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Spring-Summer 2024



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## Spring-Summer 2024 New Books for Children

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 Kelpies

Scottish Books for  
Children Everywhere



One hat-loving lady,  
Two pipers with puff,  
Three grandads in pinnies,  
Four strong folk so tough,  
Five mud-splattered judges,  
They're pointing the way,  
To chase after the dog  
Who is spoiling their day.

She joins a parade of six coos – they don't mind!  
In fact, when she leaves, they all follow behind.  
**MOOOO! TRAMPLE! BARGE!**

She zips through the crowds, and runs off with her prize.  
"Stop, ye WEE RASCAL!" the seven farmers cry.



# The Great Highland Games Chase

STORY BY KATE ABERNETHY  
ILLUSTRATIONS BY LAURA DARLING

A cheeky wee Scottie dog is chased by a growing crowd of Highland Games characters in this laugh-out-loud caper

- Kate Abernethy's humorous, rhythmic, rhyming story is ideal for reading aloud with young children
- Perfect for practising counting: the number of pursuers steadily increases all the way up to ten tug o' war teammates
- Laura Darling's charming, lively illustrations capture the playful, naughty dog's energy and the mounting chaos that follows her
- A fun, vibrant depiction of a contemporary Highland Games, reflecting a diverse and inclusive modern Scotland

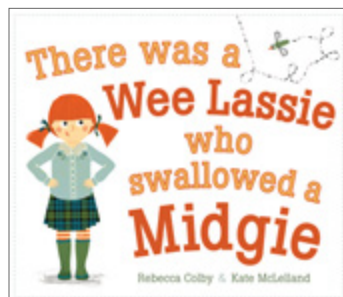
Kate Abernethy is a Scottish children's author who now lives in the New Forest, Hampshire, with her family.

Laura Darling is a children's illustrator and writer who lives in Dundee.



230 x 265 mm | colour illustrations | 28pp | 978-178250-890-8 | paperback | £6.99 | Age 3-6 | 15 February 2024

More Scottish picture book fun:







# Ice Cream Boy

LINDSAY LITTLESON

A heartwarming story of family, resilience and hope from the author of *Guardians of the Wild Unicorns*

- This moving and gently funny middle-grade novel sensitively explores the thoughts and feelings of children affected by dementia in the family
- Fast-talking joker Luca is often in trouble at school, but is determined to save his family's Glasgow ice cream shop
- Centres on a non-traditional intergenerational family structure
- Features diverse, believable young characters faced with contemporary issues including racism, family upheaval and financial insecurity
- Perfect for fans of Jacqueline Wilson

Twelve-year-old Luca Verani has his future all mapped out: who needs school when he's going to take over his family's ice cream café? But then his aunt announces she's selling the struggling business and, at the same time, Luca realises that his nonna's mind is playing tricks on her. Plus, he's starting high school and one of his best friends, Sitara, is being targeted by racist bullies. As Luca's worries pile up, will his dreams melt away?

Lindsay Littleson is an award-winning middle-grade author from Glasgow. Her books include Carnegie-nominated *Guardians of the Wild Unicorns*, *The Secrets of the Last Merfolk* and Kelpies Prize-winning *The Mixed-Up Summer of Lily McLean*, which was also longlisted for the Waterstones Children's Books Prize.

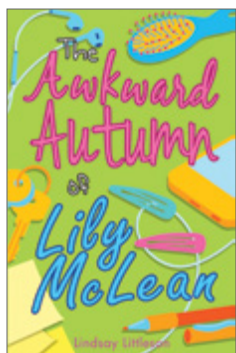


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an  
Extract!

