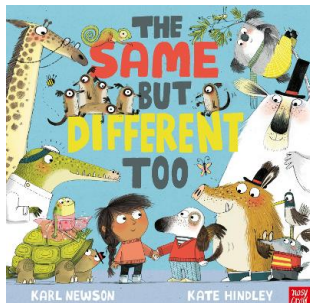


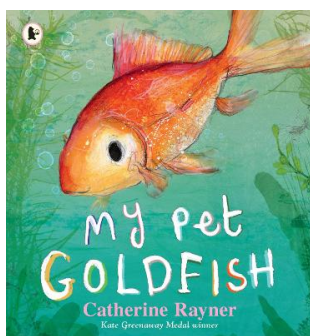
CLPE's Corebooks list helps primary schools choose the very best children's books for their school or classroom libraries. Selected by our dedicated Librarian, this database contains more than 700 quality books to suit readers of all ages and stages of reading development.



The Same But Different Too

Author: Karl Newson **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 12/01/2023

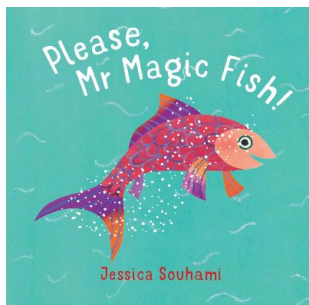
A brilliantly witty introduction to comparisons and opposites, illustrated by the winner of the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award. These children and animals are all very different to each other. Some are big, some are small. Some are gentle, some are rough. Everyone is playful, but who's the best at hiding? One thing's certain: they all love a good bedtime story! Shortlisted for the Sainsbury's Children's Picture Book Award, this is the perfect book for little ones who are just beginning to make sense of their place in the world. Karl Newson has created a simple, funny and heart-warming text, which is perfectly matched by Kate Hindley's charming, brilliantly witty artwork, filled with detail. Related activity sheets available on the Nosy Crow website.



My Pet Goldfish

Author: Catherine Rayner **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/11/2022

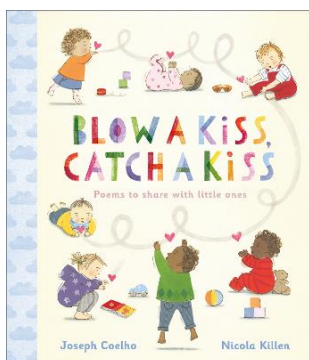
The child narrating this story has been given their first ever pet: a tiny fish with shimmering scales and bright beady eyes... Their very own goldfish! Sitting alongside the gentle narrative and dynamic illustrations, the subtext introduces facts about goldfish and their care - some gentle, some funny, some fascinating - making this a perfect choice for first-time owners.



Please, Mr Magic Fish!

Author: Jessica Souhami **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 13/10/2022

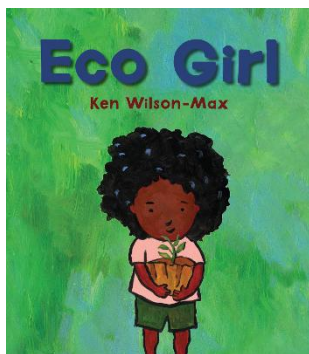
One amazing day, Jack catches a Magic Fish... If you free me, says the fish, I'll grant your dearest wish! Jack and his wife Liz can't believe their luck when the Magic Fish gives them a pretty little cottage, but soon they are asking for more... and more - even a palace. And they forget to say thank you! Now the sea rages and the Magic Fish is angry! Find out what happens next, in this spellbinding tale about the dangers of being too greedy!



Blow a Kiss, Catch a Kiss

Author: Joseph Coelho **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 06/10/2022

Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho's warm, elegant and meaningful poems capture both how pre-schoolers experience everyday things like going shopping and the complexities of feelings as they are felt and expressed by the very youngest listeners. Carefully grouped under headings including All About Me, What do I Feel, and At Home these poems highlight moments familiar to all children and extend them in eloquent words that make them exciting and also safe. Nicola Killen's illustrations match the words perfectly.



Eco Girl

Author: Ken Wilson-Max **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 08/09/2022

Can you love and care for your Baobab tree so it grows big and healthy like Dad's tree? asks Grandma. And Eve says, YES, I CAN! Eve loves all the trees in the forest near her home. She feels their magic, but her favourite is the Baobab tree. If only she could talk to the trees! Then, on a birthday visit to Grandma, deep in the forest, Eve gets a magical surprise. What could it be? It's something that Eve must take care of, something that will connect her for ever with the forest she loves. Happy birthday, Eco Girl! An inspirational and heart-warming book for younger children that shows the importance of looking after the trees in our world.



Our Favourite Day

Author: Joowon Oh **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/09/2022

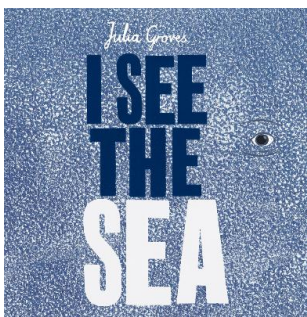
Charmingly detailed illustrations help tell a touching tale of the bond between grandparent and grandchild in a quiet yet powerful debut. Thursdays are my favourite days. Mine, too. Every morning Grandpa follows his normal routine. He drinks his tea, waters his plants, tidies up and takes the bus into town. Grandpa enjoys his daily tasks, but there's one day each week that is extra special. That's the day he might visit the craft shop, get two orders of dumplings to go, and possibly pick some flowers he sees along the path. With its spare text and wonderfully warm watercolour and cut-paper illustrations just begging to be pored over, Joowon Oh's tale of the love between a grandfather and granddaughter will nestle within the heart of every reader.



Ruby's Worry

Author: Tom Percival **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 06/01/2022

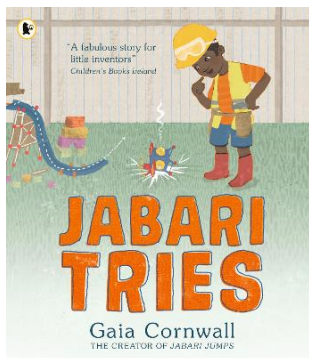
A Big Bright Feelings Book Everyone could learn from Ruby. She's a perfectly happy little girl, until she discovers a worry. The worry – depicted as a scribbly yellow shape – is hardly noticeable at first, but starts to grow and soon it's with her all the time, stopping her from doing the things she loved. As Ruby worries about her worry – the worst thing you can do – it gets bigger still until it takes up the whole row at the cinema. The problem is solved when Ruby finds someone else with a worry; as they talk about them, something amazing happens – their worries disappear. Readers will recognise Ruby's problems and see their own lives reflected in hers. Sensitive and very reassuring this clever book raises lots of opportunities for children to talk about their worries.



I See the Sea

Author: Julia Groves **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 09/11/2021

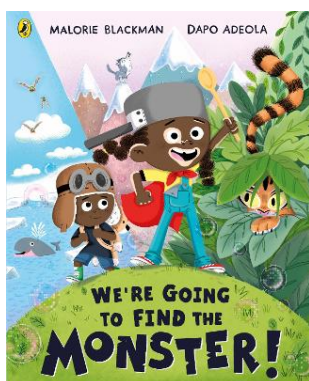
Plunge into this exploration of the ocean, with poetic text and beautiful illustrations by Julia Groves. A die-cut hole encourages children to look carefully through the book and adds to the sense of discovery. Part of CLPE's 'Corebooks' Selection.



Jabari Tries

Author: Gaia Cornwall **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 14/10/2021

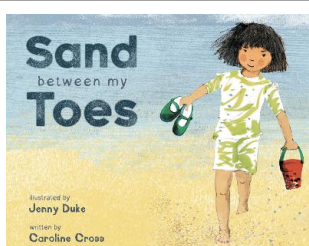
Jabari is inventing a machine that will fly all the way across the yard! But making it go from CRASH to WHOOSH will take grit, patience, and maybe even a little help from his sister. Jabari is making a flying machine in his backyard! It'll be easy. I don't need any help, he declares. But it doesn't work! Jabari is frustrated. Good thing Dad is there for a pep talk and his little sister, Nika, is there to assist, fairy wings and all. With the endearing father-child dynamic of Jabari Jumps and engaging mixed-media illustrations, Gaia Cornwall's tale shows that through perseverance and flexibility, an inventive thought can become a brilliant reality.



