

Travelling Treasures 2.0

75 Incredible Tales of Things India Gave to the World

Mala Kumar

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SELLING POINTS

- **75 Incredible Stories of India's Gifts to the World:** From chess and shampoo to mangoes, cardamom, coconuts and pyjamas – discover how everyday things began their journey in India and travelled far and wide.
- **Ideas That Shaped Civilizations:** Explore how yoga, the wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita, the Vedas and Buddhism crossed oceans and influenced cultures across continents.
- **Perfect Blend of Facts and Fascinating Trivia:** Packed with surprising details and little-known stories – filled with delightful 'Did you know?' moments for curious minds and future quiz champions
- **Revives Pride in Our Heritage:** Encourages young readers to value India's traditions, creativity and spirit of innovation. Helps children appreciate their roots while understanding India's vital place in the interconnected world.
- **Encourages Global Thinking:** Introduces children to the idea of cultural exchange, ancient trade routes and interconnected civilizations long before modern travel existed.
- **Engaging A-to-Z Exploration:** A structured yet exciting journey – making history accessible, lively and fun.
- **A Fascinating Reference Companion:** A book to read, revisit and return to and gift – perfect for homes, classrooms and libraries.

ABOUT THE BOOK

From Pepper to Polo, Mangoes to Mindfulness – Discover What India Gave to the World!

A land of bustling ports, stitched ships, wandering monks and brilliant thinkers, India is where many everyday objects began their journey.

Did you know that the game of chess began as *chaturanga* in ancient India? That shampoo comes from the Hindi word *champo*? That comfy pyjamas, fragrant cardamom, golden ghee and even clever mathematical ideas crossed borders long ago? From the wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita and the Vedas to bindis, buttons, kathak and khaki, treasures from India travelled far and beyond.

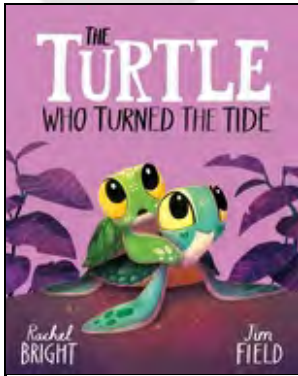
Packed with tales as tangy as amla and as sweet as sugarcane, this A-to-Z expedition brings you 75 fascinating stories of how things, tastes, games and life lessons journeyed from undivided India to the rest of the world.

Take a deep breath. Turn the page.

Your voyage begins now. Shubhyatra!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mala Kumar is a freelance writer, editor and author of over 40 books for children. A former editor with the not-for-profit multilingual publisher Pratham Books, she has conducted many storytelling sessions and workshops on recreational mathematics in schools. Her books include *Travelling Treasures: 100 Incredible Tales of How Things Came to India*, *Up the Mountains of India*, *The Missing Rocks of Hampi*, *Crazy Mazy's Maths Puzzles*, *Miss Laya's Fantastic Motorbike*, *Paper Play*, the Happy Maths series, Rupaiya Paisa series and a biography of Sir M. Visvesvaraya. She writes mostly about education, culture, environment, lifestyle, people, gardening and the social sector.



The Turtle Who Turned the Tide From The World of Rachel Bright & Jim Field

Rachel Bright (Illustrated By Jim Field)

Keynote

A heartwarming tale of adventure, bravery and one baby turtle who changes her world for good - from the bestselling and award-winning creators of *The Lion Inside*.

Description

A heartwarming tale of adventure, bravery and one baby turtle who changes her world for good - from the bestselling and award-winning creators of *The Lion Inside*.

On a midnight-black beach, it's time for a GRAND HATCHING. A rowdy crowd of animal onlookers have gathered to see which baby turtle will win the great race to safety in the sea.

But when Tula's brother loses his way, this baby turtle faces a difficult choice: will she choose to win the race or will she turn back to rescue her brother? And will the other animals stay on the sidelines, or will Tula's brave decision inspire them to join the rescue mission?

An inspiring and funny rhyming story of how we ALL have the power to change things for the better.

Look out for more wonderful books from The World of Rachel Bright and Jim Field:

The Lion Inside
The Koala Who Could
The Squirrels Who Squabbled
The Way Home for Wolf
The Whale Who Wanted More
The Gecko and the Echo
The Pandas Who Promised
The Camel Who Had the Hump

Praise for *The Lion Inside*:

"A heartfelt message, delightfully conveyed." *Parents in Touch*
"Captivating." *Books for Keeps*
"A delight to read over and over again." *WRD*

Sales Points

- With an empowering and important message at its heart, this book is the perfect way to open up conversations about how even the youngest people have the power to change their world.
- Jim Field is the illustrator of the Oi Frog and Friend series, which has sold over 3 million copies worldwide and has been translated into 14 languages.
- Rachel Bright is the author of the DinoFeelings series, which has sold over 1 million copies worldwide and has been translated into 31 languages.
- This action-packed, funny and heartwarming rhyming story is the 9th book in the World Of Rachel Bright and Jim Field
- The World of Rachel Bright & Jim Field series has sold over 6 million copies worldwide in 44 languages

Author Biography

Rachel Bright (Author)

Rachel Bright is a wordsmith, illustrator and professional thinker of happy thoughts. A prolific creator, she has written countless bestselling books for children, including *Love Monster*, *The Lion Inside*, *The Koala Who Could* and *The Worrysaurus* and has won many prestigious awards including The Lollies, The Evening Standard Oscar's Book Prize and The Sainsbury's Book Award. Her books have been translated into 47 languages and have sold over 5 million copies worldwide. She is also the creator of award-winning stationery and homewares range, *The Brightside*. Rachel lives in a forest clearing near the seaside, with her partner, their two young daughters and numerous animals.

