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# Little Gwen, Rescue Hen

Written and illustrated by Carol Thompson



A perfect, gentle introduction to animal rights and well-being

It's a hard life for the hens in their crowded cages at the chicken farm, and one little hen becomes too tired to lay even one more egg.

But then – “We’ll take care of you, little hen. We’re taking you home with us!”

The little hen is given a name – Gwen – and now there’s grass, worms, bugs, puddles, friends and – FREEDOM.

Little Gwen is so happy in her new home, and one day she gives everyone a wonderful surprise....



**Carol Thompson** is one of Britain's leading illustrators, with an international following. Her picture books and board books for young children have been published all over the world. For Otter-Barry Books, she has illustrated Dianne Hofmeyr's *My Daddy is a Silly Monkey* and *Storm Dragon*. Carol is a committee member of IBBY (UK), with a particular involvement in the IBBY Disability List. She lives near Leicester, UK.

# Little Rhino Lost

Candy Gourlay  
Illustrated by Jamie Bauza



A little girl's encounter with a baby rhino inspires the greening of her city neighbourhood



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

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

This enchanting story, featuring a lovable baby rhino, shows how kindness, determination and community spirit can come together to bring about real change and make our cities greener.

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**Candy Gourlay** is an internationally acclaimed author of children's books, published in many languages across the world. On the Otter-Barry Books list she is author of *Is It A Mermaid?* illustrated by Francesca Chessa. Born in the Philippines, Candy now lives in London. She writes, "The last rhinos of Southeast Asia now live in Indonesia, but they are on the brink of extinction. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could make our world a place a baby rhinoceros can call home?"

**Jamie Bauza** is an illustrator, designer and crafter, based in Manila, Philippines. *Little Rhino Lost* is her first picture book for Otter-Barry Books.

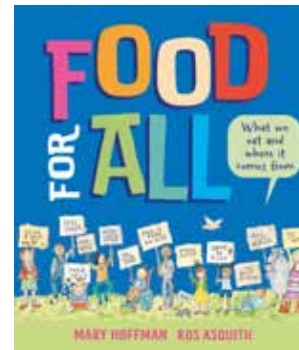


£12.99 • HB • 275x240mm • 32pp • 9781915659361 • Mar 25 • 3+

# Food for All

What We Eat and Where it Comes From

Mary Hoffman  
Illustrated by Ros Asquith



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



**F**OOD! We all need it to live – and here is a book bursting with information, questions and ideas about the food we eat, where it comes from and how it is shared.

Is there enough food to go round? Do some countries have too much? Should we all eat organic food or go vegetarian? Where does the food on our plates start from and how does it get to us? Is farming making climate change worse – and, most important of all, how can we feed everyone on our planet, now and in the future?

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

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**Mary Hoffman** is the internationally admired writer of over 100 books, and her picture book *Amazing Grace* has become a classic of children's literature. She lives in Oxfordshire. **Ros Asquith** is well-known as an illustrator and cartoonist who has published over 90 books for young people. Ros lives in London. Mary and Ros have created ten books together since their award-winning *Great Big Book of Families* (Frances Lincoln, 2010). Their previous picture books for Otter-Barry Books are *Pirate Baby* and *Babies, Babies Everywhere!*

£14.99 • HB • 275x240mm • 48pp • 9781915659378 • Apr 25 • 4+



# The Boy Who Became Queen

The Story of a Young Actor in Shakespeare's London

Written and illustrated by Christina Balit



A fascinating story, set in Shakespeare's London, of how an orphan street boy became a star in the role of Queen Titania in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

"A beautiful, enchanting story of a boy's journey from rags to theatre riches. Told with heart and spectacle." Sir Derek Jacobi

In the bustling world of Elizabethan London, Jack is an orphan boy making his living as a street singer. His beautiful voice attracts attention and he is snatched away to join the Blackfriars singing troupe. When the boys give a concert at the royal court, Jack is spotted by William Shakespeare.

At the Queen's command, Jack starts work at the Globe Theatre, fetching, carrying, helping, learning. But Shakespeare has plans for this talented boy. In those days boys played the parts of women and girls on stage, and the playwright needs a "special boy" who can act and sing as the proud Queen Titania in his magical new play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Is Jack up to the challenge?



**Christina Balit** studied at the Chelsea School of Art and the Royal College of Art in London. She has illustrated more than 20 books for children, including the bestselling *Escape from Pompeii*. Her first book for Otter-Barry Books was *The Corinthian Girl*. Christina lives in Kent.

£13.99 • HB • 275x240mm • 40pp • 9781915659491 • Apr 25 • 6+

# The Summer Puppy

Jackie Morris

Illustrated by Cathy Fisher



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

**B**orn at the very start of the summer, so small she could rest easy in the cupped hands of a child ...

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

Warmly and lovingly, Rosie's first summer is recreated in Jackie Morris's poetic words and Cathy Fisher's unforgettable images. Rich in the sense of discovery, rich too in the love between puppy and child, here is a timeless country idyll for all ages.