198 x 130 mm | 224pp | 978-178250-889-2 | paperback | £7.99 | Age 9-12 | 16 May 2024



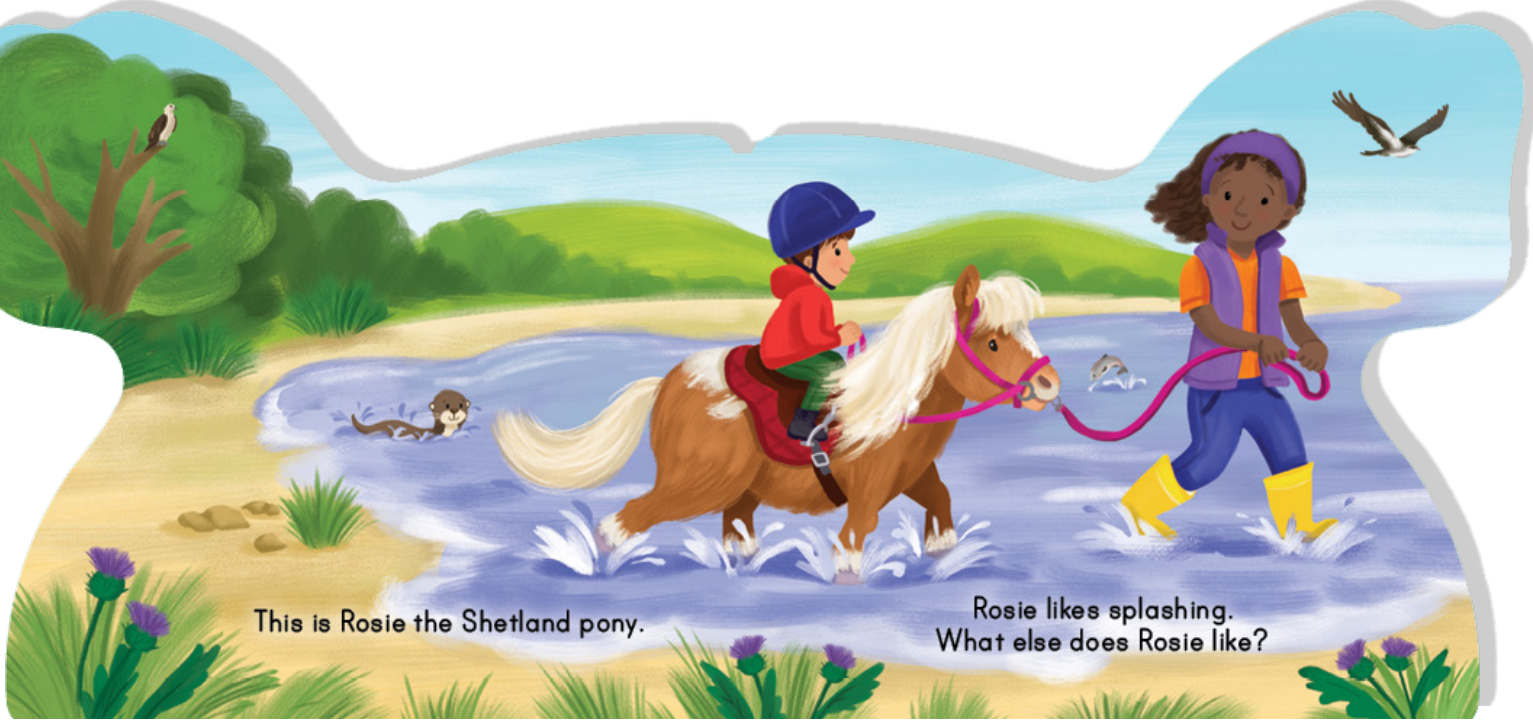
Also by Lindsay Littleson:



“An adventure tale that melds the real and the fantastic with warmth and humour.”  
– THE HERALD

“A new and utterly inventive take on the unicorn myth... Entertaining and atmospheric.”  
– INVERNESS COURIER





This is Rosie the Shetland pony.

Rosie likes splashing.  
What else does Rosie like?

# My First Shetland Pony

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MELANIE MITCHELL

Meet Rosie the shetland pony in this novelty-shaped board book!

- Bright, colourful illustrations full of fun-to-spot details, from the illustrator of *Three Crows*, *My First Nessie* and *My First Highland Cow*
- Adults and children alike will giggle along at Rosie the pony's likes and dislikes
- Sturdy, durable construction to withstand toddler play time
- A perfect gift for pony-loving children



Melanie Mitchell is the illustrator of more than 25 children's books. She lives in Wales with her partner and children.

