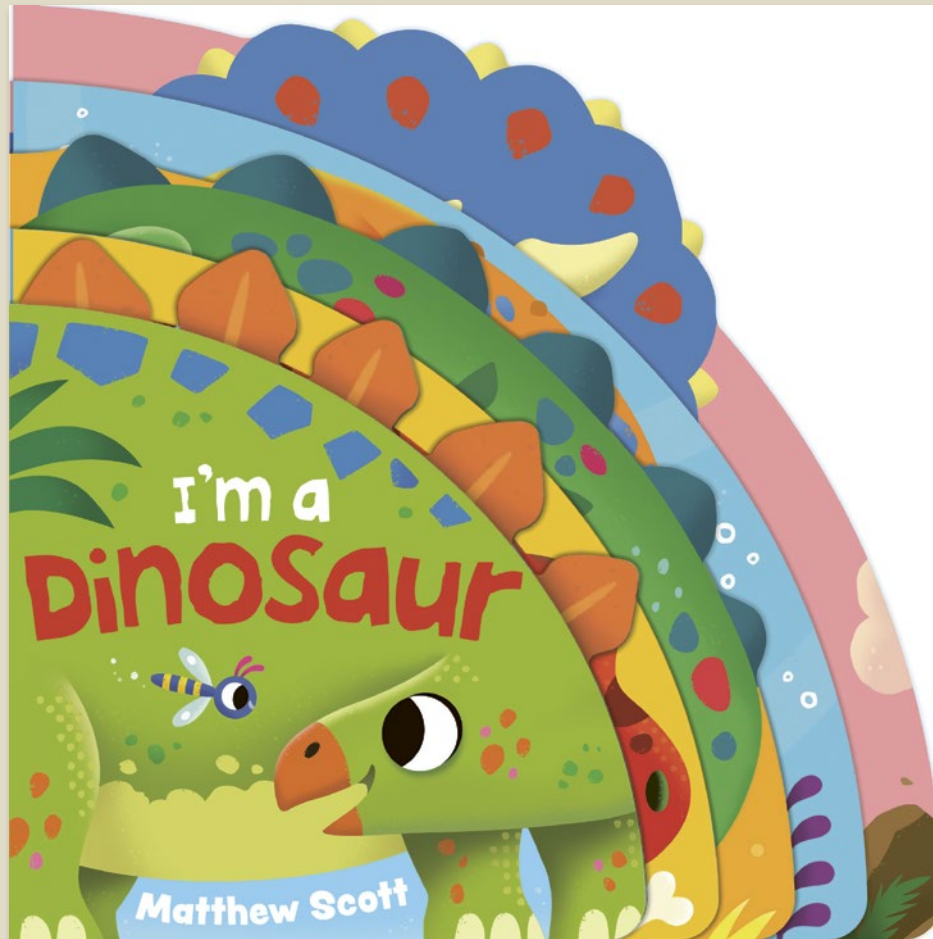




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I'm a Dinosaur



A dinky shaped board book packed with dinosaurs.

- 7 uniquely shaped spreads full of playful shapes to trace give this book a fun, toy-like quality.
- Bursting with brightly coloured, friendly characters illustrated by Matthew Scott
- Each spread features a first dinosaur fact - perfect for toddlers who are interested in dinosaurs, but still too young for longer non-fiction
- Full of sounds to join in with... ROAR!
- A sturdy board book that can be given to the youngest of babies
- Also in the series: I'M A CAR
- CONTENTS: T.rex, Parasaurolophus, Diplodocus, Pterodactyl, Triceratops, Plesiosaurus, Stegosaurus

I'm a Dinosaur



Pub Date	13/02/2025
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781800788183
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Matthew Scott
Extent	14pp
Word Count	120 words
Rights Available	World



A dinky shaped board book packed with things that go.

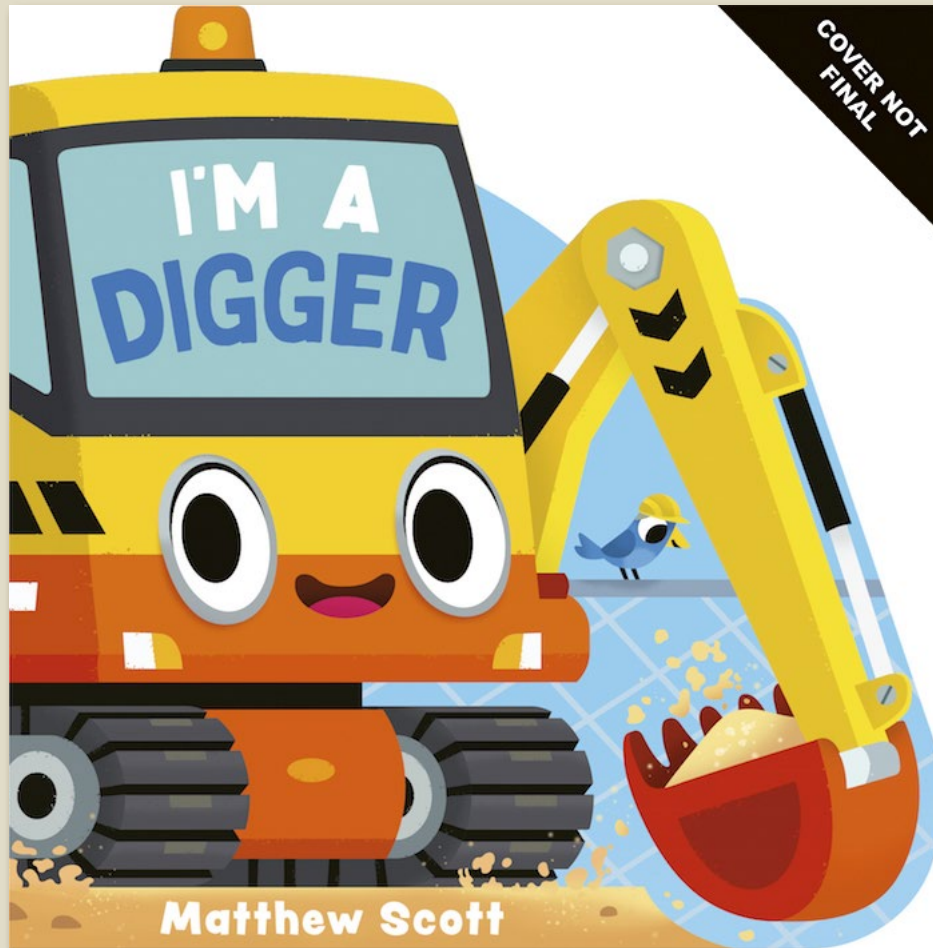
- 7 uniquely shaped spreads full of playful shapes to trace give this book a fun, toy-like quality.
- Bursting with brightly coloured, friendly vehicle characters illustrated by Matthew Scott.
- Each spread features a first vehicle fact - perfect for toddlers who are interested in cars, trucks, trains and boats, but still too young for longer non-fiction.
- Full of sounds to join in with... BEEP BEEP!
- A sturdy board book that can be given to the youngest of babies.
- Also in the series: I'M A DINOSAUR
- CONTENTS: Car, tractor, ice cream van, fire engine, train, boat, helicopter.

I'm a Car



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Rights Available	World

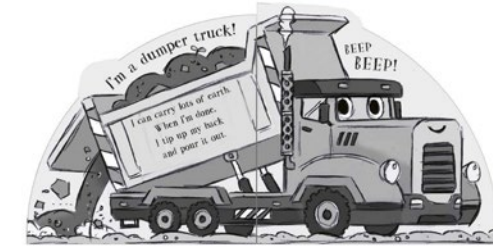
I'm a Digger



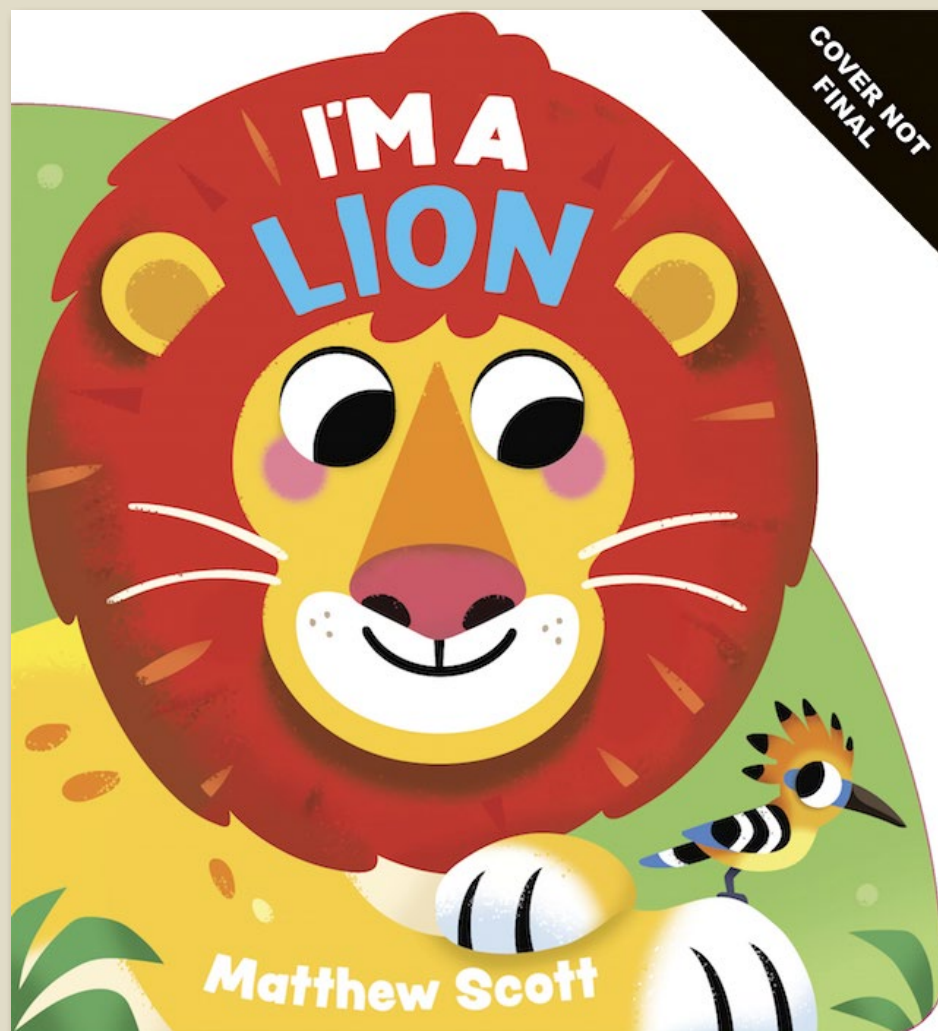
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- 7 uniquely shaped spreads full of playful shapes to trace give this book a fun, toylike quality.
- Bursting with brightly coloured, friendly vehicle characters illustrated by MatthewScott.
- Each spread features a first vehicle fact - perfect for toddlers who are interested in diggers and tipper trucks, but still too young for longer non-fiction.
- A sturdy board book that can be given to the youngest of babies.