Jim Field (Illustrator)

Jim Field is an award-winning illustrator, character designer and animation director. He has illustrated many bestselling children's books, including *Oi Frog!* (written by Kes Gray) and *The Lion Inside* (written by Rachel Bright). Jim is also the illustrator of the Rabbit and Bear series, J.K. Rowling's *The Christmas Pig* and his debut author-illustrator bilingual picture book, *Monsieur Roscoe on Holiday*. He lives near Paris with his wife and daughter.

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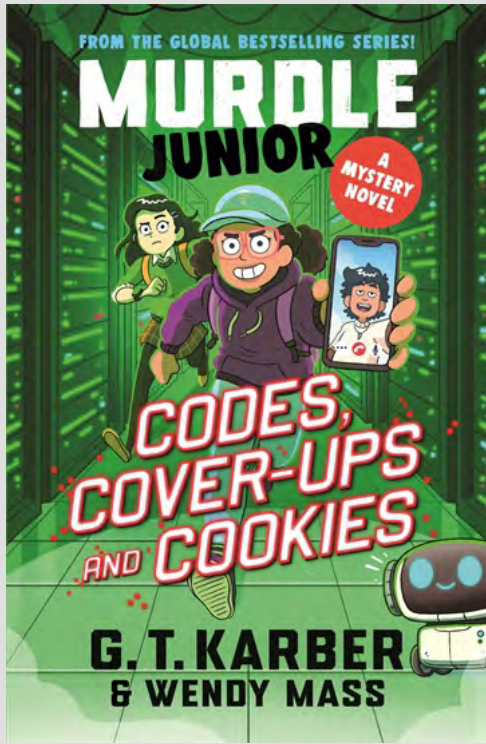
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The Worrysaurus
The Hugasaurus
The Stompysaurus
The Wobblysaurus
The Chattysaurus

Illustrator

Oi Frog!
Oi Cat!
Oi Dog!
Oi Duck-billed Platypus!
Oi Puppies!
Oi Aardvark!
Oi Dinosaurs!

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher



REVIEWS

‘*PRAISE FOR *MURDLE JUNIOR: CURIOUS CRIMES FOR CURIOUS MINDS**’ - :

‘Immersive puzzle and mystery-solving fun that’s guaranteed to keep them busy over the festive period’ - *Woman & Home*

‘Perfect for kids who enjoy piecing together clues and working out mysteries . . . **If you’re looking for a book that both entertains and challenges young minds, *Murdle Junior* is an excellent choice**’ - *Irish News*

‘An exciting new book of perplexing puzzle mysteries for young detectives aged 9 to 12 years’ - *Irish Times*

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Murdle Junior Mysteries: Codes, Cover-ups and Cookies

A Mystery Novel

G. T. KARBER

KEYNOTE

The second *Murdle Junior* novel from the global bestselling series, with puzzles to solve as you read!

SALES POINTS

- The second *Murdle Junior* novel for young readers aged 9 to 12 years.
- The *Murdle* books have sold a total of over HALF A MILLION copies across the series!
- *Murdle* won 2023 Waterstones Gift of the Year and the British Book Awards 2024 Overall Book of the Year.
- G. T. Karber is an unstoppable ball of energy beloved by fans of puzzles and crime fiction!

DESCRIPTION

A new *Murdle Junior* novel from the bestselling *Murdle* puzzle series!

Junior detective Olivia is the greatest computer programmer in the world, so she's extremely excited to be spending the summer working at her father's company. TekCo Futures' latest invention, the MORIARTY Supercomputer, is a powerful and definitely safe artificial intelligence that most people believe will save the world.

Olivia's biggest problem is her arch-rival, Hazel Brown, whose father also works at TekCo. But when VP Brown collapses in the MORIARTY room, Olivia and Hazel must team up to find out whodunnit... Was it Technologist Turquoise in the server rows? Janitor Salmon in the Metaverse? Or could it have been MORIARTY itself?

Find out as you unravel the mystery alongside Olivia and Hazel in this new *Murdle Junior* adventure!

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

G. T. Karber is the award-winning creator of *Murdle*, the global bestselling puzzle sensation. He grew up in Arkansas, the son of a judge and a civil rights attorney and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Arkansas with a degree in mathematics and English literature, before gaining an MFA from the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts. He is the General Secretary of the Hollywood Mystery Society and one of only three non-British authors to have ever published a number one Christmas bestseller in the UK.

Wendy Mass is a New York Times bestselling children's author. Her first book was *A Mango-Shaped Space*, and since then she has written thirty-one novels for young people. Wendy lives in New Jersey with her family.

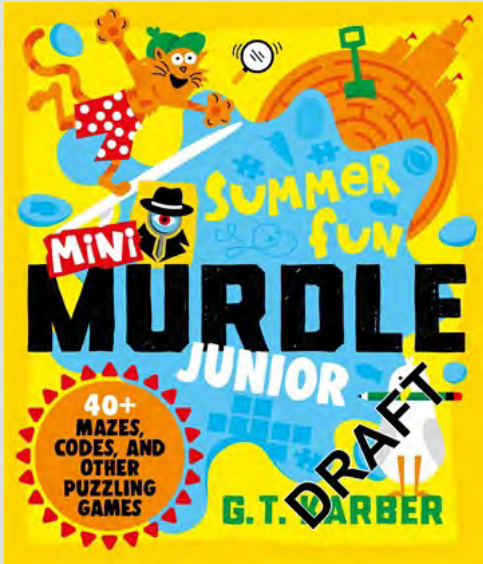
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Mini Murdle Junior: Summer Fun

40+ Mazes, Codes, Wordsearches and other Brilliant Puzzles

G. T. KARBER

KEYNOTE

A pocket-sized puzzle activity books for younger puzzlers, from the global bestselling Murdle series!

