details and beautiful illustrations, that will be treasured forever.
- A lyrical, rhythmic and powerful text that was written in 1959 on the cusp of the second-wave feminist movement, with an underlying message about women's struggle for equality, which feels just as relevant now.
- Can also be read and appreciated as a beautiful and lyrical poem about the power of nature and its ability to overcome.

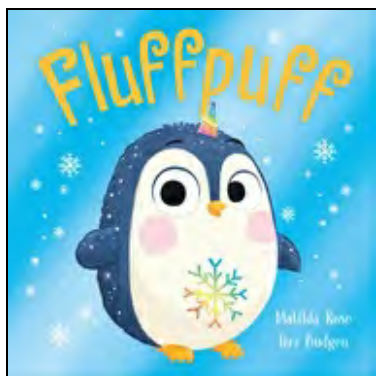
Author Biography

Sylvia Plath (Author)

Sylvia Plath (1932-63) was an American poet born in Massachusetts, USA. She published several poetry collections including *The Colossus*, *Crossing the Water*, *Winter Trees*, *Ariel*, and *The Collected Poems*, which won the Pulitzer Prize. In 1963, Plath's semi-autobiographic novel *The Bell Jar* was published under the pseudonym "Victoria Lucas"; it was reissued in 1966 under her own name. Her work expresses a sense of alienation and self-destruction which strongly resonated with the situation of women in mid-20th-century America. She was married to the poet Ted Hughes, with whom she had a daughter, Frieda, and a son, Nicholas. She died in London in 1963. *Mushrooms* is from her poetry collection *The Colossus* and reflects the struggle women endured for equal rights at the time.

Aitch (Illustrator)

Nomadic Aitch originally hails from Romania but prefers not to put down roots in any one place, new scenery inspires and invigorates her tactile, folky illustrations and a constant string of exhibitions in cities across the continent pushes her technique further. Her dreamy characters hide amongst William Morris-esque gardens and bring to mind a bright and bold reincarnation of Victorian melancholy while still retaining a strong sense of her Romanian heritage.



Publication date	Thursday, September 24, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier	9781444978292
Thema 1.6	Children's: picture books, activity books, early learning concepts (YB) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)

CBMC	A3M79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	250x250
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	The Magic Pet Shop
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Pugicorn
Starwhal
La-La-Llama
Pandarina
Pugicorn and the Christmas Wish
Kitticorn
Starpuff
Pugicorn and Hugicorn
Elepop
Dinocorn
Pugicorn and the Rainbow Holiday
Pugicorn and the Chickaboo

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher

The Magic Pet Shop: Fluffpuff

Matilda Rose (Illustrated By Tim Budgen)

Keynote

A wintry adventure about a little prince and his magical baby penguin. From the creators of *Pugicorn* comes a fun-filled story that encourages children to try something new.

Description

Meet Fluffpuff. She's a fluffy, fun and snow-loving magical baby penguin.

Meet Prince Arthur. He hates the cold and wants to hide away inside all day. Can Fluffpuff help Arthur to discover the wonderfully warm magic of snow even on the coldest of days?

A sparkling picture book about the importance of trying something new, filled with friendship, fun and winter magic. From the creators of *Pugicorn* and *Kitticorn*.

Pay another visit to The Magic Pet Shop:

Pugicorn
Pugicorn and the Christmas Wish
Pugicorn and Hugicorn
Pugicorn and the Lovebug
Pugicorn and the Rainbow Holiday
Pugicorn and the Chickaboo
Starwhal
La-La-Llama
Pandarina
Kitticorn
Starpuff
Elepop
Sparkyfox
Puppicorn
Dinocorn

Sales Points

- From the creators of *Pugicorn* and *Kitticorn* comes another sparkling story full of fun and friendship, set in a fairy tale world
- Encourages children to try new things and get out of their comfort zone
- Features an adorable baby penguin pet with magic rainbow powers
- The sixteenth book in the bestselling *The Magic Pet Shop* series
- *The Magic Pet Shop* series has sold over 1 million copies worldwide

Author Biography

Matilda Rose (Author)

Matilda Rose is the author of The Magic Pet Shop series - *Pugicorn*, *La-La-Llama*, *Kitticorn* and more fun-filled adventures set in a fairy tale world and featuring different magical pets. With important messages about sharing, kindness, trying your best and being yourself, The Magic Pet Shop books combine sparkle, fun and heart!

