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Books for Children aged 1 to 14



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# The Bumblebee Garden Dawn Casey & Stella Lim

Ben helps in Grandpa's garden through the year and learns all about the life cycle of the bumblebees. When Grandpa explains that bees carry pollen that helps juicy strawberries grow in their garden, Ben asks if they can help the bees in return.

- A luminous picture book with beautiful illustrations of bees, plants and flowers.
- A sweet story, told with lyrical words, that teaches young children about the importance of bees.
- Features a multicultural family and celebrates the relationship between different generations.
- Includes a non-fiction double page spread that shows the life cycle of a queen bee.

Size: 275 x 295 mm

Binding: Hardback with jacket

Pages: 28

Printing: full colour

Shows the life cycle of bees

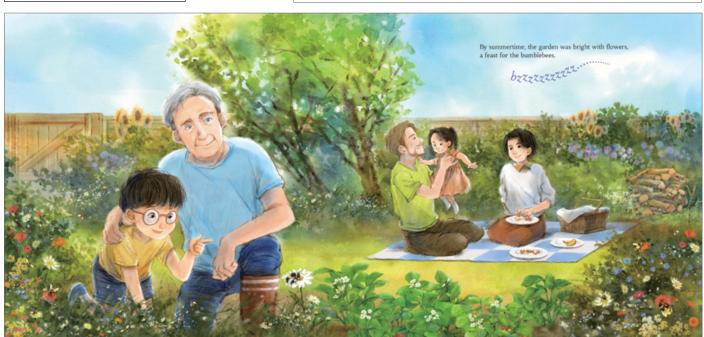


Stella Lim is an illustrator from South Korea. She is also the illustrator of *Spin a Scarf of Sunshine*.



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Binding: Paperback

Pages: 198

## Ice Cream Boy

#### **Lindsay Littleson**

Luca has his plan for the future all worked out – he's going to run his family's ice cream café. But then his aunt decides to sell the business, and his grandmother begins struggling with dementia. On top of that his friend is facing racist bullies at school. Luca feels increasingly lost. Can he save his family's cafe? A heartwarming story of family, resilience and hope.

Emotional, heartwarming middle-grade



Lindsay Littleson is an author based near Glasgow, Scotland. Her debut novel, The MIxed-up Summer of Lily McLean won the Kelpies Prize and Guardians of the Wild Unicorns was nominated for the Carnegie Medal in 2020.

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#### Brain Freeze

My evening was going okay, until my gran lost her mind.

We ate fish fingers, chips and beans in front of the telly, as we always did when Mum was away. Then Nonna got out a tub she'd picked up at my family's ice-cream café that afternoon, and nudged me with a sharp elbow. "If you don't hurry up, I'll finish this before you've even got started."

Between us, we polished off the lot. It was creamy, cold, chocolatey heaven.

Then I sprawled across the couch, groaning: stomach full, suffering from brain-freeze, bone-tired after a day at school. Clawdio circled and then curled up on my legs, purring like a Ferrari.

Everything was fine, and then it happened.

Nonna's favourite soap was on, but, bizarrely, she didn't seem to be enjoying it. A scowl pursed her mouth, and she kept tsking.

I glanced at her, totally clueless that my life was about to change. "What's up, Nonna?"

My gran clicked her tongue and gestured at the screen. "Why's that man shoutin at me? What've I ever done to him?"

When Nonna spoke in that odd, trembly voice, unease crept up my spine like a spider. Sitting up, disturbing the cat but too worried to care, I leant forward, trying to explain what should have been totally obvious. "He's not shouting at *you*, Nonna. He's an actor on the telly. He's playing Tony Waters, who manages the pub, remember? Tony was having it off with Iris, the glaikit woman who works on the stall, but she's dumped him and he's ragin."

Anger twisted my gran's kindly face. She banged her fist on the coffee table, making her mug rattle, tea slop everywhere, and me nearly jump out of my skin.

"Well, he's a cheeky bampot, an if he doesn't stop yelling right now I'm going to call the polis!" She started rummaging through the heap of magazines and *Daily Records* on the table, muttering while she hunted for her ancient mobile phone. "Cheeky sod. Knew that yin was trouble when I first clapped eyes on him. I tellt my Vic, but he didn't listen... That man never ruddy listens... Why wouldn't he listen?"

Her voice rose in a wail, and panic surged through my chest. What the heck? Since when has Nonna been telling her husband anything? Nonno died years ago, when I was just a little kid.

"No, Nonna." My voice sounded so calm and reasonable I could have been one of the paramedics on that hospital programme she loved, but fear was quivering like jelly in my stomach. "Remember, the shouty guy's an actor. On the telly. You've never met him in real life."



## **ROSE REILLY**

Footballer

om Kilmarnock, 1955

Rose was three, she disappeared from her house in Stewarton, e, and her mun found her on the nearby factball jotch. When is five the asked for a ball for Christman, but get a dall. She ed the dall for a ball — and slept with It instead! "I slept with for two reasons? Rose explains. "Itst, because I loved It, and i, I was afraid my man would take it off me. Resple thought I strip, because we girls didn't lay factball."

wis mann dish's take her boll, but there were plenty of other people lime who disopproved. Rose says, I got the belt at school every ploying footbal with the boys. I got abuse shouled at me in the The local boys' seam only let her join if she cut her hair short and ed her name was Rose. She was their best player, and Celtic to sign her – but couldn't when they found out she was a girl.

Rose never gave up. There were a few amoteur teams for, so the became a striker for Steventron Thistle and won the Cup before moving to Weathhorn United. She even played fland against England. Bur Rose worned to play professionally, neans being paid to play of the highest level. Go de so the had beyond her hame country. In 1972 the played in a trial match time, a trailblozing French women's team. Rose was signed at me, aged 17.

re long. Rose moved to AFC Milan, one of Italy's biggest alubs. In contrast to Scotland, Italy supported the growth of



# Spectacular Scottish Women Louise Baillie & Eilidh Muldoon

An inspiring introduction for young people to some of Scotland's most amazing women – from authors to athletes, scientists to singers, queens to campaigners. Their life stories are told alongside vibrant, colourful illustrations.

- A collection of fascinating and inspiring biographies of spectacular Scottish women both past and present.
- Former journalist Louise Baillie presents empowering stories in a way that will capture the imagination of today's young readers.
- Bestselling illustrator Eilidh Muldoon brings each featured woman to life with striking, vibrant portraits in her distinctive style.

Size: 234 x 210 mm Binding: Hardback Pages: 144 Printing: full colour

Louise Baillie has a degree in history from Glasgow
University. She was a journalist for almost 20 years and currently works in communications at a children's rights organisation. Spectacular Scottish Women is her first book. She lives in Glasgow, Scotland.

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Eilidh Muldoon teaches at Edinburgh College of Art. She is the illustrator of picture books, children's books, and colouring and activity books in her distinctive, lively and decorative style. She grew up in North Berwick and currently lives near Edinburgh, Scotland.

Inspration for young people

## IACKIE KAV

Poet, playwright, novelist and Makar

Born Edinburgh, 1961

When Jackie was a baby, her parents — a white Scottish mum and Nigerian dad — couldn't look after her. A white Scottish couple called Helen and John adopted Jackie and took her into their lively, chatty, cheerful home in Bishopbriggs, just outside Glasgow.

John worked for the Communist Party and Helen was Scottish secretary for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Young Jackie went on demonstrations and marches, determined to make the world a better place. Unfortunately, a better world often seemed out of reach for Jackie herself. No one else in her home town looked like her, and other pupils at school – even some teachers – made racist comments.

When Jackie was 16, whe had a motorbike accident. She hit three cars, fractured her let and landed outside a graveyard. It took 18 months to learn to walk again. Yet she reflected that coming so close to death had sent her on a new path: writing. "It is almost as if you write to assert that you're alive," she said.

#### RUNNER TO WRITER

At school, Jacke escaped the bullies on the running track. She won a Scottish Schoolgirls' Championship title and considered becoming a professional athlete.

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Cloudlanders

#### **Christopher Mackie**

The magical island of Bastion hangs above a flooded world - and it's in danger. Can a brave gang of misfits including Kurt (an eight-foot mushroom) and Flicker (a gemstone fairy) - save their imperilled island? A guirky middle-grade fantasy adventure, full of vibrant humour and creative world-building, from Kelpies Prize winner Christopher Mackie.

Funny, magical middle-grade adventure



Christopher Mackie won the Kelpies Prize for Writing in 2019 and wrote Cloudlanders, his first children's novel, during the 2020 lockdowns. Chris works in Dundee and Perth and lives in Edinburgh.

## The Wind and the Watchtower

"Brrrrrr, it's freezing up here!" Kurt shivered, his granite-grey eyes gazing out at the swirling, swarming mass of clouds below them. "I didn't realise it'd be so cold."

"Of course it's cold." Flicker's squeaky, impatient voice was almost lost to the howling wind. "We live on a land floating thirty thousand feet in the air, Kurt. It's always cold."

"Yes, but it's colder than usual," Kurt argued. "It's always chilly behind the Brink, but never like this." He broke an icicle off his bulbous nose. "See?"

"That's because we're not behind the Brink any more, are we?" Flicker pointed out. "We're on top of it." She staggered sideways as the wind almost blew her off the massive stone wall. "There's nothing to protect us from the elements out here, so let's make this quick."

Kurt followed his tiny companion across Windbreaker Brink, the colossal lightstone wall that encircled Bastion and kept it afloat, while stopping the Cloudlanders from tumbling off the edge of their airborne island. Kurt had never actually visited the Brink before, but it had always been there in the background, a towering monument to a time long forgotten.

The Brink was hundreds of years old, and it was one

of the few things that remained from the days before the Lifting. Kurt supposed it must have been very confusing for the inhabitants of Bastion back then. One minute they were walking around on the surface of a flooding earth and the next they were up here, looking down at the clouds. Very confusing. And probably very cold too.

"Ugh, this wind!" Flicker cried, her gold-webbed wings beating furiously against the gale. "If this keeps up, I'll be blown away."

"Don't say that," Kurt protested, his stomach lurching like a horse leaping over a hedge. "At least you have wings. If I fall off the Brink, I'll have no way of getting back up."

"Well, just look on the bright side: if you actually do fall off, you'll probably set the record for the highest-ever dive," Flicker quipped. "Thirty thousand feet is quite impressive."

"Thirty thousand feet," Kurt repeated, looking down at his own enormous feet in awe.

"It's just a unit of measurement, Kurt," Flicker snapped. "I'm not talking about actual feet. Especially not those great big canoes you've got at the ends of your legs."

Kurt winced, but he rose above her remark. This wasn't hard, since he already stood a full head, shoulders, knees and toes above his companion. Yes, Kurt's feet were quite large, but so was the rest of him. It was one of the major drawbacks of being who he was: he tended to stick out like a sore thumb in a room full of fingers.



## Be More Dog

#### Caroline Crowe & Carlos Vélez

Sam the dog helps his best friend to find happiness in this uplifting story about learning to live in the moment. A positive, heartfelt book featuring fun and lively illustrations of a dog and his young owner, which encourages all of us to be a little less sad and a little more dog!

- Story offers an easy, light way to discuss emotional health with picture-book-age children.
- Especially helpful for separation anxiety.



