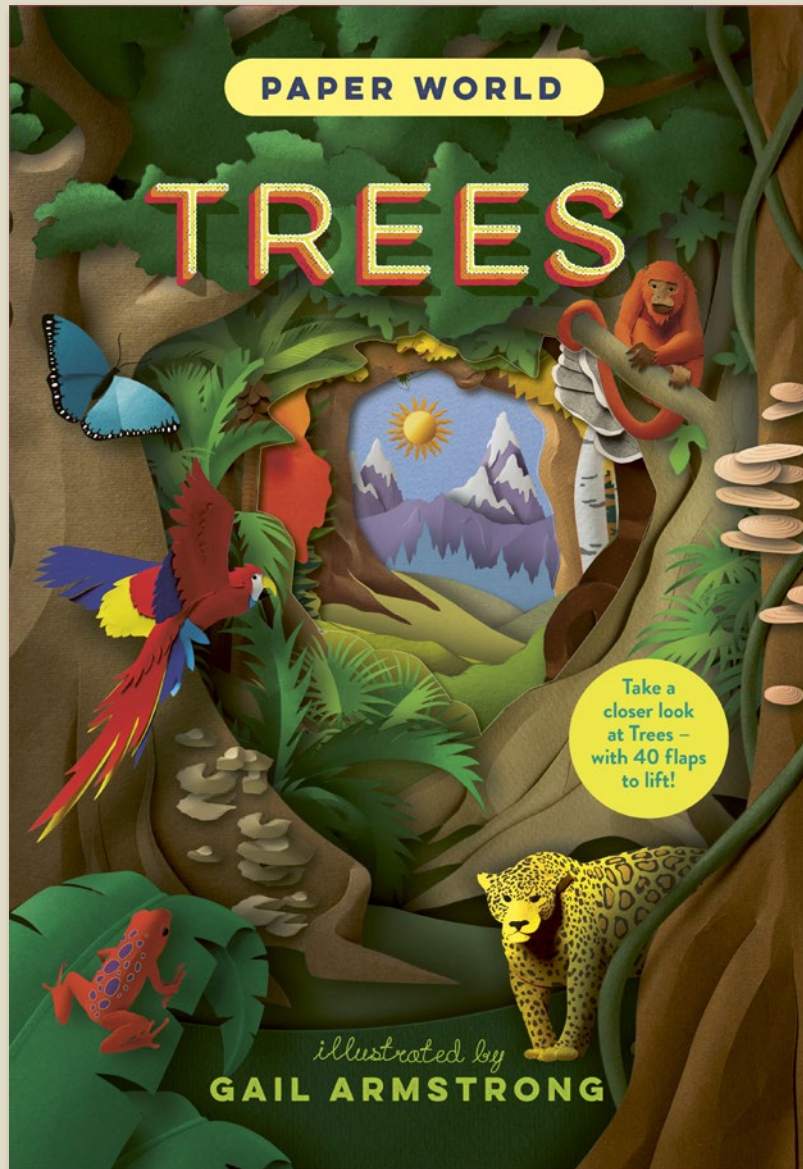




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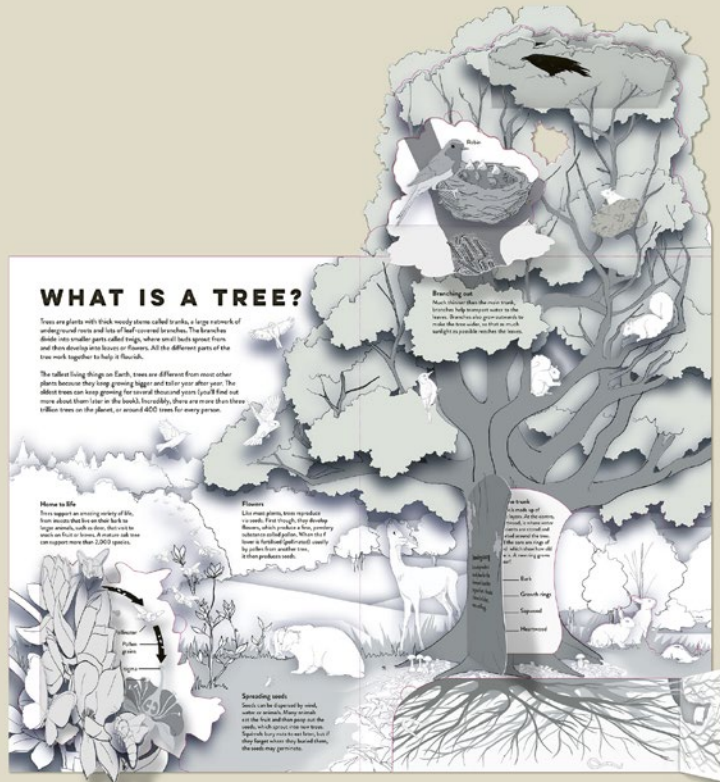
Paper World Trees



**A one-of-a-kind
paper-cut book
where the forest
comes to life!**

- The *Paper World* series has sold over 100,000 copies worldwide

Paper World Trees



Pub Date	05/11/2026
Pub Price	£16.99
ISBN	9781835873014
H × W	330 × 225mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Catherine Saunders
Illustrator	Gail Armstrong
Extent	30pp
Translation Files	01/12/2025
Freight On Board	12/06/2026
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	17/07/2025
Freight On Board	19/10/2025
Rights Available	World

Baby Steps: Spot the Shape



Peep through the shape, learn the word!

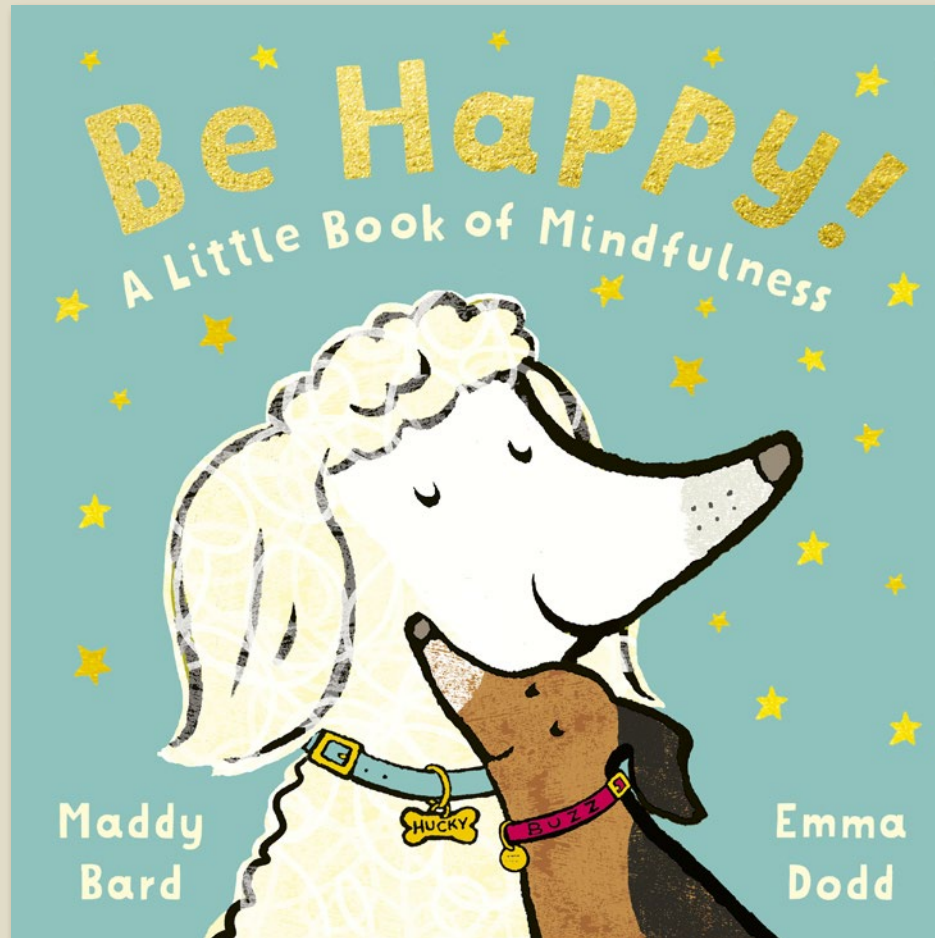
- Introduces first shapes, and builds early language skills.
- Featuring S&B®'s innovative anti-bacterial finish on all pages: 100% natural, plant based and sustainable, offering 99.99% germ control including covid-19, MRSA, E-coli, mold and yeast. This green formulation is safe for babies and contains 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

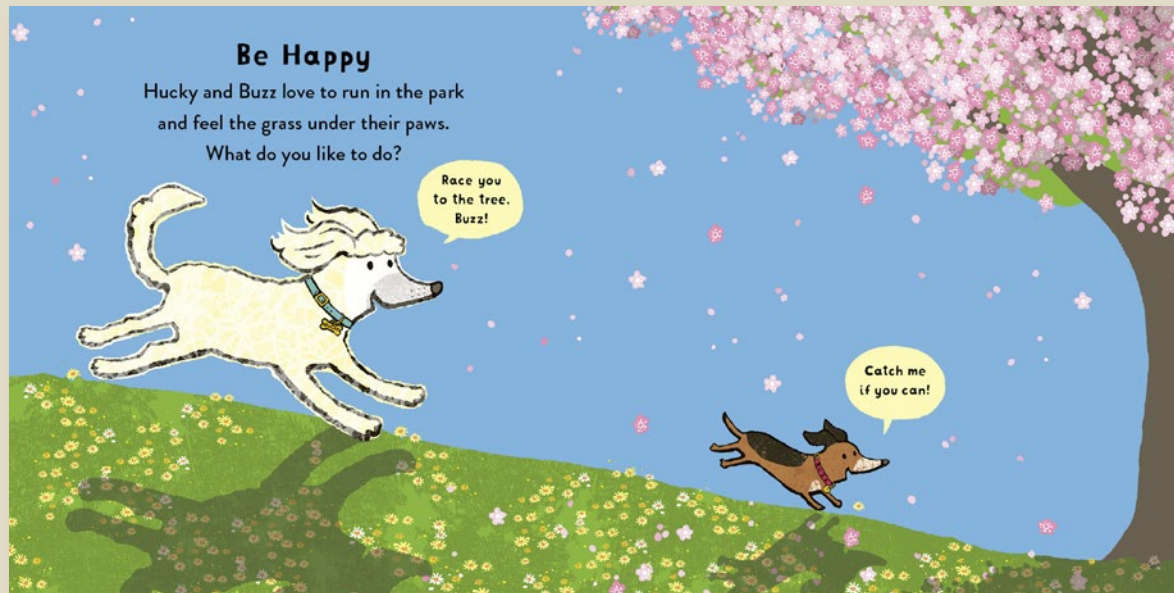
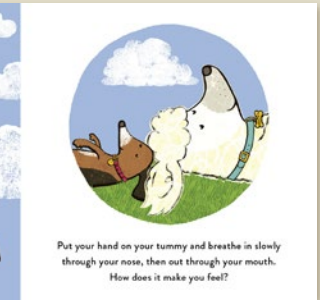
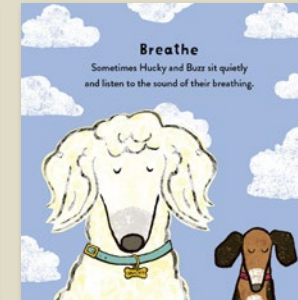
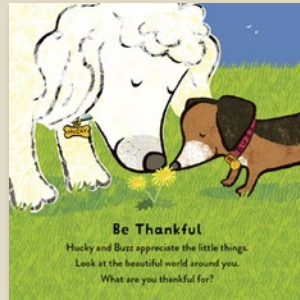
Be Happy!



