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Illustration from *Maddy and her Great Big Wave*

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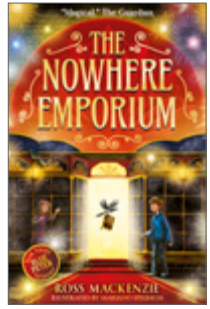

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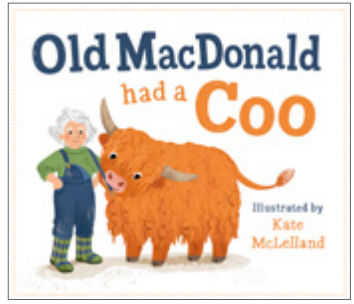
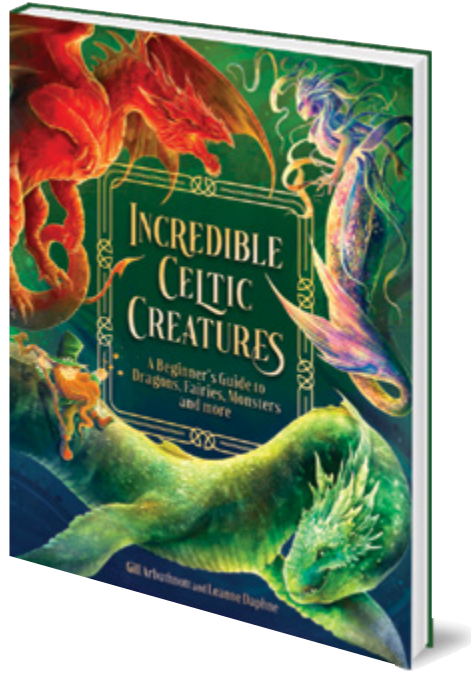


Incredible Celtic Creatures

A Beginner's Guide to Dragons, Fairies, Monsters and More

WORDS BY GILL ARBUTHNOTT
ILLUSTRATIONS BY LEANNE DAPHNE



An impressively illustrated and fact-packed guide to finding Celtic creatures in their natural habitats

- Scientist Gill Arbuthnott's characterful, humorous profiles include essential data on each creature's size, weight, danger rating, conservation status and habitats
- Stunning, rich illustrations by Leanne Daphne bring the legends to life in breathtaking detail and variety
- Features creatures from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, the Isle of Man, Cornwall and Brittany
- Beautifully presented in a sturdy full-colour hardback format, guaranteed to withstand field use (please note: this guide is not flame retardant!)
- A perfect gift for aspiring creature-seekers and fans of *The Secret Lives of Dragons*, *Mythopedia* or *The Book of Magical Beasts and Mythical Creatures*

Gill Arbuthnott is the author of numerous fiction, non-fiction and picture books for children and young adults. A former biology teacher, she lives in Edinburgh, Scotland with her family and Leonard the cat.

Leanne Daphne is a Scottish illustrator, character designer and Kelpies Prize for Illustration-winner from the Scottish Highlands. *Incredible Celtic Creatures* is her debut illustrated book for children. She lives in Glasgow, Scotland.

More marvellous mythical creatures:

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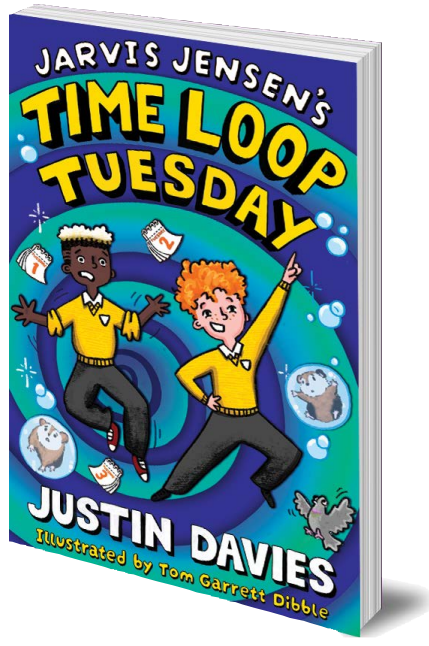
Jarvis Jensen's Time Loop Tuesday

STORY BY JUSTIN DAVIES
ILLUSTRATIONS BY TOM GARRETT DIBBLE



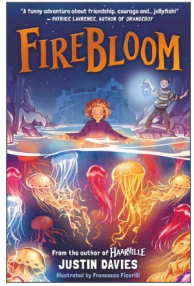
Jarvis Jensen is having the WORST day of his life, over and over and over again...

