



New Books for Children Spring-Summer 2023



Illustration from
I Will Swim Next Time



Illustration from *My First Highland Cow*

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In this catalogue you'll find details of our new children's books, including our [Kelpies](#) range of Scottish books for children everywhere and classic stories from [Elsa Beskow](#) and [Sibylle von Olfers](#).

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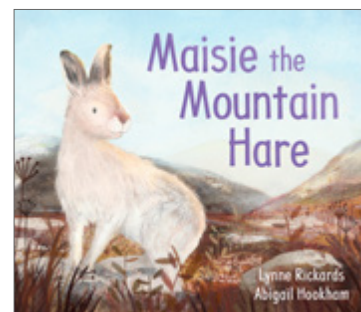
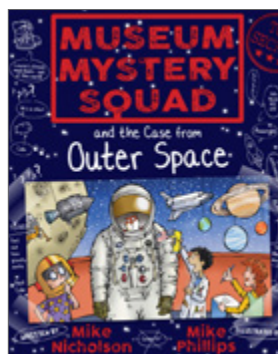
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HAARVILLE

JUSTIN DAVIES

Welcome to Haarville – if you've arrived, you've survived...

- Darkly funny, quirky and mysterious, this page-turning middle-grade adventure is perfect for fans of *Malamander* and *A Series of Unfortunate Events*
- Journey to Haarville – an off-grid island town where rolling haar (mist) and fishy pongs hide a powerful secret
- Orphan Manx Fearty risks losing his family's perpetual device shop when some sinister strangers try to seize control
- Aided by a vibrant cast of characters – including drag-queen guardian Father G, steadfast best pal Fantoosh, and Olu the oystercatcher – Manx embarks on a journey to unearth a magical mystery that might save Haarville and his family's legacy
- From Justin Davies, the award-winning author of *Help! I Smell a Monster* and *Whoa! I Spy a Werewolf*



Justin Davies is an award-winning children's author who lives with his husband and their rescue greyhound in Fife, Scotland.

198 x 130 mm | 296pp | 978-178250-844-1 | paperback | £7.99 | Age 10-14 | 23 February 2023



Praise for Haarville:

“A fantastically fishy adventure, packed to the gills with humour and heart. A boat-load of thrills, fun and friendship.”

– MARIA KUZNIAR, AUTHOR OF *THE SHIP OF SHADOWS* SERIES

“A wonderfully imagined, ridiculously unique story that I raced through in a day. The inhabitants of Haarville and their secrets will hook you in and leave you wanting more.”

– CLARE POVEY, AUTHOR OF
THE UNEXPECTED TALE OF BASTIEN BONLIVRE

“Utterly magical and instantly transporting.”

– AMIE KAUFMAN, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Extract from *Haarville*

Manx wasted no time in escaping the dank confines of Phlegm Town, promising Father G that he'd be back to help prepare supper. If he hurried, he could intercept Fantoosh on her way home from the academy.

Pausing for a second on the bridge, Manx breathed in a lungful of cold haar to clean out the foul air from the Lange Fluke. Above Haarville's rooftops, the amberose afterglow cast its warm orange halo. It was like a beacon, calling him back, and within just a few steps Manx sensed a familiar sweetness in the air. Smelling the amberose again was like putting on a favourite old jumper.

"Enjoy it whilst you can," he muttered to himself, heading up Parten Brae.

Manx lurked near the memorial to cannibalised sailors for a few minutes, staring at the carved stonework depicting the sorry-looking bunch of starved shipwreck survivors taking bites out of each other's limbs. Maybe a dish of the Lange Fluke's soup wasn't so bad after all, he thought, as Fantoosh came skipping down the academy's steps.

"Hey!"

Fantoosh screamed as Manx leapt out from his hiding place. "That really scared me!" she said. "What are you doing lurking there?"

"Waiting for you, of course. How was Oilyphant today?"

"Don't ask," moaned Fantoosh. "It's awful being in class on my own. I had to answer everything myself. And he made *me* chase the rat out of the privy. That's your job. You'd better be back tomorrow." She grabbed his hand. "You will be back tomorrow, won't you?"

"I hope so," replied Manx, which were not words he thought he'd ever say about going to classes. But if he wanted to avoid another lunch at the Lange Fluke, the academy suddenly seemed like a necessary option.

"I can't believe they kicked you out of your shop like that," said Fantoosh. "And so quickly." She looked at him. "Mum said you're at Skulpin's place. Is it really stinky?"

Manx shrugged. "The food's pretty gross."

