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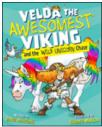




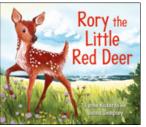
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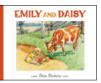


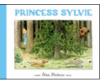












The Polar Bear Day

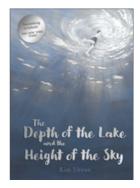
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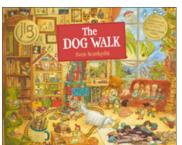
A joyful wordless picture book with striking illustrations and a gentle environmental message at its heart

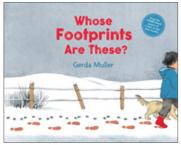
- Park Jihee's wordless story of an unexpected friendship between a child and a polar bear is full of playfulness, warmth and expression
- Encourages young readers to feel connected to nature, and each other, even if they live in a busy city
- A contemporary *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* for a new generation
- Debut illustrator Jihee created the book's remarkable artwork on discarded cardboard, using a combination of coloured pencils, paint, ink and collage
- This unique approach highlights the beauty of recycling, while gently reminding readers about the importance of caring for our environment

Park Jihee is an emerging illustrator from South Korea. She studied painting in Busan and fine arts in Granada, Spain. Jihee is passionate about creating picture books that tell stories through illustrations alone. *The Polar Bear Day* is Jihee's first picture book.

More wordless picture books:









Subject: Children's Picture Books

(Thema: YBCS/YFHD/YNNJ23)

978-178250-977-6 colour illustrations

Age 4-7 250 x 250 mm

36pp

hardback with jacket

£12.99

19 March 2026



The Blanket

MARIE DORLÉANS

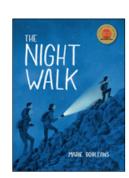
A quirky, humorous picture book about facing everyday fears, from award-winning author-illustrator Marie Dorléans

- A brilliant new picture book from the award-winning creator of The Night Walk, a 2021 New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Book
- A young boy becomes dependent on a big, knitted blanket to make him feel safe, even when it keeps him apart from those around him
- A story about stepping outside our comfort zone and dealing with anxiety
- Dorléans' distinctive illustrations are full of gentle humour as Tommy's blanket becomes larger than life

Marie Dorléans is an award-winning children's author and illustrator from France. She is the creator of *The Prickletrims Go Wild* and *The Night Walk*, which won the prestigious Landerneau Children's Book Prize in 2019 and was named a *New York Times*/New York Public Library Best Illustrated Children's Book in 2021. She lives in Strasbourg, France.

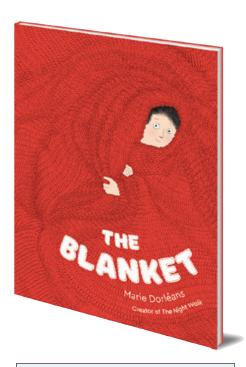
Also from Marie Dorléans:





'Evokes a luminous sense of wonder.'

- The New York Times



Subject: Children's Picture Books

(Thema: YBCS/YXEF) 978-178250-979-0 colour illustrations

Age 4-7 285 x 218 mm

36pp

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Luna and the Night

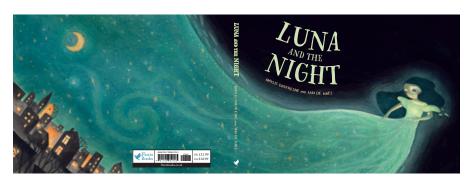
STORY BY MAYLIS DAUFRESNE ILLUSTRATIONS BY IAN DE HAES

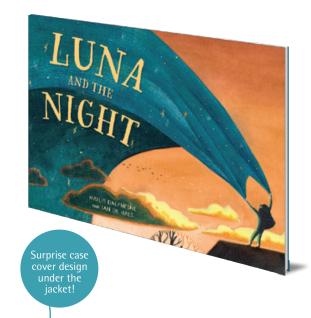
An immersive picture book that encourages children to face their fears with kindness and curiosity

- This luminous picture book tells the story of a young girl who overcomes and befriends the source of her fear
- In this reassuring story, Night is a gentle character who encourages Luna to express herself, explore and play
- An ideal book for children who are scared of the dark, or facing any other fear
- A perfect story to share at bedtime
- Maylis Daufresne's lyrical imagery is brought to life by award-winning illustrator lan De Haes' warm and radiant illustrations

Maylis Daufresne is a French children's author. Her picture books include *Les Chemins de Traverse (The Roads Less Travelled)* which was selected for the prestigious 2025 Prix des Incorruptibles. Maylis lives in Brussels, Belgium.

lan de Haes is the award-winning illustrator of numerous picture books, including *All Our Families Are Awesome*, which he co-created with his wife Charlotte Bellière. He lives with his family in Brussels, Belgium.





