

# The First Sunrise

<b>Author</b>	Nessa Stevens
<b>Illustrator</b>	Charmaine Ledden-Lewis
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<b>Readership</b>	Early childhood
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<b>Similar to</b>	



*The First Scientists: Deadly Inventions and Innovations from Australia's First Peoples* by Corey Tutt, Blak Douglas (illus.)  
*Ask Aunty: Seasons* by Aunty Munya Andrews, Charmaine Ledden-Lewis (illus.)

**Kangaroo and Emu make the first boomerang and see the first sunrise.  
Now there are days and nights ... And people can find their way across Country.**

## Description

*The First Sunrise* is a Mbabaram **creation story** from Mbabaram Country in Far North Queensland and is an engaging and beautiful book for curious minds.

The story centres around the Creator Spirit, Mulungh, directing Emu and Kangaroo how to make the first returning boomerang, which when thrown causes the sun to arc across the sky, forming the creation of day and night. The arrival of the first sunrise teaches Emu and Kangaroo how to read shadows, follow directions and understand the orbit of the earth around the sun, making this book perfect for use in the classroom.

This story was told to Nessa by her father, Colin Alec Stevens (Alick Chalk) who lived traditionally in the Aboriginal Camps of Irvinebank, Bakerville and Watsonville in North Queensland, from 1901 to 1916. His learnings and stories, remain important to Mbabaram culture, language, and identity.

*The First Sunrise* is the inaugural title in the new Magabala series **First Peoples • First Sciences** - children's picture books that pair fun science with First Nations knowledge.

## The Author

**Vanessa Stevens** is a Mbarbaram, Yidinji and Taribalang Bunda woman, Traditional Owners of the Tableland Region, Cairns and Bundaberg areas of Queensland. She was a Primary School Principal and an educator for more than thirty years.

## The Illustrator

**Charmaine Ledden-Lewis** is a proud descendant of the Bundjalung people on the Clarence River in Northern NSW. She lives on Dharug and Gundungurra Country, in the Blue Mountains, NSW. Charmaine was the 2019 winner of Magabala Books' Kestin Indigenous Illustrator Award and illustrated Bruce Pascoe's children's picture book *Found*, followed by Edith Wright's *Charlie's Swim* in 2022 and Cathy Freeman's *Born to Run* (2021). Her latest book is *Ask Aunty: Seasons* by Aunty Munya Andrews.

## Selling points

- The first in an exciting new Magabala Books series **First Peoples • First Sciences**
- Stunning illustrations from award-winning illustrator
- The first Mbabaram creation story to ever be published
- Includes fun science aimed at young children
- Prized addition to every family's bookshelf
- Well-suited to the Australian Curriculum
- Teacher Notes linked to the Australian Curriculum
- Publicity will be sought in all relevant magazines, journals, newspapers and on social media.



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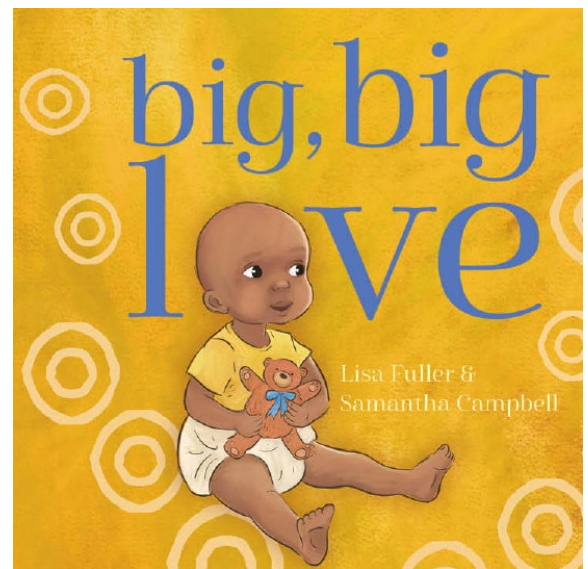
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# Big, Big Love

<b>Author</b>	Lisa Fuller
<b>Illustrator</b>	Samantha Campbell
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<b>Similar to</b>	<i>Guess How Much I Love You</i> by Sam McBratney, Anita Jeram (illus.) (Walker Books Australia) <i>Kissed by the Moon</i> by Alison Lester (Penguin Australia)



**'I love you like the river, the birds and the sighing trees. My love cannot be measured. It's way too big you see.'**

## Description

*Big, Big Love* is filled with beautiful illustrations and a soft, lilting text that is easy for children to follow along. It is a tender story for early childhood readers that embraces the message of unconditional love and acceptance.

A true ode to motherhood.

## The Author

**Lisa Fuller** is an award-winning Murri writer from south-east Queensland, who's been living on Ngunnawal and Ngambri lands (Canberra) since 2006. She has over a dozen nibblings for whom she originally wrote this book, and now a daughter to share it with as well.

## The Illustrator

**Samantha Campbell** is a Dagoman artist who grew up in remote communities across the Northern Territory, and now lives in Alice Springs. Samantha has illustrated many picture books including *Alfred's War* (2018) by Rachel Bin Salleh, *Brother Moon* (2020) by Maree McCarthy Yoelu and *Vincent Lingjari and the Wave Hill Walk Off* (2021) by Rosie Smiler and Thomas Mayo.

## Selling points

- From award-winning author and shortlisted illustrator
- A story about motherhood, love and acceptance
- A wonderful addition to any home library
- Lovely illustrations accompanying heartfelt poetic text
- Teacher's notes available



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# The Great Australian Science Book

Luke O'Neill, illustrated by Linda Fährlin

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<b>PUBLICATION DATE</b>	01 April 2024
<b>FORMAT</b>	Hardback
<b>EXTENT</b>	96pp
<b>DIMENSIONS</b>	296mm x 217mm x 10mm
<b>APPROX. WEIGHT</b>	754 grams
<b>ILLUSTRATIONS</b>	coloured illustrations throughout
<b>KEYWORDS</b>	universe, big bang, dinosaurs, genes, atoms, human body, geology, plants, animals, habitats, scientists
<b>THEMA CODES</b>	YNT, YNNZ, YNNA, 5AJ
<b>AGE RANGE</b>	8 to 14
<b>THEMES</b>	scientific discovery, Australian scientists, experiments
<b>TEACHER NOTES</b>	Free to download from CSIRO Publishing website

How do we measure the universe? How do our bodies repair themselves when we are ill? What species will exist on Earth in a million years' time?

Discover the answers to these questions and a lot more in *The Great Australian Science Book*. We'll go on an incredible scientific journey from the very, very BIG to the very, very SMALL.

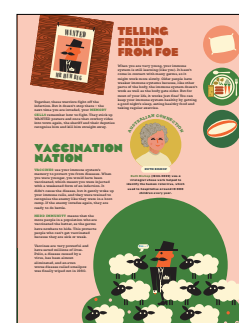
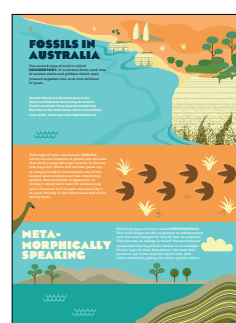
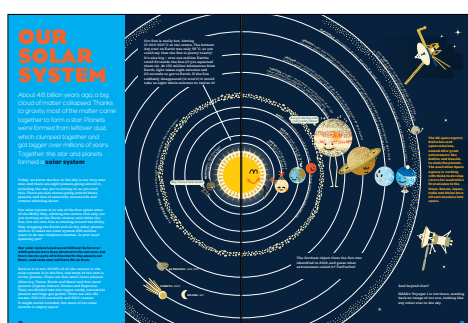
Starting with the universe itself, we will travel through the galaxies and stars, onto our very own planet Earth and across its fabulous features, into our wonderful bodies and all their cells, and on down to the very elements and atoms that make up all things.

Discover how Australia has made huge contributions to science and do a few experiments yourself as you learn to think like a scientist.

Reading level varies from child to child, but we recommend this book for ages 8 to 14.

## KEY INFO

- Packed with fascinating phenomena, vibrant illustrations and heaps of fun facts.
- Explores the wonders of science in an engaging format.
- Includes science experiments that you can do yourself.
- Profiles 21 great Australian scientists.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Luke O'Neill is Professor of Biochemistry at Trinity College Dublin. He has a PhD in Pharmacology (the science of medicines) and hopes that his research might lead to new treatments for inflammatory diseases.

Linda Fährlin is a visual artist with extensive experience developing artworks and illustrations. Originally from Stockholm, she worked in Australia for many years. Linda often draws inspiration from science and believes that art and science can both change the way we see the world.

This title is co-published by CSIRO Publishing (ANZ Region) and Gill Books (ROW)



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# MidnightSun Publishing

## A WAY HOME

by Emily Brewin

PB | 198 x 129

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Young Adult | Also available as ebook

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AGE GUIDE: 13+

Sixteen-year-old Grace lives under a bridge in Melbourne's CBD. It's cold and wet, but hidden. Safe, at least, until she can go home.

