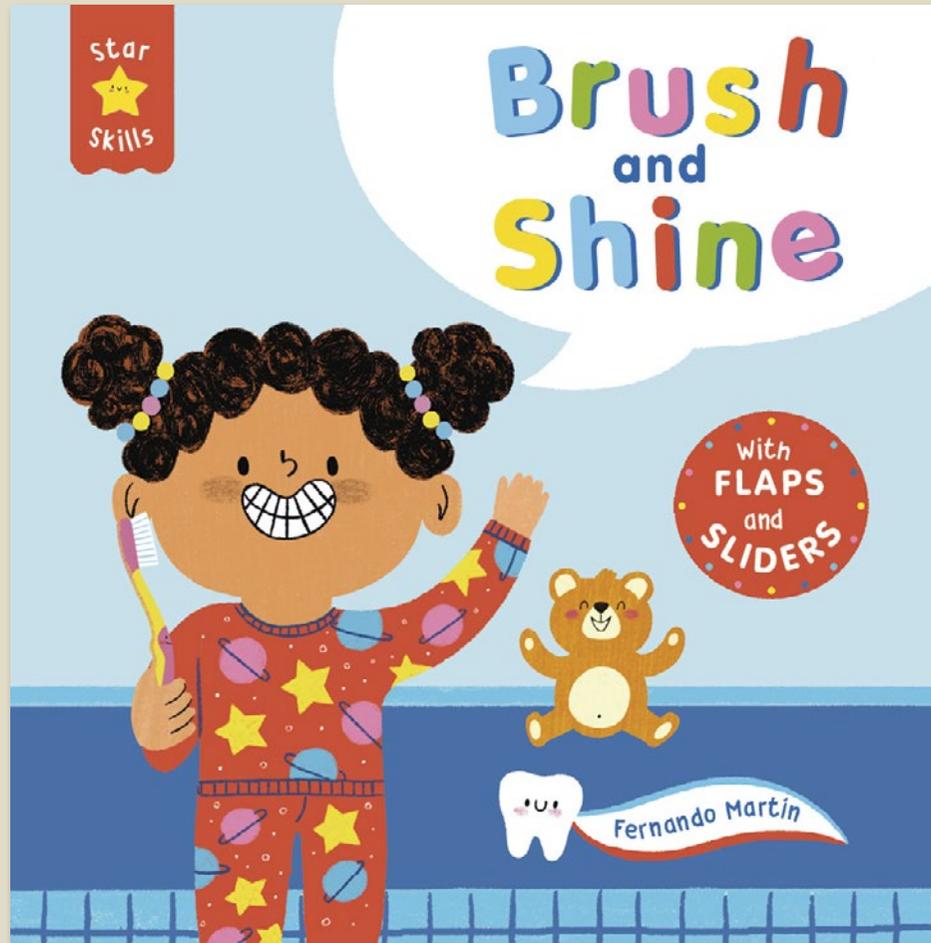




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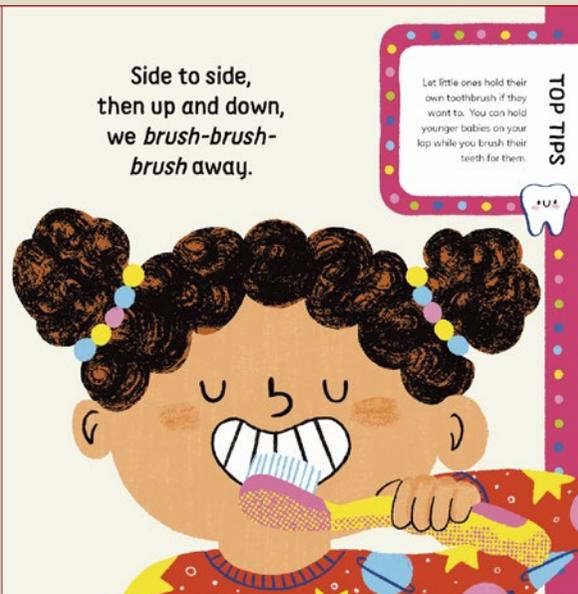
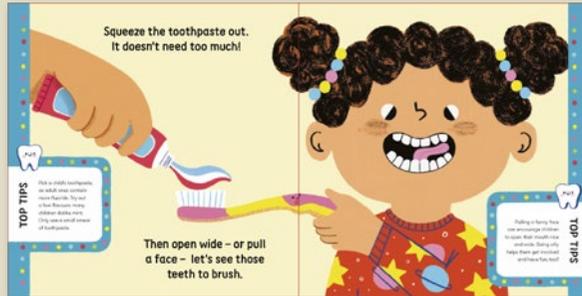
Star Skills: Brush and Shine



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.

Star Skills: Brush and Shine



Pub Date	17/07/2025
Pub Price	£6.99
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
Freight On Board	01/06/2025
Rights Available	World

Star Skills: Potty Time



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

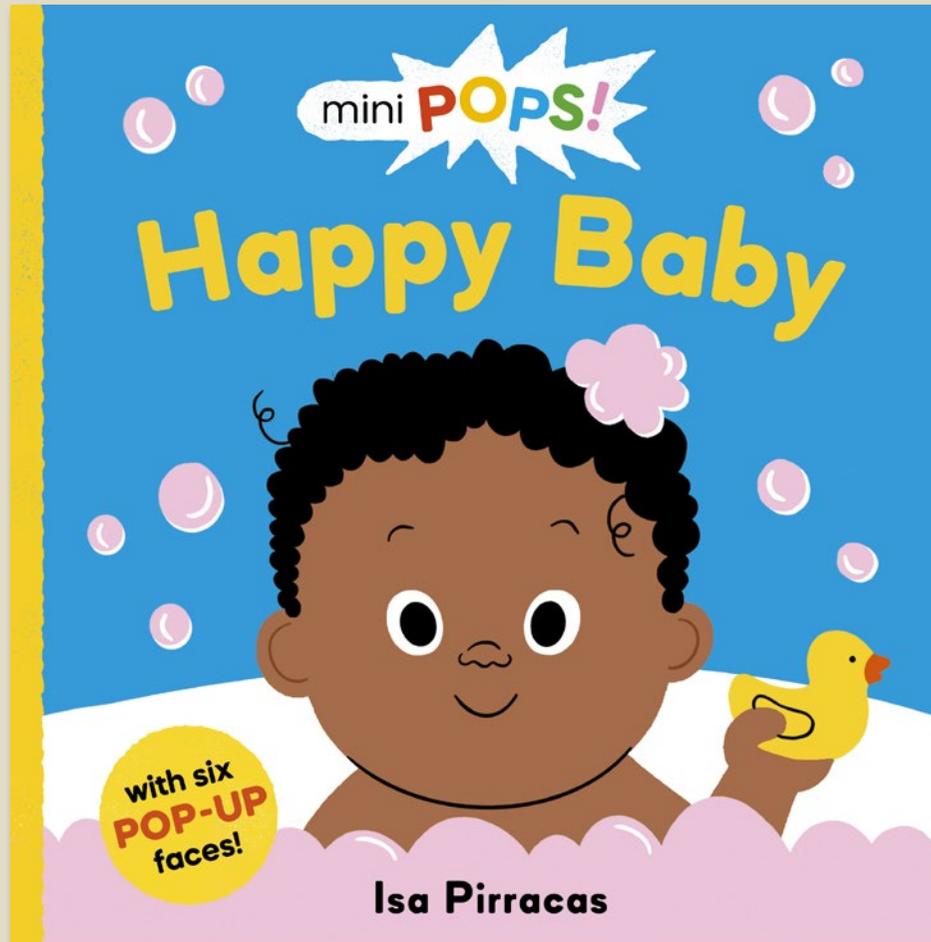
- With flaps, tabs, sliders and wheels throughout the book for an interactive reading experience.
- A gentle rhyming story to read together: a rhyming text makes it easy for little ones to remember and join in with some of the text.
- With practical tips for potty-training from Early Years expert Lizzie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

Star Skills: Potty Time



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Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
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Illustrator	Fernando Martin
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Mini Pops: Happy Baby



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

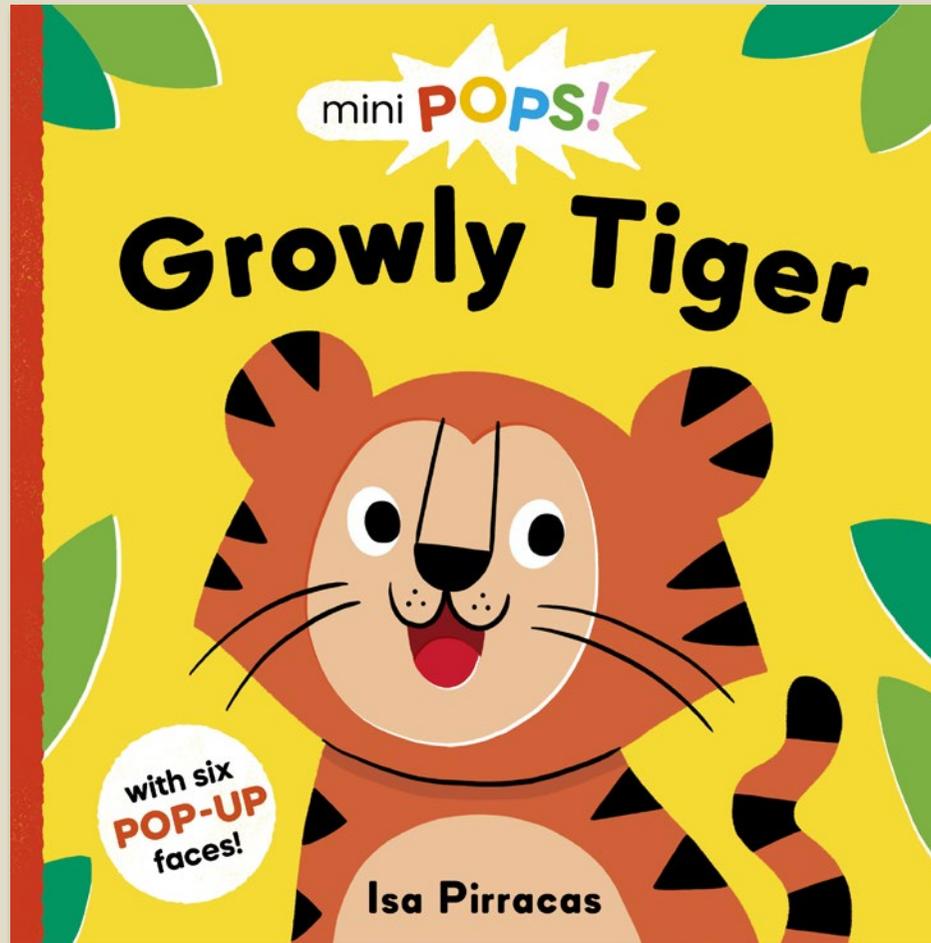
- Chunky board book format with 6 durable pop-ups
- Full of faces to engage even the youngest of readers
- Illustrated with nostalgic warmth by Isa Pirracas
- With a gentle rhyming text for reading aloud together

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
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Word Count	45 words
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Mini Pops: Growly Tiger



Pop-Up Animal Faces

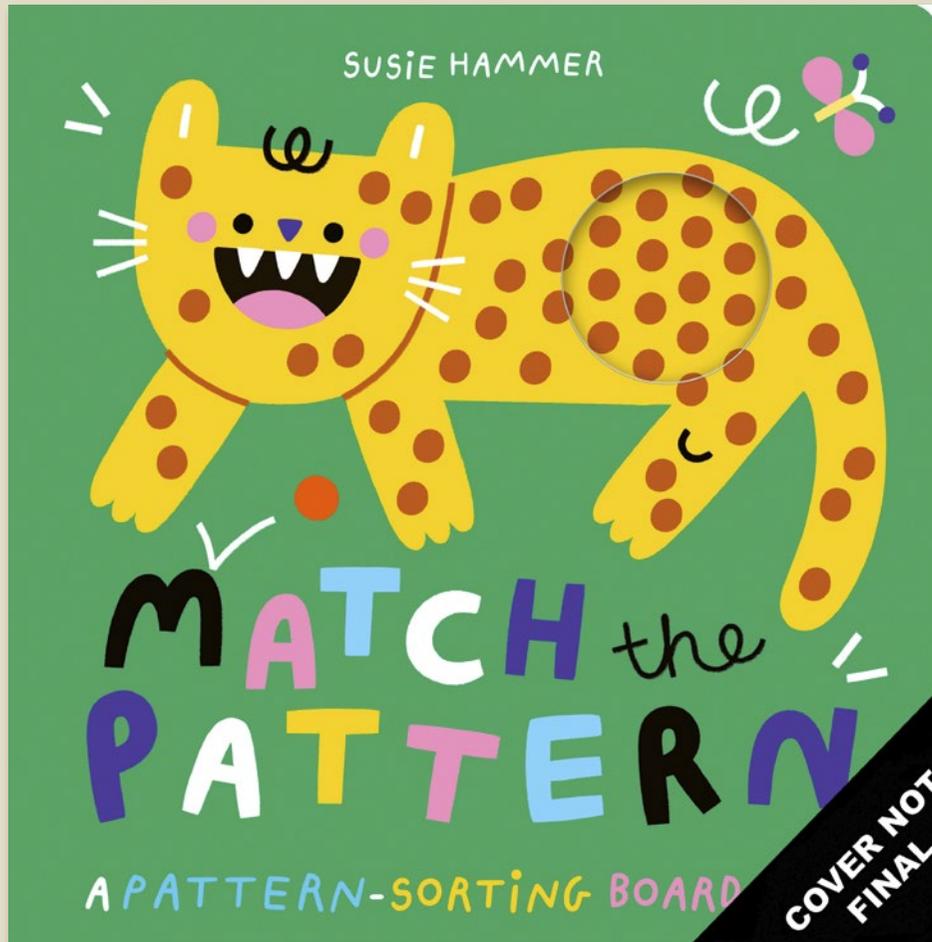
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- Full of faces to engage even the youngest of readers
- A first bright introduction to animals
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- With a gentle rhyming text for reading aloud together

Mini Pops: Growly Tiger



Pub Date	10/04/2025
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H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Isa Pirracas
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Match the Pattern



An innovative board book design that lets toddlers place three chunky shapes into matching slots.