SALES POINTS

- The first book for children aged 8-10 in the **puzzle phenomenon that has sold over a MILLION copies** across the series, perfect to take on holiday with younger children!
- *Murdle* book one was the UK Christmas #1 bestseller in 2023, Waterstones Gift of the Year 2023 and overall Book of the Year at the 2024 British Book Awards
- G. T. Karber is an unstoppable ball of energy beloved by fans of puzzles and crime fiction!
- **Soon to be an Prime Video TV series**

DESCRIPTION

The internationally bestselling MURDLE series presents a new puzzle activity book for younger detectives!

Dive into summer with Buster McPaws, the greatest ever cat detective, as his relaxing holiday turns into a daring adventure. . . Before long he’s unravelling coded notes, discovering secret labs and chasing after nefarious criminals in a full-blown seaside mystery! Join Buster to connect the dots, solve mazes and follow the curious trail of clues to catch whodunnit.

Packed with illustrations, wordsearches and maps, *Mini Murdle Junior* is an introduction to a mind-bending world kids will love!

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

G. T. Karber is the award-winning creator of *Murdle*, the global bestselling puzzle sensation. He grew up in Arkansas, the son of a judge and a civil rights attorney, and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Arkansas with a degree in mathematics and English literature, before gaining an MFA from the University of Southern California’s School of Cinematic Arts. His books have sold in over thirty languages and he is one of only three non-British authors ever to have published a no. 1 Christmas bestseller in the UK.

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FIFA World Cup 2026 Kids' Handbook The Official Guide

Alex Rice

Keynote

Official kids' companion guide to the FIFA men's World Cup 2026 - filled with tournament facts, team profiles, top players, stats, on-the-page activities and fill-in chart

Description

As excitement builds in the run-up to the world's greatest football competition, the official 2026 FIFA World Cup Kids' Handbook provides the perfect World Cup companion for young football fans. This book is bursting with information about the host nations (USA/Canada/Mexico), providing an overview the stadiums, FIFA World Cup facts, statistics, plus a rundown of top teams and star players and much more. As well as everything a young fan needs to know to become a World Cup expert, there are football puzzles, quizzes, games, wordsearches, dot-to-dots and other activities to keep them entertained. A fill-in progress chart lets young fans record match results as the tournament progresses, and makes this book a great personalized souvenir of the 2026 FIFA World Cup

Sales Points

- *The official guide to the 2026 World Cup. offers young fans aged 6+ the perfect fact-filled compendium as a companion to the most-watched football tournament in the world.*
- *Full colour, action-packed spreads give budding fans an integrated mix of bite-sized facts about the tournament and its history, as well as fun soccer puzzles, quizzes, and other on-the-page activities.*
- *Features an exciting players-to-watch section, profiling the stars who are predicted to light up the tournament*
- *Includes a fill-in chart for young fans to record the results in as the tournament unfolds, helping to keep them engaged during the 39-day festival of football*

Author Biography

Alex Rice is a former BBC journalist who now helps international sporting organisations develop innovative digital content. An excellent communicator, Alex was co-presenter of one of football's first successful podcasts, The Beautiful Game, from 2004-2006.

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CBMC **E3N79**
 Age **12+ years**
 Subject **Fiction**
 Type **Ordinary Printed Book Format**
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Author living in **Hertfordshire, UK**

Previous Titles
 We Used to be Magic

Your Favourite Fake Girlfriend must-read dreamy romance - fake dating with a wedding twist!

Bea Ingalls

Keynote

Sweet and swoony fake-dating romance - because life's never perfect but pretending might be. A dreamy contemporary love story from the brilliantly talented author of *We Used to be Magic*.

Description

Sweet and swoony fake-dating romance - because life's never perfect but pretending might be. A dreamy contemporary love story from the brilliantly talented author of *We Used to be Magic*.

When her boy next-door first love breaks her heart, Dee is *devastated*. Wilf's been the boy of her dreams forever. . . till he moved to uni and made moves on his flatmate. But an unexpected offer from his awkward but hot uni neighbour, Arthur, brings a whole new spin with an invitation to a gorgeous week-long wedding celebration. Maybe Dee can get her sweet revenge and show Wilf exactly what he's missing? The fact that he loathes Arthur doesn't hurt either.

The only catch is, she's not there just to fill the guestlist, Dee's been invited as Arthur's 'long-term girlfriend', and Arthur just happens to be the brother of the bride. This wedding party's about to get complicated . . .

A romantic slow-burn love story as fake-dating gets a gorgeous wedding twist. Perfect for fans of Lynn Painter, Emily Henry and Ali Hazelwood.

Sales Points

- Dreamy contemporary romance for YA fans of Lynn Painter, Emily Henry, Ali Hazelwood and *One Day*.
- Aspirational real-life romance of British university students lovingly featuring classic rom-com tropes of fake dating, close proximity, flawed but hopeful protagonists and a gorgeously romantic wedding setting (brother of the bride!)
- Newly independent university-age students lead this 'closed-door romance' - there's hugely satisfying charged romantic tension and scenes of intimacy, but without new adult style explicit sexual content.
- For reader fans of all-time rom-com cinematic greats such as *When Harry met Sally* and *The Apartment*.

Author Biography

Bea Ingalls is an English graduate based in Hertfordshire, UK. She is a debut author who writes contemporary young adult fiction inspired by her love of big, cinematic storytelling. Aside from writing, you can find her making playlists, working as a bookseller, re-watching BBC's *Pride and Prejudice* or spending time with her best friend, Charlie the dog.