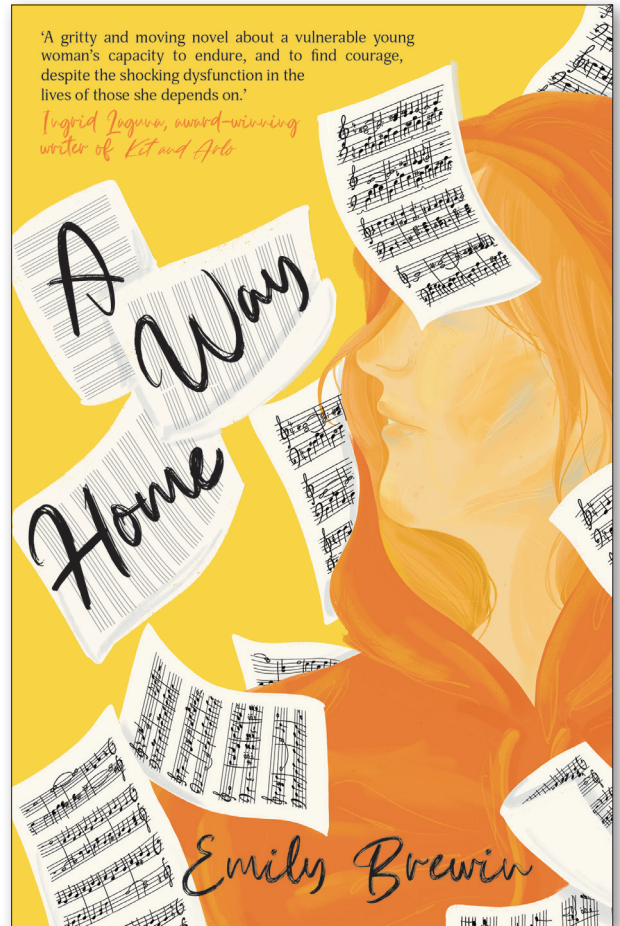
When winter drives her to the City Library one morning, Grace meets Louie, a weird kid with his own problems, and discovers a community piano. The piano reminds Grace of her mum, a celebrated pianist whose mental illness makes life a rollercoaster – and not always a fun one.

When Grace comes up with a plan to find the help she and Mum need, life begins to look up. But things don't work out as Grace imagines and suddenly her world's turned upside down again, and maybe for good this time.

*A Way Home* is a big-hearted novel that explores the complexities of growing up with a parent who is struggling, and about the places and people we call home.

'A page-turning, gritty story full of hope and compassion. The writing is assured and gripping, and Grace is a memorable and compelling character, beautifully realised. *A Way Home* is a riveting story of resilience and hope against the odds, both insightful and heartbreakingly real'

**Mark Smith, award-winning author of the Winter Trilogy**



'A gritty and moving novel about a vulnerable young woman's capacity to endure, and to find courage, despite the shocking dysfunction in the lives of those she depends on.'

**Ingrid Laguna, award-winning writer of *Kit and Arlo***

**Emily Brewin** is a Melbourne author, copywriter, and learning designer. Her first novel, *Hello, Goodbye*, was published in 2017 and her second, *Small Blessings*, in 2019. *The Two Sides of Grace* is her first YA novel. Her short stories have appeared in anthologies, *Into Your Arms: Nick Cave's Songs Reimagined* by Fremantle Press, *We'll Stand In That Place and Other Stories* by Margaret River Press and the *Bristol Short Story Anthology - Volume 10*. She has written for *The Age*, *ABC Education*, *news.com.au*, *Meanjin*, *Kill Your Darlings*, *Archer*, *Feminartsy*, *The Victorian Writer*, *Screen Education*, and *Mamamia*. She is currently working on her fourth novel.



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# Pidge's Poppies

by Jan Andrews and Timothy Ide

**SHOWCASE:** Carrier pigeons is a fascinating topic for a children's book.

*Pidge's Poppies* is based on a true story about a pair of pigeons at the Australian War Memorial.

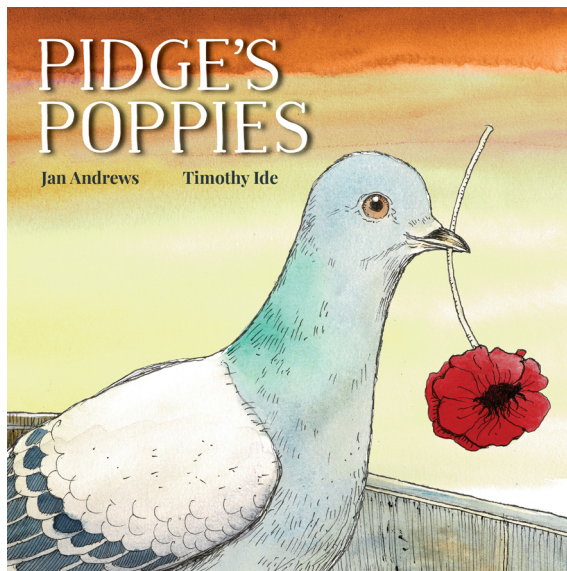
It remembers the vital role pigeons played in both world wars, their heroism and their sacrifice.

Little Pidge chooses nesting material that won't be forgotten.

Mission accomplished.

### Key points:

- A powerful story about the role of carrier pigeons in war, based on an actual event at the Australian War Memorial, with a poignant ending bringing the story full circle, remembering those lost at war.
- This is a powerful story about the role of carrier pigeons in war.
- The ending is poignant and brings the story full circle in terms of remembering those lost at war.
- Themes include history, courage, love and loss and the relatively unknown role of pigeons in war.
- Sub-themes include the importance of remembering history down the generations, perspective, female leadership, respectful relationships, initiative, the impact that actions from modest beginnings can have and, of course, the role of pigeons in wartime.
- This generational shift, the female lead, the place of the Australian War Memorial, the story's basis in a 2019 event, and the remarkable image of the red poppy nest create a fresh new take on Australian history.



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**Price:** AUD\$27.95 (HC)  
AUD\$17.95 (PB)

**Category:** History/Fiction  
Picture book

**Age guide:** 6+

**Author located:** Adelaide, SA  
**Illustrator located:** Adelaide, SA

### About the author

Jan Andrews has had a long and varied career in education, and public administration. A former Chair of Australian Poetry, the national body for that art form, she continues a deep interest in language, history and children's development.

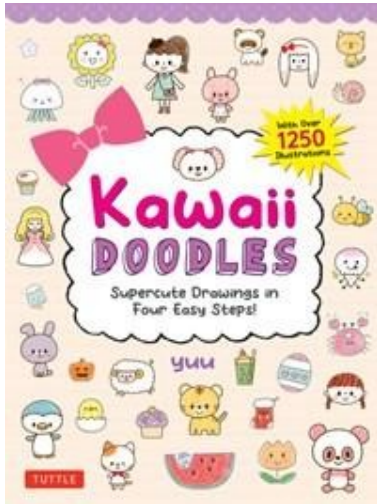
### About the illustrator

Timothy Ide is a freelance illustrator based in Adelaide.  
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### Also by Timothy Ide

*Medieval Monsters and other creatures*  
*Born to Fly*  
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Ages 7 to 100, Grades 2 to 12  
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254mm H | 191mm W  
Status: **FORTHCOMING**

## Kawaii Doodles

**Supercute Drawings in Four Easy Steps (with over 1,250 illustrations)**

Yuu

### Key Selling Points

- This book is perfect for beginners--people who love to draw but lack training and confidence in their abilities
- Follows the same format and approach as Tuttle's successful Kamo doodle titles (see below)
- Contains hundreds of subjects kids love to draw--from cats to desserts, flowers, sushi, cactuses, cosmetics, clouds and more!
- Shows you how to decorate a range of items--backpacks, notebooks, holiday cards, birthday party invitations
- Doodling is cute, fun and creative--the essence of Kawaii culture!

### Summary

**Doodling is cute, fun and creative--the very essence of Kawaii culture!**

Japanese illustrator Yuu is known for her super-cute style. Now you can draw like her, in four easy steps! Wide-eyed and smiling, these easy-to-create doodles transform everyday objects into supercute Kawaii illustrations.

**With its step-by-step instructions and lots of craft & project ideas, *Kawaii Doodles* fuses two books into one:**

- With over 1,250 illustrations to walk you through the simple steps: no prior artistic training required
- Use your drawings to decorate your accessories, dress up your home and personalize gifts and possessions
- Ideal for doodlers of all ages--this book teaches you to create Kawaii doodles anywhere--at home, at school, in the office or on the go

Yuu rounds up the usual Kawaii suspects: silly, smiling popsicles and ice cream cones, funny-faced flowers and goofy, grinning kitty cats and teddy bears. How about your favorite animal? Baby chicks, pandas, penguins, octopus and ladybugs: any animal is a charmer when it undergoes a Kawaii transformation. Even your seasonal favorites get a Kawaii makeover here, from jack o'lanterns to Santa Claus, the holidays have suddenly gotten cuter!

These oh-so-sweet sketches can embellish your backpacks, notebooks, holiday cards, birthday party invitations, calendars and planners, decorations and stationery--whatever you want! With its wealth of ideas and simple-to-follow format, this all-in-one guide will make you a creative Kawaii doodler in no time.

**Cute doodles and adorable drawings in four easy steps!**

### Contributor Bio

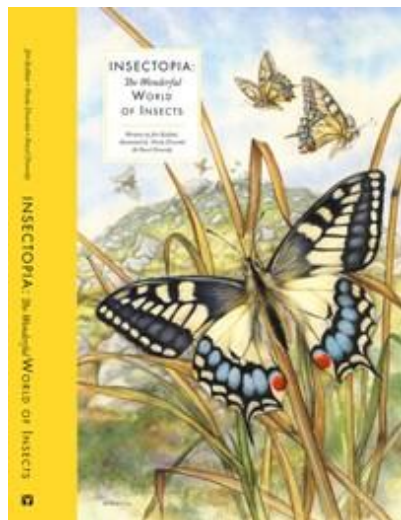
**Yuu** is an Osaka native who has worked as a nutritionist, an event planner and a freelance illustrator. Her artistic endeavors center on children's books and educational material. Her work is created to be simple and honest, with a sense of fun. Learn more about her at: [blocks-web.com](http://blocks-web.com)

### Marketing Plans

- Official author website: [blocks-web.com](http://blocks-web.com)

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## Insectopia

### The Wonderful World of Insects

Jiri Kolibac, Pavel Dvorsky, Pavla Dvorska

#### Key Selling Points

- **Sequel of a successful series:** From the illustrator of the best-selling series *Large Encyclopedias*, which was selected by White Ravens 2020 for the annual catalog of book recommendations in the field of international children's and youth literature and is a proud holder of the Czech IBBY Golden Ribbon Award 2020 for the best children's book.
- **All age groups:** A large encyclopedia suitable not only for children, but for the whole family, thus helping broadly raise environmental awareness.
- **Vivid artwork:** Astonishingly realistic whole-page illustrations with awesome details.
- **Accurate information:** Written by a leading Czech entomologist.
- **In-depth content:** Fascinating information about the world's largest group of animals – more in-depth than comparable titles for this age group.