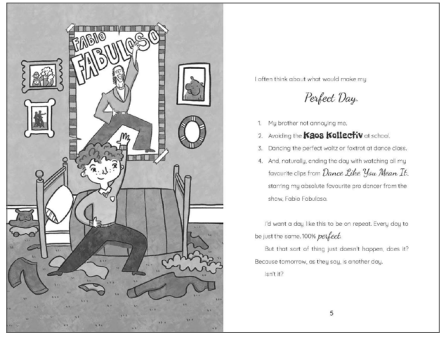
- A young middle-grade *Groundhog Day* (with added sequins and sausages), perfect for fans of Sam Copeland, Rob Biddulph and Pamela Butchart
- Readers will root 100% for dance enthusiast Jarvis and his new friend Sunday and their affectionate relationship as they struggle to deal with too many Tuesdays
- Meet a diverse cast of wacky and loveable characters including Jarvis's two mums – number-crunching Marma and yogalates instructor Moomi; terrifying headteacher Mr Bottey; robo-boy Iain and guinea pigs Thor and Goldisocks
- Quirky and characterful illustrations bring life and humour to this laugh-out-loud adventure

Justin Davies spent years flying all over the world as cabin crew before hanging up his wings to focus on writing for children. Justin lives with his husband and Sally, their greyhound rescue, in Fife, Scotland.

Tom Garrett Dibble has all his best ideas on the bus. He studied Illustration at Falmouth University and has exhibited work at the Endellion festival. *Jarvis Jensen's Time Loop Tuesday* is his debut children's book. He lives in Worthing, West Sussex.

Also by Justin Davies:





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The Nowhere Emporium

STORY BY ROSS MACKENZIE
ILLUSTRATIONS BY MARIANO EPELBAUM

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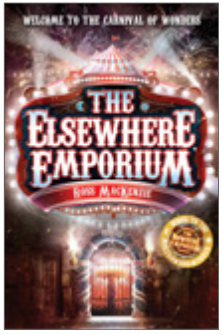
Illustrated edition of the modern classic that has been capturing young readers' imaginations for over a decade

- Now in paperback, this new edition has dynamic illustrations and a magical new die-cut cover revealing full colour endpapers
- 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 Uninvited* and *Rusthead*. Ross lives in Renfrew, Scotland, with his wife and two daughters.

Mariano Epelbaum is an award-winning illustrator, designer and character art director from Argentina. His accolades include winning the New York International Children's Film Festival Grand Prize.

Also in the trilogy:



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My Golden Eagle Summer

STORY BY CATHERINE WARD
ILLUSTRATIONS BY ESTHER KENT

A heartfelt tale of new beginnings and connecting with nature, featuring facts about golden eagles

- Catherine Ward cleverly mirrors a child's emotional growth using the journey of a young golden eagle towards independence, in this compelling story
- Contains a gentle emotional learning message about dealing with change and to keep trying, even when you don't succeed at first
- Golden eagles almost became extinct in the UK, but they are now legally protected and there are more than 500 pairs nesting in the Scottish Highlands and Islands
- The texture and detail of Esther Kent's warm and characterful illustrations transport readers to the islands and west coast of Scotland
- Features an ungendered main character

Catherine Ward is a children's author and geographer, with experience working in primary schools and a passion for wildlife conservation. She is also the author of *The Emerald Forest* and *By the Beaver Pool*. Catherine lives with her family in Leicestershire, England.