We're Going to Find the Monster

Author: Malorie Blackman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/09/2021

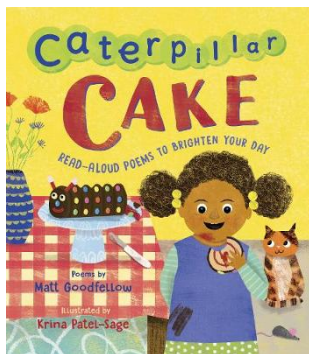
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2023 ages 3-6 Over the shimmering ocean, up the huge, high mountain, through the deep, dark forest . . . WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE MONSTER! Join two intrepid adventurers as their imaginations transform their house into a wild wonderland - and their big brother becomes a mighty monster. A joy to read-aloud with its cumulative refrain, and full of funny, relatable characters, this is a contemporary celebration of creativity, fantasy and family.



Sand Between My Toes

Author: Caroline Cross **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/09/2021

A family spends a day at the seaside, enjoying the smells and sensations that are unique to the coast. Evocative rhyming text immerses the reader in the experience of visiting a beach. Part of CLPE's 'Corebooks' Selection.

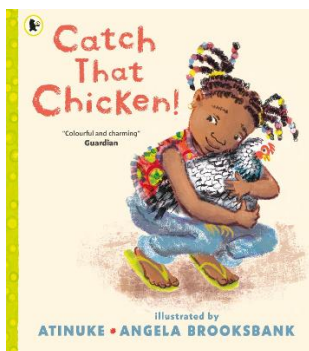


Caterpillar Cake

Author: Matt Goodfellow **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 05/08/2021

Shortlisted for the 2022 CLiPPA (CLPE Children's Poetry Award)

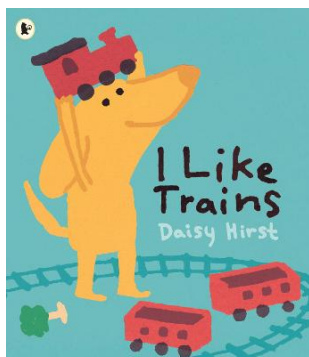
The CLiPPA judges said: Caterpillar Cake shows that we can bring subtlety and scope to the youngest reading ages by the power of reading aloud, not just hearing but feeling the words on your tongue.



Catch That Chicken!

Author: Atinuke **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2021

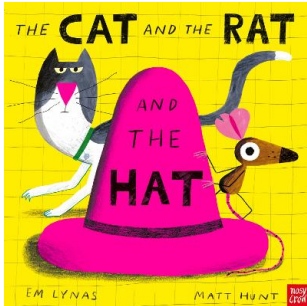
Told with great humour by Nigerian storyteller, Atinuke, this story of the headstrong, impetuous Lami will strike a chord with all children. The gentle message - to use quick thinking not just quick running - gives an incredibly satisfying ending, while Angela Brooksbank's beautiful artwork captures the energy and the beauty of the West African setting perfectly.



I Like Trains

Author: Daisy Hirst **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2021

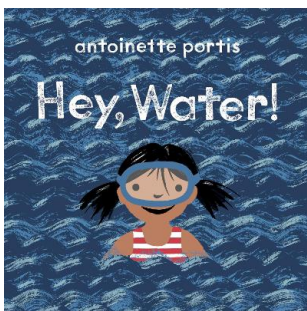
I like trains. I like playing with my train. I like putting all the animals on board so they can go off on a journey. Small Dog loves trains. Playing with them, reading about them, drawing them and pretending to be the driver. But the best thing of all is going on a real train - looking at everything whoosh past the window! But who is Small Dog going to see...? Celebrating the warmth of family relationships and the joy of imaginative play, this book is utterly charming whether you love trains or not!



The Cat and the Rat and the Hat

Author: Em Lynas **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2021

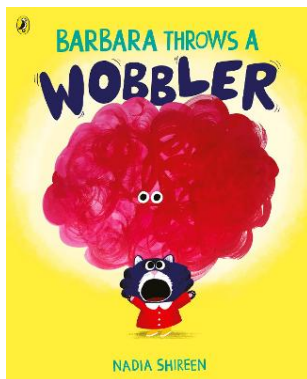
A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month July 2021 Cat has a favourite yellow mat in which he takes great delight. But then Rat comes along with a very desirable favourite very pink hat. Suddenly Cat wants Rat's hat, too, and when Bat comes along with a fabulously fancy cravat both Cat and Rat snatch for it eagerly...How will the cat, rat, hat, mat, bat and cravat all end up? Matt Hunt's vivid illustrations capture the playfulness of this simple and wholly enjoyable rhyming story that makes great play of repeated sounds.



Hey, Water!

Author: Antoinette Portis **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/06/2021

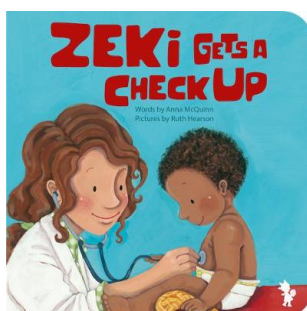
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 This is a superb example of an information text, ostensibly for younger children, but with multi-age and multi-curriculum uses. It is also a thing of beauty, printed on high quality paper doing full justice to the stunning illustrations, with the author's expressive brush work, clever layout and a palette filled with watery blues and greens and the white and grey of rain, fog and snow. A little girl notices the role of water all around her—a sprinkler, a tap, a stream, a lake. She also notices that water sometimes tries to hide, or change state, and that water is part of every living thing including her. The book concludes with four pages of beautifully clear explanations of water forms (liquid, solid and gas), the water cycle and the all-important conservation of water. There are some excellent suggestions of how to play and learn about water and true or false questions to check understanding. These are very well suited to older children too, as indeed the book is, as a model of writing and the effective use of figurative language. Poetic descriptions make this an enjoyable read-aloud and the larger font labels that identify the source of the water on each page (including Zoe the narrator) are perfect for vocabulary building for the youngest child. A really well thought out and brilliantly executed early science picture book that deserves a place in every school.



Barbara Throws a Wobbler

Author: Nadia Shireen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/04/2021

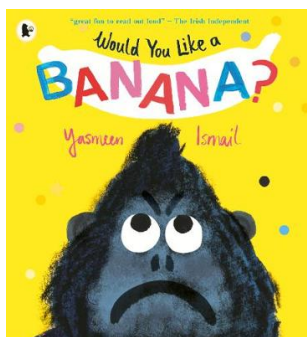
Shortlisted for the Books for Younger Children category, Children's Book Awards 2022 | Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Award ages 3-6 A brilliantly funny and sensitive way to understand and deal with tantrums.



Zeki Gets A Checkup

Author: Anna McQuinn **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 28/01/2021

Zeki is never daunted by new experiences. Daddy and Mummy prepared him well, so he's excited to show the doctor all the things he can do now he's a big boy: drinking from a cup; standing; clapping; playing; eating and being ever so brave. He well deserves the book and sticker he gets at the end for being such a good boy!



Would You Like a Banana?

Author: Yasmeen Ismail **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/01/2021

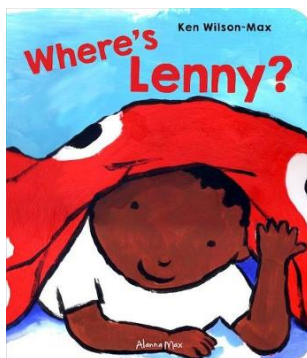
Award-winning illustrator Yasmeen Ismail's delightfully funny picture book featuring a very stubborn gorilla will have the whole family laughing! Gorilla is hungry but there is absolutely no way he's going to eat a banana. Not even a teeny taste. Not with some bread or standing on his head. Even if you eat one too, which is something you might do. This brilliant and hilarious picture book from award-winning illustrator Yasmeen Ismail will have everyone laughing at this all-too familiar family situation!



Hello, Friend!

Author: Rebecca Cobb **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 20/08/2020

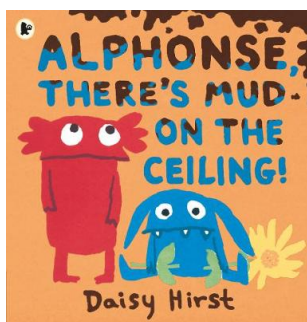
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 Rebecca Cobb's warm and uncluttered illustrations capture the importance of friendships and how they can best be made. Here, an eager little girl expresses her delightful enthusiasm for sharing everything including indoor and outdoor play, packed lunch and more while in pleasing contrast the boy who is the focus of her attentions shows that friendship can also take longer to develop. A sweet story which also provides a lot of scope for thoughtful conversation and reflection.



Where's Lenny?