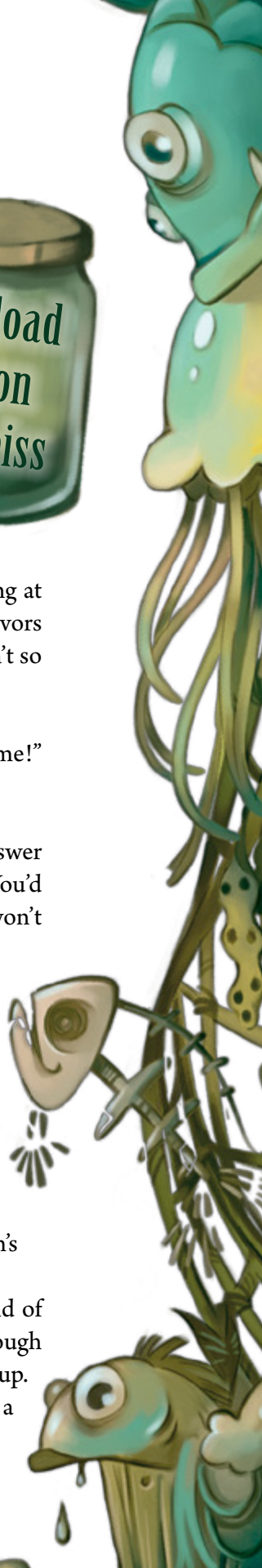
"Thought it might be." Fantoosh loosened her patchwork cape and plunged a hand into her dungaree's large front pocket. "I saved these from lunch. Hamish's Tuesday special."

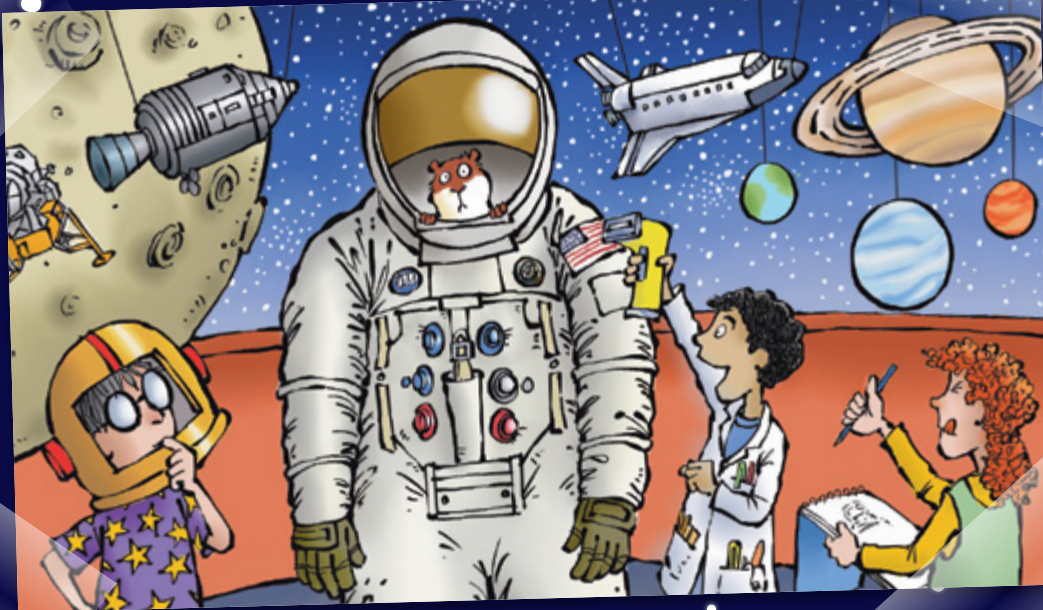
"Crab claws!" Manx practically snatched one from Fantoosh. He sucked the end of the pink claw, allowing the sweet juice to run over his tongue. It was almost good enough to banish all memory of the unidentified floating objects in the lunchtime soup.

"So," said Fantoosh, "where are we going? Madame Bonburre's for a limpet bun?"

Despite that idea being tempting, Manx was on a mission.

"I'm not giving up that easily," he said.





Museum Mystery Squad and the Case from Outer Space

STORY BY MIKE NICHOLSON

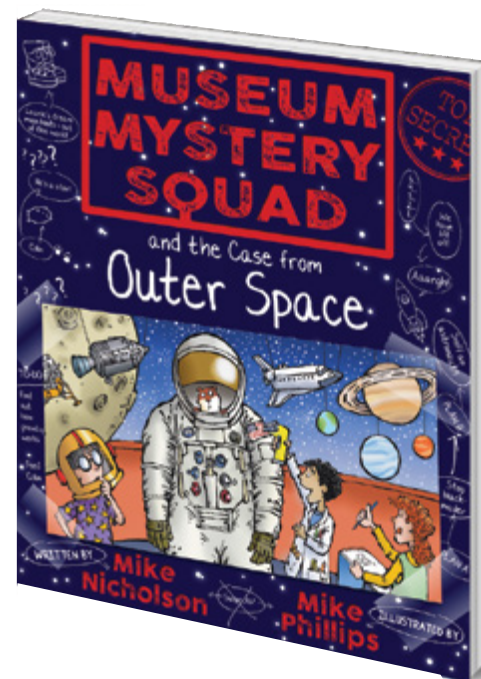
ILLUSTRATIONS BY MIKE PHILLIPS

Find puzzling planets, amazing astronauts and marvellous moon rocks in the Squad's latest mind-bending mystery

- In their hidden headquarters below a museum, the Museum Mystery Squad are ready to investigate all things dangerous, spooky or just plain weird!
- Fun facts and activities will help children learn about gravity, the solar system and what it takes to be an astronaut
- With dynamic, funny line drawings by the illustrator of the *Horrible Geography* series to engage young and reluctant readers
- Perfect for amateur sleuths and young space fans

Mike Nicholson is an Edinburgh-based, prize-winning author of humorous children's books, including *Catscape* and the *Thistle Street* picture books.

