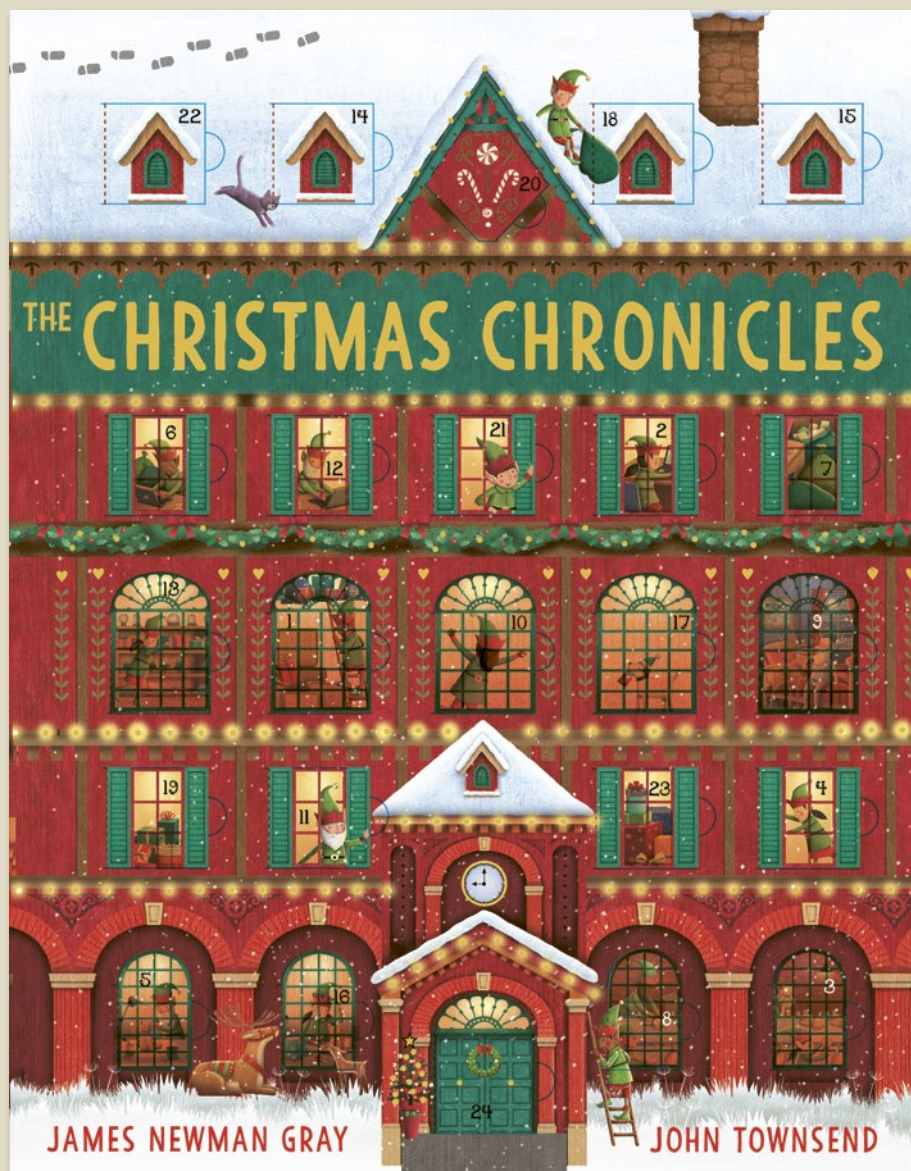




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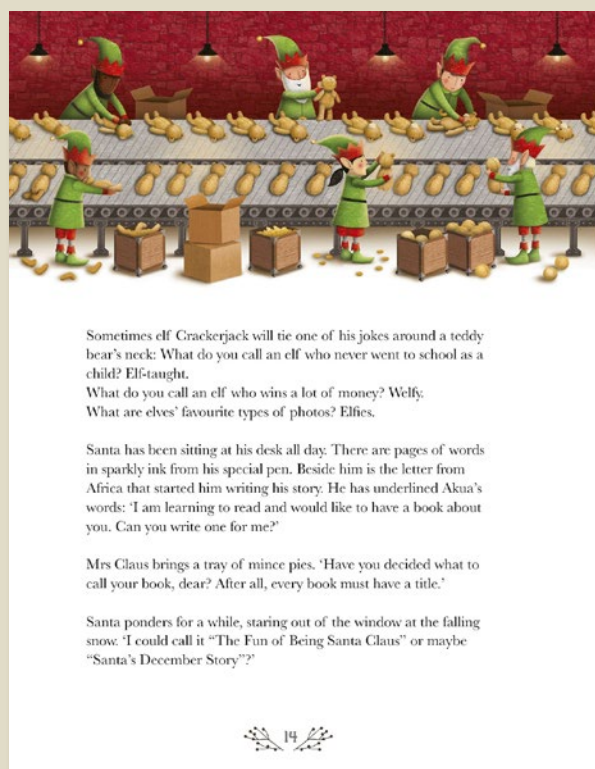
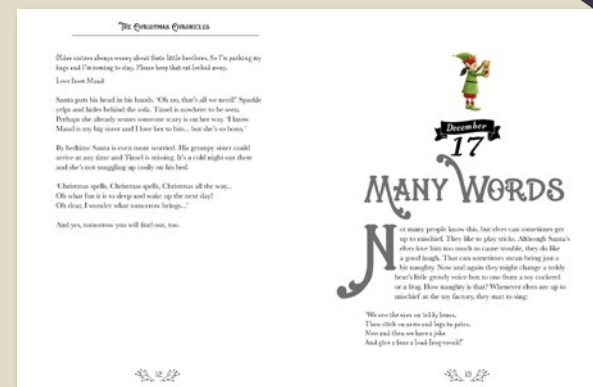
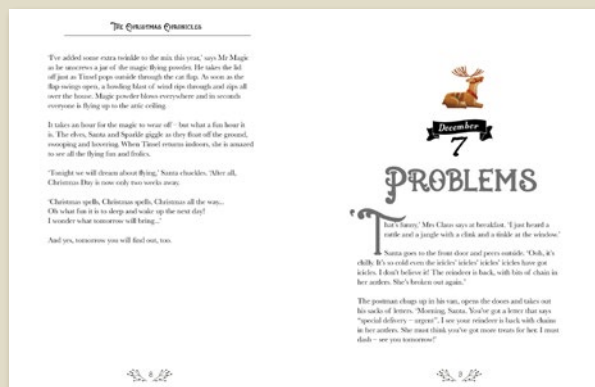
The Christmas Chronicles



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



Pub Date	09/08/2024
Pub Price	£14.99
ISBN	9781800789241
H x W	297 x 229mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	John Townsend
Illustrator	James Newman Gray
Extent	96pp
Freight On Board	07/06/2024
Rights Available	World

Winter Tales



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

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

Winter Tales



• THE WHITE BEAR KING •

For the first time, the bear roared. With a hoarse howl, the youngest daughter put her arms in his hands. And then, but despite of her tall and thin, and her white hair, she found herself in his arms. What you are so small! he said.

The princess held on to his hand. But the girl's powerful muscles were like iron. She took her hand from his and said: "What are you so small?"

"But have you not seen me here? Before the king's eyes, the girl's hand was not so small. The king was so small!"

"You are the king," the bear said.

They kept talking for some speaking words, the princess looking at him. They did not stop and called to the moon. They climbed the hill, and sat up by the side of the moon. They kept talking for some speaking words, the princess looking at him. They did not stop and called to the moon. They climbed the hill, and sat up by the side of the moon.

Being from the black forest, there was a place of white. It was the place of the moon. The princess was so small and thin, and she was so small and thin. The princess was so small and thin, and she was so small and thin.

When it was night, the bear roared. But, in the darkness, when the princess looked out to look for him, she found him. He was so small and thin, and she was so small and thin. The princess was so small and thin, and she was so small and thin.

Within the year, the princess and the bear had a child. But no matter how it was, the bear was so small and thin, and she was so small and thin. The princess was so small and thin, and she was so small and thin.

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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.

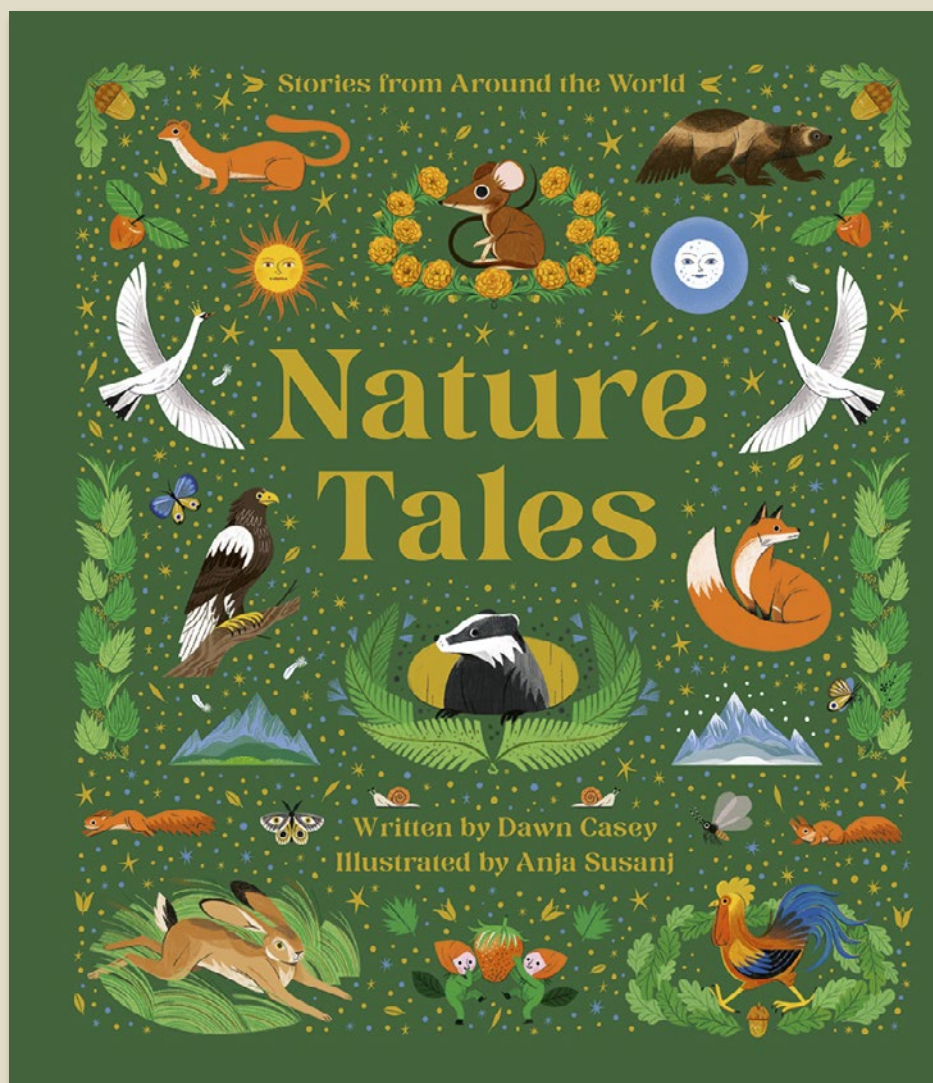
The priest noticed that when he gazed upon the tanuki, asleep in such deep peace, he felt peace in his own body, too. His breathing slowed. His gaze softened. He stroked the creature's silky fur. Sometimes, the priest sat and sipped a bowl of green tea, and the tanuki curled beside him. Its warm weight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