Author: Ken Wilson-Max **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 10/08/2020

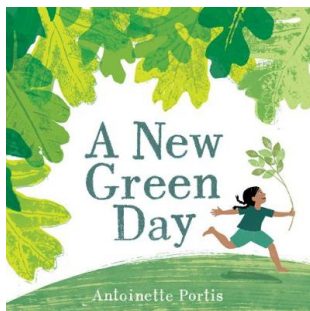
Selected by a distinguished independent panel of experts including our editorial expert, Julia Eccleshare, for Diverse Voices - 50 of the best Children's Books celebrating cultural diversity in the UK. An ideal first picture book by an award-winning author/illustrator in which Lenny and his dad have a game of hide and seek in the house, enjoying fun and games together.



Alphonse, There's Mud on the Ceiling!

Author: Daisy Hirst **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/08/2020

The third title featuring loveable monster sister and brother Natalie and Alphonse! Natalie and Alphonse mostly like living in a flat on the seventh floor. They love playing drive the double-decker bed and doing roly-polies in the hall. But when the two monster siblings invent a game of wriggly worms in the jungle ... oh dear! OW! SHFLWUMP! That is not a good game for indoors! Will this adorably rambunctious pair ever manage to create a magical, wild camping experience in their little apartment? From the award-winning Daisy Hirst comes a story sure to inspire families to explore the great outdoors, before finding the perfect balance again back home.

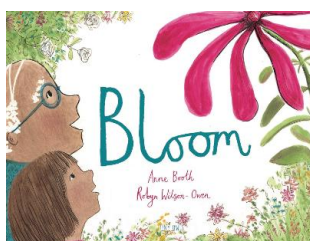


A New Green Day

Author: Antoinette Portis **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/07/2020

Winner of the English Association Picture Book Awards 2021, non fiction 4-7 | Nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2021

It's the beginning of a new day, and through a series of enticing riddles, nature invites a little girl to come out and explore. Who scribbles on the sidewalk with glistening ink? Snail! Who's a comma in a long, long sentence of a stream? Tadpole! Active readers will delight in the clever language and striking illustrations. With each page turn, children will solve the riddles about the familiar animals, plants and the weather that the girl in the story encounters outdoors throughout a whole day.



Bloom

Author: Anne Booth **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 11/06/2020

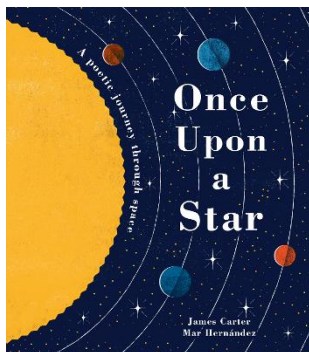
There was once a beautiful flower and a little girl who loved it. She talked to it every morning on her way to school. The owner of the flower shouted at her. The next day, the flower did not open. The angry man didn't understand. He tried watering it. He tried giving it shade and he tried talking to it. He told it how wonderful he was, how important his job was and how lonely he felt. But it still refused to open. So, he asked the little girl. Why don't you tell it how wonderful it is and how much you love it? she said. As he did so, his own heart filled with love. And the flower bloomed.



Don't Worry, Little Crab

Author: Chris Haughton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/06/2020

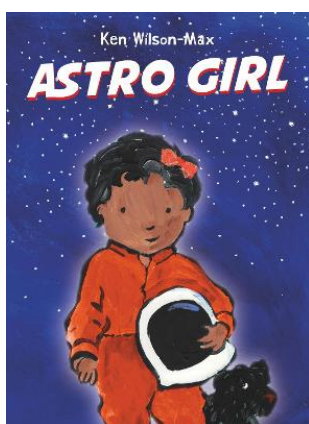
From the creator of A Bit Lost, Oh No, George!, Shh! We Have a Plan and Goodnight Everyone, comes a book about taking the time you need to overcome your fears. In the rockpool above the sea, live two crabs: Big Crab and Little Crab. Today, they're going for a dip in the sea. This is going to be so great! says Little Crab. But then Little Crab catches a first glimpse of the water... Oh. The waves! They're ENORMOUS. Oh... Will Little Crab be brave enough to go in? From the multi award-winning picture book maker of A Bit Lost, Oh No, George! and Shh! We Have a Plan comes a bold, beautiful picture book about working through anxiety and, with the support of a loved one, building up the courage to try something new.



Once Upon a Star The Story of Our Sun

Author: James Carter **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/09/2019

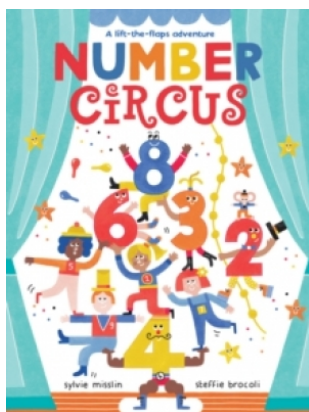
Poetry is possibly the best way to convey the wonder of space and our own place in it, and James Carter's text for this picture book is both precise and inspiring: 'A sea of stars at last were born/gradually they fired and formed/out of clouds of dust and gas/each a mighty sparky mass'. The artwork by Mar Hernandez is equally beautiful, illustrating the development of life from the big bang to the world as we know it. The last image is of a jumping child - 'You're a Star' - and there's a page of science facts to end, taking us five billion years into the future.



Astro Girl

Author: Ken Wilson-Max **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 06/06/2019

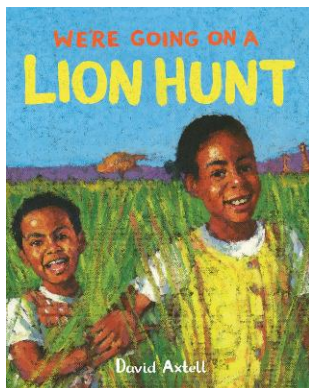
Astrid has always loved the stars and space. I want to be an astronaut! she says. While Mama is away, Papa and Astrid have fun acting out the challenges an astronaut faces on a space mission - eating food from a tube, doing science experiments, living and sleeping in near-zero gravity. Astrid can do it all! Then it's time to meet Mama at the airbase. But where has Mama been?



Number Circus

Author: Sylvie Misslin **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 30/04/2019

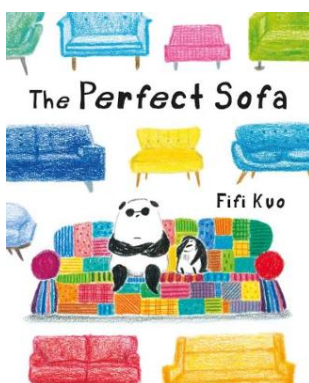
Build early mathematics skills like counting, number recognition, understanding relative quantity and size, and more with this large, sturdy lift-the-flap book teems with humorous vignettes set at a rambunctious circus



We're Going on a Lion Hunt

Author: David Axtell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 18/04/2019

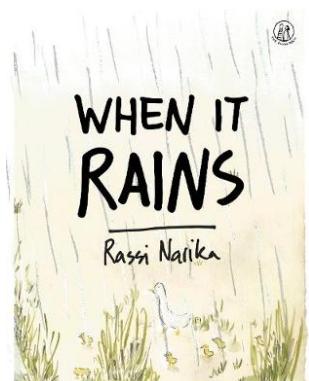
We're going on a lion hunt. We're going to catch a big one. We're not scared. In David Axtell's beautifully illustrated rendition of a well-known children's poem, two sisters are out looking for a lion - a lion that lives on the African savanna. The girls go through swishy swashy long grass, a splishy splashy lake, and a Big Dark Cave. When they finally meet their lion, they have to run, run, run through it all again to get back home. With illustrations bursting with magnificent animals, little adventurers would love journeying through this African savanna.



The Perfect Sofa

Author: Fifi Kuo **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 11/04/2019

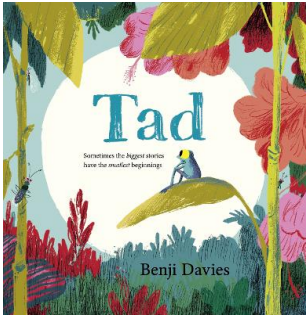
The search for a perfect sofa told very simply with few words but huge, colourful illustrations, full of gentle humour.



When It Rains

Author: Rassi Narika **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/03/2019

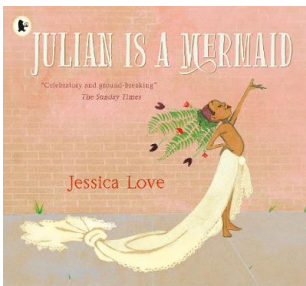
Kira has always felt gloomy whenever it rains. She can't read outside, can't play in the park, and has to wear all her thickest clothes. Then one day her friends Ana and Ilo ask her to join them on an adventure outside during another downpour. Kira discovers the joy of all the things that happen outside when it rains from the new friends she makes, to the umbrellas on the streets, to the thrill of lightning, and finally, the warmth found at the end of each rainfall. With her delightful artwork and enchanting words, Rassi Narika spins a story of hope and discovery that will brighten even the rainiest of days.