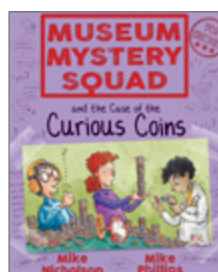
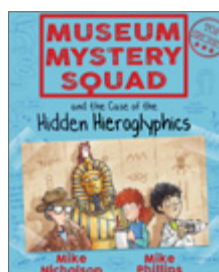
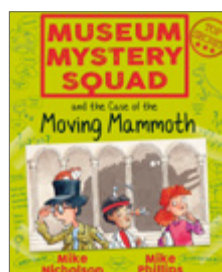
Mike Phillips is the illustrator of many children's books, including *The Amazing Life of Mary, Queen of Scots* and the *Horrible Geography* series.



197 x 158 mm | 50 b/w illustrations | 176pp | 978-178250-366-8 | paperback | £6.99 | Age 6-9 | 27 April 2023



More Museum Mystery Squad adventures:



"This series is fast-moving, well-written, fun, and wonderfully illustrated."

— YOUTH SERVICES
BOOK REVIEW



Little Explorers: Scotland Then and Now

ILLUSTRATIONS BY LOUISE FORSHAW

Travel in time to compare Scottish landmarks today with how they were at key moments in history

- Created in partnership with Historic Environment Scotland and based on real-life attractions you can visit today
- Featuring Edinburgh Castle, Skara Brae, Urquhart Castle, Jarlshof Viking settlement, Stirling Castle and the Antonine Wall
- With the flaps closed young readers will see some of Scotland's most famous places as they are NOW. Opening the double-flaps reveals a dynamic historical scene from THEN!
- This large board book is chunky but lightweight, with sturdy fold-out pages perfect for little hands – an ideal gift for visitors to Scotland

Louise Forshaw is the illustrator of numerous children's books, including the *Busy Books* and the *Little Explorers* series. She lives just outside Newcastle upon Tyne.



215 x 215 mm | colour illustrations | 12pp | 978-178250-775-8 | board book with full-page flaps | £10.99 | Age 3-6 | 09 March 2023

More to explore:



 **Kelpies**

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HISTORIC SCOTLAND
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My First Highland Cow

MELANIE MITCHELL

Meet Bonnie the Highland cow in this novelty shaped board book!

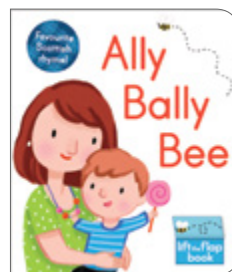
- The unique Highland cow shape makes this board book extra fun for little readers
- Bright, colourful illustrations full of fun-to-spot details, from the illustrator of *Three Crows*
- Adults and children alike will giggle along at Bonnie's likes and dislikes
- Sturdy, durable construction to withstand toddler play
- A perfect souvenir for Scotland's youngest visitors



Melanie Mitchell is the illustrator of more than 25 children's books including *Three Crows: A Lift-the-Flap Scottish Rhyme* and *My First Nessie*. She lives in Wales with her partner and children.

165 x 190 mm | colour illustrations | 14pp | 978-178250-834-2 | shaped board book | £5.99 | Age 1-3 | 16 February 2023

Also illustrated by Melanie Mitchell:



More brow board books:



Hello Scottish Birds!

KATE MCLELLAND

Say hello to Scotland's most famous feathered friends

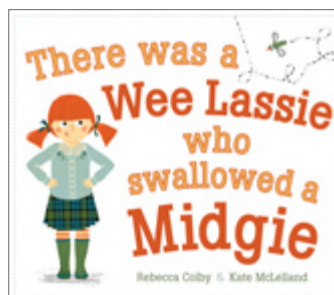
- Simple words and bright, colourful illustrations introduce children to Scotland's most famous birds
- Stars ospreys, puffins, capercaillies, golden eagles and more
- Perfect for wee Scots and young visitors to Scotland
- From the illustrator of the bestselling [There Was a Wee Lassie Who Swallowed a Midgie](#)

Kate McLelland is the creator of the [Isla & Pickle](#) series and the illustrator of [Hello Scottish Animals!](#), [There's a Hole in my Bagpipes](#) and bestselling picture book [There Was a Wee Lassie Who Swallowed a Midgie](#). She lives near Edinburgh with her husband, two children and their dog.



250 x 250 mm | colour illustrations | 24pp | 978-178250-833-5 | paperback | £5.99 | Age 2-5 | 16 February 2023

Also by Kate McLelland:



Now there was snow, they could finally play!
Thomas came often, and stayed the whole day.

Archie thought hiding in snow was great fun.
"Ready or not," Maisie called. "Here I come!"

Maisie soon spotted a small speck of red,
two little black ears and a fluffy white head.

"Here's Thomas, and now I've found Archie," she cried.
"You win!" Thomas laughed. "Now it's your turn to hide."