Tim Budgen (Illustrator)

Tim Budgen is a freelance illustrator and Art teacher. He's illustrated *Pugicorn* and the Magic Pet Shop series, the Lizzie and Lucky series by Megan Rix, 20 Dinosaurs at Bedtime by Mark Sperring and many more amazing children's books. For much of his life he has been scribbling down ideas and can usually be found with a pencil in one hand and a sketchbook in the other! He lives by the sea on Hayling Island, England, with his wife Julia.



Publication date	Thursday, September 24, 2026
Price	£8.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9781445183534
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage general interest: Art and artists (YNA) Interest age: from c 5 years (SAF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF)
CBMC	B5N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	250x190
Depth	12mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Series	Art Intros
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Art Intros: Meet Impressionism

Susie Brooks (Illustrated By Marcella Tamayo)

Keynote

Be introduced to all things Impressionism in this engaging and fun book exploring one of the most iconic art movements

Description

Learn how the invention of photography and paint tubes contributed to the start of this infamous art movement, where the name Impressionism came from, initial reactions from the public and much more in this introduction to Impressionism. Journey from mid-1800s Paris to the end of the movement and the Post Impressionists that followed, meeting key figures such as Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Berthe Morisot and many more along the way.

Art Intros introduces young readers to each major art movement with an exciting combination of illustrations and reproductions of artwork alongside fun facts and stories. This is the perfect collection of books for creative children, budding artists and all curious young minds to start exploring the world of art.

Sales Points

- Interactive questions, a glossary of key words and a chance to reflect on the book keeps children engaged throughout and cements knowledge
- Employs a visual approach to learning, combining reproductions of iconic artworks and illustrations alongside interactive learning
- Written by artist and award-winning author Susie Brooks

Author Biography

Susie Brooks is an award-winning writer and editor of children's books. Writing on a wide range of subjects from dinosaurs to geography, she also masquerades as an artist (among other things, painting children's portraits and getting messy in classroom workshops!). In 2014, her Get into Art series won the English Association Picture Book Award, British Book Design and Production Award and the overall SLA Information Book Award. She can regularly be found walking people's dogs and in her spare time, loves to travel and explore new places!

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CBMC	B5N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	128 pages
Word Count	
Series	Football Superstars
Exclusively for Sale	World (ex USA, Can)
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Football Superstars: Isak Rules

Simon Mugford (Illustrated By Dan Green)

Keynote

Football Superstars brings you the story of Alexander Isak - Sweden's star striker! From dazzling Premier League goals to international heroics, discover how he's ruling football with skill, flair, and confidence.

Description

Meet Alexander Isak - the Swedish star striker taking the football world by storm! In Football Superstars: Isak Rules, young readers will dive into his journey from underdog teenager to Premier League goal machine and international hero. Packed with action-packed match stories, jaw-dropping stats, inspiring quotes, and fun quizzes, it's a perfect blend of biography and excitement. Learn how Isak's dazzling dribbling, lethal finishing, and team spirit made him a role model for aspiring football fans everywhere.

Sales Points

- The successful *Football Superstars* series presents Alexander Isak's inspiring career in football using Dan Green's action-packed, comic artwork and Simon Mugford's fun storytelling skills - ideal for reluctant readers.
- The narrative is relatable and inspirational for young fans and covers the biggest moments in Isak's career to date, including his early stint at Real Sociedad before making the career defining move to Newcastle, where he became one of the Premier League's top strikers, eventually signing for Liverpool in 2025.
- The Swede hopes to follow the same path of success as Zlatan Ibrahimović, earning a reputation as one of the best strikers in the world.
- Filled with a full array of career stats, which makes the book ideal for young, enthusiastic football fans.

Author Biography

Simon Mugford (Author)

Simon once worked at the Science Museum in London, where he flew paper aeroplanes and made giant bubbles for children. Now he writes and edits books about things like dinosaurs, ice hockey, thunderstorms and llamas. He lives in Kent with his wife and daughter, a cat and two tortoises.

Dan Green (Illustrator)

Dan Green has drawn silly pictures since he could hold a crayon. Then he grew up and started making books about stuff like trucks, space, people's jobs, Doctor Who and Star Wars. Dan lives in Suffolk with his wife, son, daughter and dog that takes him for very long walks.

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Price	£8.99 / ₹599
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Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Humorous stories (YFQ) Children's / Teenage fiction: Short stories (YFU) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF) Hallowe'en / Halloween (5HCP)
CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	224 pages
Word Count	
Series	Horrid Henry
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Visit www.horridhenry.co.uk for a complete list of Horrid Henry titles.

Recent story collections include FIENDISH FOES, SUMMER OF DOOM and CHRISTMAS CHAOS.