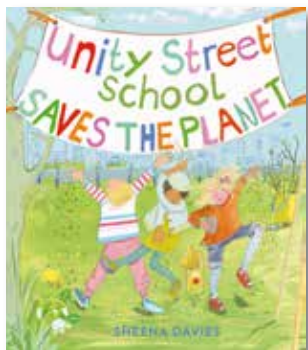
**Jackie Morris** is the award-winning and bestselling author and illustrator, photographer and painter who created *The Lost Words*, winner of the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2019, with Robert Macfarlane. Her books for Otter-Barry Books include *One Cheetah*, *One Cherry*; *The Seal Children*; *Something About a Bear*; *The Jackie Morris Book of Classic Nursery Rhymes*; *I am Cat* and, with James Mayhew, *Can You See a Little Bear?*; *Mrs Noah's Pockets*; *Mrs Noah's Garden* and *Mrs Noah's Song*. She lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales.

**Cathy Fisher** has collaborated on eight books with Nicola Davies including the highly acclaimed inclusive picture book, *Perfect*, and this is her second picture book with Jackie Morris, following *The Panda's Child*. Cathy lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales.

£14.99 • HB • 275x240mm • 40pp • 9781915659323 • May 25 • 3+

# Unity Street School Saves the Planet

Written and illustrated by Sheena Davies



An urban primary school takes action for our planet by creating an exciting rewilding project



When the Green Team tell Unity Street School about climate change, the children decide to make their own wild place.

They clear litter and learn how to plant trees and wildflowers. They buy seeds and saplings with the proceeds of a schoolyard sale and create a meadow from a piece of wasteland.

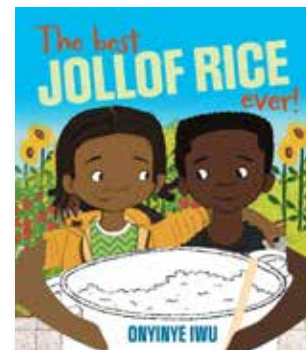
This is an inspiring story of children engaging in positive action, having fun, and achieving results that not only improve the environment but also make their neighbourhood a nicer place to live in.

**Sheena Davies** has degrees in Graphic Design and Children's Book Illustration from Cambridge School of Art. She is a painter and has worked as an art tutor at Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts. A dedicated plant grower and recycler, she lives in Cambridge, where she has three small ponds, a bee hotel and an untamed hedge to encourage wildlife.

£12.99 • HB • 275x240mm • 32pp • 9781915659613 • Jun 25 • 4+

# The Best Jollof Rice Ever!

Written and illustrated by Onyinye Iwu



A comic and playful picture book celebrating the fun of cooking together



Jollof is a delicious, spicy rice and vegetable dish originating in West Africa and enjoyed worldwide. Best friends Kwame and Kamsi love it, but who makes the best Jollof?

The boys have a great idea, they will each make their own Jollof and see whose is best. They carefully pick their ingredients, but Kamsi secretly adds nettles to Kwame's Jollof and Kwame pops a caterpillar into Kamsi's. And that is just the start – puddle water, fiery ants and old dry chewing gum follow. What a mess! They've both made the worst Jollof ever.

But meanwhile their mums are preparing their own Jollof and call the boys in to help. What a difference! "Together we make the best Jollof ever." And the boys agree – it's best to work together (but sometimes they still play tricks on each other).

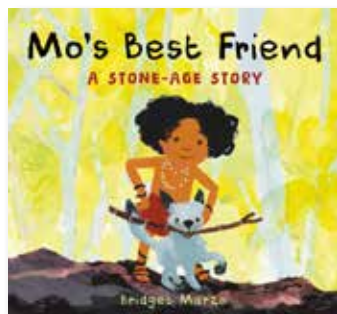
**Onyinye Iwu** is of Nigerian parentage. She was born in Italy and moved to Britain as a teenager. A secondary school teacher, she has a degree in Architecture and a Master's in Cultural Diaspora Ethnicity. She is the illustrator of *Sala, Mountain Warrior*, by Wakanyi Hoffman, and of the *Too Small Tola* books by Atinuke. *The Best Jollof Rice Ever* is her debut picture book as author and illustrator. She lives in London.

£12.99 • HB • 275x240mm • 32pp • 9781915659484 • Jun 25 • 4+

# Mo's Best Friend

## A Stone-Age Story

Written and illustrated by Bridget Marzo



Charming story of a stone-age family who are first to befriend a dog – inspired by real prehistoric cave art

"Inspired by the discovery of a child's footprint alongside a dog's in the Chauvet cave, this immersive, beautifully illustrated picture book tells a sweet tale of stone age family life – and a new four-footed addition."

Imogen Russell Williams, *Guardian*

"Bridget Marzo's scenes of the simple hunter/gatherer lifestyle of the family group are executed in gouache, and the ochre hues employed are true to the archaeological evidence and cave paintings from 25 thousand years ago." *Red Reading Hub*



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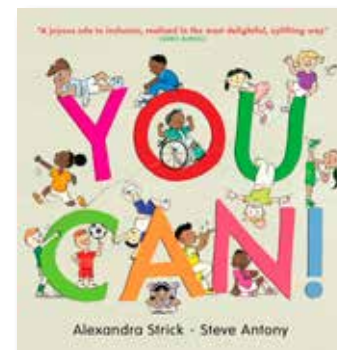
**Bridget Marzo** has a Catalan mother and an English father. She graduated from King's College, Cambridge and went on to study at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris. For many years she lived and worked in France. Her first children's books were published in 1990 and since then her books have been published all over the world. She is an active member of SCBWI and enjoys giving workshops in illustration to schools. She divides her time between France and Cambridge.