Size: 284 x 246 mm Binding: Hardback with jacket Pages: 32

Printing: full colour



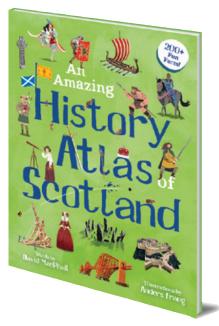
Caroline Crowe is the award-winning author of several books for children including *Our Incredible Libnrary Book* (Floris Books). She was a journalist before deciding to write for children fulltime. Caroline lives in Hampshire, England.

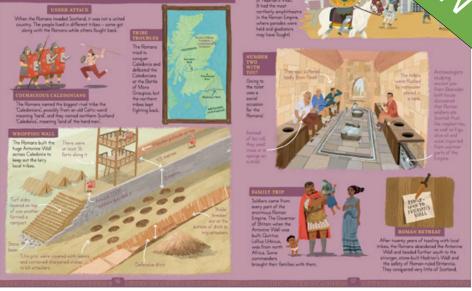


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Gentle emotional learning message





Size: 311 x 224 mm

Binding: Hardback

Printing: full colour

Pages: 48

## An Amazing History Atlas of Scotland David MacPhail & Anders Frang

From Neolithic settlers and Vikings to Jacobites and World War II evacuees, discover how Scotland's places connect to the nation's rich history. This brilliant atlas is packed with fascinating historical facts and amazing illustrations.

Exciting

illustrations, fascinating facts

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in Amazing Illustrated

Size: 311 x 224 mm Binding: Hardback

Pages: 48

Printing: full colour

## An Amazing Illustrated Atlas of Scotland David MacPhail & Anders Frang

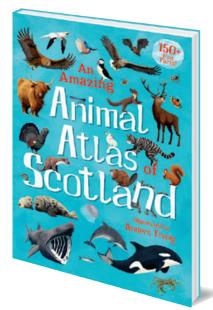
From warrior kings and mythical monsters to famous landmarks and unique wildlife, this brilliant atlas brings together Scotland's past and present, packed with surprising facts and amazing illustrations.



David MacPhail is the Anders Frang is a author of many fiction freelance illustrator and non-fiction books from Denmark. He for children, including studied at the Danish the Top-Secret Grandad Design School in series, the Thorfinn the Copenhagen and Nicest Viking series.



Edinburgh College of Art, Scotland



Size: 311 x 224 mm Binding: Hardback

Pages: 48

Printing: full colour

## An Amazing Animal Atlas of Scotland **Anders Frang**

Meet the amazing animals of Scotland in this beautiful gift book, packed full of fun facts, vibrant illustrations and maps showing where to spot these wonderful creatures - from puffins and basking sharks to endangered wildcats.



## My First Shetland Pony

#### Melanie Mitchell

This bright, fun Shetland pony-shaped board book introduces very young children to Scotland's famous cheeky wee ponies. A companion to My First Nessie and My First Highland Cow.

Discover what Rosie the Shetland Pony likes – and doesn't like! - in this fun book for young children.

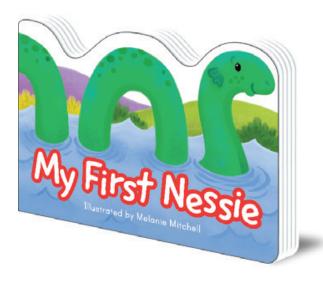
Pages: 14 Printing: full colour



lives in Wales with her partner and children.

- Sturdily constructed to withstand toddler play-time
- A unique Highland cow shape
- Bright, bold illustrations

Bold, brightly illustrated board books



## My First Nessie Melanie Mitchell

This bright, fun Nessie-shaped board book introduces very young children to Scotland's famous Loch Ness Monster.

Size: 150 x 200 mm Binding: Board book Pages: 14

Printing: full colour

Discover what Nessie the Loch Ness Monster, likes - and doesn't like! - in this fun book for young children.



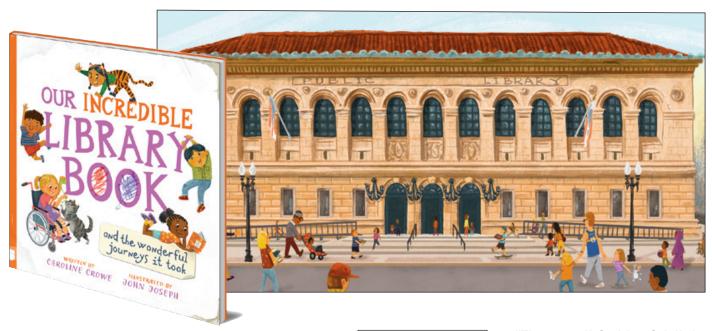
## My First Highland Cow Melanie Mitchell

This bright, fun Highland cow-shaped board book introduces very young children to Scotland's most famous farm animal.

Size: 165 x 190 mm Binding: Board book

Pages: 14 Printing: full colour

Discover what Bonnie the Highland Cow likes - and doesn't like! - in this fun book for young children.



# Our Incredible Library Book (and the wonderful journeys it took)

### Caroline Crowe & John Joseph

The story of one much-loved library book and all the children who have borrowed it. A delightful rhyming story that celebrates the joy that reading brings to children everywhere.

- Lively, colourful illustrations
- Features an inclusive cast of children
- Celebrates the magic of books and libraries

Size: 270 x 250 mm Binding: Hardback with jacket Pages: 32

Printing: full colour

"The overall feel is of delight in the magic of books."

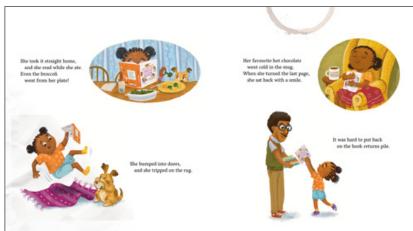
- Book Trust



Caroline Crowe is the award-winning author of several books for children including *Be More Dog* (Floris Books). She was a journalist before deciding to write for children fulltime. Caroline lives in Hampshire, England.



John Joseph is a New York Times-bestselling picture-book illustrator. He has a degree in art education from Colorado State University and a masters degree from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.





A celebration of library books

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## A Billion Balloons of Questions

## Amy Moreno & Carlos Vélez

Eva's life is full of big balloons of questions that she carries around all day - until she finds the answer she's looking for.

- A funny, bilingual story
- Illustrations could be edited for other languages

Size: 250 x 270 mm Binding: Hardback with jacket Pages: 28





Amy B. Moreno grew up in Scotland, but speaks fluent Spanish and spent four years working with a charity in Peru. Her first picture book, A Billion Balloons of Questions, is inspired by her Scottish-Peruvian children and the experience of living in a bilingual household.



Carlos Vélez is an awardwinning children's illustrator from Mexico. He is the illustrator of over twenty books for children, including Be More Dog (Floris Books). Carlos lives in Coyoacán, Mexico.



Portrays a bilingual family.





## Spin a Scarf of Sunshine

## Dawn Casey & Stila Lim

Nari cares for a little lamb on her farm. With her family's help, she turns its fleece into a cosy scarf, which she wears until it is ready for the compost heap. A luminous picture book exploring creation and recycling through a simple, lyrical story.

'Delicate, colorful illustrations fill each page with pretty people, cute animals, and idyllic scenes... An informative, easy-to-follow, pleasing lesson in readying wool for knitting.'

- Kirkus Reviews

'[This book] will delight the youngest listeners, while slightly older children will appreciate satisfaction that can come from making something oneself.'

Booklist

RIGHTS SOLD; Dutch, Korean

Size: 275 x 295 mm
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with jacket
Pages: 32

Printing: full colour

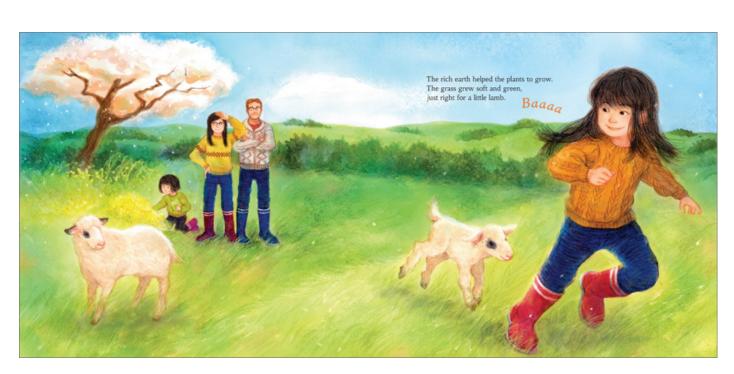
Shows the cycle of natural materials

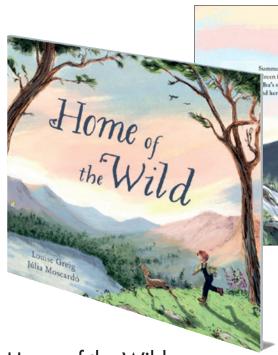


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Stila Lim is an illustrator from South Korea. Spin a Scarf of Sunshine is her first picture book.





Home of the Wild Louise Greig & Júlia Moscardó

A touching picture book story about a friendship between a boy and a wild fawn, with a tender message of love and letting wild animals be free. Gorgeous atmospheric illustrations bring landscapes, plants and animals to life.

Size: 250 x 270 mm Binding: Hardback with jacket Pages: 32 Printing: full colour

dark eyes glitter like the dancing streams

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RIGHTS SOLD; French, Slovakian

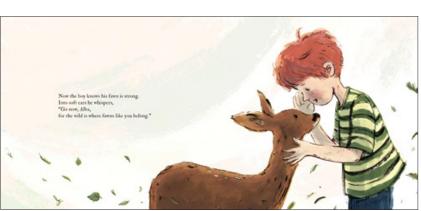


Louise Greig is a multi-award winning poet and author born in Scotland. She has featured on the shortlist for several major children's book awards, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize.



One fawn. One box

Júlia Moscardó is a Spanish illustrator and visual artist currently based in Nottingham, UK. *Home of the Wild* is her first picture book.

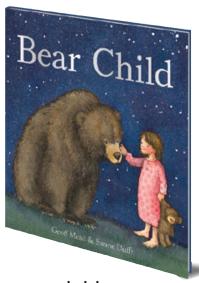


Beautiful nature illustrations

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

- The Bookseller





# Bear Child Geoff Mead & Sanne Dufft

Ursula's father tells her the story of the bear folk, special beings who can choose to be either a bear or a person. Could Ursula be a bear child? A beautiful story of parental love, belief and individuality. A timeless folktale.



Size: 235 x 209 mm Binding: Hardback

Pages: 32

Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD; Spanish, Catalan



Geoff Mead is a storyteller and author. He runs story-based workshops and teaches storytelling at venues in the UK and all over the world.



Sanne Dufft is a children's book illustrator and former art therapist. She lives in Germany with her family.



## The Island and the Bear Louise Greig & Vanya Nastanlieva

A bear has appeared on an island where bears do not belong. Can he find his way home? A stunning, lyrical story about a gentle bear and the girl who understands him, inspired by a true story.

Size: 230 x 265 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 24

Printing: full colour

"Anything can happen anywhere. Anywhere was an island. Anything was a bear."

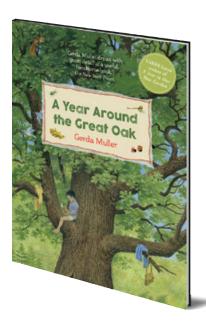


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Vanya Nastanlieva was born and raised in Bulgaria. She currently lives in Cambridge, England.