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Horrid Henry: Spooks and Scares

Francesca Simon (Illustrated By Tony Ross)

Keynote

Number One for Fiendish Fun! Join Horrid Henry in another bumper book of mischief.

Perfect for half term holiday reading, SPOOKS AND SCARES contains six of the best Halloween-themed Horrid Henry stories, plus a bonus activity section packed with games and puzzles to keep readers busy.

Description

Number One for Fiendish Fun! Join Horrid Henry in another bumper book of mischief.

Halloween is one of Horrid Henry's favourite times of year, and this collection brings together six of the best spooky and scary (but also hilarious) stories. Featuring zombie vampires, monstrous trick-or-treaters, nightmarish ghouls and much more, it's the perfect Halloween collection for Horrid Henry fans and new readers alike.

An irresistible introduction to reading for pleasure, with six illustrated stories plus a joke and activity section - the perfect gift for Horrid Henry fans everywhere, and ideal entertainment for school holidays and journeys.

This collection contains the following stories:

- Horrid Henry and the Fangmangler
- Horrid Henry and the Revenge of the Bogey Babysitter
- Horrid Henry: Nightmare!
- Horrid Henry's Horrid Weekend
- Horrid Henry: Zombie Vampire
- Horrid Henry: Tricks and Treats

Sales Points

- These bumper themed story collections make a great introduction to the series and are an ideal gift for existing Horrid Henry fans. SPOOKS AND SCARES is published in time for October half term and Halloween promotions
- Total UK sales across the Horrid Henry range are in excess of 30 million copies
- Rights sold in over 30 languages
- Francesca Simon is one of the UK's top-selling children's authors and is also among the Top 10 most borrowed children's authors in UK libraries
- As well as six hilarious stories there's a bonus joke and activity section to keep Horrid Henry fans of all ages entertained for hours - perfect for the school holidays

Author Biography

Francesca Simon (Author)

Francesca Simon MBE 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. She was appointed MBE in the 2023 New Year Honours.

Francesca is also a passionate ambassador for children's literacy and is a trustee of the World Book Day charity. She lives in North London with her family.

Visit Francesca's website at www.francescasimon.com and keep up-to-date with Horrid Henry at www.horridhenry.co.uk. You can also follow her on Twitter @simon_francesca

Tony Ross (Illustrator)

Tony Ross was born in London and studied at the Liverpool School of Art and Design. He has worked as a cartoonist, a graphic designer, as the Art Director of an advertising agency, and as Senior Lecturer in Art at Manchester Polytechnic.

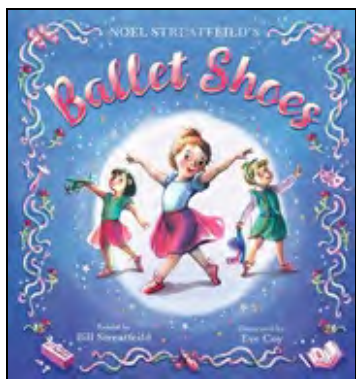
Tony is one of the most popular and successful children's illustrators of all time, best known for illustrating Horrid Henry and the works of David Walliams. Tony's books have been translated into 40 languages in over 100 countries. He lives in Macclesfield.

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Ballet Shoes

A picture book retelling of a timeless tale

Bill Streatfeild (Illustrated By Eve Coy)

Keynote

An exquisitely illustrated picture book of Noel Streatfeild's beloved classic - *Ballet Shoes* - retold by her nephew, Bill Streatfeild. The perfect gift for little dancers.

Description

The first official picture book adaptation of *Ballet Shoes*, beautifully illustrated and sure to capture the imaginations and hearts of a new generation of readers.

Meet Pauline, Petrova and Posy Fossil - three adopted sisters who share a dream of truly making something of their name.

Posy, the youngest of the sisters, loves to dance, twirl and prance. Pauline, the eldest sister, also feels happiest on stage treading the boards as an actress. But, Petrova, the middle sister, would rather be behind the scenes.

As the young girls start their journey at The Children's Academy of Dance and Stage Training, will they be able to discover their true callings, tap into their own unique talents, and work together to achieve their dreams?

With a heartwarming message of the unbreakable bonds of sisterhood and following your true passions, this retelling of a timeless tale is brought to life with beautiful storytelling and stunning artwork by Eve Coy.

Reimagined by Bill Streatfeild, nephew of Noel, and endorsed by the Streatfeild estate.

