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Terra Ultima: The discovery of a hidden continent

Written and illustrated by Raoul Deleo and Noah J. Stern

Learn all about Terra Ultima through the narrative, observations, and drawings of explorers Raoul and Noah. The animals of Terra Ultima have been left to evolve over many centuries into the most magnificent creatures. Accompany Raoul and Noah on their expeditions as they uncover the mysteries of the coral leopard and the eleophoenix.

The most exquisite illustrations will have you captivated by their intricate detail. You'll be convinced that the animals Raoul and Noah find on their travels exist by the in-depth notes and descriptions of their experiences.



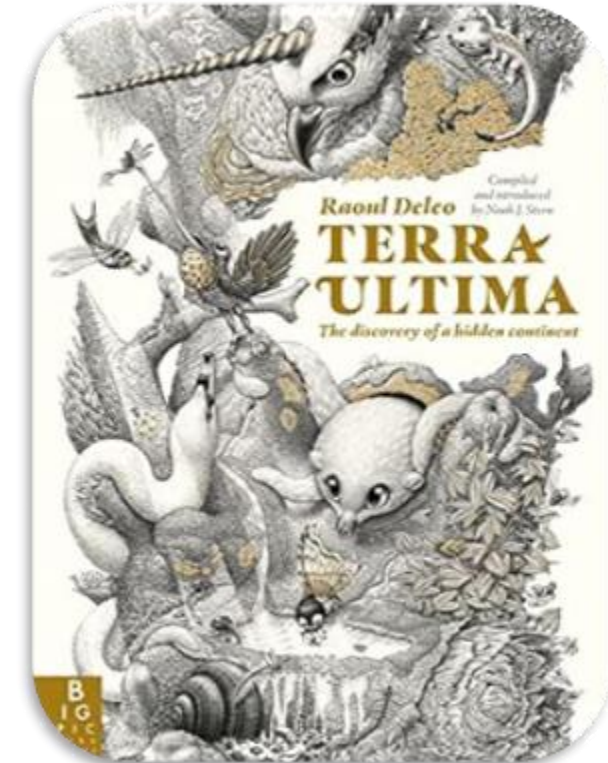
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Holey Moley

Written by Bethan Clarke and illustrated by Anders Frang



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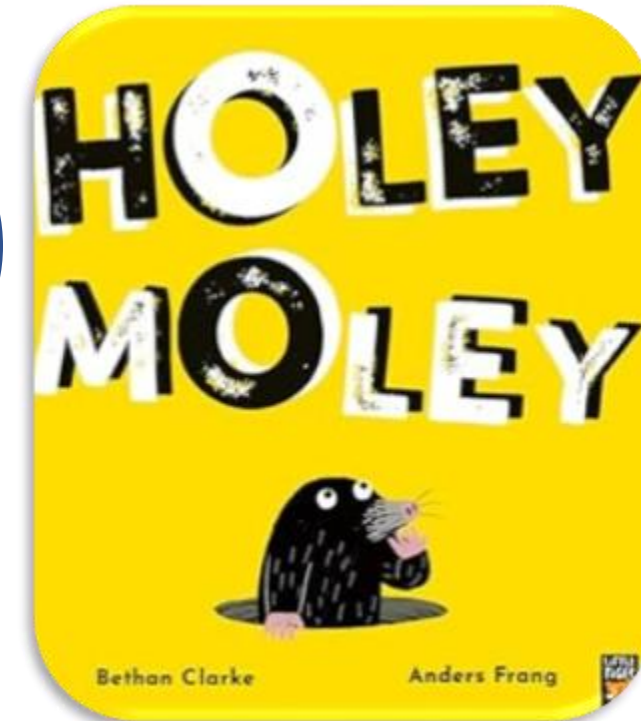
Mavis Mole meets Gus the goat as she takes a stroll through the woods. Friendly Gus tries to guess where Mavis lives. Gus loves a rhyme and has lots of fun sharing his ideas with Mavis. Can Gus guess correctly?

What a super, silly book! Can you think of as many words as Gus that rhyme with mole? Bethan's rhyming skills will have you in stitches again and again.

Anders' illustrations really convey the enthusiasm of Gus and the annoyance of Mavis, as she becomes more frustrated with Gus's many guesses.



Age 3+



Other silly books that will delight younger children are: I Really, Really Need a Wee and Does a Bear it's Hair?.



Ready Steady Mo!

Written by Mo Farah and Kes Gray and Illustrated by Marta Kissi

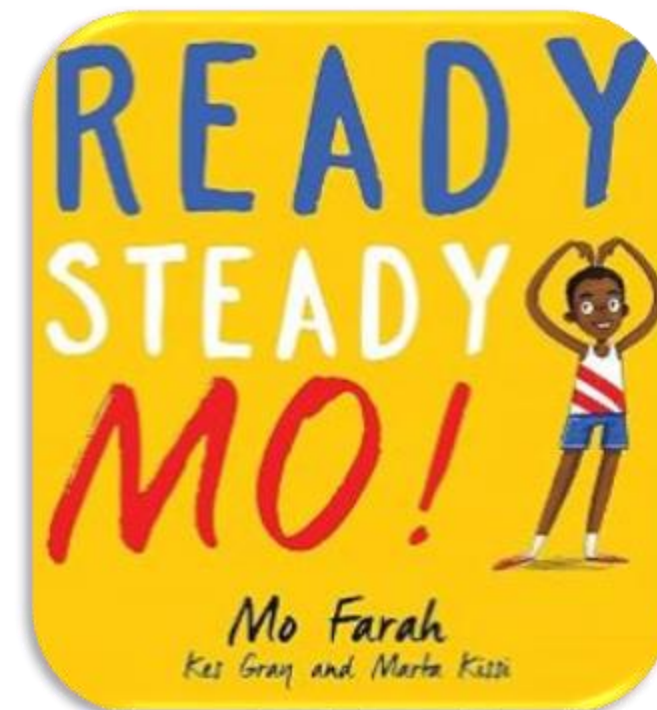


Mo Farah, Olympic Gold medalist, encourages children to run with him. Starting off slowly by running to the kitchen and running round the table. Why not run even further by running round the bend and with friends. There's no end to where you can run, apart from... in the classroom!

Simple and rhythmic language captures the attention and imagination, encouraging movement and play. Marta's vibrant illustrations are full of energy that flows throughout the book. Mo sends a positive message about thinking about running not just as an activity, but as an adventure.



Age 3



Mo's other books include: Go Mo Go: Monster Mountain Chase! And Go Mo Go: Dinosaur Dash!