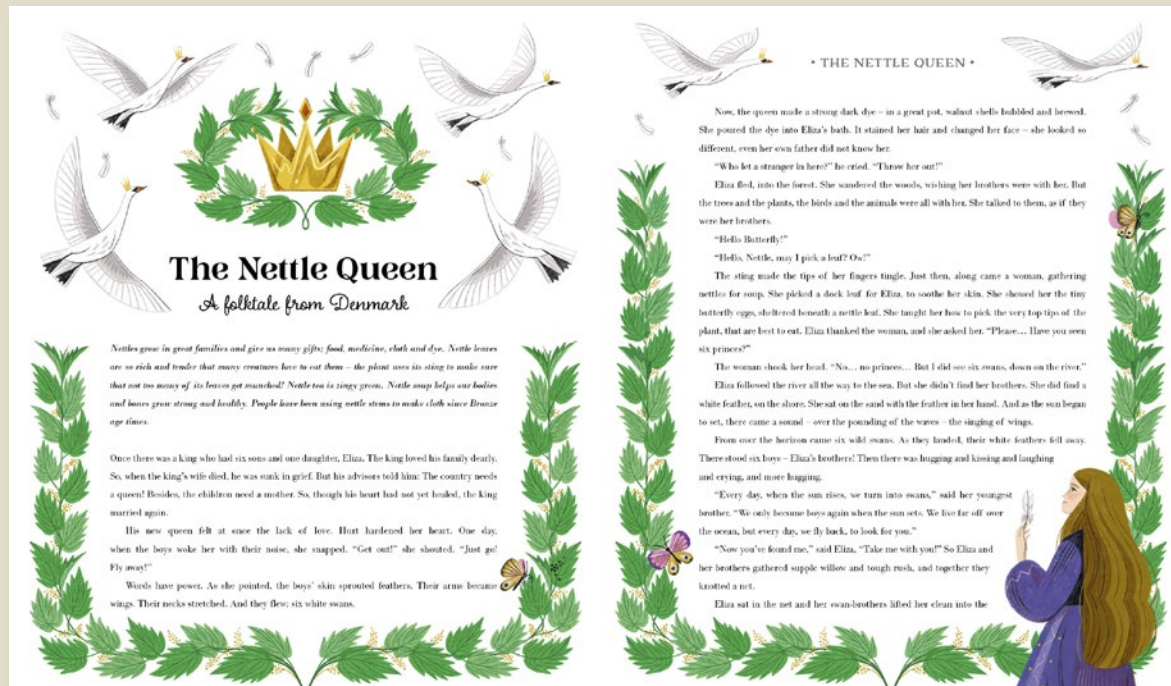
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Author	Dawn Casey
Illustrator	Zanna Goldhawk
Extent	96pp
Word Count	15000 words
Rights Available	World



A collection of nature folk tales

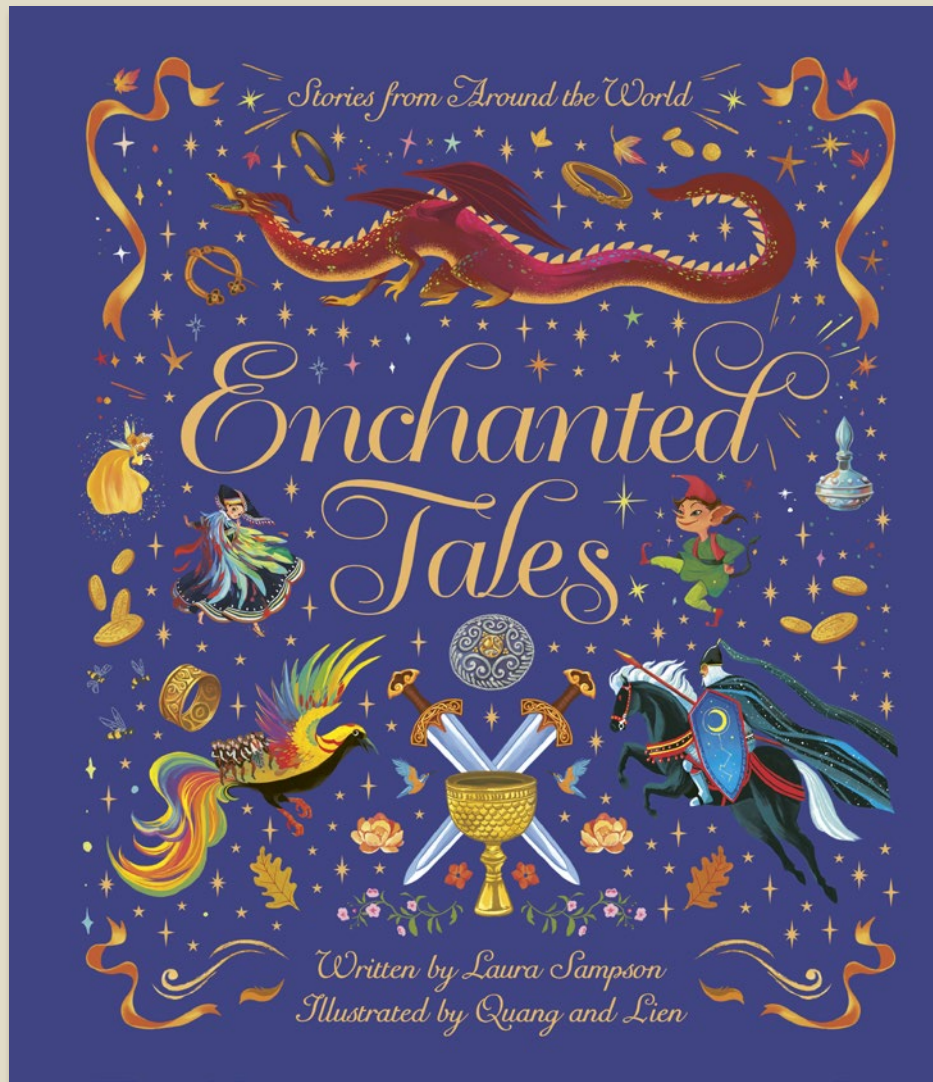
- CONTENTS: The Bramble's Gift **Greece**; Fox's Tail **Norway**; Little Brown Mouse **Himalayas**; Pigeon and Bee **Ukraine**; The Magic Acorn **Russia**; Wild Strawberries **Britain**; Eagle and Owl **Wales**; Hare's Ears **Siberia**; The Hedgehog and Hare **Germany**; Little Lark, Robin Redbreast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

Nature Tales

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ISBN	9781800785083
H x W	265 x 228mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Dawn Casey
Illustrator	Anja Sušanj
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Word Count	20000 words
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Rights Available	World

Enchanted Tales



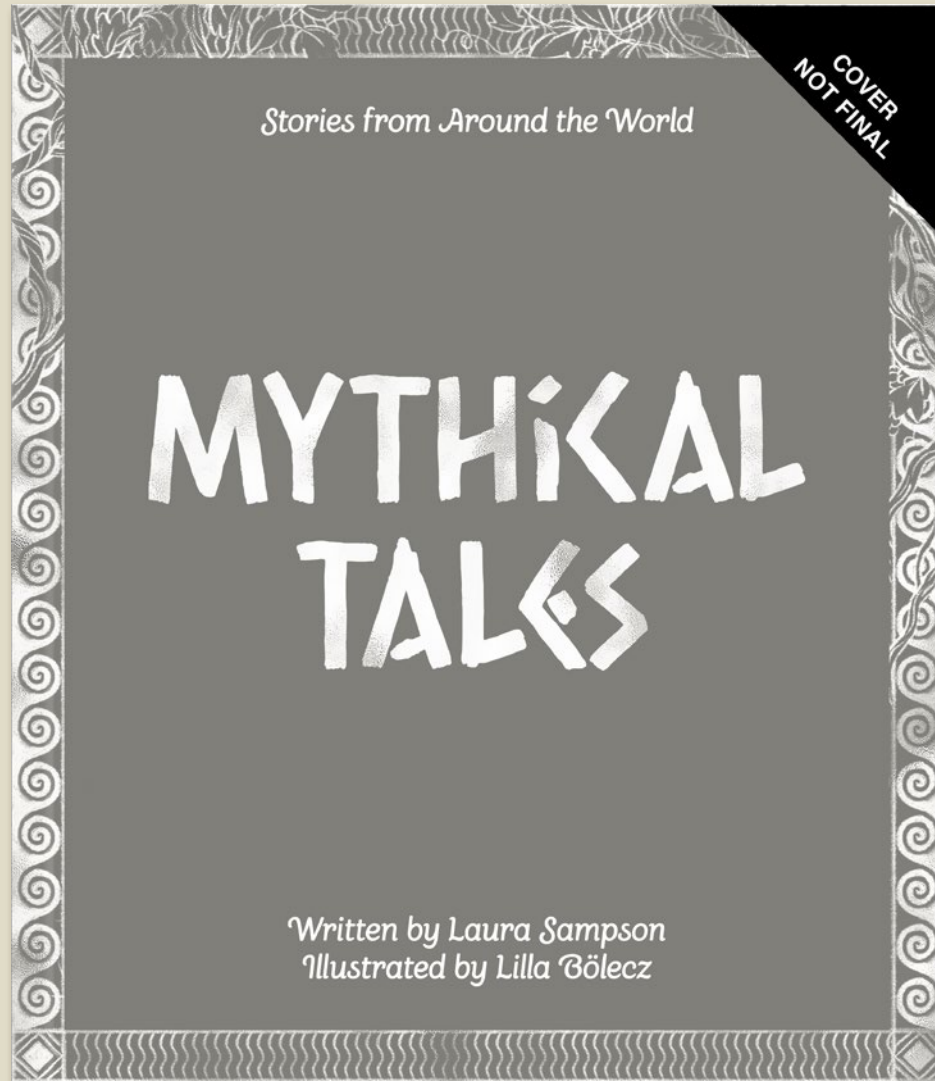
A spellbinding treasury of magical tales

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

Enchanted Tales



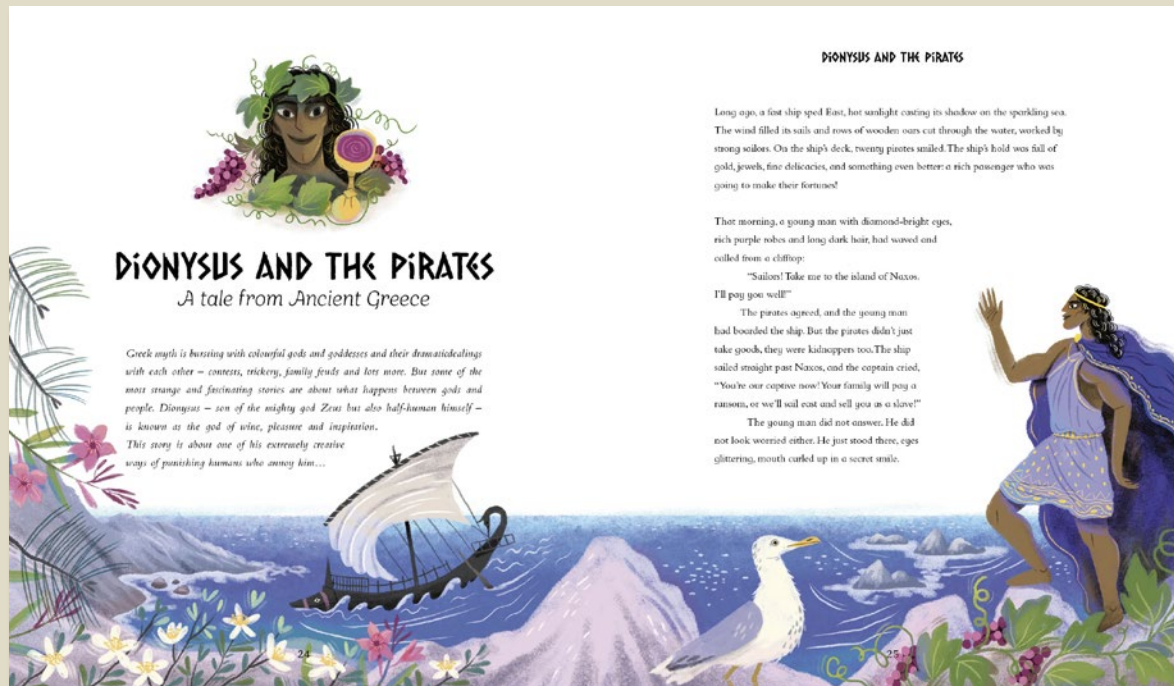
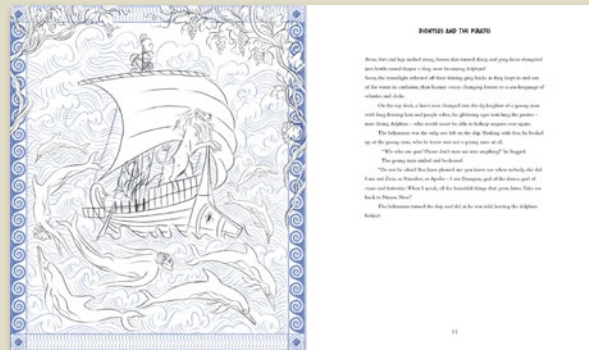
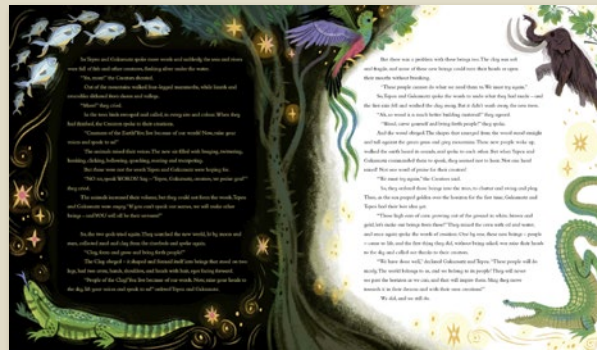
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A magical treasury of mythical tales.

