



# Tukan – 2024 highlights

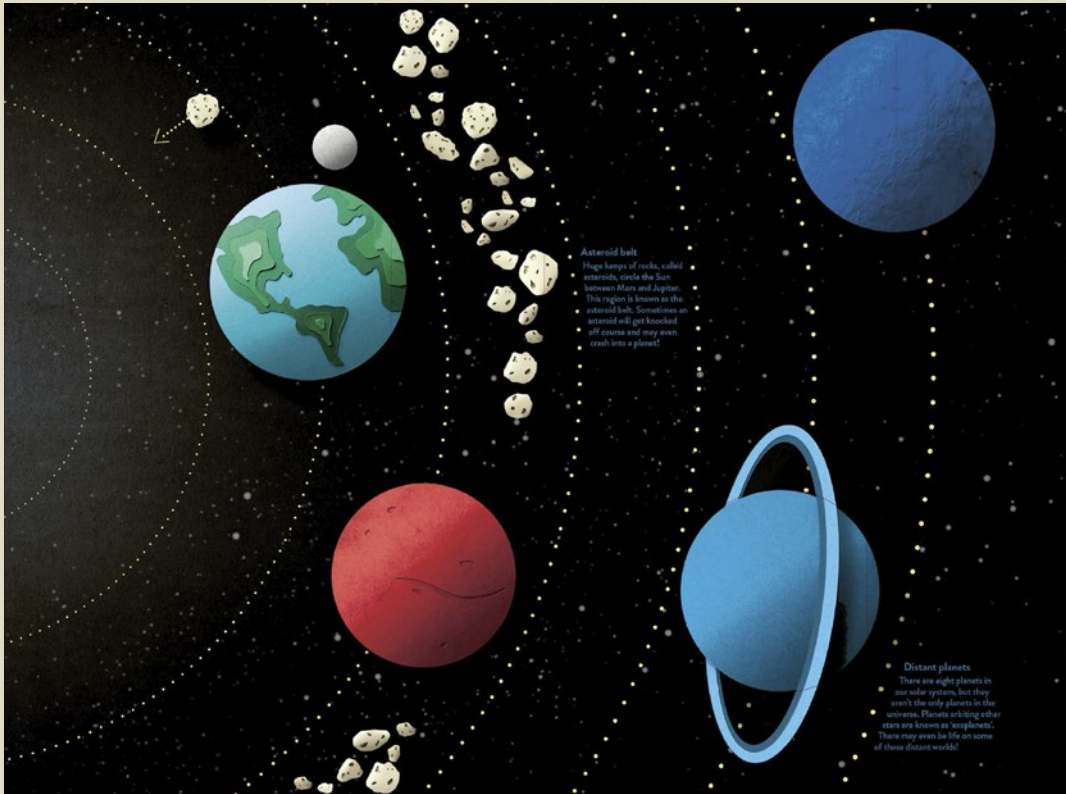
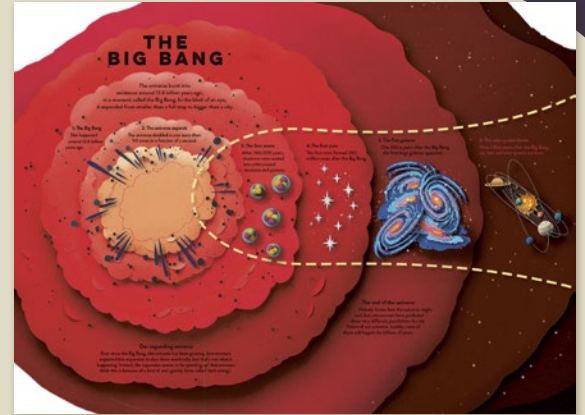
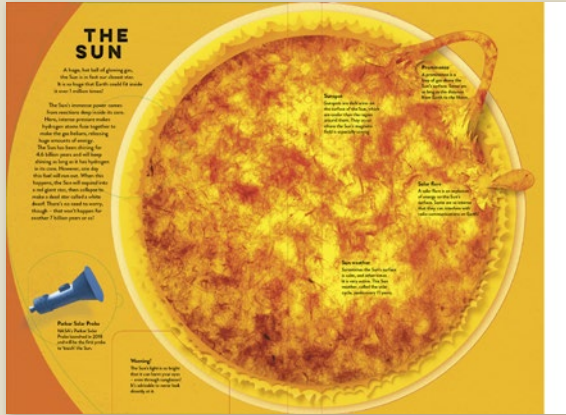
# Paper World: Space



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

- Also in the series: *Paper World Planet Earth*, published 2019
- Vibrant paper-cut artwork by award-winning British artist Gail Armstrong
- Deep die-cuts and integrated flaps on every spread, with an incredible double-gatefold for the Solar System
- A fact-packed text reveals fascinating facts about space
- **Contents:** Looking at space; The Solar System; The Sun; The Moon; Comets and Asteroids; Stars; Galaxies; The Big Bang; Space Station; Mars Living; Glossary
- Striking cover design with a large die-cut through the cover and title page

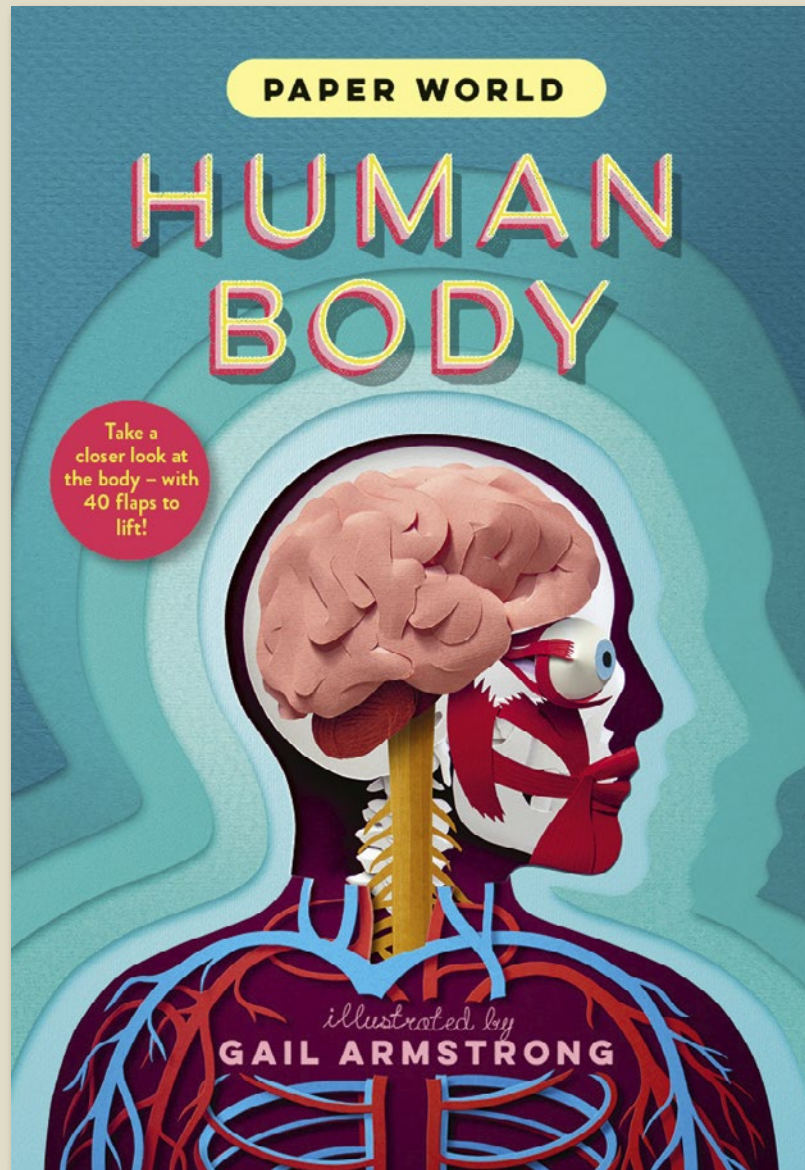
# Paper World: Space



Pub Date	<b>17/09/2020</b>
Pub Price	<b>£16.99</b>
ISBN	<b>9781787415768</b>
H x W	<b>330 x 225mm</b>
Binding	<b>Hardback</b>
Age Range	<b>7-9 years</b>
Author	<b>Ruth Symons</b>
Illustrator	<b>Gail Armstrong</b>
Extent	<b>26pp</b>
Word Count	<b>5500 words</b>
Rights Available	<b>World</b>



# Paper World: Human Body

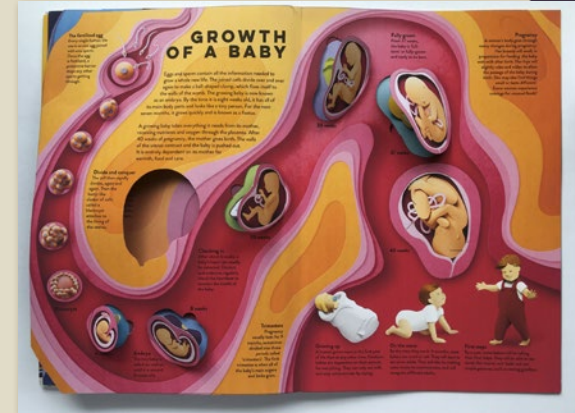
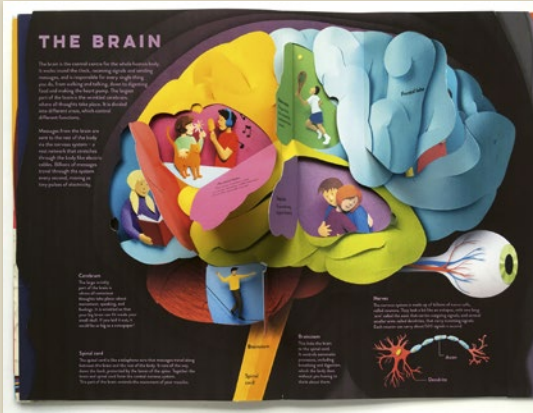


## A paper-cut book about the body

- Vibrant paper-cut artwork by award-winning British artist Gail Armstrong
- Deep die-cuts and integrated flaps on every spread provide a unique interactive look at the human body
- A fact-packed text reveals fascinating facts about the human body
- Striking cover design with a large die-cut through the cover and title page
- The Paper World series has sold over 100,000 copies worldwide
- Book 4 Paper World: Oceans coming 2024
- CONTENTS: Organs & Systems; Skeleton & Muscles; Heart & Lungs; Digestive System; Digestive Organs; The Senses; The Brain; Reproductive System; Growth of a Baby; Glossary
- Fact-checked by Dr Jennifer Paxton of the University of Edinburgh

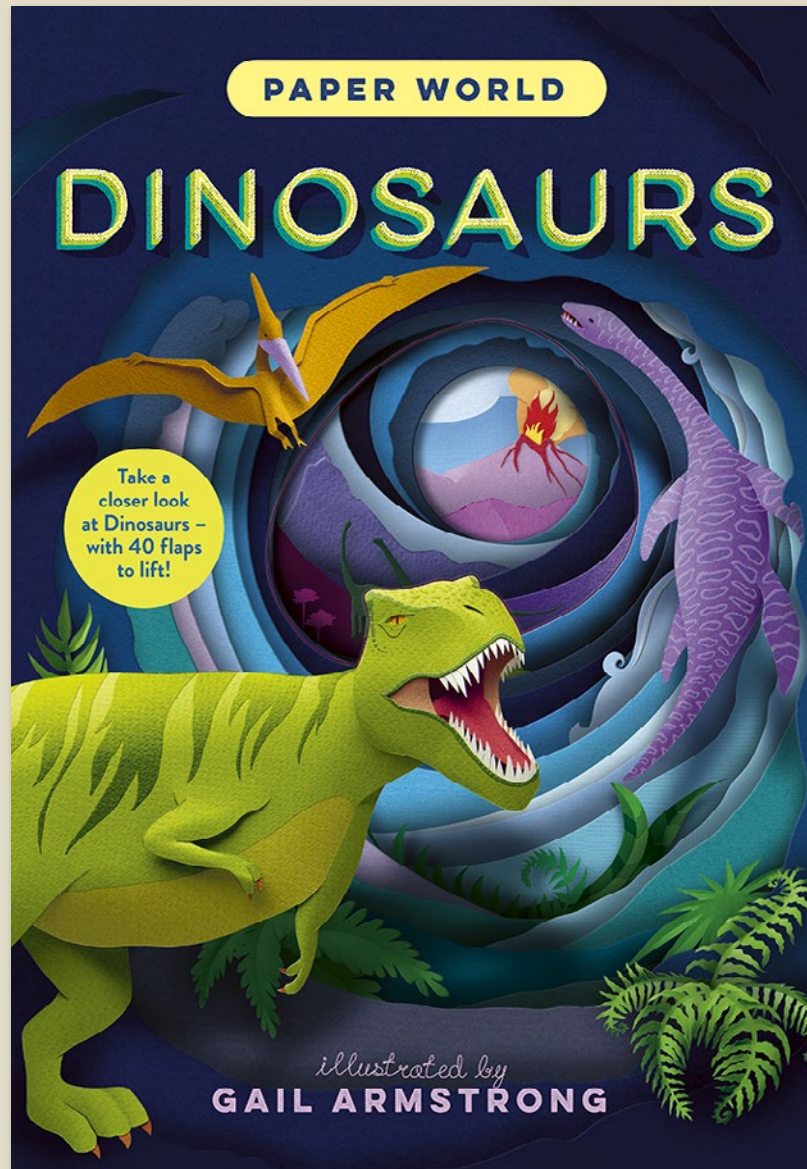


# Paper World: Human Body



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Pub Price	£16.99
ISBN	9781800782365
H x W	330 x 225mm
Binding	Hardback
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Author	Ruth Symons
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# Paper World: Dinosaurs

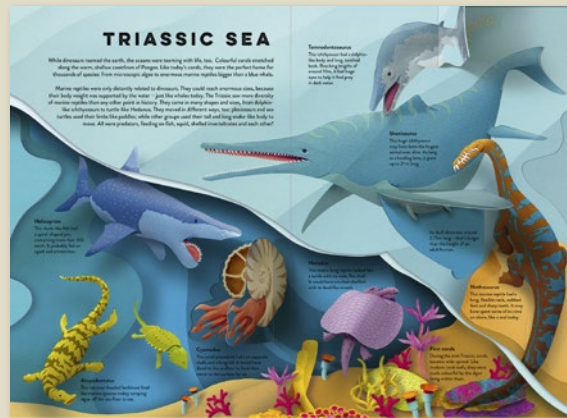


## A one-of-a-kind paper-cut book all about dinosaurs

- The *Paper World* series has sold over 220,000 copies worldwide
- Contents: Before the Dinosaurs; Triassic; Triassic Oceans; Jurassic; Jurassic Skies; Cretaceous Variety; Cretaceous Giants; The End of the Dinosaurs; How Fossils Form; Studying Fossils; Glossary
- Vibrant paper-cut artwork by award-winning British artist Gail Armstrong
- Deep die-cuts and integrated flaps on every spread
- A fact-packed text reveals fascinating facts about dinosaurs and other prehistoric life - fact-checked by Education Officer at the Oxford Museum of Natural History, Chris Jarvis
- Striking cover design with a large die-cut through the cover and title page



# Paper World: Dinosaurs



Pub Date	<b>14/08/2025</b>
Pub Price	<b>£16.99</b>
ISBN	<b>9781800788565</b>
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Freight On Board	<b>12/06/2025</b>
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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).

# Winter Tales



## • THE WHITE BEAR KING •

But the first time, the bear roared! With a bellowing roar, the powerful creature got his claws on her back. And then, but despite of his best efforts, he was unable to shake her from his grasp. He roared again and again, but she was not moved.

The prince held on to her back. He felt the powerful creature's muscles beneath his back, but despite of his best efforts, he was unable to shake her from his grasp.

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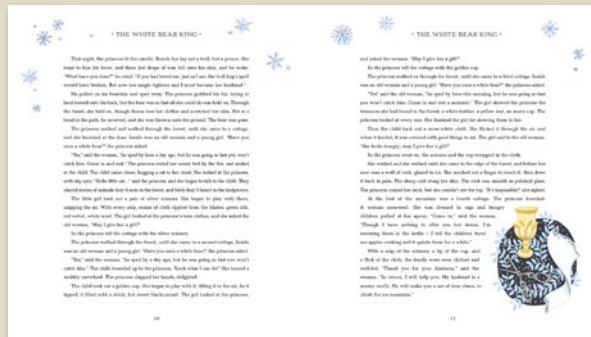
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## TANUKI'S GOLD A folk tale from Japan

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

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

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

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

## • TANUKI'S GOLD •

'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.

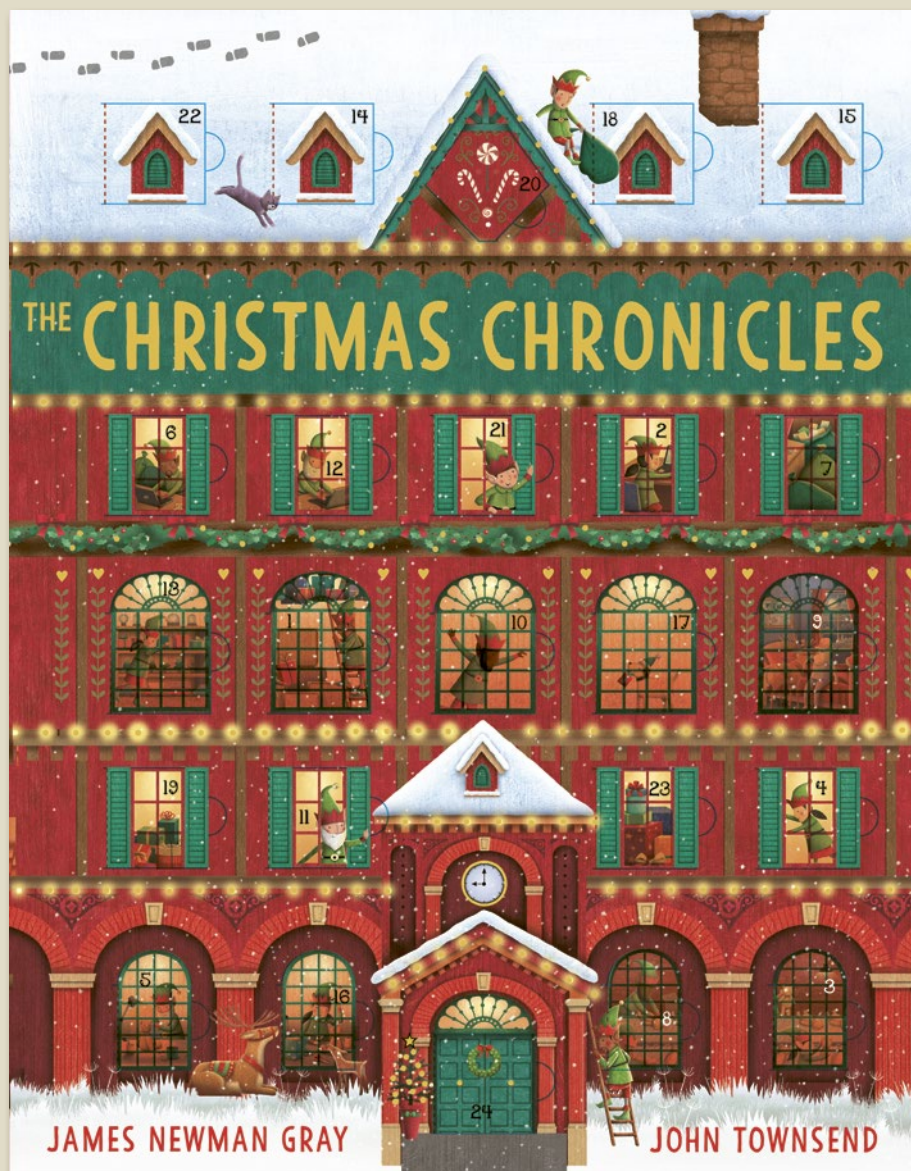
But when winter came around again, the tanuki always returned, and the old priest greeted his old friend with a glad heart.



