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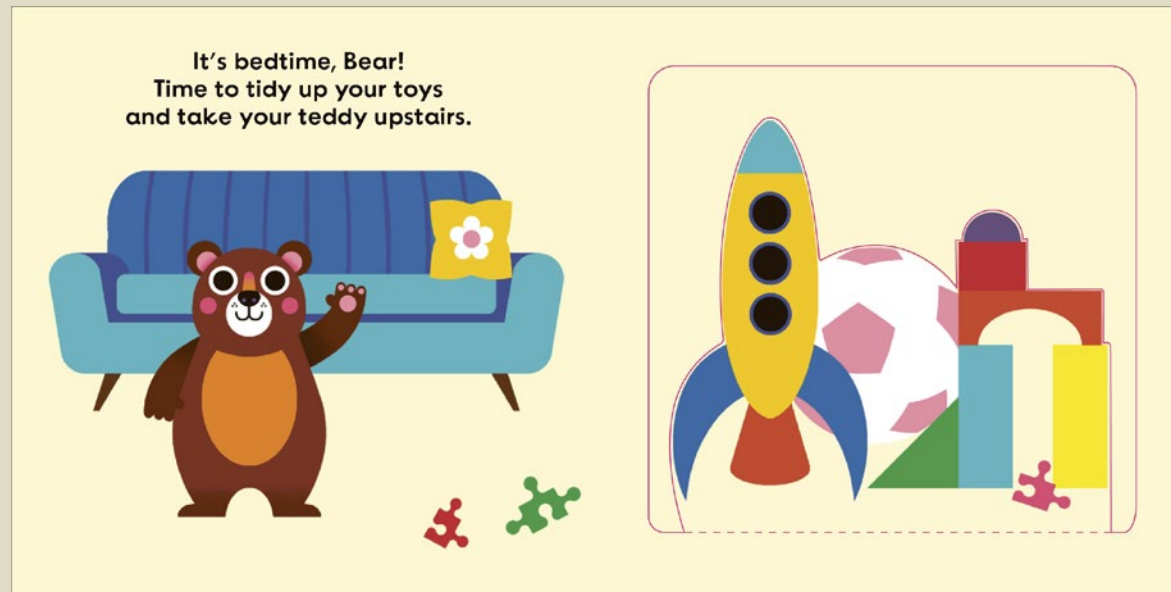
Baby Steps: It's Bedtime, Bear



Lift the flaps, find the toys!

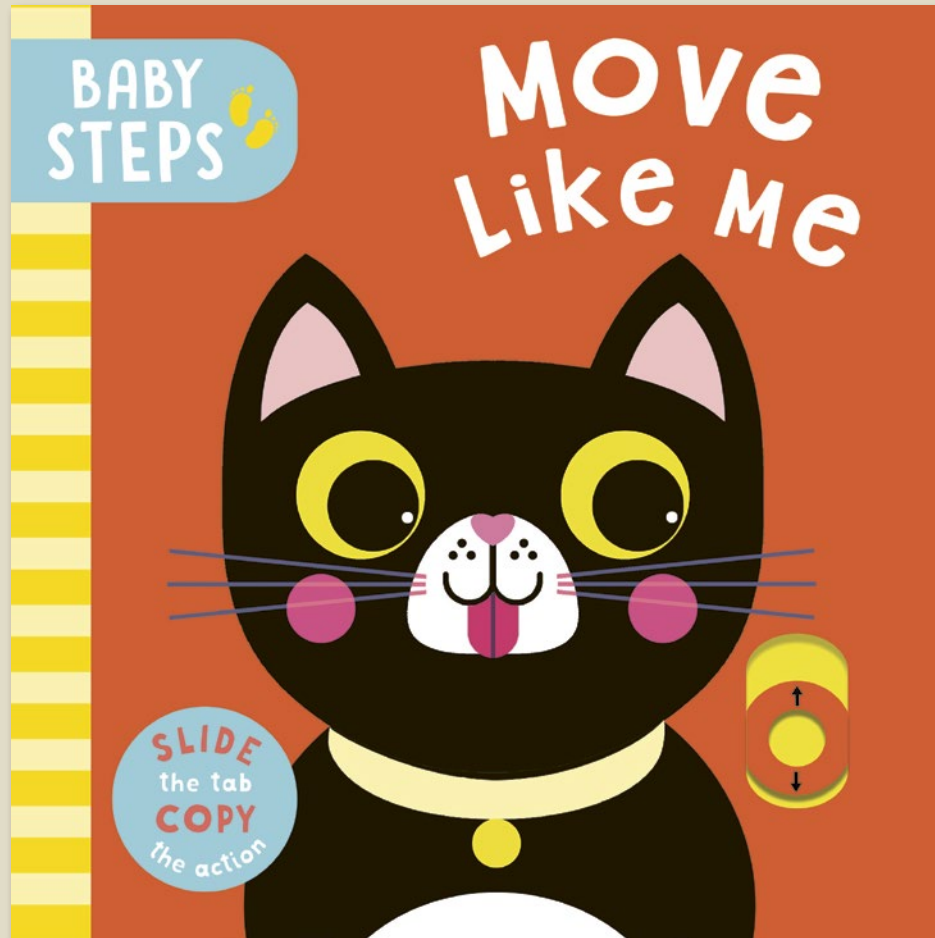
- Big, easy-to-lift card flaps help children develop fine motor skills: with 5 big flaps to lift.
- Featuring S&B®'s innovative anti-bacterial finish on all pages: 100% natural, plant based and sustainable, offering 99.99% germ control including covid 19, MRSA, E-coli, mold and yeast. This green formulation 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
Illustrator	Richard Merritt
Extent	10pp
Word Count	105 words
Files To Printer	18/03/2025
Freight On Board	18/06/2025
Rights Available	World

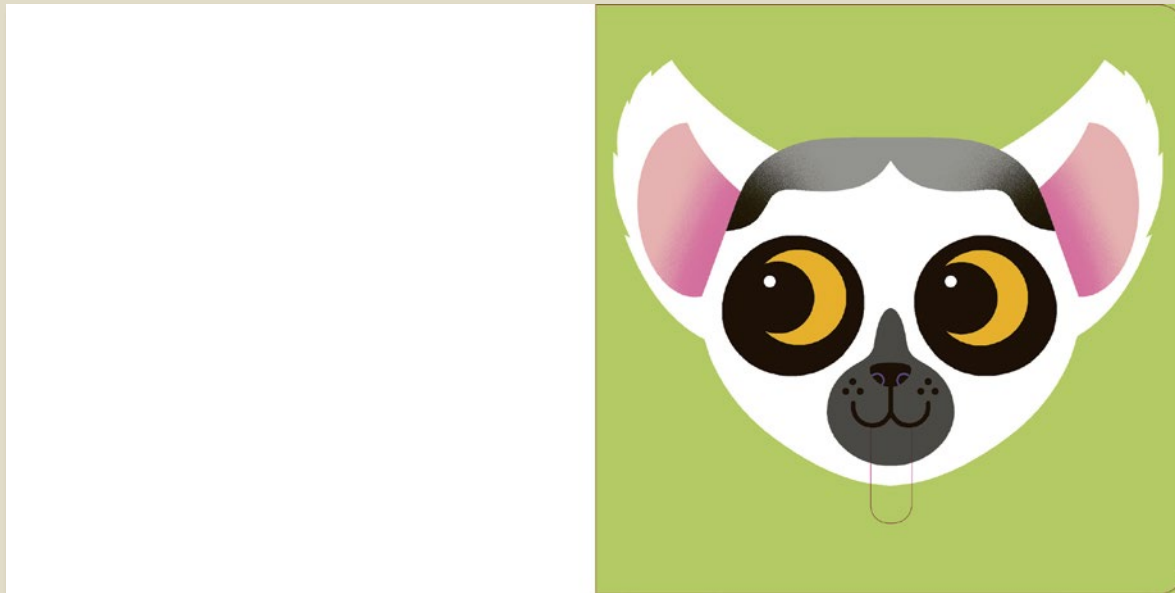
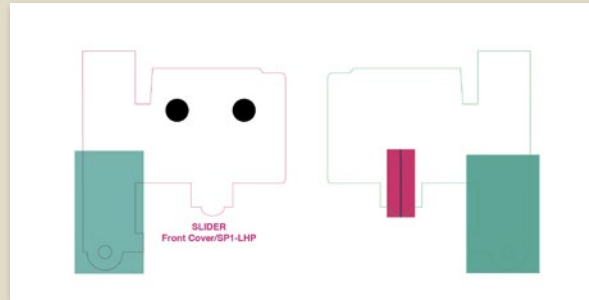
Baby Steps: Move Like Me



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
Illustrator	Richard Merritt
Extent	8pp
Word Count	85 words
Files To Printer	18/03/2025
Freight On Board	18/06/2025
Rights Available	World

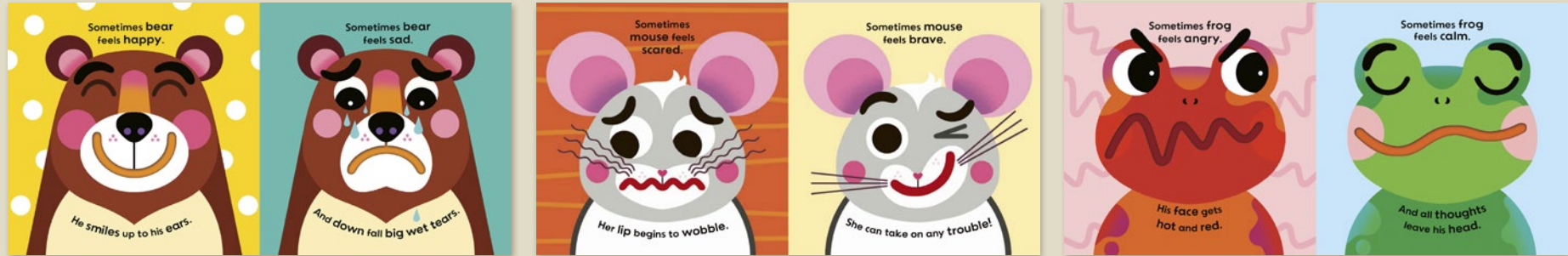
Baby Steps: Faces and Feelings



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

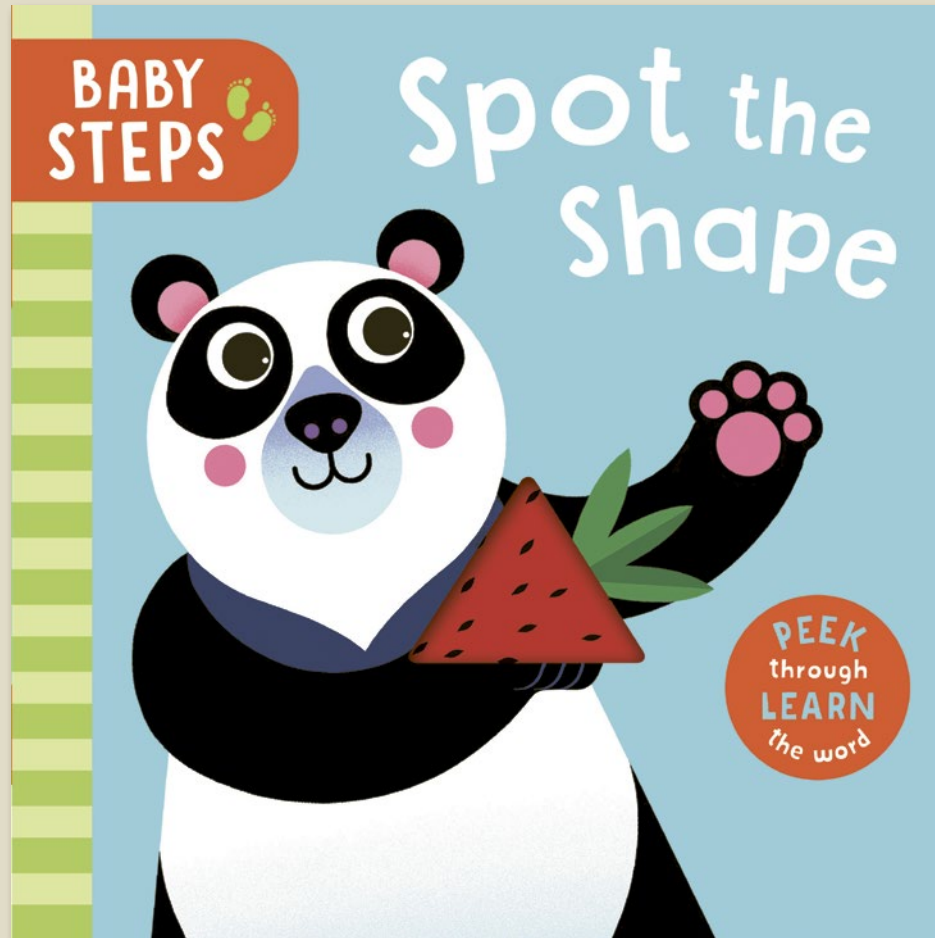
- With trace-the-trail elements on every page AND a mirror!
- Featuring S&B®'s innovative anti-bacterial finish on all pages: 100% natural, plant based and sustainable, offering 99.99% germ control including covid-19, MRSA, E-coli, mold and yeast. This green formulation is safe for babies and contains 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
Files To Printer	18/03/2025
Freight On Board	18/06/2025
Rights Available	World

Baby Steps: Spot the Shape



Peep through the shape, learn the word!

