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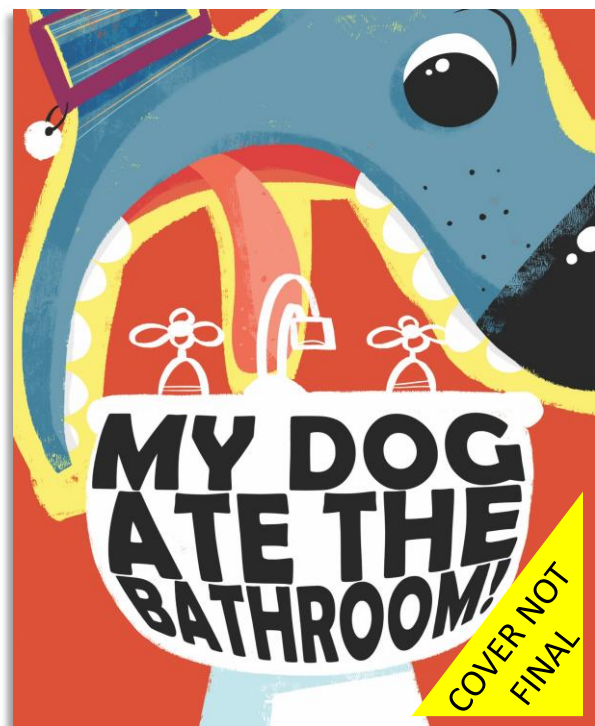
NEW TITLES 2025



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MY DOG ATE THE BATHROOM

By Justin Christopher & Raymond McGrath



A laugh-out-loud story about chaos, consequences, and unconditional love!

When Ella's dog, Mr Nut, starts eating everything in sight—Dad's slippers, the TV remote, even the bathroom—things quickly spiral out of control. As Mr Nut grows bigger with each bite, the family faces a hilarious disaster, losing their garage, house, and even their car! But when the mischievous pup finally eats too much, an unexpected (and messy) surprise awaits.

Key Selling Points

- Justin Christopher has written a silly and unpredictable story that takes destruction to a whole new level
- Engaging, exaggerated humour that kids will adore
- Lively illustrations by Raymond McGrath bring the chaos and comedy to life



More from Justin Christopher

Nanas with No Manners

More from Raymond McGrath

Big Little Blue series

Spotty the Zebra

The Little Ghost Who Lost Her Boo!

The Little Witch Who Lost Her Broom!

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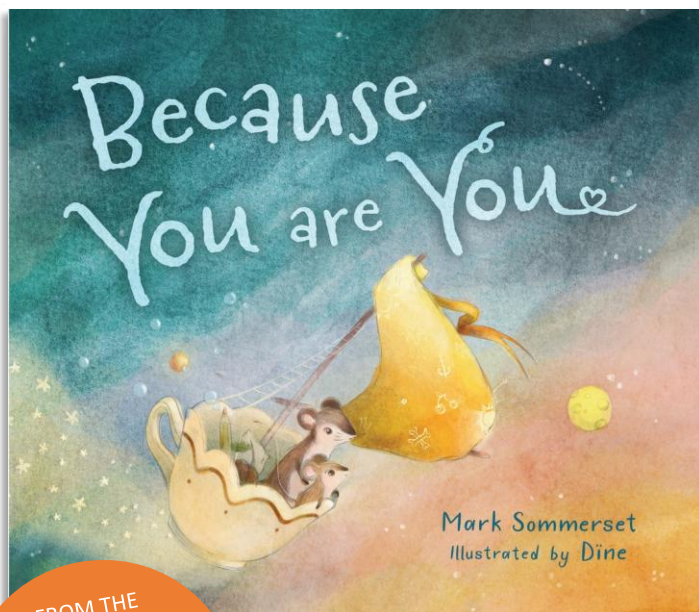
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Justin Christopher is an author, writer, TV producer and MC. His books encourage themes of friendship, family, and bad jokes. Justin lives in Auckland with his family, including Cooper the dog.

Raymond McGrath is an award-winning animation director, illustrator, designer and writer. As well as illustrating books for other authors, such as the award-winning *The Little Ghost Who Lost Her Boo!*, he has written and illustrated several books himself. Raymond lives in rural Auckland with his wife and four children, some cats and a Labrador.

BECAUSE YOU ARE YOU

By Mark Sommerset & Dine



FROM THE
INTERNATIONALLY
ACCLAIMED
AUTHOR OF
BAA BAA SMART
SHEEP and TWO
LITTLE BUGS

A heartwarming tale about creativity, self-worth, and unconditional love

In a cosy hay-bale house, a little brown mouse dreams of a future full of wonder and possibility. As Littlemouse's imagination takes flight—from painting masterpieces and baking grand cakes to sailing the high seas and pondering life's deepest thoughts—Mamamouse joins in with boundless encouragement. But when doubt creeps in and Littlemouse wonders, *What if I'm just me?*, Mamamouse's love remains unwavering.

Key Selling Points

- *Because You are You* is popular children's author Mark Sommerset's first collaboration with Scholastic New Zealand
- This tender story of joyful imagination supports children to dream, create and explore their own possibilities
- Illustrator Dine's warm and whimsical artwork enhances the story's charm with beautiful watercolour style
- Gentle rhymes make for a soothing, lyrical read-aloud experience
- Sommerset's *Baa Baa Smart Sheep* won the NZ Children's Choice Award and has been published in 13 languages



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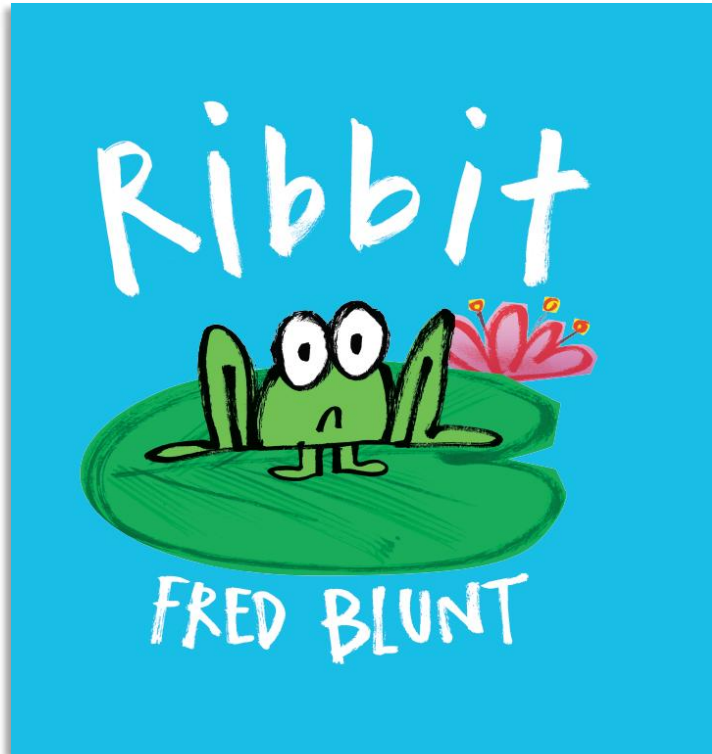
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Mark Sommerset is the author of a diverse range of best-selling and much-loved picture books, including the iconic *Baa Baa Smart Sheep*, which has been published in 13 languages across 16 countries, picking up a number of literary and design awards along the way. Mark lives in Wānaka in the South Island of New Zealand. This is his first book with Scholastic. **'Dine the Fox'** is the artistic pseudonym of Amandine Riera, a French illustrator, tattoo artist and mother, based these days in New Zealand's South Island. Her work is deeply inspired by nature, legends, and whimsical tales, reflecting her passion for the natural world and storytelling.

Ribbit

By Fred Blunt



*It was a beautiful froggy day.
The sun was shining and Frog was
sitting on his favourite log enjoying the
peace and quiet...*

Key Selling Points

- A hilariously funny story of a frog who enjoys peace and quiet, and a rabbit who loves chatting and socialising
- A wonderful read-aloud that will surely elicit laughter from readers
- Stylistically bold illustrations
- Explores themes of seeking solitude, connecting with others and extending an invitation of friendship



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Humour has always been at the top of **Fred Blunt's** list when it comes to drawing. Right from those early (rather unflattering) portraits of teachers, Fred knew he wanted to entertain with his work. Now writing and illustrating his own, very silly picture books – Fred couldn't be happier. He has illustrated dozens of books, as well as writing his own and also works in animation as a character designer. Fred lives in West Wales, with his wife, two children and their retired Greyhound, Olive. This is Fred's first book with Scholastic Australia.

KEITH AND THE KITTEN (KEITH vs QUEENIE, BOOK #1)

By Elaine Bickell & Minky Stapleton

Introducing pet rivals, Keith and Queenie, in a brand-new, hilarious series

by Elaine Bickell and Minky Stapleton.

Keith is a tiny Chihuahua with a big attitude—he rules his house and his mama’s heart. But his world is turned upside down when his Mama brings home Queenie, a fluffy kitten who steals all the attention. Determined to stay on top, Keith causes mischief, framing Queenie for his naughty deeds and making her life miserable. But when his antics backfire and he loses his cosy spot in bed, Keith learns that perhaps sharing might not be so bad after all.

Key Selling Points

- A hilarious take on sibling rivalry, perfect for children who are adjusting to a new family member
- Brilliantly illustrated by Minky Stapleton, readers will adore Keith the grumpy Chihuahua and Queenie the ‘sweet’ kitten, who are full of personality and charm, but ever so slightly naughty
- Perfect for fans of *Pig the Pug*

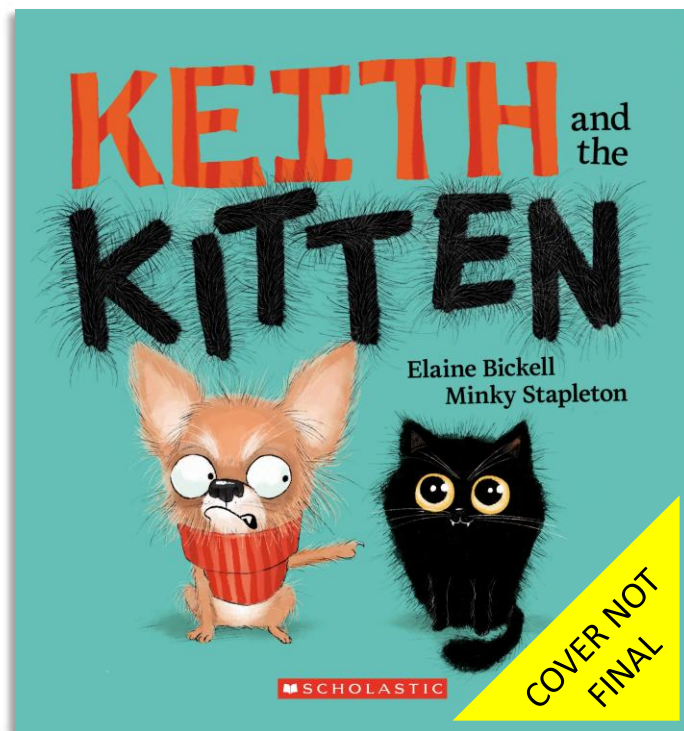


More from Elaine Bickell

The Little Witch Who Lost Her Broom!
The Little Ghost Who Lost Her Boo!

More from Minky Stapleton

Roo and Vladimir, an unlikely friendship
Bubbles the Zooting, Tooting Manatee
My Family Tree, My Whānau and Me



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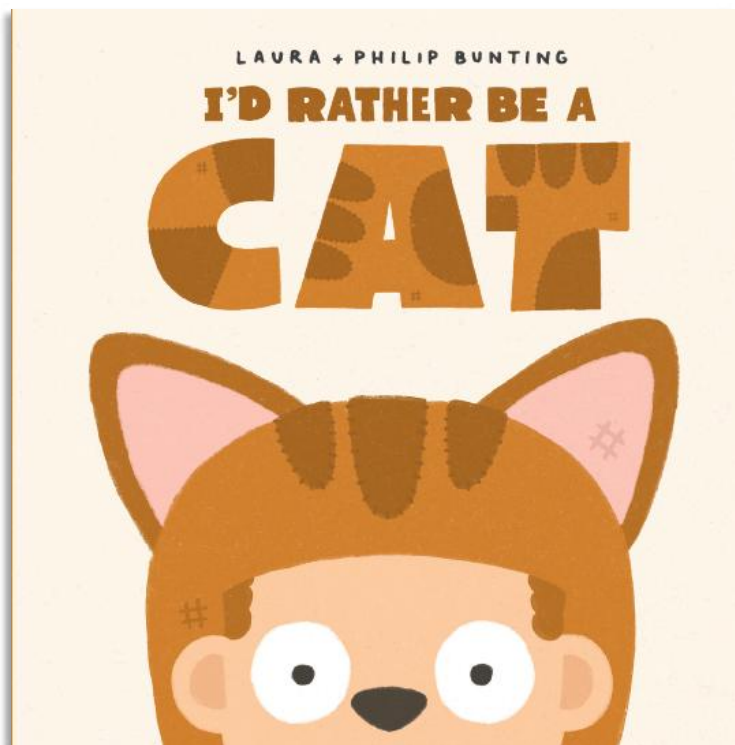
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Elaine Bickell was born and raised in the UK. Her love of books led to her studying English Literature at Bristol University. Her first book with Scholastic, *The Little Ghost Who Lost Her Boo!* went on to become a *New York Times* bestseller when rights were acquired in the US. Elaine lives in Wellington with her partner and three children.

Minky Stapleton is a multi-faceted illustrator with a range of styles, all with a playful dash of humour. After many years of corporate life as a Creative Director in Johannesburg, South Africa, she now follows her first love, illustration, and resides in Auckland, New Zealand.

I'd Rather Be a Cat

By Laura & Philip Bunting



*Kid-life is the worst!
Chores. Boring!
Showers. Why?
Sunscreen. Argh!
Life would be so much better as a
carefree cat . . .
Wouldn't it?*



Key Selling Points

- From the quirky and celebrated author/illustrator duo of *Another Book About Bears* comes this new picture book series about the grass not necessarily being greener on the other side.
- This kid is sick of being a kid. Bedtime, showers, nit combs – being a kid is the WORST. He'd rather be a . . . cat! But he soon finds out being a kid had its upsides.
- Award-winning artist, Philip Bunting.
- For fans of *Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*.

More from Philip and Laura Bunting

Another Book about the Easter Bunny
Wild Life: A Little Bit Lost
The Wild Life: A Line in the Sand
The Wild Life: A Berry Long Walk
Another book about Santa

Another Book about Bears
Kookaburras Love to Laugh
Koala's Eat Gum Leaves

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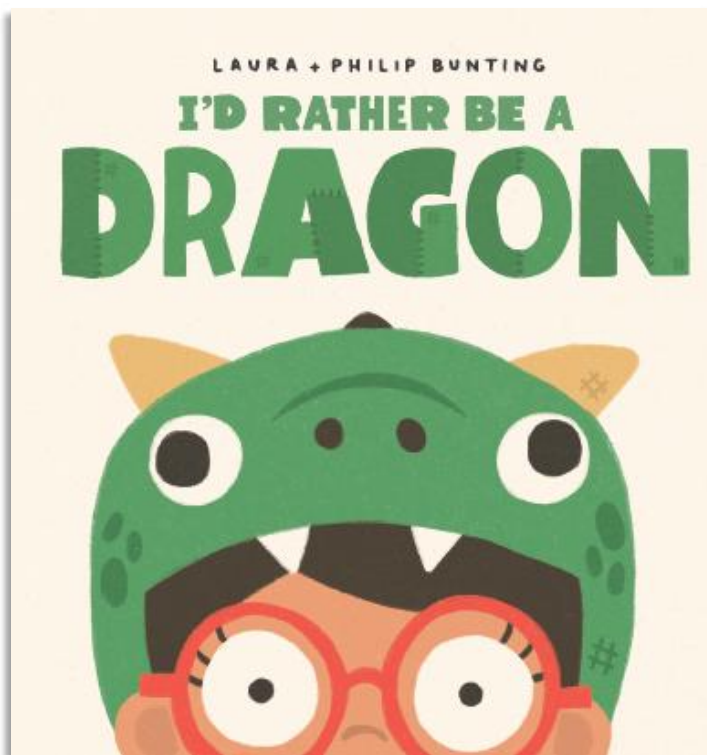
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Philip Bunting's books have been published in over 35 countries around the world, in almost as many languages. Philip's work has received many accolades, including multiple Honours from the Children's Book Council of Australia, making the list for the Kate Greenaway Medal and taking home the State Library of NSW Russell Prize for Humour Writing. **Laura Bunting** (nee Venuto) is a features writer and sub editor by trade, having spent over 10 years in print and digital magazine publishing, under titles such as *SBS Feast*, *Mindfood*, *Time Out*, *Notebook/HomeLife*, and many more.