I'm a Digger



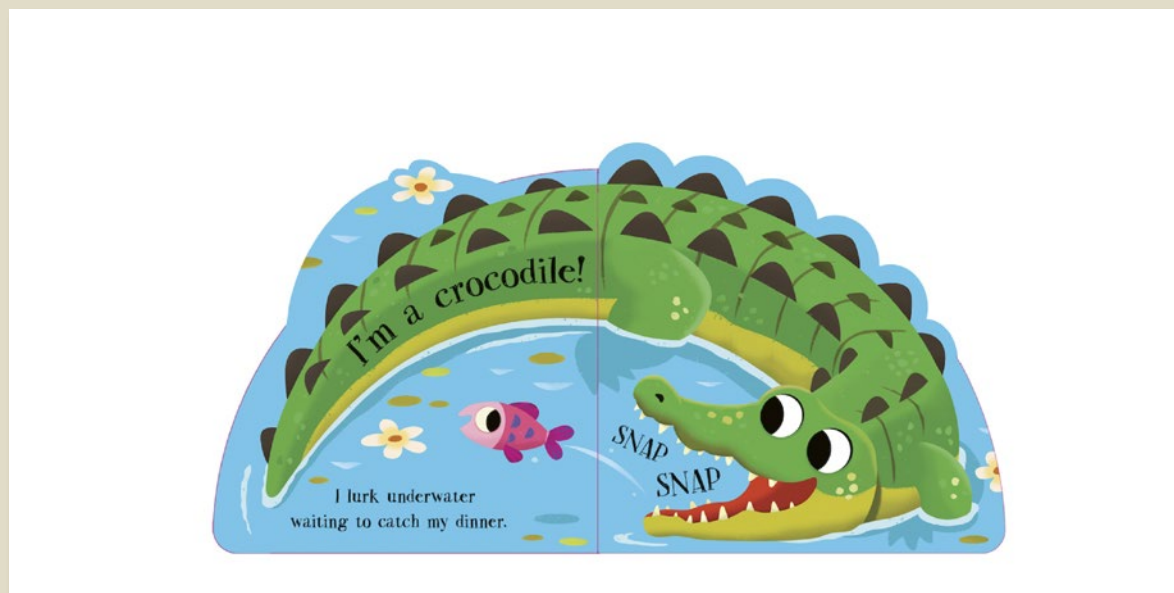
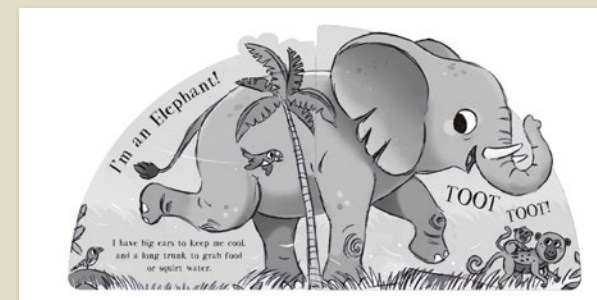
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Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Matthew Scott
Extent	14pp
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Files To Printer	14/07/2025
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Rights Available	World



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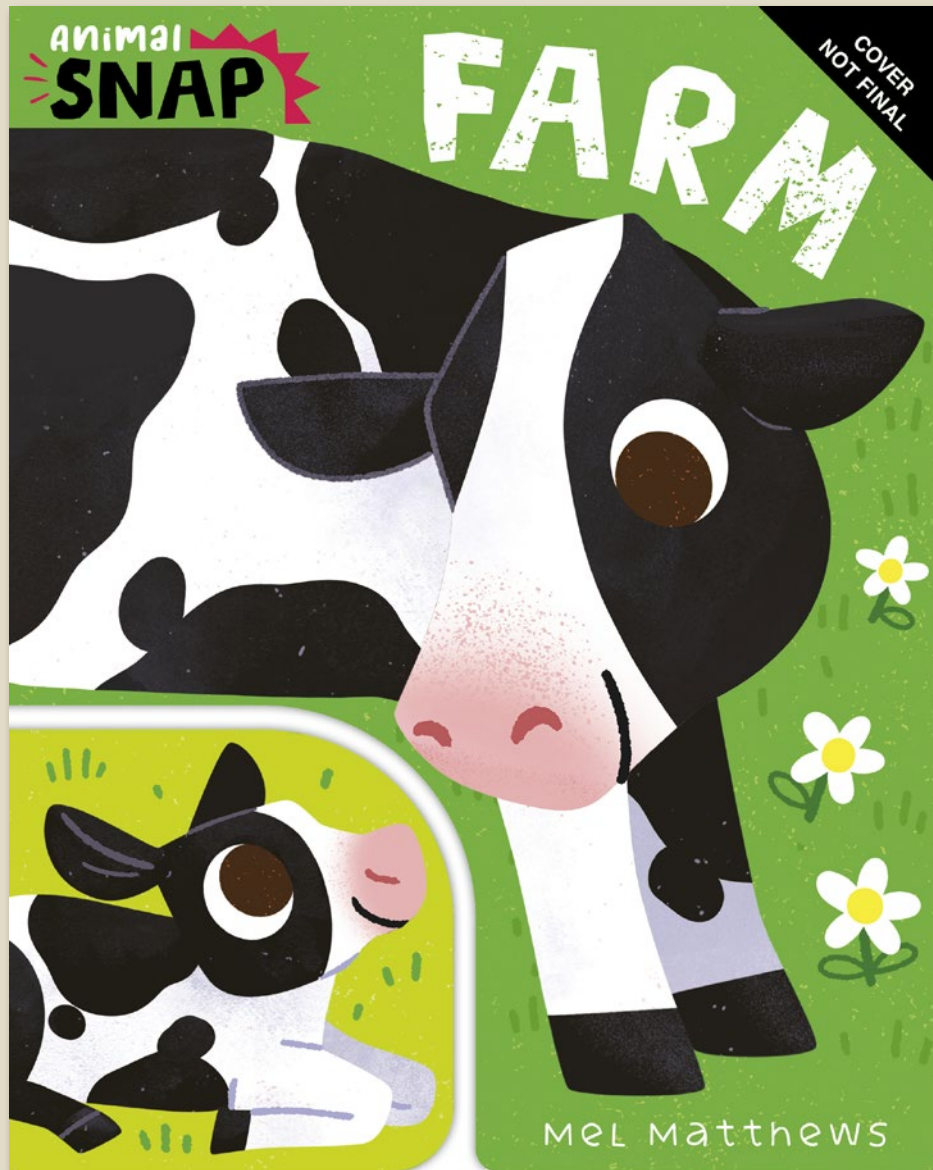
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- Bursting with brightly coloured, friendly vehicle characters illustrated by Matthew Scott.
- Each spread features a first vehicle fact - perfect for toddlers who are interested in animals, but still too young for longer non-fiction.
- Full of sounds to join in with... ROAR ROAR!
- A sturdy board book that can be given to the youngest of babies.

I'm a Lion



Pub Date	05/03/2026
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781835870662
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Matthew Scott
Extent	14pp
Translation Files	21/04/2025
Files To Printer	14/07/2025
Freight On Board	16/10/2025
Rights Available	World

Animal Snap: Farm



A flip-flap farm book

- A chunky flip-flap board book with big and little pages - match the babies to their parents for an animal SNAP!
- With playful and adorable animal characters beautifully illustrated by Mel Matthews.
- Each animal gives a simple description of its baby. Older toddlers will love to shout out the name when they know the answer.
- A sturdy board book with rounded edges, perfect for babies and toddlers.
- Also in the series: *Animal Snap Jungle*.
- Hoping to sign up Mel for 2 more titles in 2026: potentially *Safari* and *Ocean*

Animal Snap: Farm



Pub Date	13/03/2025
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781800788268
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Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Mel Matthews
Extent	14pp
Word Count	110 words
Rights Available	World

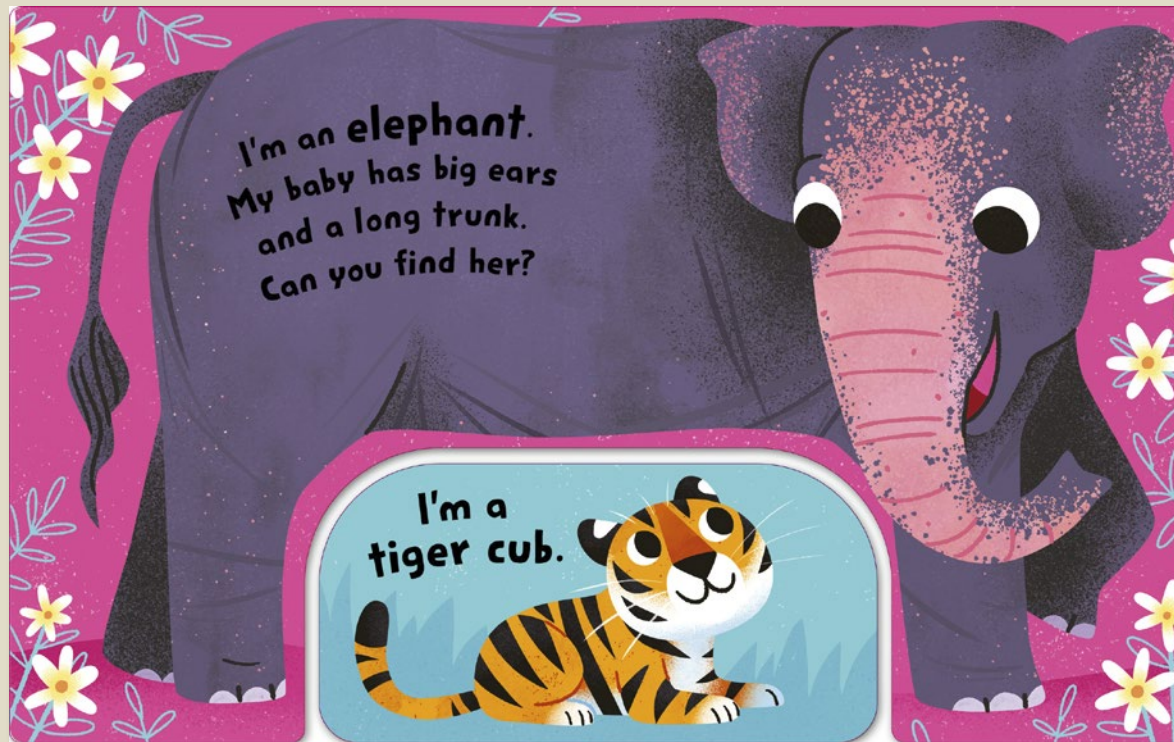
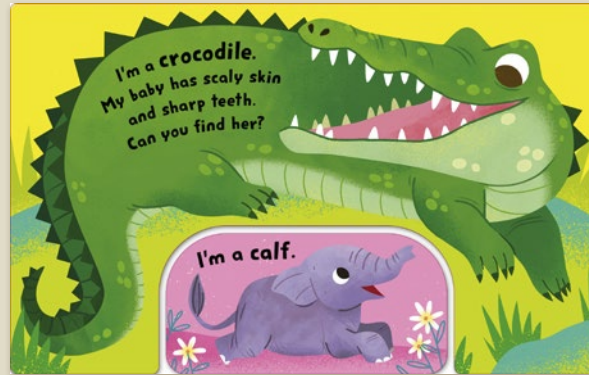
Animal Snap: Jungle



A flip-flap jungle book.

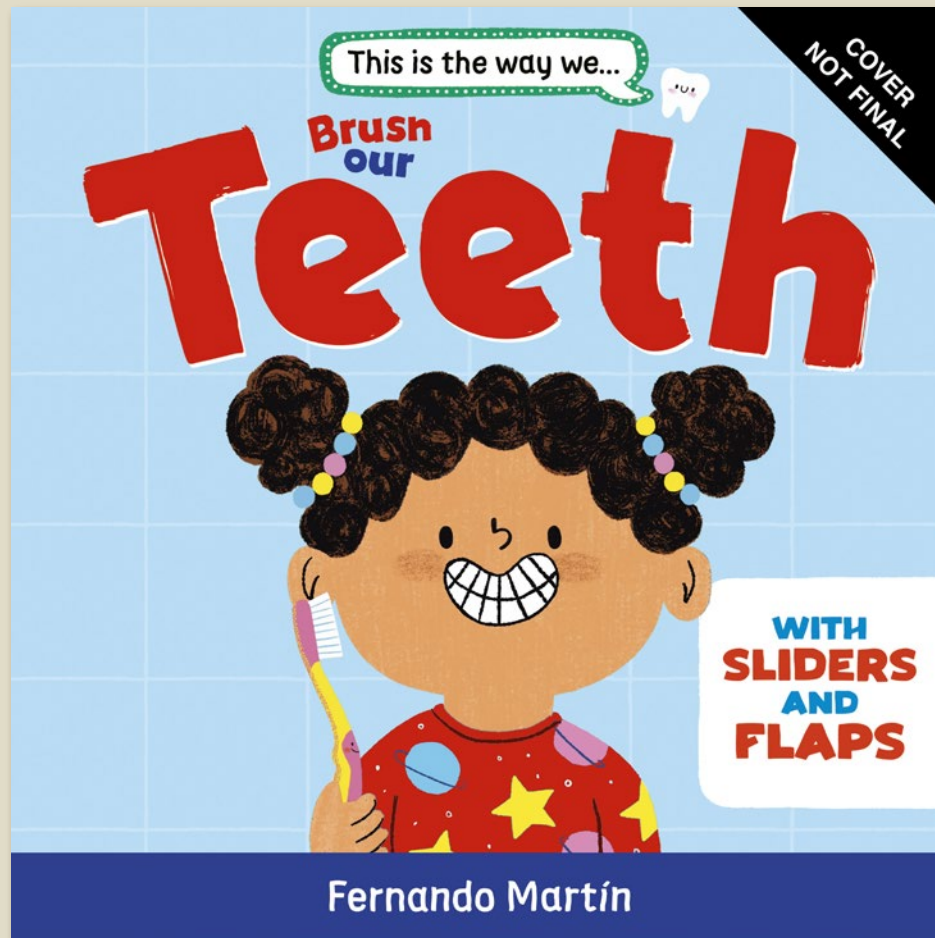
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Animal Snap: Jungle