175 x 190 mm | colour illustrations | 14pp | 978-178250-891-5 | shaped board book | £5.99 | Age 1-3 | 15 February 2024

Also illustrated by Melanie Mitchell:







# Wee Granny's Magic Bag

STORY BY ELIZABETH MCKAY  
ILLUSTRATIONS BY MARIA BOGADE

Discover what Granny will bring out of her magic bag next in this tartan take on *Mary Poppins*

- New edition of the perennial bestselling picture book about two children, their amazing granny and a very special tartan bag
- Features bright illustrations of a tartan-clad terrier, a red telephone box, and picnic scenes packed with fun details to spot
- With huge surprises on every page, you'll never guess what will appear next from Wee Granny's magic bag

Elizabeth McKay is from Dalry in Ayrshire, Scotland. She has had around 300 stories and articles published.

Maria Bogade is a 3D animation artist who has worked on many award-winning projects including *The Gruffalo*. She lives with her partner and children in Germany.

A Classic  
Scottish  
Bestseller!



New  
Edition

254 x 210 mm | colour illustrations | 32pp | 978-178250-882-3 | paperback | £6.99 | Age 3-6 | 18 January 2024

Discover Wee Granny's next adventures:



“Dripping with imagination and adventure.”

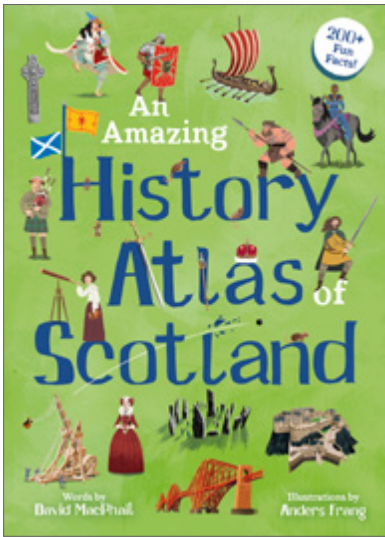
– EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR MAGAZINE

“Maw Broon meets *Mary Poppins* in this cheerful story for young readers.”

– SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



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“An enjoyably eccentric story full of imagination and thoughtfulness.”

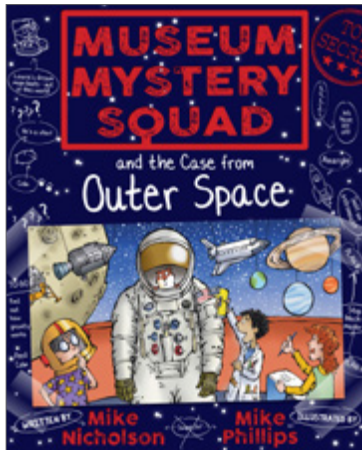
– THE TELEGRAPH

“An adventure like no other.”

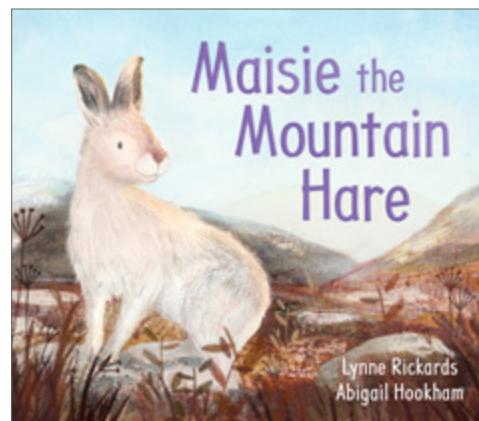
– MR RIPLEY’S ENCHANTED BOOKS

“A sumptuous joy of a story.”

– CAT ANDERSON, The Edinburgh Bookshop



“Utterly magical and instantly transporting.” – AMIE KAUFMAN, author of *These Broken Stars*



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# Halima, Superhero Princess

STORY BY EMILY JOOF

ILLUSTRATIONS BY ÅSA GILLAND

Paperback  
& Hardback  
Available!