Maisie the Mountain Hare

STORY BY LYNNE RICKARDS

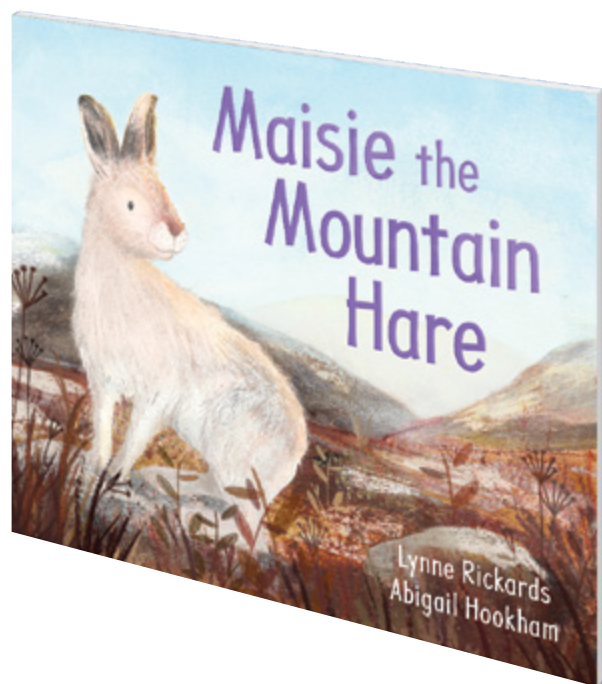
ILLUSTRATIONS BY ABIGAIL HOOKHAM

A charming rhyming story starring a family of mountain hares and a friendly ptarmigan

- Maisie the mountain hare leveret and her brother Archie love playing hide and seek, but soon must use their hiding skills to avoid real danger
- Mountain hares are known as camouflage experts – their brown coats change to white in winter so they can hide in the snow. But with no snow in sight, Maisie and Archie stand out more than ever
- A tale of teamwork and playing to your strengths
- From the author of the bestselling *Skye the Puffling*, *Harris the Hero*, *Rowan the Red Squirrel* and *Oran the Curious Otter*

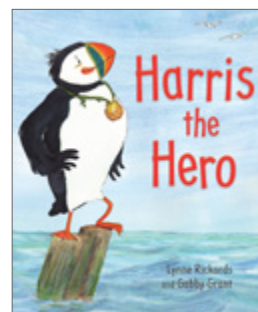
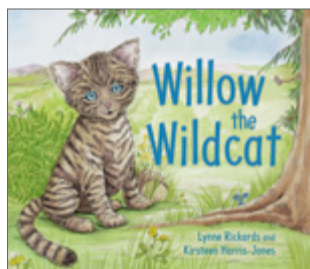
Lynne Rickards is the author of many much-loved picture books including *Harris the Hero* and *Skye the Puffling*. She lives in Glasgow, Scotland.

Abigail Hookham lives in Lincolnshire, England and is the illustrator of *Oran the Curious Otter*.



230 x 265 mm | colour illustrations | 32pp | 978-178250-841-0 | paperback | £6.99 | Age 3-6 | 16 February 2023

More rhyming tales from Lynne Rickards:





N is for Nessie

A Scottish Alphabet for Kids

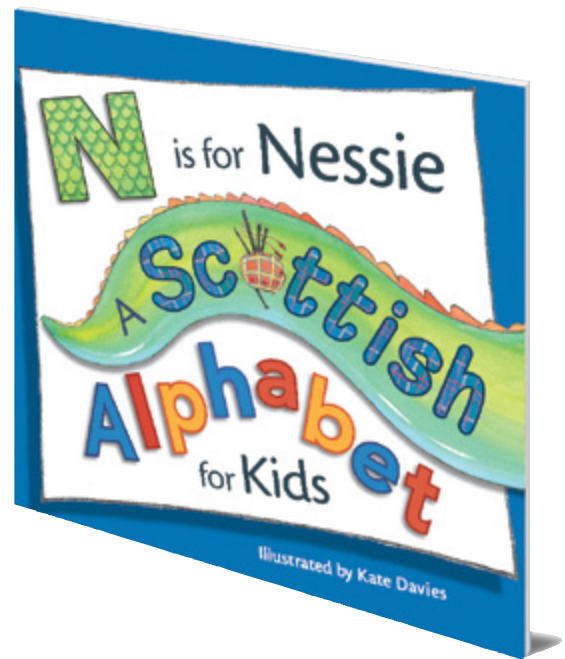
ILLUSTRATIONS BY KATE DAVIES

New
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A charming and fun adventure through the Scottish alphabet, perfect for locals and visitors alike

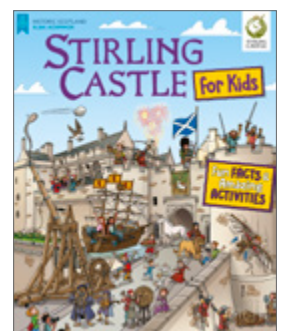
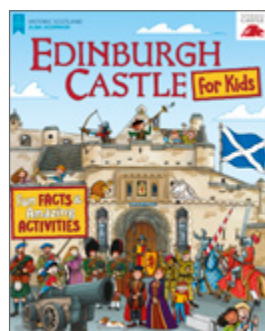
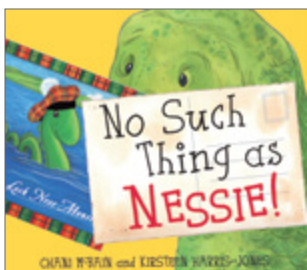
- Illustrator Kate Davies fills each page with colourful, humorous Scottish details
- With one letter featured per page, this book is great for wee ones to enjoy and explore
- Each letter from A to Z represents the best of everything Scottish: beautiful landscapes, fascinating history and amazing wildlife