Subject: Children's Picture Books (Thema: YBCS/YXEF/YBCS1)

978-178250-978-3 colour illustrations

Age 4-7 210 x 290 mm 28pp

hardback with jacket

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The Little House that Needed a Witch

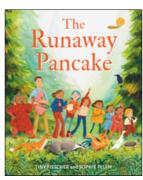
SOPHIE PLUIM

A charming original fairy tale that celebrates new beginnings

- A little house searches for a witch in this sweet fairy tale about making a fresh start and finding new friends
- Inspired by eastern folklore, including Baba Yaga's house on chicken legs
- Features warm illustrations full of beautiful landscapes and woodland creatures – from roaming foxes to long-eared hares, and inquisitive deer
- Celebrates being brave and remaining hopeful even when things are difficult
- Children will enjoy watching the seasons change as birds nest, flowers bloom, mushrooms sprout, and snow falls around the little house

Sophie Pluim is an acclaimed children's author and illustrator based in The Netherlands. Since graduating from Utrecht School of the Arts in The Netherlands she has illustrated picture books, middle-grade and young adult novels. She is the illustrator of *The Runaway Pancake*.

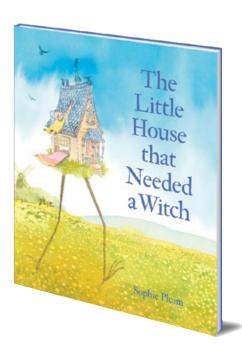
Also illustrated by Sophie Pluim:



'Children will gobble this one up and ask for more!

- Kirkus Reviews





Subject: Children's Picture Books

(Thema: YBCS/YFJ/YNXW) 978-178250-983-7 colour illustrations

Age 4-7 265 x 221 mm 36pp

зърр hardback £12.99

23 April 2026



Home of the Wild

STORY BY LOUISE GREIG ILLUSTRATIONS BY JÚLIA MOSCARDÓ

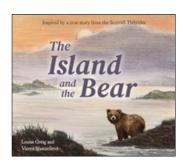
'An uplifting, lyrical story of wildness and belonging, against the evocative backdrop of the Scottish mountains.' – *The Bookseller*

- A beautifully crafted tale by award-winning author and poet Louise Greig
- Now available in paperback for the first time
- Discover the breathtaking mountains and glens of Scotland in Júlia Moscardó's stunning, authentic illustrations
- This heartfelt story about returning a wild creature to its natural habitat is a touching lesson of learning to let go

Louise Greig is an award winning writer from Scotland who has been shortlisted for several major children's book awards, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Inspired by the Scottish landscape and the company of animals, Louise's picture books include *The Island and the Bear* and *In the Night Box*.

Júlia Moscardó is a Spanish illustrator and visual artist based in the UK. She studied Fine Art in Valencia, Spain, and Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. She is also the illustrator of *Changing Tides*. Júlia lives in Nottingham with her partner and their daughter.

Also from Louise Greig:



'Greig weaves magic in every line she writes.'

- The Herald







Subject: Children's Picture Books

(Thema: YBCS/YNNJ28) 978-183575-015-5 colour illustrations

Age 4-7 240 x 260 mm

36pp

paperback with flaps

£8.99

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My First Unicorn

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MELANIE MITCHELL

Meet Star the unicorn in this unique novelty shaped board book!

- The unicorn shape makes this board book extra fun for little readers
- Latest book in a range which also includes My First Nessie, My First Highland Cow, My First Shetland Pony and My First Scottie Dog
- Bright, colourful illustrations are full of fun-to-spot details like fluttering butterflies, blooming flowers and curious red squirrels
- Sturdy, durable construction to withstand toddler play time
- A perfect gift for unicorn-loving children

Melanie Mitchell is the illustrator of more than 25 children's books including *Three Craws:* A Lift-the-Flap Scottish Rhyme, My First Nessie, My First Highland Cow, My First Shetland Pony, My First Scottie Dog and My First Unicorn. She lives in Wales with her partner and children.





