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Hello, friends

In 2024 we are celebrating ten years of DFB as an independent publisher, and we are heading into our anniversary year full of excitement about the stories we have to share with you. Market-leading comic books, best-selling fiction, ground-breaking non-fiction, thrilling new voices, and scintillating series – they are all here and all brought to you with the boldness, belief and delight that are so important to everything we do at DFB.

We hope you will join us in our celebration – and here's to the next ten years of working together to spread the joy of brilliant books!

All best wishes,

Liz Cross

Managing and Publishing Director



JAMIE'S LIFE SALES EXCEED
1 MILLION

JAMIE SMART

BUNNY MONKEY
VS
LOOSHKIN



Themes: humour • friendship • teamwork
• empathy • zany • joy • silliness • surreal

GRAPHIC NOVEL

Bunny vs Monkey series
7-11 • PB • 256pp • 210x140mm
Book 9: HB JAN 2024

Looshkin series
7-11 • PB • 208pp • 210x140mm
Book 3: APR 2024

RIGHTS SOLD: Bunny vs Monkey series:
US, Albanian, Dutch, Finnish, German, Greek,
Hebrew, Polish, Portuguese, Norwegian,
Spanish, Ukrainian (under offer)
Looshkin series: Polish



'Jamie Smart is a comics genius'
Philip Reeve



LAURA ELLEN ANDERSON

LAURA'S BOOKSCAN SALES EXCEED
370K

EVIL EMPEROR PENGUIN

Cute and cuddly? Not this penguin.
This is Evil Emperor Penguin!

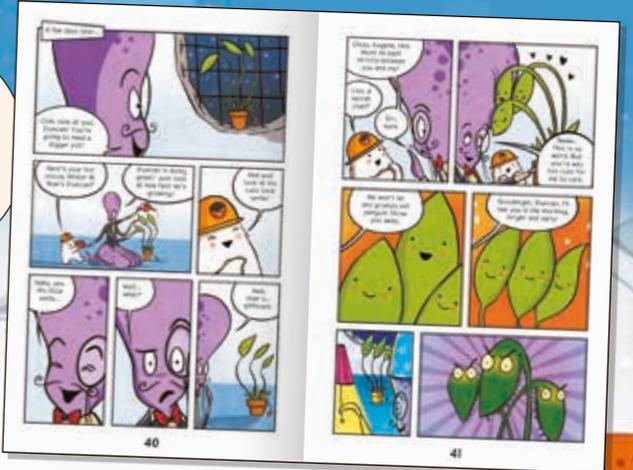
This penguin wants to take over the world and will stop at nothing to achieve his dastardly ambition. Don't expect it to go smoothly... but DO expect a LOT of laughs!

In the icy, snow-covered depths of Antarctica is the secret lair of an extraordinary penguin. Evil Emperor Penguin! From the bottom of the world, he's got his sights set on taking the whole thing over!

'A captivating spree of smart, witty adventure, which will delight readers of all ages'
Comics Review

'A mix of absolute cute with spot on funny... a firm favourite'
Forbidden Planet

'A fantastically funny cartoon romp'
Kirkus

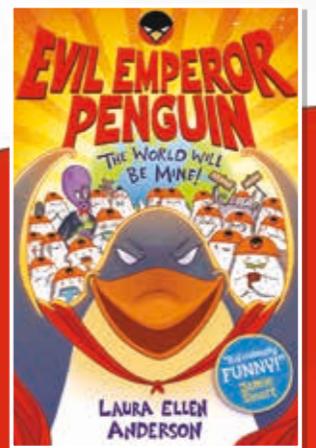
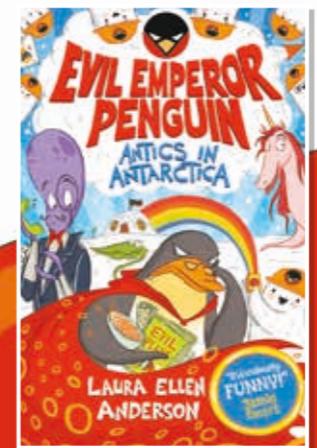


'A fantastic comic style book'
BookTrust

Themes: humour • evil genius • fun
• family • silliness • teamwork • friendship

GRAPHIC NOVEL 7-11 • PB • 240pp
210x140mm • Book 2: SEPT 2023

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World



NEILL CAMERON MEGA ROBO BROS

36,000 COPIES SOLD

Brothers. Robots. Superheroes.

Alex and Freddy are super-powered robots, juggling school with saving the day. But being robot superheroes isn't easy, especially when there's a new enemy in town!

'Vivid, well told and made me laugh out loud'
The Times
Children's Book of the Week

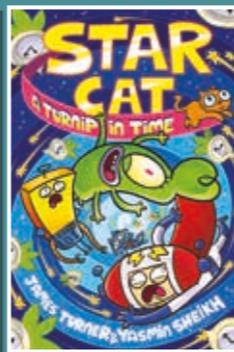
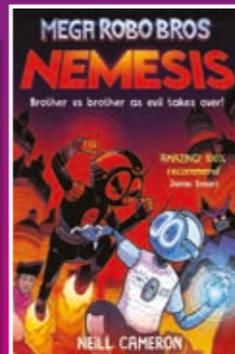
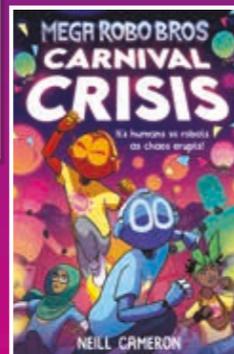
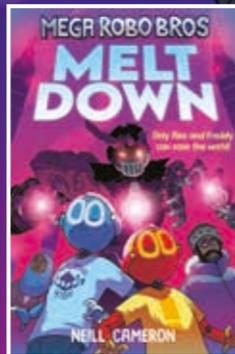
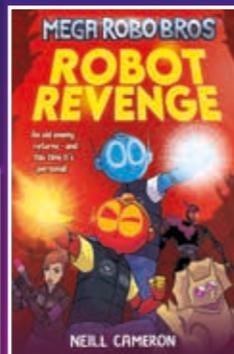
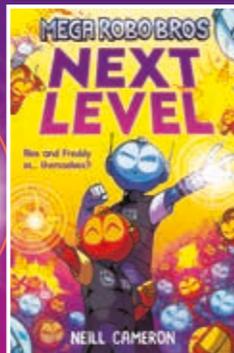
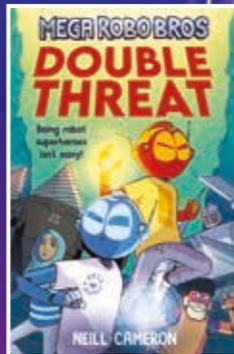
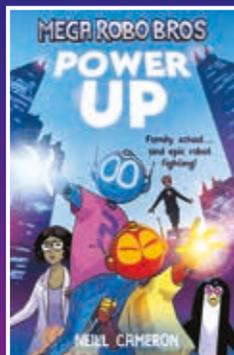
'Masterful and immersive ... smart, fun and nuanced'
Kirkus

Themes: adventure • family • action • friendship • joy • empathy • courage

GRAPHIC NOVEL
7-11 • PB • 208pp • 210x140mm

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World

'Exudes energy and excitement ... funny, compelling and a celebration of diversity'
BookTrust



In the deepest depths of space, there is only one crew brave enough to take on the universe's most dangerous villains . . . Unfortunately, they weren't available for this book, so you'll have to make do with the crew of the . . . STAR CAT!

Join Captain Spaceington and his team as they blunder across the universe, on a hilarious journey of escapades and disasters, as he tries to prove he's worthy of the Bravest Captain medal!

Themes: silly • adventure • family • action • friendship • joy • empathy • courage

GRAPHIC NOVEL
7-11 • PB • 208pp • 210x140mm

RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese (simplified)

Winner of the British Comic Award for Best Comic for Children



'An absolute delight from start to finish'
Comicon

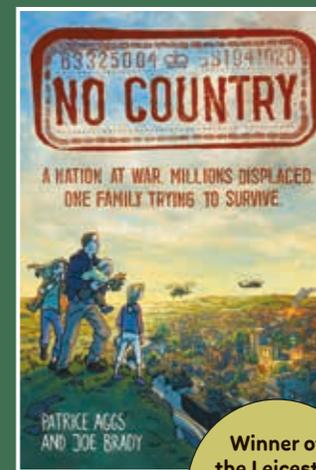
A stunningly illustrated graphic novel tale, about the inspiring power of stories and how the only person who can tell you what to do with your life is yourself!

Georgia is on the lookout for excitement! One day a pixie arrives with a message that changes everything, triggering adventures wilder than anything Georgia's ever dreamed.

Themes: courage • determination • adventure • feminism • finding yourself

GRAPHIC NOVEL
7-11 • PB • 208pp • 210x140mm

RIGHTS SOLD: Norwegian



Winner of the Leicester Libraries' Best Book Award 2022

A graphic novel for our times.

