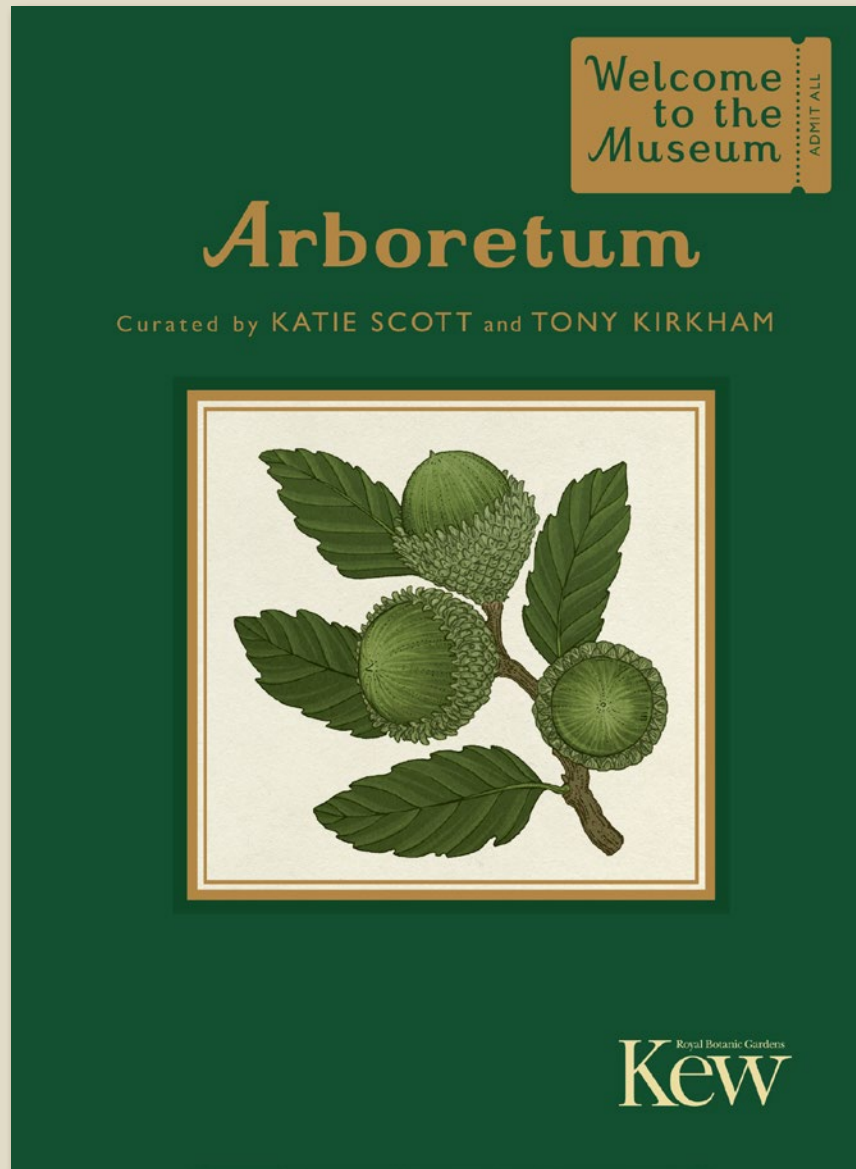




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Arboretum Mini Gift



An elegant mini edition of Katie Scott and the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew's beautiful *Arboretum*.

- Beautiful mini gift package makes this the perfect gift
- Foil, deboss and arlin cover finishes, plus a ribbon
- Written by retired Head of the Arboretum at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
- Stunning artwork by bestselling and much-loved artist Katie Scott
- **Celebrating 10 Years of Extraordinary Illustrated Books**
- Publishing in collaboration with the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Arboretum Mini Gift



Boreal Conifers

One of the most ancient tree species, conifers are synonymous with boreal forests. Densely packed green firs, spruces and pines all tower high above the dark, damp ground below, while in autumn, the larch brightens up the scene with a warm golden glow.

Conifer basically means 'cone-bearing' and instead of flowers, these trees produce seeds in cones. Conifers are evergreen which means they start producing food as soon as they wake up after the winter and don't have to wait for new needles to grow. The larch is the odd one out. Being a deciduous conifer it loses its needles each year. However, larches have delicate needles compared to evergreen conifers, so they are

quicker and easier to grow.

Although their growth is slow, conifers have adapted to be able to cope with the harsh weather. Their recognisable narrow, conical-shaped canopies are made up of flexible branches that sweep outwards. This design helps to shed heavy snowfall and reduce the potential damage to the branches from snow and strong winds.

Key to plate

- 1 Balsam fir
Abies balsamea Height: 25m
Needles and cones
- 2 Black spruce
Picea mariana Height: 15m
a) Needles b) Seed cones and leaves
- 3 American larch
Larix laricina Height: 25m
Needles and cones
- 4 Larch spruce
Picea canadensis Height: 20m
a) Female cones b) Male cones

TEMPERATE CONIFER FORESTS

Boreal Broadleaves

Although boreal forests, or 'taiga', are dominated by conifers, there is also a very small but hardy selection of broadleaved trees present, including poplars, willows and birches.

While generally short-lived species, rarely reaching 100 years, these trees have many characteristics that help them survive in the taiga. They can all grow, flower and fruit during the short summer, and then shed their leaves at just the right moment to prepare for the long winter. Their compact leaves have a small surface area, which means they can be produced quickly – ideally suited for a forest with a short growing season – and they are also able to withstand strong winds.

The broadleaved trees grow near water, making the most not only of the available moisture there, but also the light levels around lakes and rivers where there is no competition from the dense-leaved conifers. In the northern tundra, these trees are short and stunted but further south, towards the temperate broadleaved forest, they have straighter trunks and grow taller.

Key to plate

- 1: Speckled alder
Alnus incana subsp. *rugosa* Height: 22m
a) branch b) flower
- 2: Large-toothed aspen
Populus grandidentata Height: 25m
Leaf
- 3: American mountain ash
Sorbus americana Height: 12m
Leaves
- 4: Balsam poplar
Populus balsamifera Height: 30m
Flower
- 5: White birch
Betula papyrifera Height: 20m
a) trunk/bark b) male flower c) leaf
- 6: Moosewood
Acer pensylvanicum Height: 10m
a) leaf b) twig and buds c) trunk/bark

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TEMPERATE CONIFER FORESTS

Redwoods

The majestic redwoods are record-breaking conifers and include some of the largest and tallest trees on Earth. One impressive coast redwood called 'Hyperion' has reached the dizzying height of just over 115m. The oldest specimen on record is estimated to be 3,500 years old.

The dawn redwood grows in China, while the giant and coast redwoods grow in North America. The North American species are never found together: the coast redwoods grow in the fog belts of the Pacific coastline and the giant redwoods in open grassland further inland, on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Both trees have extremely wide trunks, defined by spongy, cinnamon-red bark, growing up to 60cm thick, and their evergreen branches start high up the trunk, which protects them from forest fires.

Unlike the two North American redwoods, the Chinese dawn redwood is a deciduous conifer with flat, feathery needle-like leaves and reddish-brown, fluted bark. Interestingly, it was first discovered in 1941 as a 150-million-year-old fossil tree dating from the Mesozoic Era. A few years later, a living specimen was found in Central China. Seeds were collected and distributed to arboreta around the world, where they grew today.

Key to plate

- 1: Coast redwood
Sequoia sempervirens Height: 115m
a) Tree b) Bark c) Male cones
- 2: Dawn redwood
Metasequoia glyptostrobilus Height: 50m
a) Bark b) Mature seed cones
- 3: Giant redwood
Sequoiadendron giganteum Height: 115m
a) Tree b) Bark c) Male cones
- 4: Seed of coast redwood



TEMPERATE BROADLEAF FORESTS

Habitat: Temperate Broadleaf Forest

Temperate deciduous forests make up some of the world's most dramatic biomes. These forests produce dappled light at the start of the growing season, transforming to lush greens, then bursting into blazing reds, oranges, yellows and browns before their leaves drop, leaving bare, skeletal structures to face the cold months ahead.

These magnificent forests occur mainly in the mid-latitude parts of the globe, encompassing parts of the United States, Canada, Europe, China, Korea, Japan and Russia and South America. All of these regions have four seasons, with no season getting too hot or too cold.

Annually, all these forests share similar genera of tree species, which include oaks, maples, beeches and ashes, but also have their own native species in each region. Beneath these forest giants, smaller shade-tolerant species such as dogwoods and sourwoods fill the understorey and shrub layers, mingling with ferns and mosses to create perfect hidden habitats for birds and small mammals. The forest floor itself is full of insects and fungi, who enjoy the rich, fertile soil created by falling leaves and decaying wood.

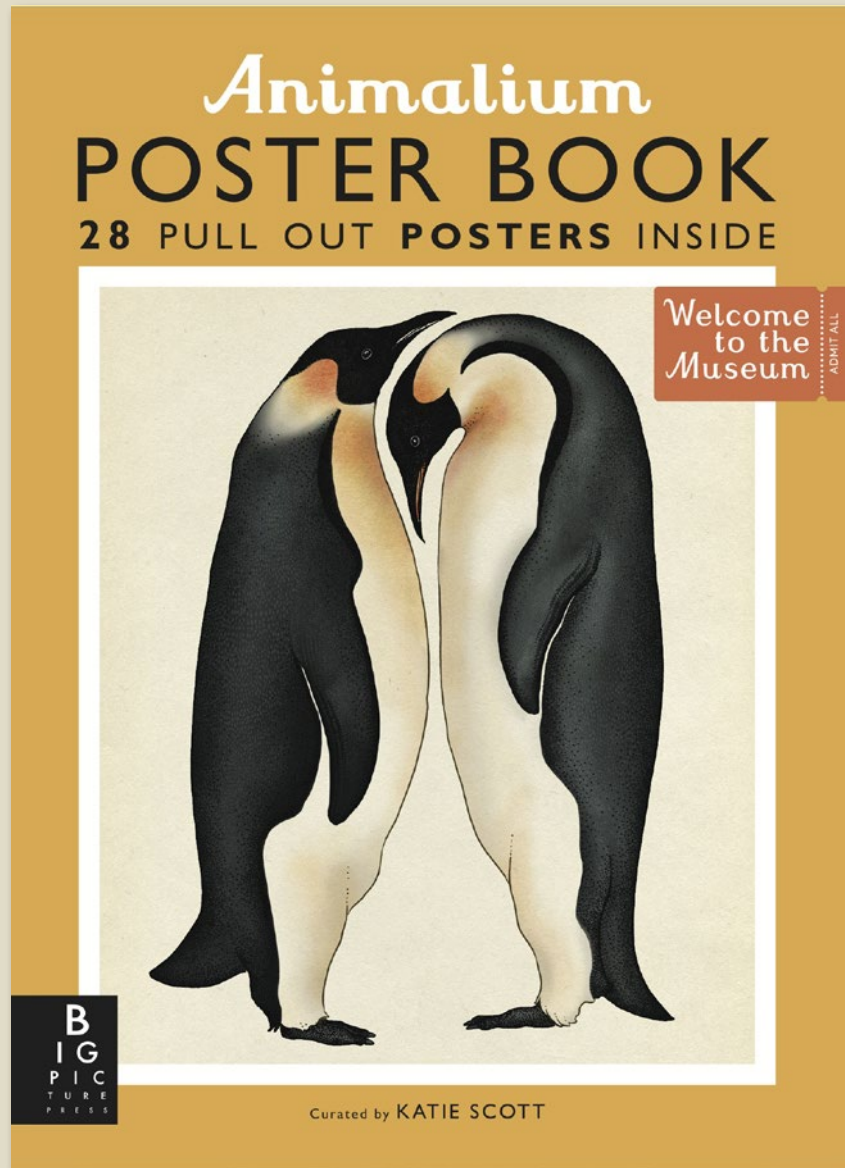
Key to plate

- North American broadleaf forest
- 1: Red oak
Quercus rubra Height: 30m
- 2: American beech
Fagus americana Height: 25m
- 3: Fern
Cheilanthes lanuginosa Height: 10m
- 4: Flowering dogwood
Cornus florida Height: 15m
- 5: White sweetgum
Liquidambar styraciflua Height: 20m
- 6: Dogwood
Cornus florida Height: 15m



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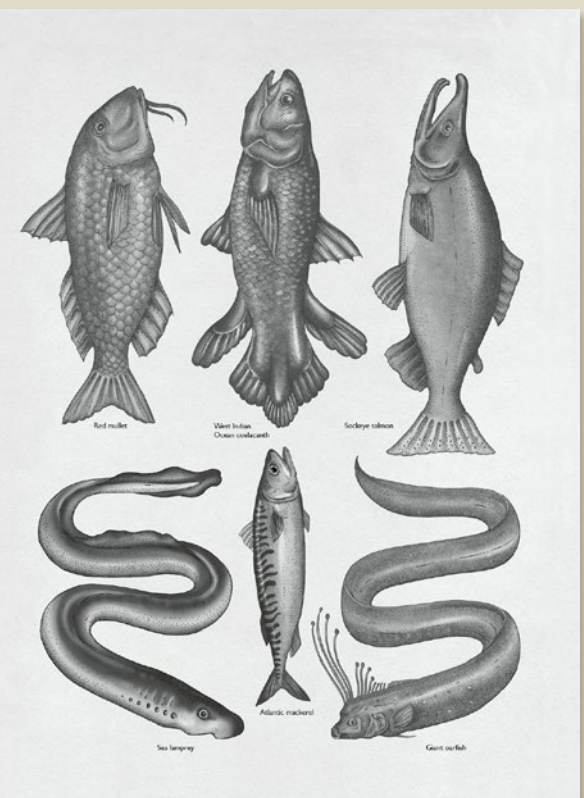
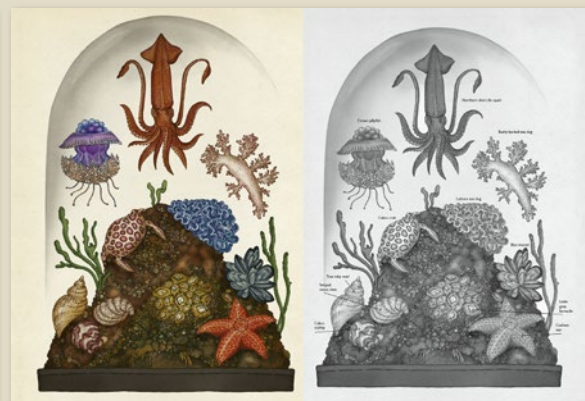
Animalium Poster Book



Showcasing the beautiful art from *Animalium*.

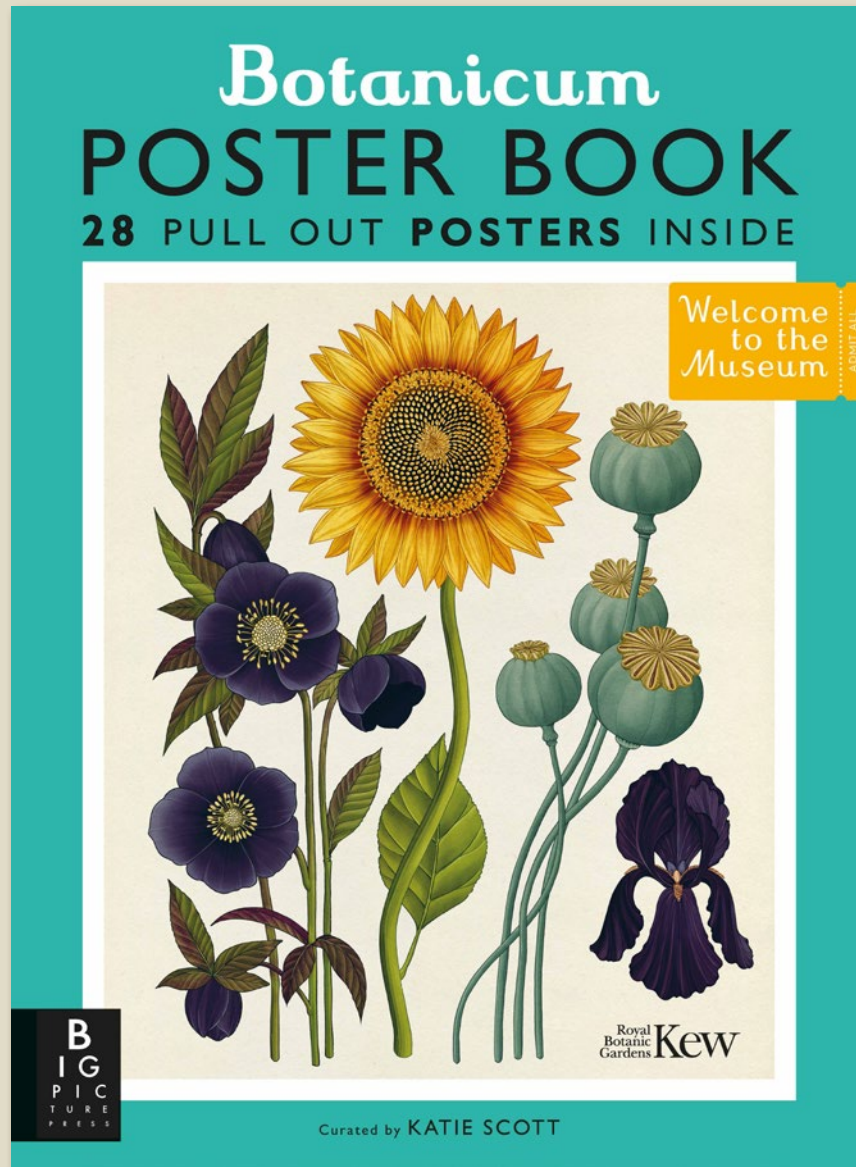
- The core *Welcome to the Museum* books have sold a combined quantity of over 1 million copies in 48 languages with *Animalium* selling over 540,000 copies (as of July 2022)
- A collection of full colour, immaculately detailed images from unparalleled new talent, Katie Scott
- Posters offer an exploration of our incredible natural world and will brighten up any room
- Large, high-quality format makes this the ideal gift

Animalium Poster Book



Pub Date	01/10/2015
Pub Price	£12.99
ISBN	9781783703531
H x W	370 x 272mm
Binding	Paperback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Lily Murray
Illustrator	Katie Scott Limited
Extent	56pp
Rights Available	World

Botanicum Poster Book



These stunning posters from Katie Scott's *Botanicum* are perfect for pinning on your walls.

