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A warm welcome to our spring-summer 2021 catalogue!

This season sees Owlet Press embark on a new chapter, built on boldness and bravery, with authentically-voiced stories that offer hope to our world emerging from troubling uncertainty.

After one of the most challenging years in the industry and wider society, our response for the next season is an uplifting collection of stories centred around love:

Love for ourselves, love for each other, love in adversity and love for our planet.

From ridicule and isolation, to prejudices felt closer to home, there are many complex themes that are tackled head on in our spring/summer list. Pairing authors and illustrators who share complimentary lived experiences, has brought a power and value to these stories, as well as authenticity.

Within the collection we felt it important to have the right balance of reality and escapism. With a Flamenco-dancing flamingo, magical mermen and a pack of wild wolves, all the way through to syrian beekeepers and south asian aunties obsessed with the lightness of their skin, there really is something for everyone to dive into.

We hope you enjoy the selection of titles from our new season and look forward to sharing our new content for autumn/winter '21 in the not too distant future.

Stay safe.



Sam Langley-Swain. Founder and Managing Director.

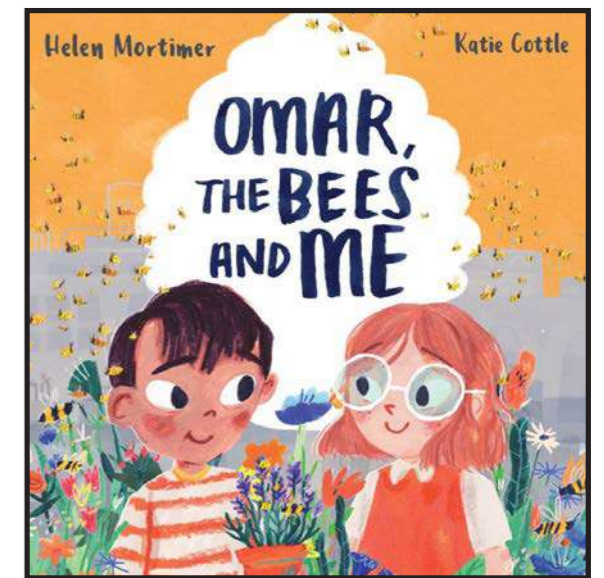


ARTWORK FROM
NEN AND THE LONELY FISHERMAN
By Ian Eagleton, Illustrated by James Mayhew



OMAR, THE BEES AND ME

Written by Helen Mortimer,
Illustrated by Katie Cottle



A SUSTAINABILITY STORY ABOUT
MAKING LITTLE WINS FOR OUR BIG
PLANET AND FINDING THE THINGS
THAT CONNECT US ALL.

FEATURES FOREST SCHOOL
& BEE CORRIDORS!

INCLUDES A SIMPLE SYRIAN HONEY
CAKE RECIPE ON THE BACK PAGE!



As Omar's honey cake reminds him of his beekeeping grandpa, the whole class finds a way to make their town more bee friendly, with community and friendship blossoming alongside the new flowers.

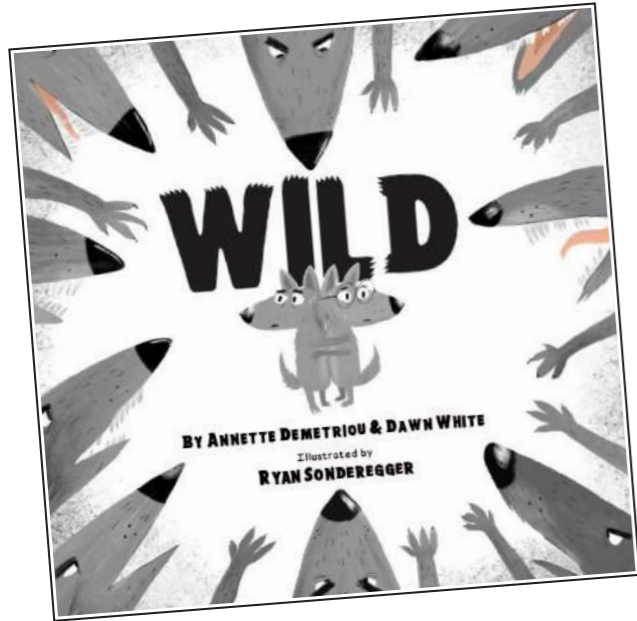
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Picture Book - Paperback - 4+
Size: 245 x 245 mm - Extent: 32pp
RRP: £7.99
Publication: 02.03.21
Creative locations: Oxford & Bristol

