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A handy guide to children's authors, illustrators and publishing professionals in the North and Scotland.

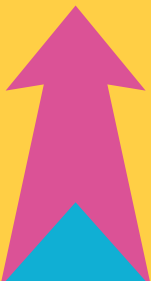


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Welcome to the Children's Books North Directory!

This is your handy guide to all the CBN members! It includes published children's authors, illustrators and publishing professionals based in the North East, North West, Yorkshire and Scotland.

The CBN Directory is a key resource to connect, promote and support our members' work. You will find each of our members listed with their details enabling booksellers, librarians, schools, festivals, literacy organisations, agents and publishers to easily get in touch.

We hope the CBN Directory will aid connectivity and accessibility to creatives outside of London, and spark some fantastic events and relationships.

We'd like to extend a massive thank you to our partners who are supporting the CBN Directory and helping to spread the word about the amazing talent in the North and Scotland.

Enjoy looking North with CBN!

Emma, Liz and Tilda

About Children's Books North

Children's Books North was created by Tilda Johnson, Liz Scott and Emma Layfield to strengthen the connections between children's authors, illustrators and publishing professionals across the north of England and Scotland.

The network seeks to promote our members' work, new books and events. Additionally, CBN is keen to bring focus on the importance of regional diversity in children's books and the publishing industry.



TILDA JOHNSON
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After working at David Fickling Books, Penguin Random House Children's and Hot Key Books/Piccadilly Press, Tilda relocated to the North in 2017. She mentors aspiring writers and published authors as well as freelancing for publishers such as UCLan Publishing, Usborne Publishing and Bloomsbury Publishing.



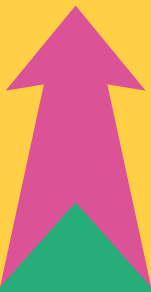
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After 20 years of working in London with Hachette Children's Group, Emma is now based at Hachette UK's Manchester office. She is focused on working with picture book talent living in the North, Scotland and Ireland. Emma is also Hachette UK's Manchester Office Lead, and mentors aspiring publishing professionals in the North.



LIZ SCOTT
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Liz is from West Yorkshire and has worked in the children's book industry for 20 years, starting as an in-house publicist at Usborne Publishing before relocating to the North West as a freelancer. She has worked on campaigns and strategy with publishers and literacy organisations from across the industry including Oxford University Press, Just Imagine and CLPE.



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Hachette Children's
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Sally worked for many years as a print designer for fashion companies before making the move to children's book illustration. She loves pattern, texture and working with rich vibrant colours. Sally's work is inspired by her love of folktale, the natural world and finding magic in the everyday.



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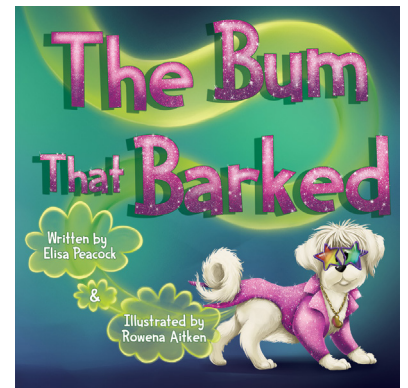
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Rowena has worked on a wide variety of illustration projects. In her spare time she writes tutorials for other artists keen to learn digital art skills, whatever their age. She has a passion for creating quirky and fun characters and animals.



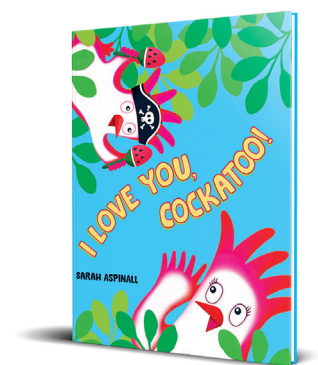
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Viking Books

Sarah is a multidisciplinary artist and writer, working in television, animation and children's books. Her work has been published internationally and her favourite stories to tell and illustrate almost always involve eccentric animal characters, an explosion of colour and humour.



PETER BAILEY

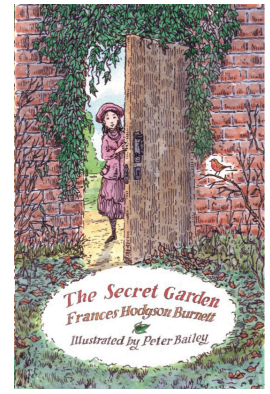
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Alma Books

Since graduating from the Brighton School of Art, Peter has illustrated books by some of Britain's best-known authors and poets. For 20 years he taught illustration at the Liverpool School of Art, and many of his students have gone on to great success.



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Make Believe Ideas

Scott is an illustrator, writer, producer and animator. He studied Illustration and Animation at Sunderland University. Scott has produced over 100 children's books, toys and other media in numerous different countries around the world.



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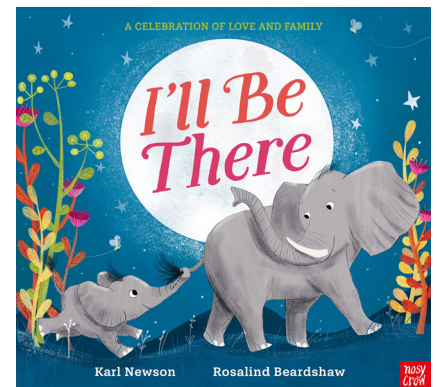
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Nosy Crow

Ros has illustrated lots of picture books, including two of her own stories and titles for publishers such as Nosy Crow and Scholastic. She loves creating new characters, especially if they can be based on her shaggy lurcher, Twig.



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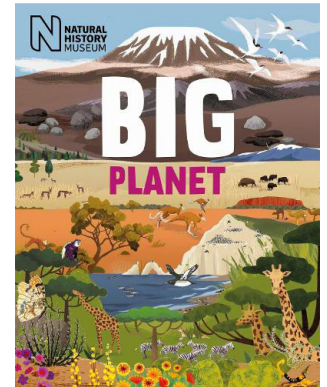
Hachette Children's Group

Kirsti is an illustrator, author and lecturer who lives in Newcastle upon Tyne. She is inspired by small daily observations which help inform the visual narratives that are key in her illustrations. You'll often find her working from coffee shops; sometimes accompanied by Pickle, her Border Collie pup.



JOSY BLOGGS

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Natural History Museum

As a talented author and illustrator, Josy creates non-fiction books that capture the imagination of young readers. From books about nature to books about global topics, Josy covers a wide range of ideas in her engaging and informative works. Her illustrations make learning fun for kids of all ages.



JENNY BLOOMFIELD

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Little Tiger Press

Jenny completed an MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art. Drawing and image-making is what makes her happy and she does it every day. Jenny has been posting daily drawings on Instagram for nearly 10 years.



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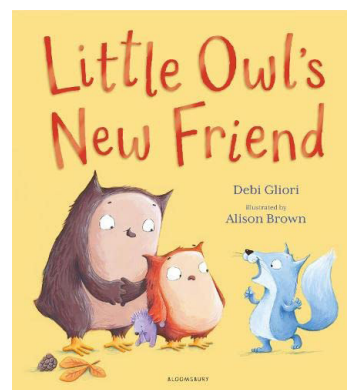


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Anneli studied Illustration at Norwich University of the Arts and dreamed of having her own illustrations in a book one day. She is best known for her warm, colourful illustrations that are influenced by her love of travel, nature and adventure.



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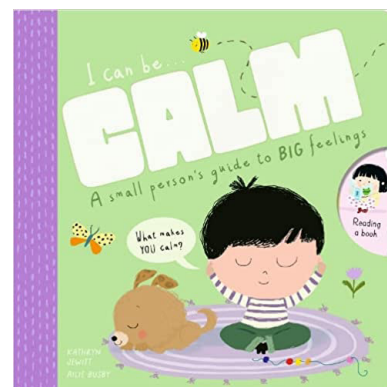


Bloomsbury Publishing

Alison studied Art at Liverpool John Moores and Goldsmiths but her path towards a career in picture books began with her love of comics and cartoons, particularly *Peanuts* by Charles M Schultz. Her books have been published in more than 10 languages.



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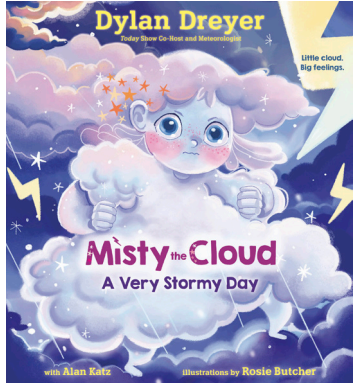
Townhouse Books Ltd

Ailie studied Graphic Design, and then specialised in Illustration at Cambridge School of Art. Ailie is best known for her colourful pre-school and novelty formats.



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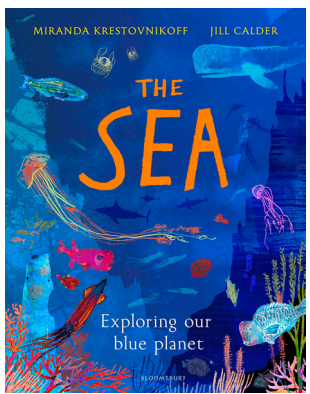
Penguin Random House

Rosie has an illustration degree from Lincoln University. She has always loved drawing and creating characters for stories – her favourite things to paint are children and animals. Rosie currently lives in her beloved little village with her husband, little girls and chickens!



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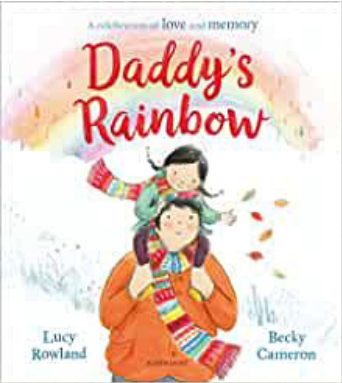
Bloomsbury Publishers

Jill is an award-winning illustrator with a passion for drawing, bright colour, ink, picture books and deadlines! Jill blends traditional and digital drawing to create lively and atmospheric illustrations full of people, animals and places, for clients around the world.



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Becky completed an MA in Children's Book Illustration at the prestigious Cambridge School of Art. She works from her little studio at home, where she lives with her husband, two children and their cat Kiki.



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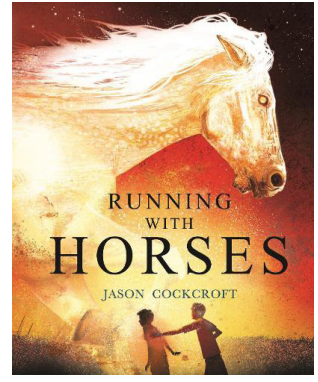


Ladybird Books

Neil is a music lover and stargazer. His rural upbringing fuelled a playful imagination and a love of storytelling. This, combined with a degree in Illustration & Animation, led to a successful career in design, before he found his happy place creating children's books.



