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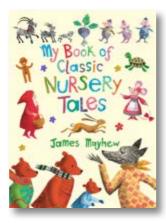


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JAMES MAYHEW is an internationally acclaimed author, artist and storyteller. For Otter-Barry Books he is the illustrator of the *Mrs Noah* series written by Jackie Morris (twice nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal) and author of *Can You See a Little Bear?*, illustrated by Jackie Morris, *Once Upon A Tune* and *A Symphony of Stories: Musical Myths and Tuneful Tales*. He lives in Suffolk.

It's Really, Really Not Fair

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It's really, really not fair!

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ANGIE MORGAN was born in Bristol and trained in Graphic Art at Goldsmiths College, London. She became an author-illustrator with *Daisy's Big Dig* in 2012, followed by *Enormouse* and the *Shouty Arthur* series. Her stories show an acute and sympathetic understanding of the ways in which certain things can seem problematic to young children. Angie uses a wide variety of media: watercolours, pastels, charcoal and scanned ephemera of all sorts in her work. She lives in Bath.

The Big Green Everyone Can Make a Difference

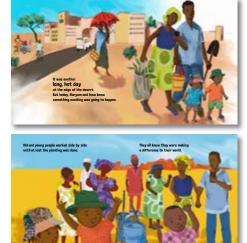
Written and Illustrated by Ken Wilson-Max



How one family helps to bring hope and regeneration to their community in sub-Saharan Africa

I ne hot day at the edge of the desert, Maryam and Issa know something exciting is going to happen. Mum and Dad bring spades, Uncle Cedric brings lots of plants and seedlings, the neighbours bring water. Everyone works together, digging, planting and watering – and the children all help too. Then they wait... and hope...

This powerful story is about the creation of The Great Green Wall of Africa, an exciting, real-life project to bring trees, growth and regeneration across sub-Saharan Africa.



KEN WILSON-MAX was born in Zimbabwe and has a deep commitment to African regeneration. As author and illustrator he has over 70 books to his credit. He is a Patron of CLPE (Centre for Literacy in Primary Education) and of the Jericho Prize. He illustrated Valerie Bloom's *Stars With Flaming Tails*, winner of the 2021 CLiPPA Award, and has been nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Award and the Carnegie/Kate Greenaway Medal. For Otter-Barry Books he has written and illustrated *Astro Girl, Eco Girl* and *Aqua Boy*. He lives in North London.

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Ming the Panda A True Story of Courage and Hope

Jake Hope illustrated by Yu Rong

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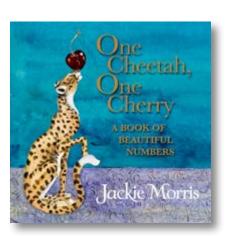
When Ming dies in 1944 there is great sadness, but her story lives on, "helping to bring people together, shining light and giving hope." Told as a story within a story, with Yu Rong's evocative illustrations, Ming's story still resonates today.

JAKE HOPE is a former librarian who is now a writer, reviewer and consultant for the Carnegie Medals. He has judged or chaired numerous awards, including the Costa Children's Fiction Prize, and has been a jury member on the Bologna Ragazzi award. He is editor of and a contributor to *Our Rights! Stories and Poems About Children's Rights* (Otter-Barry Books, 2023). He lives in Preston, Lancashire.

YU RONG is deeply versed in traditional Chinese art. She has won numerous international awards. Her books for Otter-Barry Books include *Shu Lin's Grandpa*, with Matt Goodfellow, shortlisted for the Yoto Kate Greenaway Medal 2022. She also illustrated *The Boy Who Loves to Lick the Wind*, written by Fiona Carswell, shortlisted for the Teach Awards (2024) and nominated for the Yoto Carnegie Medal (2025). Yu Rong lives in Cambridgeshire

One Cheetah, One Cherry A Book of Beautiful Numbers

Written and illustrated by Jackie Morris



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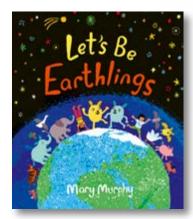
With playful words and pictures, with lots of detail to pore over, the book depicts dogs, bears, foxes, elephants, tigers, pandas, otters, mice – and of course one cheetah and a cherry – making this a perfect introduction to numbers and counting.

JACKIE MORRIS is a bestselling author and illustrator, photographer and painter. With Robert Macfarlane, she created the international sensation, *The Lost Words*, winner of the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2019. Her books for Otter-Barry Books include *I am Cat, Something About a Bear, The Jackie Morris Book of Classic Nursery Rhymes, The Seal Children, Can You See a Little Bear?*, the *Mrs Noah* series with James Mayhew, and *The Panda's Child* and *The Summer Puppy* with Cathy Fisher. Jackie lives in Pembrokeshire.

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Let's Be Earthlings

Written and illustrated by Mary Murphy



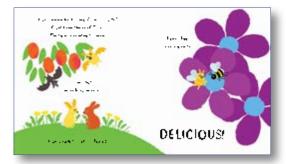


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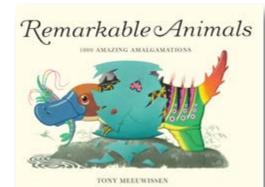
Mary Murphy's simple yet profound words and images show young children the beauty and diversity of life on Earth - and in doing so, help them understand that they need to look after our precious planet.



MARY MURPHY is celebrated internationally for her colourful, bold and simple images matched with words which speak directly to young children. She is an author-illustrator, whose books have been sold all over the world. Her previous book for Otter-Barry Books is *Only a Tree Knows How To Be a Tree* (2021). Mary lives in Dublin, Ireland.