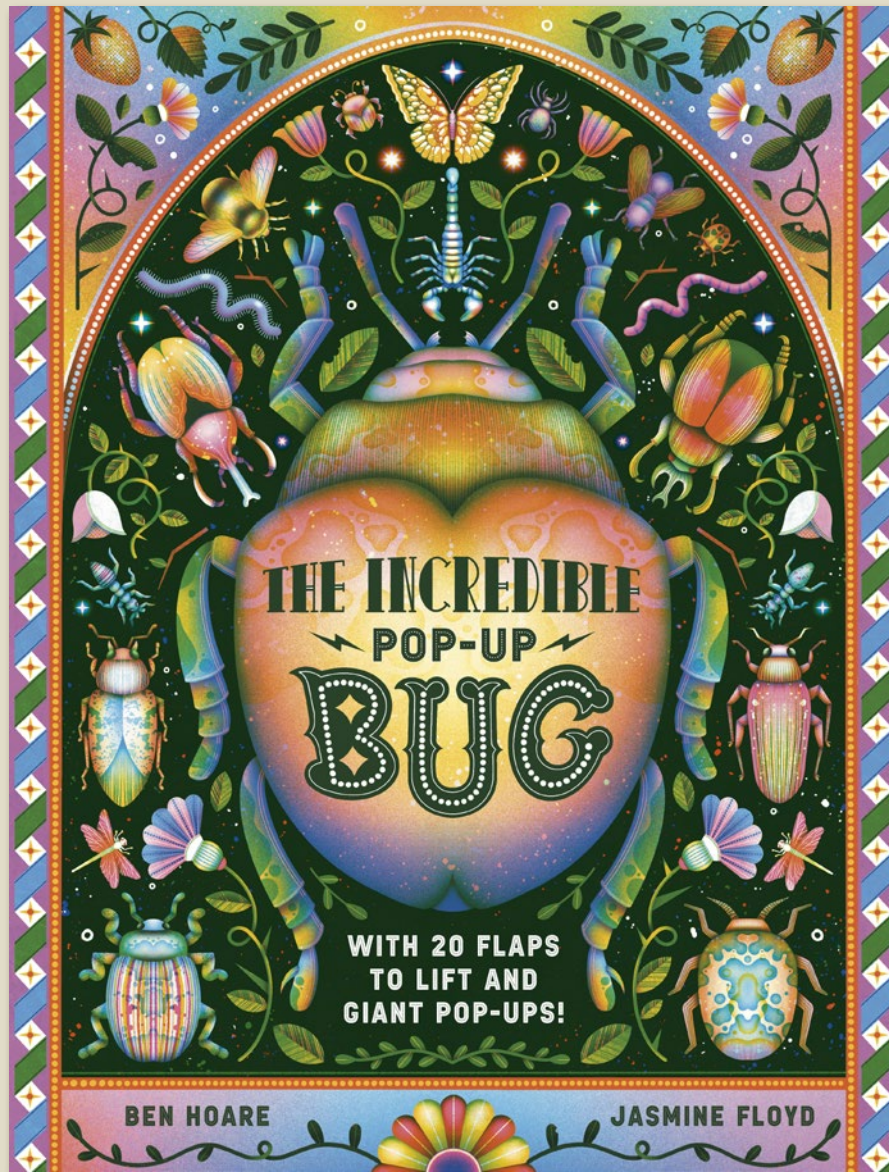
- Introduces first shapes, and builds early language skills.
- Featuring S&B®'s innovative anti-bacterial finish on all pages: 100% natural, plant based and sustainable, offering 99.99% germ control including covid-19, MRSA, E-coli, mold and yeast. This green formulation is safe for babies and contains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

Baby Steps: Spot the Shape



Pub Date	04/01/2026
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781800786431
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Richard Merritt
Extent	10pp
Word Count	120 words
Rights Available	World

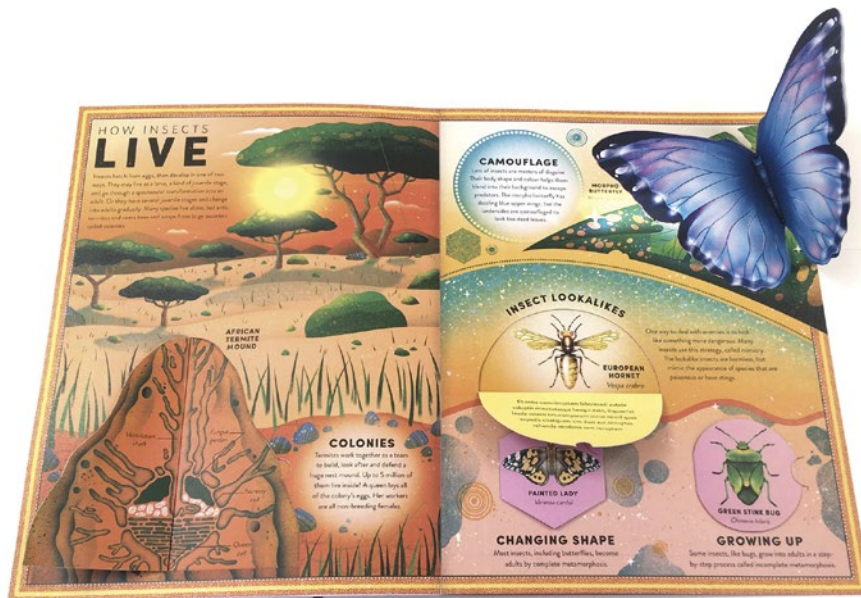
The Incredible Pop-up Bug



An intricate pop-up book bursting with beautiful bugs.

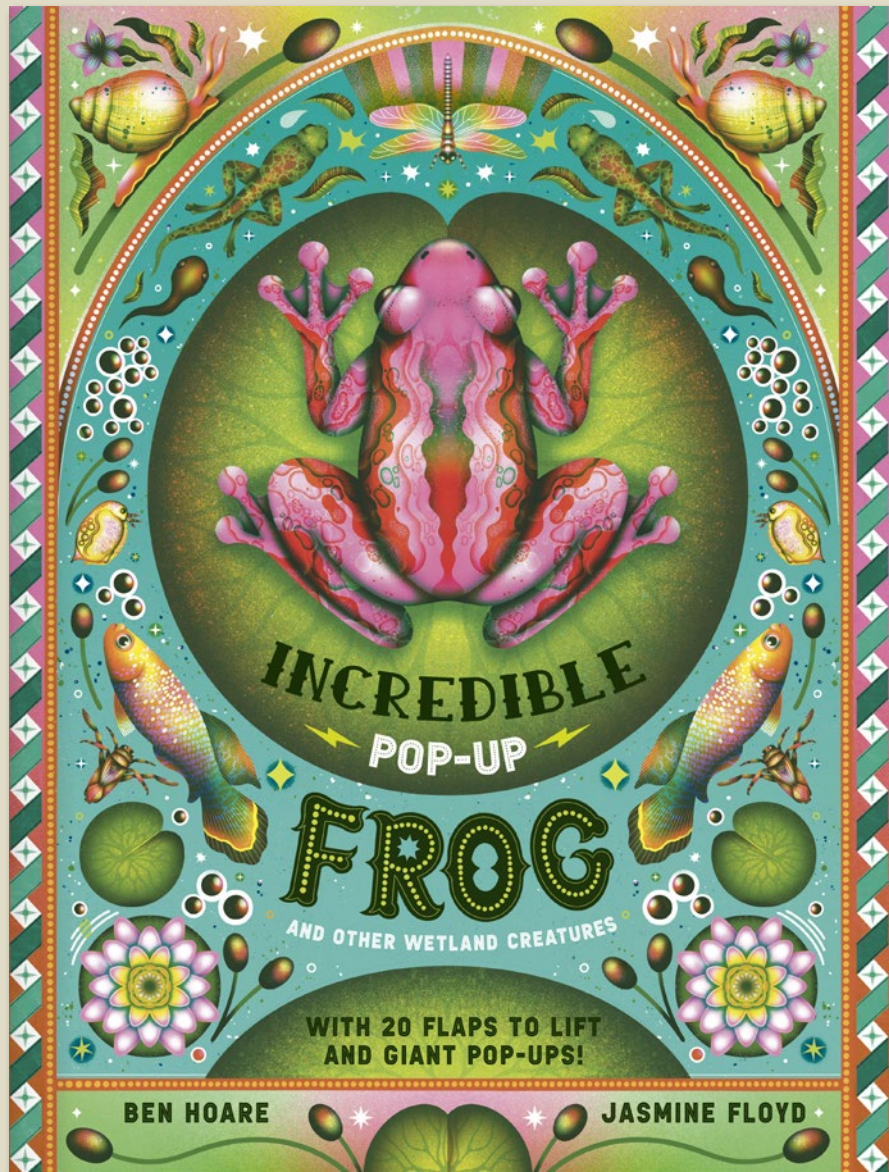
- Incredible paper-engineering - with 20 flaps to lift on every page and three complex multi-layered pop-ups (Rhinoceros beetle; Monarch butterfly; Red-knee tarantula).
- Written by Ben Hoare, an award-winning journalist who has written and edited books and magazines for DK, the BBC, London's Natural 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: holographic foil + embossing + spot UV

The Incredible Pop-up Bug



Pub Date	12/09/2024
Pub Price	£25.00
ISBN	9781800784130
H x W	320 x 240mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Ben Hoare
Illustrator	Jasmine Floyd
Extent	16pp
Word Count	3500 words
Rights Available	World