I'd Rather Be a Dragon

By Laura & Philip Bunting



*Being small is the worst!
Roller coaster? Too short!
Fairy floss? Too messy!
Run wild? Stay close!
Life would be so much better as a
mighty dragon . . .
Wouldn't it?*



Key Selling Points

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- This kid is sick of being a little kid. *Too small for the slide. Don't run away. You can't have that.* Being a kid is the WORST. She'd rather be a . . . dragon! But she soon finds out being a kid had its upsides.
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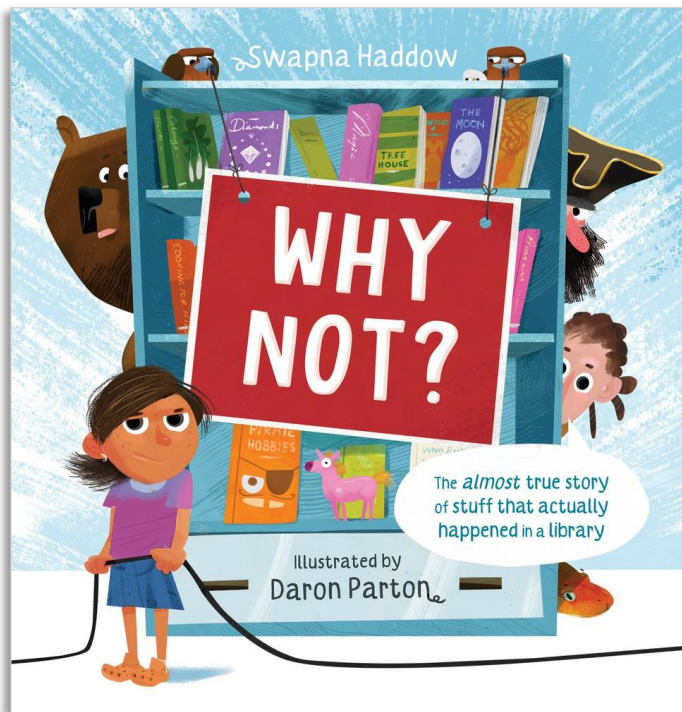
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WHY NOT? the *almost* true story of stuff that actually happened in a library

By Swapna Haddow and Daron Parton

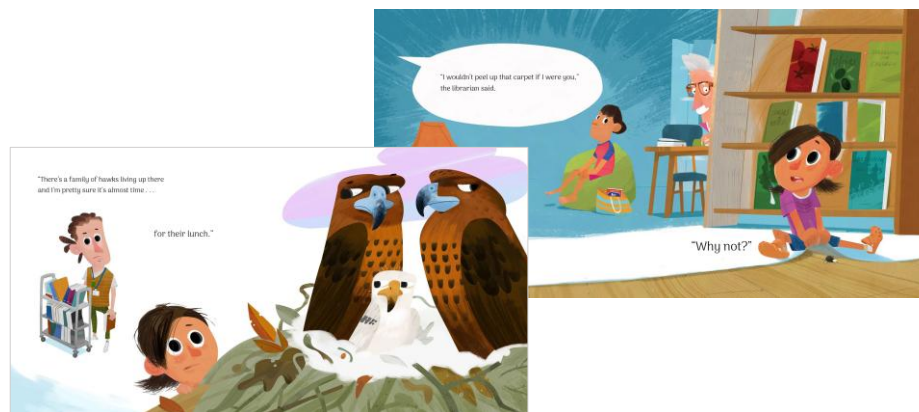


"Well, you probably won't believe me if I say it's a snake – a huge, child-swallowing anaconda," said the librarian.

A child visits the library with her mum, who tells them to find a book and behave. Almost immediately, the librarian warns her against climbing shelves, peeling back carpet, or taking a certain book. Each time, she asks, "Why not?", leading to increasingly outrageous stories.

Key Selling Points

- Kids love tall stories, and this one will not disappoint
- Daron Parton's bold and energetic artwork brings the chaos and humour to life, making every page a visual treat



More from Swapna Haddow and Daron Parton

But Then . . . The *almost* true story of an overdue book



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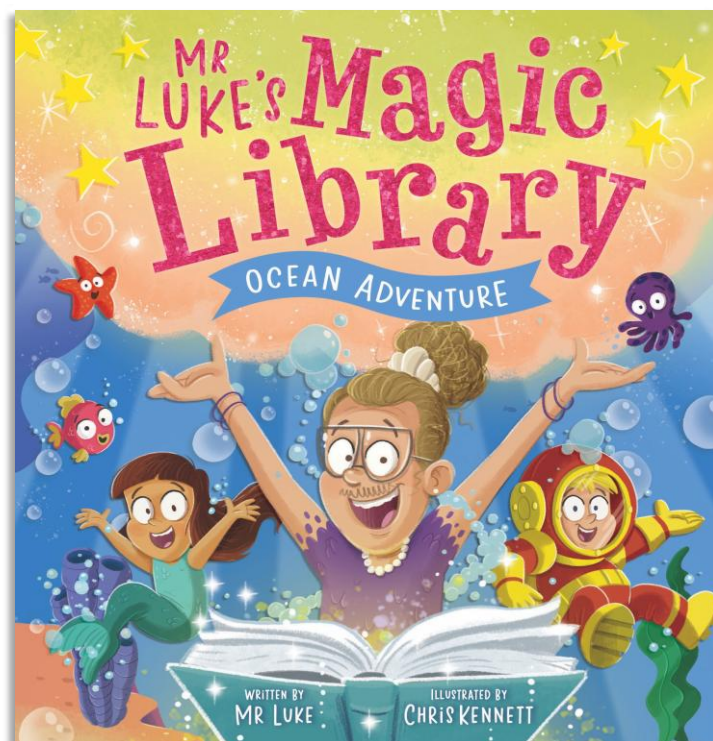
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Swapna Haddow grew up in the UK and wrote her first book at age eight. She wishes she'd kept it, but it seemed like a good idea at the time to trade it for two stickers and a couple of marbles! Her first published book was the award-winning junior novel *Dave Pigeon*. Swapna now lives in Dunedin, New Zealand, with her husband, son and their dog.

Daron Parton is an award-winning illustrator who was born in the UK, married a Kiwi and emigrated to New Zealand in 1995. He has worked as an illustrator for over 30 years. He has two sons and lives in Hamilton, in the North Island of New Zealand.

MR LUKE'S MAGIC LIBRARY SERIES

By Mr Luke & Chris Kennett



There's a special place, hidden within the school. It's a magical place where the books inside can take readers on journeys beyond their wildest dreams.

Welcome to Mr Luke's Magic Library . . .

Mr Luke's class have opened a magic book and found themselves under the sea!

They delight in exploring the underwater treasures, but when a sad mermaid approaches them, they know they want to help.

Can Mr Luke's class help the mermaid find her magical pearls?

Written by internationally renowned teacher sensation, Mr Luke.

Key Selling Points

- New picture book series by internet teacher sensation, Mr Luke
- Mr Luke has over a million TikTok followers as he hilariously recounts funny things his 'tiny humans' in his class say
- A book about imagination and the joy of reading
- First book in a new series about a magic library that takes a teacher and his class on magical adventures
- Themes: oceans, problem solving, imagination, working together

More from Mr Luke & Chris Kennett

Guess What We Are Doing Today?



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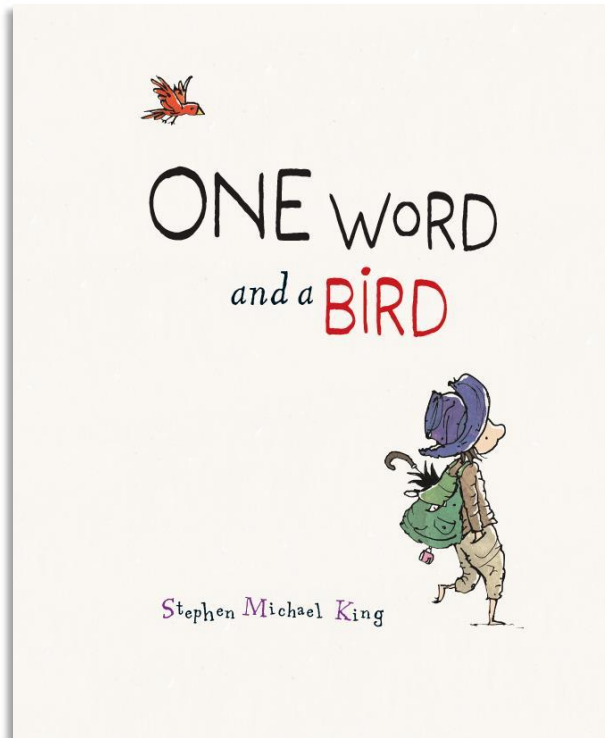
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Luke Springer is known online as Mr Luke. He's a teacher in Adelaide who teaches children in their first year of school. He has over 1 million TikTok followers and 200,000 Instagram followers. He makes funny videos about teaching 'tiny humans' and shares the funny things his students say and do.

Chris Kennett has been drawing ever since he could hold a pencil (or so his mum says). But professionally, he's been creating quirky characters for just over 20 years. Working his way from animation through to children's books, Chris has managed to work on some truly "out of this world" projects including the beloved Star Wars series of Little Golden Books. His most recent projects include the hugely popular first reader series *School of Monsters* with Sally Rippin, the *Nerd Herd* series with Nathan Luff and *Brunocorn* with Rory H Mather.

ONE WORD AND A BIRD

By Stephen Michael King



From out of the sky,

like a clear idea,

flew a bird.

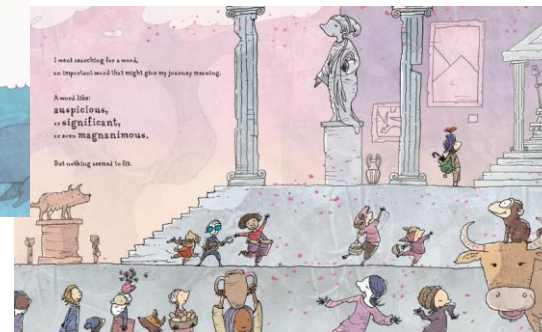
She landed on my nose . . .

Key Selling Points

- A beautiful and profound new picture book from award-winning master storyteller, Stephen Michael King
- From 'GARGANTUAN' to 'ADVENTUROUS' to 'COURAGEOUS', follow a journey through different landscapes, discovering different words, in a captivating search for meaning
- A story of love and friendship, on a long road that leads back to home
- From the author and illustrator who brought you *Three*, *Rainbow Bear* and *Leaf* comes a story of serendipity, love and looking for the right word when nothing seems to fit

More from Stephen Michael King

Blueberry Farm series
 Koala Ark
 Three
 Rainbow Bear
 Snail and Turtle series
 My Dad is a Giraffe
 The Magnificent Tree
 The Man Who Loved Boxes
 You series
 Mutt Dog!
 Where Does Thursday Go?
 Pocket Dogs series



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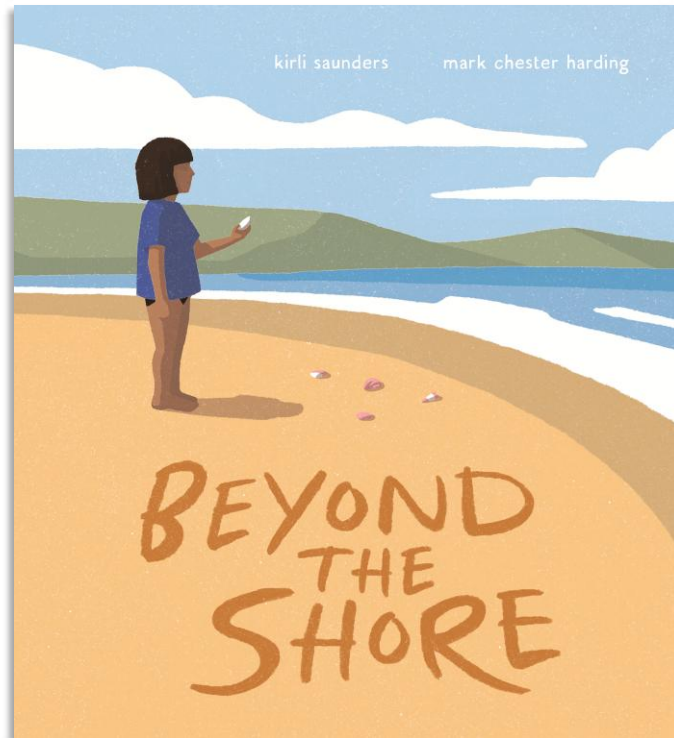
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Award-winning author and illustrator **Stephen Michael King** has illustrated more than twenty books for Scholastic. His first picture book, *The Man Who Loved Boxes*, skyrocketed to popularity, winning the Family Award for Children's Books in 1996. It was also shortlisted in the Crichton Award for Children's Book Illustration and has been sold around the world. He was awarded the CBCA Honour Book for *Leaf* in 2009 and *Mutt Dog* in 2015, was shortlisted for the CBCA Early Childhood Book of the Year for *Rainbow Bear*. In 2020, *Three* was the CBCA Honour Book for Picture Book of the Year. Stephen works mainly with watercolours and ink.

BEYOND THE SHORE

By Kirli Saunders & Mark Chester Harding



More from Kirli Saunders

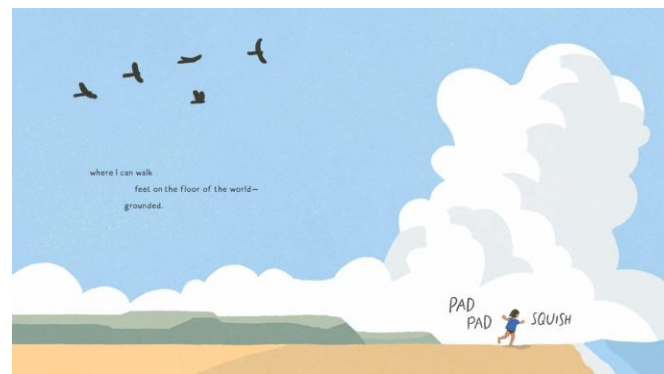
The Incredible Freedom Machines
The Land Recalls You
Our Dreaming

*It is safer on the edge
where we can walk with our feet on the floor . . .
But beyond the shore is a world that inspires awe. Will you dive in?*

Written by award-winning Gunai author Kirli Saunders (OAM),
with art by debut picture book illustrator Mark Chester Harding,
Beyond the Shore gently encourages young ones to step beyond fear into curiosity.

Key Selling Points

- From multi award-winning powerhouse First Nations storyteller, Kirli Saunders (OAM) comes this gently encouraging story about curiosity and courage
- Featuring relief print-making-inspired art by musician and debut illustrator Mark Chester Harding
- Themes: Ocean, courage, curiosity, guidance, growth, intuition, nature



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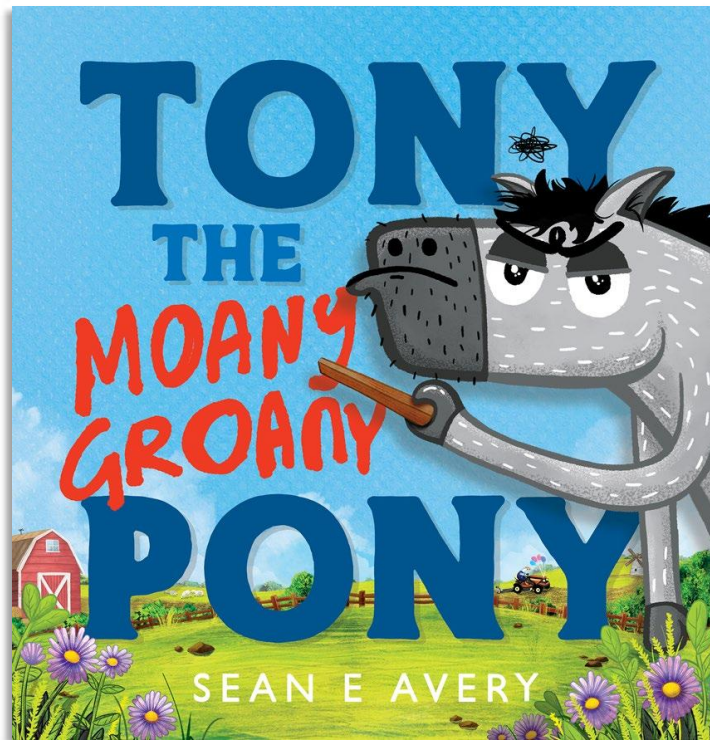
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Kirli Saunders OAM is a proud Gunai Woman and award-winning multidisciplinary creator and consultant. An experienced speaker and facilitator advocating for the environment, gender and racial equality and LGBTIQ+ rights, Kirli was named the NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year in 2020, and received an Order of Australia Medal in 2022.

Mark Chester Harding is an illustrator and musician based in Sydney. He loves illustrating moments in time, particularly stories from the Australian bush. *Beyond the Shore* is his first picture book.