No Country is a family story that shows the challenges faced by refugees and people desperate to escape war-torn countries and find a new home.

Themes: refugees • empathy-provoking • family • finding a new home • adventure

GRAPHIC NOVEL
8-12 • PB • 208pp • 210x140mm

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World



'A thought and empathy-provoking comic'
Three Peas – a charity that supports refugees and asylum seekers



ADAM & LISA MURPHY CORPSE TALK

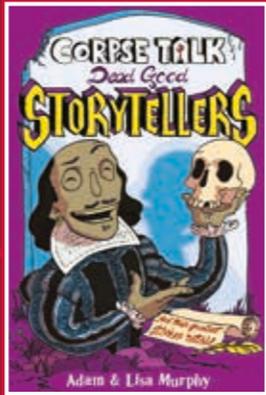
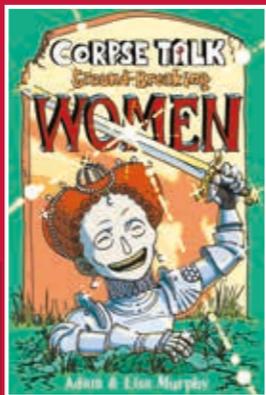
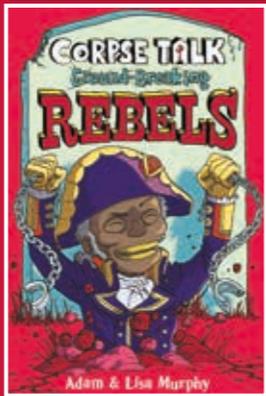
Twice Blue Peter Award-shortlisted, super talented and super funny Adam and Lisa Murphy give us the ultimate history lesson by interviewing the dead famous!



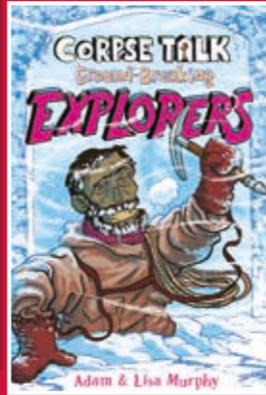
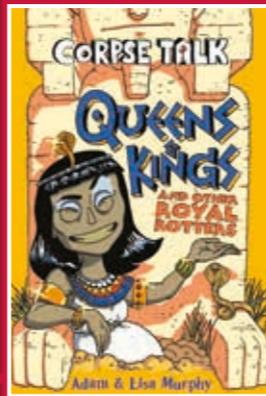
'A must for any classroom and library!'
Cartoonists' Club of Great Britain

'Smart, irreverent, funny and splendidly factual throughout'
Comics Review

Now a top-rated YouTube series starring Joe Sugg



Themes: non-fiction • amusing • history • biography • empathy • different cultures • famous and infamous



'Filled with wit and puns galore... Murphy makes history come alive - in more ways than one'
Booklist

GRAPHIC NON-FICTION
7-12 • PB • 128pp • 229x152mm

RIGHTS SOLD: US, Polish

SOPHIE BURROWS CRUSHING

A stunning meditation on loneliness, heartache – and the joy of human connection.



'This book is STUNNING. A masterpiece'
Holly Bourne

'A sensitive and drily humorous narrative'
Publishers Weekly

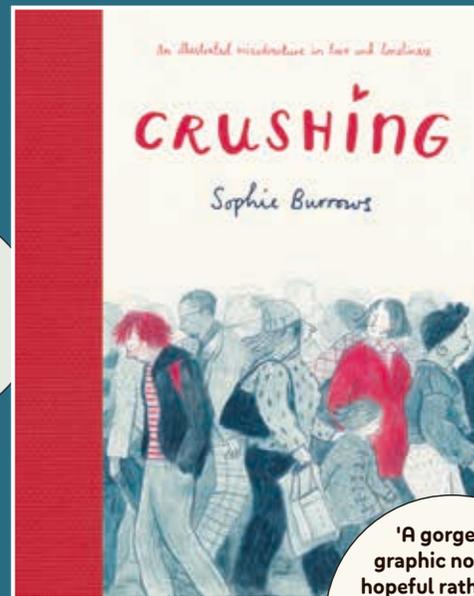
'A tender and real modern love story told via sad-sweet illustrations'
Matt Haig

'Beautiful, funny, touching, original and utterly unique'
David Walliams

Themes: love • loneliness • city life • power of connection • silence • shame • insecurities • self esteem • friendship • kindness

CROSSOVER GRAPHIC NOVEL
16+ • HB • 160pp • 260x208mm

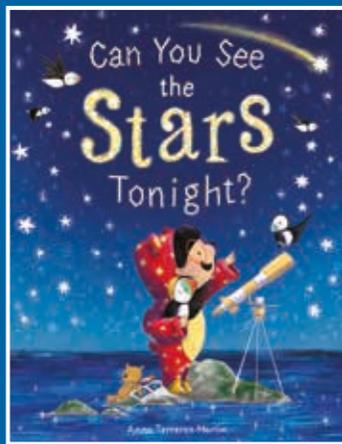
RIGHTS SOLD: US, Chinese (simplified), French, Italian



'A gorgeous graphic novel... hopeful rather than hopeless, *Crushing* is a new kind of love story'
Red magazine

'An exquisitely painful portrait of loneliness'
New York Journal of Books





A gorgeous bedtime story that will encourage readers to look up at the night sky and question if they can see the stars where they live, whilst empowering them with the knowledge of why they might not be able to AND what they can do to help.

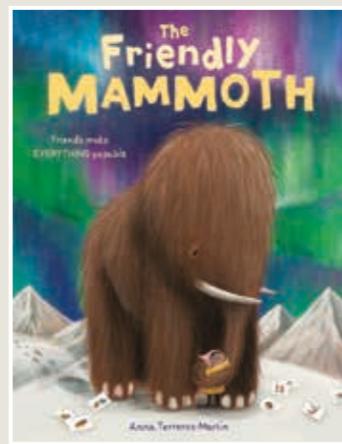
The second sumptuous picture book from Cambridge MA graduate Anna Terreros-Martin.

Themes: adventure • joy • family • friendship • action • environment • empathy • courage

PICTURE BOOK

3+ • PB • 32pp • 290x225mm

RIGHTS SOLD: Korean



Join Mansi and her favourite museum exhibit, Woolly Mammoth, as they explore the world as it once was, meet the animals that have long-since disappeared, and learn the simple secret to making friends.



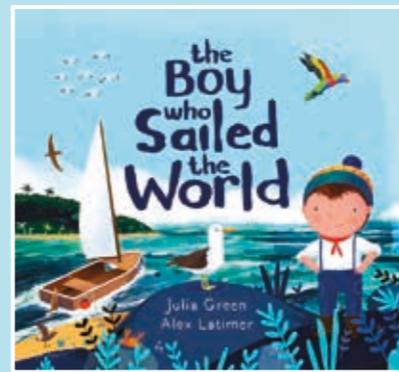
'A warm-hearted picture book' *Books for Keeps*

Themes: creativity • museums • kindness • environmentalism • extinction • friendship • shyness • time travel • adventure

PICTURE BOOK

3+ • PB • 32pp • 290x225mm

RIGHTS SOLD: Korean, Polish, Serbian



Filled with the wonder of the natural world and the joy of adventure, this is a story about dreaming big – and about the qualities you need to achieve your dreams.

Alex Latimer is published in dozens of foreign languages

'A gentle and inspirational tale about all the adventurous possibilities the world holds for children' *Guardian*

Themes: inspires courage • wonder of the natural world • daring to dream

PICTURE BOOK

3+ • PB • 32pp • 245x278mm

RIGHTS SOLD: Bulgarian, Chinese complex, Greek, Serbian



PHILIP REEVE & SARAH McINTYRE

OVER 135,000 COPIES OF REEVE & McINTYRE SOLD TO DATE



The first titles in a new full-colour series by the world-wide mega-selling, multi-award-winning duo of *Pugs of the Frozen North*, the *Roly-Poly Flying Pony* and *Oliver and the Seawigs* fame.

Pedro is a tiny mouse, looking for a BIG adventure. So he sets off in search of excitement – and very soon becomes swept up in the escapades of the ADVENTUREMICE! A brave, determined team, the Adventuremice keep the Mouse Islands safe from danger. Will Pedro be able to prove that he has a kind enough heart, and a strong enough nerve, to join the crew?

Combines the child-friendly thrills and the fun of programmes like *Paw Patrol* or *Octonauts* with beautiful writing, illustration, heart and the design values of a children's classic.