More shaped board books:











Subject: Children's Board Books (Thema: YBCB/YNXB5/YBLL)

978-178250-985-1 colour illustrations

Age 1-3

170 x 380 mm

12pp

Shaped board book

£5.99

Wee Kelpies

12 February 2026



Rory the Little Red Deer

STORY BY LYNNE RICKARDS ILLUSTRATIONS BY JONNA DEMPSEY

A charming rhyming story about playing to your strengths, starring a pair of young red deer

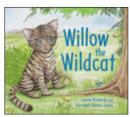
- Meet Scotland's answer to Bambi!
- Rory loves playing with his best pal Ruby, but when a game of treasure hunt goes wrong can the little deer use their talents, and those of their friends, to save the day?
- Set in the Scottish Highlands and starring some of Scotland's most famous animals
- A charming story of friendship and teamwork, written in Lynne Rickards' signature rhyme, accompanied by Jonna Dempsey's characterful illustrations
- A red deer story from the best-selling creator of Skye the Puffling

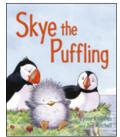
Lynne Rickards is the author of many muchloved picture books, including *Skye the Puffling, Oran the Curious Otter, Willow the Wildcat* and *Rowan the Red Squirrel.* Lynne lives in Glasgow, Scotland. Jonna Dempsey is a Scottish children's author and illustrator whose work is rooted in nature. Jonna specialises in narrative non-fiction but also loves traditional stories and folklore. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

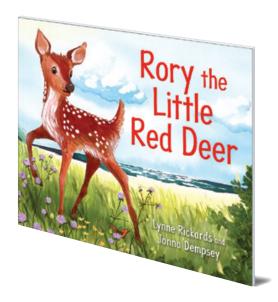
More Scottish wildlife adventures from Lynne Rickards:











Subject: Children's Picture Books

(Thema: YBCS/YNNJ28/YXEJ)

978-178250-986-8 colour illustrations

Age 3-6

230 x 265 mm

32рр

paperback

£7.99

Picture Kelpies 19 March 2026



Hide and Seek Nessie

A Scottish Search and Find Adventure

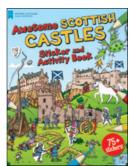
ILLUSTRATIONS BY MORENO CHIACCHIERA

Spot Nessie the Loch Ness Monster and her seven colourful cousins in all sorts of fun and surprising places

- A vibrant search-and-find book packed with brilliantly detailed and funny illustrations
- Explore exciting, child-friendly locations, many inspired by real places in Scotland: splashing in the water park, whizzing around on funfair rides, investigating an old castle or exploring a museum
- Children will love spotting the colourful Loch Ness Monsters doing all sorts of fun activities from ziplining to paddleboarding
- A perfect travel pastime or souvenir

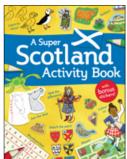
Moreno Chiacchiera is a children's book illustrator from Italy. His books include *Edinburgh Castle for Kids, Stirling Castle for Kids* and *Awesome Scottish Castles*.

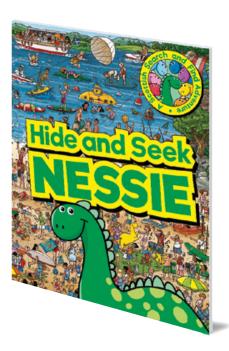
More Scottish activity books:











Subject: Children's Activity Books

(Thema: YBGH/VXQM) 978-178250-988-2 colour illustrations

Age 4-7

276 x 215 mm

32рр

paperback

£7.99

Kelpies World 19 March 2026



Velda the Awesomest Viking and the Wild Unicorn Chase

STORY BY DAVID MACPHAIL ILLUSTRATIONS BY RICHARD MORGAN

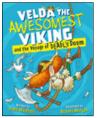
Velda is on the hunt for a legendary, mind-reading unicorn in her third highly illustrated early reader adventure

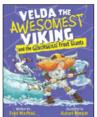
- Velda is a tiny warrior with a big axe and an even bigger attitude. Some people don't think girls can be proper Vikings. Velda doesn't agree!
- Velda's latest adventure features magic potions, troublesome (and extremely stinky) trolls and lots of unicorn doo-doo
- From the creators of Lollies-nominated Thorfinn the Nicest Viking series
- David MacPhail's short, easy-to-read chapters are accompanied by Richard Morgan's quick-witted, dynamic illustrations
- Perfect for fans of *How to Train Your Dragon* and adventurous children everywhere

David MacPhail is the author of the *Thorfinn the* Nicest Viking and Velda the Awesomest Viking series, as well as An Amazing Illustrated Atlas of Scotland and An Amazing History Atlas of Scotland. He lives in Perthshire, Scotland.