Pub Date	13/03/2025
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781800788275
H x W	200 x 160mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Mel Matthews
Extent	14pp
Word Count	110 words
Rights Available	World

This is the Way We... Brush Our Teeth



A lift-the-flap, slide-the-tab first experiences book

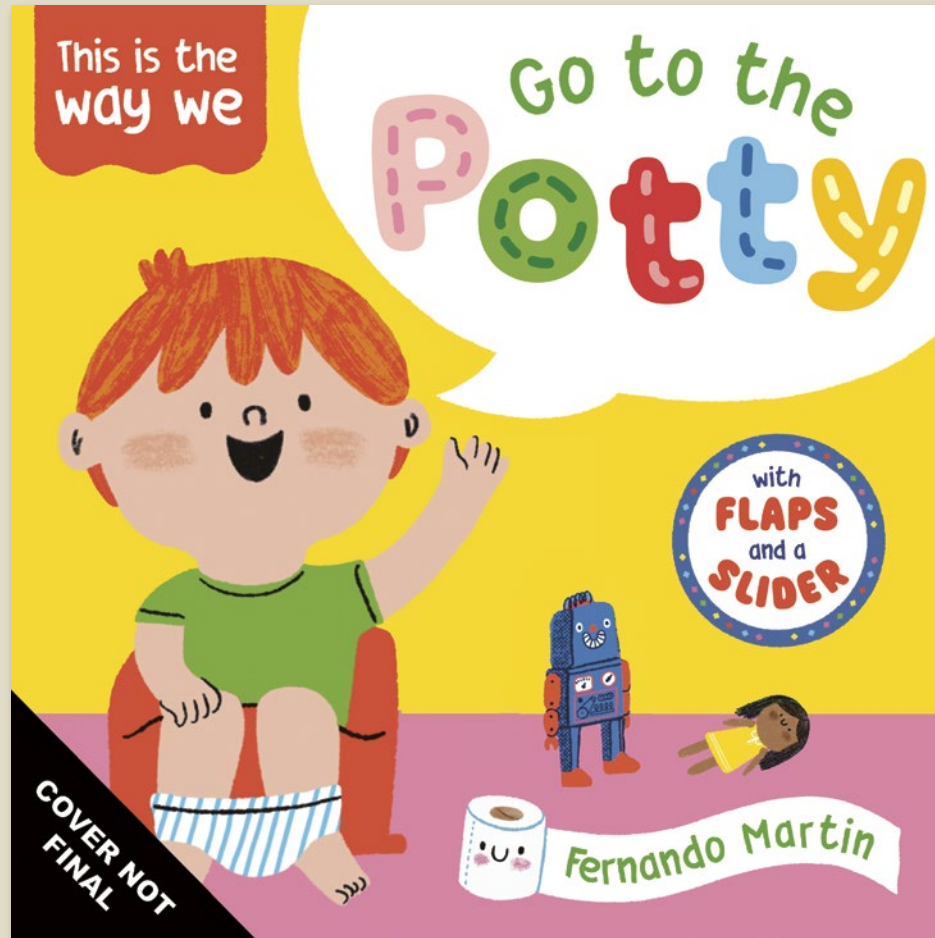
- With flaps, tabs, sliders and wheels throughout the book for an interactive reading experience.
- A gentle rhyming story to read together: a rhyming text makes it easy for little ones to remember and join in with some of the text.
- With practical tips for tooth-brushing from Early Years expert Lizzie Noble.

This is the Way We... Brush Our Teeth



Pub Date	17/07/2025
Pub Price	£7.99
ISBN	9781800788596
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Fernando Martin
Extent	10pp
Word Count	450 words
Files To Printer	06/02/2025
Freight On Board	01/05/2025
Rights Available	World

This is the Way We... Go to the Potty



A lift-the-flap, slide-the-tab first experiences book

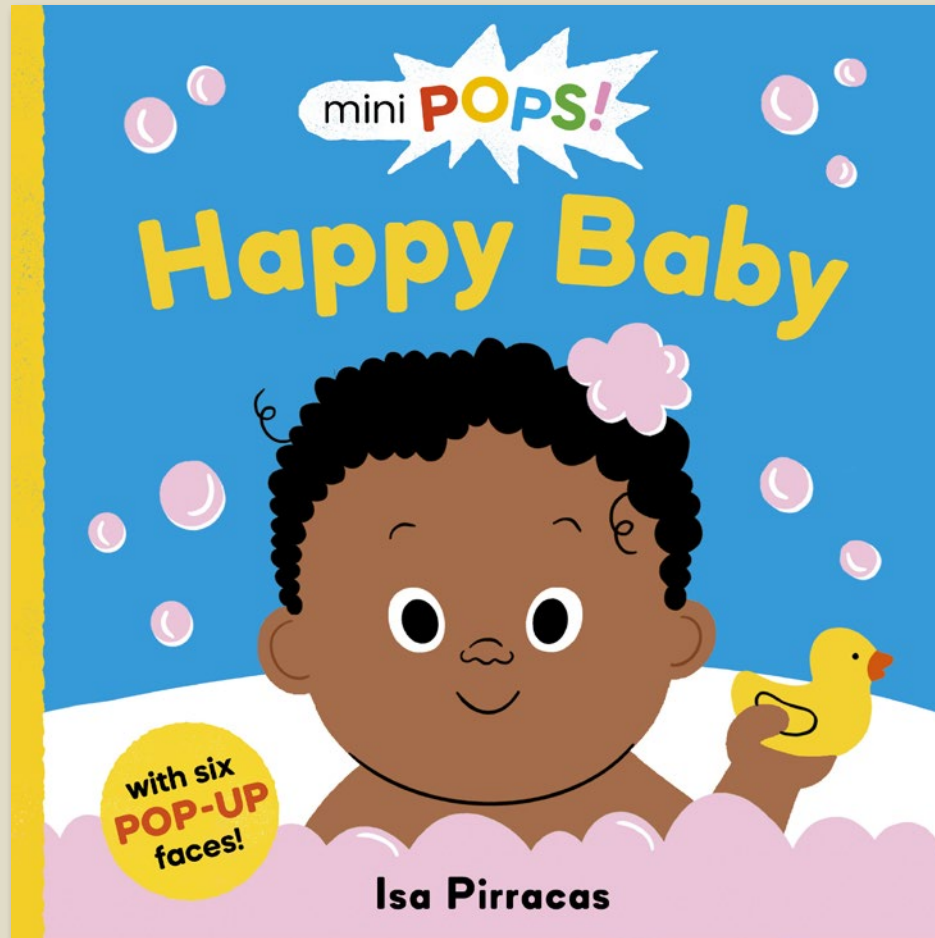
- With flaps, tabs, sliders and wheels throughout the book for an interactive reading experience.
- A gentle rhyming story to read together: a rhyming text makes it easy for little ones to remember and join in with some of the text.
- With practical tips for potty-training from Early Years expert Lizzie Noble

This is the Way We... Go to the Potty



Pub Date	17/07/2025
Pub Price	£7.99
ISBN	9781800788602
H x W	180 x 180mm
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Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Fernando Martin
Extent	10pp
Word Count	450 words
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Mini Pops: Happy Baby



An adorable new series of mini-pop ups, perfect for the very youngest readers.

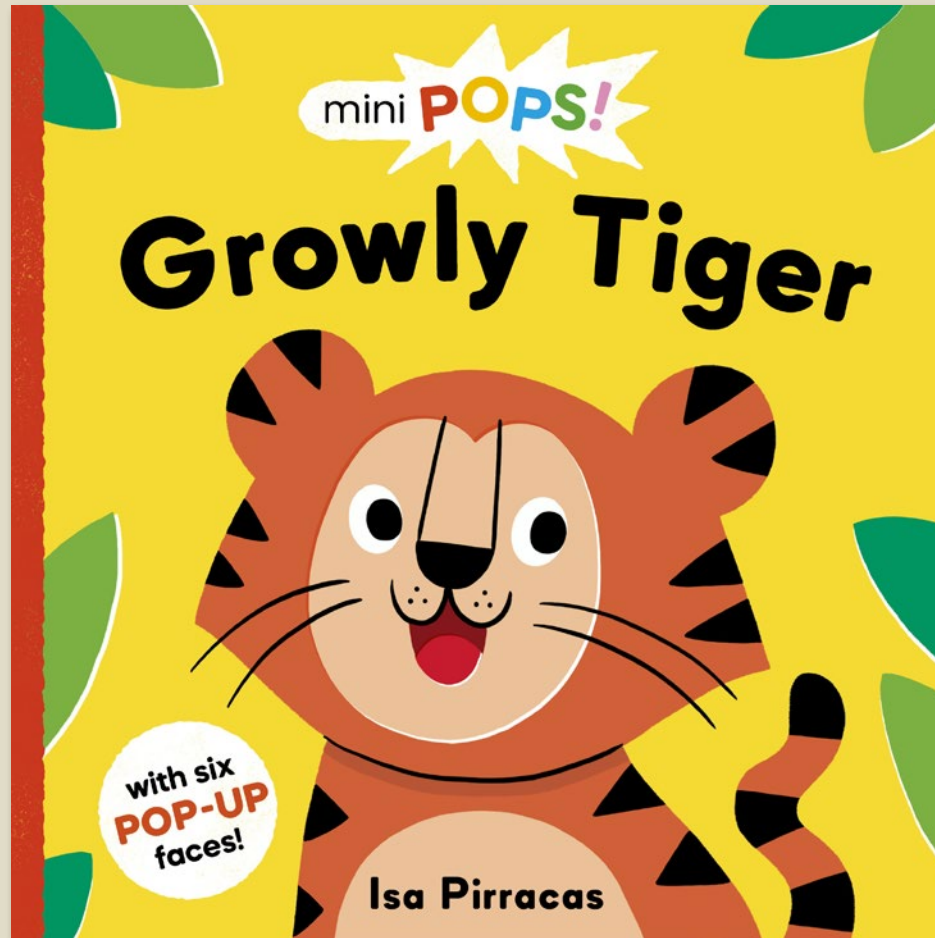
- Chunky board book format with 6 durable pop-ups
- Full of faces to engage even the youngest of readers
- Illustrated with nostalgic warmth by Isa Pirracas
- With a gentle rhyming text for reading aloud together

Mini Pops: Happy Baby



Pub Date	10/04/2025
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781835870044
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Isa Pirracas
Extent	12pp
Word Count	45 words
Freight On Board	30/01/2025
Rights Available	World

Mini Pops: Growly Tiger



Pop-Up Animal Faces

- Chunky board book format with 6 durable pop-ups
- Full of faces to engage even the youngest of readers
- A first bright introduction to animals
- Illustrated with nostalgic warmth by Isa Pirracas
- With a gentle rhyming text for reading aloud together

Mini Pops: Growly Tiger



Pub Date	10/04/2025
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781835870051
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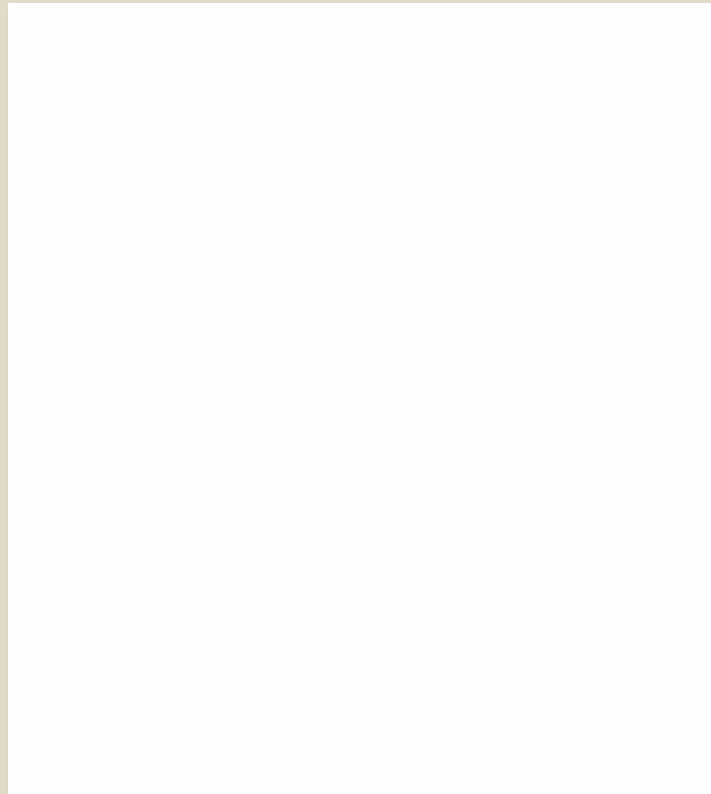
The Snow Queen



Award-winning illustrator Lesley Barnes brings a magical touch to this pop-up edition of *The Snow Queen*.