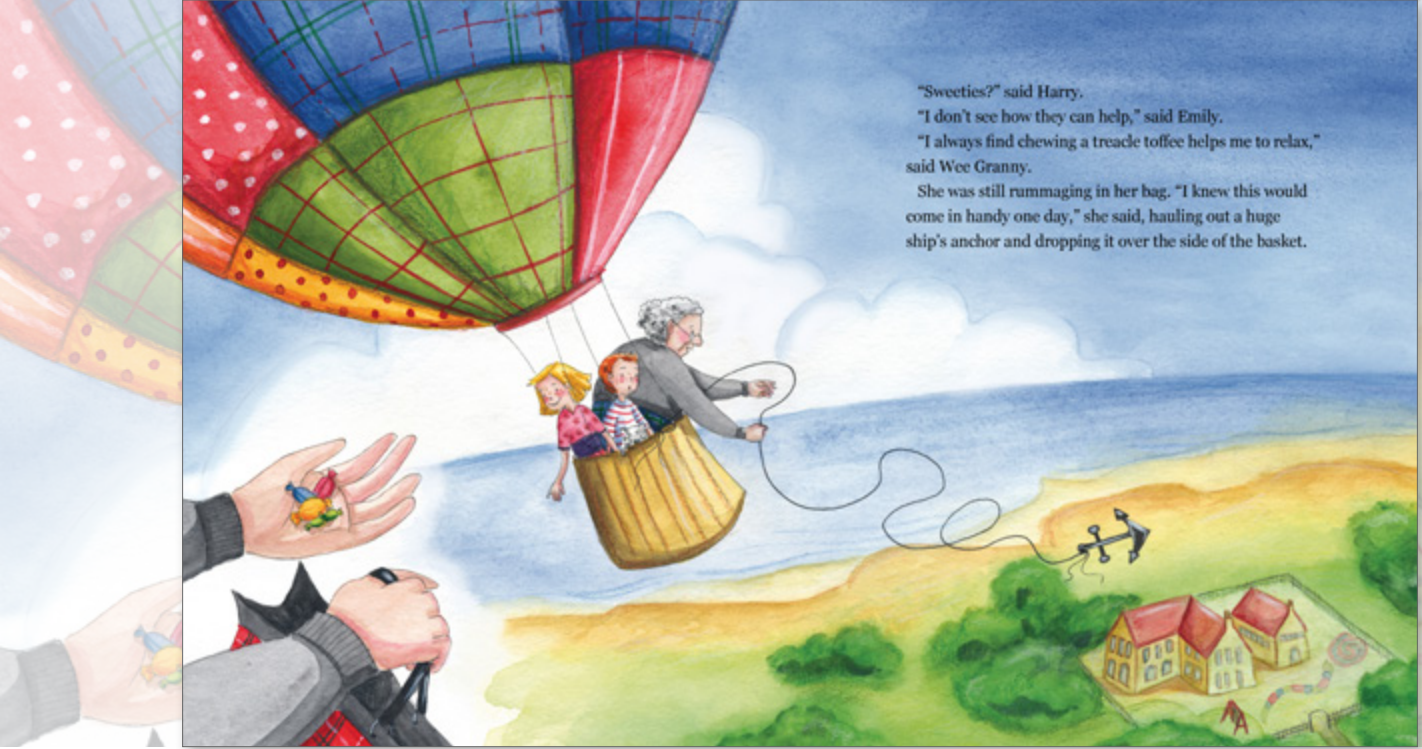
Kate Davies is a children's illustrator. She studied at Bath Academy of Art, and lives near Bath, England.



250 x 250 mm | colour illustrations | 32pp | 978-178250-852-6 | paperback | £6.99 | Age 3-6 | 22 June 2023

More spectacular
Scottish picture books:





"Sweeties?" said Harry.
 "I don't see how they can help," said Emily.
 "I always find chewing a treacle toffee helps me to relax,"
 said Wee Granny.
 She was still rummaging in her bag. "I knew this would
 come in handy one day," she said, hauling out a huge
 ship's anchor and dropping it over the side of the basket.

Wee Granny's Magic Bag and the Ceilidh

New
Edition

STORY BY ELIZABETH MCKAY
 ILLUSTRATIONS BY MARIA BOGADE

Come for a dance with Scotland's answer to
 Mary Poppins in this much-loved celebratory story

- Can Wee Granny's magic bag save the day and make the school ceilidh the most magical (and musical) party ever?
- What will Wee Granny pull out of her magic bag next in the follow-up to the bestselling [Wee Granny's Magic Bag](#)?

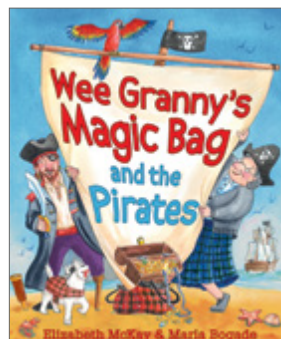
Elizabeth McKay is the author of the [Wee Granny's Magic Bag](#) picture-book series. She is from Dalry in Ayrshire, Scotland.