Richard Morgan has painted backgrounds for Disney and now writes and illustrates children's books. He is also the illustrator of the *Thorfinn* the Nicest Viking series. He lives in Cambridge, England.

More Viking adventures:

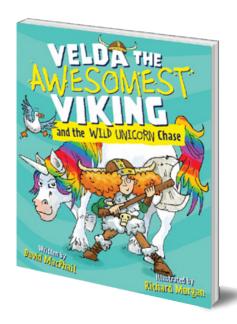












Subject: Early Reader Chapter Books

(Thema: YFC/YFQ) 978-178250-990-5 50 b/w illustrations

Age 7-10

197 x 158 mm

160pp paperback

£6.99 Young Kelpies

21 May 2026

Secret Agent Nessie

STORY BY GARY CHUDLEIGH ILLUSTRATIONS BY LAURA HOWELL

An action-packed, laugh-out-loud graphic novel adventure for children starring the world's favourite monster

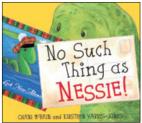
- The Loch Ness Monster meets James Bond: Scotland's most famous creature as you've never seen her before!
- Stars a cast of larger-than-life characters including Secret Agent Nessie, quick-stinging Jelly the jellyfish, evil mastermind Nugget the Hen and seagull sidekicks Neep and Tattie
- Perfect for young, emerging solo readers
- Award-winning comic author Gary Chudleigh's hilarious script is brought to life by bright and punchy illustrations from Beano artist Laura Howell
- A laugh-out-loud adventure chock full of great gadgets, bird puns, slapstick comedy and pooing seagulls!

Gary Chudleigh is an award-winning comic creator who has written several graphic novels and over fifty LEGO comics. Gary lives near Dumbarton, Scotland.

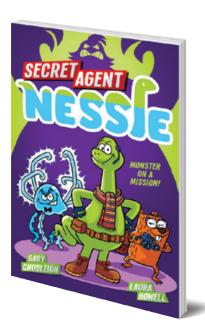
Laura Howell is an award-winning British comic strip artist. She was the first female artist to have a regular strip in the *Beano*. Laura lives in Birmingham, England.

Nessie adventures for younger readers:









Subject: Children's Graphic Novels

(Thema: XAB/YFF/YFQ) 978-178250-987-5 colour illustrations

Age 6-12 210 x 140 mm

48pp

paperback £7.99 Kelpies

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The Nightkeeper's Apprentice

JUDE REID

WWII evacuee Eilidh is plunged into a ghostly world of family secrets and dark magic

- The debut children's novel from Jude Reid, a winner of the Kelpies Prize for Writing
- A magical middle-grade mystery that takes place on a remote Scottish island, set against the backdrop of the Second World War
- Twelve-year-old Eilidh Flett is evacuated to a strange island, where she must unpick family secrets and investigate a mysterious lighthouse
- Inspired by the wild places and magical folklore of Scotland
- Cover art by Ramune Kregzdyte, a winner of the Kelpies Prize for Illustration
- For young readers who enjoy books by Peter Bunzl and Katya Balen

Jude Reid is an author from Glasgow, Scotland. She finds time to write for adults and children in the narrow gaps between full-time work as a surgeon, wrangling her own kids and trying to tire out her border collie. Jude won the 2020 Kelpies Prize for Writing and developed *The Nightkeeper's Apprentice*, her debut children's novel, as part of the Kelpies Prize mentorship.

More magical middle-grade from Kelpies:











Subject: Middle-Grade Fantasy

(Thema: YFHH/YFD) 978-178250-989-9

Age 10-14 198 x 130 mm

224pp paperback £7.99

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Little Fairy's Summer Party

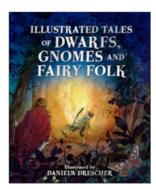
DANIELA DRESCHER

A new edition of the charming summer installment in the Little Fairy series from the bestselling illustrator

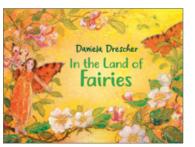
- Previously published as Little Fairy's Meadow Party
- A gentle summer story from the beloved creator of *In the Land of Fairies*
- Faith, the little fairy, and her animal friends have been invited to Queen Wren's Summer Party. But where will she find a very special party dress?
- · Celebrates friendship and being grateful when someone tries to help you
- Daniela Drescher's dream-like illustrations of floating butterflies, a luminous moon and blooming meadows will captivate young children