Don't Tell the Children

Written by John Adams and Clare Shaw

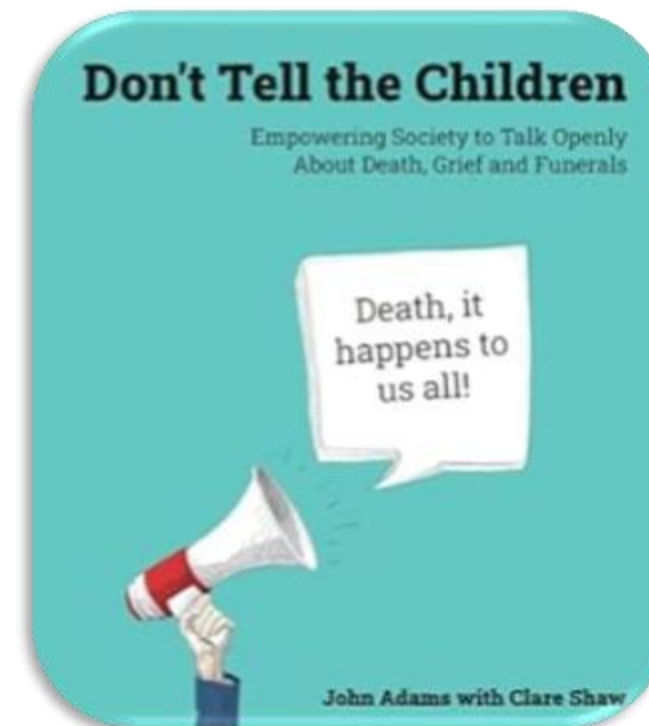


Bereavement is so difficult to talk about. John and Clare have written this book together to offer support to both children and adults, by sensitively tackling the subject of death and funerals. Children can be helped in the face of loss by being given the tools to discover the light, strength and healing as well as by being encouraged to talk openly and share their thoughts and emotions.

Although written predominantly with children in mind, it will also help adults in their understanding of grief and processing their own grief too. Written with such empathy and compassion, John and Clare offer practical advice as well sharing theirs and others' experiences of loss.



Age 3+



Further support can be found at: <https://www.childbereavementuk.org/> and <https://www.projecteileen.co.uk/>





Alex & Alex

Written by Ziggy Hanaor and Ben Javens



Alex and Alex are best friends who share many similarities but also many differences too. The story follows them throughout their day as they play together and enjoy different activities. Sometimes they disagree over things due to their differences, but they always work things out in the end.

Vivid primary colours and simple illustrations bring the story to life. This book sensitively explores themes of friendship, inclusivity, cooperation and gender fluidity.



Age 3+



Ziggy's other books include: The Pocket Chaotic, Snail Trail and I am a Potato!





Varmints

Written by Helen Ward and illustrated by Marc Craste



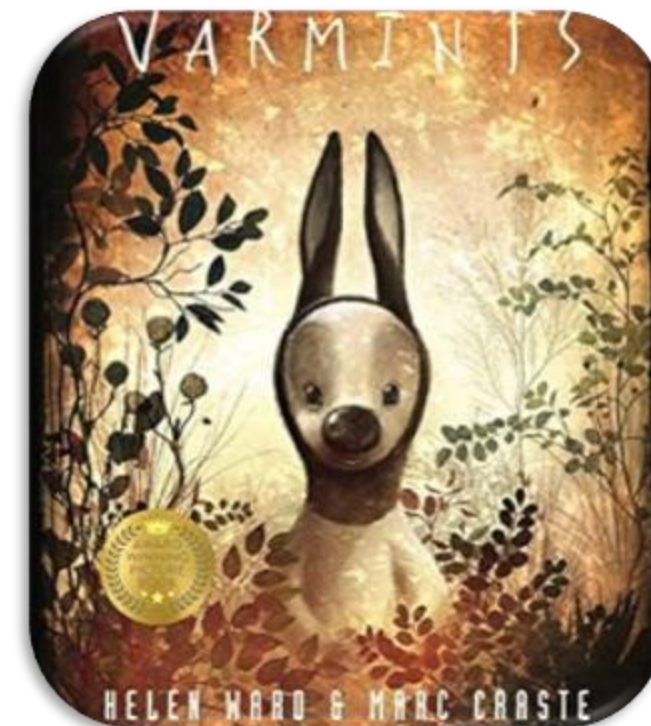
There was once...only the sound of bees. Varmints tells the story of a calm and tranquil land, until the others arrive. They take over the natural world, destroying the environment.

One varmint works tirelessly to bring nature back. Slowly but surely, his hope, resilience and determination restores the sound of the bees.

This is a story full of hope and light, emerging from the darkness. Impactful and meaningful text convey the strong environmental message that runs throughout the story. Dramatic illustrations portray the foreboding atmosphere as the story becomes darker and darker.



Age 5+



Other books with a strong environmental message are: Once Upon a Rainbow: The Story of Water and The Last Bear.





Do Lions Hate Haircuts?

Written by Bethany Walker and illustrated by Stephanie Laberis

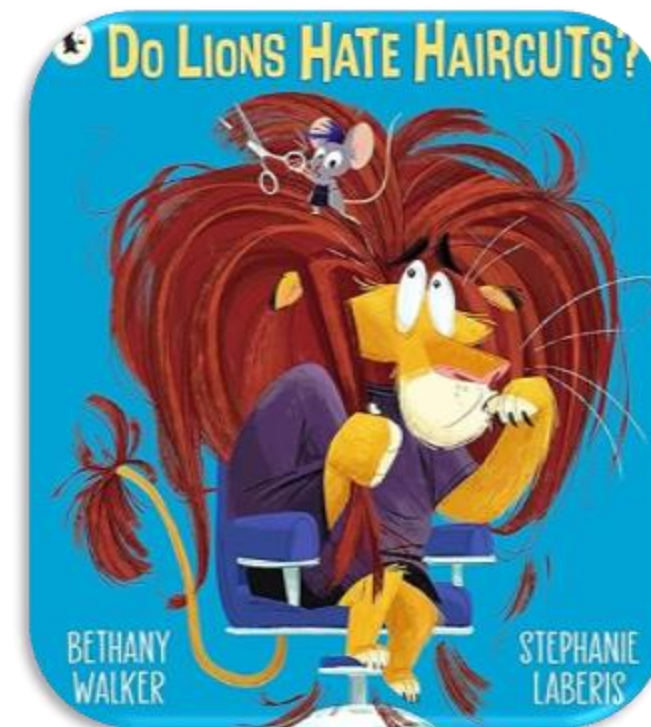


Before he met a little mouse named Marvin, Leonard the Lion hated getting his hair cut. Marvin soon started giving Leonard the best haircuts and they quickly became the best of friends. However, when Leonard found Marvin cutting other animals' hair, he became very upset and jealous. After a while, Leonard realises he's been the nitwit of the beasts and the pair work together so that all the animals can share Marvin's talents.