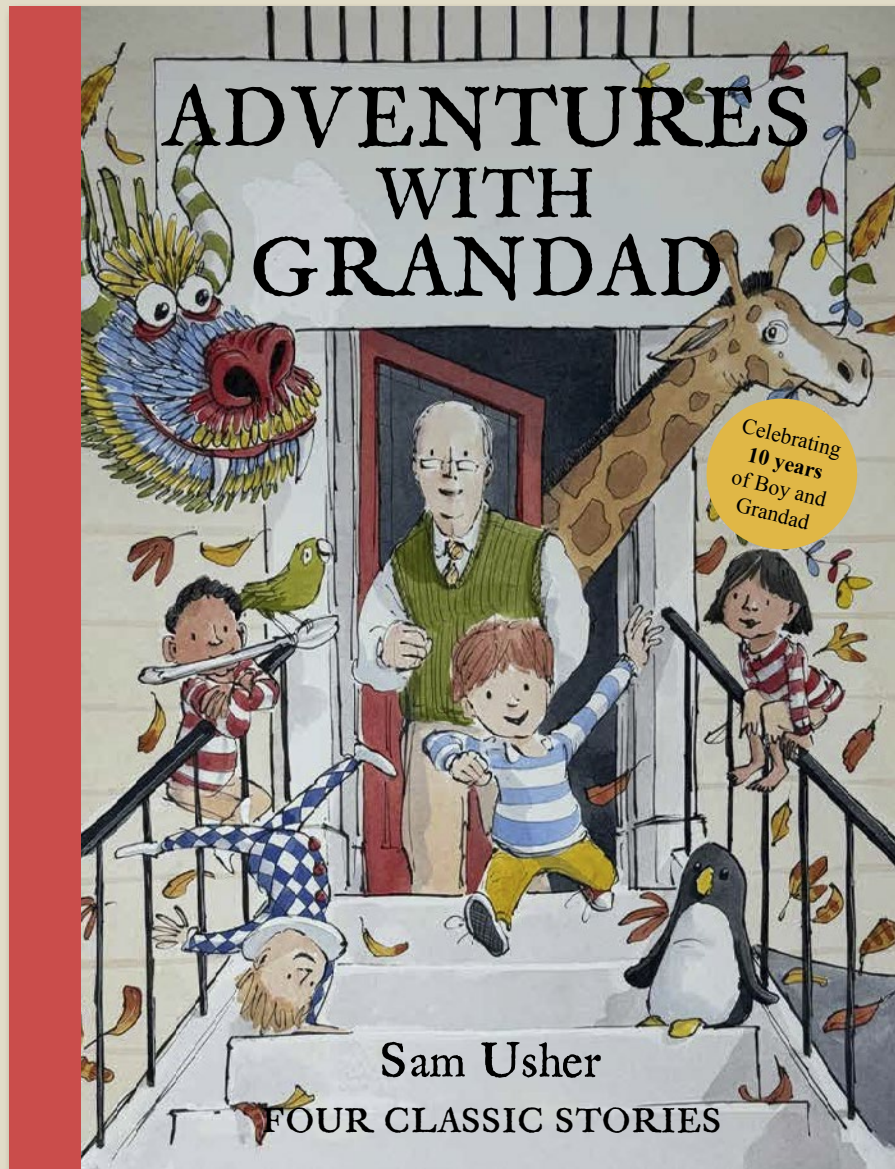
- A timeless treasury that speaks to all ages, following on from the success of *Star Stories* (2018), *Winter Tales* (2020), *Enchanted Tales* (2023) and *Nature Tales* (2024)
- *Star Stories* sold into 12 territories, *Winter Tales* has sold into 18 territories and *Enchanted Tales* has sold into 11 territories.
- With universal appeal, this collection of stories includes stories from cultures on every continent.
- Cover finishes: arlin and foil

Mythical Tales



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Pub Price	£16.99
ISBN	9781800788398
H x W	265 x 228mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Laura Sampson
Illustrator	Lilla Bölec
Extent	96pp
Word Count	20000 words
Translation Files	10/02/2025
Files To Printer	05/05/2025
Freight On Board	10/07/2025
Rights Available	World

Adventures with Grandad



An exquisite anniversary edition to treasure throughout all seasons

- Sam Usher's Seasons quartet has sold over 200,000 copies across the globe.
- An anniversary edition that celebrates 10 years since *Snow's* initial publication, featuring exclusive rough artwork, a foreword by Sam.
- Sam Usher's signature, swooping illustrations capture the joyful bond between children and their grandparents, and the excitement of embarking on new adventures in the natural world.
- Luxury finishes make this perfect for gifting - 100% foil and deboss.

Adventures with Grandad

Pub Date	10/10/2024
Pub Price	£20.00
ISBN	9781800789920
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Author	Sam Usher
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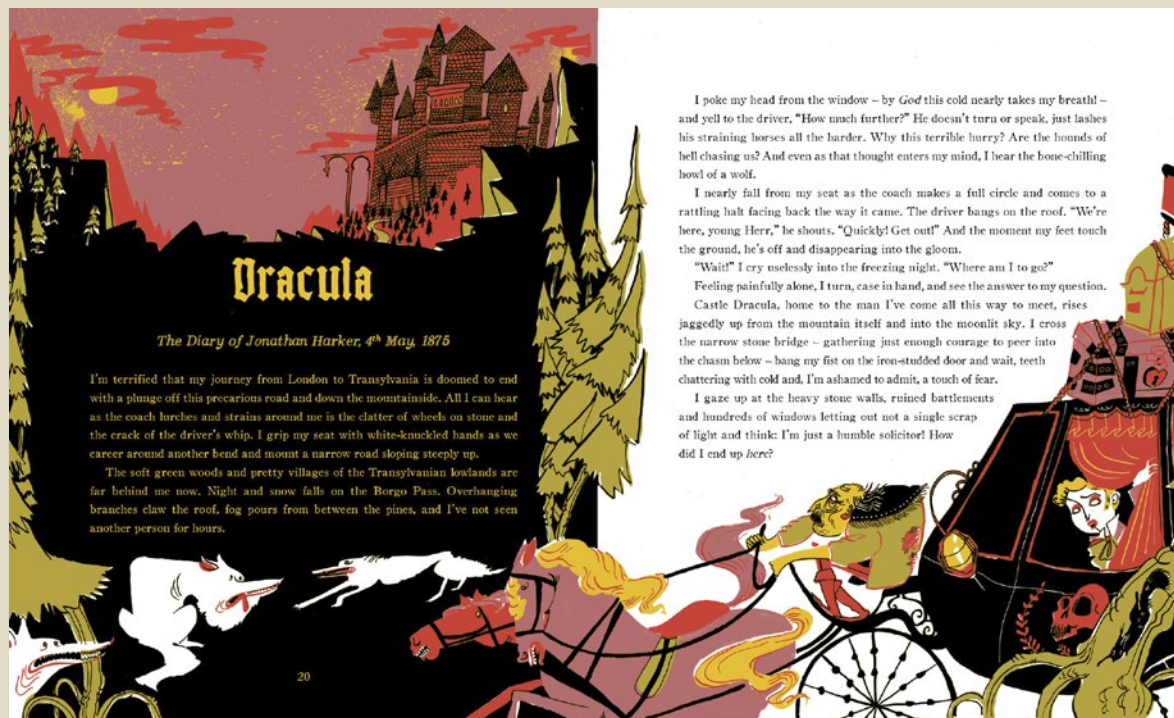
Tales of the Damned



An anthology of terrifying tales from around the world.

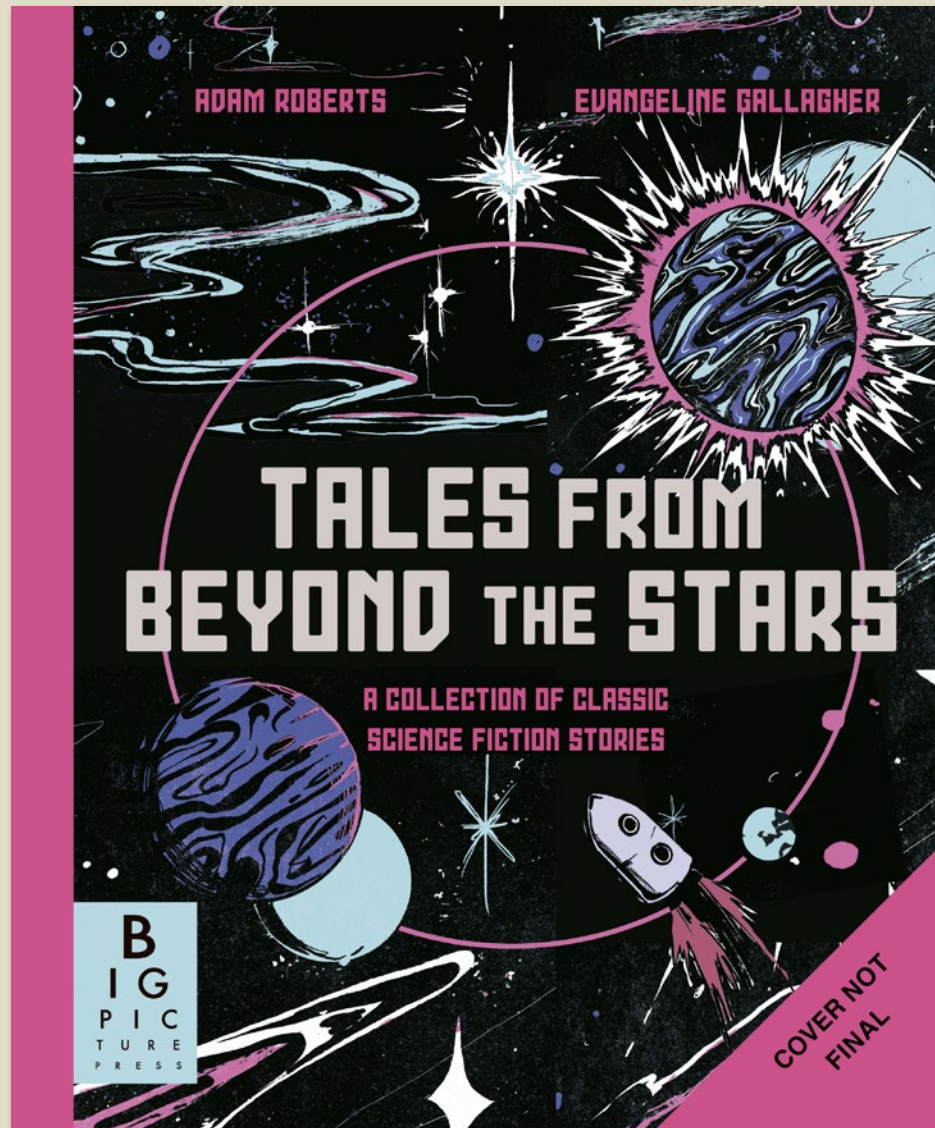
- Stories will be broken up with a series of 'theme' spreads, which will add a non-fiction element to the book. These spreads cover everything from the rise of the horror genre to famous monsters and vampire mass hysteria.
- There's a gap in the market for striking, beautifully illustrated horror anthology.
- Contents: The Mask of Red Death by Edgar Allen Poe; Edgar Allen Poe and the Birth of Horror Literature (NF); Dracula; Vampire Mass Hysteria (NF); The Monkey's Paw; Zombies and the Undead (NF); Red Riding Hood; The Original Dark Fairy Stories (NF); Frankenstein; Mary Shelley and the impact of Frankenstein (NF); Whistle and I'll Come To You; Ghosts and the Victorians (NF); Baba Yaga; Witches (NF); Bluebeard; Blood and Gore (NF)

Tales of the Damned



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Pub Price	£20.00
ISBN	9781800781696
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Age Range	Adult
Author	Matt Ralphs
Illustrator	Taylor Dolan
Extent	128pp
Word Count	25000 words
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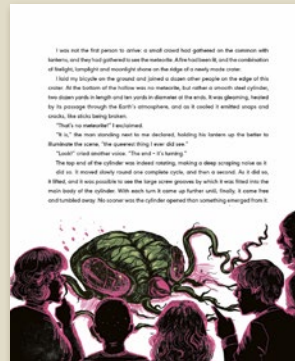
Tales from Beyond the Stars



An anthology of classic science fiction stories.