Tad

Author: Benji Davies **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/03/2019

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 Benji Davies' new book is a story of escape that has a particular resonance for little children. Tad lives with her brothers and sisters in their pond. The smallest almost-a-frog she has to wiggle her tail twice as fast just to keep up, and they all know that Big Blub waits at the bottom of the pond for left-behind tadpoles. With Tad the very last tadpole in the pond there's a touch and go moment, but in a glorious burst of light, her legs arrive just in time. It's the perfect story to reassure any child worrying they'll always be at the back, and Davies handles light and shadow brilliantly to create and control the drama. A beautiful and very special picture book.

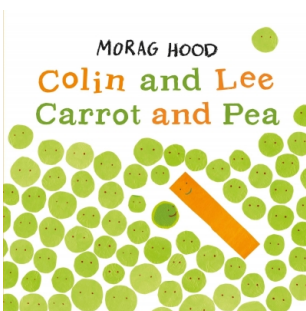


Julian Is a Mermaid

Author: Jessica Love **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/02/2019

Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 | April 2019 Debut Picture Book of the Month | Winner of the 2019 Klaus Flugge Prize | Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2019

Already shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal, Julian is a Mermaid is an outstanding picture book, surely destined to become a classic. Julian is out with Nana when he notices three women dressed as mermaids. In his heart of hearts – we see it described over three fabulous wordless spreads – Julian knows he is a mermaid too and while Nana takes a bath he sets out to transform himself into one. Nana's response is life-affirming and the two head out to join the mermaid party. The illustrations dazzle and as a celebration of individuality, the imagination, freedom and love, it can't be beaten.

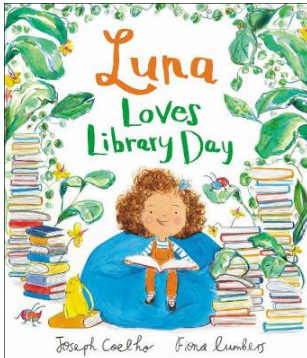


Colin and Lee, Carrot and Pea

Author: Morag Hood **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 24/01/2019

A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month January 2019 | Winner of the UKLA 2018 Book Award 3-6 | An EmpathyLab Read for Empathy book 2018 Simplicity is the charm of this picture book story of the unlikely friendship between very different vegetables. Lee is a very green pea and so are all of his friends except for Colin who is a very orange carrot. Colin can't do all the things that the pea-friends can do such as roll or bounce. Nonetheless, it turns out that they can all be very good friends. Julia Eccleshare's Picks for January 2019: Lark by Anthony McGowan Colin and Lee, Carrot and Pea by Morag Hood Dear Zoo Snuggle Book by Rod Campbell Whatever Next! by Jill Murphy Billy and the Minpins by Roald Dahl Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley

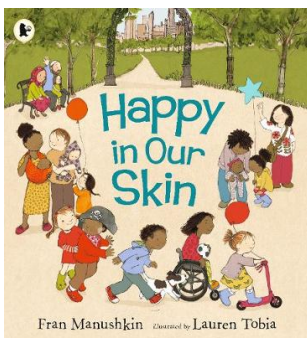
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
The Skylarks' War by Hilary McKay



Luna Loves Library Day

Author: Joseph Coelho **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/09/2018

UKLA Longlist Book Awards 2019 | September 2018 Book of the Month This story of a little girl's trip to the library has so much to tell us. Luna loves going to the library, not just because she loves books, but because her dad meets her there. Together they read and share books and one of them, 'The Troll King and the Mermaid Queen', is actually included as a mini book within the book. Its story of the Troll King who can't live with the Mermaid Queen but fiercely loves their little daughter has special meaning for Luna, and will have for lots of readers too. The story is beautifully told, leaving space for readers to take what they want, and the illustrations are lively and full of warmth.



Happy in Our Skin

Author: Fran Manushkin **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/04/2018

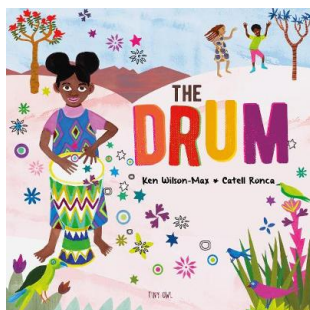
Bouquets of babies sweet to hold: cocoa-brown, cinnamon, and honey gold. Ginger-coloured babies, peaches and cream, too - splendid skin for me, splendid skin for you! A delightfully rhythmical read-aloud text is paired with bright, bustling art from the award-winning Lauren Tobia, illustrator of Anna Hibiscus, in this joyful exploration of the new skin of babyhood. A wonderful gift book for new mums and toddlers, all children can see themselves, and open their eyes to the world around them, in this sweet, scrumptious celebration of skin in all its many, many, wonderful forms.



Counting with Tiny Cat

Author: Viviane Schwarz **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 01/03/2018

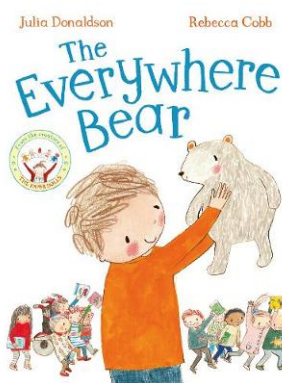
Quirky and inventive as ever, Viviane Schwarz brings her playful genius to the counting book. Tiny Cat goes from having no woolly red balls ('None' says the text opposite Tiny Cat looking wonderfully wide-eyed and surprised in the centre of bright white space), to one, two, three, more, about a dozen, lots, before he throws them all up in the air to pounce and play with them. It's absolutely hilarious and Viviane Schwarz's vibrant brush and ink illustrations give Tiny Cat a huge personality. A book to make you laugh each time you read it.



The Drum

Author: Ken Wilson-Max **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/03/2018

UKLA Longlist Book Awards - 2019 This is the drum. This is the beat. Clap your hands. Stomp your feet! Babies love song, rhythm and dance. Come along and step to the beat in Tiny Owl's new Children, Music, Life series, created by the award-winning picture book author and artist Ken Wilson-Max. This series explores different musical instruments from around the world and how they make you feel and move! Music is great for the physical, emotional, and intellectual development of babies as well as strengthening cognitive and sensory development. So feel the rhythm, clap your hands, stomp your feet and enjoy making music with your baby!

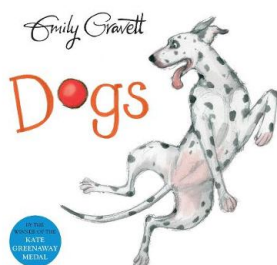


The Everywhere Bear

Author: Julia Donaldson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 22/02/2018

Best-selling duo Julia Donaldson and Rebecca Cobb reunite in a lovely story that begins in a Year One classroom before taking us on an exciting, fantastical journey. Scenes in the classroom and at home with the children as they play with their shared Everywhere Bear are beautifully depicted in Donaldson's nimble rhyming text and Cobb's sketchy, lithe illustrations. Their imaginations take flight when the poor bear is lost, swept down a drain and into the sea in dramatic scenes before finally, almost miraculously, he's reunited with Class One. In the hands of star author and illustrator, it all makes for an exceptionally satisfying adventure for young readers, with much they'll recognise, much to make them wonder. ~ Andrea Reece Best-selling Julia Donaldson and Rebecca Cobb create some wonderful adventures for the much-loved class bear in this warm-hearted and dramatic story with a

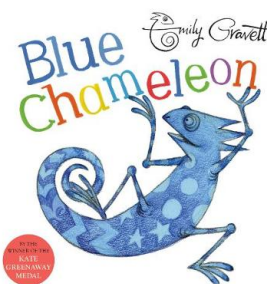
strong classroom background. One thing is for sure - the Everywhere Bear knows that his life will never be dull! He goes home with a different child every weekend and no-one knows what surprises the weekend will bring! ~ Julia Eccleshare



Dogs

Author: Emily Gravett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 11/01/2018

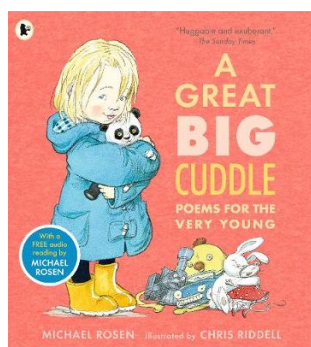
Apparently a celebration of dogs of all kind, this is also a book with a witty twist at the end. Gorgeous pictures of big dogs and small dogs, hairy dogs and bald dogs, stropky dogs and soppy dogs delight in themselves but the best is kept to the end when the reader finds out exactly who the narrator is! Prize-winning illustrator Emily Gravett delights with Dogs, now happily available as a chunky board book. ~ Julia Eccleshare



Blue Chameleon

Author: Emily Gravett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 11/01/2018

Prize winning illustrator Emily Gravett triumphs again in her witty story of how a lonely chameleon does what he does best in a desperate attempt to make a new friend. Changing colour comes naturally to the blue chameleon so he tries yellow and says hi to a banana, pink to greet a cockatoo, brown to say Howdy to a handsome cowboy boot... Nothing seems to work until the triumphant and delightful final spread when the chameleon finds another chameleon - just like him! ~ Julia Eccleshare

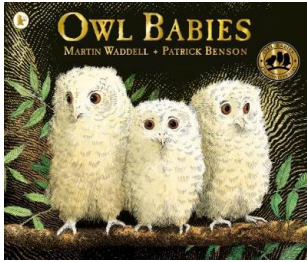


A Great Big Cuddle

Author: Michael Rosen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/10/2017

Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2017 | Joint Winner of the CLIPPA 2016 (CLPE Children's Poetry Award).