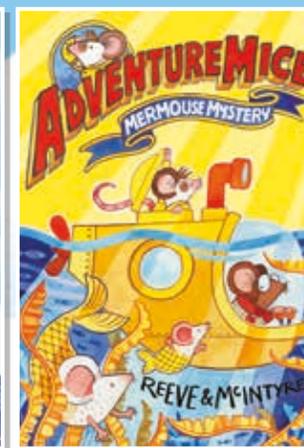
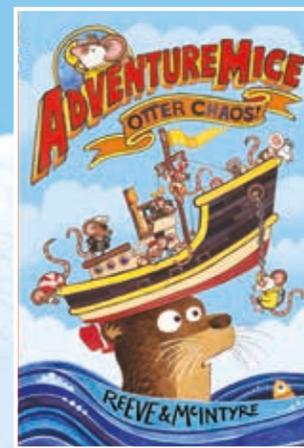
Themes: teamwork • friendship • bravery • adventure • kindness • second chances • determination • never too small to make a difference • effort

'Delightfully illustrated, beautifully written, full of adventure and heart' *Through the Bookshelf*

ILLUSTRATED FICTION

5–7 • PB • 128pp • 178x126mm

RIGHTS SOLD: US, Audio, Chinese simplified, Hebrew, Italian, Polish



Praise for Reeve & McIntyre 'As the story dashes along so, too, do the illustrations, which are a delight on every page' *Julia Eccleshare MBE, Guardian*

JAMIE SMART

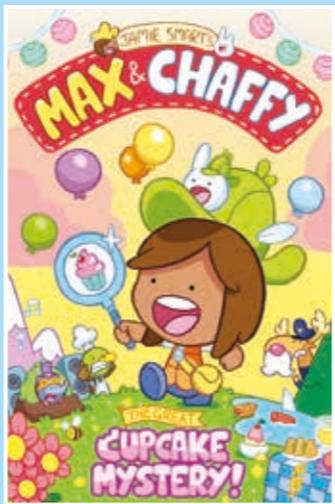
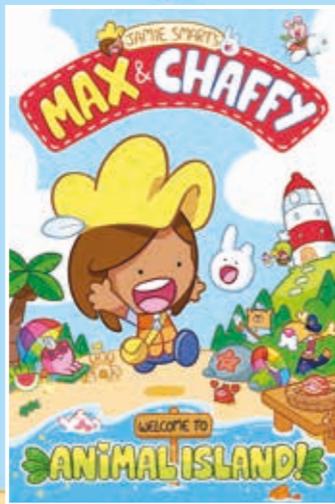
JAMIE'S LIFE SALES EXCEED
1 MILLION



JAMIE SMART'S MAX & CHAFFY

There's a special chaffy for everyone, just waiting to be found! Max has moved with Mum and Dad to live on Animal Island – a small island inhabited by walking, talking animals. Max LOVES finding things and putting them back where they belong, but the one thing they haven't found yet is a friend.

After finding a chaffy, they visit various places on Animal Island trying to find where it belongs. Along the way Max learns about chaffies, meets the other inhabitants of the island – and makes friends with all the animals they meet and help (thanks to Chaffy!).



Cute, warm, friendly, character-led full-colour story books with fun and adventure

A core emotional story about being your best self

Packed with empathy!

Themes: interactive • empathy • fun • joy • friendship • adventure • be your best self

ILLUSTRATED FICTION
5–8 • PB • 128pp • 210x140mm
Book 3: November 2023
Book 4: Summer 2024

RIGHTS SOLD: Spanish Catalan and Basque



JEREMY STRONG

JEREMY'S LIFE SALES EXCEED
7 MILLION

ARMADILLO AND HARE

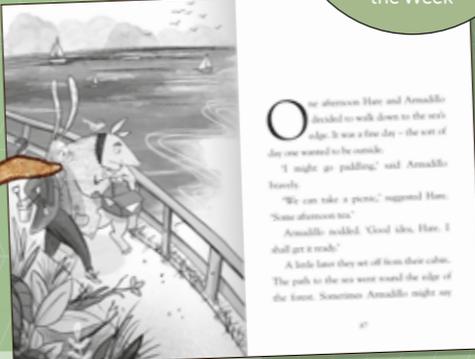
Illustrated by Rebecca Bagley

Armadillo and Hare are an unlikely pair, but they are the best of friends. Their life in the Big Forest is never dull, not when there are drumming bears and diva flamingos to keep them entertained!

A collection of charming and whimsical stories about finding joy in the ordinary and sharing what we love with new friends. Funny and warm, these are perfect bedtime stories.

'Bagley's charismatic illustrations add character, movement, comedy and style'
Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week

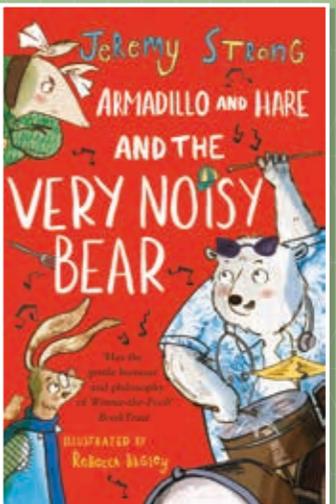
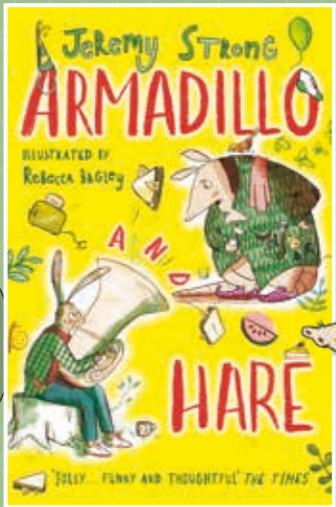
'Strong is excellent on friendship dynamics while being funny and thoughtful'
The Times Children's Book of the Week



ILLUSTRATED FICTION
5–8 • PB • 160pp • B Format

RIGHTS SOLD: US, Audio, Czech, Dutch, German, Korean, Norwegian Educational, Romanian, Slovak

Themes: friendship despite differences • wisdom • humour • heartfelt

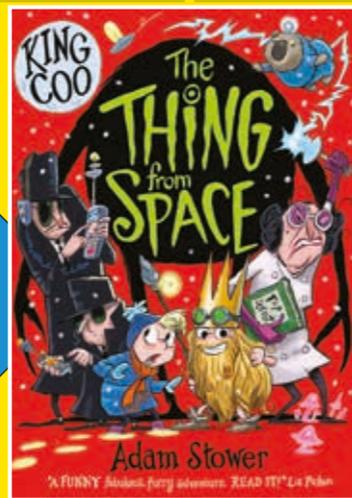
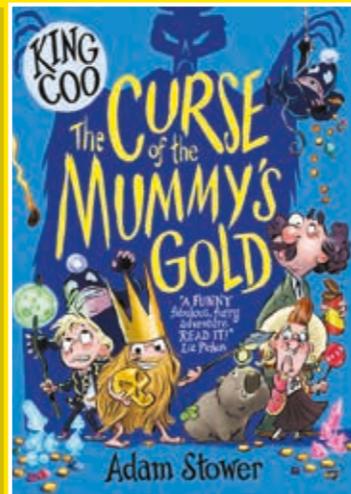
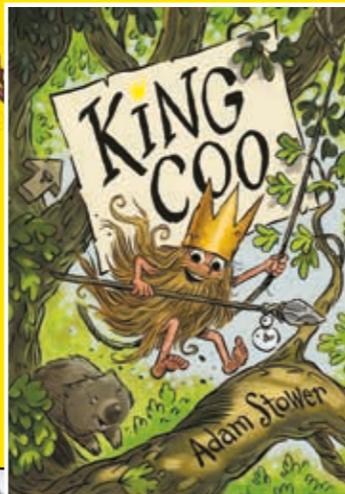


ADAM STOWER

KING COO

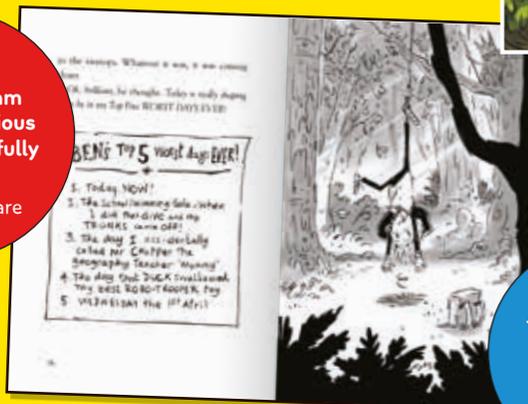
If Peter Pan had been a girl . . . with a beard
. . . then she'd probably have been called King Coo!

In book three, something has landed in the woods and a top secret organisation called the MIC (Men In Caps) is starting to investigate and invade Coo's land. Our heroes are going to need their wildest and most brilliant plan yet to outwit all their foes and save the thing from space.



'Told in words and pictures, Adam Stower's hilarious story is beautifully presented'

Julia Eccleshare
MBE



'A FUNNY fabulous, furry adventure. READ IT!'