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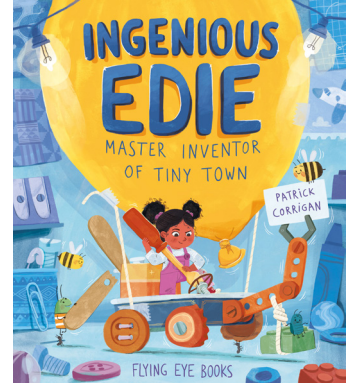


Andersen Press

Since graduating from Falmouth School Of Art, Jason has illustrated numerous picture books and middle-grade books. He is the author-illustrator of *We Were Wolves* and *Running With Horses*, both of which were longlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal.



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Scribbler's Books

Patrick honed his skills as an Art Director at a busy design studio and now specialises in illustrating picture books for younger readers. He draws best when listening to podcasts or dusty old records and drinking gallons of green tea.



LEE COSGROVE

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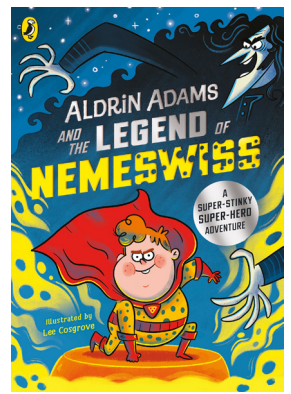
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Puffin Books

Lee has illustrated a variety of books from picture books to middle-grade fiction to children's non-fiction. He enjoys illustrating anything weird and wonderful, and loves to inject humour into his work.



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Jon has always loved drawing, stories and thinking up characters. He studied Illustration at Glyndwr University and has now worked on more than 100 books, with publishers from around the world including Faber and Faber, and Little Tiger Press.



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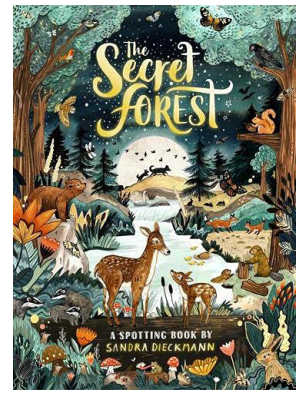


Macmillan Children's Books

Rachael's work is traditionally and digitally painted, and often portrays rich imagery and diverse and engaging characters. One of her favourite subjects is natural scenery, inspired by the beach and the Lake District. She is proud to be Dame Jacqueline Wilson's new illustrator.



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Scholastic

Sandra's work is deeply inspired by all that's weird and wonderful in nature. Her work has been applied to a wide selection of international commissions and projects, including licensing, editorial and book illustration.



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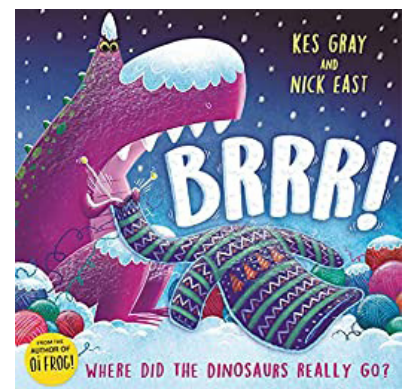


Authentic Media Ltd

James is a multidisciplinary designer with a background in UX, web design and illustration, whether that's in an editorial style for a big business or a playful style for children's books.

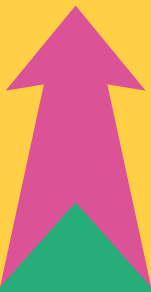


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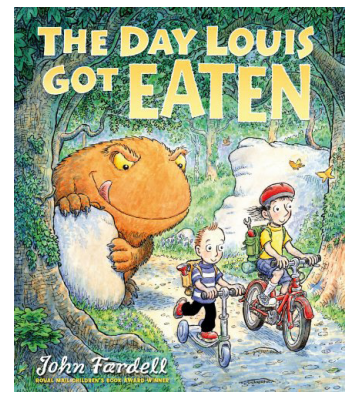


Hachette Children's Group

Nick worked for many years as a museum designer but has always been a storyteller, whether as a child filling sketchbooks, or an adult displaying a collection of ancient artefacts. He has been shortlisted for many awards for illustration and has recently created his own young fiction series.



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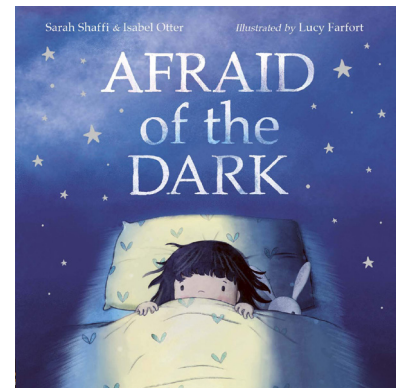


Andersen Press

John is an author-illustrator of picture books and adventure novels. He has also worked as a cartoonist and, in the past, as a puppet-theatre designer and performer. John enjoys travelling around Scotland and beyond, delivering sessions and workshops in schools and libraries.



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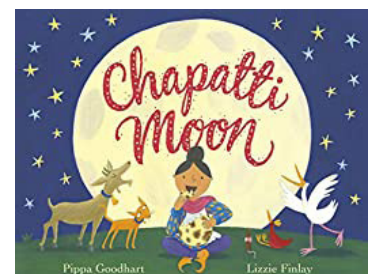


Caterpillar Books

Lucy is a passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion in children's publishing and visual media. Her illustrations are created using a mix of traditional and digital media. Her proudest moment was being awarded first prize for illustration in Faber's FAB Prize.



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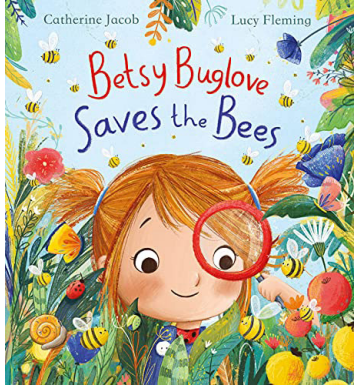


Five Quills

Lizzie an award-winning author-illustrator based in Manchester. She enjoys illustrating for several age groups – from pre-school and picture books through to young fiction. Creating children's books has been Lizzie's dream job since primary school – she still considers it the best job in the world!



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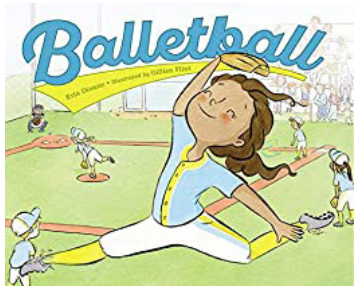


Scholastic

Lucy's work is influenced by her love for storytelling and nature. When not beavering away creating magical books, you'll find Lucy spending time outdoors surrounded by plant life, sipping a hot cup of tea, with her little cat Lola playing close by.



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Charlesbridge

Gillian has had a passion for drawing and creating characters for as long as she can remember. She has worked as a professional illustrator since graduating with an Animation & Illustration degree 20 years ago. Her work has since been published in the UK, USA and Australia.

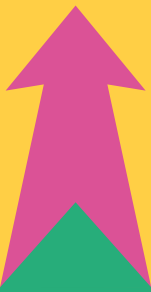


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Tiny Tree Books

Louise spent most of her childhood watching cartoons and drawing comics to give to her favourite teachers. After graduating with a BA Hons in Illustration & Animation, she volunteered at a local gallery. Louise now works from home, supervised by three Jack Russell Terriers.




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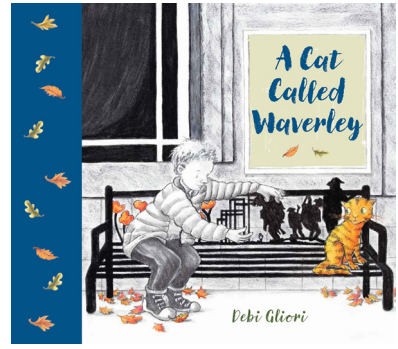
Viking Books

Carly also works as a surface-pattern designer. Her work combines a love of colour, character design and hand-drawn lettering. Carly illustrates picture books, novelty and board books for publishers including Macmillan, Penguin Random House, Andersen Press, Ladybird and Usborne.

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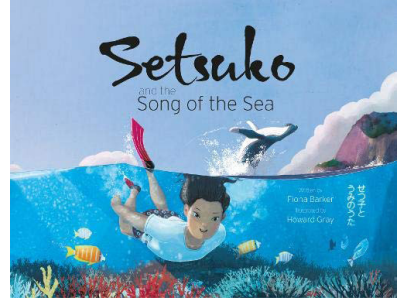


Otter Barry Books

Debi is an award-winning author and illustrator. Debi's picture books are published all over the world. Best known for her book *No Matter What*, she lives in Scotland and writes and illustrates out of her International Shedquarters at the bottom of her garden.



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Tiny Tree Books

Howard created art throughout school but decided to pursue a career in science. Now a doctor in genetics, he has returned to his dream career. Howard loves to play around with textures, and often incorporates watercolour washes or photos from his personal library.



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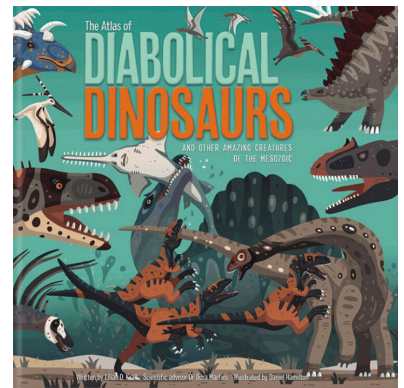


Child's Play

Aoife is from the south-west of Ireland. She values playfulness, creativity and curiosity, and she wants to help children explore the world around them. Aoife's image-making and storytelling aims to help children engage with their natural curiosity.



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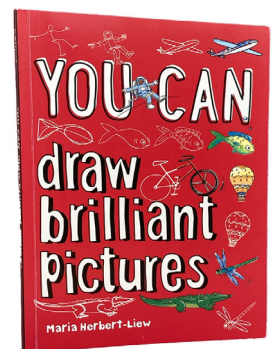


NQ Publishers

Daniel loves learning how just about everything works. His illustration revolves around inspiring curiosity in science, history, engineering and nature-themed topics. When he's not working on this, he's probably tinkering with his quadcopter or remote-controlled planes, or wandering through a forest.



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HarperCollins Publishers

Maria believes that drawing and illustration are powerful things and is passionate about sharing them with her local communities. She has a MA in Children's Book Illustration, and her work is inspired by people, nature and everyday life.



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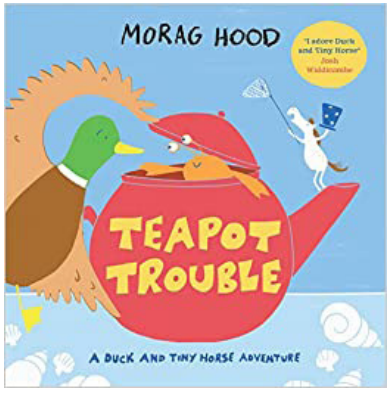


Mosquito Books

Olivia's work is organic and painterly, primarily in acrylic and gouache but also incorporating handmade textures and patterns using printing techniques. Olivia has worked with publishers across the globe on picture books, magazines and greeting cards.