A lovely story to show how feelings of jealousy in a friendship can be navigated and overcome. It also includes an important message about sharing. The fun, colourful illustrations really express the animals' personalities.



Age 3+



Other titles by Bethany are: How to Steal the Mona Lisa, Olly Brown and God of Hamsters.





Monster Post

Written and illustrated by Emma Yarlett



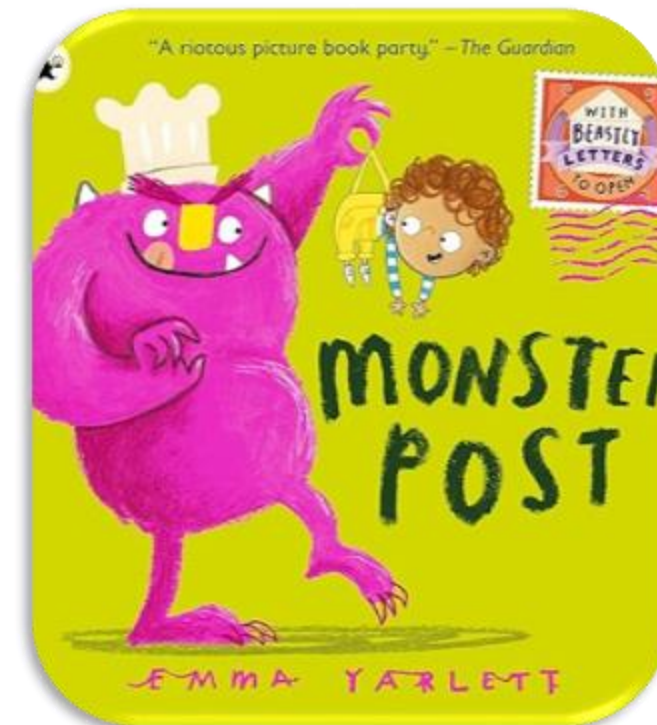
Beast was walking through the woods, when he stumbled upon something very tasty... 'dinner'. Beast was so excited that he wrote to his friends and invited them to his Beast Feast. They replied with their demands for the feast, which Beast found difficult to meet. However, 'dinner' had plenty of suggestions to dissuade the monsters from eating him.

Were Beast's guests pleased with their Beast Feast?

An amazingly humorous picture book, guaranteed to make you chuckle. This book's interactive feature adds a surprise element. It contains a subtle message about how friendships can develop and how you shouldn't judge a book by its cover.



Age 5+



Get ready for Christmas and read Santa Post too.





Spin to Survive: Deadly Jungle

Written by Emily Hawkins and illustrated by Ruby Fresson



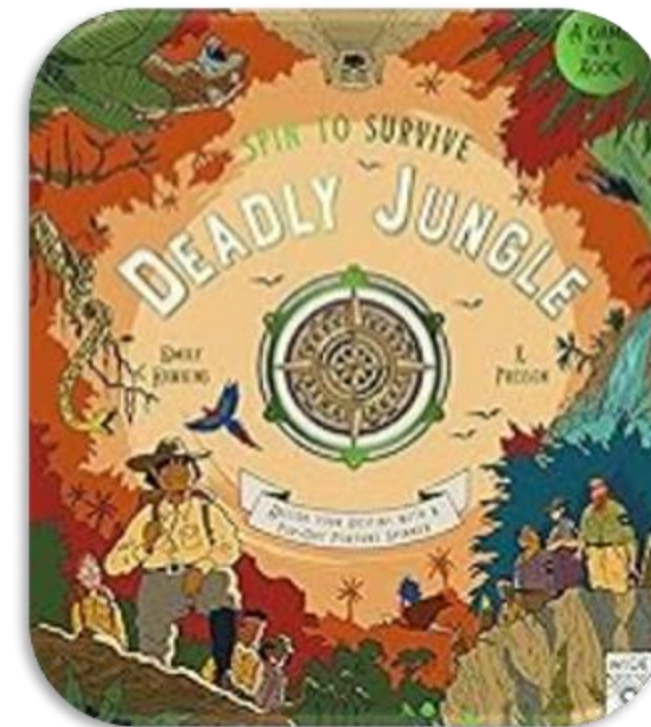
In the heart of the Amazon Rainforest, you must find the Lost City of the Jaguar God. Use your survival spinner to discover where your adventure will take you next. Learn about survival tips, indigenous history and the natural environment.

Have you got what it takes to survive?

A superb mixture of fiction and non-fiction, this "choose your own adventure" book will keep everyone engaged for hours at a time. So much can be learnt from the fascinating facts and illustrations on each page.



Age 7+



Other books in the series include: Frozen Mountain, Pirate Peril and Deep Space Danger.





The Secret of Golden Island

Written and Illustrated by Natasha Farrant



Scarlett and Yakov are both troubled children; war has forced Yakov to leave his beloved homeland and family, and Skylar is struggling to cope with her grandfather's illness. Chance brings them together at school, and together they embark on a secret mission: to win an island, an island which is remote, wild and glorious. Could this island make their dreams come true?

This is a high-octane, dazzling adventure with pace and a big heart at its centre: it captures the essence of childhood summers and the great outdoors.



Age 7+



Natasha Farrant's writing voice is glorious – you can't fail to be enchanted by this future classic.





Under Earth, Under Water

Written and illustrated by Aleksandra Mizielska and Daniel Mizielski



Have you ever wondered what happens in the ground beneath your feet or the water beneath the surface?

Travel down through the layers of earth and water to discover its secrets. From burrowing animals, cave systems and coral reefs to dinosaur fossils, oil platforms and life in the deep!

This book is filled with huge, bright illustrations and cross-sections. A plethora of information is cleverly displayed in two sections, which meet up at the Earth's core! Each section will spark your curiosity again and again to find out more. You can re-read this book and still find something new every time.



Age 7+



From the same authors who brought us Take a Bite and their Maps series.





Tasty Tales

Written and Illustrated by Anna Lena Feunekes



Have you ever wondered why tomatoes were once scary or how tea became a time of day? Find out the answer to these questions and more, while discovering fascinating cultural stories from around the world.

This heartwarming collection of stories have the perfect blend of fact and fairy tales. Anna's storytelling transports you right into the heart of her stories. Her whimsical illustrations compliment the text superbly and add depth to the narrative.



