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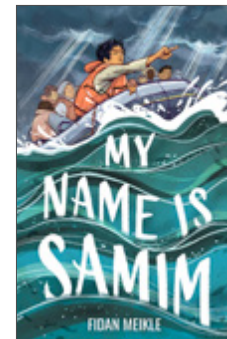
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My Name is Samim

FIDAN MEIKLE

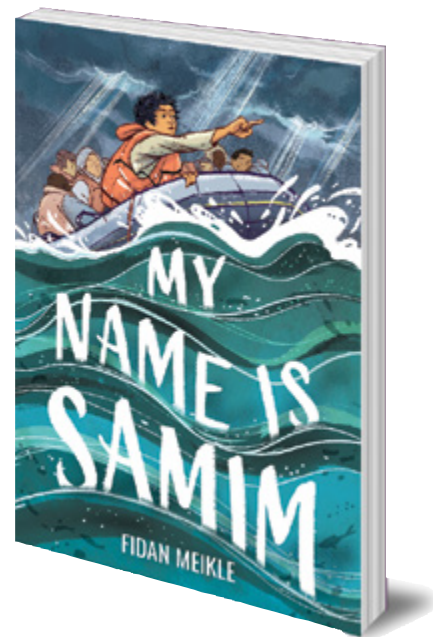
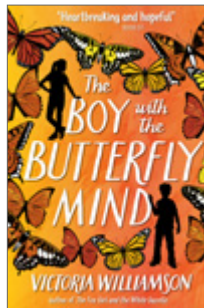
A vivid, emotive depiction of a thirteen-year-old boy's perilous journey from Afghanistan to the UK in search of safety

- Samim's story is at once **heartbreaking and uplifting** as it details the hardships and the moments of hope that punctuate his journey
- **Highlighting the experiences of young refugees and asylum-seekers**, readers will empathise with Samim as he strives for a safe home and a better future
- Shines a light on the difficulties facing young asylum seekers in the UK, including racism, cultural barriers and a challenging immigration system
- An astonishing debut novel from Fidan Meikle – a powerful new voice in middle-grade fiction whose **wry, heartfelt and immersive writing** will draw readers in

Fidan Meikle is an Azerbaijani-British writer, linguist and translator. *My Name is Samim*, her debut novel, is inspired by the true stories of young refugees. She lives in West Lothian, Scotland.

Fidan's Inspiration

You may also be interested in:



Subject: Middle grade fiction
(Thema: YFB/YXZM)

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My First Scottie Dog

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MELANIE MITCHELL

Meet Archie the Scottie Dog in this novelty shaped board book!

- **Bright, colourful illustrations** are full of **fun-to-spot details** like playful squirrels, garden snails, rubber ducks and tasty breakfasts
- Latest book in a range which also includes *My First Nessie*, *My First Highland Cow* and *My First Shetland Pony*
- Adults and children alike will **giggle along at Archie's likes and dislikes**: Archie likes sausages and going to the park, but he does NOT like cats, or baths...
- Young ones will enjoy spending time with a **sweet Scottie dog** in this sturdy, durable board book – constructed to withstand toddler play time!
- **A perfect gift for dog-loving children**

Melanie Mitchell is the illustrator of more than 25 children's books including *Three Crows*, *My First Nessie*, *My First Highland Cow*, *My First Shetland Pony* and *My First Scottie Dog*. She lives in Wales with her family.