#### 15 • International Picture Books



## A Year Around the Great Oak

#### Gerda Muller

A re-designed, expanded edition of a classic bestseller. Anna and Benjamin discover the plants and animals living around a 300-year-old tree in a story told through detailed, charming illustrations. A blend of fiction and fact to delight and inform.



Size: 288 x 220 mm

Binding: Hardback with jacket

Pages: 40

Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD: German, French, Turkish, Russian, Italian, Romanian, Spanish, Korean, Slovakian, Lithuanian, Czech, Chinese Simplified Classic nature illustrations



Gerda Muller, born in Holland, has illustrated over 120 books for children. She lives in Paris, France.

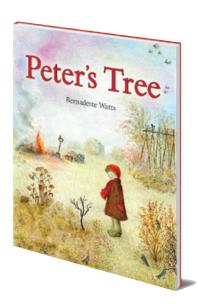


The next day the three children set out right after breakfast.

They knew to stay on the paths and keep together, so they wouldn't get lost. All the autumn leaves were turning yellow, red and brown.

Robin's special tree was a huge great oak.

"Three hundred years is a long time," he said. "People don't usually live much longer than *one* hundred years. This tree has been growing for three times as long!"



## Peter's Tree **Bernadette Watts**

An enchanting tale of seasonal change and childhood, beautifully brought to life through Bernadette Watt's charming illustrations.



Size: 294 x 219 mm Binding: Hardback

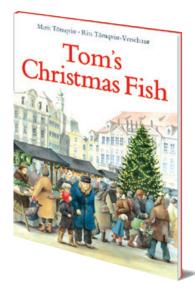
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Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese Simplified, Dutch, Japanese, Korean, Slovenian, Slovakian



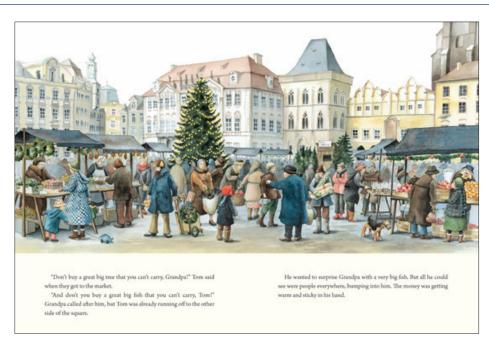
Bernadette Watts has illustrated over 120 picture books for children and won the prestigious Japanese Owl Prize. She lives in Kent, England.



## Tom's Christmas Fish

### Marit Törngvist & Rita Törnqvist-Verschuur

Set in Prague, this charming, child-friendly story presents one culture's Christmas traditions in fascinating detail. At its core is a heartwarming tale of a boy and his grandpa, as they both learn about doing the right thing.



Size: 294 x 219 mm Binding: Hardback

Pages: 32

Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch, German, Russian



Swedish-born illustrator Verschuur was born in and Golden Plaque Amsterdam. She's the winner. She divides author of numerous her time between the children's books. Netherlands and Sweden.



Marit Törnqvist is an Rita Törnqvist-



## Ye Cannae Shove Yer Granny Off a Bus

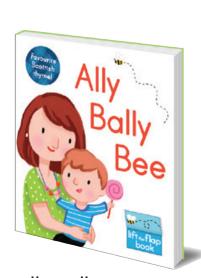
## Kathryn Selbert

A brilliantly cheeky board book based on the traditional song. Two inventive moving parts and two flaps help the grannies swing and bounce off the bus.





Kathryn Selbert is a children's author and illustrator with a BFA in Illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design. Size: 180 x 153 mm Binding: Board book Pages: 12 Printing: full colour with moving parts



# Ally bolly, Ally bolly bee, Sittin on yer mammy's knee Ally bolly, Ally bolly bee, Sittin on yer mammy's knee

## Ally Bally Bee Kathryn Selbert

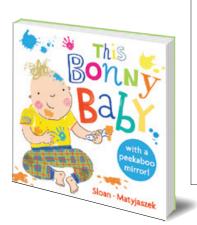
A playful version of the traditional Scottish rhyme. Bright, colourful illustrations and six giant flaps.

Size: 180 x 153 mm Binding: Board book

Pages: 12

Printing: full colour

with flaps



# This bonny baby loves eating.

# This Bonny Baby Michelle Sloan & Kasia Matyjaszek

These babies love having fun and getting messy – playing, painting, eating and more, until it's bedtime. A bright and colourful board book with a fun mirror for babies to see themselves in.

Size: 140 x 140 mm Binding: Board book Pages: 12 with mirror Printing: full colour

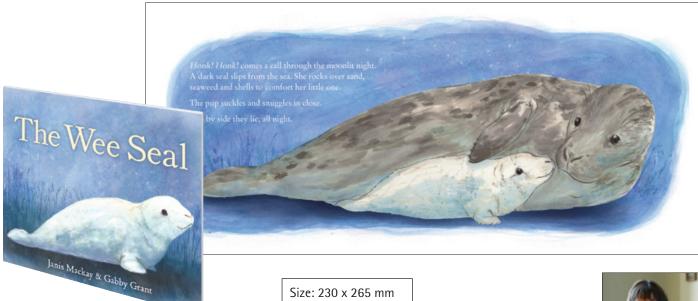
RIGHTS SOLD: Gaelic



Michelle Sloan lives near Edinburgh, Scotland. She trained as a primary school teacher. Her first book has been gifted to every 6 year old in Scotland.



Kasia Matyjaszek is a freelance illustrator. She is an illustration tutor at Edinburgh University and leads creative workshops for young children



## The Wee Seal

## Janis Mackay & Gabby Grant

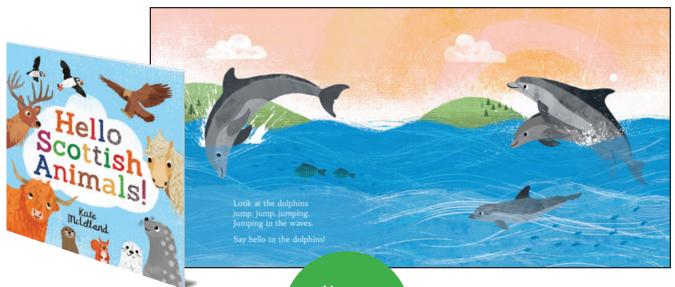
A lyrical book about the tender relationship between a young boy and a baby seal. The boy must protect the baby seal until it grows up and returns to the sea. Size: 230 x 265 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 24

Printing: full colour



Janis Mackay is an award-winning middlegrade author and selkie expert. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.



## Hello Scottish Animals!

#### **Kate McLelland**

Say hello to Scotland's most famous animals!

From leaping red squirrels and hungry Highland cows, to jumping dolphins and playful otters, this colourful picture book introduces Scotland's animal kingdom in bright, fun illustrations by bestselling artist Kate McLelland.

- Colourful, bold illustrations
- · Gentle introduction to nature and wildlife

Nature for young children

Size: 230 x 240 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 24

Printing: full colour



Kate McLelland is an award-winning illustrator and printmaker. She has published books with Hodder, Egmont and Nosy Crow, and lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.



## Hello Scottish Birds!

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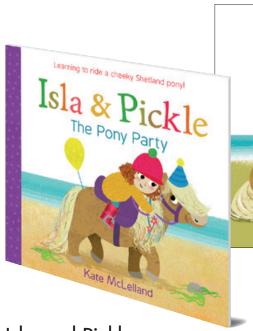
A bold, colourful introduction to Scotland's most famous birds for young children, full of bright and fun illustrations from bestselling illustrator Kate McLelland.

From the rare swooping osprey to the burrow-digging puffin, and the fast-diving gannet to the capering capercaillie, children will love meeting Scotland's different birds in these fun and friendly illustrations.

Gentle introduction to wildlife in the sky

Size: 250 x 250 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 24



Pickle did as he was told!

"Good boy, Pickle," said Isla. "You are my very best friend, and my brillant new riding pal."

After everyone sange Happy Birthday to Rosie, Isla found Pickle some 'well-done' treats.

Isla and Pickle: The Pony Party

#### **Kate McLelland**

When Isla and her best friend Pickle — a miniature Shetland pony — are invited to a party, Isla must learn to ride fast! But can mischievous Pickle learn to do as he's told?

Size: 230 x 240 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 24

Printing: full colour

Third book in the series by acclaimed illustrator Kate McLelland. A picture book about growing up and not being afraid of something new.

Charming and colourful



## Isla and Pickle: Best Friends

#### **Kate McLelland**

The first in the series about a lively little girl and her pet pony.

Bright colourful illustrations and a funny story for 3–6 year olds about making friends and perseverance.

## Isla and Pickle: The Higland Show

#### **Kate McLelland**

A sweet and funny story about doing your best and realising winning isn't everything.

Size: 230 x 240 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 24

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## Ollie and the Otter

## Emily Dodd & Kirsteen Harris-Jones

A fun book about two unlikely friends – a bird and an otter – who help each other to learn new things. A positive message about doing what you love and not getting discouraged.

Size: 230 x 265 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 24

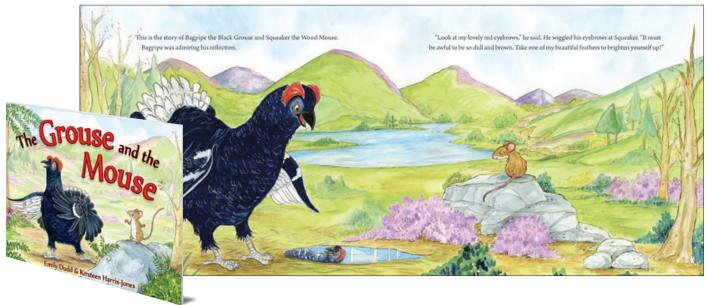
Printing: full colour



Emily Dodd is a children's TV screen-writer and the author of several picture and science books for children. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.



Kirsteen Harris-Jones is the illustrator of several picture books and lives in Shropshire, England.



# The Grouse and the Mouse

## Emily Dodd & Kirsteen Harris-Jones

Starring an endangered black grouse, this is a heart-warming tale about valuing difference and not trying to be better than others.

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Pages: 24

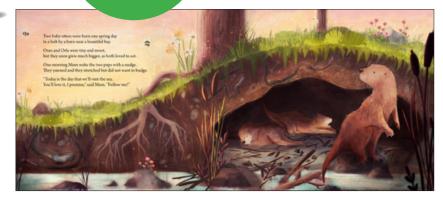


# Oran the Curious Otter Lynne Rickards & Abigail Hookham

On Oran the baby otter's very first journey into the sea, he learns about both the wonders and the dangers it contains. He finds out about the power of courage and teamwork with his new friend, Camille the seal. Beautiful illustrations of ocean wildlife will delight young readers.

Carries a gentle message about plastic waste and ocean conservation, which also encourages children to be careful when exploring the world around them.

- Child-friendly introduction to ocean conservation
- Bright and colourful illustrations of nature



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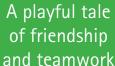
Pages: 28 Printing: full colour

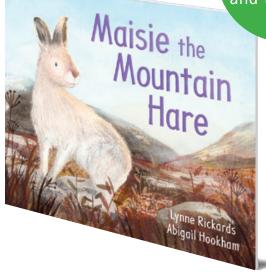


Lynne Rickards was born in Canada and now lives in Glasgow, Scotland. She is the author of many muchloved picture books.