MARCH

WILD

Written by Annette Demetriou & Dawn White
Illustrated by Ryan Sonderegger

CAREFULLY CRAFTED FOR YOUNGER READERS, WILD GIVES A GENTLE GLIMPSE INTO MASCULINITY AND GANG CULTURE. THE BOOK OPENS UP CONVERSATIONS ABOUT PRESSURE AND HELPS ALL CHILDREN REALISE THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO FOLLOW THE PACK, GIVING THEM THE CONFIDENCE TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND ULTIMATELY, STAY TRUE TO WHO THEY REALLY ARE.



Sensitive twins Wilfie and Wolfie face peer pressure from the wicked wolves to be 'part of the pack'. But what if a wolf doesn't want to be wild?

A thought-provoking debut from a mum-blogger duo.

FROM THE ARTIST BEHIND GLOBAL-HIT, 'WHAT WESLEY WORE'



Thundering barks and howls echoed in Wilfie and Wolfie's ears as the snarling wolf pack tore through the trees and BURST into view!

"OH NO," sighed Wilfie, "NOT THEM AGAIN!"



The pack spotted the brothers right away - "WILL WANT DO WE HAVE HERE? CAN'T BE WOLVES - THEY'RE NOT GROWLY OR SCARILY OR SCARY OR SNARLY. OR WICKED AND WILD!" They started whining wickedly around them, snapping and snarling, dribbling and drooling.



"THERE'S NO WAY TO REMOVE YOU LITTLE BRUTES!" scolded Granny, as the pack's furry bottoms all hit the floor at once.

"THESE ARE NOT YOUR PIES," Wilfie said peering into the basket to find two perfect pies left unharmed. "YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE ANYTHING YOU WANT."

"WHILE YOU WERE CHARGING AROUND THE FOREST," Wilfie gamed in, "I'VE PILED ALL THE CHARITIES FOR GRANNY'S PIES. WE'VE EARNED OUR PIECES."



The surprised pack sat very still. They only knew how to be wicked. Unsure of what to do next, they whispered a sheepish "SORRY."

"A-I-I-I-I-SEE MAY WE HAVE SOME PIE?" they begged, putting their paws up like little wolf pups.

"WELL," said Granny, "IF ONLY YOU HADN'T SENT MY PIES FLYING THROUGH THE AIR? I SUPPOSE YOU CAN HAVE ..."

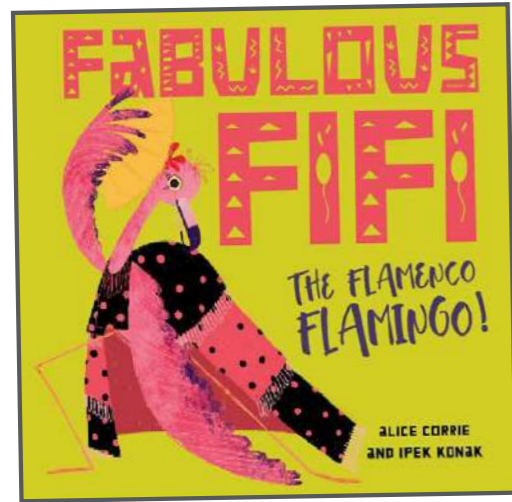
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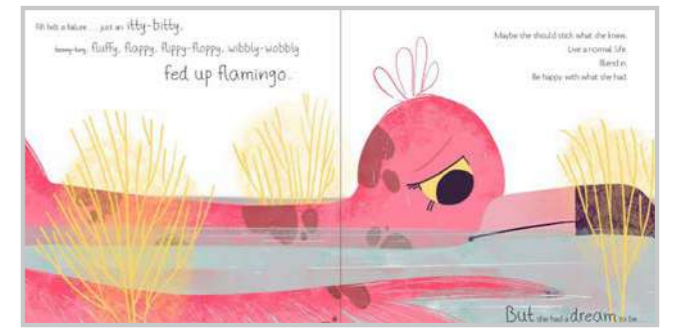
APRIL

FABULOUS FIFI

THE FLAMENCO FLAMINGO



Written by Alice Corrie
Illustrated by Ipek Konak



Find out whether poor 'flippy-floppy' Fifi fulfils her dream to become a famous FLAMENCO FLAMINGO in this flamboyant tongue twisting, read-aloud debut!