Famous Five Colour Short Stories: The Lost Kittens

Enid Blyton and Sufiya Ahmed (Illustrated By Jennifer Jamieson)

Keynote

Introduce The Famous Five to younger readers with these BRAND-NEW mystery stories for children aged five and up.

Description

The Five are learning how to rollerblade, but their practice comes to a halt when they find some lost kittens in the park! Where could they have come from? It's up to the Five to help these mischievous kittens find their mother before they cause more chaos than they already have.

Set in the world of Enid Blyton's best-loved series, this newly created story follows Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog on a special new adventure. The story is broken down into short chapters with vibrant, full-colour illustrations on every page - perfect for shared reading or for newly confident readers to enjoy independently.

Also look out for: *The Birthday Adventure*, *Five to the Rescue!*, *Five and the Runaway Dog*, *Message in a Bottle*, *Timmy and the Treasure*, *The Mysterious Noise*, *Five and the Missing Prize* and *The Library Mystery*, illustrated by Becka Moor, as well as *The Painting Puzzle*, *Trouble at the Farm* and *The Scavenger Hunt* illustrated by Jennifer Jamieson.

Enid Blyton's eight original short stories about the Famous Five are also available as early readers illustrated by Jamie Littler. Collect them all: *A Lazy Afternoon*, *George's Hair Is Too Long*, *Well Done*, *Famous Five*, *Five and a Half-Term Adventure*, *When Timmy Chased the Cat*, *Five Have a Puzzling Time*, *Good Old Timmy* and *Happy Christmas, Five!*

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Sales Points

- These colour short stories are a brilliant way for existing fans to enjoy *The Famous Five* - and an innovative, lively introduction to the series for newly-confident readers
- This is an addition to the popular range of existing *Famous Five* colour short stories, which have combined sales of over 100,000 in the UK [TCM]
- The text is broken down into short chapters and there are colour pictures on every spread, making these books the perfect stepping stone from picture books to longer chapter books

Author Biography

Enid Blyton (Author)

Enid Blyton is one of the world's best-loved storytellers. Her books have sold over 500 million copies and have been translated into more languages more often than any other children's author.

She wrote over 700 books and 2,000 short stories, including favourites such as *The Famous Five*, *The Secret Seven*, *The Magic Faraway Tree* and *Malory Towers*.

Born in London in 1897, Enid lived much of her life in Buckinghamshire and adored dogs, gardening and the countryside. She died in 1968 but remains one of the world's best-loved storytellers.

Sufiya Ahmed (Author)

Sufiya Ahmed worked in advertising and in the House of Commons before becoming a full-time author. In 2010, she set up the BIBI Foundation which arranges visits to the Houses of Parliament for children from underprivileged backgrounds. Sufiya has written several children's books including *Famous Five: Timmy and the Treasure*, *My Story: Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan* and *Under the Great Plum Tree* which was longlisted for the UK Literacy Association Book Awards. Follow Sufiya on Twitter @sufiyyaahmed.

Jennifer Jamieson (Illustrator)

Jen Jamieson loves creating quirky, feisty and friendly characters and bringing their wonderful personalities to life. She has a passion for inclusiveness and is a strong advocate for representation in children's books. She loves the idea that we can change the world with the books we create. Jennifer's work is instantly recognisable due to her rich, bright colour palette, quirky patterns and detailed textures. Her two young children provide her with endless inspiration for her work.

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Series	Famous Five: Short Stories
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Previous Titles

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 Famous Five Adventures: The Painting Puzzle
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 Famous Five Adventures: The Scavenger Hunt



Reading Champion: Enid Blyton animal stories: Bushy's Secret Yellow Band 3

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Rosie Edwards)

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands for children starting to read independently

Description

Introducing simple retellings of Enid Blyton's animal stories to a young audience, especially written for children beginning to read. Each story is accompanied by beautiful colour illustrations to engage the young reader and support the text.

In this story, *Bushy*, a squirrel, has collected some nuts for winter. His cousin, *Frisky* wants them, but *Bushy* doesn't want to share. Can he hide them and keep their location a secret?

Reading Champion is an independent reading programme carefully levelled to match book bands widely used in schools. This book is suitable for readers aged 4+ and has been levelled at book band Yellow 3.

Sales Points

- Simple retellings of Enid Blyton's animal stories, made accessible for younger readers
- Charming colour artwork by Rosie Edwards brings Blyton's animal characters to a younger audience
- Carefully levelled to book band yellow 3, a perfect next step for children learning to read

Author Biography

Jackie Walter (Author)

Jackie Walter has written and edited many books for children. She never gets tired of listening to and telling a good story. Jackie lives in Cornwall with her husband and young daughters.

Rosie Edwards (Illustrator)

Rosie Edwards is an illustrator based in Northern Ireland. She has a degree in Textiles from Cardiff Metropolitan University and experience in designing homeware, stationery and greetings cards, focusing on children's products.

Rosie's inspired by the world building and character design of Disney and Pixar. She is also appreciative of the craftsmanship of stop-motion animation, such as Aardman Animations.

Fascinated with ancient civilisations and global cultural history, Rosie loves to travel. If she wasn't an artist she'd like to be cabin crew for a long-haul airline. Luckily, being a freelance illustrator gives her the same freedom, just sadly without the fabulous uniform.