Abigail Hookham is an illustrator and artist based in Lincolnshire, England. *Oran the Curious Otter* is her first picture book.





# Maisie the Mountain Hare Lynne Rickards & Abigail Hookham

Maisie the mountain hare loves playing hide and seek with her brother Archie and their friend Thomas the ptarmigan. As the baby hares grow, their coats turn white to help them camouflage in winter. But with no snow in sight, the siblings are in danger. Can Maisie and Archie work together to stay safe?

- · Gentle tale of teamwork and individuality
- Vibrant illustrations of gorgeous landscapes
- · A charming rhyming story



# Rowan the Red Squirrel Lynne Rickards & Jon Mitchell

Rowan and his sister Hazel are two very different little squirrels. Hazel is brave and Rowan is worried. They set off on an adventure and meet many animals along the way. A fun story of siblings and discovering individual strengths.

Size: 230 x 265 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 32

Printing: full colour

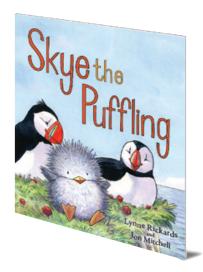
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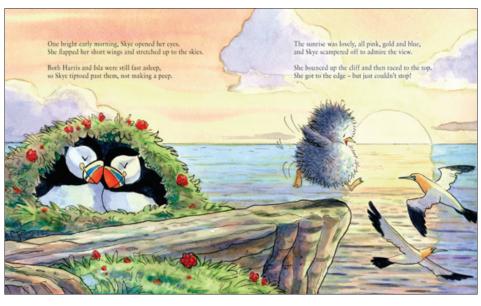
Jon Mitchell has illustrated numerous children's books including *Flat Stanley*. He lives in England.



## Skye the Puffling

## Lynne Rickards & Jon Mitchell

Skye, a cheeky baby puffin, finds herself on an unexpected adventure. Will she be able to find her way home with the help of a cast of friendly sealife? An adorable story about discovering independence and family love.



Size: 254 x 210 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 32

Printing: full colour

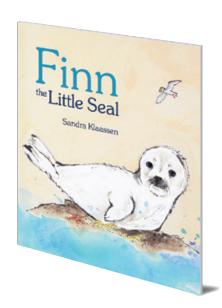
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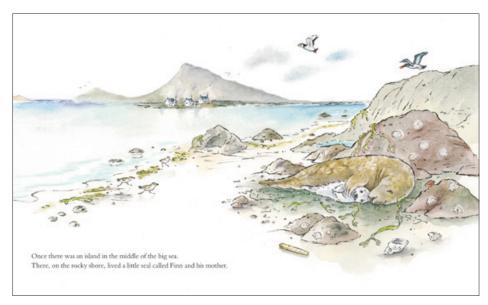
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Printing: full colour



Also available as an abridged board book, adapted for very young children.





## Finn the Little Seal

#### Sandra Klaassen

Finn is a baby grey seal who is too scared to venture out into the sea – the sea is just too big for a little seal! Will he finally overcome his fears and find where he truly belongs? A picture book about growing up and not being afraid of something new.

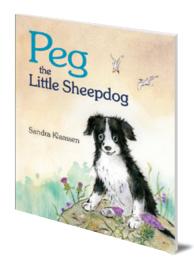
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Pages: 24

Printing: full colour



Sandra Klaassen is a well-known children's illustrator from the Netherlands.



Size: 254 x 210 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 32

Printing: full colour



Size: 180 x 153 mm Binding: Board book

Pages: 14

Printing: full colour

## Peg the Little Sheepdog

#### Sandra Klaassen

Puppy Peg might be the only sheepdog in the world who is afraid of sheep! With the help of her new family Peg learns to become brave and be a good pet. A charming story about overcoming fears.

## Peg and Uan: Making Friends

#### Sandra Klaassen

Can Peg, the sheepdog puppy who is scared of sheep, ever become friends with Uan the little lamb? An adorable board book with beautiful illustrations about how hard it can be to make friends – and how lovely!



# The Fairy Song Janis Mackay & Ruchi Mhasane

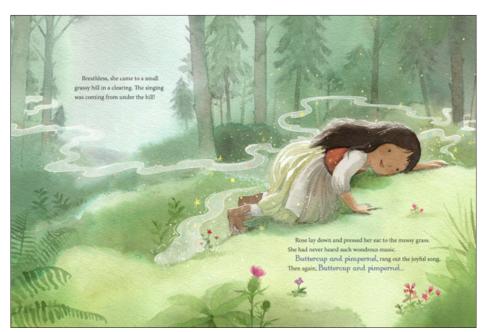
Rose hears beautiful music coming from the forest and is soon swept up into an enchanting secret world. A beautifully illustrated tale of old fairy magic rooted in authentic Scottish folklore with ethnically diverse illustrations.



Janis Mackay is a prizewinning children's author, storyteller and creative writing tutor. She writes picture books and middlegrade novels. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.



Ruchi Mhasane studied children's book illustration from Cambridge School of Art. She lives in Mumbai, India.





Sweet tale about finding joy Size: 294 x 219 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 32

Printing: full colour



# The Selkie Girl Janis Mackay & Ruchi Mhasane

A lovely retelling of the traditional Scottish folk tale of the selkie, a seal who can become human. Parallels to this story can be found worldwide, including mermaids and swan maidens.

Size: 294 x 219 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 32 Printing: full colour





# The Tall Tale of the Giant's Causeway

#### Lari Don and Emilie Gill

Irish giant Finn McCool and Scottish giant Benandonner want to know who is the best giant. But first they must cross the Irish sea. This is a witty, playfully illustrated story about the world-famous Giant's Causeway, rooted in Celtic folklore. Size: 230 x 266 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 32

Printing: full colour





Lari Don is an award-winning Scottish children's author and storyteller. She grew up in the northeast of Scotland and worked in politics and broadcasting before becoming a full-time writer and storyteller.



Emilie Gill is an American children's book illustrator. She has an MA in Children's Book Illustration from the Cambridge School of Art, UK and was shortlisted for the 2021 World Illustration Awards.





# The Legend of the First Unicorn

#### Lari Don & Nataša Ilinčić

From the creators of the bestselling *The Treasure of the Loch Ness Monster.* A captivating, beautifully illustrated picture book story of the first ever unicorn, filled with magic, love and folklore charm.



Size: 294 x 219 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 36

Printing: full colour



Lari Don is a prolific and award-winning author for children of all ages. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.



Nataša Ilinčić is a designer and illustrator originally from Bosnia and Herzegovina, now living and working in Edinburgh.



# The Treasure of the Loch Ness Monster

#### Lari Don & Nataša Ilinčić

Two children find treasure in the castle at Loch Ness, but who does it really belong to? The story of the world-famous Loch Ness Monster has been transformed in this classic picture book.



Size: 294 x 219 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 32



# The Secret of the Kelpie Lari Don & Philip Longson

Can feisty Flora save her family from the evil shape-shifter? Based on the Scottish folktale of the kelpie, a water monster that can transform into a horse.



Size: 294 x 219 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 32

Printing: full colour



Lari Don is a prolific and award-winning author for children of all ages. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.



Philip Longson is an artist and illustrator based in the US.



# The Tale of Tam Linn Lari Don & Philip Longson

Can courageous Janet save Tam Linn, a boy who was captured and transformed into a fairy knight, from the evil Fairy Queen? A modern twist on the classic narrative of a human taken by the fairies.



Size: 294 x 219 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 32



## Greyfriars Bobby: A Puppy's Tale

#### Michelle Sloan & Elena Bia

A heart-warming story about a puppy who grew up to become one of the world's most famous dogs. A charming historical tale of loyalty and the power of belonging.

As well-known as Lassie and Hachiko, Greyfriars Bobby is Scotland's most celebrated dog who famously stayed loyal to his master even after death.

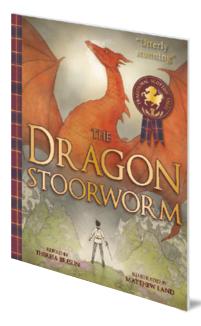
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Michelle Sloan was born in Edinburgh but now lives with her family near Dundee, Scotland. She is the author of *The Fourth* Bonniest Baby in Dundee, board book *This* Bonny Baby and early reader series *The* Animal Adventure Club.



Elena Bia is an artist and illustrator based in Turin, Italy.



# The Dragon Stoorworm Theresa Breslin & Matthew Land

A giant dragon is terrorising the land. Can the Princess, with the help of resourceful peasant Assipattle, save their country from the beast? A story of bravery and ingenuity, taken from the Scottish legend.



Size: 294 x 219 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 24



Theresa Breslin, winner of many awards, including the Carnegie Medal, lives in Glasgow, Scotland.



Matthew Land is an illustrator currently living in Edinburgh.



## Silver Unicorns and Golden Birds Duncan Williamson

A collection of Scottish folk tales from one of Scotland's most famous storytellers.

These traditional stories about fairies, unicorns and magical animals have been passed down in Scottish culture for generations. Duncan Williamson's classic versions are combined here in a beautiful and authentic collection.

A celebration of his unique style, this book also includes information about the life and legacy of Duncan Williamson – one of the last great travelling storytellers.

Nominated for the Yoto Carnegie Medal 2022.

'One of the world's best-known storytellers.'

- The Times

'Scotland's greatest contemporary storyteller.'

- The Guardian

'The story-teller and singer Duncan Williamson was one of the greatest voices of Scots traveller culture.'

- The Independent

'Scotland's greatest traditional storyteller.'

- The Scotsman

Size: 216 x 138 mm Binding: Hardback Pages: 224 Printing: b/w



Duncan Williamson (1928-2007) was a Scottish storyteller, singer and author. One of Scotland's Travelling People, Duncan spent sixty years journeying around the country and collecting stories, songs and oral history.

Authentic Scottish tales

#### The Broonie on Cara

Down near Campbeltown in Argyll there's a wee island called Cara; Carrie is what the local folk say. And the local villagers believe that that is the home of the Broonie – he stays on Cara. The island is small and there's only one house on it. There's water on Cara – you can walk down the steps cut out of stone to the Broonie's Well, where he's supposed to drink his wee drop water. But otherwise Cara is uninhabited.

Now many years ago a minister, who was a great believer in the Broonie, bought the wee house on Cara and he and his wife moved out to the island. They lived very happily on Cara and they took a cow across with them to supply them with milk. The minister loved the island, he set lobster pots and fished, he was quite happy and contented. He had no family, just him and his wife.

So the minister had a boat and he used to travel across to Bellochantuy when he needed to go to Campbeltown for his messages. In these days it was only a track to Campbeltown, just a horse track; it was all done by pony and trap. Once a week he had to go across to the mainland to give a service in Campbeltown. He drove by pony and trap and always took his wife with him when he went. They would row their boat

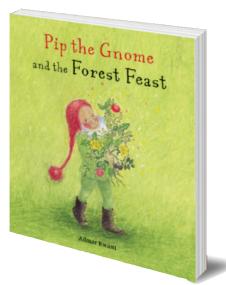
across from Cara, tie it up, borrow a pony and trap from a local farmer and drive to Campbeltown, do his service in the church and drive back, leave the pony and trap at the farm and row across to Cara to his house. But one morning it was a beautiful Sunday morning, his cow was about to calf.