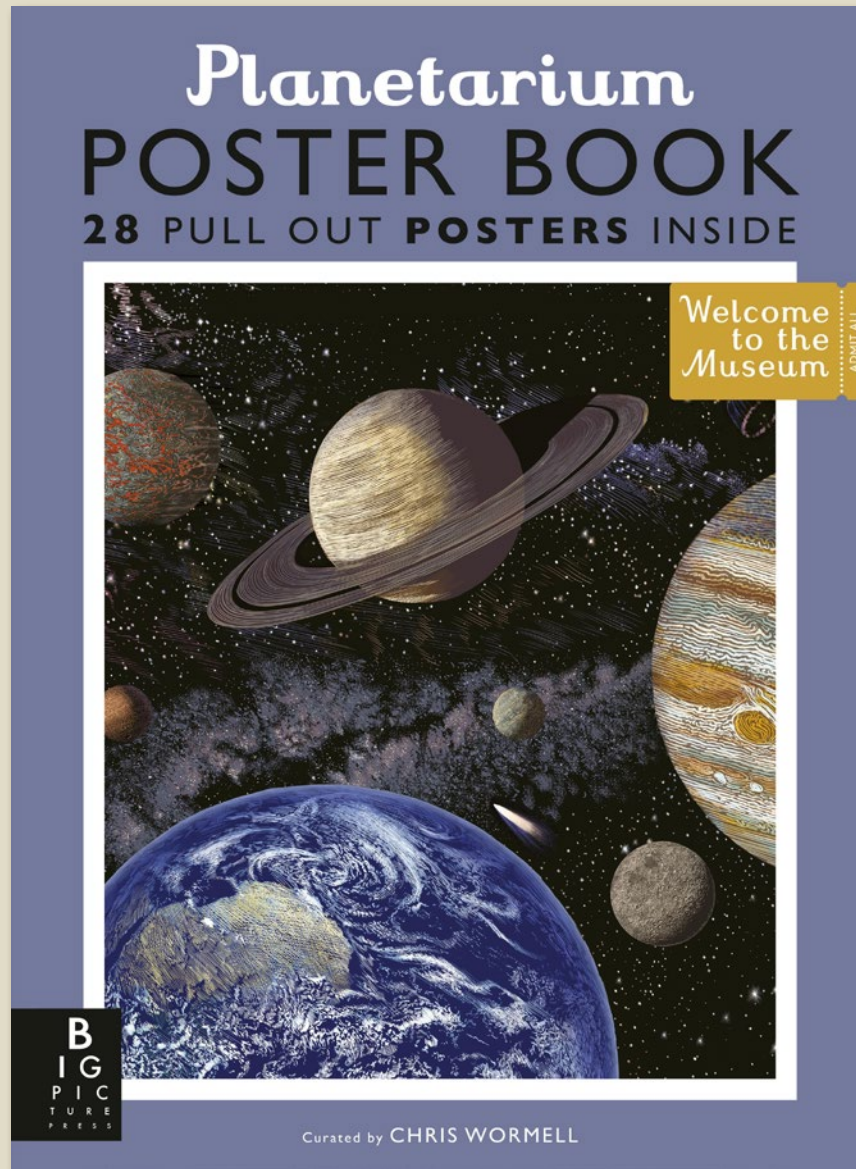
- *Botanicum* has sold over 360,000 copies worldwide (as of July 2022)
- The core *Welcome to the Museum* books have sold a combined quantity of over 1 million copies in 48 languages (as of July 2022)
- From the illustrator of 2014's bestselling *Animalium*, which won the Sunday Times Children's Book of the Year and was shortlisted for the Blue Peter Award.
- 28 pull-out posters with full-colour images of plants from around the world.
- Large, high-quality format makes this the ideal gift.

Botanicum Poster Book



Pub Date	02/11/2017
Pub Price	£16.99
ISBN	9781783706303
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Rights Available	World

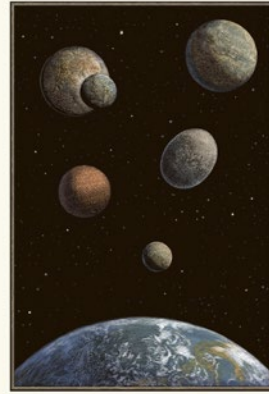
Planetarium Poster Book



Big, bold and beautifully illustrated, these stunning posters from Chris Wormell's bestselling *Planetarium* are perfect for pinning on your walls.

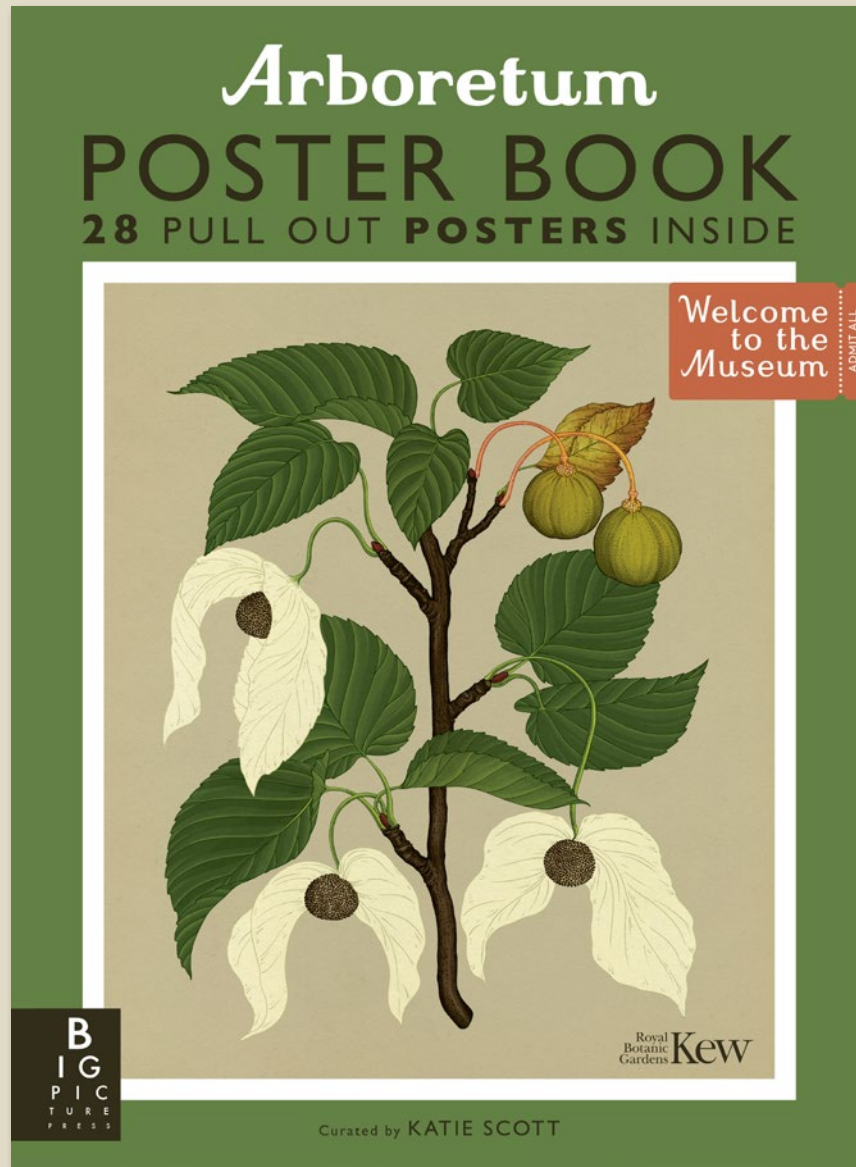
- The core Welcome to the Museum books have sold a combined quantity of over 2 million copies in 48 languages
- Stunning artwork by award-winning artist, Chris Wormell.
- Cover treatments: Matt lam and spot UV.
- Perforated edges make the pages easy to tear out.

Planetarium Poster Book



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Author	Raman Prinja
Illustrator	Chris Wormell
Extent	56pp
Files To Printer	10/01/2025
Freight On Board	20/03/2025
Rights Available	World

Arboretum Poster Book



Big, bold and beautifully illustrated, these stunning posters from Katie Scott's bestselling *Arboretum* are perfect for pinning on your walls.

- The core Welcome to the Museum books have sold a combined quantity of over 2 million copies in 48 languages (as of July 2024)
- Stunning artwork by award-winning artist, Katie Scott.
- Published in collaboration with the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew.
- Cover treatments: Matt lam and spot UV
- Perforated edges make these easy to tear out

Arboretum Poster Book



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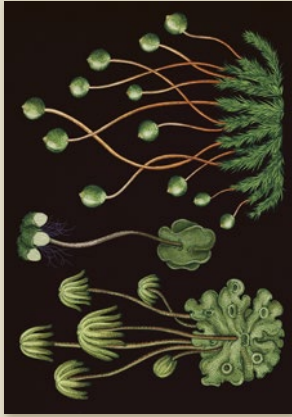
Botanicum Postcards



A box set of 50 beautiful postcards from *Botanicum* – by the bestselling illustrator of *Animalium*.

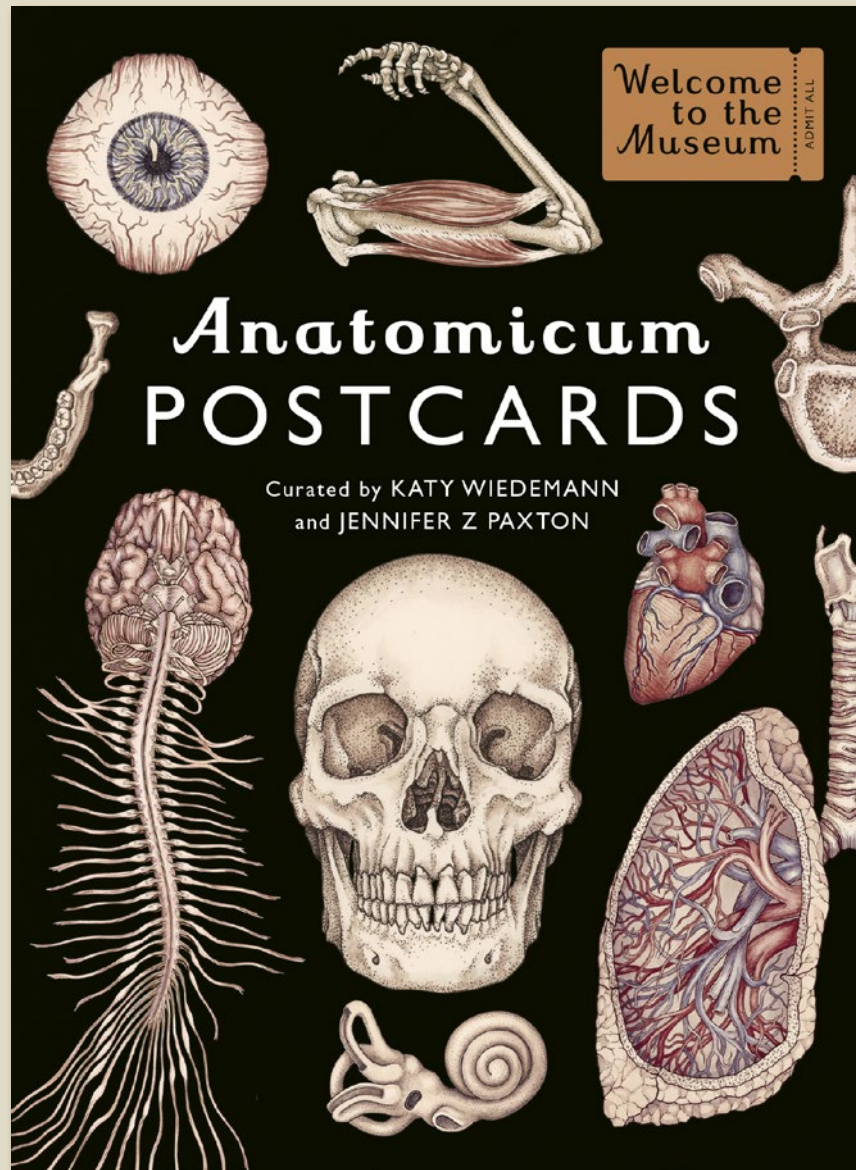
- *Botanicum* has sold over 370,000 copies worldwide. The core *Welcome to the Museum* books have sold a combined quantity of over 1 million copies worldwide (as of July 2022)
- From *Botanicum*, which was shortlisted for the British Book Design & Production awards.
- 50 full-colour postcards with illustrations of plants from right across the world

Botanicum Postcards



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Pub Price	£14.99
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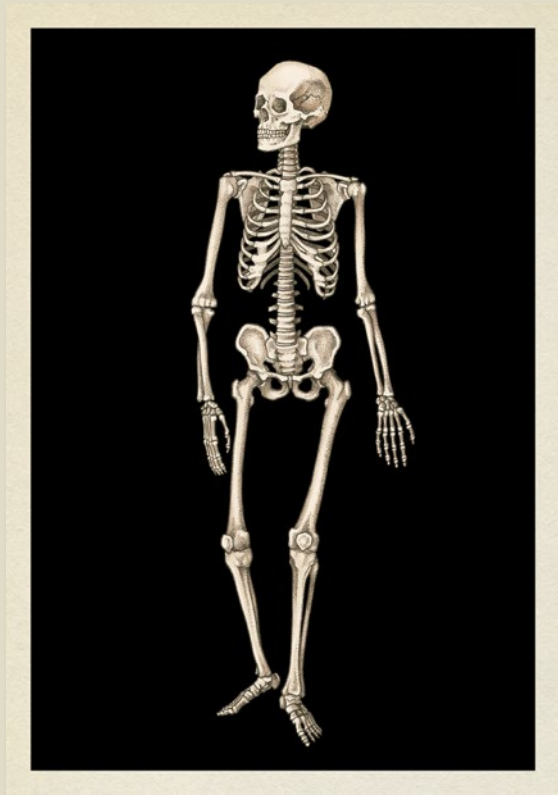
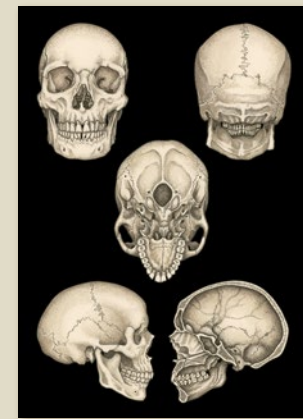
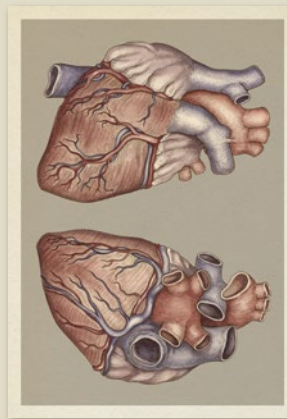
Anatomicum Postcard Box



A box set of 50 beautiful postcards from *Anatomicum*.