An empowering story about being proud of who you are and sharing it with the world

- A young Black girl feels sad when her friends say she can't dress up as her favourite fictional characters because she looks different from them
- Features an emotional learning message about celebrating your own identity and expressing your true inner self
- Spotlights inspiring women of colour, both real and fictional
- From Emily Joof, creator of [I Will Swim Next Time](#)
- Eye-catching, vibrant illustrations from Åsa Gilland imbue the story with warmth and energy

Emily Joof is an African-diaspora author and education expert. Her stories focus on inclusion and diversity.

Åsa Gilland is a Swedish illustrator and designer who has lived in Indonesia for over 20 years.



292 x 224 mm | colour illustrations | 28pp | 978-178250-906-6 | paperback | £7.99 | Age 4-7 | 21 March 2024  
978-178250-884-7 | hardback with jacket | £12.99

Also by Emily Joof:



“Joof’s poetic verse glides effortlessly through the story.”  
– THE SCOTSMAN

“An adorable, sweet book about reassuring little ones.”  
– BOOKTRUST

“Wonderfully gentle... A great book to share with any child.”  
– SCOTTISH BOOK TRUST







# The Bumblebee Garden

STORY BY DAWN CASEY  
ILLUSTRATIONS BY STELLA LIM

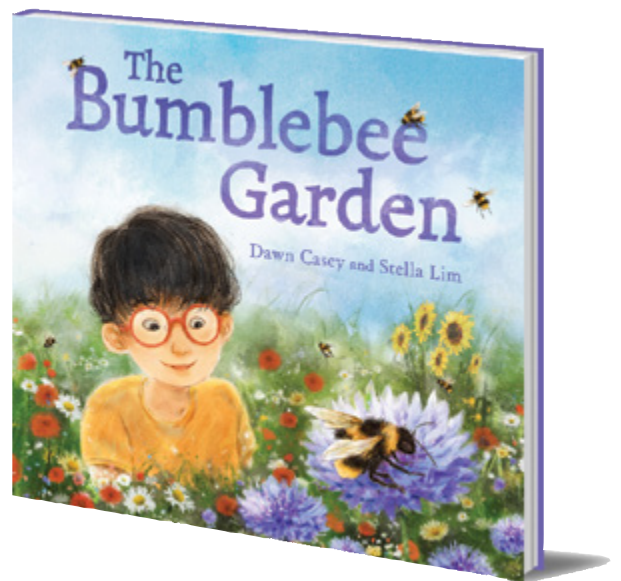
Paperback  
& Hardback  
Available!

A sweet story of the natural world, with a gentle message about bee conservation

- Dawn Casey's engaging story teaches young children about the life cycle of bees, and their importance to the ecosystem
- Stella Lim's luminous illustrations bring Ben's family and the details of the garden to life on the page
- Features a non-fiction double-page spread showing the life cycle of a queen bee
- From the creators of *Spin a Scarf of Sunshine*

Dawn Casey is the author of children's books inspired by the wonder of the natural world. She lives with her husband, children and a tabby cat in Sussex, UK.

Stella Lim is an illustrator from South Korea. She illustrated *Spin a Scarf of Sunshine* and *Little Blue Bunny*.

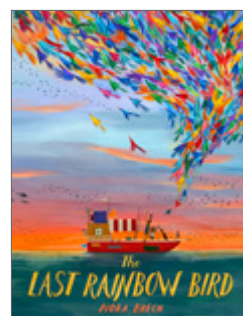
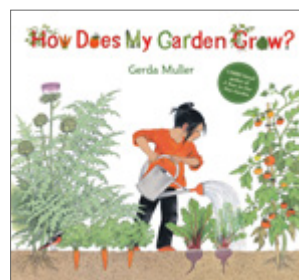


275 x 295 mm | colour illustrations | 28pp | 978-178250-903-5 | paperback | £7.99 | Age 4-7 | 22 February 2024  
978-178250-862-5 | hardback with jacket | £12.99