So he said to his wife, "I think we'll take the cow out." Now next to his house was a wee shed where he kept a wee byre for holding the cow. He took the cow out and said, "Poor soul, you're better walking about, it'll help ye when ye're going to have a calf, ye can walk about, for you seem very sick." He let the cow go.

He and his wife went down, took the boat, rowed it across, tied the boat up, took the pony and trap from the farmer and drove to Campbeltown, about fifteen miles. It's not far for a horse, a horse will do it in an hour and a half. He did his service in the church, came out of the church, talked to his friends, yoked the horse and left Campbeltown. But there came a storm, a terrible time of rain and wind.

He said to his wife, "Come storm or hail or rain, we'll have to get home tonight to Carrie."

But the weather got worse. He drove back the fifteen miles to Bellochantuy, then on to Muasdale. When he came to Muasdale the weather was still worse.

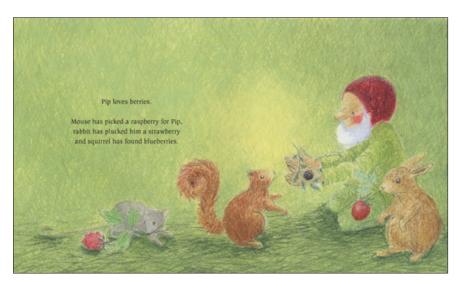


## Pip the Gnome and the Forest Feast

#### Admar Kwant

Pip the Gnome and his animal friends mouse, rabbit and squirrel collect seeds, leaves, nuts and berries for a delicious forest feast.

A board book about celebrating community and helping your friends.



Size: 180 x 153 mm Binding: Board book

Pages: 12

Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch



Admar Kwant is a Dutch illustrator whose work is inspired by nature.





# Pip the Gnome and the Christmas Tree

#### **Admar Kwant**

Pip the gnome gets help decorating the Christmas tree from his friends robin, rabbit and mouse. Perfect for during Advent, the story ends as we say 'Happy Christmas Pip'.

# Pip the Gnome's Bedtime

#### **Admar Kwant**

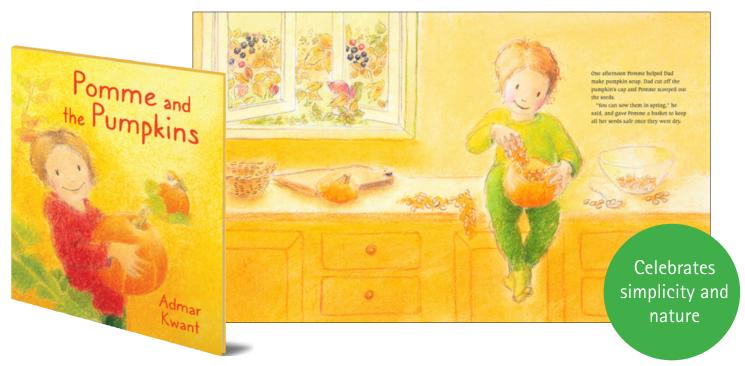
Pip the gnome says goodnight to each of his animal friends as they go to their own special beds. Perfect for sharing at bedtime, the story ends as we say 'Goodnight Pip'.

Size: 200 x 170 mm Binding: Board books

Pages: 12

Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch



## Pomme and the Pumpkins

#### **Admar Kwant**

Pomme learns to plant seeds and grow pumpkins in her garden. One day she discovers that a new little gnome friend has been helping to take care of them.

- · Celebrates nature and gardening
- Beautiful warm illustrations



Admar Kwant lives in the Netherlands, by the edge of a lake. Her family life and love of nature inspire her drawing, painting and gentle books for young children.

Size: 258 x 236 mm Binding: Hardback Pages: 24

Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD:

Slovakian, French



## Sam and the Gnome's Red Hat Admar Kwant

Sam and his best friend the gnome often leave gifts for each other in the forest. One day, Sam decides to make a special gift for his friend. A charming story of friendship for young children, with warm illustrations. Size: 258 x 236 mm Binding: Hardback

Pages: 24

Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD:

Dutch, Slovakian



The Kingdom of
Beautiful Colours:
A Picture Book for Children

## Isabel Wyatt & Sara Parilli

A heart-warming and inspiring picture book adaptation of the classic fairy tale from master storyteller Isabel Wyatt, accompanied by ethereal watercolour illustrations by Waldorf artist and teacher Sara Parrilli.

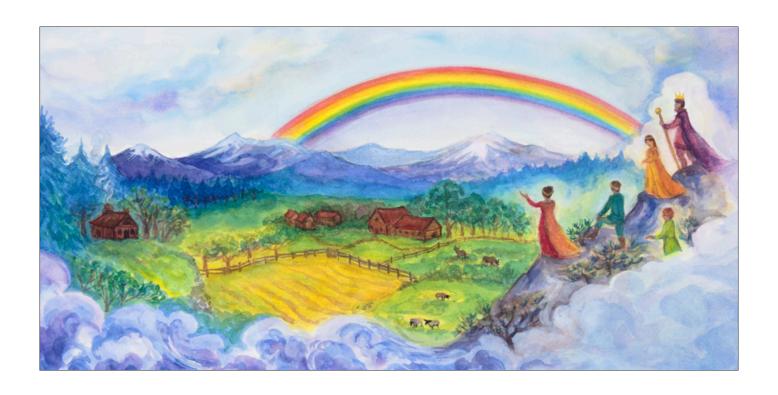
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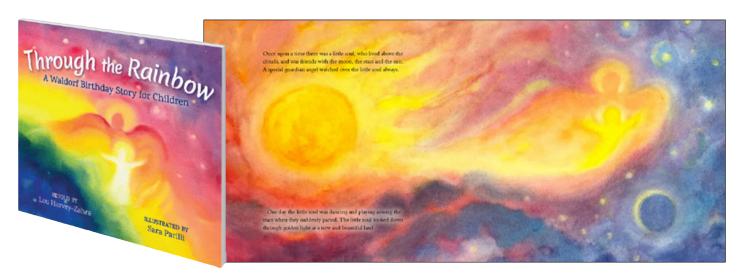
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Isabel Wyatt (1901 - 1992) was a wellknown storyteller from England. She compiled many story collections for children, including The Seven-Year-Old Wonder Book, The Eight-Year-Old Legend Book, Norse Hero Tales, Hay for My Ox and Other Stories, Legends of the Norse Kings, Legends of King Arthur and Magical Wonder Tales.



Sara Parrilli is an artist and Waldorf teacher living in New York State





## Through the Rainbow: A Waldorf Birthday Story for Children

#### Lou Harvey-Zahra & Sara Parrilli

A sensitive retelling of the classic Waldorf birthday story of a little soul who comes down to earth and meets their new family. Size: 260 x 280 mm Binding: Hardback Pages: 32

Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD: Italian



Lou Harvey-Zahra is a former teacher and is a respected parenting c o a c h leading workshops worldwide. She lives in Melbourne, Australia.

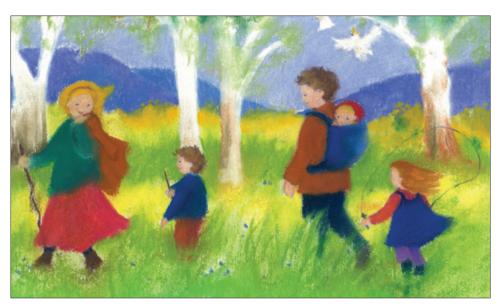


Sara Parrilli is an artist and Waldorf teacher living in New York State.



# Through the Seasons Sarah Laidlaw

A wordless picture book filled with warm, soft illustrations showing a family together through the seasons.



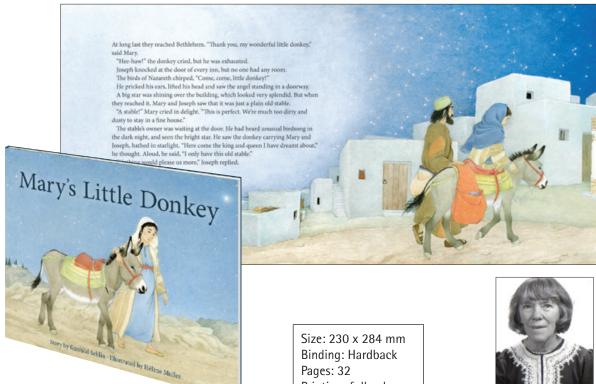
Size: 180 x 153 mm Binding: Board book Pages: 12

Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch



Sarah Laidlaw lived in the Yarra Valley, Australia. She drew much of her inspiration from her own experiences of family life.



## Mary's Little Donkey Gunhild Sehlin & Hélène Muller

In a unique twist on the traditional nativity story, this delightful picture book is told from the child-friendly perspective of the little donkey.

Printing: full colour

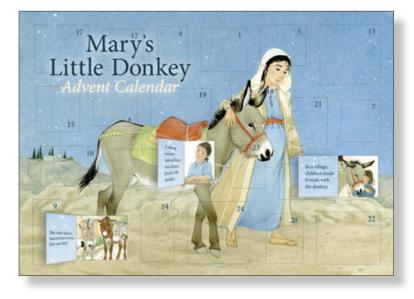
RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch, Norwegian, Romanian, Russian



Gunhild Sehlin (1911-97) was a teacher in the south of Sweden, and then worked with children in Jerusalem and Amman. Mary's Little Donkey has been widely translated into many languages.



Hélène Muller is a prolific children's illustrator and the daughter of acclaimed illustrator Gerda Muller.





# Mary's Little Donkey Advent Calendar

A beautiful traditional Advent calendar which tells the story, across the 24 windows, of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem with the help of a very special little donkey.

Size: 297 x 420 mm Binding: Calendar

Pages: 1

Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch, Norwegian

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# Illustrated Legends of Scotland's Kings and Queens

#### Theresa Breslin & Liza Tretyakova

Strong queens, wise kings, secret plots and fierce battles -- discover the lives and stories of Scotland's most famous monarchs.

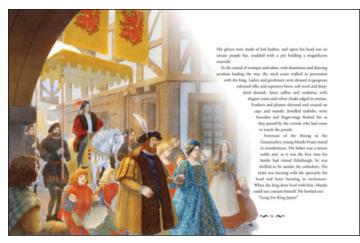
Size: 278 x 216 mm Binding: Hardback Pages: 144 Printing: full colour



Theresa Breslin O.B.E. is the popular, critically acclaimed author of over 50 books for children and young adults and winner of many literary prizes including the prestigious Carnegie Medal. Her work has been adapted for television, stage, and radio, and is translated worldwide.



Liza Tretyakova is a prize-winning illustrator from Russia. She has a BA in Illustration from the University of Plymouth, UK and studied History of Art at Moscow State University, Russia. She currently lives in Moscow.





Exciting stories of the Scottish monarchy

King Edward had neither expected, nor prepared for, a full-frontal attack from a smaller, poorer-equipped force. Under the fierce onslaught of the Scots, the English knights struggled to keep formation — cavalry and infantry crammed so tightly that they could not manoeuvre. Engaged at close quarters, the battle developed into tough hand-to-hand fighting.

"Hold fast!" King Robert commanded. "For Scotland's sake, hold fast!"