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Pub Price	£16.99
ISBN	9781787416871
H x W	270 x 240mm
Binding	Hardback
Age Range	7-9 years
Author	Dawn Casey
Illustrator	Zanna Goldhawk
Extent	96pp
Word Count	15000 words
Rights Available	World



# The Christmas Chronicles

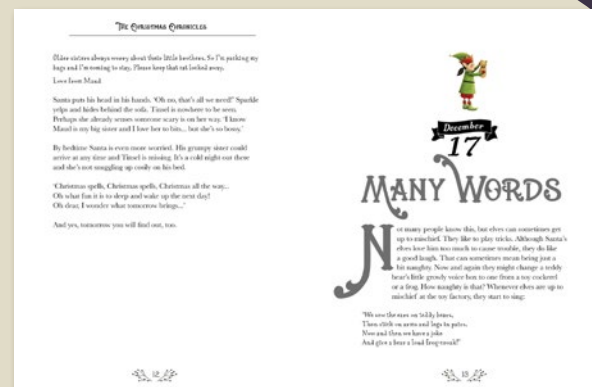
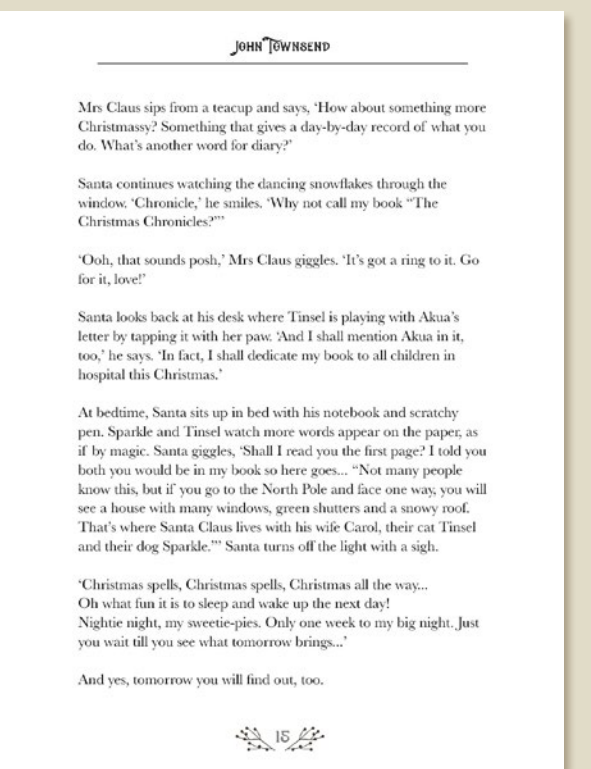
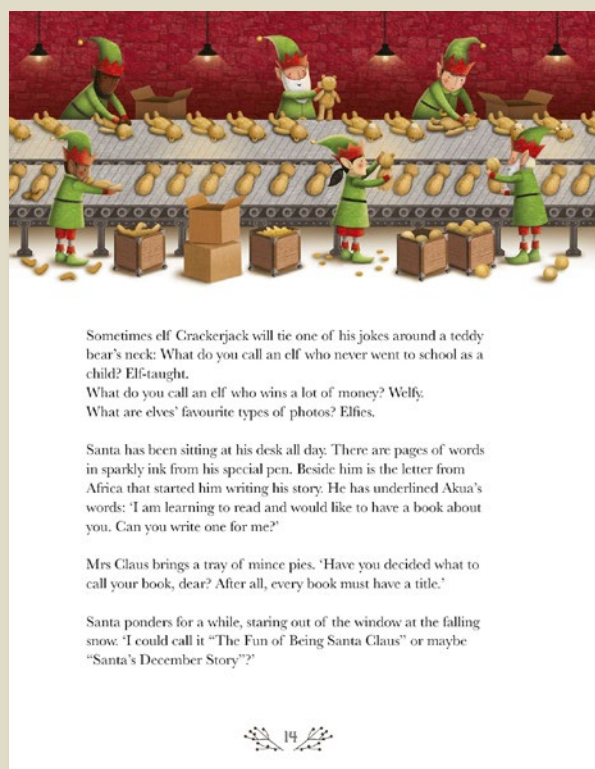
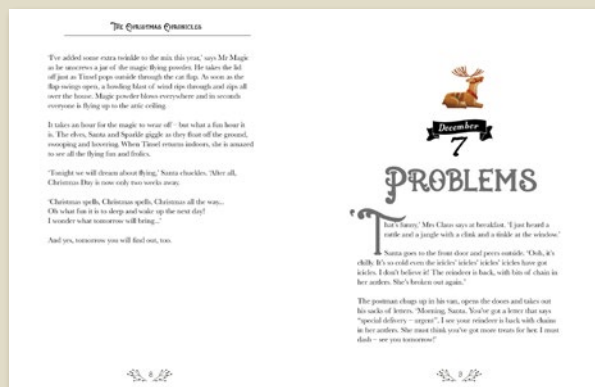


## Count down to Christmas with this lift-the-flap advent calendar-style book!

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

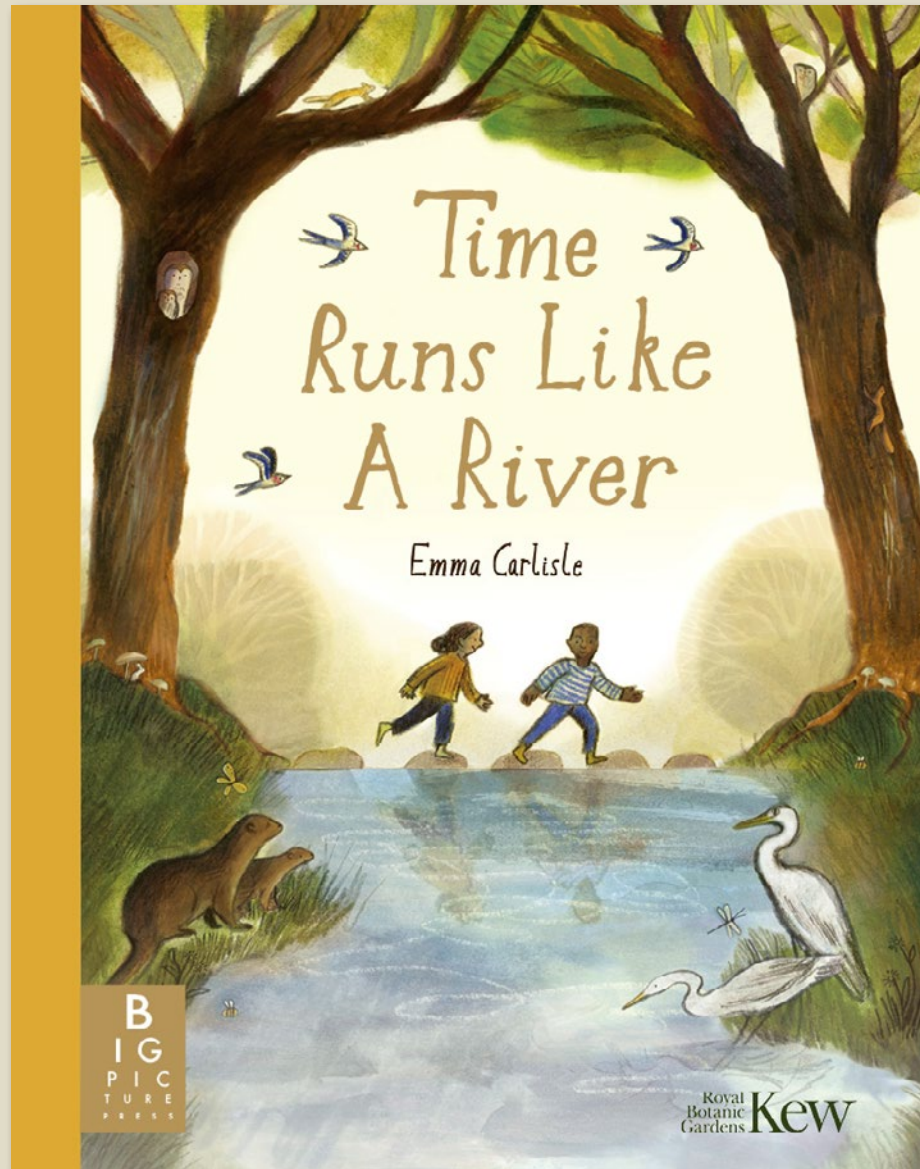


# The Christmas Chronicles



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ISBN	9781800789241
H x W	297 x 229mm
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Author	John Townsend
Illustrator	James Newman Gray
Extent	96pp
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# Time Runs Like A River

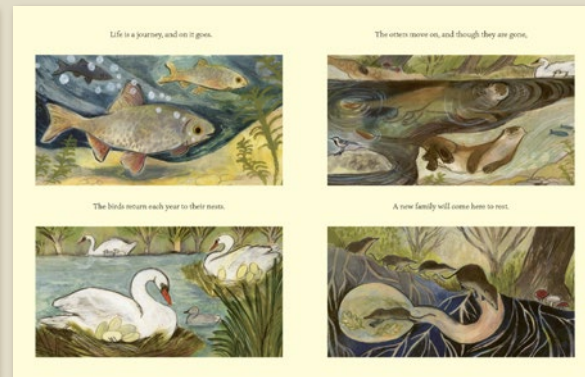


**This lyrical picture book by award-winning artist Emma Carlisle explores the passage of time and change through the metaphor of a river, combining beautiful illustrations and themes of mindfulness.**

- **Winner of the Award of Excellence in Literature for Children from the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries**



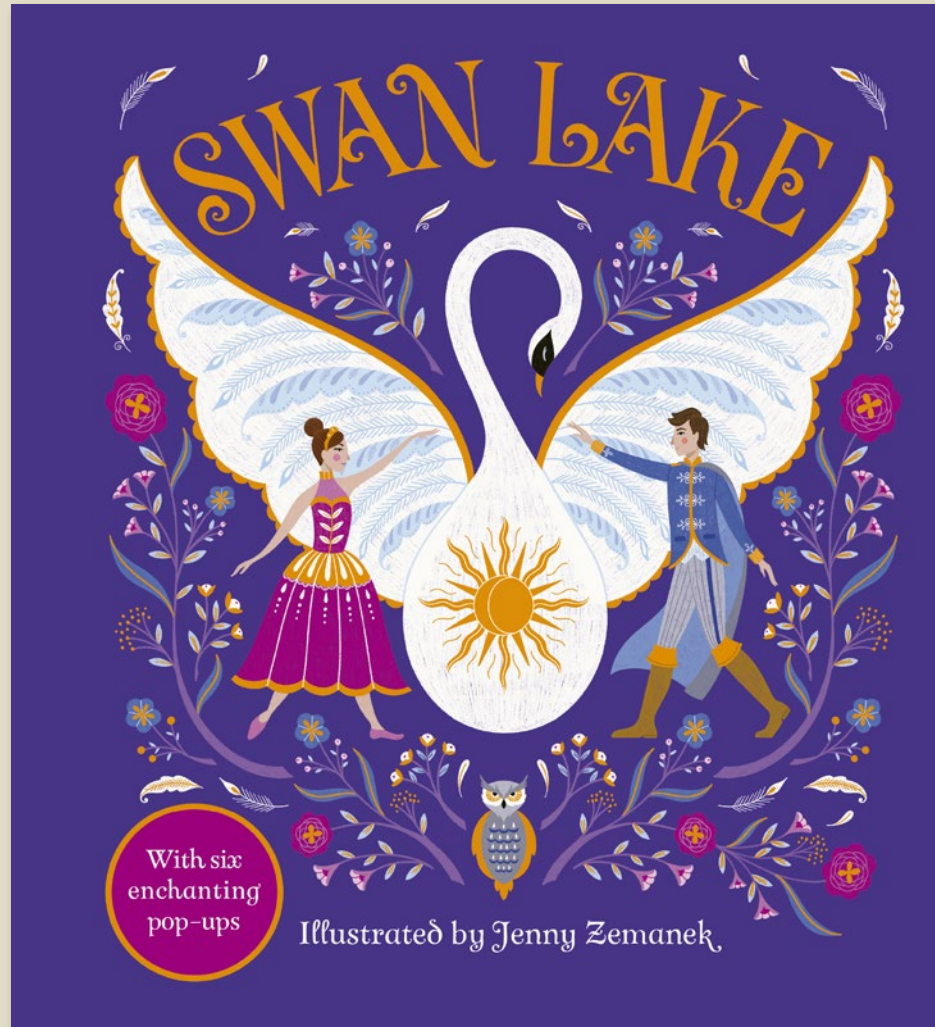
# Time Runs Like A River



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H x W	300 x 235mm
Binding	Paperback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Emma Carlisle
Illustrator	Emma Carlisle
Extent	40pp
Word Count	1812 words
Freight On Board	01/05/2025
Rights Available	World



# Swan Lake



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

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

# Swan Lake



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



# The Snow Queen



**Award-winning illustrator Lesley Barnes brings a magical touch to this pop-up edition of *The Snow Queen*.**

- Illustrations by Lesley Barnes, author and illustrator of *Jill and Dragon* and *Jill and Lion* (Tate).
- A beautifully produced gift edition for the Christmas market.
- Clever paper engineering from the renowned in-house team at Templar.
- Lesley Barnes has created product ranges for both the V&A and Tate Museums.
- 100% foil on the cover. Printed with gold ink on every pop-up page.

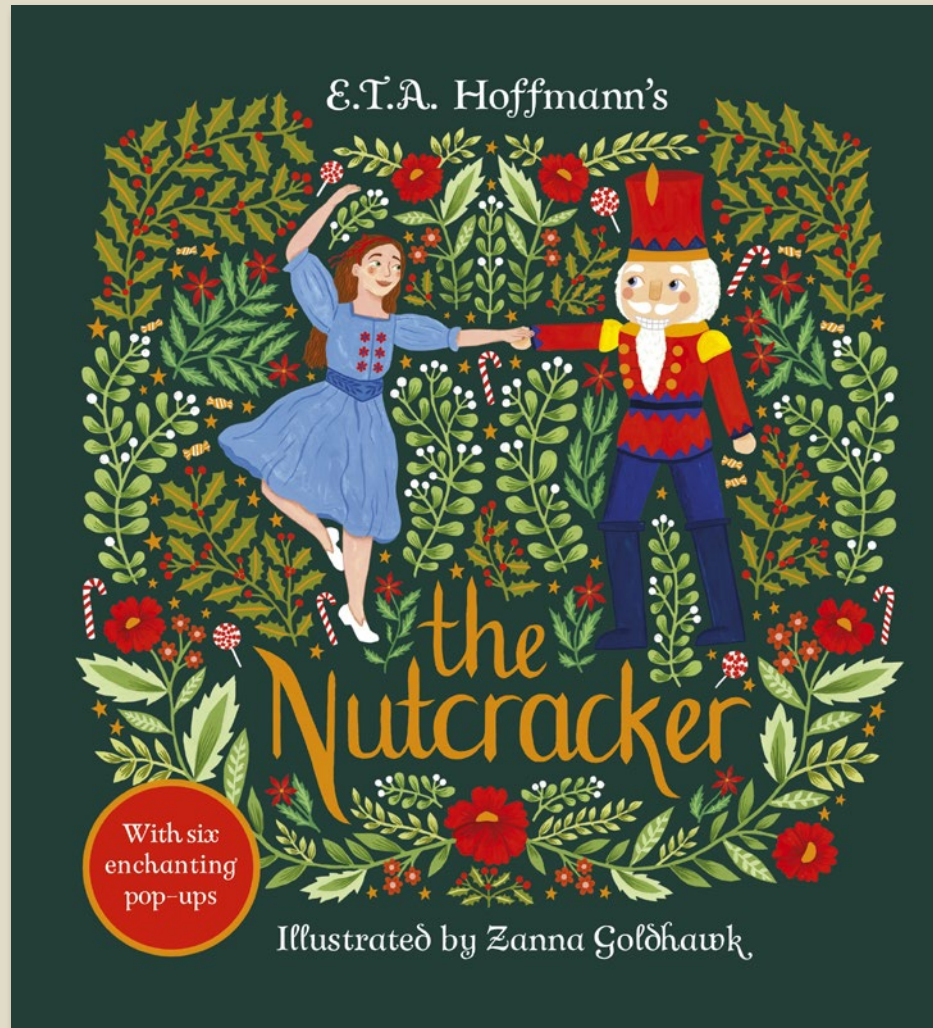


# The Snow Queen



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Age Range	<b>5-7 years</b>
Author	<b>Lesley Barnes</b>
Illustrator	<b>Lesley Barnes</b>
Extent	<b>12pp</b>
Word Count	<b>1200 words</b>
Rights Available	<b>World</b>

# The Nutcracker



## A magical pop-up edition of *The Nutcracker*.

- Brought to life by intricate folk art by Zanna Goldhawk, illustrator of *Winter Tales*.
- E.T.A. Hoffmann's Christmas classic is retold with elegance by Steve Patschke, author of *Don't Look at it, Don't Touch It*.
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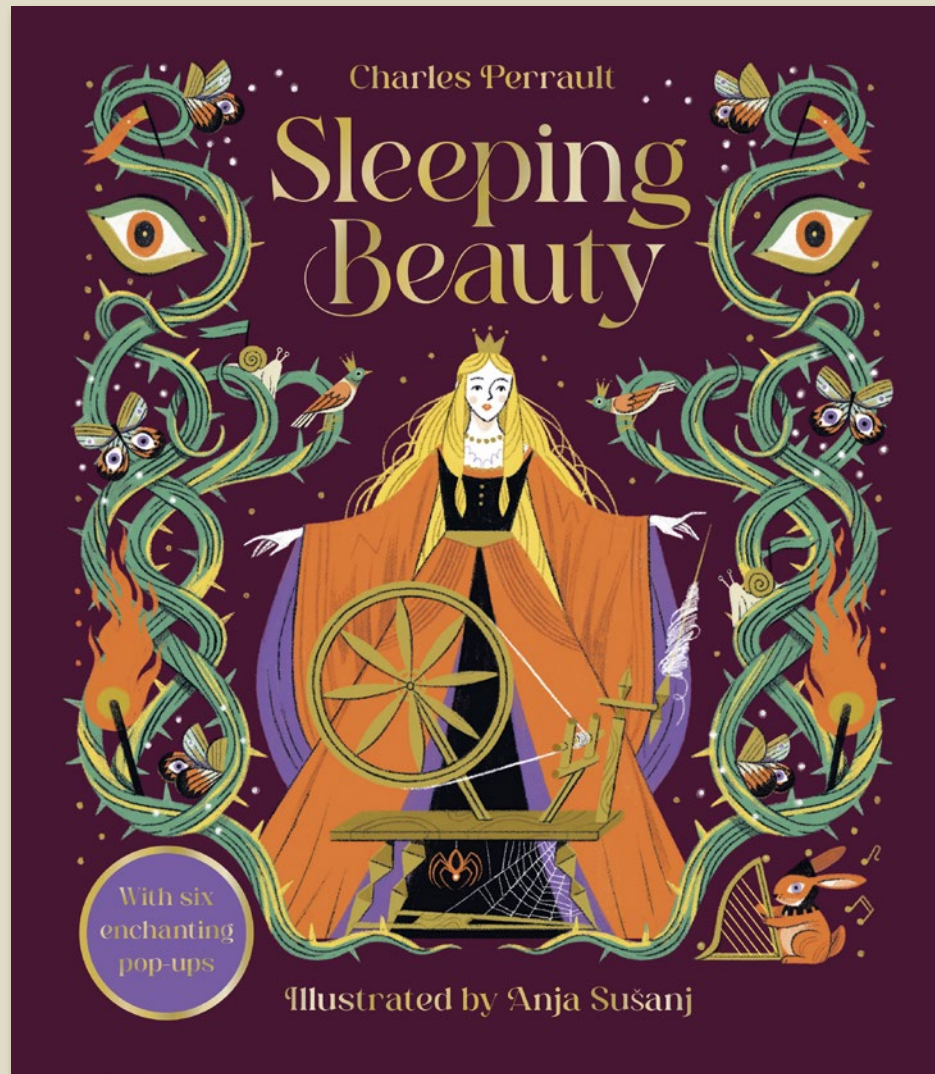


# The Nutcracker



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ISBN	9781800783614
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Binding	Hardback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Steve Patschke
Illustrator	Zanna Goldhawk
Extent	12pp
Word Count	1200 words
Rights Available	World

# Sleeping Beauty



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

- Brought to life by the intricate folk art by Anja Sušanj, illustrator of *Nature Tales*.
- Charles Perrault's classic is retold with elegance by Laura Sampson, author of *Enchanted Tales*.
- A beautifully produced gift edition for the Christmas market.
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- 100% foil on the cover.
- Also in the series: *The Snow Queen*, *The Nutcracker* and *Swan Lake*.