Discover the full range:



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(Thema: YBCB)

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By the Beaver Pool

STORY BY CATHERINE WARD

ILLUSTRATIONS BY PHOEBE ROZE

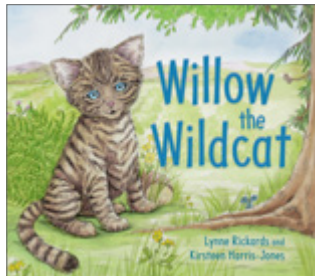
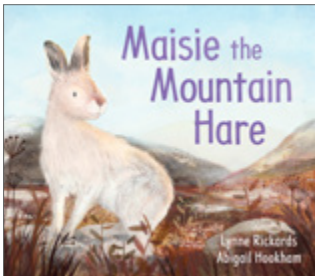
A beautifully illustrated tale of new beginnings that will also teach children about the brilliance of beavers

- Beck learns to love their new home at Grandma's farm with the help of a pair of beavers building in the stream nearby
- Catherine Ward deftly spins together **a compelling story with factual information** about how beavers build their homes and positively impact the environment
- Contains an emotional learning message about making the best of new circumstances and **learning to adapt to different surroundings**
- Full of character and warmth, Phoebe Roze's illustrations perfectly capture the **atmosphere of the Scottish countryside**
- Features an ungendered main character

Catherine Ward is a children's author and primary school teacher with a passion for wildlife conservation. She is also the author of *The Emerald Forest*.

Phoebe Roze is an illustrator from the Scottish Highlands who is inspired by the landscapes, nature and folklore of Scotland. *By the Beaver Pool* is her first picture book.

More animal picture books:



Subject: Children's Picture Books
(Thema: YBCS/YNNJ1)

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Age 3-6

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My Granny Went to Scotland and she brought back . . .

STORY BY MIKE NICHOLSON

ILLUSTRATIONS BY PATRICK CORRIGAN

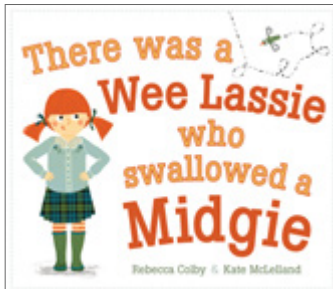
A hilarious and lively Scottish twist on the popular memory game

- **Inspired by the classic game** where children have a growing list of things to remember
- Meet an enthusiastic Granny returning from Scotland with **a series of surreal gifts**, with increasingly chaotic impact on the family living room
- Granny's gifts include a daft wee dog, a bellowing bagpiper, a hairy Highland cow, a cumbersome caber and **even the Loch Ness Monster!**
- Patrick Corrigan's colourful illustrations bring **energy, fun and silliness** to every page, culminating in a fold-out double spread
- A perfect souvenir to bring back from Scotland

Mike Nicholson is a prize-winning author of humorous children's books, including *Catscape*, the *Museum Mystery Squad* series and the *Thistle Street* picture books. Mike lives in Edinburgh.

Patrick Corrigan has worked as a teacher and an art director specialising in picture books and educational books. He is now a freelance illustrator and author based in Cheshire.

More Scottish fun:



Subject: Children's Picture Books

(Thema: YBCS/YBLB)

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The Awesome Scotland Jigsaw for Kids: 300 piece puzzle

ILLUSTRATION BY MORENO CHIACCHIERA

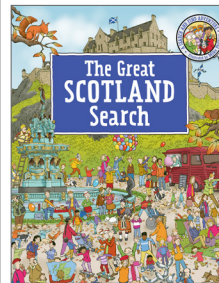
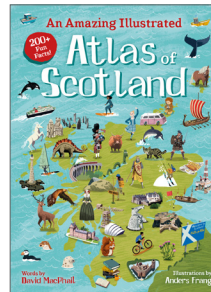
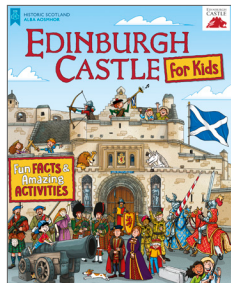
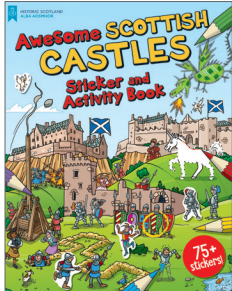
Put the pieces of Scotland together with this brilliantly detailed jigsaw puzzle for children age 7+