Age 6+



For more food inspired stories and recipes, try 'Take a Bite: Eat your Way Around the World'.





Up and Down Mum

Written and illustrated by Summer Macon

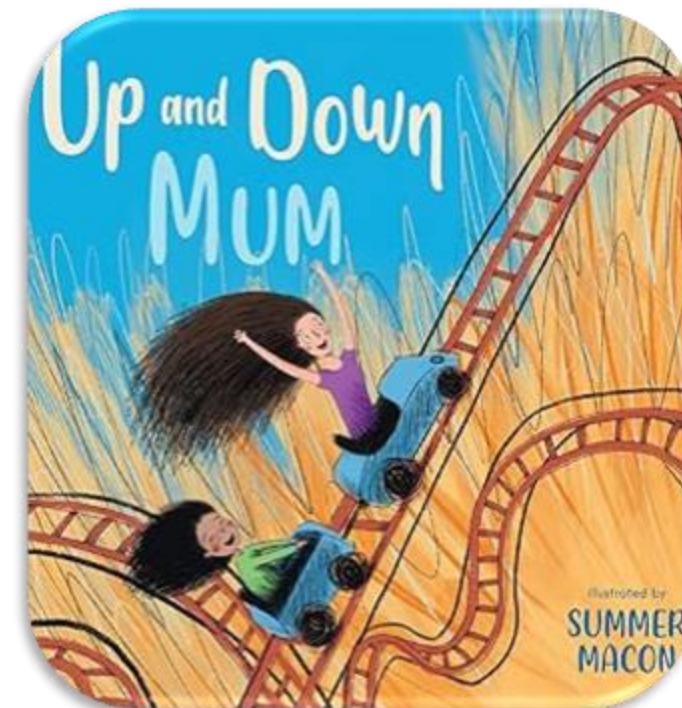


Living with a mum with bi-polar disorder can feel a little like a roller-coaster ride. Told from a child's perspective about her life with her mum during the "up and down days". During the 'up days', mum can be fun but sometimes over-excitabile. During the 'down days', Grandad looks after the little girl and they both have support from trained professionals.

A beautifully illustrated picture book that delicately explores what it can feel like living with a parent with bi-polar disorder. Told in such a way that will bring comfort, whilst building empathy and inclusivity in others.



Age 3+



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Llama on Ice

Written by Annabelle Sami and Illustrated by Allen Fatimaharan



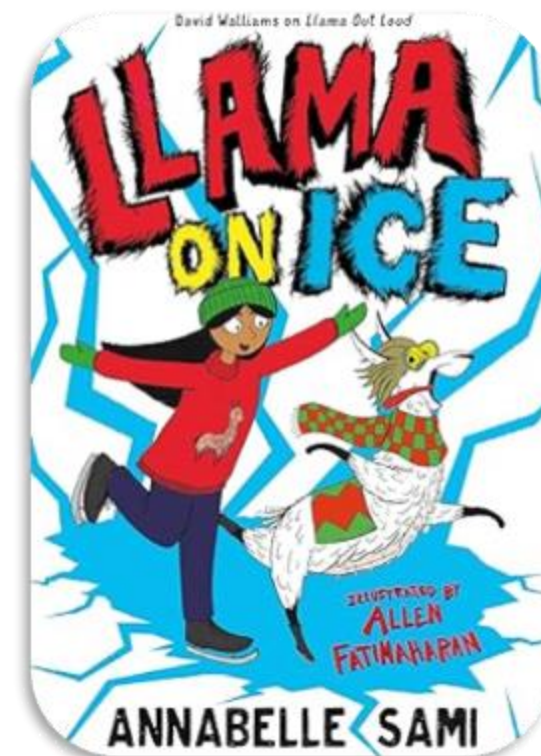
Yasmin was feeling unhappy and lonely. It was Christmas time, and her two friends were far away. To cap it all, her arch-nemesis, Tia, couldn't get away for the holidays due to a snowstorm.

Yasmin decided to take on her first solo mission and make amends with Tia. Will her furry friend Levi return in time to help her?

A great action packed, comical Christmas adventure accompanied by hilarious black and white illustrations.



Age 8+



If you enjoyed Yasmin's Christmas adventure, make sure you read books 1,2 and 3.





We, the Curious Ones

Written by Marion Dane Bauer and Illustrated by Hari & Deepti

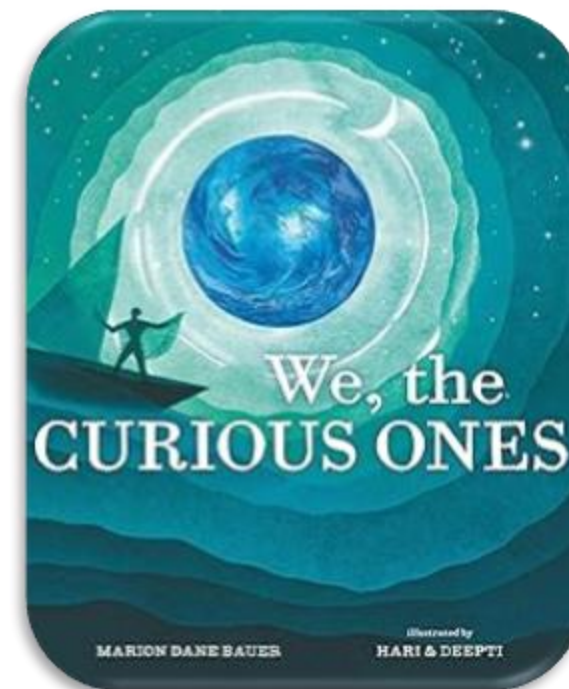


This book challenges long held beliefs and the difficult relationship between stories and science. It takes you through the history of human understanding of the universe, which has evolved over centuries of human existence. Through scrutinising and questioning, humans have progressed from believing the earth was flat and the sun revolved around the earth to the universe being ever expanding.

Breath-taking, ethereal illustrations and lyrical poetic writing make such a complicated concept less daunting. The detailed afterword explains the history of how folk stories, religion and science have led to further our understanding of the universe.



Age 5+



Marion has also written 'The Stuff of Stars', following a similar theme to 'We, the Curious Ones'.