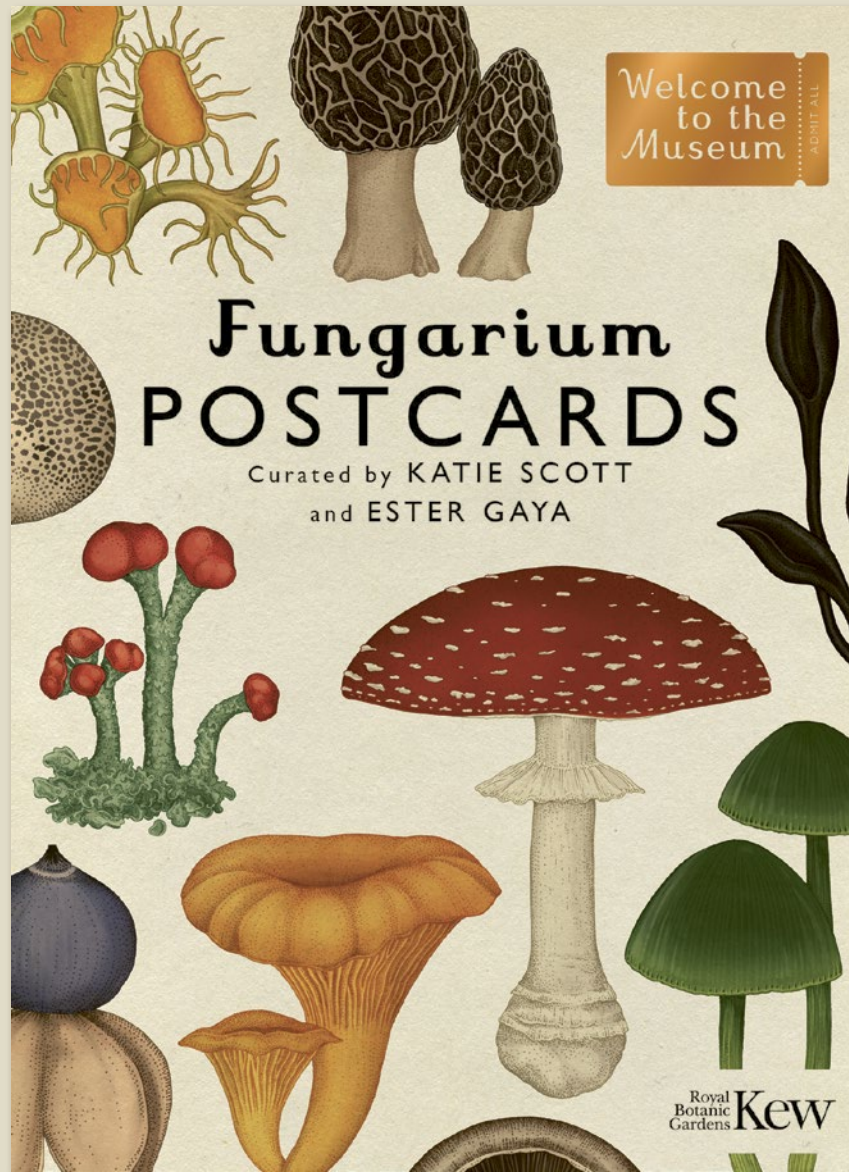
- The core *Welcome to the Museum* books have sold a combined quantity of over 1 million copies worldwide (as of July 2022)
- 50 postcards with full-colour images from *Welcome to the Museum's Anatomicum*
- High quality format makes this the ideal gift
- The UK edition features the branding of the Wellcome Collection

Anatomicum Postcard Box



Pub Date	26/11/2020
Pub Price	£12.99
ISBN	9781787416529
Age Range	9-11 years
Author	Jennifer Z Paxton
Illustrator	Katy Wiedemann
Extent	50pp
Rights Available	World

Fungarium Postcards



A box set of 50 beautiful postcards from *Fungarium*

- 50 postcards with full-colour images from Welcome to the Museum's *Fungarium*
- High-quality format makes this the ideal gift
- Features the branding of Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
- The core *Welcome to the Museum* books have sold a combined quantity of over 1 million copies worldwide with *Fungarium* selling over 90,000 (as of July 2022)

Fungarium Postcards



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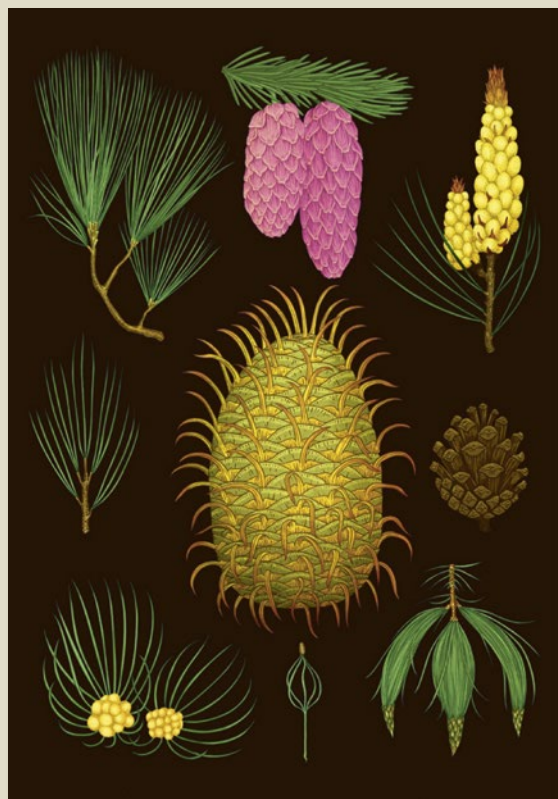
Arboretum Postcards



A box set of 50 beautiful postcards from the bestselling *Arboretum*, part of the *Welcome to the Museum* series.

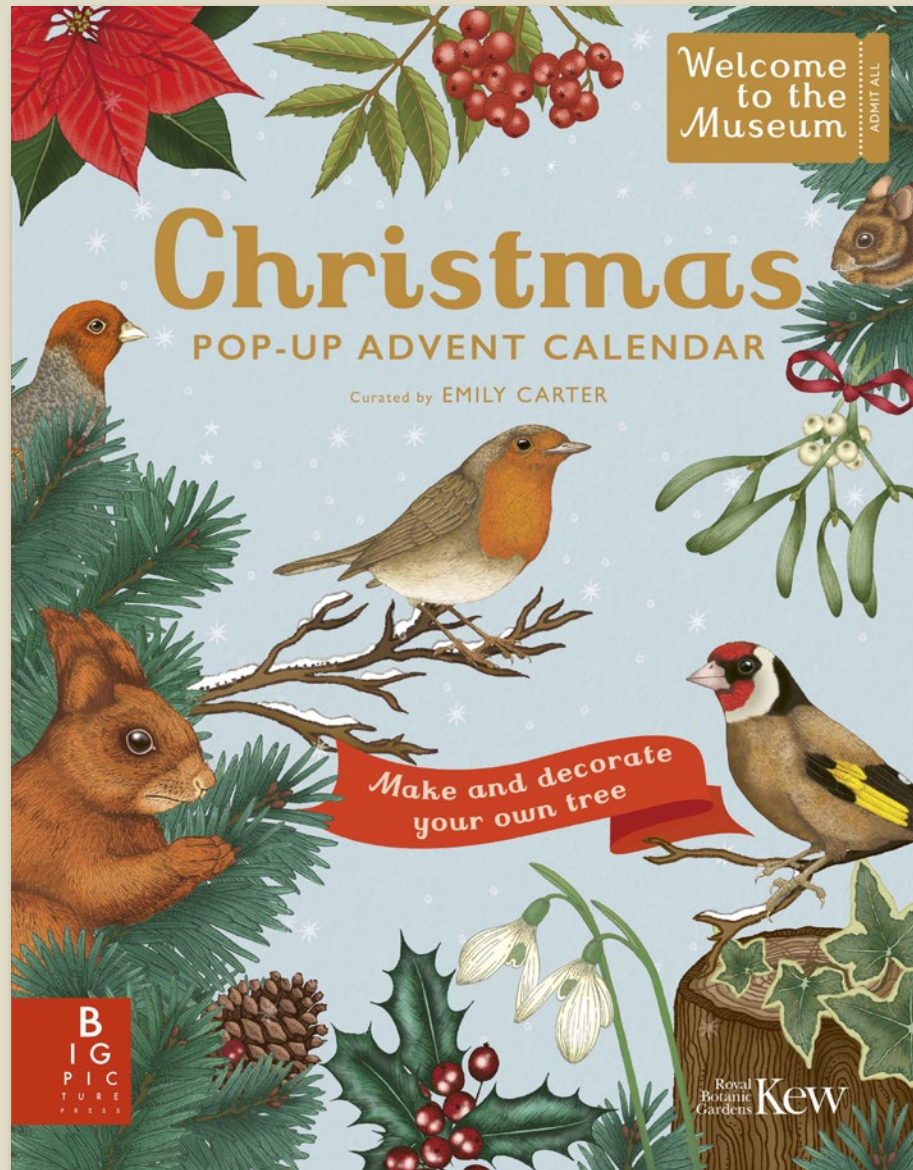
- 50 full-colour postcards, featuring trees from all around the world.
- The ideal gift - beautifully presented in a box including pantone, ribbon and foil.
- *Arboretum* is the third title to publish with the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
- The core *Welcome to the Museum* books have sold a combined quantity of over 1 million copies in 48 languages (as of July 2022)

Arboretum Postcards



Pub Date	09/11/2023
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ISBN	9781800783928
Age Range	12+ years
Author	Royal Botanic Gardens Kew PLG
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Extent	50pp
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Welcome to the Museum: A Christmas Pop-Up Advent Calendar



The perfect gift, spread joy this Christmas with this decadent pop-up advent calendar, part of the bestselling Welcome to the Museum family.

- Published in conjunction with the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew
- High quality and made from sturdy material, the re-usable decorations and beautiful tree will take pride of place on any Christmas table, year after year.
- Beautiful artwork by textile designer, Emily Carter
- Luxury finishes including 100% foil cover, and interior box.

Welcome to the Museum: A Christmas Pop-Up Advent Calendar

MAMMALS

Reindeer

It is no coincidence that Father Christmas chose reindeer to pull his sleigh, as they are strong, hardy and capable of travelling more than 1,000km a year. As one of the earliest domesticated animals, reindeer share an ancient alliance with humans. These antlered deer thrive in colder climates of Europe, North America and Asia, residing in the frozen northern forests and the Arctic tundra. Covered in fur from head to hoof, reindeer use their useful dew claws to grip onto slippery surfaces and burrow through the snow, feeding on the ferns, fungi and lichen hidden below.

Unlike their magical counterparts, these animals do not need a glowing red nose to illuminate the way. As one of the few large mammals that can see ultraviolet light, reindeer are able to find food, locate predators and stay safe even in the dark, bleak winter when sunlight is scarce.

Key to plate

1: **White spruce**
Pine genus.
The large evergreen conifer is the most common species of North America. Christmas trees suggest the

Reindeer is a deer that lives in the north. Reindeer are found in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions. Reindeer are also found in the mountains of Asia and Europe.



BIRDS

Wild Turkey

For many households, Christmas dinner would not be complete without one large, oven-roasted bird taking prime place. Hailing from Mexico, the domestic turkey was first introduced to Europe in the 16th century as an exclusive aristocratic delicacy. The turkey's Christmas connection emerged shortly after when Henry VIII famously feasted on the exotic fowl during his festive banquet. Since then, turkey as a food has risen in popularity and grown in affordability helped in part by advances in food production and Charles Dickens's iconic fondness for the bird.

Today, turkeys have a reputation as odd-looking, ungainly birds, but throughout history they have been venerated as powerful, majestic creatures. Wild turkeys come in a variety of dazzling colours, with beautiful iridescent blue bronze and green plumage. The Mayans venerated these noble fowl and valued their spectacular feathers highly, using them to make ornamental cloaks, garments and headdresses.

Key to plate

1: **Wild turkey**
Megaptilonyx
Megaptilonyx

2: **American ham**
Carnassary
Carnassary

3: **Roasted turkey**
Carnassary
Carnassary



FRUITS AND SPICES

Festive Flavours

As Christmas draws near, festive flavours walk through kitchens across the globe, filling the air with traditional aromas of nutmeg, ginger and clove. In Europe, roasted sweet chestnuts make a tasty Christmas treat, harvested from the *Castanea sativa* tree with its prickly husks and grooved bark. The gingy orange is another popular festive food, gifted to well-beloved children or peppered with cloves to make a pomander ball. This practice dates back to medieval times, when such spice-studded pomander balls perfumed the frosty air or to ward off bad spirits and winter illnesses.

The iconic Christmas pudding also has humble origins, dating back to a porridge-like prune dish served in the 14th century. Although it originally formed part of a British tradition, the Christmas pudding is a global festive phenomenon, enjoyed by families far and wide in countries like South Africa, Australia and Canada. This dessert is often seasoned with cinnamon, a warm, fragrant spice derived from the inner bark of the Ceylon tree of Sri Lanka.

Key to plate

1: **Christmas pudding**
Fruit with the quintessential
flavour of the festive season,
Christmas puddings are
packed with dried fruits,
cinnamon, cloves and spices,
steamed in a cloth and
soaked in brandy.

2: **Orange**
Citrus
Citrus
Citrus

3: **Star anise**
Anise
Anise
Anise



BIRDS

European Robin

With its rust-coloured plumage and curious expression, the European robin is a plump, small-billed bird that breeds throughout Europe, Western Asia and parts of North Africa. A much-loved sight, the robin can be spotted all year round, the welcome sound of its melodic warbling filling the frosty air even during winter. As natural ground feeders, robins can be found hopping around gardens, woodlands and parks, foraging for insects and worms.

Despite being only 14cm long, these tiny birds are fiercely territorial, puffing up their scarlet chests and fighting off any feathered intruders that invade their patch. Robins are considered modern Yuletide mascots. They first appeared on Victorian Christmas cards as an ode to the vermilion-coloured uniform of the postmen who delivered them. These postal workers were aptly nicknamed 'redbreasts'.

Key to plate

1: **European robin**
Erithacus rubecula

2: **Common holly**
Ilex aquifolium

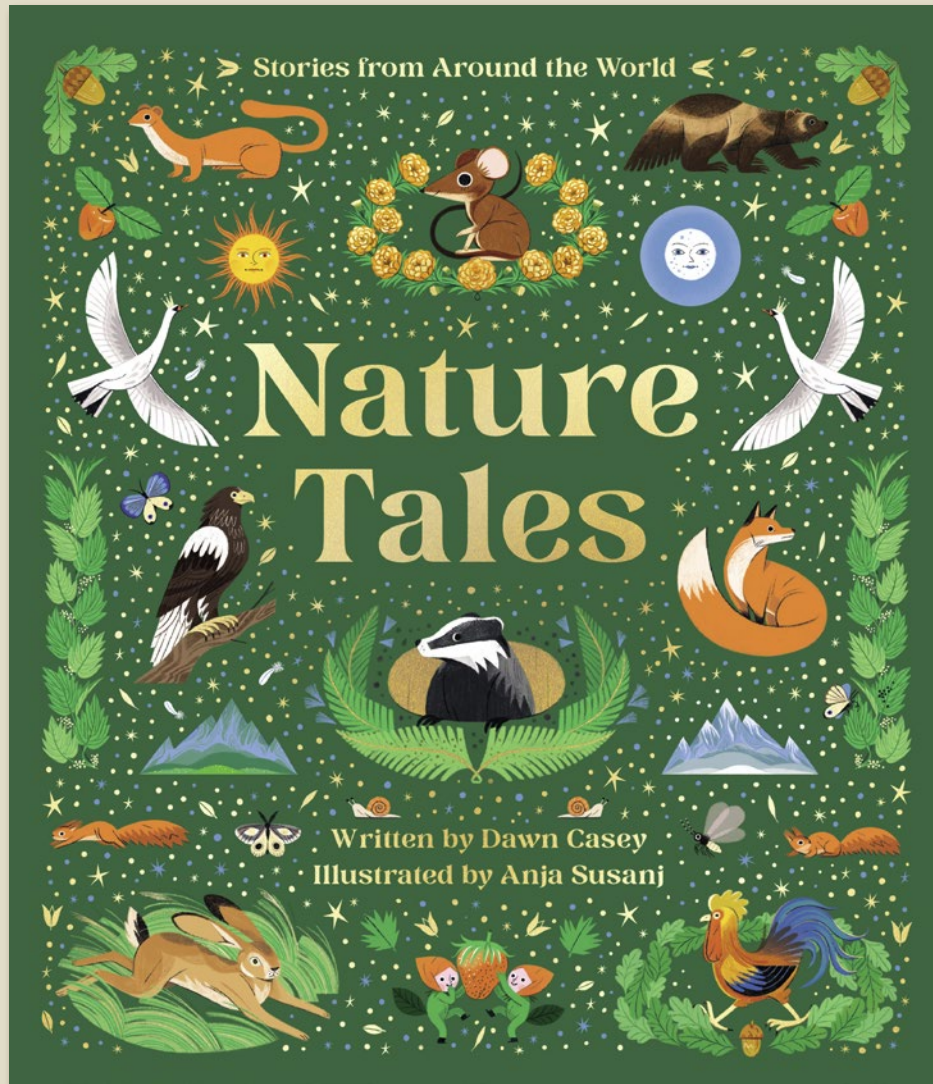
The evergreen holly bush is

the UK's most festive plant and for hundreds of years it has been used, along with ivy, to decorate homes at Christmas. Today, this

prickly plant, with its water-resistant waxy leaves and bright red berries, makes the ideal festive wreath.



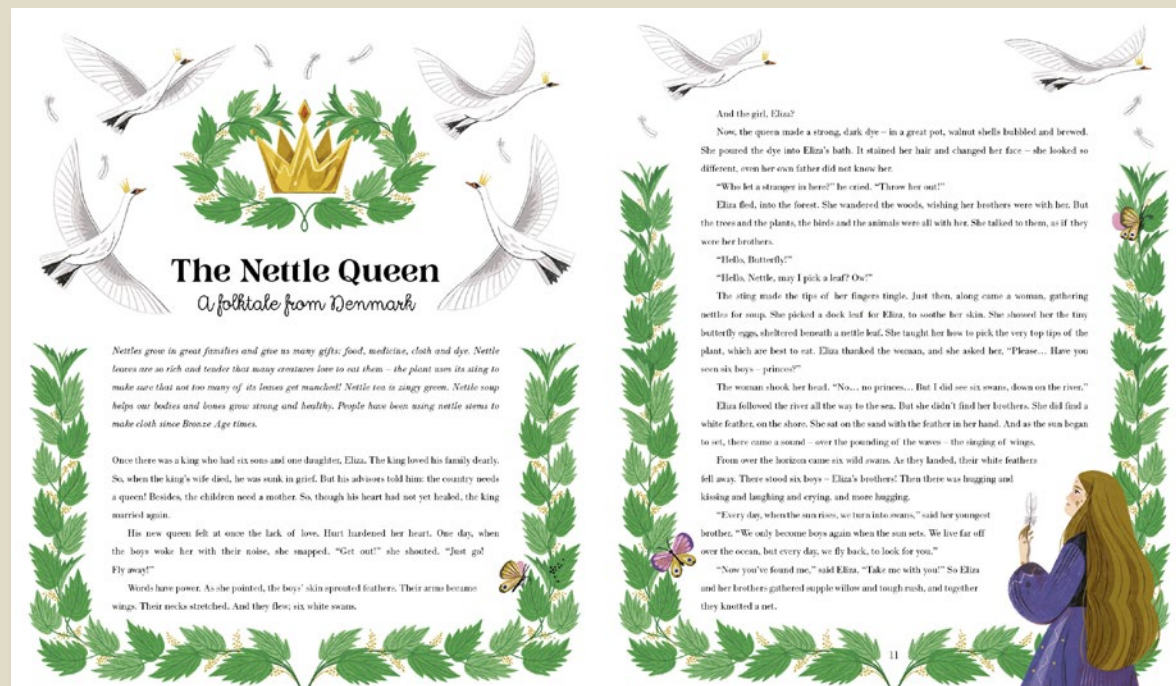
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A collection of nature folk tales