A heartwarming and inspirational book about two adorable dogs.

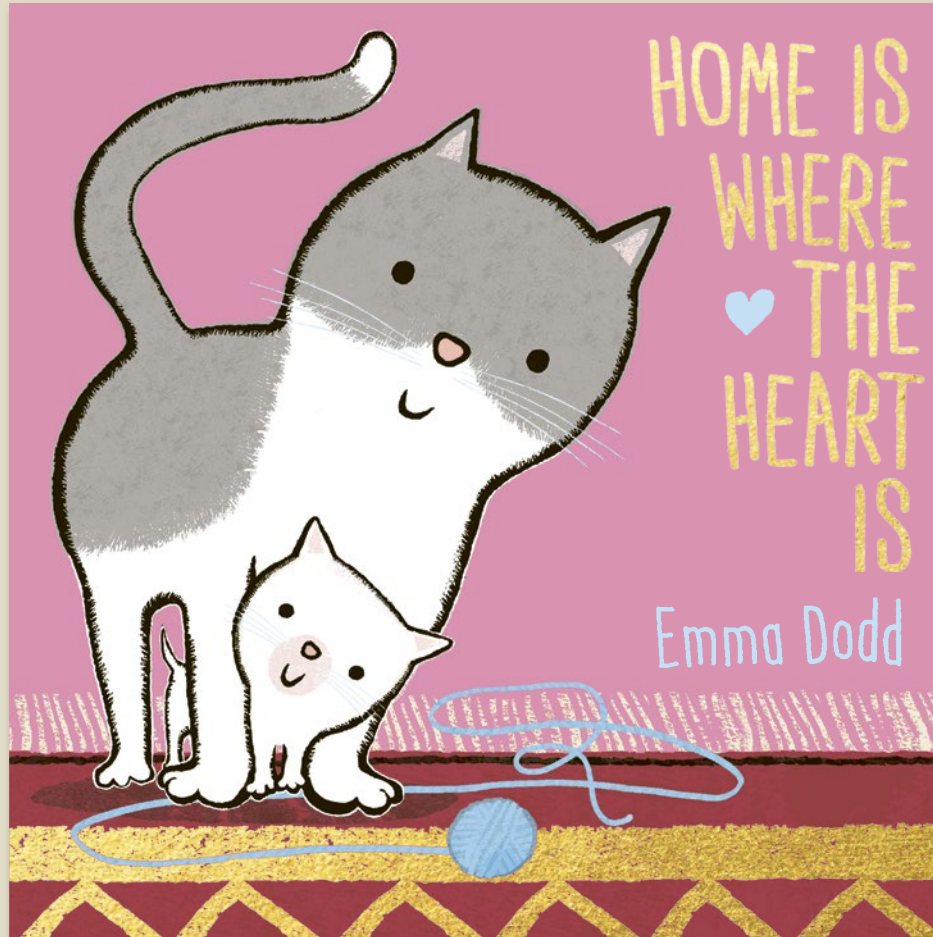
- Filled with inspirational ideas to promote confidence, self-belief and positivity in young children
- Featuring the creators' own adorable dogs, Hucky and Buzz
- With Emma Dodd's exquisitely simple illustrations and foil on alternate spreads
- Emma Dodd's foiled picture book series has sold a combined 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.

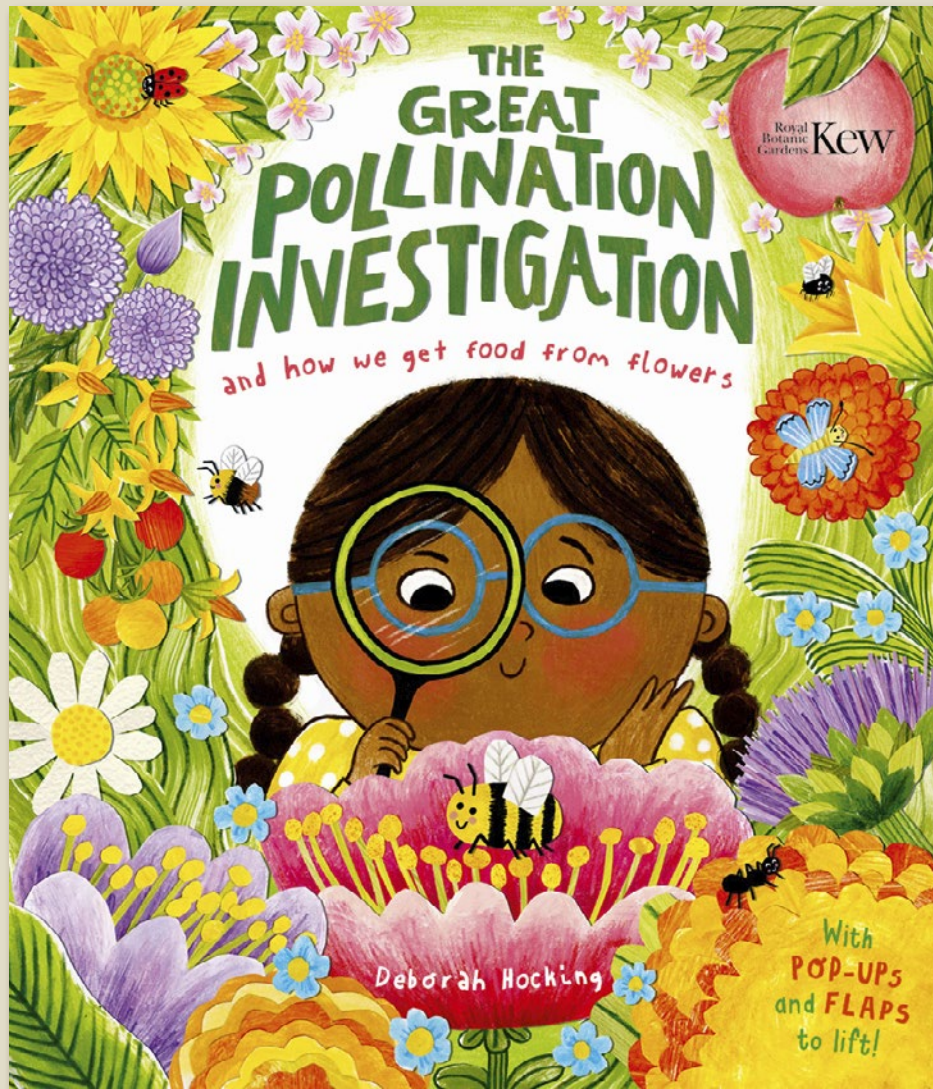
- Emma Dodd's foiled picture book series has sold a combined total of over 1 million copies worldwide (as of July 2022)
- Emma Dodd's deceptively simple illustrations pack real emotional punch
- A universal theme that will resonate with every reader
- Matt lam with foil on cover, and foil on 50% of internal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

Home is Where the Heart is



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



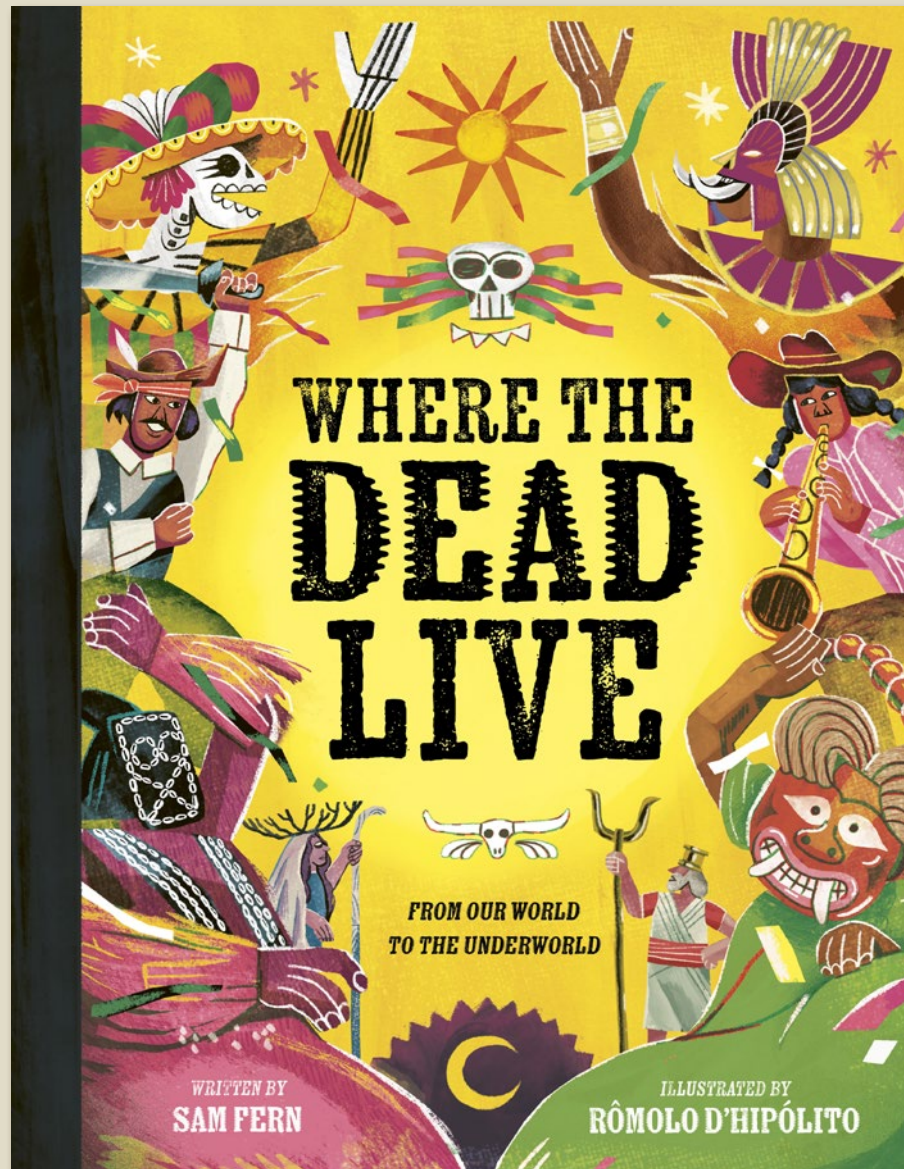
Discover the rich history, vibrant culture and unique identity of each nation through its flag!