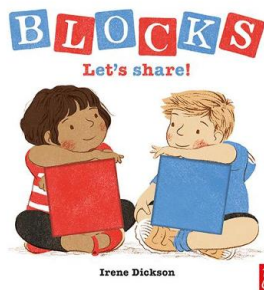
Children's Laureates Chris Riddell and Michael Rosen combine here to create a beautiful collection of ebullient poems for the very young. Michael Rosen's close and affectionate observation of small children and the way they think is brilliantly captured in poems such as You Can't See Me and Let Me Do It. There are also plenty of opportunities for the very young to join in with poems such as Tippy-Tappy and The Button Bop which they are guaranteed to want to hear again and again! Chris Riddell's illustrations created an equally warm-hearted view of the early years and capture the spirit of the poems perfectly.



Owl Babies

Author: Martin Waddell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/08/2017

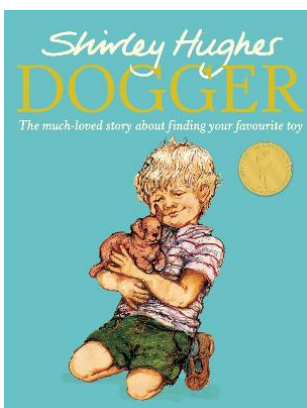
Three little owl babies sit in the tree and wait...and wait...and wait...for their Mummy to come home from hunting. Stunning illustrations match this brilliant classic picture book story. This beautiful board book edition is perfect for little hands. Never has the plight of young ones who miss their mum been so sensitively told or so beautifully rendered as in this tale from picture book masters, Patrick Benson and Martin Waddell. ~ Julia Eccleshare



Blocks

Author: Irene Dickson **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 06/07/2017

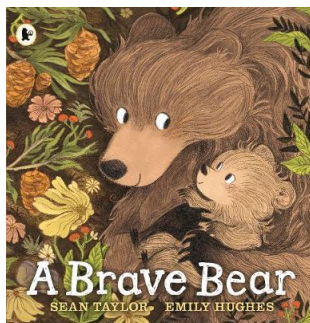
Blocks carries an important message that, through sharing, all our lives are more interesting and more fun. Ruby is quietly playing with her red blocks and Benji has his blue blocks, until Benji takes a liking to Ruby's bright red blocks and tries to take one. Ruby does not want to share and as the children struggle they knock over their carefully built block towers. Fortunately they quickly realise that now they have twice as many blocks to build with and that it's much more interesting to build in two colours! And when Guy appears with his green blocks there's going to be an even bigger, more colourful block castle built. There is also a subtle underlying lesson that living in racial harmony improves all our lives. The Editor at Nosy Crow says: "Irene's art style is so graphically beautiful in its simplicity, which makes this book a real visual treat. Along with a positive message about the age-old toddler tussle of sharing toys, this is bound to become a story time favourite."



Dogger

Author: Shirley Hughes **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 06/07/2017

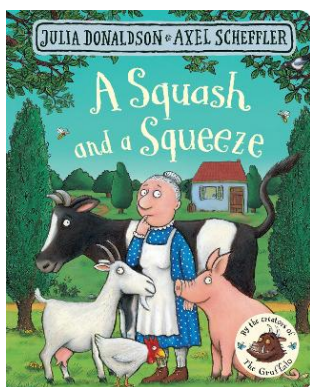
July 2017 Book of the Month Filled with humour and Shirley Hughes' deft touch, this is a book for young readers to tackle by themselves, as well as a delight to read aloud. It's moving and inspirational on how to cope with a problem situation. Reissued as a special 40th anniversary hardback this is a classic for every bookshelf and it will strike a chord with adults and children everywhere.



A Brave Bear

Author: Sean Taylor **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/05/2017

April 2016 Book of the Month The characters may be bears, but the parent/child relationship depicted in this lovely picture book will be familiar to all readers. It's hot so a little bear suggests to his dad that they should go to the river to cool down and dad agrees. Little Bear is determined to lead the way and show his dad just how brave and clever he is but, as all parents know, this kind of excitement leads to accidents. Sure enough, Little Bear slips but with Dad's help they reach the river in the end and have a lovely time. The text perfectly catches some of those special interactions between parent and child, and illustrator Emily Hughes makes the bears particularly endearing. ~ Andrea Reece



A Squash and a Squeeze

Author: Julia Donaldson **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 06/04/2017

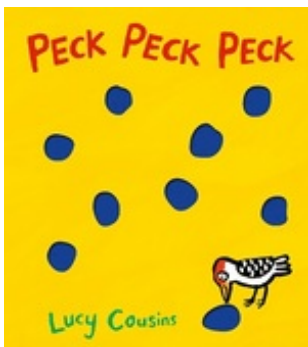
Julia Donaldson writes...A Squash and a Squeeze started its life as a song on BBC Children's Television. The song was subsequently used on "Playdays" and included on a BBC album, sung by Floella Benjamin and Derek Griffiths. Unknown to me, a future editor of children's books heard this recording when her children were small and she couldn't get it out of her head. Thirteen years later she succeeded in tracking me down via the BBC. When she phoned to ask my permission to publish an illustrated version of my words I immediately agreed - while attempting to sound as if this sort of thing happened to me every day. I loved Axel's pictures straight away. Axel Scheffler writes...A Squash and a Squeeze was only my second picture book. I recently learnt that before me, two other illustrators were asked to do the pictures, but perhaps they were too busy because they turned it down. If this is true, I have to be grateful to them, because this book started my long-term collaboration with Julia.



There's a Tiger in the Garden

Author: Lizzy Stewart **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/02/2017

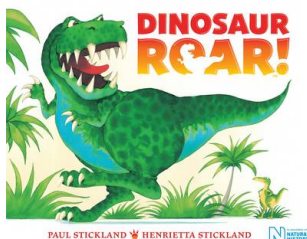
Winner of Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2017, Illustrated Books category | February 2017 Debut of the Month Grandma's back garden turns into a jungle full of adventure in this striking picture book, Nora is bored, so her grandma suggests she play in the garden, there might, she says, be a tiger there. Nora is scornful, but as she gets further from the house and deeper into the greenery of the garden, her attitude changes. She sees dragonflies as big as birds and a bush that wants to eat her giraffe Jeff just as Grandma said, and then she meets the tiger. Nora's jungle is as wild and exotic as her imagination can make it, teeming with plants and birds, and her tiger looks at home there as Rousseau's in its storm. ~ Andrea Reece Florentyna Martin, Waterstones children's buyer, said: "Lizzy Stewart's There's a Tiger in the Garden is bold, bright and beautiful. Lizzy's immediately assured artistic style conveys a classic tone, allowing her charmingly told story of imagination to leap off the page. This is a timeless picture book which will be much loved by children and adults alike, and is a promising start to what will be an inspiring career."



Peck Peck Peck

Author: Lucy Cousins **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 01/09/2016

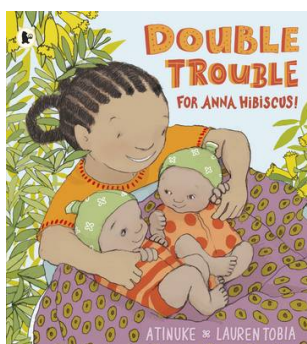
Brilliant Lucy Cousins has created a fabulous new book which is full of holes! The young woodpecker is taught to peck by its father. The only trouble is...once it has learnt to peck a hole, it just can't stop! There are holes in everything and young readers will love to explore them with their little fingers while they laugh at the ridiculous places the woodpecker has pecked. ~ Julia Eccleshare One of our Books of the Year 2014



Dinosaur Roar!