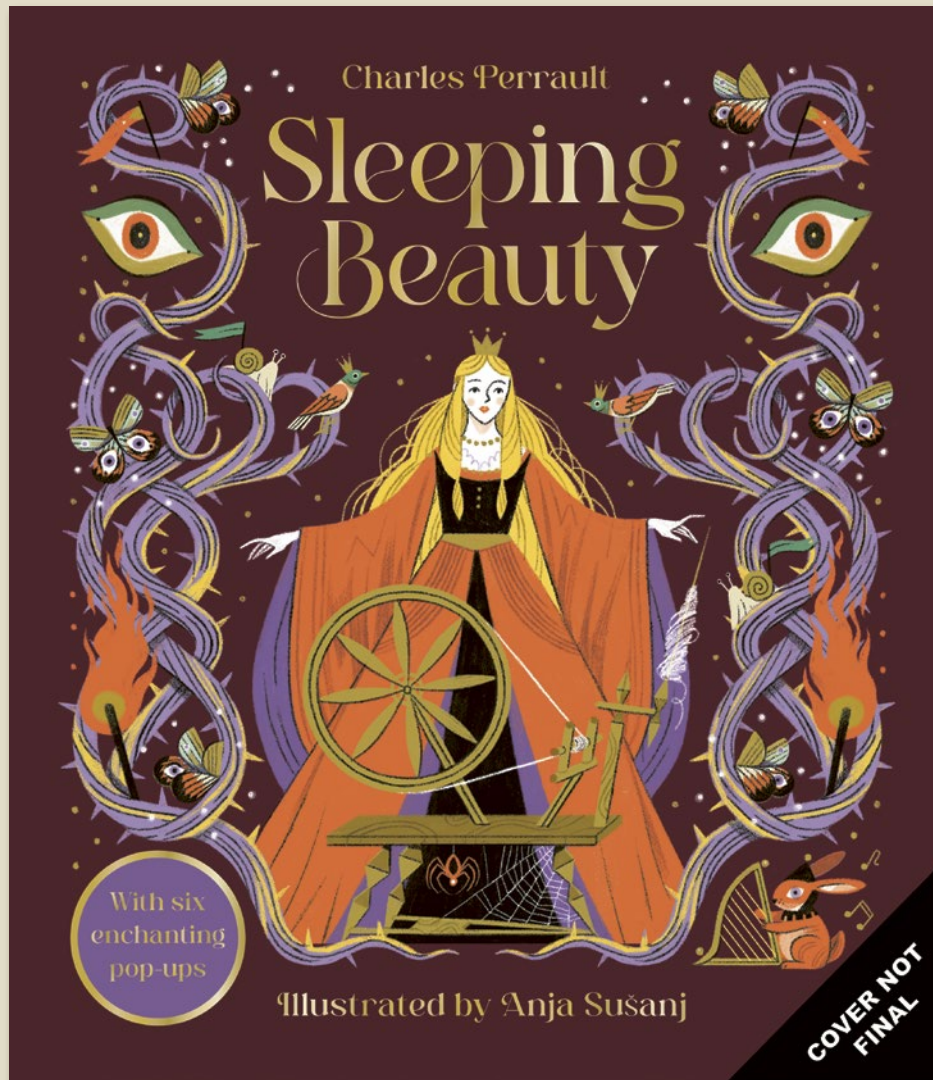
- Illustrations by Lesley Barnes, author and illustrator of *Jill and Dragon* and *Jill and Lion* (Tate).
- A beautifully produced gift edition for the Christmas market.
- Clever paper engineering from the renowned in-house team at Templar.
- Lesley Barnes has created product ranges for both the V&A and Tate Museums.
- 100% foil on the cover. Printed with gold ink on every pop-up page.

The Snow Queen



Pub Date	21/10/2021
Pub Price	£11.99
ISBN	9781787416888
H x W	200 x 180mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Lesley Barnes
Illustrator	Lesley Barnes
Extent	12pp
Word Count	1200 words
Rights Available	World

Sleeping Beauty



A magical pop-up edition of *Sleeping Beauty*.

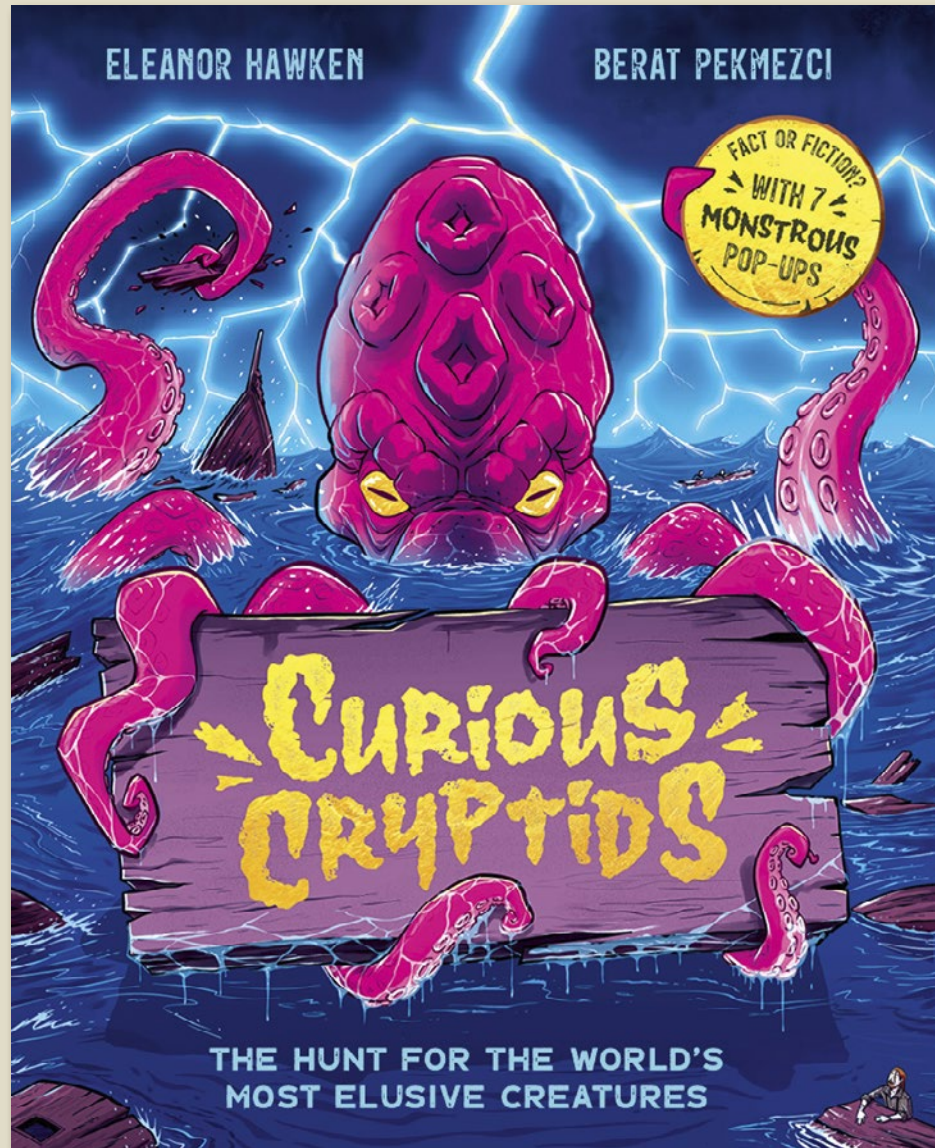
- Brought to life by the intricate folk art by Anja Sušanj, illustrator of *Nature Tales*.
- Charles Perrault's classic is retold with elegance by Laura Sampson, author of *Enchanted Tales*.
- A beautifully produced gift edition for the Christmas market.
- Clever paper engineering from the renowned in-house team at Templar.
- 100% foil on the cover.
- Also in the series: *The Snow Queen*, *The Nutcracker* and *Swan Lake*.

Sleeping Beauty



Pub Date	09/10/2025
Pub Price	£11.99
ISBN	9781800788114
H x W	200 x 180mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Laura Sampson
Illustrator	Anja Sušanj
Extent	12pp
Word Count	1500 words
Translation Files	02/12/2024
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Rights Available	World

Curious Cryptids



Seven show-stopping cryptid pop-ups

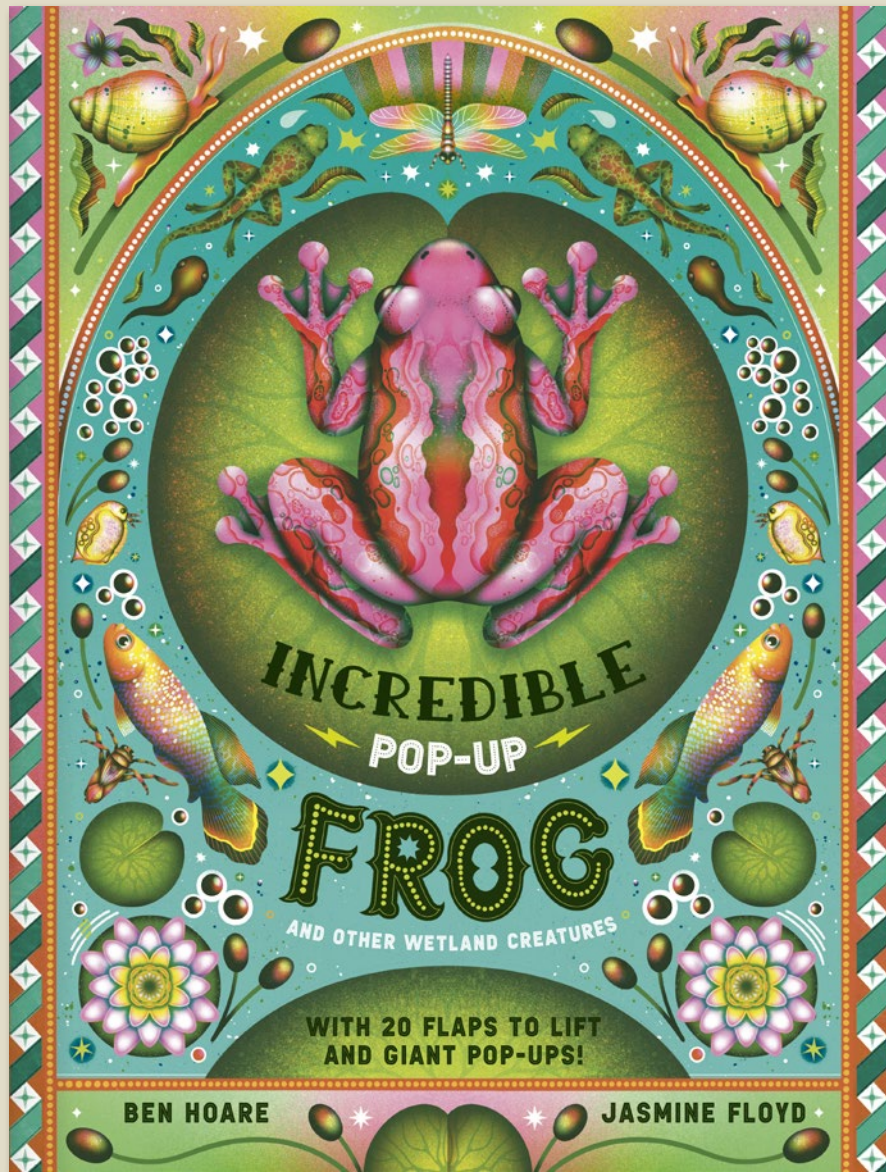
- Features seven giant pop-ups of the creatures, plus seven gatefold panels which each open to reveal a comic-strip story
- Contents: Yeti (Himalayas), Mongolian deathworm (China and Mongolia), Mothman (North America), Jersey Devil (North America), Kraken (Norway and Iceland) Loch Ness Monster (Scotland) and Chupacabra (South America).
- With bright, graphic artwork from DC-illustrator Berat Pekmezci.
- Written by life-long monster lover and fiction author Eleanor Hawken.
- Cover finishes: matt lam + pantone.