- 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	31/07/2025
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
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	18/09/2025
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
Freight On Board	07/08/2025
Rights Available	World

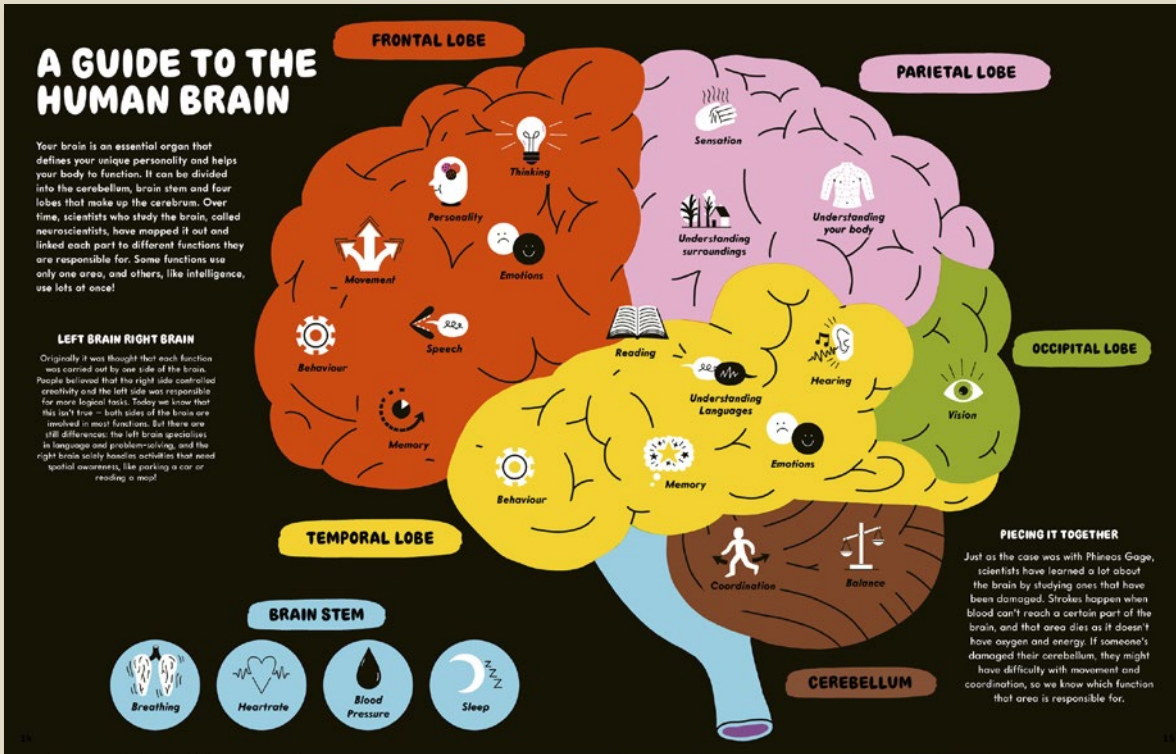
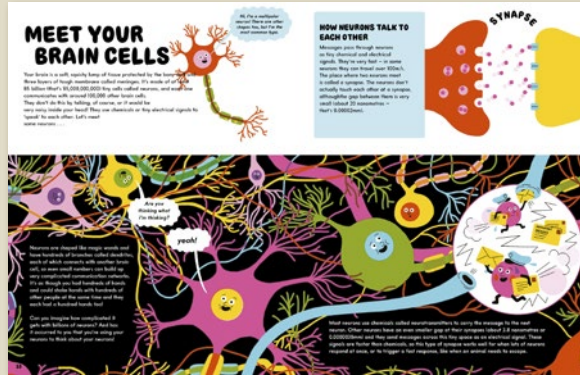
All in the Mind



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

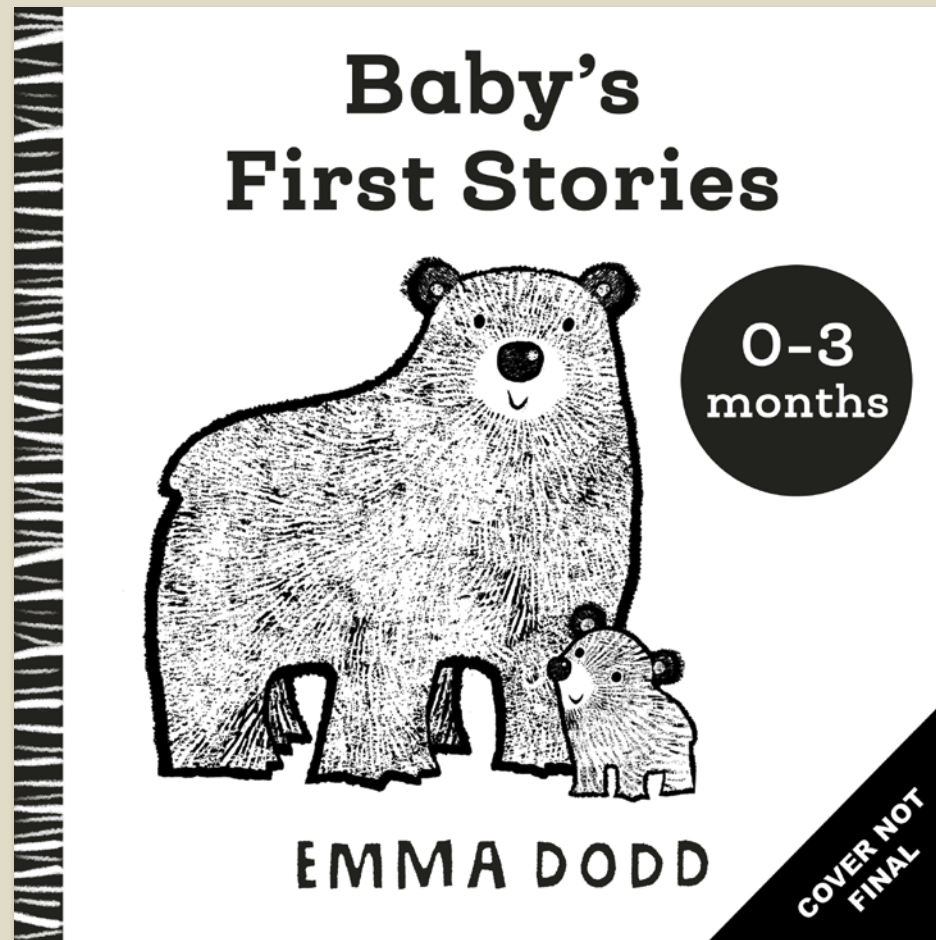
- A truly interactive first guide to the brain, *All in the Mind* includes mind bending puzzles and brain ‘tests’.
- Written by ex-biology teacher and acclaimed author of children’s non-fiction and fiction, Gill Arbuthnott.
- Illustrated by Lauren Humphrey who creates colourful, playful artwork for both children and adults inspired by vibrant cartoons.

All in the Mind



Pub Date	21/05/2026
Pub Price	£12.99
ISBN	9781835871058
H x W	300 x 235mm
Binding	Paperback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Gill Arbuthnott
Illustrator	Lauren Humphrey
Extent	64pp
Translation Files	18/08/2025
Files To Printer	29/12/2025
Freight On Board	05/03/2026
Rights Available	World

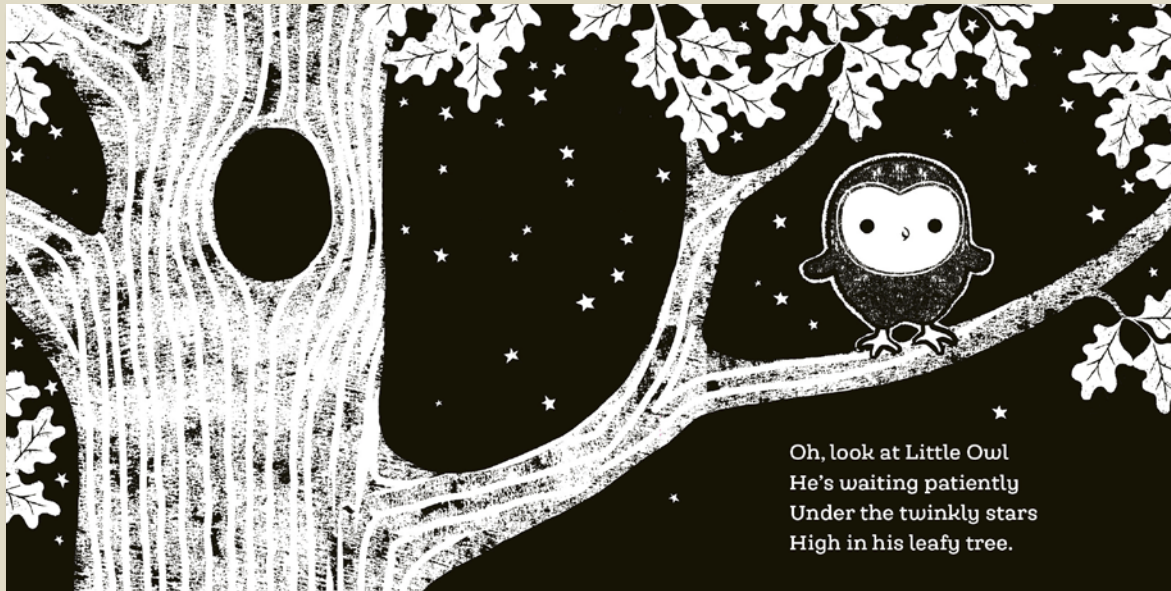
Emma Dodd's Baby's First Stories: 0-3 months



Very first stories for baby

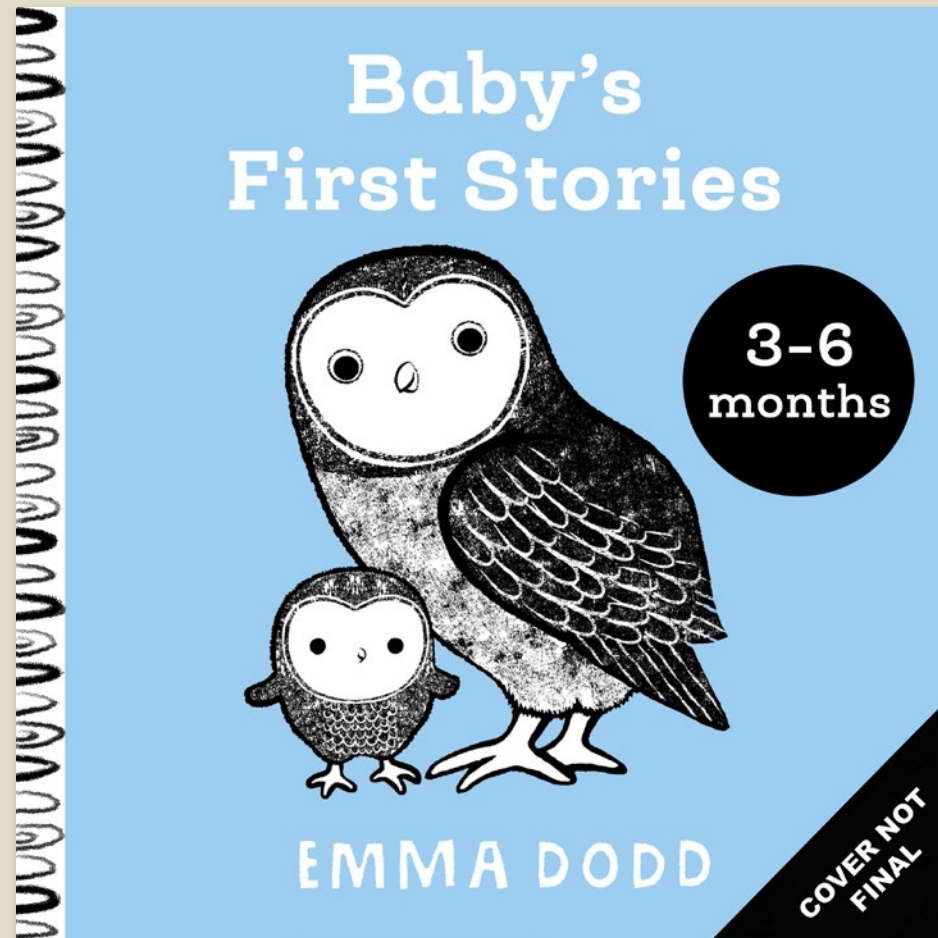
- Written in consultation with Early Years Expert, Lizzie Noble, each book perfectly suits your baby's needs at every stage of their first year
- Fills a gap in the market: parents are told to read to their baby every day, but black and white books usually have little text. Reading aloud soothes babies from birth, promotes baby-carer bonding, builds children's language skills, and increases the chances that parents will continue to read to babies as they grow older
- Perfect for parents who use the Wonder Weeks App, read Your Baby Week by Week, or use milestone cards to mark big moments
- 4 books in the series, all featuring the same animal characters: 0-3 months; 3-6 months; 6-9 months; 9-12 months
- Emma Dodd's books have sold over 3 MILLION copies worldwide
- Cover finishes: matt lam + spot UV

Emma Dodd's Baby's First Stories: 0-3 months



Pub Date	02/08/2026
Pub Price	£10.99
ISBN	9781835873632
H x W	200 x 200mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Emma Dodd
Extent	24pp
Translation Files	24/11/2025
Files To Printer	17/02/2026
Freight On Board	17/05/2026
Rights Available	World

Emma Dodd's Baby's First Stories: 3-6 months



Very first stories for baby

- Written in consultation with Early Years Expert, Lizzie Noble, each book perfectly suits your baby's needs at every stage of their first year
- Fills a gap in the market: parents are told to read to their baby every day, but black and white books usually have little text. Reading aloud soothes babies from birth, promotes baby-carer bonding, builds children's language skills, and increases the chances that parents will continue to read to babies as they grow older
- Perfect for parents who use the Wonder Weeks App, read Your Baby Week by Week, or use milestone cards to mark big moments
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- 4 books in the series, all featuring the same animal characters: 0-3 months; 3-6 months; 6-9 months; 9-12 months
- Cover finish: matt lam + spot UV

Emma Dodd's Baby's First Stories: 3–6 months

Little Bear feels hot.
The water looks so cool.
She splashes with Big Bear
In the shady pool.