- Complete a **bold and colourful jigsaw** with famous places, landmarks and people from across Scotland, packed full of humour and small details to spot
- Features Edinburgh Castle, the Forth Rail Bridge, Glasgow's Duke of Wellington statue, the Kelpies, the Falkirk Wheel, the Glenfinnan Viaduct, Tobermory, Eilean Donan castle, Greyfriars Bobby and much more
- Finished jigsaw is 34 x 50cm and **includes a full-size poster** to help young puzzlers
- Printed on sustainable board using plant-based inks with **plastic-free packaging**
- The **perfect screen-free, rainy-day project** for youngsters!



Moreno Chiacchiera is a children's book illustrator from Italy. His books include *Edinburgh Castle for Kids*, *Stirling Castle for Kids* and *Awesome Scottish Castles*.

Also illustrated by
Moreno Chiacchiera:



Explore Scotland:

Subject: Children's Jigsaw Puzzle
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My Home is in My Backpack

STORY BY EUGENIA PERRELLA

ILLUSTRATIONS BY ANGELA SALERNO

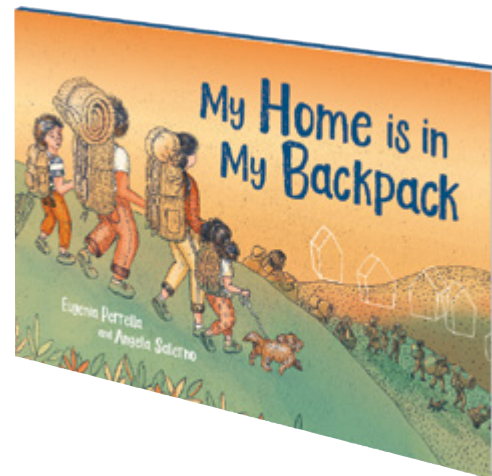
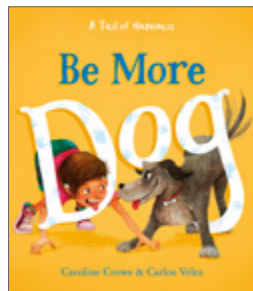
Clara and her family begin a long journey to safety in this powerful picture book about courage, perseverance and community

- A **poignant but hopeful** view of forced migration and displacement told through the eyes of a child
- **Inspired by real-life refugee stories** from Venezuela, Eugenia Perrella's lyrical and affecting text gently offers children a glimpse into this difficult subject
- Angela Salerno's **striking illustrations bring life and humanity** to a subject that is otherwise abstract for most young children
- The core emotional learning message is that **home is a concept, not a place** – it's the people and the things that we love, and carry with us in our hearts and minds
- An important and timely book that encourages **empathy and understanding**

Eugenia Perrella is a journalist and children's author from Argentina. She brings her journalistic passion into her writing for children, and has written more than a dozen children's books.

Angela Salerno is a graphic designer and illustrator from Argentina whose work often highlights social justice issues. She has illustrated several children's books. Angela lives in Valencia, Spain.

More books to build empathy:



Discover the inspiration
for the story!

Subject: Children's Picture Books
(Thema: YBCS/YXZM)

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630 Maple Street

Explore Our Building Through the Year

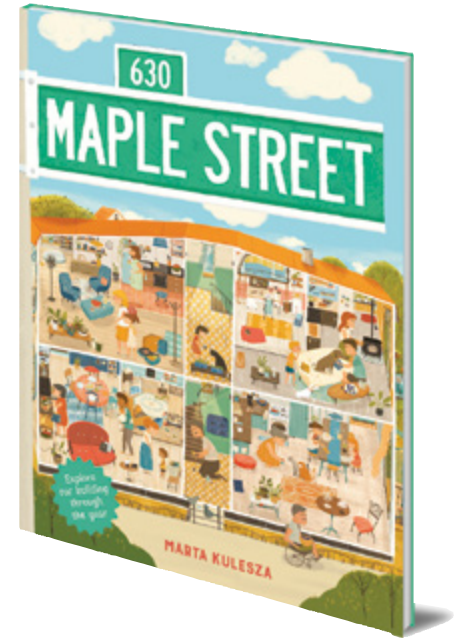
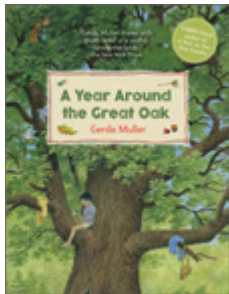
MARTA KULESZA