#### Summary

**A sequel to *Atlas of Extinct Animals* and *Atlas of Endangered Animals*, this large-format encyclopedia focuses on the world's largest group of animals –insects.**

Insects are the most diverse and abundant creatures on Earth, yet we often overlook their critical role in our ecosystem. *Insectopia*, the third book in the Large Encyclopedias series, invites young readers to explore the fascinating world of insects with expert entomologist Jiří Kolibac and the stunning illustrations of Pavel Dvorsky and his wife Pavla Dvorska.

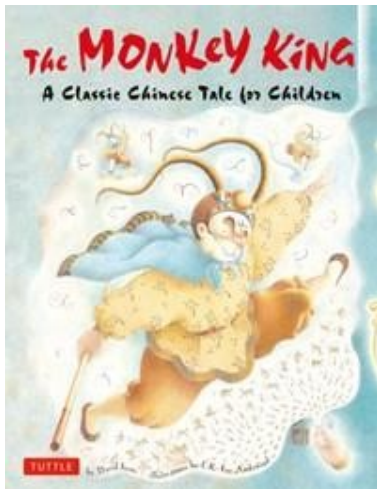
With 96 pages of engaging content and lifelike full-page illustrations, *Insectopia* provides an immersive journey into the realm of these tiny creatures, whose behavior, shapes, and colors surprise us with their complexity. Kids will learn about the full range of topics related to insects, including complex rituals of courtship, tender care for offspring, organization of insect states, wars over food sources, and various insect features (scents, colorful wings, sharp mandibles, etc.).

Sections include:

- Anatomy and Body Structure of Insects: How insects have a segmented body with a hard exoskeleton.
- Orders of Insects: The best-known groups of winged insects and their common and scientific names.
- Biology and Development of Insects: How insects undergo various metamorphoses.
- Evolution of Insects: The evolutionary relationships of insects.
- Evolutionary Tree of Insects: A tree graph showing the evolutionary relationships among different insect groups.
- Dawn of the Insects: The evolution and diversification of insects during various periods, including the emergence of flight and the extinction of certain insect orders.
- Diversification of Insects: The development of insect life through different geological periods, including their coevolution with plants and their rise to dominance.

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## The Monkey King

### A Classic Chinese Tale for Children

David Seow, Lak-Khee Tay-Audouard

#### Key Selling Points

- Now at a smaller hardcover--easier to handle by smaller hands
- The most famous and beloved of all traditional Chinese tales
- Retold for children ages 3 to 9
- Beautiful illustrations by award-winning Chinese artist Lak-Khee Tay-Audouard

#### Summary

##### **A timeless and inspiring Chinese tale brought to life for Western children!**

*The Monkey King: A Classic Chinese Tale for Children* retells the story of the Buddhist monk Tripitaka who is dispatched by the Jade Emperor of Heaven on a magical quest to bring the Sacred Scriptures of the Buddha to China in order to save the nation from chaos. It describes in turn how the monk meets three brave traveling companions-- Monkey, Pigsy and Sandy--each of whom has a very odd appearance but special powers and a strong personality. Along the way they face frequent battles with enemies and often quarrel amongst themselves like children. But in the end their loyalty to each other and to their common goal ultimately wins the day.

The most beloved character in the story is of course the hilarious Monkey--mischievous and full of energy, constantly on the move and constantly creating problems for the others. But Monkey has amazing magical powers that enable him to transform himself into other living beings and to summon an army of monkeys to his side at a moment's notice. Much to the consternation of his comrades, however, he is continually boasting about his abilities. But in the end he is the one who saves the others and allows them to overcome their ordeals.

Children of all ages will be entertained and inspired by this heartwarming tale of adversity and survival.

#### Contributor Bio

**David Seow** was born and raised in Singapore. He studied at Anglo-Chinese School, Oregon Episcopal School, and subsequently the University of Portland, Oregon. After a stint as a sitcom writer with an award-winning television series, he embarked on a career in children's literature. David is the author of twenty-three well-received children's books, including *The Littlest Emperor*.

**Lak-Khee Tay-Audouard**, continues her quest, after *Singapore Children's Favourite Stories*, to recapture the sense of wonder and naivete that most of us lose in the process of growing up. The genuine desire to engage the reader remains the driving force of her inspiration. To portray the mythological characters of this popular legend, these whimsical illustrations have been given an antique look. Lak-Khee is the author of *Adventures of the Treasure Fleet*.

#### Quotes

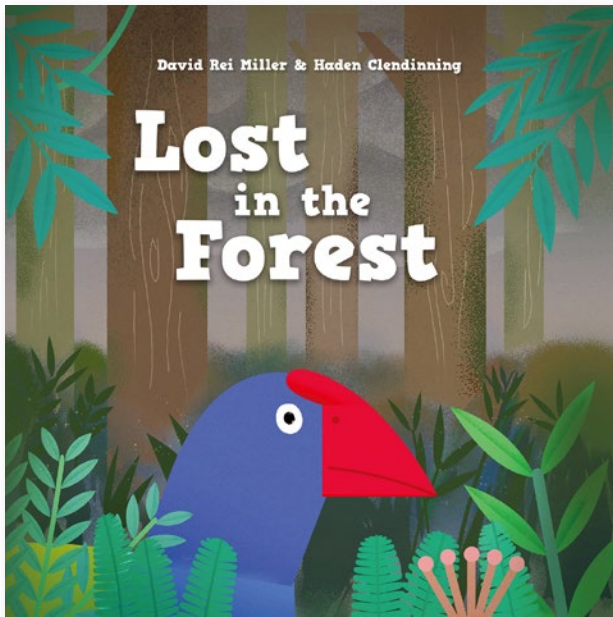
"An engaging introduction to a classic tale, especially for libraries seeking to expand their Chinese literature selections." --**School Library Journal**

"*The Monkey King: A Classic Chinese Tale for Children* is a wonderfully fun story inspired by Chinese legends about the trickster Monkey...This story has plenty of twists and turns, with battle scenes and narrow escapes and a cast of colorful characters. But I could just get lost in the lush illustrations. They are so beautiful and full of life that each page invites you to fall into it head first. This is one you will treasure on your bookshelf." --**AllDoneMonkey.com**

"Wonderfully entertaining from beginning to end, *The Monkey King* is an especially



## ADVANCE INFORMATION SHEET



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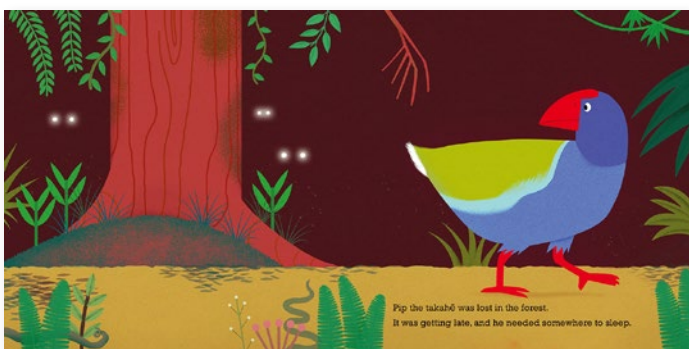
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**Extent:** 32 pages | Four-colour Interior

**Weight:** 0.17 kg | **Carton Quantity:** 60 copies

**Imprint:** Starfish Bay Children's Books

- Children will identify with the fear of being lost or separated from loved ones and seeking home and comfort.
- Teaches children about the New Zealand animal species and adjectives such as tall, small, high, dark, etc.
- Bold and vibrant textured illustrations with appealing animal characters.



## Lost in the Forest

David Rei Miller

Illustrated by Haden Clendinning

Pip the takahē bird is lost in the forest and searches for a place to sleep, finally finding his mother and home.

Pip the takahē bird is lost in the forest and searches for a place to sleep, but the other animals' sleeping spots are wrong for him. On this journey through the New Zealand forest, children will meet various New Zealand species and learn adjectives that describe each animal's sleeping place. Children will identify with Pip's fear of being lost and alone and with the comfort of finding home and family in this vibrantly and gorgeously illustrated book.

**David Rei Miller** is an environmental engineer of NgātiTūwharetoa, NgātiKahungunu, and New Zealand European descent. He has had a short story published in the Massey University magazine *Craccum* and received Highly Commended for his poem *Kaupokonui* in the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards. He has been lost in the same swamp on two separate occasions.

**Haden Clendinning** is an illustrator and graphic artist whose first book, *Hungry Birds of Africa*, was published in 2018 by Penguin Random House South Africa. Haden is from Durban, South Africa, and moved to New Zealand in 1998. He has a love of both African and New Zealand wildlife.



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## KODI AND THE MYSTERY OF KOMODO ISLAND

Paul Deslandes | April 2024

On the Island of Komodo  
There was an ancient mystery,  
About a GIANT, GRUESOME,  
GHASTLY BEAST,  
Who ate lizards for its tea.