TONY THE MOANY GROANY PONY

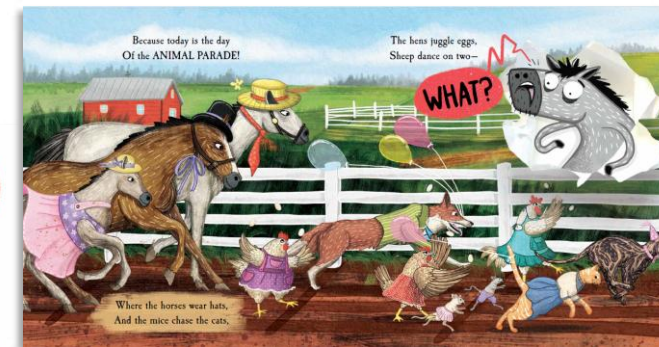
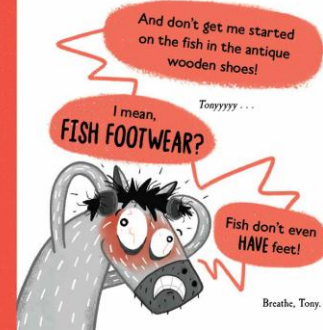
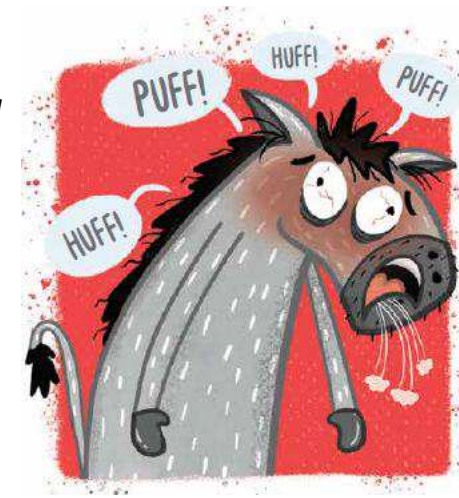
By Sean E Avery



*Tony is a MOANY GROANY PONY!
When the farmyard animals have a fabulous and fantastical parade, Tony is NOT impressed.
Will he keep his opinions to himself . . .
OR TELL US HOW HE REALLY FEELS?*

Key Selling Points

- From the award-winning and best-selling creator Sean E Avery, comes this hilarious tale of a pony who does not care for fanfare. NOT. AT. ALL.
- Cleverly crafted with contrasting illustration styles, perfect for a peeved pony's outbursts!
- Check out the rear endpapers for a cheeky surprise!



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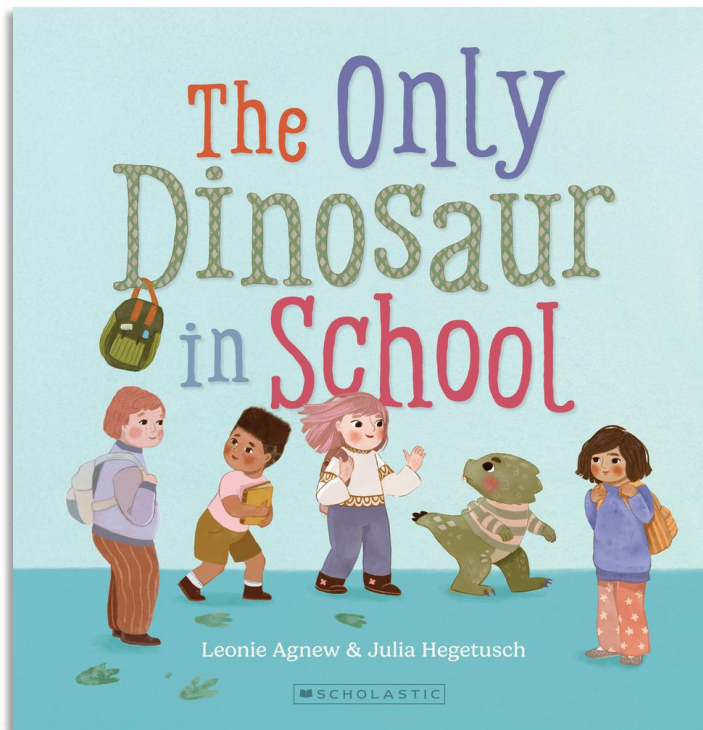
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Sean E Avery is an award-winning author-illustrator, plus primary art teacher, designer and public speaker. Sean was born in South Africa but now lives in Perth, Western Australia with his family. He is best known for best-selling and critically acclaimed children's picture books, like the award-winning *Frank's Red Hat*.

THE ONLY DINOSAUR IN SCHOOL

By Leonie Agnew & Julia Hegetusch



Meet Theo, the only dinosaur in a school full of humans—or so he thinks!

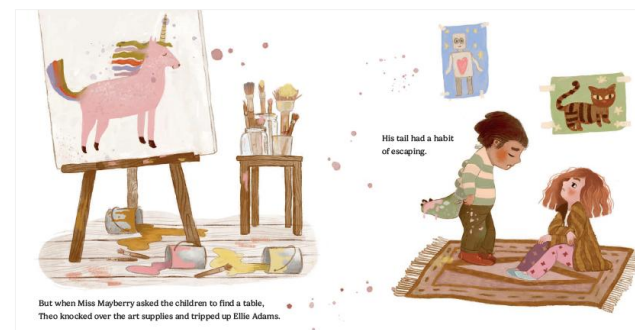
Theo is a dinosaur – which came as a shock to his human parents! Nevertheless, they love him dearly. On his first day at school, Theo refuses to go in because he's different to all the other kids, so Mum makes him a human costume. Next day, he is allocated a friend to look after him, who is sympathetic about his clumsiness. And when Theo finally decides it's time to reveal his true identity, what a surprise he gets to discover many of his classmates are also dressed in human costumes!

Key Selling Points

- Tackles fitting in, celebrating differences, and building friendships in a fun and imaginative way
- Julia Hegetusch's whimsical artwork brings Theo's vibrant world and wild playground to life
- Encourages discussions about inclusivity, empathy, and finding confidence in being unique

More from Julia Hegetusch

Sleep is for Babies!



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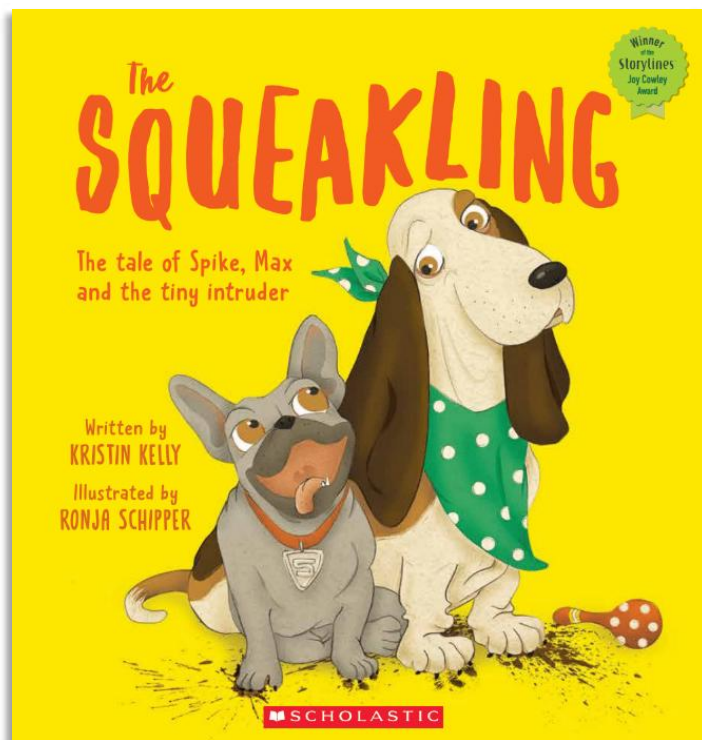
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Leonie Agnew is a children's writer and teacher. She won the Storylines Tom Fitzgibbon Award with her first book for Scholastic, *Super Finn*, which also won the Junior Fiction award, Best First Book and Children's Choice awards at the NZ Children's Book Awards. She lives in Auckland, New Zealand.

Julia Hegetusch was born in New Zealand but has spent much of her life living in Germany, growing up in a family of artists. Julia works part-time as a childhood educator, which provides a great insight into the stories that children enjoy. She currently resides in the small New Zealand town of Levin with her partner and daughter.

THE SQUEAKLING

By Kristin Kelly & Ronja Schipper



A new baby has arrived home and family dogs, Max and Spike, are not happy...

Max and Spike are troubled. Their owners have brought home a new baby and all the attention is on this 'squeakling'. Studying it closely, they note that it likes to shake things, make big noises and it smells bad. Plan A is to do the same. FAIL! Plan B is to make themselves helpful so they bring in the washing (dragging it through the dirt), clean the dishes (lick them) and water the pot plants (by weeing on them). Surprisingly, that doesn't work either. Perhaps they just have to leave home...

Key Selling Points

- A Storylines Joy Cowley Award WINNER
- Kristin Kelly has written a brilliantly funny story from the dogs' point-of-view
- A chance for children to examine their own feelings/emotions when a new baby joins the family
- Colourful, quirky illustrations by Ronja Schipper capture the humour beautifully



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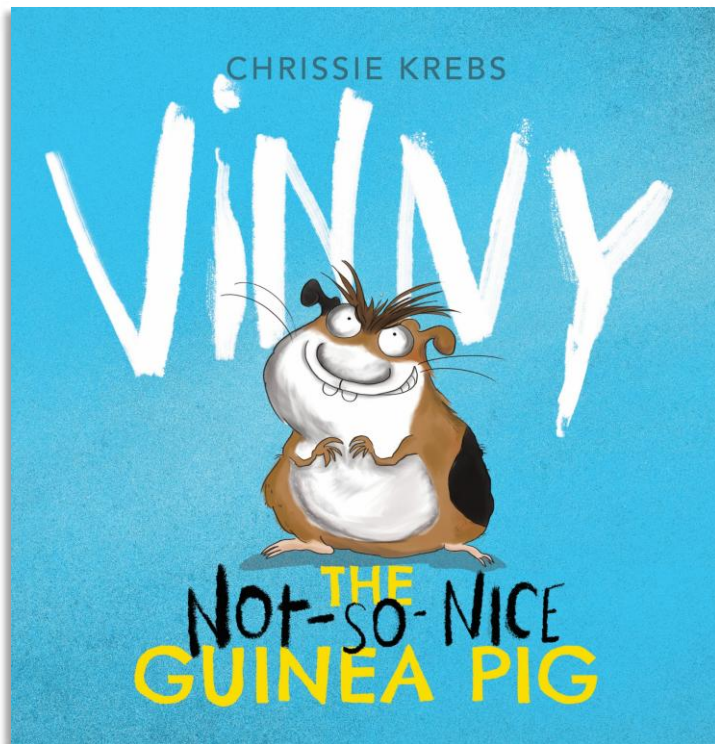
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Kristin Kelly loves to write stories and make books. As a parent she made books to read to her children, and as a teacher she made books to read to her class when she could not find the right book to share an idea or teach a concept. Kristin won the 2023 Joy Cowley Storylines Award for this story, *The Squeakling*. Kristin currently lives in Whangārei.

Ronja Schipper has applied her creativity to many different fields over her 25-year career, including fashion, jewellery and graphic design, but has always come back to her love of drawing. Originally from Europe, Ronja now lives in the beautiful Waitākere Ranges in Auckland. This is her first book for Scholastic.

VINNY THE (NOT-SO-NICE) GUINEA PIG

By Chrissie Krebs



Meet Vinny. A guinea pig who isn't very nice.

He steals food from small babies; he's done that more than twice.

You cannot teach him any tricks; he ignores all your commands.

And he hates it when you hold him, so he'll fart into your hands.

And when Vinny takes an accidental trip to school one day, pandemonium erupts!

Key Selling Points

- A hilarious, fun adventure with a very naughty guinea pig
- Wild, unruly illustrations, just like Vinny and the chaos he causes
- Written and illustrated by Chrissie Krebs, illustrator of the multi-award-winning *Rodney Loses It* (2017), which won the CBCA Children's Book Of The Year for Early Childhood in 2018

More from Chrissie Krebs

Rodney Loses It
Pig in a Wig



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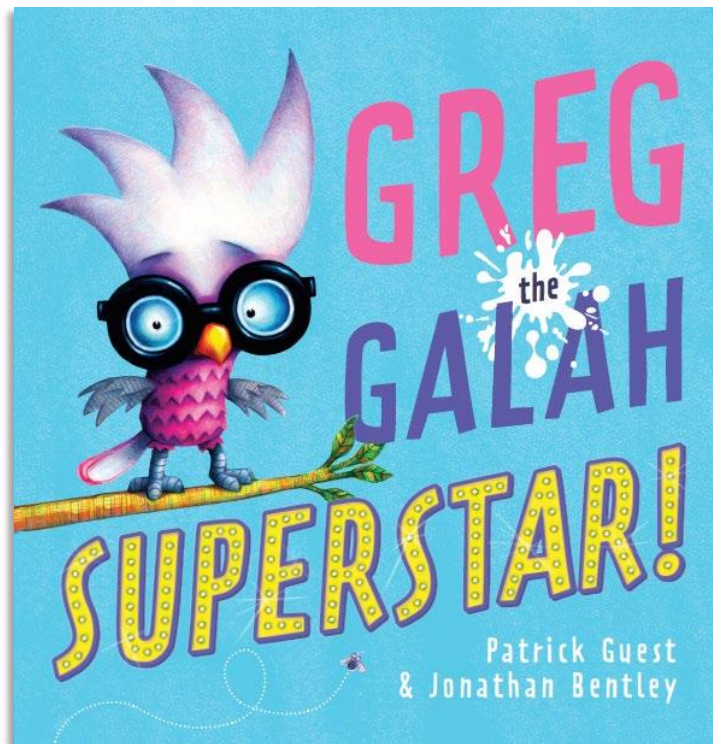
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Chrissie Krebs is an award-winning illustrator and has written numerous children's books. She has an intense dislike for sandwiches and would be highly offended if you offered her one. She lives in Melbourne with her husband and a horde of cats. She has never owned a guinea pig, and she has heard that not all of them are naughty, but would need further proof on the matter.

GREG THE GALAH, SUPERSTAR!

By Patrick Guest & Jonathan Bentley



Everyone knows that galahs are HILARIOUS.

They're silly, loud and LOVE attention!

But then there's Greg . . . who's nothing like the rest of the flock.

Key Selling Points

- Adorably fun and irresistibly bright, this hilarious rhyming read-aloud story will have kids squawking!
- From two of Australia's beloved children's book creators, Greg the Galah celebrates difference with hilarious feathery characters!
- Sensible Greg the Galah's stage debut leads to a hysterical climax . . .



More from Patrick Guest

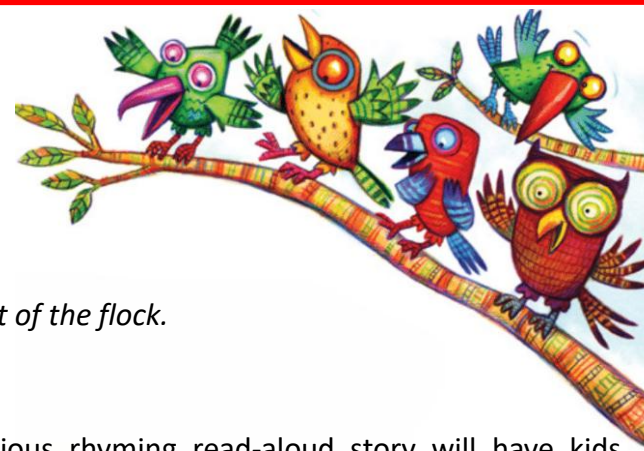
Baboon in a Balloon

More from Jonathan Bentley

We Are All Brave

Bad Bunny: The Pirate

My Fantastic Dad



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October 2024

Age:
3+

Specifications:
28 pp
250 x 240 mm (P)

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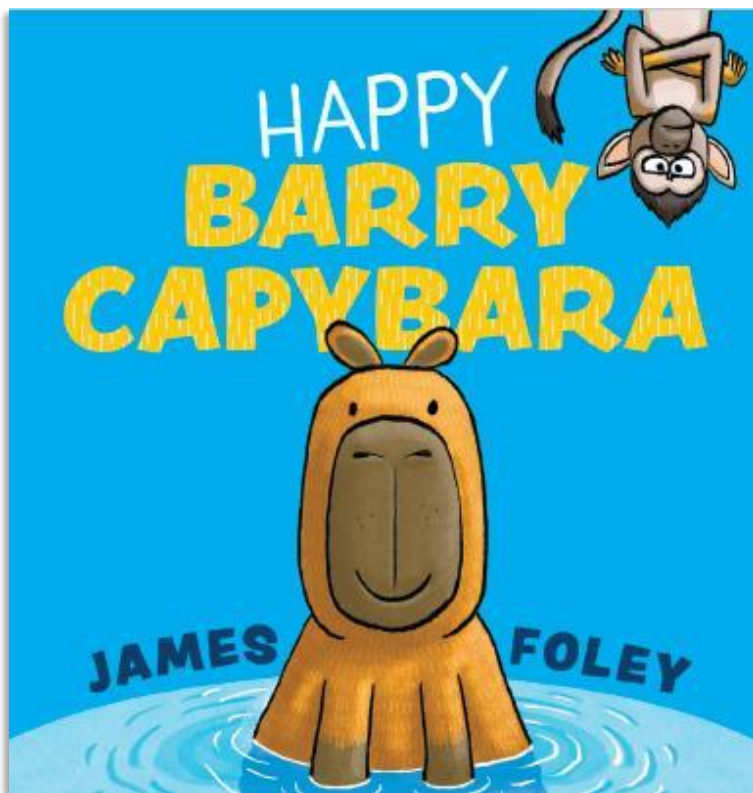
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Raised in a beachside suburb, **Patrick Guest's** childhood consisted of footy, running through tea tree, bone collecting, and ten part harmonies in the family's spluttering combi van. Patrick found half of his career calling in Sports Physiotherapy, and after his children were born he found the second half of his career – as a storyteller.

