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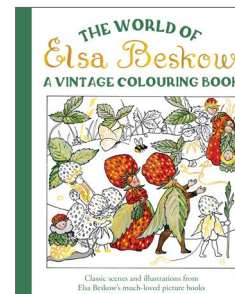
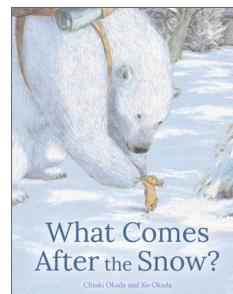
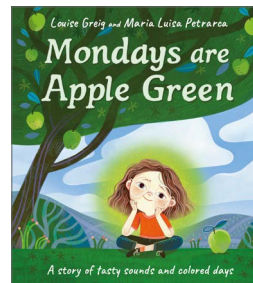
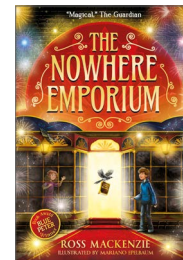
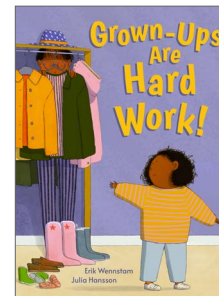
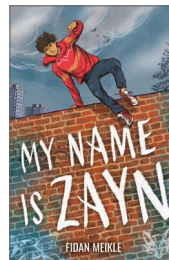
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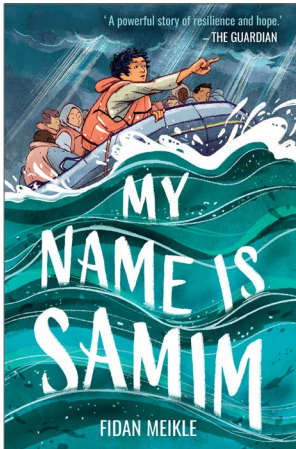
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Fidan Meikle is an Azerbaijani-British writer, linguist and translator. She lives in West Lothian, Scotland.

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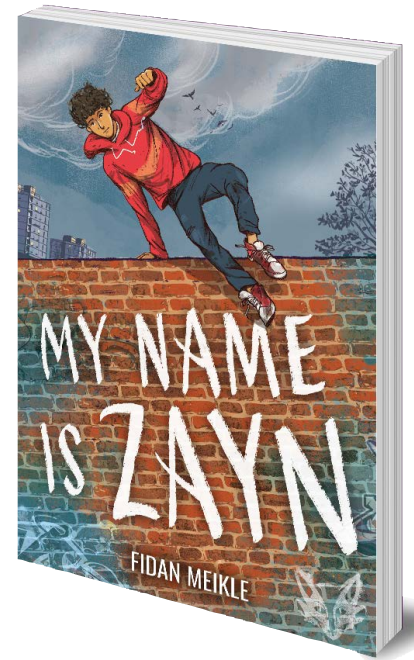
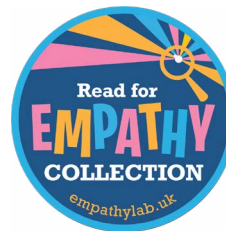
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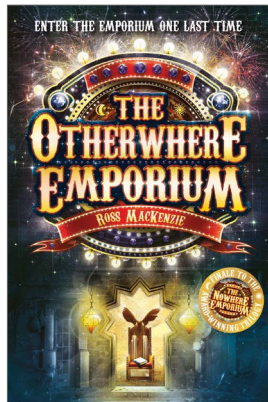
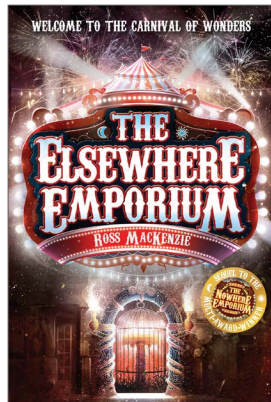
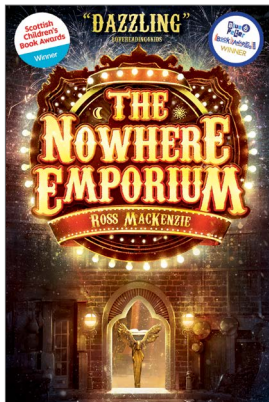
ROSS MACKENZIE

Illustrated anniversary hardback edition of this modern classic that has been capturing young readers' imaginations for a decade