Follow the friendly residents of an apartment building through the months of the year and the changing seasons

- This wordless picture book invites children to use their **imagination and inventiveness** as they trace the lives of the residents at 630 Maple Street through the year
- An introductory spread introduces the **inclusive cast of characters** with a range of different family structures
- **Explore the building through the year** to see how the neighbours spend their time as the seasons change, from barbecuing together on hot summer nights to sledging and snowman-building on frosty winter days
- Encourages curiosity and a **sense of community**
- **Warm and cosy**, the illustrations are full of details that young readers will love to spot and include in their own storytelling

Marta Kulesza is a graphic designer and illustrator specialising in children's books. She lives in Szczecin, Poland.

More beautifully detailed picture books to explore:



Subject: Children's Picture Books
(Thema: YBGH/YNMK/YNMP)

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Sleep Here, Wake There

CAIO ZERO

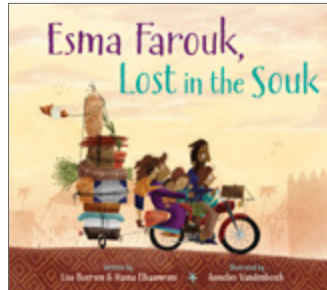
A vibrant and unique picture book, imbued with warmth and humour, about a young child with a working single mother

- Every night little César falls asleep in his own bed but every morning he wakes up at his aunty's house... and he's determined to figure out why
- Charmingly told from a child's perspective allowing young children to understand and empathise with a working single-parent household
- César's curiosity and perseverance will encourage young readers to search for answers and bring wry smiles to parents everywhere
- Bold, colourful and humorous illustrations bring a child's boundless imagination to life on the page
- Inspired by creator Caio Zero's own experiences as a child in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Caio Zero is an art teacher, comic-book artist and illustrator from Brazil. He has created several picture books, and lives in the suburbs of Rio de Janeiro.



More own voices picture books:



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(Thema: YBCS/YXF/YBCS1)

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The Yellow Road

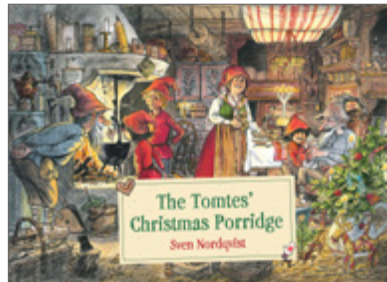
SVEN NORDQVIST

An extraordinary, offbeat odyssey that follows a young boy on his quest to reach home through a fantastical, surreal landscape

- Sam wakes up in a **strange fairytale land of small folk and talking animals**, with no idea where he is – how will he get home?
- Sven Nordqvist, **award-winning Swedish author-illustrator** of the *Pettson and Findus* series and *The Dog Walk*, unleashes his endlessly inventive talent once again in this **brilliantly bizarre** tale of tenacity and the kindness of strangers
- From castle-building giants and reindeer dentists to sandcastle hotels and a seafloor tea party, discover new details on every reading
- Each intricate illustrated scene is **packed with whimsical and often hilarious details** for children to pore over

Sven Nordqvist is one of Sweden's most popular writers and illustrators. He has won the Swedish Literature Award, The German Youth Literature Prize and the Elsa Beskow Medal. He is the creator of numerous children's books, including *The Tomtes' Christmas Porridge* and *The Dog Walk*.