Liz Pichon

ILLUSTRATED FICTION

5-8 • PB • 176-256pp • 178x126mm

RIGHTS SOLD: Audio, Czech, Dutch, French, Galician, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Film & TV option

Themes: funny • inventions • adventure • friendship • bullying • perfect for reluctant readers

GILLIAN CROSS AND ALAN SNOW

OLLIE SPARK

Welcome to Ollie Spark's immersive world, full of machines, mechanics, intriguing locations and multiple mysteries to solve!

A highly appealing boy protagonist with hugely readable, pacy stories by multi-award-winning Gillian Cross, coupled with amazingly detailed art, diagrams and cross-sections from best-selling illustrator Alan Snow.

Ollie Spark LOVES fixing things, so when his eccentric Aunt Caz asks him to convert her ramshackle mobile library into a camper van, he's in heaven! Little does he know that it will result in him being accidentally whisked up into the craziest of adventures, involving a dog called Gasket, a kidnap, eco-warriors and a race against time through secret underground tunnels . . . on a QUAD BIKE!



'A rip-roaring adventure! The i

'A thrilling new series! Waterstones' Best Books of January 2022

Themes: mysteries • machines • adventure • humour • intrigue

ILLUSTRATED FICTION

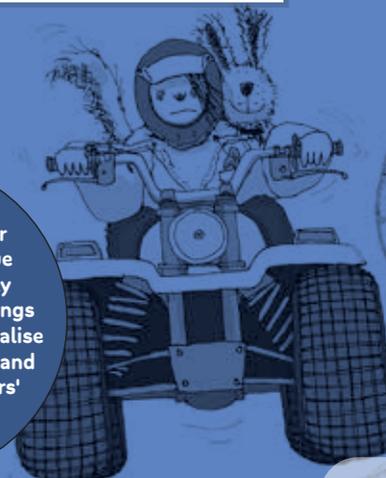
7-9 • PB • 240/256pp • B Format

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World



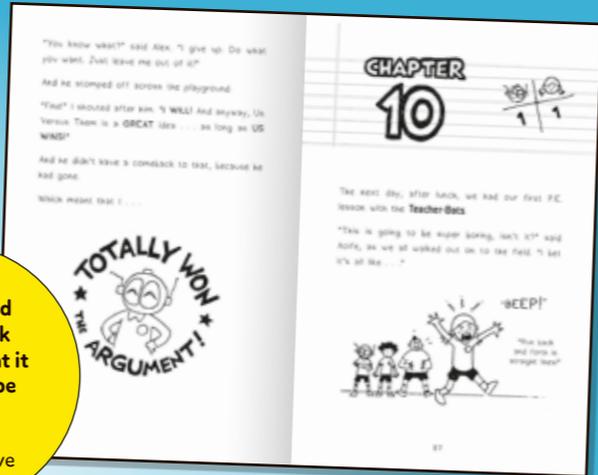
'This entertaining chapter book is full of chapter and humour . . . Lively black-and-white drawings will help readers to visualise the unusual landscape and imaginative characters!'

BookTrust



NEILL CAMERON

THE AWESOME ROBOT CHRONICLES



'Funny, light-hearted chapter book examines what it feels like to be different'
 BookTrust Books We Love

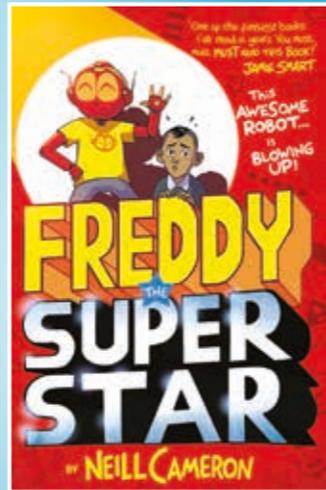
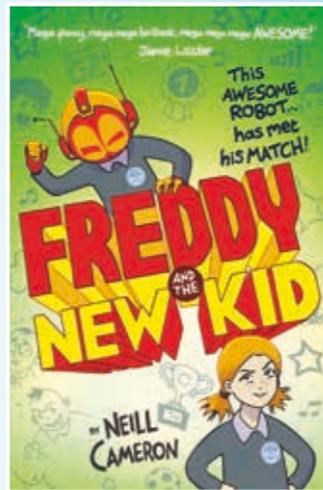
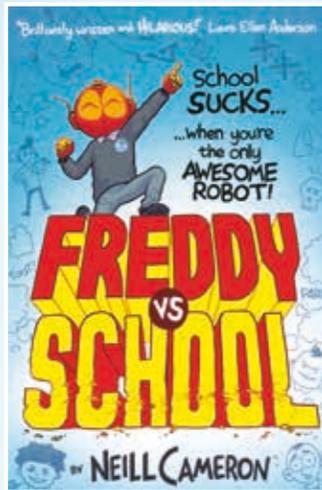
Meet Freddy – the most super-awesome superhero robot ever!

But there's BIGTROUBLE ahead... Can he stay true to himself, stay in school and save his friends?! A smart, fun and yet multi-themed series for fans of *Wimpy Kid* and *My Brother is a Superhero*, featuring immersive black and white illustrations by the author.

'This hilarious novel is perfect for readers who enjoy fast-paced journal-style stories'
 Kirkus



Themes: siblings • integration and empathy • standing out • fast-paced • family • superhero • funny • behavioural problems



ILLUSTRATED FICTION
 7-11 • PB • 224pp • B Format
 RIGHTS SOLD: US, Audio, Korean

JAMIE SMART

JAMIE'S LIFE SALES EXCEED
1 MILLION

FLEMBER

A mysterious island. A strange and mystical power called FLEMBER. A boy inventor called Dev, who uncovers a long forgotten secret. And a GIANT RED ROBOT BEAR!

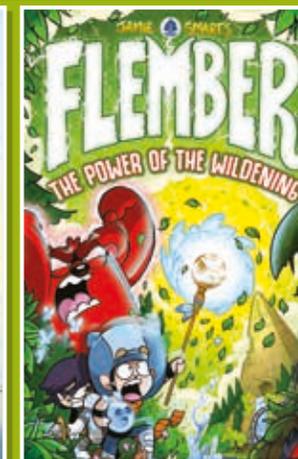
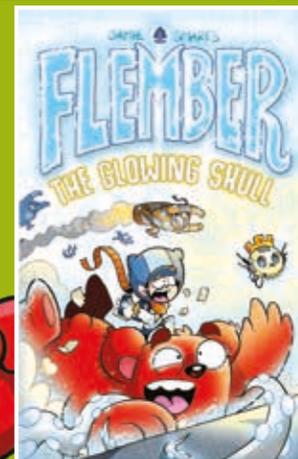
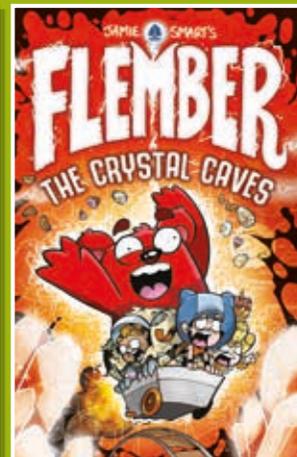
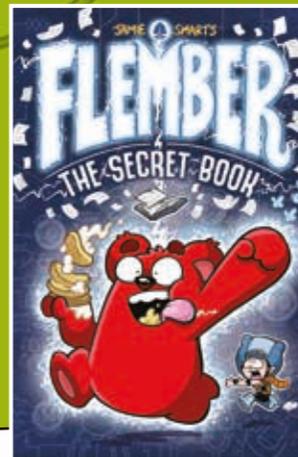
'Fast-paced, astoundingly inventive, raucously hilarious, deeply moving even while sagely exploring how carefree childishness grows into empathy and responsibility'
 Comics Review

There's mayhem, anarchy and inventions galore in this fully illustrated in black and white, riotous adventure series!

'A funny tale of friendship, inventiveness, and, ultimately, about taking responsibility for your mistakes'
 The Bookbag



ILLUSTRATED FICTION
 7-11 • PB • 304-336pp • B Format
 RIGHTS SOLD: Russian



Themes: taking responsibility for your mistakes • inventiveness • importance of family and friendship • laugh-out-loud • empathy



JULIA GREEN

ETTIE AND THE MIDNIGHT POOL

Illustrated by Pam Smy

From one of the finest writers in the UK today: Julia Green brings us this stunningly lyrical and evocative novel.

When Ettie meets Cora, she discovers she wants more than just the rural solitary life she has previously lived. And when Cora leads her to a hidden quarry pool - deep, beautiful and dangerously inviting - Ettie is ready to jump straight in.

But the quarry itself has secrets.

A poignant and evocative novel accompanied by Pam Smy's stunning artwork, about family stories, and how some can be difficult to hear. It asks the question 'What does it mean to have a happy life?'