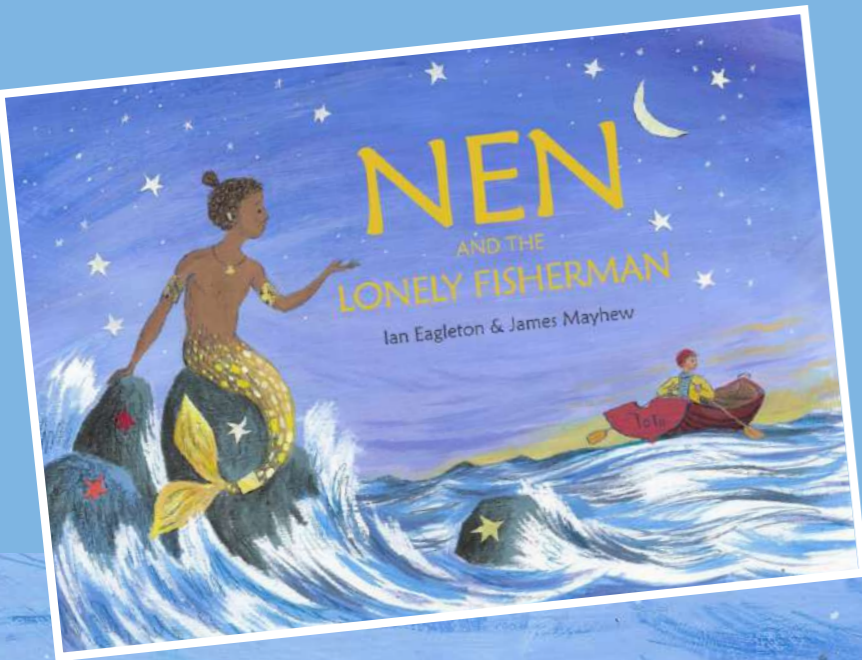
FOR FANS OF 'WONKEY DONKEYS' COMES A CHARMING STORY ABOUT A SMALL FLAMINGO, A BIG DREAM, A DECENT DOSE OF DETERMINATION AND A DOLLOPING OF FABULOUSNESS!



MAY

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Picture Book - Paperback - 3+
Size: 245 x 245 mm - Extent: 32pp
RRP: £7.99
Publication: 25.05.21
Creative locations: Berlin & Istanbul

A MODERN ADAPTATION OF THE CLASSIC 'LITTLE MERMAID' TALE WITH SUBTLE UNDERTONES OF SUSTAINABILITY AND A REMINDER TO CARE FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET. AN LGBT AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR COLLABORATION (ILLUSTRATED BY MULTI-AWARD-WINNING ARTIST, JAMES MAYHEW) LAUNCHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRIDE MONTH 2021.



NEN AND THE LONELY FISHERMAN

Written by Ian Eagleton,
Illustrated by James Mayhew



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Picture Book - Paperback - 5+
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Publication: 01.06.21
Illustrator location: United Kingdom

JUNE



As he began to explore the world beyond his own, Nen noticed rows of fishing boats, bobbing on the waves. And just beyond those fishing boats, there lived a lonely fisherman called Ernest.



But every night, Ernest gazed out to sea and wondered if something more was waiting for him, just beyond the horizon.

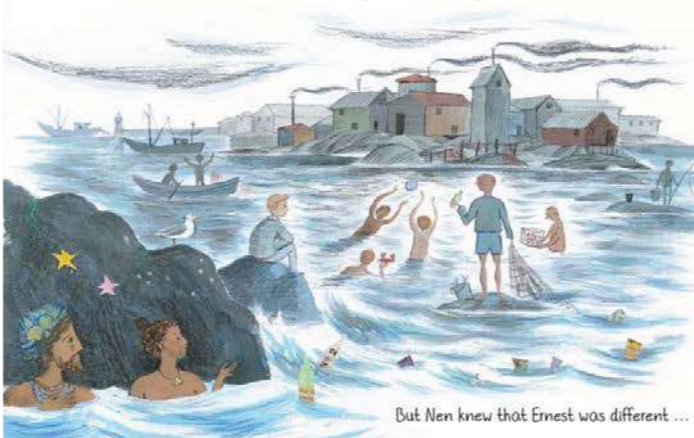


He spent his days rescuing ... freeing ... collecting ... dreaming ... and creating!