# Sleeping Beauty



Pub Date	09/10/2025
Pub Price	£11.99
ISBN	9781800788114
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Binding	Hardback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Laura Sampson
Illustrator	Anja Sušanj
Extent	12pp
Word Count	1500 words
Freight On Board	17/07/2025
Rights Available	World

# Time for Bed, Animals



## A gentle non-fiction book full of sleepy animals

- Gentle non-fiction picture book, perfect for readers aged 3-7.
- Written in accessible language, packed with amazing facts and questions to consider, with text by award-winning author and travel-writer Ben Lerwill.
- With lush illustrations full of adorable animals by Spanish illustrator Maribel Lechuga. Maribel has illustrated books for the Usborne Beginners and Look Inside series and Oxford Reading Tree among others.
- A page of information at the back of the book includes sleep-tips for families.
- CONTENTS: Dogs, chimpanzees, dolphins, sea otters, cats, ants, kangaroos, bats, birds, fish (Great Barrier Reef), giraffes, tortoises

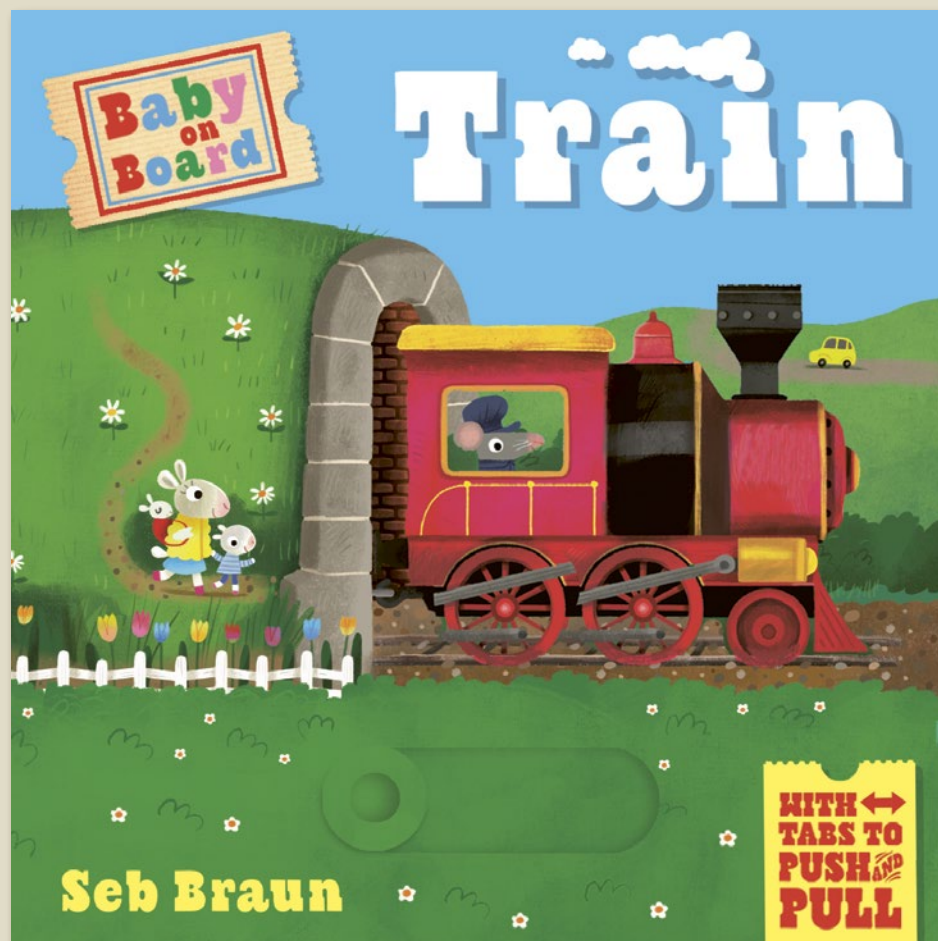


# Time for Bed, Animals



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Pub Price	£7.99
ISBN	9781800785038
H x W	250 x 250mm
Binding	Paperback
Age Range	5-7 years
Author	Ben Lerwill
Illustrator	Maribel Lechuga
Extent	32pp
Word Count	900 words
Rights Available	World

# Baby on Board: Train

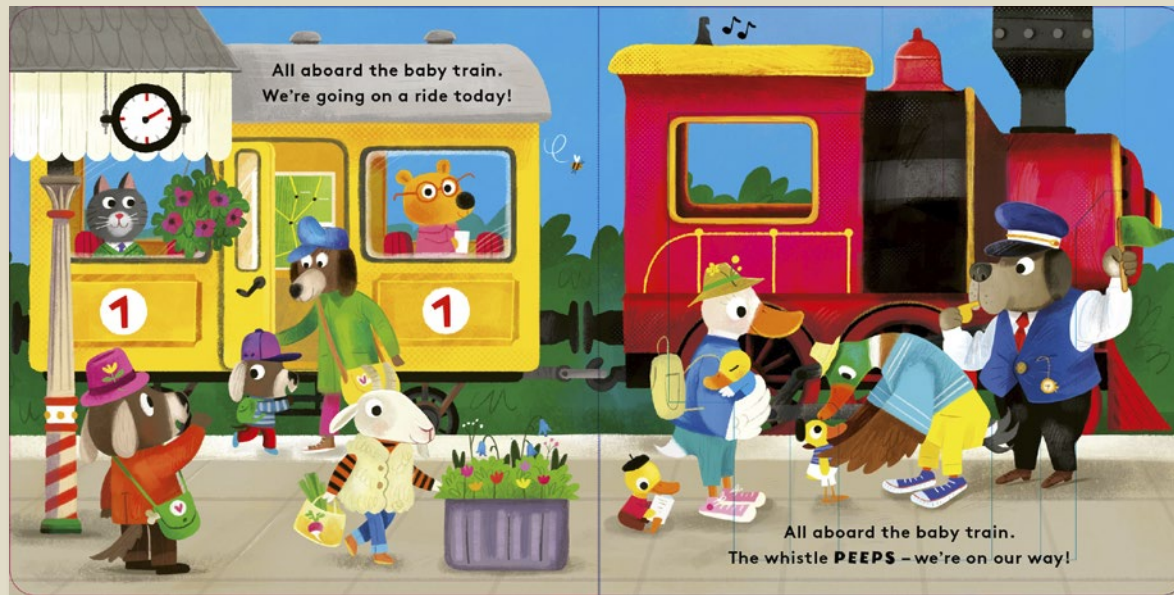
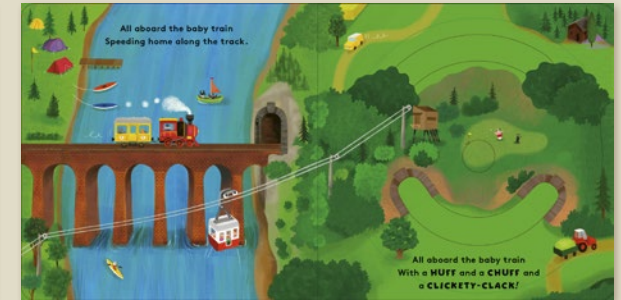
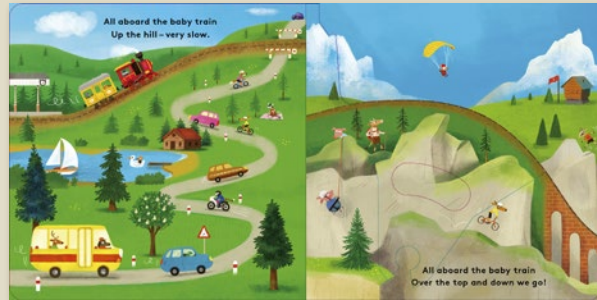


## All-new slider novelty

- A brand-new novelty pre-school series all about things that go! *Baby on Board: Car* is publishing in 2023, and *Baby on Board: Tractor* and *Baby on Board: Aeroplane* are lined up for 2024.
- With a sturdy slider, wheel or tab on every spread and the cover. Mechanisms keep young children engaged, and help the development of fine motor skills.
- A fun rhyming text, perfect for reading aloud, and full of sounds for little ones to join in with!
- Seb Braun (illustrator of *Spinderella* by Julia Donaldson, the *Daddy Grizzle* books by Mark Sperring and author-illustrator of *Raj and the Best Day*) creates friendly, action-packed scenes, full of detail and warmth.
- The Baby on Board series has already sold over 400,000 copies in 19 territories.

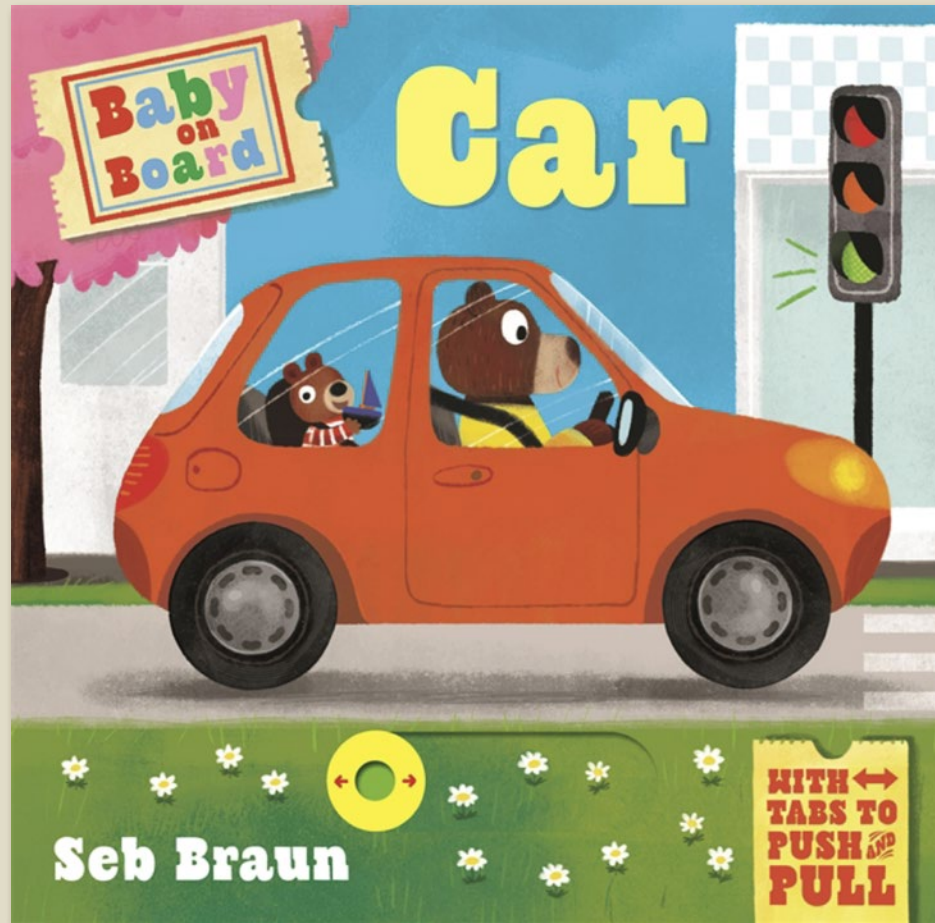


# Baby on Board: Train



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Pub Price	£6.99
ISBN	9781787419261
H x W	180 x 180mm
Binding	Board Book
Age Range	0-5 years
Author	Ruth Symons
Illustrator	Sebastien Braun
Extent	8pp
Word Count	100 words
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# Baby on Board: Car

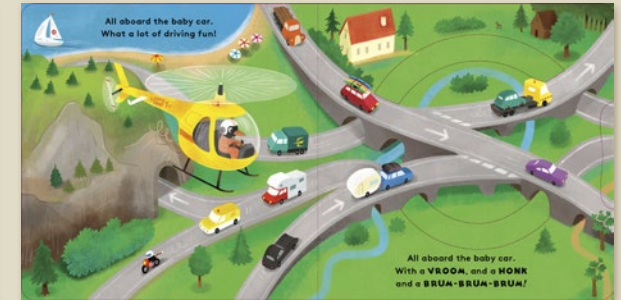


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# Baby on Board: Aeroplane



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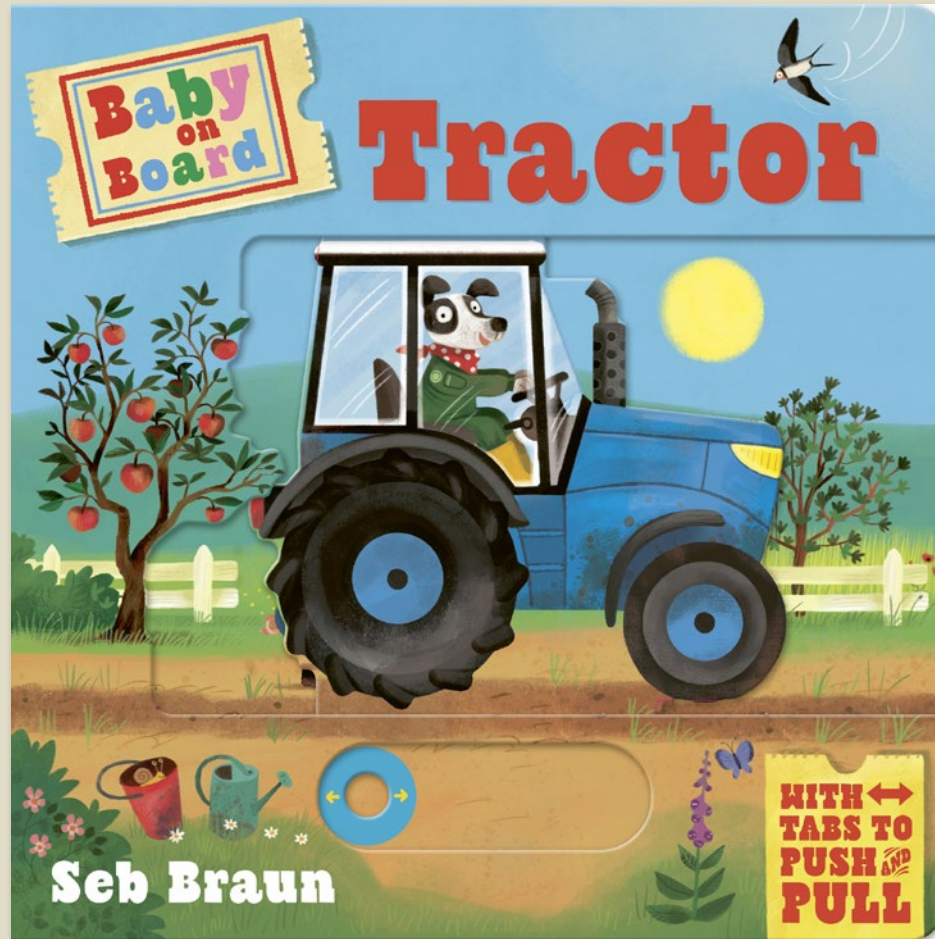


# Baby on Board: Aeroplane



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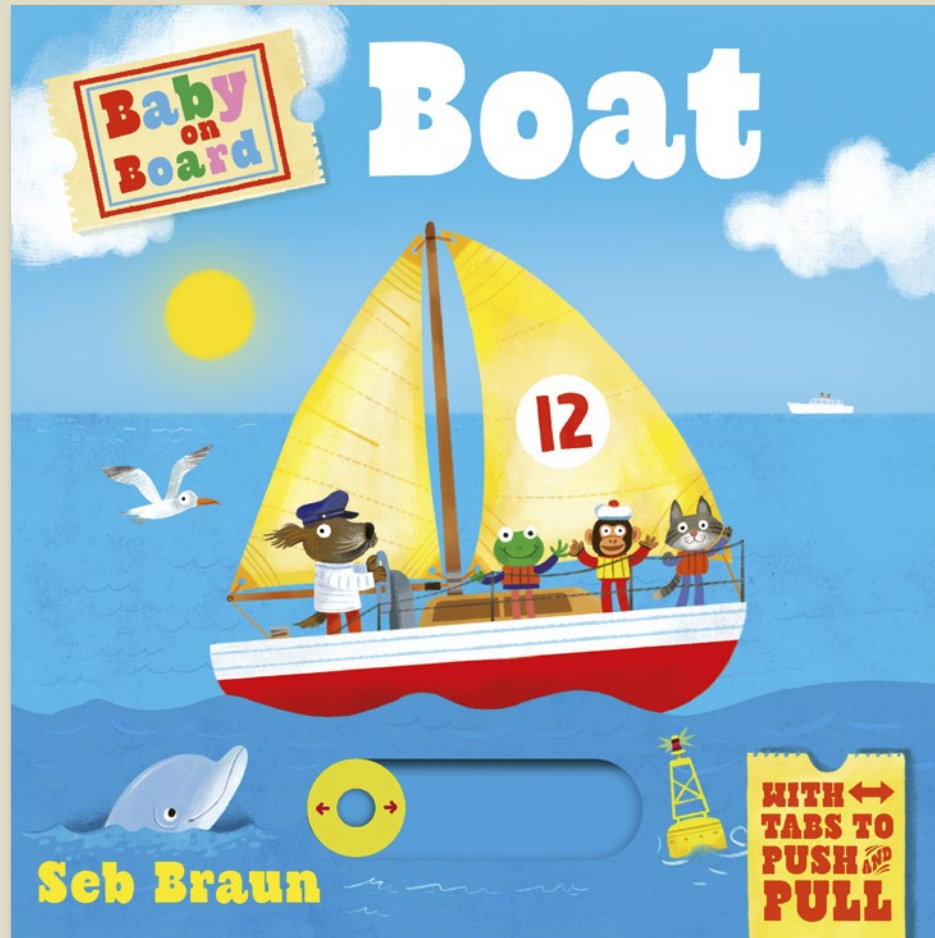