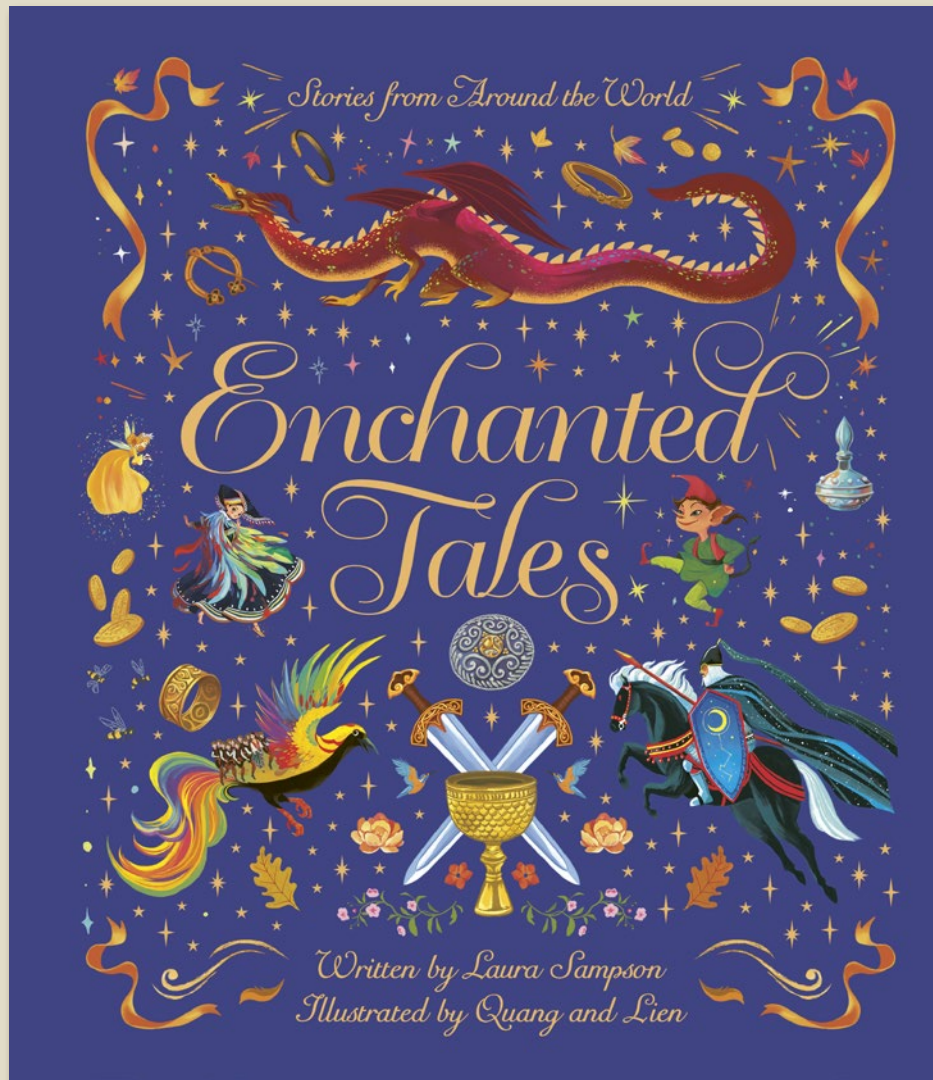
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- A timeless, treasured classic that speaks to all ages, following on from the success of *Star Stories* (2018), *Winter Tales* (2020) and *Enchanted Tales* (2023).
- Includes stories from every continent, giving it a universal appeal.

Nature Tales



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Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Dawn Casey
Illustrator	Anja Sušanj
Extent	96pp
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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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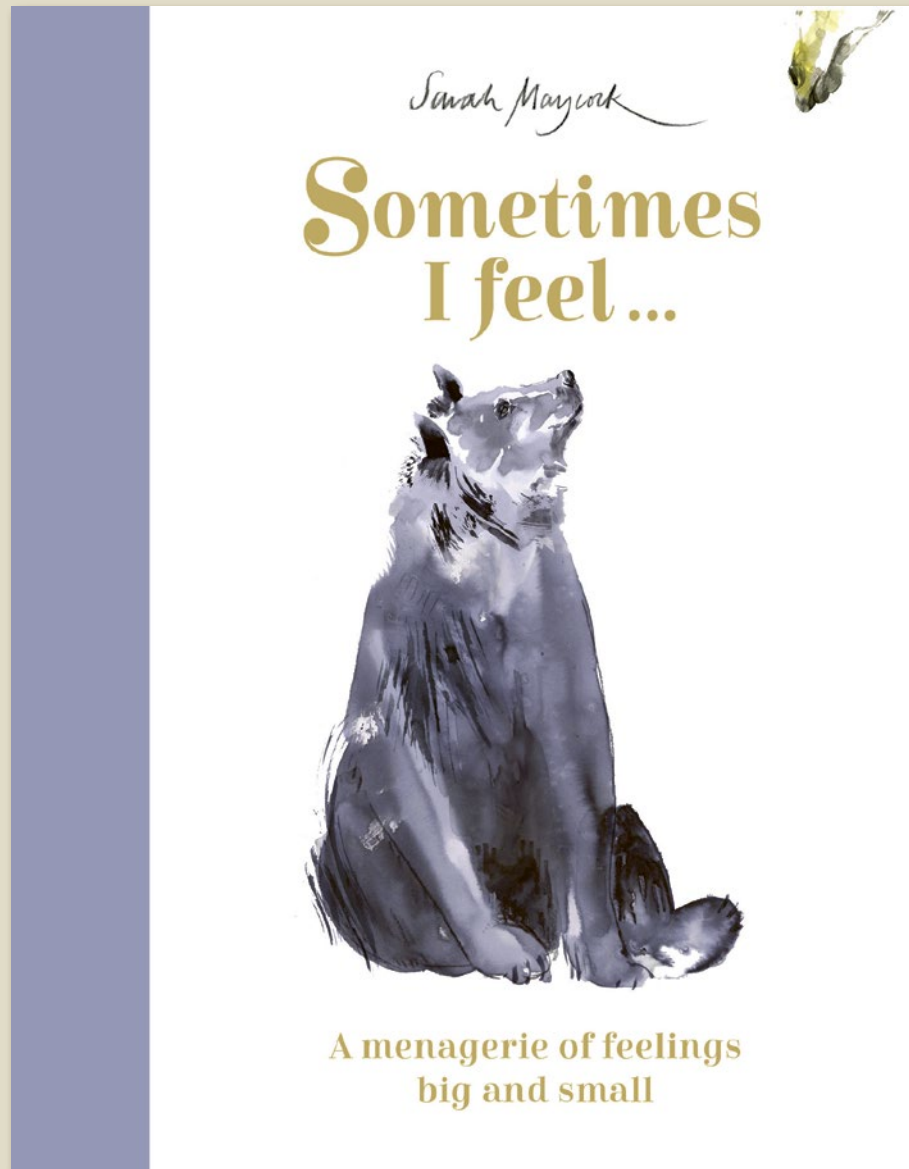
Winter Tales



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).

Sometimes I Feel...



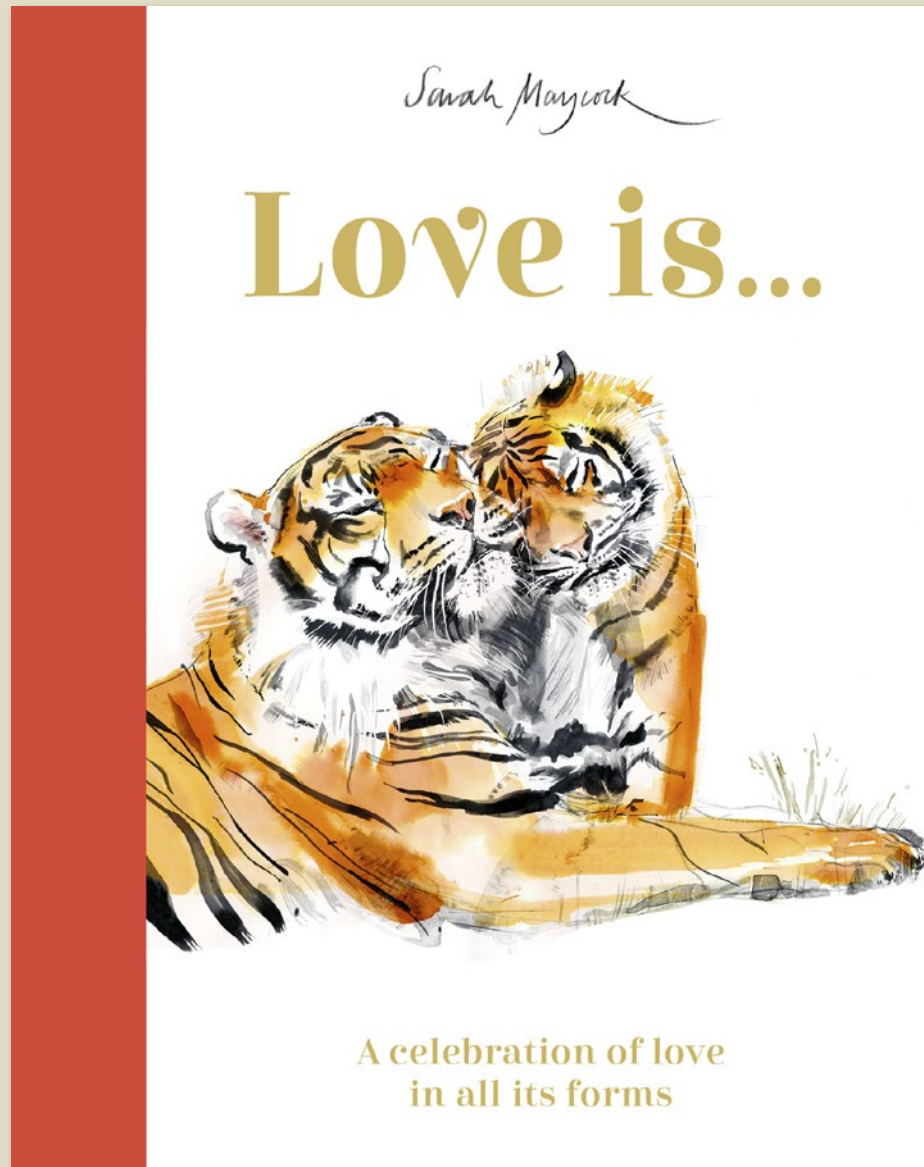
A mini hardback edition of Sarah Maycock's beautiful *Sometimes I Feel*.

- *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...



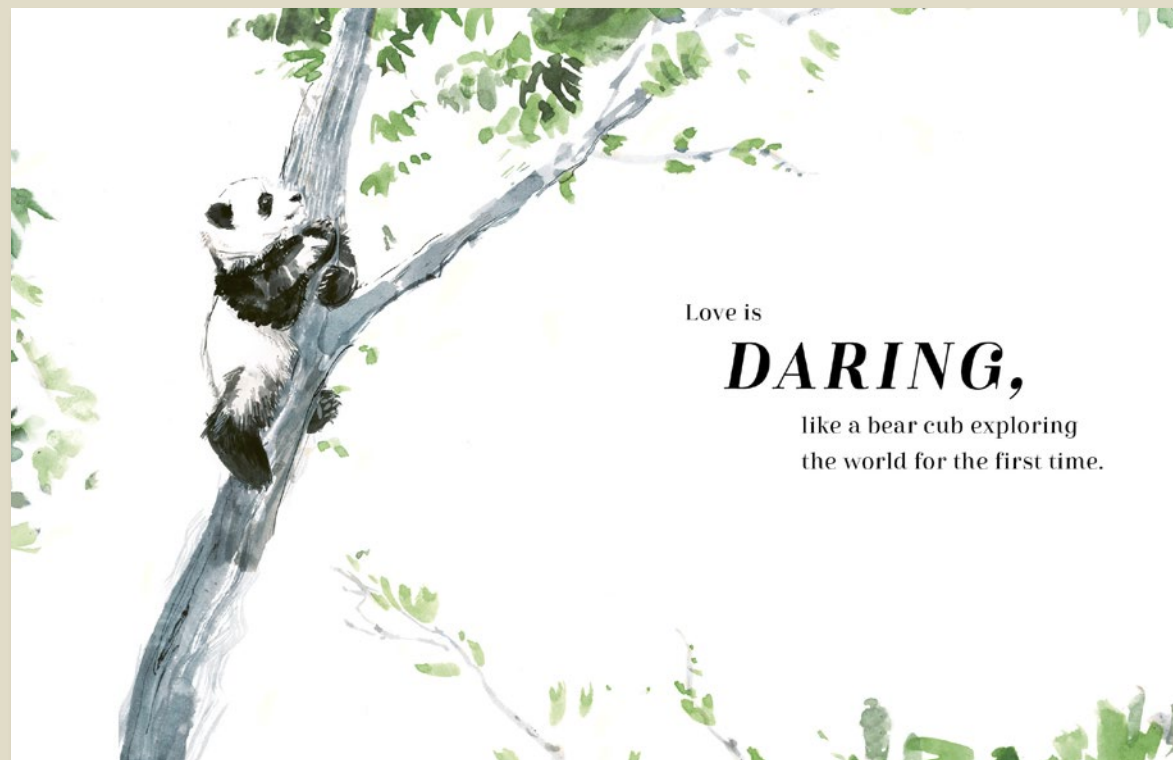
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A beautifully illustrated mini gift book celebrating love in all its forms.

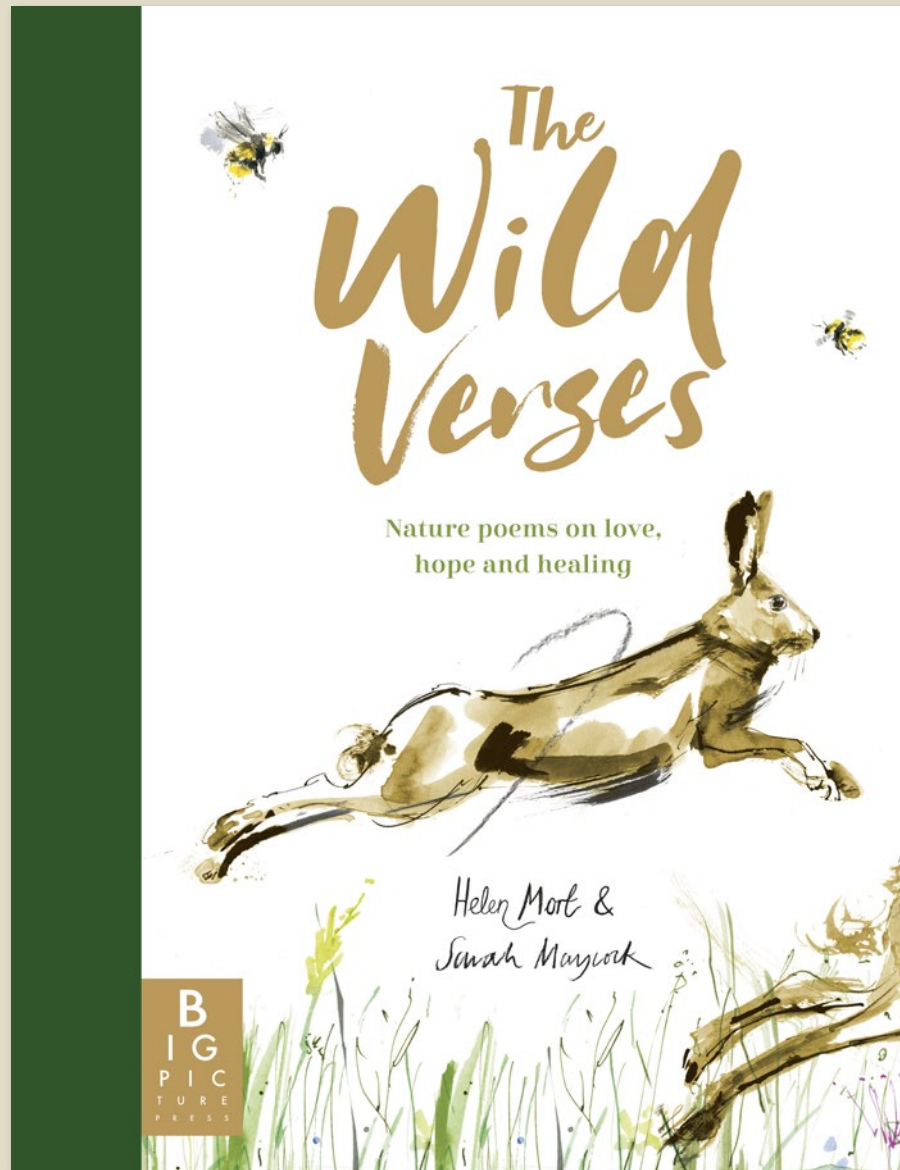
- A beautiful mini picture book that brings poetry and nature together in the most stunning of ways, perfect for gifting
- Promotes emotional awareness, empathy, and love in all its different forms
- Cover: graining with gold foil
- Sarah's bold, expressive artwork captures a creature's characteristics or the forces of nature in just a few swoops of ink, brining 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

Love Is...