Esther Kent is an illustrator, author and designer who creates stationery and homeware and illustrates picture books, including her debut book *Molly's Circus*. Esther lives in Kinross, Scotland with her family, a cat, a dog and some chickens.

Also by Catherine Ward:

'A touching story about accepting the flow of life, and the healing power of nature. With some fun beaver facts thrown in!'
– SCOTTISH WILD BEAVER GROUP

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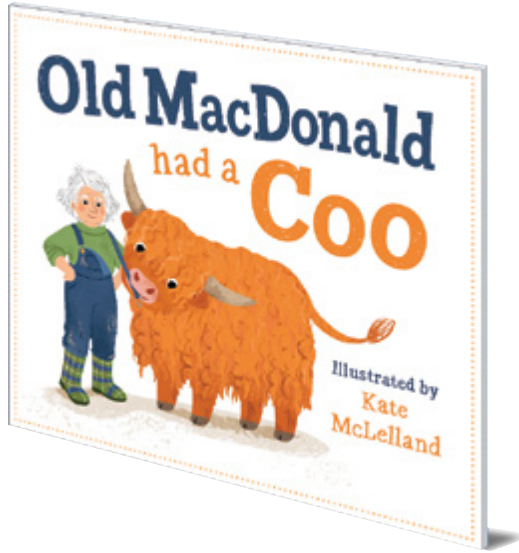
Old MacDonald Had a Coo

ILLUSTRATIONS BY KATE McLELLAND

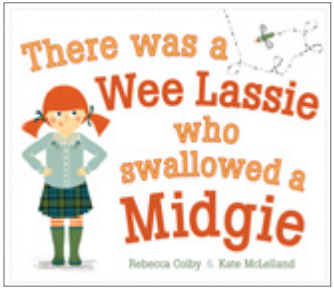


A unique, humorous take on the well-known song 'Old MacDonald Had a Farm', set on a bustling wee croft in Scotland

- Meet Old MacDonald and her many animals, from her beloved Highland coo and dancing pig to a whole hive of bees and a particularly mucky sheep
- Kate McLelland (illustrator of bestsellers *There Was a Wee Lassie Who Swallowed a Midgie* and *There's a Hole in My Bagpipes, Wee Hamish, Wee Hamish*) fills every page with bold colour and humour
- A lively and fun picture book to share and sing aloud with wee ones in Scotland and beyond

Kate McLelland is an accomplished illustrator and printmaker who studied at Edinburgh College of Art. She is the creator of the Isla and Pickle picture book series and the illustrator of *Hello Scottish Animals* and *Hello Scottish Birds*. Kate lives near Edinburgh with her husband and their children.

Also illustrated by Kate McLelland:



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ILLUSTRATIONS BY LAURA BORIO

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The latest addition to the Super Scotland series of activity books that has been keeping kids happy and busy for a decade

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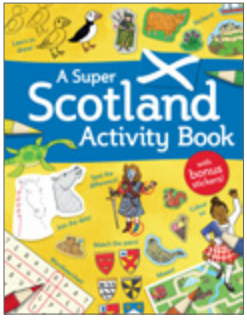
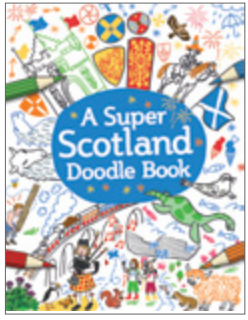
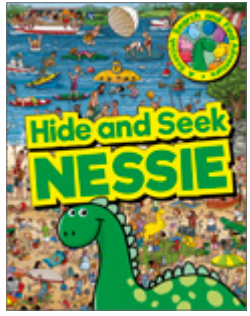
- Showcases the best of contemporary and historic Scotland with a diverse cast of characters in a variety of Scottish scenes from famous festivals, iconic places like Stirling Castle and heritage activities like Highland Games
- Includes over 250 stickers of clothes, accessories, animals and fun extra objects on perforated sticker pages making them super easy for little hands to use
- A must-have for holidays in Scotland and a wonderful souvenir

Laura Borio is an award-winning illustrator and writer. She has illustrated middle-grade, colouring books and picture books including *Klyde the Kracken Wants a Friend*. Laura loves inventing stories that make people smile. She lives in Turin, Italy.