Curious Cryptids



Pub Date	09/10/2025
Pub Price	£16.99
ISBN	9781800788206
H x W	260 x 210mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Eleanor Hawken
Illustrator	Berat Pekmezci
Extent	16pp
Word Count	2800 words
Freight On Board	19/06/2025
Rights Available	World

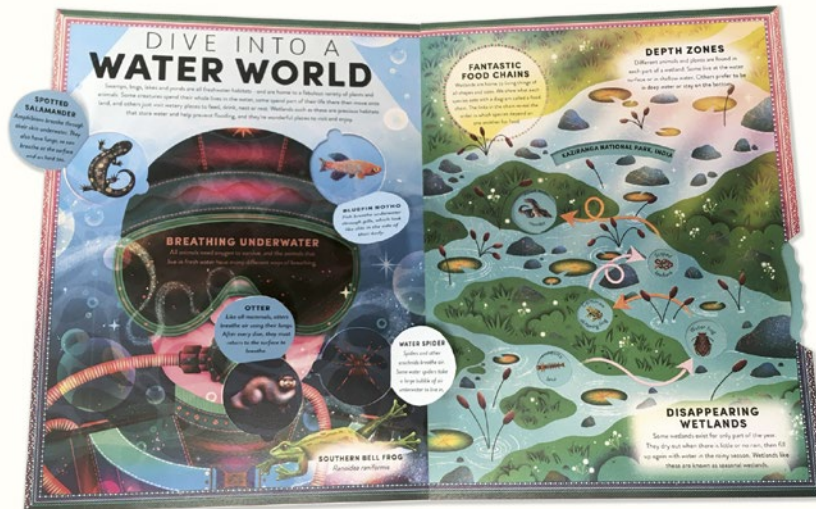
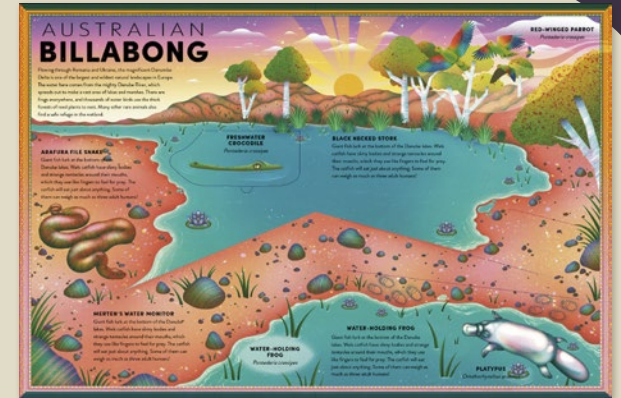
The Incredible Pop-up Frog



An intricate pop-up book bursting with frogs and other wetland creatures.

- Incredible paper-engineering - with 20 flaps to lift and three complex multi-layered pop-ups (Danube Delta, Europe; Billabong, Australia; Everglades, USA)
- Written by Ben Hoare, an award-winning journalist who has written and edited books and magazines for DK, the BBC, London's Natural History Museum and many others. His books *An Anthology of Intriguing Animals* (2018) and *Wonders of Nature* (2019) are international bestsellers.
- Illustrated by rising star Jasmine Floyd
- Cover finish: gold foil + spot UV
- CONTENTS: Water World; Danube Delta; The Surface; Billabong; In the Swim; The Everglades; At the Bottom; Making Wetlands

The Incredible Pop-up Frog



Pub Date	11/09/2025
Pub Price	£25.00
ISBN	9781800788718
H x W	320 x 240mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
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Illustrator	Jasmine Floyd
Extent	16pp
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Rights Available	World

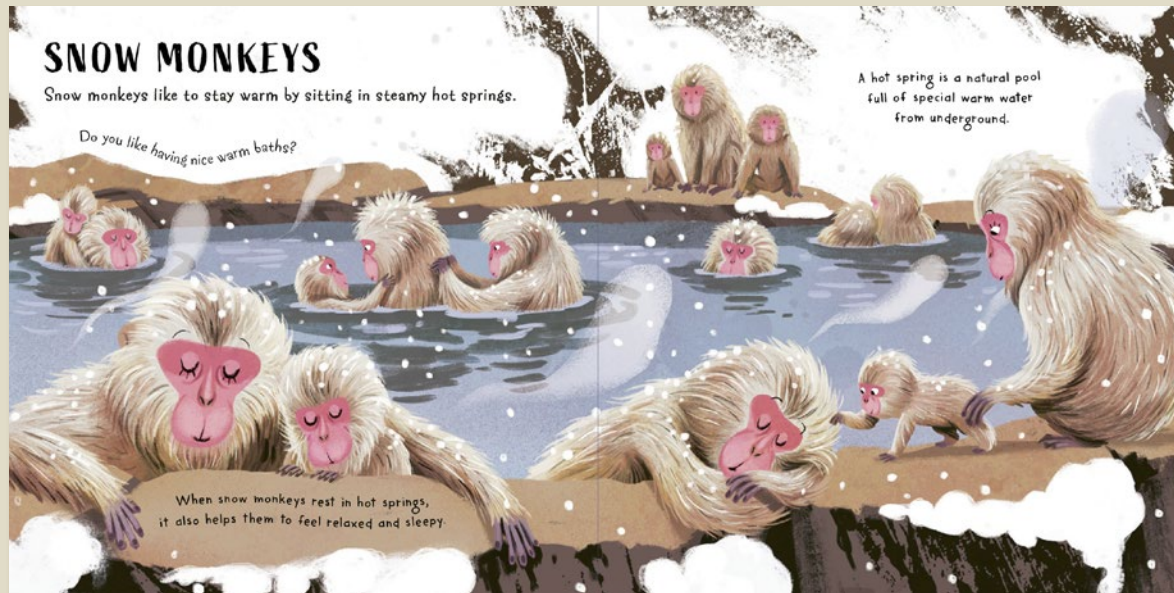
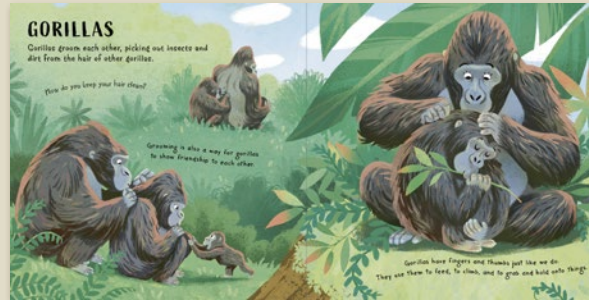
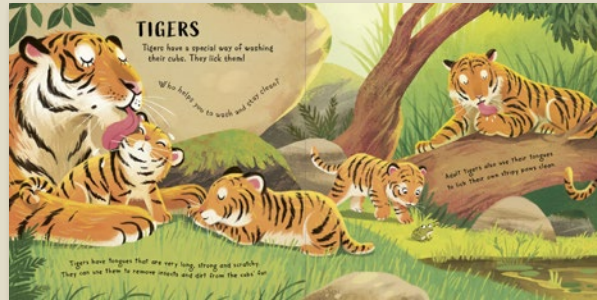
Time for a Bath, Animals



A gentle non-fiction book full of squeaky clean animals and splash-tastic facts.

- Gentle non-fiction picture book, perfect for readers aged 3-7
- Written in accessible language, packed with amazing facts and questions to consider, with text by award-winning author and travel-writer Ben Lerwill.
- Beautiful illustrations of adorable animals and their habitats by Spanish illustrator Maribel Lechuga.
- A page of information at the back of the book includes fun bathtime tips for families.
- The perfect companion to *Time for Bed, Animals*, also by Ben Lerwill and Maribel Lechuga.

Time for a Bath, Animals



Pub Date	09/10/2025
Pub Price	£7.99
ISBN	9781800789838
H x W	250 x 250mm
Binding	Paperback
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ben Lerwill
Illustrator	Maribel Lechuga
Extent	32pp
Word Count	900 words
Translation Files	06/01/2025
Files To Printer	19/05/2025
Freight On Board	24/07/2025
Rights Available	World

Time for Bed, Animals



A gentle non-fiction book full of sleepy animals

- Gentle non-fiction picture book, perfect for readers aged 3-7.
- Written in accessible language, packed with amazing facts and questions to consider, with text by award-winning author and travel-writer Ben Lerwill.
- With lush illustrations full of adorable animals by Spanish illustrator Maribel Lechuga. Maribel has illustrated books for the Usborne Beginners and Look Inside series and Oxford Reading Tree among others.
- A page of information at the back of the book includes sleep-tips for families.
- CONTENTS: Dogs, chimpanzees, dolphins, sea otters, cats, ants, kangaroos, bats, birds, fish (Great Barrier Reef), giraffes, tortoises

Time for Bed, Animals



Pub Date	12/09/2024
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Illustrator	Maribel Lechuga
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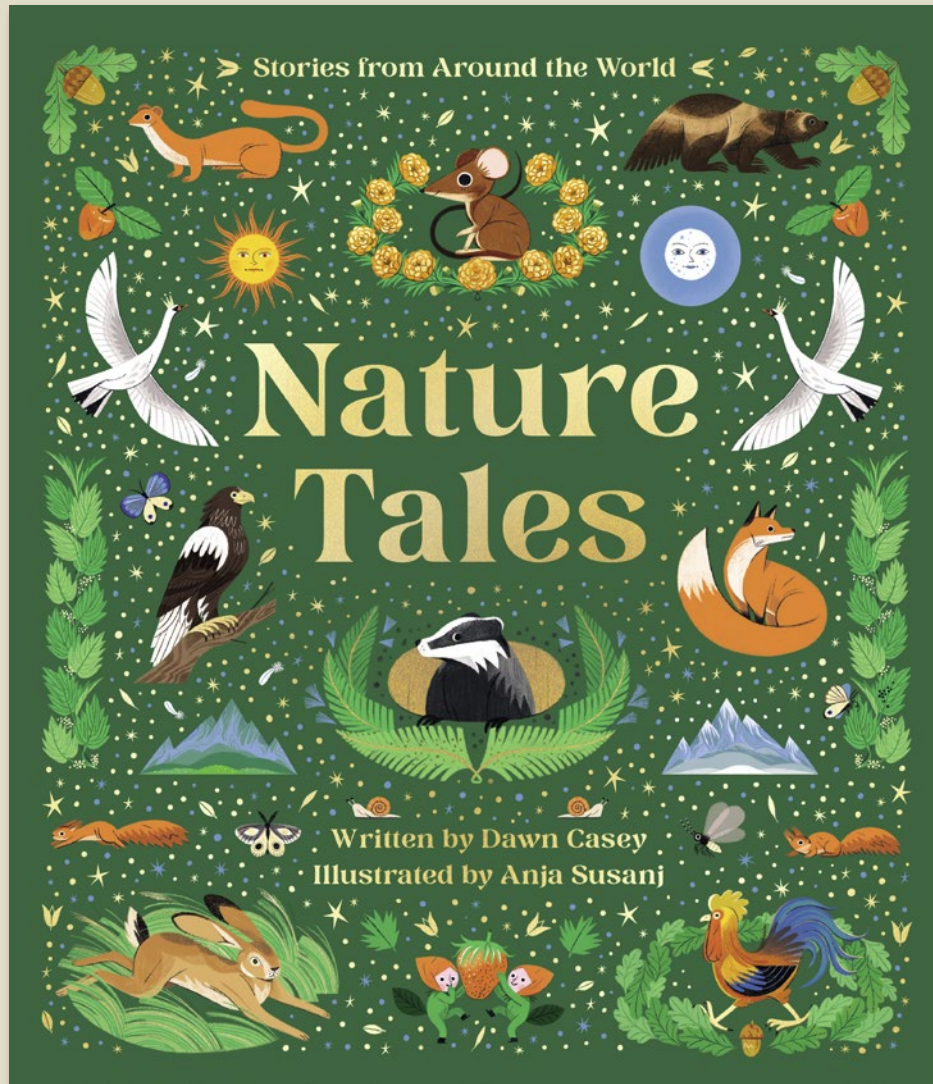
Winter Tales



A collection of winter tales from cultures around the world, beautifully brought together with striking gilt artwork.