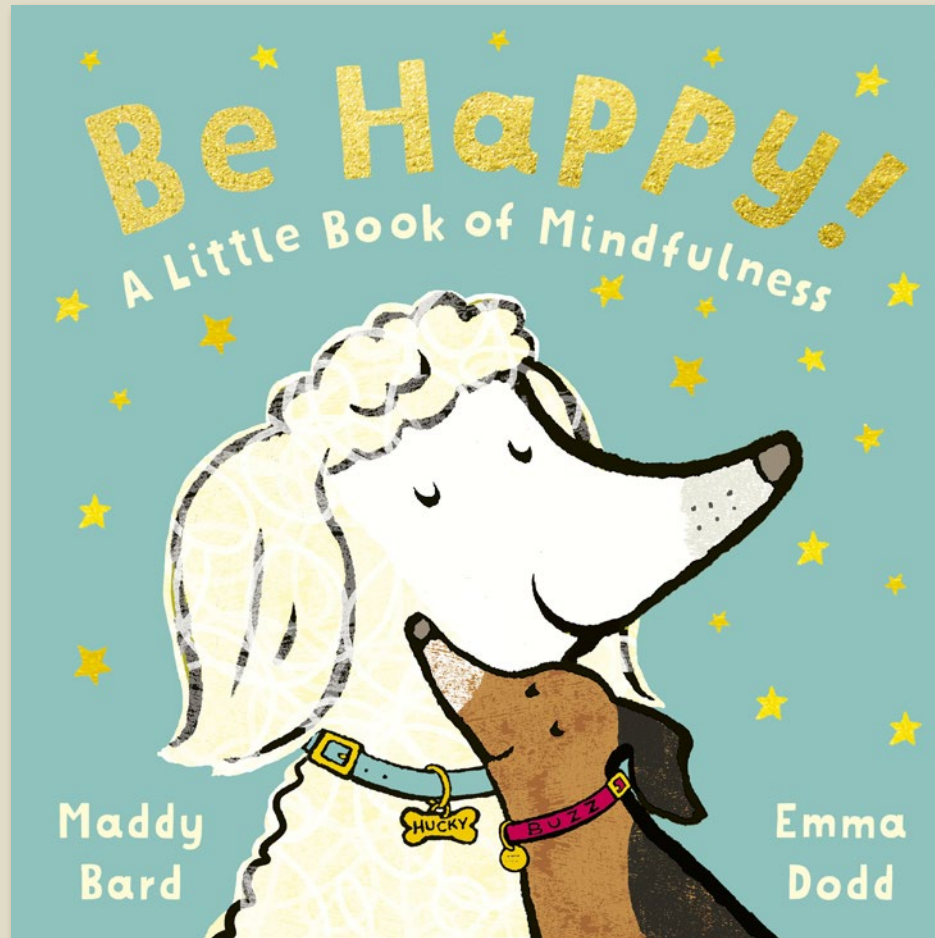
The Incredible Pop-up Frog



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

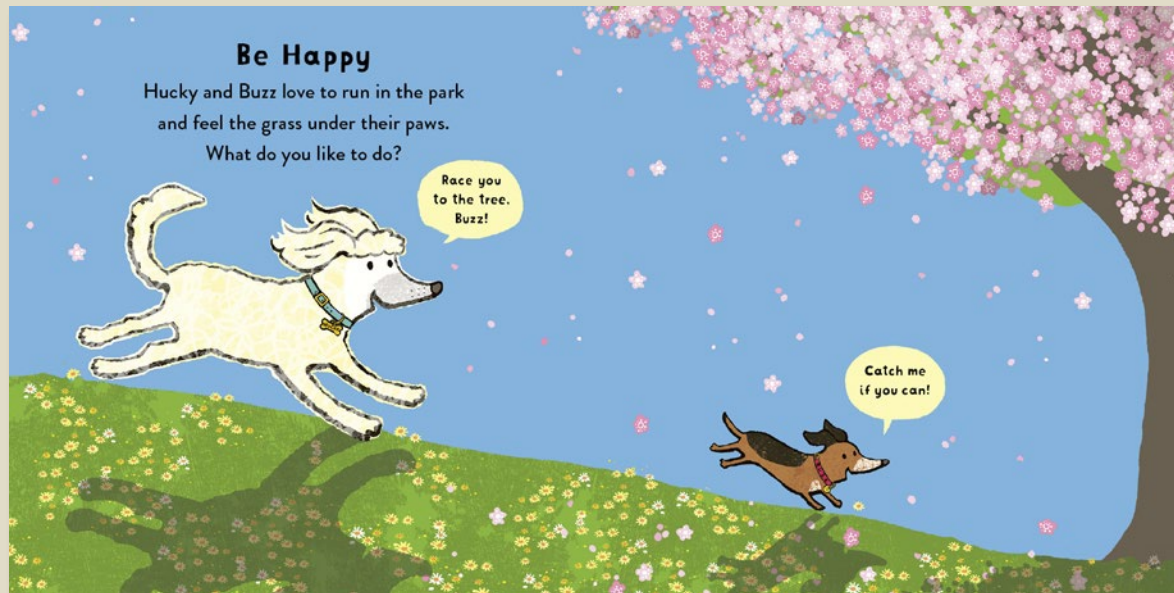
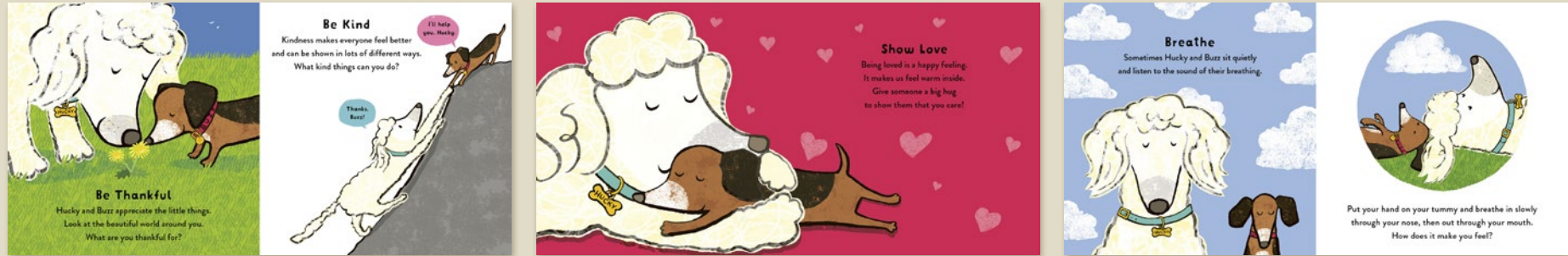
Be Happy!



A heartwarming and inspirational book about two adorable dogs.

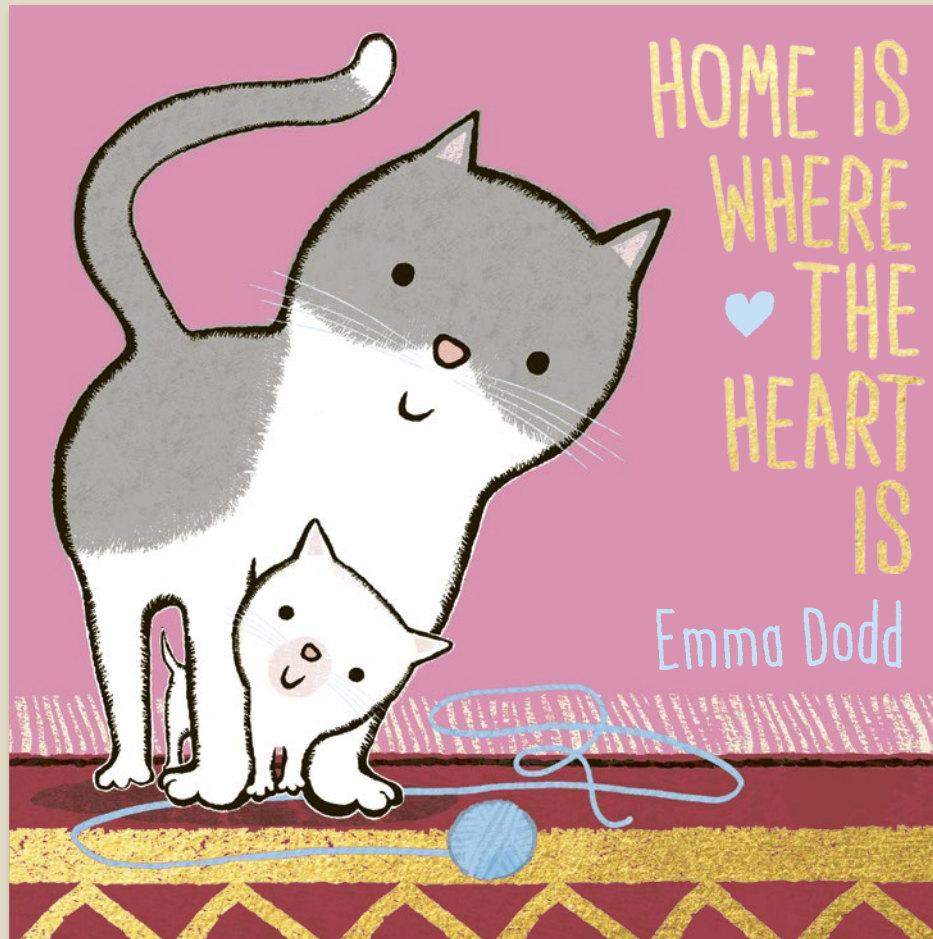
- Filled with inspirational ideas to promote confidence, self-belief and positivity in young children
- Featuring the creators' own adorable dogs, Hucky and Buzz
- With Emma Dodd's exquisitely simple illustrations and foil on alternate spreads
- Emma Dodd's foiled picture book series has sold a combined total of over 1 million copies worldwide (as of July 2022)

Be Happy!



Pub Date	13/04/2023
Pub Price	£7.99
ISBN	9781800783744
H x W	200 x 200mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Maddy Bard Madeline Bard
Illustrator	Emma Dodd
Extent	24pp
Word Count	459 words
Rights Available	World

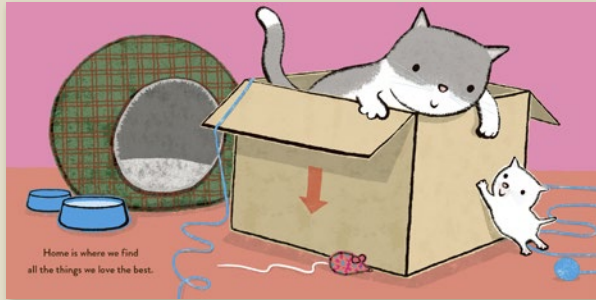
Home is Where the Heart is



A charming celebration of what home means to all of us.

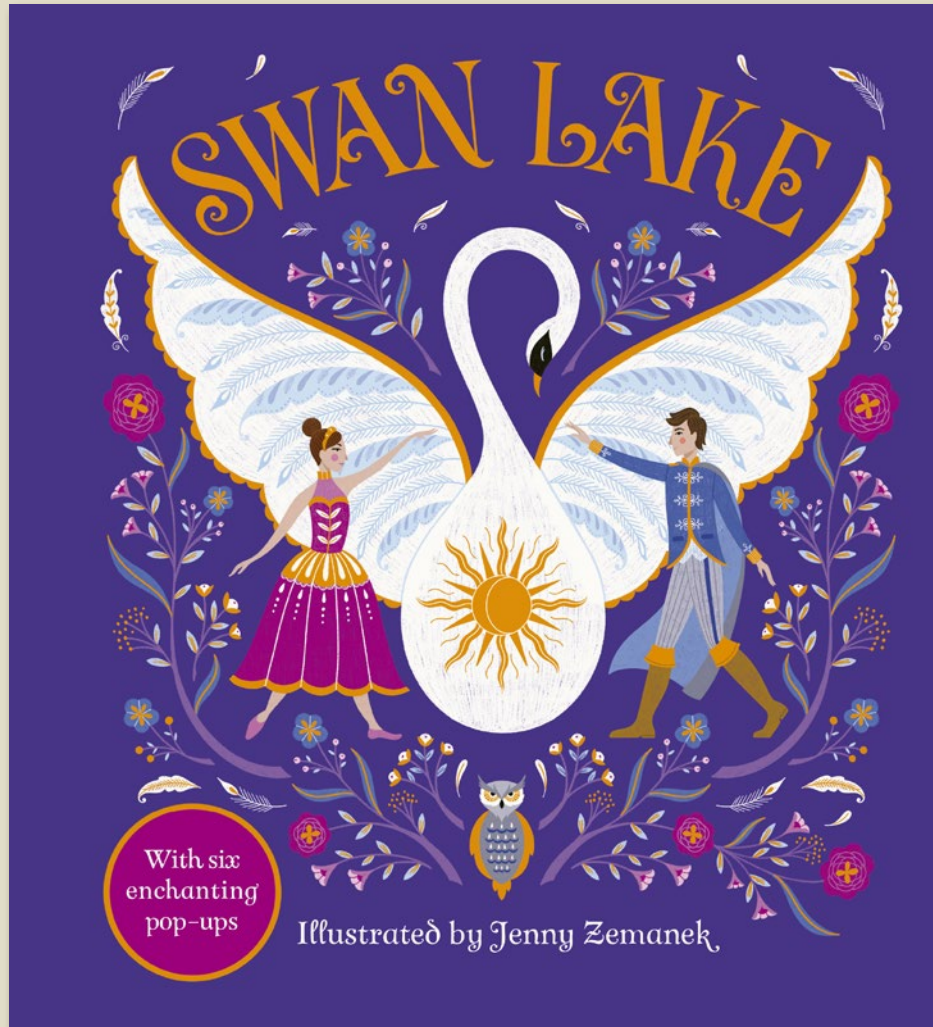
- Emma Dodd's foiled picture book series has sold a combined total of over 1 million copies worldwide (as of July 2022)
- Emma Dodd's deceptively simple illustrations pack real emotional punch
- A universal theme that will resonate with every reader
- Matt lam with foil on cover, and foil on 50% of internal pages

Home is Where the Heart is



Pub Date	24/06/2021
Pub Price	£7.99
ISBN	9781787415614
H x W	200 x 200mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Emma Dodd
Extent	24pp
Word Count	170 words
Rights Available	World

Swan Lake



A magical, beautifully illustrated pop-up edition of *Swan Lake*.