Pub Date	02/08/2026
Pub Price	£10.99
ISBN	9781835873649
H × W	200 × 200mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Emma Dodd
Extent	24pp
Translation Files	24/11/2025
Files To Printer	17/02/2026
Freight On Board	17/05/2026
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



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

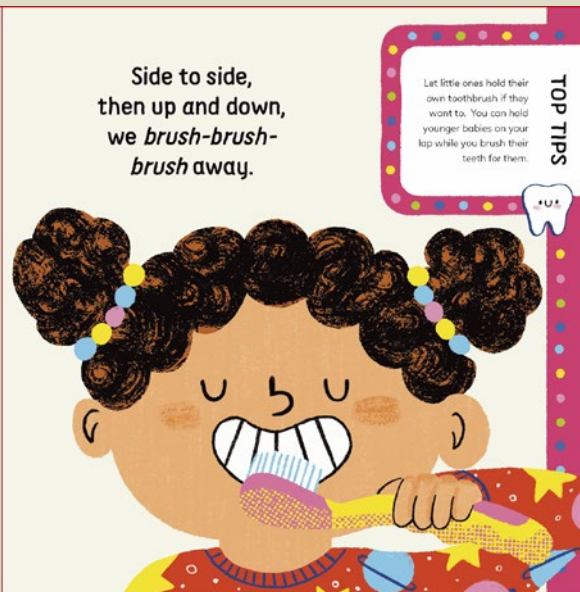
Star Skills: Brush and Shine



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

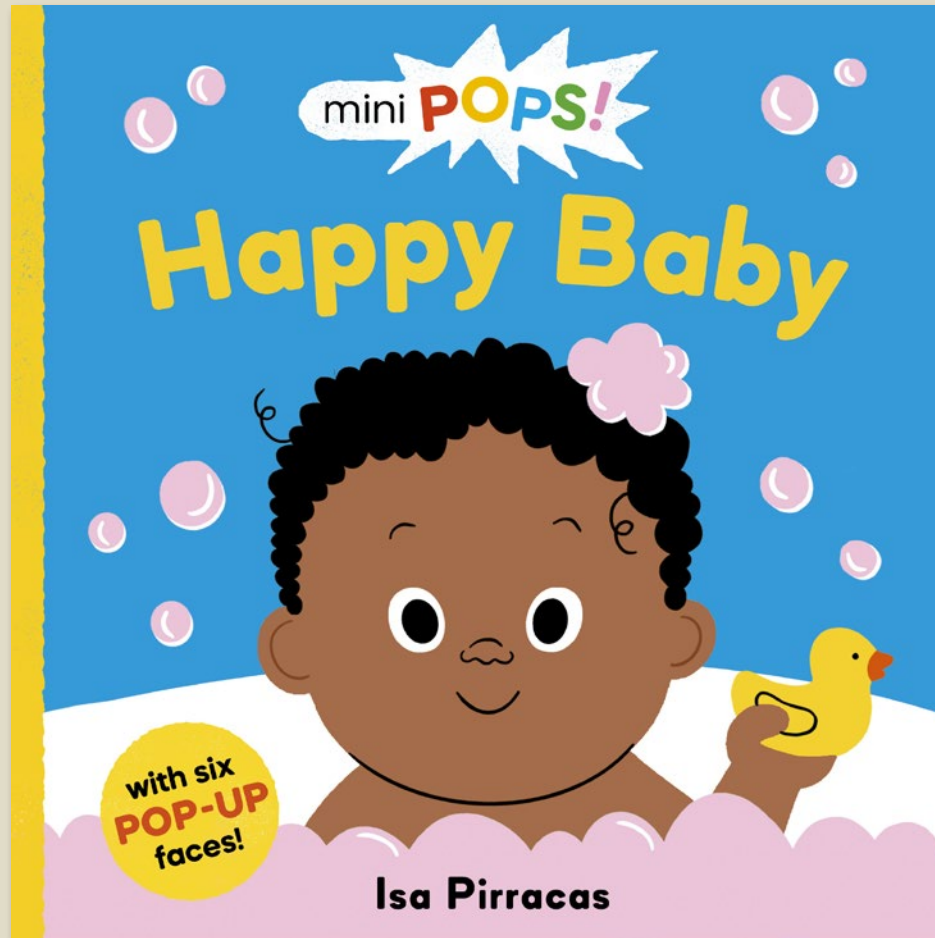
- With flaps, tabs, sliders and wheels throughout the book for an interactive reading experience.
- A gentle rhyming story to read together: a rhyming text makes it easy for little ones to remember and join in with some of the text.
- With practical tips for tooth-brushing from Early Years expert Lizzie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

Mini Pops: Happy Baby



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

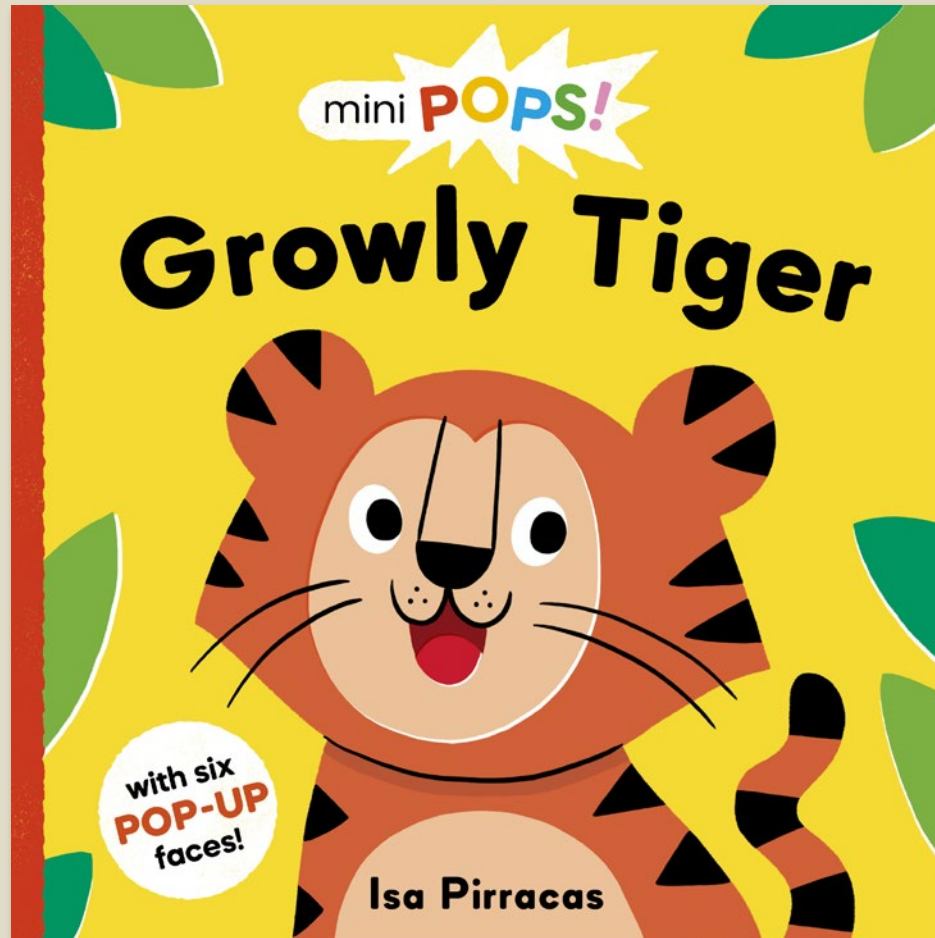
- Chunky board book format with 6 durable pop-ups
- Full of faces to engage even the youngest of readers
- Illustrated with nostalgic warmth by Isa Pirracas
- With a gentle rhyming text for reading aloud together

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
Rights Available	World

Mini Pops: Growly Tiger



Pop-Up Animal Faces

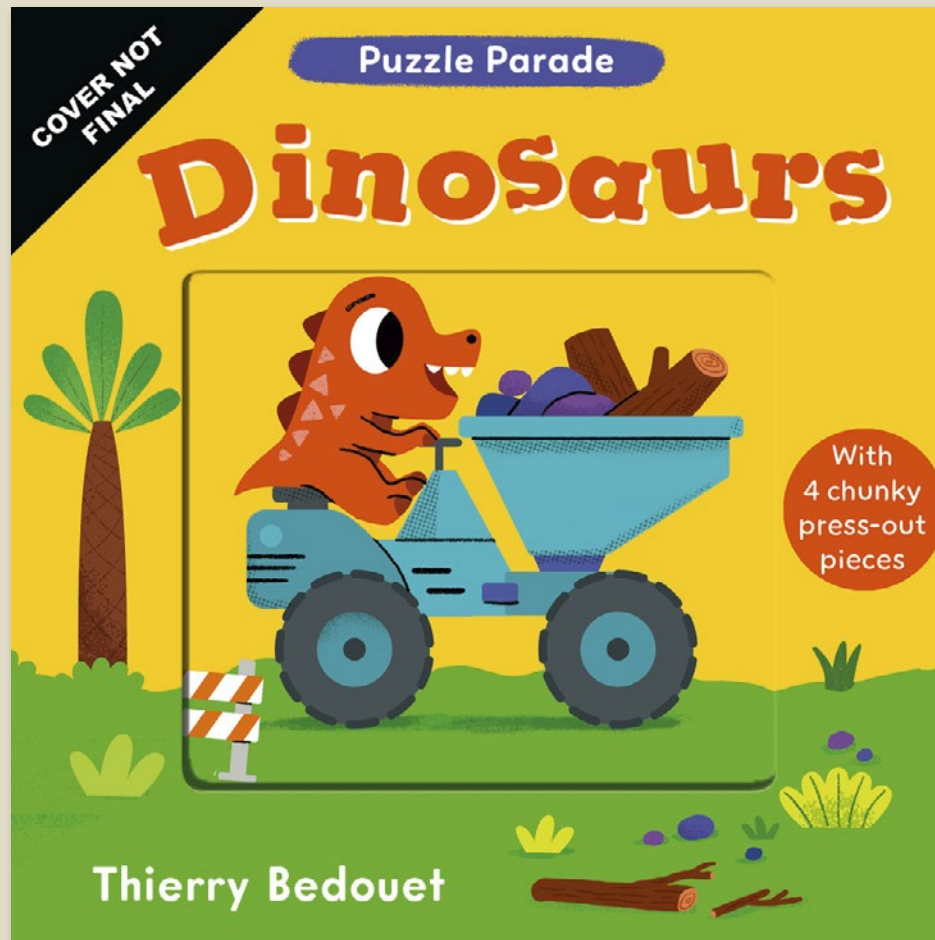
- Chunky board book format with 6 durable pop-ups
- Full of faces to engage even the youngest of readers
- A first bright introduction to animals
- Illustrated with nostalgic warmth by Isa Pirracas
- With a gentle rhyming text for reading aloud together