Jonathan Bentley is an award-winning author and illustrator who has created countless books, including stories with Margaret Wild, The Wiggles, and Andrew Daddo. When illustrating, he likes to work with a range of materials, including acrylics, oils and watercolour.

HAPPY BARRY CAPYBARA

By James Foley



*Nothing ever bothered happy Barry Capybara.
He was chill when it was chilly, out on the savannah.
Hanging with his friend, the yellow-headed caracara.
No, nothing ever bothered happy Barry Capybara.*

Happy Barry Capybara is the most chilled-out creature on the savannah. So Harry, the naughty monkey, decides that he wants to try to bother Barry.
But NOTHING ever bothers happy Barry Capybara!

Key Selling Points

- Brand-new book from award-winning author/illustrator, James Foley
- A book about the internet's favourite animal, the Capybara!
- Barry is chilled and refuses to let things get to him. Can he teach the naughty monkey, Harry, how to let the bad things go?
- Hilarious rhyming text, perfect for reading aloud



More from James Foley

Secret Agent Mole series



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November 2024

Age:
3+

Specifications:
24 pp
250 x 240 mm (P)

Australian RRP:
\$18.99

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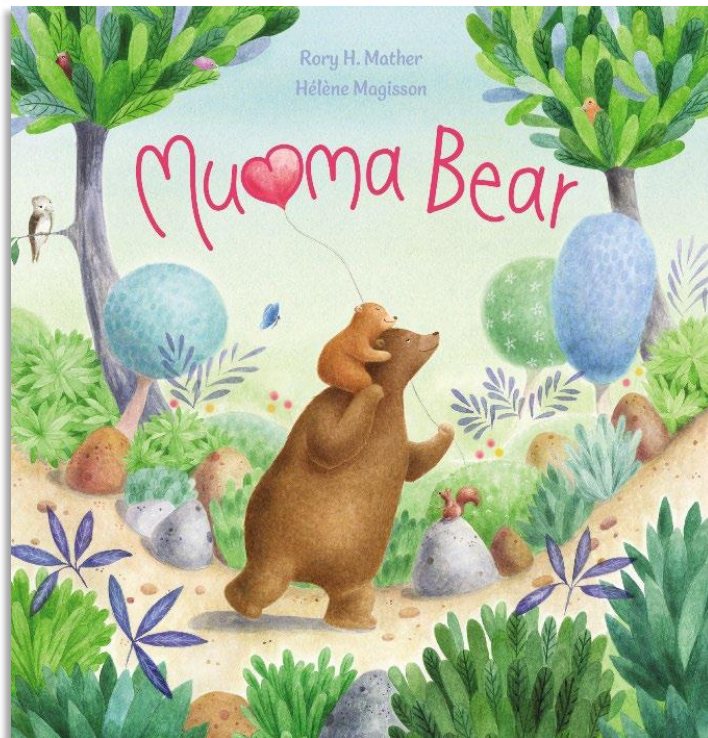
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James Foley makes children's books for children who read books. If you're a child and you're eating his books, you're doing it wrong. James writes and draws; he gives talks and runs workshops. He tells dad jokes. Legends say James can grow a beard in an afternoon. He lives in Perth with his wife Renae, their two kids, and a labrador called Frankie. He is a massive Marvel movie nerd and comes from a long line of queuing enthusiasts. His picture book *Stellarphant* won a bunch of awards including the CBCA Showers' Choice Picture Book of the Year. His earlier books have been shortlisted in the CBCAs and multiple Australian children's choice awards. He is also the author of the series, *Secret Agent Mole*.

MUMMA BEAR

By Rory H. Mather & H  l  ne Magisson



A beautiful ode to the mumma bears in our lives.

For those who are as special as can be.

Key Selling Points

- A touching story that celebrates mothers and all that they do
- Delightful rhyming text.
- Delicate, detailed and beautiful illustrations
- A story that will resonate with mothers and their children—perfect for Mothers Day!



More from Rory H. Mather

Sebastian Stands Out
Brunocorn
Heart of a Tiger
My Little Star
Monster School Rules
Mumma Bear



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March 2025

Age:
3+

Specifications:
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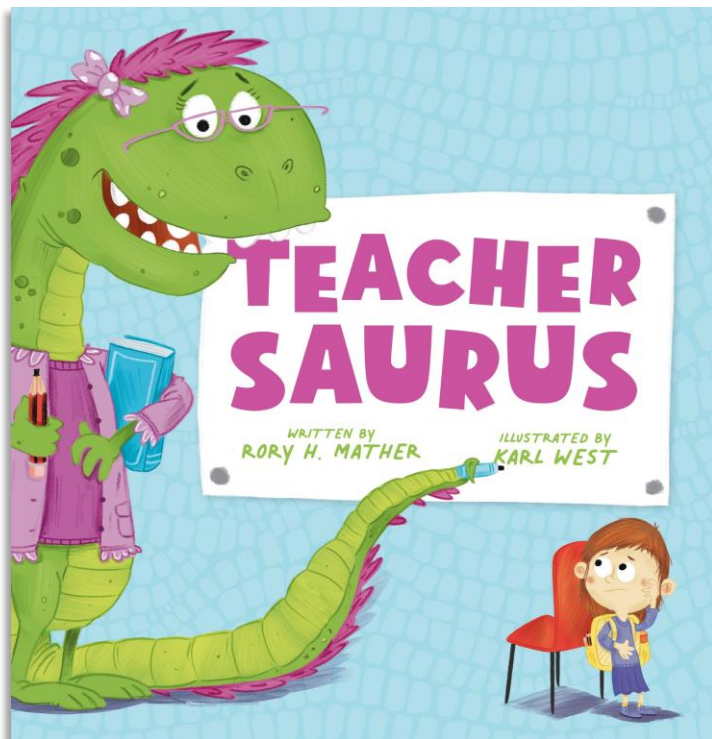
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Rory H. Mather is an Australian children's book author with over fifteen books published. When he was a kid he had difficulty reading and because of that he didn't enjoy it. A few good books changed this and now he writes books that engage young readers so that they too can grow up with a love of reading.

H  l  ne Magisson is a children's book illustrator, who graduated from the painting restoration school "Art et Avenir", Paris (France). When H  l  ne settled down in Australia, she decided to start a new career in children's book illustration, and was awarded the first prize in the illustration category at the 2013 CYA conference.

TEACHERSAURUS

By Rory H. Mather & Karl West



This little girl has heard her new teacher is a TEACHERSAURUS!

Will she be scaly? Or spikey?

Or something different altogether?

Key Selling Points

- A hilarious story about a little girl who is convinced her new teacher is a dinosaur!
- Explores the power of imagination and facing the first day of school
- Delightful rhyming text
- Bright, comical illustrations

More from Rory H. Mather

Sebastian Stands Out
Brunocorn
Heart of a Tiger
My Little Star
Monster School Rules
Mumma Bear



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December 2024

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3+

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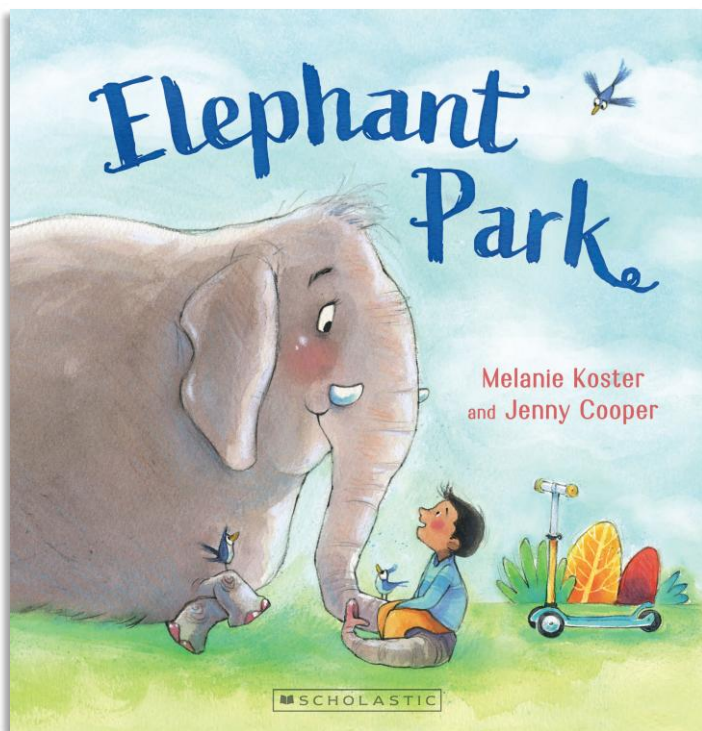
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Karl West was born in Oxfordshire, England. He now lives and works from a studio on the small island of Portland in Dorset, England. Karl creates his work entirely digitally in Manga Studio & Photoshop. His dogs, Ruby and Angel, lie under his desk while he works, snoring away. When he's not drawing, he's thinking about drawing.

ELEPHANT PARK

By Melanie Koster & Jenny Cooper



Generations of children have played on the trusty elephant slide in the park. But now her tusks are broken, her paint is cracked and her bones are weary. Even her pink toenails have lost their shine.

Children visiting the park run instead to the shiny new playground equipment. But Elephant's sad face captures the heart of one little boy, who invites her home with him. There, Noah discovers that his dad also played on the elephant slide as a boy! Together, they decide to give Elly a makeover.

Key Selling Points

- The author was inspired by a real elephant slide that sits in a playground in Christchurch, New Zealand, and has become an icon for the community since it was built in the late 1970s
- A poignant story that will tug on the heartstrings
- Beautifully illustrated by one of NZ's top children's illustrators, Jenny Cooper, who captures the poignancy and infuses the story with joy

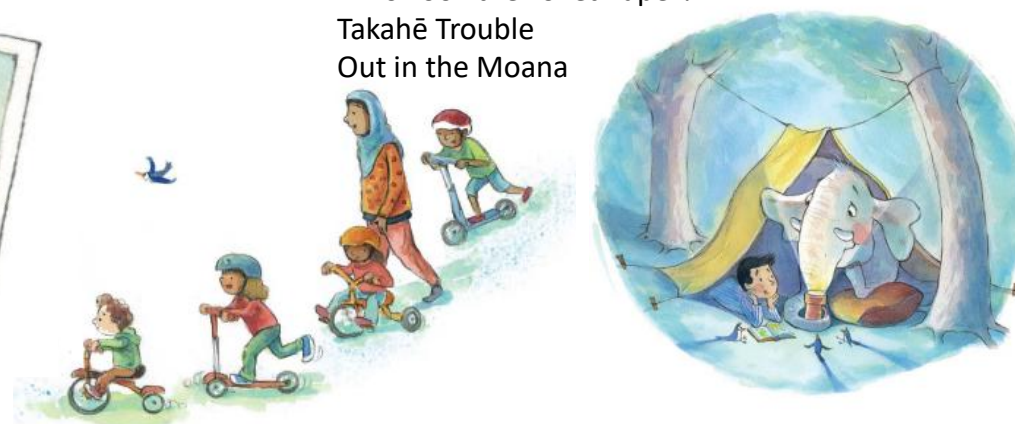
More from Melanie Koster

Tama and the Taniwha



More from Jenny Cooper

Watson the Detective Dog
Who Took the Toilet Paper!
Takahē Trouble
Out in the Moana



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November 2024

Age:
3+

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\$21.99

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Printing:
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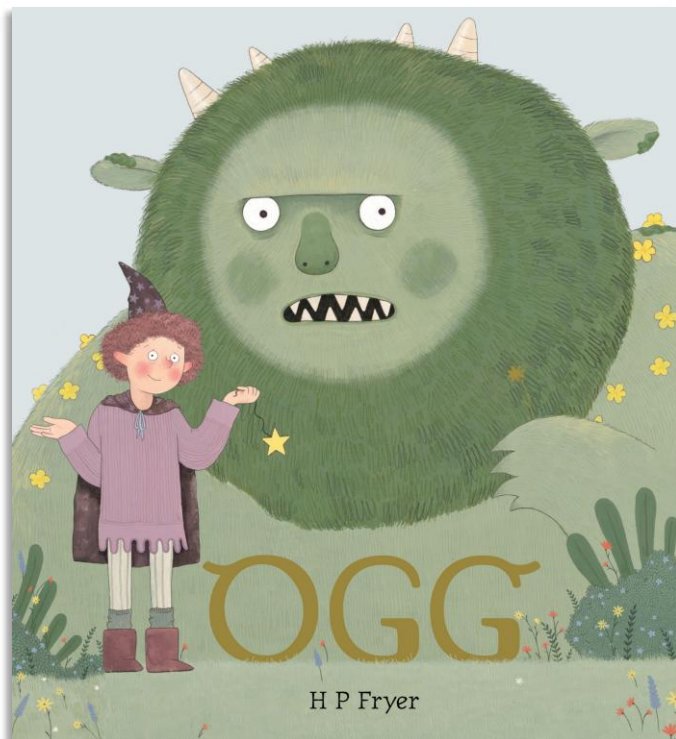
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Melanie Koster lives in Christchurch with her whānau of artists, inventors and tinkerers. Melanie is the author of *The Reluctant Little Flower Girl* and *Milly Maloo and the Miracle Glue* and has been shortlisted six times for the Storylines Joy Cowley Award, winning the award in 2022 with *Tama and the Taniwha*.

Jenny Cooper lives in Amberley, New Zealand, where her passion is her amazing garden. Jenny illustrates children's books, a job she has done for over 30 years. In 2015, Jenny won the prestigious Mallinson Rendel Illustrators' Award. With dozens of children's books to her name, Jenny is perhaps best known for the Topp Twins' sing-along books.

OGG

By H.P. Fryer



A book about the magic of bravery and kindness.

Merlin was a marvellous wizard.

His little brother Ogg *was not*.

Ogg's spells flopped and fizzled . . . and his potions went up in flames!
When faced with a TERRIBLE TROLL, Ogg needs some truly powerful magic!
What will he do?!

Key Selling Points

- Meet lovable Ogg, little brother of the world-famous wizard Merlin! Merlin can turn tigers into teacups . . . while Ogg's spells turn into spills!
- Enchanting debut picture book by children's author and illustrator H P Fryer
- Sumptuous and timeless artwork with loads of detail and humour
- A book of powerful magic, with themes of identity, discovery, confidence, kindness, bravery, and overcoming prejudice



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March 2025

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3+

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\$26.99

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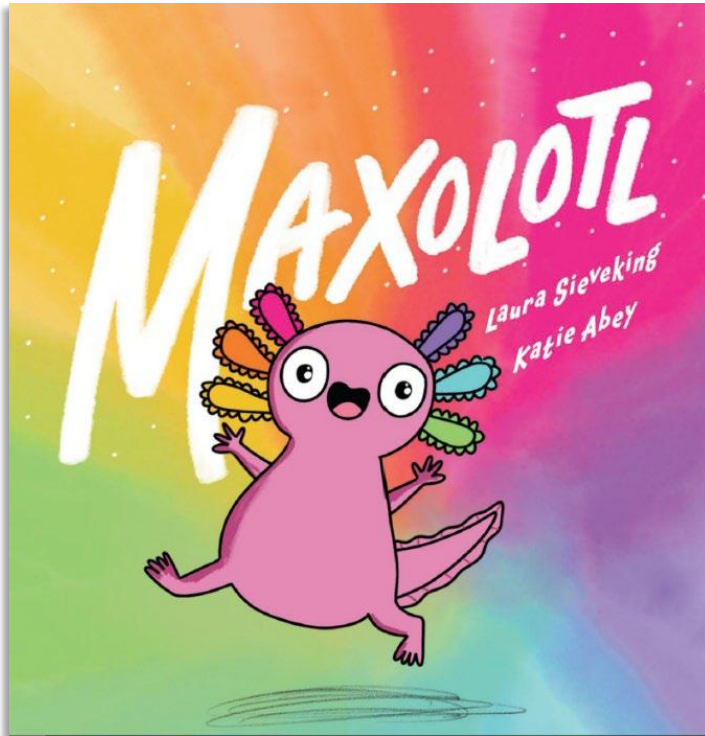
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H P Fryer is an author, illustrator, history lover and puppy patter. Hannah has always been obsessed with stories. Whether fictional or historical, she read them, wrote them and drew them. After studying history and philosophy, Hannah moved to Melbourne to study illustration. There, she explored her love for visual narrative. She is now based in Auckland, New Zealand, where she lives with her family. *Ogg* is her debut picture book.