More amazing activities:







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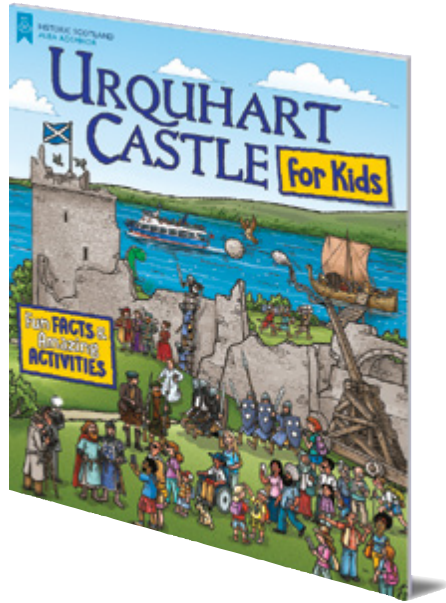
Urquhart Castle for Kids

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MORENO CHIACCHIERA



The definitive children's guide to one of Scotland's best-known castles, set on the banks of Loch Ness in the Scottish Highlands

- Everything you want to know about one of Scotland's most famous castles – raids, rumours, sieges and myths
- Created in partnership with history experts from Urquhart Castle and Historic Environment Scotland
- Conveying fascinating facts through simple words and loads of lively and historically accurate illustrations, *Urquhart Castle for Kids* will appeal to a wide age range of young readers
- Children will love the fun activities like mazes, search and find and join the dots

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

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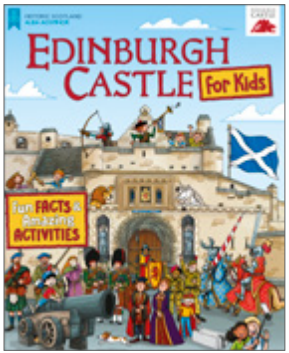

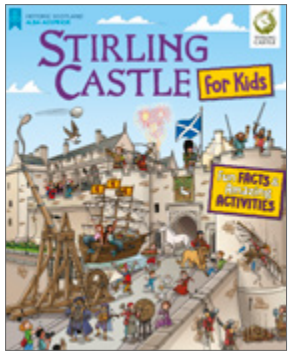

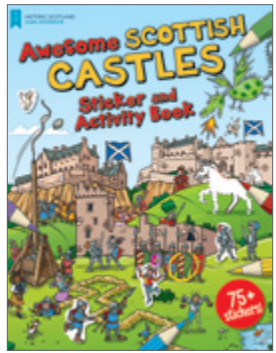

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Maddy and Her Great Big Wave

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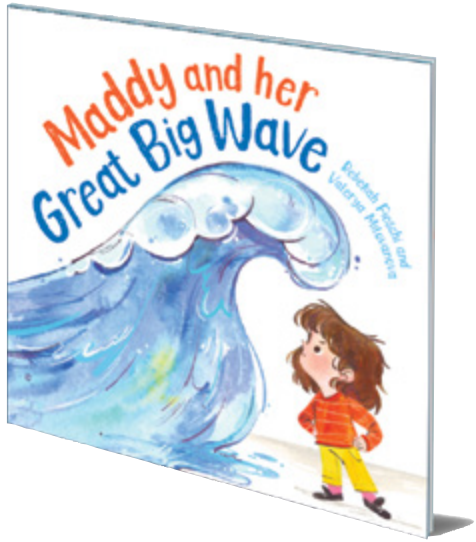