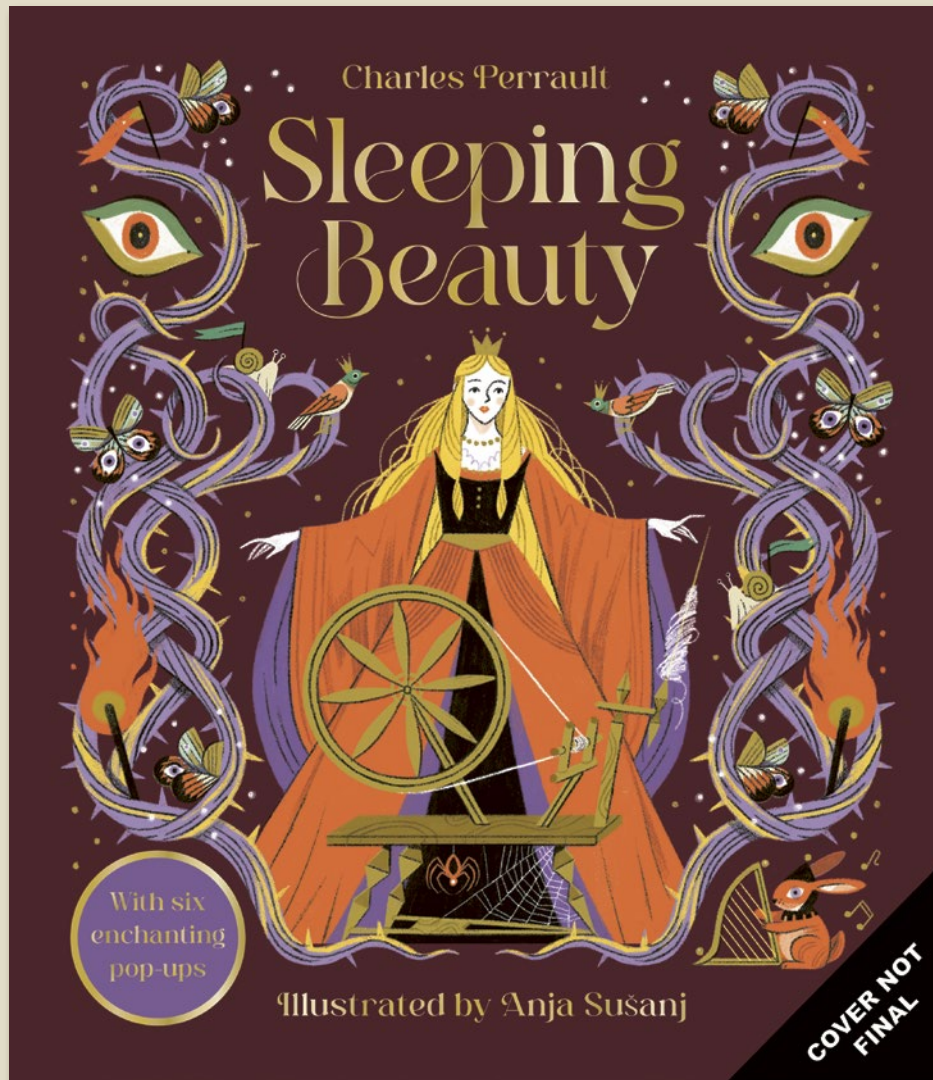
- With a stunning pop-up to dazzle on every spread.
- Brought to life in atmospheric and beautiful art by American illustrator Jenny Zemanek.
- The classic tale, immortalised by Tchaikovsky's ballet, is brought to life in elegant prose suitable for young readers.
- 100% foil on the cover.
- Also in the series: *The Snow Queen* (2021) and *The Nutcracker* (2023) - the series has now sold over 60,000 copies in 4 territories.

Swan Lake



Pub Date	10/10/2024
Pub Price	£11.99
ISBN	9781800787278
H x W	200 x 180mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Jenny Zemanek
Extent	12pp
Word Count	1500 words
Rights Available	World

Sleeping Beauty



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

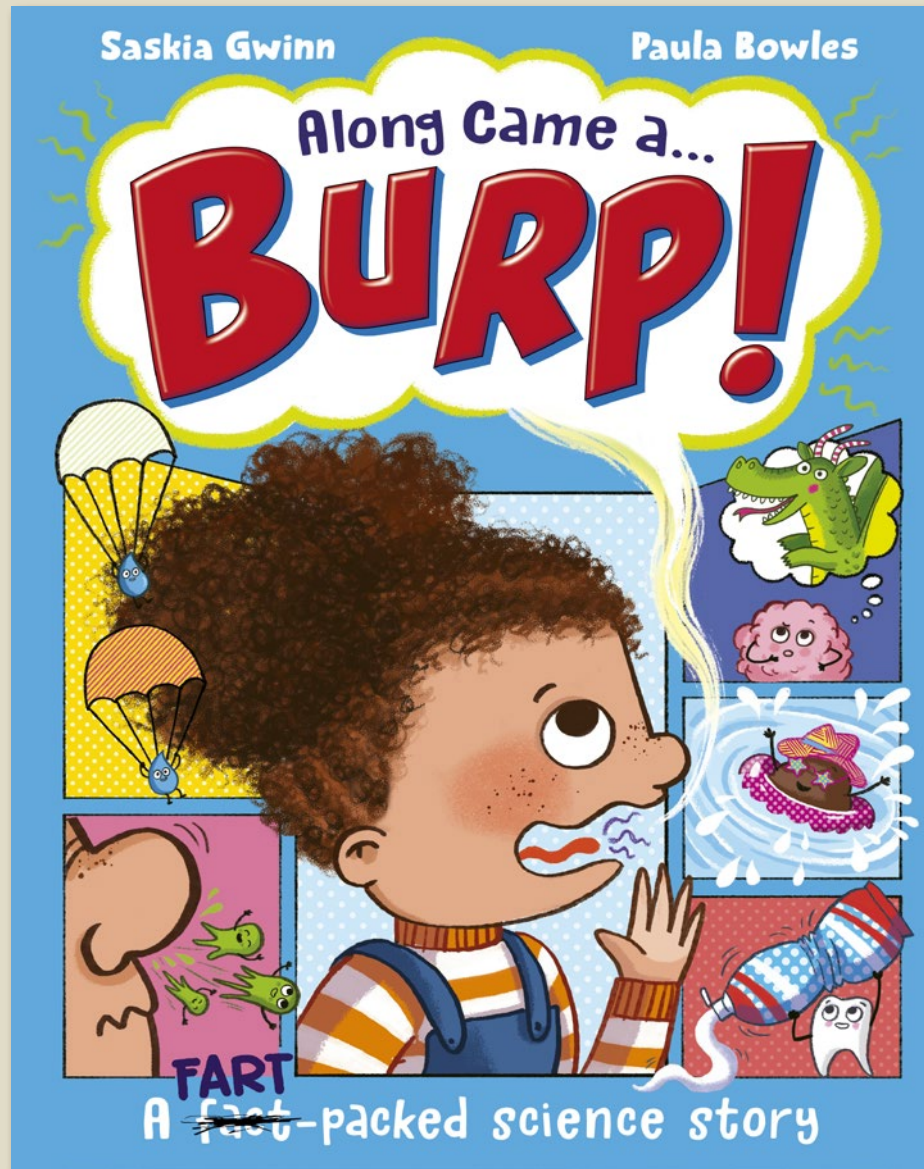
- Brought to life by the intricate folk art by Anja Sušanj, illustrator of *Nature Tales*.
- Charles Perrault's classic is retold with elegance by Laura Sampson, author of *Enchanted Tales*.
- A beautifully produced gift edition for the Christmas market.
- Clever paper engineering from the renowned in-house 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
Freight On Board	17/07/2025
Rights Available	World

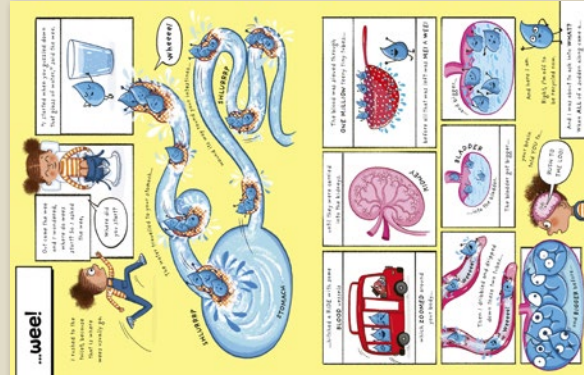
Along Came a... Burp!



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

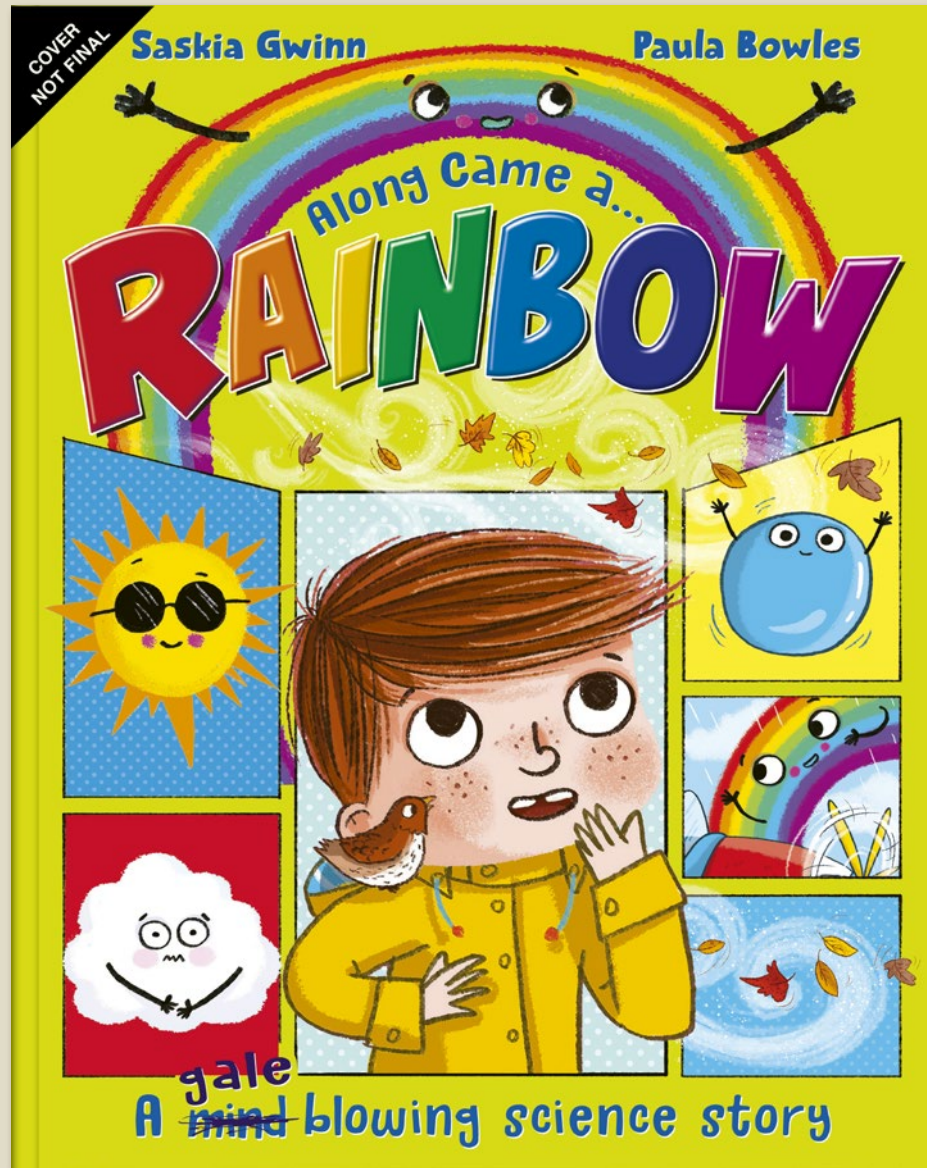
- A fun, fact, and fart-packed picture book approach to early science for readers 4+.
- Graphic-novel-style layouts present facts in memorable and hilarious fashion.
- Paula Bowles's artwork is an explosion of colour, bringing to life a zany cast of anatomical characters, from stinky poos, to friendly 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
Binding	Paperback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Saskia Gwinn
Illustrator	Paula Bowles
Extent	48pp
Word Count	2585 words
Rights Available	World

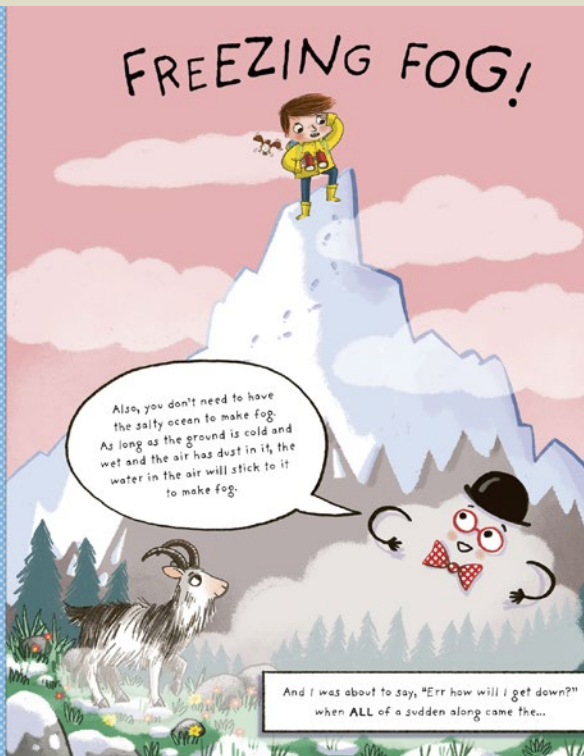
Along Came a... Rainbow!