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Two Hoots

Morag is an award-winning children's book creator. She loves making up stories, printmaking and cutting and sticking. Her favourite things to draw are eyebrows. Morag used to work in theatre, but now spends her days in her studio with views of the hills.



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Avery Hill Publishing

Tom is an award-winning comic artist and illustrator based in Edinburgh. He is the author of *Suzanne: The Jazz Age Goddess of Tennis* and his illustration clients include the BBC, the *Guardian*, Little White Lies, VICE and many more.



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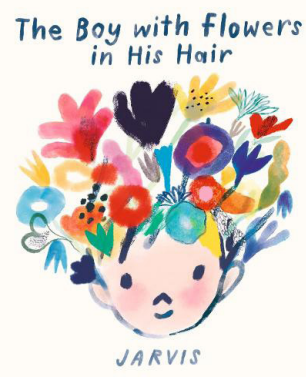


Little Tiger Press

Steve is from an arty family and naturally took to doodling from an early age. He now has many years of experience working in the creative industry and has provided illustration for children's books as well as greetings cards, including licences for Disney.



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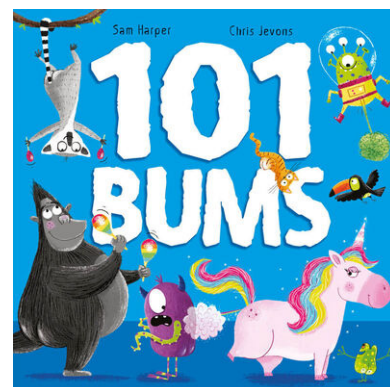


Walker Books

Jarvis studied Graphic Design and previously worked as a record-sleeve designer, website designer and an animation director, before creating award-winning children's books with over a million book sales. He can draw a chicken in 23 seconds and do a passable David Attenborough impression.

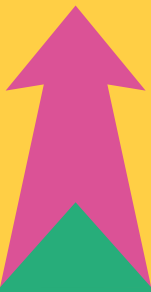


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Chris has a passion for character design and storytelling. He has previously worked in graphic design and animation, but now scribbles picture books and fiction titles for a living. He has illustrated for authors such as Peter Bently, Maz Evans, Lucy Rowland and Kes Gray.



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Red Shed

Cally has loved to draw ever since she first picked up a crayon. After studying Illustration, she went on to be an artist at Hallmark Cards. Cally is now freelance in the children's design industry and works from her home studio, with a lovely view of the Northumberland countryside.



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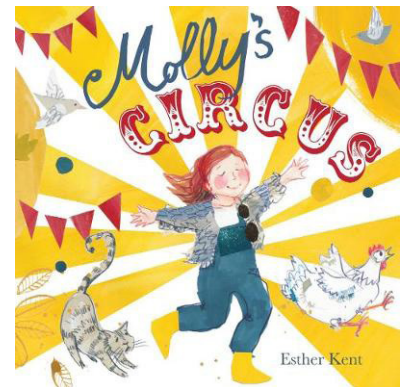


Thames & Hudson

Helen graduated from Glasgow School of Art and won the Batsford Prize for Illustration and the GSA Chairman's Medal for Design. At the heart of her practice is a love of drawing and narrative.



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Little Door Books

Esther studied illustration at DJCAD, then publishing. After a career in arts management she returned to illustration, combining her creative practice with community projects. Esther designs paper goods and homewares inspired by family life, as well as working on picture books.



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Frances Lincoln
 Children's Books

Gemma has a BFA from Glasgow School of Art. She is inspired by time in nature and her two children. Her paper goods are sold by stockists all over the world. Gemma's work has been described as 'elegant and child friendly' by the *Sunday Times*.



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Ladybird Books

Maxine has worked as an author, illustrator and designer since graduating with a BA (Hons) in Digital Arts nearly 20 years ago. Her inspiration comes from many people, places and things, but has deep roots in fashion, children's books and pop culture.



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Floris Books

Kate is a children's book illustrator fascinated by myths and folklore, inspired by animals and nature, with an eye for intricate and detailed drawing. Her favourite things to draw are skinny dogs and fat seals, and her favourite colour is bluey-green.



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Scholastic

Hannah excelled in Graphic Communication & Illustration at Loughborough University. She enjoys experimenting with different processes and techniques in her work and creates illustrations to evoke an emotional response in people of all ages and backgrounds around the world.

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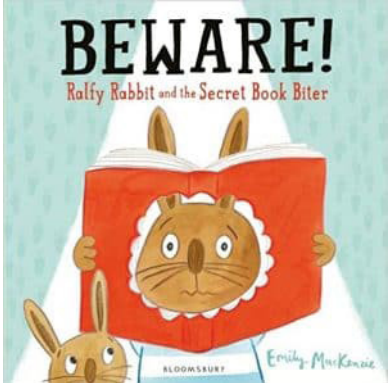


Simon & Schuster

Kristyna graduated from Edinburgh College of Art. She illustrates books for children as well as artwork for book covers and magazines, and she enjoys working with a huge range of material, including textiles and ceramics.

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Bloomsbury Publishing

Emily is an award-winning picture book maker. Her work draws from her childhood memories, and is often inspired by the funny things her children get up to. Emily loves to keep her work bright and playful and mostly uses watercolour inks, coloured pencils and crayons.



CHRIS MADDEN

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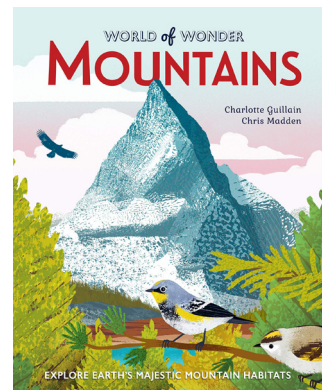
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The Quarto Group

Chris lives and works in Manchester and has worked with many reputable clients. His illustrations, which balance heavy subject matter with a sense of humour and a nice colour palette, have appeared in a wide range of publications in the UK and internationally.



SANDRA MARRS

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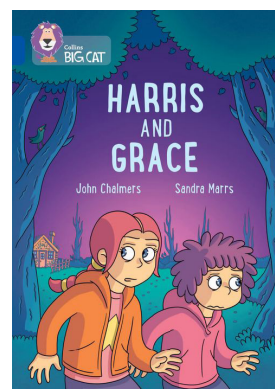
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Collins

Sandra creates award-winning graphic novels and comics with her partner John Chalmers. The pair is known as Metaphrog. Besides creating amazing comics, they deliver interactive workshops to share their creative process with children and adults, and speak at prestigious venues and events.



FRANCIS MARTIN

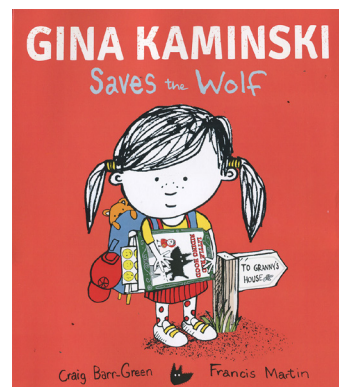
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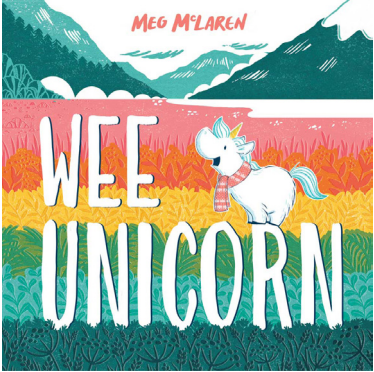


Little Door Books

Francis lives out in the wilds of Pendle Witch Country, conjuring up pictures for stories and playing with ink and charcoal. A graduate of Cambridge School of Arts' MA in Children's Book Illustration, Francis loves dogs and travelling across the moors in trains.



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Meg is also a printmaker, based in Inverness. With a Masters in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art, Meg likes building worlds for her characters to live in and uses detail and typography to add humour to her images.



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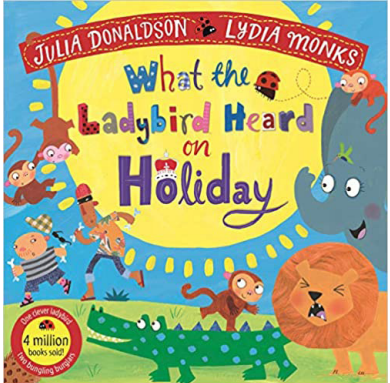


Dial Books

After five years of designing cards, Nicole began freelancing. She is also a cartoonist, hand-letterer and designer, originally from the Bahamas. Her comic *Barbara* was nominated for an Eisner Award and she enjoys public speaking and occasional teaching sessions with illustration students.



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Macmillan Children's Books

Lydia studied Illustration at art college before going on to illustrate books for lots of different authors, including Julia Donaldson, as well as writing and illustrating her own books. She also worked for newspapers and magazines.





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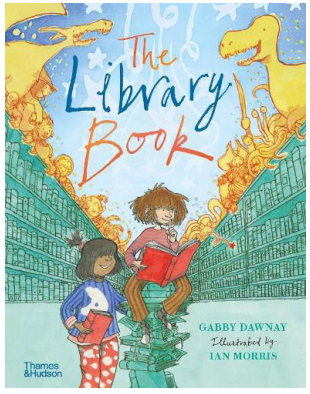
Firefly Press

Becca has illustrated over 70 children’s books, including *Libby and the Parisian Puzzle*, the *Famous Five* series and the *Wigglesbottom Primary* series. She loves character design, bringing exciting stories to life and is a big fan of anything a little bit quirky and weird.



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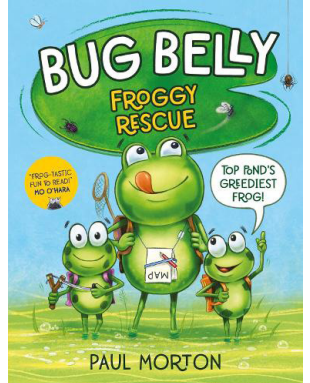
Thames & Hudson

With a Masters in Illustration from Manchester School of Art, Ian takes inspiration from observing the charming characters of his hometown. He is enthusiastic about encouraging reading and drawing for children, as a Literacy Champion with the National Literacy Trust for Manchester Central Library.



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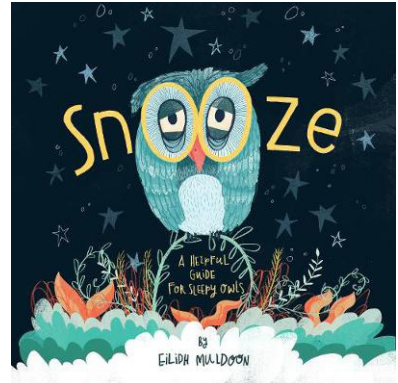


Five Quills

Paul has been illustrating and designing for over 25 years, working on a wide range of media, including children’s boxed games for brands such as Disney. His first 2 illustrated early readers are published by Five Quills and feature his greedy frog character Bug Belly.