Sales Points

- Adapting the much-beloved classic and timeless tale that has captured imaginations all over the world, now accessing a whole new generation of readers
- Noel Streatfeild's nephew, Bill, adapted the text for a picture book audience, pulling out the themes of sisterhood, perseverance and following your own dreams
- Beautifully illustrated by Eve Coy, a true fan of the original novel, staying true to many details in her stunning artwork
- A nostalgia purchase for those who loved the novel, but also the perfect gift for ballet lovers

Author Biography

Eve Coy is a freelance illustrator and animator living in the Cotswolds, England. She gained an MA in Children's Illustration from the Cambridge School of Art and her first picture book was shortlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize. She is also a co-director of Paper & Clay Ltd.

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Main Identifier **9781444964493**
Thema 1.6 **Picture storybooks (YBCS) Children's / Teenage fiction: Family and home stories (YFN) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF) Interest age: from c 3 years (5AC)**

CBMC **A3M79**
Age **0-5 years**
Subject **Fiction**
Type **Picture Book**
Character **Non-character**
Tie In **Non Tie-in**

Binding **Hardback**
Format **275x250**
Extent **32 pages**
Word Count
Exclusively for Sale **UK; World (ex USA, Can)**
Not for Sale **Can; USA**

1st Serial **Refer to Publisher**
2nd Serial **Refer to Publisher**
Audio **Refer to Publisher**
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Translation **Refer to Publisher**
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Publication date	Thursday, September 10, 2026
Price	£20.00 / ₹1799
Main Identifier	9781444974928
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction and true stories: Cultural heritage / traditional stories (YFJ) Children's / Teenage: Anthologies (YDC) Children's / Teenage general interest: Countries, places, cultures and national identity (YNMC) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACF) Interest age: from c 5 years (SAF)
CBMC	B3M79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Picture Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	290x225
Extent	96 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA
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Audio	Refer to Publisher
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A Magical World of Bedtime Stories 24 Tales Inspired by Folklore

James Randall (Illustrated By Freya Hartas)

Keynote

An illustrated treasury of bedtime stories inspired by folklore from around the world

Description

Snuggle up for a magical journey with **24 enchanting bedtime stories** from around the world - one for every hour children fall asleep somewhere on Earth. From mysterious forests and clever, mischievous animals to starlit skies and flying beds, each tale is a window into the rich folklore, nature, and traditions of a different country.

Written by **James Randall** and brought to life with charming illustrations by **Freya Hartas**, this truly global collection will capture imaginations and inspire sweet dreams night after night.

Sales Points

- An innovative twist on the traditional bedtime story treasury, inspired by local myth and folklore
- Includes supporting real-life facts around the inspiration behind each story
- Truly magical illustrations by Freya Hartas bring the stories and their characters to vivid life

Author Biography

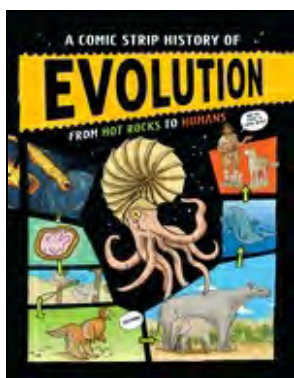
James Randall (Author)

James Randall is an anthropologist and writer, who crafts stories for children on imaginative, exploratory and wilderness themes, and non-fiction on creativity and cultural history. He holds a PhD in English and Comparative Literature and a master's in social Anthropology. He has worked for Bloomsbury Publishing and is a past volunteer at the Ministry of Stories. He lives in Bath, UK.

Freya Hartas (Illustrator)

Freya is a Bristol-based illustrator specialising in children's books. She live with her partner and their ancient black cat, Katsu, and works from a cluttered desk in a shared studio down the road. She graduated from Falmouth University with a first class honours in BA Illustration in 2014.

Freya loves to conjure up humorous characters, animals and monsters, creating the most fantastical worlds for them to inhabit. She has worked on picture books and classic chapter-book illustrations aimed at older children.



Publication date	Thursday, June 11, 2026
Price	£9.99 / ₹799
Main Identifier	9781445192543
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage general interest: Nature, animals, the natural world (YNN)
	For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ)
	Interest age: from c 9 years (5AK)

CBMC	D5N79
Age	9-11 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	284x216
Depth	10mm
Extent	64 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
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Previous Titles

February 2025

A Comic Strip History of Planet Earth: Part 1

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A Comic Strip History of Planet Earth: Part 2

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A Comic Strip History of Evolution From Hot Rocks to Humans

Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Emmanuel Cerisier)

Keynote

A funny, fresh comic-strip look at the incredible history of life on Earth

Description

A funny, fresh comic-strip look at the incredible history of life on Earth

Take a whirlwind comic strip trip through 4.5 billion fascinating years of evolution, discovering how life on Earth began and how it diversified, the weird and wonderful first animals, the age of the dinosaurs, the first humans and much, much more.