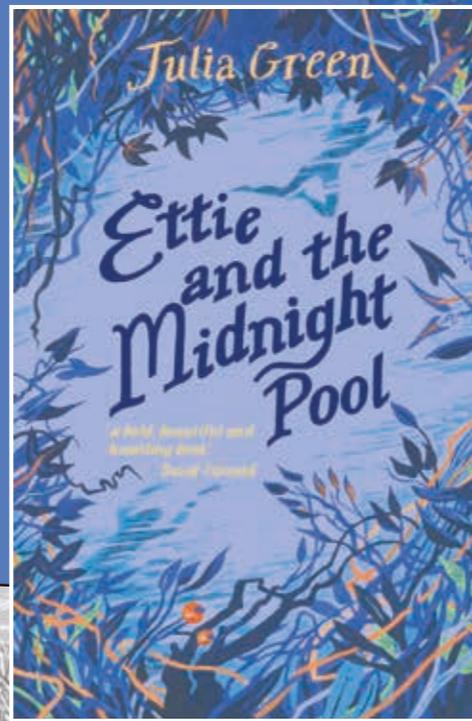
Themes: family stories • courage • friendship • darkness and light • big questions • adventure

ILLUSTRATED FICTION

8-12 • PB • 256pp • B Format

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World

Praise for Julia Green
'A poignant story of hope, courage, thrumming with Green's love of the natural world'
Editor's Choice
The Bookseller



Early review from David Almond
'a bold, beautiful and haunting book'

NANSUBUGA NAGADYA ISDAHL
GIRL ON THE FLY

Kamaria Kessy is 13, independent, confident and loving life. But BIG change is coming! She's fallen out with her best friend, Odie, and she has no idea how to talk to him about it. Plus, her Tanzanian aunty is about to be her new roommate – NIGHTMARE!

All Kam wants to do is focus on winning big with her relay team (and best girlfriends)! But to fly down the race track she's going to need to learn what truly makes her soar. With the help of her friends and family, Kam eventually discovers that maybe winning isn't everything and sometimes the magic you need has been there all along.

Full to the brim with music, food, family and cultural references, this story is a feast for the senses and the soul. *Girl on the Fly* will appeal to fans of Jason Reynolds' *Track* series, *The Babysitter's Club*, and *When Life Gives You Mangoes* by Kereen Getten.

Praise for Nansubuga Isdahl
'This imaginative international tale will delight readers of all ages'

Kirkus
starred review

Themes: deep heart connections • universal bonds • winning and losing • family • finding yourself • coming of age

FICTION

8-12 • PB • 288pp • B Format

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: World



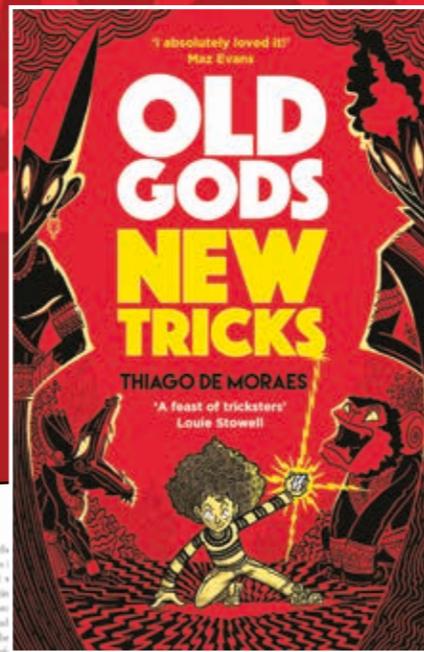
THIAGO DE MORAES

OLD GODS NEW TRICKS

Thiago de Moraes is the bestselling author of *Myth Atlas*, sold in 18 different languages

When there's a sudden worldwide blackout, Trixie embarks on the adventure of a lifetime, gathering up trickster gods and searching for the stolen electricity . . .

A gorgeously written and illustrated novel from award-winning author/illustrator, Thiago de Moraes. *Old Gods New Tricks* celebrates myths from different cultures, as well as the life-changing power and joy of stories and believing in magic.



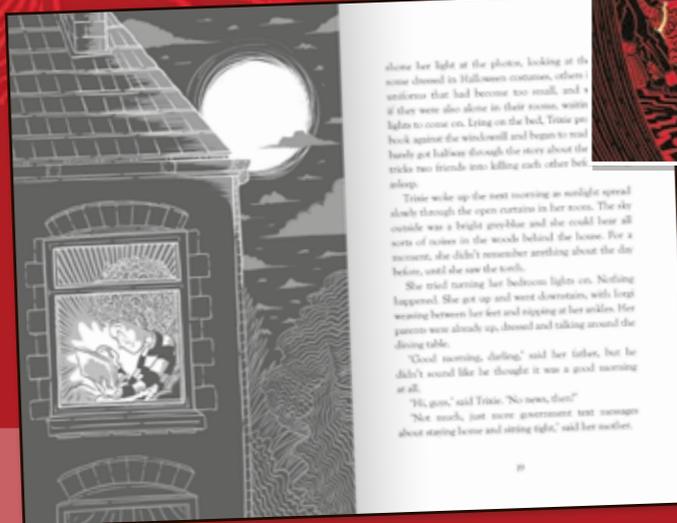
Perfect for fans of *Who Let the Gods Out* by Maz Evans, *Percy Jackson* by Rick Riordan and *Skandar* by A.F. Steadman.

Themes: adventure • courage • different cultures • friendship • loyalty • power • determination • myths and legends • teamwork

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shone her light at the photos, looking at the scene dressed in Halloween costumes, others' uniforms that had become too small, and a if they were also alone in their rooms, write light to come on. Lying on the bed, Trixie peck against the windowill and began to read barely got halfway through the story about the trickster two friends into killing each other before being.

Trixie woke up the next morning as sunlight spread slowly through the open curtains in her room. The sky outside was a bright grey-blue and she could hear all sorts of noises in the woods behind the house. For a moment, she didn't remember anything about the day before, until she saw the tooth.

She tried turning her bedroom lights on. Nothing happened. She got up and went downstairs, with long wavy hair between her feet and ripping at her ankles. Her parents were already up, dressed and talking around the dining table.

"Good morning, darling," said her father, but he didn't sound like he thought it was a good morning at all.

"Hi, guys," said Trixie. "No news, then?"

"She must, just more government test messages about staying home and staying right," said her mother.

CANDY GOURLAY

WILD SONG

The year is 1904. Luki has lived a tribal life in the mountains of the Philippines. Now she's growing up, she is expected to become a wife and a mother, but Luki isn't ready to give up her dream to become a warrior.

When her tribe are offered a journey to America to be part of the St. Louis World's Fair, Luki will discover that the land of opportunity does not share its possibilities equally . . .

'A shocking, refreshingly different coming-of-age story'

The Times Children's Book of the Week



'A powerful story of courage and bravery . . . impossible to put down. *Wild Song* is beautifully told - it is vivid, compassionate and heartfelt'

Jasbinder Bilan

Book of the Month in *The Bookseller*

ALSO BY
CANDY GOURLAY



Praise for *Bone Talk*
'Gourlay's evocative writing grips from the outset'
Guardian

'The real charm of *Wild Song* lies in Gourlay's simple, lyrical storytelling. Her sparse and feathery prose has an almost mesmeric quality—and succeeds in building a beautiful story out of harrowing events. 5*'

The Telegraph

FICTION

12+ • PB • 336pp • B Format
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RIGHTS SOLD: Audio, German and English in the Philippines

SF SAID TYGER



'Breathtaking, heartbreaking and achingly beautiful. Perfection'

Sophie Anderson

'Next level excellent. This book is a gem'

Malorie Blackman

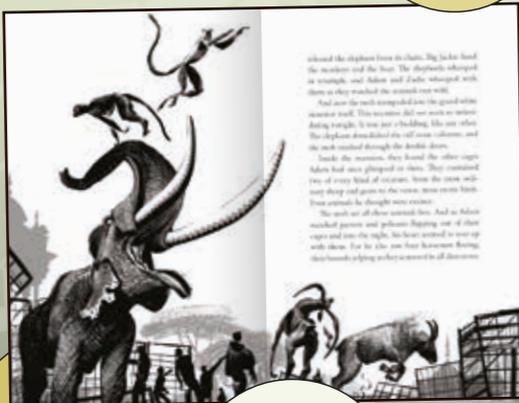
Illustrated by Dave McKean

SF's first children's book, multi-award-winning *Varjak Paw*, has been in print for 15 years and is more relevant today than ever. DFB are publishing SF's latest story illustrated by genius Dave McKean.

In a strange alternate world, where the British Empire is still a ruling force, a young boy called Adam has uncovered something incredible in a rubbish dump – a mysterious, mythical animal. A TYGER.

The Tyger is in danger, and Adam and his friend Zadie are determined to help. However, they soon realise it isn't just the Tyger's life at stake: the world they live in is also on the precipice of darkness. Luckily, the two children have great powers within them, and the Tyger can show them how to harness what's inside . . .