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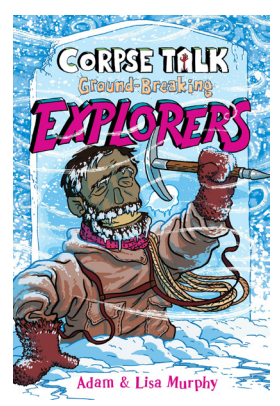


Little Door Books

Eilidh gained her MFA in Illustration from Edinburgh College of Art, where she now teaches in the Illustration department. Much of her work is inspired by the iconic buildings and streets around where she lives.



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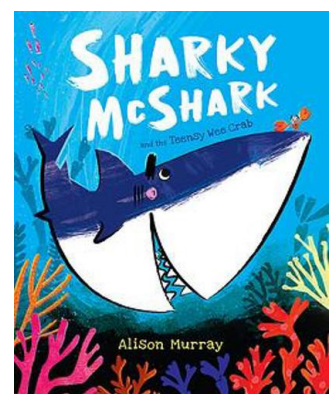


David Fickling Books

Adam's award-winning work embodies a life-long fascination with what makes people tick. He lives and works with his wife and co-creator Lisa Murphy on a tiny island, and hones his storytelling skills doing bedtime stories with funny voices.



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Alison studied Textile Design at Glasgow School of Art. She has worked as a web designer, rug designer, teacher and bookseller but now mainly works at making children's picture books. She especially loves drawing grumpy animals!





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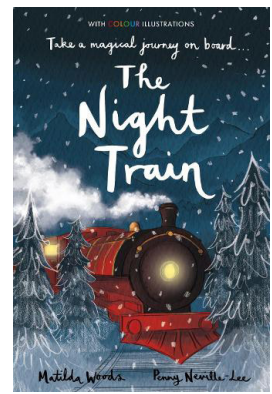
Rocky Pond Books

Helen is a paper artist specialising in multi-layered, highly detailed illustrations inspired by nature, particularly the British countryside, fairytales and folklore. She has had two picture books published, and illustrated numerous book covers for children's and young adult fiction.




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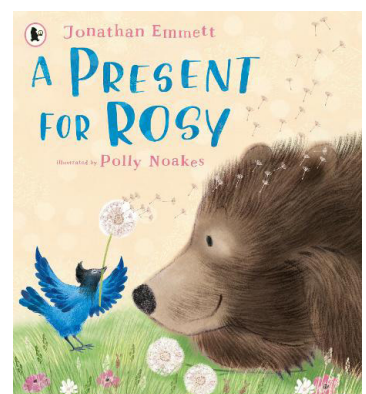
Stripes Publishing

Penny studied Painting at the Royal College of Art. Her work is inspired by small people, bright colours and a blank page. She is happiest when surrounded by pencils (or iPencil), chatting to her two children and coming up with ideas for beautiful books.



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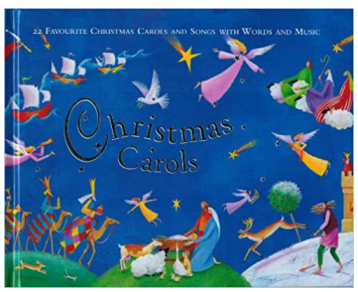


Walker Books

Polly studied an MA in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. She loves to create lyrical illustrations with emotional warmth and humour. Her experimental work is hugely inspired by the wilderness of her local landscape.




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Lindy has undertaken an MA in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. Exploring words with image and sequential storytelling feels like a natural progression from her Fine Art practice, which she is delving into in her work.

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Two Hoots

After excelling at her MA in Children's Book Illustration, Maisie was mentored by Nick Sharratt. Alongside working as an illustrator, Maisie is co-founder and tutor at Orange Beak Studio.



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Templar UK

Julia is a creator of over 56 titles. She works primarily in picture books and occasionally non-fiction, packaging design and art licensing. She uses traditional mixed media, collage and colours digitally. Julia's passion is hand-drawn typography, creating fantastical gadgets and diagrams.




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Farshore

Emmeline's work is heavily inspired by her love of history, nature, mythology and pop culture. She hosts talks and workshops on illustration, comics, the creative industries and freelancing.

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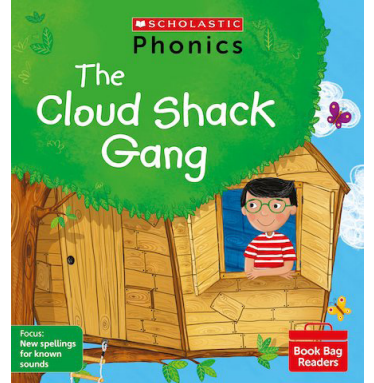


Little Door Books

Madeline graduated with a first-class degree in Illustration from Edinburgh College of Art. She is inspired by the natural world and the little creatures and stories it contains. Madeline hopes to evoke a sense of beauty and connection in her illustrations.



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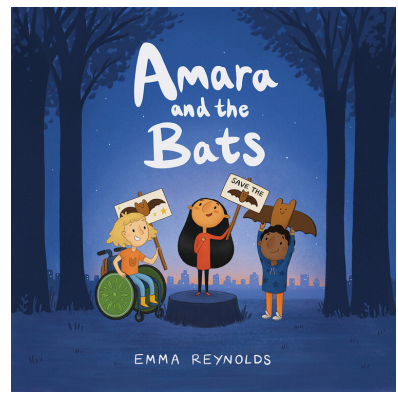


Scholastic

Louise loves creating characters and bringing them to life in her artwork. She enjoys dreaming up quirky story ideas and silly characters. Louise collects lots of children's books and creates detailed, colourful and textured illustrations that are often inspired by exhibition and gallery visits.




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Atheneum Books

Emma is passionate about nature and activism, which inspires her work, including her debut, *Amara and the Bats*, and her graphic non-fiction middle grade *Drawn to Change the World* illustrated by Emma and 15 other artists, about youth climate activists from around the world.

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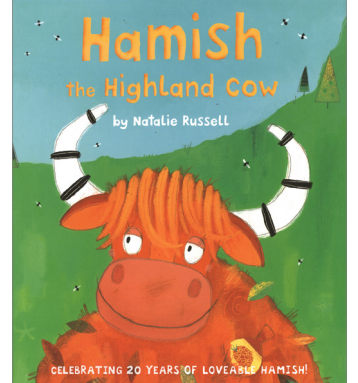


Igloo Books

Natasha studied Illustration at the University of Lincoln and has been drawing ever since. She loves being outside surrounded by nature and drawing animals in cute outfits. She never turns down a chance to draw a bear.

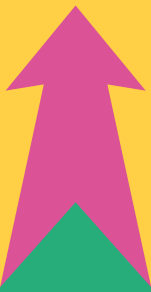


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Bloomsbury Publishers

Since the publication of her first title, *Hamish the Highland Cow*, Natalie has continued to create books whilst teaching illustration within Scottish art institutions. Natalie has published 12 titles with publishers, including Bloomsbury Publishers and Macmillan Children's Books.



ANJAN SARKAR

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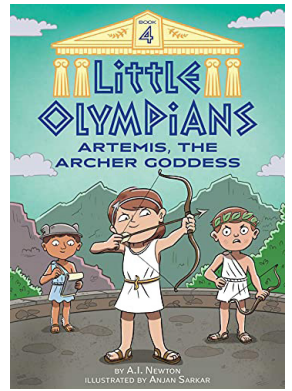
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Little Bee Books

Anjan graduated with a degree in Illustration & Animation from Manchester Metropolitan University. Since focusing on children's illustration, he has worked with a number of publishers and created artwork for over 30 books that have received acclaim and award shortlistings.



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Farshore

Loretta originally trained as a dancer, then managed a conservation charity on Hampstead Heath for many years – battling brambles by day and practising her drawing skills by night. Her author-illustrator debut publishes with Anderson Press.



HELEN SHOESMITH

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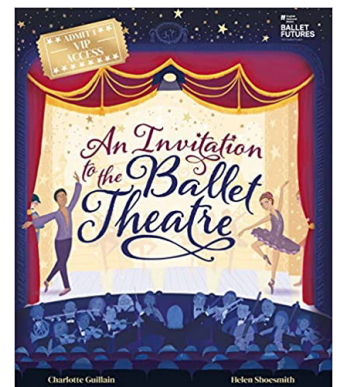
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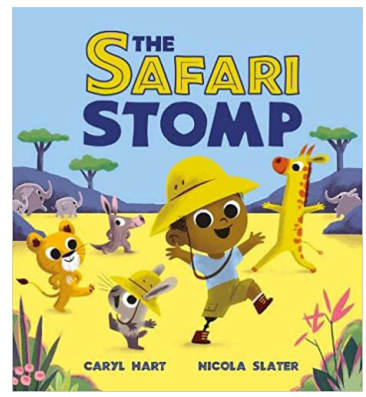


Welbeck Publishing Group

Helen has an MA in Illustration for Children. When she was little, she used to love the little extras hidden in each scene of a book, which is why today her favourite part of the illustration process is adding in the detail.




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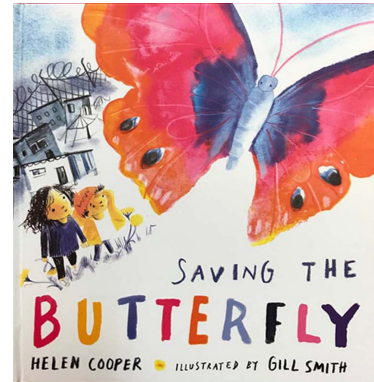
Hachette Children's Group

Nicola's style is very character-heavy, colourful and playful. She takes influence from old Disney concept art, mid-century modern style and nature. Her process includes sketching and then scanning her drawings into Photoshop to finish them.

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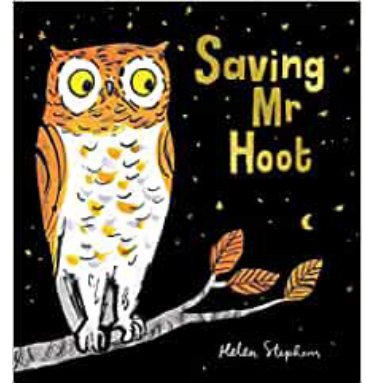


Walker Books

Gill completed her Masters in Children's illustration at Cambridge School of Art and was shortlisted for The Batsford Prize and longlisted for Yoto Carnegie and Klaus Flugge Prize. Her illustration is motivated by her curiosity about real human experiences and ordinary life.



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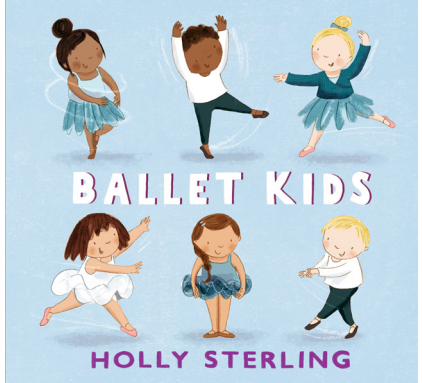


Alison Green Books

Helen is best known for her story *How to Hide a Lion*. Her books can be read in over 25 languages and have been selected as 'Book of the Year' in the *Guardian* and the *Times*. Helen is co-founder of The Good Ship Illustration.