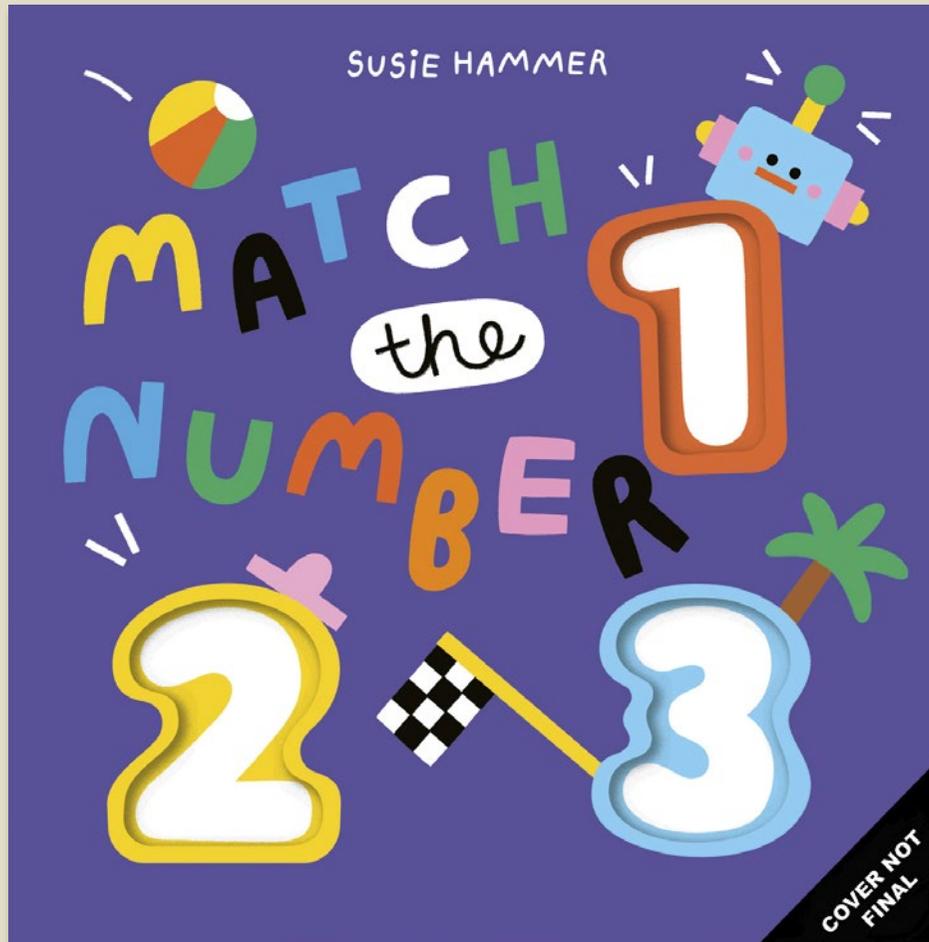
- An innovative board book design that lets toddlers place three chunky shapes into matching slots. Three shapes attach to the book via ribbon and feature 6 bright patterns.
- A die-cut in the cover showcases the novelty and keeps the pieces securely in place when the book is shelved.
- Matching the patterns aids children in their fine motor skills, hand-eye co-ordination and problem-solving skills.
- Illustrated in vivid colour and effortless style by Polish artist Susie Hammer.
- Also in the series: *Match the Shape* (2025), *Match the Colour* (2025)

Match the Pattern



Pub Date	01/01/2027
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781835872277
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Novelty
Age Range	Adult
Illustrator	Susie Hammer
Extent	8pp
Translation Files	21/04/2026
Files To Printer	14/07/2026
Freight On Board	16/10/2026
Rights Available	World

Match the Number



An innovative board book design that lets toddlers place three chunky numbers into matching slots.

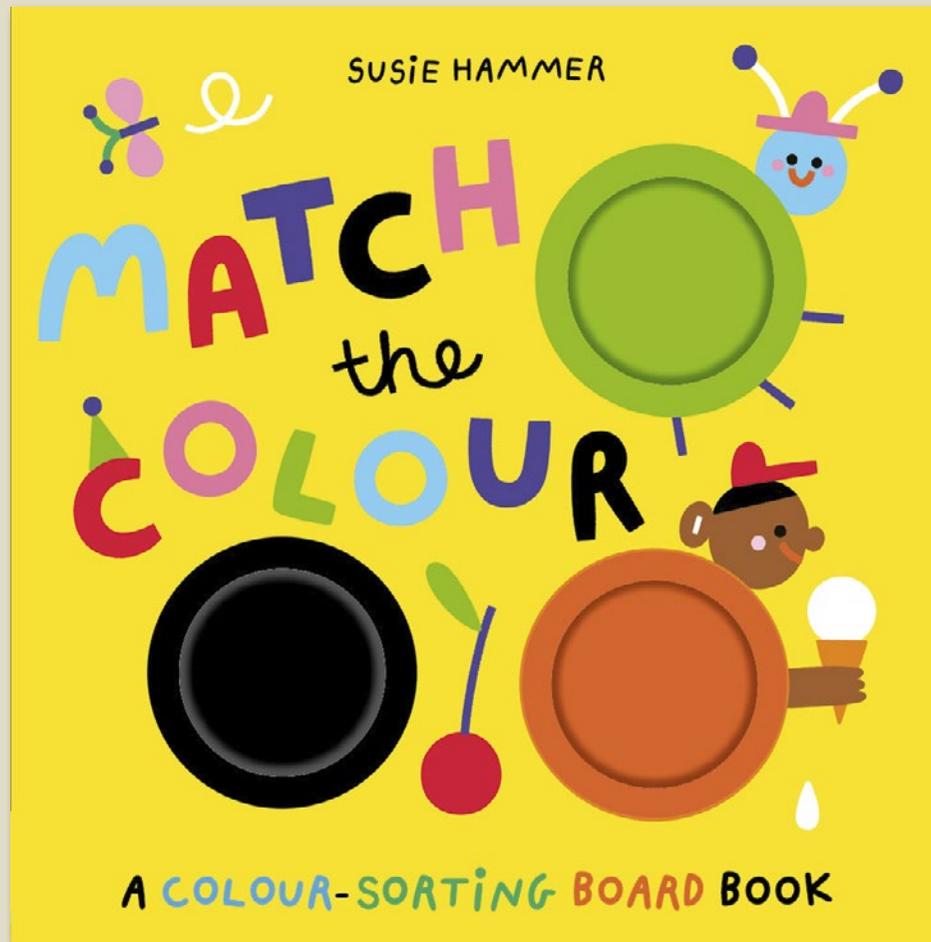
- An innovative board book design that lets toddlers place three chunky shapes into matching slots. The colourful shapes attach to the book via ribbon.
- A die-cut in the cover showcases the novelty and keeps the pieces securely in place when the book is shelved.
- Matching the numbers aids children in their fine motor skills, hand-eye co-ordination and problem-solving skills.
- Illustrated in vivid colour and effortless style by Polish artist Susie Hammer.
- Also in the series: *Match the Shape* (2025), *Match the Colour* (2025)

Match the Number



Pub Date	01/01/2027
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Age Range	0-5 years
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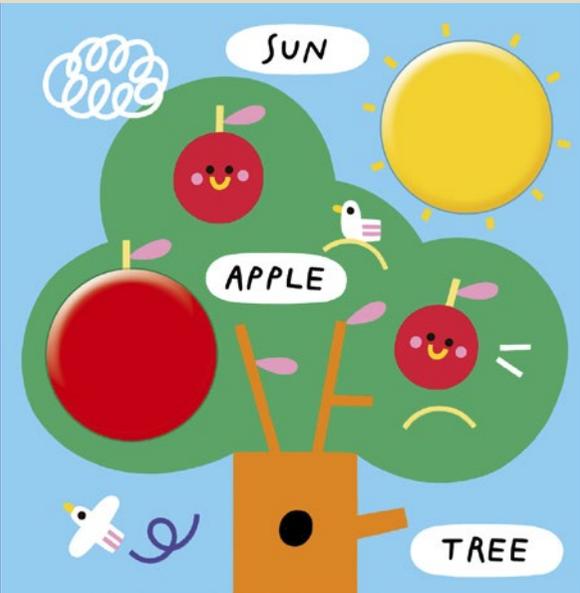
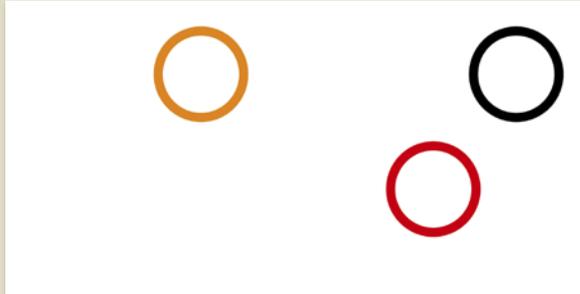
Match the Colour



A first words book that's also a shape-sorter!

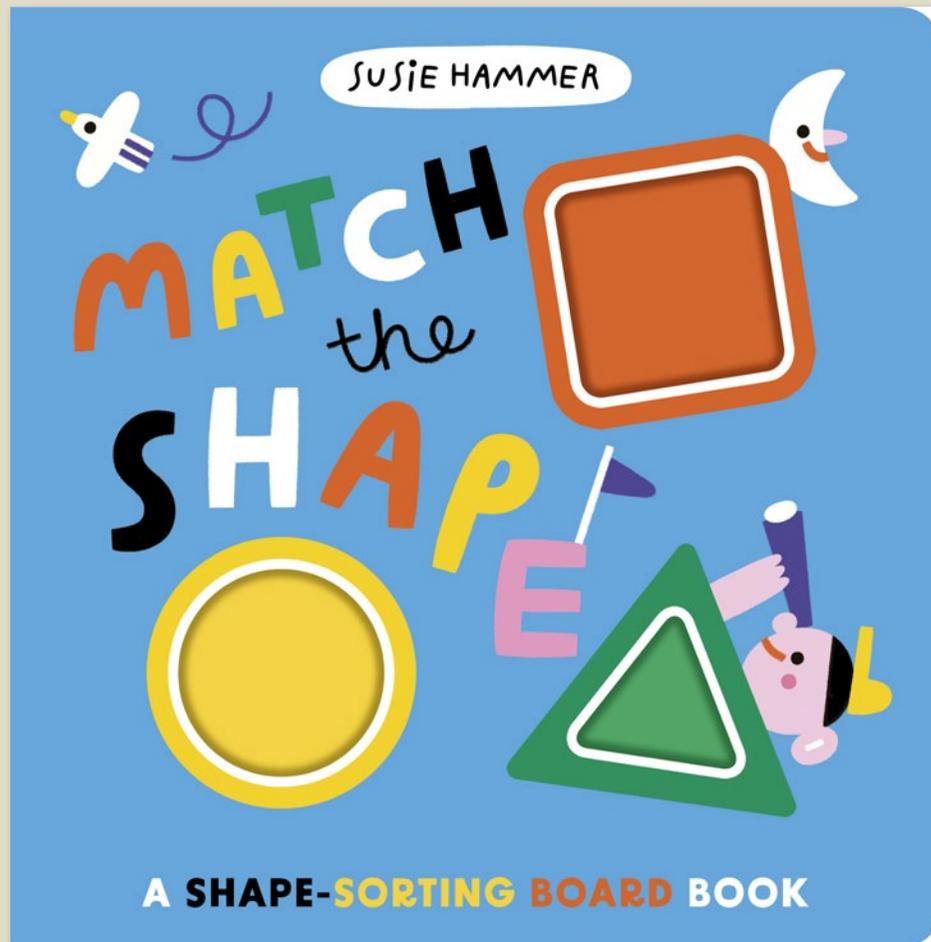
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- A die-cut in the cover showcases the novelty and keeps the pieces securely in place when the book is shelved.
- Matching the colours aids children in their fine motor skills, hand-eye co-ordination and problem-solving skills.
- Introduces familiar first words on every spread.
- Illustrated in vivid colour and effortless style by Polish artist Susie Hammer.
- Also in the series: Match the Shape (2025).