£8.99 • PB • 250x260mm • 40pp • 9781915659668 • Feb 25 • 3+

# You Can!

Alexandra Strick

Illustrated by Steve Antony



A picture book full of inspiration and empowerment – real children contribute their hopes and dreams for the future

"A joyous ode to inclusion, realised in the most delightful, uplifting way." *Cerrie Burnell*

"Joyous and empowering...the fact that the text was suggested by children themselves makes it extra special." *Malorie Blackman*

"It's such a gorgeous book. So empowering! I really hope it flies, it should be in every bookshelf!" *AM Dassu, Inclusive Minds*



"Follow 14 children as they grow from babies to adults in this inclusive picture book... Antony's humorous, dynamic illustrations develop each child's story from page to page." *Guardian*

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**Alexandra Strick** is a founder of Outside In World (supporting children's books in translation), and a consultant to BookTrust. As co-founder of Inclusive Minds, she's particularly proud to have set up a network of Inclusion Ambassadors. She is co-author of *Max the Champion* (with Sean Stockdale and Ros Asquith) and author of *We Can!*, illustrated by Steve Antony. Alex lives in Surrey.

**Steve Antony**'s award-winning picture books, including the *Mr Panda* and *The Queen's Hat* series, have sold over a million copies worldwide. He contributed work for the LGBTQ+ anthology *Proud*. In 2023 Steve was named 'School Libraries Champion' by the School Library Association. He lives in Swindon.

£8.99 • PB • 265x260mm • 40pp • 9781915659286 • Mar 25 • 5+



# Water

Protect Freshwater to Save Life on Earth

Catherine Barr

Illustrated by Christiane Engel



A ground-breaking global introduction to water that includes sharing and protecting freshwater worldwide

"This fascinating and ground-breaking non-fiction book looks at how freshwater affects life, the climate, and our long-term survival. With captivating detail and illustrations, interesting fact boxes and clear and concise information and explanation, [it] sends a strong and positive environmental message. It's a highly engaging book that children can pore over for days." *School Reading List*

"..a joyous book: the illustrations splash from the page in a brilliant array of colours, detail and textures; the text, confident and passionate; the intent, urgent and inspiring... this is the book I would choose if working in Lower Key Stage 2 and teaching young people about the vital importance of water. No-fuss, brightly colourful and engagingly authoritative, it is a gem." *Just Imagine*

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**Catherine Barr** worked with Greenpeace and London's Natural History Museum before becoming a full-time researcher-writer. Her bestselling book, *The Story of Life*, has been translated into 14 languages. Her previous books for Otter-Barry Books are *Red Alert!* and *Invisible Nature*, both illustrated by Anne Wilson, and *Wildlife Crossings* with Christiane Engel. She lives near Hay-on-Wye.

**Christiane Engel** grew up in Germany. She has a BA in children's art and an MA in Children's Illustration. Her most recent book is *Wildlife Crossings* with Catherine Barr. Christiane lives in Kent, England.

£9.99 • PB • 275x240mm • 32pp • 9781915659569 • Apr 25 • 6+

# The Perfect Present

Written and illustrated by Petr Horáček



A joyful and beautiful picture book celebrating friendship and sharing

"A wonderful celebration of the imagination and the joy of friendship...The illustrations are wonderful. Tom and Mot's imaginings burst from the page in bright splashes of colour as they drift in space or float beneath the sea, meeting creatures and enjoying the beauty of nature" *Through The Bookshelf*

"This beautiful story of imagination and friendship is perfect for sharing." *Achuka (Book of the Day)*

"*The Perfect Present* manages to perfectly capture the feelings of having a best friend, the joy children can find in simple things, and a stage of life when playing and having adventures together rules." *Nursery World*

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**Petr Horáček** is an internationally acclaimed illustrator. Born in Prague, he studied at the Academy of Fine Art. After graduating in 1994, he moved to England. His first two picture books were published in 2001, winning the 'Books for Children' Newcomer award. His most recent book for Otter-Barry is *Blue Monster*. Petr lives in Worcester.

£8.99 • PB • 275x240mm • 40pp • 9781915659781 • May 25 • 4+



# I Really, Really Don't Like Parties

Written and illustrated by Angie Morgan



A funny, heartwarming story about being brave enough to be different – and to be yourself

"Angie Morgan's illustrations of Dora's excuse sequence are both hilarious and heartfelt. She cleverly uses humour – visual and verbal – to convey a very important message: we are all different in our response to loud, busy situations and Dora's feelings about them are perfectly valid." *Red Reading Hub*

"A perfect title for supporting the very young with their first explorations into the world of children's parties, or indeed any example of attending their first events without an adult." *School Reading List*



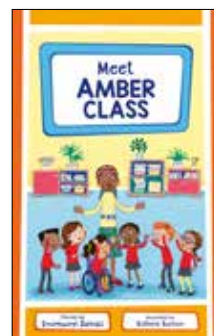
**Angie Morgan** was born in Bristol and trained in Graphic Art at Goldsmiths' College, London. Her previous picture books include *Daisy's Big Dig*, *Enormouse* and the *Shouty Arthur* series. Angie's first book for Otter-Barry Books was *Small Stanley's Big List of Scary Stuff*. Angie lives near Bath,

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# Meet Amber Class

Enomwoyi Damali

Illustrated by Ruthine Burton



Introducing a new series of chapter books set in a primary school, by a Black-British author and illustrator

**N**zingha and her classmates have fun learning all kinds of things with their teacher Mrs Adisa, in three interlinked stories for emerging readers.