Also by Dawn Casey  
& Stella Lim:



Be inspired by the  
natural world:







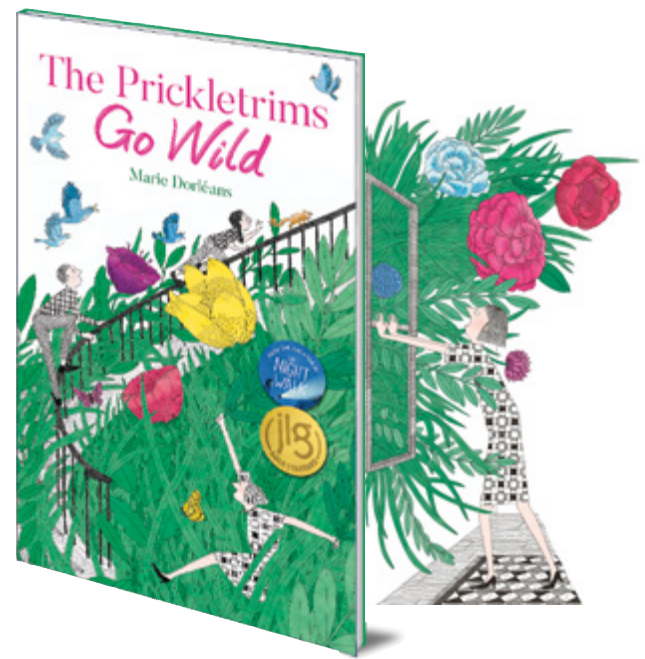
# The Prickletrims Go Wild

MARIE DORLÉANS

A story about the power of nature, preserving wilderness and family togetherness

- From the award-winning creator of *The Night Walk*, a 2021 *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book
- Light-hearted, with wittily drawn characters and larger-than-life situations, all wrapped in an uplifting message
- A tightly controlled family go on an emotional journey, learning to fervently embrace wildness, the natural world and their own freedom
- Illustrations transform from near monochrome to vibrant colour: straight lines are overtaken by blooming flowers and verdant greenery

Marie Dorléans is the award-winning author and illustrator of *The Night Walk*, winner of the prestigious Landerneau Children's Book Prize and a *New York Times*/*New York Public Library* Best Illustrated Children's Book. She currently lives in Strasbourg, France.



315 x 193 mm | colour illustrations | 44pp | 978-178250-883-0 | hardback with jacket | £12.99 | Age 4-7 | 21 March 2024

Also by Marie Dorléans:



“Evokes a luminous sense of wonder.”

– NEW YORK TIMES

“The prose shines with sensory acuity.”

– PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, Starred Review

“Beautifully composed.”

– BOOKLIST, Starred Review

“Powerful.”

– KIRKUS REVIEWS, Starred Review

“Awe-inspiring.”

– SHELF AWARENESS





Mama decides she does need one or two things after all: a cushion... a rug... a lamp...

While she's bargaining, I watch some snakes slinking and slithering and swaying to the music.

## Esma Farouk, Lost in the Souk

STORY BY LISA BOERSEN AND HASNA ELBAAMRANI  
ILLUSTRATIONS BY ANNELIES VANDENBOSCH

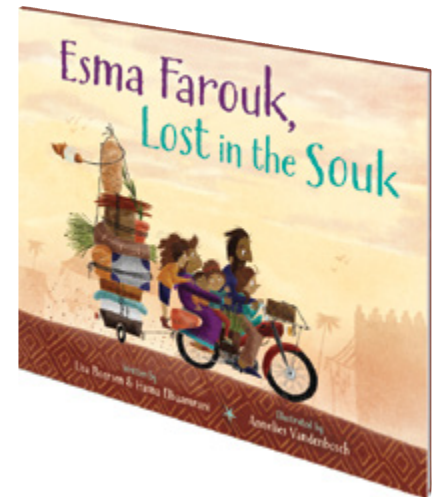
A vibrant, fun picture book about familiar family chaos in an extraordinary setting

- This lively story evokes the wonder of family holidays – rooted in the authors' memories of childhood adventures
- Perfectly captures a young child's excitement and awe at the sights, sounds, smells and characters of a busy marketplace in Marrakesh
- Celebrates a child's bravery and the kindness of strangers, as Esma enlists the help of a group of souk inhabitants (including a fortune teller and several acrobats) in her effort to find her Mama

Lisa Boersen is a children's author who grew up in the Netherlands with a Dutch father and a Dominican mother. She lives in Amsterdam with her husband and two sons.