Themes: racism • classism • friendship • adventure • magic • wisdom • poverty • confidence • good and evil • hope

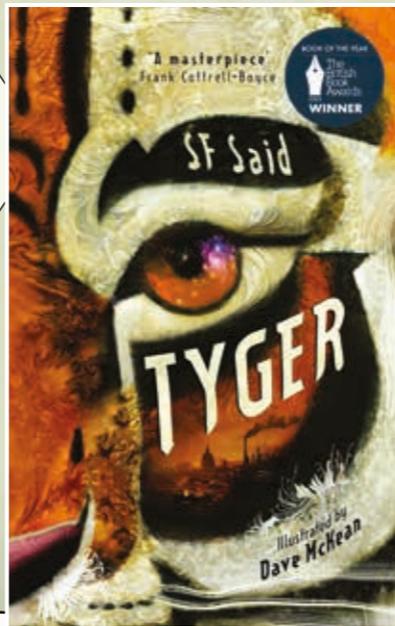


'An out-and-out masterpiece'

Piers Torday

'A perfectly-judged children's adventure'

Katherine Woodfire



'A classic in the making'

Foyles Children's Book of the Year 2022

'Spectacular'

The Times Children's Book of the Year 2022

GILL LEWIS MOONFLIGHT



Illustrated by Pippa Curnick

Multi award-winning and shortlisted author Gill Lewis as you've never read her before, with lavish illustrations by Pippa Curnick, making this an irresistibly commercial package.

A thrilling, heartfelt adventure story about the value of real and found family, the importance of telling your own story and understanding what true treasure is.

Can a timid rat ever become a hero? Tilbury is about to find out on the adventure of a lifetime, journeying across the sea to the realm of the dreaded White Death, to return a priceless diamond to its rightful owners. A marvellous adventure begins and a truly intrepid hero is born . . .

'Lavishly illustrated . . . Moonflight harks back to animal classics such as *Watership Down*'

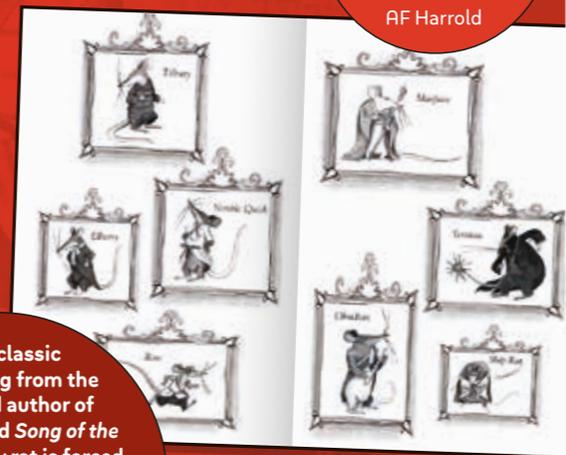
The Bookseller

'More classic storytelling from the acclaimed author of *Sky Hawk* and *Song of the River*, as a shy rat is forced to undergo a perilous quest to return a diamond to its rightful owners'

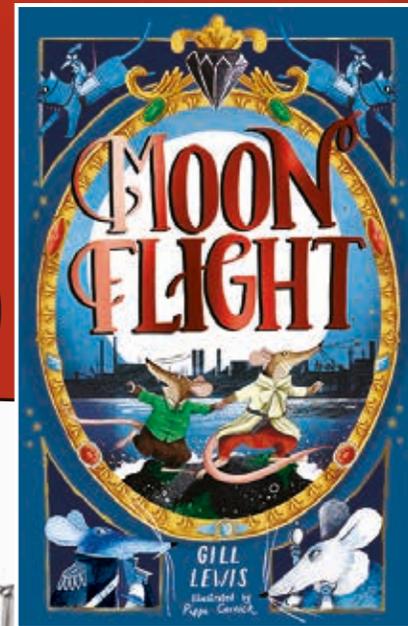
Waterstones Children's Book of the Month, March 23

'A great ratty adventure . . . Cat-riding rat bandits and thrilling jail breaks! Ace stuff'

AF Harrold



Themes: feminism • finding yourself • courage • first impressions • greed • generosity of spirit • honesty and deceit • friendship • family • adventure



'Rollicking adventure . . . Lewis shows how heroes can be born and the ordinary can become extraordinary. Squeaks of approval'

The Times Children's Book of the Week

ILLUSTRATED FICTION
8–12 • PB • 320pp • B Format

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DAVE SHELTON MONSTER IN THE WOODS

From Branford Boase Award-winning author Dave Shelton comes this delightfully witty and truly unique adventure.

This is a very funny, very silly story with a big heart, all about misconceptions, misunderstandings and why you shouldn't judge from first impressions.

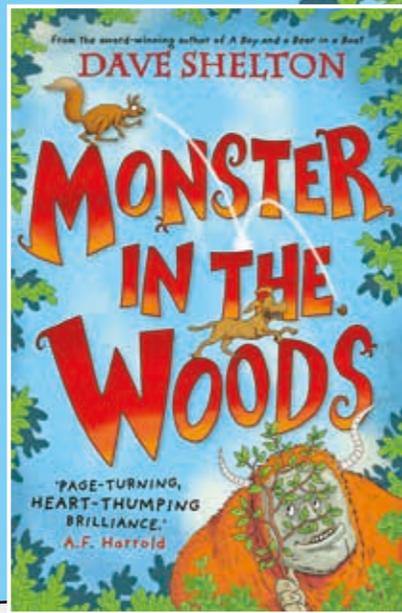
Full of wit and wisdom, this is a future classic adventure tale about family, friendship and why we 'shouldn't judge a book by its cover'.

Themes: family • friendship • adventure • witty • imaginative

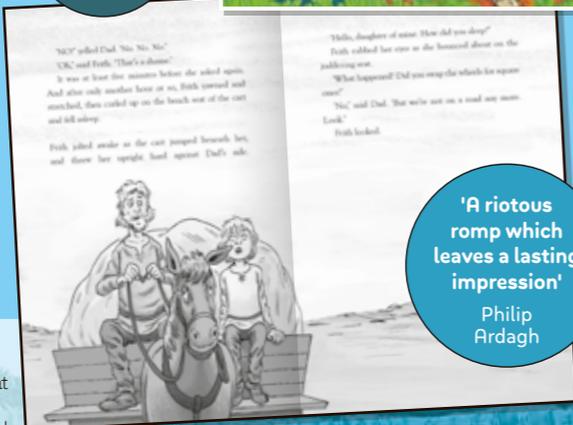
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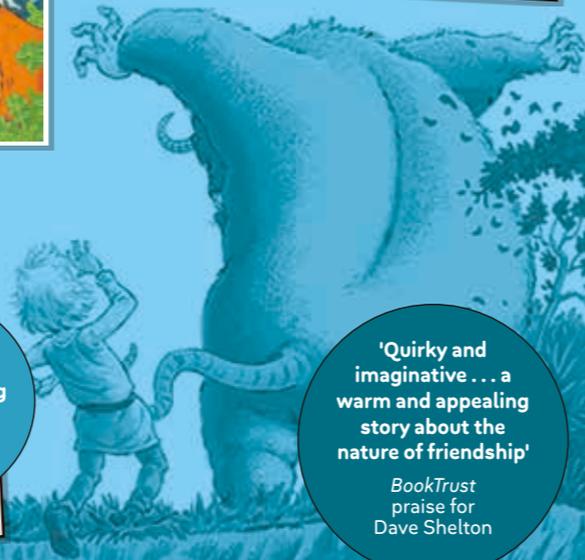
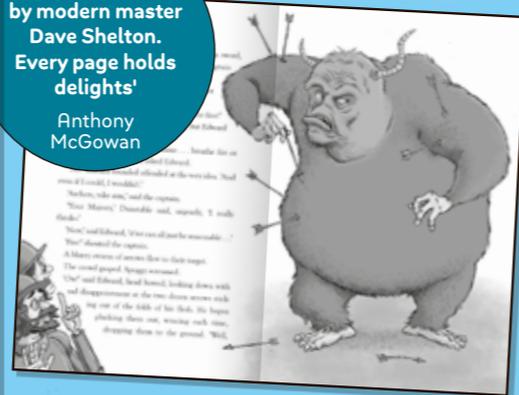


'A delight!'
Philip Reeve



'A riotous romp which leaves a lasting impression'
Philip Ardagh

'Funny and exciting tale by modern master Dave Shelton. Every page holds delights'
Anthony McGowan



'Quirky and imaginative... a warm and appealing story about the nature of friendship'
BookTrust
praise for
Dave Shelton

PHILIP REEVE UTTERLY DARK

From the boundless imagination of Philip Reeve, the *Utterly Dark* series explores old magic, the majesty of nature and the power of found family.