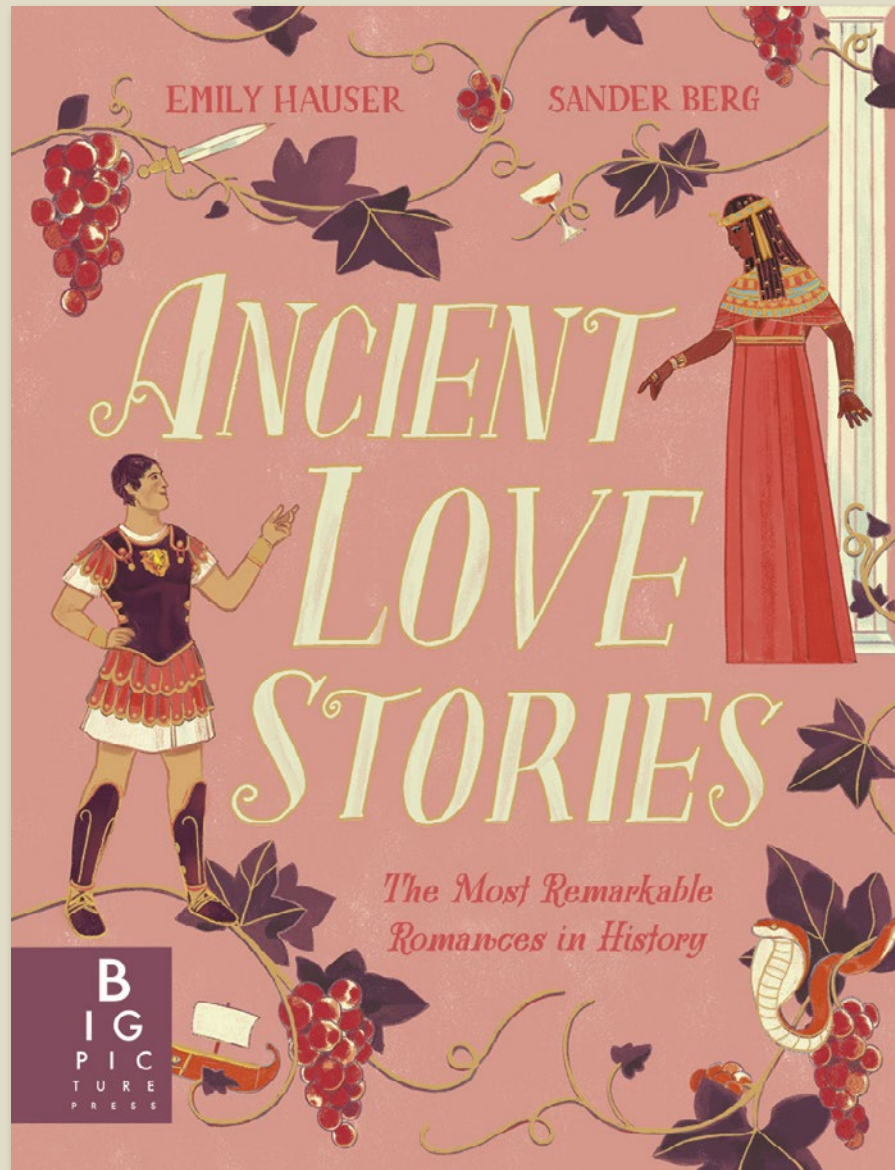
- Stories will be broken up with a series of 'theme' spreads, which will add a non-fiction element to the book. These spreads cover everything from the rise of the science fiction genre to how it has inspired real life inventions.
- There's a gap in the market for a striking, beautifully illustrated science fiction anthology.
- Evergreen publishing with strong backlist potential and global appeal.
- An opportunity to expand the Big Picture Press list into the adult gift market.
- Resurgence of interest in titles that offer readers 'escapism' on TikTok, including fantasy and science fiction

Tales from Beyond the Stars



Pub Date	07/11/2024
Pub Price	£20.00
ISBN	9781800786752
H x W	230 x 190mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	Adult
Author	Adam Roberts
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Extent	128pp
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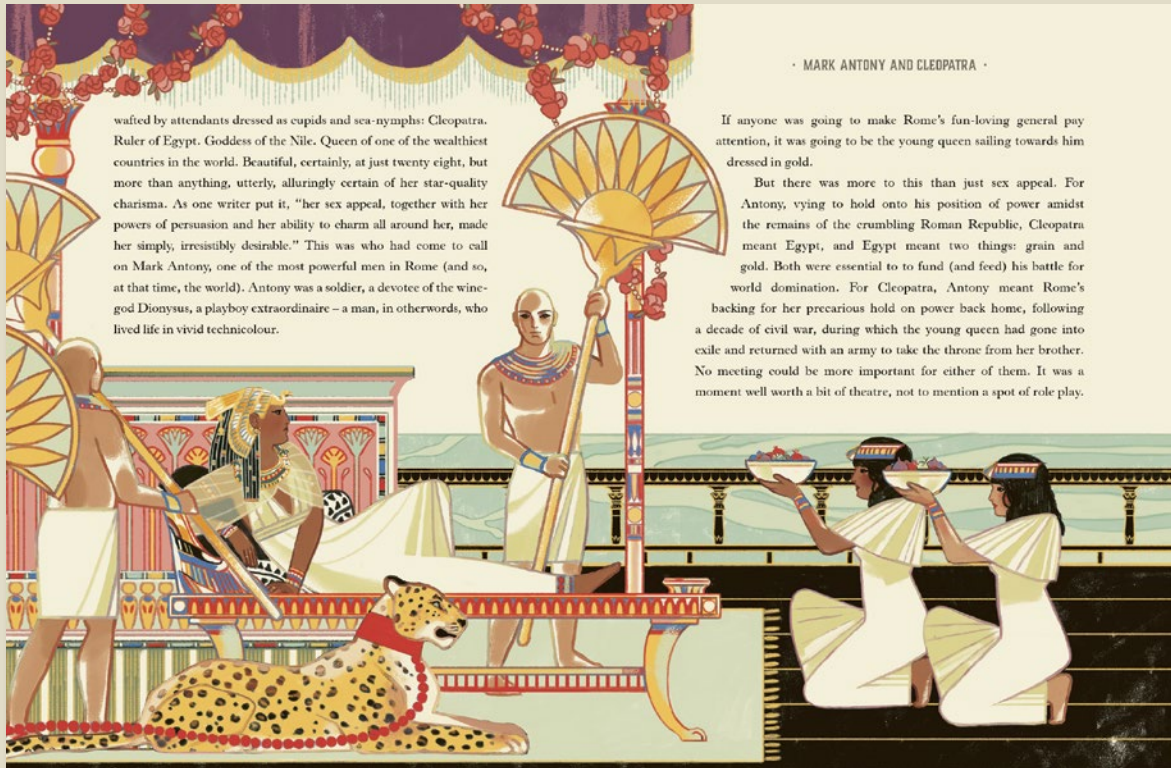
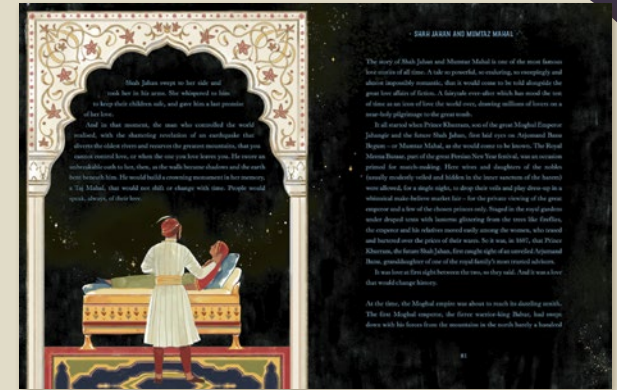
Ancient Love Stories



A striking collection of love stories from ancient history.

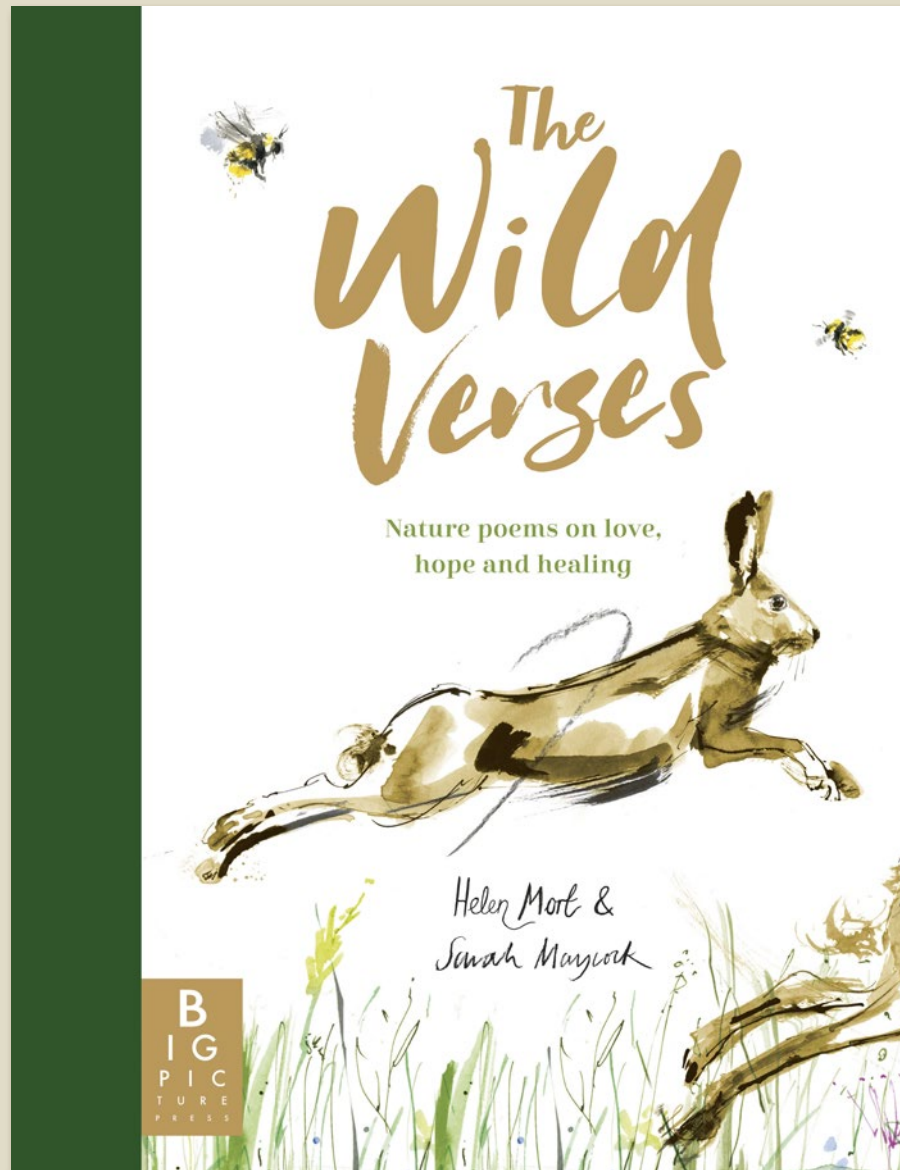
- Final contents - Sappho (ancient Greek), Nebuchadnezzar II and Amytis (Babylonian), The Sacred Band of Thebes (ancient Greek), Sima Xiangru and Zhuo Wenjun (Chinese), Mark Antony and Cleopatra (ancient Rome), The Lovers of Pompeii (ancient Rome), Hadrian and Antinous (ancient Rome), Eloise and Abelard (French), Frances Howard and Robert Carr (English), Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal (Indian), The Sanchos (USA)
- Written by award-winning classicist and author, Emily Hauser.
- Featuring a range of true stories from around the world, discover the astonishing lengths humankind have gone to in the name of love.
- A list of Sander's publishers: US - Penguin Random House; Germany - Knesebeck Von Dem GmbH

Ancient Love Stories



Pub Date	28/09/2023
Pub Price	£16.99
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Age Range	Adult
Author	Emily Hauser
Illustrator	Sander Berg
Extent	96pp
Rights Available	World