In 'Believe in Yourself', the children explore ways to boost self-confidence, while

Kayden watches a very large beetle climb into Mrs Adisa's bag!

In 'Sort it Out', Andrew and Kayden are angry with each other, but thanks to Nzingha and Mrs Adisa they discover a great way to stay friends.

And 'Feeling Good' sees the children learn that everyone has their own special talent – Xaolin wants to be a concert pianist, Andrew's going to be an Olympic runner, Rebecca is determined to be a scientist, Nzingha wants to be a teacher – and Kayden? He wants to be a comedian!



**Enomwoyi Damali** was born in Trinidad, but has long lived in London, where she works as an educational psychologist. Her long professional experience in a highly diverse community gives authenticity and veracity to her stories of *Amber Class* and their ever-resourceful teacher, Mrs Adisa. Enomwoyi lives in south London.

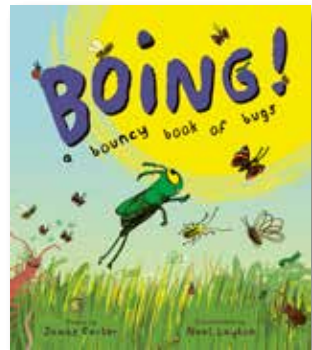
**Ruthine Burton**'s parents came originally from Dominica and French Guiana. She is one of three illustrators featured in *Our Rights*, edited by Jake Hope, and illustrator of *Spin!*, edited by Joseph Coelho (both published by Otter-Barry Books). She lives in southwest London.

£8.99 • PB • 198x129mm • 80pp • 9781915659766 • Feb 25 • 5+

# Boing!

A Bouncy Book of Bugs

James Carter  
Illustrated by Neal Layton



The amazing world of bugs and minibeasts revealed in exuberant poems and pictures by a bestselling duo



**J**ames Carter and Neal Layton love bugs and minibeasts and here they celebrate them all – from grasshoppers, ladybirds and dung beetles to moths, flies, wasps and even bedbugs, plus the extraordinary tardigrades who can live in outer space.

With 24 poems, including shape poems, riddles, rhyming poems and free verse, plus amazing and informative facts about each bug or minibeast on every page, the world of insects is brought buzzing to life, matched by Neal Layton's bugtiful colour illustrations.

**James Carter** is a former lecturer in Creative Writing and Children's Literature at Reading University and is now a children's poet, giving performances with his melodica at festivals, workshops, libraries and schools. His books for younger children are *Zim Zam Zoom*, illustrated by Nicola Colton, and *A Ticket to Kalamazoo*, illustrated by Neal Layton. James lives in Oxfordshire.

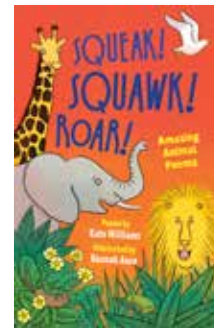
**Neal Layton** studied Graphic Design and Illustration at Newcastle University and Central St Martin's School of Art. His picture books include *The Tree*, *The Story of Stars*, and *A Planet Full of Plastic*. He lives on the Isle of Wight.

£12.99 • HB • 275x240mm • 32pp • 9781915659507 • Jan 25 • 4+

# Squeak! Squawk! Roar!

Amazing Animal Poems

Kate Williams  
Illustrated by Hannah Asen



Exciting debut collection of poems celebrating the animal kingdom, from a much-anthologised poet, popular in schools



"Kate Williams has impressed me for many years with her clever, quirky poems about all kinds of creatures. Any child who loves animals couldn't fail to be entertained by the poems in this collection." **Brian Moses, writer and performer**

"Kate has created a joyous collection of poems, full of energy, humour and a deep love of nature. Definitely one for the classroom bookshelf." **Jon Biddle, award-winning teacher and Reading for Pleasure advocate**

**F**ind a coiling cobra, a crosseros rhinoceros, the chimpantease and sharky-lurky. See tiger shadows in the bedroom, a real tiger creeping in the jungle – and a lazy lion lounging in the long grass. Discover endangered creatures: a baby polar bear, a song thrush, a hungry hedgehog. Look for diving penguins and the lovable sausage-dog – and there's a secret pet to guess! This is a wonderful, wide-ranging debut collection of over 50 poems for animal-lovers everywhere.

**Kate Williams's** poems have appeared in many anthologies and magazines, but this is her first solo collection. Kate spent her childhood in London, next door to a cat, a tortoise and some terrapins. She later moved to Bristol – in earshot of the zoo – and now lives in the rolling farmland of Wales.

**Hannah Asen** has worked and studied in Edinburgh and Berlin and now lives in the East Lothian countryside near Edinburgh. Hannah illustrated Matt Goodfellow's poetry collection, *Chicken on the Roof*, published by Otter-Barry Books.