Join Kodi, the detective Komodo dragon,  
on his adventure to solve this mystery, once and for all.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Paul lives in Kent, by the sea, and loves spending time with his family. He likes to stay active and enjoys spending time at the gym and running. He has always had a passion for poetry and often makes up bedtime stories for his children. He rediscovered his love of writing when he created a book for his own two boys after watching them spending endless hours exploring in the garden, talking to creatures and catching bugs. His debut book, *The Garden Monster*, was released in 2022, published by Little Steps. He's very excited to be publishing his next book, *Kodi and the Mystery of Komodo Island*, with New Frontier Publishing, which is due for release in 2024. Paul is always busy, creating new and exciting books for children, and he hopes to publish many more in the future. You can find Paul on Instagram: @PaulDeslandesAuthor. Website: [www.pauldeslandes.uk](http://www.pauldeslandes.uk)

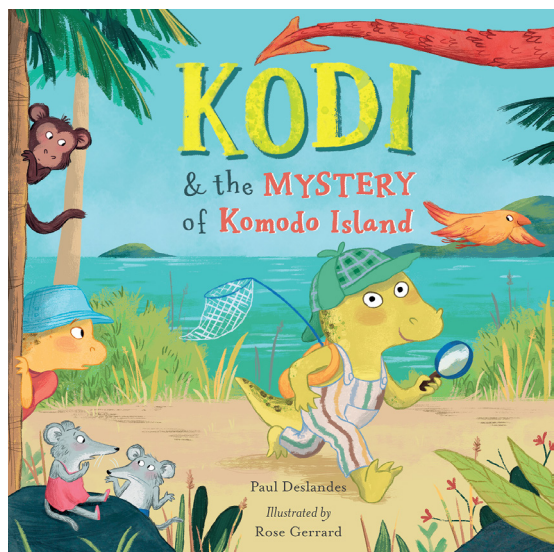
### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Rose has drawn on scrap pieces of paper from as soon as she could hold a pen. What started as a childhood hobby soon became her day-to-day, and she went on to graduate from Kingston University with an MA in illustration, before starting her career as a children's book designer. Now also a freelance illustrator, she loves to create warm, fun and joyous images for children, and has a particular interest in interactions between characters.

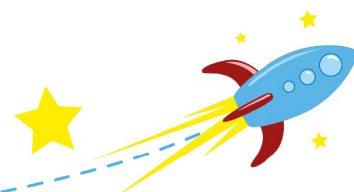
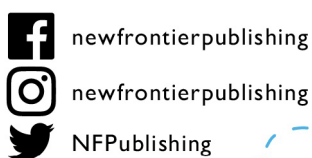
You can find Rose on Instagram @rosegerrard\_illustration

### SALES POINTS

- A humorous tale about a little Komodo dragon who sets off to solve the mystery of Komodo Island
- Determination and bravery are key themes
- Engaging text, written in rhyme
- Fun and vibrant illustrations from talented illustrator Rose Gerrard



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Full color illustrations throughout  
Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3  
Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals  
JNF003000  
29.8 cm H | 22.2 cm W | 1 cm T  
Status: **FORTHCOMING**

#### Related Products

##### Ebooks

9781636550985

## How Animals Sleep

Jiri Dvorak, Marie Stumpfova, Benjamin Lovett

### Key Selling Points

**UNIQUE NONFICTION PRESENTATION:** Informational and engaging featuring vintage block print style of illustration.

**LARGE FORMAT:** Expansive large format landscape spreads for each animal showcases beautiful inviting illustrations.

**RELATABLE SCIENCE TOPIC:** Subject is eminently relatable to young children who are fascinated by sleep – something we all do!

**PETS TOO!:** Includes common pets such as cats and dogs for increased relatability.

**GENTLY HUMOROUS TEXT:** A delicate touch of humor is woven into the relatable text.

**PERFECT FOR BEDTIME:** A comforting read featuring sleeping animals will help the youngest readers get ready for bedtime and slumber.

### Summary

**Discover the many ways animals sleep in this fascinating and beautiful showcase of animals at rest.**

How do animals sleep? Curious young minds will be fascinated to discover the amazing variety of ways the animals featured in this picture book sleep. Some sleep nearly all the time while others hardly at all; some sleep underwater while others standing on one leg; some sleep in snow while others in the baking hot desert. . . *How Animals Sleep* invites inquiry and comparison between the animals and their sleep behaviors plus reflection on how we as humans get rest.

Gorgeous, bold block print style illustrations by Marie Štumpfová accompany the informative text from naturalist/author Jiří Dvořák. The large trim size provides an immersive reading experience. Young students of animal behavior may extend the conversation into topics of where the animals live, what they eat, and other related activities. Or they may just be tempted to demonstrate their own abilities to sleep after the final pages come to a close.

Animals featured: Pelicans, Parrotfish, Bumblebees, Sea Otters, Seals, Polar Bears, Flamingoes, Hazel Dormice, Giraffes, Cats, Green Tree Pythons, Foxes, Peacocks, Camels, Dogs, Common Swifts.

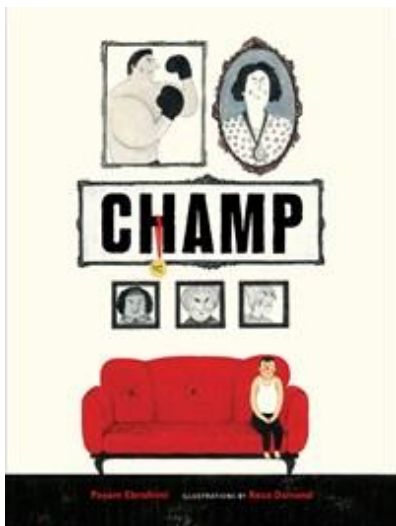
### Contributor Bio

**Jiří Dvořák** spent his childhood in Prague and wanted to become a botanist or the author of adventure novels. After graduating with a degree in plant biotechnology, he realized he did not want to be a scientist. He first worked as a proofreader and now is the editor-in-chief of the magazine *Our Beautiful Garden*. He is the author of more than ten books that combine his passions for biology and adventure. He has been awarded the Golden Ribbon, lives in Prague, likes to take pictures, sleep and be silent.

**Marie Štumpfová** graduated with a degree in graphics and illustration. Today, she mainly devotes herself to illustration, editorial work, and creating books. Her work as an art director can be seen in the magazine *Page*, and she has also designed wooden toys for children. She created the book *How Animals Sleep* as her diploma thesis, which has received praise from critics and readers. Today, it can be read by children in Japan, Poland, Holland, Korea, Hungary, and now the English-speaking world. <https://www.mariestumpfova.com/>

### Marketing Plans

- Outreach to reviewers, media, and influencers
- Digital review copies available on Edelweiss
- Included in marketing campaign for Earth Day promotions in 2024
- Featured title on TeachingBooks.net with resources
- Free downloadable activity/resource guide



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Juvenile Fiction / Sports &  
Recreation  
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Series: Aldana Libros  
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#### Related Products

##### Ebooks

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## Champ

Payam Ebrahimi, Reza Dalvand

### Key Selling Points

- **Celebration of self-confidence:** *Champ* is a powerful story about finding the courage to be yourself—even if that means being different from everyone around you.
- **Conversation starter for kids about protest** and the many resistance movements happening around the world.
- **Story of Iranian resistance:** *Champ* is written by an Iranian author and illustrator team, who are both based in Tehran.
- **An Aldana Libros book:** developed by renowned children’s publisher Patricia Aldana to bring outstanding books from around the world to the English-speaking market, by authors and illustrators who want to communicate their own cultural realities.

### Summary

**A powerful and wise story about finding the courage to be yourself, despite the pressure to conform.**

Abtin is nothing like the rest of his family. The Moleskis are fiercely competitive sports champions, and they expect Abtin to become a great athlete too. But Abtin is a reader, an artist, and has his own way of doing things. Despite his family’s best efforts, Abtin remains stubbornly himself. Wanting his family to be proud of him, he comes up with a plan to make them happy: a plan that doesn’t go quite as expected...

Written and illustrated by two celebrated Iranian creators, *Champ* is a book for anyone who marches to the beat of their own drum: for the artists in a science family, or the readers in a sports family. It is a book for those around the world who have resisted and continue to do so, no matter what.

**An Aldana Libros Book, Greystone Kids**

### Contributor Bio

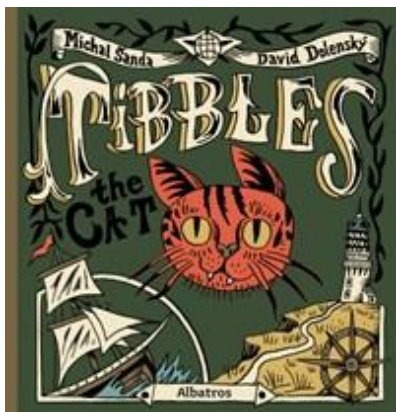
**Payam Ebrahimi** was born in Tehran. He has a degree in nuclear physics, but has worked as a graphic artist, journalist, and filmmaker. He has written numerous books for children and adolescents, and lives in Tehran.

**Reza Dalvand** is a member of the Iranian Society of Illustrators and has published more than 15 picture books in Iran, Europe, and Asia. He lives in Tehran.

### Marketing Plans

- Working with a children’s book publicist
- National print reviews, interviews, and features
- Influencer outreach: Bookstagram and BookTok
- Paid and organic social media content
- Print galley mailing
- Downloadable resources on Greystone’s Educator Hub

### Illustrations



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\$14.95/\$19.99 Can./£10.99  
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Hardcover Picture Book

24 Pages  
Color illustrations throughout  
Carton Qty: 40  
Ages 6 to 9  
Juvenile Nonfiction / Comics &  
Graphic Novels  
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20.1 cm H | 20.1 cm W  
Status: **ACTIVE**

## Tibbles the Cat

Michal Sanda, David Dolensky

### Key Selling Points

- **Distinct format:** Vintage-style graphic novel with moody, quirky illustrations and a muffled color palette.
- **Based on a true story:** Fascinating tale with an unexpected twist at the end.
- **Hidden message:** Environmental awareness in a narrative from a time when ecology was not taken seriously.
- **Multiple emotional registers:** Tragicomic tone with humor is the sugar that helps the medicine of the environmental message go down.
- **Historical details:** Filled with fascinating details about life over 100 years ago in a remote part of the globe.
- **Award-winning title:** 2021 Muriel Award for Best Comics for Children & 2022 Bologna Ragazzi Award – The BRAW Amazing Bookshelf

### Summary

**Featuring quirky, vintage-inspired illustrations, this charming story tells the tale of a cat moving to a new island home, where things take an unexpected turn.**

When a curious cat named Tibbles and her owner move across the world from England to a new home on a small island off the coast of New Zealand in 1894, everything seems idyllic at first. Then things go horribly wrong. In this charming little story, the oblivious, amusing hero, Tibbles, discovers a rare species of flightless bird that had never previously been described – the Stephens Island wren. Unfortunately, Tibbles also becomes the cause of the bird's extinction by preying on them.