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

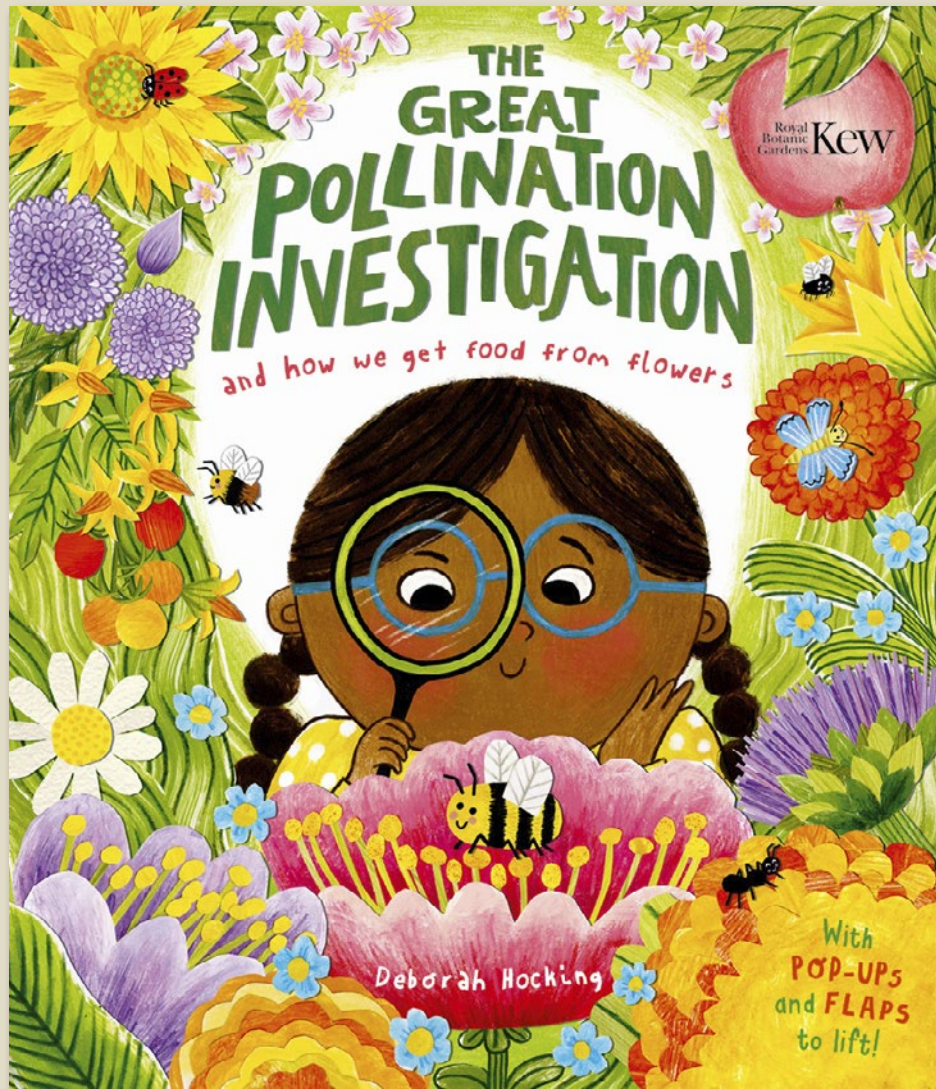
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Along Came a... Rainbow!



Pub Date	19/06/2025
Pub Price	£9.99
ISBN	9781800785458
H x W	300 x 235mm
Binding	Paperback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Saskia Gwinn
Illustrator	Paula Bowles
Extent	48pp
Word Count	2500 words
Files To Printer	27/01/2025
Freight On Board	03/04/2025
Rights Available	World

The Great Pollination Investigation



A pollination investigation!

- A fun narrative story packed with facts, including information on the pollination process, flower anatomy, animal pollinators, fertilisation, fruits and vegetables
- Covers scientific information that supports the curriculum
- Flaps on every spread help readers engage with the information
- Includes instructions on how to make a pollination wand and a pollination investigation project
- Checked by the experts at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew
- Cover treatment: Matt lam and Spot UV

The Great Pollination Investigation



Pub Date	22/05/2025
Pub Price	£14.99
ISBN	9781800788138
H x W	287 x 247mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Deborah Hocking
Illustrator	Deborah Hocking
Extent	32pp
Word Count	2300 words
Freight On Board	06/03/2025
Rights Available	World



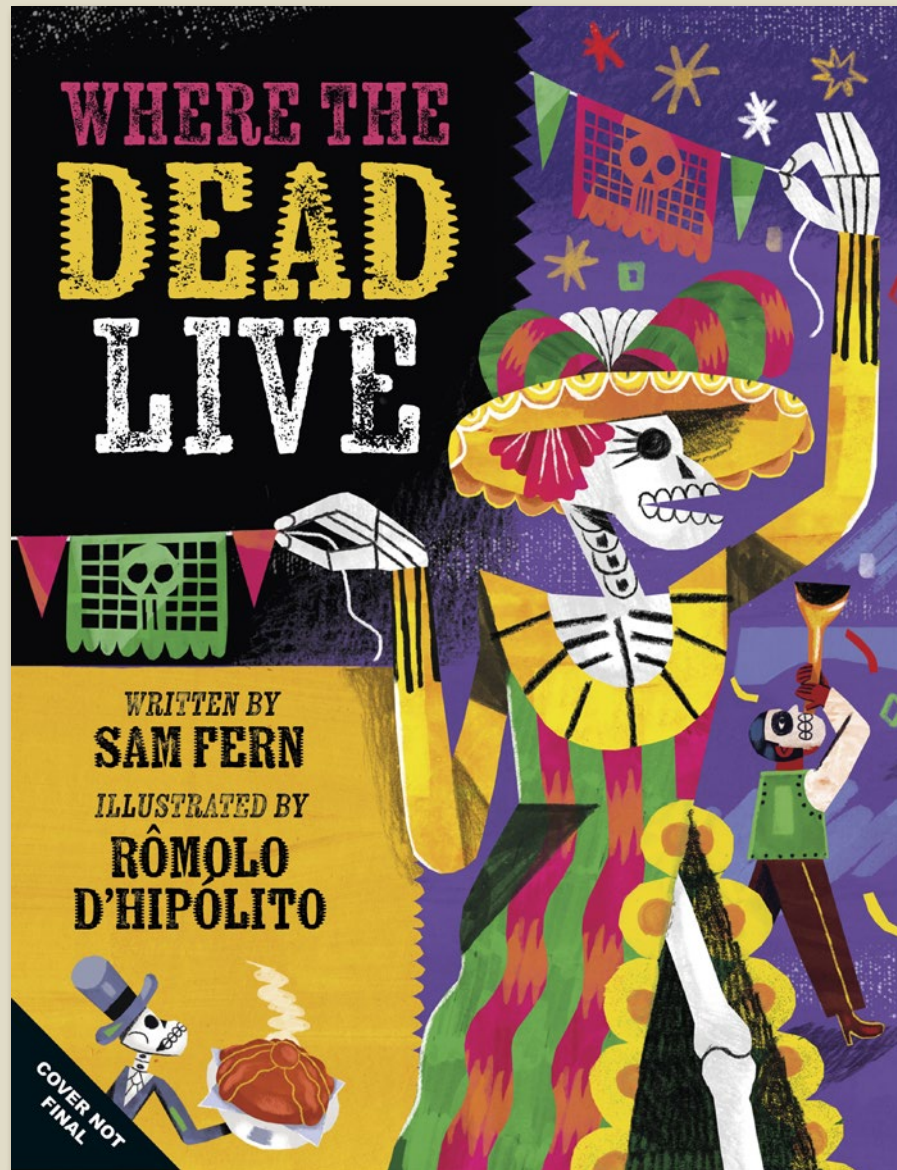
Discover the rich history, vibrant culture and unique identity of each nation through its flag!

- A vibrant exploration of our world's marvellous flags! Take a fact-filled and fun journey across the contents to discover all that lies in our national flags.
- Content is split into 5 chapters based on the continents: Europe, Asia, the Americas, Africa and Oceania. Each section features a chapter opener, 4-5 spreads looking at specific flags in detail, and a theme spread which looks at the world more broadly.
- Feature spreads look at an individual flag's history, symbolism and meaning, and also include 2 or more other flags which share a similarity in some way, whether that be a symbol, geographical location or a shared history.



Pub Date	03/07/2025
Pub Price	£16.99
ISBN	9781787415065
H x W	280 x 215mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Jonathan Litton Laura Knowles
Illustrator	Natalia Rojas Castro
Extent	80pp
Word Count	16500 words
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Freight On Board	17/04/2025
Rights Available	World

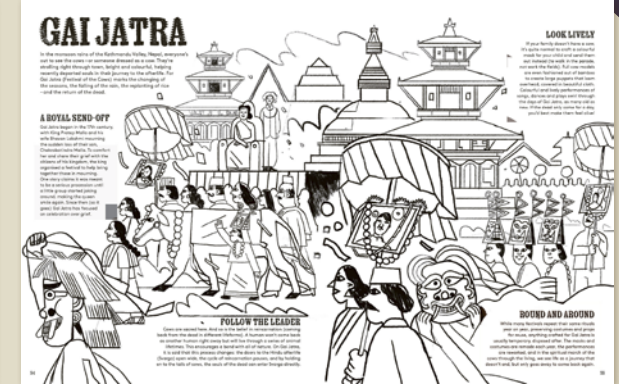
Where the Dead Live



An illustrated guide to the celebrations, customs and ancient mythologies of the afterlife.

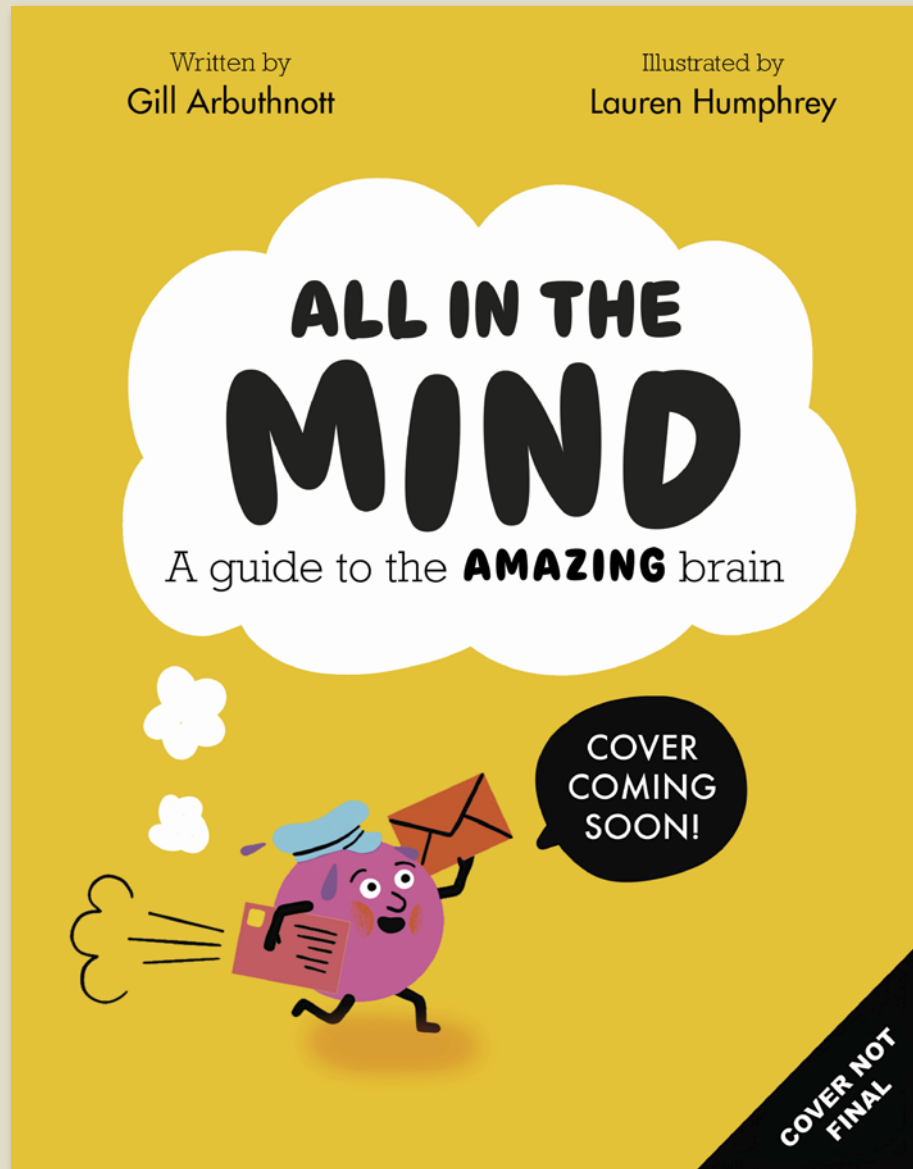
- A powerful and heartfelt exploration that shines light on different cultural traditions, celebrations and mythologies around death.
- With vibrant illustrations by Brazilian artist Rômolo D'Hipólito, this book is a celebration of the afterlife and our connection to it.

Where the Dead Live



Pub Date	28/08/2025
Pub Price	£14.99
ISBN	9781800788411
H x W	280 x 215mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Sam Fern
Illustrator	Rômolo D'Hipólito
Extent	64pp
Word Count	8000 words
Translation Files	16/12/2024
Files To Printer	07/04/2025
Freight On Board	12/06/2025
Rights Available	World

All in the Mind



Get microscopic and dive into the mind – learn all about the amazing brain!

All in the Mind

MEET YOUR BRAIN CELLS

All the information that you need to live is sent to your brain by tiny messengers called neurons.