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Thema 1.6	Educational: First / native language: Readers and reading schemes (YPCA21) For primary education (4CD) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF) English (2ACB)
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Bushy's Secret
The Clever Puppy
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Rainbow Magic: Ruby the Red Fairy Full Colour Graphic Novel: The Rainbow Fairies Book 1

Daisy Meadows

Keynote

Meet the rainbow fairies in full-colour graphic novel retellings of the classic bestselling chapter book series *Rainbow Magic!*

Description

All the magic of the original story, brought to life in a colourful graphic novel!

Best friends Rachel and Kirsty can't believe it when they meet a magical fairy at the end of a rainbow. Ruby the Red Fairy flies them away to Fairyland, but the beautiful kingdom is in trouble. Can the girls help save it?

With full-colour illustrations and action-packed panels, this graphic novel is perfect for visual learners and readers just starting to enjoy stories independently.

'These stories are magic; they turn children into readers!' ReadingZone.com

Collect all the books in the Rainbow Fairies series: Ruby the Red Fairy; Amber the Orange Fairy; Saffron the Yellow Fairy; Fern the Green Fairy; Sky the Blue Fairy; Izzy the Indigo Fairy and Heather the Violet Fairy.

Sales Points

- A reimagining of the classic bestselling series, perfect for existing fans looking for a new way to enjoy the stories as well as those approaching the series for the first time, and reluctant readers
- Full colour illustrated adaptations of the original stories
- Modernised with a fresh new look

Author Biography

The *Rainbow Magic*, *Unicorn Magic* and *Pixie Magic* books are written by a small collective of authors under the name Daisy Meadows. *Rainbow Magic* is the no.1 bestselling series for children aged 5 and up with over 40 million copies sold worldwide!

Learn more about the books at orchardseriesbooks.co.uk, where you can find your *Rainbow Magic* fairy and discover a new series to enjoy.

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Thema 1.6	Graphic novel / Comic book / Manga: Fantasy, esoteric (XQM) Children's / Teenage fiction: Magical realism / Magical fantasy (YFHD) Children's / Teenage general interest: Fairies, elves, or similar magic-like beings or folk (YNXB4) Children's / Teenage fiction: Friendship stories (YFMF) For National Curriculum Key Stage 1 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-A CF) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF)

CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	80 pages
Word Count	
Series	Rainbow Magic Graphic Novel
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher



Rainbow Magic: Amber the Orange Fairy Full Colour Graphic Novel: The Rainbow Fairies Book 2

Daisy Meadows

Keynote

Meet the rainbow fairies in full-colour graphic novel retellings of the classic bestselling chapter book series *Rainbow Magic!*

Description

All the magic of the original story, brought to life in a colourful graphic novel!

Amber the Orange Fairy has been trapped by mean Jack Frost somewhere on Rainspell Island! Can Rachel and Kirsty find Amber and return her to her sister before colour disappears from Fairyland for ever?

With full-colour illustrations and action-packed panels, this graphic novel is perfect for visual learners and readers just starting to enjoy stories independently.

'These stories are magic; they turn children into readers!' ReadingZone.com

Collect all the books in the Rainbow Fairies series: Ruby the Red Fairy; Amber the Orange Fairy; Saffron the Yellow Fairy; Fern the Green Fairy; Sky the Blue Fairy; Izzy the Indigo Fairy and Heather the Violet Fairy.

Sales Points

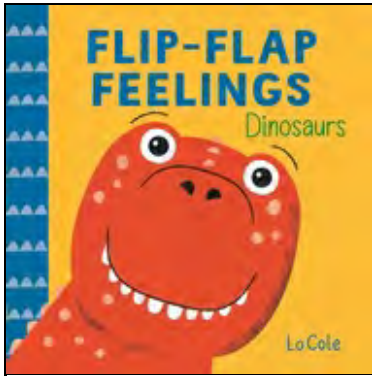
- A reimagining of the classic bestselling series, perfect for existing fans looking for a new way to enjoy the stories as well as those approaching the series for the first time, and reluctant readers
- Full colour illustrated adaptations of the original stories
- Modernised with a fresh new look

Author Biography

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CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	B Format
Extent	80 pages
Word Count	
Series	Rainbow Magic Graphic Novel
Exclusively for Sale	Cw; Ire; UK
Not for Sale	Can; USA
1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
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Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher



Flip-Flap Feelings: Dinosaurs

Pat-a-Cake (Illustrated By Lo Cole)

Keynote

A fun, innovative new board book that introduces little ones to BIG feelings.

Description

Happy or sad.
Quiet or loud.
How are *you* feeling today?

Meet a host of new pet friends! This chunky board book allows little ones to transform the emotion of each animal with the simple flip of a flap, and provides a fun way to talk about feelings together. Curious readers will love learning new words for their emotions and copying the animal's expressions!

With bright, bold artwork from Lo Cole (*Ten on a Twig, Doris*) and a bouncy rhyme to share aloud, this book is perfect for keeping little hands *and* little minds busy. Flip-flap fun for everyone!

Sales Points

- An engaging introduction to identifying and talking about feelings
- Cleverly designed, easily grabbable flaps allow little hands to transform the animal's expression and emotion on every spread
- Helps to develop hand-eye coordination and early motor skills
- Durable, chunky board book with rounded corners
- Featuring bold, graphic artwork by internationally acclaimed illustrator and printmaker, Lo Cole

Author Biography

Pat-a-Cake (Author)

Pat-a-Cake takes you and your child on a magical journey. From sharing the very first baby book to watching your little one read all by themselves. The adventure begins here . . .