£8.99 • PB • 198x129mm • 96pp • 9781915659552 • Jan 25 • 6+



# The Final Year

Matt Goodfellow  
Illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton



*The Final Year*, which introduced Nate in his last year of primary school, has received huge critical acclaim, won many awards and sold over 55,000 copies

**WINNER**  
**CLIPPA**  
**Poetry Award**  
**2024**

**WINNER**  
**Children's Book**  
**Award 2024**

**WINNER**  
**SPARK!**  
**Book Award**  
**2024**

"A profoundly moving verse novel about change, adaptation, the power of words and the struggle to find your people."  
Imogen Russell Williams, *Guardian*

"Authentic and very moving." David Almond

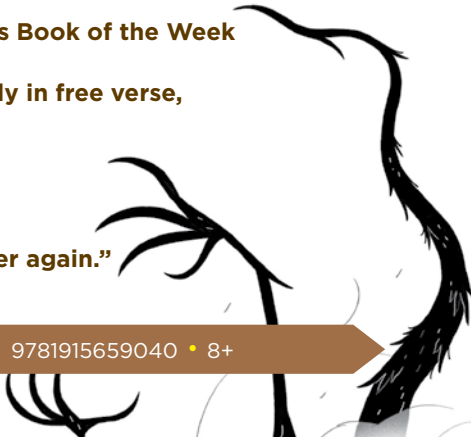
"If you give this book to someone, they'll need a big hanky with it... this tearjerker is a novel in free verse about a working-class boy's experience of Year Six . . . It's one to read aloud to leavers so they will never forget their final year."

Nicolette Jones, *The Sunday Times* – Children's Book of the Week

"This incredibly powerful novel, written entirely in free verse, really packs a punch."  
*Book Trust*

"A beautiful story of friendship, family, grief, falling apart and putting yourself back together again."  
Manjeet Mann

£8.99 • PB • 198x129mm • 304pp • 9781915659040 • 8+



# The First Year

Matt Goodfellow  
Illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton



Matt Goodfellow's riveting, eagerly awaited sequel to his bestselling and multi-award winning verse novel, *The Final Year*

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

But while he's making new friends and avoiding the fists of Turner, his old nemesis, plus struggling to come to terms with a strict new teacher and a sense of isolation from his brothers, a sudden surprise appearance in Nate's life threatens to throw him completely off course. And The Beast – the anger he tries so hard to control – reappears. Will Nate find a way to keep himself and his family together?



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**Matt Goodfellow** is a former primary school teacher and is now a full-time author and poet. His first poetry collection for Otter-Barry Books, *Chicken on the Roof*, received wide acclaim. He is also the author of *Caterpillar Cake*, illustrated by Krina Patel-Sage and shortlisted for the CLIPPA award; *Shu-Lin's Grandpa*, illustrated by Yu Rong and shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal, and a contributor to CLIPPA-shortlisted poetry collection *Being Me* all published by Otter-Barry Books. Matt lives in Stockport.

**Joe Todd-Stanton's** picture book *The Secret of Black Rock* was longlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Award and won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. His *Brownstone's Mythical Collection* series has been optioned by DreamWorks. In 2023 he won the Yoto Carnegie Showers' Choice Medal for Illustration for *The Comet*.

£9.99 • PB • 198x129mm • 480pp • 9781915659606 • Apr 25 • 9+

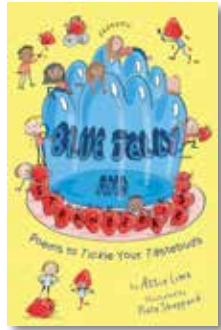
Also available as an ebook



# Blue Jelly and Strawberries

Poems to Tickle Your Tastebuds

Attie Lime  
Illustrated by Kate Sheppard



An exciting debut poetry collection for younger children from a popular performance poet

*My pancake is a CANcake,  
there's nothing it can't do  
and it really is delicious.  
Shall I fix one up for you?*



Does T-Rex like a tickle? Do mercats chase mermice under the sea? Would you carry a frog in your hat? Play ping-pong with peas? Or how about finding a tree that grows doughnuts – and then eating blue jelly and strawberries? Full of fun, puzzles and wordplay, with shape poems and nonsense poems, this is a joyful and exuberant debut collection for younger children, packed with delightful illustrations and perfect for reading aloud or alone, at home or at school.

**Attie Lime** has been a teacher, is a mother, and relishes her role as a full-time poet, visiting schools and book groups with her poetry parrot Marjorie. Attie is a firm believer in the place of poetry in daily life, for its fun, its insights and its shareability. She lives in Derbyshire.

**Kate Sheppard** studied illustration at Bradford Art College and is famed for her "quirky and colourful" drawings. Her work includes *Horrible Histories* and novels by Alison Prince and Annie Dalton. Kate has run illustration workshops at the Ledbury Poetry Festival and the Bath Children's Literature Festival. She lives in the Forest of Dean on the Gloucestershire/Herefordshire border.