A warm, empathic story of a neurodivergent child's everyday world

- Maddy's overwhelm is represented through the metaphor of a wave which builds with sensory triggers before crashing down and flowing away again
- Kelpies Prize-winning author Rebekah Fieschi writes from her own personal experience with neurodiversity and big emotions
- Promotes empathy and understanding, emphasising that Maddy sometimes feels like sparkly fireworks and sometimes like choppy seas, and that it's okay to be both
- The lively and delightful story naturally highlights common coping strategies while also showcasing Maddy's acceptance of herself and understanding from those around her
- Expressive illustrations from Valerya Milovanova are full of colour, energy and motion, beautifully conveying Maddy's fluid internal world

Rebekah Fieschi is a writer and award-winning filmmaker from Corsica. Her award-winning short films have played in festivals around the world. Rebekah lives in Edinburgh, Scotland, with her husband and their chatty cat.

Valerya Milovanova is an illustrator and university lecturer who has illustrated numerous books for children. Valerya is based in London, England.

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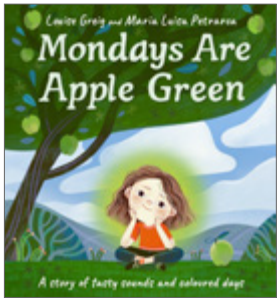

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Kalila Is Ready for Rain

STORY BY KASHI GROBE
ILLUSTRATIONS BY ANDREA STEGMAIER

An upbeat, playful story about a young girl's love for her new favourite piece of clothing

- Kalila insists on wearing her yellow poncho everywhere, even though there's no sign of rain, and happily shrugs off funny looks and confused questions from grown-ups
- Kashi Grobe's sweet and simple tale, featuring a mixed-race family, encourages children to be themselves and have a light-hearted approach to the everyday
- Vibrant illustrations from Andrea Stegmaier bring Kalila's escapades to life

Kashi Grobe is an author and filmmaker who grew up in rural Jamaica. She studied theatre directing and playwriting and attended film school in Los Angeles, USA. *Kalila is Ready for Rain* is Kashi's first picture book. She lives with her husband and children in Berlin, Germany.

Andrea Stegmaier is an illustrator and architect who turned her passion for children's books into a profession. She is the illustrator of many books including *One Christmas in our Building*, *Time for Bed, Little Owls!* and *The High-Rise Cat*. She lives in Stuttgart, Germany.

Also illustrated by Andrea Stegmaier:

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The High-Rise Cat

STORY BY OLIVER WNUK
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A celebration of community, multiculturalism and the magic that our animal friends can bring into our everyday lives

- Oliver Wnuk's playful, feline-forward story reminds us that sometimes the littlest things can have the biggest impact on our daily lives
- Celebrates connection, communication and friendship between neighbours and across generations and cultures
- Illustrations from Andrea Stegmaier are full of character, warmth and little details to spot across all the different apartments Snowball visits
- Perfect for cat lovers and city dwellers the world over

Oliver Wnuk is an actor and children's writer from Germany. He has appeared in more than 120 film and television productions and has written several books for both adults and children. Oliver divides his time between Berlin and Munich, Germany.

Andrea Stegmaier is an illustrator and architect who turned her passion for children's books into a profession. She is the illustrator of many books including *One Christmas in our Building, Time for Bed, Little Owls!* and *Kalila Is Ready for Rain*. She lives in Stuttgart, Germany.

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But I Love My Old Jeans!

STORY BY SACHA KHODABUX
ILLUSTRATIONS BY LERIETTE DESIR VAN BERGEN

Sky's old jeans are too small, but she stubbornly doesn't like any of the new pairs in the shop – new jeans just aren't the same!