Beneath the surface of this whimsically told story is a sophisticated tragicomic plot with a foundation in Greek tragedy. Tibbles's killing of the Stephens Island wrens led to the eventual extinction of the entire species, and the tragedy is heightened by the fact that Tibbles was not a malicious or malevolent creature, but rather a normal cat behaving according to its instincts. To add insult to injury, Tibbles is not only innocent and ignorant about the effects of her actions; she is also silly, care-free, and wildly unconcerned. This book presents a true story in a subtly comedic light, but the underlying tragedy is still present, emphasizing the unintended consequences of human actions on the environment.

Ultimately, the tale of Tibbles the cat had a silver lining – it brought global awareness to the dangers of introducing non-native animal species to other continents. Beautifully illustrated in a vintage style, with heavy graphic novel elements, this quirky, captivating tale will take readers on an emotional, darkly funny journey of discovery and consequence, all while teaching valuable lessons about the environment and the human impact on it. The book also includes interesting facts about the Stephens Island wren and its discovery.

*Tibbles* is perfect for children aged 6–9 inclined towards funny stories and deep lessons. Through this unique, engaging, and darkly comedic story, kids will be entertained as they learn about history and conservation, with humor being the sugar that helps the environmentalist medicine go down. Laughing one moment and considering serious issues the next, children will learn about the impact of humans on animal species and the importance of protecting wildlife.

### AWARDS:

- 2021 Muriel Award – Best Comics for Children
- 2022 Bologna Ragazzi Award – The BRAW Amazing Bookshelf

### Contributor Bio

## ADVANCE INFORMATION SHEET

### Selkie

By (artist) Josephine Birch

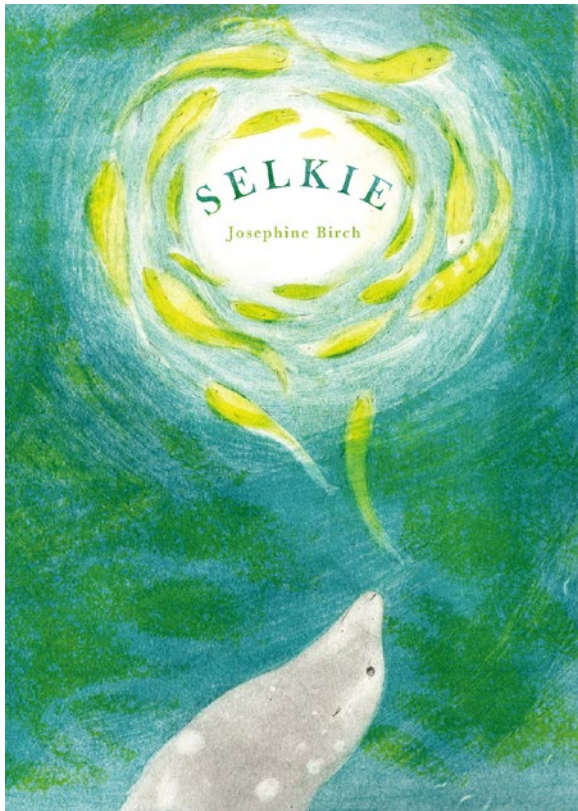
A wordless picture book that illustrates power of friendships even when communication is not possible through language.

In a small village by the sea the fishermen are full of tales and myths of monsters, pirates and mermaids, but there is one myth that may be true. On a fine, clear morning the men set sail. Reeling in the nets the youngest of the crew is dragged into the water. Rescued from the depths of the sea by a playful seal, a transformation occurs and a tender friendship is formed. This is a wordless picture book telling the tale of love and friendship across boundaries.

**Josephine Birch** grew up in the South West of England, in a tiny terraced house with a garden. She always knew she wanted to work as an artist and with animals, so she studied at the Cambridge School of Art for Illustration and on the “Drawing Year” scholarship at The Royal Drawing School, London. Her Master of Arts in Children’s Book Illustration was obtained from the Cambridge School of Art. Through her studies, Josephine discovered that she could combine her love of art and animals by illustrating stories inspired by the natural world.

“A visually arresting, haunting, wordless tale guaranteed to spark wonder.” —*Kirkus Reviews* (U.S.)

“Birch shares with us a timeless, ageless story of the love that can arise between humans and creatures of the wild — closer kin than we usually realize.”  
—*Spirituality & Practice* (U.S.)



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**Extent:** 32 pages | Four-colour Interior

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**Imprint:** Starfish Bay Children’s Books



## ADVANCE INFORMATION SHEET



**ISBN:** 978-1-76036-204-1

**RRP:** \$15.99 AUD

**Age of intended audience:** 3 years and up

**Release Date:** 5th April 2024

**Binding:** Paperback

**Trim Size:** 27.5 cm in H | 21.0 cm in W

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## The Music Tree

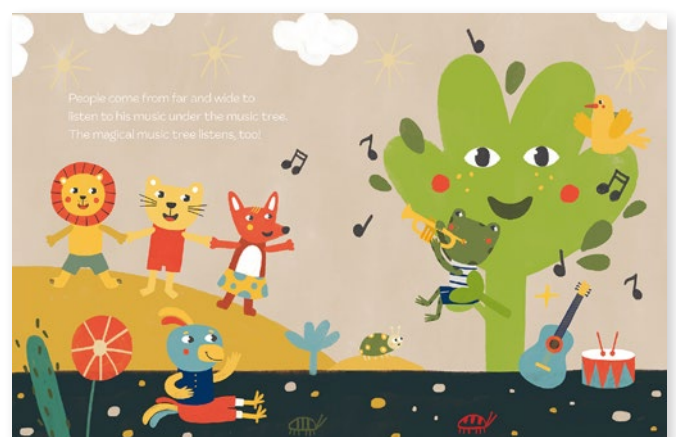
By (artist) Julia Valtanen

Luke won't play the trumpet Grandpa gave him until he discovers a seed Grandpa sent will only grow when it hears music.

Luke the frog is too busy to play the trumpet his grandfather sent him, and when Grandpa sends him a seed, Luke is frustrated that it is slow to grow—until it responds to the music of a band of street musicians. Luke and the musicians play until the magical tree is tall and strong, and until Luke loves playing his trumpet. This is a story about patience and effort with delightful retro/folk art style illustrations.

**Julia Valtanen** is an author and illustrator currently living in Tallinn, Estonia. Julia has an MA degree in graphic design with many years experience in this field. However, Julia has recently found her real passion - writing and illustrating stories for children. The main source of Julia's inspiration is nature and she uses this to help teach children to love and care about their environment.

"Luke is quite a busy frog. ... Luke and the other anthropomorphized animals are depicted clothed and in human habitation in the happy, playful, childlike paintings; with their bright, colorful hues, they are in perfect synchrony with the simple, direct text." —*Kirkus Reviews* (U.S.)





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88 Pages  
 Color illustrations throughout  
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 Ages 9 to 12  
 Juvenile Nonfiction / History  
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32 cm H | 23.9 cm W  
 Status: **ACTIVE**

## Famous Finds and Finders

### Searching for the Past

Tom Velcovsky, Adam Wolf, Stepanka Sekaninova

### Key Selling Points

- **In-depth content:** Descriptions of 40 archeological discoveries and the stories (the who, when, and how) behind them.
- **Unique approach:** Acquainting young readers with not only the real-life stories of adventure and discovery, but also the science and history behind them.
- **Ample artwork:** One main illustration with additional infographics on each double page.
- **Well-arranged overview:** A timeline showing the age of each discovery.
- **Inspiring:** Many of these discoveries were made by non-experts, showing children that anyone can contribute to the field of archeology.

### Summary

**This engaging book for young adventurers features 40 historical discoveries, from tiny artifacts to entire cities, including the people and circumstances behind their uncovering.**

In *Famous Finds and Finders*, young readers are taken on an adventurous journey back through time as they learn about the field of archeology and its role in uncovering the secrets of our past. Emphasizing the importance of preserving and recording moments in history, it encourages children to consider their own place in the ongoing story of humanity.

Kids will also learn about the tools and techniques (from crude to state-of-the-art) that archeologists and paleontologists use, as well as about the challenges they face in uncovering fragments of the past buried in the ground or under the ocean.

The discoveries are divided into 5 categories:

- People and Animals
- Towns and Cities
- Works of Art
- Under the Sea
- Underground

Sections include:

- Tutankhamun's Tomb: An Ancient Egyptian burial chamber discovered by archeologist Howard Carter in 1922, famous for its magnificent treasures.
- Lascaux: A complex of caves in France containing some of the most well-preserved prehistoric cave paintings in the world, discovered in 1940 by exploring four teenagers.
- The Titanic: A British luxury passenger liner that sank in the North Atlantic Ocean in 1912 after colliding with an iceberg, resulting in the loss of many lives.
- Lucy: A partial skeleton of a female *Australopithecus afarensis* hominin, discovered in Ethiopia in 1974 by a paleoanthropologist from the University of Cleveland.
- Ötzi the Iceman: The mummy of a man who lived around 3,300 BCE, discovered in 1991 in the Alps by hikers who thought he was a deceased modern climber.
- Whydah Gally: A pirate ship discovered by an underwater explorer off the coast of Cape Cod in 1984.





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Color illustrations throughout  
Carton Qty: 20  
Ages 6 to 9  
Juvenile Nonfiction / Science &  
Nature  
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25.4 cm H | 19.6 cm W  
Status: **ACTIVE**

## How Not to Kill Your Plant

Magda Gargulakova, Lenka Chytilova, Hannah Abbo

### Key Selling Points

- **Indispensable guide:** Young readers will learn how to take care of houseplants using step-by-step instructions
- **Trendy topic:** The world of plants has become very popular since the pandemic lockdowns, as many people have found a passion for taking care of their indoor plants.
- **Attractive artwork:** Fresh modern illustrations accompanied by engaging infographics.
- **In-depth content:** 16 of the best-known houseplants and general information about them.
- **Good sales opportunity:** Additionally suitable for flower shops and adult readers.