Author: Henrietta Stickland **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 16/06/2016

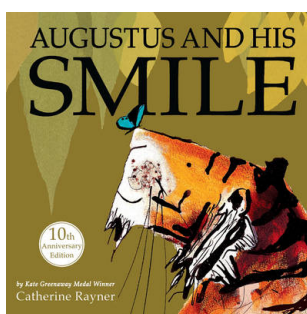
Dinosaur roar, dinosaur squeak! This fabulous rhyming book of opposites is deservedly recognised as a classic. A herd of dinosaurs of all shapes, sizes and temperaments race or lounge across the pages, described in satisfying text that is just perfect for reading aloud, even over and over again. The dinosaurs are brighter and more eye-catching than ever in this new edition produced from rescanned artwork, and a rampant T-Rex is resplendent on the cover with tactile, shiny scales, teeth and claws. One to be gobbled up with a munch, munch, scrunch!



Double Trouble for Anna Hibiscus!

Author: Atinuke **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/06/2016

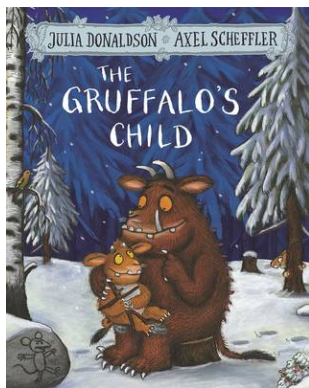
Double Trouble for Anna Hibiscus is double the fun for readers! Anna's mum has just given birth to twins and Anna is going to have to share her family with her baby brothers. She immediately starts thinking of them as Double and Trouble, but needn't worry: her grandma, uncles, aunts and cousins still have time for Anna, and her mother is never too busy for a cuddle. Perfect for big brothers or sisters, this is a really lovely depiction of family life and little Anna is an irresistible character. The setting is contemporary Africa and young readers in this country will be fascinated by Anna's world, both similar to their own and very different.



Augustus and His Smile

Author: Catherine Rayner **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 05/05/2016

A reissue to mark the 10th Anniversary of this absolutely delightful picture book. The opposing emotions of happiness and sadness are conveyed quite beautifully throughout Augustus's story until at last his smile returns because he starts looking at the wonderful world around him. Augustus and His Smile was the well-deserved winner of the 'Early Years - Best New Illustrator Award' and was shortlisted for the 2007 Greenaway Medal. The Greenaway Judges' comment: A very fresh and appealing book which makes good use of mixed media to convey the feel of a real tiger. Rayner's broad loose strokes reflect the beauty of the animal, and give him real expression and emotion: so much is conveyed in the flick of his tail. The whole has a Zen-like simplicity but it is also a very physical book which draws you in. There is real artistic skill here and great maturity of style.



The Gruffalo's Child

Author: Julia Donaldson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 21/04/2016

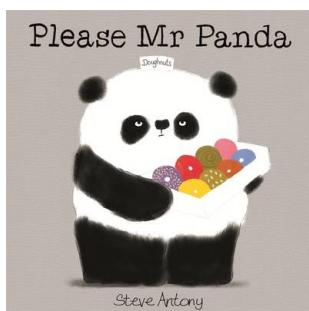
Former Children's Laureate Julia Donaldson followed up her best-selling *The Gruffalo* with a story about *The Gruffalo's Child*. This special anniversary edition celebrates its 10th year of entertaining the very young with how the little mouse outwits the Gruffalo's Child with a plan that is just as cunning as the original one he hatched to frighten away the Gruffalo. Axel Scheffler's illustrations once again capture the humour of the text and the fear that lurks behind the joke. ~ Julia Eccleshare



Shh! We Have a Plan

Author: Chris Haughton **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 03/09/2015

Longlisted for the 2015 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal - Shortlisted for the Little Rebels Book Award 2015 Award-winning Chris Haughton tells a big story in stunning illustrations in his near-wordless picture board book. The huntsmen are determined to capture the bird. Armed with nets they creep up on their prey...but they haven't got every angle covered! How the littlest repeatedly sabotages the huntsmen's plans is a wittily told story with a strong message about communication.



Please Mr Panda

Author: Steve Antony **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/09/2015

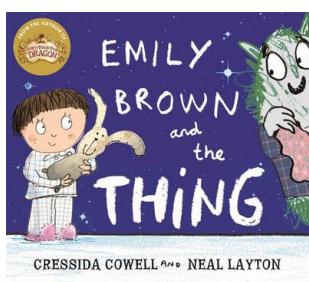
A humorous lesson in manners from the most endearingly grumpy panda. Likely to become a class catchphrase!



None the Number

Author: Oliver Jeffers **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/05/2015

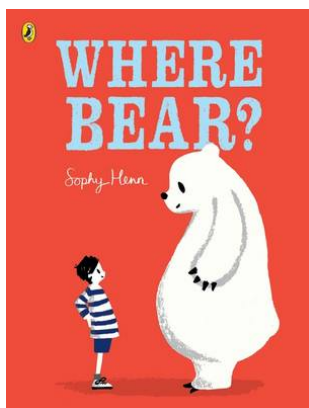
Award-winning Oliver Jeffers unusual and delightful family have a typically original approach to counting- including introducing the concept of none. The Hueys love numbers from 0-10. The kind of things they love include 1 light blue phone, 5 party hats, 8 guests on a guest list and even 10 trumpeters walking by. But what happens when you get rid of all the things they have been counting? That's when you get to none!



Emily Brown and the Thing

Author: Cressida Cowell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/03/2015

Emily Brown and her old grey rabbit were an instant hit with children and parents everywhere when they burst onto the scene and won the 2006 Nestle prize. The book was called That Rabbit belongs to Emily Brown. Here is their second adventure is reissued in paperback and once again they save the day by making someone happy.



Where Bear?

Author: Sophy Henn **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/02/2015

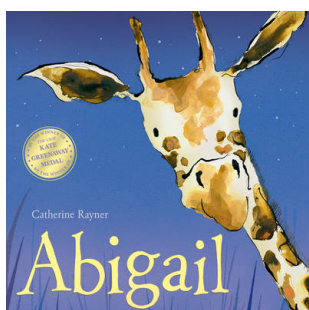
Shortlisted for the Waterstone's Best Illustrated Book 2015 Friendship is celebrated in Sophy Henn's heart-warming and visually stunning picture book. Boy and bear are best friends, but the boy realises that the bear is getting just 'too big and bearish' to live in a house. But where should he go? Various bearish habitats are tried out and each one is rejected by the bear until finally the boy finds the answer to his question, 'Then where bear?'. Boy and bear are irresistible characters, their affection for one another obvious on every page and their quest to find the perfect bearish home takes them to all sorts of places, gorgeously illustrated in Henn's distinctive style. A charming picture book just right for sharing. ~ Andrea Reece Sophy says: Inspiration can come from anywhere. A sweet wrapper, a song, a mood, someone you see in the street, a newspaper story, you just have to keep your eyes and ears open. Saying all that, sometimes characters pop out of my head and into my sketchbook, completely out of the blue, with the hint of a story about them and it's up to me to try and winkle it out of them. That's what happened with Where Bear? I absentmindedly painted a polar bear in a dark wood and he looked a bit lost, and the story went from there.



Oh No, George!

Author: Chris Haughton **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 22/07/2014

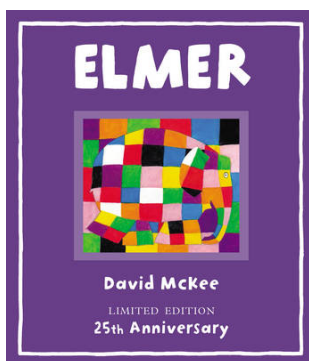
Award-winning Chris Haughton's George is a dog with a terrible habit of getting into trouble! He wants to be good and he tries to be good but, somehow, he keeps on getting into trouble! When he sees a delicious cake in the kitchen, how can he stop himself eating it? Oh No, George! When there's lovely soil in the garden, he must just dig it up. Oh No, George! All readers will love George and his great instincts and terrible behaviour.[click here](#) and [here](#) to download some George related activity sheets.



Abigail

Author: Catherine Rayner **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/07/2014

Longlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2014 Kate Greenaway winner Catherine Rayner's gorgeous bold animals fill the pages perfectly in this entertaining counting book. Abigail the giraffe wants to count everything and anything she can. But counting is hard when the cheetah goes by so fast that she can't see all his spots in time and the zebra moves around while she is trying to count the stripes. Luckily, the stars come out...A glorious night time sky shows million of stars - and Abigail happily counting them.