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# Baby on Board: Bus

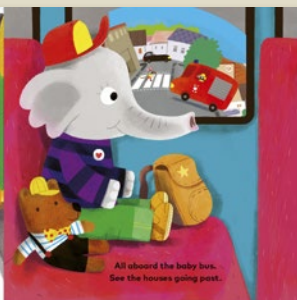
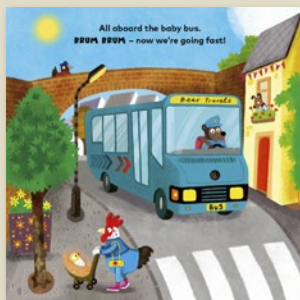


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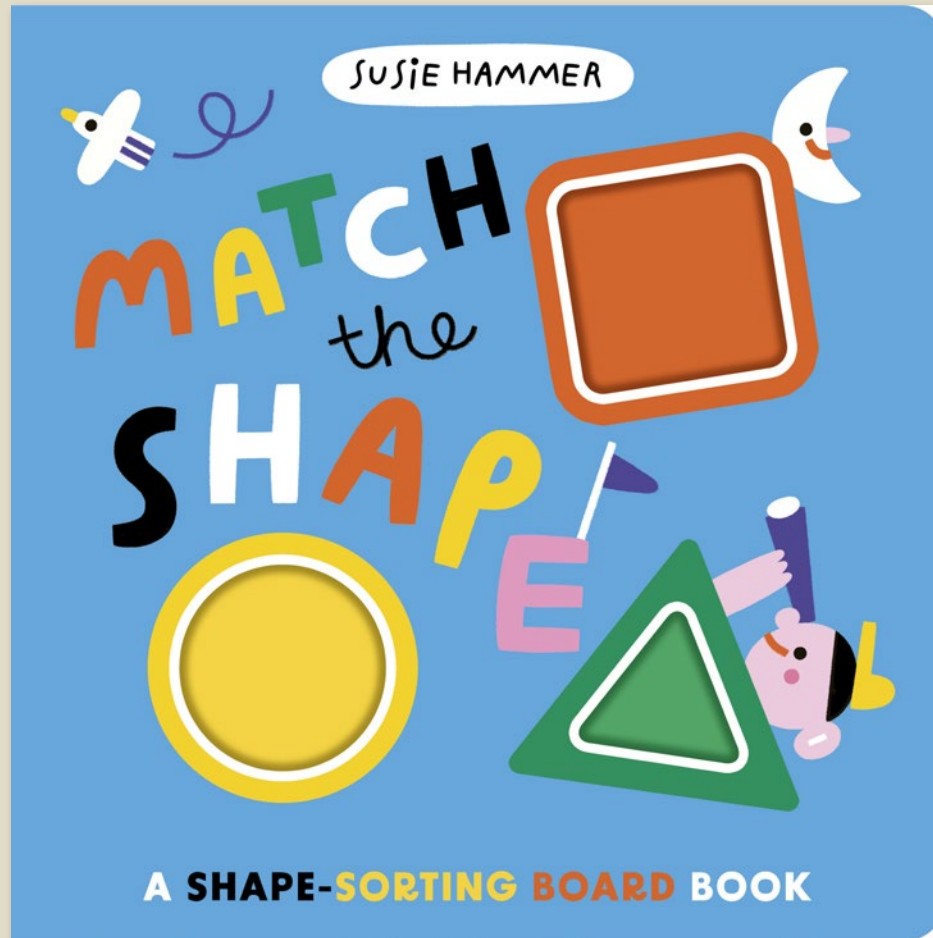


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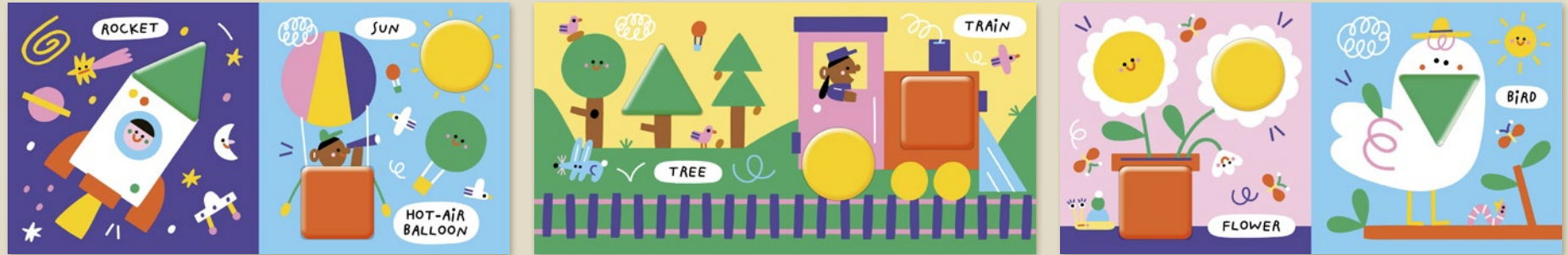


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- Introduces familiar first words on every spread.
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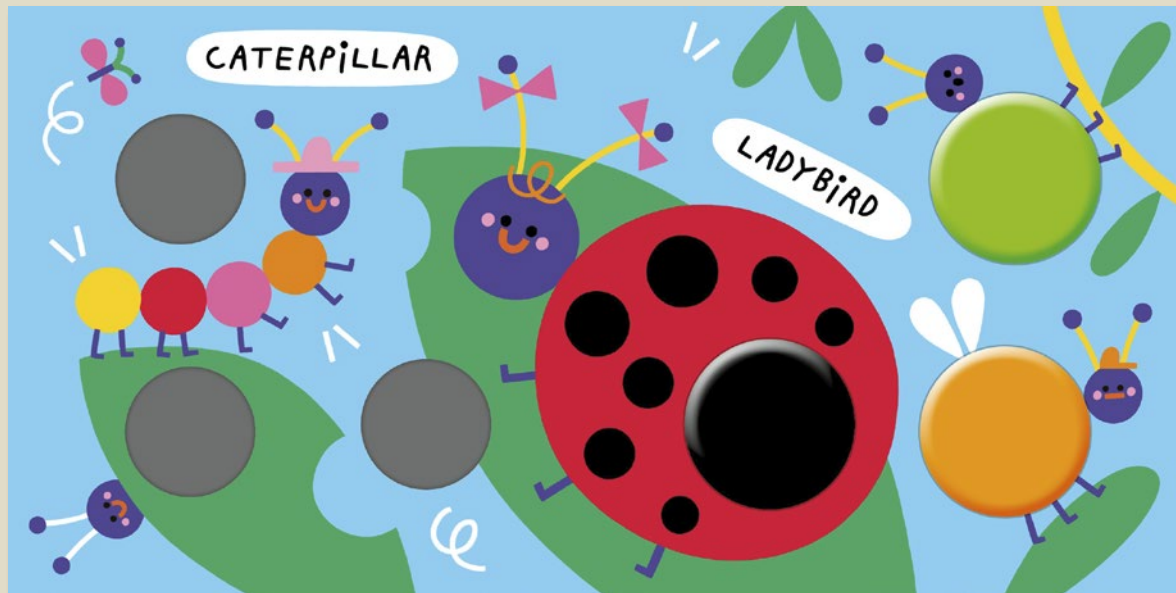


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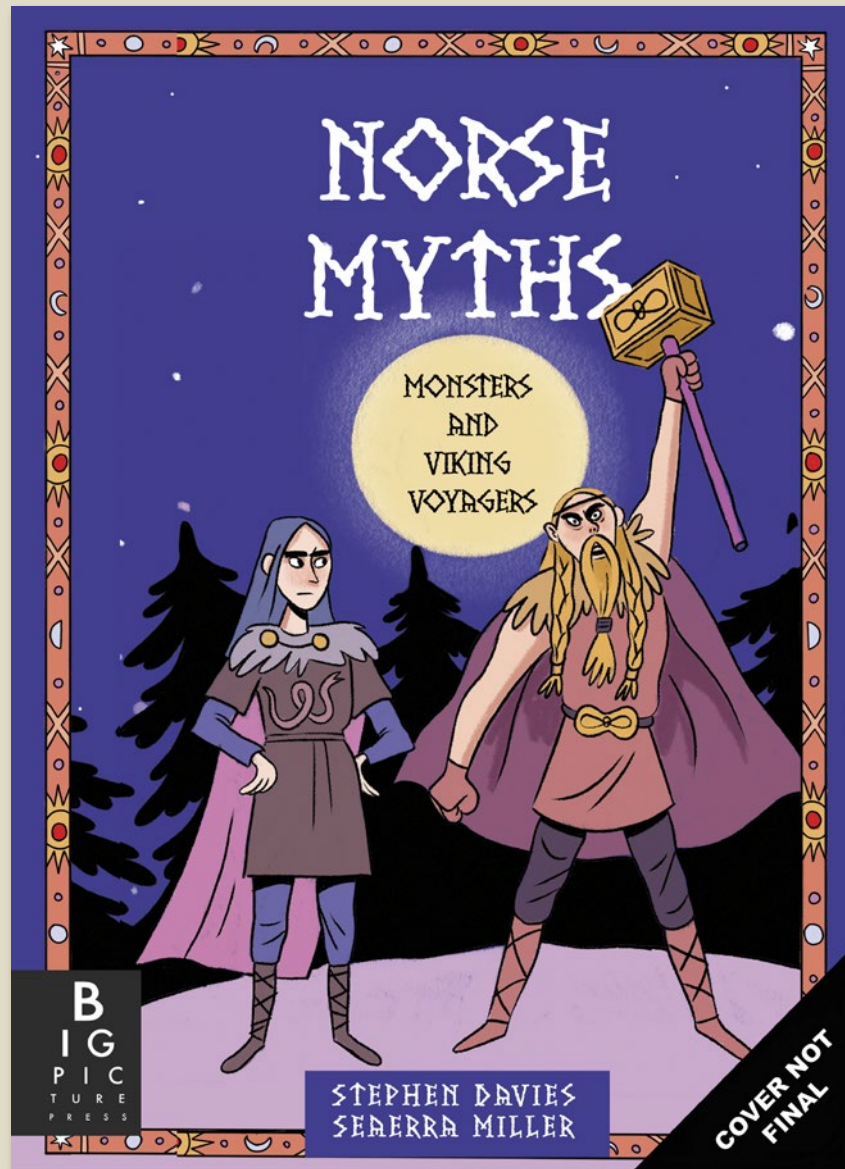


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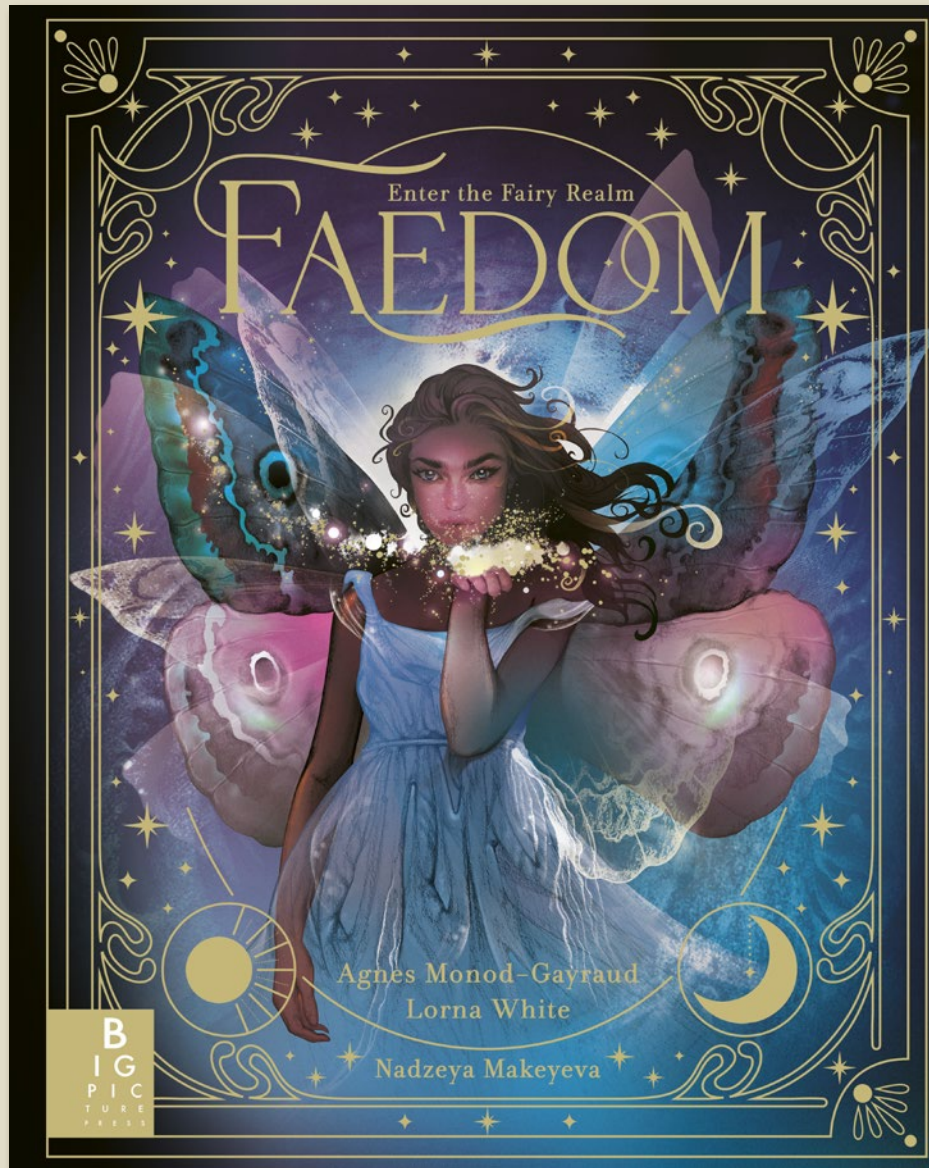


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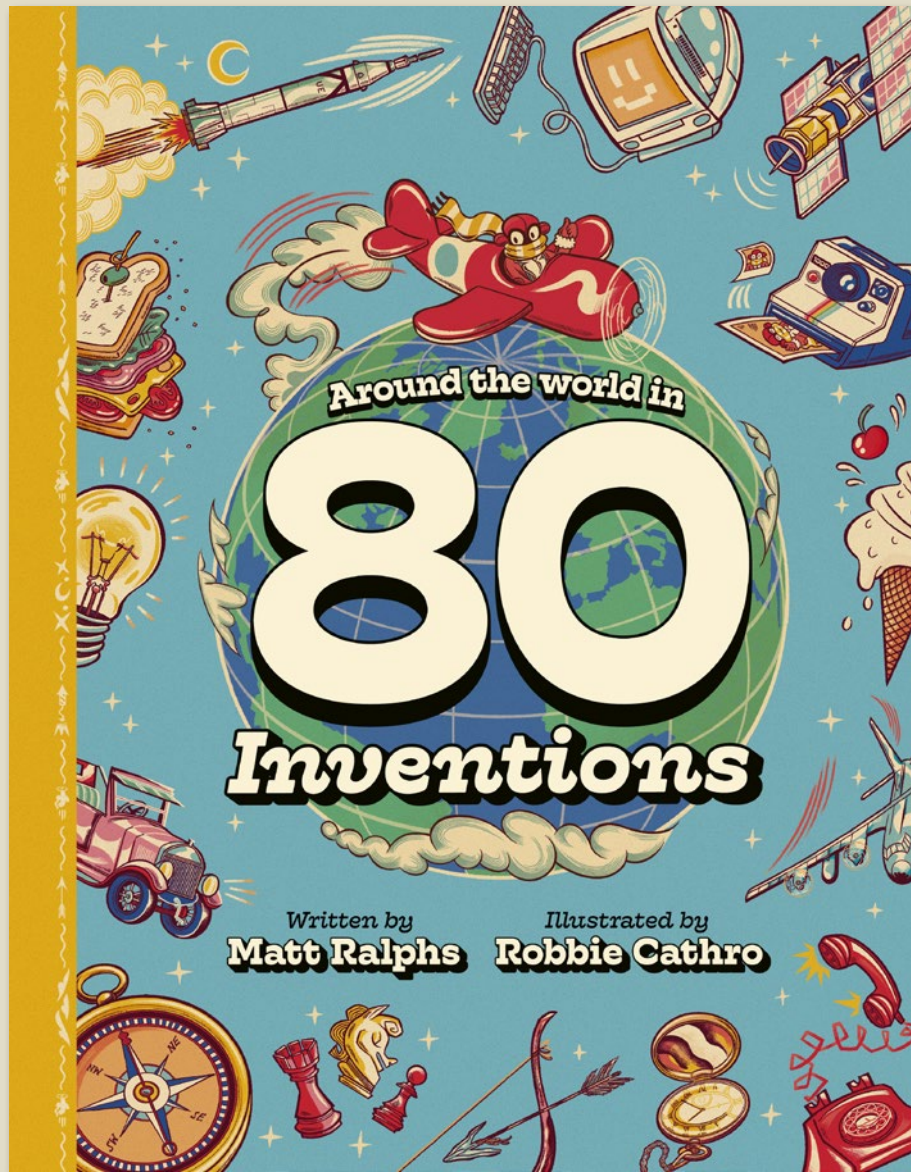
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## Ice Cream

*"Dreaming from dessert"*

**14**

**O**n the hot day of August 18th, 1791, a Frenchman named Nicolas-Louis Clément was in the kitchen of a Parisian hotel. He was making a special dessert for a guest. He had a recipe for a dessert called 'glace' which was a mixture of cream, sugar and fruit. He was using a hand-cranked machine to mix the ingredients. The machine was made of wood and had a large wheel on the side. He was turning the wheel and the mixture was being mixed. The machine was called a 'glacière' and it was used to make ice cream. The first ice cream was made in Italy in the 14th century. It was made from a mixture of cream, sugar and fruit. The first ice cream was made in Italy in the 14th century. It was made from a mixture of cream, sugar and fruit. The first ice cream was made in Italy in the 14th century. It was made from a mixture of cream, sugar and fruit.



**Easy Ice Cream**


1. Put the cream, sugar and fruit in a bowl. 2. Mix with a hand-cranked machine. 3. Freeze in a container. 4. Serve in a cone or bowl.