James Douglas relayed it along their line. "Hold fast! Hold fast!" The Scots relentlessly pressed forward. Having greater numbers actually hampered the English: men and horses became mired in bogland or floundered into the waters of the Bannock Burn. Their resistance started to waver.

Above the crash of axe and pike, above the clash of sword on sword, suddenly, from beyond the Carse, the king's own battle cry resounded in the air:

"A Bruce! A Bruce!

Sensing victory, King Robert's grooms, stable lads and servants came streaming down the hill to join the fray.

"A Bruce! A Bruce!"

At this - believing that the Scots had a second, fresh army - the enemy crumbled completely.

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# An Illustrated Treasury of Scottish Castle Legends Theresa Breslin & Kate Leiper

A sumptuous collection of both cherished and little-known legends, featuring an array of knights, ghosts, princesses and monsters.

The third volume in the much-loved Scottish tale treasuries range by Carnegie-Medal-winning author Theresa Breslin and Kate Greenaway Medal-longlisted artist Kate Leiper.



Size: 280 x 220 mm Binding: Hardback Pages: 160 Illustrations: 150 Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD: Russian, Lithuanian



Theresa Breslin is a Carnegie-award winning author of over 50 books for children. She lives near Glasgow, Scotland.



Kate Leiper is an illustrator based in Edinburgh, Scotland. Her work has been exhibited in galleries all over the UK.

## 'The illustrations are mesmerising... Simply stunning.'

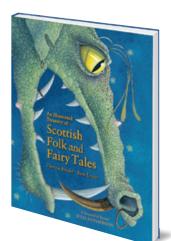
- Catherine Rayner

'A delightful and varied collection of stories... A beautiful book.'

- Julia Donaldson

'A rare delight... Every home should have at least one copy.'

- Debi Gliori



Size: 280 x 220 mm Binding: Hardback Pages: 160 Illustrations: 150 Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD: Russian, Korean, Chinese Simplified, Romanian, Lithuanian



Size: 280 x 220 mm Binding: Hardback Pages: 192 Illustrations: 180 Printing: full colour

RIGHTS SOLD: Russian, Romanian

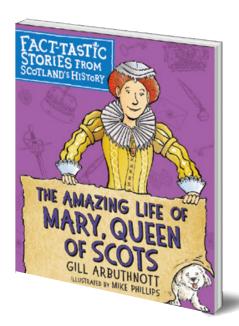
### An Illustrated Treasury of Scottish Folk and Fairy Tales Theresa Breslin & Kate Leiper

Slithering stoorworms, fierce kelpies and magical selkies are exquisitely brought to life for children in Theresa Breslin's enchanting tales and Kate Leiper's stunningly beautiful illustrations.

Stunning gift collections

# An Illustrated Treasury of Scottish Mythical Creatures Theresa Breslin & Kate Leiper

Wicked witches, ginormous giants and fearsome fairies come to life in the second beautiful collection of traditional tales from Carnegie Medal-winner Theresa Breslin and Kate Leiper.



# The Amazing Life of Mary, Queen of Scots Gill Arbuthnott and Mike Phillips

She was Queen of Scotland and of France, and a possible Queen of England; she was involved in a series of mysterious deaths; in the end she lost her head... But what was life really like for Mary, Queen of Scots? Step into the sixteenth century for a unique glimpse into her dramatic life story.

FACT-TASTIC STORIES FROM SCOTLAND'S HISTORY

This series brings together engaging, emotional stories that will get young readers hooked and all the key facts they need to know about a period of history. Full of illustrations, graphic storytelling and activities.



Gill Arbuthnott is the author of numerous fiction, non-fiction and picture books for children and young adults.

Mike Phillips is the illustrator of many children's books including the Museum Mystery Squad series, Horrible Histories: Gruesome Guides and the Horrible Geography series

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History made fun!



# A Secret Diary of the First World War

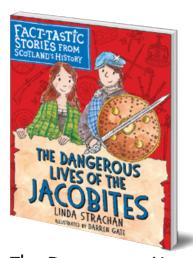
Gill Arbuthnott and Darren Gate

Step into the boots of real-life boy soldier James Marchbank and experience the most important and incredible bits of the First World War.



Darren Gate is an illustrator and graphic designer based in Glasgow. He won the Kelpies Design and Illustration Prize in 2016.

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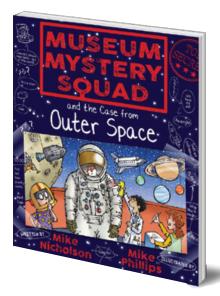
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# The Dangerous Lives of the Jacobites

#### Linda Strachan & Darren Gate

Discover what life was like during the Jacobite risings, as told by siblings Rob, a soldier in Bonnie Prince Charlie's army, and Aggie, healing soldiers at the croft.



# Museum Mystery Squad & the Case from Outer Space

#### Mike Nicholson & Mike Phillips

Someone is blackmailing the museum! The Museum Mystery Squad investigate puzzling planets, amazing astronauts and marvellous moon rocks to solve their latest case. Fun facts, interactive games and puzzles and dynamic, funny illustrations will engage young and reluctant readers.



Size: 197 x 158 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 176 Illustrations: 50 Printing: b/w

> Full of fun for 7-10 year olds



Chapter I In which there are flying boulders to dodge

"I can see the Great Bear!" Nabster stood in open space on the table, and his excited voice filled the Museum Mystery Squad's HQ. His head moved slowly, eyes hidden by the brick-shaped headset he was wearing. He held his arms out like an awkward robot as if to steady himself. There was no actual bear – grizzly, black or brown. Nabster was looking through a virtual reality headset at a constellation of stars called the Great Bear.

Mike Nicholson is the author of picture books, early readers and middle-grade readers.



Mike Phillips is the illustrator of many children's books including the Horrible Histories series.



### Museum Mystery Squad (series) and the Case of the Vanishing Viking; Roman Riddle; Curious Coins; Hidden Hieroglyphics; Moving Mammoth

#### Mike Nicholson & Mike Phillips

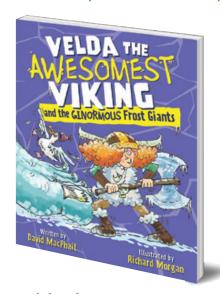
Fun-filled series of children's detective stories for early readers. Each book features a popular museum topic. A highly illustrated series full of quizzes, riddles and problems for children to solve.

Size: 197 x 158 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 128 Illustrations: 50 Printing: b/w

RIGHTS SOLD; Chinese Simplified "Fast-moving, filled with interesting facts ... well written, fun, and wonderfully illustrated."

- Youth Services Book Review

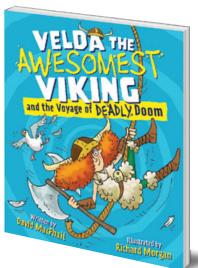
- Scooby Doo meets Night at the Museum.
- Fun-packed, dynamically illustrated series to tempt early and reluctant readers.
- Satsifying whodunnit mystery stories.
- Exciting museum exhibit settings.



### Velda the Awesomest Viking and the Ginormous Frost Giants

#### David MacPhail & Richard Morgan

Book 2 of a new illustrated series for 7-10 year olds. Light and funny with black-and-white illustrations on every spread. Tiny and mighty Velda embarks on a brilliant adventure to rescue her friends and prove she's the awesomest Viking around.



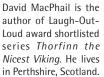
## Velda the Awesomest Viking and the Voyage of Deadly Doom

#### David MacPhail & Richard Morgan

In Book 1, Velda and her crew are captured by the Queen of the Saxons, but our small and mighty Viking is more than capable of saving the day.

- Short, easy-to-read chapters
- · Hilarious, action-packed illustrations







Richard Morgan was born and raised in Yorkshire. He has painted backgrounds for Disney TV. He lives in Cambridge, England.

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Perfect for struggling or reluctant readers



### Thorfinn the Nicest Viking (series)

and the Awful Invasion; and the Gruesome Games; and the Rotten Scots; and the Disgusting Feast; and the Raging Raiders; and the Terrible Treasure; and the Dreadful Dragon; and the Putrid Potion

#### David MacPhail & Richard Morgan

Fun-filled eight-book series for younger readers, starring the world's worst viking, Thorfinn-the-Very-Very-Nice. Better at baking than battles, Thorfinn has a hilarious series of adventures.

Extras include: trading cards, *Horrible History*style Viking facts, meet the characters and a Viking Name Generator.



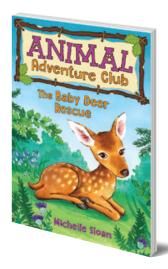
Size: 197 x 158 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 152

Illustrations: 50 each Printing: b/w

RIGHTS SOLD: Persian, audio rights

Shortlisted for the Scholastic Laugh Out Loud Award



# Animal Adventure Club: The Baby Deer Rescue

#### Michelle Sloan

The first in a series for early readers – if there's a wild animal in trouble, the Animal Adventure Club are here to help!

When a baby deer gets trapped, Isla, Buzz and Gracie are the first to the rescue. Can they save the little creature – even with new girl Lexi getting in their way? An illustrated series about friendship, diversity and animals, with an environmental message.



Isla noticed Lexi was wearing a denim jacket and thin sparkly trainers. The other club members were wearing waterproof jackets and sturdy walking boots. It was meant to rain later. Lexi's going to get wet feet, she thought.

"There's a spare anorak hanging over there, Lexi," said Lisa. "It might be a bit big, but it'll do. And there are a lot of muddy paths on the reserve. I don't have

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any waterproof boots you can borrow, but we'll get you a pair for next time."

Buzz and Gracie were looking annoyed, so Isla decided to try to make Lexi feel welcome. You're just in time, Lexi," she said. "We're heading off to check on the fawn."

"The what?" mumbled Lexi, her mouth full of pink gunge.

"The baby deer, remember?" said Gracie.
"The cute, cuddly Bambi?"

"Oh yeah!" said Lexi, grabbing the anorak. "I forgot about that too!"

Isla spotted Gracie rolling her eyes behind Lexi's back.

"Let me know how you get on tracking it," said Lisa. "There was no sign of it when I was up there earlier. From your description, I would say it was a roe deer

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RIGHTS SOLD: Bulgarian, Czech





Michelle Sloan lives with her family in Broughty Ferry, UK. She trained as a primary school teacher and has also studied drama and arts journalism.



Size: 198 x 130 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 112 Illustrations: 15 Printing: b/w

RIGHTS SOLD: Bulgarian



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# Animal Adventure Club: The Baby Otter Rescue

#### Michelle Sloan

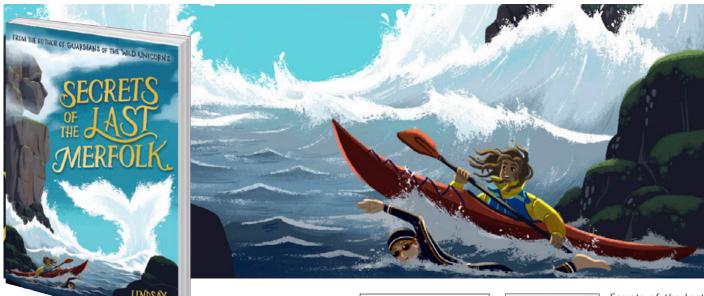
This heart-warming adventure story about friendship and nature, starring two adorable baby otters, is perfect for animal-loving children who enjoy *The Critter's Club* and *Magic Animal Rescue* books. The accessible and engaging story includes fun fact files about otters and their conservation. Second in series.