Then one still, clear night, he heard something drifting over the sighing ocean. Something beautiful and mysterious ...

His face etched with worry, Pelagios begged his son again to stay away from the humans in the world above. They were destroying his precious oceans!



But Nen knew that Ernest was different ...



... so, he returned each night to see him in his rickety boat. Together, they would talk and laugh and dream, while the skies changed from a golden amber to an inky purple.



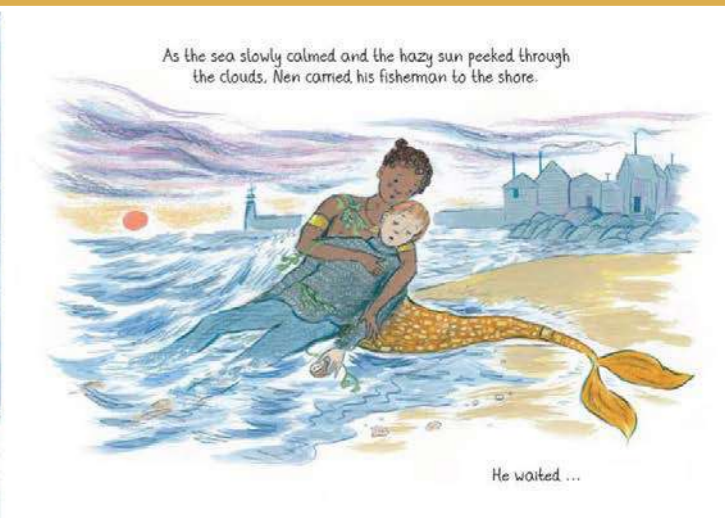
One night, as Nen swam back to his hidden world, far beneath the ocean's surface, Pelagios could no longer control his frustration ...

As Nen sends a song of hope across the sea, a lonely young fisherman longs to find warmth in his heart. One star-filled night, the two young men find each other. But their special connection is met with dismay by Nen's father, the mighty Pelagios, who creates a wild sea storm to protect his son and his oceans. Can Nen save Ernest?



ERNEST!

He was battered by the waves, broken and lifeless.

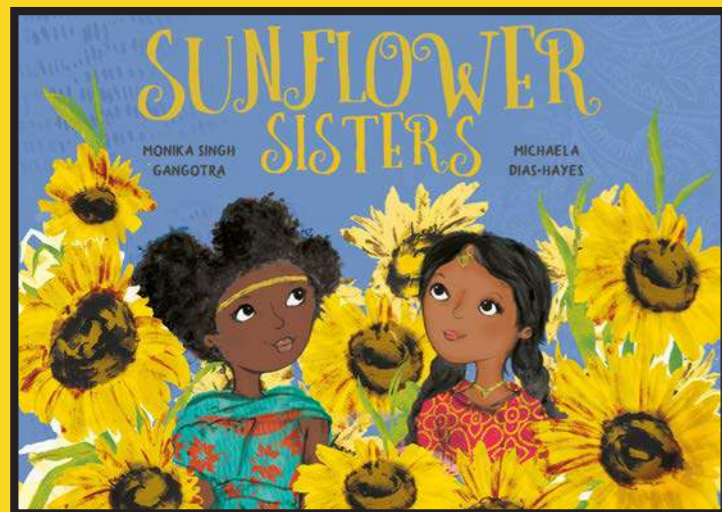


As the sea slowly calmed and the hazy sun peeked through the clouds, Nen carried his fisherman to the shore.

He waited ...