A Comic Strip History of Evolution works as a timeline, combining information spreads with comic strip stories, and is supported throughout by high-interest facts and plenty of humour. Perfect for kids aged 9 and up.

Contents:

How it started / In the soup / It's all about the genes / Single cells rule! / Lots more species... / Animals arrive / Life explosion! / Evolving ecosystems / Oh no - species disaster! / Land takeover / Green planet / Into the air! / Four-legged fish / Age of the dinosaurs / Fossil focus / Reptile world / Mini-mammals / Is it a bird? / Watch out dinosaurs! / Gone forever! / Massive mammals / Looks familiar! / The human family / Types of evolution / Smart humans / Changing wild species / Understanding evolution / It's still going on! / Evolution timeline / Glossary / Index

Sales Points

- Dynamic comic-strip approach makes the books engaging, accessible and funny
- Timeline structure gives each book a clear historical span and makes the reading experience feel like a journey
- Written by award-winning science author Anna Claybourne and expertly illustrated by graphic artist Emmanuel Cerisier

Summary of Contents

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Author Biography

Anna Claybourne (Author)

Anna Claybourne has written over 150 children's books on all kinds of subjects, from sharks, black holes and splitting the atom to how to draw, Shakespeare's life, and Greek myths and legends. She knows a lot about conservation in the rain forests of Costa Rica as she once volunteered there for three months. She likes space, sewing and music, plays the trombone and loves going camping.

Emmanuel Cerisier (Illustrator)

Emmanuel was born in 1970 and lives with his family in the west of France. He graduated from the Higher School of Graphic Arts in Paris in 1995 (ESAG Penninghen). His work involves digital and gouache illustrations for non fiction books, novels, and children's magazines and comics.

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CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
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Series	Icons
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Football Icons: Ronaldo

Simon Mugford

Keynote

Follow Cristiano Ronaldo's story with this fact-packed book filled with amazing photos!

Description

Get up close with football icon Cristiano Ronaldo! This fun guide to Ronaldo's career is packed full of amazing photography. Discover how he began at Sporting CP, became a superstar at Manchester United, scored goals for fun at Real Madrid, and helped Portugal win Euro 2016 and the Nations League. With cool trivia, essential stats and stunning photography, it celebrates some of Ronaldo's biggest and most unforgettable moments on the pitch

Sales Points

- Brand new football biography series with photography throughout.
- Filled with facts and stats and written in a simple, accessible style, perfect for reluctant readers.
- Cristiano Ronaldo is still one of the world's biggest football stars, with five UEFA Champions League titles, major international trophies with Portugal, and around 672 million followers on Instagram.
- Written by Simon Mugford, the million-selling *Football Superstars* author.

Author Biography

Simon once worked at the Science Museum in London, where he flew paper aeroplanes and made giant bubbles for children. Now he writes and edits books about things like dinosaurs, ice hockey, thunderstorms and llamas. He lives in Kent with his wife and daughter, a cat and two tortoises.

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Football Icons: Messi

Simon Mugford

Keynote

Follow Lionel Messi's story with this fact-packed book filled with amazing photos!

Description

Get up close with the GOAT of international football! This fun guide to Messi's career is packed full of amazing photography. Find out how Messi started his journey in professional football, read all about the teams he's played for, and follow him all the way to his amazing international success as a World Cup winner. It's full of cool trivia, essential stats and stunning photography from Messi's greatest moments on the pitch.

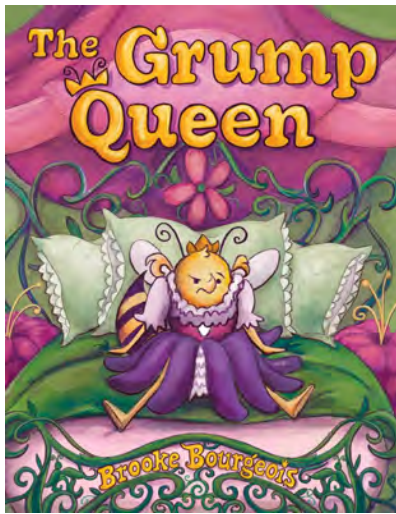
Sales Points

- Brand new football biography series with photography throughout.
- Filled with facts and stats and written in a simple, accessible style, perfect for reluctant readers.
- Messi continues to be one of the world's biggest football stars, with a 2022 world cup win and over 500 million followers on Instagram.
- Written by Simon Mugford, the million-selling *Football Superstars* author.