An Anthology of our Extraordinary Earth

Written by Cally Oldershaw and Illustrated by Angela Rizza and Daniel Long

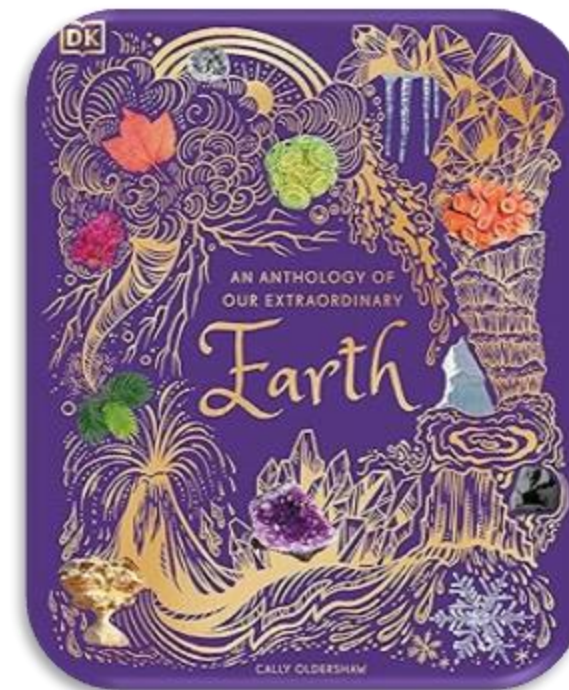


By finding out how the Earth works now, we can learn about how it worked in the past.
 Discover the origins of the earth and how it has changed over billions of years.
 Find out the difference between types of lava flow, how weather and chemicals have helped form rocks over time and why ice appears blue.

Incredibly vibrant images and detailed illustrations accompany the descriptive text. This book contains a wealth of information. You will always find something new to learn and be amazed by.



Age 7+



Other books in this series are: 'The Mysteries of the Universe' and 'The Wonders of Nature'.





Forwards Always

Written and illustrated by Matthew Hodson



A collection of poems about food, nature and reality. Designed to be read aloud and encourage the reader to join in. There are daft poems, quiet poems, wonky poems and dancing poems.

Enjoy reading poems about eating jelly for tea, a monkey that can grow a beard, through to a poem about the different sounds that instruments make at a party.

Such a playful, silly collection of poems. The different styles of poems and bold illustrations invite the reader to explore the pages from different angles. The rhythmic language would encourage children to have fun whilst reading aloud.



Age 2+



Matthew's other book: 'At This Very Moment' was shortlisted for the Queen's Knickers Award.

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People Need People

Written by Benjamin Zephaniah and Illustrated by Nila Aye



Celebrating the importance of needing company.

Why do people need people?

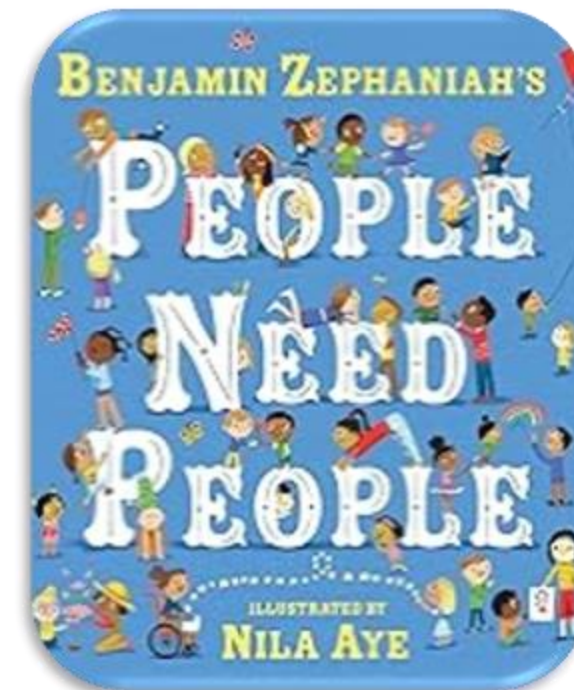
To learn from, to give life meaning, to share your thoughts, dreams and fears.

There are so many reasons people need people.

Charming and playful illustrations bring the rhyming text to life. Full of visual examples of why people need other people. An uplifting book with a powerful message about the importance of kindness, communication, and unity in building relationships.



Age 2+



If you enjoyed this picture book, you'll also enjoy Nature Trail, also by Benjamin and Nila.





Marshmallow Pie the Cat Superstar on TV

Written and Illustrated by Clara Vulliamy



Marshmallow Pie is an actor, celebrity and superstar. He has been invited to appear in a commercial for cat food and is the face of a washing powder advertisement. The only problem is, it's with Gingernut, the kitten! Pie isn't fond of kittens.

Filming begins but the director treats Gingernut horribly. Does Pie decide to take all the glory, or does he defend Gingernut?

Cleverly written from Pie's perspective. Everyone will enjoy reading aloud in Pie's slightly snooty but fabulous voice. Clara captures the amusing facial expressions of Pie and Gingernut in her illustrations. A fun, heartwarming story about putting others before yourself.



Age 7+



To find out what happens next, read Marshmallow Pie the Cat Superstar in Hollywood.





Survivors

Written by David Long and Illustrated by Kerry Hyndman



A collection of incredible tales of courageous people whose adventures turned into life threatening situations.

Read about Leonid Rogozov, the doctor who operated on himself in Antarctica to remove his own appendix!

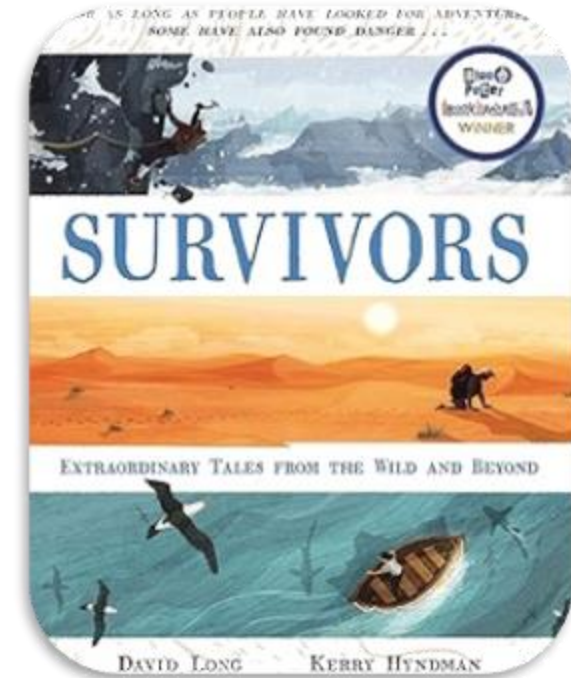
There is also the story of Tami Oldham who unwittingly sailed into a deadly category-4 hurricane in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

A thrilling book that shows how ordinary people have survived against overwhelming odds using their resilience, ingenuity and sheer determination.

Detailed, true life accounts and atmospheric illustrations transport you right into the heart of their stories.



Age 9+



Winner of the Blue Peter Award and author of Rescue and Heroes.