### Summary

**A comprehensive guidebook for kids on proper houseplant care, featuring bold illustrations and engaging infographics.**

Houseplants can add a touch of green to any living space, and caring for them can be a relaxing and rewarding hobby. For kids interested in learning more about plant care, this comprehensive guidebook covers all the basics and more, teaching kids all about the different types of houseplants, their growth habits, and the best practices to care for them. Divided into three sections, *How Not to Kill Your Plant* provides all the information kids need to ensure their houseplants thrive:

2. **The Basics of Care:** Learn about the essential elements of plant care, including watering, lighting, and soil.
3. **Encyclopedia of houseplants:** Identify and learn about common houseplants, including their ideal growing conditions and common issues to look out for.
4. **Cultivation practice:** Discover tips and tricks for repotting, propagation, and other plant care techniques.

Highlights include:

- A glossary of basic plant terminology (e.g., substrate, fertilizer, humidity, etc.)
- Step-by-step instructions for taking care of houseplants
- Advice on choosing the right plant
- Various problems you can expect to encounter – and ways to solve them

Images accompany the text in a fun yet logical and orderly fashion, such as this numbered list for repotting:

2. Water the plant well the day before repotting. This will make it easier to remove it from its pot.
3. Remove the plant from its pot.
4. As you carefully release the roots, remove old, excess soil from the plant.
5. Remove old, rotting roots.
6. Having selected a pot with a drainage hole and of appropriate size, wash this pot in soapy water.
7. Put a drain (e.g., a layer of expanding clay balls or pebbles) in the bottom of the pot. (Plants watered in a tray do not need a drain.)
8. Add a small layer of the new substrate.
9. Place the plant in the new pot.
10. Fill any remaining space in the pot with the new substrate.
11. Tamp the soil down gently with your fingers, ensuring that the plant is well



# Ivy Newt and the Swamp Dragons

By Derek Keilty, illustrated by Magda Brol



Scallywag Press

Third in a highly illustrated chapter book series for ages 5-7 featuring Ivy, an unstoppable and lovable young witch, and her friend and familiar Tom.

By accident, Gran's magic bubble bath creates pesky Ivy and Tom lookalikes, intent on some serious mischief! All too soon, they have made dangerous doubles of the swamp dragons, who launch a fiery attack on Miracula. Can the real Ivy and Tom stop them before everything goes up in smoke?

## Key Selling Points

- Everyone loves a friendly dragon! And we introduce a new, eco-warrior granny character
- Wonderful world-building again from Derek Keilty, author of the acclaimed *Flyntlock Bones* series
- Good old-fashioned fun and adventure: themes of justice and helping each other
- Suitable for boys and girls, with a girl protagonist and strong boy character
- Derek Keilty's *Flyntlock Bones* was shortlisted for the *Fantastic Books Award* and long listed for the *Sparks! School Book Award*, and a was a *Times Best Read*.
- Packed with energetic illustrations that are quirky but cute, a gallery of characters and a map
- Foil on cover & spine

**Praise for the series:** 'The perfect book to launch youngsters into a lifetime of reading.' *Lancashire Evening Post*  
'A satisfying mix of jeopardy and laughter.' *Books for Keeps*

## Sales and Marketing

- Third in a series planned to be at least four titles: *Ivy Newt and the Storm Witch/Time Thief*
- Derek will be over regularly from Belfast for conferences, events and signings
- Campaigns with Reading Zone, LoveReading. Featured by Booktrust, Books for Keeps
- Downloadables and teacher resources [free on website](#), stickers, poster and bookmarks



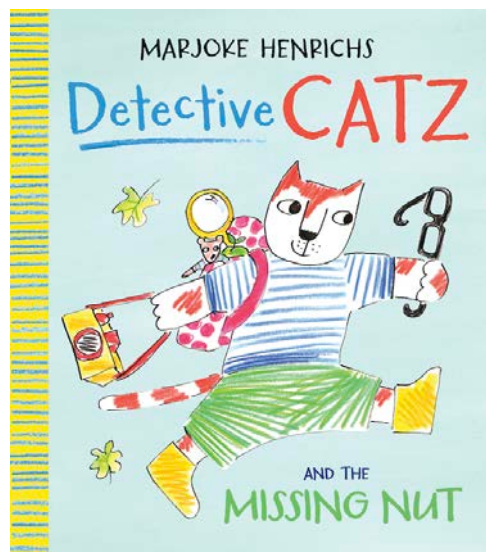
**Derek Keilty** lives in Belfast. Author of over ten books for children and shortlisted for the Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year, Derek takes storytelling and creative writing workshops to local schools.

**Magda Brol** was born in Wroclaw, Poland, and now lives in South London. Her books including *When Crocodiles came town*, *Story Time*, and *Pirates Don't go to School* have come out with Orchard, Zephyr and Little Tiger Press.



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# Detective Catz and the Missing Nut

By Marjoke Henrichs



Scallywag Press

**Being kind along the way is more important than success in this self-affirming tale**

Catz is determined to prove himself as a detective, and to find his friend's prize possession. When he fails, he also fails to notice all the good he has done along the way.

But luckily our hero does not give up, and cheered on by his friends, a combination of new evidence and determination enable him to fulfil his dream!

## Key Selling Points

- All the fun of being a detective with magnifying glasses, searching for clues, hiding, and mystery solving
- Empathy: noticing something wrong and putting it right makes you feel better, as well as helping others
- Shows that success may be measured in different ways
- Teaches about patience and self-confidence
- Visual literacy as the reader look for clues in the pictures
- Third title from an author illustrator whose NO! SAID RABBIT was short listed for the Book Trust Storytime Prize with sequel READY SAID RABBIT both hugely well reviewed and sold in twelve languages around the world

## Sales and Marketing

- Marjoke Henrichs in an empathy lab trained author who tours giving events
- POS planned
- Free downloadables on the website

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Author	Marjoke Henrichs
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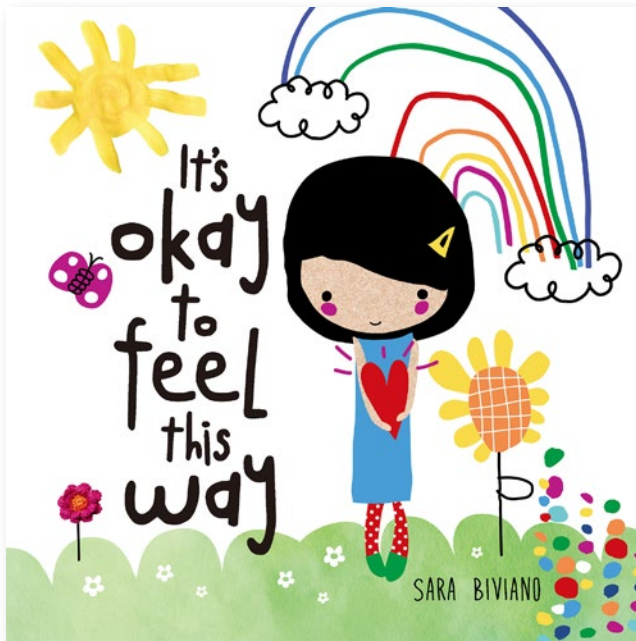
*Meet the illustrator*



Marjoke Henrichs graduated from the MA Children's Book Illustration course at Cambridge School of Art in 2019. She is also a theatre designer and a painter. She was born in the Netherlands and now lives in Suffolk.

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**Imprint:** Starfish Bay Children's Books

## ADVANCE INFORMATION SHEET

### It's Okay to Feel This Way

By (artist) Sara Biviano

A child names and describes the various feelings she experiences and shows it is okay to feel them.

A child explores her feelings, naming and describing them, showing it is okay to have a variety of feelings, and that feelings can change depending on the circumstances. With bold, colorful and simple mixed media illustrations, this book encourages self-awareness and self-acceptance.

- Names and describes the various feelings children may experience.
- Encourages self-awareness and self-acceptance.
- Bold, simple, and colorful illustrations.

**Sara Biviano** is a graphic artist and illustrator based in Melbourne, Australia. She studied cartooning and illustration and has worked predominantly as a textile and clothing designer, specialising in licensed product design and clothing for children. Her artwork is created from a combination of hand drawing, painting, digital art, collage, and photography. She loves inspiring children to be imaginative through art, writing, and creative workshops and lives by the philosophy that one of the best gifts you can give a child is inspiration. Her other loves (besides her family) are art, astronomy, architecture, and gardening.





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## Going Dark

Melissa de la Cruz

### Key Selling Points

- **FRESH, ENTHRALLING THRILLER FROM YA POWERHOUSE:** Melissa de la Cruz's books have sold more than a million copies and she is at the top of her game in this dark, gripping story of a beautiful young influencer who is anything but what she seems—and the boyfriend who appears to be responsible for her disappearance.
- **TIMELY TAKE ON RACE, MEDIA, AND CRIME:** Our heroine is fueled by rage over her sister's unsolved disappearance and the lack of concern over missing women of color when any missing white woman owns the news cycle.
- **A TART, EYE-OPENING EXAMINATION OF INFLUENCER CULTURE:** Amelia's thousands of followers are breathlessly following her case—and she expertly manipulates societal assumptions about the blonde, blue-eyed travel influencer who just wants to have fun on the road with her gorgeous, charming boyfriend.
- **HIGHLY COMPELLING FEMALE VIGILANTE:** Like the heroine of *Promising Young Woman*, Amelia is willing to cross ambiguous moral lines in order to seek justice.
- **MARKET HUNGER FOR YA THRILLERS:** The recent success of hits like *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*, Karen M. McManus's thrillers, and *Ace of Spades* reflect a hunger for twisty YA thrillers—this razor-sharp, white-knuckle ride with fascinating race and gender politics will meet the demand among YA and adult crossover readers.