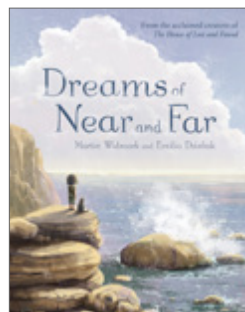
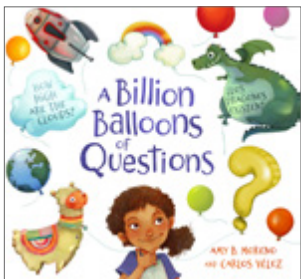
Hasna Elbaamrani was born in the Netherlands to Moroccan parents. *Esma Farouk, Lost in the Souk*, is her first picture book, inspired by childhood trips to Morocco. She lives in Amsterdam.

Annelies Vandebosch is an illustrator and graphic designer from Belgium. She loves creating artwork with a positive and humorous touch.



240 x 273 mm | colour illustrations | 32pp | 978-178250-885-4 | hardback | £12.99 | Age 4-7 | 21 March 2024

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– SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL,  
Starred Review

“A beautiful story.”  
– JUNO MAGAZINE





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DANIELA DRESCHER

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Daniela Drescher is an internationally acclaimed author and illustrator from Munich, Germany. The creator of more than 40 children's books, Daniela is inspired by nature and wishes to engage children with the natural world.

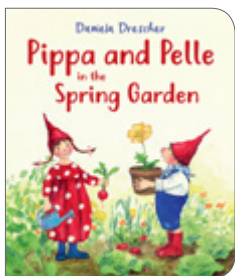
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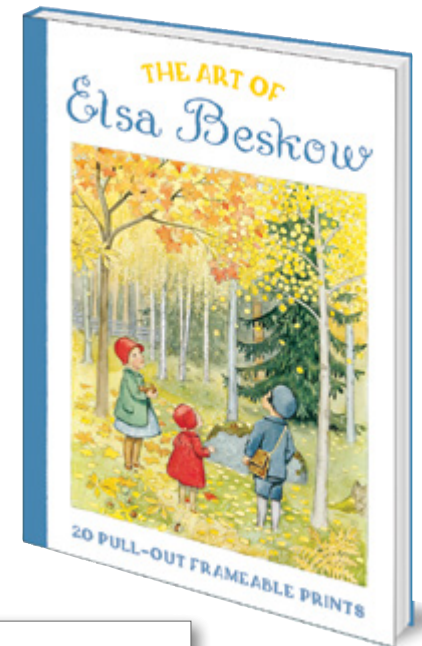


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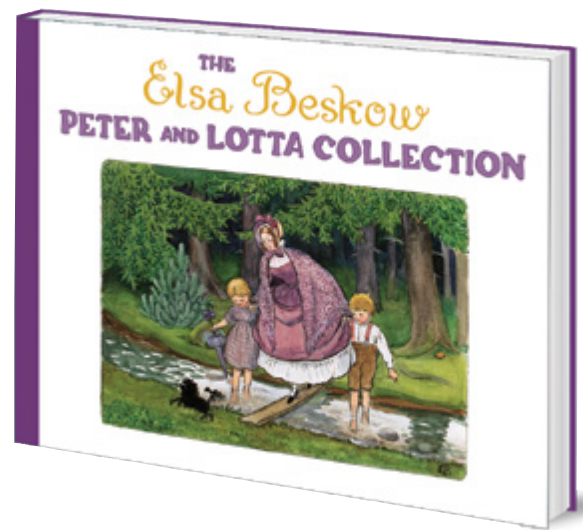