How neurons talk to each other

Neurons are made up of long, thin parts called dendrites and a long tail-like part called an axon. The dendrites receive messages from other neurons. The axon carries the message to the next neuron. The place where two neurons meet is called a synapse. The gap between them is called a synapse. The gap between them is called a synapse. The gap between them is called a synapse.

MEMORY

What's your earliest memory? Your most vivid memory? Your favourite memory? Memories are how your brain stores information about what you experience – and this is what allows you to learn.

Short term memory can store a small amount of information for about a minute, for instance the face of someone you've just met, or what happened in the last couple of pages as you read a book. After that, the information either goes into long term memory or is forgotten.

Working memory is a type of short-term memory that allows you to remember information while you work with it, for instance numbers you have to add in your head, or a code you need to put into your phone.

Long term memory can store an unlimited amount of information for many years. When you remember a holiday you had years ago or a grandparent tells you about their childhood, the information has been stored in long term memory.

MEMORY DIRECTORY

Memories are stored in different parts of the brain, depending on what type of memories they are.

Memories of specific events like holidays or films are stored in the **hippocampus**.

If you learn to ride a bicycle or play an instrument, the memory of the movements involved is stored in the **cerebellum**.

The **neocortex** stores memories we could call 'general knowledge' – for instance, ice will make your drink colder, dogs can bark.

Memories involving strong emotions – love, grief and especially fear – are stored in the **amygdala**.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER! Why not test your memory? Get a piece of paper and something to write with, set a timer for thirty seconds, then turn to page 5 and follow the instructions!

PUZZLES & BRAIN TEASERS

CONFUSE YOUR BRAIN!

Use your right hand to hold the pencil. Use your left hand to hold the paper. Use your right hand to hold the pencil. Use your left hand to hold the paper. Use your right hand to hold the pencil. Use your left hand to hold the paper.

- Use your right hand to hold the pencil. Use your left hand to hold the paper.
- Use your right hand to hold the pencil. Use your left hand to hold the paper.
- Use your right hand to hold the pencil. Use your left hand to hold the paper.
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IT'S THE STRONG EFFECT!

What to see the Strong Effect in action? Don't have a drink – try this! This year you'll be seeing the Strong Effect in action. Don't have a drink – try this! This year you'll be seeing the Strong Effect in action. Don't have a drink – try this! This year you'll be seeing the Strong Effect in action.

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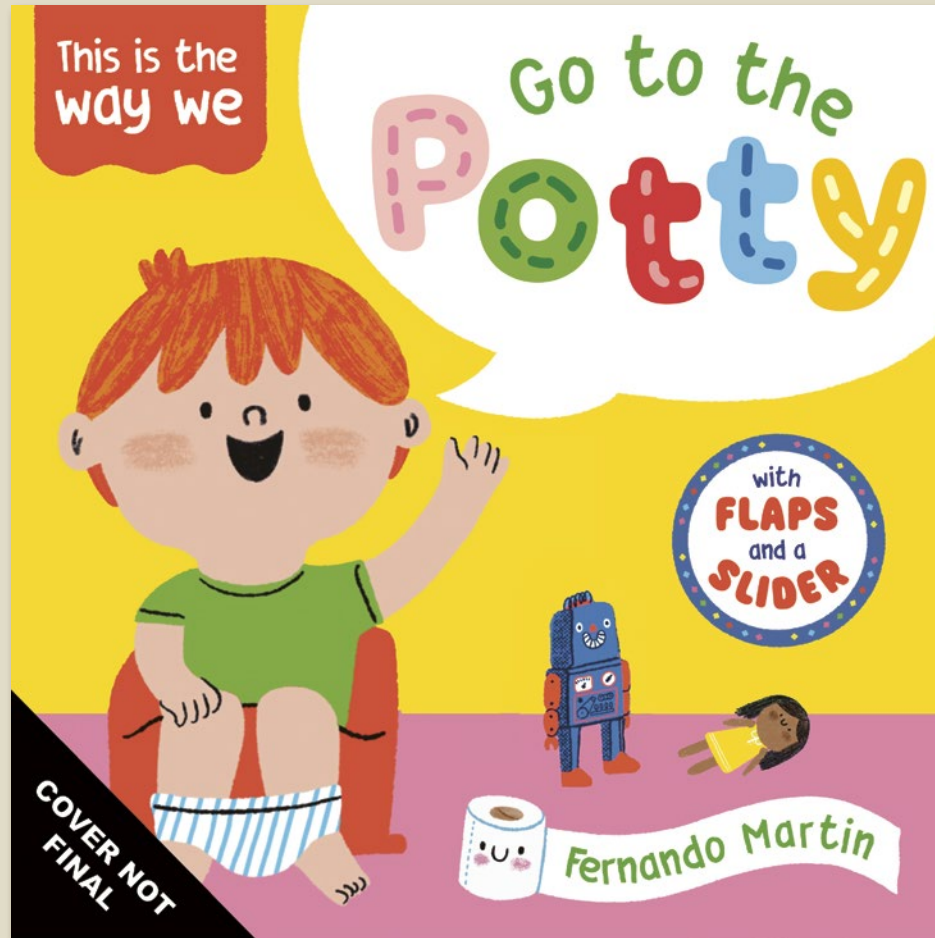
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Binding	Paperback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Gill Arbutnott
Illustrator	Lauren Humphrey
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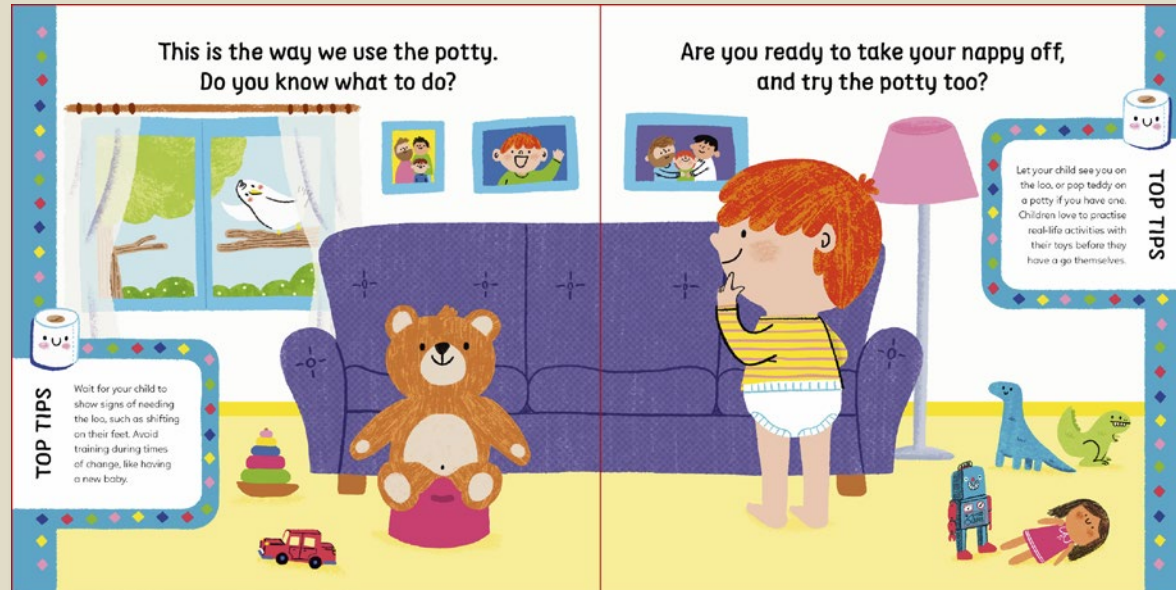
This is the Way We... Go to the Potty



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

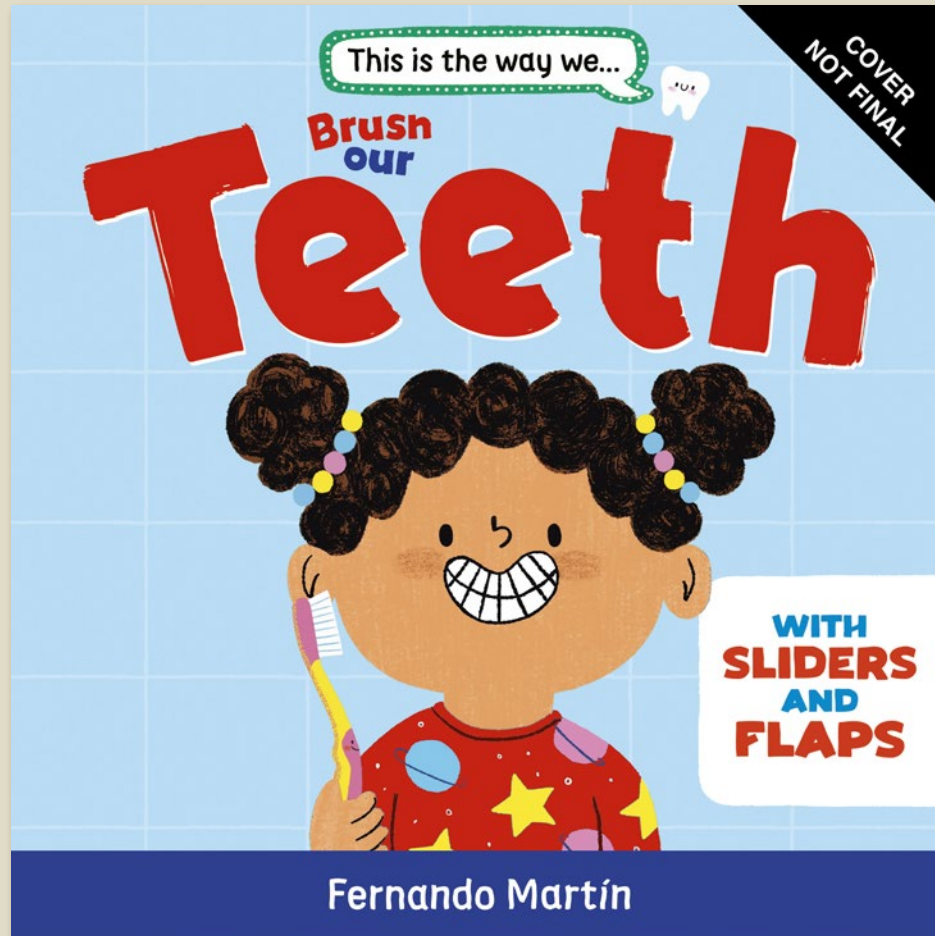
- With flaps, tabs, sliders and wheels throughout the book for an interactive reading experience.
- A gentle rhyming story to read together: a rhyming text makes it easy for little ones to remember and join in with some of the text.
- With practical tips for potty-training from Early Years expert Lizzie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

This is the Way We... Brush Our Teeth



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

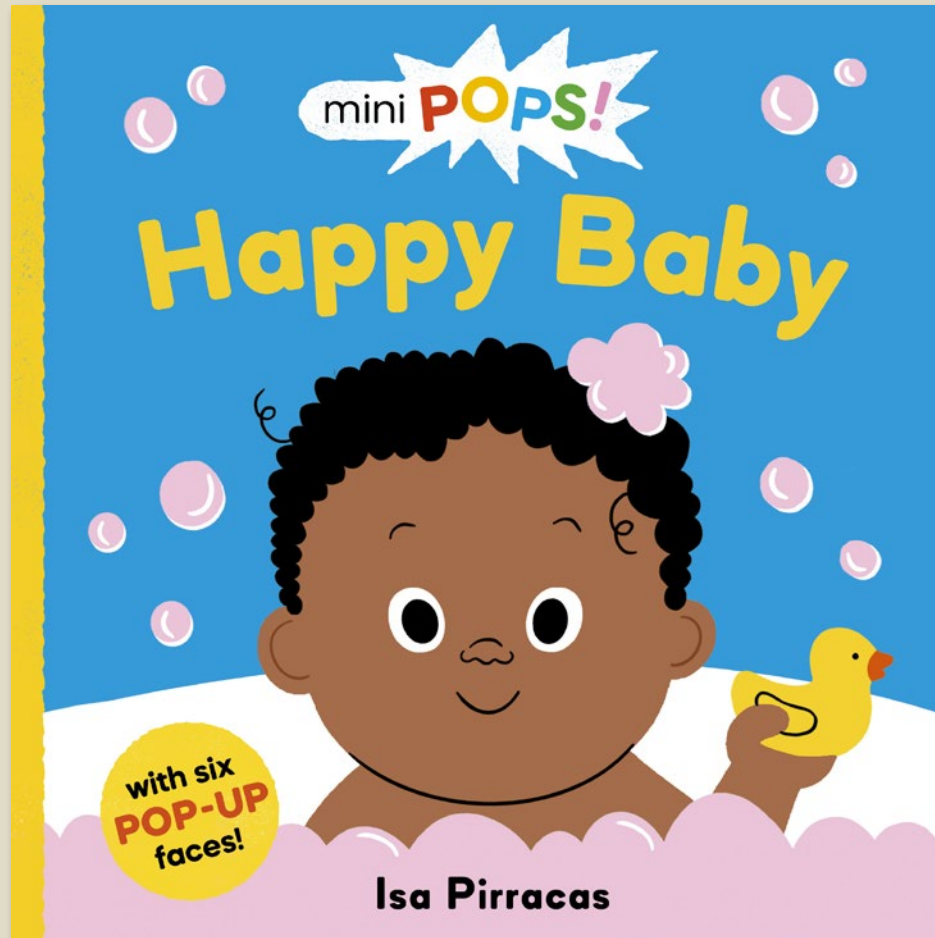
- With flaps, tabs, sliders and wheels throughout the book for an interactive reading experience.
- A gentle rhyming story to read together: a rhyming text makes it easy for little ones to remember and join in with some of the text.
- With practical tips for tooth-brushing from Early Years expert Lizzie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

This is the Way We... Brush Our Teeth



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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.