Lo Cole (Illustrator)

Lo Cole is an international award winning British illustrator and author. His witty, bold and imaginative artwork has featured on posters, in books, magazines, newspapers. With children's books in his blood (Lo's parents created the children's TV character, Bod), Lo's recent books include *Ten On A Twig, We Want a Dog, Ten In A Hurry*, and *Doris*. Clients include; Rockerbird Books, Sourcebooks, Union Square, Walker Books, Egmont UK, Usborne, Busch, Oxford University Press, Waitrose, The Guardian, The Economist, TIME, The New Republic and . . . Tottenham Hotspur (for whom Lo is a life-long supporter).

Publication date	Thursday, May 21, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781526384225
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage personal and social topics: Emotions, moods, feelings and behaviours (YXE) Children's interactive and activity books and kits (YBG) Baby books (YBCB) For National Curriculum Early Years (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACA) Interest age: from c 24 months (5ABK)
CBMC	A3J79
Age	0-5 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Novelty Book
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	
Format	180x180
Extent	10 pages
Word Count	
Series	Flip Flap Feelings
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Flip-Flap Feelings: Farm
Flip-Flap Feelings: Jungle
Flip-Flap Feelings: Pets

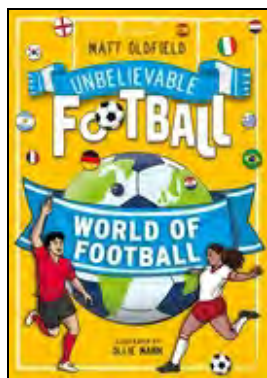
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Unbelievable Football: World of Football

Matt Oldfield

Keynote

Discover the most unbelievable footballing moments from every corner of the globe, in the brand-new book in the award-winning and bestselling Unbelievable Football series.

Description

****Take a trip around the world of football and discover the most unbelievable moments from the truly global game.****

Think you know everything about the world of football?

Have you heard of ...

- * The amazing football match played on the ice sheets of Antarctica?
- * The African nation that scored back-to-back gold medals?
- * The Spanish sensation who helped lift the biggest trophy in the world?
- * The Egyptian twins who played their entire careers on the same team?
- * The most unusual pitch ever, in the crater of a Mexican volcano?

From incredible footballers to the history of the game on each of the five continents, this book is packed full of true stories, player profiles, match stats and country facts all about the fantastic world of football.

In the wonderful World Cup year of 2026, grab your boots and get ready for kick off, in the next unbeatable book for football-mad kids in the award-winning Unbelievable Football series.

Sales Points

- **Bestseller!** We have sold 160k copies of the Unbelievable Football series books across 5 books.
- **Reluctant readers:** research shows that reading daily is important for making strong reading habits. We also know non-fiction and football can be appealing to readers who want to know more about their favourite hobby but don't think reading is for them. This book will help reluctant readers make daily reading habits with fun, short and easy football stories.
- **World Cup year:** 2026 is a World Cup year, and this is publishing just in time for that. Stories with feature players, games, stats, facts and more from every participant country, as well as many others, making it a truly global title.
- **Brand building:** 2026 is a key year for Matt Oldfield, with high-profile publishing from Spring onwards.

Author Biography

Matt Oldfield is the author of the *Unbelievable Football* series (winner of the 2020 Children's Sports Book of the Year) and the *Johnny Ball: Football Genius* series, as well as the co-author of the bestselling *Ultimate Football Heroes* and *Football GOAT* series. He has also worked with Lioness Beth Mead on her children's book, *Roar*, which won the 2024 Children's Sports Book of the Year award. To date, his books have sold over 3 million copies worldwide.

Publication date	Thursday, May 21, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier	9781526368096
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage general interest: Ball games and sports: Association football (Soccer) (YNWD1) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)

CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	183x129
Extent	272 pages
Word Count	
Series	Unbelievable Football
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Unbelievable Football
Unbelievable Football 2
Unbelievable Football:: The England Edition
Unbelievable Football: 5-Minute Short Stories
Unbelievable Football: 365 Amazing True Stories

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Publication date	Thursday, May 28, 2026
Price	£6.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781445197241
Thema 1.6	Educational: First / native language: Readers and reading schemes (YPCA21) For primary education (4CD) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF) English (2ACB)

CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	210x148
Depth	8mm
Extent	24 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Timmy to the Rescue!,
9781445197173
The Five's New Den, 9781445197234
Anne's Secret, 9781445197265
The Mysterious Visitor,
9781445197203
The Five on a Bike Ride,
9781445197326
George's Missing Boat,
9781445197296

Reading Champion: The Famous Five: The Five's New Den Green Band 5

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Beatriz Castro)

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands for children starting to read independently

Description

Brand new readers based on the wonderful world of Enid Blyton's Famous Five characters, especially written for children beginning to read. Each story is accompanied by colourful illustrations to engage the young reader and support the text.

In this story, the Five are off on a hike when it starts to rain. They make a great new den by an old barn to stay dry, but when they return to it later, there is a problem ...

Reading Champion is an independent reading programme carefully levelled to match book bands widely used in schools. This book is suitable for readers aged 5+ and has been levelled at book band Green 5.

Sales Points

- Original stories based on the much-loved characters of Enid Blyton's The Famous Five
- Vibrant new artwork for a young audience
- Carefully levelled to book band green 5, perfect for children learning to read independently

Author Biography

Jackie Walter (Author)

Jackie Walter has written and edited many books for children. She never gets tired of listening to and telling a good story. Jackie lives in Cornwall with her husband and young daughters.

Beatriz Castro (Illustrator)

Beatriz Castro was born in La Rioja, Spain in 1985. When she was a little girl, she was always drawing and writing stories. She studied illustration at the school of arts in her home town, Logroño. After graduating, she embarked on a career as a professional illustrator and has since been published by many international publishing houses. She especially enjoys creating funny characters. Beatriz likes animals, classic stories and fairy tales and listens to rock and punk music.