Mini Pops: Growly Tiger



Pub Date	10/04/2025
Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781835870051
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
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Illustrator	Isa Pirracas
Extent	12pp
Word Count	45 words
Freight On Board	20/02/2025
Rights Available	World

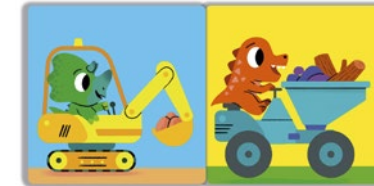
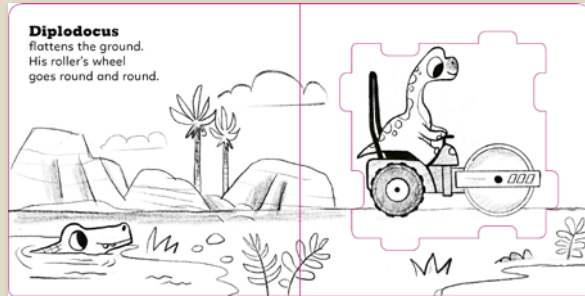
Puzzle Parade: Dinosaurs



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
Freight On Board	05/09/2026
Rights Available	World

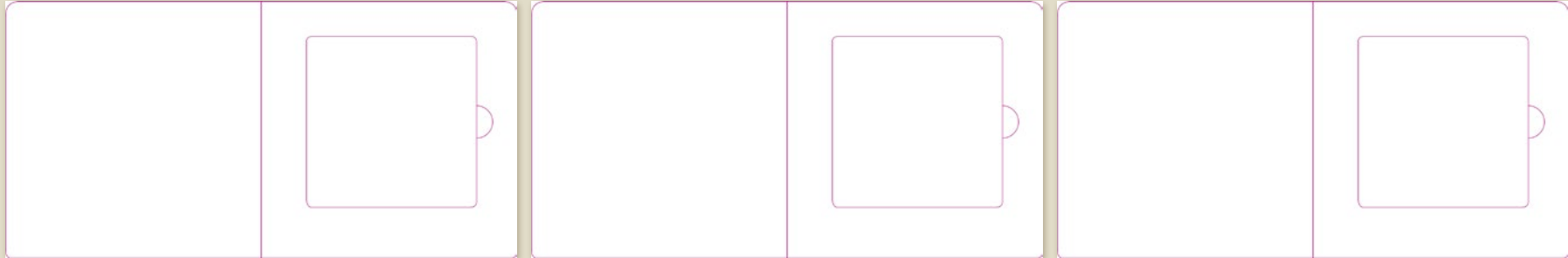
Puzzle Parade: Jungle Train



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).
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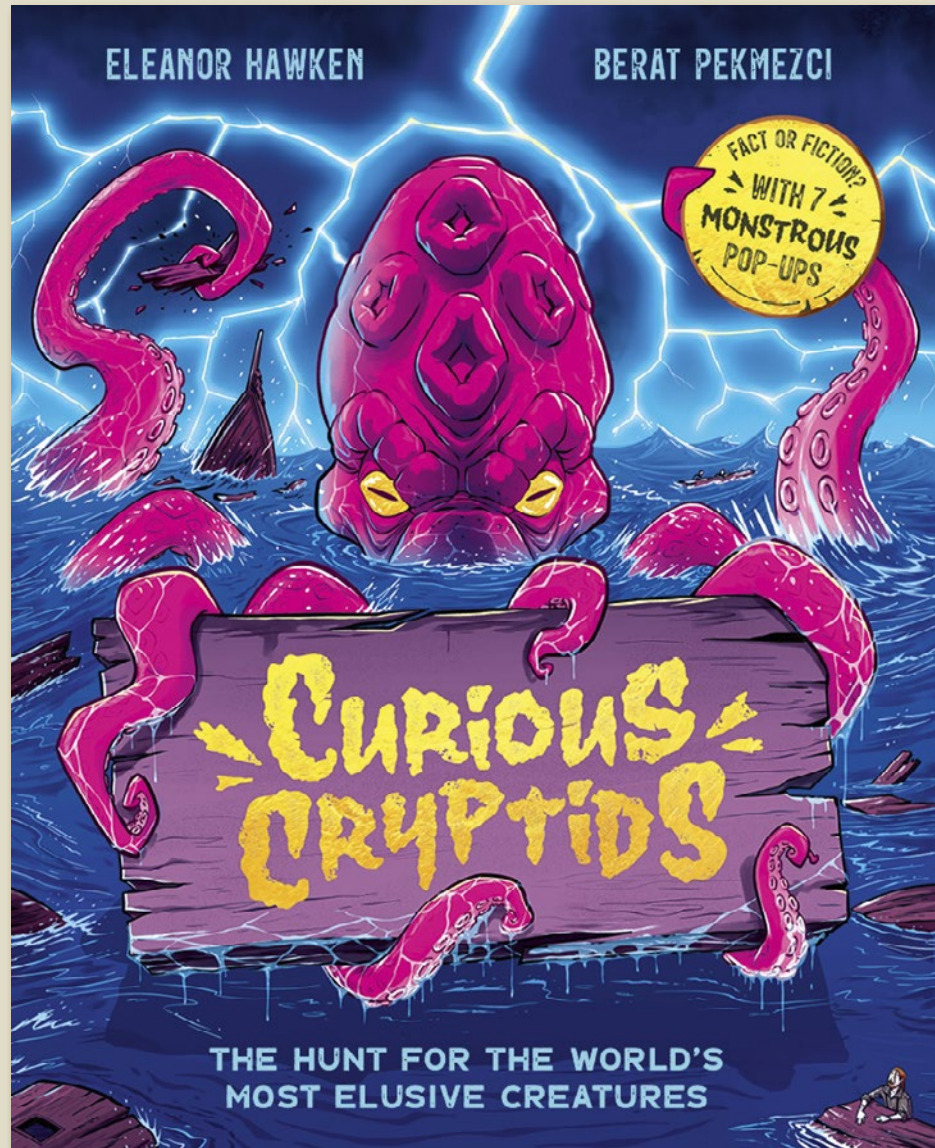
Puzzle Parade: Jungle Train



Monkey swings
into her seat.
She has some
tasty fruit to eat

Pub Date	21/11/2026
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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
Freight On Board	05/09/2026
Rights Available	World

Curious Cryptids



Seven show-stopping cryptid pop-ups

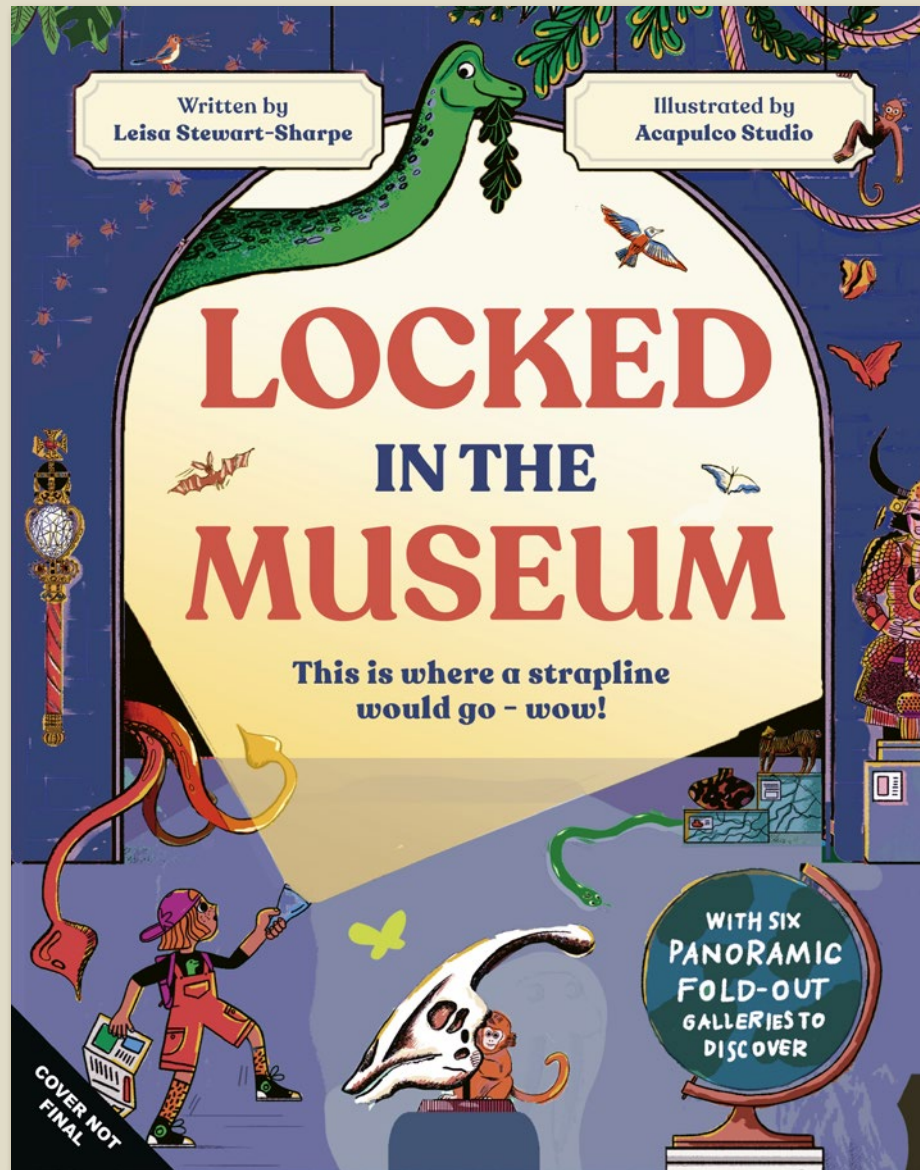
- Features seven giant pop-ups of the creatures, plus seven gatefold panels which each open to reveal a comic-strip story
- Contents: Yeti (Himalayas), Mongolian deathworm (China and Mongolia), Mothman (North America), Jersey Devil (North America), Kraken (Norway and Iceland) Loch Ness Monster (Scotland)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