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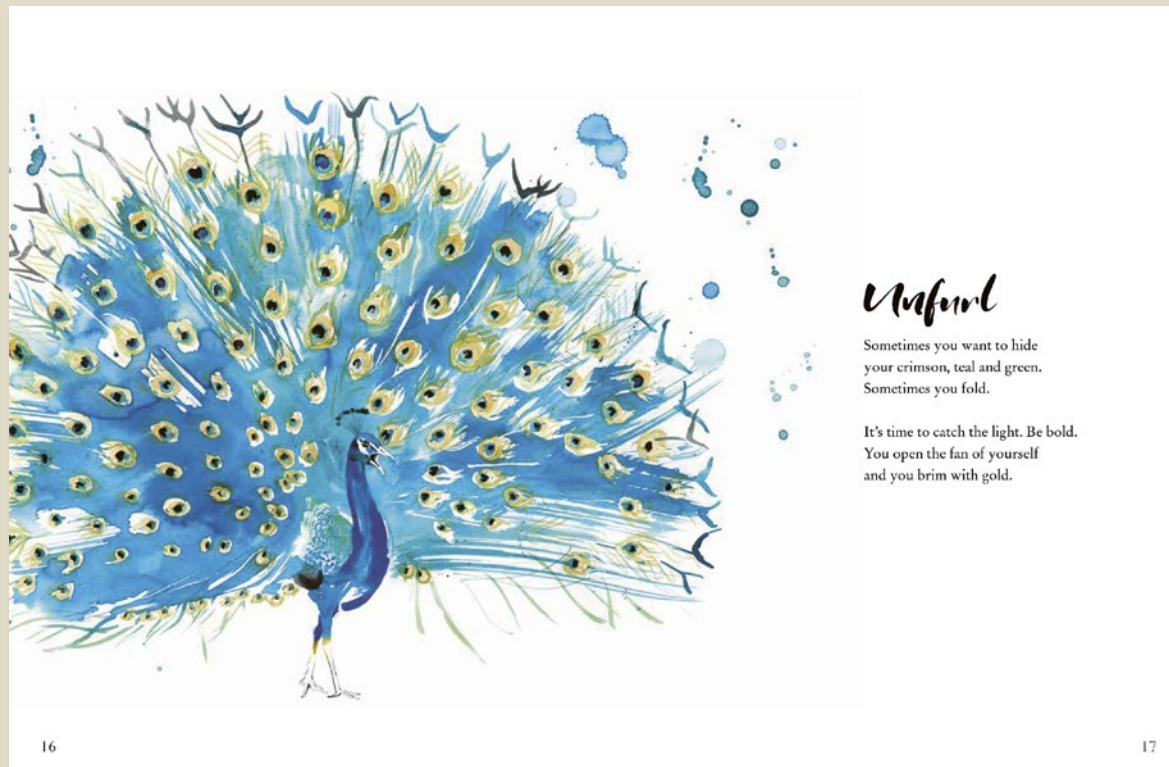
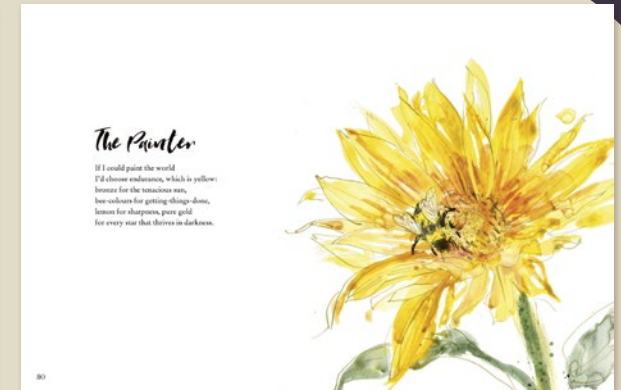
The Wild Verses



A striking poetry collection by Helen Mort.

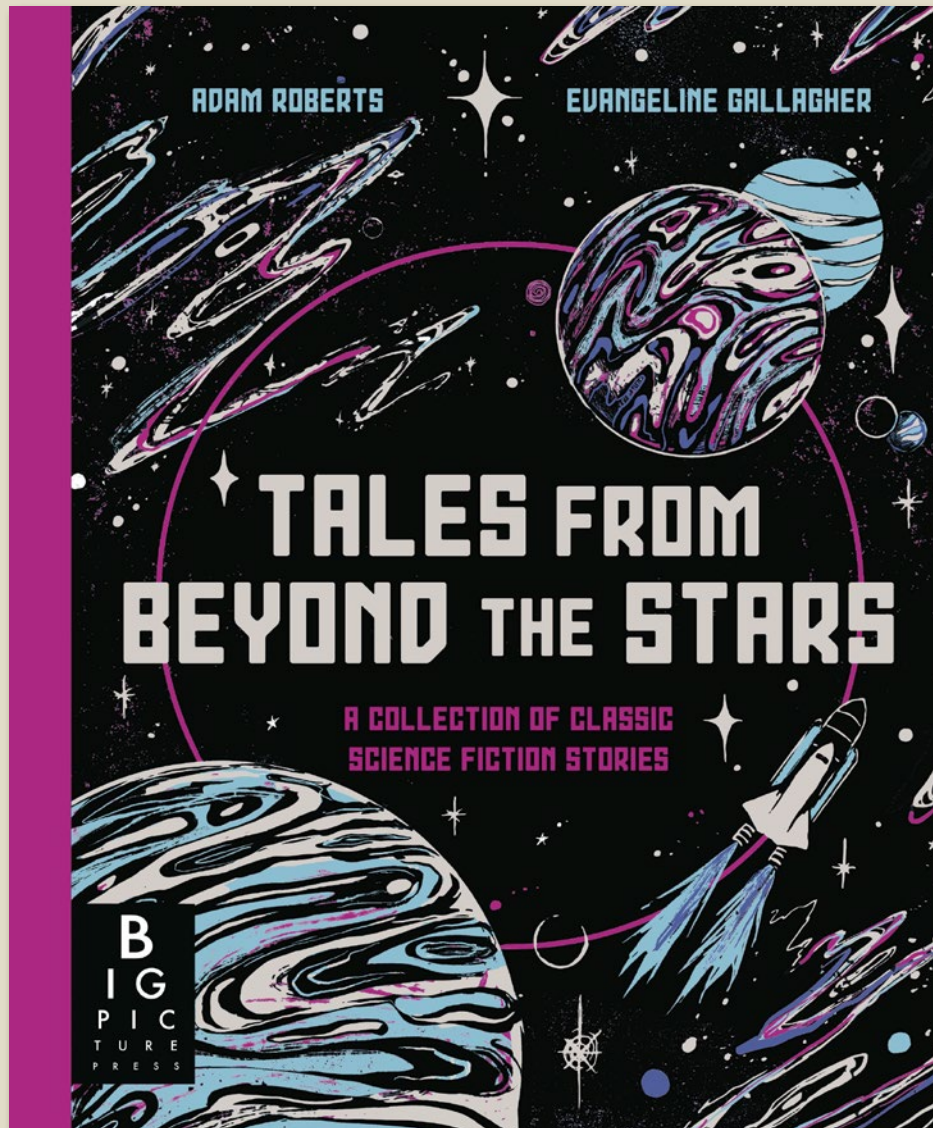
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Tales from Beyond the Stars



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Tales from Beyond the Stars



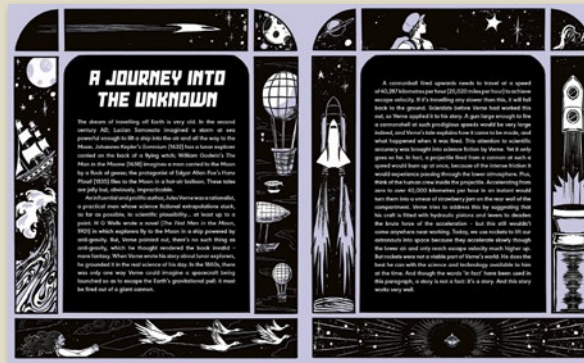
The other vessel, terrified by this development, rushed below decks to hide, but my scientific curiosity was greater than my fear. I stood on the poop deck and called to the boat "so large I cannot reach from here to here" - setting who I was, and what I intended to do here.

Of course, he could not hear me! To his huge size, my voice was like that from the most remote building in a great, flat, bringing up one of the microscopes, he examined it, and so could not hear me on deck, guffawing and waving my mouth.

"It is unnecessary," he said to the boat from below. "There is a creature here known as my own man, and it draws the eye off! I taking the boat of an intelligent being. Right the circumstances of this try would be intelligent!"

"He can hardly that not without speaking with him," the Captain replied.

And so Microscopist set our ship upon a metallic globe with his eye and divided a powerful microscope above. To us, viewed the boat, it seemed that the eye had changed colour and before our eyes moved happily shown in the light with which Microscopist. Microscopist his microscope glass was wider and brighter than the Sun had ever been, and the distance of the most land, from our perspective, looked like a smooth, clear ocean. From time to time, great clouds, white like the new sky, drifted back and forth - Microscopist and his companion walking about.



A JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN

The dream of reaching off Earth is very old. In the second century AD, Lucian of Samosata imagined it more or less powerfully enough to fly into the air and off the way to the Moon. In the 17th century, John Wilkins imagined it more or less powerfully enough to fly into the air and off the way to the Moon. In the 18th century, John Wilkins imagined it more or less powerfully enough to fly into the air and off the way to the Moon. In the 19th century, John Wilkins imagined it more or less powerfully enough to fly into the air and off the way to the Moon. In the 20th century, John Wilkins imagined it more or less powerfully enough to fly into the air and off the way to the Moon. In the 21st century, John Wilkins imagined it more or less powerfully enough to fly into the air and off the way to the Moon.



Her set up microscopes on tripods and made great use of them, sending small projectiles sailing into the air to fall precisely five miles ahead and explode with the force of eight-inch shells, such as we used in the First World War.

The Plan soldiers were easy to subdue. Under cover the Red Blood going members, who knew they were fighting for their very lives. The Plan seemed too shocked by the new hat of our object to be able to fight back.

Some Plan soldiers moved through the sky overhead, but they could not use their Winchester repeaters for fear of hitting their own, and when I launched a rocket that exploded east of them, they flew off, over the Atlantic and away.

In less than an hour the battle was over, and New York was ours.

The effectiveness of our humane tactics established a confidence in our ability to overcome the Plan. As I pointed out to Wilkins, "It has been my belief of doing that the American airplane maker is a far more efficient weapon than the dangerous ray of the Plan, since we can train all our gangs to use systematically and in a coordinated fashion. The day may surely reveal its source of automation. The rocket gun does not do its job until it is triggered by the trigger gun. The rocket may be made to travel in an arc, over interesting obstacles, to an unseen target."

Landmark edition. "The Page of Dawn points squarely at the Plan soldier." "And unless you get involved in the struggle, we shall have to use America's own men, and not the Plan."



The soldiers scurried and ran, struggling to right their cannons, all aimed into the pit, to bear on this new target. But they were too slow! The giant tripod stepped easily amongst them, shooting its heat ray at this gun and that, and in moments the artillery was all destroyed. Only one gun got off a shot, and it whistled past the tripod's legs and fell away into the far reaches of the common.

Now everything was chaos. Soldiers took up position, aiming their rifles and firing. The civilians were swarming away, screaming and shouting, running for their lives. I heard the snap of rifle fire and the ping as bullets bounced off the metal hood of the Martian machine, but I too was running, lumbering up a slope and away.

It was going uphill that saved my life, for the Martian tripod now deployed a second weapon: a noxious black smoke pouring out of the rear of its cockpit, sinking through

the air and asphyxiating all upon whom it fell. By the time I had reached the top of the hill I looked down upon a terrible scene: the black smoke was everywhere in the hollow, rolling like a foul mist, and all human resistance had been extinguished.

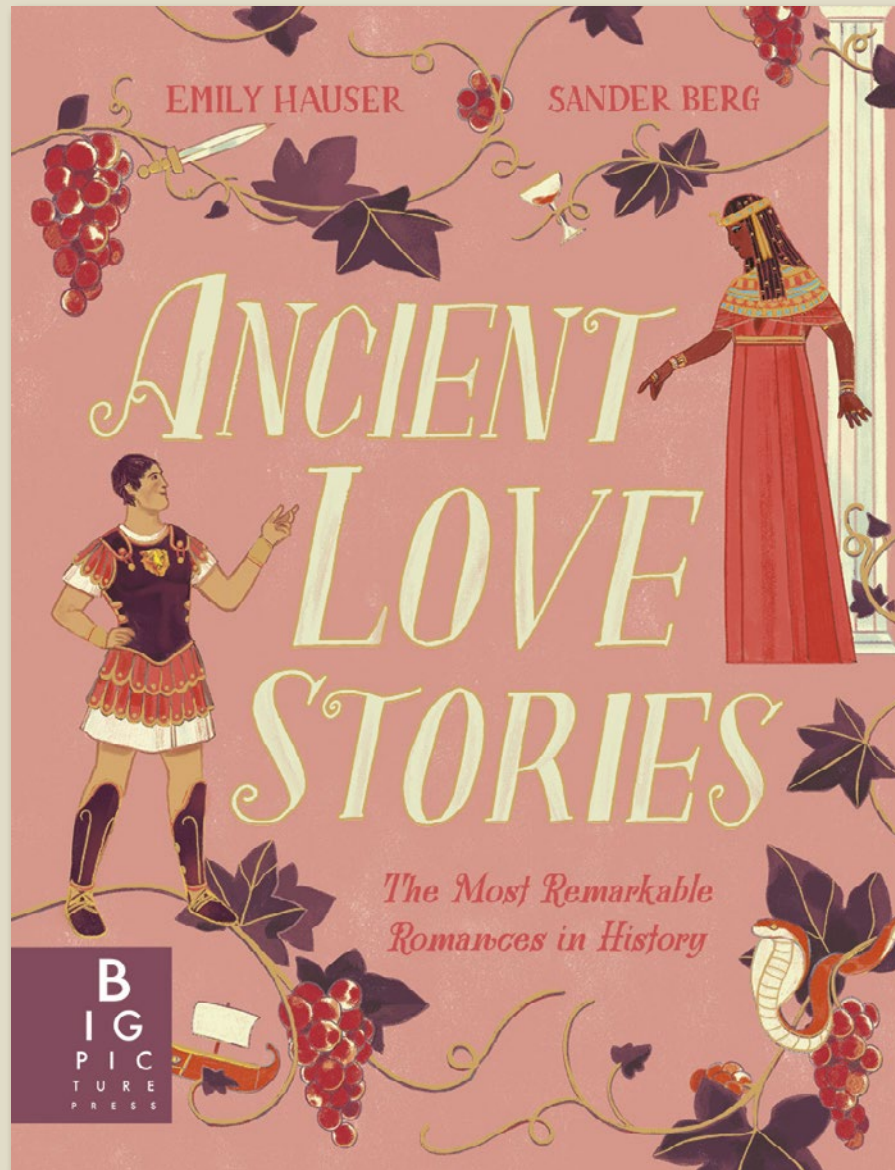
From the Martian tripod came an awful, howling cry, loud enough to bowl me over. I pressed my hands to my ears but the sound penetrated: ulaaaaah!

I stumbled away from the common, the horrible shrieks of the Martian splitting the air behind me.

My bicycle was lost. My clothes were covered in dirt. I hid behind a wall for a while to catch my breath and listened: screams, crashes, the cackling sound of burning buildings, the thud of tripods - for there were several now - stomping about the countryside, and again and again the cries of ulaaaaah!