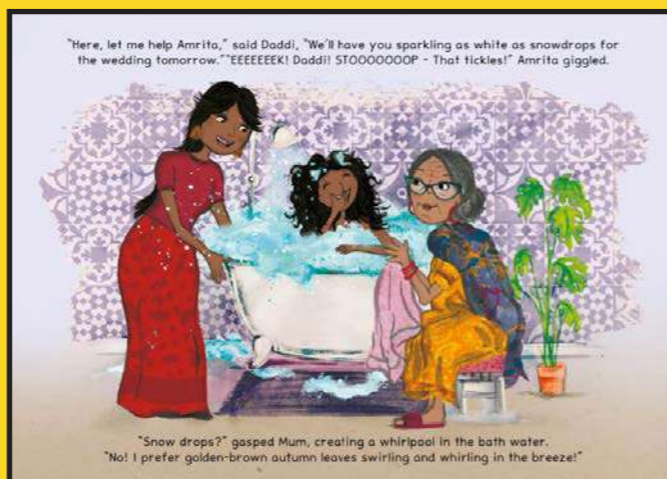
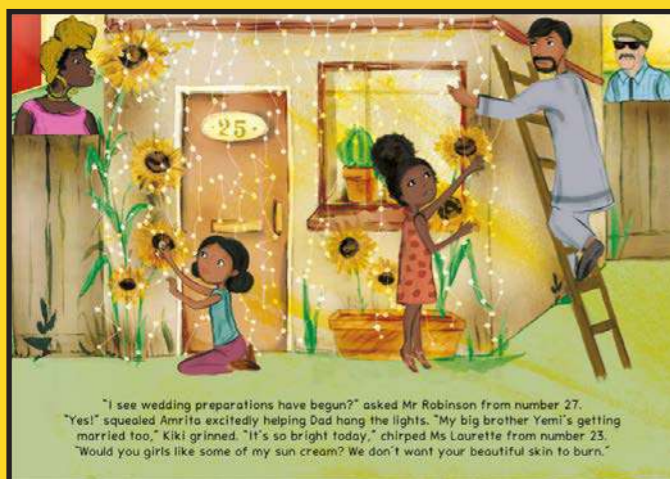
SUNFLOWER SISTERS

Written by Monika Singh Gangotra,
Illustrated by Michaela Dias-Hayes



The first title in a new, uplifting series which centres around best friends Amrita and Kiki. It offers a window into the experiences of those affected by colourism, but also celebrates sisterhood and empowerment, with the joy of the girls experiencing each other's South Asian and Nigerian communities and traditions. Empowers children to embrace and celebrate the beauty and richness in their dark brown skin.

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN TWO PASSIONATE MUMS OF COLOUR - A SOUTH ASIAN AUTHOR AND A DUAL-HERITAGE ILLUSTRATOR WITH A JAMAICAN BACKGROUND AND MARRIED INTO AN INDIAN FAMILY. BOTH HAVE EXPERIENCED COLOURISM AND AIM TO DRIVE POSITIVE CHANGE.



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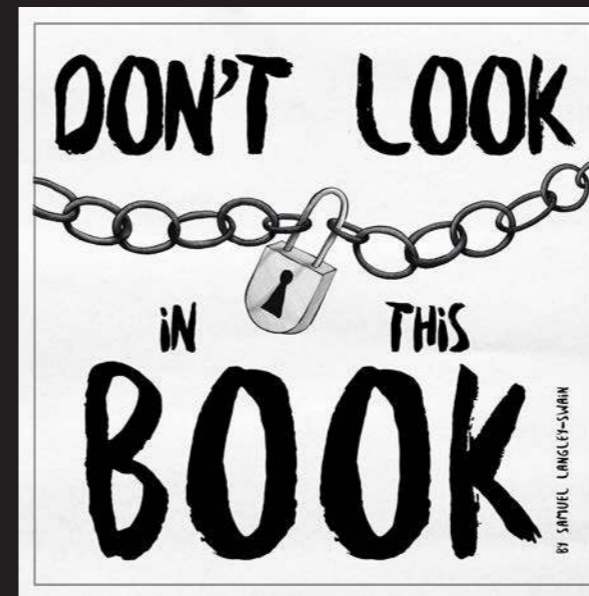


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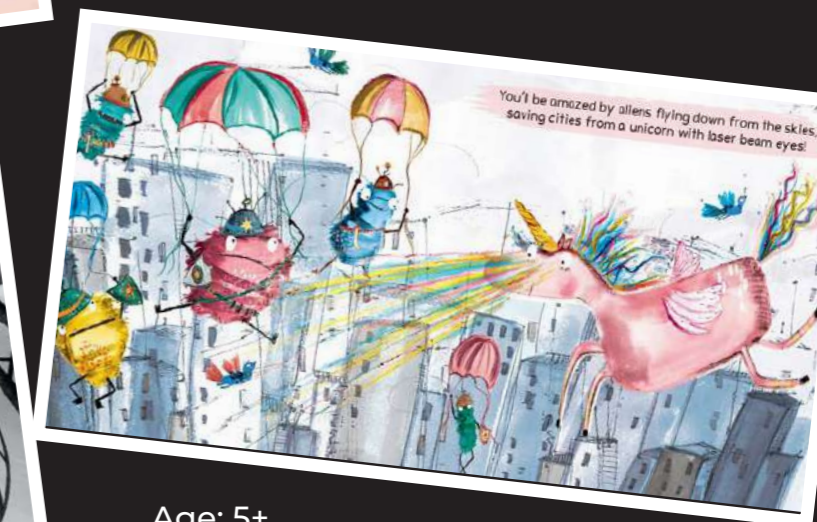
DON'T LOOK IN THIS BOOK