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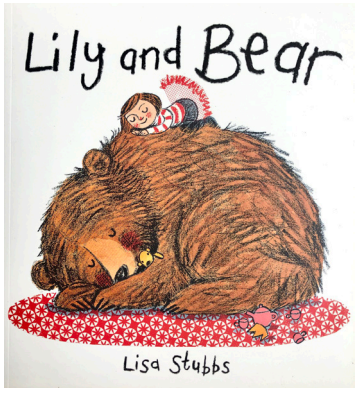
Walker Books

Holly enjoys creating characters that different people can relate to. Her books have been selected as the 'Top 15 Books of the Year' by the *Independent*. Holly enjoys giving talks and running workshops at literary festivals, schools and libraries around the UK.

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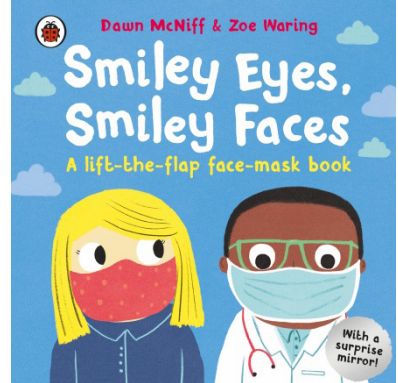


Boxer Books

Lisa studied graphic design and worked as a greetings card designer before creating picture books. She is a passionate printmaker, creative educator and professional chocolate taster. Lisa's work is inspired by family life and a love of children's books old and new.



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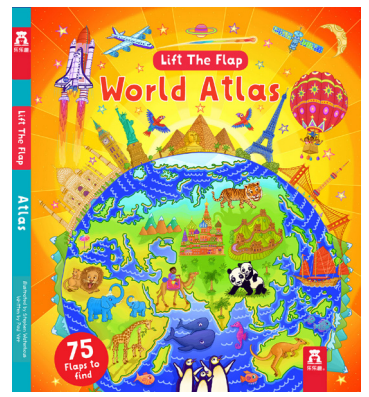
Ladybird Books

Zoe is also a freelance picture-book designer. As an author-illustrator, her books have been published in 12 languages and she has been given the honour of illustrating *Peppa Pig* in her own style. Zoe loves creating warm and engaging characters.



STEPHEN WATERHOUSE

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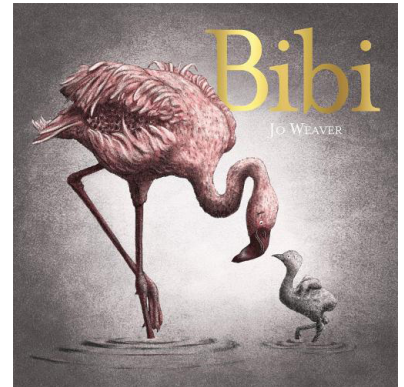


The Old Dungate Press Ltd

Stephen is an illustrator, author and educator. He creates illustrations for picture books, pop-up books, posters, jigsaws, maps and advent calendars. Stephen delivers workshops for all age groups, which are based around character invention, storyboards and books.



JO WEAVER
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Hachette Children's Group

Jo is from Scotland's east coast. She works mostly with charcoal and creates books which are heavily inspired by the natural world. Jo has a series of picture books published by Hachette Children's Group and illustrates for Walker Books and Oxford University Press, and a number of international publishers.

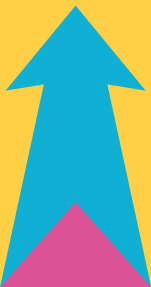


ANNA WILSON
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Cameron Kids

Anna loves working with colour and composition to create a strong atmosphere in her illustrations. Her favourite thing to do is to sit in a new city and draw what she sees.



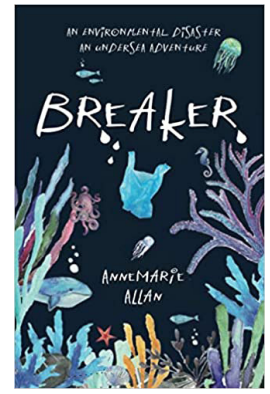
ANNEMARIE ALLAN

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Pokey Hat

Annemarie's novels range from the past to the present and sometimes even into other worlds, but all of them take their inspiration from the landscape and the culture of Scotland. Her novel *Hox* won the Kelpies Prize and was shortlisted for the Scottish Children's Book Awards.



GILL ARBUTHNOTT

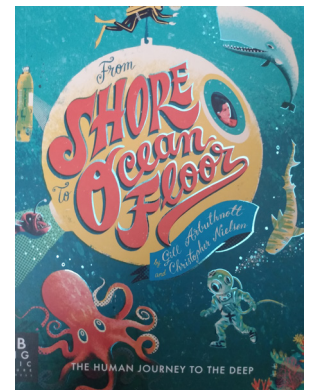
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Genre: fiction & non-fiction

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Big Picture Press

Gill studied Zoology at St Andrew's University and taught biology before she turned her secret writing habit into becoming a full time writer. Since writing *The Chaos Clock* she has written picture books, children's and teen novels, history books and science books.



LISETTE AUTON

Region: North East

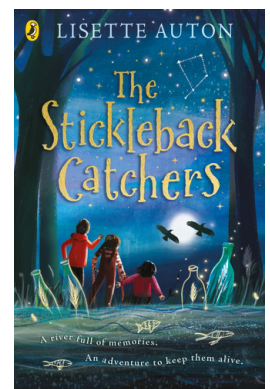
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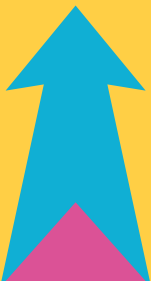
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Puffin Books

Lisette is a disabled author, writer, activist, poet, novelist, spoken-word artist, actor, film & theatre-maker and creative practitioner. She's an award-winning poet who has performed at Northern Stage, ARC, the Southbank Centre and the Sage Gateshead.



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Scholastic

Sheila is a former journalist who's interviewed billionaires, hackers and would-be Mars colonists. She writes middle grade fiction for middle grade and co-founded the Scotland network of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Sheila is an awardee of the Scottish Book Trust's New Writers Award.



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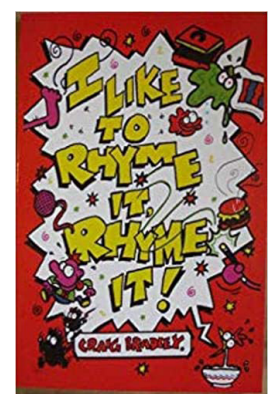
Firefly Press

Yvonne grew up on a Cumbrian island, spending lots of time huddled on wild beaches, reading scary books. She now lives in Stirlingshire and writes ghost stories and other spooky tales for older children.



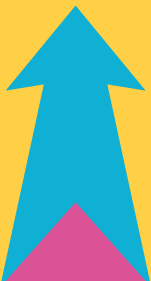
CRAIG BRADLEY

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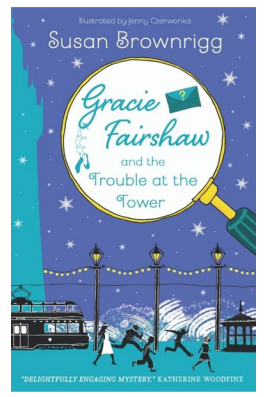
Craig (aka That Poetry Bloke) has been a professional children's poet since 2003. He has visited over 1,500 schools and libraries and performed over 5,000 times, including many children's and literary festivals. Craig has appeared on CBeebies and worked alongside many television favourites.



SUSAN BROWNRIGG



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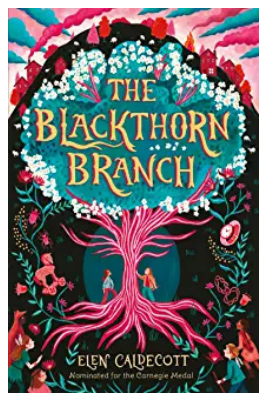
UCLan Publishing

Susan studied Journalism, Film & Broadcasting at University in Cardiff, and worked as a journalist for 10 years. She also worked in heritage and wildlife education, including at Blackpool Zoo. She now writes and works as a library information assistant.

ELEN CALDECOTT




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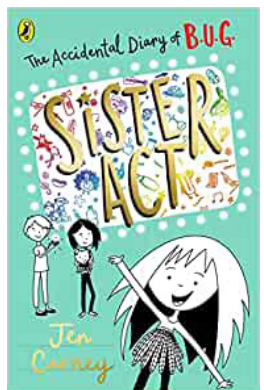
Andersen Press

Elen's books reflect real life in a hopeful and positive way. Before being a writer, she trained as a nurse; she worked as an archaeologist; she was a theatre usher and a museum security guard. Elen teaches creative writing at Lancaster University.

JEN CARNEY



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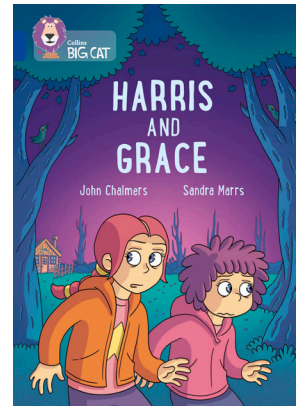
Puffin Books

Jen writes contemporary laugh-out-loud middle grade fiction that celebrates diversity and modern families. Packed with illustrations, her books tell important stories with family and friendships at their heart.



JOHN CHALMERS

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Collins

John creates award-winning graphic novels under the name Metaphrog with his illustrator partner Sandra Marrs. Together, they have been creating comics and graphic novels since 1996 and work tirelessly to promote the medium of comics and travel regularly to talk about their work.



MAISIE CHAN

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Piccadilly Press

Maisie's debut novel *Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths* won the Jhalak Prize and the Branford Boase Award. She runs the Bubble Tea Writers Network to support and encourage writers of East and Southeast Asian (ESEA) descent in the UK.



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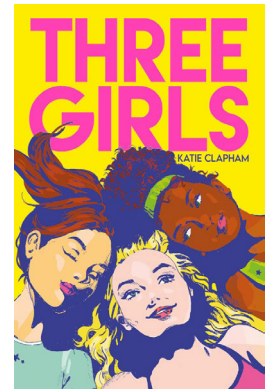
Nosy Crow

Alastair writes middle-grade sci-fi, chapter book fantasy, and picture books featuring silly cavemen and hungry dragons. He lives with his wife, two children and cat; his wife is lovely, his children are lovely but very loud, and his cat is continually annoyed with him for no obvious reason.



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UCLan Publishing

Katie opened independent bookshop Storytellers, Inc in 2010 and has been nominated for *Bookseller Industry Awards* seven times. She sits on the executive committee of the BA Children's Book Group and lives at the seaside with her husband, daughter and dog.