Also from Sven Nordqvist:



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The Runaway Pancake

STORY BY TINY FISSCHER

ILLUSTRATIONS BY SOPHIE PLUIM

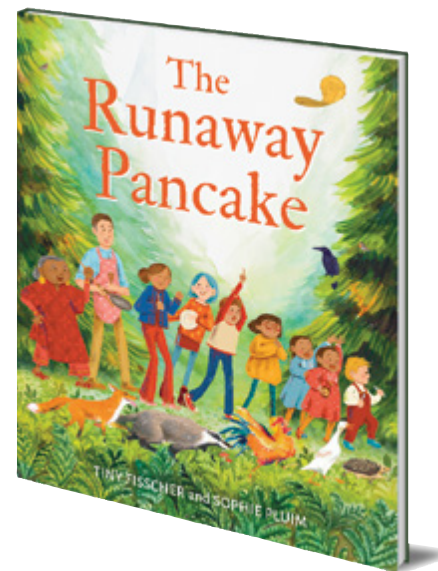
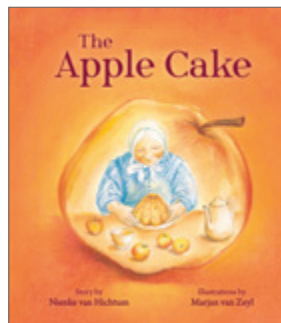
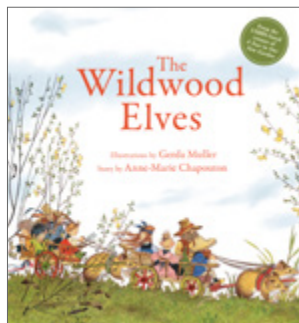
A bright and contemporary retelling of the classic story about a cheeky pancake who makes a great escape!

- Clever thinking wins the day in this colourful, **reimagined version of the well-loved tale**
- The playful, rhythmic text is **perfect for reading aloud** at shared storytime
- **Children will enjoy following the chase** as the pancake passes a rooster, a fox, a badger and more creatures along the way
- Features warm, bright illustrations of a diverse family, their cosy home, the charming countryside and characterful animals
- **Make your own delicious crispy pancakes** by following the included recipe

Tiny Fisscher is a Dutch author of more than 50 books including picture books, young adult novels and refreshed classics.

Sophie Pluim is an illustrator based in The Netherlands. She has illustrated picture books, middle-grade and young adult novels, drawing inspiration from nature, history and fantasy.

More charming picture books:



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I Will Swim Next Time

STORY BY EMILY JOOF

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MATILDA RUTA

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

- Now in paperback for the first time, this is a warm, lyrical picture book about a young child who is unsure of going into the water
- 'A wonderfully gentle approach to children trying new things.' – Scottish Book Trust
- From **African-diaspora writer Emily Joof**, author of *Halima, Superhero Princess*
- Contains an **emotional learning message about listening to yourself** and not rushing into things
- Part of the **2024 Read for Empathy Collection**
- Matilda Ruta's bold and characterful illustrations are vibrant and full of depth

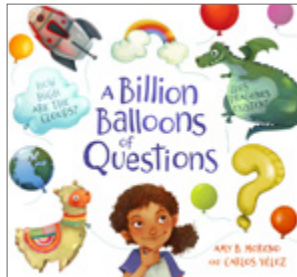
Emily Joof is an African-diaspora author who writes children's books with a focus on inclusion and diversity. Born in Nigeria, Emily now divides her time between the Gambia, the UK and Sweden.

Matilda Ruta is an illustrator and author based in Stockholm, Sweden. She has written and illustrated many children's books and has been nominated for the Elsa Beskow Plaque and the August Award.