- A lady's patchwork dress inspires Sky and Mama to make the old jeans into a new patchwork pair using their old clothes
- Sacha Khodabux's playful story celebrates creativity, upcycling and opting out of the fast fashion ecosystem
- Inspired by the author's childhood memories of her Surinamese grandmother, a seamstress who created beautiful patchwork clothes from scraps of batik fabric
- Leriette Desir van Bergen's distinctive illustrations are vibrant with bold colours and denim textures

Sacha Khodabux is an author and storyteller. *But I Love My Old Jeans!* is her debut picture book. Her mother taught her to sew at a young age, and she has now passed those skills on to her own two daughters. Sacha lives with her family in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Leriette Desir van Bergen is a children's book illustrator who was born in Haiti and grew up across three continents. She loves creating stories that invite young readers to slow down, look closely and let their imagination wander. Leriette is based in Antwerp, Belgium.

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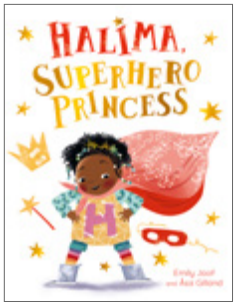

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- Delight in the seasonal details of Nari's family farm and the countryside around it – playful animals, blooming wildflowers, buzzing bumblebees and blossoming trees

Dawn Casey is the author of picture books and children's story collections inspired by the wonder of the natural world. Her work has won the Gold Nautilus Award for books that support conscious living and received an accolade from the American Folklore Society. Dawn lives with her husband, children and a tabby cat in Sussex, England.

Stella Lim is an illustrator from South Korea. She studied Fine Art and graduated from Kingston University with a Master of Communication Design. She is also the illustrator of *Little Blue Bunny* and *The Bumblebee Garden*. Stella lives in Seoul with her family and tabby cat.

Also by Dawn Casey and Stella Lim:

'A delightful story and a lovely way to learn about the life cycle of bees.'
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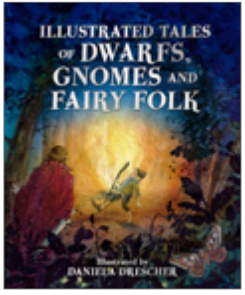

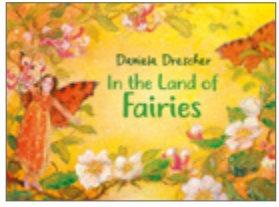

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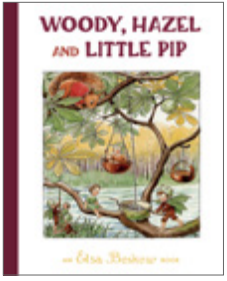

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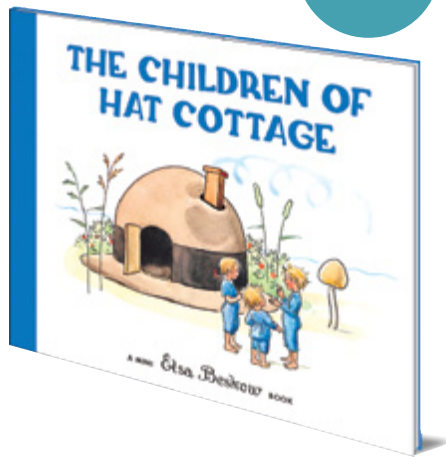

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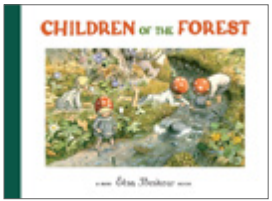

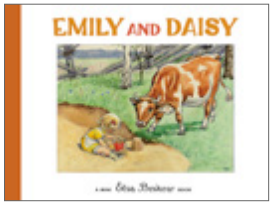

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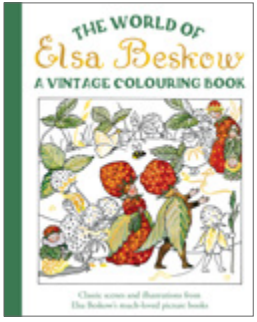

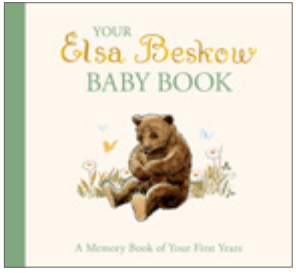

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