# The Elsa Beskow Peter and Lotta Collection

ELSA BESKOW

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This collection includes:



Aunt Green, Aunt Brown  
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Aunt Brown's Birthday

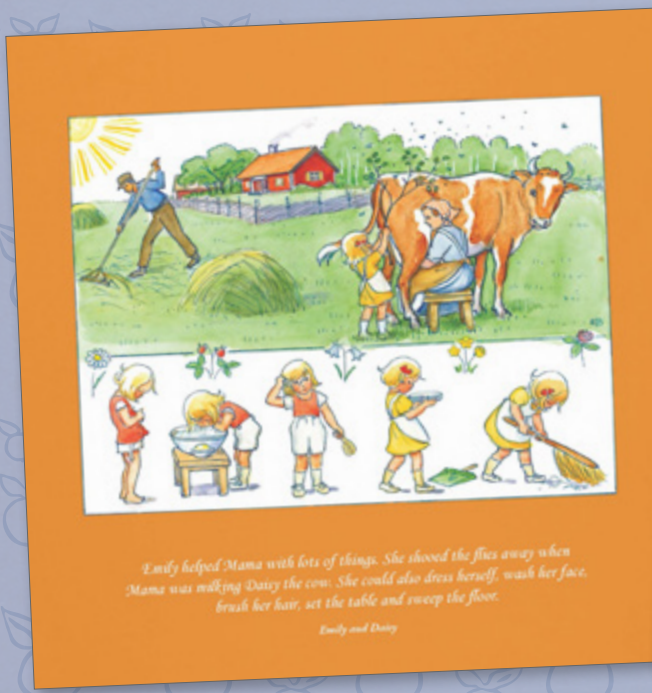


Peter and Lotta's Adventure



Uncle Blue's New Boat





# Elsa Beskow Calendar 2025

Discover a favourite illustration by Elsa Beskow every month with this gorgeous calendar

- Beautiful and practical – this month-to-view wall calendar features charming seasonal images from Elsa Beskow
- Lots of room to keep track of family schedules – with UK, US and Swedish holidays marked
- Eco-friendly: printed using plant-based inks on sustainable paper and 100% plastic free
- An ideal Christmas gift, the [Elsa Beskow Calendar](#) has been a perennial bestseller for more than a decade



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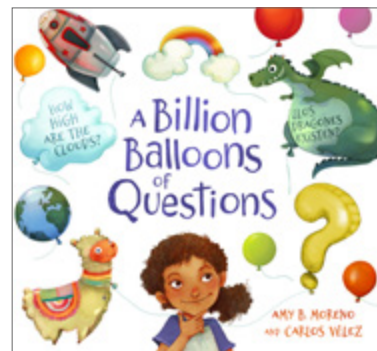
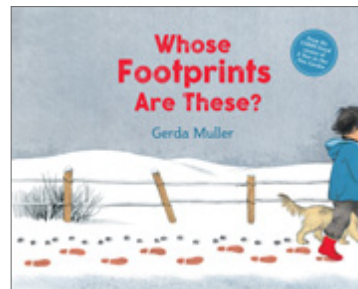
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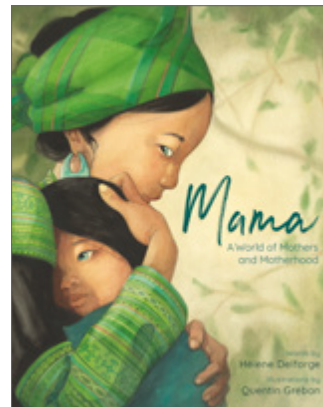
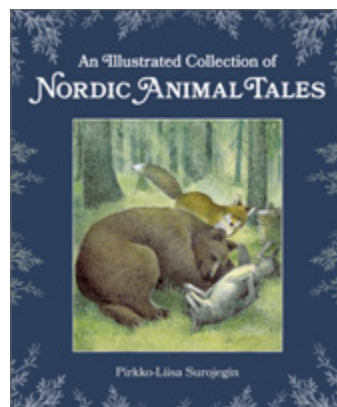