MAXOLOTL

By Laura Sieveking & Katie Abey



*Maxolotl the axolotl likes to live life to the MAX!
And sometimes the other axolotls say he is 'too much'.*

But when a little axolotl falls into danger, can Max's daring ways help save the day?

Key Selling Points

- Rhyming story with both hilarious and heartfelt moments
- Beautiful, funny illustrations that are packed with colour
- Relatable story for everyone who has been told they are 'too much'
- From the illustrator and author of *No-One Really Knows An Axolotl* and *No-One Really Knows A Cane Toad*

More from Laura Sieveking and Katie Abey

No-One Really Knows An Axolotl

No-One Really Knows A Cane Toad



Pub Date:
February 2025

Age:
4+

Specifications:
24 pp
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\$19.99

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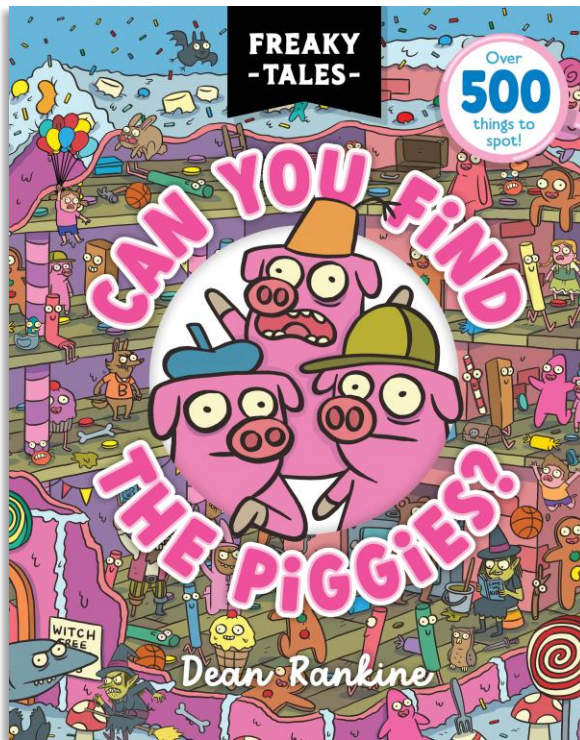
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Laura Sieveking has been creating stories ever since she learned to hold a pen. She is the author of many novels for young readers, including the hugely popular *Ella at Eden* and *Gymnastics Diaries* series. She lives in Sydney with her husband, two children and two dogs who look like teddy bears.

Katie Abey is a creative human committed to the idea that she might just be able to make a positive difference to the world by drawing perturbed animals and lots of rainbows for a living. Katie and her husband Jeff have opened a bricks-and-mortar shops in Derbyshire called Punnydukes and they have enjoyed conjuring immersive, creative spaces where people can escape from reality and browse some much needed magic.

FREAKY TALES SERIES

By Dean Rankine



The Three Little Pigs have had enough of getting their houses blown down by the Big Bad Wolf time and time again. So they decide they must stop this atrocity from ever happening again. They enlist the help of the Fairly Good Mother (who is not great but fairly good), but can she cast a spell strong enough to fight against the meanest wolf in the woods?

Key Selling Points

- A brand-new fairy tale-themed look-and-find book by popular Australian comics artist Dean Rankine
- Find a cast of quirky characters and interesting objects in the hilarious illustrations on each page
- Kids will instantly recognise the fairy tale that is depicted in each scene, such as Snow White, The Old Woman who lived in a Shoe, and Hansel and Gretel
- Over 500 things to spot!
- Amusing comic book-style pages at the front and back provide an entertaining storyline
- Themes: fairy tales, look-and-find, humour

More from Dean Rankine

Can You Find The Easter Bunny?



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May 2025

Age:
5+

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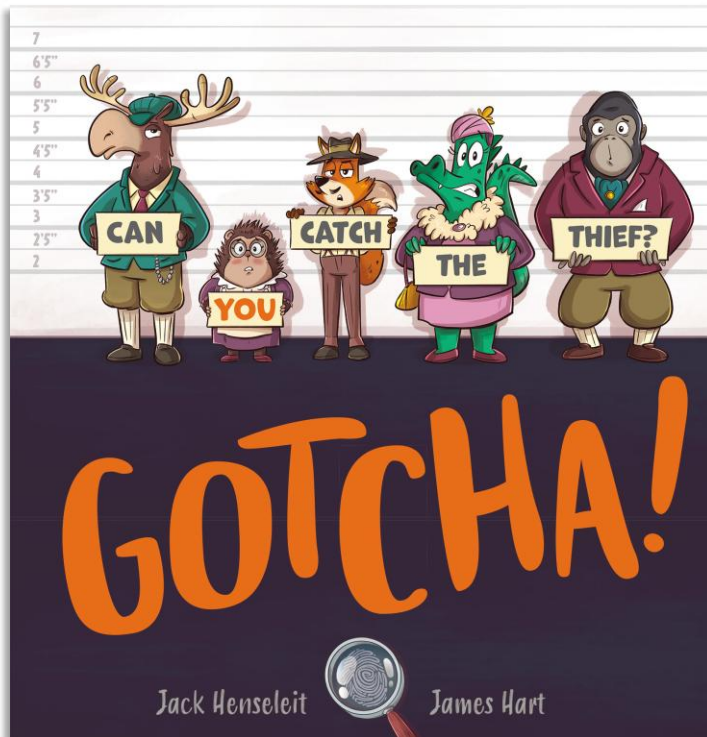
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Dean Rankine is a well-known comics artist, writer and illustrator, whose work has appeared in books, comics and magazines. Dean has illustrated a number of books for Scholastic Australia, including for the *Timmy the Ticked-Off Pony* series by Magna Szubanski.

GOTCHA!

By Jack Henseleit & James Hart



A gang of burglars just escaped.

They're coming to your town!

Perhaps they've left some clues behind . . .

Can you track them down?

Key Selling Points

- Each new scene contains a clue and a culprit!
- Funny illustrations are packed with mischief
- *Each Peach Pear Plum* early look-and-find picture book meets Scooby-Doo detective mystery
- Visual design elements are repeated throughout to foster a sense of mastery as children become familiar with the book's game elements
- Expressive animal characters in brightly coloured, intriguing scenes make this exciting to read again and again



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April 2025

Age:
4+

Specifications:
24 pp + ends
250 x 240 mm (P)

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\$19.99

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Hardback

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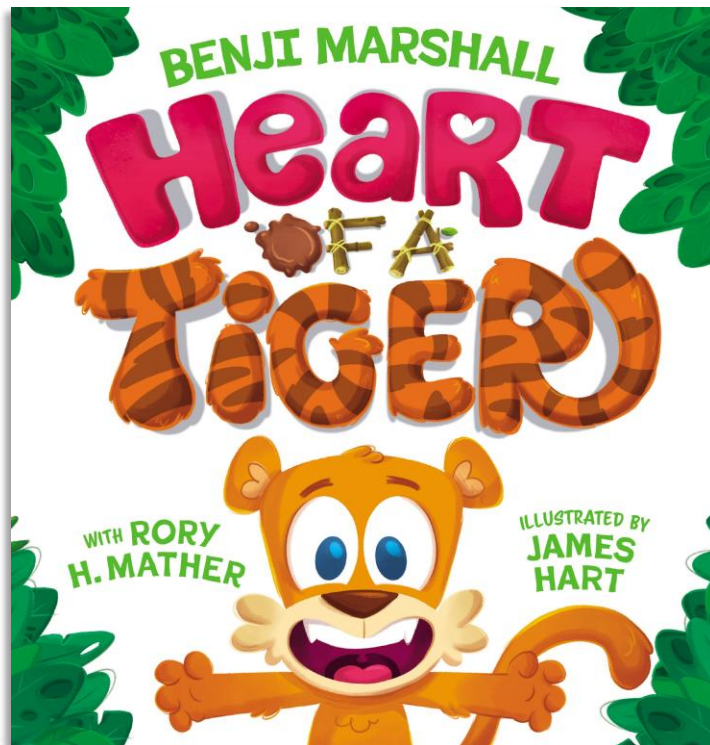
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Jack Henseleit likes reading, writing, and playing board games. The first book in his middle-grade series *The Witching Hours* was shortlisted for the Ampersand Prize, and has since been sold into 13 territories worldwide. He is the author of the humorous junior fiction series *Cross Bones*.

James Hart is based in Victoria and has been published with every major Australian publisher since 2013. His most popular and award-winning series include *Fartboy*, *You Choose* and *Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables*.

HEART OF A TIGER

By Benji Marshall with Rory H. Mather & James Hart



Ty was a tiger unlike any other. He wasn't loud like his sister or strong like his brother. He could run, he could jump, he could pounce, he could crawl.

But he had no stripes. Not one, not at all . . .

Ty the tiger is struggling to fit into the very stripy world around him. But when it comes time to be brave, can Ty find the tiger heart within to save the day?

Heart of a Tiger is a sweet tale of courage, acceptance and the power of never giving up.

Key Selling Points

- Heart of a Tiger captures a young tiger's journey to loving himself and his differences. With simple and fun rhyming text, this book is perfect for kids and parents nurturing confidence and self-esteem.



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October 2024

Age:
3+

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24 pp
250 x 240 mm (P)

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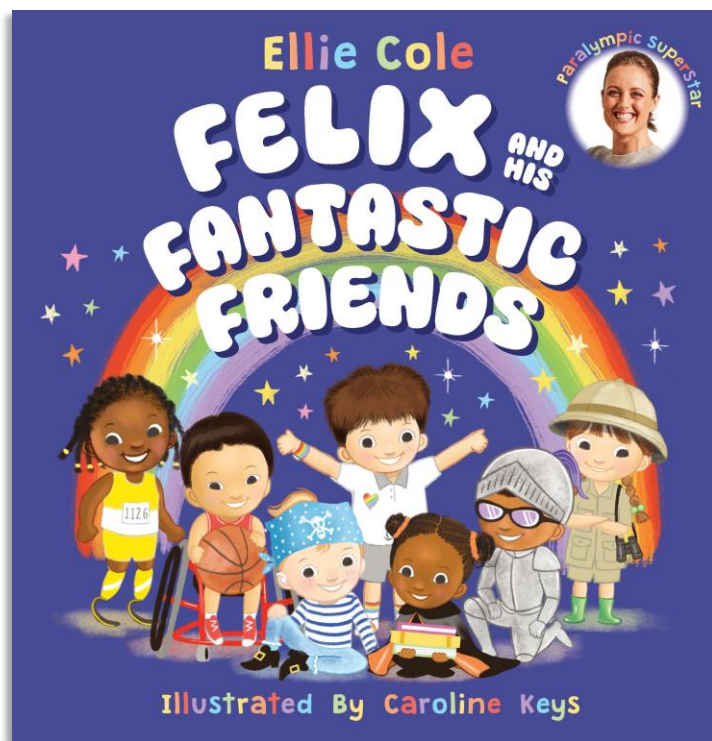
Benji Marshall is a sporting legend with a celebrated career both on and off the field. Known for a unique playing style, just like our tiger Ty, he continues his legacy as a coach.

Rory H. Mather enjoys picture books, fist bumps and words that rhyme. He found reading difficult as a child, so he writes to foster a love of books in young readers.

James Hart has been drawing for as long as he can remember. From scribbling on comics, to graffitiing his text books, he has turned his unique style into a career spanning 20 years.

FELIX AND HIS FANTASTIC FRIENDS

By Ellie Cole & Caroline Keys



Meet Felix and his fantastic friends! Felix loves the playground, but is curious about all the wonderful things his friends get up to when they're playing alone. With some help from Mum, he embarks on

Mission Friendship! They hatch a plan for Felix to learn how his friends make playtime magical.

From Australia's most decorated female Paralympian and disability advocate Ellie Cole comes a celebration of the magic that disability and difference can bring to the playground.

Key Selling Points

- Ellie Cole is best known as a record breaking, multi-medal winning Paralympic swimmer. Throughout her career, and since retiring, she has used her platform to advocate for a more inclusive society, where people with disability are recognised for their potential and given equitable opportunities to succeed.
- In 2020, Netflix's *Rising Phoenix* documentary film followed Ellie's journey to the Paralympics
- Ellie welcomed her son Felix into the world in 2024, sparking her desire to create a story that celebrates diversity and the magic of friendship. Inspired by her own friendships and witnessing the transformative impact of inclusion in our schools, Ellie wrote *Felix and His Fantastic Friends*
- Featuring easy-to-understand explanations of the disabilities included in the book, along with practical conversation starters and tips for interacting with friends with disabilities and differences, this book provides invaluable resources for parents and children navigating conversations around diversity and inclusion.



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3+

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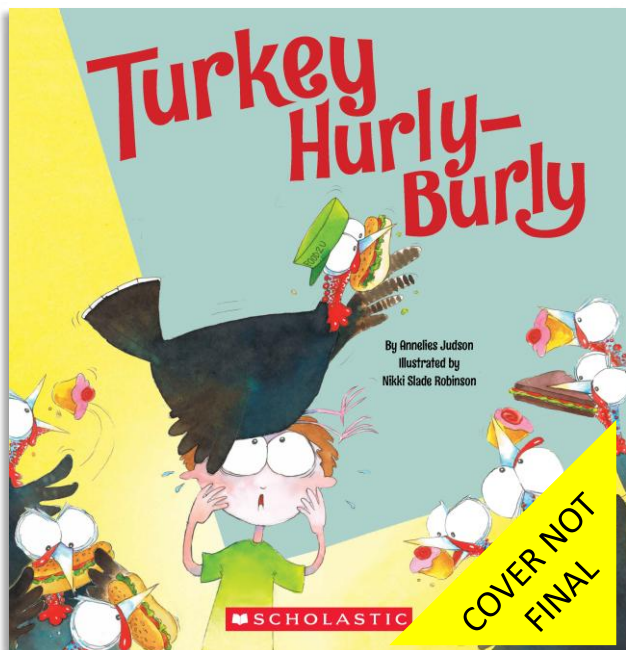
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TURKEY HURLY BURLY

By Annalies Judson & Nikki Slade Robinson

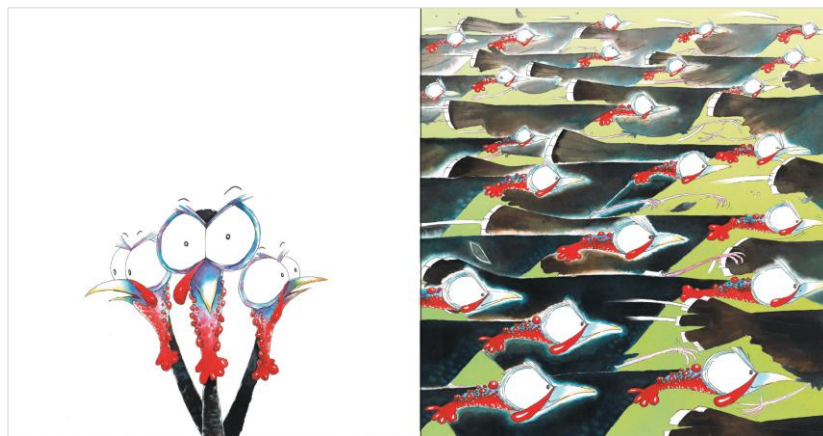


A wildly entertaining, rhyming tale where one classroom pet decision spirals into chaos!

Miss Burton's class wants the perfect pet—quirky, fun, and better than past choices. When they finally convince their teacher to bring in turkeys, chaos takes flight! A simple experiment turns into a hilarious, feather-filled frenzy as a runaway flock wreaks havoc. Can the students restore order before lunchtime is gobbled up?

Key Selling Points

- Winner of the 2024 Storylines Joy Cowley Award, Annalies Judson has written a fast-paced, rhyming schoolyard adventure that keeps young readers engaged
- With its energetic storytelling and playful language, this book is ideal for group storytime
- Nikki Slade Robinson's lively artwork brings the turkey-fuelled madness to life with humour and charm



More from Nikki Slade Robinson

Trevor the Daring Duck
Sharing with Wolf

Pub Date:
August 2025

Age:
3+

Specifications:
32 pp
250 x 240 mm (P)

New Zealand RRP:
\$21.99

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Paperback

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Annalies Judson is a children's poet and writer based in Auckland, New Zealand. Since winning a poetry competition in 2023, she has spent a lot more time writing, and probably not enough time sleeping. In 2024, she won the Storylines Joy Cowley Award for her manuscript *Turkey Hurly Burly*.