Also by Emily Joof:



More emotional learning messages:



Emily Joof on why she wrote this book

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The Wonderful Adventures of Nils

A Classic Swedish Children's Tale

STORY BY SELMA LAGERLÖF

ILLUSTRATIONS BY LARS KLINTING

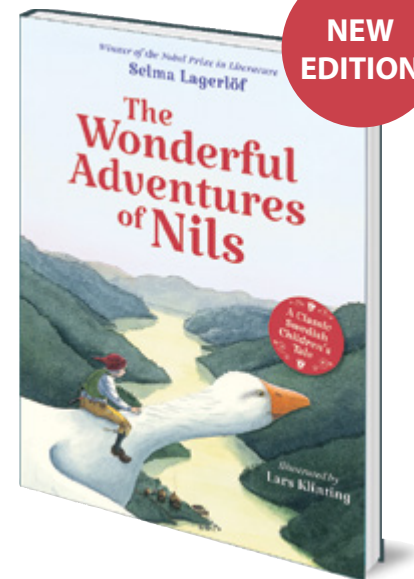
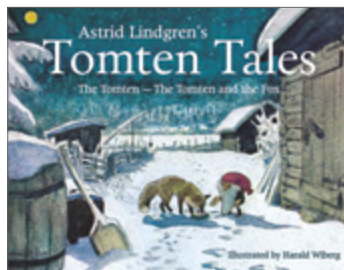
A fully illustrated edition of the epic adventure tale about a boy who shrinks to a tiny size

- The preeminent illustrated edition of **Selma Lagerlöf's classic Swedish story**, abridged for young readers
- Selma Lagerlöf was the **first woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature**
- Follow Nils as he travels across Sweden from Skåne to Lapland on an amazing journey via frozen lakes and snow-topped mountains, meeting new friends along the way
- Features **charming full colour artwork** from Lars Klinting
- Readers of all ages will be transported to the Sweden of over a century ago.

Selma Lagerlöf (1858–1940) was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. Her work gained acclaim both at home in Sweden and across the world, and has been translated into over 30 languages.

Lars Klinting (1948–2006) was a beloved Swedish author and illustrator who created numerous children's books and illustrated books by Astrid Lindgren and Selma Lagerlöf. He won the Elsa Beskow Plaque in 1987.

More Swedish favourites:



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The Princess and the Pea

STORY BY HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MAJA DUSIKOVÁ

A beautifully-illustrated version of the classic Andersen fairy tale

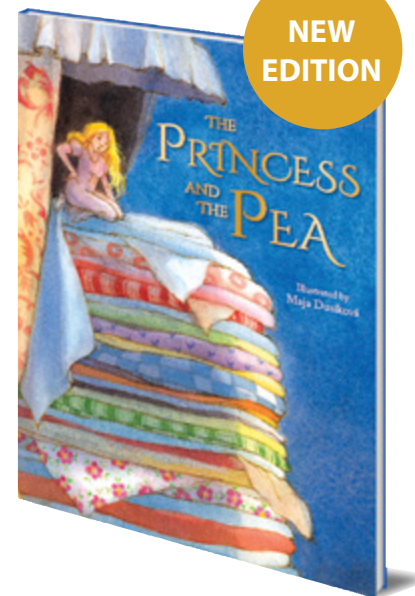
- A young woman is put to a test with a single pea. Can she prove she is a true princess?
- This beloved story is wonderfully brought to life with **soft, charming illustrations** by popular illustrator Maja Dusiková
- Young readers will pore over scenes featuring **sumptuous castle rooms, colourful costumes and an adorable jester child**
- This beautiful new edition features hand-designed end papers, **gold foil on the cover** and **luxury paper**

Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875) was a Danish author of children's fairy tales, including *The Little Mermaid*, *The Snow Queen*, *Thumbelina* and *The Ugly Duckling*, which have become much-loved classics around the world.

Maja Dusiková was born in Slovakia in 1946. She has illustrated over forty books for children, including *Santa Claus and the Christmas Surprise*. She lives with her family in Florence, Italy.