Author Biography

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The Grump Queen

Brooke Bourgeois

Key Selling Points

TARGET AUDIENCE: Educators, caregivers, and librarians looking for a fresh story about grumpiness and anger; anyone looking for a social emotional children's book about managing emotions; fans of *Grumpy Monkey* and *Buffalo Fluffalo*; anyone looking for a picture book about healthy expression of anger and other emotions

FRESH TAKE ON SOCIAL EMOTIONAL THEMES: Themes and tropes of traditionally "bad" behaviors such as anger, tantrums, and bitterness are popular with children who are learning how to manage their emotions. THE GRUMP QUEEN deftly teaches readers that these behaviors and emotions are natural while still providing them with practical skills to assist in regulating their everyday feelings.

NOSTALGIC, ORIGINAL ART STYLE: Through the use of gouache, colored pencils, and digital styles, Brooke boldly uses a quintessential but fresh design to illustrate her one-of-a-kind storytelling.

Summary

From the author of *Penelope's Balloons*, a tale about a grumpy little bee who learns to manage her emotions, perfect for fans of Grumpy Monkey.

Princess Posie is mad as can be. Every day is filled with the same boring princess duties, yucky foods, and impossible-to-achieve expectations. Posie knows the hive is counting on her to become the queen one day, but what she really needs is a break! But no matter how many times she shares her feelings, no one will listen to her—not even her mom.

Soon, Posie's anger begins to brim and bubble ... but when she finally finds a way to let her feelings out, Posie finds herself in an even stickier situation.

Brooke Bourgeois's lush art and infectious storytelling teach a lesson in emotions that is essential for all bees big and small: it's okay to be grumpy sometimes, as long as no one gets stung along the way.

Contributor Bio

Brooke Bourgeois is a cartoonist, writer, and illustrator originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, now residing in New York City. Her cartoons have appeared in *The New Yorker* and *Private Eye*, amongst other publications, and she is the author-illustrator of *Penelope's Balloons*. She invites you to visit her online at brookeabourgeois.com.

Illustrations



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The Wishing Well

Gideon Sterer, Emily Hughes

Key Selling Points

A NEW CLASSIC FROM TWO RISING PICTURE BOOKS STARS: *New York Times* bestselling author Gideon Sterer and award-winning illustrator Emily Hughes, the creators of indie hit *If You Make a Call on a Banana Phone*, have growing fan bases who will delight in this heartrending, hopeful story and breathtaking illustrations.

MODERN FAIRY TALES ARE IN DEMAND: With a special trim size and gorgeous art, *The Wishing Well* delivers a classic feel, a touch of magic, a gentle monster character, and a story with deep emotional resonance.

TIMELY THEMES OF GRATITUDE AND WONDER: This beautiful story will spark conversations about appreciation—even in tough times—for the true riches of family, friendship, nature, and the gift of life itself.

Summary

In this emotionally rich story from *New York Times* bestselling author Gideon Sterer and award-winning illustrator Emily Hughes, a monster trapped at the bottom of a wishing well plots his escape, reminding us that true wealth is measured not in coins but in love, freedom, and the beauty of nature.

Plip! Plop! Plip! The coins fall down into the well, and at the bottom is the monster who must record all the wishes. The people wish for puppies, or ponies, but most of all, they wish to be rich. They think that will make them happy. But the monster, surrounded by money, knows that the treasures of their lives above make them rich already. The hugs, the kisses, the books, the stars, and the seasons are all that he wishes for.

His lonely plight—and daring escape—will have readers reconsidering their wildest wishes.

Perfect for fans of John Klassen's modern fables, *The Wishing Well* celebrates the beauty and wonder of all we take for granted.

Contributor Bio

Gideon Sterer is the *New York Times* bestselling author of many picture books, including *We Are Already Haunting Here*, illustrated by Charlie Mylie, and the Indie bestseller *If You Make a Call on a Bananaphone*, illustrated by Emily Hughes. Growing up in upstate New York, Gideon stared down many wells, threw in many coins, and wondered always just what was down there. He currently lives in Brooklyn.

Visit Gideon at gideonsterer.com and on social media @gideonsterer.

Emily Hughes is an internationally recognized children's illustrator and author from Hilo, Hawaii, whose books include *Wild* and the Indie bestseller *If You Make a Call on a Bananaphone*, written by Gideon Sterer. Emily currently lives and draws in East London.