Nikki Slade Robinson has illustrated many children's books, as well as having written and illustrated her own, including the Munkle Arvur stories. Nikki lives in Opotiki with her husband and their two daughters.

THE TWO-NICORN

By Jack Carty & Natasha Carty



An enchanting and uplifting story about being your wonderful unique self!

*When Sunny-Dream went walking,
other unicorns would stare,
because this special little unicorn had a horn to spare . . .*

Key Selling Points

- An adorable new unicorn picture-book star ready to delight young readers
- Amidst a magical world of twinkly toffee blossoms and milkshake streams, a little unicorn learns how special it is to be unique
- Sunny-Dream the unicorn is 'The Two-nicorn' – lucky enough to have not one, but two horns!
- Themes of acceptance, individuality, confidence and friendship

More from Jack Carty & Natasha Carty

Time to Rest

The Love We Share



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April 2025

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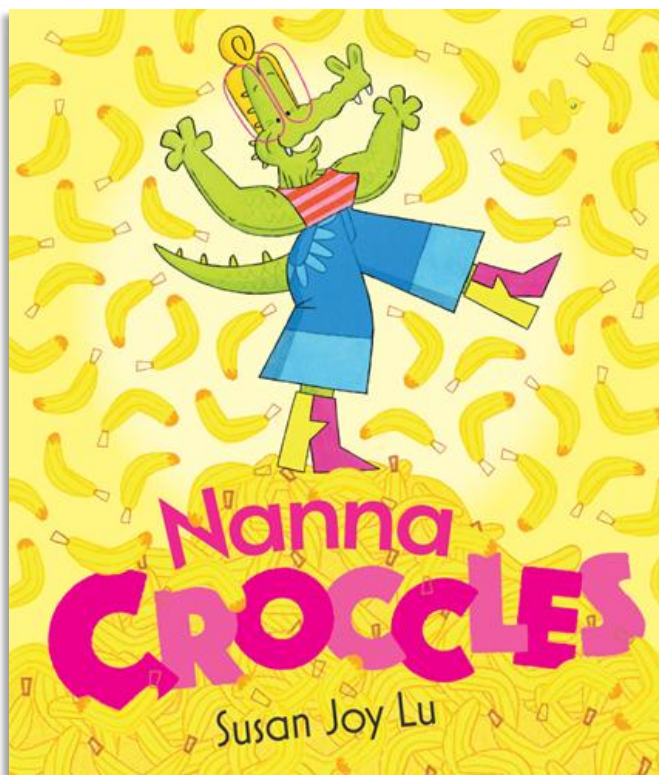
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Jack Carty is an Australian songwriter, poet, author and father who has been making and releasing original music since 2010. Since that time, Jack has released six albums; three EPs, and received an APRA Professional Development Award, as well as toured extensively worldwide.

Natasha Carty lives and works as an illustrator in Brisbane, Australia. Time To Rest was Natasha's first illustrated children's book, which she had the pleasure of working on with her long-time collaborator and husband, Jack Carty.

NANNA CROCCLES

By Susan Joy Lu



A delightful debut from Susan Joy Lu about kindness and community.

Nanna Croccles is no ordinary nanna!

She spreads joy and colour everywhere she goes, even on her way to fetch bananas!

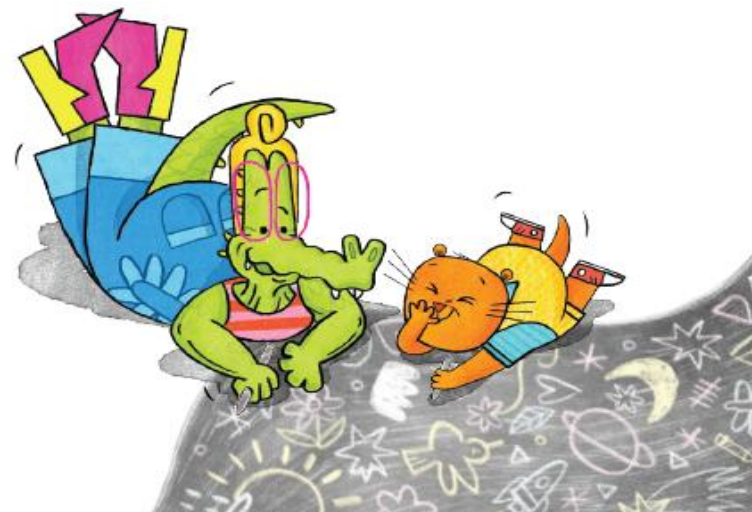
At home, she always knows exactly what everything needs.

But what will she do when she finds a friend in need?



Key Selling Points

- A charming and cheerful tale from debut picture book creator Susan Joy Lu
- The lovable Nanna Croccles always makes time to help her neighbours with what they need – from gardening to a listening ear. Her kindness might just lead to her finding something *she* needs . . .
- Themes: kindness, community, emotional support, inter-generational relationships



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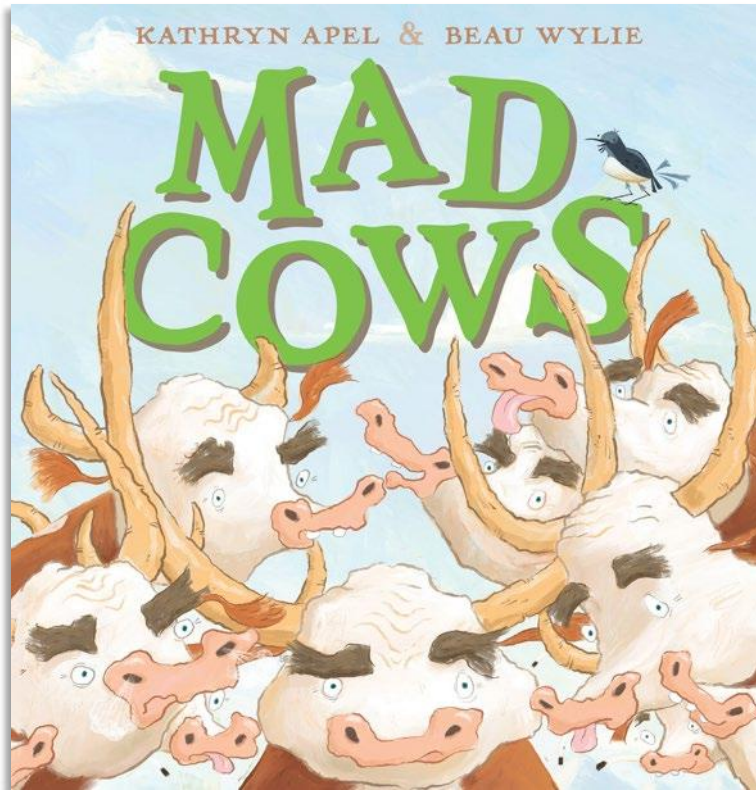
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Susan Joy Lu is an author and illustrator originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, who now lives with her family in Perth, Western Australia. After studying Fine Art, Susan decided to pursue children's illustration. *Nanna Croccles* is her debut picture book.

MAD COWS

By Kathryn Apel & Beau Wylie



What's really on the other side of the fence?

Greener grass?

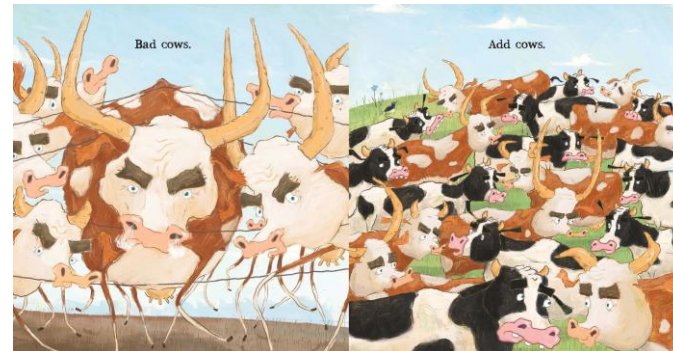
Or UDDER CHAOS?!

Key Selling Points

- Wonderful and witty wordplay and glorious detail-filled illustrations combine to tell a BIG story with just a few cleverly crafted words
- Explores themes of envy and curiosity, beautifully set in a farm landscape
- Themes: cows, farm life, envy, competition, herd life, group mentality, cooperation, exploration, wordplay

More from Kathryn Apel & Beau Wylie

Miss Understood



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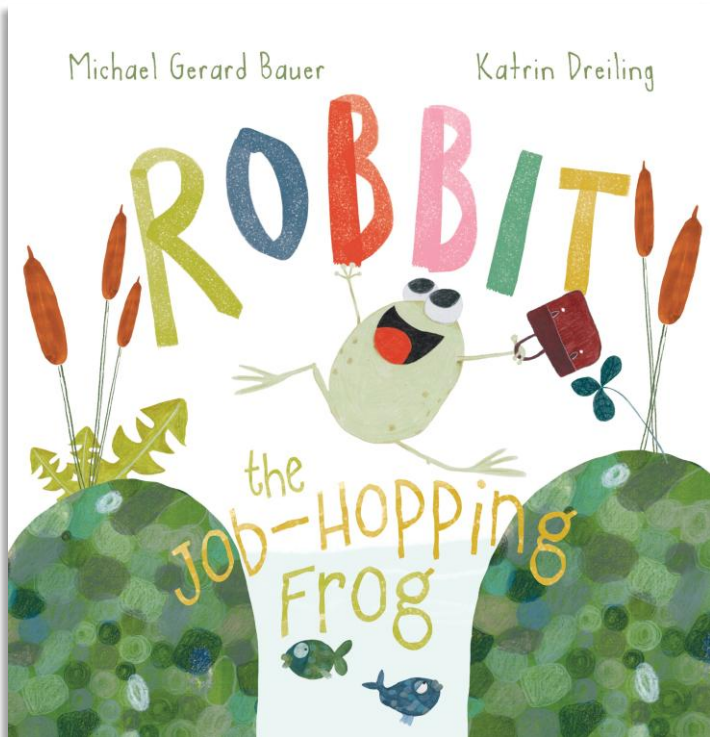
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Kathryn Apel is a born-and-bred farm girl who lives among the gum trees, kangaroos and cattle on a Queensland grazing property. A trained teacher and literacy consultant, Kathryn shares her passion for words at schools and festivals. Kathryn was the 2019/2020 Primary Judge of the prestigious Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards.

Beau Wylie began drawing ridiculous creatures and colourful worlds from the moment he could grasp a pencil. After graduating from the University of NSW with honours in Fine Art, Beau installed shows in art galleries and worked in a delightful Surry Hills bookshop. He now lives and works as an artist in Newcastle with his family.

ROBBIT THE JOB-HOPPING FROG

By Michael Gerard Bauer & Katrin Dreiling



A heart-warming and hilarious tale about courage, perseverance and never giving up on your dreams!

Robbit the frog hopped down from his log,
and popped into town in pursuit of a job.
But finding employment can be super tricky,
when you're tiny and green and a little bit sticky!

Key Selling Points

- Latest picture book from CBCA-Award-winning author, Michael Gerard Bauer
- Adorably and energetically illustrated by Katrin Dreiling
- Fabulous rhyming tale of Robbit – a frog who wants a job, and persists from one hilarious mishap to another!
- Themes: determination, perseverance, jobs, wordplay, identity, belonging

More from Michael Gerard Bauer

Rodney Loses It
Rodney Forgets It

More from Katrin Dreiling

A Perfect Pig



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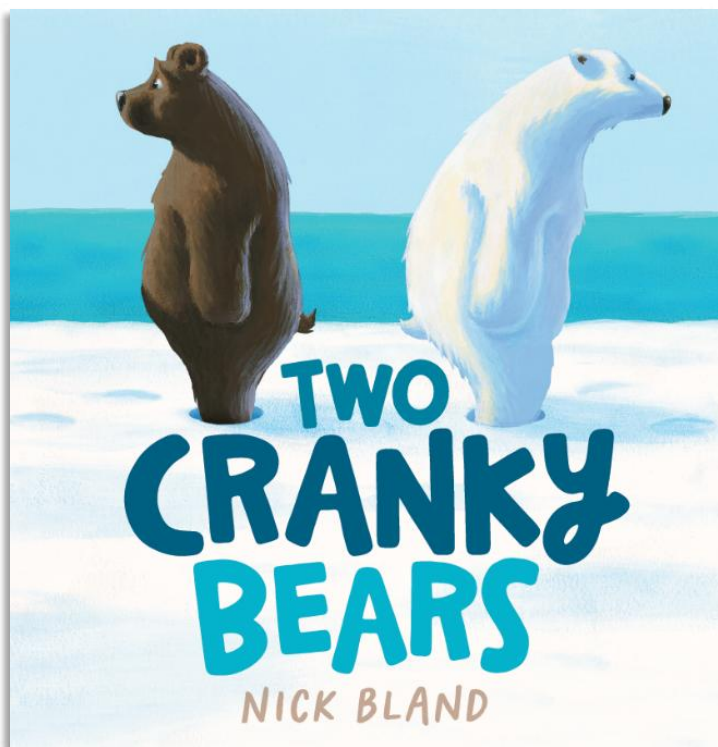
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Michael Gerard Bauer is a multi-award-winning author. His debut picture book *Rodney Loses It* won the 2018 CBCA Book of the Year Award, Early Childhood. Michael lives in Brisbane, Australia.

Katrin Dreiling was born and raised in Germany, but has called Australia home for many years. Katrin's work is heavily influenced by the European children's literature she grew up with, and features a variety of media, textures and techniques.

TWO CRANKY BEARS

By Nick Bland



Two bears, one hill. Everything was fine until they reached the top and that's when fine turned quickly into . . . 'MINE!'

Can these cranky bears learn to share?

Key Selling Points

- Get ready for not one, but *TWO CRANKY BEARS* in the brand-new book in the beloved *The Very Cranky Bear* series!
- By internationally best-selling, award-winning author and illustrator, Nick Bland.
- Over 4 MILLION books in print across the series!
- Bear and his old friend Polar Bear meet again at the top of the hill. What happens when there are *two* bears . . . but only *one* hill?
- An absorbing story about sharing and conflict resolution, with favourite familiar characters
- A perfect rhyming tale for shared storytime and reading aloud.



More from Nick Bland:

The Very Clever Bear
 The Very Super Bear
 The Three Billy Goats Gruff
 The Unscary Book
 The Very Sleepy Bear
 The Fabulous Friend Machine
 The Very Noisy Bear
 Monster Chef
 The Very Brave Bear
 The Very Hungry Bear
 The Magnificent Tree
 The Runaway Hug
 The Aunties Three
 The Very Itchy Bear
 The Wrong Book
 The Very Cranky Bear
 Donald Loves Drumming
 When Henry Caught Imaginitis
 I've Lost My Kisses
 Aussie Jingle Bells
 A Monster Wrote Me a Letter

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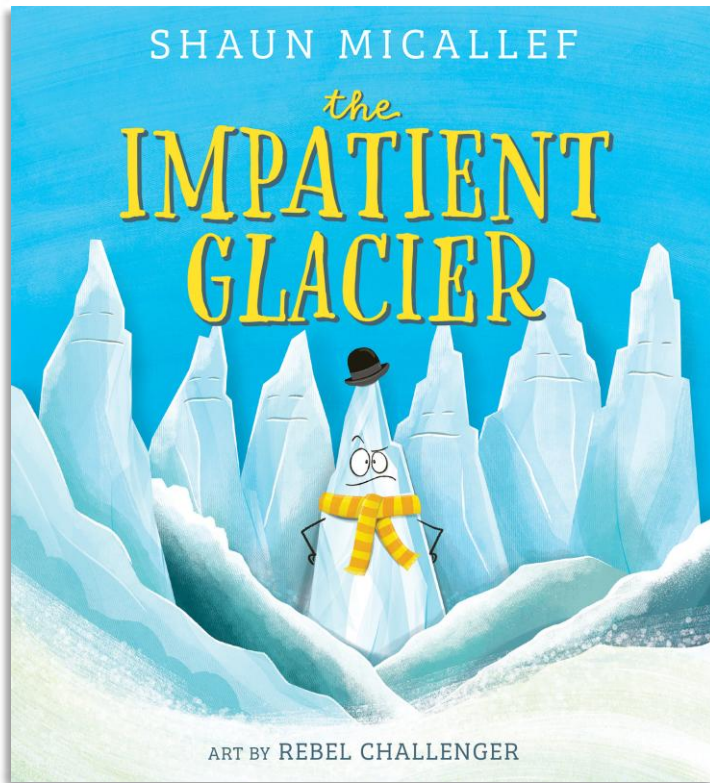
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Nick Bland is one of Australia's bestselling authors and illustrators. His books, including the hugely popular *The Very Cranky Bear*, have been published around the world. In 2010, *The Wrong Book* was shortlisted by the CBCA in the Early Childhood category, and in 2012 *The Runaway Hug*, illustrated by Freya Blackwood, was the winner of the CBCA Book of the Year, Early Childhood. Nick lives in the Northern Territory.