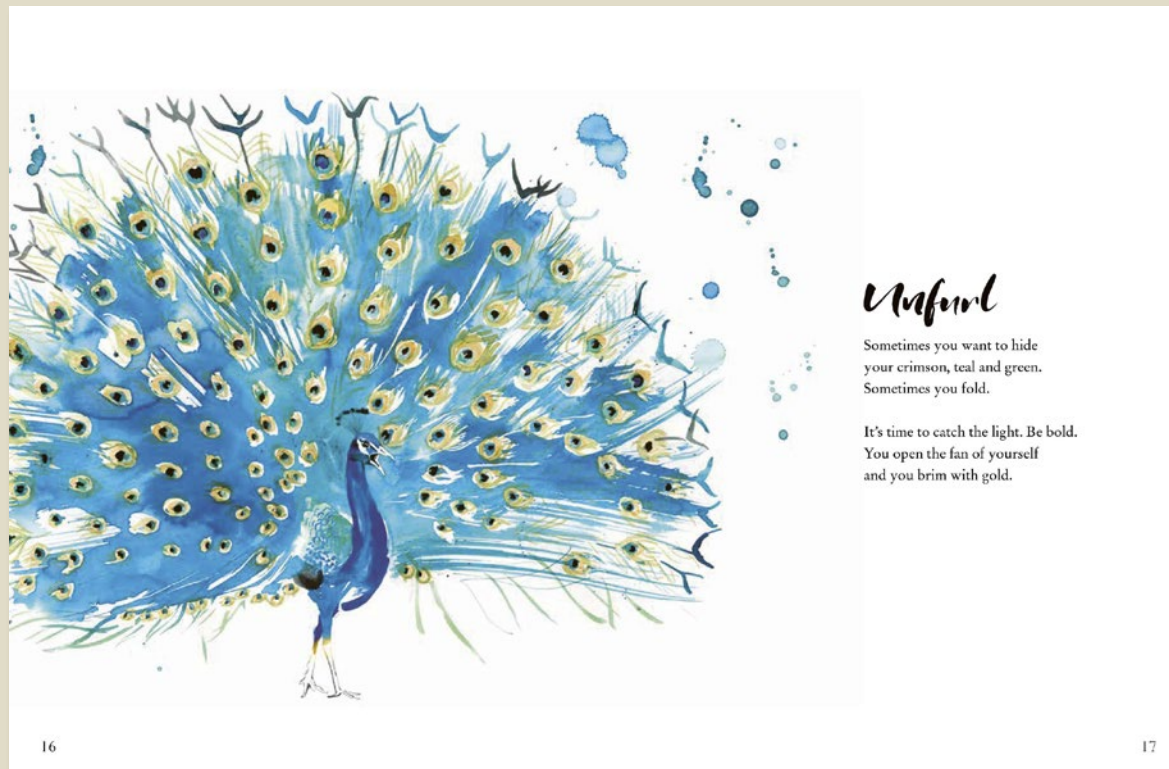
The Wild Verses



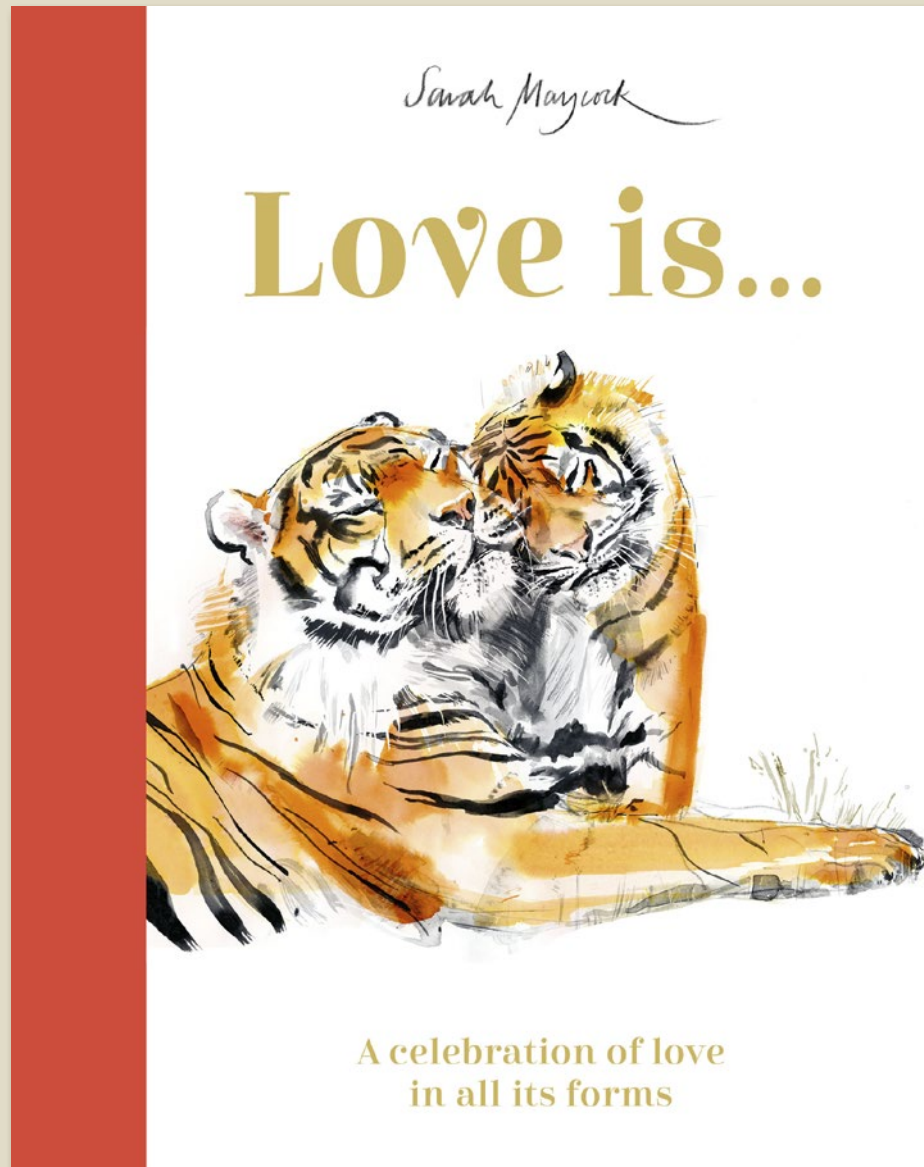
A striking poetry collection by Helen Mort.

- The book will be split into different sections/feelings - joy, hard times, love, loss etc.
- Tapping into the phenomenal success of books like *The Boy*, *the Mole*, *the Fox and the Horse* and *The Poetry Pharmacy*.
- An opportunity to reuse Sarah Maycock's artwork in a new format - for an adult audience
- The perfect offering for the Christmas gift market
- Luxy cover finishes - quarter binding and foil
- With poems by award-winning Helen Mort

The Wild Verses

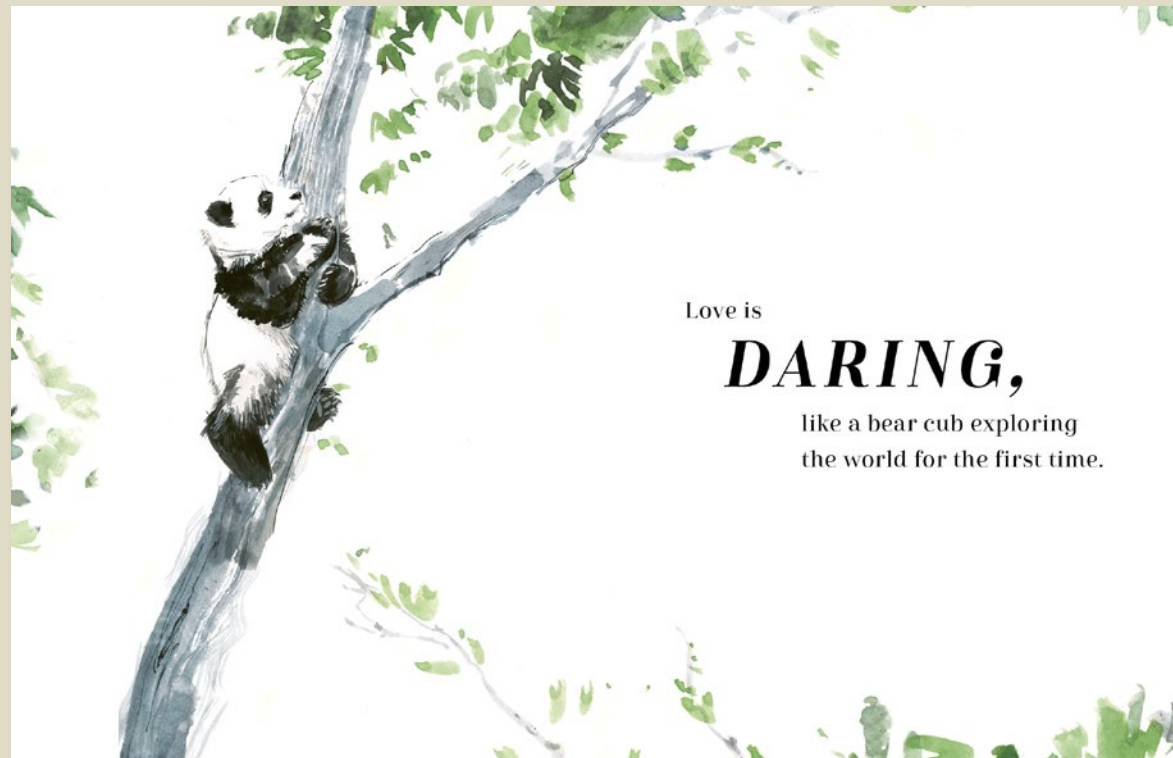
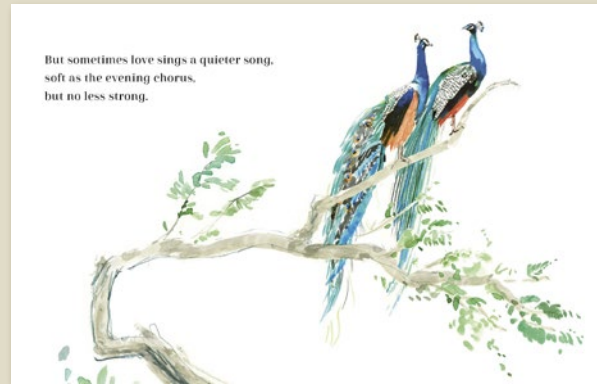


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Illustrator	Sarah Maycock
Extent	112pp
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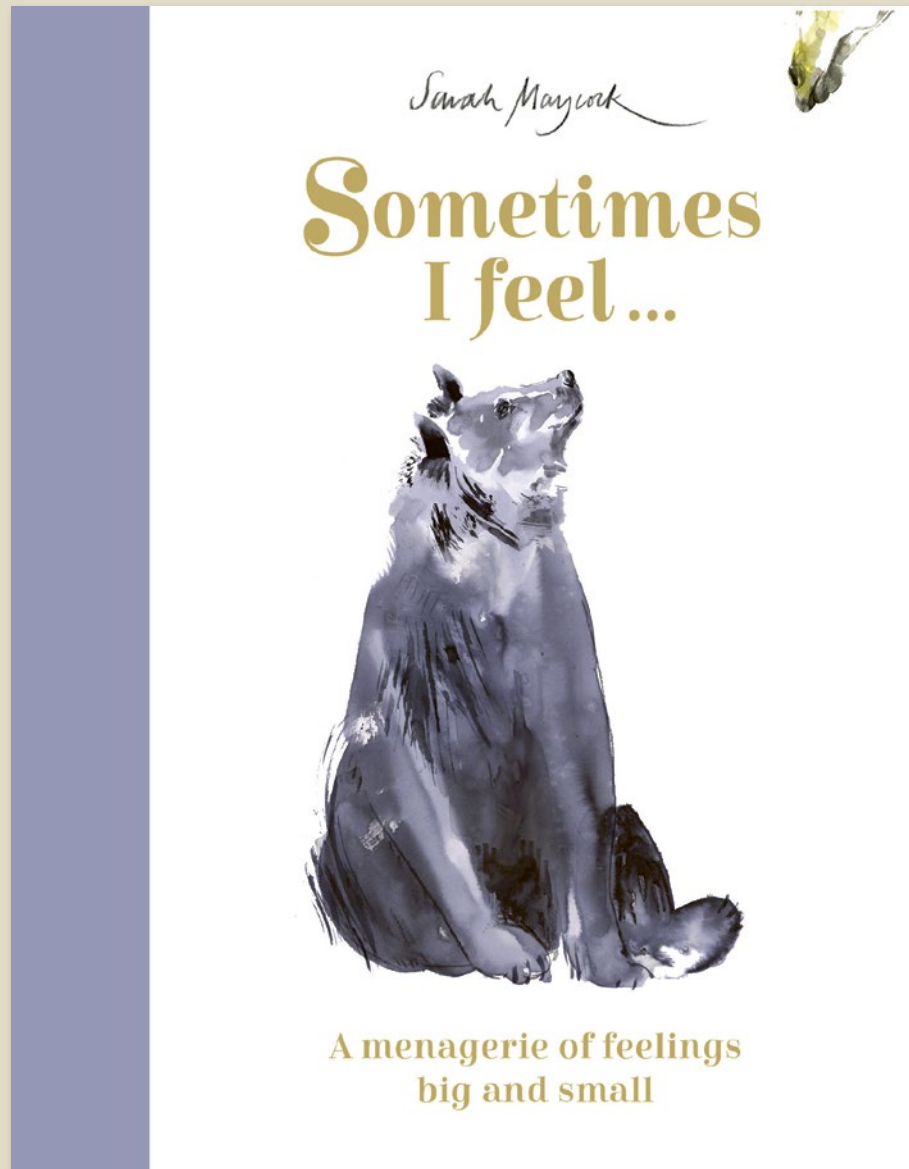
Mini gift celebrating love in all its forms

- A beautiful mini picture book that brings poetry and nature together in the most stunning of ways, perfect for gifting
- Promotes emotional awareness, empathy, and love in all its different forms
- Cover: graining with gold foil
- Sarah's bold, expressive artwork captures a creature's characteristics or the forces of nature in just a few swoops of ink, bringing each page to vivid life
- Sarah was selected as an It's Nice That Graduate in 2011 and her most recent work includes illustrations for the Natural History Museum's 2018 Whales exhibition.
- *Sometimes I feel* won the 2021 ALCS Educational Writers' Award



Pub Date	05/01/2023
Pub Price	£5.99
ISBN	9781800782259
H x W	169 x 132mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Lily Murray
Illustrator	Sarah Maycock
Extent	48pp
Word Count	250 words
Files To Printer	26/08/2022
Freight On Board	03/11/2022
Rights Available	World

Sometimes I Feel...