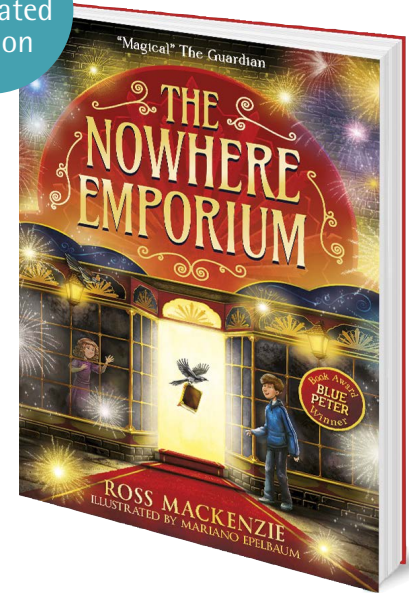
- Presented in a special new hardback edition with dynamic illustrations and a unique die-cut cover, which invites readers to step inside the spectacular Emporium
- 200,000 copies sold to date
- Ross MacKenzie unleashes a riot of imagination, colour and fantasy in this astonishing adventure: a Blue Peter Best Story Award and Scottish Children's Book Awards winner
- Perfect for fans of Philip Pullman, Cornelia Funke and anyone looking for a rich new fantasy world to explore

Ross MacKenzie is a multi-award-winning author of books for children. In addition to the highly-acclaimed Nowhere Emporium trilogy, his other books include *Shadowsmith*, the Evernight series, *The Colour of Hope* and *The Uninvited*. Ross lives in Renfrew, Scotland, with his wife and two daughters, but spends much of his time in another world.

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# Grown-ups are Hard Work!

STORY BY ERIK WENNSTAM

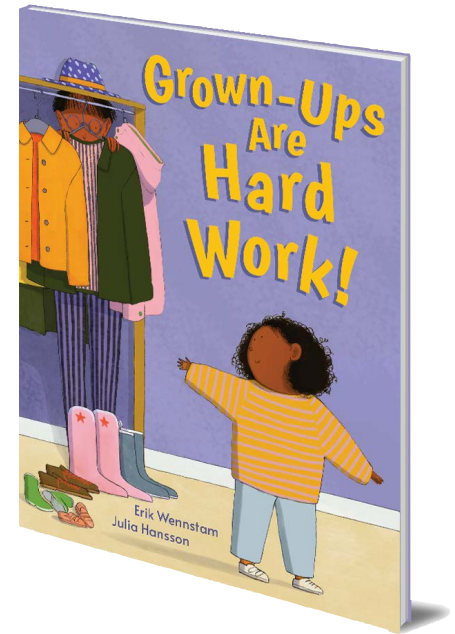
ILLUSTRATIONS BY JULIA HANSSON

Imagine if children were in charge, and grown-ups acted like big kids

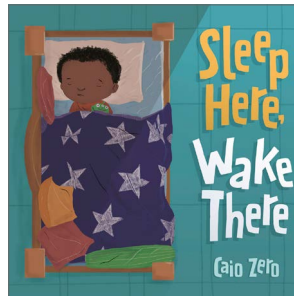
- This warm and humorous role-reversal story will have everyone giggling – children and their grown-ups alike
- Flips the script on a familiar morning routine: Sidney is helping Dad get ready for work but where are his socks, and his folder and the treats for his friends?
- Fun illustrations of Dad at work echo a young child's day: drawing colourful charts, spinning on chairs, having snack time and spilling his lunch
- A great resource for approaching the topic of morning anxiety: blends silliness and humour with a gentle message that things are rarely as scary once you get started

Erik Wennstam is an award-winning Swedish author and high school teacher. His debut children's book *Grown-Ups Are Hard Work!* is inspired by Monday mornings and preschool drop-offs with his own three children. Erik lives on Sweden's west coast with his family.

Julia Hansson is a Swedish author and illustrator of children's books, including her own *Billie and Bean* series which was nominated for Sweden's prestigious August Prize. She lives in Stockholm.