By Samuel Langley-Swain, Illustrated by Various



This unique rhyming adventure features a set of 'story starters' designed to engage reluctant readers aged 3-8 (EYFS & KS1). In collaboration with more than twelve illustrators, the book inspires readers to draw, write or talk through how these stories came to be and how they end - injecting a new energy into story time at home as well as classroom learning.

Illustrators include: Amberin Huq & Christine Cuddihy



Age: 5+

Price: £6.99

Extent: 32pp

Format: 245 x245mm

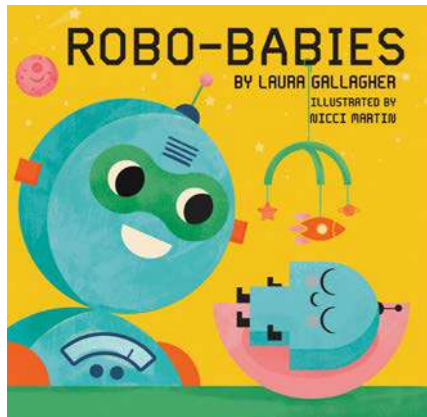
PB: 9781999762810

Illustrator Location: Various

BACKLIST HIGHLIGHT

DISCOVER AMAZING STORIES

FROM OUR INCLUSIVE BACKLIST



DIFFERENT FAMILY JOURNEYS – RRP £7.99



ISBN:9781913339043

Reading age: 2-5
A story that helps young readers discover the many ways that babies arrive into their families e.g. IVF, donation, surrogacy and adoption.



FOSTERING & ADOPTION – RRP £7.99



ISBN: 9781999762858

Reading age: 3-7
Helping young adopted children and their peers understand the entire adoption process in a sensitive way.

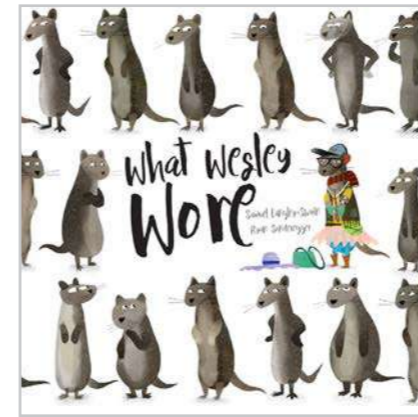


LOSS & TOGETHERNESS – RRP £7.99



ISBN: 9781999762865

Reading age: 3-7
A tear-jerking story about the calamities for the family next door (who have an autistic child) as they remember a loved one at Christmas.

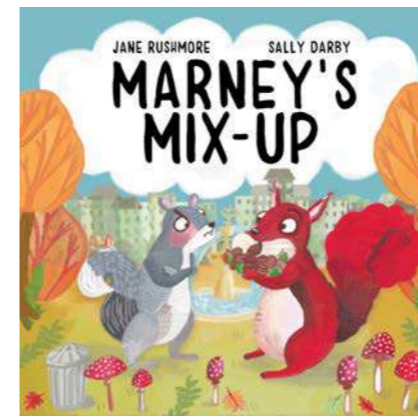


BULLYING & ACCEPTANCE – RRP £7.99



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Reading age: 3-7
Explores themes of acceptance and helps readers build empathy by exploring prejudice from both sides.