Match the Colour



Pub Date	01/01/2026
Pub Price	£7.99
ISBN	9781800788572
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Susie Hammer
Extent	8pp
Word Count	10 words
Files To Printer	22/07/2025
Freight On Board	30/10/2025
Rights Available	World

Match the Shape



A first words book that's also a shape-sorter!

- An innovative board book design that lets toddlers place three chunky shapes into matching slots. Three shapes attach to the book via ribbon: circle, square, triangle.
- A die-cut in the cover showcases the novelty and keeps the pieces securely in place when the book is shelved.
- Matching the shapes aids children in their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and problem-solving skills.
- Introduces familiar first words on every spread.
- Illustrated in vivid colour and effortless style by Polish artist Susie Hammer.
- Also in the series: Match the Colour (2025).

Match the Shape



Pub Date	13/02/2025
Pub Price	£7.99
ISBN	9781800788589
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Extent	8pp
Word Count	12 words
Rights Available	World

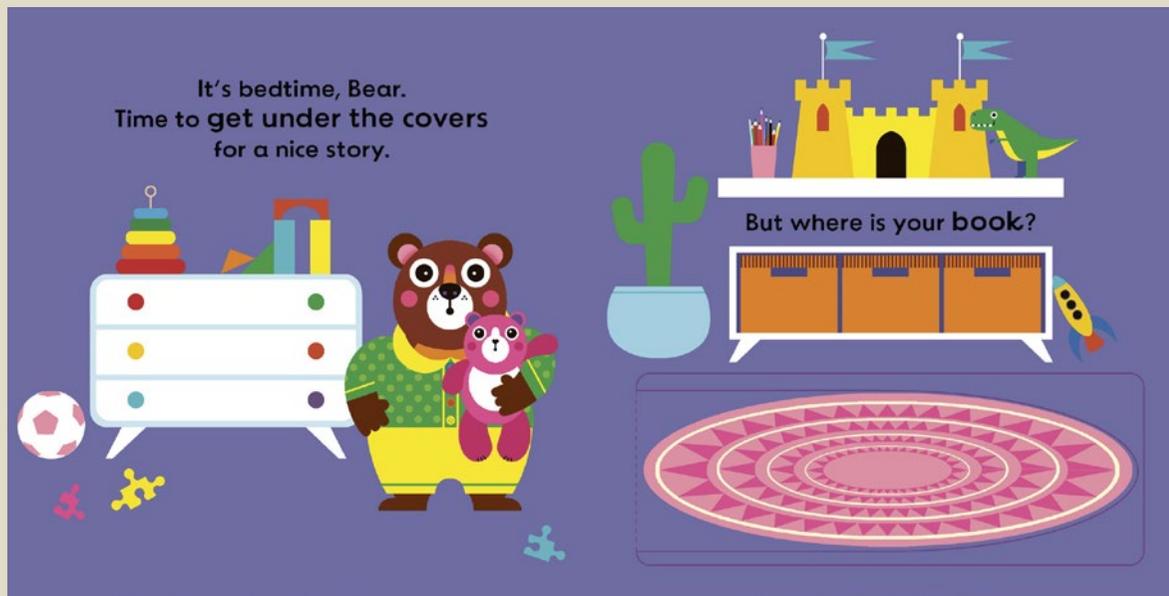
Baby Steps: It's Bedtime, Bear



Lift the flaps, find the toys!

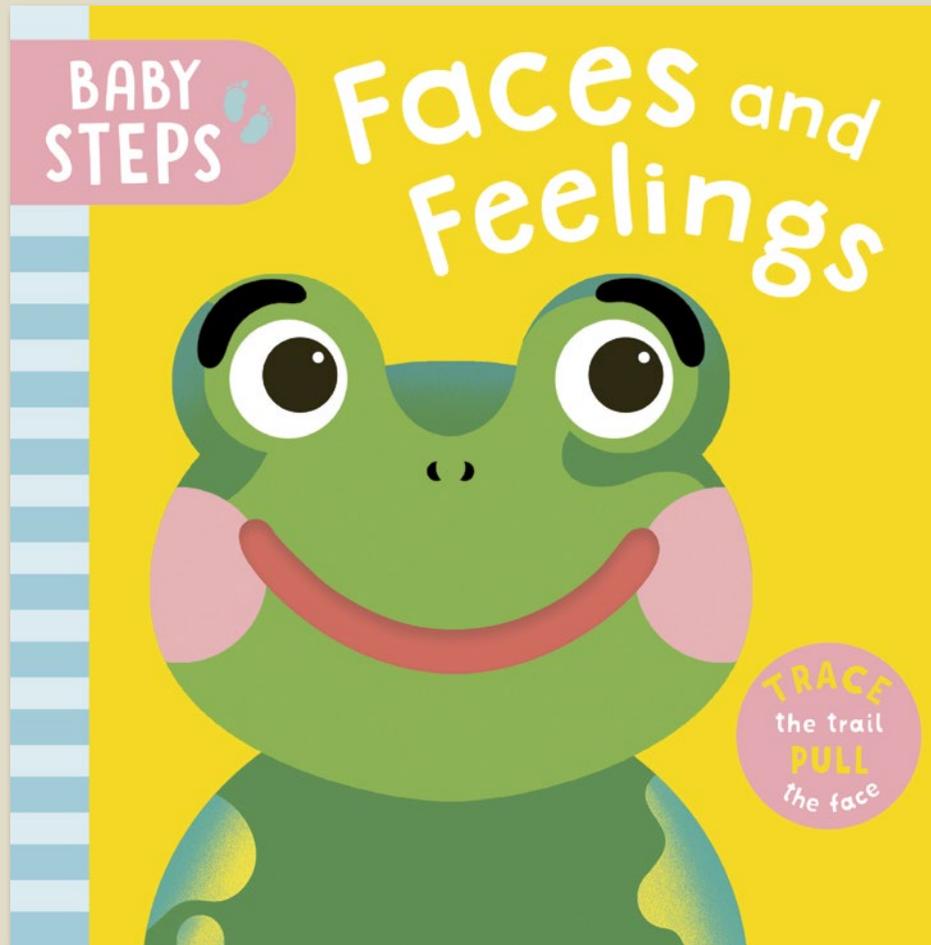
- Big, easy-to-lift card flaps help children develop fine motor skills: with 5 big flaps to lift.
- Featuring S&B®'s innovative anti-bacterial finish on all pages: 100% natural, plant based and sustainable, offering 99.99% germ control including covid 19, MRSA, E-coli, mold and yeast. This green formulation is safe for babies and contains no microplastics.
- A gentle story to build early language skills - perfect for children just starting to say their first words.
- Encourages little ones with their bedtime routine.
- Illustrated by London-born illustrator, Richard Merritt.

Baby Steps: It's Bedtime, Bear



Pub Date	14/08/2025
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781800786110
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
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Extent	10pp
Word Count	105 words
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Rights Available	World

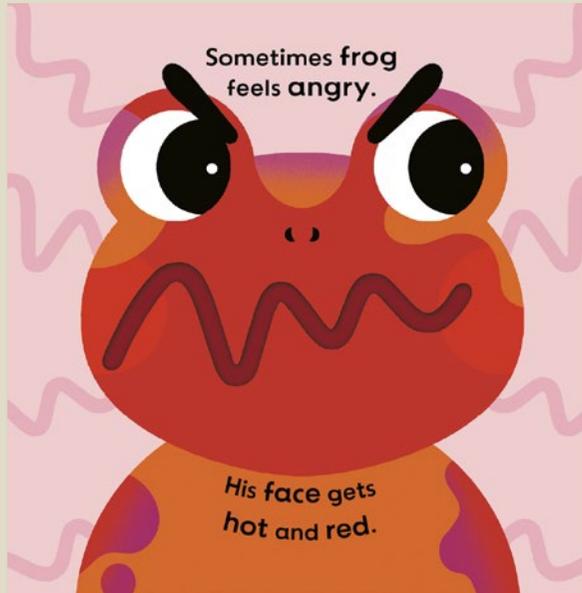
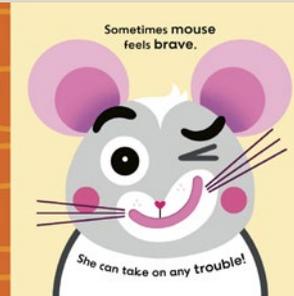
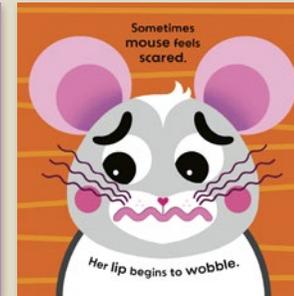
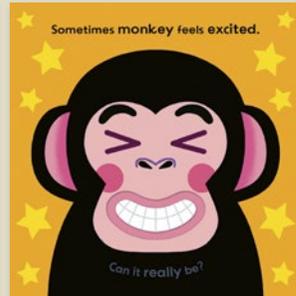
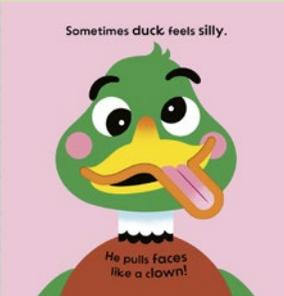
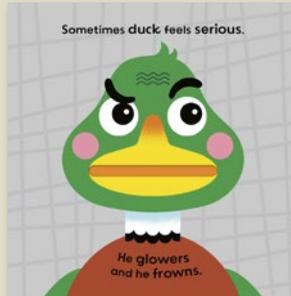
Baby Steps: Faces and Feelings



**Trace the shape,
name the feeling -
features a real mirror!**

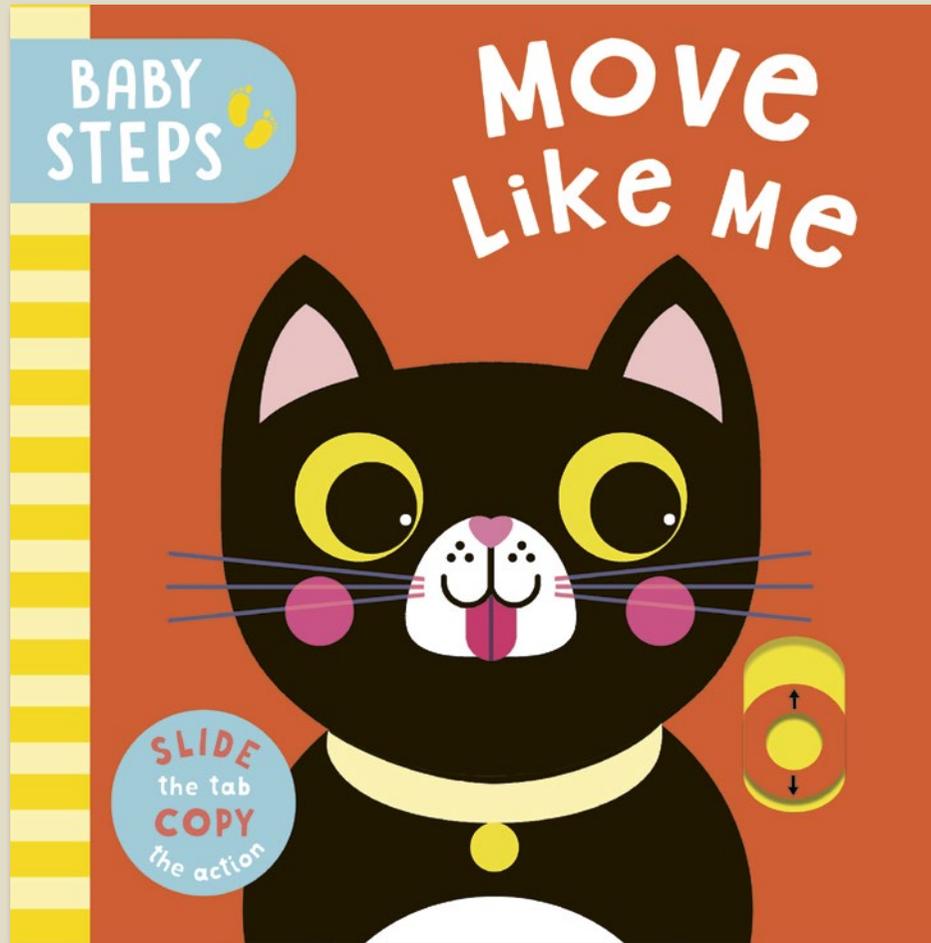
- With trace-the-trail elements on every page AND a mirror!
- Featuring S&B®'s innovative anti-bacterial finish on all pages: 100% natural, plant based and sustainable, offering 99.99% germ control including covid-19, MRSA, E-coli, mold and yeast. This green formulation is safe for babies and contains no microplastics.
- A simple rhyming text is fun to read aloud and easy for little ones to join in with.
- This book will help little ones learn to recognise and name a range of emotions.
- Illustrated by London-born illustrator, Richard Merritt.

Baby Steps: Faces and Feelings



Pub Date	04/01/2026
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781800786424
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Richard Merritt
Extent	10pp
Word Count	115 words
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Freight On Board	19/10/2025
Rights Available	World

Baby Steps: Move Like Me



Slide the tab, copy the action!