## Animal Adventure Club: The Baby Red Squirrel Rescue

#### Michelle Sloan

If there's a wild animal in trouble, the Animal Adventure Club is here to help!

When Isla, Buzz, Gracie and Lexi find three lost baby squirrels, they must conquer their worry and work together to rescue them. Third in the series for young animal lovers.



### Secrets of the Last Merfolk

#### **Lindsay Littleson**

When Finn and Sage realise that local legends of merfolk are true, they become caught up in a dangerous battle as the magical sea-people seek help to protect their secret existence. A page-turning middle-grade adventure that is full of character from the author of the popular *Guardians of the Wild Unicorns*.

Size: 198 x 130 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 208

Middle-grade magical adventure



Secrets of the Last Merfolk is Lindsay Littlesons's eagerly awaited sixth novel. Her debut novel, The Mlxed-up Summer of Lily McLean won the Kelpies Prize and Guardians of the Wild Unicorns was nominated for the Carnegie Medal in 2020. Lindsay lives near Glasgow, Scotland

# **Prologue**

The rocky islet was silvered by moonlight and the sea glimmered, deceptively calm. All the others were asleep. Even Mol, their leader, was snoring, his sleeping face still stern.

As Muir drew closer her courage began to skitter away, a fish fleeing a shark.

Behind her, Traigh whispered, his voice a hiss in the darkness. "Keep going."

Muir's brother had been reluctant at first to get involved in her plan, but she persuaded him, and so here they were, drawing ever closer to the highest rock, staring at a small, tide-carved cleft near the base, trying to summon the courage to steal from Mol.

This natural shelf held their leader's only possessions: a thousand-year-old shell box and an ancient flint arrowhead. But Mol rarely looked at his treasures, and that fact comforted Muir a little. They should be able to return the box before he noticed its absence.

As her fingers curled around it, Mol stirred and murmured in his sleep. She froze.

"Grab it. Quick." There was a hint of glee in Traigh's voice, as if stealing from Mol pleased him, however dire the consequences of being caught. And Muir could see why, she really could, because she felt the same. Every new moon a council meeting was held on the high rock, and every time she and Traigh were excluded. The elders said they were too young. Well, it was time for change. And while making that change was terrifying, it was also exciting.

As she clutched the shell box her fingers tingled, like a jellyfish sting without the pain.

"Got it."

Traigh stared at the box, his eyes round as moons, as if he couldn't quite believe she had gone through with it. He pointed across the expanse of dark water, to where lights twinkled on the far shore. "What if nobody answers our message? We will have risked everything for nothing."

Muir spoke as firmly as she could. "We have got to do something. You know that better than anyone. You have seen Her."

"You are right." Her brother gave a deep, sad sigh. "Let us go now. We need to be back before the others wake."

Silently, they slid off the rocks and into the sea. As they dived underwater, their long tails flicked.

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# Guardians of the Wild Unicorns

#### **Lindsay Littleson**

Best friends Lewis and Rhona are caught up in a dangerous adventure to save the world's last herd of wild unicorns. An exciting middle-grade novel about belonging and survival, with a strong environmental message. 'This tale starts off on a good foot, and only gets better as it unfolds... Readers who enjoy fantasy will definitely want to check this book out.'

#### - The Good Men Project (US)

'It is a wonderful book to read. It deals with some issues affecting many children in schools, it promotes the need to protect natural wildlife from poachers and it ends with a clear message to ask questions and be open with your friends so they can be there for you. I highly recommend this book'.

- My Shelves are Full

Size: 198 x 130 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 192 Printing: b/w

> Nominated for the Carnegie Medal

'Lewis and Rhona's heroic story is suffused with genuinely funny moments... this adventure thriller for middle grade readers mixes mythology and suspense in a contemporary page-turner.'

#### - BookTrust

'Young readers are bound to fall for Guardians of the Wild Unicorns, an adventure tale that melds the real and the fantastic with warmth and humour.'

- The Herald (Scotland)

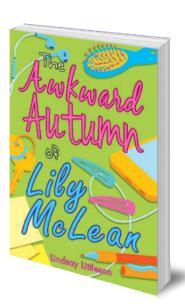


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# The Mixed-up Summer of Lily McLean

#### **Lindsay Littleson**

Laugh-out-loud summer adventure perfect for fans of Jacqueline Wilson. Winner of the Kelpies Prize 2014.

While on holiday without her crazy, mixed-up family, Lily develops psychic powers.

# The Awkward Autumn of Lily McLean

#### **Lindsay Littleson**

Packed with real-life pre-teen drama (friendships gone wrong, embarrassing families and nasty rumours), this engaging novel is full of laughs and a spooky surprise.



'Our favourite read of the year, so far – a fast-paced, magical adventure that takes readers to iconic settings in the company of characters who are memorable, endearing, and so much fun!'

- Roaring Reads

'A fascinating tale that will have you racing through the fast-paced action and laughing along.'

- Sarah Broadley, My Book Corner



# The Spellbinding Secret of Avery Buckle

#### **Hannah Foley**

A warm and quirky middle-grade novel, full of magical heart. On a quest to uncover her forgotten past, Avery Buckle (part-girl, part-cat) is plunged into a haphazard world of shadowy monsters, bewitched libraries and flying bicycles.

For fans of Harry Potter and The Wizards of Once.

The Girl Who Lost Her Shadow

A lyrical, immersive and luminous tale of sisterhood for

middle-grade readers, The Girl Who Lost Her Shadow tells

of bravery, the effect of mental-health issues and being

Emily Ilett, winner of the 2017 Kelpies Prize, is an arresting, vital new voice in children's literature.

strong enough to ask for help when we really need it.

Size: 198 x 130 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 208

RIGHTS SOLD: Audio



Hannah Foley is a writer and freelance illustrator living in Devon, England. She won the Kelpies Prize in 2018 for her debut novel, *The Spellbinding Secret of Avery Buckle*.





**Emily Ilett** 

Lyrical, moving middlegrade

'A lyrical, heart-warming adventure.'

Joan Lennon

'Combining fantasy and realism, this is a beautifully written, gripping tale full of danger, loss, hope, friendship and the strength of sisterhood.'

- Children's Books Ireland

Beguiling... Like taking a swim in the Atlantic, you'll find depth, darkness – and plenty of sparkle.'

- Roaring Reads

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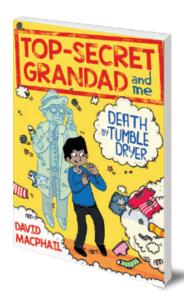
Pages: 224

Longlisted for the Branford Boase Award



Emily Ilett studied at Glasgow School of Art and the University of Glasgow and now works at the Glasgow Women's Library. She was awarded the Mairi Hedderwick Writing for Children Bursary from Moniack Mhor in 2015, and was Children's Writer in Residence at Wigtown Book Festival the same year. *The Girl Who Lost Her Shadow*, her first novel, won the Kelpies Prize in 2017.





I made a noise, which was a kind of halfgroan, half-wail. I blinked my eyes open and shut, slapped myself on the cheeks, then stared at him again. He did look a bit like my grandad. And he certainly sounded like him. But it wasn't possible.

"Grandad's dead. He died years ago!"

He was wearing a thin, tweedy jacket and a brownish tie. Perched on top of his head was a silly sort of hat that he always wore, the kind of thing you see in black-and-white films.

"Well, I am back now, am I not? Thanks to you." He wagged his finger in the direction of the dark glasses.

"Wait, what? Because I tried on your smelly old shades?"

He leaned closer. Now I could see that he was bathed in a sort of greenish glow. More worryingly, I could see the dresser through his face. He was actually transparent.

"Those are very special glasses, boy. Do not call them smelly."

He patted his jacket pocket. "Ach! I feel naked without them. Would you believe it? The one time I leave the house without my shades is the time I pop my clogs."

### Top-Secret Grandad and Me: Death by Tumble Dryer

David MacPhail & Laura Aviñó

With a little help from his ghost Grandad, amateur detective Jay Patel must solve the case of the vanishing body in the school library in the first book of a new laugh-out-loud, weird-and-wacky mystery series.

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Pages: 176 Printing: b/w

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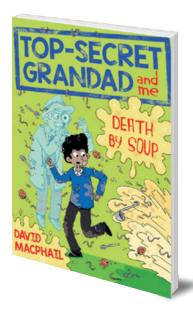
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'The story whizzes along and is guaranteed to be a page-turner.'

- Armadillo

'Fast-moving and funny, despite the very villainous villians. A very, very enjoyable book'.

- Carousel



Shand led us into a big hall lined with antiques, high windows and dark panelled wood walls decorated with glassy-eyed mounted stags' heads. Velvet-covered sofas and chairs were clustered around, and there was a smell of burning logs from a great fireplace. A wide staircase led up to the first floor. Grandad suddenly drew up close to me. He was eyeing a suit of armour standing stiffly at the other side of the hall.

"Hey, I do not like that guy there," he said in a nervous voice.

"It's only a suit of armour."

"There is still a dead guy in it. Look..." Grandad blinked his eyes, which was always a bad sign. It meant that I could now see everything he could see. Not very nice things. Specifically, all the ghosts! A face was staring out at me from the helmet visor. I say a face, it was more like a gruesome, rotting skull with eyes. And when I say eyes I mean eye, because only one of them was remotely where it should be, in a socket. The other was dangling out.

"You! YOU!" the spectre growled. "You arrant knave, cometh here while I smite you!" The ghost's dangly eyeball swung precariously as he spoke.

"Huh!" said Grandad. "Fat chance of you smiting anyone in your condition."

# Top-Secret Grandad and Me: Death by Soup

David MacPhail & Laura Aviñó

Can wannabe detective Jay Patel and his top-secret sidekick (his ghost grandad!) solve the hilarious and wacky murders taking place at a fancy country house hotel? Laugh-out-loud mystery series from the author of *Thorfinn the Nicest Viking*.

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Laura Aviñó is an illustrator who lives in Barcelona, Spain.



David MacPhail is the best-selling author of *Thorfinn the Nicest Viking*.





# Slugboy Saves the World Mark A. Smith

In this laugh-out-loud debut children's novel, an eleven-year-old boy develops superpowers after eating a radioactive garden slug and becomes the world's worst superhero.

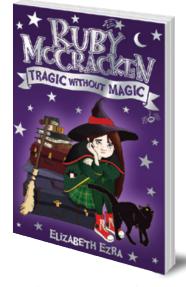
Winner of the Kelpies Prize.

Size: 198 x 130 mm Binding: Paperback

Pages: 192 Illustrations: b/w



Mark A. Smith works as a primary school teacher. *Slugboy Saves the World* is his first novel. He lives in Dundee, Scotland.



## Ruby McCracken: Tragic Without Magic

Elizabeth Ezra

When young witch Ruby McCracken's parents lose their jobs, they are forced to start a new life in the Ordinary World – without magic! A fun middle grade school story about a girl trying to fit in and find her identity.

"Ruby, if you don't get up this second I'm throwing your eggs in the bin!"

I opened my eyes. Nope; still not a morning person.

I hadn't slept very well for thinking about today. We had been in the Ord World for a few days, but this was my first day at my new school. I was dreading how different Ord school was going to be.