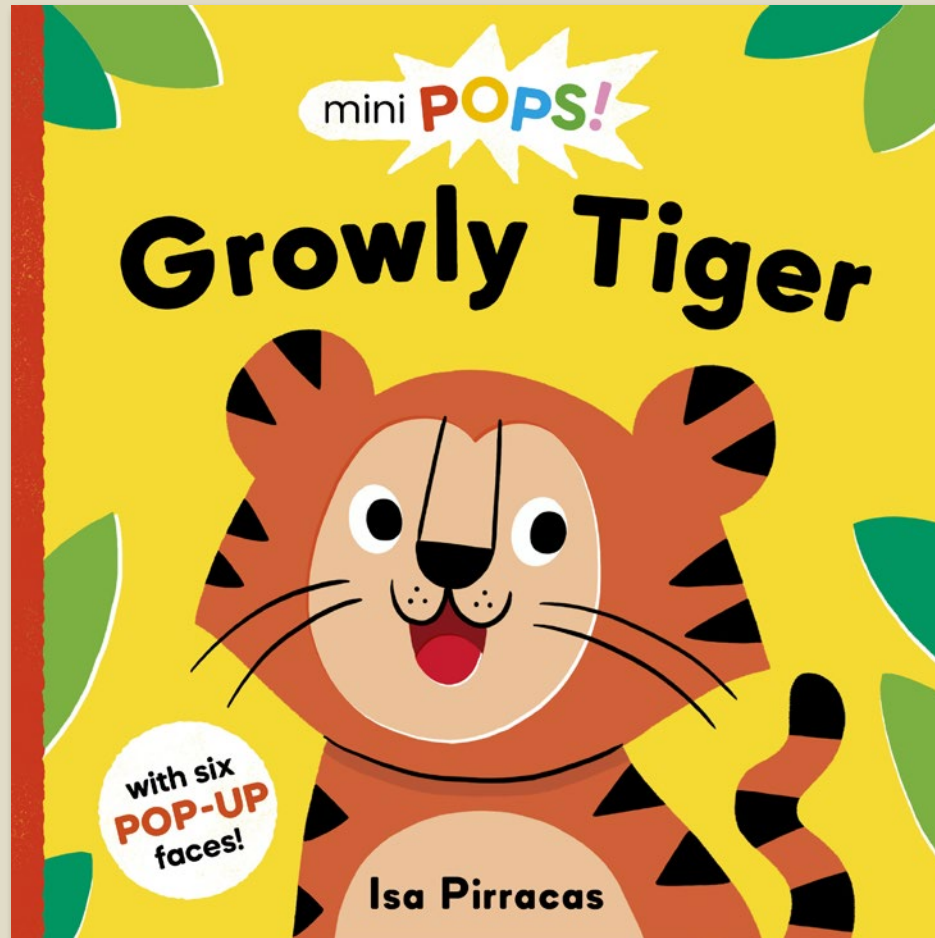
- Chunky board book format with 6 durable pop-ups
- Full of faces to engage even the youngest of readers
- Illustrated with nostalgic warmth by Isa Pirracas
- With a gentle rhyming text for reading aloud together

Mini Pops: Happy Baby



Pub Date	10/04/2025
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ISBN	9781835870044
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Mini Pops: Growly Tiger



Pop-Up Animal Faces

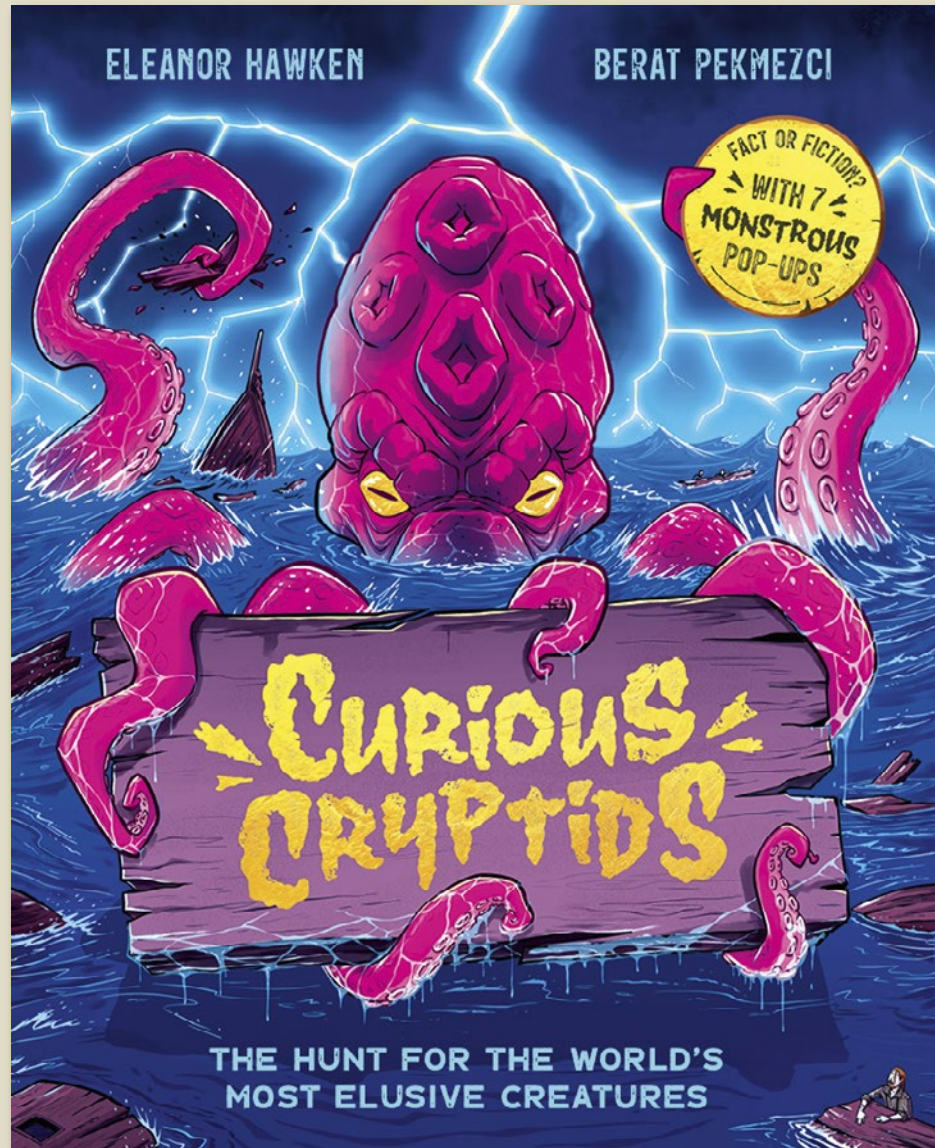
- Chunky board book format with 6 durable pop-ups
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Curious Cryptids



Seven show-stopping cryptid pop-ups

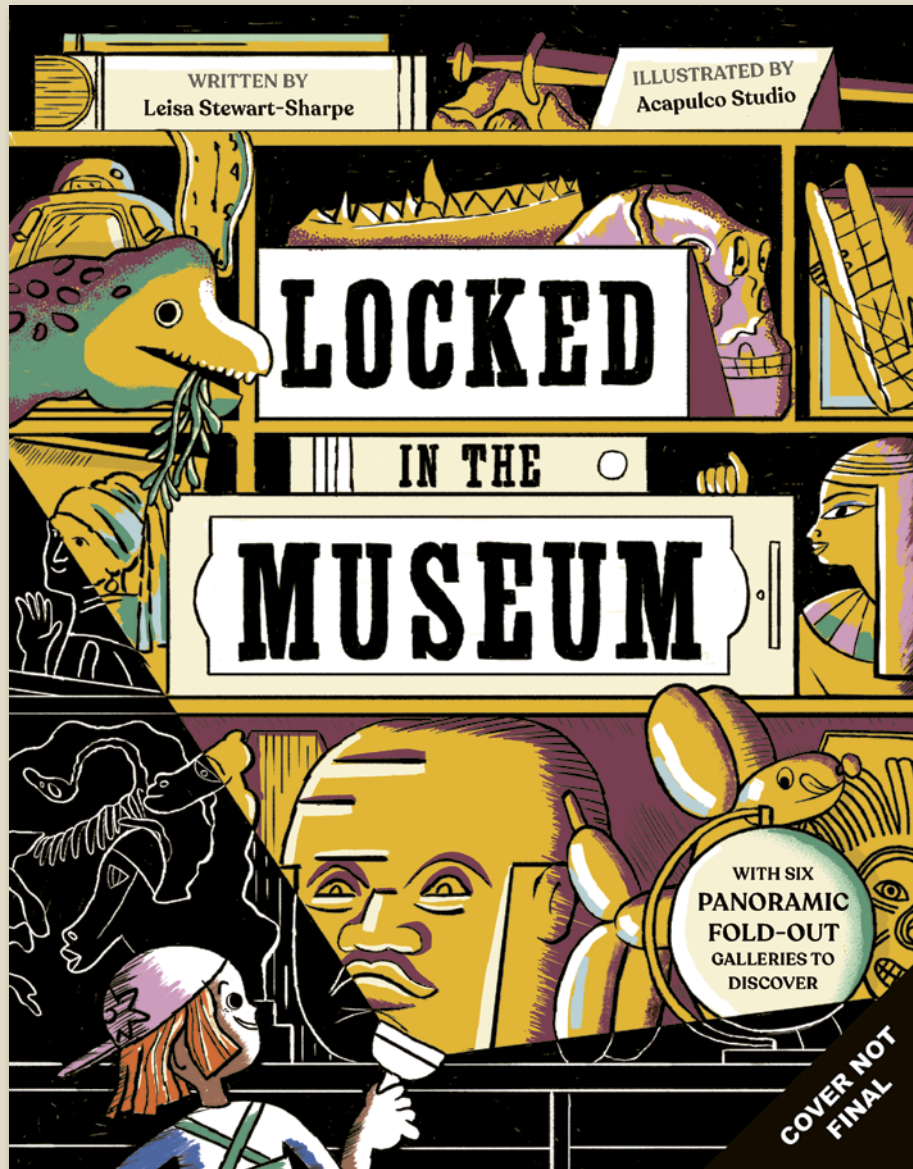
- Features seven giant pop-ups of the creatures, plus seven gatefold panels which each open to reveal a comic-strip story
- Contents: Yeti (Himalayas), Mongolian deathworm (China and Mongolia), Mothman (North America), Jersey Devil (North America), Kraken (Norway and Iceland) Loch Ness Monster (Scotland) 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



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Binding	Hardback
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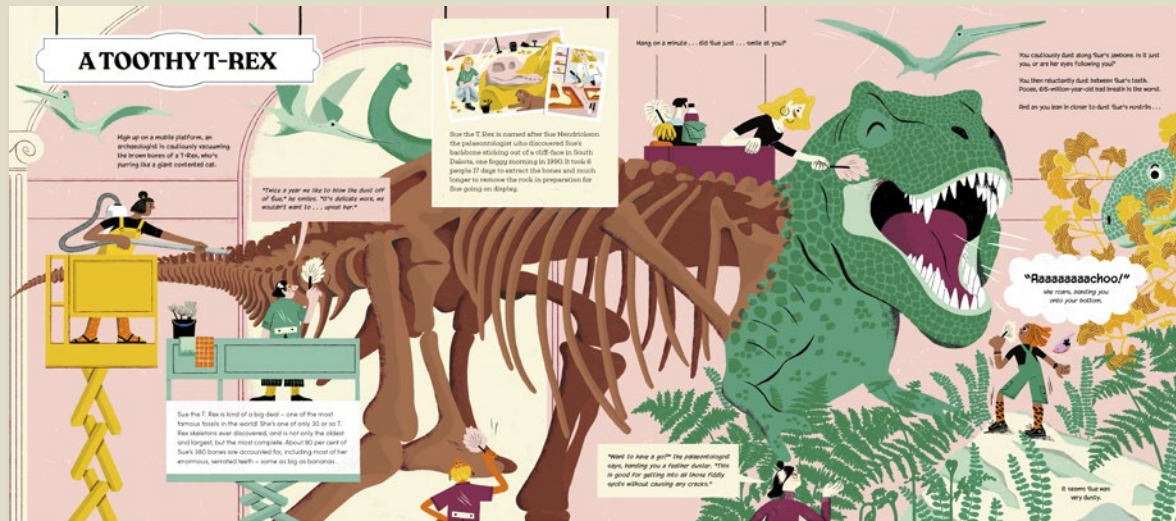
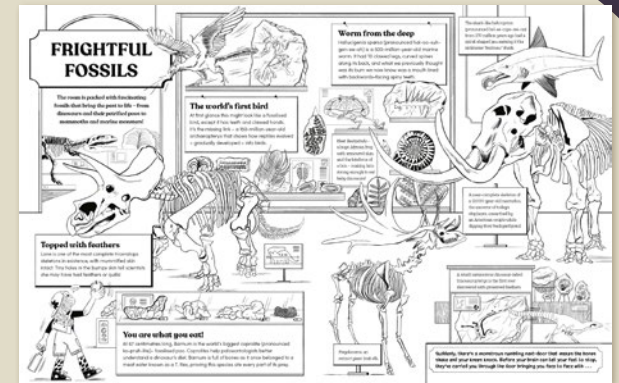
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An action-packed tour of the most marvellous museum in the world!