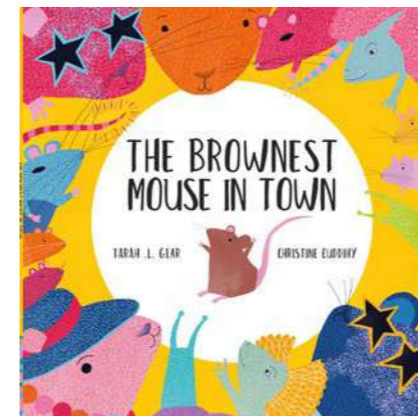


MISJUDGEMENT & BIAS – RRP £7.99



ISBN:9781913339074

Reading age: 3-7
A funny story that enables young children to understand the mistakes we make when we mistakenly judge someone by their differences to us.



SELF ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE – RRP £7.99



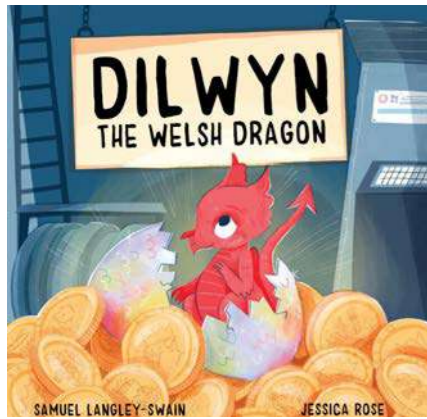
ISBN: 9781999762889

Reading age: 2-5
Teaches younger readers not to judge by appearances, to be proud of their uniqueness and to believe in their own strengths.



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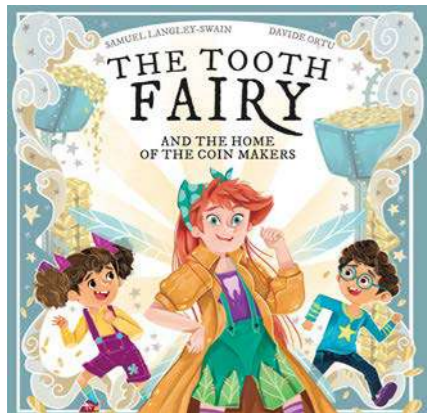


HERITAGE AND DRAGONS – RRP £7.99



ISBN: 9781913339159

Reading age: 2-5
A simple rhyming story that explains the origins of the famous Welsh dragon, with some bumbling burglars thrown in for good measure!



A TOOTHFAIRY FOR TODAY – RRP £7.99



ISBN: 9781913339142

Reading age: 4-7
An inclusive tooth fairy series that introduces readers to a new family of fairies and magical coinmakers based at The Royal Mint.



A TOOTHFAIRY FOR TODAY – RRP £7.99



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Reading age: 4-7
An inclusive tooth fairy series that introduces readers to 'watch-mice' and takes them on a journey inside The Royal Mint to see where coins are made.

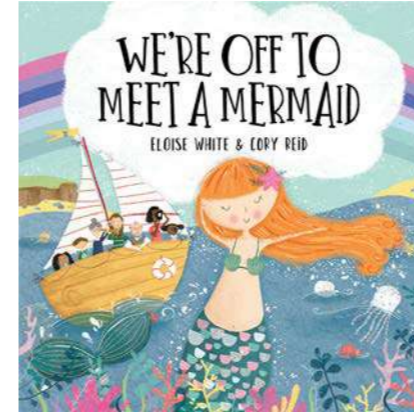


WILDLIFE & CONSERVATION – RRP £7.99



ISBN: 9781999762896

Reading age: 2-5
In this wonderful adventure, readers will enjoy trying to find the hiding unicorn, while meeting endangered wildlife along the way.

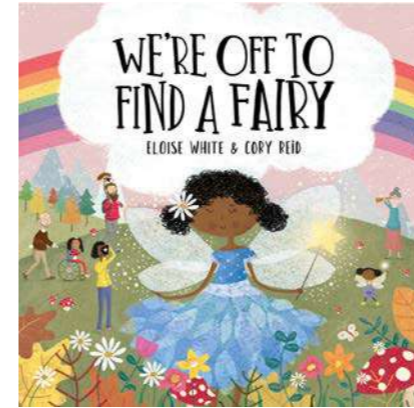


WILDLIFE & CONSERVATION – RRP £7.99



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Reading age: 2-5
In this wonderful adventure, readers will enjoy trying to find the hiding mermaid, while spotting underwater wildlife along the way.



WILDLIFE & CONSERVATION – RRP £7.99



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Reading age: 2-5
In this wonderful adventure, readers will enjoy trying to find the hiding fairy, while looking at rare, British wildlife along the way.





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