Daniela Drescher is an internationally acclaimed author and illustrator from Germany. She is the creator of more than 40 children's books, including the *Little Fairy* stories and the *Pippa and Pelle* board books. She is also the illustrator of stunning fairy tale anthologies *An Illustrated Treasury of Grimm's Fairy Tales* and *An Illustrated Treasury of Dwarfs, Gnomes and Fairy Folk.*

More from Daniela Drescher:











Subject: Children's Picture Books

(Thema: YBCS/YFJ/YNXB4) 978-178250-984-4

colour illustrations

Age 3-6

254 x 224 mm

24pp hardback

£12.99 23 April 2026



The Land of Long Ago

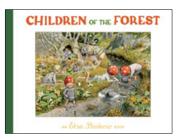
FISA BESKOW

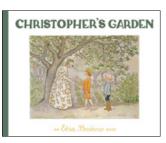
A collectible new edition of the classic Elsa Beskow fairytale

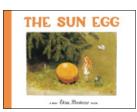
- In this delightful tale, Kelly and Kai go on a fantastical adventure to the Land of Long Ago, but how will they get home?
- Kelly and Kai love to play on the old tree trunk near their cottage in the
 woods, until one day a mischievous gnome uses magic to turn the tree trunk
 into a real dragon which whisks them off on their journey
- Shares the wonder of imagination with young children, and celebrates bravery
- Elsa Beskow's picture books, with charming stories and her signature illustrations, have been known and loved for over a century
- This beautiful new edition of a classic Swedish picture book features hand-designed end papers, a cloth spine, gold foil and luxury paper

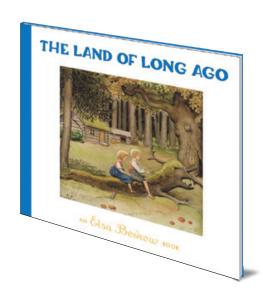
Elsa Beskow (1874–1953) is the most popular children's author-illustrator in Sweden, and is often described as Sweden's Beatrix Potter. Her charming stories and signature illustrations, are known and cherished the world over. Elsa's best-known books in English include *Peter in Blueberry Land, The Children of the Forest* and *Pelle's New Suit*.

Discover the Elsa Beskow collection:









Subject: Children's Picture Books

(Thema: YBCS/YFJ/YNXB1) 978-178250-982-0 colour illustrations

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Emily and Daisy

Mini edition

ELSA BESKOW

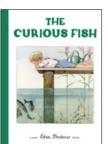
A new mini edition of the classic Elsa Beskow tale of a determined young girl and her runaway cow

- A classic springtime story about kindness and helping others
- Emily is headed to the meadow to stop Daisy the cow escaping. But who can bring a bit of magic to help her mend a hole in the fence and keep Daisy safe?
- Elsa Beskow's picture books, with charming stories and her signature illustrations, have been known and loved for over a century
- 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

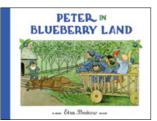
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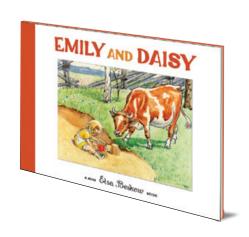
More Elsa Beskow mini editions:











Subject: Children's Picture Books

(Thema: YBCS/YFJ/YNNJ25)

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Age 3-6

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28pp

hardback with cloth spine

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Princess Sylvie

Mini edition

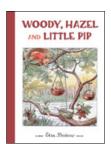
ELSA BESKOW

A new mini edition of the classic Elsa Beskow tale of a young princess and a friendly bear

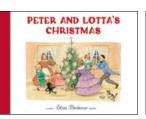
- A delightful fairy tale about exploring new places and making new friends
- Princess Sylvie's adventure begins when Oskar the dog runs off during a walk in the woods. What will she find hiding in the forest?
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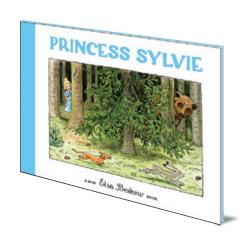
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Elsa Beskow Calendar 2027

ELSA BESKOW

Discover a favourite vintage illustration 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
- Beautifully presented in a sturdy cardboard envelope and 100% plastic-free
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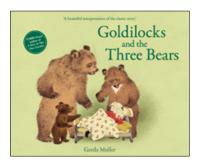
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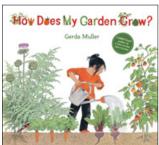
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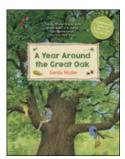
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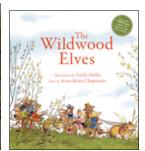
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