### Summary

**From #1 New York Times bestselling author Melissa de la Cruz comes a ripped-from-the-headlines new adult mystery about all the missing girls who fall off the radar...**

#### #WhereisAmeliaAshley

#### The Influencer

Amelia Ashley shares everything with her followers – her favorite hole-in-the-wall restaurants, her best fashion tips, *and* her European trip-of-a-lifetime with her hot boyfriend.

#### The Boyfriend

Josh has no choice but to return home without Amelia after she abandons him in Rome. He has no clue where she went or how her blood got in his suitcase. Why won't anyone believe him?

#### The Hacker

To Harper Delgado, Amelia Ashley is just another missing white girl whipping up a media frenzy. But with each digital knot she untangles about the influencer, Harper wonders: who *is* Amelia Ashley?

#### The Other Girl

Two years ago, another girl went missing, one who never made headlines or had a trending hashtag.

#### The Truth

Amelia's disappearance has captured the world's attention. What comes next? Watch this space...

### Contributor Bio

**Melissa de la Cruz** is the #1 *New York Times*, #1 *Publishers Weekly*, and #1



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## Love Is a Story

Todd Tarpley, Sophie Leu

### Key Selling Points

**ENDEARING MOMENTS & DIVERSE CHARACTERS:** This book features sweet moments between parents, grandparents, caregivers, and children. It also features a diverse array of families and characters.

**HOLIDAY & EVERGREEN TOPIC:** This title has Valentine's Day appeal, as well as Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Grandparents Day interest.

**SWEET ARTWORK:** Sophie Leu's adorable artwork is perfectly suited to the poetic, tender text.

### Summary

*Love is the patter  
 of ten little toes  
 as the first light  
 of day trickles in.*

Follow parents, grandparents, and a wide array of kids throughout all the seasons as they learn about the meaning of love. Love can be the way your smile starts to curve when a giggle is about to begin, a puddle with you in the middle, a story read with a flashlight, or a morning that bursts into color. This is a sweet and reassuring story that resonates with kids and adults.

Author Todd Tarpley's joyful celebration of everyday expressions of love is matched perfectly by Leu's cozy, inviting art.

### Contributor Bio

**Todd Tarpley** is the author of 13 picture books, including *Beep! Beep! Go to Sleep!*, a 2016 ALA Notable Book, and *Naughty Ninja Takes a Bath*, which spent several days as the #1 children's book on Amazon at the end of 2019. His books have been featured in the *New York Times*; included on Best Books of the Year lists by *Huffington Post*, Chicago Public Library, and Bank Street College; and translated into Chinese, German, Italian, and Danish. Other books include *Would You, Could You Plant a Tree?* and *Would You, Could You Save the Sea?* Both feature Dr. Seuss's Lorax and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Seuss's classic book. Three more Dr. Seuss-themed books are coming soon. Tarpley lives in New York City with his family. Learn more at [toddtarpley.com](http://toddtarpley.com)

**Sophie Leu** is a Taiwanese illustrator based in Taipei with a particular passion for art and children's education. Her art is inspired by cultural experiences, self-introspection, everyday moments, and memories sprinkled with the bitter and sweet in life. She loves to combine traditional with digital media and always feels excited to experiment with new things. Learn more at [sophieleu.com](http://sophieleu.com)

### Illustrations





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**RRP:** \$24.99 AUD

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**Release Date:** 6th April 2024

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**Extent:** 32 pages | Four-colour Interior

**Weight:** 0.33 kg | **Carton Quantity:** 40 copies

**Imprint:** Starfish Bay Children's Books

- This Early Reader Collection is perfect for beginner preschool and kindergarten readers. It features large type and easy words which are paired with fun picture clues that will enable new readers decode the stories.
- Bold illustrations with colorful characters and fun picture clues.
- Simple text with short sentences, repetition, and rhyme which will enable new readers to enjoy reading and develop their vocabulary.

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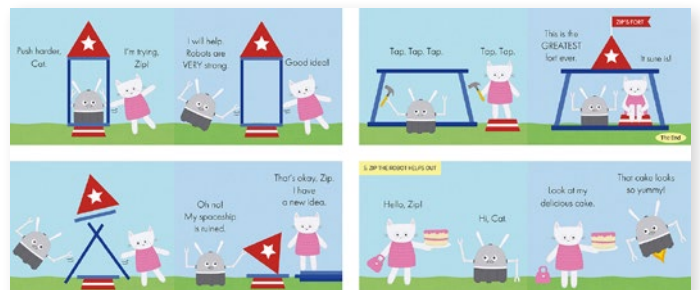
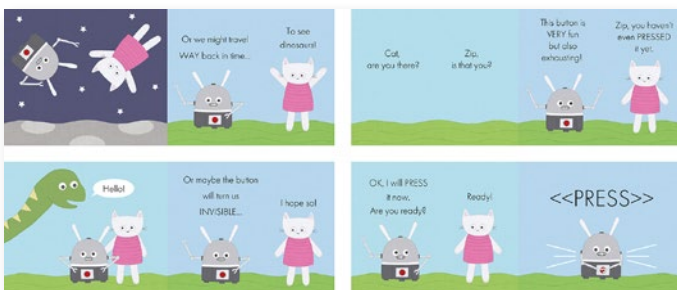
### Zip the Robot: Early Reader Collection

By (artist) Rebecca Purcell

Beginning readers will delight in these five fun stories starring Zip, the world's greatest robot.

What happens when an overconfident robot meets a sensible cat? Get ready for wacky mishaps, action packed fun, and a heartwarming friendship! This collection of five fun stories is perfect for beginner preschool and kindergarten readers. It combines bold, simple illustrations with lovable characters and easy-to-read text. Using humor and short dialogue, Zip the Robot Early Reader Collection aims to encourage a love of literacy in emergent readers.

**Rebecca Purcell** is a children's book author and illustrator from Portland, United States. She studied Art History in college before launching her career as an artist. Prints of her cute illustrations can be found in nurseries and playrooms around the world. Rebecca likes drawing with pencils, hiking through alpine meadows, and drinking large quantities of tea. She has written and illustrated several series of children's board books. Rebecca's book, *Zip the World's Greatest Robot*, was included as a Best of 2020 Board Book/Picture Book from *Kirkus Reviews*. She lives in an old brick house with her husband, two sons, a stubborn dog, and a nearly perfect cat.





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### Little Monster: Early Reader Collection

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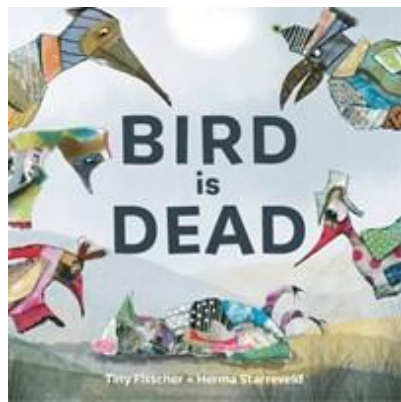
Join Little Monster and her animal friends for five fun adventures perfect for beginning readers.

Whether she's hosting a party or playing with friends, Little Monster makes reading engaging and fun! This early reader collection includes five simple stories told with rhyme, repetition, and fun picture clues aimed at helping young readers decode the story. Colorful illustrations and large easy-to-read text support success and will boost confidence in beginner preschool and kindergarten readers.

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## Bird is Dead

Tiny Fisscher, Herma Starreveld

### Key Selling Points

- **Straightforward portrayal of death:** Discusses death in a clear, simple way that is accessible for kids.
- **Humor and absurdity:** Captures the wide range of experiences and emotions we can have when someone dies.
- **Tool for social emotional learning:** A resource for helping kids to understand feelings of loss and grief, and how to process them.
- **Illustrated by a therapist:** Herma Starreveld was originally a therapist, and her visuals of collaged birds provide *Bird Is Dead* with a unique flare.

### Summary

**An honest and simple exploration of death and grief for kids 4 to 8. With playful illustrations by a therapist-turned-artist, *Bird is Dead* uses humor to make death a more approachable topic.**

Bird is dead. Yesterday he was alive. How do the other birds know? On your back + feet up = dead. Some of the birds cry a little. And that's alright. Crying together can be nice. When it's time to give Bird a funeral, they reminisce about him, and then have tea with worms (or cake, if you don't like worms).

**In a straightforward but warm way, this picture book of collaged birds can facilitate discussions with kids about:**

- What happens when someone dies
- How to understand their feelings of loss and grief
- How everyone can experience grief differently, and have a variety of emotions when something tragic happens

Sensitive and humorous, *Bird is Dead* provides kids and adults with a space to talk about death on their own terms.

### Contributor Bio

**Tiny Fisscher** writes for all ages in all genres, and is the author of many books for children.

**Herma Starreveld** was originally a therapist and now works as a mixed media artist.

### Marketing Plans

- Working with a children's book publicist
- National print reviews, interviews, and features
- Influencer outreach: Bookstagram and BookTok
- Paid and organic social media content
- Print galley mailing
- Downloadable resources on Greystone's Educator Hub

### Illustrations

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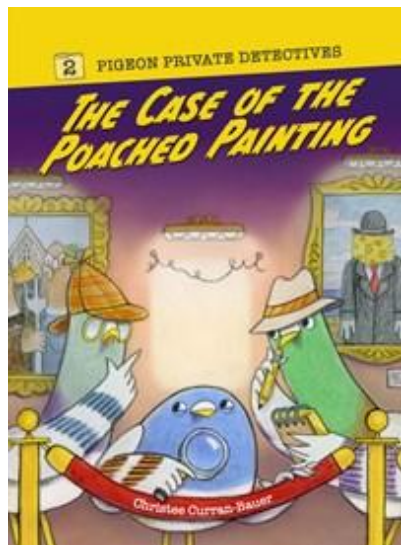
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Status: **FORTHCOMING**

# The Case of the Poached Painting

Book 2 of the Pigeon Private Detectives

Christee Curran-Bauer

## Key Selling Points

- DYNAMIC CHAPTER BOOK SERIES:** This funny, engaging series is poised to meet the competitive demands of the chapter book space.
- FRESH, GRAPHIC STYLE:** The mix of comic panel and traditional prose is perfect for readers who are just diving into graphic novel reading.
- CHOCK-FULL OF HUMOR:** The story is full of age-appropriate humor and laugh-out-loud moments and pays homage to the popular detective story genre.
- TALENTED AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR:** Curran-Bauer has illustrated several picture books, including *Sugar and Spice and Everything Mice*, Union Square Kids, 2020. The Pigeon Private Detectives series marks her debut as an author-illustrator.