## Bicycle

*"Freedom on two wheels"*

**15**

**D**id you know that the first bicycle was called a 'boneshaker'? It was made of wood and had a large wheel on the side. It was used to transport goods and people. The first bicycle was made in France in the 18th century. It was made from a mixture of wood, metal and leather. The first bicycle was made in France in the 18th century. It was made from a mixture of wood, metal and leather. The first bicycle was made in France in the 18th century. It was made from a mixture of wood, metal and leather.



**Petition Penny-Farthing**


1. Put the petition in a box. 2. Seal the box. 3. Carry the box to the post office. 4. Post the box.

## Camera

*"Tag along"*

**24**

**A**lthough it's not a new invention, the camera has a long history. The first camera was made in Italy in the 15th century. It was made from a mixture of glass, metal and wood. The first camera was made in Italy in the 15th century. It was made from a mixture of glass, metal and wood. The first camera was made in Italy in the 15th century. It was made from a mixture of glass, metal and wood.



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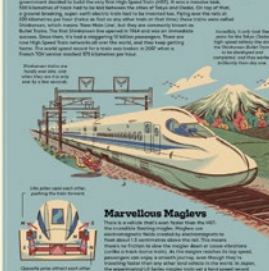
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## High-Speed Train

*"10-speed"*

**25**

**B**efore the high-speed train, the only way to travel fast was by airplane. The high-speed train was invented in France in the 1960s. It was made from a mixture of steel, concrete and wood. The high-speed train was invented in France in the 1960s. It was made from a mixture of steel, concrete and wood. The high-speed train was invented in France in the 1960s. It was made from a mixture of steel, concrete and wood.



**Marvelous Maglevs**


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## Wind Turbine

*"Harnessing the power of wind"*

**34**

**Y**ou might have seen a wind turbine on a hill. It's a machine that converts wind energy into electricity. The first wind turbine was made in Denmark in the 19th century. It was made from a mixture of wood, metal and glass. The first wind turbine was made in Denmark in the 19th century. It was made from a mixture of wood, metal and glass. The first wind turbine was made in Denmark in the 19th century. It was made from a mixture of wood, metal and glass.



**Green Energy**


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## Helicopter

*"A sailing way to fly"*

**35**

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**Versatile VTOLs**

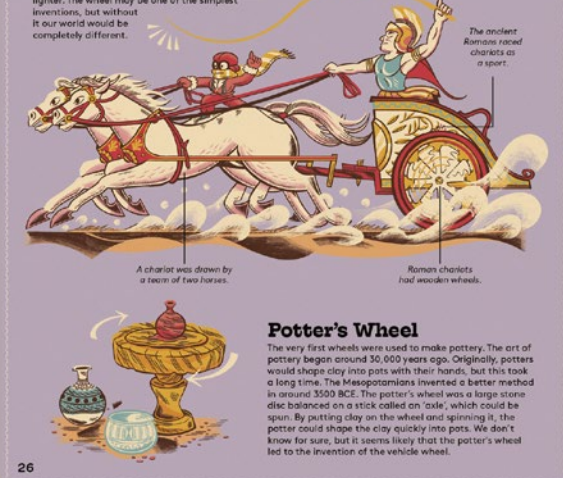
1. Put the helicopter in a box. 2. Seal the box. 3. Carry the box to the post office. 4. Post the box.

## Wheel

*"The revolutionary design that makes the world go round"*

**17**

**C**an you imagine a world without wheels? Apart from sledges and ships, there would be no vehicles - no carts, cabs, bikes, buses, trucks, trains, cars or aeroplanes. The first wheeled vehicles were animal-drawn carts with solid wooden wheels. They were invented in Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq) around 3500 BCE. 300 years after the horizontal potter's wheel. These carts carried cargo to market and heavy loads, such as stone and timber for building projects. The horse-drawn chariot came next. In about 2500 BCE, chariot wheels were spoked rather than solid like a cartwheel, so they were faster and lighter. The wheel may be one of the simplest inventions, but without it our world would be completely different.



**Potter's Wheel**

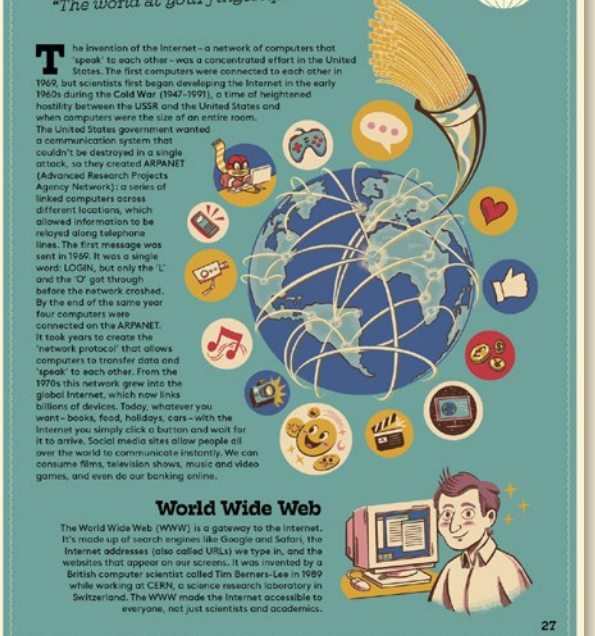
The very first wheels were used to make pottery. The art of pottery began around 30,000 years ago. Originally, potters would shape clay into pots with their hands, but this took a long time. The Mesopotamians invented a better method in around 3500 BCE. The potter's wheel was a large stone disc balanced on a stick called an 'axle', which could be spun. By putting clay on the wheel and spinning it, the potter could shape the clay quickly into pots. We don't know for sure, but it seems likely that the potter's wheel led to the invention of the vehicle wheel.

## Internet

*"The world at your fingertips"*

**18**

**T**he invention of the Internet - a network of computers that 'speak' to each other - was a concentrated effort in the United States. The first computers were connected to each other in 1969, but scientists first began developing the Internet in the early 1950s during the Cold War (1947-1991), a time of heightened hostility between the USSR and the United States and when computers were the size of an entire room. The United States government wanted a communication system that couldn't be destroyed in a single attack, so they created ARPANET (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network): a series of linked computers across different locations, which allowed information to be relayed along telephone lines. The first message was sent in 1969. It was a single word: LOGIN, but only the 'L' and the 'O' got through before the network crashed. By the end of the same year four computers were connected on the ARPANET. It took years to create the 'network protocol' that allows computers to transfer data and 'speak' to each other. From the 1970s this network grew into the global Internet, which now links billions of devices. Today, whatever you want - books, food, holidays, cars - with the Internet you simply click a button and wait for it to arrive. Social media sites allow people all over the world to communicate instantly. We can consume films, television shows, music and video games, and even do our banking online.

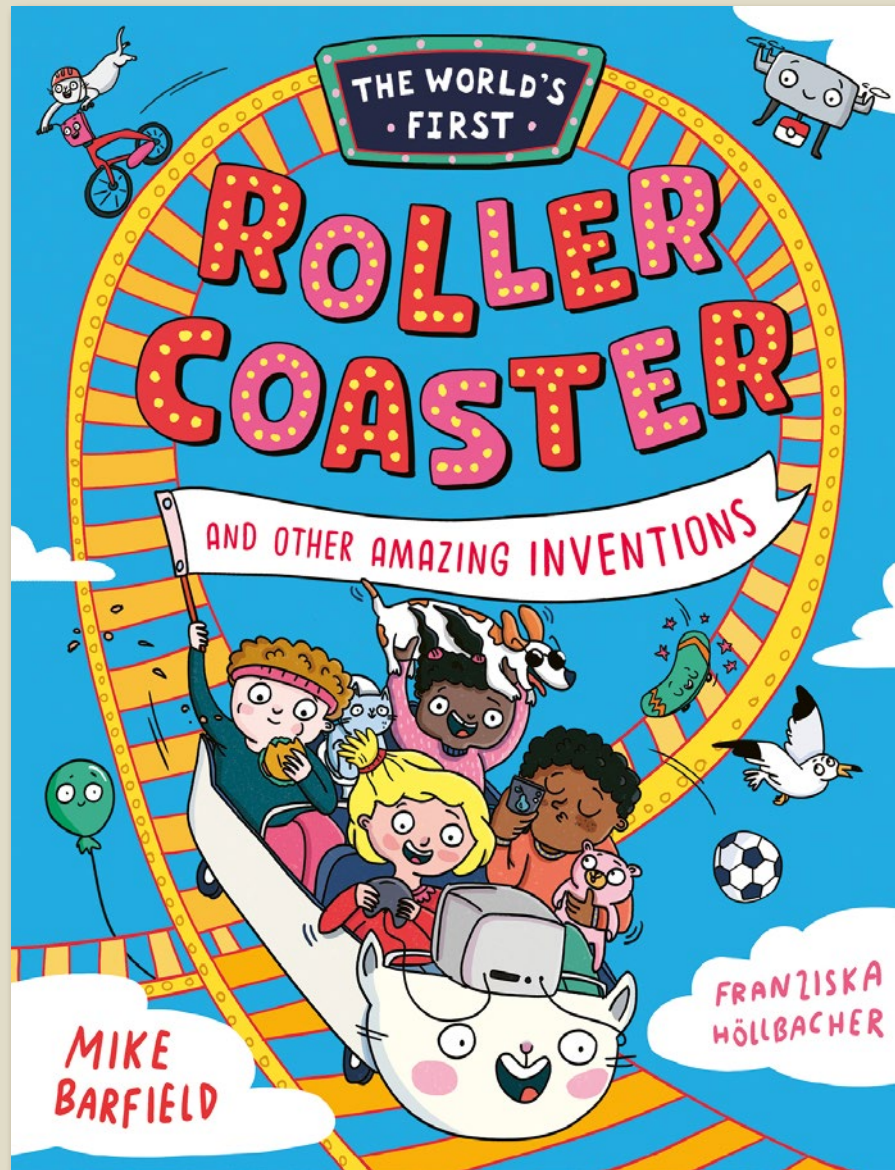


**World Wide Web**

The World Wide Web (WWW) is a gateway to the Internet. It's made up of search engines like Google and Safari, the Internet addresses (also called URLs) we type in, and the websites that appear on our screens. It was invented by a British computer scientist called Tim Berners-Lee in 1989 while working at CERN, a science research laboratory in Switzerland. The WWW made the Internet accessible to everyone, not just scientists and academics.

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# The World's First Rollercoaster

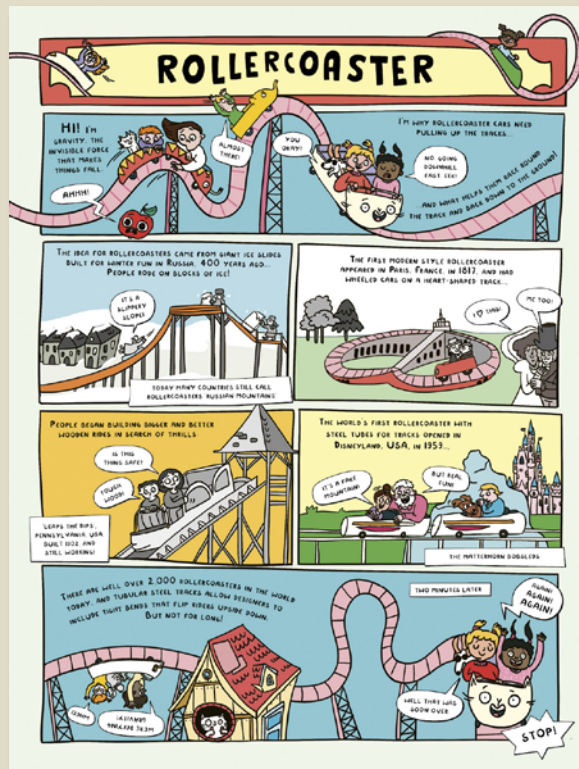
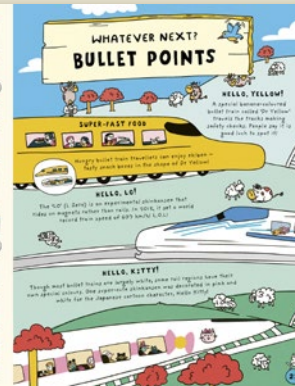


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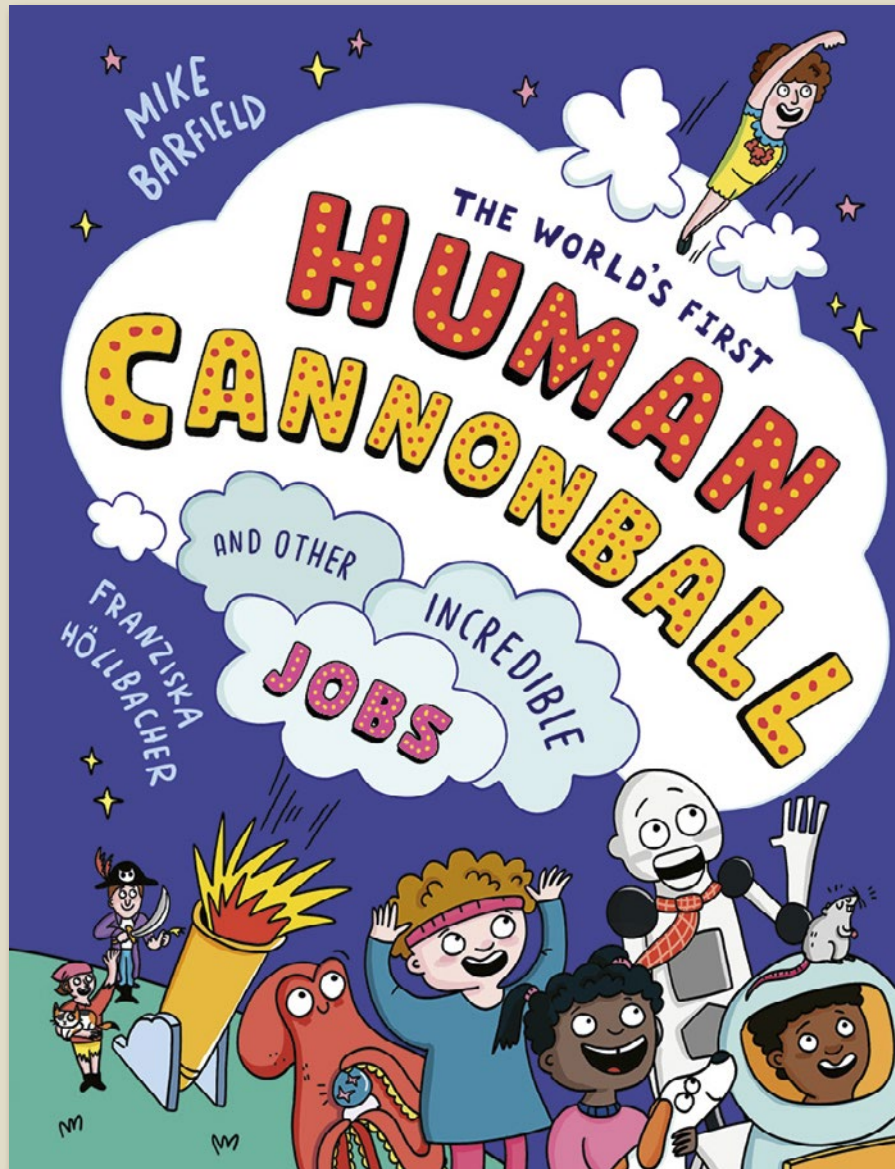