- A timeless, treasured classic that speaks to all ages - following on from the success of *Star Stories*
- Includes stories from cultures on every continent giving it a universal appeal
- Written by Dawn Casey - author of Templar's *My Nana's Garden*.
- Over 76,000 copies sold worldwide (as of October 2022).

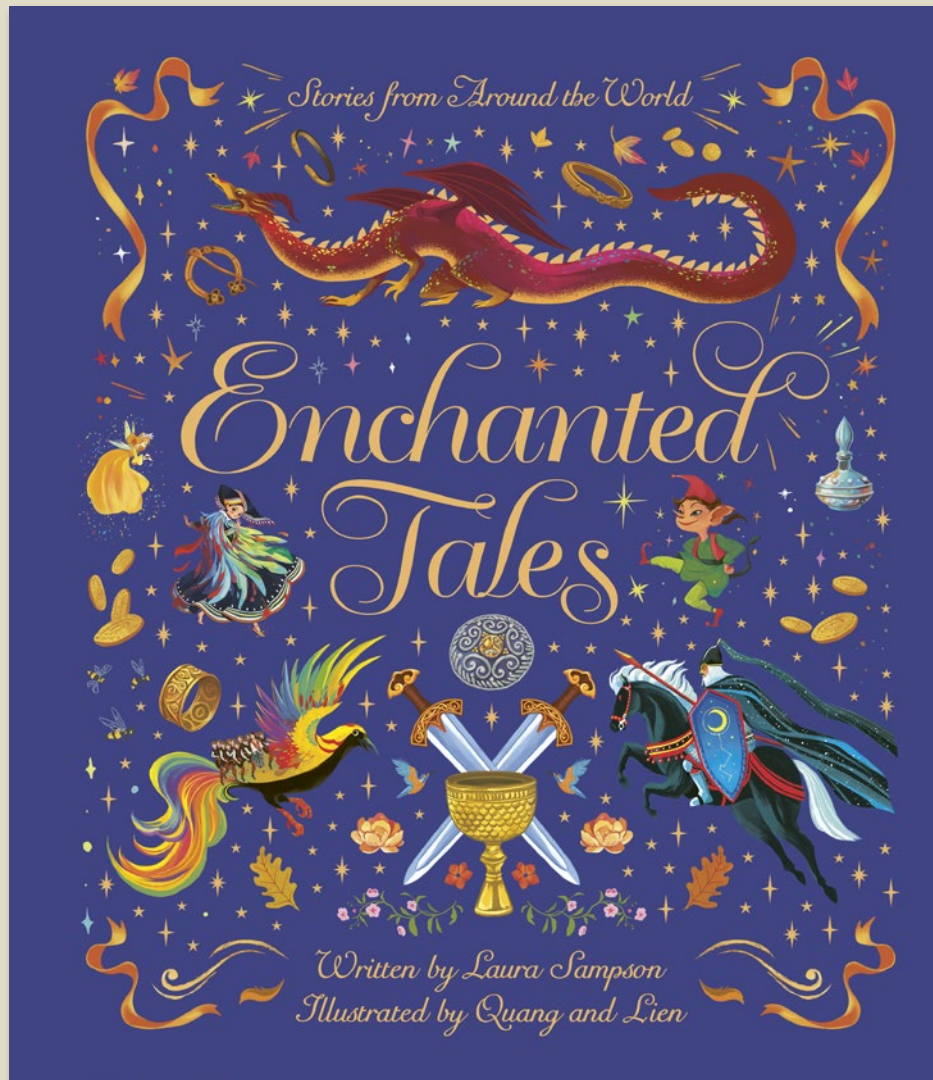
Nature Tales



A collection of nature folk tales

- CONTENTS: The Bramble's Gift **Greece**; Fox's Tail **Norway**; Little Brown Mouse **Himalayas**; Pigeon and Bee **Ukraine**; The Magic Acorn **Russia**; Wild Strawberries **Britain**; Eagle and Owl **Wales**; Hare's Ears **Siberia**; The Hedgehog and Hare **Germany**; Little Lark, Robin Redbreast and Jenny Wren **France**; Little Red Squirrel **America**; Rabbit's Tale **Brazil**; The Healing Apple Tree **Poland**; The Pine Tree **Japan**; Badger Boy **Ireland**; Bringing Back Wolf **Mexico**; The Birth of Bear **Finland**; The Stork's Nest **Morocco**.
- A timeless, treasured classic that speaks to all ages, following on from the success of *Star Stories* (2018), *Winter Tales* (2020) and *Enchanted Tales* (2023).
- Includes stories from every continent, giving it a universal appeal.

Enchanted Tales



A spellbinding treasury of magical tales

- A timeless, treasured classic that speaks to all ages, following on from the success of *Star Stories* (2018) and *Winter Tales* (2020)
- Universal appeal, including stories from cultures on every continent
- *Winter Tales* has sold more than 80,000 copies across 15 territories
- Cover: Arlin + foil

Enchanted Tales



The Magic Fish

A tale from China

The Brothers Grimm version of "Cinderella" is the one many of us are familiar with, but there are hundreds – maybe even thousands – of different versions of this tale from around the globe. This version from China was the first to be written down, over 1,000 years ago.

Once upon a time, in a little shed outside a little house in the cave mountains of Southern China, there lived an orphan called Ye-Tsien. She was bright-eyed, clever, kind and good at making things. Ye-Tsien's stepmother loved her own daughter best, so Ye-Tsien had to do all the heaviest, most dangerous work, like collecting firewood from the deep forest or water from the high mountain pools. One day, Ye-Tsien was collecting water when up from the bottom of a deep mountain pool there was a shimmering and a glittering. It travelled up and up until something broke the surface – a tiny, shining golden fish! The fish looked up at Ye-Tsien, Ye-Tsien looked back – and from that moment, the fish

The Magic Fish

and Ye-Tsien became friends. She took it home, placed it in a basin and fed it every day with scraps from her own plate. The fish grew and grew until, one day, it had grown so big she had to take it back to the pool. Still, Ye-Tsien visited the golden fish every day, and each time the fish would poke its shining golden head out of the water and greet her.

A few weeks later, the Stepmother was hungry and had an idea. Secretly, she followed Ye-Tsien to the pool. She saw how the huge, sparkling, delicious-looking fish always came out for Ye-Tsien but stayed deep under the water when anyone else came by. *How can I outwit this clever fish?* she thought.

The next day, back at home, the Stepmother gave Ye-Tsien new clothes to put on and sent her on a long errand down the mountain. Then she disguised herself in Ye-Tsien's old clothes, went to the pool and called the fish. When it bubbled up from the bottom of the pool, the Stepmother was ready with a knife. She took the golden fish home, chopped it up, cooked it and served it up to eat with her favourite daughter.

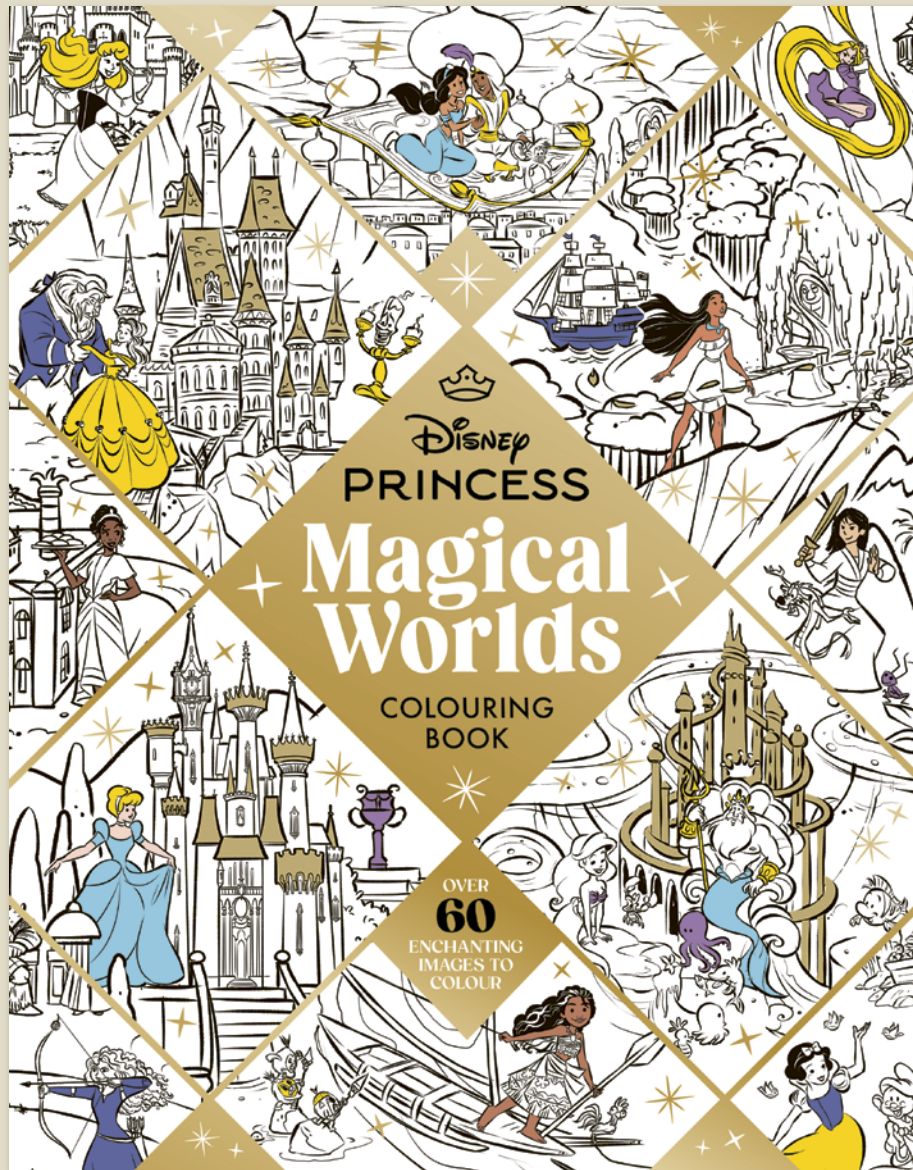
'Delicious!' they both said, wiping their mouths. 'They ate every morsel and threw its bones away on the rubbish heap.'