The Matchbox Diary

Written by Paul Fleischman and Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline



"Pick whatever you like the most," says the little girl's great-grandfather.

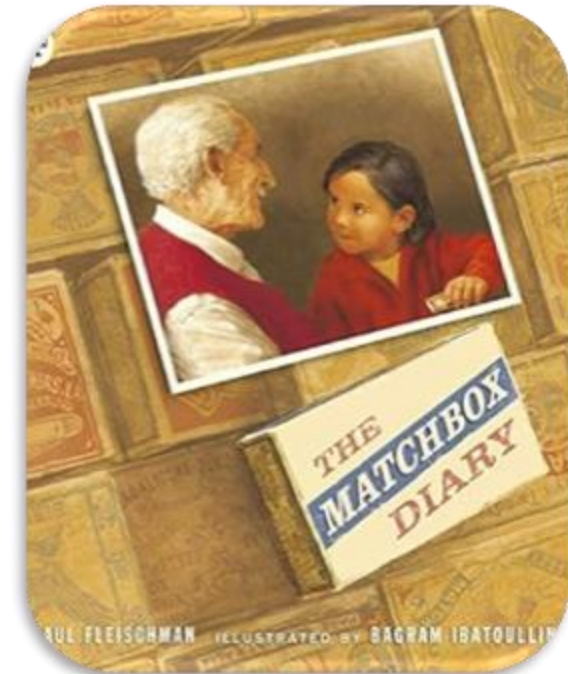
"Then I'll tell you its story."

A young girl visits her great-grandfather and is asked to choose something for him to talk about. She chooses a cigar box filled with tiny matchboxes. Each contains a small item, which tells a story from her great-grandfather's past.

A fascinating and heartfelt story following one family's immigration journey from Italy to the United States. Sepia toned illustrations perfectly capture the historical and emotional aspects of the story. It also reminds us of the importance of sharing memories.



Age 5+



A wonderful book to stimulate conversation and generate writing inspiration.





Curious Questions & Answers About...Dinosaurs

Written by Camilla de la Bedoyere and Illustrated by Leire Martin



Find out the answers to some curious questions about dinosaurs.

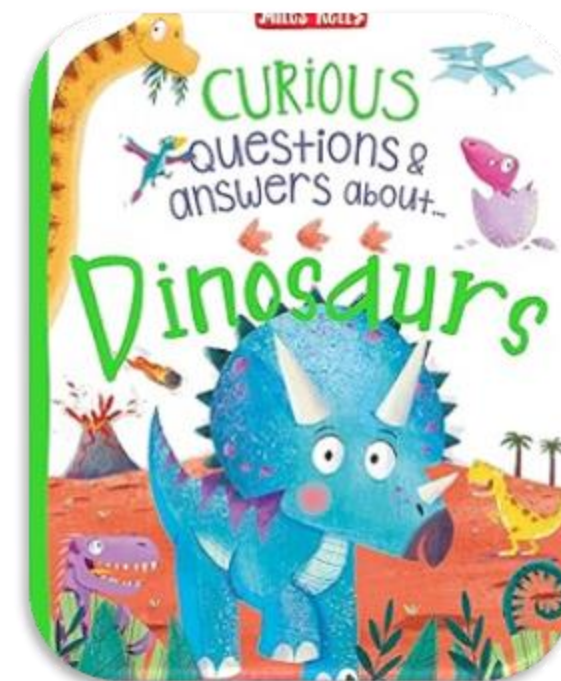
Did you know that the biggest, scariest dinosaur may have been the Spinosaurus?

Have you ever wondered if dinosaurs are still alive or why the Ankylosaurus had a big club at the end of its tail?

Full of fascinating facts, this non-fiction book contains amusing, playful illustrations. Short and simple answers, arranged in a topic format, keep children engaged and spark their curiosity to find out more.



Age 5+



Other books in this 'Curious Questions & Answers About' series include: Oceans, Space and Weather.





Max and Chaffy: Welcome to Animal Island!

Written and Illustrated by Jamie Smart



Max enjoys looking for things and learning more about them. When Max lands on Animal Island, he soon begins exploring and discovers a curious creature called Chaffy, who is lost. Max searches the whole island to find out where Chaffy belongs.

With your detective skills, can you help find out where Chaffy belongs?

An interactive graphic novel that involves the reader in finding Chaffy. Revolving around a central theme of being helpful and kind. This comical story contains bright and friendly illustrations that young readers will find appealing.



Age 5+



If you enjoyed Max and Chaffy, you could read Bunny vs Monkey or Looshkin.





The Runaway Pea

Written by Kjartan Poskitt and Illustrated by Alex Willmore



It was tea-time but Pea decided that he wanted to have fun instead of staying on the plate with the rest of the tea. Pea plopped in the dog bowl, bounced off a cobweb and nearly fell into the red-hot toaster. It wasn't until he rolled under the fridge and met other festering food that he realised his mistake. He wanted to go back to the plate. Did Pea turn mouldy like the rest of the food or did he have a haPEA ending?

You'll be giggling all the way through this picture book. The lively, rhyming text and comical, expressive illustrations will keep children engaged throughout Pea's adventure. Children will want this story read to them again and again.



Age 3+



Follow more of Pea's adventures in 'Left Behind' and 'Washed Away!'





Who Ate Steve?

Written by Susannah Lloyd and Illustrated by Kate Hindley



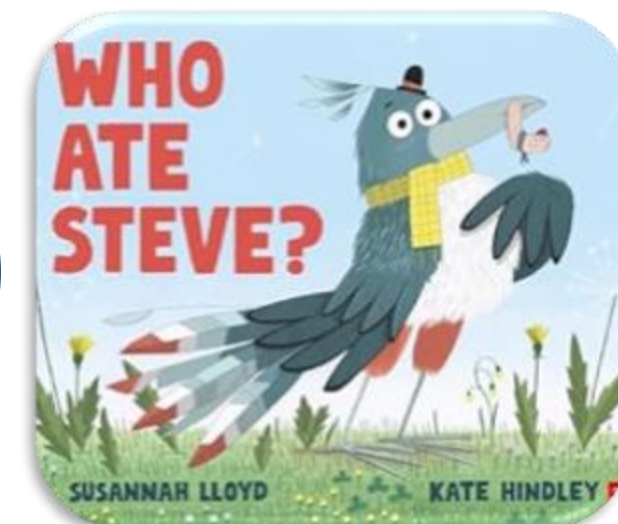
As the narrator tries to explain the concept of size to the audience, Marcel is being very unhelpful and continually interrupts the narrator by trying to eat poor Steve! Understandably, the narrator berates Marcel's behaviour, despite Marcel's determination to eat Steve. Will the narrator finally be able to explain size to the audience or will Marcel really eat Steve before the story has finished?