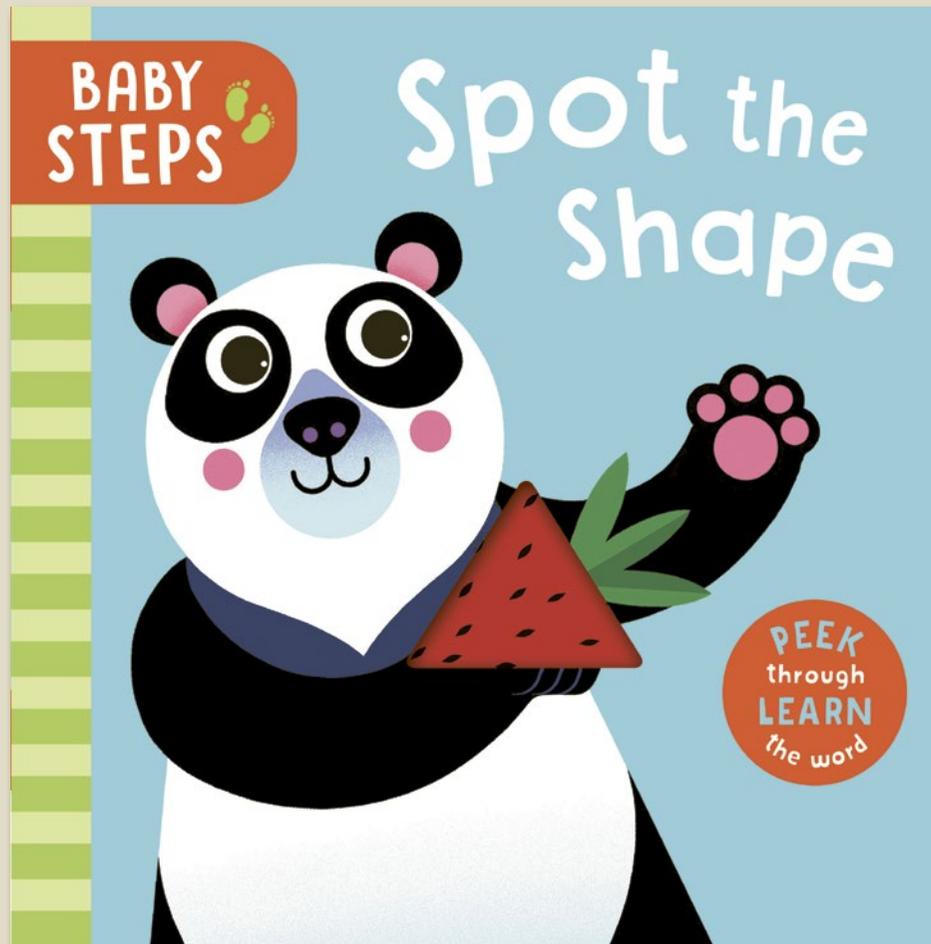
- With 9 sliders to pull and push to make the animals on every page move about.
- A simple rhyming text is fun to read aloud and easy for little ones to join in with.
- This book will help little ones learn to name body parts and follow simple instructions.
- Moving the sliders helps children develop fine motor skills; copying the actions builds gross motor skills.
- Illustrated by London-born illustrator, Richard Merritt.
- Featuring S&B®'s innovative anti-bacterial finish on all pages: 100% natural, plant based and sustainable, offering 99.99% germ control including covid 19, MRSA, E-coli, mold and yeast. This green formulation is safe for babies and contains no microplastics.

Baby Steps: Move Like Me



Pub Date	14/08/2025
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781800786127
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
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Extent	8pp
Word Count	85 words
Files To Printer	17/07/2025
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Rights Available	World

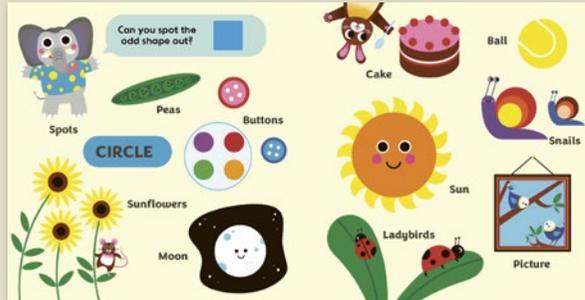
Baby Steps: Spot the Shape



Peep through the shape, learn the word!

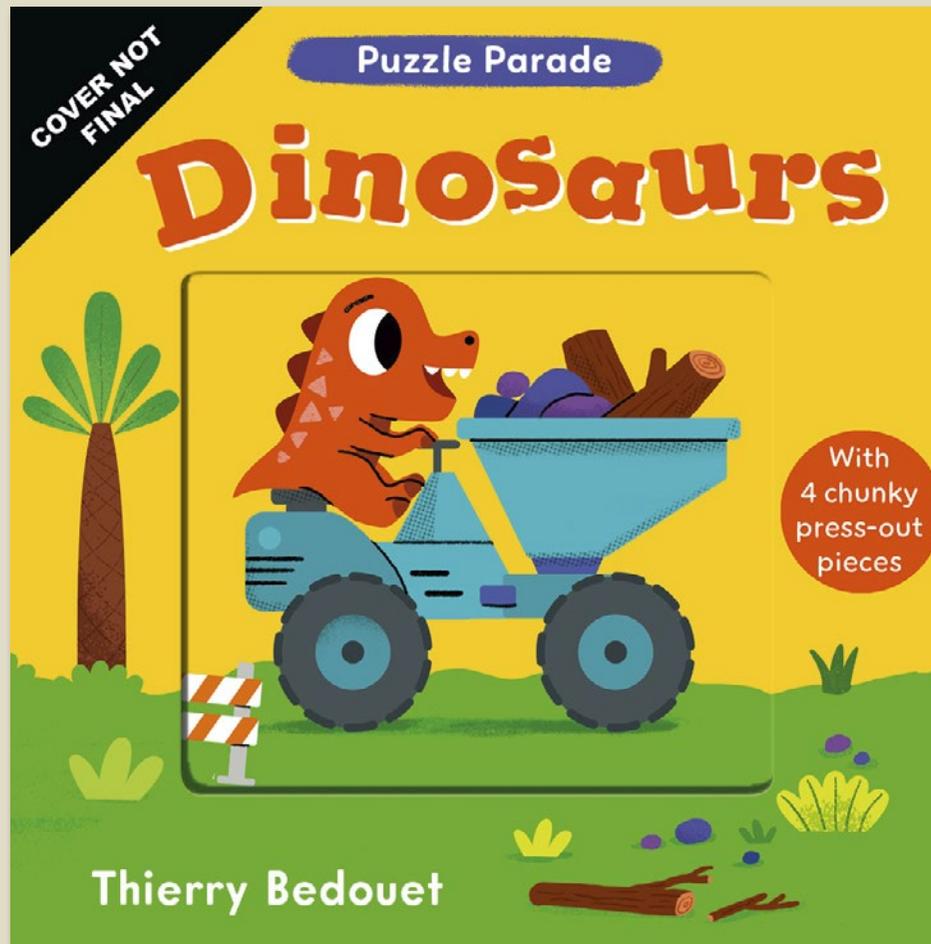
- Introduces first shapes, and builds early language skills.
- Featuring S&B®'s innovative anti-bacterial finish on all pages: 100% natural, plant based and sustainable, offering 99.99% germ control including covid-19, MRSA, E-coli, mold and yeast. This green formulation is safe for babies and contains no microplastics.
- Peep-through windows stimulate little readers.
- Illustrated by London-born illustrator, Richard Merritt.

Baby Steps: Spot the Shape



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Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781800786431
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Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Richard Merritt
Extent	10pp
Word Count	120 words
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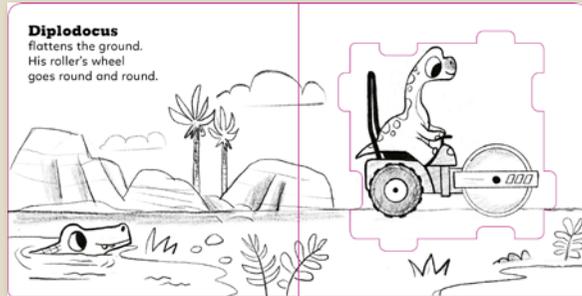
Puzzle Parade: Dinosaurs



A chunky jigsaw board book to read and play with

- The puzzle piece fronts fit together in a 1x4 puzzle parade (120mm x 480mm). The backs fit together in a 2x2 puzzle scene (240mm x 240mm).
- Introduces first animal and vehicle words, with friendly characters and fun-to-read-aloud text.
- Puzzles encourages fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.
- Can be read as a book, even when the pieces are pressed out, and played with as a toy.
- Coming soon: *Puzzle Parade On the Farm* and *Puzzle Parade: In the City*
- The cover features a die-cut showing the puzzle piece on spread 1

Puzzle Parade: Dinosaurs



Pub Date	21/11/2026
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781835873656
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	Adult
Author	Carly Blake
Illustrator	Thierry Bedouet
Extent	8pp
Translation Files	11/03/2026
Files To Printer	03/06/2026
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Rights Available	World

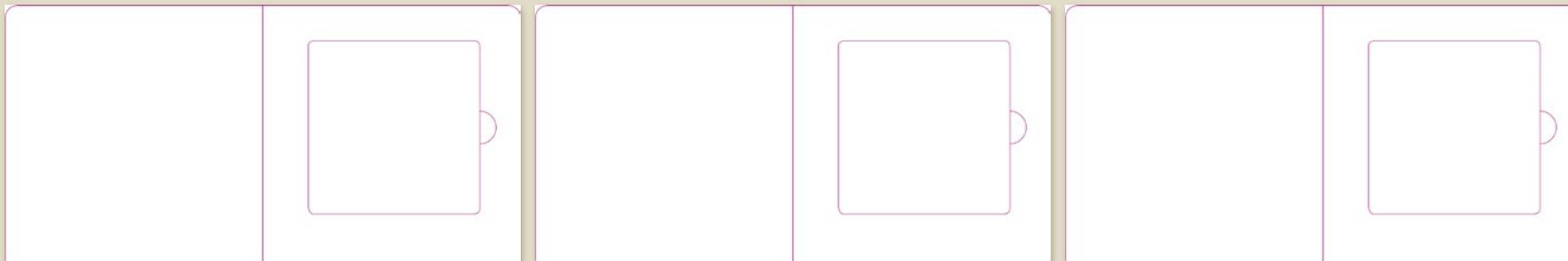
Puzzle Parade: Jungle Train



A chunky jigsaw board book to read and play with.

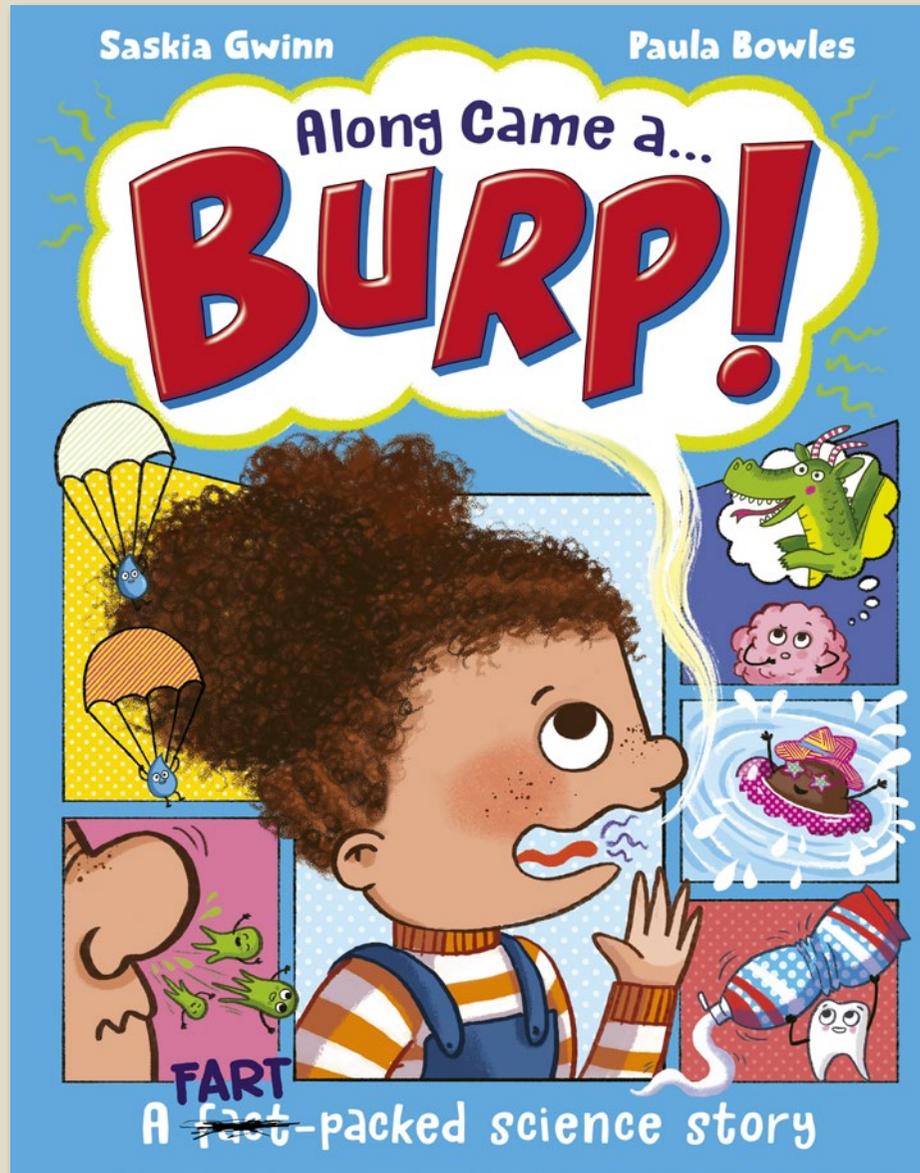
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Puzzle Parade: Jungle Train