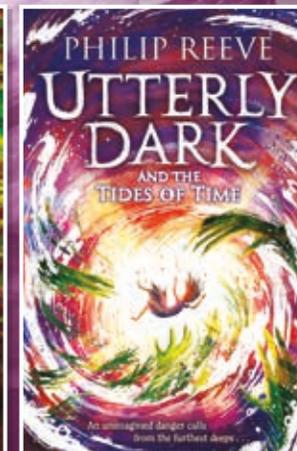
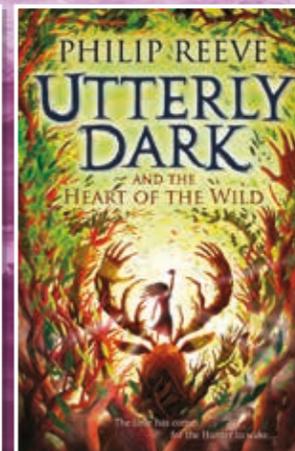
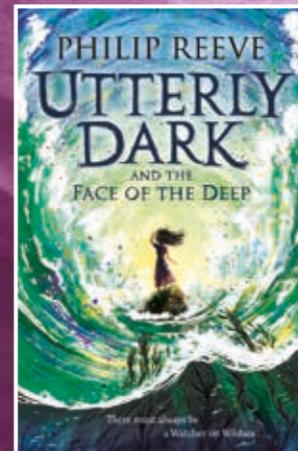
Utterly Dark washed up on the shores of the island of Wildsea when she was just a baby, and nobody knew where she came from. Raised by the Watcher of Wildsea – Andrew Dark, who kept guard over the island – Utterly has always been curious about what lies beyond her home. When Andrew mysteriously drowns, Utterly gets her chance to find out. Exploring the unfathomable depths of the sea, and the ancient, wild woods, Utterly and her found family get ever closer to the truth of Utterly's heritage, but every answer brings up more questions...

Themes: family • adventure • courage • greed • nature • friendship • time travel • escape • power • love • motherhood

FICTION

9–11 • PB • 288pp • B Format

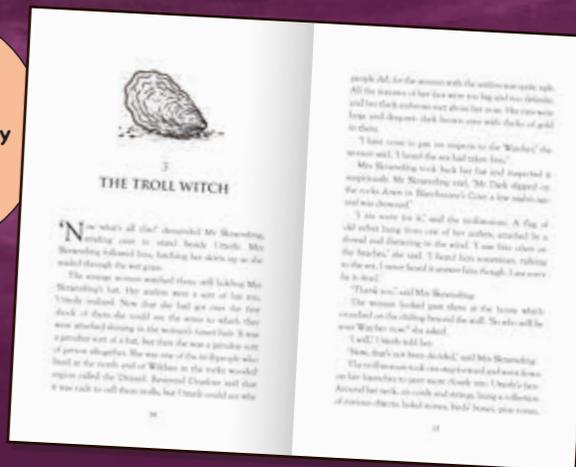
RIGHTS SOLD: (Book 1): Audio, Dutch, French, Polish, Russian



'An absorbing, brilliant book. A glorious read. I loved my journey to Wildsea.'

Lisa Thompson

A Best Children's Book of 2021 in *The Times*, *Sunday Times*, *Guardian*, *Books for Keeps*, *Literary Review* and a *Blackwell's Book of the Month*



'I can't think of anybody who does worldbuilding the way Philip Reeve does'

Ross Montgomery



'A brilliant as well as a timely novel'
Books for Keeps

'This rite-of-passage story is compelling, entertaining, insightful and kind'
Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week

ANNE'S LIFE SALES EXCEED **830K**

'The perfect novel for young teens ... an absolute triumph'
BookTrust

An insightful, sharply funny look at the complexity of teenage emotions and the power of self-expression.

Scarlet's parents have split up, and her best friend's brother has been in a life-changing accident. As her world implodes, she pushes away the people who could help her most. Only one thing's for sure – Scarlet is not the kind of girl to do what anyone else would expect.

Themes: relationships • self expression • empathy • self-discovery • coming of age

FICTION
12+ • PB • 288pp • B Format

RIGHTS SOLD: Audio, Italian, (World rights ex. French: DFB) (French rights: David Higham Associates)

'Melinda Salisbury is a lush, magical writer - who isn't afraid of the dark. Her *Dark Wings* captures the glory of having a real best friend, and the mythic pain of being betrayed by one'

Rainbow Rowell

This is unmissable YA, from the award-winning author of *The Sin Eater's Daughter*.

A novel that will greatly appeal to teens and young adults alike thanks to its many relatable themes. From self-discovery; the thin line between love and hate, friendship and betrayal, obsession and attraction and the wonder of being seen; to the importance of nature and healing through caring for it.

This story is incredibly accessible yet thought-provoking and pacy.

Themes: Greek mythology • love • romance • friendship breakdown • betrayal • healing • self-discovery

FICTION
12+ • PB • 352pp • B Format

RIGHTS SOLD: US, Audio, Italian, Russian



'Astonishing: an intoxicating, sensual YA that combines Greek mythology with a modern-day love story ... darkly luscious'

The Bookseller Book of the Month

'An intoxicating combination of the ancient and modern, full of passion and rage'

Guardian Best Children's Books of the Year 2022

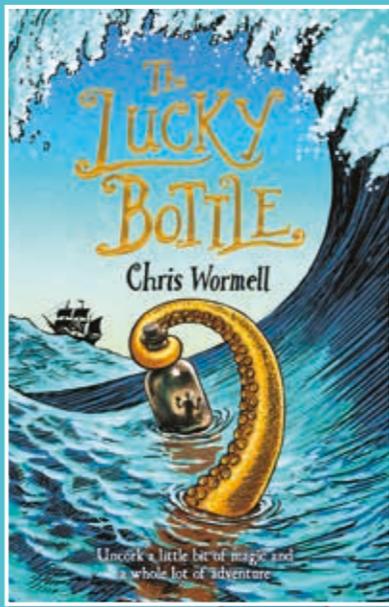
'Mythical reimaginings remain a big trend, but this one is special'
Observer

The Booksellers Association Indie Book of the Month

A wonderful adventure story full of classic elements, but with a unique and magical twist.

Ten-year-old Jack is stranded on a desert island and needs to find his way home. As he uncovers incredible hidden treasure he starts to formulate a plan that will involve witchcraft, sea monsters and pirates! If Jack's going to succeed he will need to be very, very lucky.

Themes: adventure • humour • love of books • magical



'Celebrated author-illustrator Chris Wormell has created a stunning story that will grip 8+ year olds hook, line and sinker'
LoveReading

ILLUSTRATED FICTION
8-12 • PB • 304pp • B Format

RIGHTS SOLD: Audio, Catalan, Italian, Japanese, Spanish

'It seems that Lissa Evans only writes instant classics'

Anthony McGowan

'A wise and superbly funny misadventure'

The Bookseller Editor's Choice

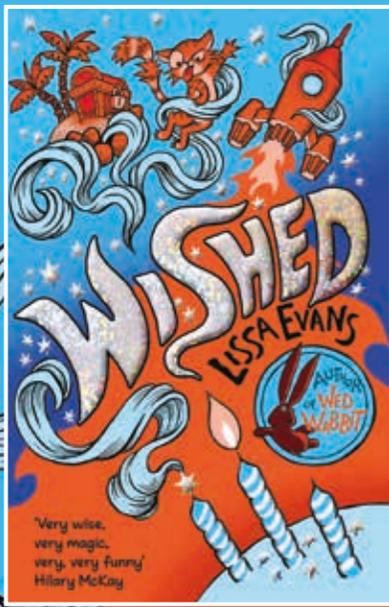
'The magic adventure is a wish come true'

The Times Children's Book of the Week

'Instantly engaging ... elegantly balanced between classic and contemporary'

Guardian

Themes: disability • magic • heartwarming • humour • adventure • time-slip



From the twice Carnegie Medal and Costa Award-shortlisted author Lissa Evans, *Wished* is a hilarious misadventure about how the biggest wishes can come true, in the most unexpected ways.

These are no ordinary candles – every single one of them comes with a wish. There's only one problem: some of those wishes actually belong to someone else ...

FICTION
8-12 • PB • 272pp • 208x135mm

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BEN MARTYNOGA

EXPLODAPEDIA

Illustrated by Moose Allain

A brand-new series that tells you everything you need to know about the fundamentals of science!

Explodapedia will excite and inspire the scientists of the future, giving the gift of awe and understanding of the world around them to eager young readers.

These books will show those who think they aren't good at science that they too can enjoy and retain fascinating facts and theories.

'A totally fascinating book, brimming with amazing scientific knowledge and fab illustrations. I had no idea cells were so interesting (or funny)!'