COO CLAYTON

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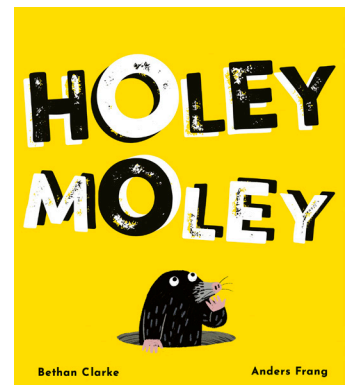
Black & White Publishing

Coo studied Education at Edinburgh University and currently works as a primary teacher. She lives with her husband and three young children, who all help inspire her work. Coo enjoys writing about family scenarios and combining these with the rich Scottish culture and landscape.



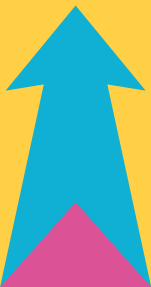
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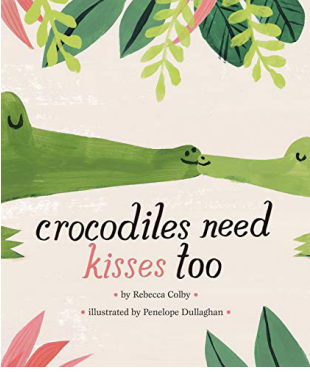
Little Tiger Press

Bethan has been a story maker-upper ever since she could write them back to front, which has proven to be a vital outlet for her love of silliness and fondness for puns. Her debut *Holey Moley* is out now.



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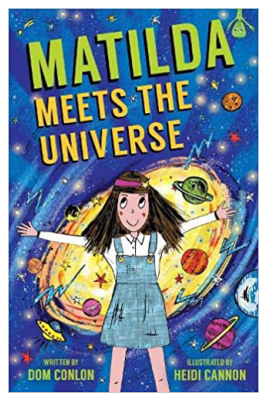
Viking Books

Rebecca is also a poet and screenwriter. Before writing for children, she worked for a Russian comedian, taught English in Taiwan, travelled the world as a tour director and worked as a librarian.

CBN AUTHORS

DOM CONLON

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Dom has written lots of books for Ladybird Books and Puffin Books, as well as contributing to numerous poetry anthologies and magazines. He has appeared at festivals across the country, including YALC and Hay Festival, as well as being a regular guest on BBC Radio.

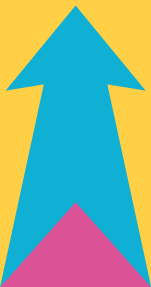
DAVID CROSBY

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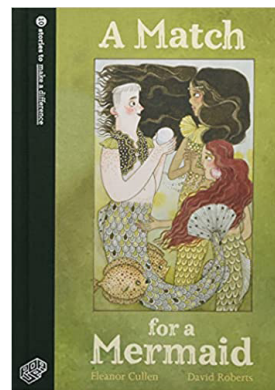
Maverick Arts Publishing Ltd

While working near Stockton Central Library, David became hooked on bringing back new picture books for himself and son George to enjoy. It was then that his love of these books transformed into studying the craft of writing.



ELEANOR CULLEN

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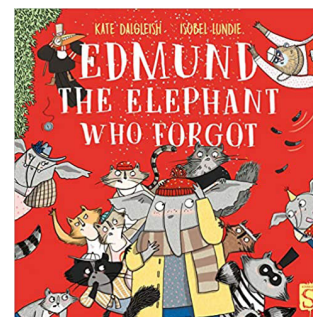
Pop Up

Eleanor writes fun, rhyming stories, enjoys designing cross-stitch patterns and lives with her canine writing companion. Her debut *A Match for a Mermaid* was a winner of Pop Up's 2020 writing competition. In 2022 Eleanor was a winner of The Cheshire Prize for Literature.



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Scribblers

Kate studied at the University of Sunderland and is a primary school teacher. Her debut *Edmund the Elephant who Forgot* was shortlisted for the Stratford-Salariya Picture Book Prize in 2019. Kate is mum to two girls and a Boxer pooch. She loves tea and notebooks. And chocolate fingers.



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Floris Books

Before writing children's books, Justin flew around the world as a flight attendant. His debut book won the Fantastic Book Awards in 2021. As well as writing, Justin loves visiting schools to share his books. He lives with his husband Andrew, and Sally the rescue Greyhound.



CHLOE DAYKIN

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Faber and Faber

Chloe is an author, artist, designer and occasional playwright who loves to write quirky, funny and beautiful children's books with lyrical, poetic style. She is a fan of all things unusual! And loves to travel, winning the Children's Travel Book of the Year.



BRUNA DE LUCA

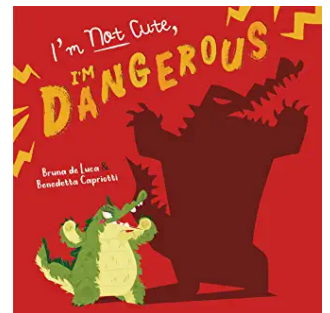
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Bruna is a miniature 'Scotalian'. She is proud of her Italian heritage and lived there for many years, teaching children and adults to speak English with a Scottish twang. She has been making up stories ever since she was wee, and has never outgrown children's books.



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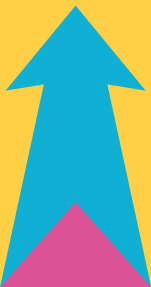
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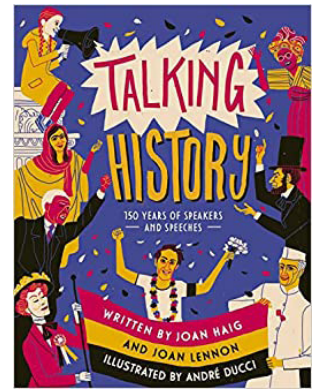
Firefly Press

As a child, Sarah spent her weekends walking with her family. She completed a PhD in Plant Ecology before becoming a primary school teacher. A lover of animals, mountains and discovering mysterious paths, Sarah loves to get her hands and clothes dirty, in the name of fun and adventure!



JOAN DRITSAS HAIG

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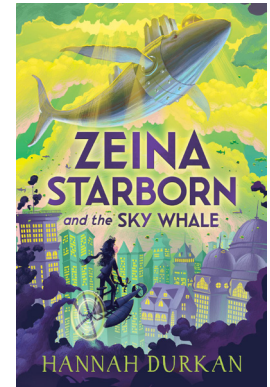
Joan was born in Zambia and has lived and travelled across the world. She has over 15 years experience in teaching, researching and writing at university. Joan's writing dream is that her stories for children are enjoyed far and wide – and touch some grown-up hearts along the way.

CBN AUTHORS



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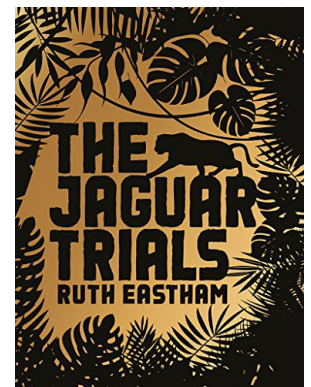
Hachette Children's Group

Hannah spent her childhood reading, snail-collecting, car-picnicking, overthinking and covering her parents' carpet in paint. When she's not working in a local primary school, she can be found drinking coffee, writing stories, drawing sky whales and making dens.



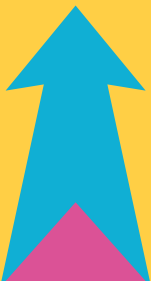
RUTH EASTHAM

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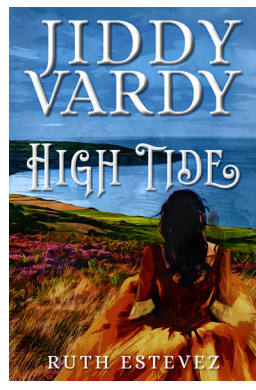
Shrine Bell

Ruth's novels have won awards and been published to great acclaim. She is a popular speaker in schools, in the UK and abroad, fascinating children with the real-life mysteries and dramas behind her books. Ruth has lived in New Zealand, Australia and Italy, and has two daughters.




RUTH ESTEVEZ

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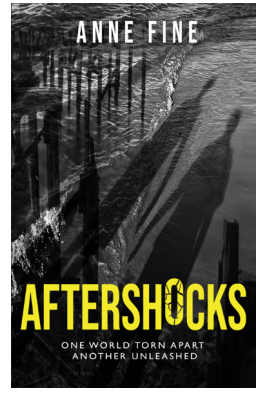
Beaten Track Publishing

Ruth has a background in TV and theatre, and takes inspiration for her novels from place; particularly from her native Yorkshire. When not writing or organising the Portico Sadie Massey Awards, Ruth enjoys many forms of dancing and has recently taken up long-distance walking.



ANNE FINE

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Old Barn Books

Anne is a distinguished writer for children of all ages, and her work has been translated into over 40 languages. Anne has won many major awards, she was twice voted *Publishing News'* Children's Author of the Year and in 2001 she became the second Children's Laureate.



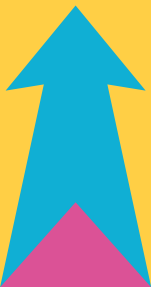
LIZ FLANAGAN

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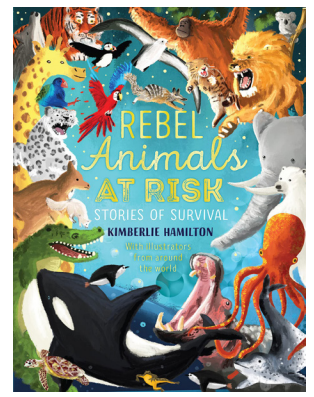
UCLan Publishing

A lifelong reader of children's books, Liz's past roles include working as an editor and managing a writing centre. She now combines writing with teaching. Liz loves the landscape of her hometown and goes out running in the woods and hills most days, accompanied by her Terrier.



KIMBERLIE HAMILTON

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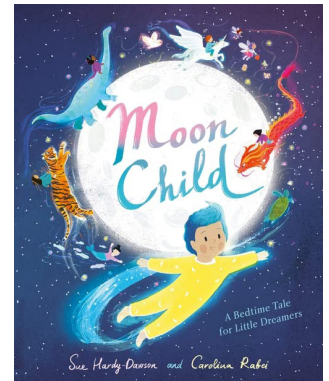
Scholastic

Kimberlie is a writer who used to live in sunny Southern California and now lives in misty Northern Scotland. Kimberlie is currently a graduate student at Cambridge University and also has a MFA in Screenwriting and a MSc in Creative & Cultural Communication.



SUE HARDY-DAWSON

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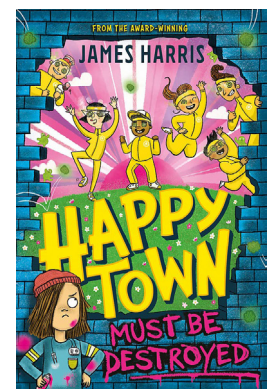
Hachette Children's Group

Sue's first solo collection - *Where Zebras Go* - was shortlisted for the 2018 CLiPPA prize. Her second collection with poetry ambassadors, Roger Stevens and Liz Brownlee, won the North Somerset Teachers Book Awards. Sue's new collection - *If I Were Other Than Myself* - is out now.