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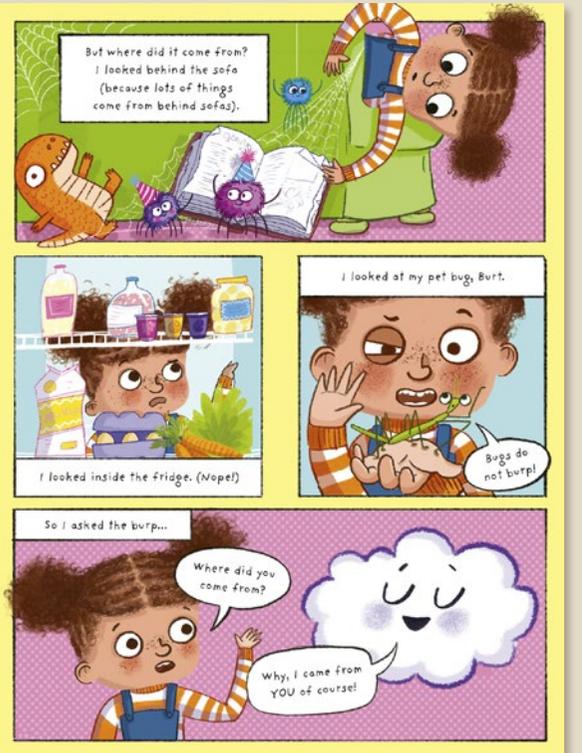
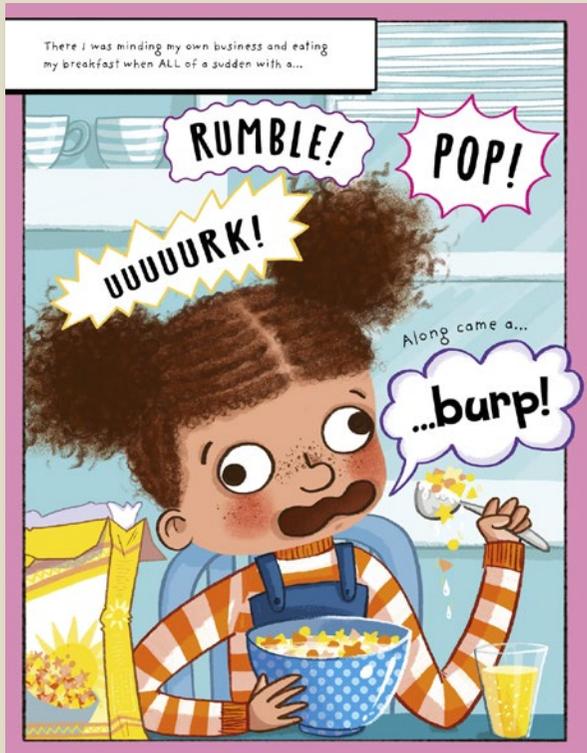
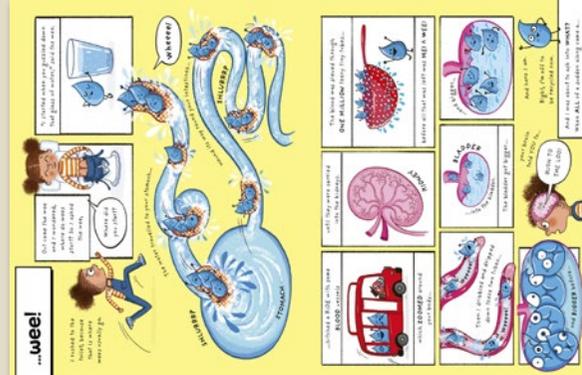
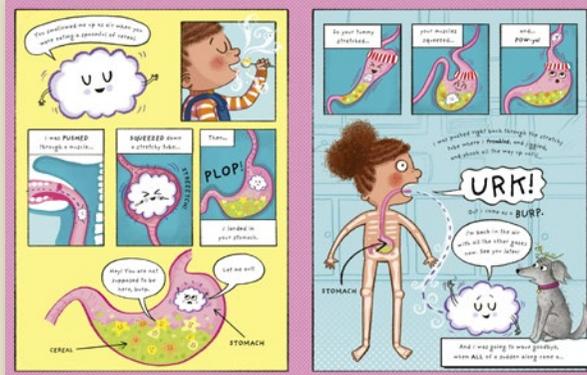
Along Came a... Burp!



A laugh-out-loud science storybook all about the human body!

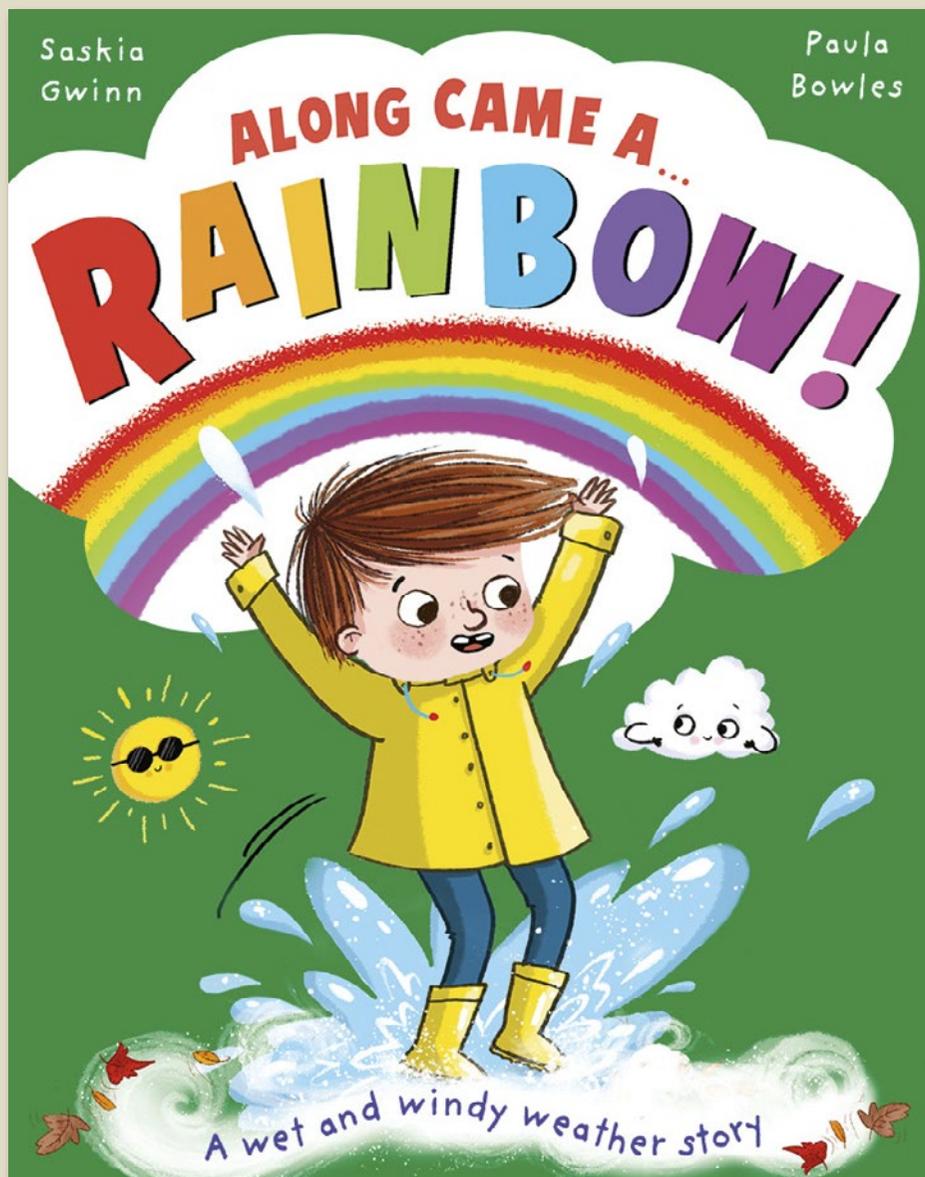
- A fun, fact, and fart-packed picture book approach to early science for readers 4+.
- Graphic-novel-style layouts present facts in memorable and hilarious fashion.
- Paula Bowles's artwork is an explosion of colour, bringing to life a zany cast of anatomical characters, from stinky poos, to friendly farts, to super-speedy sneezes. Paula was shortlisted for the Indie Book Awards 2023 and The Alligators Mouth Award 2023.
- With warm, funny text by rising-star Saskia Gwinn (author of *Scientists are Saving the World* and *I am Not the Easter Bunny*).

Along Came a... Burp!



Pub Date	04/07/2024
Pub Price	£9.99
ISBN	9781800785175
H x W	300 x 235mm
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Author	Saskia Gwinn
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Extent	48pp
Word Count	2585 words
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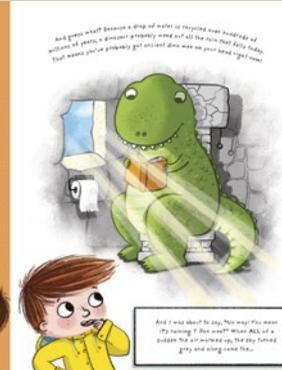
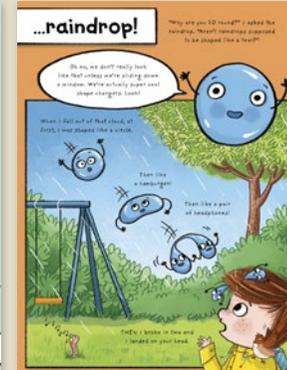
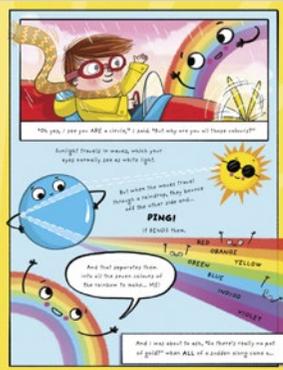
Along Came a... Rainbow!



A laugh-out-loud science story all about the weather!

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H x W	300 x 235mm
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Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Saskia Gwinn
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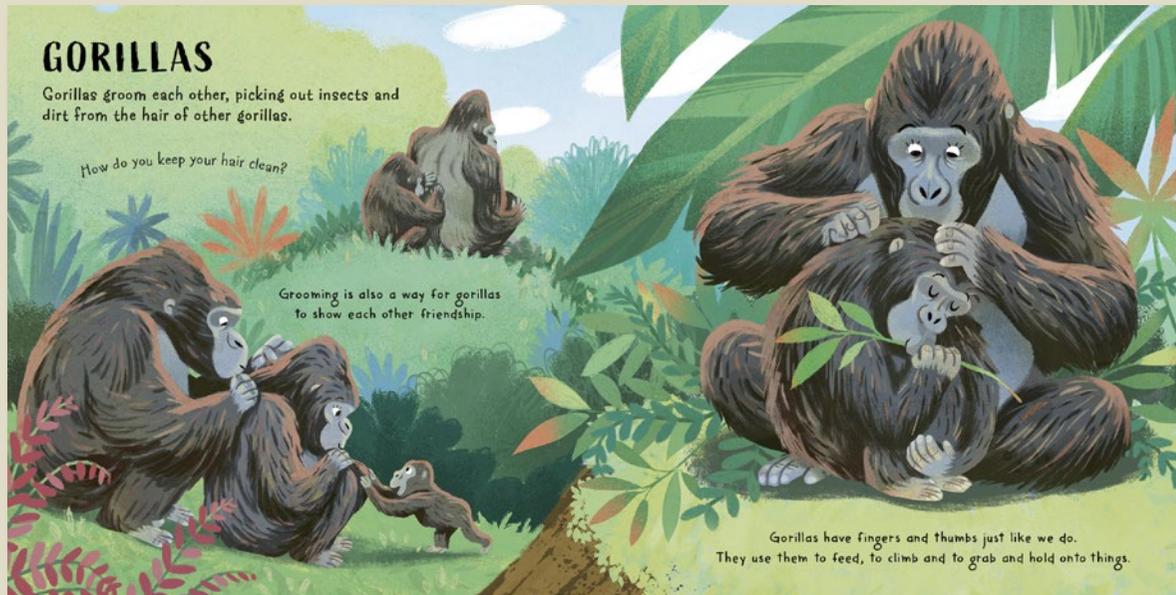
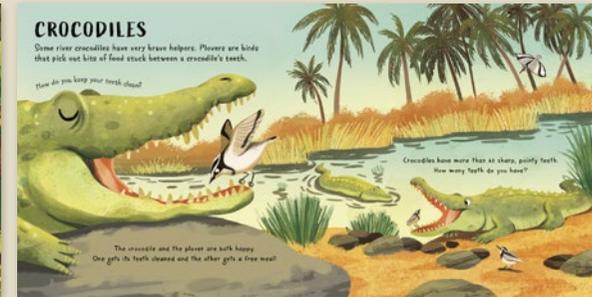
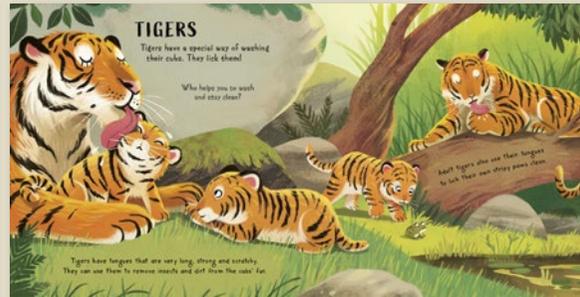
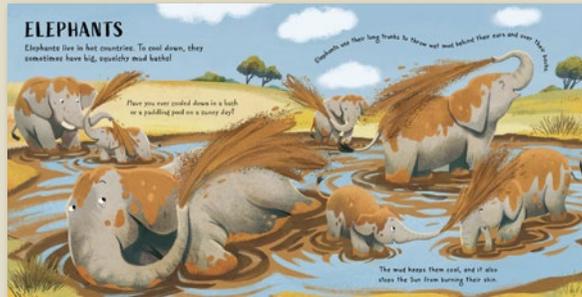
Time for a Bath, Animals