£8.99 • PB • 198x129mm • 96pp • 9781915659583 • Mar 25 • 5+



# The Boy Lost in the Maze

Joseph Coelho  
Illustrated by Kate Milner



**WINNER**  
Yoto Carnegie Medal  
for Writing 2024

"An all-consuming tale of the quests of two boys told in verse... thanks to Coelho's mesmerising way with words and bold imagination, the two worlds are bridged effortlessly."  
*The Times Children's Book of the Week*

"Monsters and mythical creatures are given startling contemporary relevance in this affecting novel in verse."  
*Financial Times Best Books of the Year*

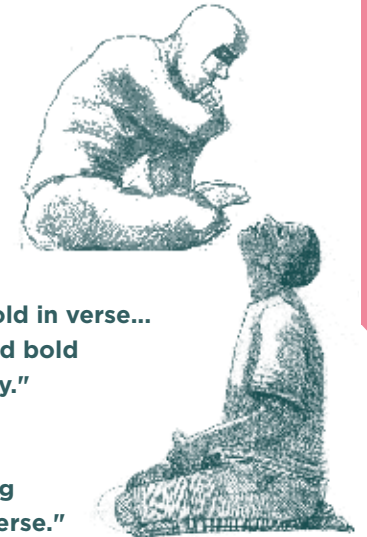
"This is a tale told in verse (don't panic, the plot is awesome)...It's also interactive, with a 'choose your own adventure' element. A lyrical, touching page-turner." *Big Issue Best Children's Books of the Year*

**Joseph Coelho's** debut poetry collection *Werewolf Club Rules* won the CLPE CLIPPA Poetry Award 2015. His poetry collection *Overheard in a Tower Block*, (Otter-Barry Books, 2017) was shortlisted for the CLIPPA Poetry Award and longlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal. His verse novel *The Girl Who Became a Tree* (Otter-Barry Books, 2020) was shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal. *The Boy Lost in the Maze* won the Yoto Carnegie 2024 Medal for Writing. Joseph was the Waterstones Children's Laureate 2022-24 and was awarded an OBE in 2024. He lives in Edinburgh.

**Kate Milner** won the V&A Illustration Award 2016 and the Klaus Flugge Prize 2018 for *My name is not Refugee*. She has illustrated all of Joseph Coelho's books of Otter-Barry Books. Kate lives in Edinburgh.

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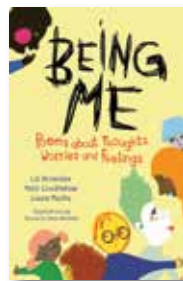
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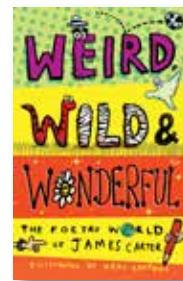
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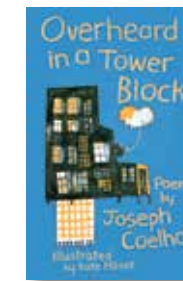
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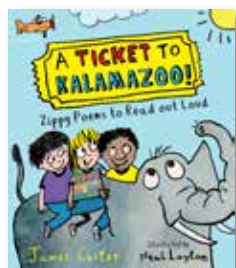
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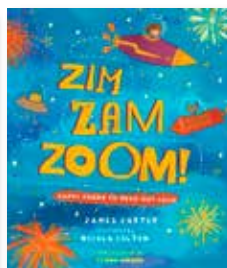


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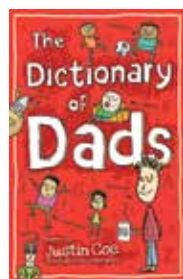
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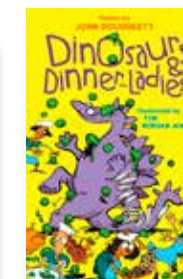


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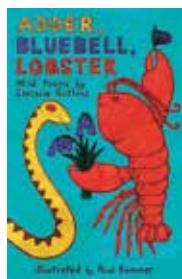
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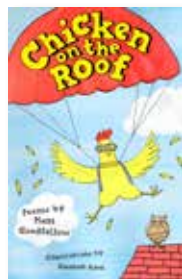
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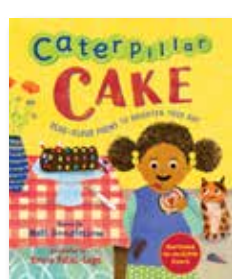
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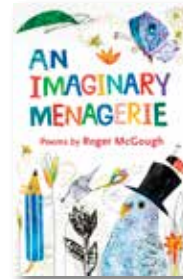
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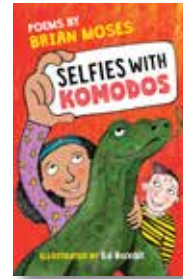
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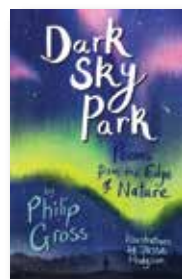
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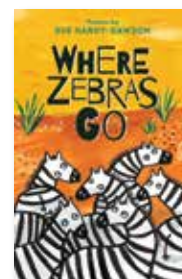
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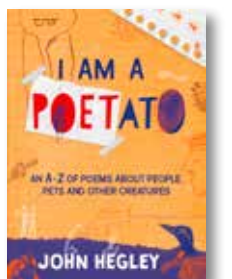
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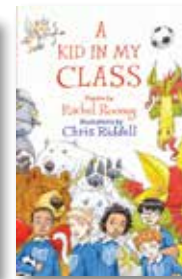
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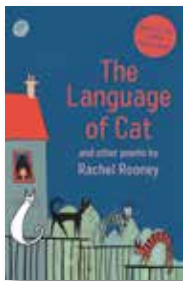
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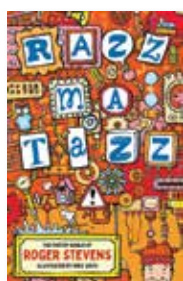
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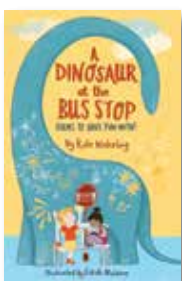
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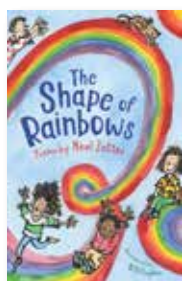
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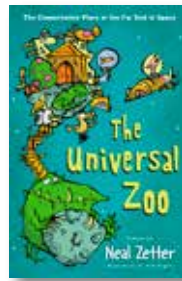