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# Mondays are Apple Green

STORY BY LOUISE GREIG

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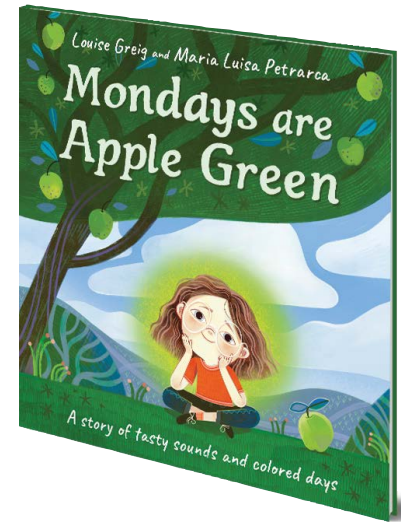
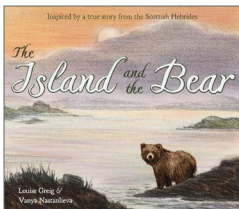
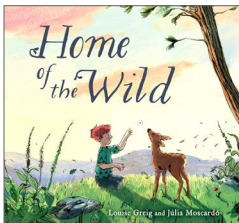
An authentic and sensitive depiction of synaesthesia from author, poet and synaesthete Louise Greig

- Sensitive represents and explores the unusual merging of the senses experienced by people with synaesthesia in an engaging way for young children, encouraging empathy
- For Anna, her days are coloured and her sounds are sweet, that's just the way she is!
- Evocative, immersive illustrations by Maria Luisa Petrarca will help young children to understand synaesthesia and how people experience the world differently

Louise Greig is a multi-award winning poet and author born in Scotland. She has featured on the shortlist for several major children's book awards, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. She lives in Aberdeen, Scotland with her husband.

Maria Luisa Petrarca is an Italian illustrator and character designer. Maria has illustrated several children's books. She lives in the Campania region of Italy.

Also by Louise Greig:



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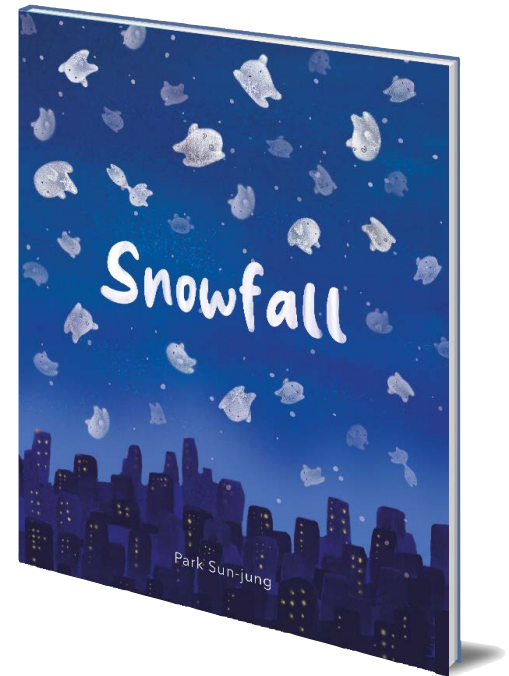
# Snowfall

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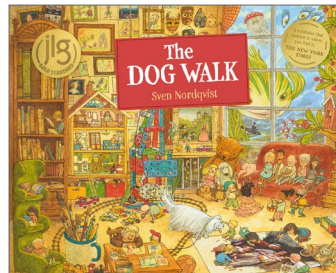
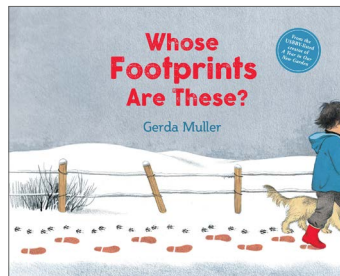
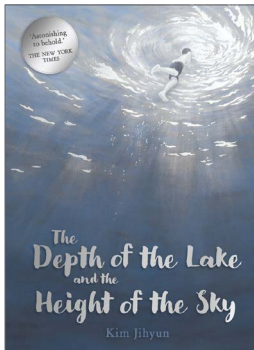
A captivating wordless picture book that will inspire young children to imagine the snowflakes' stories on magical winter days

- Without a word, Park Sun-jung's picture book debut creates an atmosphere of quiet wintery magic and offers a glimpse of a joyful, secret world
- Absorbing illustrations of a peaceful night-time cityscape are punctuated by the warm glow of streetlights, an occasional late-night traveller, and a friendly dog
- A perfect choice for anyone looking to capture the magic of Raymond Briggs' classic *The Snowman*, or discover a contemporary companion to Sibylle von Olfers' vintage favourite *The Story of the Snow Children*

Park Sun-jung is a graphic designer and illustrator from Seoul, South Korea. *Snowfall*, her debut picture book, was inspired by a winter walk through her neighbourhood, where she looked up and saw snowflakes fluttering as if they were dancing. She carried the warmth of that memory into her illustrations. Sun-jung lives in Namgajwa-dong, Seoul, with her snowy-white dog Poya.