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 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
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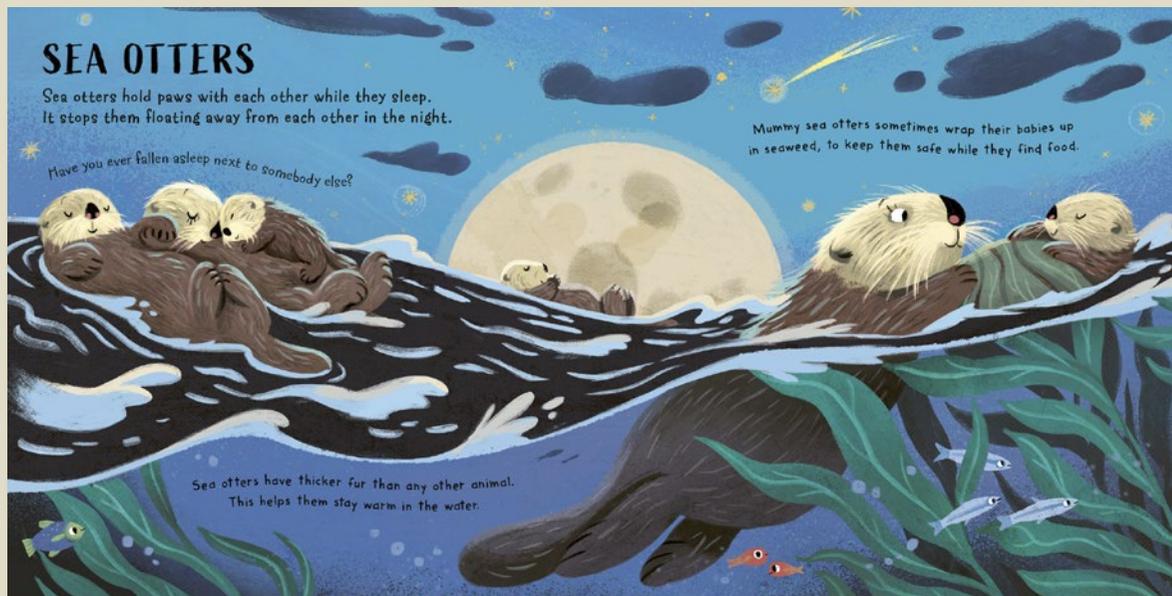
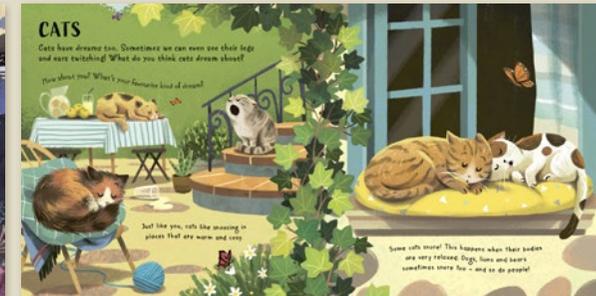
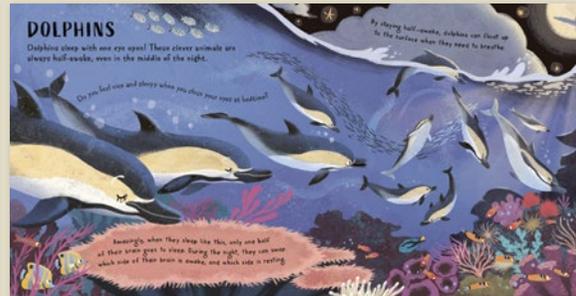
Time for Bed, Animals



A gentle non-fiction book full of sleepy animals

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- 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



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H x W	250 x 250mm
Binding	Paperback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Ben Lerwill
Illustrator	Maribel Lechuga
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A spine-tingling text from paranormal podcaster and best-selling author Richard Maclean Smith.

- Features seven giant pop-ups of the creatures, plus seven gatefold panels which each open to reveal a comic-strip story
- With bright, graphic artwork from DC-illustrator Berat Pekmezci.
- Written by paranormal podcaster (*Unexplained*) and best-selling author Richard Maclean Smith
- Contents: Troll (Scandinavia), Spring-Heeled Jack (UK), Jianshi hopping vampire (China), Golem (Jewish folklore), Aliens (North America), The Flying Dutchman (World Oceans) and Mokele Mbembe (Congo, Africa)
- Cover finishes: matt lam + spot UV + foil

Tall Tales



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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*.

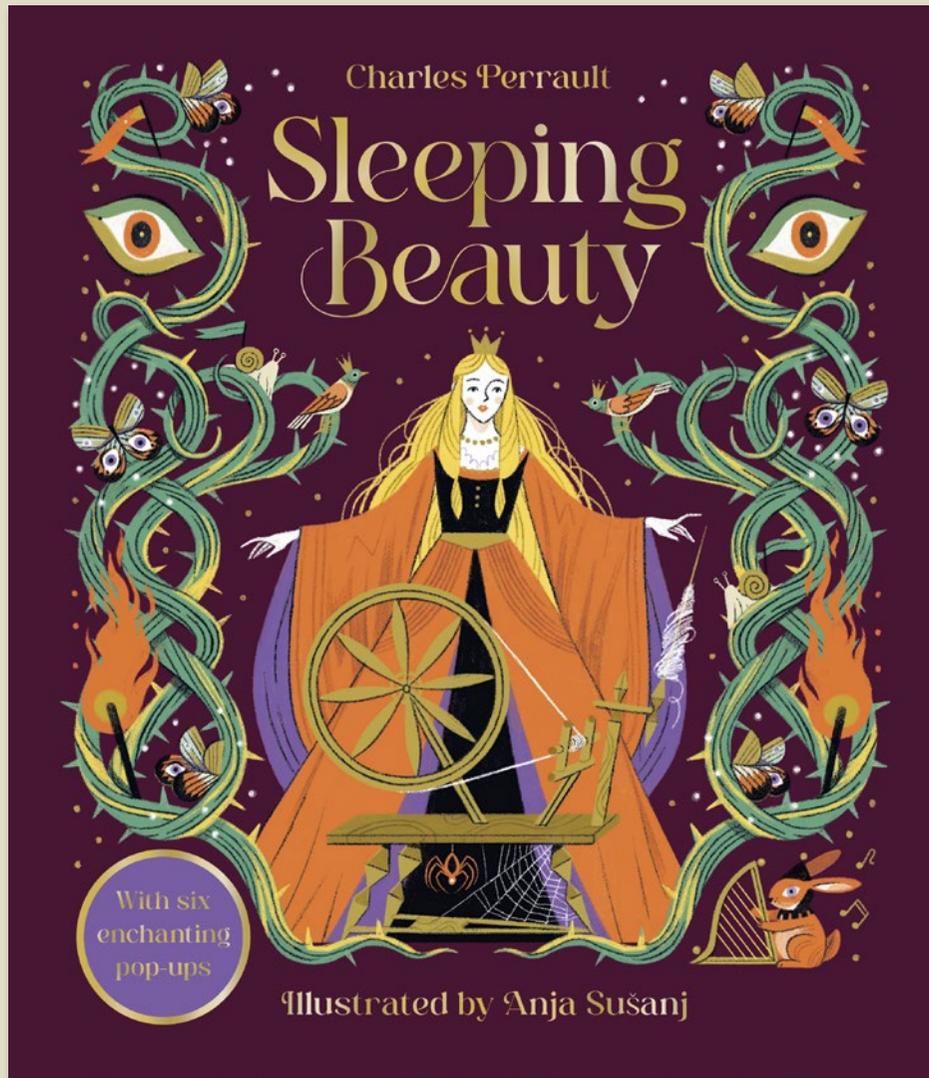
- Illustrations by Lesley Barnes, author and illustrator of *Jill and Dragon* and *Jill and Lion* (Tate).
- A beautifully produced gift edition for the Christmas market.
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- Lesley Barnes has created product ranges for both the V&A and Tate Museums.
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The Snow Queen



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Sleeping Beauty



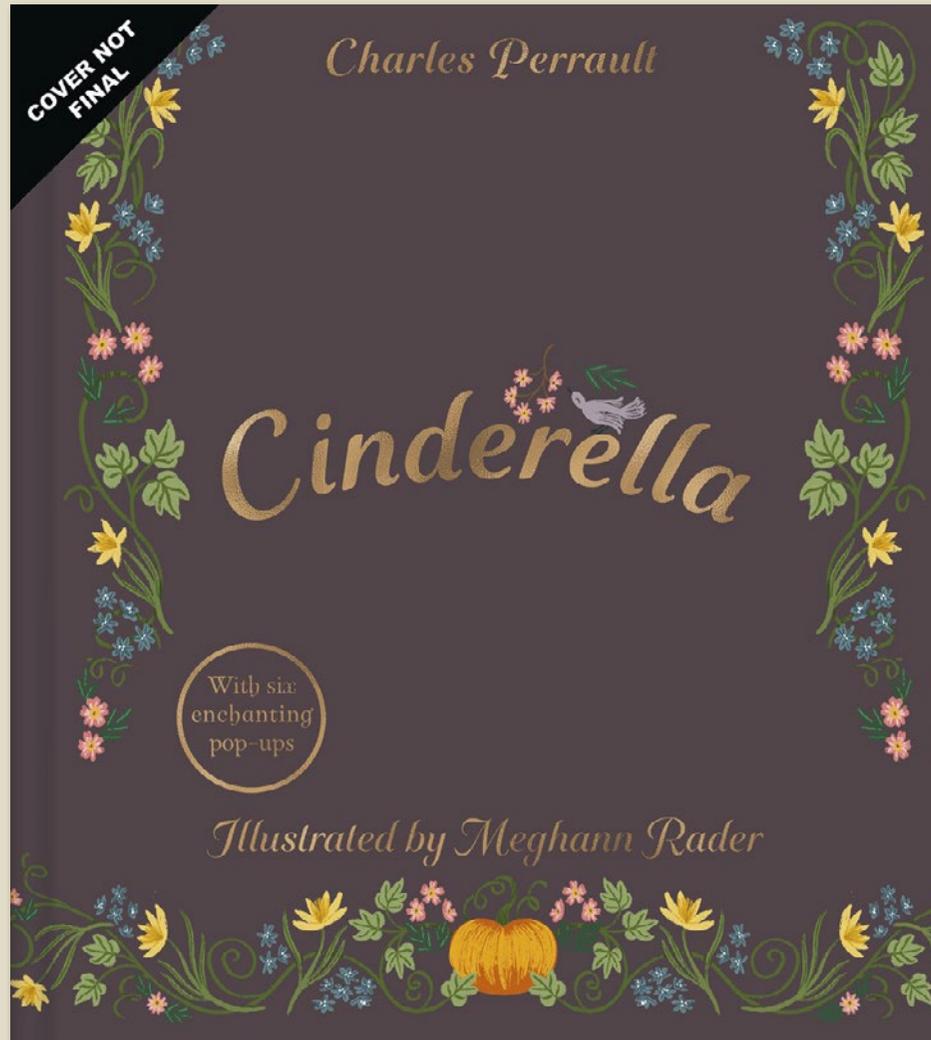
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Sleeping Beauty