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Reading Champion: Magic Faraway Tree: Saucepan Man's New Pan Pink Band 1

Jackie Walter (Illustrated By Amy Zhing)

Keynote

This story is part of *Reading Champion*, a series carefully linked to book bands for children starting to read independently

Description

Introducing the characters of Enid Blyton's *Magic Faraway Tree* to a young audience with these fun new adventures, especially written for children beginning to read. Each story is accompanied by colourful illustrations to engage the young reader and support the text.

In this story, Saucepan Man gets a new pan. The trouble is, he doesn't know where to put it!

Reading Champion is an independent reading programme carefully levelled to match book bands widely used in schools. This book is suitable for readers aged 4+ and has been levelled at book band Pink 1B.

Sales Points

- Original stories based on the much-loved characters of Enid Blyton's *Magic Faraway Tree*
- Dazzling colour artwork by Amy Zhing captures the magical world of Blyton's *Enchanted Wood* setting
- Carefully levelled to book band pink 1b, a perfect first step for children learning to read

Author Biography

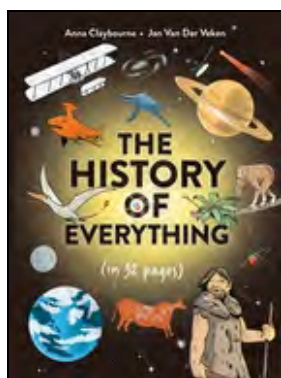
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Publication date	Thursday, May 28, 2026
Price	£6.99 / ₹499
Main Identifier	9781445196558
Thema 1.6	Educational: First / native language: Readers and reading schemes (YPCA21) For primary education (4CD) Interest age: from c 5 years (5AF) English (2ACB)
CBMC	B3N79
Age	5-7 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in
Binding	Paperback
Format	210x148
Depth	4mm
Extent	24 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Silky's Cakes, 9781445196459
Moonface and the Kitten, 9781445196480
Dame Washalot's Tub, 9781445196510
A Surprise for Angry Pixie, 9781445196572
Wake Up, Mr Watzisname!, 9781445196602

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher



Publication date	Thursday, May 07, 2026
Price	£7.99 / ₹599
Main Identifier	9781510232006
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage general interest: History and the past (YNH) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH)

CBMC	C5N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Non-fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character	Non-character
Tie In	Non Tie-in

Binding	Paperback
Format	300mm x 223mm
Extent	32 pages
Word Count	
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World
Not for Sale	None

1st Serial	Refer to Publisher
2nd Serial	Refer to Publisher
Audio	Refer to Publisher
Dramatisation and documentary	Refer to Publisher
Electronic	Refer to Publisher
Film and TV	Refer to Publisher
Large print	Refer to Publisher
Podcast	Refer to Publisher
Translation	Refer to Publisher
Undramatised (straight) reading	Refer to Publisher
US	Refer to Publisher

The History of Everything in 32 Pages

Anna Claybourne (Illustrated By Jan Van Der Veken)

Keynote

In the beginning, about 13.8 billion years ago, the Universe started with a bang.

Description

In the beginning, about 13.8 billion years ago, the Universe started with a bang. Travel through time and space to learn how the world has evolved from the Big Bang onwards! From the creation of the stars, through the evolution of plants and animals, the dawn of the dinosaurs, and on towards the first humans, early civilizations, empires, and technology, this incredible book will take you through the history of, well, everything! *The History of Everything in 32 Pages* is a visual guide to 'everything'-from the formation of the solar system, right up to the modern day. Fourteen exciting double-page spreads draw you into a world of discovery. Each fascinating scene depicts a key development in life on earth, with colorful and engaging illustrations and packed with interesting facts and figures. *The History of Everything in 32 Pages* takes you through the ages in a compact and concise way, covering a huge-ranging subject in just one book! A fun and accessible guide to the history of the universe, this book is suitable for children aged 7 and above. Anna Claybourne is a children's author who has written non-fiction books on a wide variety of topics, including science and technology, wildlife, and history.

Sales Points

- A visual guide to 'everything'-from the Big Bang and the formation of the solar system, right up to the modern day
- Covers the major events between the beginning of the universe and now, including the creation of stars, the development of life, the arrival of humans, the dawn of history, the growth of empires, revolutions of all kinds and the age of technology
- Heavily illustrated with beautiful and informative artwork
- Compact and concise, so you can cover this huge-ranging subject in just one book

Author Biography

Anna Claybourne has written over 150 children's books on all kinds of subjects, from sharks, black holes and splitting the atom to how to draw, Shakespeare's life, and Greek myths and legends. She knows a lot about conservation in the rain forests of Costa Rica as she once volunteered there for three months. She likes space, sewing and music, plays the trombone and loves going camping.

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Classics Retold: Dracula

Mick Gowar (Illustrated By Lia Visirin)

Keynote

Beautifully simple abridged versions of the Classics for a young new audience.

Description

Beautifully simple abridged versions of the Classics for a young new audience.

In this story based on Bram Stoker's original text, Count Dracula aims to leave his castle in Transylvania and head across the sea to England, where he plans to unleash his vampires ... can he be stopped before it's too late?

Enter the world of literary classics with these expertly retold chapter books for young readers. Atmospheric and evocative colour artwork accompanies accessible text in a dyslexia friendly-font. Extra features include a short biography of Bram Stoker, plus some extra facts and comprehension exercises at the back of the book to help students study the text in more depth. A brilliant edition for all classrooms and perfect for readers age 7+ making the next step to longer texts.