The following day, Ye-Tsien hurried to the mountain pool and called – but no fish came. Big tears fell from her eyes and splashed into the empty pool. But as she cried, the air thickened, shimmering and glittering, and a figure appeared. It spoke in a voice that reminded her of safety:

*Today you cry, today you weep,
But look upon the rubbish heap.
Your fish friend's magic bones are there.
They'll grant you wishes, never fear.*

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Pub Price	£16.99
ISBN	9781800785915
H x W	265 x 228mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Laura Sampson
Illustrator	Phung Nguyen Quang & Huynh Thi Kim Lien
Extent	96pp
Rights Available	World

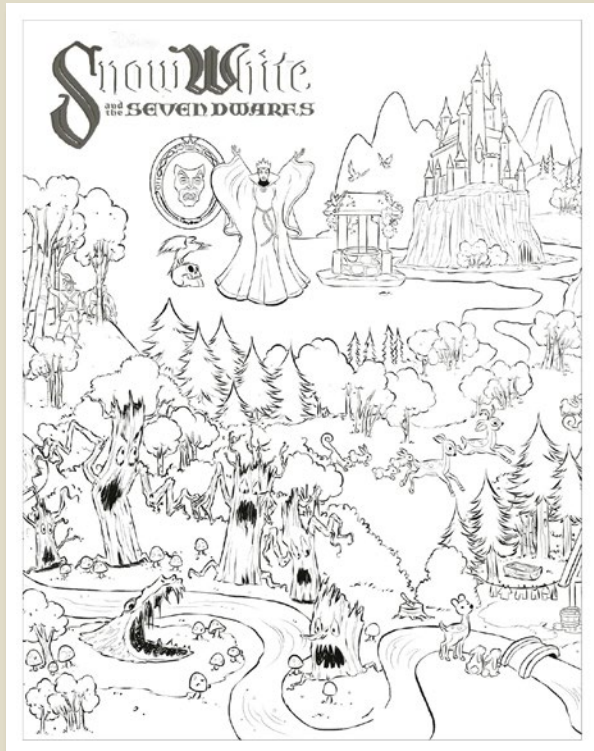
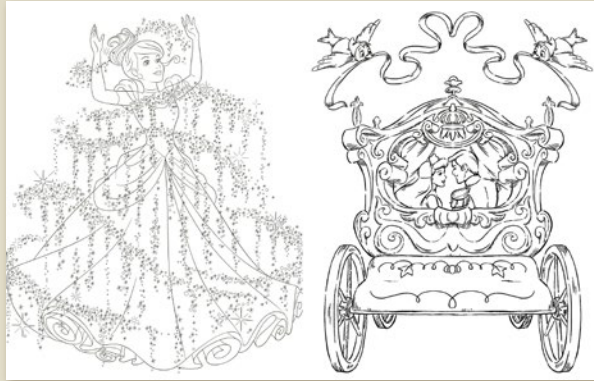
Disney Princess Magical Worlds Colouring Book



A stunning colouring book dedicated to the magical worlds of Disney Princesses.

- Features twelve magical Disney Princesses: Snow White, Cinderella, Aurora, Ariel, Belle, Jasmine, Pocahontas, Mulan, Tiana, Rapunzel, Merida, and Moana.
- Cover finish: mat lam and foil.
- Highly detailed maps and beautiful character art to colour - hours of mindful fun.

Disney Princess Magical Worlds Colouring Book



Pub Date	01/08/2024
Pub Price	£10.99
ISBN	9781800785045
H x W	276 x 216mm
Binding	Paperback
Age Range	Adult
Author	Walt Disney
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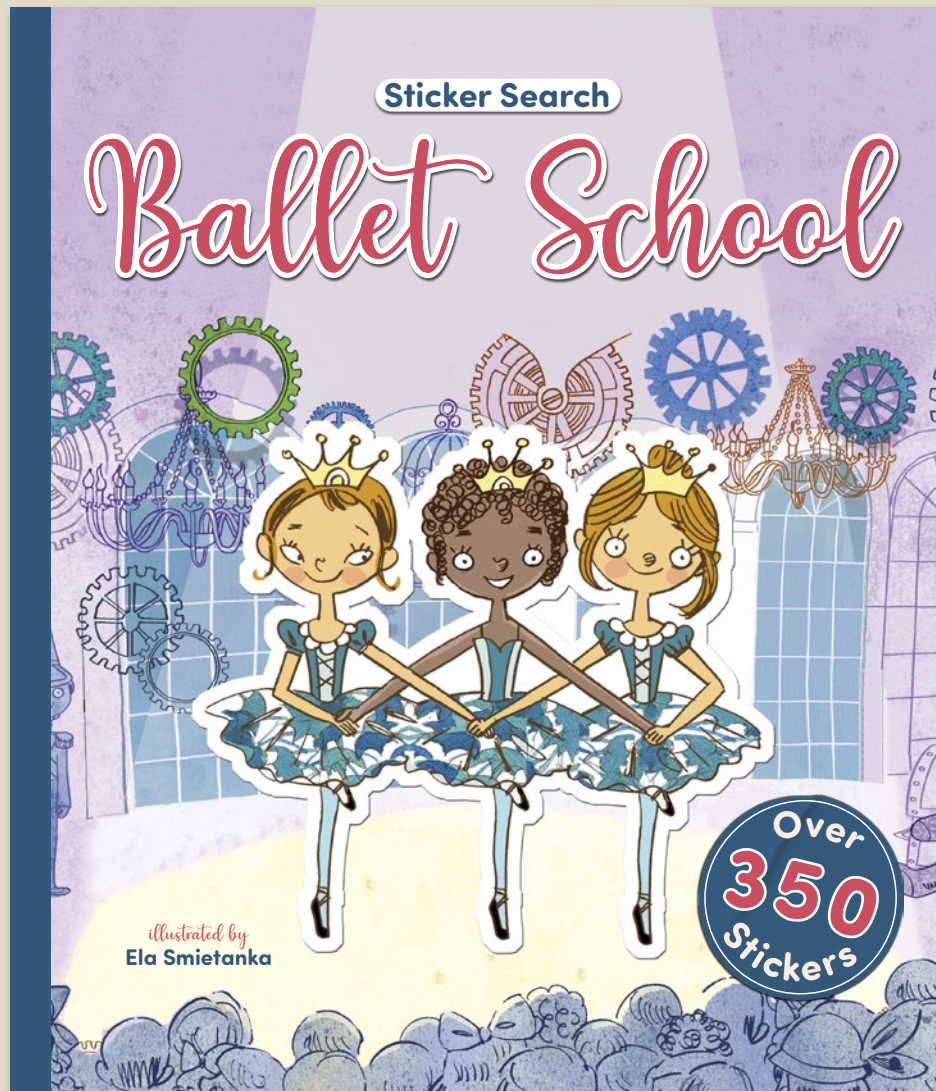
Disney The Christmas Collection Colouring Book



Christmas colouring with favourite Disney characters.

- Over 80 detailed images, patterns and scenes to colour with a festive theme.
- The next title in our Disney adult colouring range, following the Nightmare Before Christmas, The Fashion Collection Colouring Book and Hocus Pocus in 2022. The Vintage Poster Collection Colouring Book and 100 Years of Wonder Colouring Book will follow in 2023.
- The cover will feature foil blocking and spot UV.
- Lead into the Disney centenary in 2023.

Ballet School Sticker Book



Decorate each colourful and detailed scene of ballet school life with over 350 fantastic stickers!

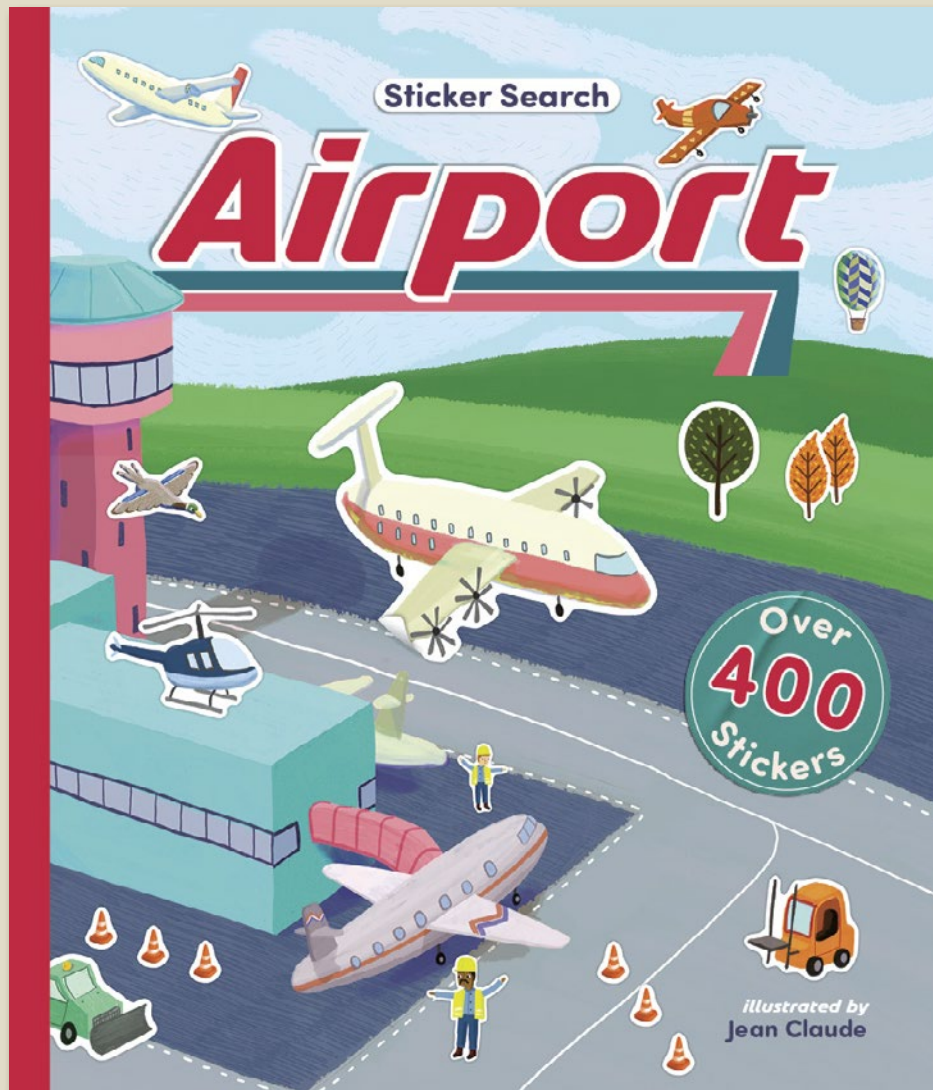
- Over 350 stickers to build beautiful scenes and create a dream ballet school.
- Packed with ballet facts to intrigue little learners and budding dancers about their interest and the world around them.
- Prompts to search and find objects throughout the book expand vocabulary and enhance connections between words and images.
- The perfect companion for children joining extra curricular activities for the first time to introduce them to the world of dance.

Ballet School Sticker Book



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Scribblers Sticker Activity: Airport



Explore the airport in this search and find adventure and build bustling scenes with over 400 stickers!