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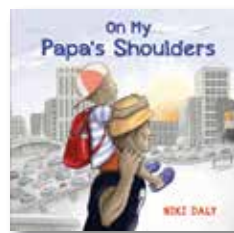
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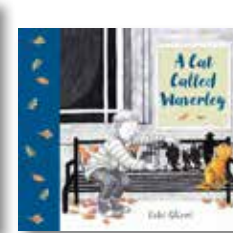
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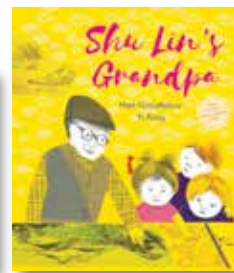
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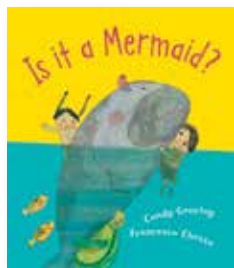
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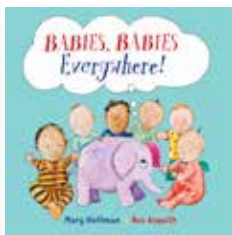
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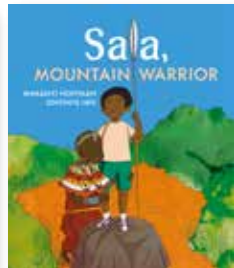
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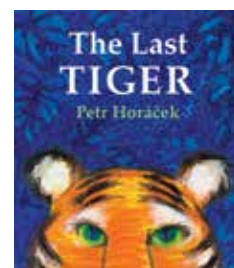
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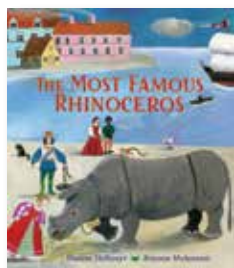
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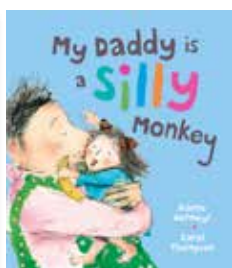
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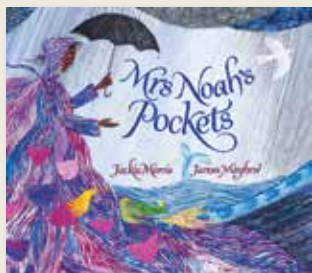
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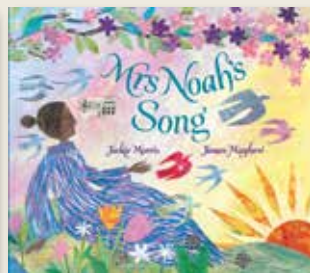
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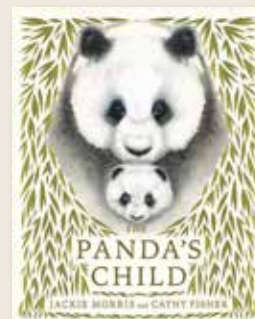


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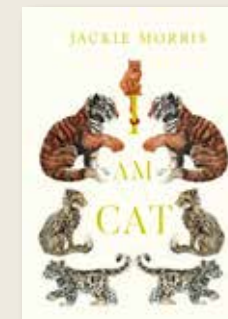
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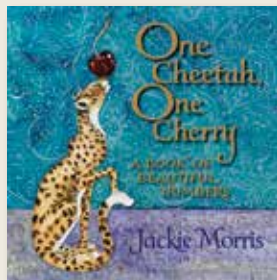


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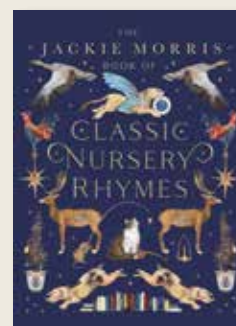
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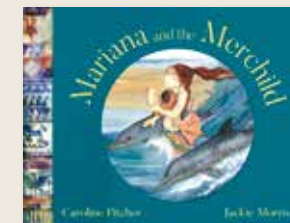


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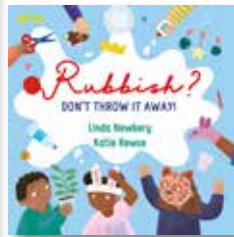