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
Rights Available	World

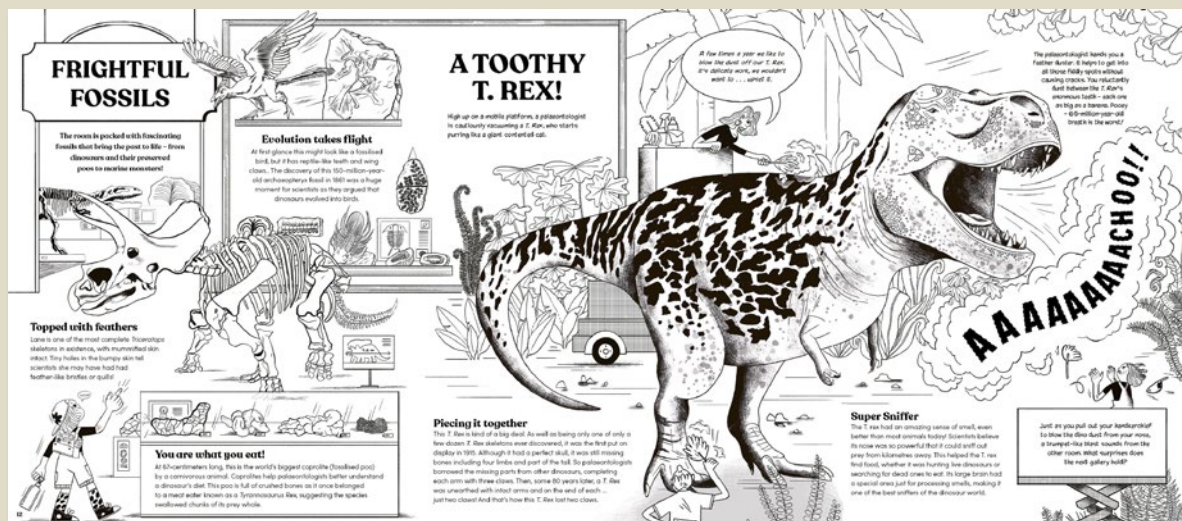
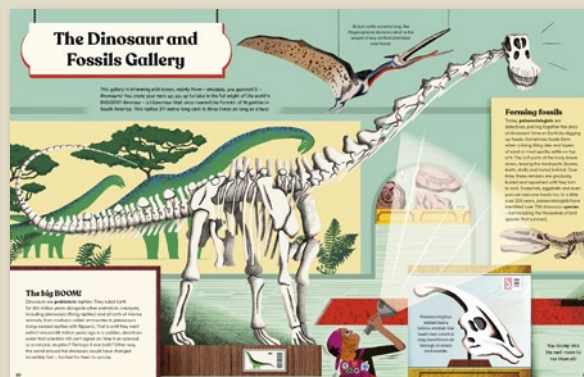
Locked in the Museum



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, Ancient World, Art, Transport, Space, Science and Technology and Earth
- A fun and accessible cross curricular title perfect for curious kids who are interested in everything from ancient history and art, to STEM topics.
- Features a section on the challenges faced by modern museums and a glossary of tricky terms.
- Cover finishes: spot uv and emboss

Locked in the Museum



Pub Date	23/02/2026
Pub Price	£15.99
ISBN	9781800782105
H x W	300 x 235mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Leisa Stewart-Sharpe
Illustrator	Acapulco Studio
Extent	64pp
Word Count	15000 words
Files To Printer	10/09/2025
Freight On Board	08/12/2025
Rights Available	World

Constellations



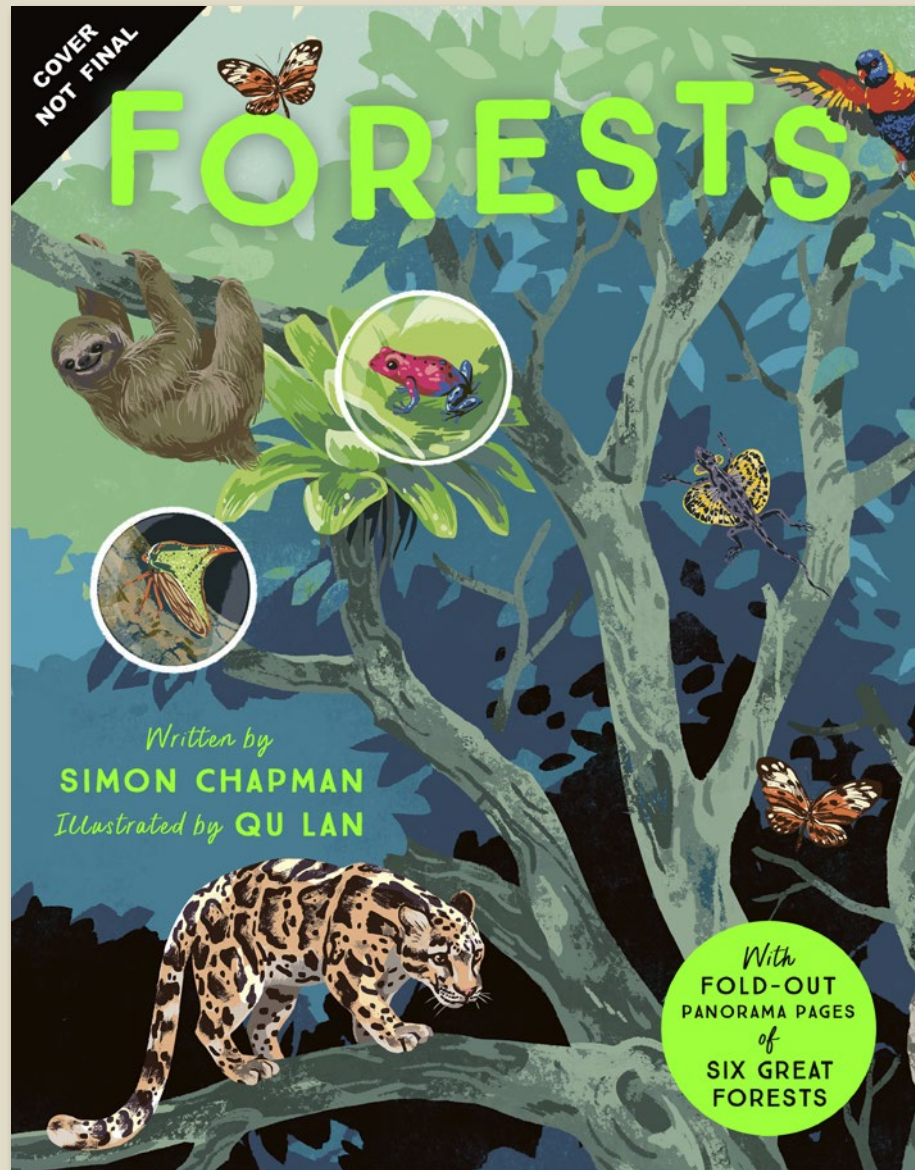
Look up at the night sky – what do you see? A world of sparkling lights, patterns woven through the darkness and stories unfolding in the stars...

- Created in collaboration with the Royal Observatory Greenwich and experts from around the world, this book brings together scientific insight and cultural wisdom to uncover the universal language of the cosmos and the timeless stories that connect us all.
- Mariana Ruiz Johnson's vibrant, bold and graphic illustrations beautifully complement the stories, making each page a visual celebration of cultural heritage.

Constellations



Pub Date	27/08/2026
Pub Price	£16.99
ISBN	9781835872437
H x W	300 x 235mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Extent	96pp
Translation Files	15/12/2025
Files To Printer	06/04/2026
Freight On Board	11/06/2026
Rights Available	World



An exploration of forests with fold-out pages.

- A comprehensive and fascinating exploration of forests including their role, the unique wildlife they support and their fight for survival.
- Features forests from around the world.
- Includes four fold-out pages.
- Cover treatment: matt lam + spot UV + 5th colour



Pub Date	25/06/2026
Pub Price	£15.99
ISBN	9781800788404
H x W	300 x 235mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	9-11 years
Author	Simon Chapman
Extent	64pp
Word Count	12000 words
Translation Files	13/10/2025
Files To Printer	02/02/2026
Freight On Board	09/04/2026
Rights Available	World



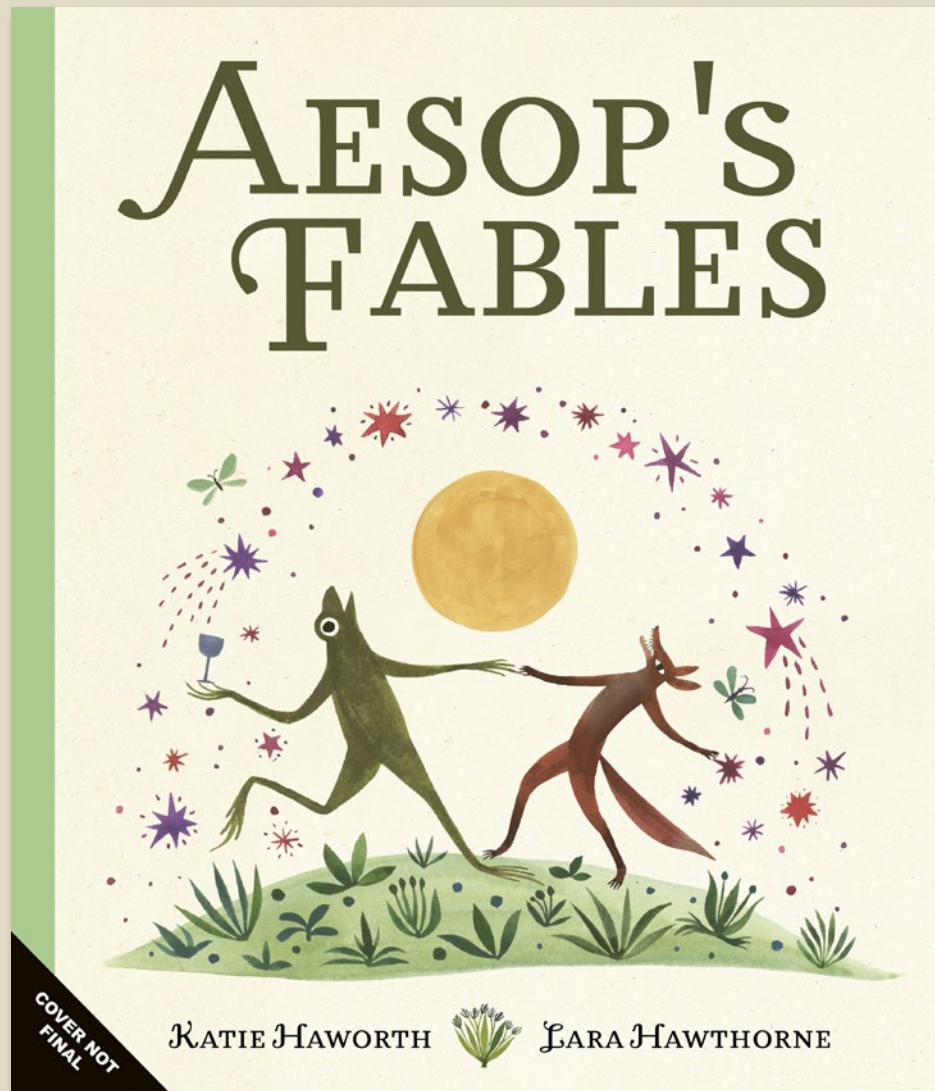
An exploration of rivers with fold-out pages

- A stunning look at geography, exploring the physical features of rivers, the unique wildlife they support and how they have shaped human history.
- Featuring 6 mighty rivers from around the world, one from each continent
- CONTENTS: A World of Rivers; Where do rivers get their water?; Source; Heading Downhill; Waterfalls; Underground Rivers; Gorges; Rapids; Dams; The Danube; Around the Bend; River Life; River Highway; The Ganges; Making Lakes; The Amazon; River City; The Murray; Extraordinary Rivers; Floating Islands of the Sudd; The Nile; Deltas; Estuaries; The Mississippi; Mangroves; Salmon Run
- Includes fold-out pages throughout
- Cover treatment: matt lam + spot UV + 5th colour



Pub Date	25/05/2023
Pub Price	£15.99
ISBN	9781787419926
H x W	300 x 235mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	9-11 years
Author	Simon Chapman
Illustrator	Qu Lan
Extent	64pp
Word Count	8000 words
Rights Available	World