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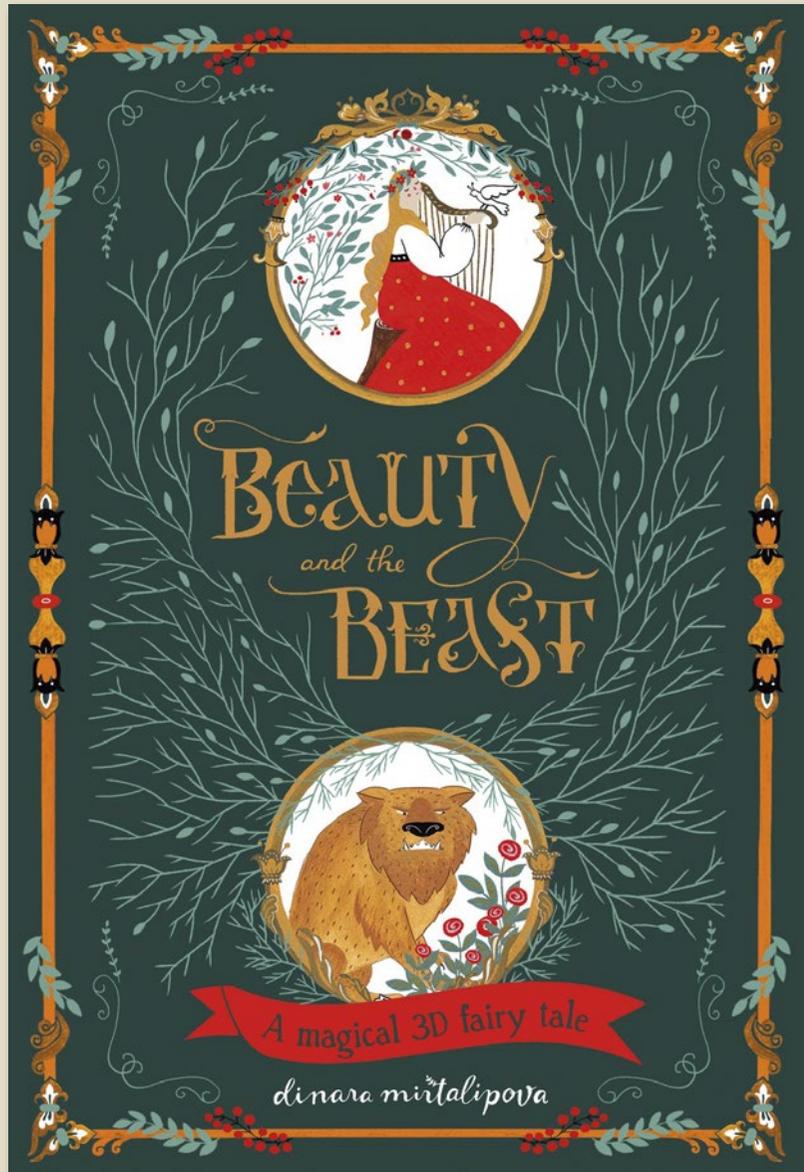
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Cinderella



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Beauty and the Beast



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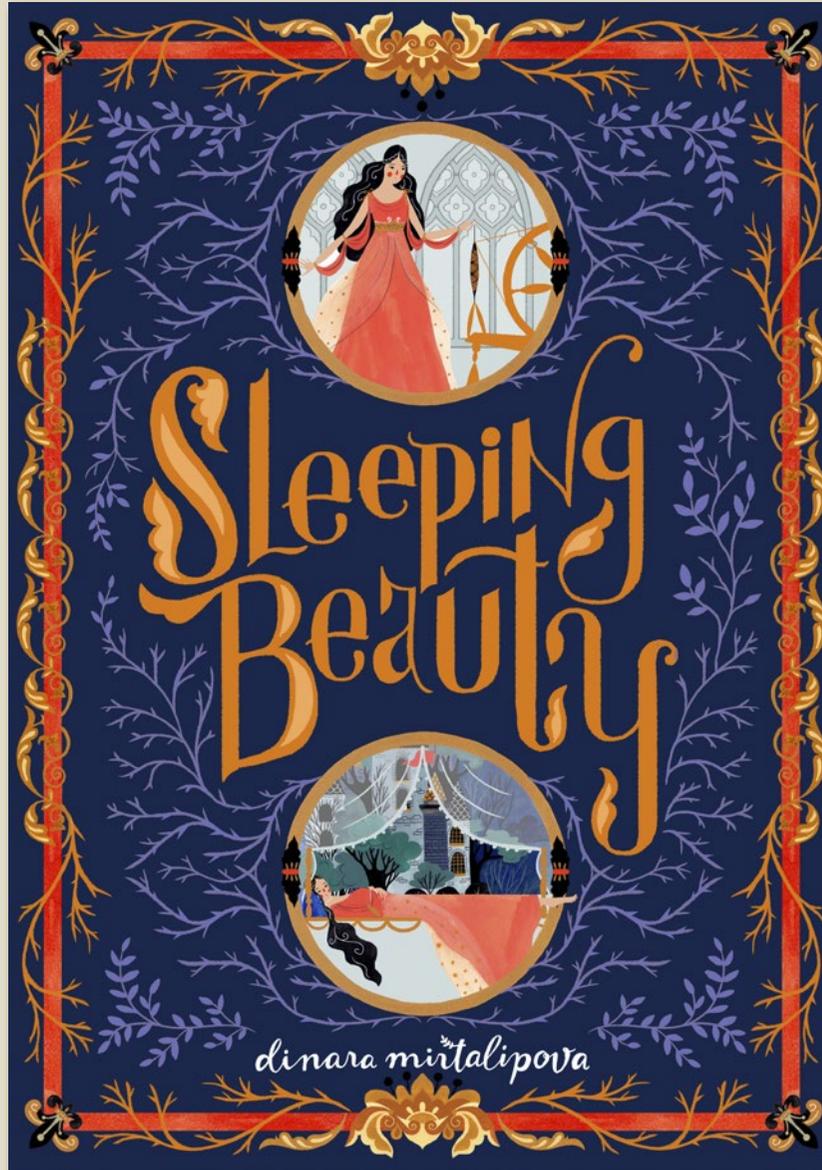
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- A triumph of paper engineering with wonderful illustrations by Dinara Mirtalipova.
- A series of magnificent paper-cut fairy-tale books.

Beauty and the Beast



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Sleeping Beauty



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- This spectacular aperture book presents illustrations with die-cut layered paper to give the impression of three dimensions.
- A triumph of paper engineering with wonderful illustrations by Dinara Mirtalipova.
- The third title in the series, following on from *Beauty and the Beast* and *Cinderella*
- Cover treatments: 50% foil on cover with matt lam and spot UV

Sleeping Beauty



Briar Rose grew into a girl with all the blessings the fairies had given her.

She was loved throughout the kingdom and the curse was all but forgotten.

On the princess's seventeenth birthday, she woke early and decided to explore the many empty rooms of the castle.

She climbed up spiral staircases and walked through forgotten rooms containing furniture and tapestries that were centuries old.

Briar Rose thought she was completely alone, but then she heard someone singing. Following the sound, she climbed a narrow stairway. At the top was a very old woman with a spinning wheel. The wheel whirred, the old woman sang her song, and Briar Rose wanted nothing so much as to reach out and touch the spindle.

"Mistress," said the princess, "please tell me what you are doing."

The woman didn't answer.

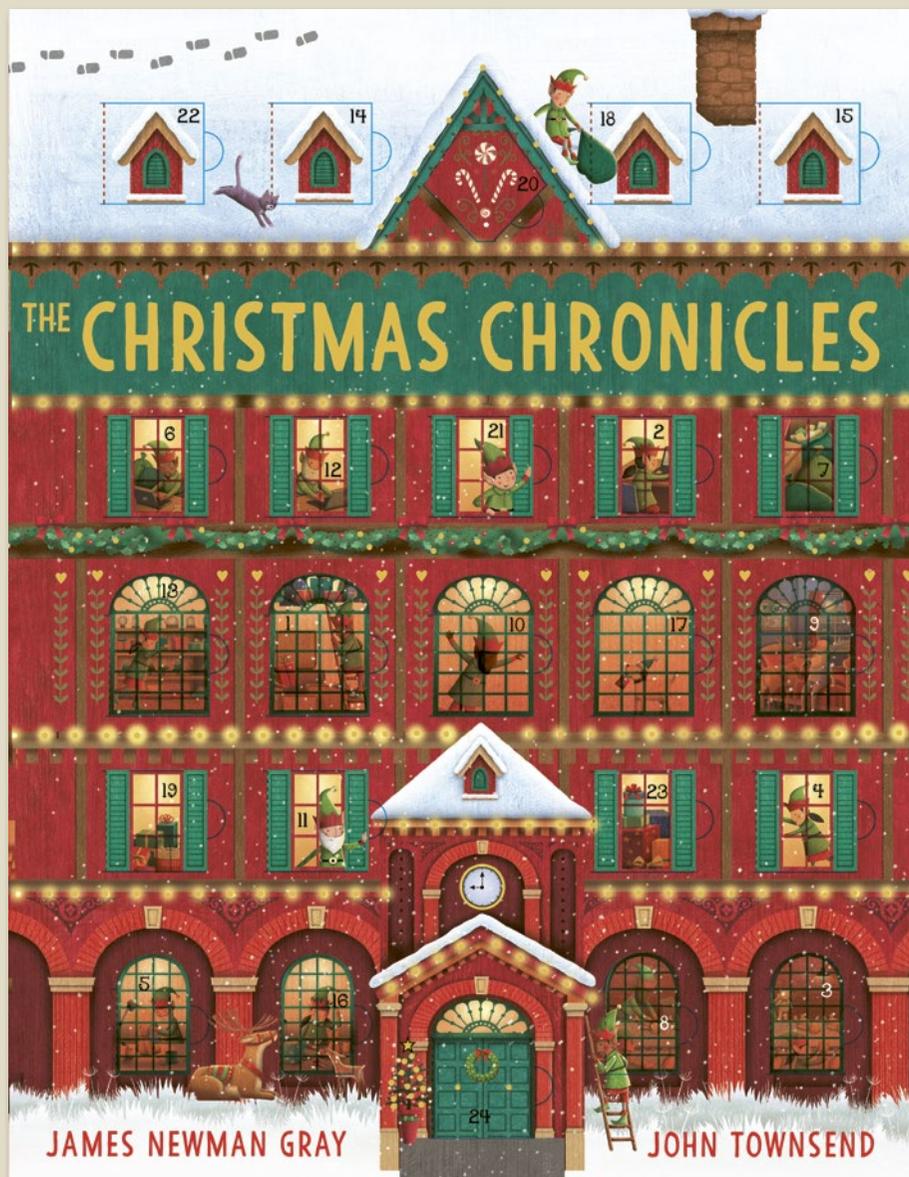
Maybe she cannot hear? thought the girl and, down towards the strange machine, she reached out her hand to it and pricked her finger.

A drop of blood bloomed on her fingertip, and then she fell onto the bed, fast asleep.

The old woman vanished.