Maria Bogade is an illustrator and artist from Germany, where she lives with her partner and two children.



254 x 210 mm | colour illustrations | 32pp | 978-178250-878-6 | paperback | £6.99 | Age 3-6 | 18 May 2023

More adventures
 with Wee Granny:



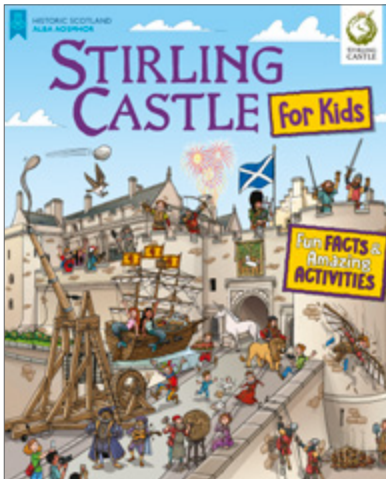
"Maw Broon meets Mary Poppins
 in these cheerful stories for
 young readers."

– SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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“Lavish design and artwork... written by a master of her trade.” – GERALDINE MCCAUGHREAN

“This is an utterly delightful book, beautifully illustrated.” – ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH



“Beautiful, bright and brilliant.”

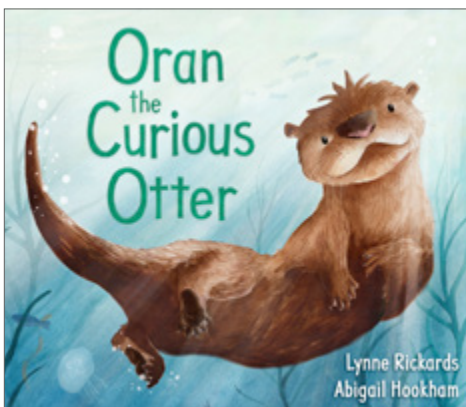
– SOPHIE ANDERSON, author of *The House with Chicken Legs*

“Steeped in the myths and magic of the Lake District.”

– ROSS MACKENZIE, author of *The Nowhere Emporium* trilogy

“One of the most original magical worlds we’ve ever travelled through.”

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My dog Sam has a superpower.

He doesn't wear a costume.



He can't fly.



And he definitely can't make himself invisible.

Be More Dog

STORY BY CAROLINE CROWE
ILLUSTRATIONS BY CARLOS VÉLEZ

A fun, playful story about finding joy every day

- A happy dog helps his young owner to overcome sadness
- Uplifting and feel-good, Caroline Crowe's text fizzles with humour and life
- Funny, colourful and engaging illustrations from Carlos Vélez capture the boisterous energy and expressions of our favourite four-legged friends
- Dog-lovers will chuckle at Sam's funny and familiar canine antics

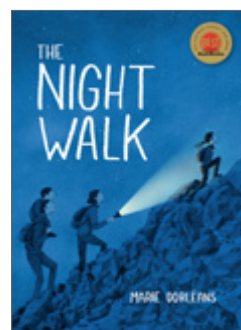
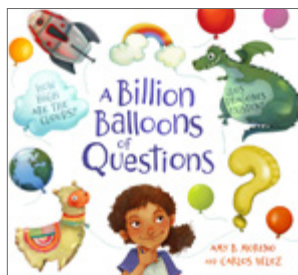
Caroline Crowe is the award-winning author of several books for children, including *Our Incredible Library Book* (and the wonderful journeys it took). She lives with her family in Hampshire, England.

Carlos Vélez is the award-winning illustrator of over twenty books for children, including *A Billion Balloons of Questions*. He lives in Coyoacán, Mexico.



284 x 246 mm | colour illustrations | 32pp | 978-178250-832-8 | hardback with jacket | £12.99 | Age 3-7 | 20 April 2023

More marvellous picture books:



A New York Times/
New York Public
Library Best Illustrated
Children's Book 2021



I Will Swim Next Time

STORY BY EMILY JOOF

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MATILDA RUTA

A gentle, powerful story perfect for children feeling nervous about new experiences

- This warm, lyrical picture book from African-diaspora author Emily Joof tells the story of a young child who is unsure of going into the water
- An ideal book for children who are feeling nervous about learning to swim, or any other new experience
- Contains an emotional learning message about listening to yourself and taking your time
- Matilda Ruta's bold and characterful illustrations are vibrant, empathic and full of depth

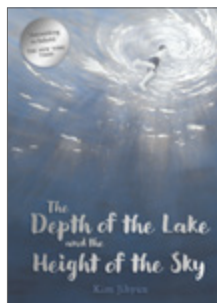
Emily Joof is a children's author and mum who divides her time between the Gambia and Sweden. Her stories focus on inclusion and diversity.

Matilda Ruta is an illustrator and author based in Stockholm, Sweden. She has been nominated for the Elsa Beskow Plaque and the August Prize.



236 x 290 mm | colour illustrations | 32pp | 978-178250-829-8 | hardback with jacket | £12.99 | Age 4-8 | 16 March 2023

More awe-inspiring picture books:



"Astonishing to behold."