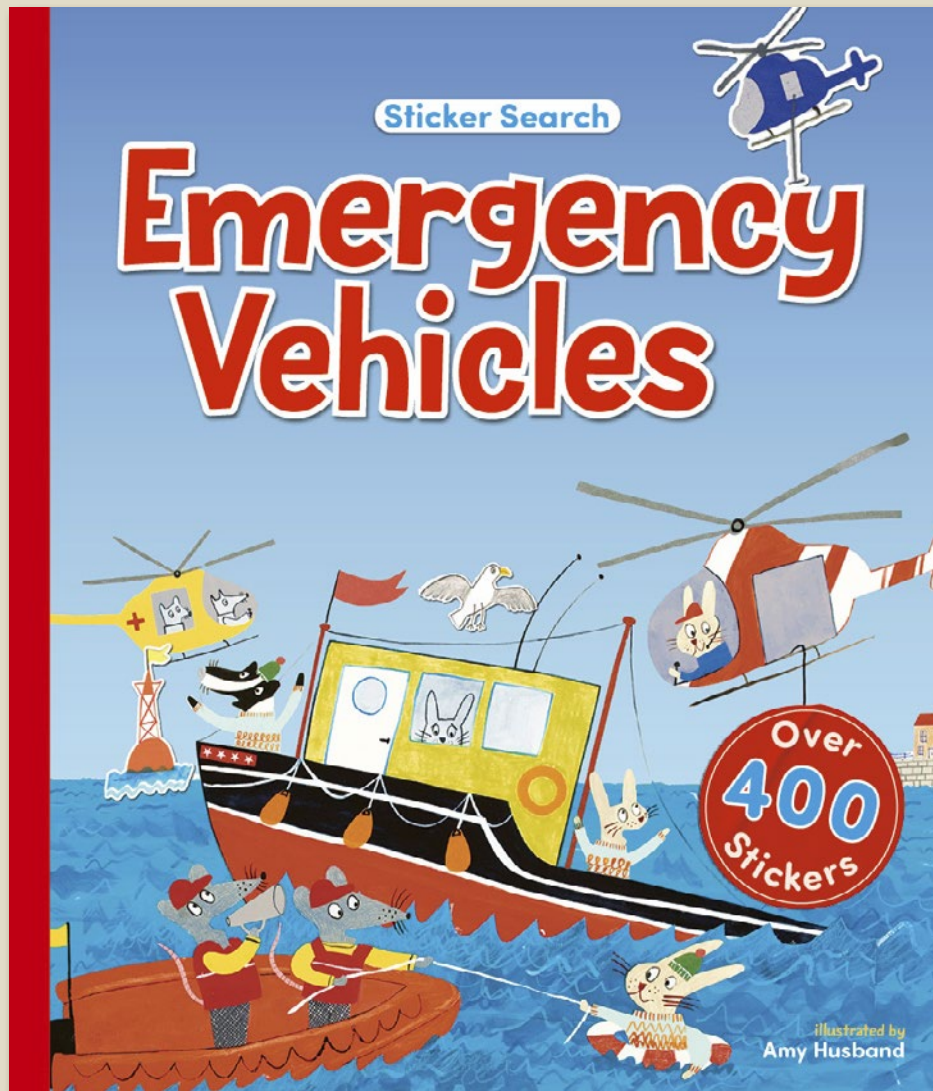
- Over 400 stickers to build bustling airport scenes and encourage imagination.
- Bold and playful illustrations from Jean Claude, who has created wonderful artwork for successful series including the Little People Big Dreams series and Usborne's sound and sticker books.
- Packed with facts to intrigue little learners about the world around them.
- Prompts to search and find objects throughout the book expand vocabulary and help make connections between words and images.
- The perfect travel companion to keep little ones busy during long airport waiting times or flights.

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Scribblers Sticker Activity: Emergency Vehicles



Help the emergency vehicles save the day in this search and find adventure and build bustling scenes with over 400 stickers!

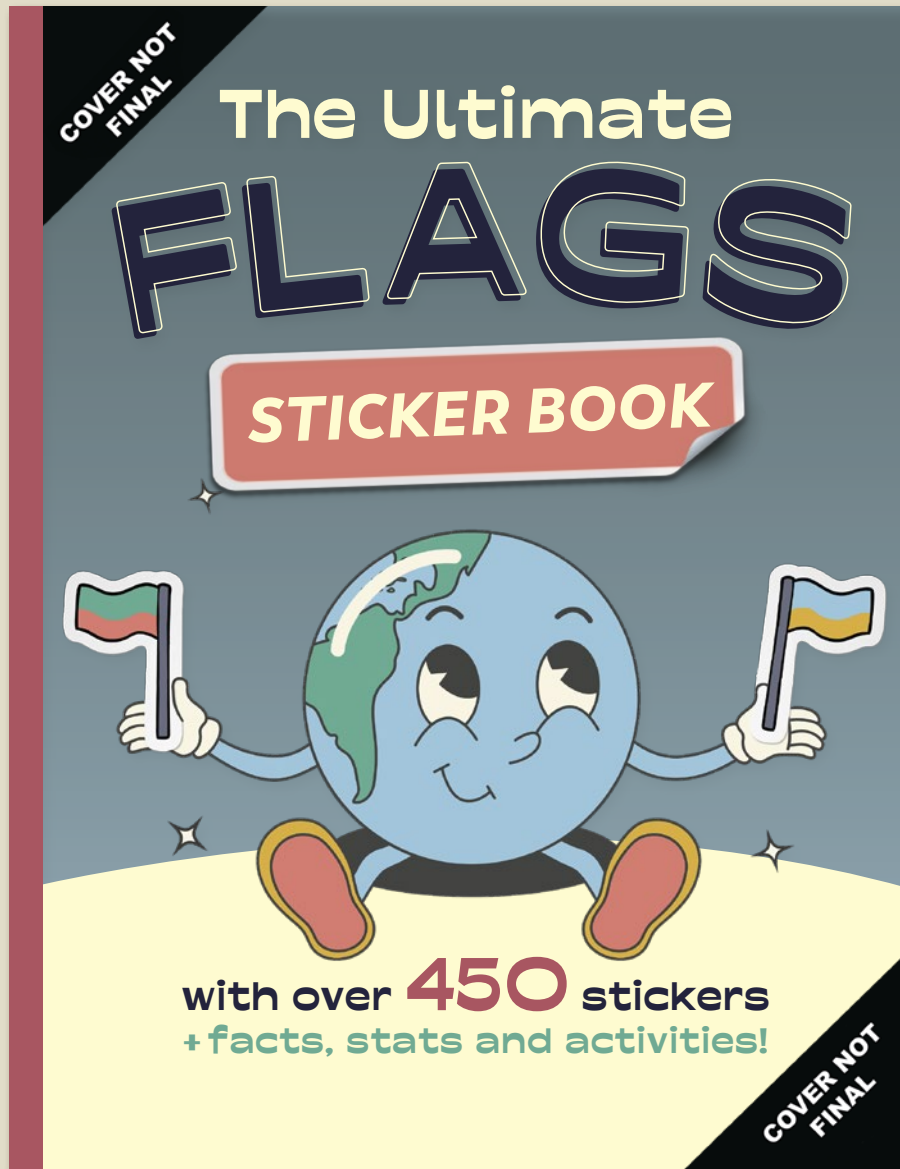
- Over 400 stickers to encourage imagination as children build busy scenes for the emergency vehicles to swoop into and save the day!
- Young, playful illustrations by award-winning illustrator Amy Husband.
- Packed with facts to intrigue little learners about the emergency services and everyday heroes.
- Prompts to search and find objects throughout the book expand vocabulary and enhance connections between words and images.

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The Ultimate Flags Sticker Book



Discover the world through stickers in this book of all things flags!

- Learn about flags from all over the world through engaging activities and beautifully illustrated stickers.
- Over 450 stickers can be used both inside the book and just for fun!
- Packed with things to find and interesting facts, concepts of geography are introduced in an enjoyable way for young learners, encouraging an interest in the world around them.

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The Ultimate Landmarks Sticker Book



Discover the world through stickers in this book of landmarks!

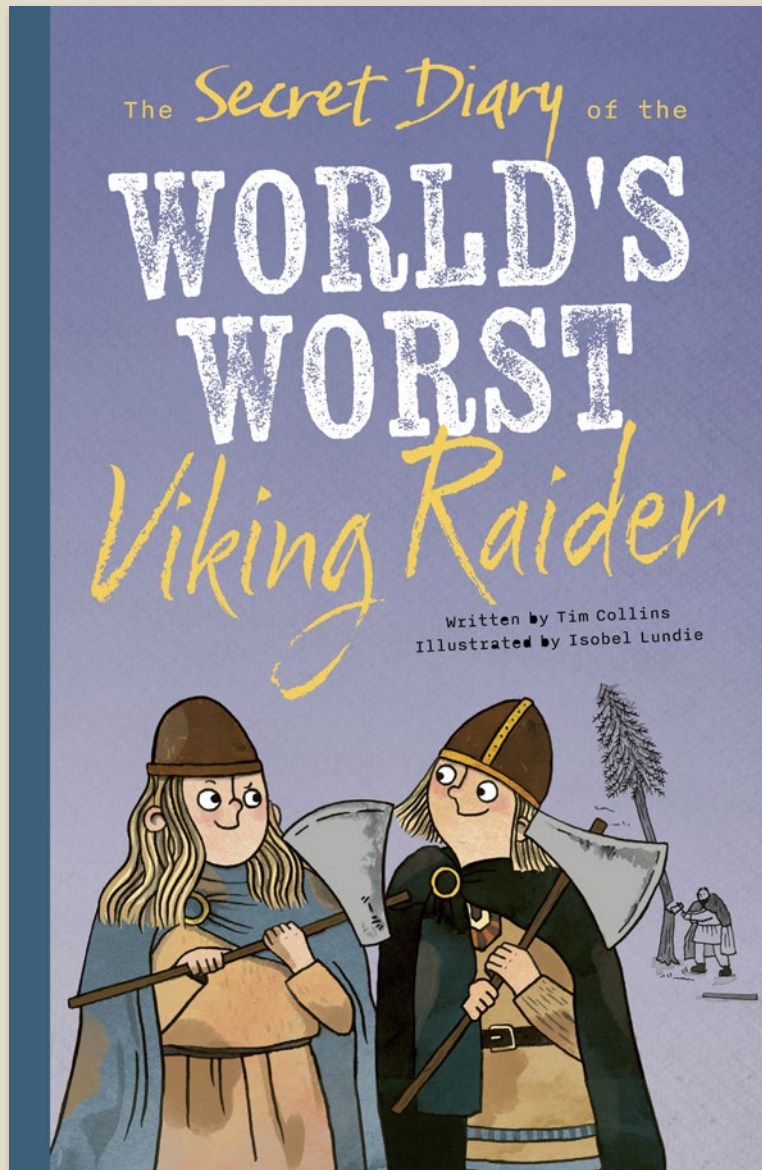
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World's Worst Viking Raider



An illustrated fictional account of the world's unluckiest Viking!

- Humorous, engaging and easy-to-read chapter book about perseverance, courage and overcoming barriers, ideal for history and adventure lovers 7+.
- A fantastically funny fictional story in a factual setting.
- Fascinating facts are interspersed throughout with 'get real' sections educating readers about the real-world contexts and histories of the Viking world.
- Endmatter includes a timeline and historical biographies to help engage readers with this specific time period and encourage further research.

World's Worst Viking Raider

I raced up to him and announced that I was a fearless raider who wanted to join his crew. Unfortunately, he didn't hear, and kept shouting at his men.

I tapped him on the shoulder so I could say it again. It turned out not to be a great idea to surprise a grizzled old raider. He shoved me to the muddy floor, drew his sword and pressed it to my throat. It was so sharp that a single burp could have killed me. I was glad I hadn't eaten too much porridge that morning.

I begged him not to kill me, and told him that he could have anything he wanted if he let me live, including my collection of carved Thor and Loki figures.

He nodded, tucked his sword back into its sheath and asked me what I wanted from him.

I told him I was a fearsome warrior and wanted to join his crew.

Looking back, I can see that might not have been the best time to make the announcement.



GET REAL

One of the reasons the Vikings were so successful as traders and raiders was their longships. They were narrow enough to travel down rivers, and light enough to be rolled over the ground on logs. Some believe they had dragon heads carved at the front to frighten people as they approached.

Eighth Day

The raiders moored their ship in the harbour yesterday morning and spent the rest of the day putting up their tents and trading their plundered goods for weapons, clothes, wheat and dried fish. Our village leader, Birger, has said he's happy for them to stay and share our



Ninth Day

I've found out what the raiders are planning. A trader has told them about a small village on the east coast of England, which has lots of valuable treasure and hardly anyone capable of defending it. They're going to sail across the sea, take all the valuable stuff from it and come back here.

That sounds perfect. I could go with them, join in with the raid and come right back. The English village is an easy target, and I'll be with some very experienced fighters, so I'll be in no danger. I'll get some excellent raiding experience and I won't be away long. There's no way Mum and Dad can object to that.

Later

Dad and Mum have objected. They think it will be too dangerous, even though I've explained that it won't be. I've warned them that I'm going to keep asking until they agree, but they don't think I actually mean it. They'll find out.



and hacking through wood, flesh, bone and whatever stands in the way of my plunder.

At least I would if I had an axe. Dad won't let me have one in case I cut myself.



Third Day

Forget what I said. I do have an axe now. Sort of.

I met my best friend Astrid to play at raiding, and she brought one from her dad's workshop. He's the best blacksmith in our village, and he makes amazing shields and weapons.

We went to the forest north of our village and took turns playing with the axe. I pretended I was in a raid and all the trees were terrified locals. I ran towards them, roaring and swinging my axe, then I planted it right into



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