Greg Jenner

NON-FICTION

12+ • PB • 160pp • B Format

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Book 5: NOVEMBER 2024

Book 6: FEBRUARY 2024

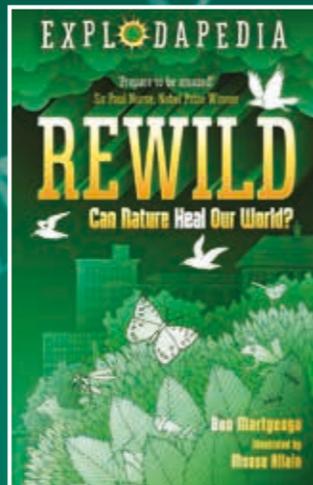
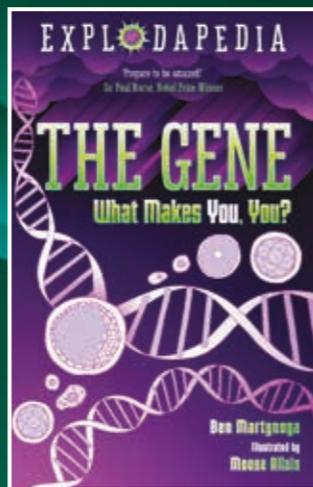
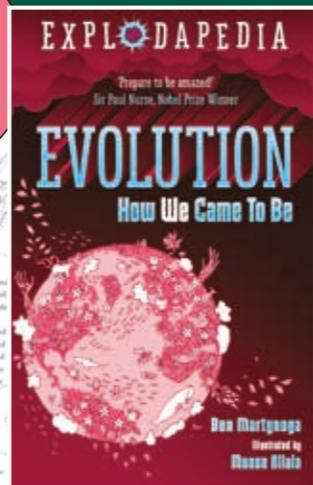
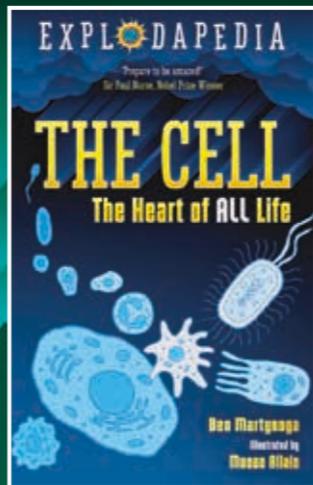
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'Informative, accurate, authoritative, and right up to date!'

Sir Paul Nurse,
Nobel Prize
Winner

'Accessible and funny!'

Professor
Ramakrishnan,
Nobel Prize
Winner



LINDSAY TURNBULL

Biology
The Whole Story

Illustrated by Cécile Girardin

Biology: The Whole Story is a new sort of textbook, the kind you want to read again and again. This book fills in the gaps; it contains everything you wanted to know but were never taught. It is the springboard to stepping into studying science from the teacher who knows.

There are lots of great books about specialist areas of biology, but there are few that combine the readability of popular fiction with a comprehensive grounding in the science. Lindsay Turnbull, Associate Professor and Fellow at Queen's College, Oxford University, wanted to change that. She wanted to give prospective students of biology, future doctors and anyone who felt that they missed out at school, the chance to truly understand the brilliance of biology.

Designed to appeal both to the educational and popular science markets, the book features a stylish array of limited palette illustrations by Cécile Girardin, giving it gift appeal.

ADULT NON-FICTION

16+ • HB • 304pp • 250x180mm

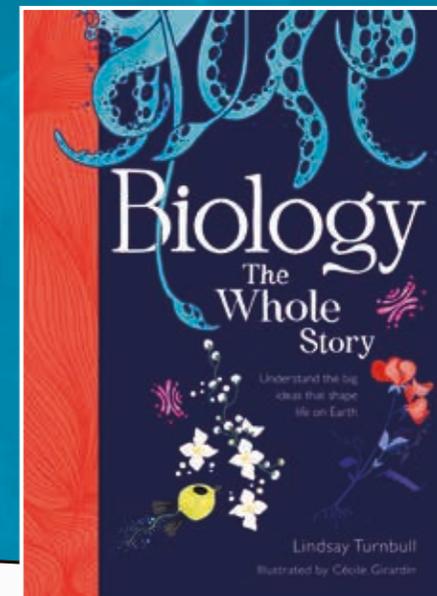
RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese simplified, Polish

'The best biology text I've ever read... I wish I'd had this book as a student, but I am delighted to get my hands on it as an adult!'

Rowan Hooper,
New Scientist

'A truly wonderful and important book that fizzes with excitement at the extraordinary forces that shape us and all living things. A triumph!'

Sir Tim Smit KBE,
Co-founder of the
Eden Project



CARLIE SOROSIAK

ROAR LIKE A LION

Illustrated by Katie Walker

An inspirational guide to living your best life – with a wild twist!

This charming book perfectly hooks into the growing and vital children's self-help market. The ultimate feel-good guide for young readers. Be inspired by the confidence of a lion, the bravery of a hedgehog or kindness of a wombat.

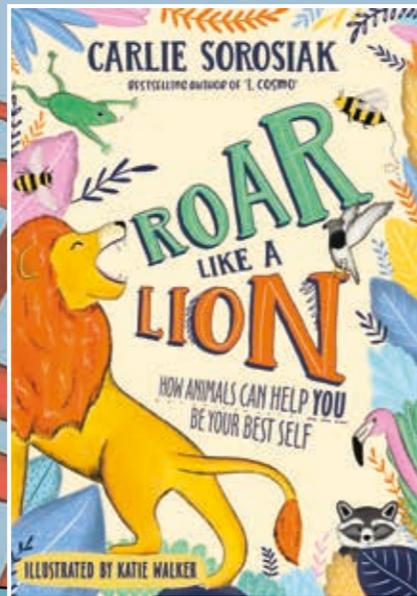
This book will delight fans of Matthew Syed's *You Are Awesome*

Themes: practical advice • inspirational • heart-warming facts • self-help • feel-good • self-appreciate • celebrating uniqueness

NON-FICTION

8+ • PB • 160pp • 216x152mm

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'Inspirational, uplifting and an utter delight. Roar Like a Lion will give pleasure and confidence to all animals who read it, both young and old. A great family book to read together'

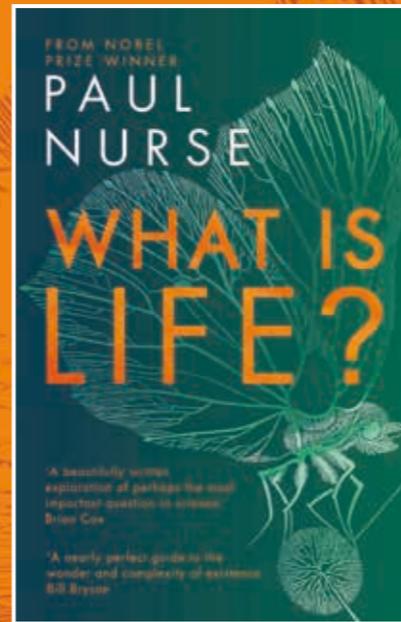
MG Leonard

'Full of facts and remarkable true stories... wise and uplifting'

The Bookseller, Editor's Choice

'Full of heart, wisdom and humour... packed full of inspiration'

Hannah Gold, author of *The Last Bear*



'Eloquent... Anyone wondering how life works would do well to pick this up'

Publishers Weekly

'A concise, lucid response to an age-old question'

Dava Sobel

'A book that will inspire a generation of biologists'

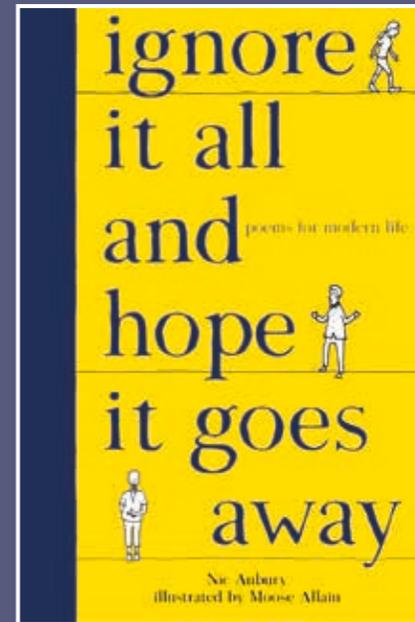
Siddhartha Mukherjee

Nobel Prize-winning biologist Sir Paul Nurse explains what it is to be alive in five simple chapters.

ADULT NON-FICTION PB • 224pp • B Format

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A *Financial Times* Best Book of the Year 2020



A brand-new voice in modern poetry, Nic Aubury is one to watch!

This completely original collection is a funny and hilariously truthful look at all the irritations and uncertainties of modern life. A sort of completely unhelpful self-help poetry book, for those who can't bear self-help. Accessible, utterly relatable and easy to read, it is an exciting new pairing of a comedic voice with popular comic artist Moose Allain's illustrations enhancing the book brilliantly.

ADULT POETRY

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