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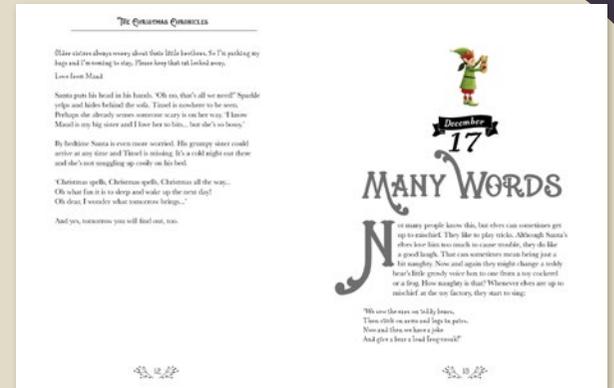
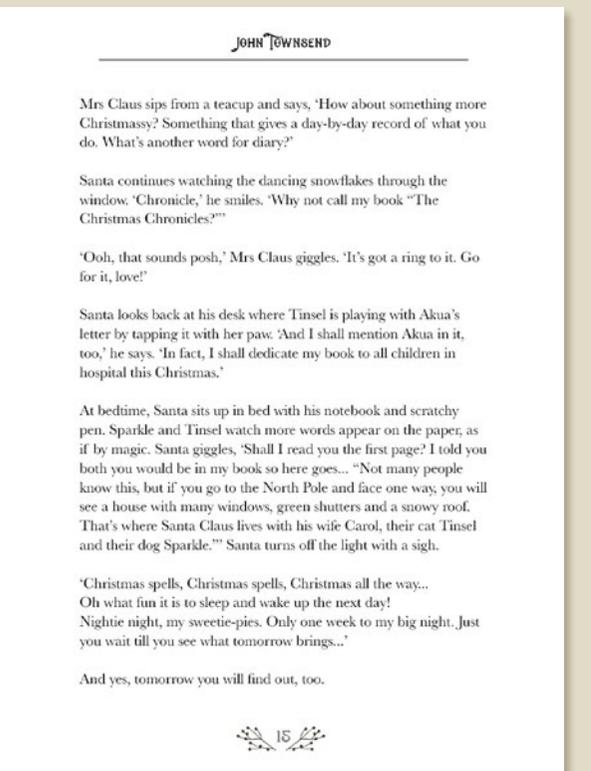
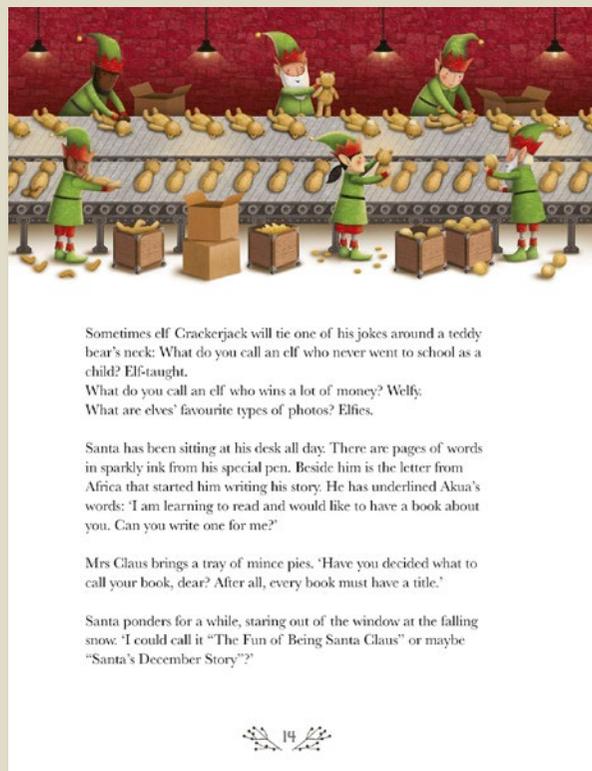
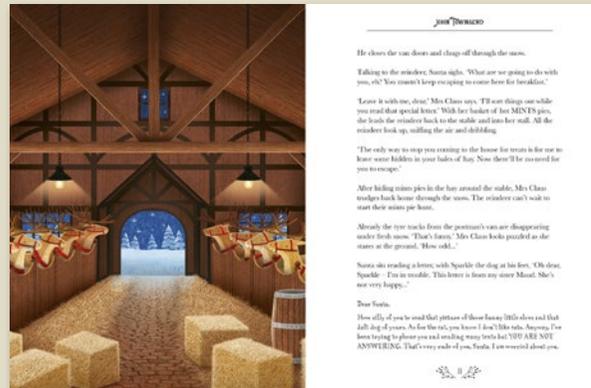
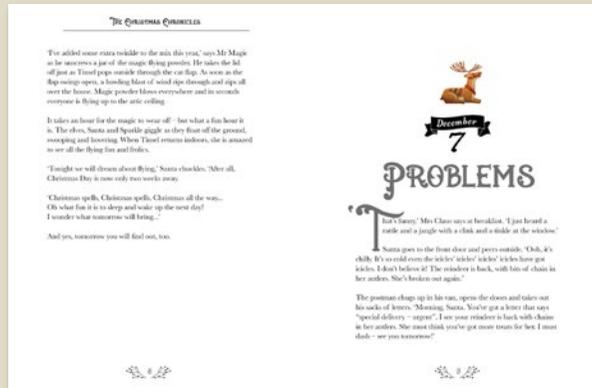
The Christmas Chronicles



Count down to Christmas with this lift-the-flap advent calendar-style book!

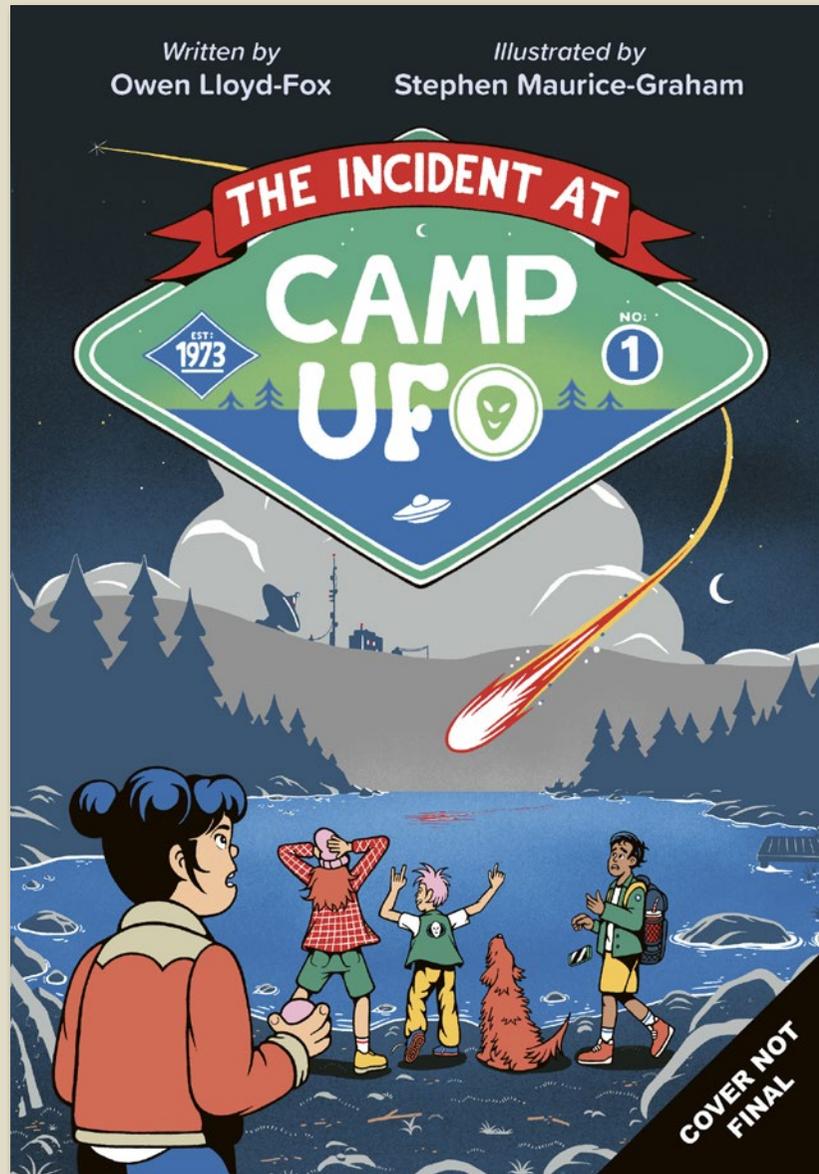
- Ingenious, interactive advent calendar-style design on cover. Children will love lifting the flaps on the cover to reveal a different Christmas character or object and, underneath, finding the page number where the chapter featuring this subject begins.
- These magical story features Santa, elves, reindeer, and other characters, and is filled with humorous mishaps and snowy adventures.
- 24 humorous chapters--one for every day in the buildup to Christmas.

The Christmas Chronicles



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The Incident at Camp UFO



Unravel cryptic clues, solve fiendish puzzles, avoid the Shini-rax aliens at all costs while you help the gang solve the incident at Camp UFO!

- A brand-new adventure puzzle book series complete with graphic novel style illustrations. Perfect for fans of Bunny vs. Monkey, Stranger Things and gaming enthusiasts. A must-have for reluctant readers.
- Featuring a strong cast of characters with authentic stories from diverse backgrounds, including South and South East Asia, plus a non-binary character with partial hearing loss.

The Incident at Camp UFO



"I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TOOK ONE PUPPY!"

"IT SAYS HERE ONE OF THE CAMP'S VERY FAVORABLE IS EXPERIENCED ARTISTS IN ALL ITS INDUSTRIES!"

Pawan glanced around at the dark forest, the glowering lake and the far-off mountains. "Right, sure that. What now?"

"Um..." said Dad, scratching his hat. "How about ghost stories? Anybody know any?" Nobody did.

"Come on!" Val whined. "Something scary HAD to have happened here. A masked fool with a murderous vendetta against camp staff? Mad scientist? Mad scientist? Mad scientist? A tragic dog-eat-dog accident?"

Dad thought for a moment. "Well, there is ONE. But we're not allowed to read and I'd love to be in the woods. So, well, longer than anyone can remember. He's just always there, lurking. Sometimes you see him on the lake in a boat, cackling like this. "Dad pulled a face like a cat that has about to be sick and produced a deep hacking cough.



Frankie, Val and Xinyi frowned. Even Pawan looked momentarily less sulky. "So on..." promised Frankie after a split second. "Well, that's not it!" Dad admitted. "So that's your ghost story, is it?" said Val. "So did those bats in the wood, too a cough and looks around a bit?" "Well, yeah," Dad mumbled, defensively. "I mean, he's quite weird..."

The gang froze as a sheep, hacking cough, whined across the valley. On the lake, a raft of four people (chopped into two with a head and man hunched over the other).

"Dad!" whispered Val. "Dad," replied Frankie.

The Early Birds continued to observe as the boat disappeared out of view. "I mean, he's not that scary..." said Frankie. "Well," she agreed, rather uncharacteristically. "He can't help being old and disgusting!" "Forget it!" ruffled Dad, going on all pretence of 'warning young people' for the day. "You going to bed. Put the fire out before you leave and be careful of the... uh... water!" He seemed eagerly towards the lake before heading off in the direction of the tent.

"Can he do that?" asked Xinyi. The others turned to her, surprised. "This was the first thing they remembered Xinyi saying since they arrived. "It's a TERRIBLE camp coincidence!" she added.

"Then suddenly, she screamed."



Out of the dark woods a furry figure with teeth and claws renounced toward the gang.

ROWF! ROWF!

Getting to know U(FO)!

Name: Poppy Age: Unknown
 Breed: Unknown
 Favorite Food: Fish
 Favorite Place: The Water
 What's in your pocket: much light and heat!
 If you were a flower what would you be? The Sun!

"It's a DOG!" exclaimed Xinyi, scrambling over to the furry creature before the others could even register the transformation of their quiet companion to a doggy friend. "What's a good boy like a good... girl like her sister in New Poppy?" "Hello Poppy!" Poppy's tail thumped in reply. She LOVED when people knew her name.

"Where did she come from?" frowned Frankie. "I don't know," Pawan shrugged. "Maybe she's the camp dog?" "But she's probably the last Poppy left behind." "So you saw your ball, Poppy? Oh, go fetch!" She launched the ball as far as she could, to which Poppy sprang up in response, skillfully turning herself over and over to catch it.

"THE CAMP PUPPY! HE HEAT!"

"HEAT! HE'S AWESOME! BY THE WAY, HE'S A BOY!"

"GOOD GIRL! WHO'S A GOOD GIRL! POPPY YOU ARE SO GOOD!"

"POP DOY IT AGAIN!"

"BUT BORED..."

"BUT BORED..."

"IS THIS IT? IS THIS AS INTERESTING AS IT WAS GOING TO BE?"

SPOILER ALERT! THIS WAS NOT AS INTERESTING AS IT WAS GOING TO BE.

INCIDENT INCOMING



The Early Birds looked at each other in utter astonishment, then sprinted towards the lake. Poppy followed, barking madly. She didn't have a clue what was going on, but she loved running.



"You realise what's happening now right?!" puffed Pawan, struggling to keep up with the others. "A SUPERHERO ORIGIN STORY! Space rock falls from the sky, local kids find space rock, space rock makes them FLY or TURN STRETCHY or give them the power to make people EXPLODE or something!"

"Was it definitely a space rock?" asked Val. "What's it called? An asteroid. Maybe it was a satellite. Or a part of a PLANE! I heard once that an aeroplane's toilet chute opened and the stuff inside fell out of the sky, and because it's SO cold up there, it FROZE and hit a man and everyone knew that he'd been squashed by a massive frozen ball of POO!"

"Definitely not poo," said Frankie, who had made it to the shore first. The others arrived and stared out at the emanating water. "Poo doesn't glow."



"Woah" said Val, astutely. "I guess we should report this to, uh, whoever you report asteroids to?" Frankie posited. "Um, sorry, I think you mean meteorite," said Xinyi, apologetically. "Asteroids are when they are in space. When they fall they are a meteor, and when it lands it's a meteorite..." Xinyi frowned. WHY did I have to say that for? Now they'll think I'm a COMPLETE dweeb...

Frankie turned to her and smiled. "Thanks, Xinyi. It's probably best we know exactly what it is when we tell..." "Or," interrupted Val, "we DON'T tell anyone and fish it out ourselves!" The gang looked down at the glow once more. Pawan nodded slowly. "Yeah, I mean, do you KNOW how much meteorites go for online?" He said, biting his lip. "Like, mucho gold coins. Plus, still hoping for superpowers here..." "Yeah! Come on Frank-le-plank!" beamed Val. "I wanna make people explode!"



Frankie sighed. She saw what this was. Just because she was older – just because she wasn't suggesting stupid things like FISHING FOR (potentially) MAGIC SPACE ROCKS – they were making her be the mum. The sensible one. The leader. Frankie took a deep breath. Not today. Not this entire summer, actually. She had decided in the car that this summer, she wasn't going to be in charge of ANYTHING. Especially not Val.

"Yeah, okay. Let's get the meteorite out of the lake," the new, relaxed go-with-the-flow Frankie replied. "So... how are we going to do that?"

How COULD the gang fish the meteorite out the lake? When you think you've got it, turn to the next page – or check the answer at the back!



Hint: Try skipping back a few pages and see if there's any helpful lake-related gear!

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