Told from a narrator's perspective. Children will thoroughly enjoy the interactive nature of this book and love joining in. The hilarious, mischievous illustrations bring Marcel and Steve to life.

A great way to encourage role play, whilst learning about food chains and opposites in such an amusing way.



Age 3+



If you enjoyed this, you may also like 'Holey Moley' and "You're Called What?"

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The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!

Written and Illustrated by Mo Willems

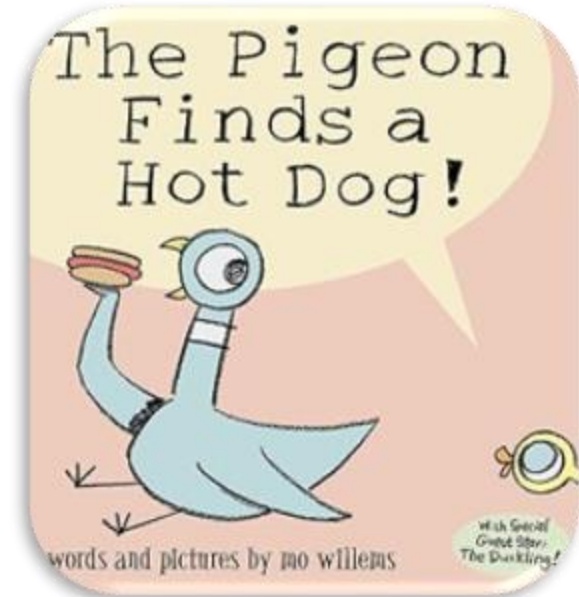


Pigeon finds a delicious hot dog and can't wait to eat it. Unfortunately, curious Duckling has also seen what pigeon found. Duckling delights in asking Pigeon many questions about the hot dog to distract Pigeon from eating it. Which bird do you think is the smartest? Pigeon's patience and kindness towards Duckling, or Duckling's cunning attempt to get Pigeon to share their hot dog.

A humorous picture book charting Ducklings attempts to convince Pigeon to share their hot dog. Simple, charming illustrations and hilarious facial expressions convey how much Duckling yearns for the hot dog. A gentle message is delivered emphasising sharing, patience and taking into account the feelings of others.



Age 3+



If you enjoyed this, you may also like the other books in 'The Pigeon' series.





Bum or Face?

Written by Kari Lavelle and Illustrated by Michelle Mayhall and Sourcebooks



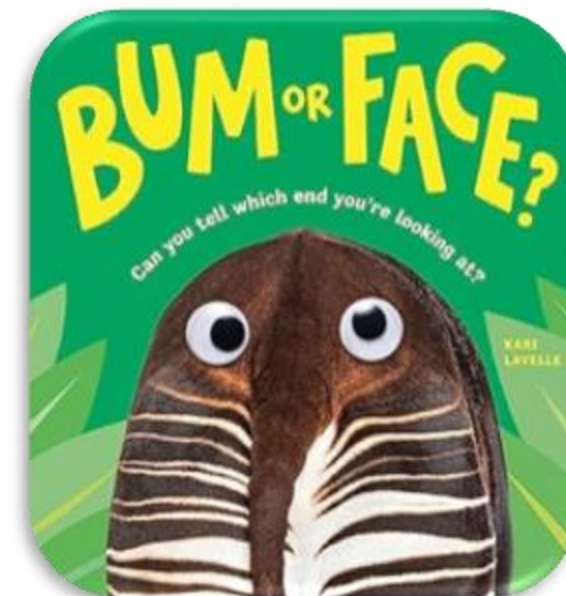
Is it a quiz or is it a non-fiction book? Can you guess if you are looking at a bum or face?

Look carefully at the close-up photos and decide whether you can see an animal's bum or face. Turn the page to find out if you were correct. You also learn so much more about the animal, including the reasons why their bum or face looks the way it does.

This hilarious book is packed full of astounding facts and witty, close-up photos. This cheeky, silly book is a fantastic way of encouraging children's interest in animals. It's also an excellent introduction to the concepts of camouflage and animal adaptation.



Age 4+



For your next challenge you could try Bum or Face? Revenge of the Bums.





Cock-a-Doodle-Don't

Written and Illustrated by Rachael Abernethy

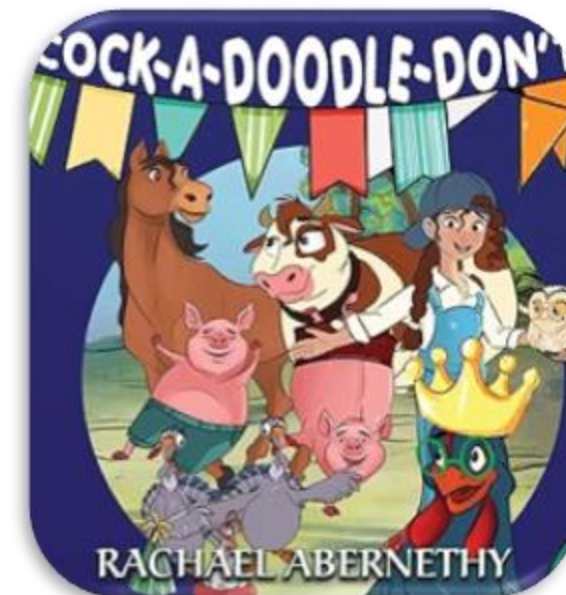


It's a peaceful morning on Pear Tree Farm. Too peaceful! Everyone is still asleep. Colin the Cockerel can't find his cock-a-doodle-do. With no morning alarm call from Colin, everyone is late and jobs are not getting done. Despite trying his very best, Colin simply cannot find his voice. With help from his friends, can Colin find the courage to perform?

This heartwarming story of how to conquer your fears is told through rhyme. The strong themes of friendship, encouragement and perseverance runs throughout this story. This charming picture book is accompanied by bright, vivid and expressive illustrations.



Age 4+



A joy of a debut picture book with a lovely message.