Aesop's Fables



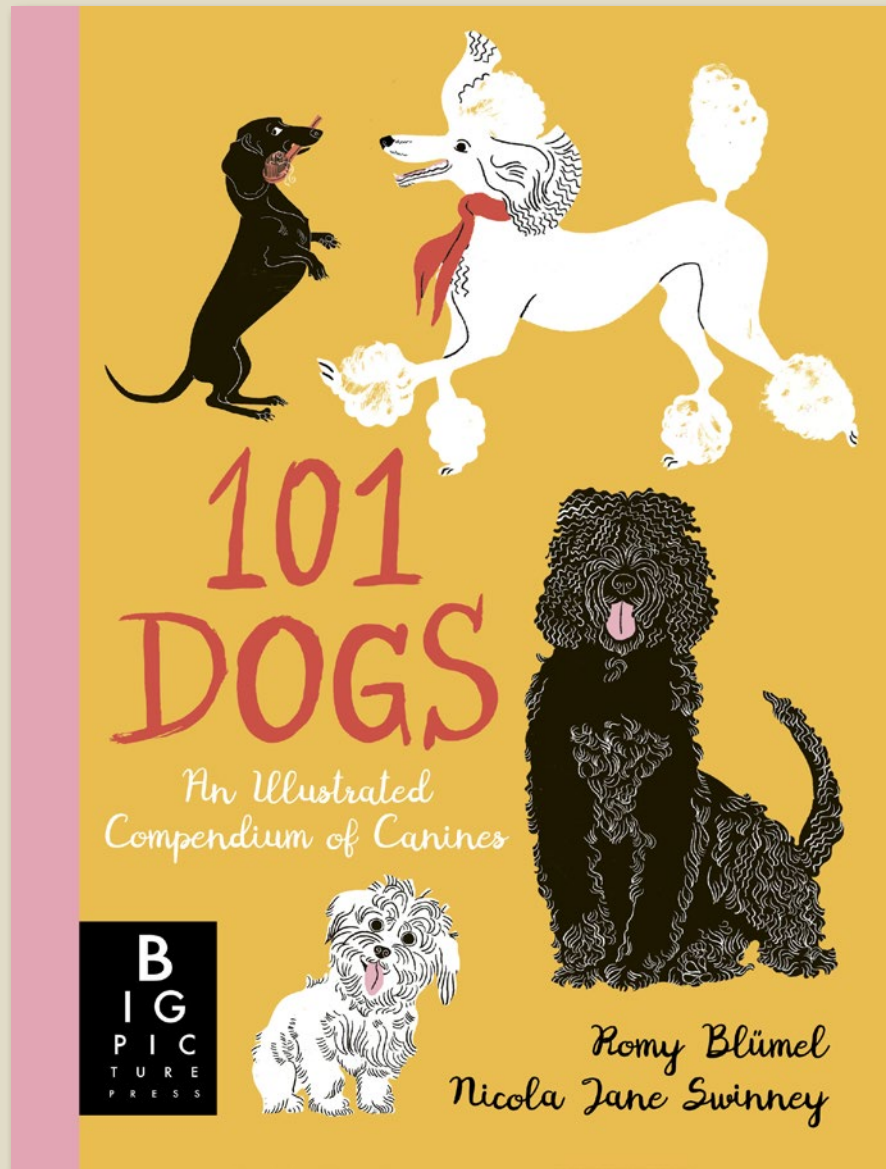
A beautiful collection of Aesop's Fables

- A timeless, treasured classic that speaks to all ages - following on from the success of *Star Stories* and *Winter Tales*
- Illustrated by CILIP Greenaway longlisted illustrator Lara Hawthorne (*My Nana's Garden*, *Alba the Hundred Year Old Fish*, *The Night Flower*)
- Imaginatively retold for young readers, with humour and engaging storytelling
- Features 23 fables
- Cover: Arlin, emboss, foil
- Each tale hides a moral, which is featured at the end of each story

Aesop's Fables



Pub Date	01/10/2026
Pub Price	£15.99
ISBN	9781787418707
H x W	265 x 228mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Katie Haworth
Illustrator	Lara Hawthorne
Extent	96pp
Word Count	15000 words
Translation Files	19/01/2026
Files To Printer	11/05/2026
Freight On Board	16/07/2026
Rights Available	World



Gorgeous canines of every shape, size and colour bound through this book – all 101 of them!

- The perfect gift for dog lovers big and small
- Beautiful cover treatments including foil and ribbon
- Humorous and engaging text written by dog expert Nicola Jane Swinney

101 Dogs

Japanese Chin



In Japan, the Chin was regarded not as a dog (inu) but as a separate being (shishi), bred to have a higher status among dogs and ideal for noble companionship. Modern Chinese make charming pets as they are loving and playful, and are one of the most out-like breeds. They like to climb, and often climb their face with their paws. Looking at their lovely, long fluffy coat, you might think this pretty little creature needs lots of brushing. Not so – the Chin is a 'wash and go' kind of dog, only needing a weekly tidy up.

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Akita



A strong and sturdy dog, the Akita was awarded Japanese royalty. It is a fiercely loyal, not for much an imposing breed, very loving. One Akita famously waited for his owner at the train station every day for nine years after he had died. One thing that can be startling is its habit of holding things in its mouth, including your wrist! It isn't going to bite you, it simply wants to take you to where it wants you to go – often to its bed to go for a walk or to its bed because it wants feeding. The Akita doesn't often bark but it does make a lot of noise when those owners say their dog matters under its breath!

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Shiba Inu



The smallest of six dog breeds native to Japan, the Shiba Inu greets the world with quiet dignity. It's like a little stoic warrior, moving quickly and easily. The Japanese have three words to describe this breed, none it required boldness, elegant (good nature) and noble (adornment). It also tends to be passionate – like a sturdy toddler, the Shiba Inu doesn't like to share and if it could speak, its first word would be 'mine'. It's also a natural hunter, so if you let it off the lead while out on a walk, it will probably disappear in the direction of the nearest squirrel.

Life Expectancy 12-14 Years | **Height** 35-40cm | **Trainability** Intelligent but opinionated | **Grooming** Weekly brushing | **Exercise** Daily run | **Most likely to say** Mike sure you get my best side | **Least likely to say** I'll sleep on the floor

Pharaoh Hound



This elegant breed was developed to hunt gazelle with pharaohs in ancient Egypt, more than 4,000 years ago. Despite its noble past, the Pharaoh loves people and simply loves life. It's a natural clown – you can even teach a Pharaoh to smile! And it's possibly the only breed that can blink – when it's happy or excited, its nose and ears will turn a deeper shade of pink. But as a hunting breed, it has a strong prey drive and is likely to chase anything it sees, so keep it on the lead at all times.

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Shar-Pei



This strange-looking breed looks like it needs ironing! These deep wrinkles serve a purpose, though. The Shar-Pei breed name translates as 'sand skin' – was sometimes called the 'Chinese lightning dog' and any attacker would have a tough job biting through those loose, thick folds and tough skin. They were once known as 'lion dogs' – an obvious nod to their lion-like appearance. They were used as 'lion dogs' – an obvious nod to their lion-like appearance. They were used as 'lion dogs' – an obvious nod to their lion-like appearance.

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Greyhound



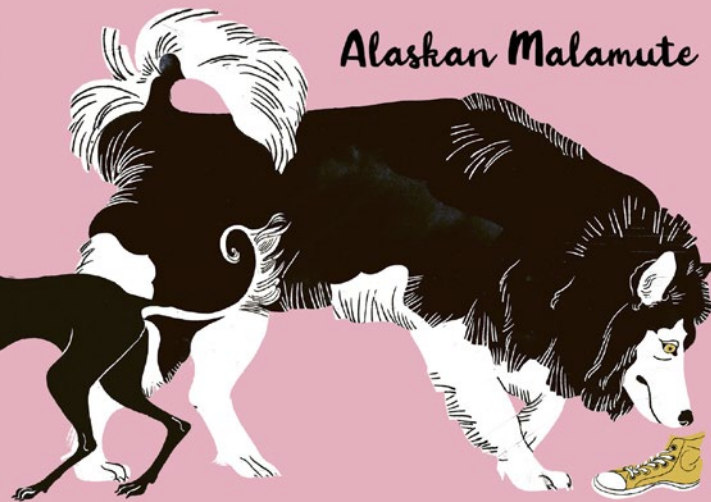
This sleek and elegant creature is known as the Ferrari of the dog world. And this is no idle boast: the Greyhound can run at speeds of more than 70 kilometres per hour. Greyhounds were bred for Chaperos as well as Britain's great monarch, Elizabeth I. Their love of this breed led to greyhound racing being dubbed the 'Sport of Queens'. From that title, you might think the breed needs masses of exercise, but the Greyhound is surprisingly laid-back. It is a sprinter, not a long-distance runner, so a daily walk is enough. It is, however, most plenty of belly rubs!

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Saluki



Alaskan Malamute



Prized by the travelling people of the Middle East, this exotic breed is thought to take its name from the Arabian city of Saluk. To the sheikhs, it was a noble dog indeed and they kept precise records of breeding and hunting prowess. They hunted hare, fox and gazelle from horseback, so their hounds had to be fleet of foot. There were once two different types of Saluki – desert and mountain – but the two have merged into the modern breed. It has, however, retained its beauty and some of its speed, so be prepared to do a lot of jogging...

Life Expectancy 12-14 Years | **Height** 58-71cm | **Trainability** Intelligent but opinionated | **Grooming** Weekly brushing | **Exercise** Daily run | **Most likely to say** Mike sure you get my best side | **Least likely to say** I'll sleep on the floor

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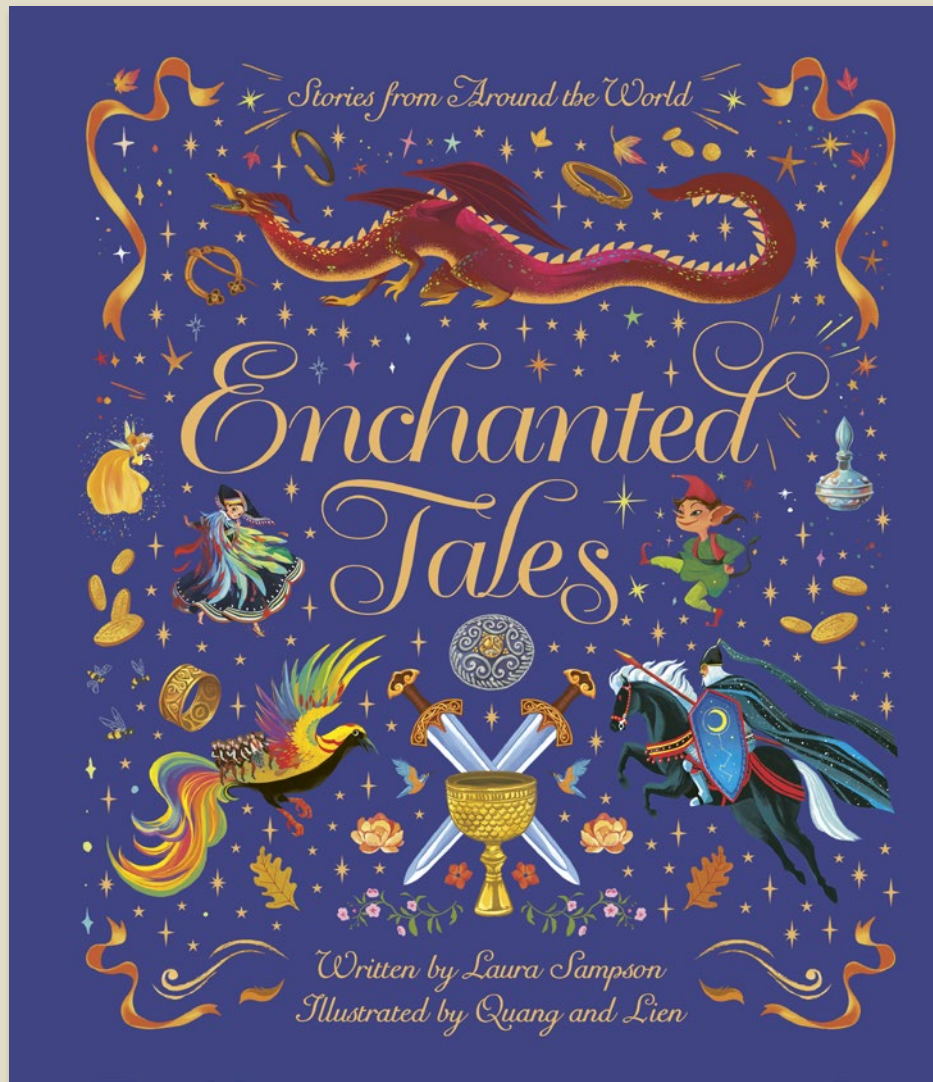
This impressive breed is one of the oldest in the world and has changed very little, still resembling its wolf ancestors. It was used by the Mahlemut people to pull sleds and hunt seals. It is a strong and imposing animal, but it isn't much use as a watchdog – Malamutes regard everyone they meet as friends. They rarely bark, but make a charming 'woo-woo' noise. They're intelligent too, which means they can easily get bored... and a bored Malamute is trouble in waiting. They love to dig holes in the garden, or sniff across the kitchen counters for something tasty, so keep them busy!