Books to collect in this series: *Dracula*; *Frankenstein*; *Jane Eyre*; *Oliver Twist*; *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*; *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.

Sales Points

- The text has been carefully abridged by expert authors to make it highly accessible for reluctant and high-10 readers and uses a dyslexia-friendly font
- The stories are brought to life with the beautiful colour artwork of Romanian illustrator Lia Visirin
- The back of the books also feature author biographies, comprehension activities, and a relevant timeline of events to further support learning

Author Biography

Mick Gowar (Author)

Mick has written or edited more than 100 books for children and young people. He visits schools, libraries, colleges and festivals throughout the UK and abroad to give readings, performances and lead workshops.

Lia Visirin (Illustrator)

Lia was born in a small town in Transylvania, Romania, where she now lives with her husband and lots of house plants. She has a BA in traditional graphic arts, but she is a self-taught children's books illustrator. She discovered her passion for children's illustrations very early on. Later, she started working on children's magazines with a local publishing house and knew she wanted to continue on this route. Presently, she works with renowned publishers from all over the world like Walker Books, Usborne, Harper Collins and many more. Lia gets inspiration from nature, old photographs and childhood memories. Her style has beautiful color palettes and lots of details, which transform into wonderfully whimsical illustrations.

Publication date	Thursday, May 14, 2026
Price	£10.99 / ₹899
Main Identifier	9781445197654
Thema 1.6	Children's / Teenage fiction: Classic fiction (YFA) Interest age: from c 7 years (5AH) For National Curriculum Key Stage 2 (England and Wales) (4Z-GB-ACJ)

CBMC	C3N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in

Binding Format	Hardback B Format
Extent	96 pages
Word Count	
Series	Classics Retold
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Frankenstein
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 Journey to the Centre of the Earth
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CBMC	C3N79
Age	7-9 years
Subject	Fiction
Type	Ordinary Printed Book Format
Character Tie In	Non-character Non Tie-in
Binding	Hardback
Format	B Format
Extent	96 pages
Word Count	
Series	Classics Retold
Exclusively for Sale	UK; World (ex USA, Can)
Not for Sale	Can; USA

Previous Titles

Frankenstein
Dracula
Jane Eyre
Oliver Twist
Journey to the Centre of the Earth
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Classics Retold: Oliver Twist

Maggie Pearson (Illustrated By Lia Visirin)

Keynote

Beautifully simple abridged versions of the Classics for a young new audience

Description

Beautifully simple abridged versions of the Classics for a young new audience.

In this story based on Charles Dickens's original text, a young orphan named Oliver is cruelly treated in a Victorian London workhouse before unwittingly being taken in by a gang of unruly pick pockets ...

Enter the world of literary classics with these expertly retold chapter books for young readers. Atmospheric and evocative colour artwork accompanies accessible text in a dyslexia friendly-font. Extra features include a short biography of Charles Dickens, plus some extra facts and comprehension exercises at the back of the book to help students study the text in more depth. A brilliant edition for all classrooms and perfect for readers age 7+ making the next step to longer texts.

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Author Biography

Maggie Pearson (Author)

My father was a brilliant story-teller. He had a very boring day-job, so exercised his mind making up long, involved (and often very funny) bedtime stories for my sister and me - with a cliff-hanger ending every night! On the rare occasions when he was stuck for ideas, he used to fall back on lesser-known folk tales. Re-telling traditional stories is still the kind of writing I most enjoy.

At school I used the English essay subjects we were given as an excuse to write stories of my own, which weren't always appreciated. 'Write on the subject!' written in red and a mark of C+ was my first experience of rejection.

My French teacher was more appreciative, which maybe explains why I ended up doing not English but French at university. Straight after graduation I married and settled down to be a full-time wife and mother - it was a straight choice in those days between motherhood or a career.

Apart from some freelance journalism and a few stories for radio, my writing career was on hold until my three sons were grown up, at which point I decided it was now or never if I wanted to be a full-time writer.

I was lucky enough to get my first book - a retelling of an old East Anglian folk tale - accepted by the second publisher I sent it to. Luckier still to get a review from Susan Hill, saying it deserved to become a children's classic. (It didn't, of course.)

Since then I've published around thirty books, ranging from picture book texts to a teenage vampire novel.

My first young teenage novel, 'Owl-light', was short-listed for the WH Smith Mind-Boggling Books award.

My most recent one, 'Shadow of the Beast', was long-listed for the Carnegie Medal.

Nowadays, I'm a book junkie. I buy more books than I can ever possibly read and enjoy all kinds, bar chick-lit and modern biography.

My other interests include cryptic crosswords, going to the theatre and foreign travel.

Lia Visirin (Illustrator)

Lia was born in a small town in Transylvania, Romania, where she now lives with her husband and lots of house plants. She has a BA in traditional graphic arts, but she is a self taught children's books illustrator. She discovered her passion for children's illustrations



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Previous Titles

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Sandra Dieckmann

Keynote

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Author Biography

Sandra Dieckmann is an illustrator, author and maker. Her work is deeply inspired by all that's weird and wonderful in nature, drifting thoughts and dreams. She was born in the north of Germany but lives and works in Sheffield. Her first book as author and illustrator, *Leaf*, was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal, longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize and shortlisted for both the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the AOI World Illustration Award.

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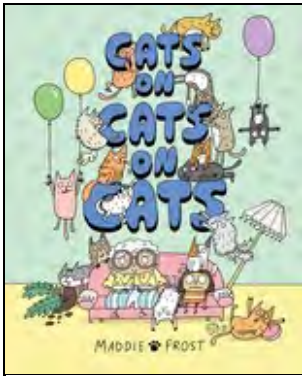
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Author Biography

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