A mini hardback edition of Sarah Maycock's beautiful *Sometimes I Feel*.

- *Sometimes I Feel* has been used by several teachers in lessons, to teach emotional literacy.
- Smaller format and lower RRP to make this a covetable gift purchase.
- Sarah is an extraordinary talent and someone we'd love to publish more with (and is no doubt getting enquiries for other children's projects).
- Cover Treatments: grained cover with 100% gold foil

Sometimes I Feel...



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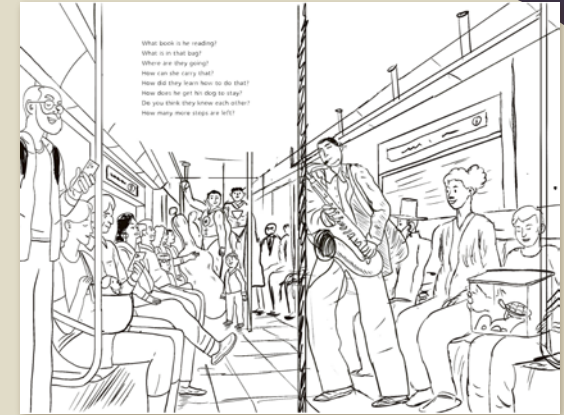
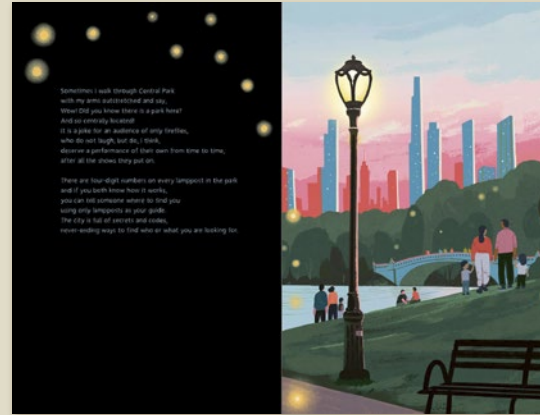
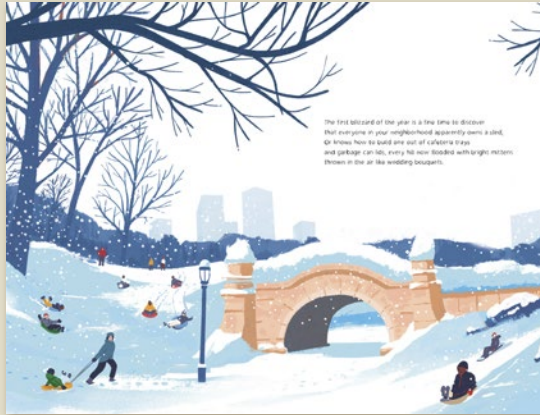
On The Streets of New York



A vibrant and collectable new series celebrating cities around the world – starting with New York.

- Beautifully presented and produced - with strong branding and a collectable feel.
- Each spread will act as a snapshot of a different part of the city. Non-fiction spreads at the back of the book will add further information about landmarks and history.
- Each book will be written by a poet from the city - who will be able to celebrate the hidden parts of the city, as well as the main landmarks.
- Paris proposed as book two
- Aimed at ages 7+ - perfect for reading aloud together.

On The Streets of New York



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Illustrator	Ryan Johnson
Extent	48pp
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Translation Files	19/08/2024
Files To Printer	09/12/2024
Freight On Board	27/02/2025
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Creature Features: Jungle



Match all 10 jungle animals together in this stylish jigsaw pair puzzle.

- Gorgeous fun artwork from the bestselling illustrator Natasha Durley
- Includes 10 x 2-piece die-cut puzzles (total size 180mm x 100mm)
- Match up all 10 jungle animals; Tiger, Elephant, Tortoise, Leopard, Toucan, Bat, Baboon, Frog, Rhino and Crocodile
- Cylinder packaging makes these easy to tidy and the perfect gift
- Suitable for ages 2+. Made from FSC materials.
- Creature Features Dinosaurs puzzle also in the range
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Creature Features: Jungle

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Creature Features: Dinosaurs



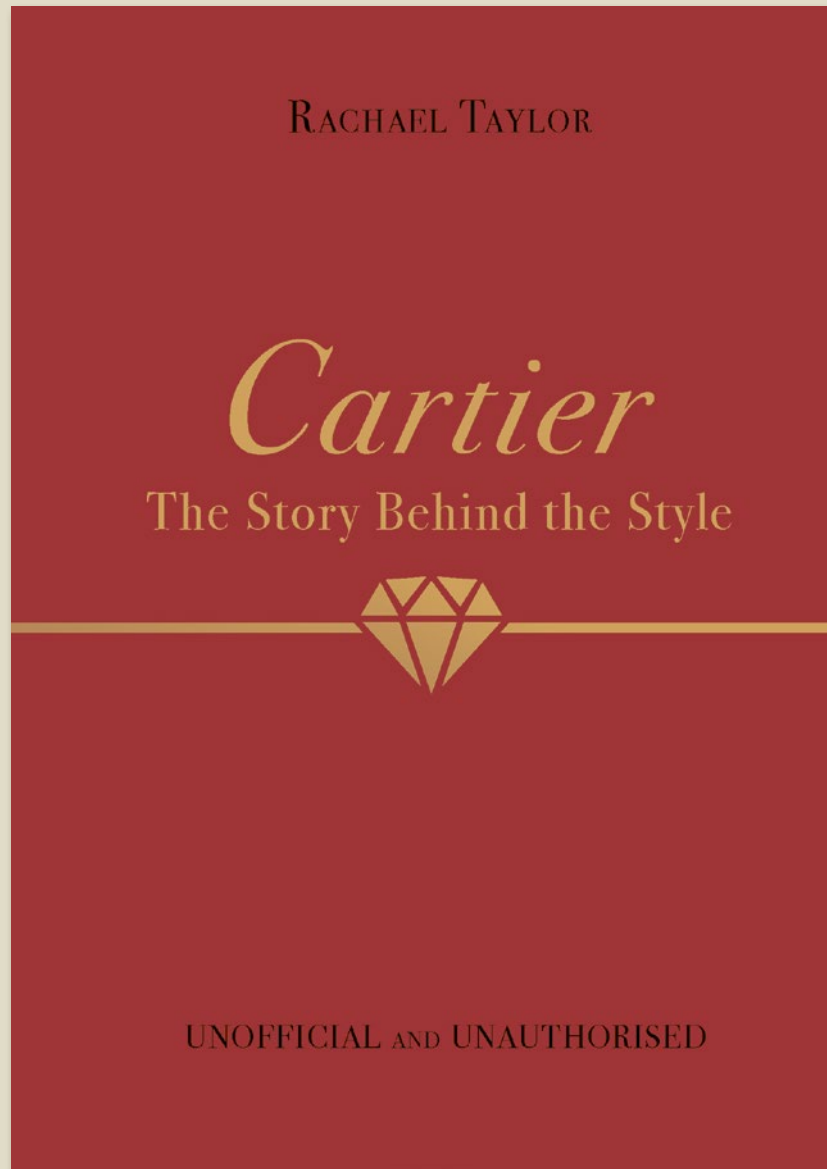
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The Beginnings of Cartier

The house of Cartier started with one man, Louis-François Cartier, but it would take a family to make it one of the most recognized and respected jewellers in history.

It was, in fact, Louis-François' father, Pierre Cartier, who set the dynasty in motion, although he could never have imagined the consequences of his actions at the time. Pierre had fought in the Napoleonic wars and spent time locked in the prison ships docked off the harbour at Portsmouth in Britain. When the war ended in 1815, Pierre returned to Paris, destitute and aimless. He would go on to find employment as a watchmaker and have five children with his wife Elisabeth, a washerwoman.

The eldest of the children born into this working-class Parisian family was Louis-François, and when he was barely out of school, his father sent him to work as an apprentice in a jewellery workshop owned by Adolphe Picard on Rue Montorgueil in Paris. It was a tough education – days were long and grueling and order was maintained with a whip – but he stayed and in 1847, at the age of 27, Louis-François bought the business from Picard, renaming it Cartier.

OPPOSITE: Cartier founder, Louis-François Cartier.



His makers mark – a symbol hallmarked into every piece of Cartier jewellery to authenticate it – was his initials, L. C., separated with an arc of letters playing cool, perhaps to a nod to the financial gamble he was taking. Luckily, the risk paid off and the Cartier business thrived and expanded. In 1896, Princess Mathilde, a cousin of Emperor Napoleon III, purchased one of its jewels, and the Cartier name was suddenly whispered among Parisian high society, even reaching the international elite. Three years later, Louis-François bought Gillon, a Parisian jeweller better known than his own, and renamed his business Cartier Gillon.

Louis-François' son Alfred Cartier took over the family business in 1874, but it was the arrival of his own three sons – the highly ambitious Louis, Pierre and Jacques – that would really shake up the jeweller and initiate its ascendancy to the global brand we know today. The brotherly revolution started with Louis, who joined the maison in 1898. A year later he spearheaded the remaining

PREVIOUS: Cartier founder, Louis-François Cartier, c.1845.

OPPOSITE LEFT: An illustration of Louis-François Cartier c.1845.

OPPOSITE RIGHT: Pierre Cartier playing golf in 1890.

of the business, stripping away Gillon to once again be known simply as Cartier. At the same time, the business opened a boutique at 13 rue de la Paix, just a stone's throw from Place Vendôme, the heartland of luxury jewellery in Paris. This venture was funded by an enormous dowry levied through a strategic arranged marriage to Antoinette Caroline Warch, granddaughter of world-famous composer Charles-François Warch.

Cartier garnered a reputation for innovation, and the title of jeweller would later live by a motto, 'Never copy, only create.' One of Louis' most successful experiments at the close of the 19th century was to use platinum in place of gold. This precious metal is now widely used by jewellers across the world, but at the time it was purely an industrial metal and thus revolutionary in the jewellery market. The white metal, which, unlike silver, does not tarnish, is highly malleable and allowed Cartier to create delicate, diamond-set jewels inspired by those owned by 18th-century French aristocrats, a stark contrast to the heavier, colorful, Romantic Art Nouveau jewels popular at the time. A signature Cartier Garsfield style emerged, swirling across platinum chains, necklaces and earrings, that won over well-heeled women, including royals, in Europe and the United States.

Pierre Cartier, the second eldest of the brothers, would be an agitator in his own right, championing the global expansion of the brand's retail empire. He started by opening a Cartier boutique on New Burlington Street in London in 1902, where the brand showcased a new style of geometric, abstract jewels with unusual colour combinations that would lay the foundations for the Art Deco jewellery movement.

The first decade of the 20th century was an important time for Cartier. In 1904, the jeweller received its first royal certificate from King Edward VII of Britain, and soon started to supply many other royal courts including those of Russia, Spain and Siam (now Thailand). In the same year, Louis Cartier created what he believed to be the first ever men's wristwatch for aviator Alberto Santos-Dumont.

Pierre, meanwhile, embarked on a journey to Russia; one that would prove profitable in commissions from its high society, but also as a source of inspiration that would shape Cartier's jewellery designs for years to come.

In 1909, Pierre would focus his wanderlust on America, opening a Cartier boutique on New York's Fifth Avenue; the precursor to its famous flagship store further up the street, the purchase of which he would famously broker a decade later in exchange for a string of pearls. Back in London, his younger brother Jacques stepped in to take over its British branch. That same year, Cartier moved uptown to a prestigious Bond Street address, where it remains to this day.