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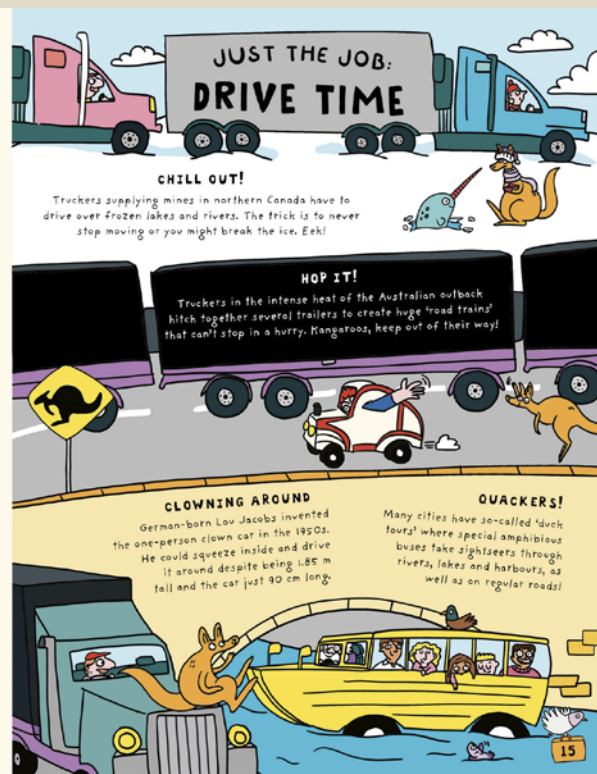
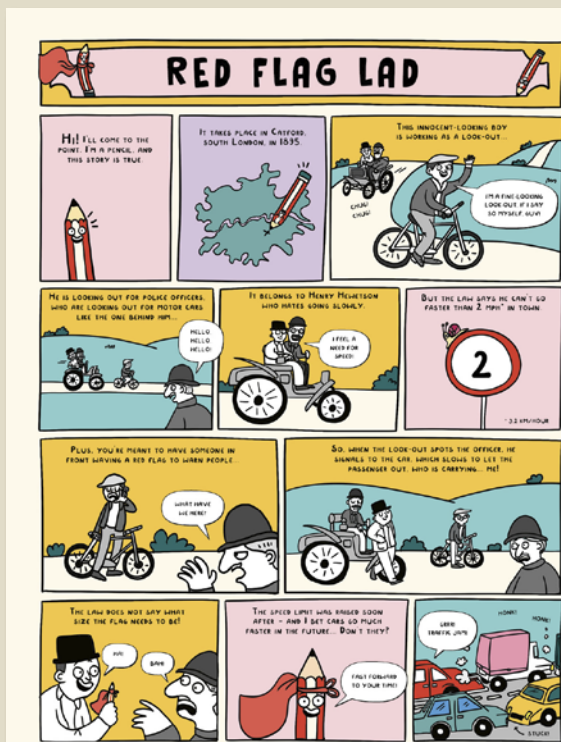
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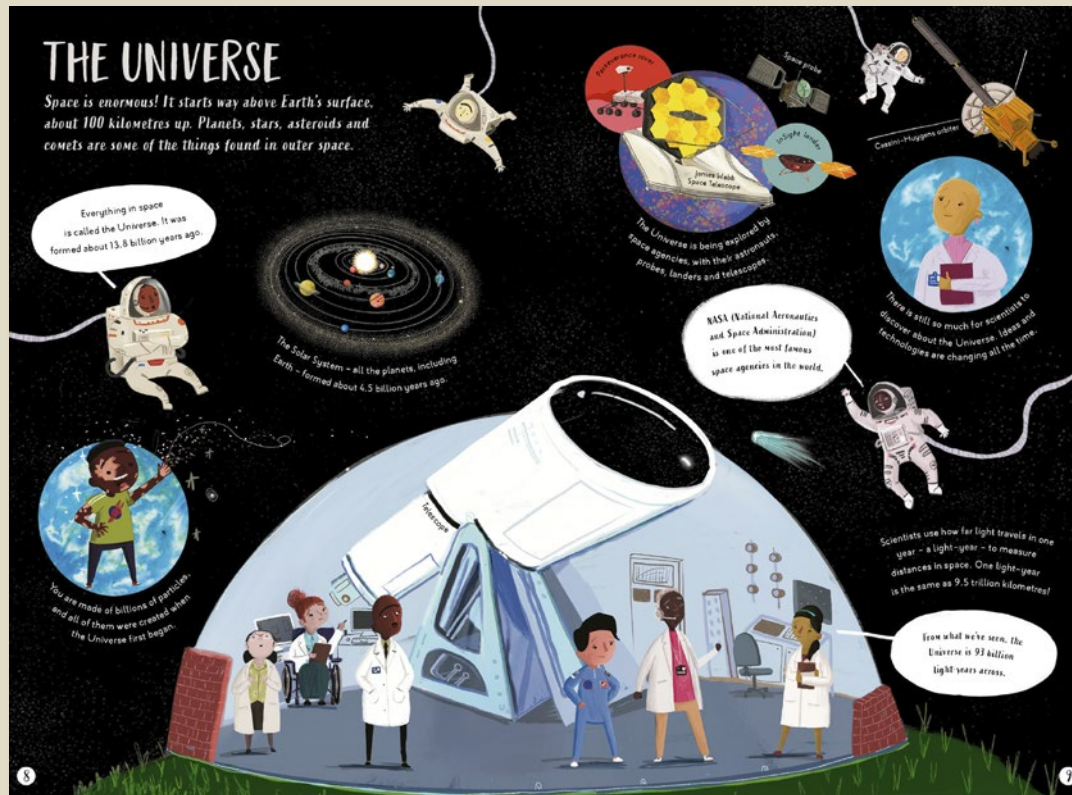
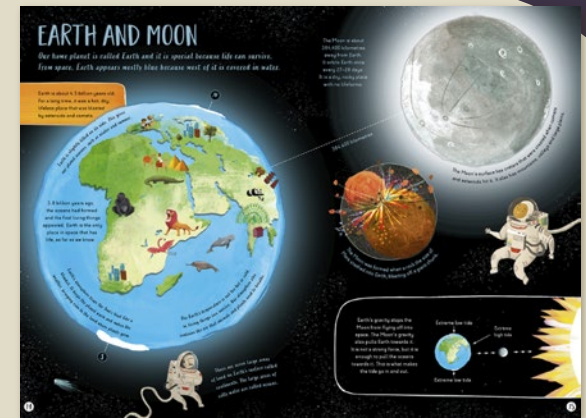
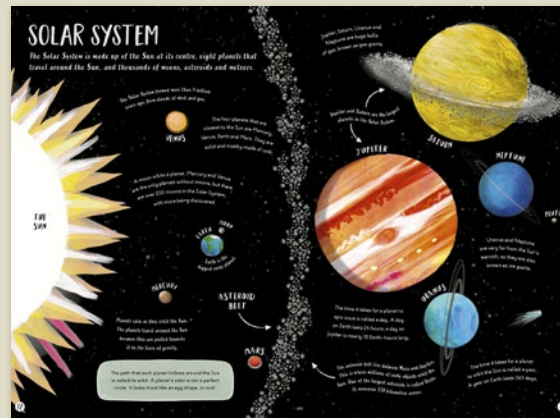
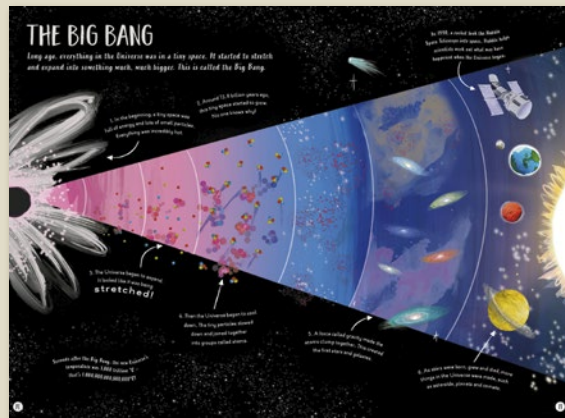


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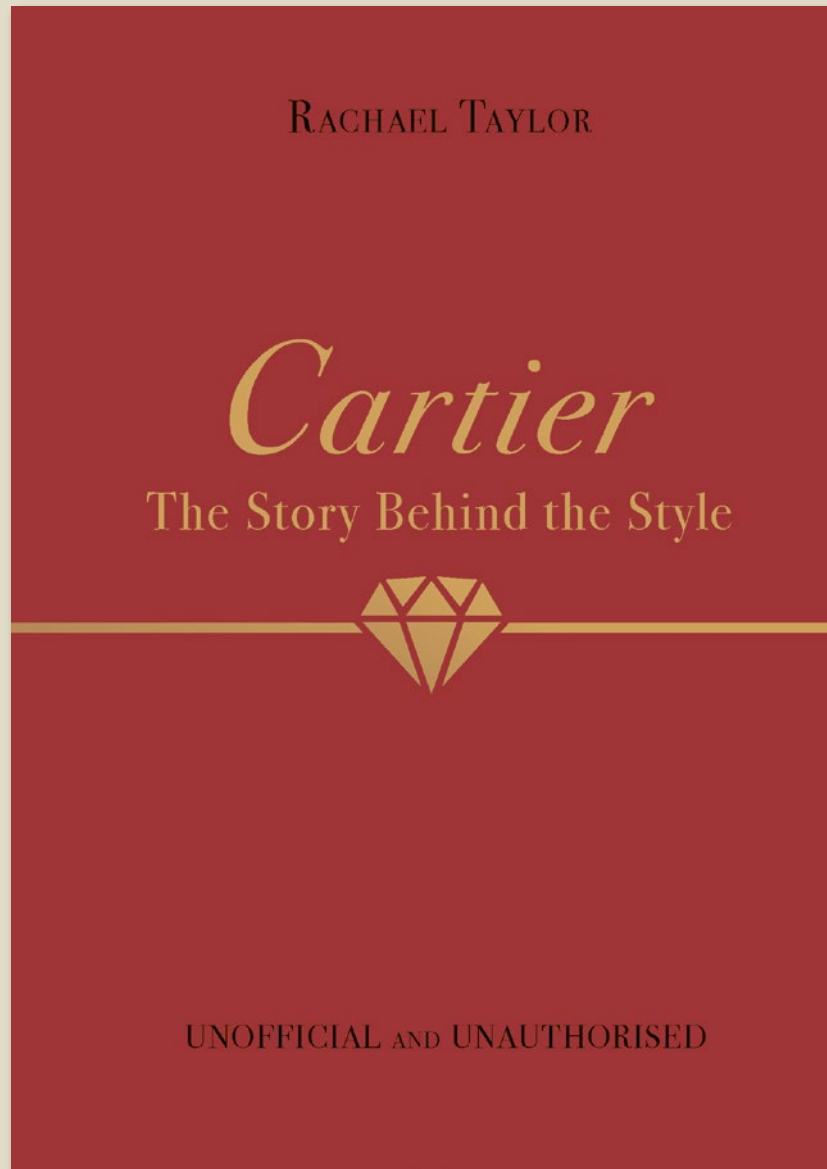


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## The Beginnings of Cartier

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 1866, 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.

OPPOSITE LEFT: An illustration of Louis-François Cartier c.1848.

OPPOSITE RIGHT: Pierre Cartier playing golf in 1860.

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

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

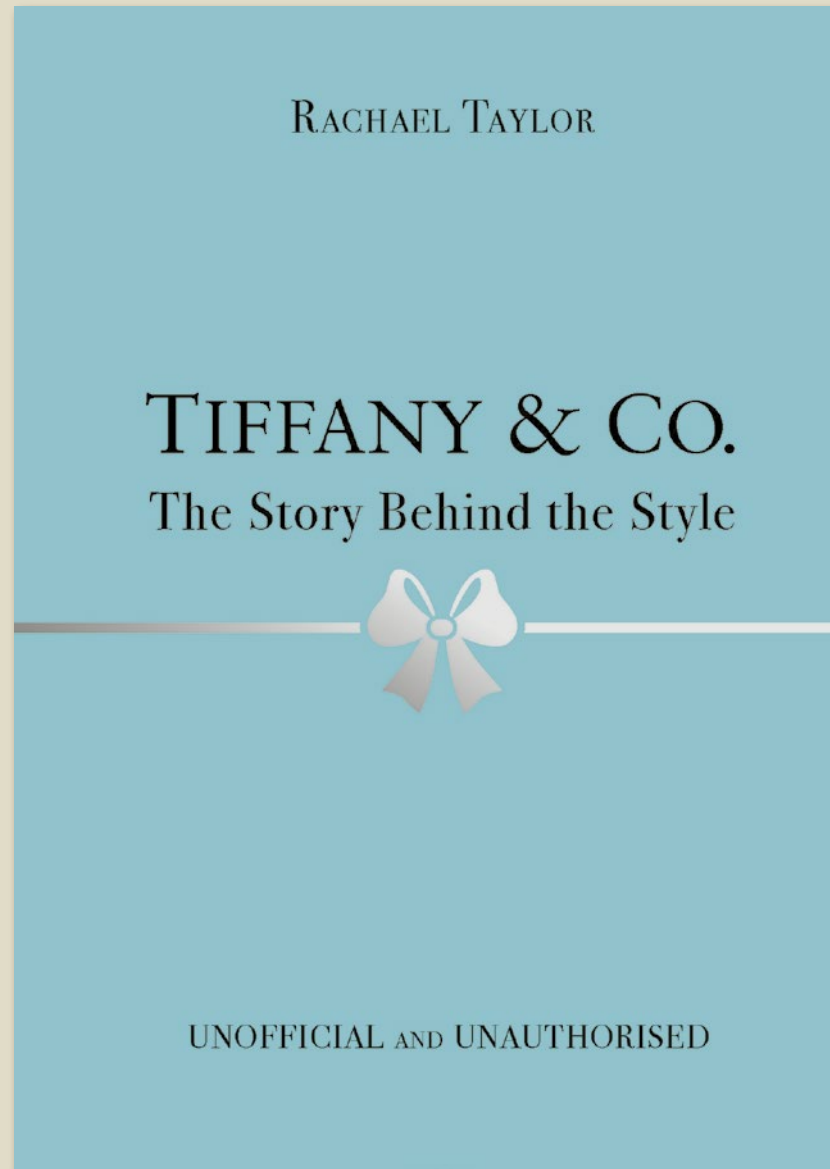


to commemorate the coronation of the King, with two weeks of festivities, during which King George V and Queen Mary would be proclaimed Emperor and Empress of India. This adventure to a new land would also prove to be a seminal trip for the house of Cartier. Jacques' sociable nature and love of travel 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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# Tiffany & Co.: The Story Behind the Style



## Visual history of the iconic jewellery brand, Tiffany & Co.

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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.



reputation as a purveyor of fine goods of taste. In 1841, the business expanded with the addition of a third partner, J. L. Ellis, and was renamed Tiffany, Young & Ellis. The trio expanded the store, doubling its size by moving the adjacent unit, and continued to increase the quality of the goods they sold, with Young making buying trips to Europe to pick out English and Italian jewellery.

It was, in fact, political events in Europe that would be the making of this American luxury success story. In 1848, the states quo resulted in significant revolutions enough to topple European monarchies and strip aristocracies of their power and wealth. It was a societal upheaval known as the Springtime of Nations. More than 50 countries were inspired by this, but none more so than France, where the monarchy was overthrown and replaced with a republic. Such widespread panic and disruption had to impact on the price of diamonds, and Tiffany, Young & Ellis prospered. By now, the firm

was manufacturing its own jewellery, and the opportunity to pick up diamonds at low prices put them at an advantage. The stocking of the storehouse also housed some important gems – the likes of which had never been seen in America before – and Tiffany secured a number of important business, including the collection of Hungary's Prince Esterházy.

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 237.42ct 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.



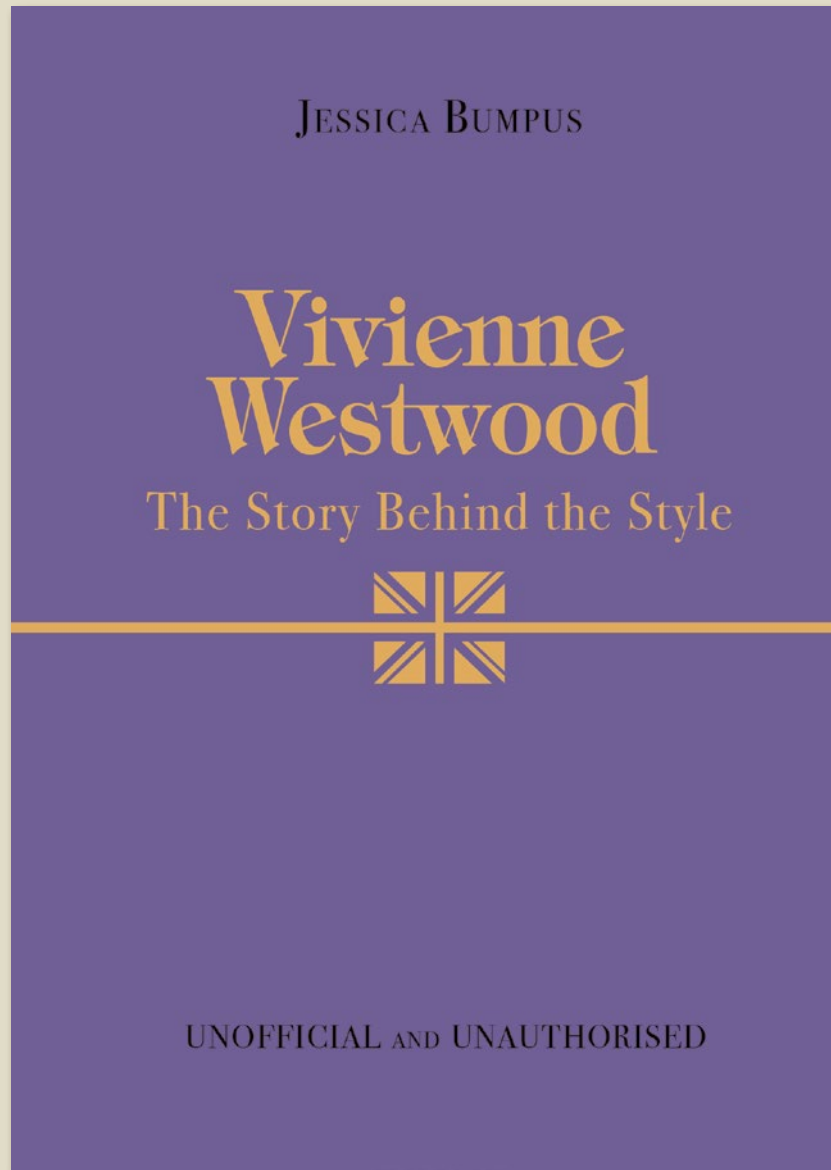
LEFT:  
The Tiffany & Co.  
flagship store in  
New York.

BELOW:  
A gold,  
diamond and  
enamel floral  
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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 passionate spirit 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 wearing a t-shirt reading 'Buy Less'.

## 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. Malcolm is an enigma 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 Gert, 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. Malcolm, 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 glitzy 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 Beak, 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 (of Sex Pistols, and of Vivienne Westwood).



## 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.

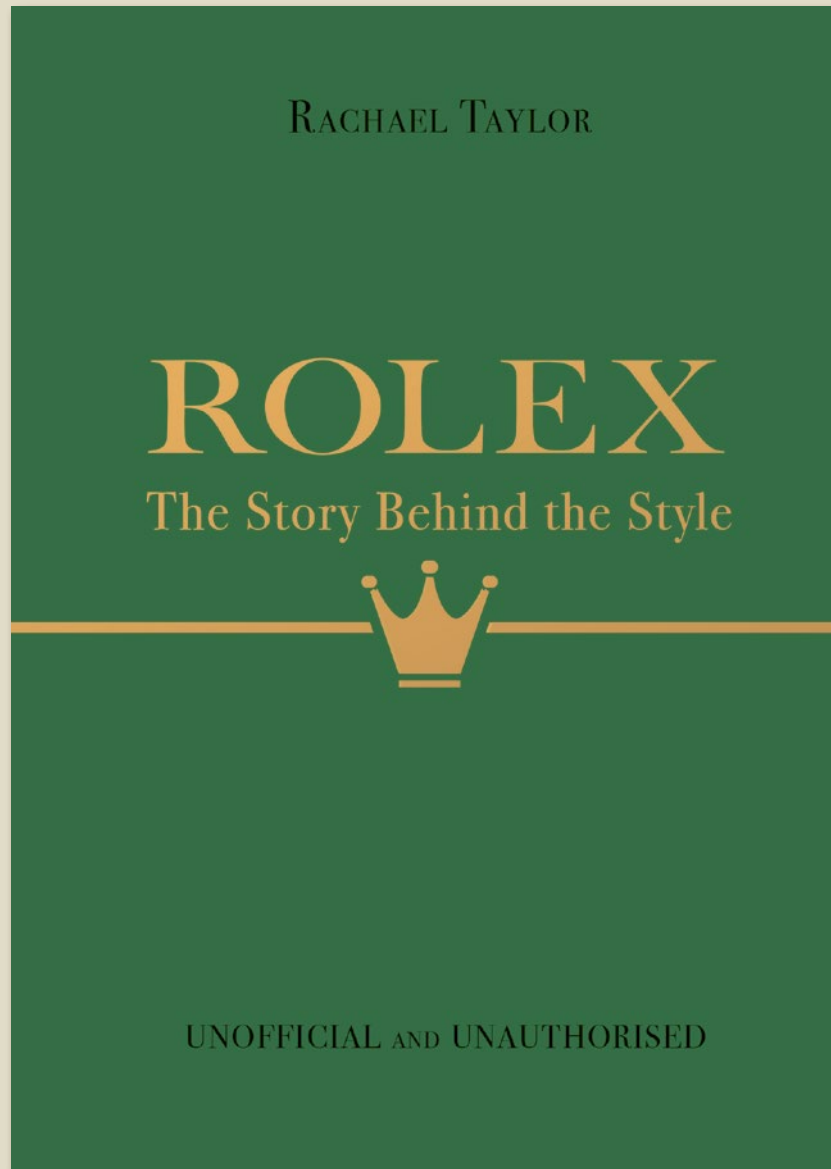
Westwood was the original multi-hyphenate and, in many ways, light years ahead of her time. She has inspired generations of designers that came after her, whether established and successful or aspiring and eager. Fashion critics even noted whiffs of her spirit at the London Fashion Week collections of autumn/winter 2023, which took place in February 2023, after her death. It's no wonder that her name is up there with the likes of Yves Saint Laurent, Christian Lacroix and the late great Karl Lagerfeld.



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

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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.