I picked at my breakfast, if you can call it that – they eat eggs from chickens here, blecch! – and pulled on my uncomfortable new school clothes. The uniform looked like something Vronksy would have dragged in back when he was a cat. Firstly, it's green and

gold – whatever happened to good old black?

The oddest thing about the uniform, though, is that there's no hat. I couldn't believe it when I found out.

No hat? What's that about?

As I wrestled with my tie, Vronksy looked at me sadly from the bed. I sank down next to him. "Sorry, Vronsk, familiars aren't allowed in Ord school."

He whined and nudged my hand. "I know, but wish me luck." He flicked his tail as I took one last look at myself in the mirror and sighed. "I think I'm going to need it."

Size: 198 x 130 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 208 Printing: b/w



Elizabeth Ezra is the winner of the Kelpies Prize 2016. She was born in California and now lives with her family in Edinburgh.



'A superbly crafted and original fantasy action/adventure novel.'

#### - Midwest Book Review

'Packed full of good and dark magic, sacrifice and treachery, friendship and loyalty, this exciting page-turner will have readers gripped from the start.'

BookTrust

### Spellchasers (series)

The Beginner's Guide to Curses; The Shapeshifter's Guide to Running Away; The Witch's Guide to Magical Combat

#### Lari Don

Enter a world of brilliant magic, dark danger and extraordinary friendship in this action-packed fantasy trilogy. Molly and her shapeshifting, magical friends are cursed. Size: 198 x 130 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 272 (Bk1), 264 (Bk2), TBC (Bk3) Printing: b/w



Lari Don is a prolific and award-winning author for children of all ages. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.









### Fabled Beast Chronicles (series)

First Aid for Fairies and Other Fabled Beasts; Wolf Notes and Other Musical Mishaps; Storm Singing and Other Tangled Tasks, Maze Running and Other Magical Missions

#### Lari Don

Award-winning four-book fantasy adventure series. Helen and her fabled beast friends (a centaur, a dragon, a fairy and a phoenix) must battle evil Fairy Queens and terrible minotaurs. Full of adventure, thrills and friendship.

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Artie Conan Doyle Mysteries (series)
The Gravediggers' Club;
The Vanishing Dragon;
The Scarlet Phantom;
Robert J. Harris

One day Arthur Conan Doyle will create the greatest detective of all – Sherlock Holmes. But right now Artie Conan Doyle is a twelve-year-old Edinburgh schoolboy with a mystery of his own to solve.

An ingenious detective series full of twists, turns and shocking reveals. This exciting series will appeal to all amateur sleuths.

Size: 198 x 130 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 192 Printing: b/w

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Book 1: Russian, Czech Book 2: Russian



Robert J. Harris is the author of many children's books including *The World's Gone Loki* trilogy. He lives in St Andrews, Scotland.

Praise for The Artie Conan Doyle Mysteries:

'I LOVED IT!'

- Sharleen Creasey, Seven Stories Bookshop

'A hugely enjoyable crime mystery which this huge Holmes fan absolutely loved.'

- Lara Mieduniecki, Blackwell's Bookshop

'An entertaining story'.

- The Sherlock Holmes Journal



# The World Has Gone Loki (trilogy) The Day the World Went Loki; Thor is Locked in my Garage; and Odin Blew up my TV! Robert J. Harris

What would you do if a Norse god appeared in your house? Two brothers must deal with a magical mishap when Loki, Thor and Odin take over their town. This laugh-a-minute, fast-paced adventure is full of brilliant crazieness.

Size: 198 x 130 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 192 (Bk1), 192 (Bk2), 224 (Bk3)



Robert J. Harris is the author of many children's books, including Artie Conan Doyle and the Gravediggers' Club, also published by Floris Books. He lives in St Andrews, Scotland.



# The Time Traveller books The Accidental Time Traveller; The Unlikely Time Traveller Janis Mackay

Fun-filled trilogy about a boy who learns to time travel to the past and future.

Full of funny misunderstandings, this pacy, time-travelling adventure will have you gripped from start to finish. Size: 198 x 130 cm Binding: Paperback Pages: 208 (Bk1) 240 (Bk2), 240 (Bk3)

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Janis Mackay is an award-winning middle-grade author and selkie expert. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.



### Farewell Tour of a Terminal Optimist

#### John Young

Terminally ill Connor Lambert sets off on a crazy road trip. A fresh and bold debut novel full of heart, guts and raw emotion. Combining the authenticity of John Green with the energy of Irvine Welsh, this debut will have teens hooked.

Winner of the Scottish Teenage Book Prize 2019

Longlisted for the Branford **Boase Award** 

'This book draws the reader in with the ups and downs of both boys' lives recommended!

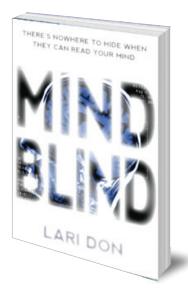
- School Library Connection
- 'Sweet [...] incredibly funny, and tremendously exciting.'
- The Bookwitch
- 'A bold and brilliant debut.'
- Keith Gray, author of Ostrich Boys and Creepers

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Printing: b/w



John Young is originally from Belfast and now lives in Edinburgh. A former lawyer, he was a Scottish Book Trust New Writer Award winner.



### Mind Blind

#### Lari Don

Tense teen thriller with a supernatural twist. Ciaran Bane belongs to a family of mindreading criminals. Can he discover the secret that will free him from his controlling family before someone else dies?



I was shaking with fear, though it wasn't my own fear. I hadn't been scared when I slid past the police surveillance outside the girl's heuse, nor when I broke in. But as I slipped deeper into the memory of her fear, I wasted to either.

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Why had Vivien felt so scared in her own house? If I could understand that, maybe I could find what I was searching for.

I shut the door of the understains cupboard and knelt down inside, sepasable between rows of green wellies and pilles of board games.

In the dark, I slipped further into Vivien's memory.

I felt the same bumpy flootboards under my knees that she'd felt. I was kneeling in exactly the same place. She had definitely been hiding here, in this cupboard, when she got grit on her fingertips.

Why had she been hiding inside her own house? Probably because she didn't want to be caught

Probably because she didn't want to be caught with her hand in the urn. She didn't want to be se aging in her nana's ashes. I must be on the right

I'd broken into her family's house hoping to find the

place she'd been thinking about when we fought in the van, hoping to find what she had hidden.

Vivien had put the light on, so I reached up and pressed the switch. Then I sook my gloves off, because what she'd felt on her fingertips might be the key to what I was searching for. I could put my gloves on again if I had to touch anything that would hold a print.

I knew there would now be a line of Isght shining under the cupboard door, but I was sure no one was around to see it. I couldn't tell exactly how many people were in the Shaw house, because sleeping minds are too

were in the Shaw house, because sleeping minds are too blurry for me to count, but there had been no one awake when I broke in. Now I had to risk bringing my whole concentration inwards to Vivien's memories, and hope no one would wake up while I did.

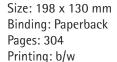
no one would wake up while I did.

I closed my eyes.
The memory I had from Vivien's mind was so short.
She hadn't remembered opening the box, opening the unr or even putting anything inside. All I had was:
Git on her fingers and the contrast to the smooth light object those fingers had held a moment before. The git pressing on her fingeritips as she twisted the lid back on. Holding the unr with one hand and the box with the other. The weight of the box on her thighs when she put the unr inside. Learning back against the door to give herself room to bend the box lid over. I shent back too.

She felt guilty, but she was also excited. This memory was full of secrets and hiding. And fear. What was she afraid of?

Then she closed the box.

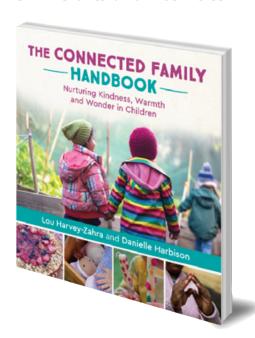
Where did she put it? Tidying up isn't as exciting as hiding a secret, so she hadn't thought about that when we were screaming at each other.



RIGHTS SOLD; German



Lari Don is a prolific and award-winning author for children of all ages. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.



'I love Lou Harvey-Zahra's advice, which is fun but practical, and rooted in love.

- Saffia Farr, JUNO Magazine

'It is so helpful to read Lou's insightful advice, practical and heart-warming ideas...'

- Kindling, The Journal for Steiner-Waldorf Early Childhood Care and Education

'I recommend Lou's books for every parent's bookshelf.'

- John Allison (educational and parenting consultant)

### The Connected Family Handbook Lou Harvey-Zahra & Danielle Harbison

- Offers practical parenting advice to bring the family closer together.
- Easy-to-follow activities to build family routines and
- Contains recipes, ideas for games, stories and verses.
- Features over 300 beautiful photographs to instruct and inspire parents and caregivers.
- From an expert team: parenting coach Lou Harvey-Zahra and parenting blogger Danielle Harbison

Size: 210 x 192 mm Binding: Paperback Pages: 224

Printing: full colour

**Practical** parenting inspiration



Lou Harvey-Zahra is an experienced parenting coach and respected author of holistic parenting books. She runs parenting workshops and courses, and presents to parents and teachers across the globe. She lives in Melbourne, Australia.



Danielle Harbison is an experienced teacher. homeschool mum and successful parenting blogger. She has a deep love of crafts, nature and photography. Danielle is the mother of four young children and lives in Sydney,



#### CONNECTION ACTIVITY **Home rhythms**

riding predictable daily rhythms for children helps them to know what to expect during their day, allowing them to feel safe, secure and 'at home'. You can create family rhythms by repeating the same games, songs or verses alongside everyday activities, such as morning greetings, at mealtimes, rest times and bedtime. These little family rituals or routines create feelings of trust and connection for children and make ordinary family moments feel extraordinary. Here are some ideas for daily family rhythms, but you may find that you have a few of your own already.

- You could say good morning with butterfly kisses - fluttering your eyelashes on soft cheeks, or nose kisses - rubbing the tips of
- O Perhaps have a big cuddle and 'Fill your love tank' (see page xx).
- O It's important to relax before rest time. Why not read together inside a cubby or den (see page xx). Family meals are times to connect. Try lighting
- a candle or playing dinner-time chatting or thank-you games (see page xx).
- Bedtime touch games and Iuliabies end the day in a warm and loving way.

Weekly and yearly home rhythms might include:

- Sunday pancakes
- Friday pizzaSaturday lemonade
- Birthday ceremonies

Every family will find their own daily, weekly and their unique family 'home'.

#### NATURE INSPIRATION Seasonal tables

Setting up a seasonal table in your home gives you an opportunity to create a seasonal family rhythm and regularly bring the wonder of nature inside for children. It is the perfect place to keep the found treasures your children collect on their

#### You will need

- Somewhere to put the seasonal table: a small table, shelf, or the
- centre or edge of the dinner table Cloth to lay over the table in a colour to suit the season
- Seasonal card or picture
   Vase for flowers or branches
- Seasonal treasures found in
- Any craft creations and special items to suit each season

#### Winter

Choose a cloth in cool blue or whites to repres the cold of winter, or dark blue for the night sky. Create small paper frost crystals or snowflakes and gold stars to hang from the bare branches in a vase. Add a little lantern to the table (see page  $\infty$ ), or a homemade candle, decorated with stars (see page xx.). Crystals and gnomes represent natur underground until spring.







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