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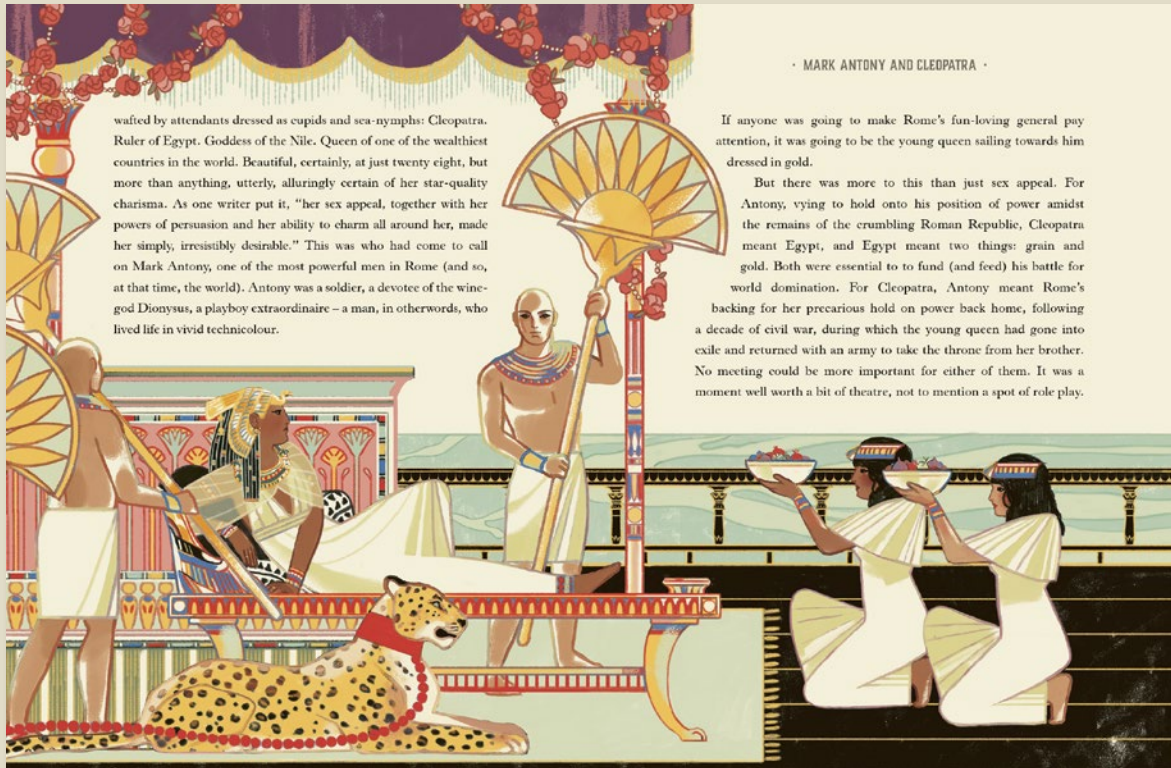
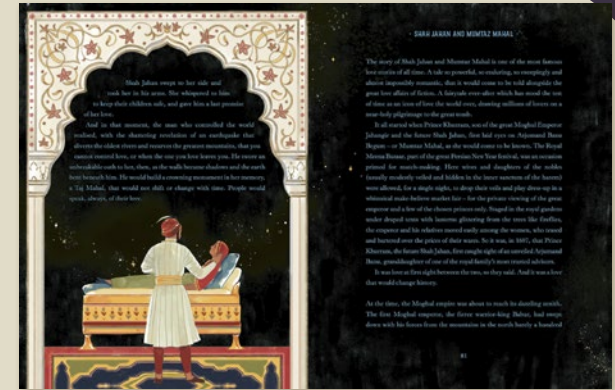
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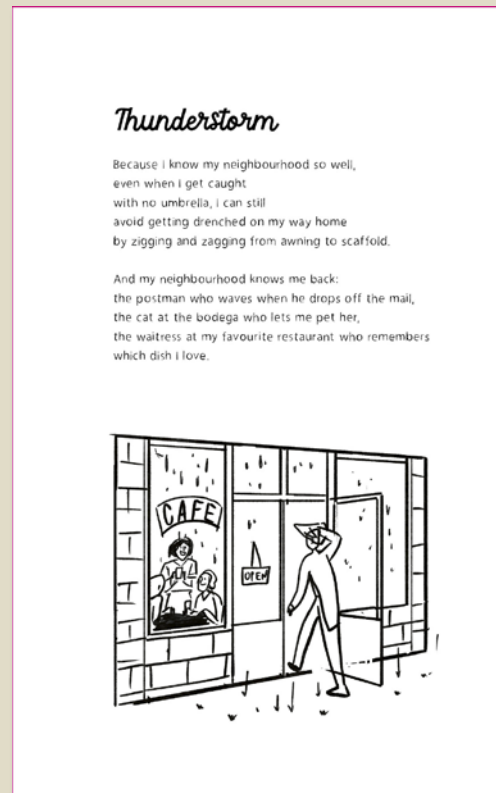
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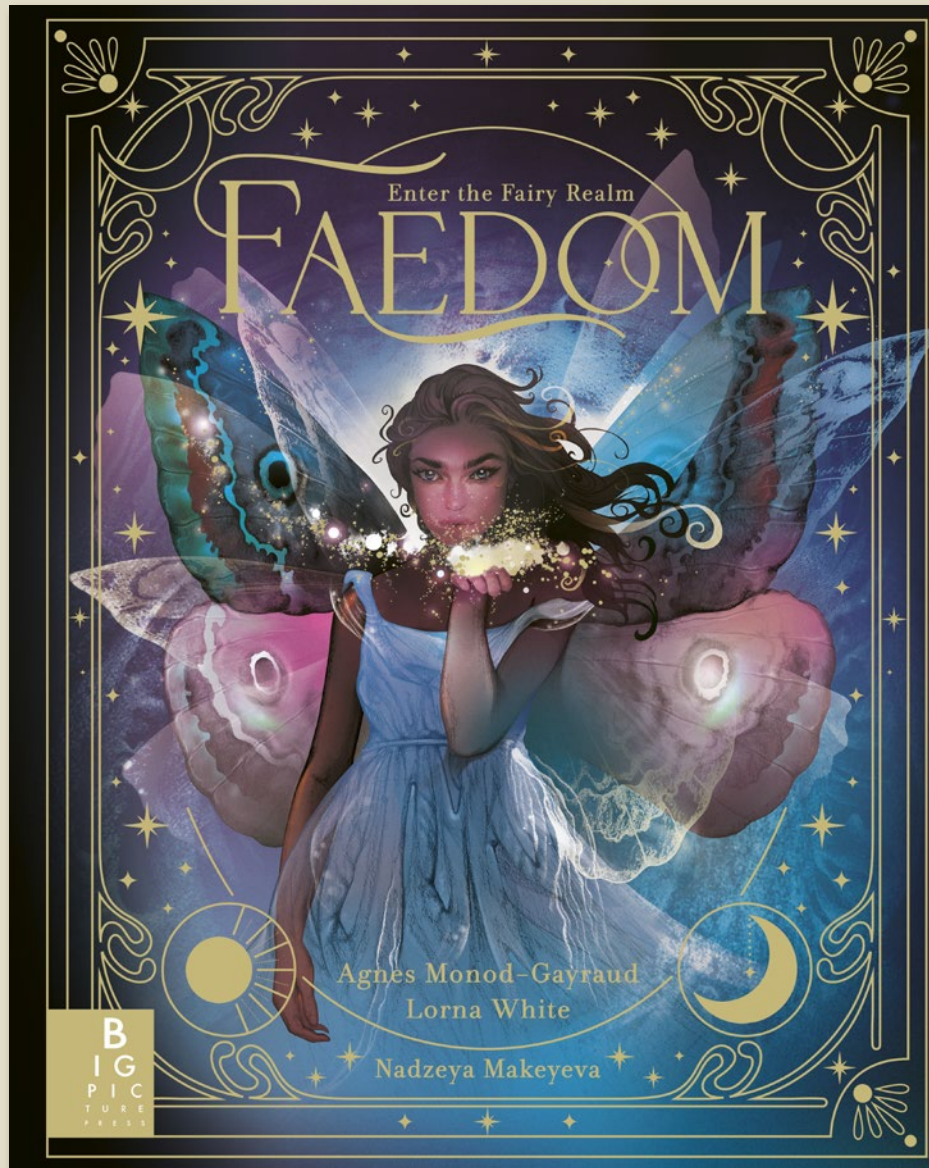
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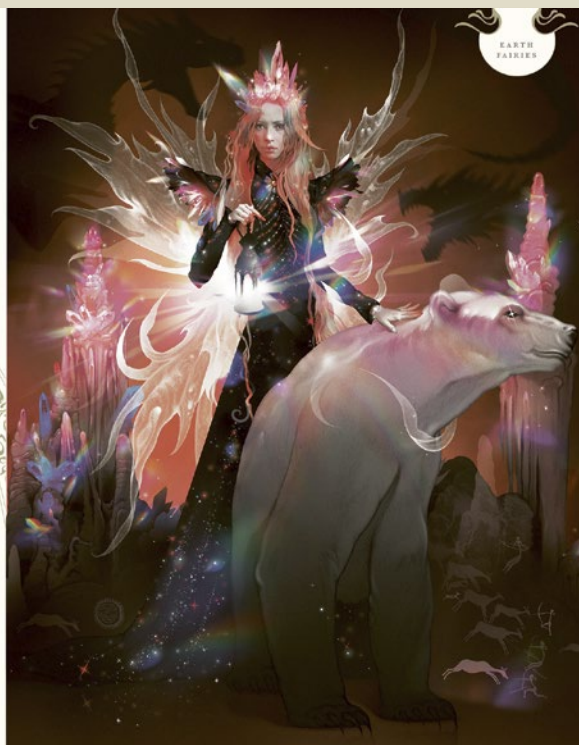


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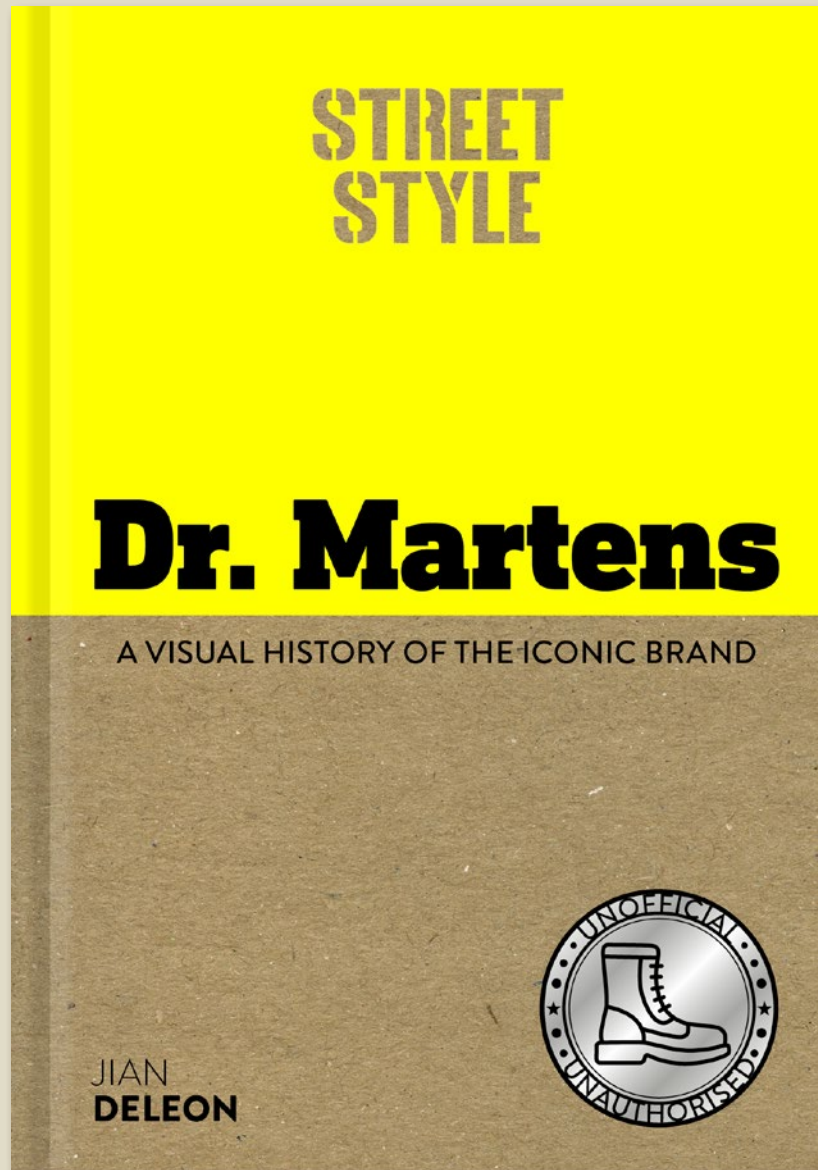
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Street Style: Dr. Martens



Visual history of the iconic street style brand.

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- Written by Jian DeLeon, the editorial director for Highsnobiety. Jian is an expert on the intersection of streetwear, sneakers and luxury fashion. He co-hosts 'The Dropcast', Highsnobiety's weekly news podcast,

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The original pair of Dr. Martens' AirWair shoes were still a far cry from the instantly recognisable models the brand is known for today. The uppers were much more minimal in decoration and the soles were much wider with a very visible contrast thanks to a lighter coloured sole.

The first mass produced designs have more in common with a modern-day hybrid dress shoe than the sleek, utilitarian shapes of popular Dr. Martens styles, now set atop a semi-transparent lug sole. Perhaps the unintentionally fashion-forward aesthetic is one of the reasons why women gravitated towards them long before most conservatively-dressed men did. It's hard to imagine one trying to pull these off within the strict dress codes of the 1950s, when leather-soled, dark hard bottom footwear was still the norm for doing business. But looking back now, it set the perfect stage for what Dr. Martens would become: the ultimate anti-dress shoe.

LEFT: A modern pair of Dr. Martens 1460 boots.



The Birth of Bouncing Soles

Now that you've briefly had a glimpse at Dr. Martens' future, it's time to rediscover the past. How did a German town-based business so distinctively British? That story begins in 1901. A man named Benjamin Griggs and his business partner, Ephraim Jones began a company to manufacture boots in Wollaston, north Northamptonshire. By 1901, they had incorporated as R. Griggs & Co. Ltd., eventually becoming the R. Griggs Group.

In just a couple of decades, Wollaston had become one of England's shoemaking capitals. As early as 1881, one of its shoe factories was established as a workers' co-operative of local cobbleries (incidentally 'The Buffers'), and it was even today as the Northamptonshire Productive Society, still making shoes as 1920s, where it manufactures many well-known high-end footwear brands.

But the R. Griggs Group continued to flourish well into the 1950s under the leadership of Bill Griggs, who inherited the family business around that time. His fortune would grow even more when he decided to take a risk in 1959. Backing on the success of their fledgling footwear business, Dr. Klaus Martens and Dr. Robert Fark began soliciting advertisements for Dr. Martens' AirWair shoes in international magazines. Griggs saw the fit in this innovative air-cushioned sole by two German doctors and instantly recognised its potential. After

all, having grown up in factories his whole life, he understood the need for sturdy, robust work boots, but also knew how uncomfortable they could be.

Ironically, the rest of his family disagreed with his foresight, seeing the air-cushioned sole as a gimmick, the kind of flack in the past that would fade out over time while leather-soled boots would be around forever. But he treated his intuition and went ahead to meet with Dr. Martens and Dr. Fark, later developing a rapport with them and taking the exclusive licence for their AirWair-soled shoes in the United Kingdom.



ABOVE: The Griggs, longtime owner of the R. Griggs Group that went on to own all of Dr. Martens.

Mod Squad

One of the most prominent British music subcultures to arise in the 1960s and early 1960s was the Mod subculture – or 'Mod' for short. Musical taste was just one part of the complete lifestyle. Mods were dressed with clean-cut fashion pieces like polo shirts, suit jackets and military issue M-51 field jackets, especially ones embellished with the signature roundel of the Royal Air Force. It was a subculture focused on executing everything with intention – the hair you had, the clothes you wore, the music you listened to and the scooter you drove.

As avid fans of The Who, it's no surprise that Dr. Martens became an inimitable part of Mod's uniform. The sleek lines of the boots looked good with suits and usually complemented the minimalist style of the subculture and could also be worn on the Mod vehicle of choice: the Vespa scooter.

RIGHT: Two scooter-riding mods take a breather outside Haringey's Alexandra Road in 1965.



In contrast, the leather-soled subculture of Rockers who favoured leather motorcycle jackets, creepers, engineer boots and R&B as effeminate, and numerous physical altercations between the two groups led to a moral panic about the rise of sexually youth. Boys wore the Mods eventually won out as their way of dress slowly seeped into the British mainstream, leading to the flowering London phase of the 1960s. But as all trends go, as one fad falls out of fashion, another one is right behind it to take its place.



The Spring Behind Every Step

It's hard to believe that an orthopaedic shoe could be synonymous with rebellious style around the world. Yet that is what the Dr. Martens brand continues to represent to millions of its ardent fans.

It can be challenging to maintain one's cool factor over the decades, but by intentionally aligning itself with subcultural style, the nearly octogenarian footwear manufacturer hasn't lost a single step when it comes to cultivating an alternative type of timeless footwear. Considering the United Kingdom also has a rich history of fine Savile Row tailoring, Scottish wools and ruggedly elegant Harris Tweeds, fashion houses like Burberry and tastefully tough outerwear from brands like Barbour, Dr. Martens is singular in that canon of classic British style. Indeed, Dr. Martens is a staunch iconoclast, a bastion of anti-establishment ideals for people who prefer to dress against the grain.

But despite the modern connotation of what Dr. Martens has become, its roots are built on a comfortable foundation. Dr. Klaus Martens first conceived of the footwear's signature 'AirWair' sole while recuperating from a World War II foot injury.

Finding his standard-issue German Army boot severely uncomfortable for his ailing foot, he utilised soft leather for

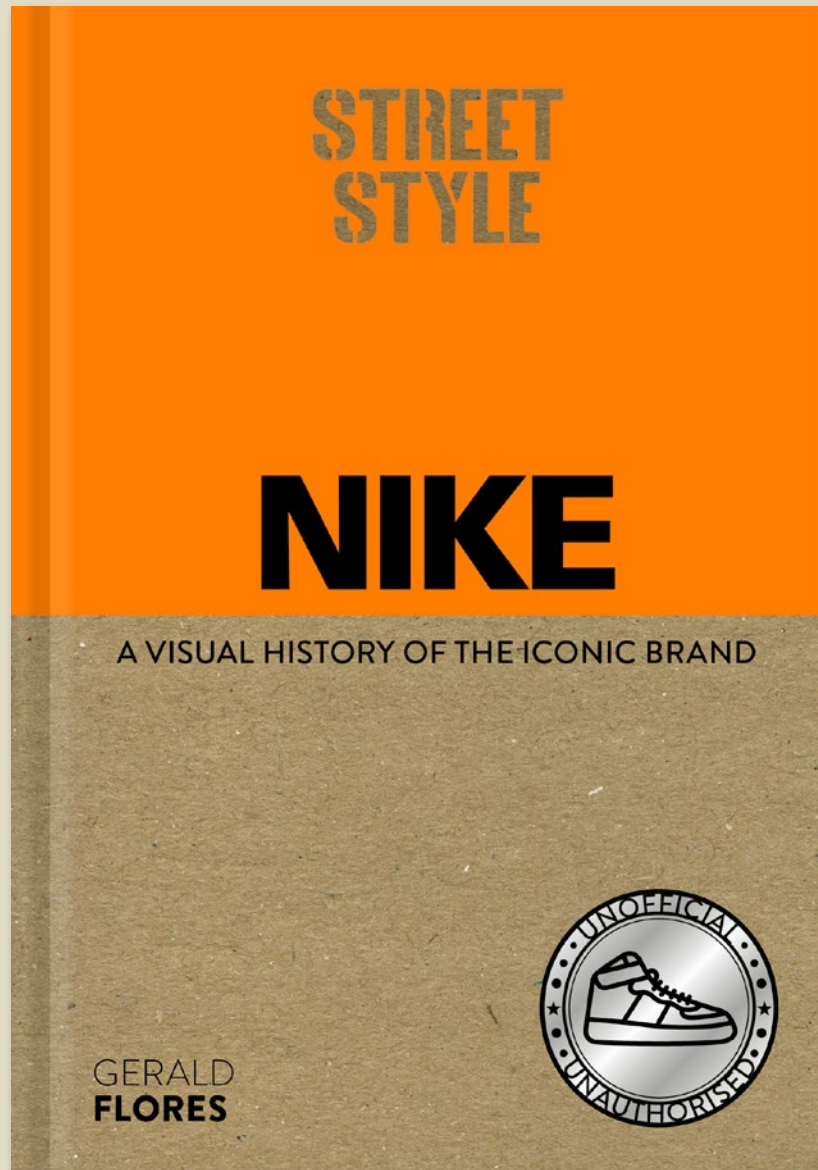
the upper and repurposed tyre rubbers to create an air-padded sole. The resulting shoe is equal parts built to last and equal parts built to live in. It's no wonder that punk rockers and hip-hop artists alike have graced thousands of stages in a pair of Dr. Martens over the years – it's a shoe made for those who live out loud. The story of how a purpose-driven product came to define one of today's most exciting lifestyle brands is one that spans a growing connection between clothing and culture. When you combine a timeless product with a chameleon-like ability to mean different things to different people, you get a shoe that is undeniably trend-proof.