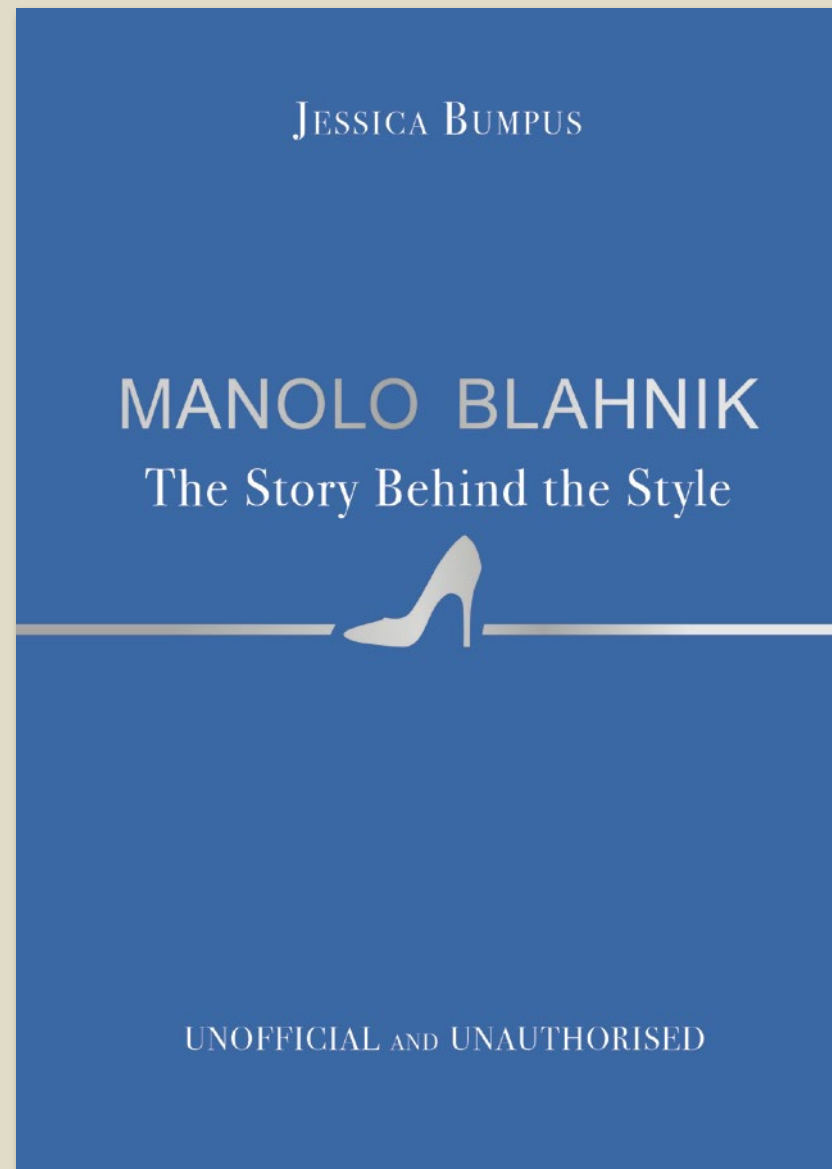
The story of Rolex is so much more than that of its watches. It is one of epic ambition and vision. What started out as a one-man band in London's Hatton Garden would become the epicentre of the Swiss watchmaking industry, and one of the most recognisable and coveted brands in the world.



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

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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 Callalli, 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.

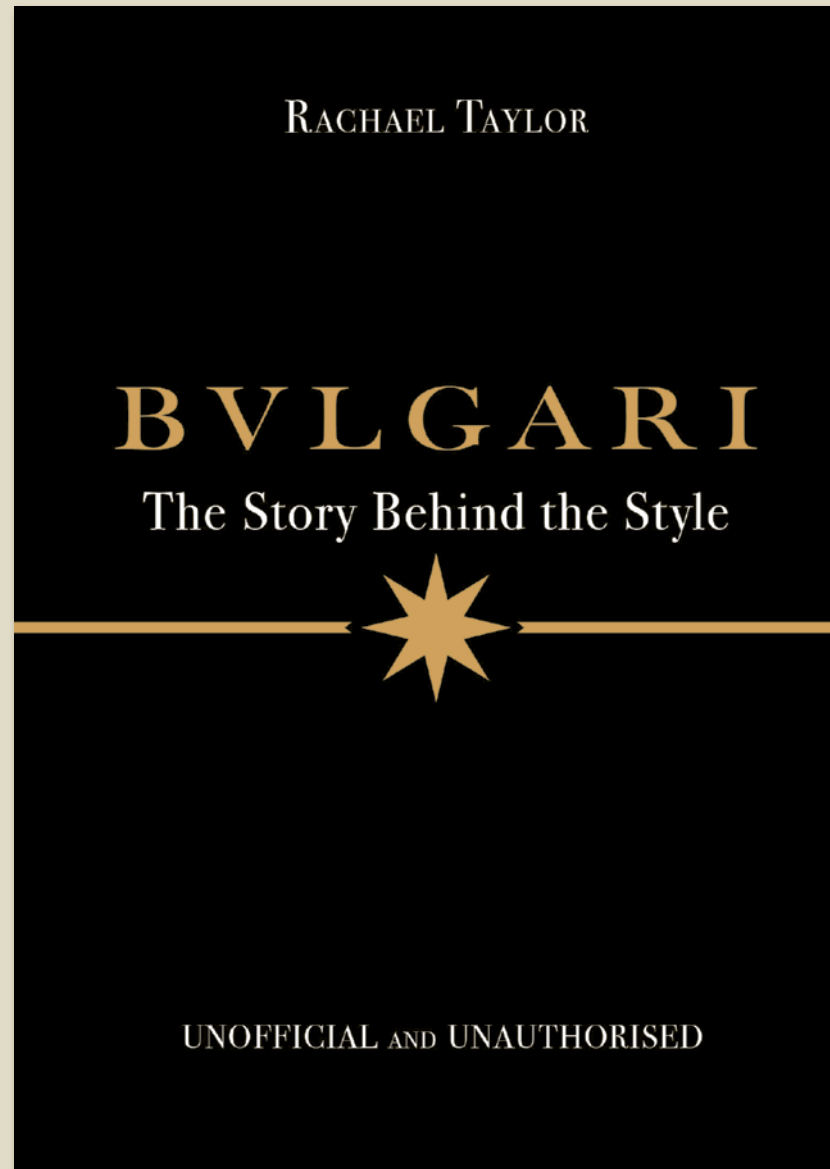
## Accolades

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 honor. 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 recognize 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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## 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 6.7mm 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, with a movement just 2.23mm tall.



## 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.

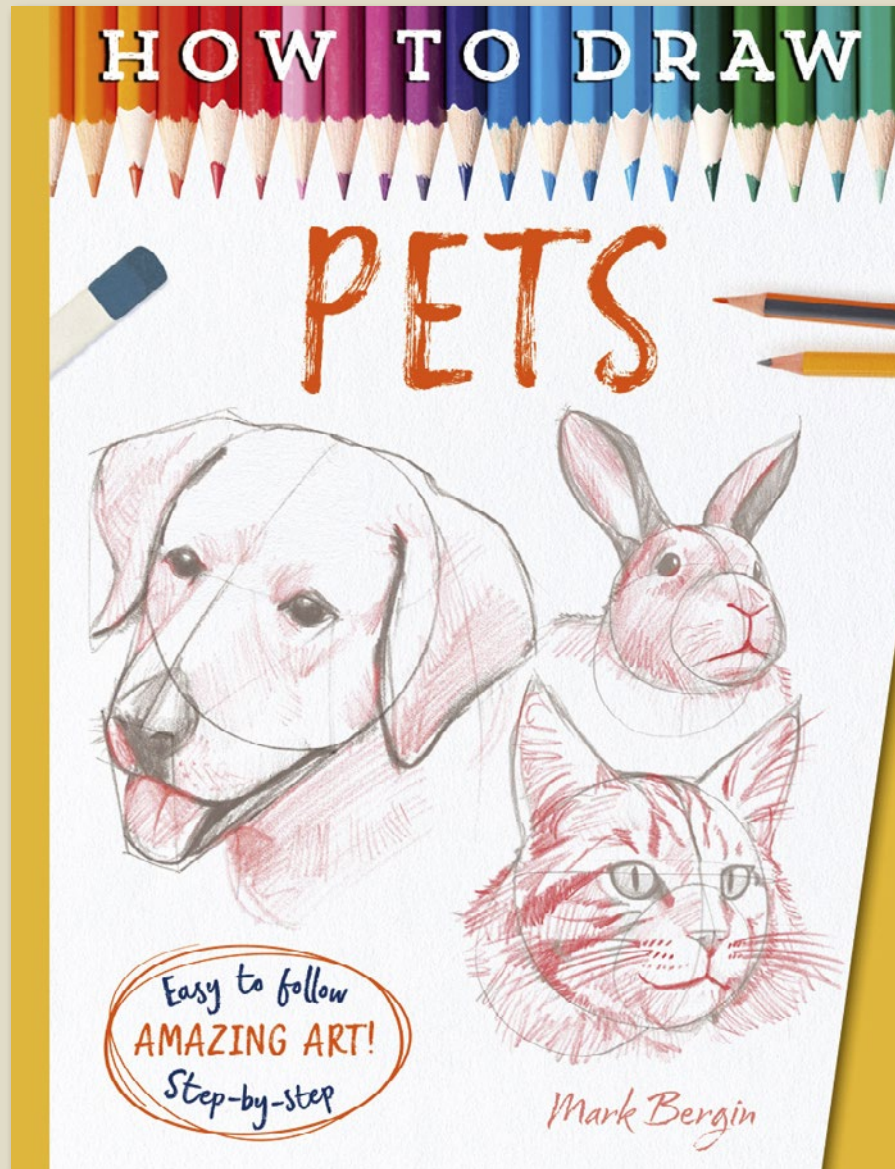
Giorgio was delighted with his final design, and steered his nerves for the proposal. Leonilde must also have been pleased with it, as she agreed to marry him.

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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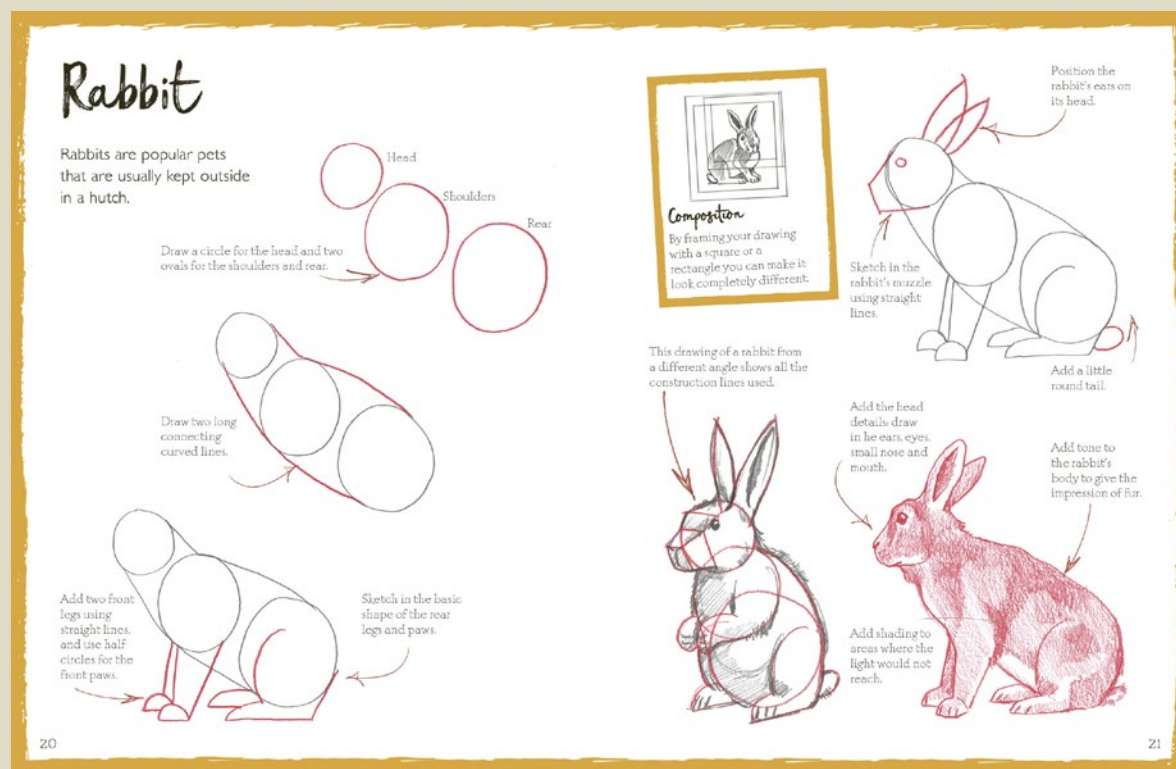
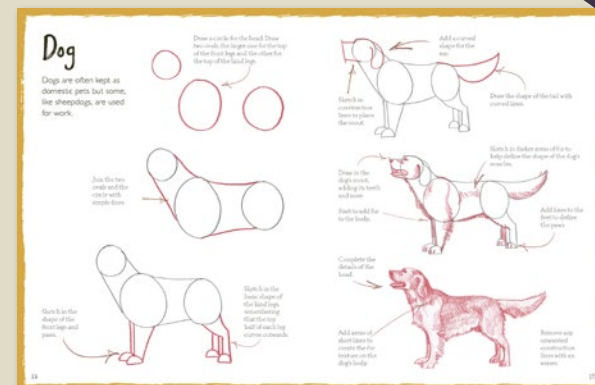
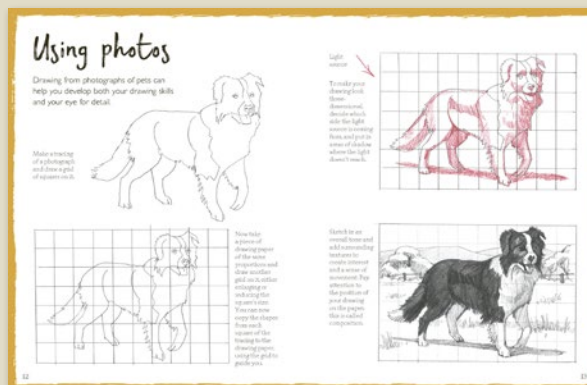


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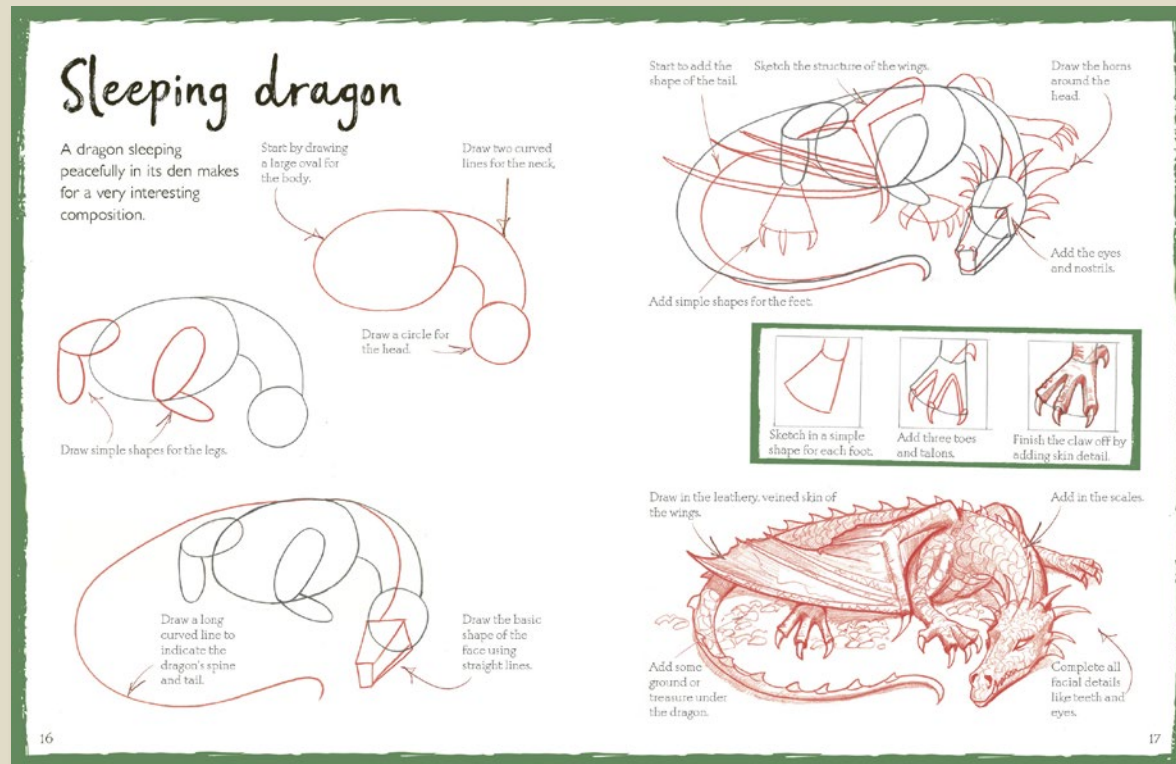
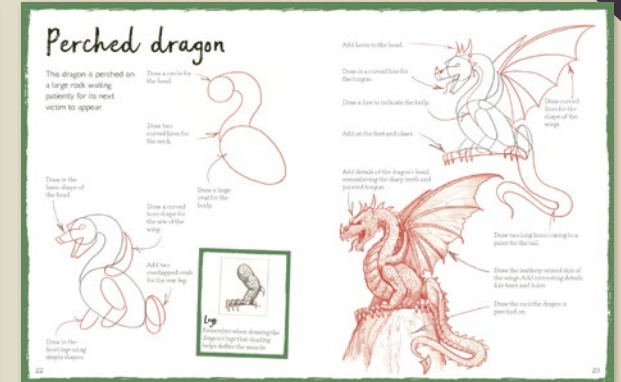
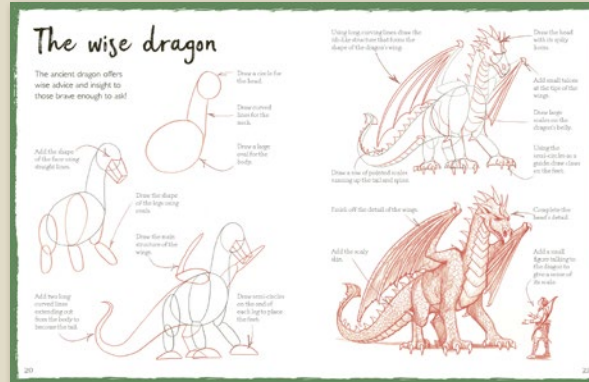
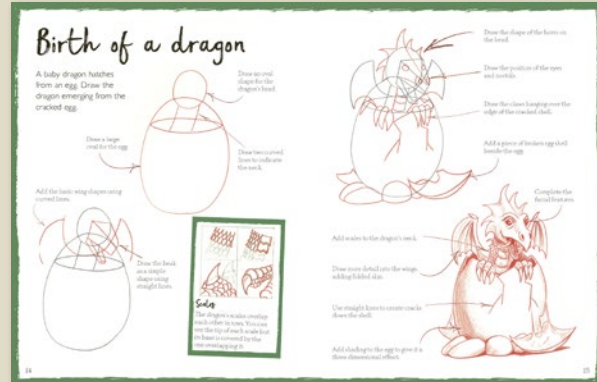