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# What Comes After the Snow?

CHIAKI OKADA AND KO OKADA

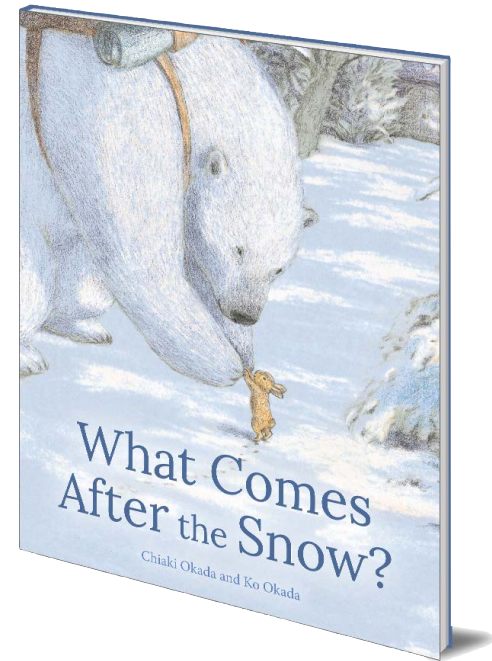
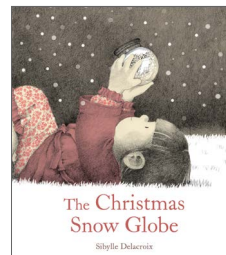
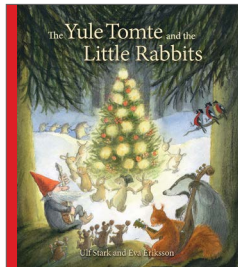
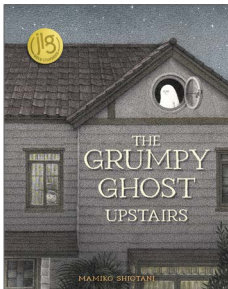
A charming story which shares the wonder of the transition from winter to spring

- A curious little rabbit can't wait for the snow to melt and spring to arrive, but snow is all she has ever known... and exactly who, or what, is Spring?
- Bramble's excitement about new experiences and growing up will be reassuring and familiar for young children
- Features joyful illustrations of a wintry forest, the rabbit family's cosy burrow and a tall, friendly polar bear
- Sylvanian Families fans will adore the little rabbit family

Chiaki Okada is a children's book illustrator from Japan. She is the illustrator of numerous picture books that have been translated throughout the world, including *Two Little Red Mittens* and *For All the Stars Across the Sky*. *What Comes After the Snow?* was co-created with her husband Ko.

Ko Okada is a children's author from Japan. He has written a number of books for children which celebrate the curiosity of children. Ko and Chiaki live in Tokyo, at the foot of Mount Takao, with their dog Urushi.

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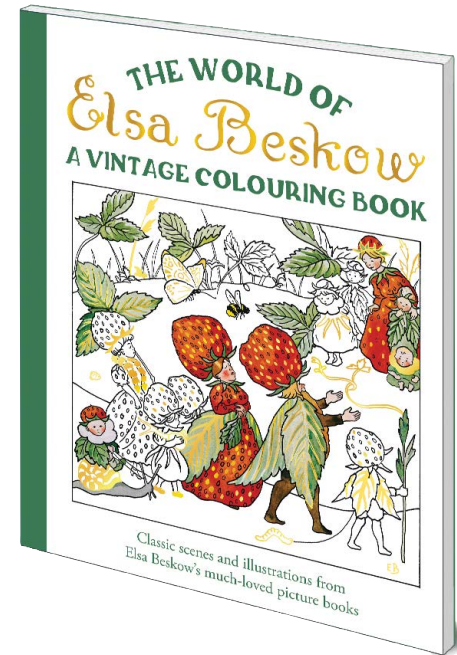
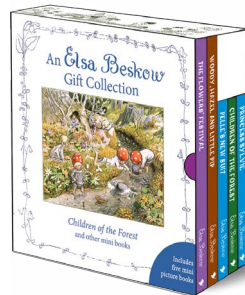
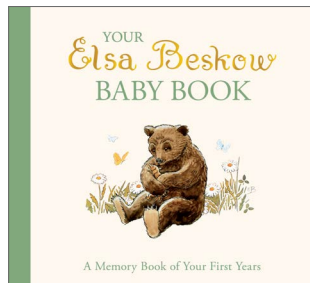
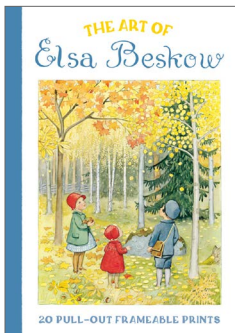
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Welcome to the world of Elsa Beskow, where flower folk and nostalgic landscapes are waiting to be filled with life and colour