– THE NEW YORK TIMES

"A simple yet marvellous musing on the beauty of the great outdoors."

– KIRKUS REVIEWS, ★ Starred Review

"A book of quiet beauty."

– BOOKLIST, ★ Starred Review

Discover the magical world of Sibylle von Olfers

The Story of the Butterfly Children

SIBYLLE VON OLFERS

This whimsical story with Art Nouveau illustrations teaches children about the life cycle of the butterfly

- The charming, colourful story of the butterfly children is perfect for spring, and a unique introduction to the butterfly life cycle
- Sibylle von Olfers' magical stories of root, snow, wind and butterfly children have been loved for generations
- This wonderful mini gift edition reproduces Olfers' classic illustrations and beloved story in an adorable small format – ideal for little hands

[Sibylle von Olfers](#) (1881–1916) was a children's book creator from Germany. Her blend of natural observation and use of simple design has led to comparisons with Kate Greenaway and Elsa Beskow.

Now an
adorable
mini
edition



140 x 193 mm | colour illustrations | 28pp | 978-178250-831-1 | hardback | £6.99 | Age 3–5 | 16 March 2023

The Sibylle von Olfers library also includes full-size editions, and board books for very young children.

See the full Sibylle von Olfers library

Find out more about Sibylle von Olfers





Elsa Beskow Calendar 2024

ELSA BESKOW

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 with a cardboard envelope – no plastic shrink wrap!
- An ideal Christmas gift, the [Elsa Beskow Calendar](#) has been a perennial bestseller for over 10 years

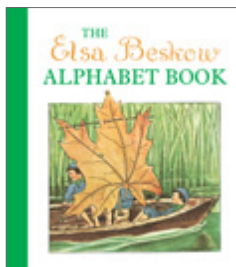


[Elsa Beskow](#) (1874–1953) is the most popular children's author-illustrator in Sweden. Often described as Sweden's Beatrix Potter, Elsa Beskow's picture books have been known and loved for over a century. Her charming stories of children and magical folk, accompanied by her signature illustrations,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

Find out more about
Elsa Beskow

305 x 305 mm | colour illustrations | 24pp | 978-178250-838-0 | month-to-view wall calendar | £12.99 inc VAT | 18 May 2023

More Elsa Beskow gifts:



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THE WORLD OF Elsa Beskow

Beautiful new editions of Elsa Beskow's beloved picture books:

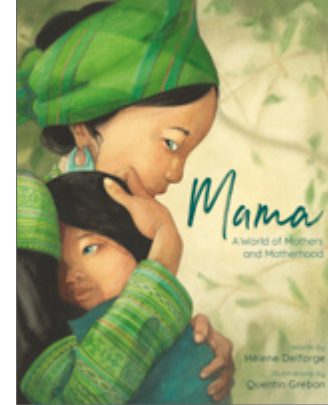
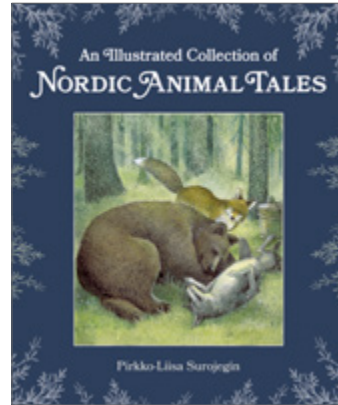
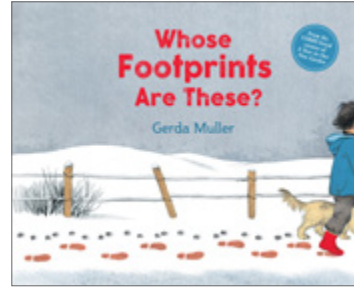
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picture books by
Elsa Beskow

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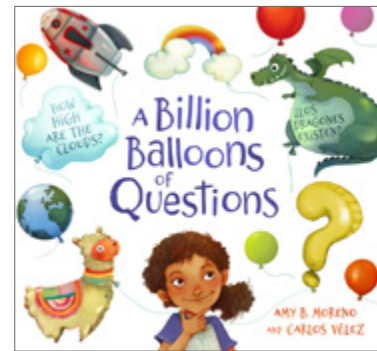
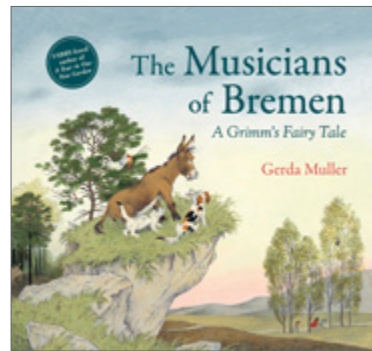


"A beautiful dedication to the mother figures of the world."

— YOUTH SERVICES BOOK REVIEW

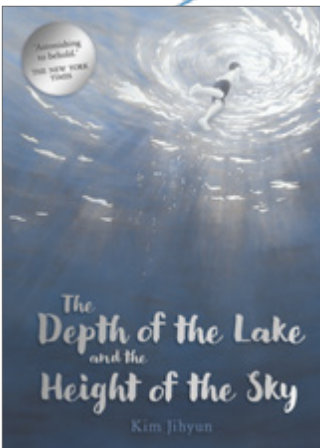
"A wonderful book full of emotion."