Also illustrated by
Maja Dusiková:

More gorgeous fairy tales:



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(Thema: YBCS)

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Your Elsa Beskow Baby Book

A Memory Book of Your First Years

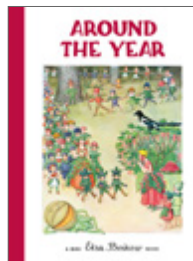
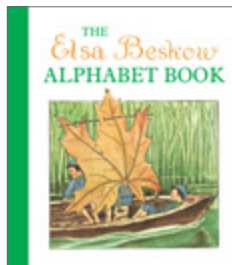
ILLUSTRATIONS BY ELSA BESKOW

Record cherished memories in this beautiful baby book featuring the artwork of Elsa Beskow

- A special and timeless baby memory book illustrated with artwork from Elsa Beskow's beloved picture books
- Includes generous space for photographs and notes to record milestones and memories
- Keep treasured keepsakes safe in a large concertina storage pocket
- A high-quality gift with gold foil, a cloth spine, thick, sustainably-made paper and eco-friendly plant-based ink
- A new edition of *The Elsa Beskow Baby Book*, redesigned for a modern parent

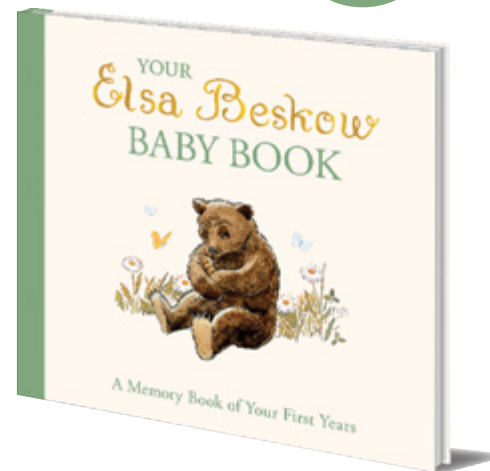
Elsa Beskow (1874–1953) was a Swedish children's book author and illustrator, often called the Beatrix Potter of Scandinavia. Her charming stories of children and magical folk, accompanied by her signature illustrations, are known and loved the world over.

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Rosalind and the Little Deer

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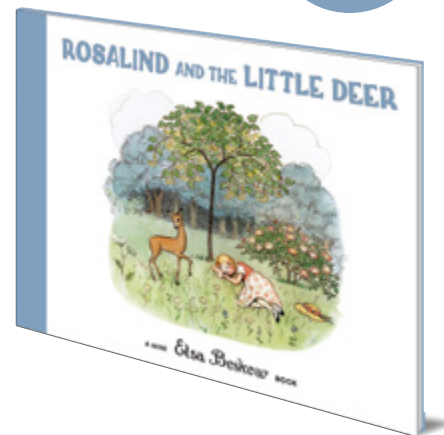
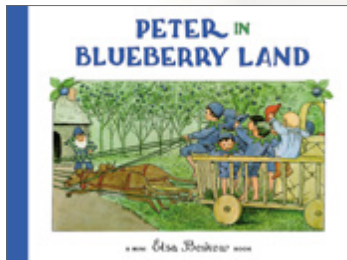
ELSA BESKOW

A sweet story full of fairy-tale charm from beloved illustrator Elsa Beskow, now available in a mini edition for the first time

- A classic story about kindness, being brave and caring for living creatures
- From the creator of *Peter in Blueberry Land*, *Children of the Forest* and *Pelle's New Suit*
- This beautiful mini edition of a classic Swedish picture book features Elsa Beskow's illustrations in a small format with **cloth spine and gold foil**
- **Perfect for little hands**

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More Elsa Beskow mini editions:



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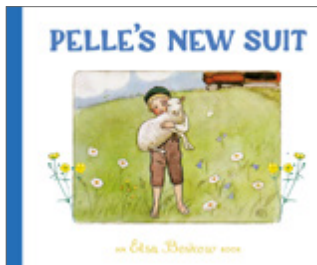
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