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“A wonderful book, full of emotion.”  
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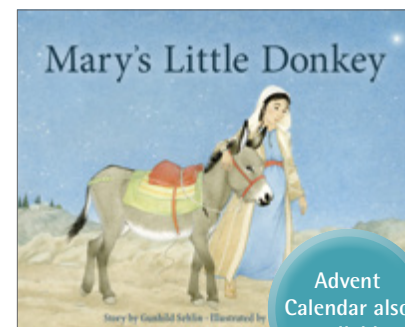
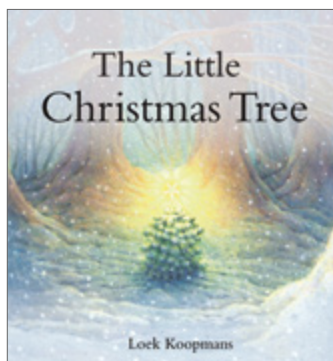
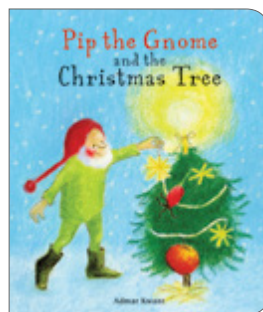
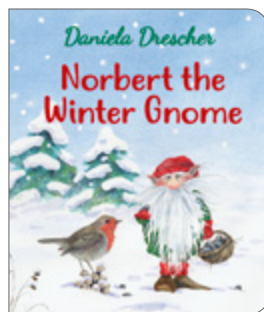
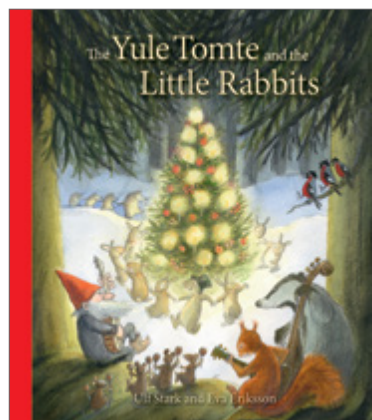


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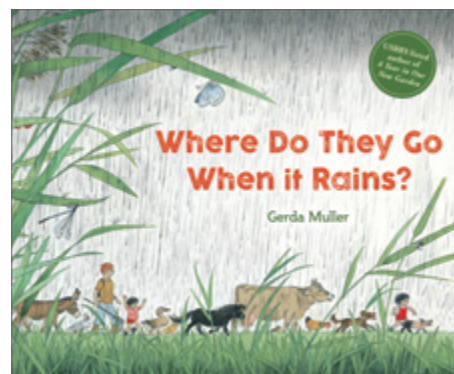
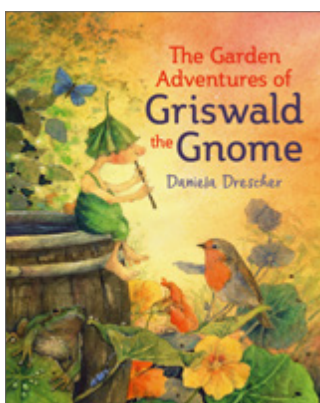
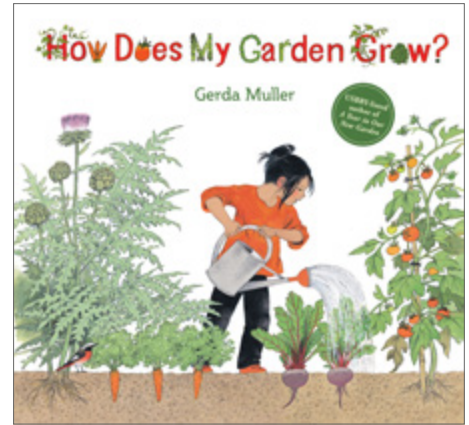
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