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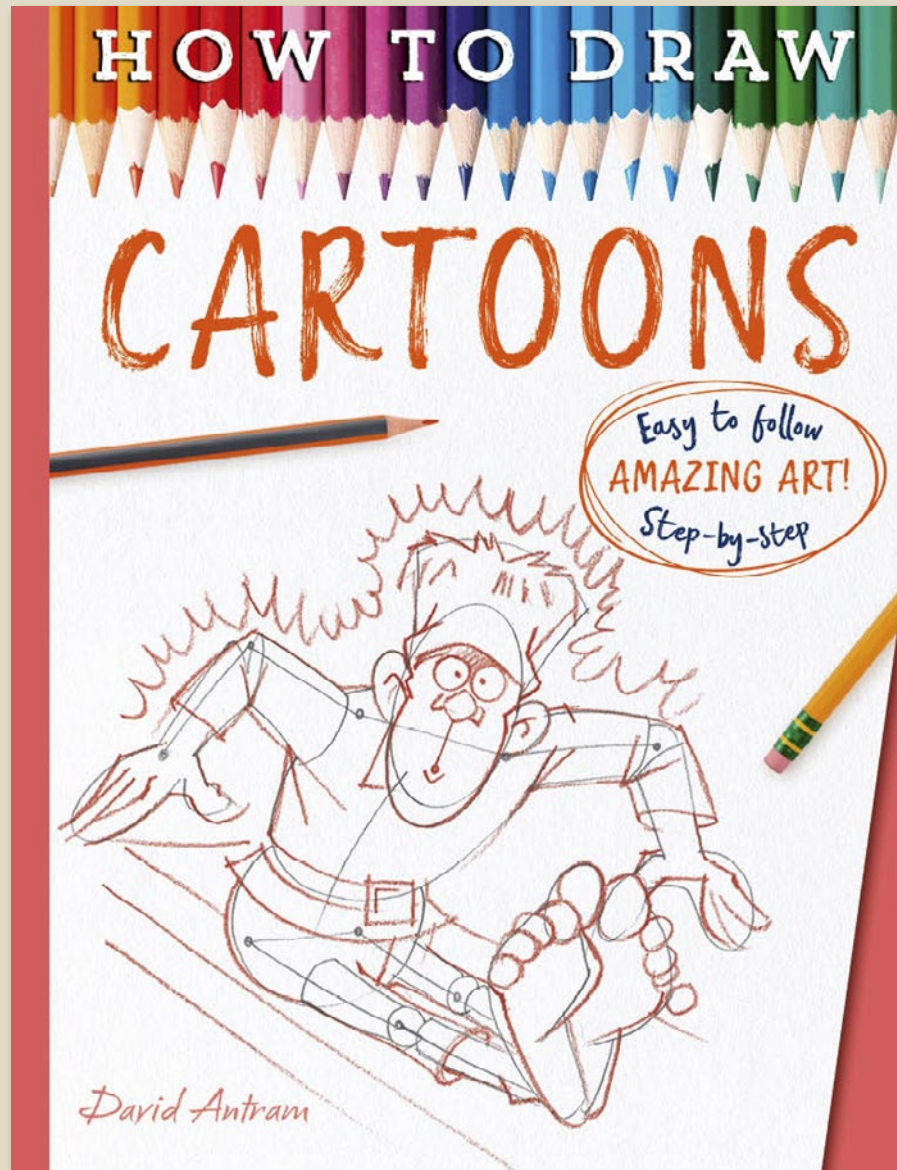


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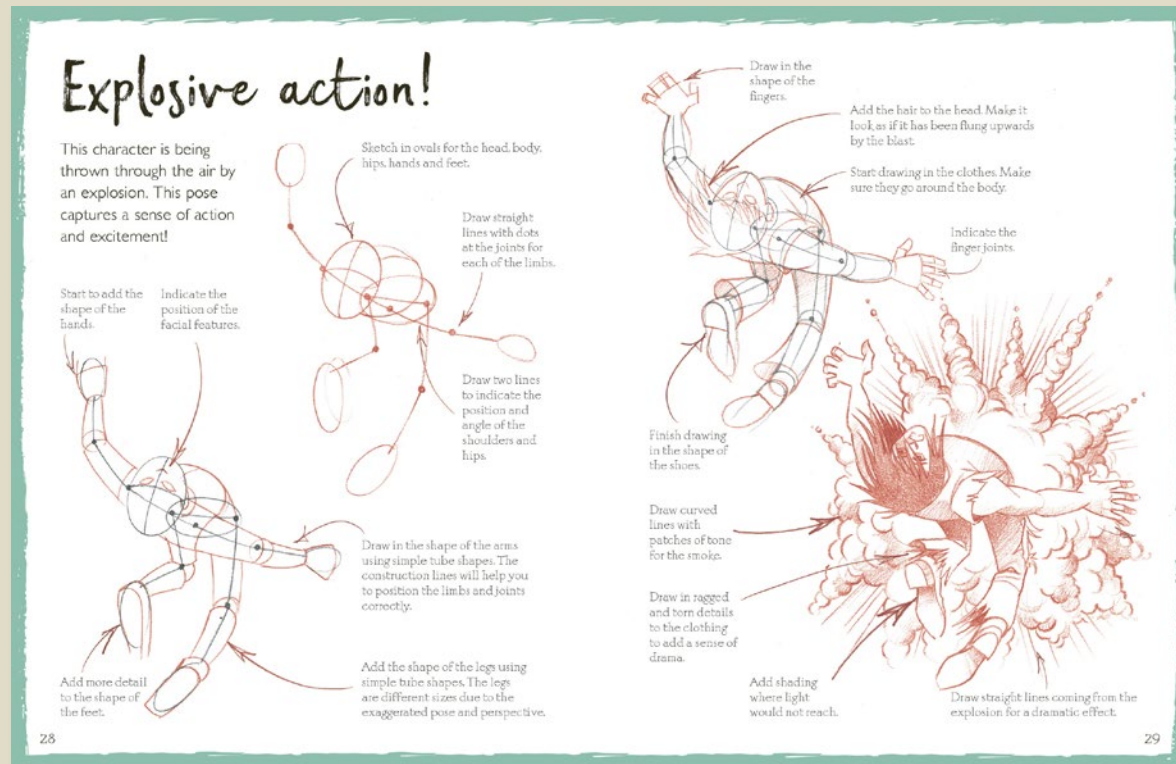
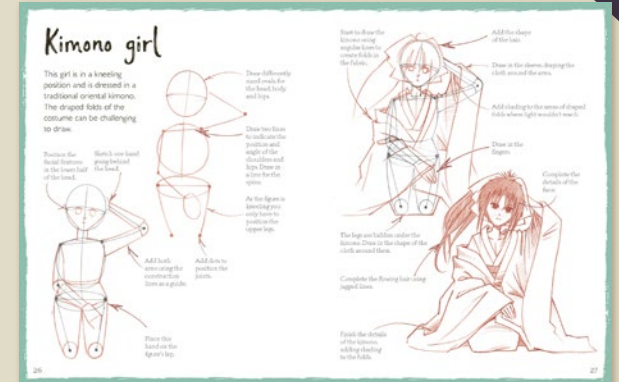
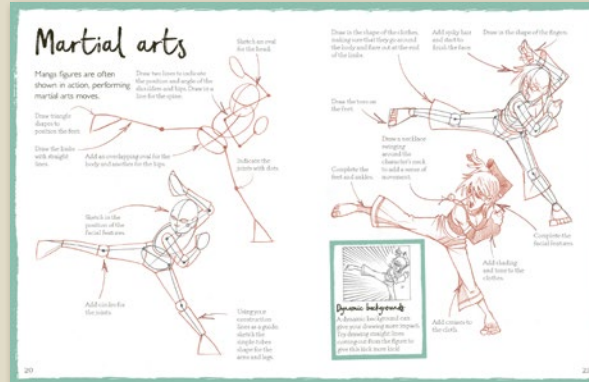
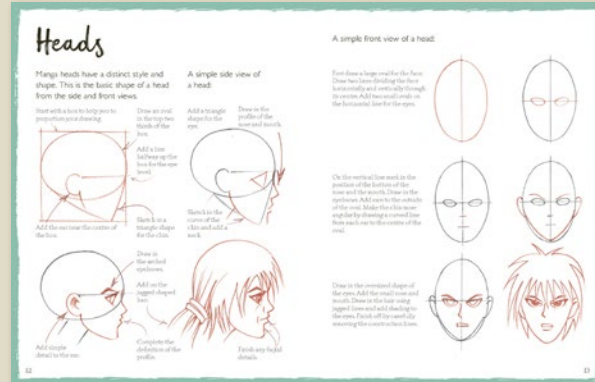


## A step-by-step guide to drawing manga

- Easy to follow instructions, simple steps and diagrams throughout.
- Learn to draw Manga from scratch and kickstart your comic journey
- Manga and Japanese illustration styles are increasingly popular among all ages, so this is the perfect beginners guide for children and adults alike to fine tune their skills.
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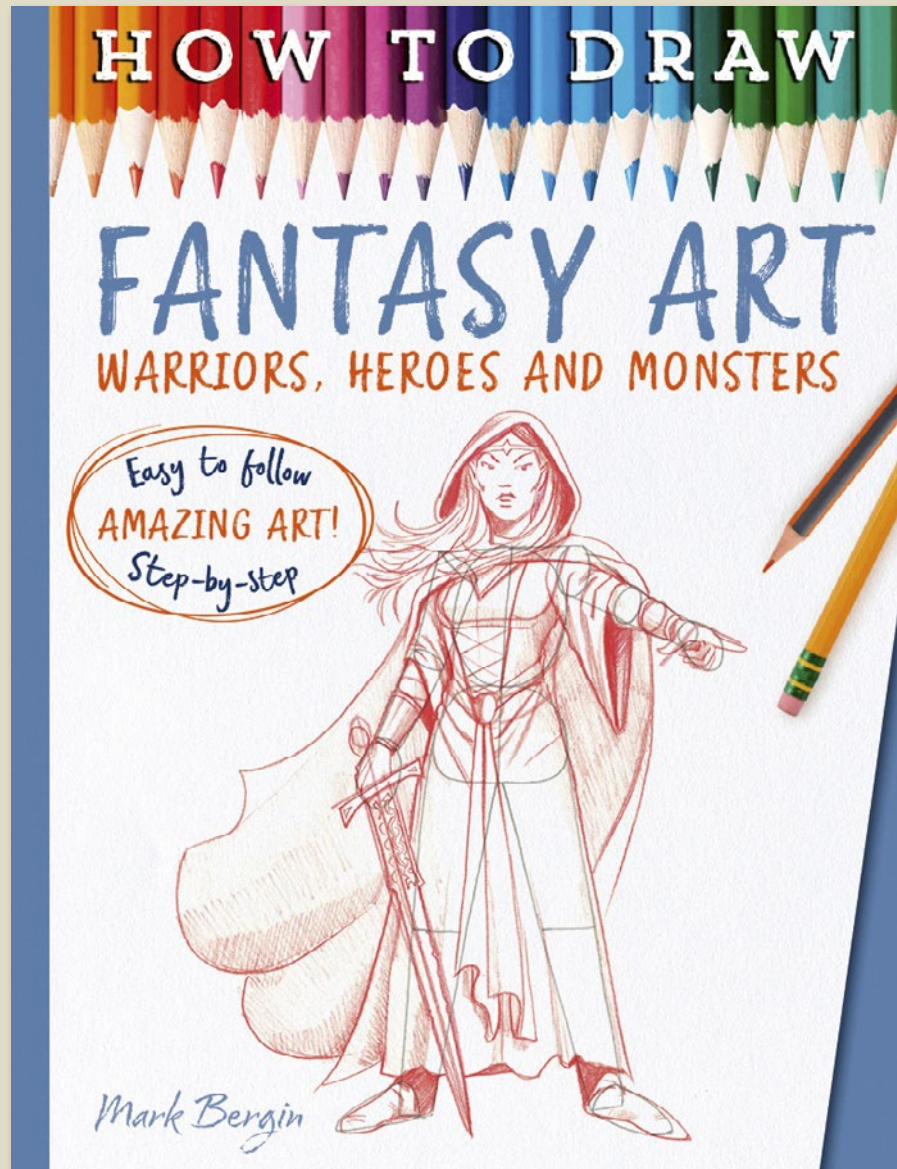


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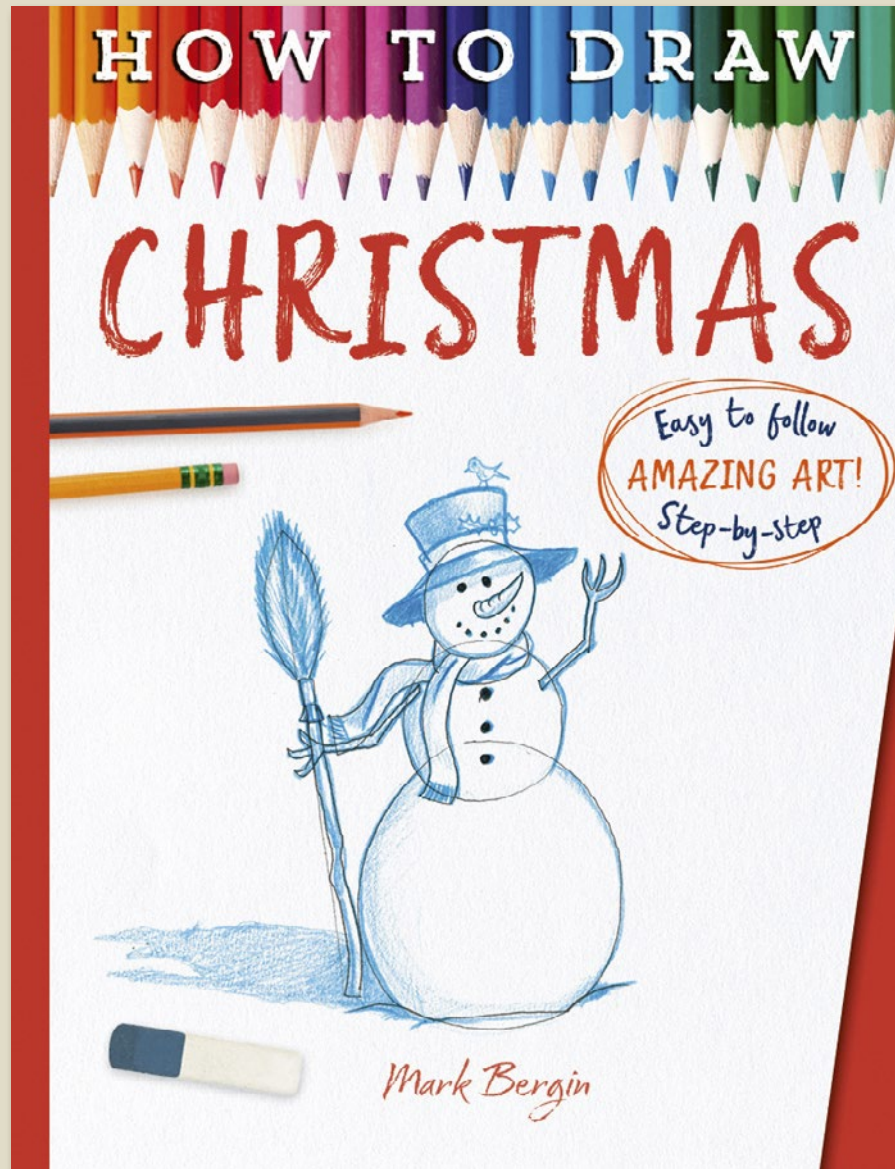
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- Easy to follow instructions, simple steps and diagrams throughout.
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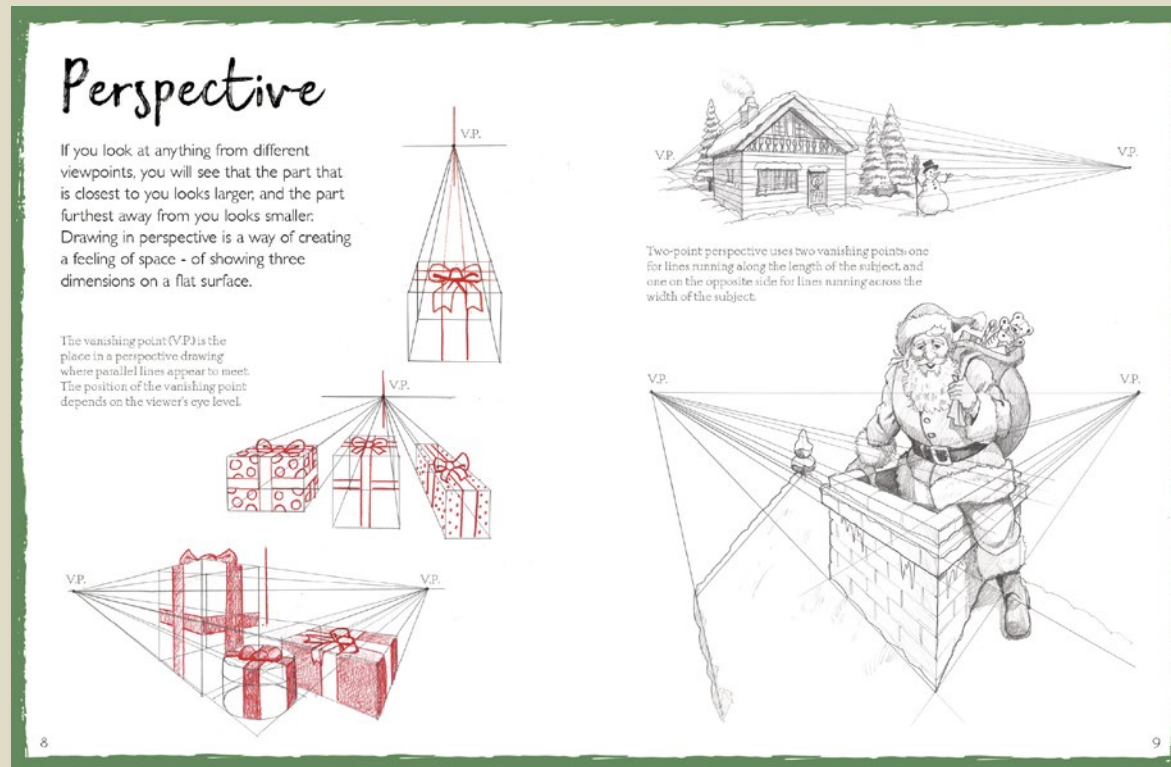
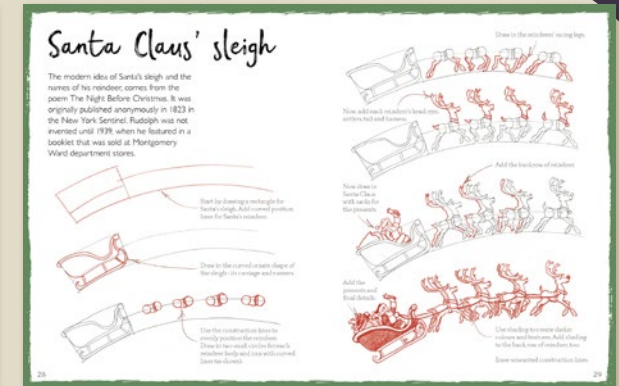


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- Learn to sketch your own Christmas creations from scratch - perfect for crafts lovers!
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- Perfect beginners guide to introduce children to art. Ideal for 8 to 12 year olds.



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