THE IMPATIENT GLACIER

By Shaun Micallef & Rebel Challenger



A glacier up on a mountain grew tired of the same boring view.

He wanted excitement; he wanted some fun.

He wanted to see something new.

Key Selling Points

- From the incomparable Shaun Micallef comes this warming new picture-book adventure about enjoying life's moments . . . before they're gone.
- A timely story (perfect for both children and glaciers) about appreciating the joys in life and stopping to smell the roses, written with Shaun's trademark humour and wit
- With brilliant vibrant artwork by Australian illustrator Rebel Challenger

More from Rebel Challenger

Ratus Moratus
Holey Moley Guac-A-Moley!
L.O.L
Roarsome
G.O.A.T



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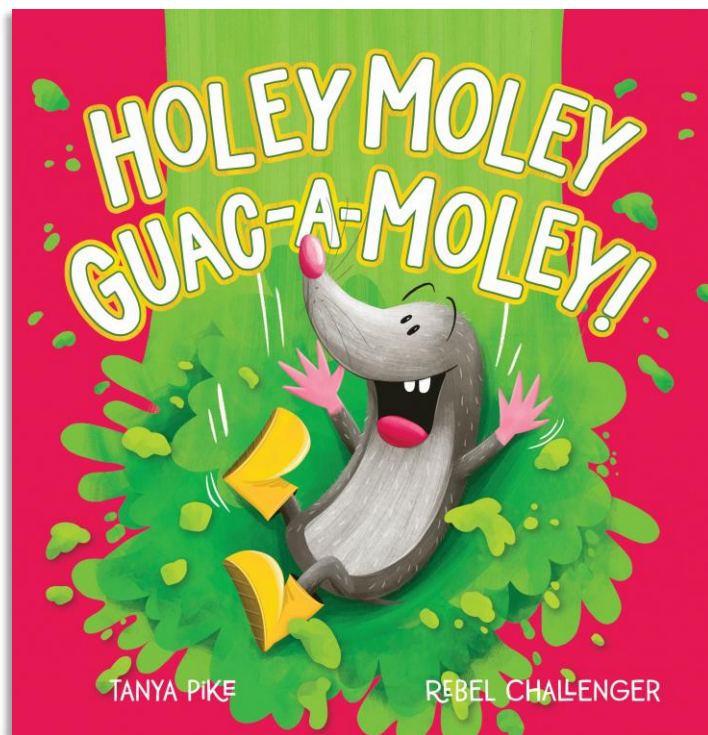
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Shaun Micallef is an Australian writer, performer and TV producer. He has been nominated for a number of AFI, Logie, AACTA, Auggie and Director's Guild awards and even won some of them. Shaun has written approximately nine books. This is one of them.

Rebel Challenger is an illustrator, art director and graphic designer based in Queensland. Rebel's artwork is colourful, a bit silly and filled with quirky characters. She has written and illustrated several books for children.

HOLEY MOLEY GUAC-A-MOLEY!

By Tanya Pike & Rebel Challenger



*Roley Moley dug a big holey
and filled it full of guacamole.
He jumped and stomped to push it in
and sunk right down, up to his shin!*

*The story of a mole with a house chock-a-block
full of guac . . . and one helpful friend, Quok.*

Key Selling Points

- A riotous and original new rhyming picture book adventure about making the most of a sticky situation. When life gives you avocados, make guacamole!
- The cutest and funniest mole picture-book star since the *Little Mole Who Knew it was None of His Business*, celebrating themes of optimism, friendship and overcoming challenges
- Debut picture book from children's author Tanya Pike, with hilarious illustrations by Rebel Challenger

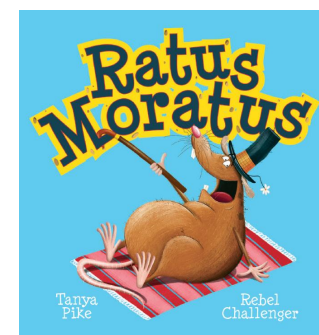
More from Rebel Challenger

The Impatient Glacier
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Also by Tanya Pike & Rebel Challenger:

Ratus Moratus



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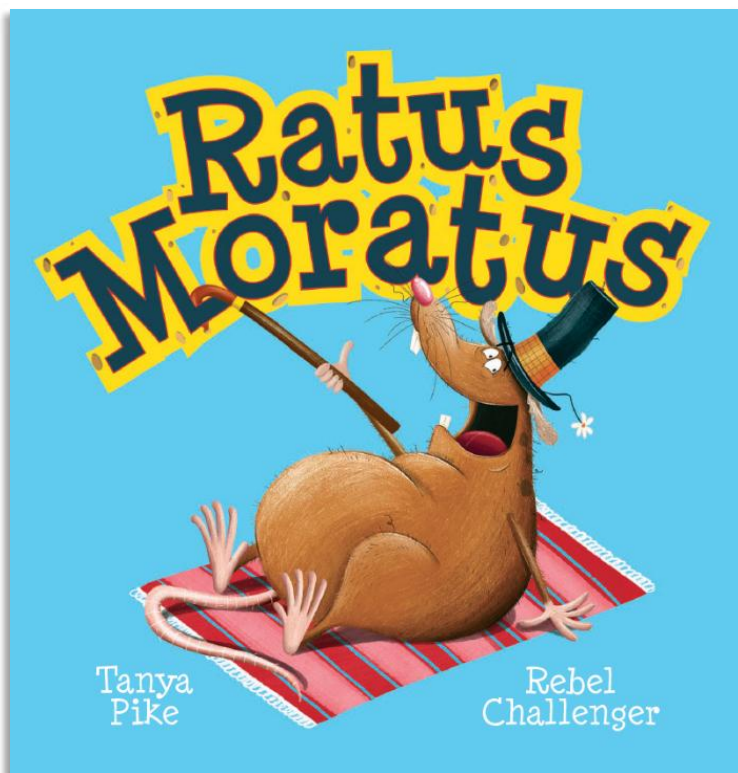
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Tanya Pike grew up surrounded by animals in country NSW, before her love of all things creative led her to a BA Design in Visual Communication. Tanya lives on the Central Coast with two kids and two very cheeky French Bulldogs. *Holey Moley Guac-A-Moley* is her first book with Scholastic Press.

Rebel Challenger is an illustrator, art director and graphic designer based in Queensland. Rebel's artwork is colourful, a bit silly and filled with quirky characters. She has written and illustrated several books for children.

RATUS MORATUS

By Tanya Pike & Rebel Challenger



Ratus Moratus cared only for **status**,
he made himself leader and sat on a **matus**.
He carried a cane and wore a **top hatus**,
but all the rats knew he was really a **bratus**.

When **Catus** arrives, there's trouble for lazy **Ratus**.
Will Ratus get up and **scatus** . . . or end up **SPLATUS**?!

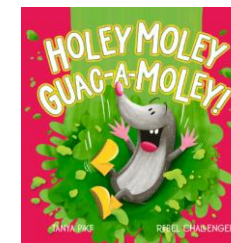
Key Selling Points

- Ratus Moratus is a lazy brat of a rat who thinks he is better than everyone else . . . even a cat!
- A surprising and amusing cautionary tale about vanity, self-importance and keeping your enemies too close!
- Ratus Moratus is bringing the fun to story time with giggles galore guaranteed! The original, silly and playful wordplay throughout the rhyming text will delight and amuse young readers and have this book read on repeat!
- Another wonderful picture book collaboration by Tanya Pike and Rebel Challenger with a lazy main character to rival *Pig the Pug*!



Also by Tanya Pike and Rebel Challenger:

Holey Moley Guac-A-Moley!



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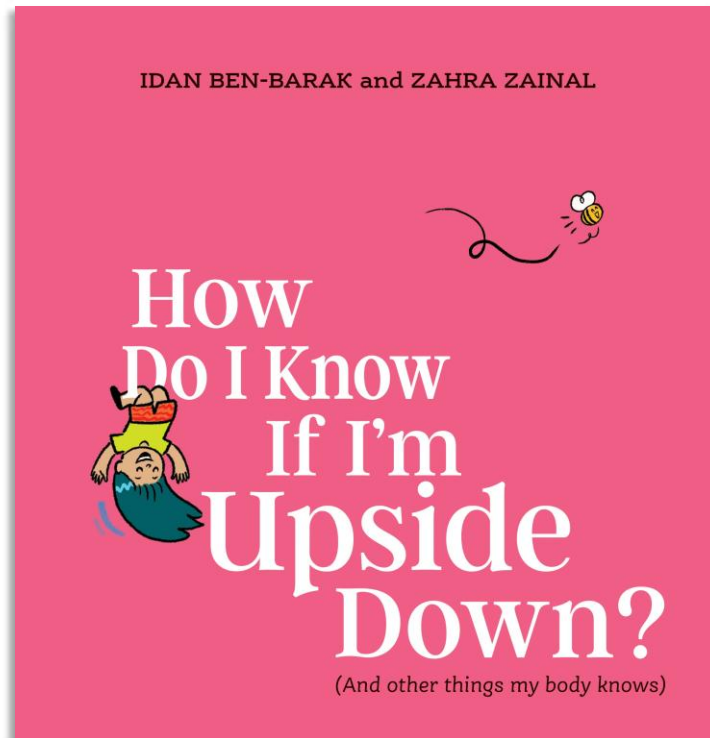
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HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M UPSIDE DOWN?

By Idan Ben-Barak & Zahra Zainal



This is me.

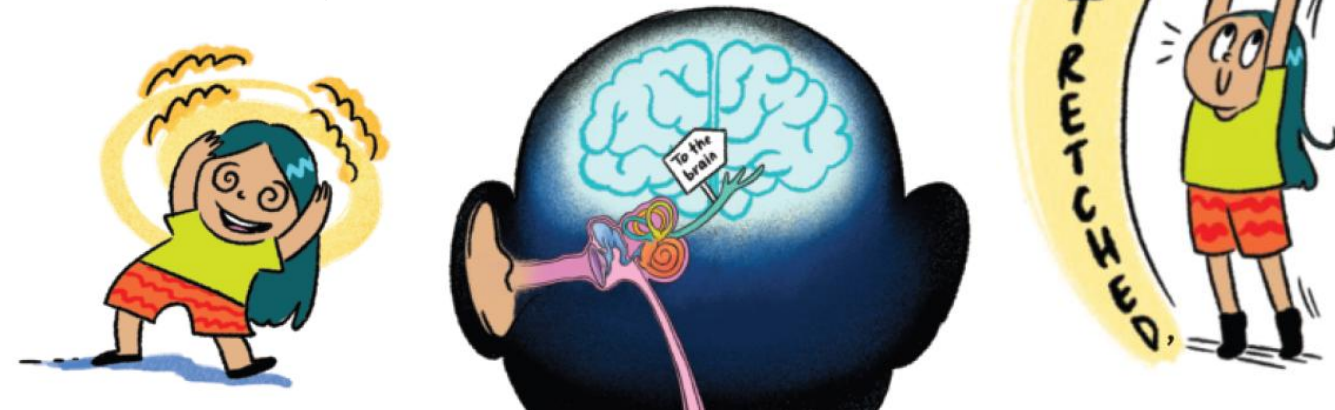
My body can SEE, HEAR, SMELL, TASTE and TOUCH.

But it also knows if it is HOT or COLD, if I am SIDEWAYS or UPSIDE DOWN... and many other things.

Come and explore the human (and other) senses with me!

Key Selling Points

- A witty and whimsical picture book all about the five senses – how we SEE, HEAR, SMELL, TASTE and TOUCH!
- Fantastic learning resource to introduce young readers to foundational concepts in biology and anatomy
- Idan Ben-Barak is an award-winning author with a talent for creating fun, accessible science picture books for kids
- Themes: science, biology, anatomy, the five senses, the human body, animals



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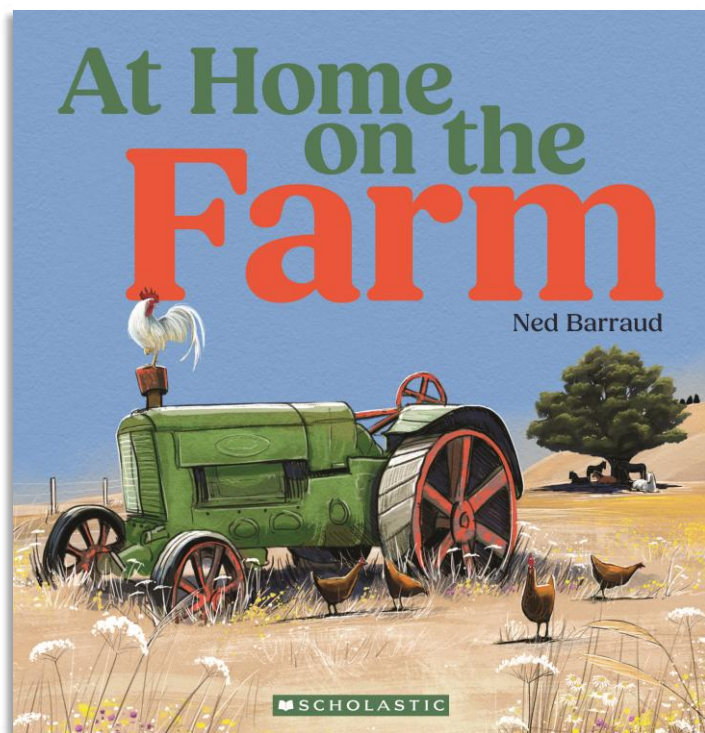
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Idan Ben-Barak writes science books, usually for children; they've been translated into over twenty languages and won a few awards. He lives in Melbourne, Australia with his wife and two boys. Sometimes, after they go to bed, he plays his guitar a bit. He has degrees in microbiology and in the history and philosophy of science, a diploma in library studies, and a day job that has very little to do with any of the above.

Zahra Zainal is a Melbourne-based graphic recorder and illustrator. Zahra is known for her clean, lively and expressive style, and illustrates for both international and local clients.

AT HOME ON THE FARM

By Ned Barraud



An exploration of life on a farm during a long, dry spell

Through lyrical rhyming text, readers are taken on a journey across paddocks, barns, and treetops, encountering the animals and landscapes that make up the farm's rich ecosystem. From the circling kāhu (harrier hawk) in the sky to the hardworking sheepdogs, restless horses, and a watchful rooster, each page captures the rhythms of rural life. As drought grips the land, the farm waits in anticipation—until at last the rain arrives, bringing renewal and relief.

Key Selling Points

- Stunning illustrations by Ned Barraud, one of New Zealand's top wildlife illustrators, brings the farm to life with detailed and captivating artwork
- Themes of resilience and nature's cycles, this book highlights the challenges of drought and the relief of rain, making it a relatable and educational read

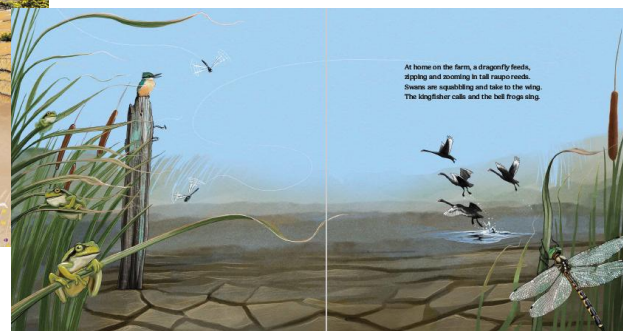
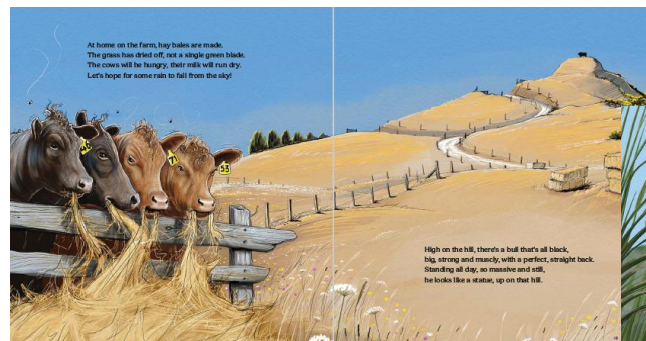


More from Ned Barraud

Tuatara, A Living Treasure

Ruru, Night Hunter

Pu and Ru's Bird Beak Clues



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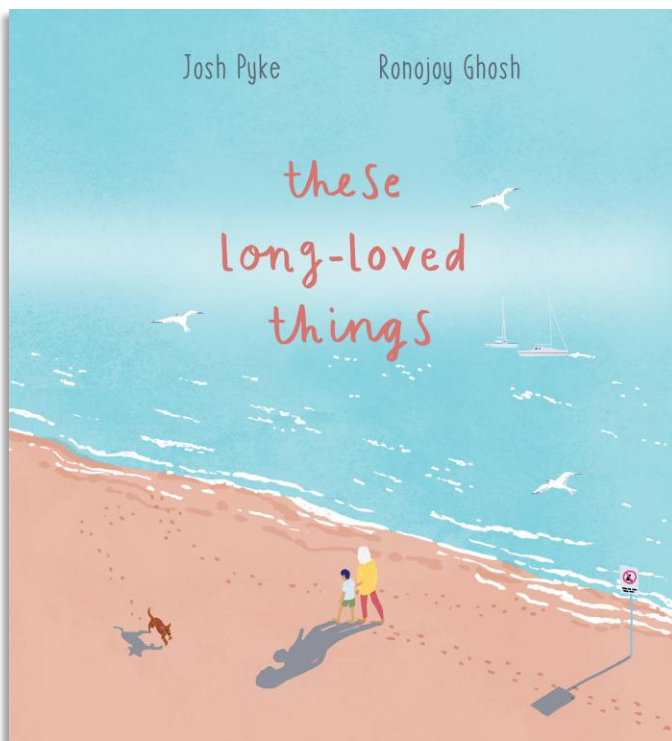
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Ned Barraud studied art in Otago, in the South Island of New Zealand, and illustration at Victoria University in Wellington. He has since authored and illustrated a number of children's books and journals including the 'Explore and Discover' series about different ecosystems in New Zealand. He loves to help introduce children to the natural world around them and encourages them to explore it. His first book with Scholastic was Katie Furze's *Tuatara, a Living Treasure* which was a finalist in the non-fiction section of the New Zealand Children's Book Awards. The second book in the series is the popular *Ruru, Night Hunter*. Ned lives in Nelson, New Zealand, with his wife and three children.