ABOVE: A classic pair of Dr. Martens 1460 boots, broken in with wear.

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Street Style: Nike



Visual history of the iconic street style brand.

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- Cover finishes: mat lam and foil.
- Written by sneaker connoisseur Gerald Flores. With over a decade of journalistic experience, Gerald is fascinated by the people, designers and stories behind sneakers. He has interviewed personalities including Kobe Bryant, Tinker Hatfield and Virgil Abloh.

Street Style: Nike



Nike's terms included \$500,000 in cash for five years, an endorsement figure that was unprecedented in that era. The highest sneaker endorsement before 1984 was New Balance's deal with the Los Angeles Lakers' Larry Bird for \$150,000 a year for eight years. Other perks offered to Jordan included stock options and a custom-built shoe for the basketball player.

There were some stipulations, however. Nike wrote a clause in the initial contract that required Jordan to accomplish one of three things - win NBA Rookie of the Year, to become an All-Star, or to average 20 points per game within his first three years. If Jordan didn't, Nike reserved the right to end the deal two years early.

By the time Jordan's first year in the NBA ended, he averaged 28 points per game after playing every game of the season. Not only did he win Rookie of the Year honors during the 1984-85 season, but the rising star became the darling of the League with his acrobatic style of play that made the name of his signature Nike shoe synonymous with Jordan.

Nike made over \$500 million in revenue thanks to the sale of Air Jordans by the end of that first year - a new industry standard for how trends would market, design and storytelling through signature products was set.

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Max Blackman's marketing campaign still made way for new icons to step in to advertise the Air Jordan 7. Bugs Bunny and the Looney Tunes. Among the number 'Three Jordan' Bugs joined Jordan for a series of memorable commercials and print ads promoting the Air Jordan 7. One notable iteration of the shoe was a white-based colorway nicknamed 'Hare,' paying homage to Bugs' involvement.

The Air Jordan 7 gained even more mainstream exposure when Jordan showcased the 'Bordeaux' colorway in Michael Jackson's music video for 'Scream.' This collaboration between the two biggest cultural icons of their time further solidified the Air Jordan 7's place in sneaker and pop culture history.



ABOVE: The Nike Air Jordan 7 sneakers, playfully referred to as 'Hare' initially, later showcased from cartoon character Bugs Bunny who appeared in an original commercial for the shoe in an animated form.

OPPOSITE: Michael Jordan wearing the 'Bordeaux' version of the Air Jordan 7 during the 1991 NBA Finals, which many regard as the greatest basketball game of all time.

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Nike Air Max 180

The Nike Air Max 180 was a collaborative effort between two giants in the footwear design industry: Timber Hillfield and Bruce Kilgore. At the time of its creation in 1991, Hillfield was renowned for his groundbreaking work on previous Air Max models, pushing the boundaries of sneaker design and technology. Meanwhile, Kilgore had achieved legendary status for his iconic creation, the Air Force 1. Together, they set out to make Air Max bigger and better than it had ever been.

The duo's goal for the shoe was to once again make Nike's patented Air technology larger and more visible than it had ever been. To achieve this, they based it on a horseshoe concept for the Air unit, which allowed for increased visibility along the sides and underfoot of the shoe. They utilized a time molding process to create a version of the bag that provided maximum visibility and impact absorption. Moreover, the Air 180 was the first shoe to feature a swoosh on the outside midsole.

directly to the Air unit, further enhancing its visibility and performance capabilities. The heightened visibility of the Air technology directly inspired the name Air 180.

During a period when Michael Jordan's endorsement could significantly impact any product, he was photographed wearing a pair of Nike Air 180s in the 'Concept' colorway for a photo shoot preceding the 1992 Olympics. This high-profile shoot provided the Air 180 model with exposure to a wider audience and bolstered its mainstream appeal.

While the Nike Air 180 didn't initially receive the same level of fanfare as its contemporaries, its significance and appreciation have grown considerably over the years. As time has passed, the Air 180 has emerged as a standout and essential release within the Nike Air Max series.



OPPOSITE: The Nike Air Max 180 in original colorway of white, charcoal and red.

LEFT: Designer and former Nike collaborator Sean Westerman with the Nike Air Max 180 in 2007.



'Well, I don't love it,' Knight was heard saying upon the first review. 'But it will grow on me.'

The Swoosh definitely grew on Knight as the shape also bore a resemblance to the wings on the Greek goddess that Nike was named after. It would go on to become one of the most well-known logos in the world.

While Davidson was initially paid just \$35 for her design, Knight saw her as one of the original minds behind the brand and wanted to acknowledge this. In 1983, the founder rewarded Davidson with 500 shares of Nike, as well as a golden ring.

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with a Swoosh-shaped diamond, which is possibly the biggest remuneration for any logo design in history.

The marking is such a part of Nike culture that every new athlete that signs with the brand is tasked to draw their own version of the Swoosh. There have been different evolutions of the Swoosh and you can see the various iterations if you look through Nike's back-catalogue of products. Designer and Nike collaborator Virgil Abloh nodded to Davidson's original Swoosh design on the cover of his book *Something's Off* and the marking has been reversed on signature product for eccentric players, like Dennis Rodman's Air Darwin sneaker. But the essence of the Swoosh remains in its simplicity, its elegance and the way it represents movement.

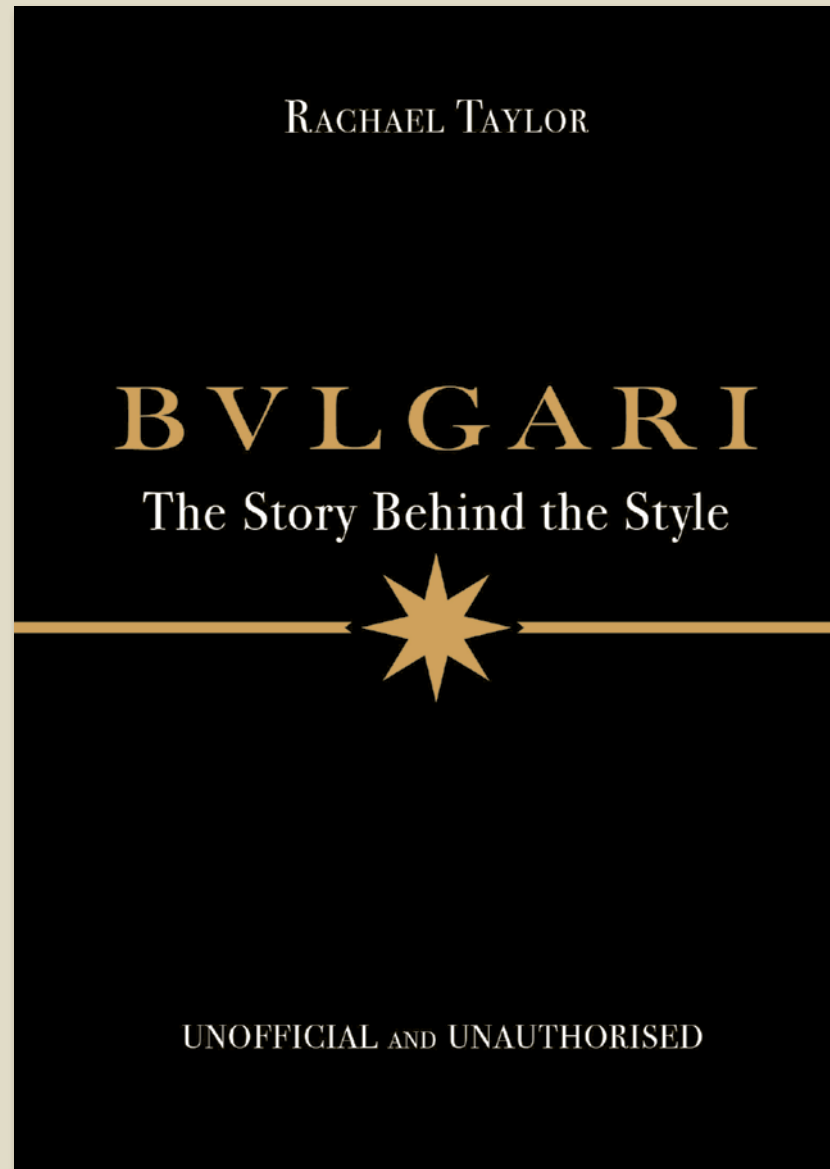
OPPOSITE: Giannis Antetokounmpo's first signature sneaker implemented its performance features in the midsole in the shape of a reverse Nike Swoosh.

ABOVE: A lightning bolt effect on the Nike Swoosh printed on a pair of track spikes.

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Bulgari: The Story Behind the Style



Visual history of the iconic jewellery brand.

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- Illustrated with full colour photographs showcasing the brand's history.
- Cover finishes: mat lam and foil.
- Comp title *The Little Book of Chanel* has sold in excess of 70k copies TCM.

Bulgari: The Story Behind the Style



Elizabeth Taylor

One of Bulgari's most famous clients in its La Dolce Vita era – and long afterwards – was Elizabeth Taylor. The American actress first discovered Bulgari when she was filming *Cleopatra* in 1962. Some of the film was shot on location in Italy, and it is said that when she had time between takes, or wished to escape the paparazzi, she would head to Via Condotti to try on Bulgari's masterpieces. When she did, she was allowed to enter through a secret side door that provided her with a private courtyard in which to park.

Taylor was a famous jewellery collector, and often negotiated pieces of jewellery as part of her film contracts. She even published a book about her obsession in 2002 titled *Elizabeth Taylor: My Love Affair with Jewellery*. Therefore, it was little wonder that downtime in Rome led her to Bulgari.

Taylor's portrayal of *Cleopatra* also helped to make a Bulgari icon truly iconic: the Serpenti watch. Although she

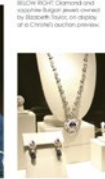
didn't wear her watch during filming, she was photographed wearing it on set for a publicity still, and the snake-like design chimed perfectly with the Egyptian theme of the film. Her endorsement of the Serpenti watch transformed a quirky accessory created by a local Roman jeweller into a global icon.

Bulgari wasn't the only burgeoning love affair in Taylor's life at that time. She was also starting a romance with her *Cleopatra* co-star Richard Burton, who would become her

OPPOSITE: Elizabeth Taylor always favoured Bulgari's Serpenti watches. In 1962, wearing one of the Serpenti watches, she posed for a Bulgari portrait.



BELOW LEFT: Elizabeth Taylor at the Bulgari boutique in Rome in 1962, wearing one of the Serpenti watches.



movement made it another record breaker. The ultra-thin minute repeater movement – housed in a titanium case to amplify the sound of the chiming mechanism that is the hallmark of this complication – was 3.12mm thick.

The following year, Bulgari presented another ultra-thin watch. The Octo Finissimo Automatic was not complex in terms of watchmaking, but it set a new record for size as the thinnest automatic watch on the market at 5.15mm, with a movement just 2.23mm tall.

Bulgari's next attempt would break two records. In 2018, it presented the Octo Finissimo Tourbillon Automatic. It was the thinnest automatic watch at 3.95mm, and also the thinnest tourbillon in the world.

The obsession with record-breaking ultra-thin watchmaking rolled on. In 2019, the Octo Finissimo Chronograph GMT became the thinnest mechanical chronograph movement at 3.3mm, set in a 6.5mm titanium case. In 2020, the Octo Finissimo Tourbillon Chronograph Skeleton Automatic

was named the thinnest tourbillon chronograph with a case depth of 3.5mm. And in 2021, the Octo Finissimo Perpetual Calendar became the thinnest perpetual calendar watch at 5mm thick.

In 2022, to mark the 10-year anniversary of the relaunch of the Octo line, Bulgari presented another impressive watch that smashed the others out of the park. The Octo Finissimo Ultra became the thinnest mechanical watch on the planet, with a case size of just 1.8mm.

OPPOSITE: Automatic tourbillon watch from Bulgari's Octo Finissimo collection.



BELOW LEFT: Bulgari's Octo Finissimo Automatic watch, set in a titanium case, is the thinnest automatic watch on the market at 5.15mm.



New York

New York was the location of the brand's first international store since Serbelloni's early expansion ended. The brand's products were already being sold in the US through an agent, but in 1972 it opened a boutique within the Pierre Hotel on the edge of Central Park.

In America, Bulgari positioned itself as luxury jewellery for women who wanted to have fun. It was tapping into the easy-going, carefree zeitgeist. In a campaign starring the American singer Cher, Bulgari described its jewels as 'real, but not too serious'. In that campaign, Cher was wearing a collection called Stars and Stripes that Bulgari had created to celebrate the Pierre boutique opening. The collection used coral, lapis lazuli, enamel and diamonds to create stars



OPPOSITE: A Bulgari ring with diamonds, enamel and lapis lazuli, which was worn by Nancy Reagan in 1966.



and stripes motifs in reference to the American flag.

Bulgari added pieces to the Stars and Stripes collection throughout the 1970s and into the early 1980s, but today it is a rare find on the secondary market, making it the holy grail for Bulgari collectors.

A special Stars and Stripes ring was made for former First Lady Nancy Reagan to wear at the anniversary celebration of the Statue of Liberty. The ring on the gold ring was encrusted with rubies, blue sapphires and diamonds. The ring came up for sale at Sotheby's in 2016 and fetched \$119,000.

By the late 1980s, Bulgari had outgrown its Pierre Hotel boutique and moved to a larger location at 730 Fifth

Bulgari's First Signature Design

Every great jewellery house needs a signature design, and for Bulgari its first was the Trombino ring, which was created in 1932. The design was a labour of love for Giorgio



Bulgari, quite literally: it started out as a sketch for a ring with which he hoped to propose to Leonilde Gulienetti. For someone as passionate about jewels as Giorgio, the ring had to be perfect.

His design was for a ring that would elevate the central stone above the band, creating a sense of volume. This prominent setting is what inspired the name Trombino, which translates from Italian as 'little trumpet', as the profile does indeed look trumpet-like.

He worked purely in white diamonds, as was the fashion at the time. As well as a central stone, diamonds crowded the band, but rather than simply creating a blanket of stones in a pavé setting, Giorgio sought to add a little flair.

In addition to pavé diamonds, he added graduated baguette-cut diamonds that led away from the central stone, almost like a ladder. This placement of baguettes created an even more prominent stage for that elevated central diamond, drawing the eye to it.

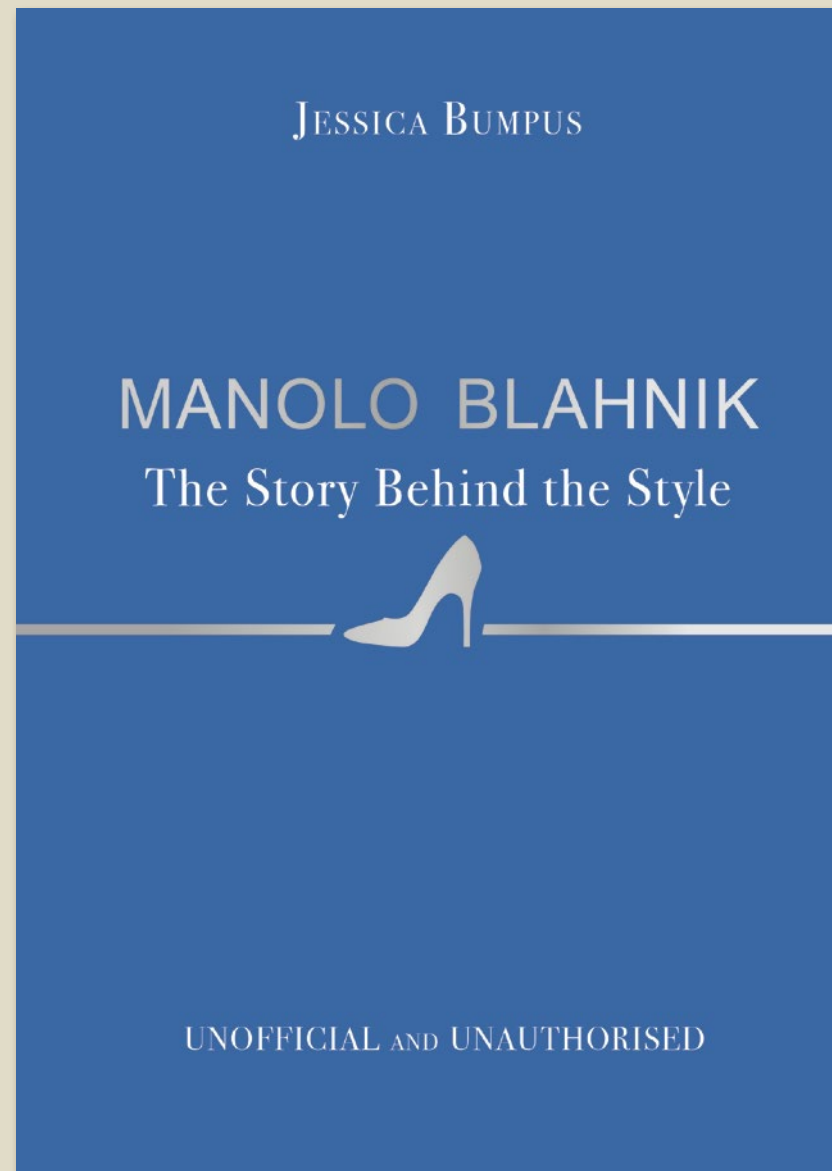
Giorgio was delighted with his final design, and steered his nerves for the proposal. Leonilde must also have been pleased with it, as she agreed to marry him.