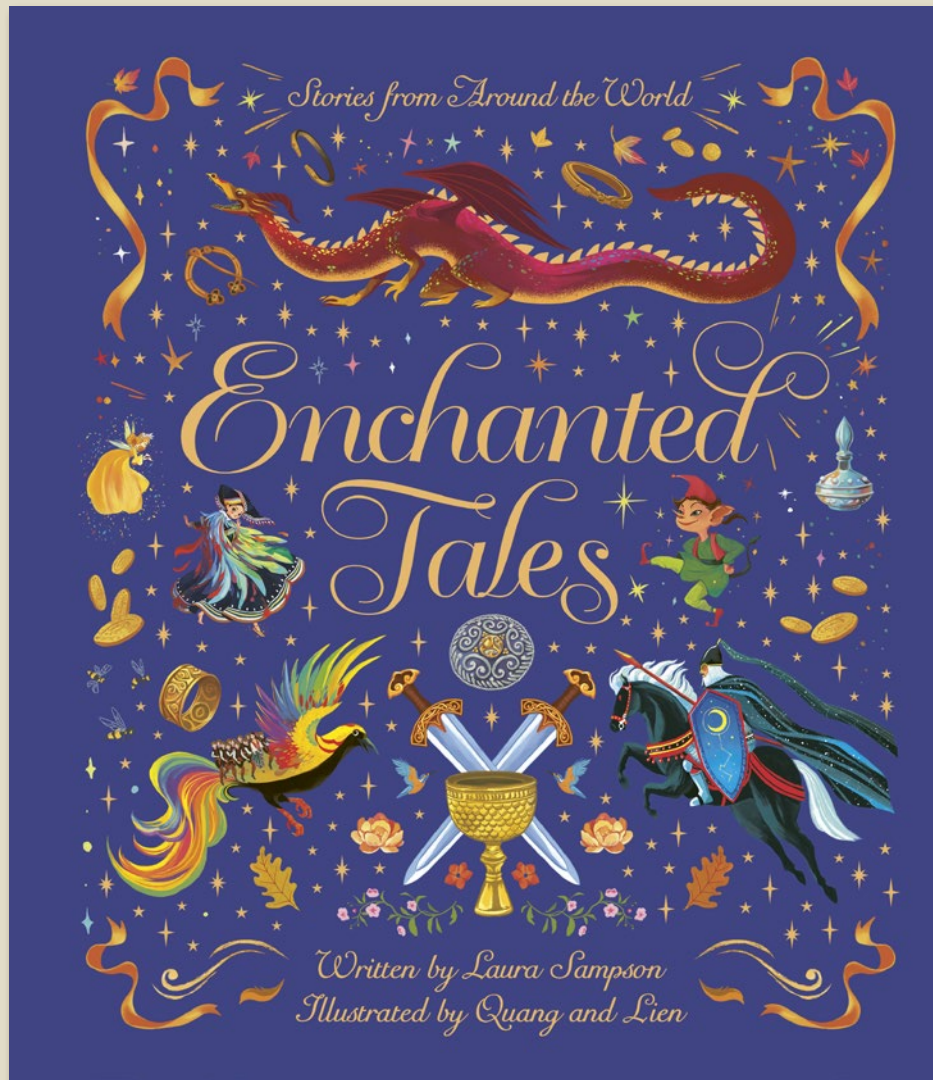
- A thrilling behind-the-scenes museum tour featuring six stunning gatefold scenes.
- Featuring artefacts from real-life museums around the world, the exhibits are organised into eight galleries: Dinosaurs and fossils, Nature, Human Origins, Art, Transport, Space, Science and Technology and Earth and geology
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- Features a section on the challenges faced by modern museums and a glossary of tricky terms.
- Cover finishes: gloss art + matt lam.

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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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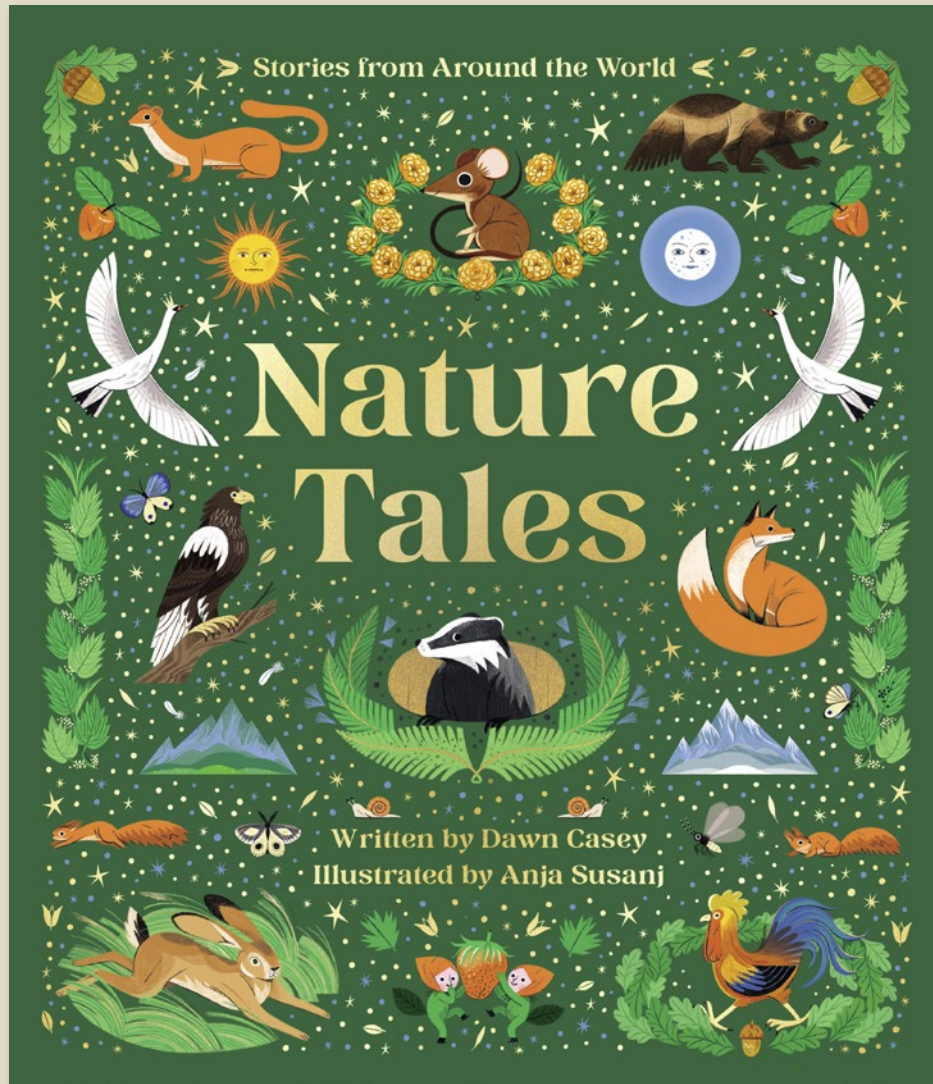
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A collection of nature folk tales

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Nature Tales



Wild Strawberries

A folktale from Belarus

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"Who let a stranger in here?" he cried. "Throw her out!"
Eliza fled, into the forest. She wandered the woods, wishing her brothers were with her. But the trees and the plants, the birds and the animals were all with her. She talked to them, as if they were her brothers.

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"Hello, Nettle, may I pick a leaf?"
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The sting made the tips of her fingers tingle. Just then, along came a woman, gathering nettles for soup. She picked a dock leaf for Eliza, to soothe her skin. She showed her the tiny butterfly eggs, sheltered beneath a nettle leaf. She taught her how to pick the very top tips of the plant, which are best to eat. Eliza thanked the woman, and she asked her, "Please... Have you seen six boys – princes?"

The woman shook her head. "No... no princes... But I did see six swans, down on the river."
Eliza followed the river all the way to the sea. But she didn't find her brothers. She did find a white feather, on the shore. She sat on the sand with the feather in her hand. And as the sun began to set, there came a sound – over the pounding of the waves – the singing of wings.

From over the horizon came six wild swans. As they landed, their white feathers fell away. There stood six boys – Eliza's brothers! Then there was hugging and kissing and laughing and crying, and more hugging.

"Every day, when the sun rises, we turn into swans," said her youngest brother. "We only become boys again when the sun sets. We live far off over the ocean, but every day, we fly back, to look for you."
"Now you've found me," said Eliza. "Take me with you!" So Eliza and her brothers gathered supple willow and tough rush, and together they knitted a mat.



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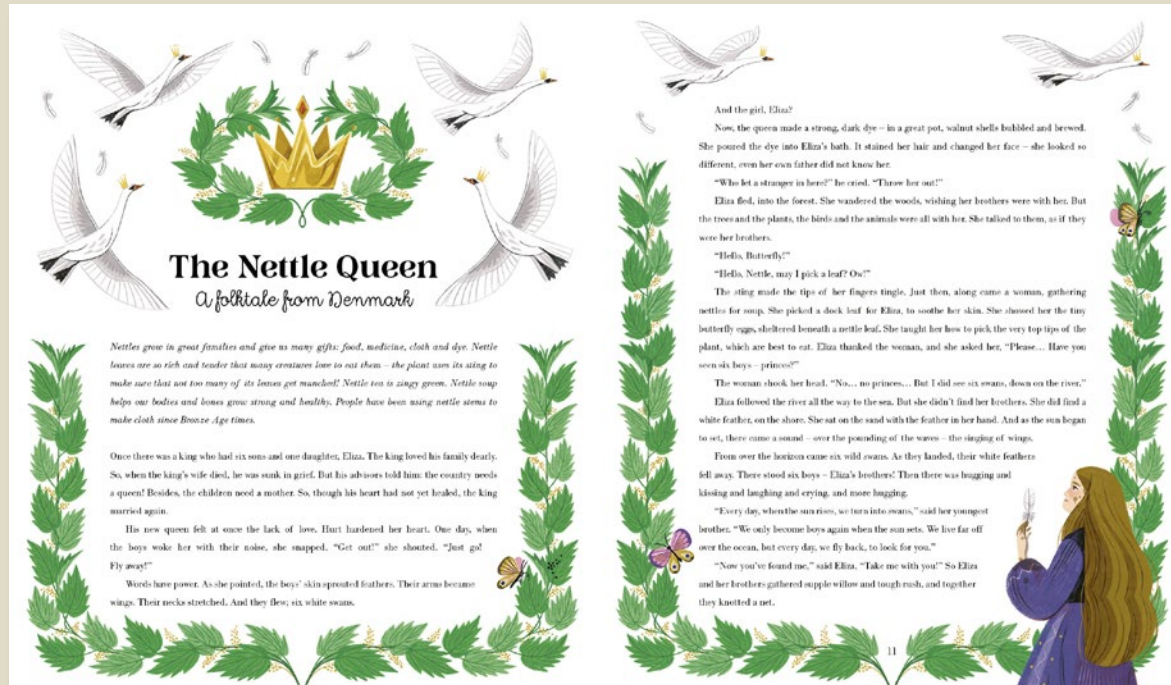
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The Nettle Queen

A folktale from Denmark

Nettles grow in great families and give us many gifts: food, medicine, cloth and dye. Nettle leaves are so rich and tender that many creatures love to eat them – the plant uses its sting to make sure that not too many of its leaves get munch! Nettle tea is zingy green. Nettle soup helps our bodies and bones grow strong and healthy. People have been using nettle stems to make cloth since Bronze Age times.

Once there was a king who had six sons and one daughter, Eliza. The king loved his family dearly. So, when the king's wife died, he was stuck in grief. But his advisors told him: the country needs a queen! Besides, the children need a mother. So, though his heart had not yet healed, the king married again.

His new queen felt at once the lack of love. Hurt hardened her heart. One day, when the boys woke her with their noise, she snapped. "Get out!" she shouted. "Just go! Fly away!"

Words have power. As she pointed, the boys' skin sprouted feathers. Their arms became wings. Their necks stretched. And they flew: six white swans.

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