- Includes classic scenes, patterns and quotations from Beskow's timeless stories
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- Features illustrations from *Around the Year*, *Peter in Blueberry Land*, *Emily and Daisy*, *The Flowers' Festival*, *Christopher's Garden*, *Pelle's New Suit* and more
- Printed on quality paper with gold foil details on the cover, this is a gorgeous gift for Elsa Beskow collectors and new fans

Elsa Beskow (1874–1953) is the most popular children's author-illustrator in Sweden. Often described as Sweden's Beatrix Potter, Elsa Beskow's picture books have been known and loved for over a century. Her charming stories of children and magical folk, accompanied by her signature illustrations, are known and cherished the world over.

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# The Snow Queen

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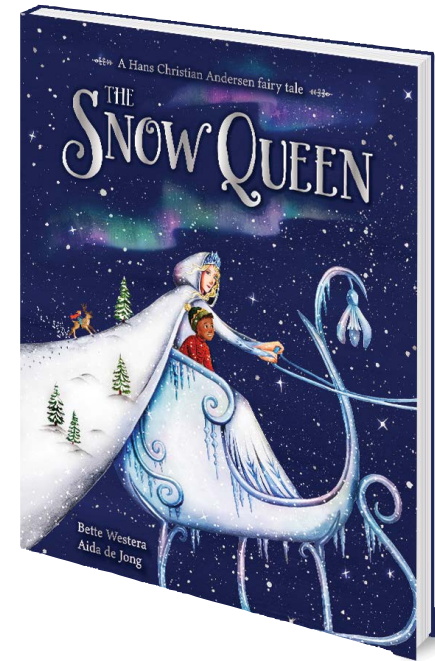
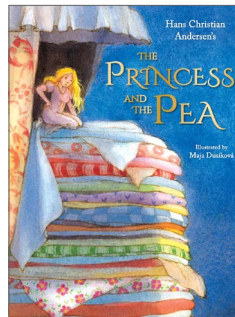
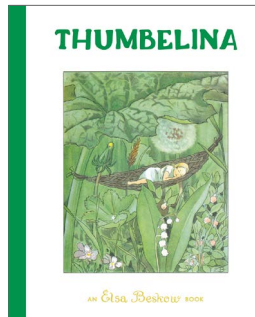
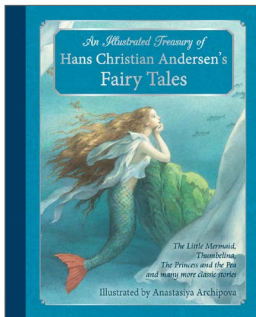
Award-winning author Bette Westera expertly retells a beloved fairy tale for a modern readership

- A fresh and magical retelling of the classic Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale
- Told in short episodic chapters – perfect for shared reading at bedtime
- A tale of friendship, persistence, and the kindness of strangers
- Aida De Jong's stunning illustrations are full of life, wonder and winter magic

Bette Westera is an award-winning Dutch children's writer. She has published over 130 books for children and her writing has been widely translated. Bette's poetry collection *Dead Normal* won The Netherlands' long-running and prestigious Gouden Griffel (Golden Pencil) award for children's literature. She lives in Amersfoort, The Netherlands, with her husband.

Aida De Jong is a Dutch illustrator, designer and teacher. She studied Illustration and Fine Art at Utrecht School of the Arts, and she finds her inspiration in nature, folklore and history. Aida has illustrated several children's books and lives in Gouda in The Netherlands.

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