So striking was the ring that it soon caught the attention of Rome society, and Giorgio realised that what had started as a personal project had huge potential for his company. And so, he began to produce the Trombino for his clients, and the 1930s design remains popular to this day.

OPPOSITE: An all-diamond and platinum Bulgari Trombino ring, which sold for US\$57,150 at Sotheby's in 2023.

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Manolo Blahnik: The Story Behind the Style



Visual history of the iconic shoe designer.

- Written by Jessica Bumpus, fashion editor formerly with *British Vogue* and author of *Vivienne Westwood: The Story Behind the Style*.
- Illustrated with full colour photographs showcasing the brand's history.
- Cover finishes: mat lam and foil.
- Comp title *The Little Book of Chanel* has sold in excess of 70k copies TCM.

Manolo Blahnik: The Story Behind the Style

Anne Winnow was actually one of Blahnik's first customers when she was living in London in the 1980s, and it is from this that their friendship grew. She is often photographed wearing a certain style: custom versions of the Callali, which Blahnik simply refers to now as the "AW".



OPPOSITE: Fashion icon Jane Fonda with Manolo Blahnik. ABOVE: Jane Fonda and Manolo Blahnik at the Academy Awards, 1988.



her first in line of a ring through its embellished buckle does a very good job at standing in. But the brand's success was not confined to *Sex and the City*. Indeed, it was only just beginning. The 2000s also saw further celebration of Manolo Blahnik's work through exhibitions, accolades and awards – and some other surprise artistic outlets.

In 2004, Blahnik designed a shoe horn for the furniture store Habitat as part of its VIP collection. The flashy object was made from silver-plated polished aluminium and came in a curvaceous shape with the designer's name on the outside, and accompanying box. It was among several pieces that saw famous design names put their stamp on household/interior items.

While no longer available to buy in stores, there seems to be a strong resale market for the shoe horn, with various sellers offering what is actually a very useful (if somewhat forgotten) object.

OPPOSITE: Manolo Blahnik's shoe horn.

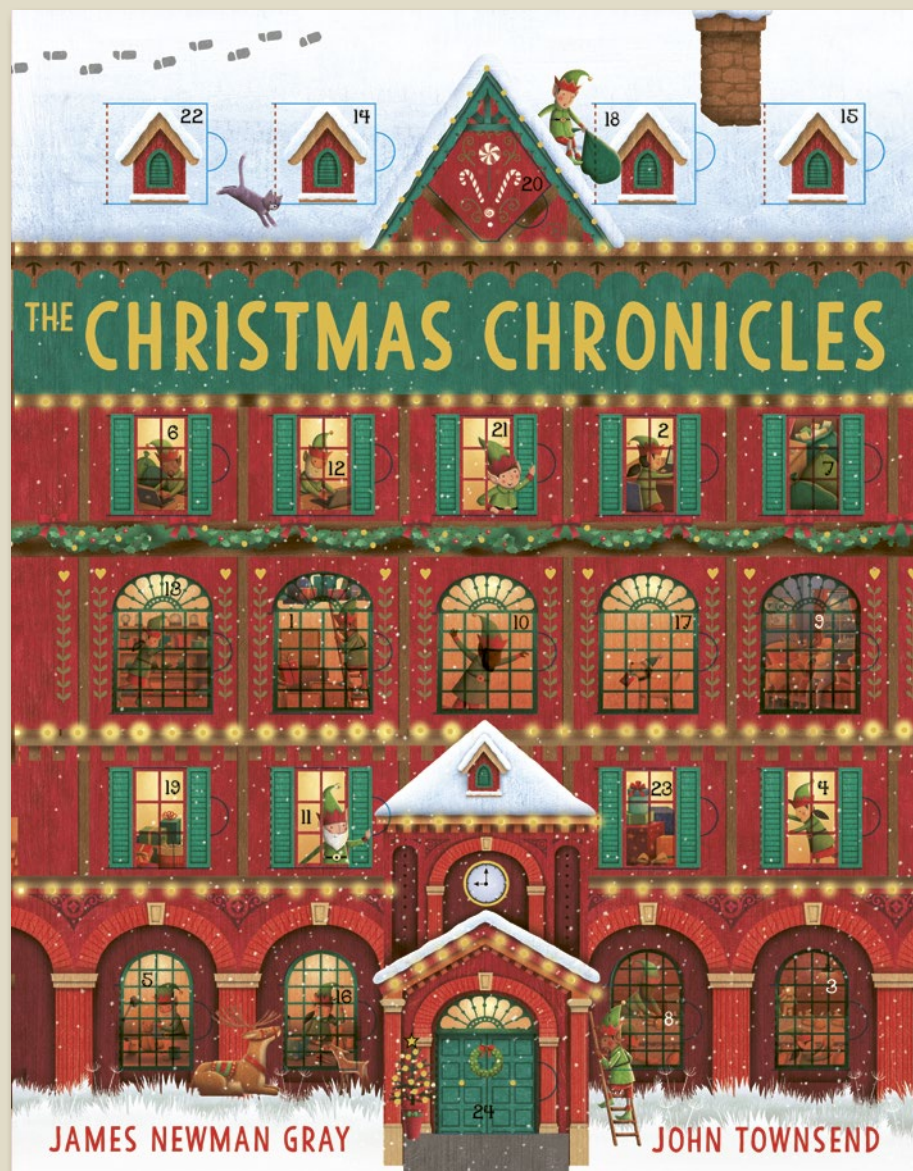
Accolades

Manolo Blahnik has dressed countless feet and been there for many an important moment in fashion and culture. These many awards have been won in Manolo Blahnik's life. He has received many prestigious accolades in recognition of this. They include an Honorary Doctorate by the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Doctorate of Arts by the Royal College of Art in 2001. La Medalla de Oro de Mérito en las Bellas Artes by the King of Spain in 2002, an Honorary CBE from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to recognise the fact that he was one of the most successful and influential designers of our time in 2007. The then-Culture Secretary, James Patten told press: "Manolo Blahnik is one of only a handful of designers whose name is synonymous with their product."



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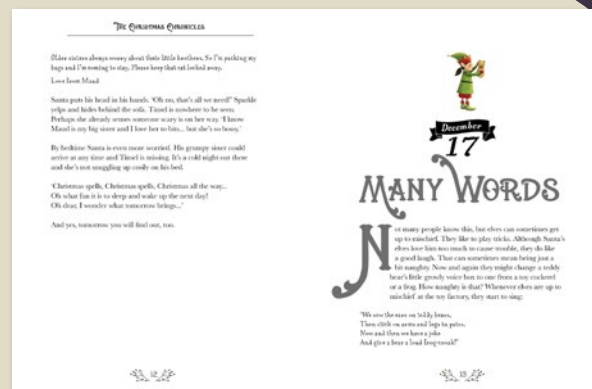
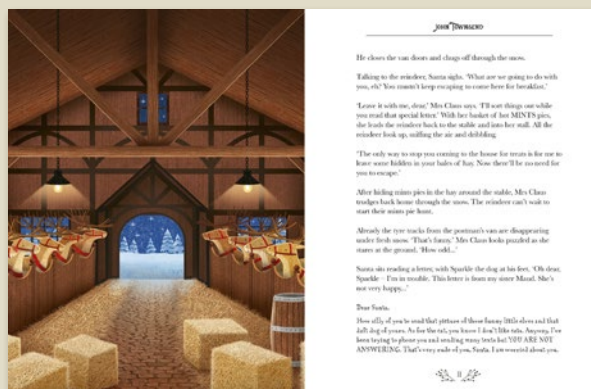
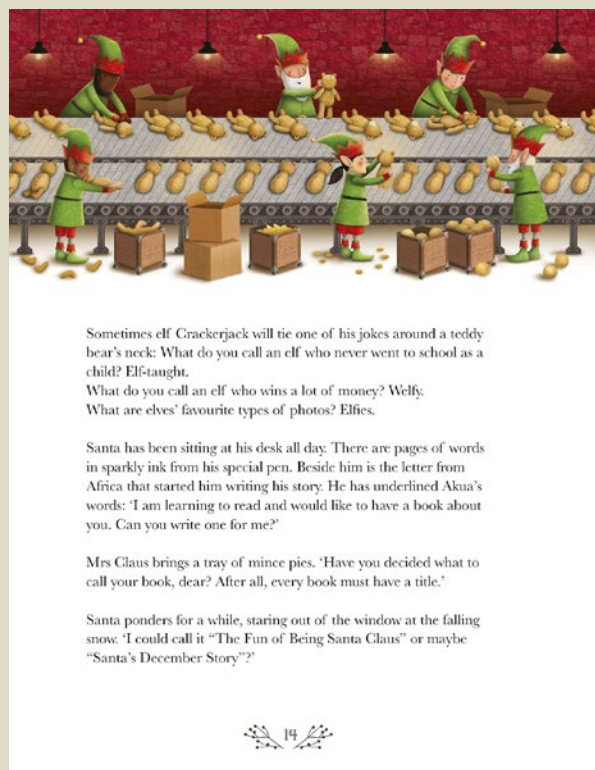
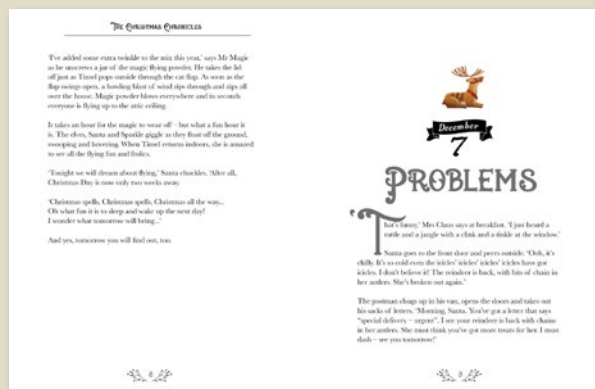
The Christmas Chronicles



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

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- 24 humorous chapters--one for every day in the buildup to Christmas.

The Christmas Chronicles



JOHN TOWNSEND

Mrs Claus sips from a teacup and says, 'How about something more Christmassy? Something that gives a day-by-day record of what you do. What's another word for diary?'

Santa continues watching the dancing snowflakes through the window. 'Chronicle,' he smiles. 'Why not call my book "The Christmas Chronicles"?'

'Ooh, that sounds posh,' Mrs Claus giggles. 'It's got a ring to it. Go for it, love!'

Santa looks back at his desk where Tinsel is playing with Akua's letter by tapping it with her paw. 'And I shall mention Akua in it, too,' he says. 'In fact, I shall dedicate my book to all children in hospital this Christmas.'

At bedtime, Santa sits up in bed with his notebook and scratchy pen. Sparkle and Tinsel watch more words appear on the paper, as if by magic. Santa giggles, 'Shall I read you the first page? I told you both you would be in my book so here goes... "Not many people know this, but if you go to the North Pole and face one way, you will see a house with many windows, green shutters and a snowy roof. That's where Santa Claus lives with his wife Carol, their cat Tinsel and their dog Sparkle." "Santa turns off the light with a sigh.

'Christmas spells, Christmas spells, Christmas all the way... Oh what fun it is to sleep and wake up the next day! Nightie night, my sweetie-pies. Only one week to my big night. Just you wait till you see what tomorrow brings...'

And yes, tomorrow you will find out, too.

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Icons of Cinema: Baz Luhrmann



A celebration of the iconic movie director behind *Moulin Rouge!* and *Elvis*.

- Written by Emily Maskell, freelance film critic who has written for BBC Culture, GQ, W Mag and more.
- Illustrated with full colour photographs including events and movie stills.
- The next title in this series, **Icons of Cinema: Greta Gerwig**, will publish in 2025.
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Icons of Cinema: Baz Luhrmann

Paso Doble Flare

Though Scott and Fran perform several ballroom dances throughout *Strictly Ballroom*, their rule-breaking paso doble is the most memorable. The Latin ballroom dance imitates a bullfight; the male dancer is the matador, while the female dancer is the red cape of a torero. After another heated argument with his mother, Scott arrives at Fran's house and confesses his desire to dance with her at the competition. However, Fran's Spanish family does not warmly receive his declaration. Fran's father, Ravi (Antonio Vargas, one of the world's leading Platinos directors), is especially suspicious of the young man and demands to see his paso doble in action.

They gather on the wooden terrace, lit by lanterns with Fran's family playing live instruments, as Scott and Fran's dance is met by raucous laughter. Ravi can't just stand by and watch his son assume the murder position, head held high with smug confidence and effervescent flame. The family forms a ring in which Ravi challenges Scott with a "this is how it's done" glare. They look like two bullfighters facing off. Luhrmann holds an extreme close-up on the intensity of Ravi's forehead, while the sound design focuses on the increasingly loud clicking of his heels. Rapid fire editing cuts jump between close-ups of Ravi's dancing and Scott's wonderment. The fiery



movement multiplies into a scene of schooling between the two men, who are very different from one another.

Ravi becomes Scott and Fran's unofficial dance coach to help them perfect their paso doble. Fran's grandfather Yi Yi (Antonio Bandini) also assists, the film Scott's chore to engage the rhythm of the music into his soul to help him "dance from the heart". Their eighth rehearsal is brought forward into the daylight, no longer hiding in the dark – it's a subtle callback to Fran's sentiment that "a life lived in fear is a life half lived". Luhrmann characterises such scenes with a narrative soundtrack composed of the noisy railway station, dramatic setting, the family's chugging, and the humming of maps.



OPPOSITE TOP: Fran (Scott) and Ravi (Vargas) dance together. OPPOSITE BOTTOM: Scott (Macgregor) winning at the final. ABOVE: Scott (Macgregor) and Ravi (Vargas) perform the paso doble.

A 21-year-old DMCaptain pulled the character's complicated bundle of emotions, cycling through all of these emotions in a few seconds. His anger is tangible in his animated gaze and towering expression as he faces the gun, but then comes shame. Luhrmann cuts to an extreme close-up of Ravi's expression. DMCaptain faces the only thing visible in the frame. Ravi's father enters to see as much as Ravi's father's eyes and blood trickles down his cheeks. There is no soundtrack for Ravi's breakdown, just the patter of falling rain as he screams: "I am Ravi's father!"

Luhrmann jumps so quickly between the tranquil love and agonised violence that there is no character left untouched by the threat of death. The murder of both Mercutio and Tybalt demonstrates that this burning desire to defeat the enemy household is all in vain. Through Tybalt killing Mercutio and Romeo killing Tybalt,

Romeo has not only lost his best friend but left a devastating mark on the household's identity. The self-destruction of youth infatuation with Romeo's Juliet's heartbreaking conclusion as the two lovers tragically take their lives in each other's arms.



ABOVE: Romeo (Macgregor) looks at the murdered Tybalt.

Luhrmann's Outback

On home soil, Luhrmann's epic drama captures the landscape of Australia with wonder. This vast summer season over the landscape as much as Lady Sarah and Doreen's infatuation. As the pair roam across endless miles of land, driving cattle, cinema-ographer Mandy Walker highlights the non-blended Outback's outgrowing nature.

Luhrmann's signature style of visual splendour infuses with Walker's long domes of dusty scrubbed plains, incalculable sunsets and formidable mountains. As Walker sweeps over various terrains, the aerial shots are breathtakingly powerful. The cinematography focuses from the classic American western – capturing cattle drives like Howard Hawks' *Red River* – with grand scale infused to the expansive Outback. Further bolstering *Australia*, unlike Jill Black's hyperactive editing, Doreen and Michael McCook take a more restrained approach. The Outback lingers on the screen as viewers can properly absorb its grandeur.

Light is a central component of Luhrmann's storytelling. Walker's wide frames find each character under the blinding Australian sun, but the exposure quality of light and the noticeable absence of it imbues *Australia*'s frames with a fantastical quality. Filming in Kunzea, a remote region of northern Western Australia, temperatures soared to a grueling 43°C and the intensity of sunlight hardened the cattle driving scenes. The sun is a guiding light but a punishing force in the trenches and sun-baked New South Wales which the horses traverse.

Luhrmann's lens appreciates Australia's landscapes, whether observing King George atop a mountain or Lady Sarah trudging through the sands. The film explores through several characters and their differentiating methods as Luhrmann examines the beauty of the desert and plains while contemplating the harsh reality of the country's history.



TOP: Doreen (Macgregor) in the Outback.



MIDDLE: Lady Sarah (Macgregor) and Doreen (Macgregor) in the Outback.



BOTTOM: Lady Sarah (Macgregor) in the Outback.

THE CURTAIN RISES...

The Showman

Over three decades, Mark Anthony Luhrmann, who goes by the moniker Baz Luhrmann, has cemented himself as one of cinema's most recognisable filmmakers. The Australian film director, producer, writer and actor has worked across television, opera, theatre and music, but it is in the cinematic realm where he has really flourished. He is regarded as a contemporary auteur renowned for his theatrical aptitude, opulent aesthetic and sweeping romances.

Luhrmann is a showman as much as a director, known for conducting dramatic narratives that play out on a flamboyantly grand scale. Culturally, his significance spans the arts as he takes classic narrative structures and morphs them through new perspectives, not limiting himself to the boundaries of realism. This signature style marks the Australian filmmaker as a pioneering storyteller where the fusion of high and low pop culture creates an entirely singular body of films.

OPPOSITE: Luhrmann on the set of *Moulin Rouge!*



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Icons of Cinema: Greta Gerwig



A celebration of the iconic movie director behind *Barbie* and *Little Women*.

- Written by Laura Venning, film critic specialising in feminist cinema who has written for BBC Culture, Empire Magazine and Little White Lies.
- Illustrated with full colour photographs including events and movie stills.
- Barbie earned more than \$1.38 billion worldwide to become Warner Bros' highest grossing film ever, as well as the highest grossing film ever from a female filmmaker at the domestic box office, and was the largest global film release of 2023.
- Will publish simultaneously with **Icons of Cinema: Wes Anderson**.

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Icons of Cinema: Wes Anderson



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