Visit Emily on Instagram @plaidemily.

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Classic Starts®: The Wind in the Willows

Kenneth Grahame, Martin Woodside

Key Selling Points

TARGET AUDIENCE: Aimed toward emerging independent readers ages 7 through 9; Introducing children to beloved classics in approachable, easy-to-read abridgements; With genres including fantasy, sci-fi, adventure, slice-of-life, and more, this series will appeal to a wide range of children.

BESTSELLING BACKLIST SERIES: The Classic Starts series has sold more than 8 million copies to date across 57 titles since launching in 2004. The previous edition of *Classic Starts®: The Wind in the Willows* sold 114K copies.

UPDATED PACKAGE: This paper-over-board format includes vibrant new cover art by award-winning illustrator Karl James Mountford, 10 discussion questions, and 10 pieces of new black-and-white interior art to dynamically illustrate the story for contemporary audiences.

PERFECT FOR COLLECTIONS: This series is a natural addition to classrooms, libraries, and personal bookshelves.

Summary

An abridged and illustrated chapter book retelling of *The Wind in the Willows*, part of the bestselling Classic Starts series that has sold more than 8 million copies!

Follow the delightful escapades of Mole, Rat, Toad, and Badger as they make their way through the seasons while racing motorcars through the English countryside, getting lost in the Wild Wood, and rescuing Toad Hall from a marauding band of weasels. This charming animal foursome and their stories of friendship and adventure will capture the imaginations and hearts of today's young readers.

Contributor Bio

Kenneth Grahame (1859–1932) was a British writer born in Edinburgh, who moved to Berkshire, England, as a young child. In 1900, his son was born, and Grahame made up stories to tell him at bedtime. These stories eventually turned into *The Wind in the Willows*, a story that has been beloved by children for ages.

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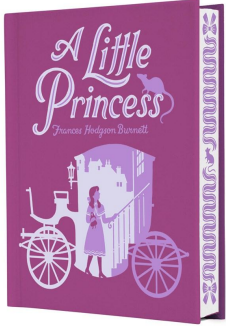
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A Little Princess

Frances Hodgson Burnett

Key Selling Points

TARGET AUDIENCE: For fans of other classic children's literature about young girls overcoming adversity to build a new life, like Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden* and L. M. Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables*; For readers of contemporary retellings, like *The Gilded Girl* by Alyssa Colman.

A COLLECTIBLE EDITION: These eye-catching designs feature vibrant cloth covers with intricate, color-coordinated patterned edges, and a silk ribbon, perfect as a gift or keepsake.

ICONIC TEXTS: The Children's Signature Clothbound Editions series includes the best-known works of the literary canon and champions a diverse vision of classic literature.

Summary

Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic riches-to-rags tale, now in a beautiful gift edition for the Union Square & Co. Signature Children's Signature Clothbound Editions line.

When Sara Crewe arrives at Miss Minchin's boarding school, she is treated like a true princess, adored by her classmates and the fawning headmistress. But when tragedy strikes and her father is believed to be dead and penniless, Sara's fortunes change forever. Stripped of her privilege and forced into servitude, she must use her vivid imagination and inner strength to survive. A timeless tale of hope, resilience, and the triumph of a good heart.

Contributor Bio

Frances Eliza Hodgson Burnett (1849–1924) was a British novelist and playwright. She is best known for the three children's novels *Little Lord Fauntleroy* (published in 1885–86), *A Little Princess* (1905), and *The Secret Garden* (1911).

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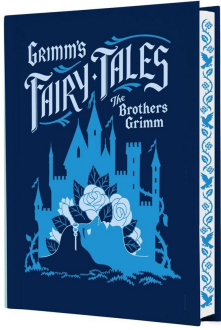
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A Little Princess 9781454964476
\$7.99

Comp Titles

A Little Princess	Burnett, Frances Hodgson	Puffin Books	5/10/2012	9780141341712	\$18.99	Hardcover Paper over boards	Juvenile Fiction
Anne of Green Gables	Montgomery, Lucy	Union Square Kids	10/22/2024	9781454957300	\$16.99	Hardcover Paper over boards	Juvenile Fiction
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Grimm's Fairy Tales

Grimm Brothers

Key Selling Points

TARGET AUDIENCE: For fans of other iconic fairy tales and folklore, like Hans Christian Andersen's *Fairy Tales* and *The Blue Fairy Book* by Andrew Lang; for readers of contemporary reinterpretations, like *A Tale Dark & Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz and *The Sisters Grimm* by Michael Buckley.