Elmer

Author: David McKee **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 06/03/2014

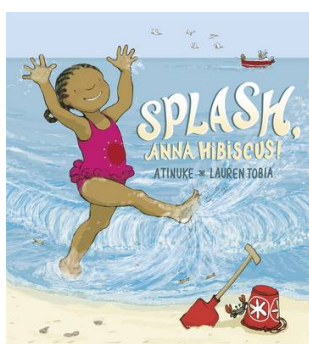
Elmer the colourful patchwork elephant has been a nursery favourite since this first book was published in 1989. This is a special 25th Anniversary edition. Andersen Press invites YOU to join in with Elmer's Anniversary Parade and 'show your colours'. You can hold an Elmer parade in a library, a bookshop, a classroom, at home, outside - anywhere! Download an Elmer's Parade Pack [here](#) which includes craft activities, games, colouring sheets, bunting and lots of ideas for holding your own Elmer parade!



Lost and Found

Author: Oliver Jeffers **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 02/01/2014

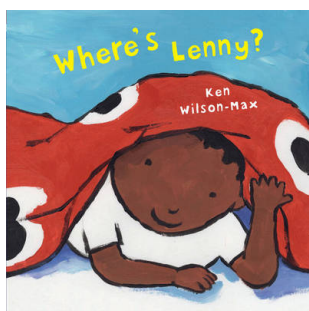
Winner of the Blue Peter Book Awards - Best Illustrated book to read aloud. Celebrating the value of friendship, this is an exquisitely illustrated picture book with a simple story line. Opening his door and finding a penguin on it, the little boy takes pity on the sad looking creature who he immediately assumes is lost. Together they set out on an adventure across icy-blue wastes to find the penguin's real home. The cool of the landscape makes a perfect backdrop to the warmth of the friendship between the pair. ~ Julia Eccleshare



Splash! Anna Hibiscus

Author: Atinuke **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 06/06/2013

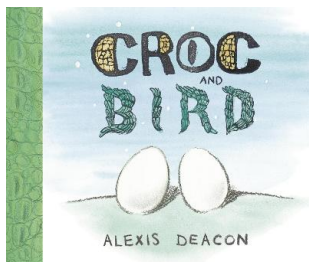
Celebrate the sea in this vibrant story of Anna Hibiscous and her love of playing in the laughing waves! All the rest of the family are busy on the beach. The boys are playing football, the men are talking, the big girls are on their phones, the little girls are playing in the sand and the grandparents are asleep. No one wants to play in the waves with Anna! But, when everyone hears Anna and the waves laughing and splashing together they have to come and join in too! A warm-hearted family story with stunning illustrations that bring the beach to life.



Where's Lenny?

Author: Ken Wilson-Max **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 06/06/2013

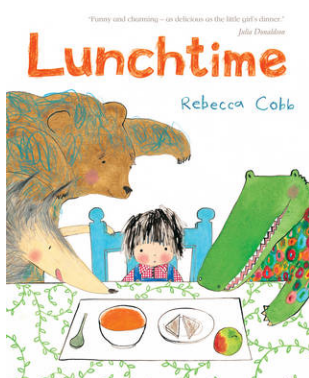
Selected by a distinguished independent panel of experts including our editorial expert, Julia Eccleshare, for Diverse Voices - 50 of the best Children's Books celebrating cultural diversity in the UK. An ideal first picture book by an award-winning author/illustrator in which Lenny and his dad have a game of hide and seek in the house, enjoying fun and games together.



Croc and Bird

Author: Alexis Deacon **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/05/2013

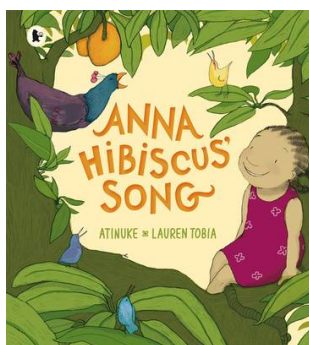
Croc and Bird hatch out from eggs lying side by side on the sand and assume that they are brothers. They nurture and shelter each other but the day comes when they realise that they are not brothers after all. Will they follow nature's course or allow the behaviour they have learned from each other and the interdependency of their early lives to influence what happens? A touching portrayal that would complement other picture books about identity.



Lunchtime

Author: Rebecca Cobb **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 31/01/2013

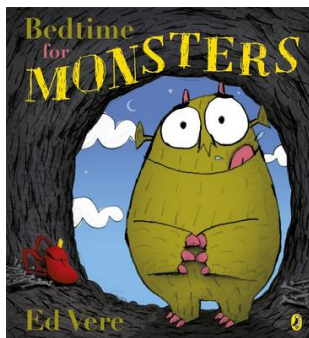
It's lunchtime for one little girl, but she's just not hungry. A visiting crocodile, bear and wolf, however, are starving. It's just as well that children taste revolting! A beautifully illustrated tale of food, friendship and fun. [Click here to download 2 Lunchtime Activity Sheets!](#)



Anna Hibiscus' Song

Author: Atinuke **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/08/2012

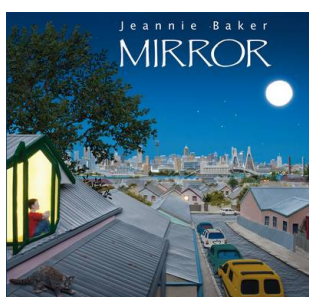
This is a beautiful, vibrant story, with rich colours and words that sing right off the page and a wonderful celebration of great happiness! One day Anna Hibiscus wakes up feeling so happy that she thinks she might pop! She asks everyone what they do when they feel as bursting with joy as she does. Anna enjoys all their suggestions – and then finds her very own way to celebrate! This is a delightful story set against a bustling African community in the midst of a huge, happy family.



Bedtime for Monsters

Author: Ed Vere **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/07/2011

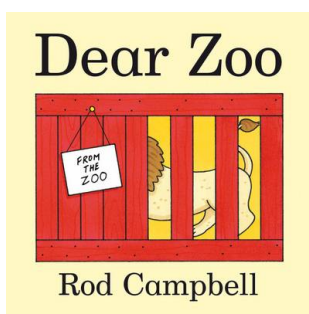
Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2011 Award winning Illustrator Ed Vere bravely takes a delightfully scary look at what makes monsters scared. It's monster bedtime and everyone knows that when danger lurks under the bed or outside the door. Watch the smiling monster as he sets off on his mission, licking his lips in anticipation of his prey. Is he thinking about his next meal? Prepared to be scared as he creeps closer and closer and closer...but Monsters can be surprising too!



Mirror

Author: Jeannie Baker **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/11/2010

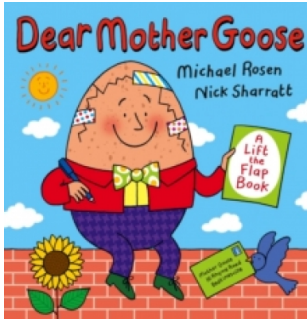
Selected by a distinguished independent panel of experts including our editorial expert, Julia Eccleshare, for Diverse Voices - 50 of the best Children's Books celebrating cultural diversity in the UK. A two-in-one picture book that comprises two stories designed to be read simultaneously - one from the left, the other from the right. It lets you experience the lives of two little boys - one from an urban family in Sydney, Australia, the other from Morocco. A powerful book, Mirror illustrates how our lives reflect each other and that we are all, even in some small way, connected.



Dear Zoo

Author: Rod Campbell **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 02/07/2010

What is the perfect pet? The zoo keeps sending all kinds of animals but, lift the flap and readers will see they are too big, too tall, too jumpy, too grumpy or too scary. Sadly, each of them is returned. Finally, the zoo sends the perfect pet and everyone is happy! ~ Julia Eccleshare



Dear Mother Goose

Author: Michael Rosen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/06/2009

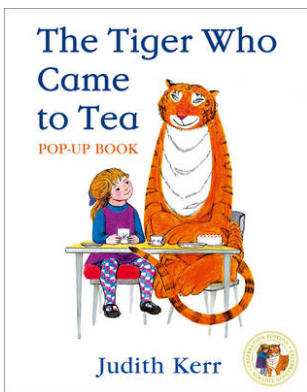
Mother Goose has a good idea to stop Humpty Dumpty falling off the wall - and she helps lots of his friends too. Agony aunt Mother Goose helps Humpty Dumpty conquer his fear of falling and Little Miss Muffet deal with an over-friendly spider as well as helping a whole host of other much-loved characters in this charming lift-the-flap book. With its witty, jokey letters, it's a nursery rhyme book with a twist from an award-winning author and illustrator team.