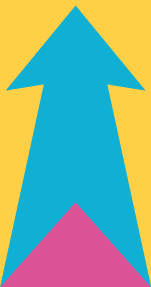
JAMES HARRIS

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Hachette Children's Group

James is a writer, filmmaker, performer, pole-vaulter, wizard and exaggerator. He is a mentor and workshop leader for Writers' Block North East, a creative writing service in Teesside. He has made short films, sketches and animations for the BBC and Channel 4, and he sometimes performs live comedy.



CARYL HART

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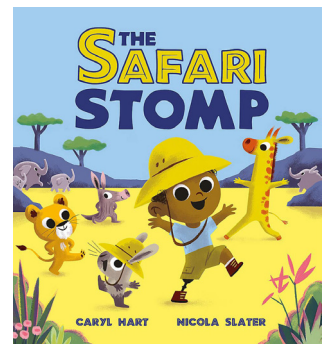
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Hachette Children's Group

Caryl has written many bestselling, award-winning children's books, sold throughout the world. She runs numerous events in schools, libraries, bookshops and festivals. *Meet the Oceans* was one of Waterstones Best Books of 2021 and Books for Topics EYFS Best Curriculum Support.



HARRY HEAPE

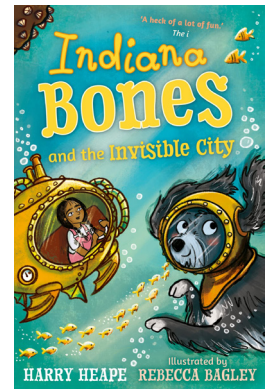
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Harry is an artist, a visionary and a very unsuccessful none of your businessman. He is the author of the *Shiny Pippin* and *Indiana Bones* series.

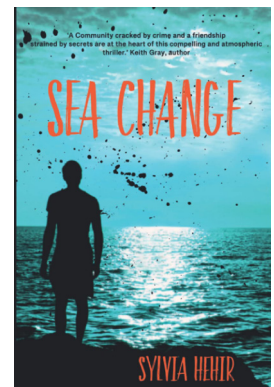


SYLVIA HEHIR

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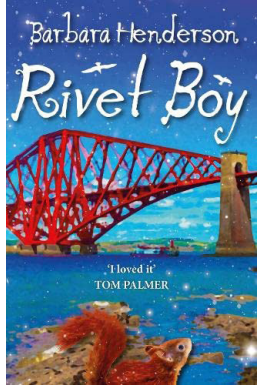
Garmoran Publishing

Sylvia writes contemporary fiction including young adult novels, short stories and drama scripts. Her debut YA thriller was winner of the Pitlochry Quaich. Sylvia gained a doctorate in creative writing from University of Glasgow and received a Scottish Book Trust New Writers Award.




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Pokey Hat

Barbara writes children's novels and has also written a non-fiction book for adults. Alongside writing and visiting schools as an author or storyteller, she also works as a drama teacher in the beautiful Highlands of Scotland.

CBN AUTHORS



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Burhana is a teacher and children's author. *Mayhem Mission* was her debut children's fiction title, and went on to win the Tower Hamlets Book award 2022. She is also the author of *The Dastardly Duo* and *The Big Breakout*, as well as *Amazing Muslims Who Changed the World*.



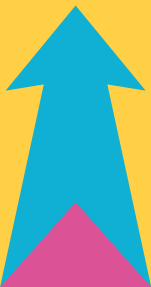
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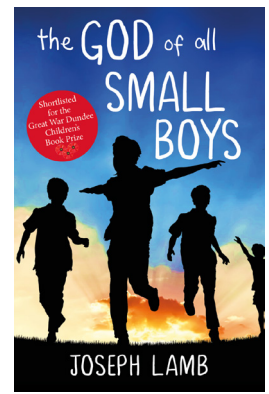
Simon & Schuster

Danielle is an author and screenwriter. Her debut YA novel won best senior novel in the Great Reads Award and was shortlisted for multiple awards including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the YA Book Prize.



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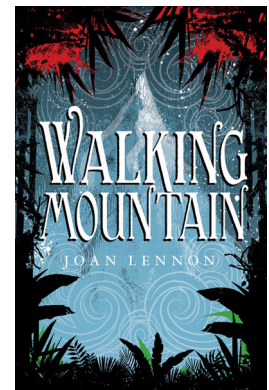
Pokey Hat

Joseph's writing career started with many years of commissions to write historical dramas, which were performed throughout the UK. His first novel *The God of All Small Boys* was one of three shortlisted for the Dundee Great War Children's Book Prize.



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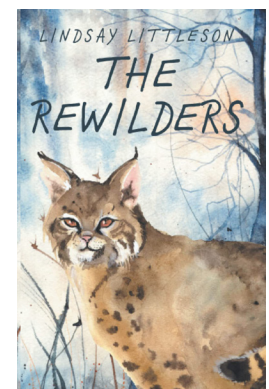
BC Books

Joan is a children's author, tutor and poet. She has appeared at schools, libraries and festivals up and down Scotland and abroad to talk about her writing to young people.



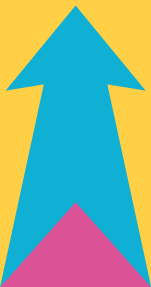
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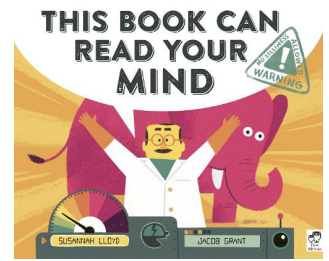
Pokey Hat

Lindsay's first children's book, *The Mixed Up Summer of Lily McLean*, won the 2014 Kelpies Prize. She has gone on to write several children's novels, including *Guardians of the Wild Unicorns*, a middle-grade novel starring the unicorns of mythology and legend.



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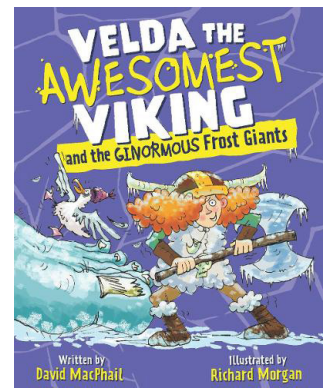
Frances Lincoln

Susannah's books are inspired by old black and white movies, dusty stuffed animals in museums and all things small in the world. She wrote her first ever picture book when she was five, with the help of a large pot of felt-tip pens and a stapler.



DAVID MACPHAIL

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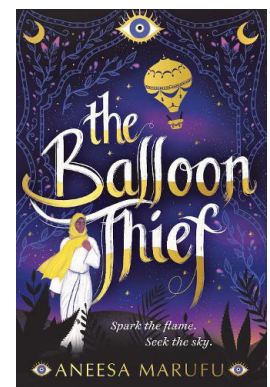
Floris Books

David has written plays and comedy sketches for TV alongside his children's novels. He lives in the Perthshire countryside with his family. His latest novel, *Velda the Awesomest Viking and the Ginormous Frost-Giants* was shortlisted for the Teach Awards.



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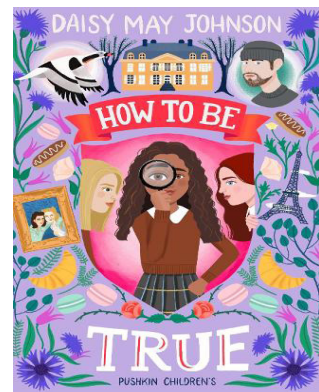
Chicken House Books

Aneesa was the winner of the Kimberley Chambers Kickstart Prize for underrepresented writers in 2019. When she isn't dreaming up stories set in the clouds, she has both feet on the ground, running after her two children or hunting for her next fantasy book to escape into.



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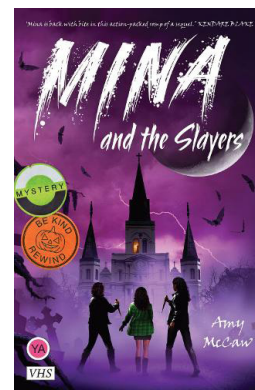
Pushkin Children's Books

Daisy May is the author of *How to Be Brave*, *How to Be True* and *How to be Free*. In her spare time, she researches children's literature and thinks very deeply about biscuits.



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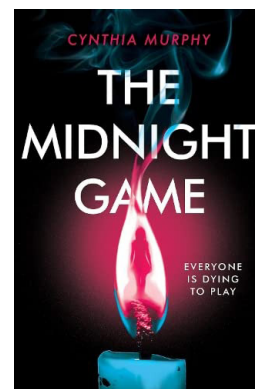
UCLan Publishing

Amy is a young adult author and YouTuber. Her main interests are books, movies and the macabre, which inspired her debut novel. If Amy's not at a book event or reading, she can usually be found scribbling away in her writing room.



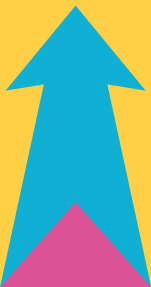
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Whilst obtaining a degree in Art History & Archaeology, Cynthia developed a thirst for anything old, beautiful and very often dead. She tries to combine this with contemporary settings in her writing to make unique, chilling and modern young adult stories.



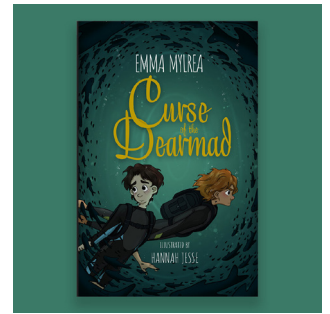
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Matthew James
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Emma grew up mostly in the Peak District in a little house with a big fire and not many neighbours. She graduated with a degree in English Literature from The University of Manchester and splits her time between writing and teaching.

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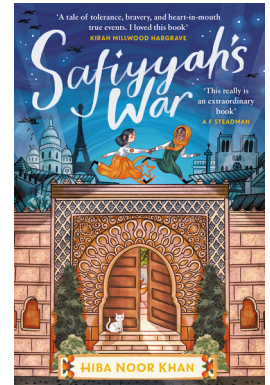
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Andersen Press

Hiba is the author of *The Little War Cat* and *One Home*, amongst others. She wrote her first story aged six, and hopes she has improved a bit since then. Hiba is happiest when travelling and surrounded by nature. She writes best when she has snacks, and her cats nearby.



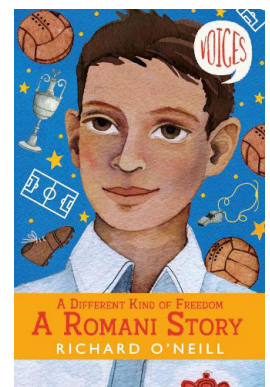
RICHARD O'NEILL

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Scholastic

Richard blends the old and new by producing and telling unique, exciting and original stories, workshops and books for adults and children of all ages. His aim is to show how everyone can empower themselves through the use of words.



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Storyhouse Publishing

After studying History in Lancaster, Josette became a published author and currently writes short stories and non-fiction for children's magazines. She lives with her partner and rescue Greyhound in West Lancashire.