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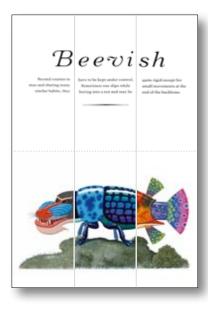


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TONY MEEUWISSEN is one of Britain's leading graphic artists and designers. His inimitable work has embraced magazine illustration, postage stamps, book covers and illustrations. Winner of seven national and international awards, he was named a Royal Designer for Industry by the Royal Society of Arts in 2013. A collection of his work is held by the Victoria & Albert Museum in London. He lives near Stroud in Gloucestershire.

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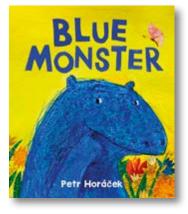




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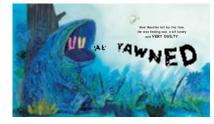


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PETR HORÁČEK was born in Prague and studied at the Academy of Fine Art. After graduating in 1994, he moved to England. His first two picture books were published in 2001, winning the 'Books for Children' Newcomer award. Since then he has gained a string of international distinctions. His books for Otter-Barry include *The Last Tiger, The Perfect Present,* shortlisted for the BookTrust Storytime Prize 2024, and *The Star Whale* with Nicola Davies. He lives in Worcester.

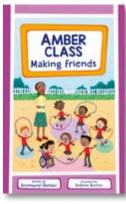
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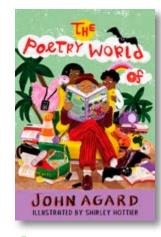
as their beloved Mrs Adisa; in 'Caring for Our Elders' the children have fun visiting a care home; In 'Making Friends' they discover the best way to make a new friend - and show kindness.

ENOMWOYI DAMALI was born in Trinidad. She lives in London, where she works as an educational psychologist. Her professional experience in a highly diverse community gives authenticity and veracity to her stories of Amber Class and their ever-resourceful teacher. Mrs Adisa. The first title in the Amber Class series. Meet Amber Class.

RUTHINE BURTON completed the Inaugural Pathways Into Children's Publishing in 2021. Her parents came originally from Dominica and French Guiana. She is one of the three illustrators featured in *Our Rights*, edited by Jake Hope, and is the illustrator of Spin! 10 Exciting New Voices in Poetry. She lives in south-west London.



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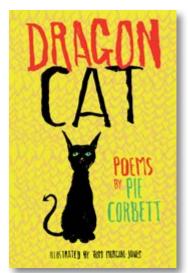
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SHIRLEY HOTTIER was winner of the FAB illustration award in 2021. She is French and graduated in Paris with a degree in architecture. As an illustrator she has a passion for promoting diversity, drawing on her own family tradition of multiple cultures to create warm and lively scenes and characters. She lives in Edinburgh.

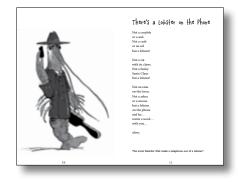
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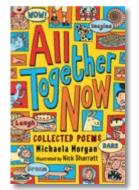
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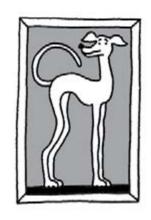
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NICK SHARRATT is illustrator of almost 300 books as well as being an author in his own right. He studied Illustration at Manchester Polytechnic and Graphic Design at St Martin's School of Art in London. Authors he has worked with

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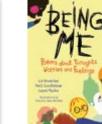
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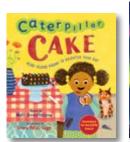
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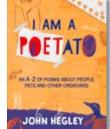


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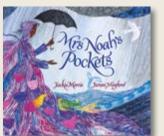
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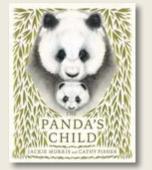


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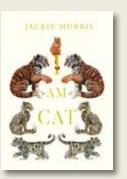
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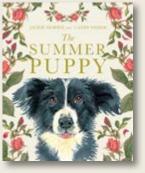


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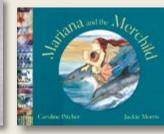
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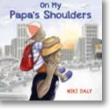
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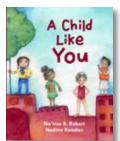
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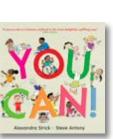
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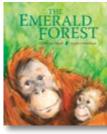
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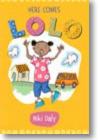


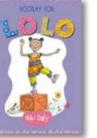
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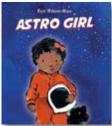


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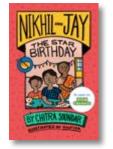
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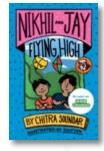




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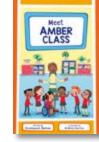
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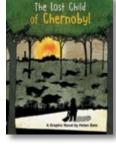
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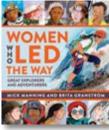
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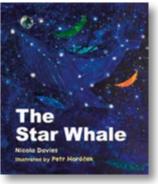
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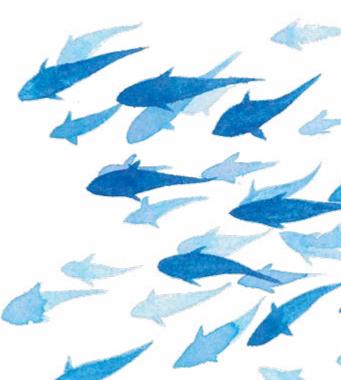
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