As Cartier's man in Britain, and, as such, jeweller to King George V, Jacques joined members of the aristocracy on a trip to India for the Delhi Durbar in 1911. It was an event

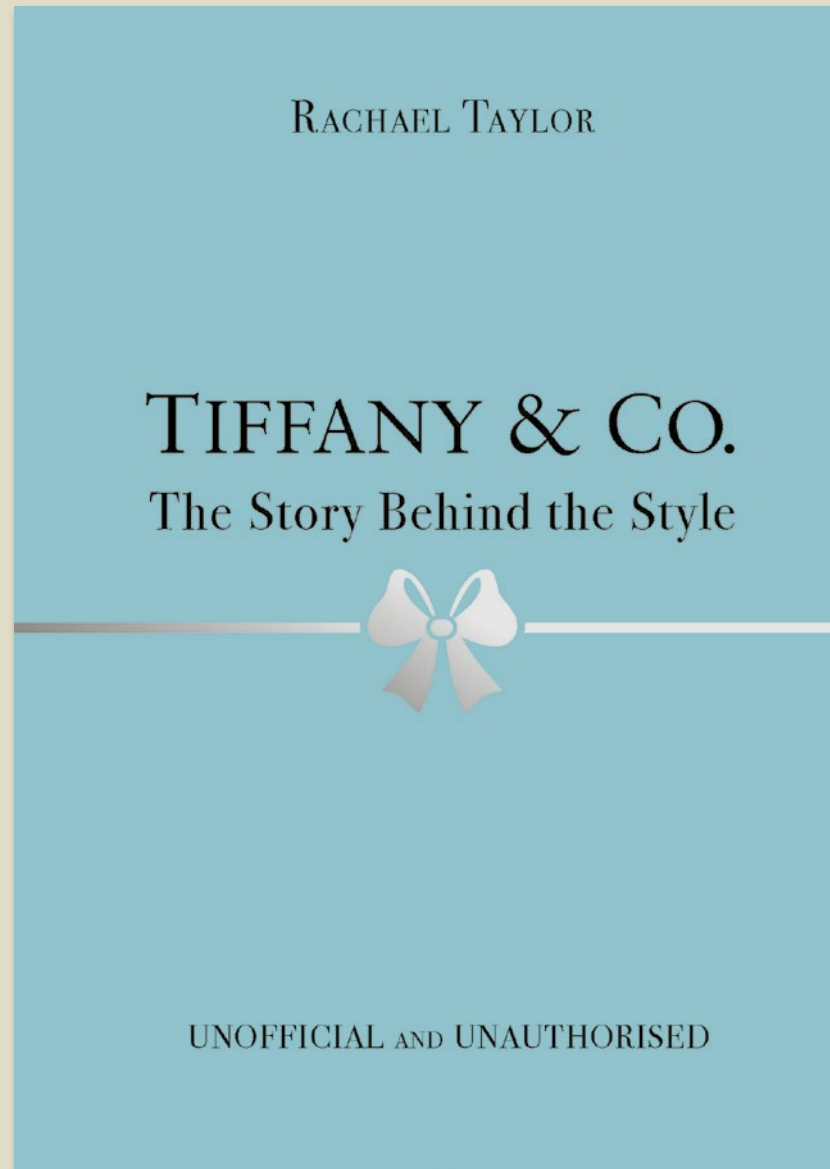


to commemorate the coronation of the King, with two weeks of festivities, during which King George V and Queen Mary would be proclaimed Emperor and Empress of India. This adventure to a new land would also prove to be a seminal trip for the house of Cartier. Jacques' sociable nature and love of travel would win ground-breaking commissions from India's rich, jewel-loving maharajas and inspire a whole new category of jewellery, pioneered by Cartier and much copied by other companies.

LEFT: Cartier platinum pendant watch set with diamonds, rubies and a pearl, c.1890-1910.

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The King of Diamonds: Charles Lewis Tiffany

Charles Lewis Tiffany, the man who would go on to win the moniker of New York's 'King of Diamonds', did not lead from a long line of jewellers. His start in life was more modest, making his name in high society all the more glittering.

Tiffany was born in 1812 in Canton and Ohio. Tiffany, and grew up in the small town of Killbuck, Connecticut. The major business of the town was the production of cotton goods, and the family owned a manufacturing company. Tiffany was educated at local schools in the area before joining his father in the family cotton business.

By 1837, Tiffany felt restless. No longer satisfied by working at home with his family, he began to envision how he could make his own mark in business. He turned up with a school friend, J. R. Young, and the duo set in motion a plan to open a stationary store in New York City. With a \$1,000 loan from Charles' father, the ambitious 25-year-old made the 150-mile journey north. The store, named Tiffany & Young, opened its doors at 259 Broadway that same year, and on its first day, \$4.98 rang through the till.

Tiffany & Young soon began to expand its remit, stocking glassware, cutlery, porcelain, clocks and jewellery, and began to develop a

OPPOSITE: Tiffany & Co. founder Charles Lewis Tiffany photographed by James Thomson Smith in 1902.



PREVIOUS:
An illustration of a jewellery display case, similar to those used by Tiffany & Co. in New York.

CONPOSITE:
A sketch of the Tiffany & Co. store at the Esplanade in Paris in 1865.

In 1853, Young and Ellis decided to retire from the business, but Charles Lewis Tiffany was far from finished. He found new partners to work with, and the business was, at this point, renamed Tiffany & Company. Tiffany would go on to build his empire, grabbing headlines along the way. By the 1860s, the business was well established as an expert in choice for the rich and the famous, both for its jewellery and its top-quality silver. In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln purchased a set of pearl necklaces and earrings from Tiffany & Co. for his wife Mary Todd Lincoln, who wore them to her husband's inauguration ball.

In 1870, Tiffany & Co. moved into a large new store in New York's Union Square, marking the beginning of a major decade for the jeweller one in which Charles Lewis Tiffany would earn the title the King of Diamonds. It was a single purchase that would truly justify Tiffany into the high-jewellery atmosphere – a 237-carat rough fancy yellow diamond. When cut and polished, what emerged was a diamond of staggering enormous proportions for a rare yellow diamond of that quality. It weighed 128.54ct and was named the Tiffany Diamond.

If the purchase of this new world famous stone, which is on permanent display at Tiffany & Co.'s Fifth Avenue store in New York, signalled Tiffany's intention to dominate the diamond market, his groundbreaking creation eight years later sealed the deal. Seeking to

celebrate the beauty of diamonds, Tiffany designed an engagement ring in 1886 that remains a sought-after classic to this day. The Tiffany Setting engagement ring kicked back against the over-fussy designs of the time with a clean, minimalist band and a six-prong setting that lifted the diamond above the ring. The purpose for this innovative setting was to allow light to flow through the stone, and therefore maximise the sparkle. It was a huge hit, and the iconic design has become synonymous with engagement rings.

Just 15 years before his death, Tiffany pulled off a final coup. The aftermath of the French Revolution that had gifted Tiffany an abundance of important gems in 1848 and its early credibility in high-jewellery circles rumbled on. In 1887, the French government was masterminding a plan to sell the crown jewels of its fallen monarchy. Outwardly, it claimed that a democracy such as France had no need for 'objects of luxury, devoid of usefulness and moral worth'. The rumour mill suggested that it was in fact afraid of a power grab by Bourbons, Orleanists or Bonapartists, who might use ownership of the jewels to claim a right to rule. Tiffany cared little for this political posturing, but he did see an opportunity in it. He travelled to Paris to attend the auction of the French crown jewels at the Louvre. He sat in the audience, ready to make his bids, along with fellow jewellers, including a young Frédéric Boucheron, and Orleanists, members of the French royal family, whose pockets proved too shallow on the day to win back their family heirlooms.

When the final strike of the gavel fell, Charles Lewis Tiffany had in his possession close to a third of the historic crown jewels. He placed them in specially crafted red-leather boxes, embossed in gold with the words *Diamants de la Couronne*, translating from French as Crown Diamonds. Inside, impressed on the silk lining in the lid, was Tiffany & Co. New York and Paris, thus securing Tiffany & Co.'s place in the history books as a purveyor of royal jewels and his own coronation as the King of Diamonds.



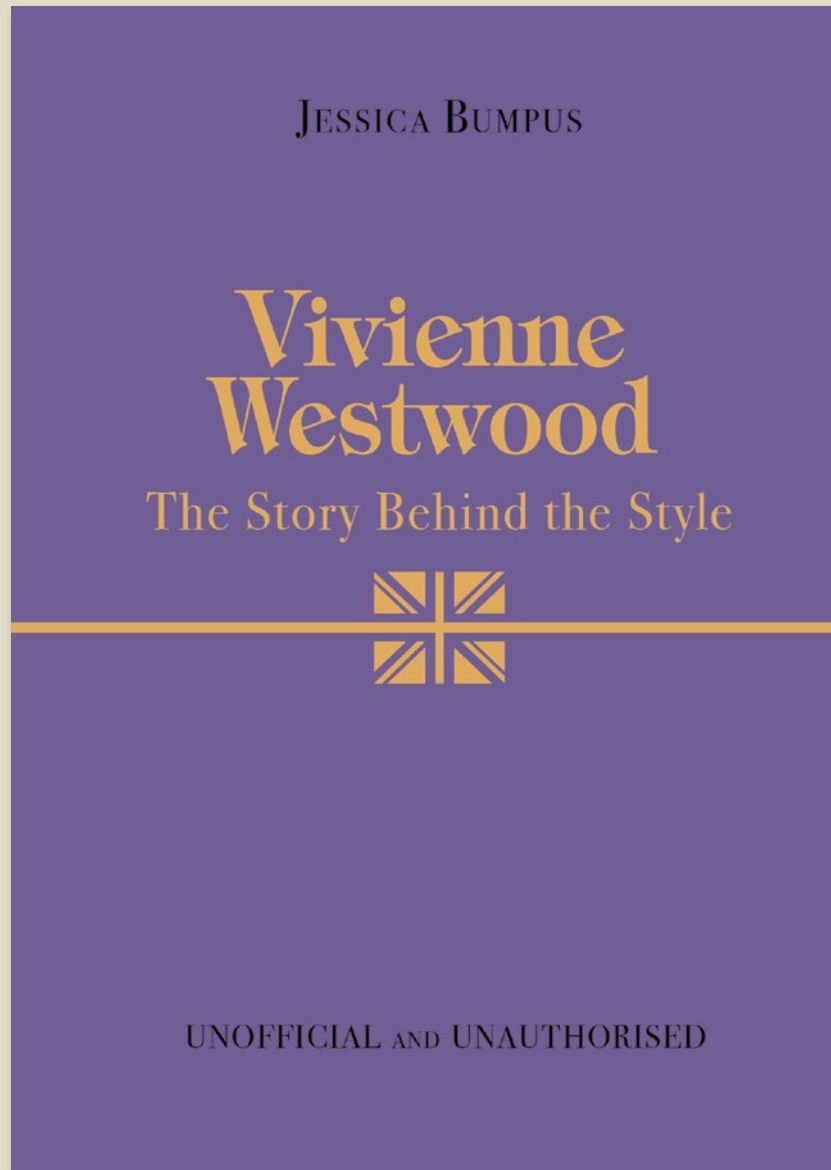
LEFT:
The Tiffany & Co.
flagship store in
New York.

BELOW:
A gold,
diamond and
enamel floral
brooch, made
by Tiffany & Co.
in 1890.



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Derbyshire Days

Vivienne Isabel Swire was born on April 8 1941 to Gordon and Dora Swire at the Partington Maternity Home, Glossop. The future fashion revolutionary had one sister, Olga Swire, born 1945, and one brother, Gordon Swire, born 1946. She grew up in the parish of Tintwistle, Derbyshire (which was formerly part of Cheshire until 1974), both during and after World War II, enjoying what has been recounted as a fairly idyllic childhood, living at the semi-constructed Millbrook Cottage and playing outside until late.

The young Swire clan were encouraged to be creative and make things more than they were encouraged to read. Vivienne knew from a young age that she was good at making things, notably models at school, and she especially enjoyed sewing classes. Her mother would often make them clothes, and worked as a weaver in a local cotton factory.

The young Vivienne – who remembers having a passion for sport from an early age – attended Hollingworth and Tintwistle Primary Schools from 1946 to 1952, at which point she passed the scholarship exam for Glossop Grammar School. She continued to be good at art during her time at Glossop Grammar, and considered attending art school.

Among Westwood's most formative fashion memories are the make-do-and-mend philosophy that came to define

Britain in austerity, as well as the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, when Vivienne was 12 years old. The influence of these two events can be seen throughout every era of her designs, and the make-do-and-mend philosophy is evident in the motto "Buy Less. Choose Well. Make it Last", which the brand still promotes to this day. She expertly blended the elements of customisation, tradition and austerity together to create her own unique brand, which is now contrasted by her husband Andreas Konevskis.



LEFT: Vivienne Westwood's childhood home in Tintwistle, Derbyshire. RIGHT: Vivienne Westwood's childhood home in Tintwistle, Derbyshire.

Malcolm McLaren

Westwood met Malcolm McLaren in 1965. An art student and a friend of her younger brother, Gordon, he would go on to become her creative collaborator for almost the next 20 years. McLaren is an enigmatic figure with the punk movement as Vivienne, and their partnership is legendary. He was something of a maverick of marketing stunts and disruption, before such things became commonplace in contemporary fashion. The pair were in a relationship for a time but never seem to have married.

Malcolm was interested in politics and was fascinated by the French Situationists, a creative culture of writers and artists who wished to eradicate capitalism through acts of everyday life. He was a driving force in bringing politics, provocations, society and culture into Westwood's world. She found him to be charismatic and knowledgeable, but also full of contradictions.

In 1967, they had a son, Joseph Ferdinand Gervais, who would go on to follow in his parents' footsteps and enter the world of fashion. He founded the very successful lingerie company, Agent Provocateur.