The Beeman

Author: Laurie Krebs **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/04/2009

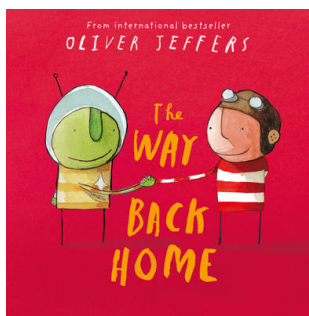
Find out where honey comes from as Grandpa the Beeman teaches the basics of beekeeping to his young grandson. This rhyming story includes 7 pages of endnotes full of essential facts about bees, beekeeping, honey, and the vital part that bees play in the natural world.



The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Author: Judith Kerr **Format:** Novelty book **Release Date:** 01/09/2008

This classic story of Sophie and her extraordinary tea-time guest is now brought to life in an exciting luxury pop-up edition to celebrate its 40th anniversary. A wonderful story about believing in the unexpected and magical. When a tiger turns up on the doorstep one day, the little girl and her mother just welcome him right in and offer him tea. He sits neatly at the table and eats his way quietly through every scrap of food in the house and every drop of drink, too. Then, just as politely, he takes his leave. When Dad comes home, there's nothing left for him so he takes the whole family out for supper. August 2013 Guest Editor, Lauren St John "I fell in love with the smiley, chubby tiger in Judith Kerr's classic picturebook during one hot Zimbabwe summer when I had to read it four or five times a day to my niece. If it had been up to her I'd have read it even more frequently. Each time I got to the end, she pleaded for us to begin again. This is another wish fulfillment story, only for toddlers. A tiger turns up at the door and is invited in for tea by Sophie's mum. It proceeds to eat its way through everything in the kitchen and pantry before departing with the same enigmatic smile. Sophie's father turns up, graciously accepts that a fully-grown tiger has eaten his dinner and takes Sophie and her mum out for a meal. Pure genius."



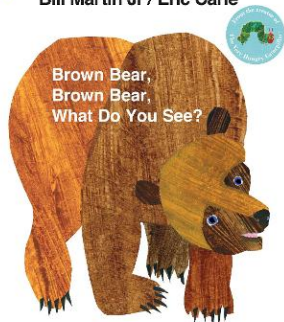
The Way Back Home

Author: Oliver Jeffers **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/05/2008

Shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Award 2009. This is an absolutely delightful book that is sure to capture the imagination of toddlers. Jeffers' illustrations are an absolute delight and together with the text tell an extraordinary and original story about friendship and home. What the Kate Greenaway Award judges said: 'Jeffers somehow manages to convey a whole host of emotions and moods with his stick figures. His style is so clever with its surreal and amusing details, and there is some great variation in the spreads both in terms of illustration and colour. Lovely metallic endpapers too!'



Bill Martin Jr / Eric Carle



Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Author: Eric Carle **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 25/10/2007

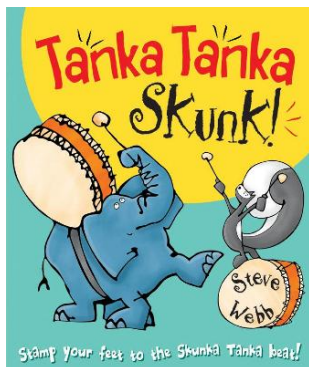
A classic picture book by Eric Carle and Bill Martin, Jr - Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? Exuberantly coloured artwork and favourite animals make this rhythmic story the perfect introduction to looking and learning about colours. Each spread leads seamlessly into the next and young children will delight in Eric's colourful collage animals and simple repetitive language.



I Love You, Blue Kangaroo!

Author: Emma Chichester Clark **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 05/01/2006

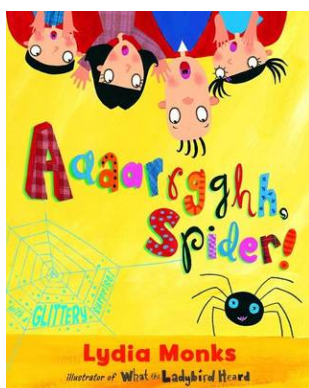
The gorgeous bright colours of Emma Chichester Clark's illustrations make this chunky board book irresistible. Favourite toy Blue Kangaroo thinks he's in danger of being replaced by Wild Brown Bear, Yellow Cotton Rabbit, two furry puppies and many more soft toys all of whom are crowded into Lily's bed. Sadly, he hops off to the baby's cot. Lily soon discovers that there are some things she just can't give up to the baby and Blue Kangaroo is one of them. A must for anyone who understands the importance of a favourite soft toy!



Tanka Tanka Skunk

Author: Steve Webb **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2004

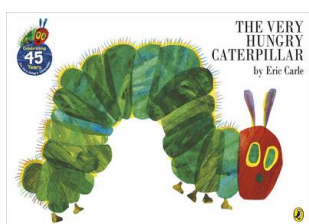
Meet Tanka, the elephant and his friend Skunka. Say their names together and they SOUND LIKE DRUMS! Tanka, Skunka, Tanka, Skunka, Tanka Tanka Skunk! They have lots of friends for you to meet, so say their names to the Tanka Skunka beat! Lemurs, llamas, zebras, badgers, caterpillars, big GORILLAS and yakety, yakety yaks. The book takes the reader on a veritable roller-coaster ride of sights and sounds as animals leap and dance across the brightly coloured pages. Terrific fun to read aloud one to one with a small child, and an absolute riot for group activities.



Aaaarrgghh, Spider!

Author: Lydia Monks **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/04/2004

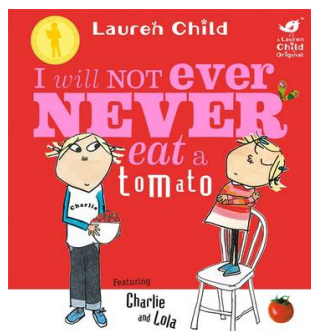
A very funny story that is almost guaranteed to make spiders less frightening both to toddlers and their parents as they read it together; well may be until the last page. Full of humour the story of an unloved, unwanted spider is brilliantly brought to life by one of the UK's most talented young book illustrators. The book is also full of simple, short phrases for toddlers to widen their vocabulary – phrases such as 'Look at me' and 'Out you go'. The wonderful textured pages including a terrific sparkly spread are a real treat to share.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Author: Eric Carle **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 28/11/2002

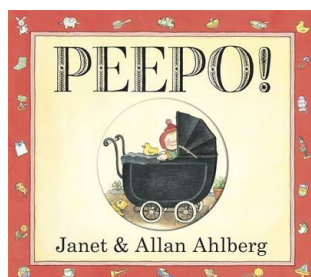
This is a much-loved classic but as relevant today as it was when first published in 1969! The vivid and colourful illustrations and cut back and die-cut pages, together with some very simple text, provide a wonderful story that is immensely satisfying for parents and children alike. It's a book that's more threadbare than most in the nursery in my house. Each year on 20 March, the first day of Spring, Very Hungry Caterpillar Day is celebrated! Why not celebrate too?! Click [here](#) to download a Very Hungry Caterpillar Activity Pack to help you get the most out of the Day.



I Will Not Ever Never Eat A Tomato

Author: Lauren Child **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/04/2001

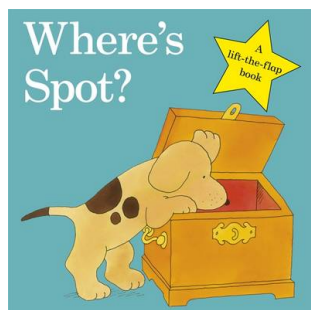
Witty, colourful and unpredictable this is a delightful picture book that has a very original presentation. With a fussy eater at its core we discover that various vegetables come from all manner of planets in space so that by the end of it even Lola is happy to empty her plate. It's a must in every home and will genuinely help to make your child less fussy.



Peepo!

Author: Allan Ahlberg **Format:** Board Book **Release Date:** 29/05/1997

Fabulous illustrations, wonderful rhyming text with not a word out of place; this is a book that no nursery bookshelf can be without. Guaranteed to have huge appeal with babies and young toddlers. It's definitely the kind of book that will live long in the mind of children and parents for it's a pleasure for parents to read and children to listen to or as they get older read for themselves.



Where's Spot?

Author: Eric Hill **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/10/1983

This is definitely one of those 'essential experiences' of childhood. Children identify brilliantly with the naughty little dog through some big bold illustrations, simple text and lots of flaps revealing Spot's many friends. A real classic first published 25 years ago but as fresh and contemporary now as it was then.