THESE LONG-LOVED THINGS

By Josh Pyke & Ronojoy Ghosh



Where do they go, these long-loved things?

These stories told, these songs we sing?

Once a memory is made, it remains.

Even when it is forgotten.

A moving story of love, loss and the power of shared memories..



Key Selling Points

- Poignant, heartfelt and lyrical text about love, family and memory
- Lovingly dedicated to everyone who has experienced the living loss of a loved one with Alzheimer's disease
- New from Josh Pyke and Ronojoy Ghosh, the creators of *Family Tree*, comes this beautiful and touching new picture book

More from Josh Pyke

A Silver Thread on Christmas Day
Your Head's Not the Place to Store Problems
The Bewilderbeast
Family Tree
Chatterpuss In Deep Water!
Chatterpuss
The Incredible Runaway Snot

More from Ronojoy Ghosh

Family Tree
Bush Turkey series
I'm Australian Too
The Lion Who Came to Stay



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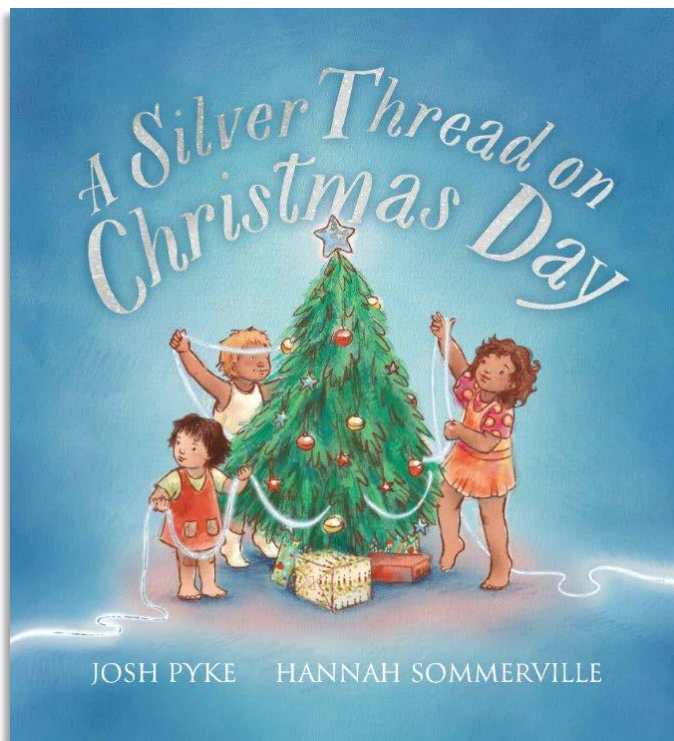
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Josh Pyke is a successful and much-loved Australian singer/songwriter, renowned for his unique and wonderful storytelling and lyricism. Josh has created many bestselling albums, won four ARIA awards, and has also written several books for children. He is a lifelong ambassador for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Ronojoy Ghosh is an award-winning author and illustrator, with a day job in advertising (where he also wins awards). His first children's picture book *Ollie and the Wind* was shortlisted for Book of the Year by the CBCA in 2016.

A SILVER THREAD ON CHRISTMAS DAY

By Josh Pyke & Hannah Sommerville



A timeless and inclusive Christmas classic, celebrating family and the love that brings us together at Christmas time.

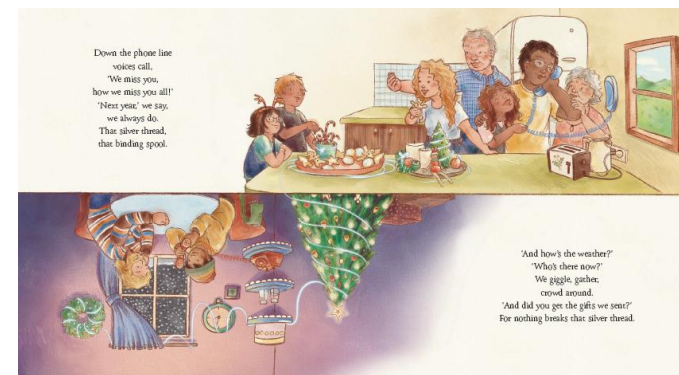
A silver thread that tugs and plays
to bind the years and memories made . . .
Some things change, some stay the same,
long after gifts are packed away,
it's love we've woven, love that stays,
through all our cherished Christmas days.

Key Selling Points

- Written by multi-award-winning musician and writer Josh Pyke, with illustrations by best-selling CBCA Book of The Year winner Hannah Sommerville
- Celebrating family, treasured memories, and the ties that bind us together during the special times

More from Josh Pyke

These Long-Loved Things
Your Head's Not the Place to Store Problems
The Bewilderbeast
Family Tree
Chatterpuss In Deep Water!
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The Incredible Runaway Snot



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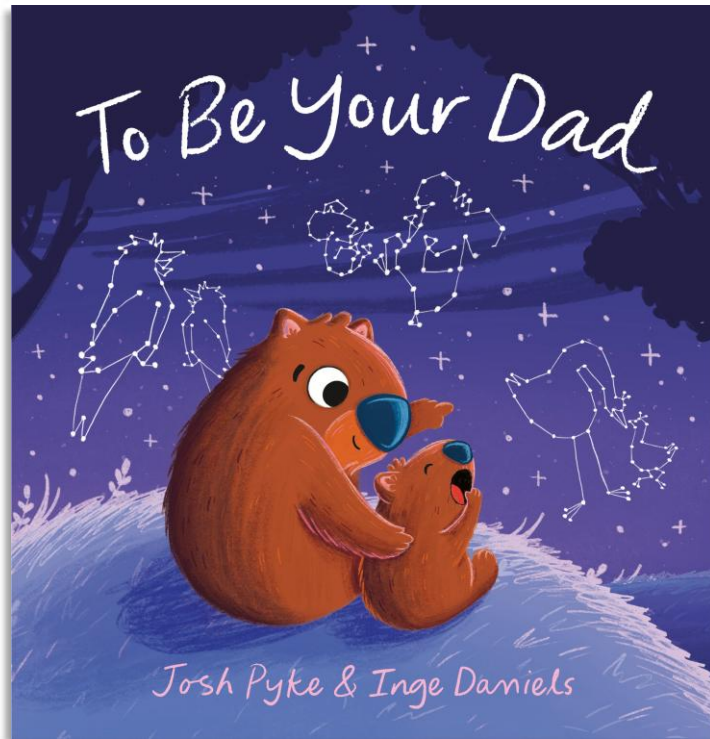
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Hannah Sommerville enjoys creating vivid details in hopes of capturing the imagination of children, drawn from her family life and her own childhood memories. Hannah has won multiple awards, including CBCA 2022 Early Childhood Book of the Year for *Jetty Jumping*.

TO BE YOUR DAD

By Josh Pyke & Inge Daniels



What does it mean to be your dad?

It means jokes are more gigglesome,
cuddles more warm,
an 'I love you' more soul-deeply true.
It means the universe never held so many wonders,
the most wondrous of all being you.

Key Selling Points

- By award-winning singer/songwriter Josh Pyke
- A loving ode to fatherhood through the ups and downs, and the years that go by in the blink of an eye
- An adorable celebration of treasured memories and treasured dads! Perfect for fans of *Some Dads* and *My Dad's the Coolest*
- Heart-warming rhyming text answering the question of what fatherhood means through relatable family experiences and milestones
- With humorous animal characters and families throughout, illustrated by Inge Daniels



More from Josh Pyke:

A Silver Thread on Christmas Day
These Long-Loved Things
Your Head's Not the Place to Store Problems
The Bewilderbeast
Family Tree
Chatterpuss In Deep Water!
Chatterpuss
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More from Inge Daniels:

My Body, My Brain

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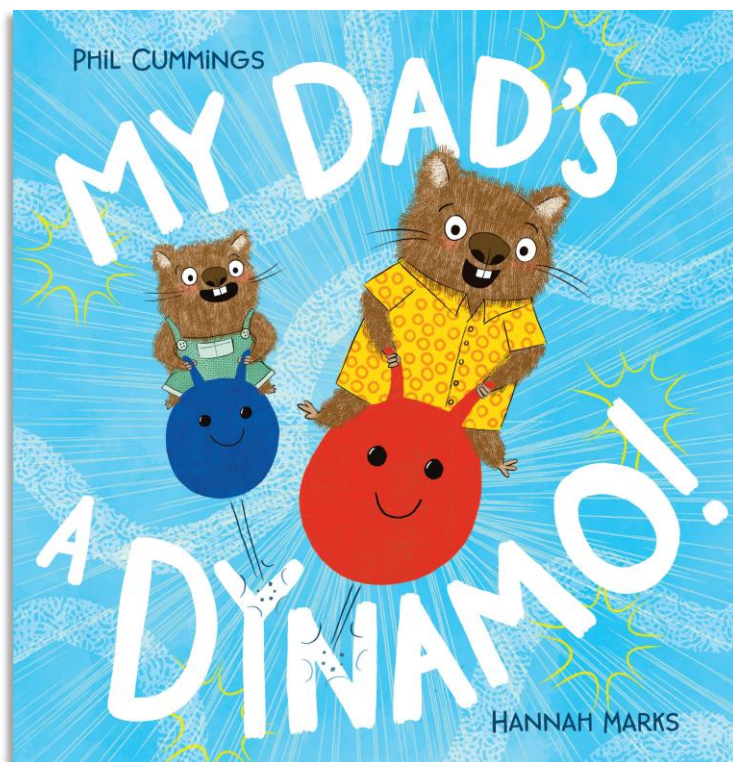
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Inge Daniels is a Dutch illustrator and designer previously based in Melbourne, but currently living in the Netherlands with her Australian partner and cat. Inge has worked as a graphic and packaging designer at various agencies in the Netherlands and Australia. Inge is passionate about writing and illustrating picture books.

MY DAD'S A DYNAMO!

By Phil Cummings & Hannah Marks



*Hey-ho! Don't you know?
My dad's . . . A DYNAMO!
Full of energy, full of beans,
the busiest dad you've EVER seen!*

A celebration of all the wonder, whimsy and wacky fun that dads bring to the world!

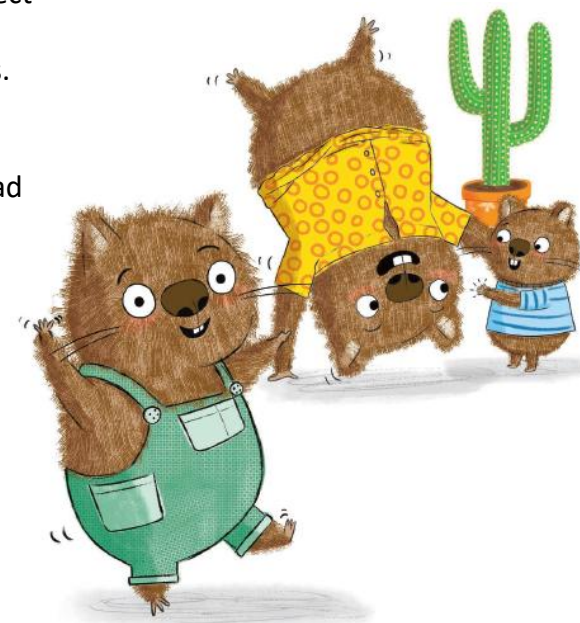
Key Selling Points

- A joyful and hilarious new Father's Day book perfect for fans of *Some Dads* and *My Dad's The Coolest*.
- From CBCA award-winning author, Phil Cummings.
- Featuring bright, bubbly illustrations by award-winning illustrator, Hannah Marks!
- Themes: Father's Day, family, games, camping, road trip, humour, fun.



More from Phil Cummings

Good Gnus!
The Hidden Hat
Crumbs
Joe and the Stars
A Boy and a Ball
Through the Smoke
Feathers
Boy
Echidna Jim Went for a Swim
Newspaper Hats



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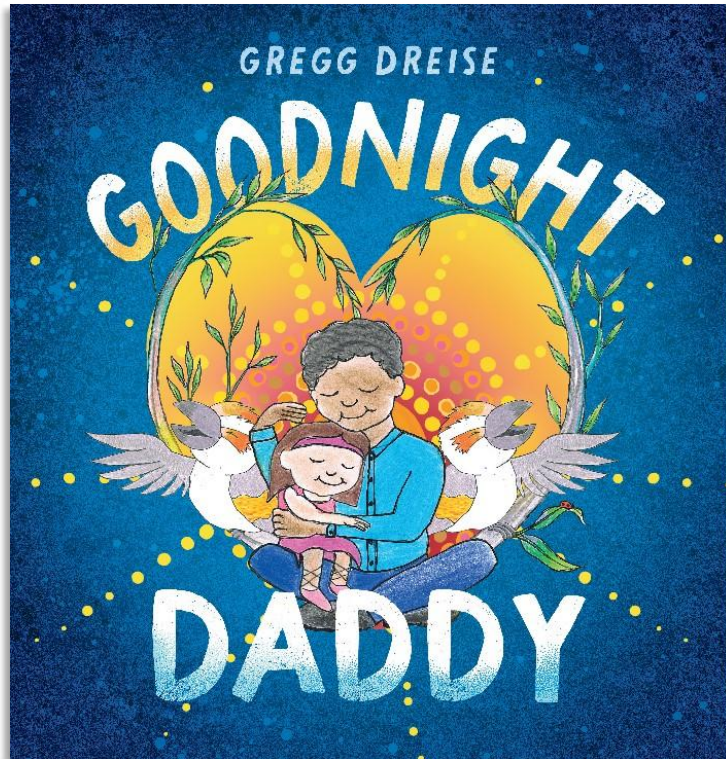
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Phil Cummings was born in the small seaside town of Port Broughton in South Australia. His interest in writing began with poetry and writing songs, and since his first book—*Goodness Gracious!*—was published by Omnibus Books in 1989 he has written dozens more.

Hannah Marks is an illustrator and designer. Growing up she was always drawing and colouring, which from time to time included the bedroom wall! She worked as a graphic designer before moving into illustration in 2012, and works digitally using patterns and textures to add an organic feel to her art. She lives with her husband and three children in Hertfordshire, just outside of London.

GOODNIGHT DADDY

By Gregg Dreise



'Are you ready for bed, my cheeky little koala?'

'Almost . . . Can we talk a little longer, Daddy?'

A beautiful and poignant bedtime story about a father and daughter sharing their hopes for the future, from multi-award-winning Kamilaroi and Euahlayi author and artist, Gregg Dreise.

Key Selling Points

- A heart-warming new Father's Day book from Gregg Dreise.
- Gregg is a multi-award-winning author and artist, and a proud descendant of the Kamilaroi and Euahlayi people.
- A sweet story with the heart and tenderness of *I Love My Dad, For You* and *Grandpa Loves You*.
- A young girl talks with her father before bedtime about the best parts of her day and her hopes for the future – celebrating the joy, love and laughter that they bring to each other's world.



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Gregg Dreise is an award-winning author, artist and musician. He began writing poems as song lyrics for his band, and later developed a taste for telling old yarns, especially around a campfire. Gregg plays the didgeridoo and guitar in his lively performances at schools, libraries and festivals. He is a proud descendant of the Kamilaroi and Euahlayi people of south-west Queensland and north-west New South Wales.

PICTURE BOOK GEMS!