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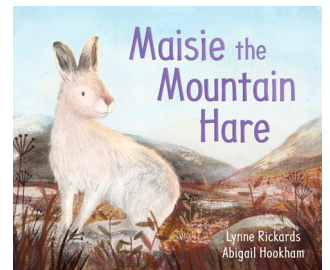
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Floris Books

Lynne was born in Canada but has been living in Scotland for over 30 years now, where she settled with her family. She has been a writer of sorts all her life, working as a translator in Toronto, a proofreader in Montreal and an editor in Glasgow.



LEONIE ROBERTS

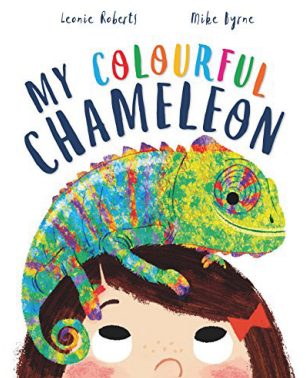
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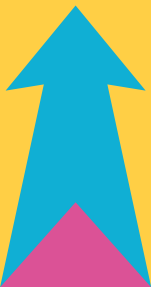
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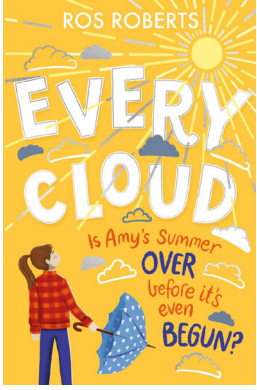
QED Publishing

Leonie started writing when she was working as a teacher in Italy. She is now back living in Liverpool with Chester the dog, her new writing companion. She has written a number of picture book stories, and she is now working on chapter books.




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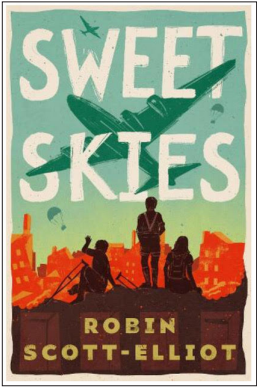
Stripes Publishing

Ros writes middle-grade fiction. Her two books *Digger and Me* (shortlisted for the Branford Boase award) and *Every Cloud* (nominated for a Carnegie) focus on the everyday and the wonderful details in life that make our world tick. Ros loves walking her dog, playing tennis and eating brunch!



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Everything with Words

Robin was a sports journalist for 25 years, before moving to Scotland to chase his dream of writing stories. Robin spent childhood holidays on Mull, an island where there's a story around every corner, which inspired him from a very young age.



SUZY SENIOR

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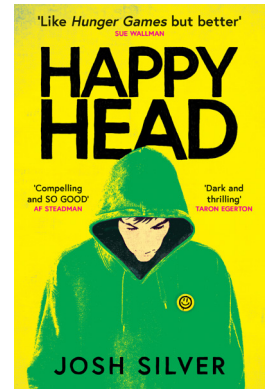
Little Tiger Press

Suzy lives and works at the top of a huge hill in Sheffield with her family, a small gang of tropical fish and quite a lot of books. She loves writing picture books, making things rhyme and eating jaffa cakes – ideally at the same time!



JOSH SILVER

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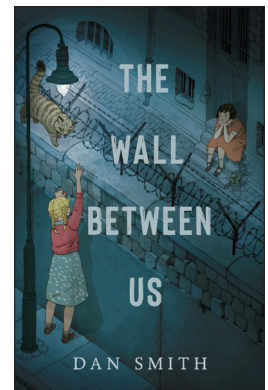
Rock the Boat

Josh is a RADA-trained actor who has performed on the West End and Broadway. After deciding to change careers, Josh began training as a mental health nurse and at the same time started writing his debut YA thriller, HappyHead.



DAN SMITH

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Chicken House

Growing up, Dan led three lives. In one he survived boarding school, while in another he adventured in the paddy fields of South East Asia and the jungles of Brazil. The third life was spent in a world of stories – where he still lives now.



ASHLEY THORPE

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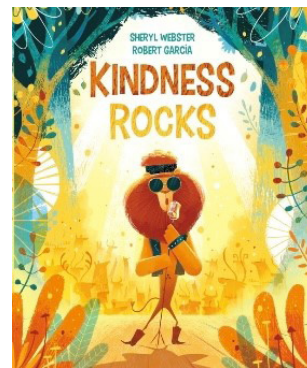


A writer and editor based in Manchester, Ashley was shortlisted for Penguin Random House’s Write-Now programme in 2017, and the Sunderland Story Award for short fiction in 2018. His debut middle-grade novel is due to be published in early 2024.



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Sheryl lives in Liverpool, with her husband and four children. After gaining a degree in Psychology and English and teaching in primary schools, she started writing heartwarming stories, creating awareness of important issues. She now has over 30 titles published and translated worldwide.



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After graduating with an MA in Creative Writing from Manchester University, Melissa went on to be published in two short stories anthologies, and self-published her first novel in 2021. She has been longlisted for the Bath Novel Award and shortlisted for the Hachette Children's Novel Award.



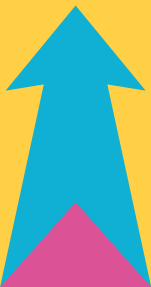
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Bloomsbury Publishers

Clare was raised in London and Yorkshire and has British and Nigerian heritage. With her books, she aims to create a sense of discovery in her readers. Writing for children allows her to take her ideas to their ultimate, wildest conclusions.



ALAN WINDRAM

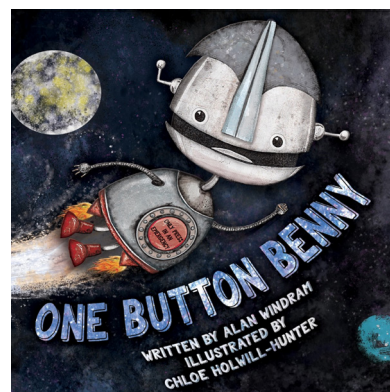
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Little Door Books

Alan is the award-winning author of the *One Button Benny* series of picture books. He takes his highly interactive picture book events all over Scotland and Northern England, working with schools, libraries and book festivals. These events are full of songs, images, stories and lots of audience participation.

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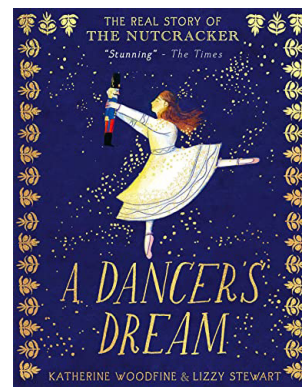
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Simon & Schuster

Almost everything that Katherine has done has been connected to books. She worked for BookTrust, and founded the children's books radio show and podcast *Down the Rabbit Hole*, before becoming the author of the bestselling *Sinclair's Mysteries* and lots of other children's titles.



HELEN ARCHER
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Helen is a commissioning editor for Wren & Rook, Hachette Children's Group's non-fiction imprint. Coming from an IP, licensing and fiction background, she is now working with inspiring non-fiction writers on commercial books for ages 7+.



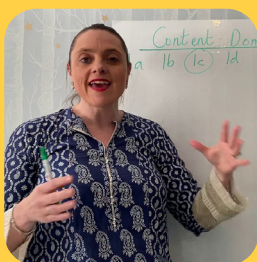
TOM ASHTON-BOOTH
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Tom is a children's books designer and illustrator. After working at Usborne Books, he joined Oxford University Press as a Senior Designer, working on children's picture books and young fiction.



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After working as a journalist and event organiser, Antony now works as Publicist and Marketing Manager for Andrews UK, running social media and marketing campaigns, whilst also working closely with authors and bookshops for Tiny Tree and the other Andrews imprints.



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Alice started her publishing career at Egmont, and then specialised in picture books at Simon & Schuster. She now works at Nosy Crow and helps create top-notch books for children.



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Eleanor works with a team of creative people at Floris Books, and collaborates with authors, illustrators and the literary community in Scotland, commissioning stories for open-hearted readers aged 0-14.



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After 10 years in children's bookselling, Louise is now working at Bounce and covers the North of England, looking after key educational and library suppliers.



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After working in London at Thames & Hudson for three years, Alice came back to the North in 2020 and started working for Nosy Crow. Alice is also a mentor on the SYP North mentorship scheme and a Associate Lecturer in Publishing.



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Lindsey ran the readership development agency at Scottish Book Trust before setting up Fraser Ross Associates Literary Agency with Kathryn Ross in 2002. They represent writers and illustrators from all over the UK and Europe.



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Grace is a children's book editor at Hachette Children's Group, with an eye for design and an obsession with details. She is passionate about inclusion in stories for children.



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Alexa has been teaching Publishing at The University of Central Lancashire since 2016 and is a Senior Lecturer and Teaching Fellow. She sits on the Board for UCLan Publishing.



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Reading development and children's book consultant Jake works with numerous literacy organisations including BookTrust, The Reading Agency and CILIP. Jake is the Awards Executive for the Carnegies, the UK's oldest children's book awards.



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Laura is Publishing Director on the Wren & Rook imprint at Hachette Children's Group, where she manages a team of creative editors and commissions empowering and inclusive non-fiction for children aged 7+.



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After working in Oxford and at various London publishers, Tilda relocated to the North in 2017. She mentors aspiring writers, freelances for publishers and works directly with published authors on children's fiction from 5+ to YA.



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As well as being an agent for children's authors and illustrators, Lucy is a co-founder of Picture Hooks, providing support for emerging illustrators, and was previously the co-founder and Chair of Barrington Stoke.



MARTIN KRATZ
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Martin is the Programme Manager at Manchester Poetry Library (Manchester Metropolitan University), where he helps collect children's poetry both in translation and in recording.



Michelle l'Anson
Publisher
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Michelle is a publisher at Collins, working on children's reference and non-fiction books. She has over 15 years' experience creating books and educational resources for children.



LINA LANGLEE
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Originally from Sweden, Lina lives and works in Edinburgh. She represents middle grade fiction and up, and is always looking for fun, fantastical and/or moving books with great world-building and characters that leap off the page.



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After 20 years of working in publishing in London, Emma is now at Hachette UK's Manchester office. She acquires picture books from Northern, Scottish and Irish talent. Emma is HUK's Manchester Office Lead.



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As Art & Production Director at Floris Books, Leah has been designing covers for years. She also works as a freelance designer for ELEM Design, and is a Steering Group member of Creative Edinburgh.



EUNICE MCMULLEN
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Eunice runs her own literary agency, specialising in representation of authors and illustrators who produce fiction and picture books for children's books – from toddler to teenage.



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Miranda is a freelance structural editor, copy-editor, writer and proofreader, working across non-fiction and fiction. She also runs Wordwitch Editorial, offering editorial services and literary consultancy.



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Susan works across all areas of children's publishing, with a particular love for developing new talent in picture books. She is dedicated to nurturing and driving strategy for artists and authors at all stages of their careers.



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Claire offers bespoke training and mentoring for children's editors. She is specialised in helping publishers create truly inclusive books for kids that will benefit them for years to come.



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Sara is a researcher, and co-founder of Fox & Windmill, the UK's first leading publisher for British South Asian writers.



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