Life Expectancy 12-15 Years | **Height** 53-64cm | **Trainability** Easy, but can get bored | **Grooming** Needed every day | **Exercise** None! This is an energetic breed | **Most likely to say** This looks like a good spot to dig! | **Least likely to say** (to anyone) You shall not pass

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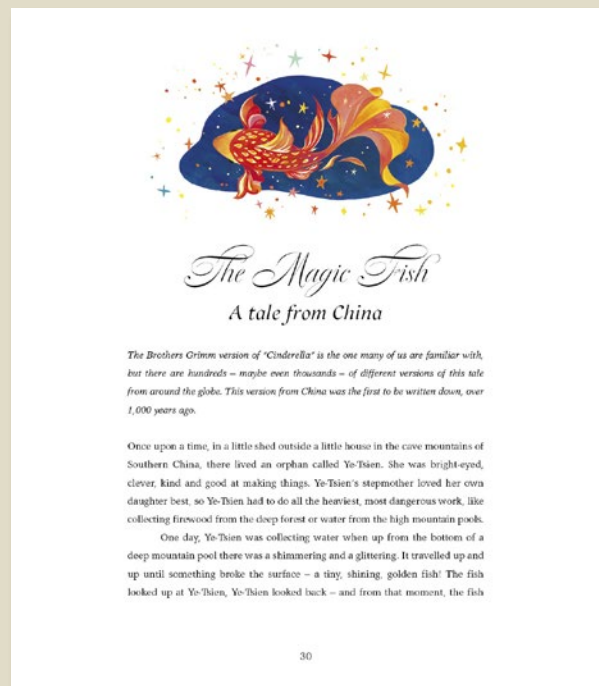
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TANUKI'S GOLD

A folk tale from Japan

The 'tanuki' is a member of the dog family that lives wild in the forests of Japan. Like its cousin the fox, the tanuki is small and agile, with a pointed snout and short legs, but its silky fur is striped, like a badger or a raccoon. The tanuki is famed in legends of old Japan as a magical creature – one favourite tale tells of a shape-shifting tanuki who could change into a kettle, and perform amazing acrobatics, bringing great good luck. This tale celebrates the way that when winter weather keeps us indoors, we feel especially grateful for the company of dear friends.

'Mukashi, mukashi' – very, very long ago, an old priest lived alone. He spent his days in prayer and meditation. He never needed to bother with earthly things for the local people brought him clothes and food, and patched his roof in the winter.

One winter's evening, the priest was deep in prayer. He knelt before the statue of the Buddha. He struck his bell and listened to the sound resound until it stilled to silence.

'Nyawell!' What was that? From outside came a pitiful sound. The priest opened the door, and there, shivering in the cold, was a tanuki.

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'Your holiness!' implored the creature. 'Please, may I come in and warm myself by your fire? It's bitterly cold.'

The priest's eyes opened wide in surprise. He knew that tanuki hibernate in winter. 'Why aren't you in your burrow?' he asked.

'In winters past, the freezing frost and mountain snow were nothing to me. But now I grow old; I feel the cold in my bones. Please, let me in.'

'Of course, of course!' said the kind-hearted priest, full of compassion.

The tanuki lay thawing by the fire, eyes closed in exhaustion, wet fur steaming gently. The priest continued his prayers.

The tanuki slept by the sunken hearth all night, and in the morning, he puddled away. The next night, the tanuki returned. And the next, and the next. He brought with him fallen sticks and dead leaves for the fire, and the old priest grew fond of the sight of him, sleeping by the hearth. The white fluff of his tummy rose and fell with the gentle rhythm of his snores.

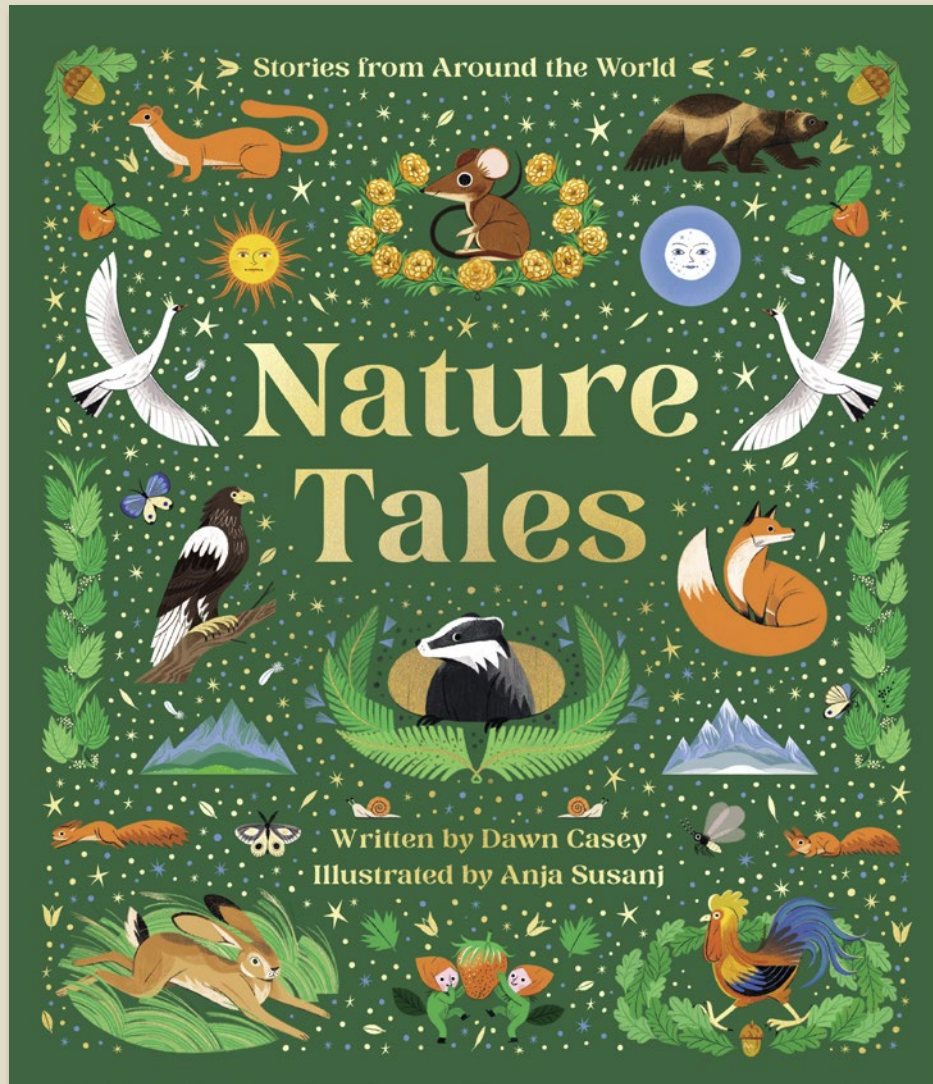
The priest noticed that when he gazed upon the tanuki, asleep in such deep peace, he felt peace in his own body, too. His breathing slowed. His gaze softened. He stroked the creature's silky fur. Sometimes, the priest sat and sipped a bowl of green tea, and the tanuki curled beside him. Its warm weight was comfortable – it made him feel content.

When winter was over, and white snow gave way to pink blossom, the tanuki came to the hut no more.

But when winter came around again, the tanuki always returned, and the old priest greeted his old friend with a glad heart.



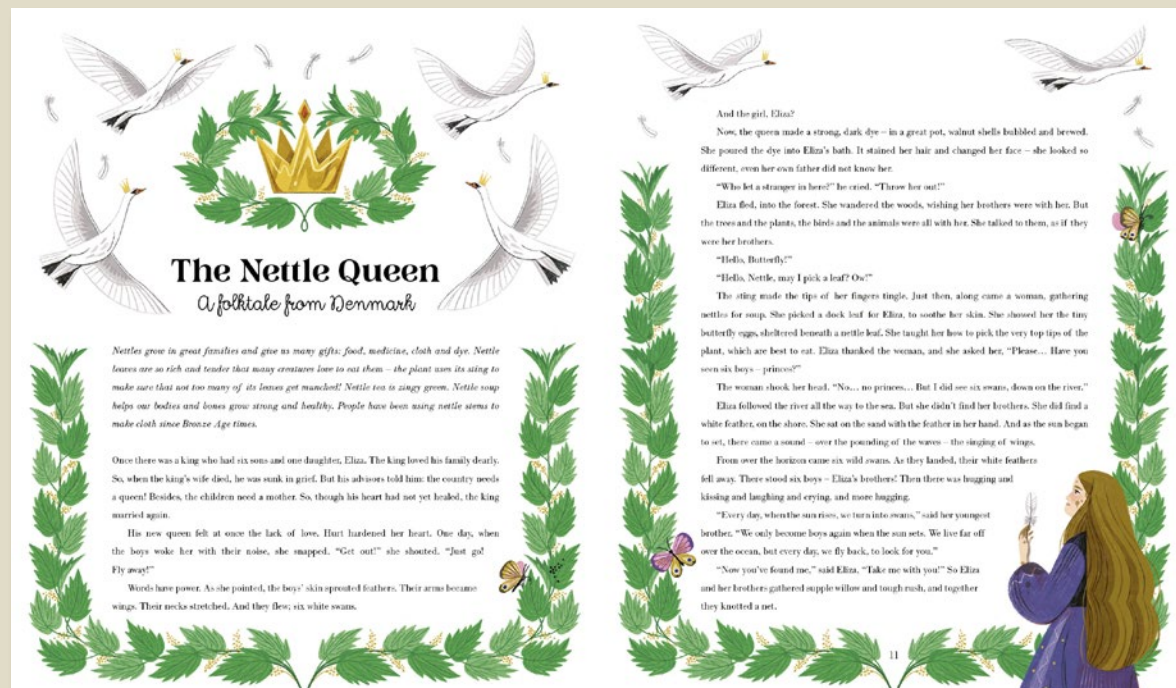
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