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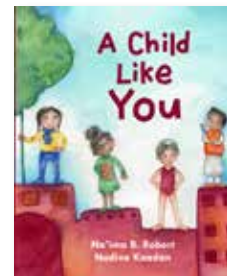


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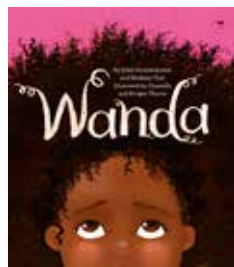


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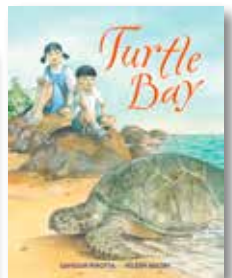


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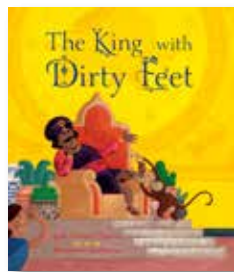


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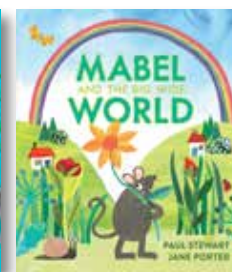


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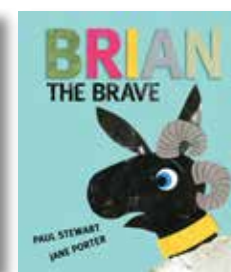


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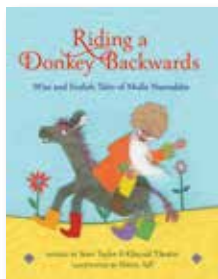




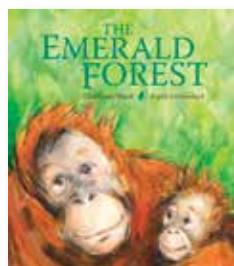
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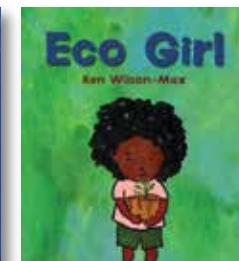
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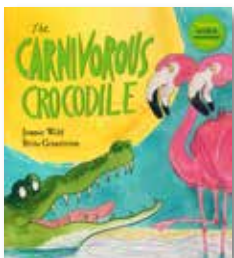
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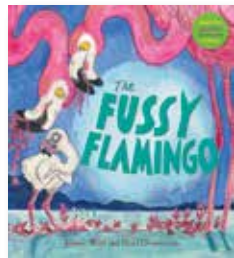
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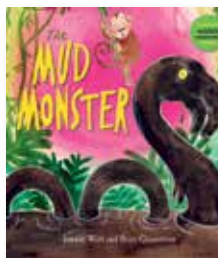
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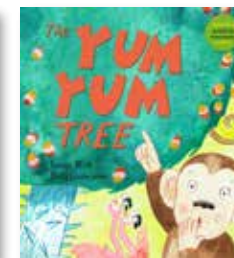
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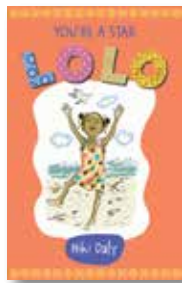
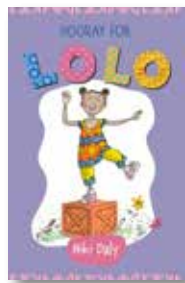
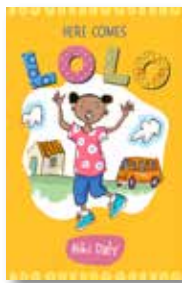
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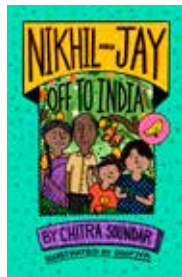
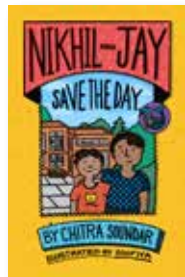
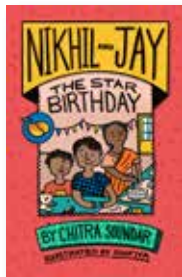
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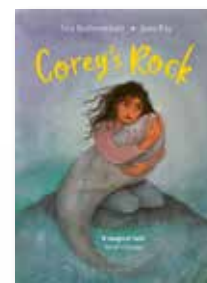
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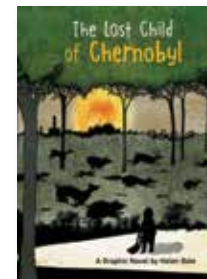
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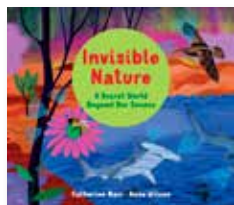
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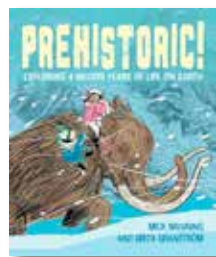
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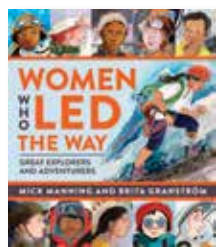
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