Super Cute: Fun in the Sun

Written by Pip Bird and Illustrated by Dynamo

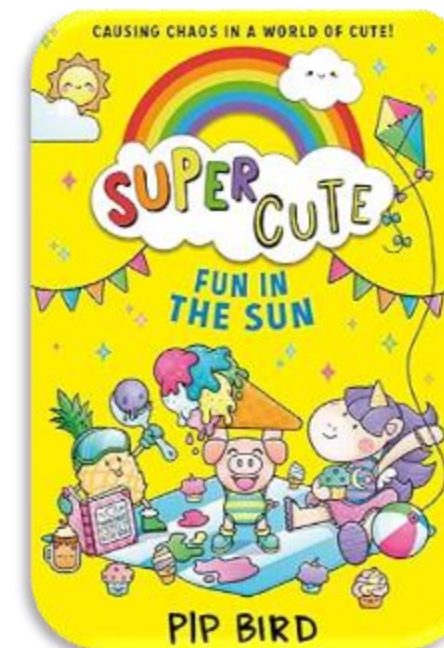


Everyone in the World of Cute is busy preparing for the Friendship Festival, especially the Friendship Treat event. Micky the mini pig and his friends are baking treats when they realise they're missing a key ingredient. As they set out to find it, they run into an unexpected problem. Can they work together to solve it?

A heart-warming, summery adventure. Manga style illustrations compliment the whimsical, magical theme of the World of Cute. Light-hearted and funny, the story also shares an important message about how teamwork and kindness can help solve even the trickiest situations.



Age 5+



Others in the series include: 'Best Friends Forever' and 'The Sleepover Surprise'.





Poetry Prompts: All sorts of ways to start a poem

Written by Joseph Coelho and Illustrated by Georgie Birkett, Grasya Oliyko, Amanda Quartey and Viola Wang



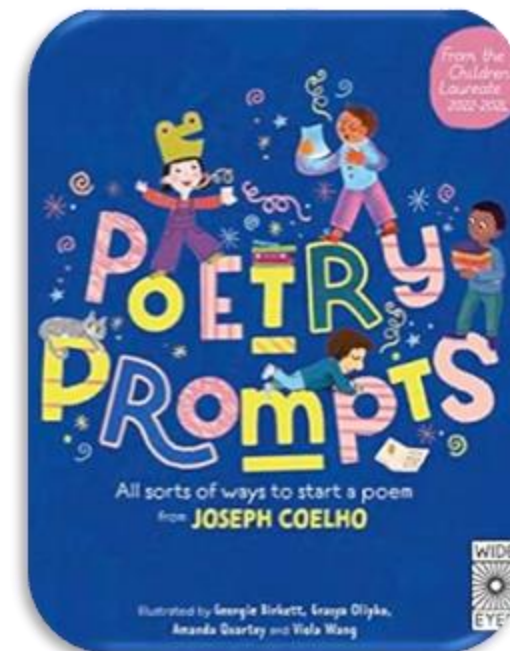
Have you considered writing a poem but are unsure about where to begin or what style to use? In addition to a plethora of ideas to help and inspire, this book includes 41 prompts. Ranging from haikus and onomatopoeia to triolets and turning similes into metaphors.

Brimming with fantastic ideas, this book provides guidance in a fun and encouraging way.

How experimenting with language and exploring emotions, sounds, memories and silly ideas can inspire the creation of a poem. Illustrations perfectly match to the theme of each poetry prompt aiding creativity and imagination.



Age 7+



'Poems Aloud' and 'Courage Out Loud' are other books that could compliment this book.





Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

Written and Illustrated by Lynley Dodd

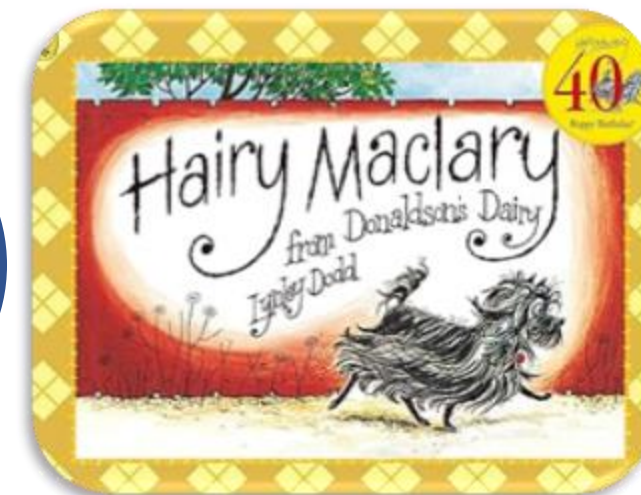


Hairy Maclary sets off on a walk from Donaldson's Dairy. On his way his friends, of all shapes and sizes, come out and join him. Together they have plenty of fun sniffing at the smells and snooping at every turn. Until something stirs in the shadows, making them run back home with their tails between their legs. What could it have been?

A classic picture book still enjoyed by children today. The joy of the group of friends is captured by the vibrant, lively illustrations. Rhyming and repetitive language encourages children to join in and read aloud. Every member of the family will quickly learn the story by heart and be able to recite it without the book.



Age 3+



If you enjoy this one, you may like his friends Slinky Malinki, Zachary Quack and Scarface Claw.





You Choose

Written by Pippa Goodhart and Illustrated by Nick Sharratt



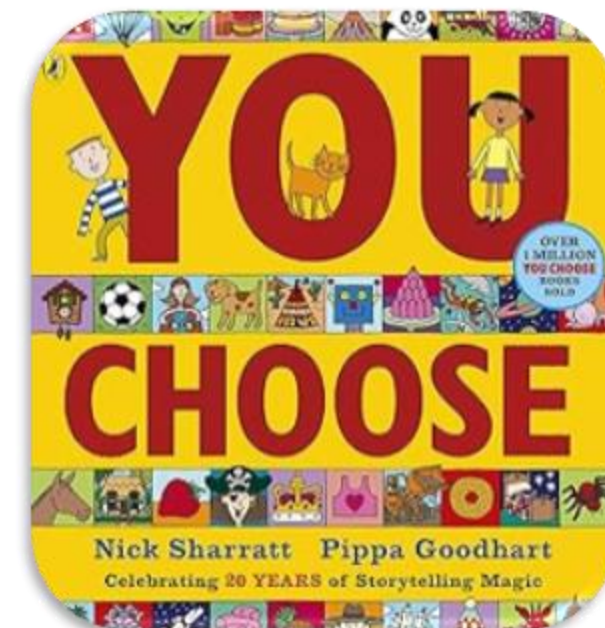
If you had a choice about anything, what would you choose? Each double page spread presents a themed question and offers many options to discuss and decide on. What kind of home would you choose? A caravan, an igloo or even a spaceship!

How would you travel? By horse and cart, pogo stick or even by broomstick!

Full of vibrant and engaging illustrations. This picture book is a super tool for sparking imaginative thinking. Inviting countless conversations about decision making and introducing new vocabulary.



Age 3+



Other books in this series include: You Choose Your Dreams, You Choose In Space and You Choose Fairy-Tales.