It was in the early 1970s that McLaren and Westwood began to build their empire. McLaren, by this point, had left art school and Vivienne was about to quit teaching. The plan had been to sell vintage records together, and there was talk of setting up a stall. But a retail opportunity – via a new

friend – on King's Road was about to arise.

Tommy Roberts, of the legendary Mr Freedom fashion business, took over the lease of 438 King's Road in 1969. He and his business partner, the fashion entrepreneur Trevor Miller, were well-known for their eclectic and daring fashion eye which appealed to the glitzier of the 1960s. It was under Miller's control the shop was renamed Paradise Garage, the spot was already well-known for fashion.

Vivienne and Malcolm, who were regulars on King's Road, ended up moving the back of 438 King's Road, before taking the whole thing over and rebranding it. It would be known over the coming years as Let It Be Rock, Too Fast To Live, Too Young To Die and Sex and Sublimation, all of which would encompass the raucous, confrontational and non-conformist nature of McLaren and Westwood. Eventually the shop would come to define the varied-but-defined style we know as punk today.



LEFT: Vivienne Westwood and Malcolm McLaren in 1977. RIGHT: Vivienne Westwood in 1977.



A Revolutionary is Born

There are few British designers, or brands, that have made quite as much of an impact on the fashion landscape as Vivienne Westwood. A fashion designer of both cult and commercial success (which is a rare combination), she was a punk and a pioneer, a rebel and a provocateur, an activist and a change-maker.

Over the course of a career that spanned half a century, Dame Vivienne Westwood would become synonymous with the British punk scene. Punk is what immediately springs to mind for most when her name is mentioned, along with the King's Road, corsets, platforms, tartan, crinolines, pirate boots, sustainability and climate change awareness. The list goes on. Her shows and interviews have become legendary – she is famous for using fashion as a platform to speak out on the issues she cared most about.

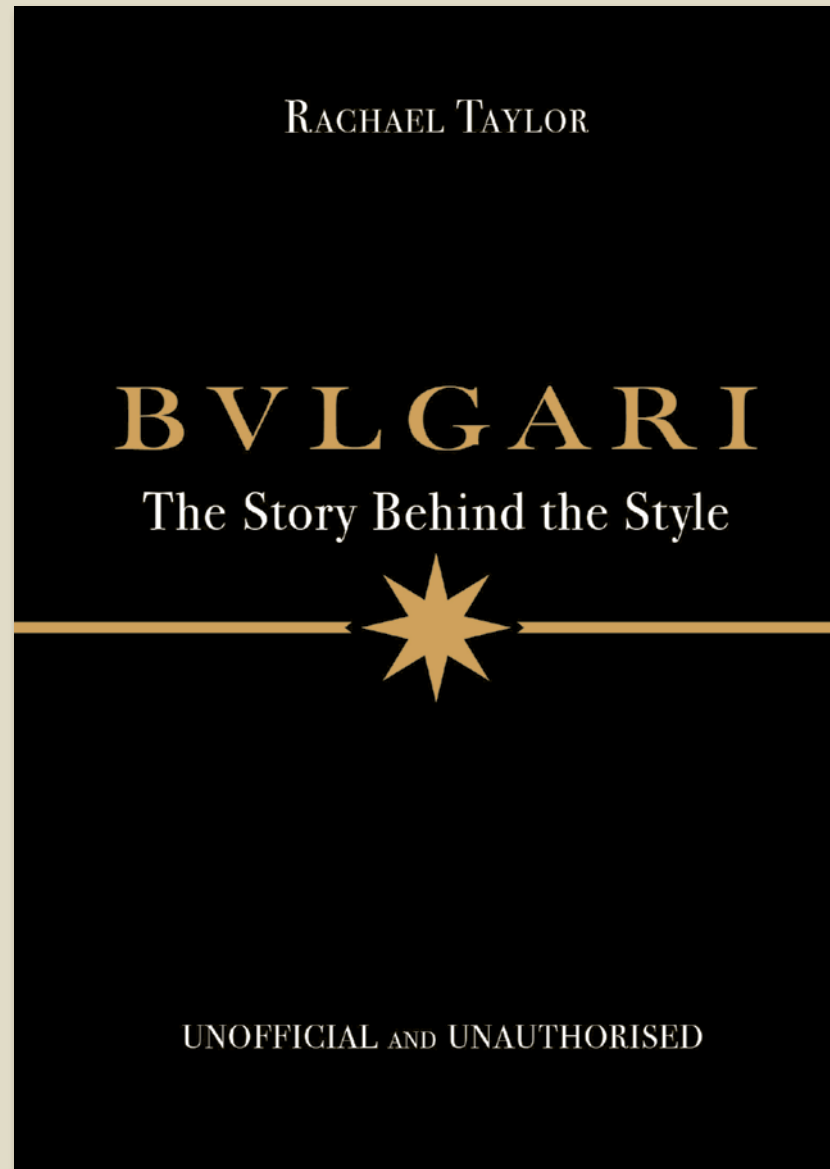
There is no doubt that Westwood's affinity for fashion history has helped her designs stand out. They are often historically informed, yet never to the point that they look odd. Where something shouldn't work, it always did, thanks to Vivienne's ability to balance the old with the modern – she was a genius when it came to style mashups. And the original Vivienne Westwood aesthetic rooted in a DIY approach never fully went away. Her designs feel intrinsically British and perfectly eccentric.



ABOVE: Vivienne Westwood takes her bow at the spring/summer 2018 London Fashion Week Men's collections, June 2017.

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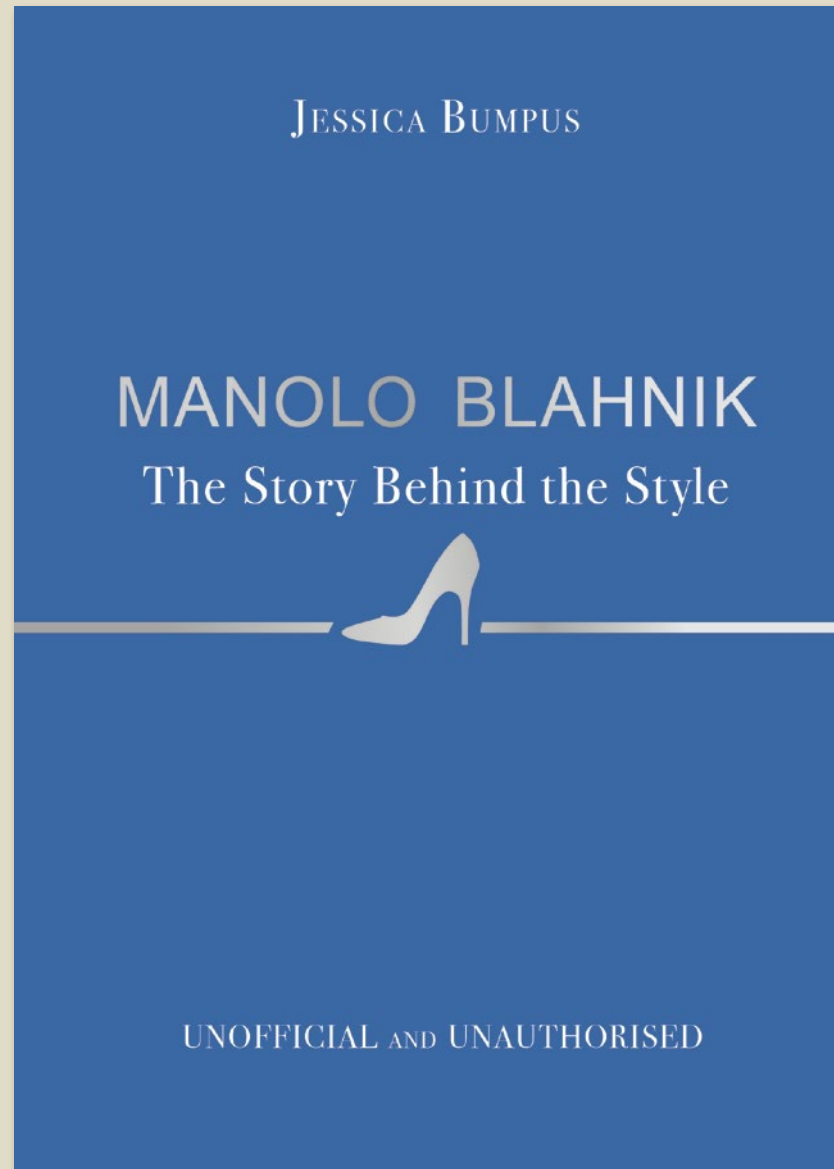
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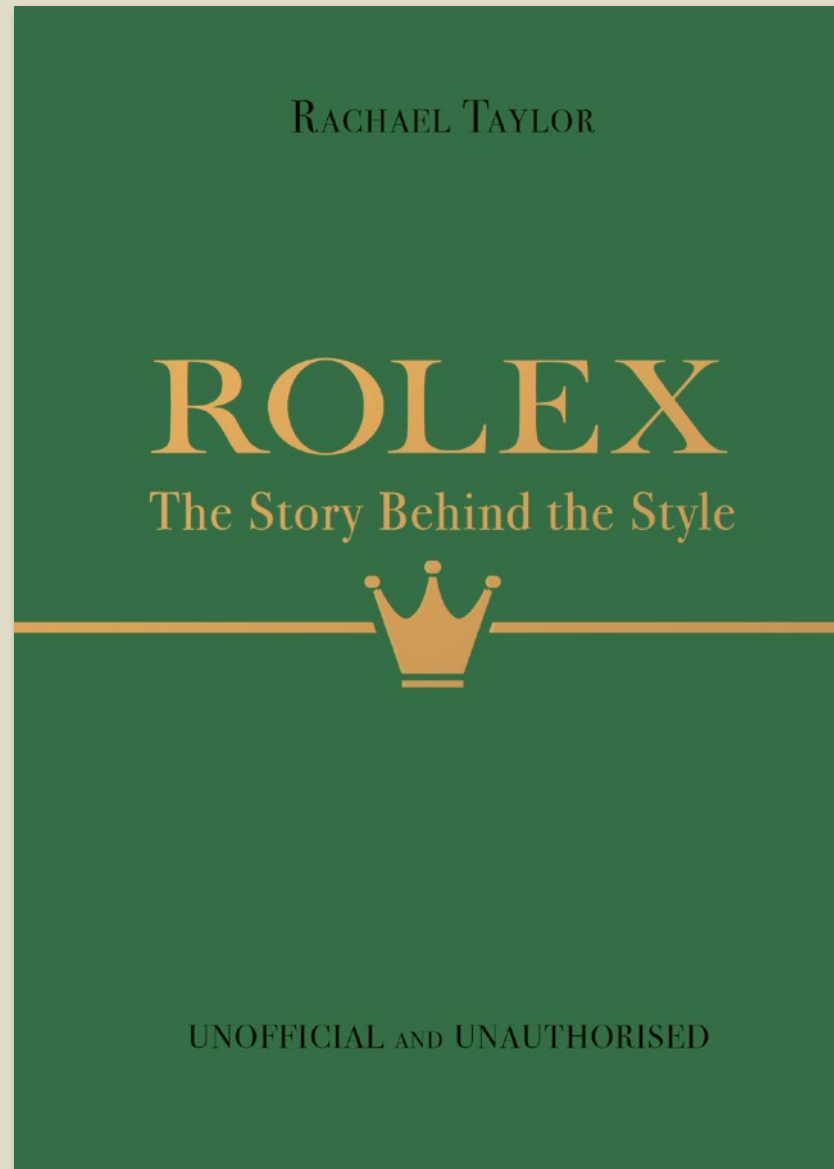
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The World's Most Famous Watch Brand

Rolex has become shorthand for luxury. There is no watch you can strap on to your wrist that will be recognised for the status symbol it is quicker than a Rolex. And for many, this is the appeal.

Yet there was a time when the name Rolex – a word completely made up by the brand's founder Hans Wilsdorf – was not famous. It would take hard work, boundary pushing and a lot of self-belief on the part of Wilsdorf, a German orphan, to jettison the name into the upper echelons of horology; starting with convincing the pocket watch-wearing gentleman of the early 20th century that they wanted to wear the time on their wrist at all.

As you will discover, Rolex won its place in history by constantly questioning what was possible and innovating at all costs. It pioneered so many elements of watchmaking and design that are standard today, such as waterproof watches, placing a date window on the dial, and even removing the need to wind our watches.

It also found its way into some of the most exciting moments in history by placing Rolex watches on the wrists of adventurers and explorers. Its watches have travelled to the world's highest peaks and to the depths of the ocean; they have survived extremes of temperature, speed and pressure.

The story of Rolex is so much more than that of its watches. It is one of epic ambition and vision. What started out as a one-man band in London's Hatton Garden would become the epicentre of the Swiss watchmaking industry, and one of the most recognisable and coveted brands in the world.



ABOVE: A Rolex boutique in the GUM State Department Store on Red Square in Moscow.

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