## Summary

The Museum of Food Art is in a state of panic! A priceless painting was pilfered in the middle of the night. Fortunately, the Pigeon Private Detectives—PPD for short—are on the scene. These three detectives crave cracking a good case almost as much as they like snacks. But can they catch a thief who appears to be a master of disguise?

Once again, author-illustrator Christee Curran-Bauer pokes fun at detective procedurals with kid-friendly humor, as she did in book one of the series, *The Case of the Missing Tarts*

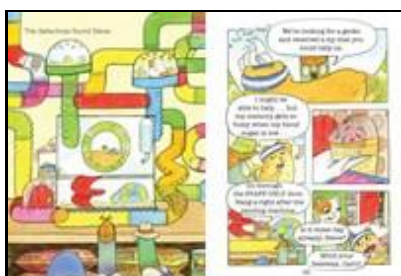
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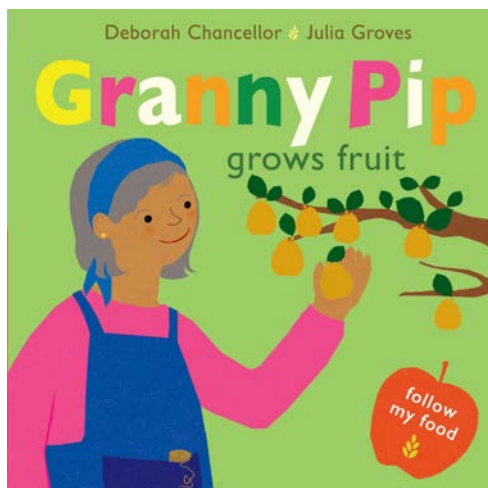
**Christee Curran-Bauer** has a BFA from Pratt Institute in communications design/illustration, and is a proud member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Curran-Bauer is a Jersey girl currently living in Maryland with her family and spoiled French bulldog. She invites you to visit her at [christeewithadoublee.blogspot.com](http://christeewithadoublee.blogspot.com) and on Twitter at @ChristeeDoubleE.

## Quotes

"Blending graphic novel-style panels and prose, Curran-Bauer once again delivers a riveting mystery; young animal lovers will eagerly decipher the clues along with the detectives . . . . Downright delicious."—*Kirkus*

## Illustrations





# Granny Pip Grows Fruit

By Deborah Chancellor and Julia Groves



Scallywag Press

The fourth in a stylish, narrative non-fiction collection to help small children understand and appreciate where their food comes from.

In the fourth book of this quartet, a little girl helps Granny Pip as she plants fruit bushes, feeds them with fertiliser, prunes and then harvests. Growing fruit is hard work, but eating it is delicious!

## Key Selling Points

- Introduces the Food to Fork concept from age 3+ and can prepare for a farm visit
- Now with 5 extra pages of information including a spread with a recipe and instructions
- Introduces the topics of sustainability and environmental awareness and supports SDGs
- Fills a gap in that it is relatable for very young children, but is also a hot topic for parents and carers
- Author has been shortlisted for the Little Rebels Award with *Real Lives: Harriet Tubman*. Illustrator has been nominated for the Progressive Pre-School Awards with *My Animal Babies* from Child's Play.



## 'Charming and informative' School Reading List

'Bright, clean, papercut illustrations create some striking spreads...the text is fact-filled but never dull.' **Books for Keeps**  
'A really gorgeous, engaging and colourful non-fiction book for young children.' **The Book Deli**

## Sales and Marketing

- Ongoing marketing for the series with Reading Zone and LoveReading4Kids
- Free Teacher notes, videos and resources on the website. Poster featuring all 4 books.
- Fourth in a series to be marketed as a collection: *Milly Cow Gives Milk, Polly Bee makes Honey, Shelly Hen lays eggs* (shortlisted for *Tach Early Years Award 2022*)
- Author and artist available for events and active on social media



**Deborah Chancellor** has written over a hundred books for children, from toddlers to teenagers. She lives with her family in Saffron Walden, Essex. **Julia Groves** has designed and illustrated a range of baby books and picture books for Child's Play. She lives with her family in Norfolk.



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## Rare Birds

Jeff Miller

### Key Selling Points

**LITERARY APPEAL**—Author Jeff Miller’s heartbreaking, coming-of-age story is beautifully written and authentically inspired by his personal experience of living through his own parent’s heart transplant.

**HIGH-STAKES ADVENTURE**—Harrowing mishaps in the Florida Everglades and gripping organ transplant surgeries leave readers on the edge to the very last page.

**QUINTESSENTIAL MIDDLE-GRADE THEMES**—Classic middle-grade topics are skillfully woven throughout: family, friendship, and the meaning of life.

**MEMORABLE WORLD**—Set against the backdrop of the Florida Everglades, the richness of life and the fragility of death are brilliantly on display. Miller uses the vibrant setting to enhance the storytelling experience, much as Carl Hiaasen, Jennifer L. Holm, and Kate DiCamillo do.

### Summary

**Jeff Miller’s heartbreaking, coming-of-age middle-grade novel—inspired by his personal experience living through his own parent’s heart transplant—invites readers into the world of a twelve-year-old birdwatcher looking for a place to call home and a way to save his mother, even if it means venturing deep into Florida swampland.**

Twelve-year-old Graham Dodds is no stranger to hospital waiting rooms. Sometimes, he feels like his entire life is one big waiting room. Waiting for the next doctor to tell them what’s wrong with his mom. Waiting to find out what city they’re moving to next. Waiting to see if they will finally get their miracle—a heart transplant to save his mom’s life.

When Graham gets stuck in Florida for the summer, he meets a girl named Lou at the hospital, and he finds a friend who needs a distraction as much as he does. She tells him about a contest to find the endangered Snail Kite, which resides in the local gator-filled swamps. Together they embark on an adventure, searching for the rare bird . . . and along the way, Graham might just find something else—himself.

**Jeff Miller crafts a heartfelt story about what it means to live in this unforgettable middle-grade novel. *Rare Birds* is a rare find that will resonate with fans of the Carl Hiaasen’s *Hoot* and Melissa Savage’s *Lemon*. For readers looking for novels with literary appeal and classic themes of family, friendship, and the meaning of life, *Rare Birds* is a perfect pick.**

Hardcover with dust jacket; 288 pages; 5.5 x 8.3 in.

### Contributor Bio

**Jeff Miller** is a middle-grade author and former camp counselor originally from Kent, Ohio. He loves snow, coffee, and visiting schools to connect with young readers. His mom, a 2018 heart transplant recipient, has always inspired him to face life with humor and heart. He is the author of The Nerdy Dozen series, middle-grade books about video games, friendship, top-secret aircraft, positivity, and ostriches. His latest middle-grade novel, *Rare Birds*, is authentically inspired by his personal experience of living through his own parent’s heart transplant. Miller currently lives in Chicago, where he keeps asking his cats for writing advice.

### Comp Titles

The Someday Birds	Pla, Sally J.	HarperCollins	2/01/2018	9780062445773 0062445774	\$6.99 USD	Paperback	Juvenile Fiction
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### Key Sales Points

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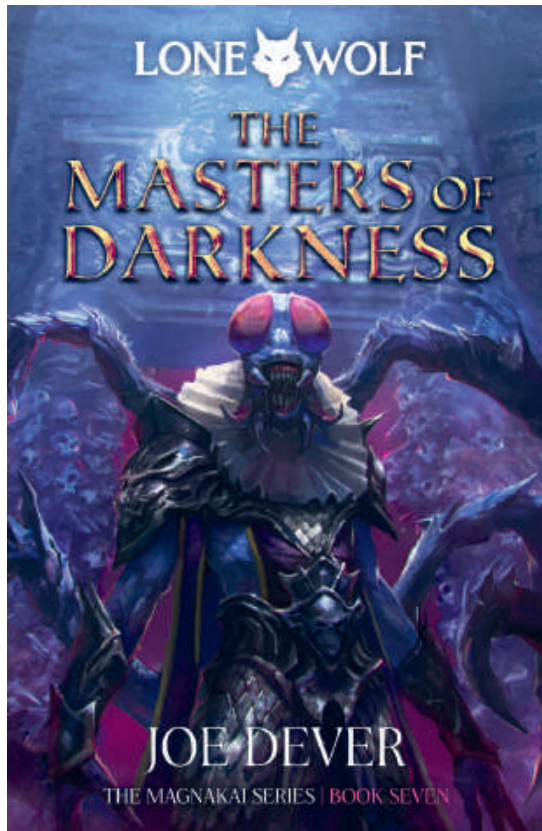
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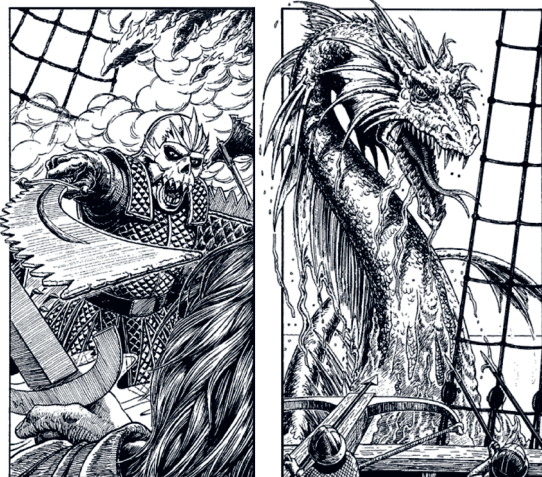
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