A COLLECTIBLE EDITION: These eye-catching designs feature vibrant cloth covers with intricate, color-coordinated patterned edges, and a silk ribbon, perfect as a gift or keepsake.

ICONIC TEXTS: The Children's Signature Clothbound Editions series includes the best-known works of the literary canon and champions a diverse vision of classic literature.

Summary

A compendium of fantastical and enchanting tales, now in a beautiful gift edition for the Union Square & Co. Signature Children's Signature Clothbound Editions line.

From the deep forests of Germany, a treasury of folk stories was gathered by the Brothers Grimm in the 19th century. These are not just any tales—they are full of cunning witches, magical beasts, brave children, and hapless princesses.

Grimm's Fairy Tales collects some of the best-known fairy and folk tales set down by Jakob and Wilhelm Grimm, including "Sleeping Beauty," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Little Red Riding Hood," "Hansel and Gretel," "The Frog-Prince," and "Rumpelstiltskin." Bewitching, beautiful, and timeless, these classic tales have captured the imaginations of children for hundreds of years.

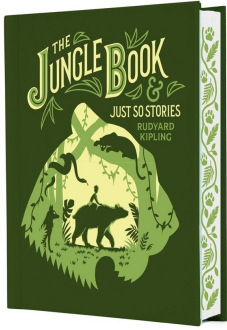
Contributor Bio

Jakob Ludwig Grimm (1785–1863) and **Wilhelm Karl Grimm** (1786–1859) were born in Hanau, Germany. The brothers were part of a family of nine children who lived in the countryside. When the father died suddenly, the harsh circumstances the family endured greatly influenced the way the brothers Grimm eventually interpreted and wrote their tales. At the University of Marburg to study law, the brothers Grimm developed a love of folk poetry. Their first volume of fairy tales, *Children's and Household Stories*, was published in 1812. A collection of stories told to them by peasants and villagers, it was created as a collaborative effort: Jakob did the research behind the stories, and Wilhelm crafted these stories for children.

Comp Titles

Grimms' Fairy Tales	Grimm, Jacob	Puffin Classics	10/31/2023	9780241621196 0241621194	Hardcover	Juvenile Fiction
The Little Mermaid and Other Tales	Andersen, Hans	Union Square Kids	10/22/2024	9781454957362 \$14.99 1454957360 USD	Hardcover Paper over boards	Juvenile Fiction

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The Jungle Book & Just So Stories

Rudyard Kipling

Key Selling Points

TARGET AUDIENCE: For fans of other classic children's literature that explores building a life outside of traditional human society, like *Peter Pan* by J. M. Barrie; for readers of contemporary books about animal survival and resilience in the natural world, like *A Wolf Called Wander* by Rosanne Parry.

A COLLECTIBLE EDITION: These eye-catching designs feature vibrant cloth covers with intricate, color-coordinated patterned edges, and a silk ribbon, perfect as a gift or keepsake.

ICONIC TEXTS: The Children's Signature Clothbound Editions series includes the best-known works of the literary canon and champions a diverse vision of classic literature.

Summary

A thrilling tale of a boy caught between two worlds, now in a beautiful gift edition for the Union Square & Co. Signature Children's Signature Clothbound Editions line.

Follow Mowgli, the man-cub raised by wolves, on his adventure-filled journey through the heart of the jungle. With guidance from the wise bear Baloo and the graceful panther Bagheera, he learns the complex rules of the wild—but when the fearsome tiger Shere Khan threatens his world, Mowgli must confront the ultimate choice: embrace the Law of the Jungle or the call of the human village.

More than a century after its initial publication, Kipling's compelling saga of loyalty, belonging, and coming of age remains a powerful and unforgettable classic that is perfect for young readers' libraries. This edition also includes Kipling's *Just So Stories*, a collection of short stories that whimsically explore the origin stories of animals, like how the leopard got its spots.

Contributor Bio

Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936) was born in Bombay (now Mumbai), India. *The Jungle Book*, which he published in 1894, became a children's classic all over the world. Tales of every kind continued to flow from Kipling's pen, including *Kim* (1901) and *Just So Stories* (1902). Kipling was the first English writer to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, and in 1926 he received the Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Literature.

Comp Titles

The Wind in the Willows	Grahame, Kenneth	Union Square Kids	10/22/2024	9781454957409	\$14.99	Hardcover Paper over boards	Juvenile Fiction
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	Baum, L. Frank	Union Square Kids	7/1/2025	9781454959175	\$14.99	Hardcover	Juvenile Fiction

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