— JUNO



"A buoyant tribute to a child's inquisitiveness."

— KIRKUS REVIEWS



"Astonishing to behold."

— NEW YORK TIMES



"Graceful and perfectly paced."

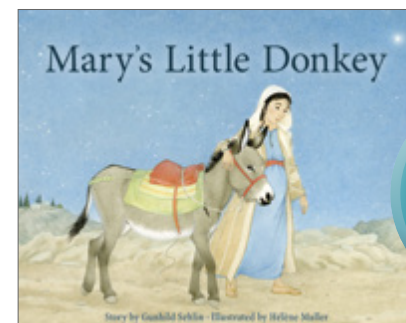
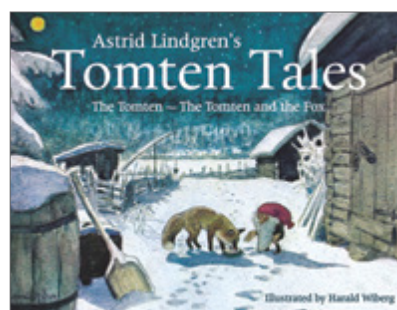
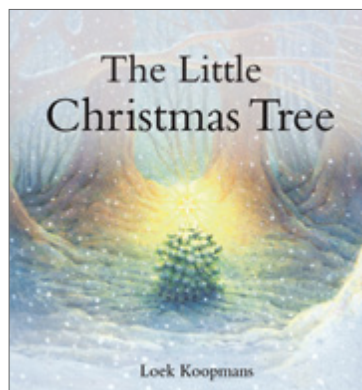
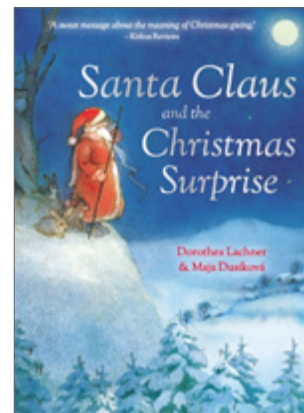
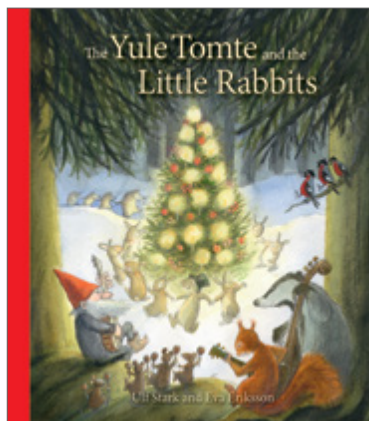
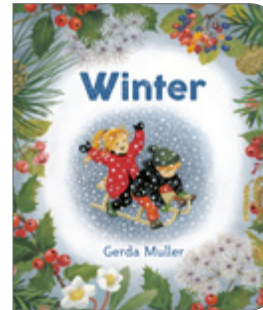
— PUBLISHERS WEEKLY,
★ Starred Review

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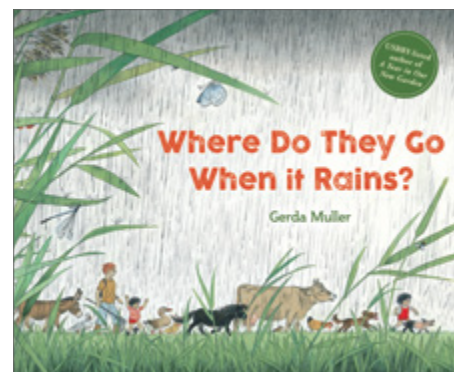
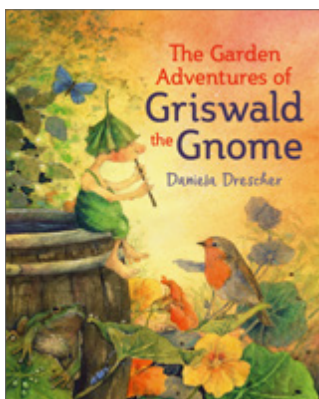
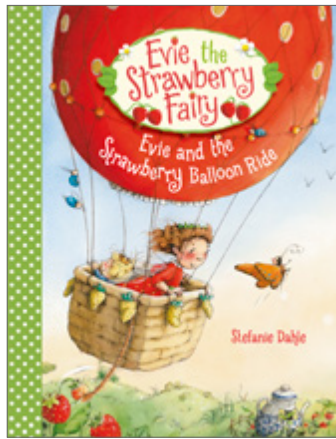
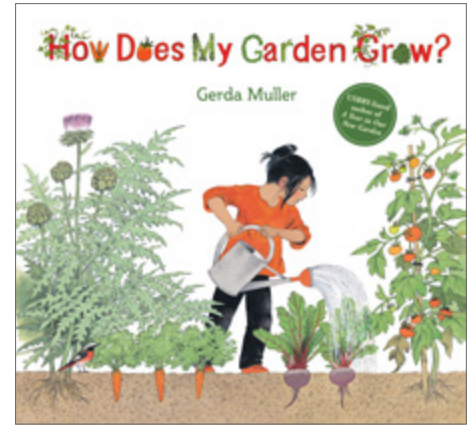
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