



CICADA BOOKS

SPRING/SUMMER 2025

Cicada Books is a London-based publishing company specialising in unique, accessible, illustrator-led, beautifully produced and lovingly edited children's books. We are small but mighty, publishing award-winning titles including *A Million Dots*, *The Egg Incident* and *Alte Zachen*, which has just won Benjamin Phillips the V&A Illustrator of the Year Award, 2024. We're also excited to announce that *Stones and Bones* has been longlisted for a UKLA award. Keeping our fingers firmly crossed!

For Spring and Summer '25 we have three non-fiction titles: one about the science of sleep, another about fabulous footwear and the third, a graphic novel that tells the mind-boggling story of life on Earth in the most lyrical way you can imagine. We are also releasing our big hit of last year, *Grand Hotel of Feelings*, in paperback.

We hope you like our list. As always, feedback and communication is welcome – feel free to contact Naomi on info@cicadabooks.co.uk and check out our website for more visuals on www.cicadabooks.co.uk.



SHOES! A FORAY INTO FABULOUS FOOTWEAR
DAISY WYNTER

Lace up your boots and take a journey through the rich history of footwear. Shoes tell stories about their wearers—who they are, where they come from and how they want to be seen. Over the years, these stories and footwear styles have evolved. From André Perugia's surrealist creations of the 1940s to Terry de Havilland's iconic 1970s wedges, and the famous rivalry between the Dassler brothers that birthed Adidas and Puma, this book showcases the most captivating tales and personalities in shoe design throughout history.

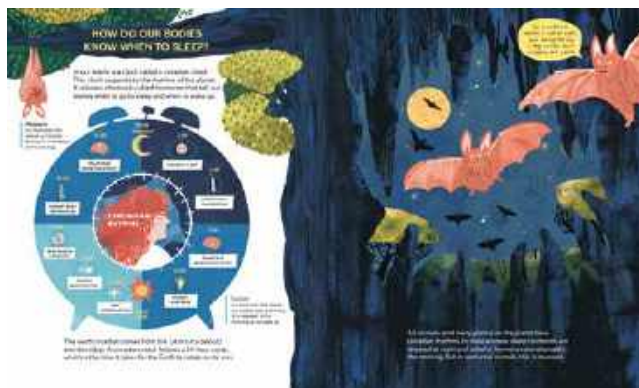
With stunning illustrations by award-winning Daisy Wynter, reminiscent of fellow shoe lover Andy Warhol's style, this book is a delightful addition to any fashion or footwear enthusiast's collection, whether they're 6 or 60.

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“They went into my closets looking for skeletons, but thank God, all they found were shoes, beautiful shoes.”
— Imelda Marcos —



978-1-80066-057-1 / Hardcover / 190 x 240mm /
64pp / £16.99 / \$22.99 / TBP: May 2025

Daisy Wynter is a Sussex-based illustrator. As a child she was a bookworm and a compulsive doodler, and this hasn't really changed in adulthood. Her first book, *The Egg Incident*, was shortlisted for the Bologna Ragazzi Award.



978-1-80066-058-8 / Hardcover / 48pp / RRP: £14.99 / \$21.99 /
230 x 285mm / TBP: April 2025

WHY DO WE SLEEP? THE SCIENCE OF SNOOZE

CATHY EVANS AND POLYA PLAVINSKAIA

We spend around a third of our lives sleeping. But what actually happens during those hours? This book takes you on a fascinating journey through the land of nod and out the other side.

- What are circadian rhythms and how do they affect our energy levels throughout the day?
- What are dreams for and how do they happen?
- What are the different stages of sleep?
- Do animals experience sleep the same way we do?

With clear texts and bright, distinctive illustrations, this is a great introduction to a subject that has fascinated us since ancient times, and an engaging tie-in to biology and natural sciences curriculums.

**Everything you ever wanted to know about sleep
but were too exhausted to ask.**

Cathy Evans is a vet and a writer living in Bournemouth with two boys and a menagerie of animals. She is the author of *Cat Eyes and Dog Whistles* (Cicada, 2021) and *Mama Mammals* (Cicada, 2023).

Polya Plavinskaia is a London-based illustrator and art director. She has designed and illustrated dozens of books for publishers including Samokat, Quarto and Bloomsbury. She was a 2023 winner of the Bologna Bookfair Illustrators' Exhibition.



978-1-80066-056-4 / Hardcover / 190 x 240 mm /
64pp / £14.99 / \$19.99 / TBP: April 2025

LIFE AS WE KNOW IT

ZIGGY HANAOR AND CRISTOBAL SCHMAL

We know think this much is true... Once upon a time, before time even existed, all matter in the universe was concentrated on a single point a fraction of the size of an atom. And then? And then it exploded.

This sumptuous and poetic graphic novel tells the remarkable tale of life from its first iteration as a single cell through the planet's various phases of evolution and extinction to the uncertain place we find ourselves in today. Factual in its content, but lyrical in its expression, *Life As We Know It* captures the unlikely magic and strange beauty at the heart of life on Earth.

We tell our children stories of apples and snakes, of gods and monsters. But the creation story told by science is more perplexing and incredible than any we could ever make up.

A poetic graphic novel that tells the creation story of planet Earth.

Ziggy Hanaor is a publisher and writer living in London. Her humour-led picturebooks include *The Pocket Chaotic* (2020), *Alex and Alex* (2022) and *Gory Rory Fangface Needs a Kiss* (2023). Her graphic novel, *Alte Zachen*, was on the Yoto Carnegies shortlist, 2023.

Cristobal Schmal is a Chilean illustrator living in Germany. His tactile ink and watercolour style has garnered many prestigious clients, including *The New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Greenpeace* and *Lufthansa*. This is his first book.



Paperback edition: 978-1-80066-055-7 / 210 x 297mm / 40pp / £8.99 / \$12.99 / TBP: February 2025
Hardcover edition: 978-1-80066-041-0 / £12.99 / \$16.99 / October 2023
RS: Korea, Poland, Spain, Israel, Germany, Vietnam, Croatia, China, Taiwan, Turkey, Italy, Greece, Brazil, Russia, Netherlands, Iran, Thailand, Kazakhstan, Czechia

THE GRAND HOTEL OF FEELINGS (PAPERBACK EDITION)
LIDIA BRANKOVIC

Welcome to the Grand Hotel of Feelings, where all kinds of feelings come and stay. Every guest has unique needs. Anger is very loud and needs plenty of space to scream and shout. Sadness speaks in a small voice and occasionally floods the bathroom. Anxiety takes many shapes and loves the spotlight.

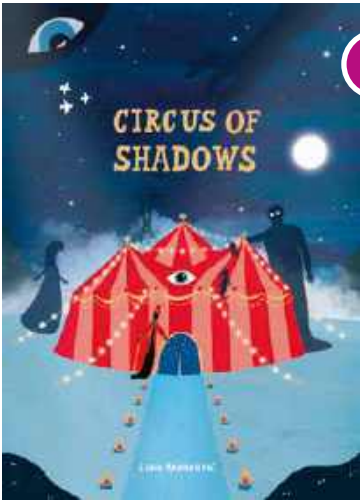
Some feelings are big and some are small, some are fun and some are tricky, but all feelings must be listened to and acknowledged. After all, they're just passing through.

This beautiful and imaginative title is much loved by readers young and old and has been translated into 22 languages. This is a new paperback edition.

An accessible entry into discussions on the complexity of feelings, this picturebook will be returned to time and time again.

Foreword Starred Review

Lidia Brankovic graduated from FH-Potsdam in 2022. She takes inspiration from her hometown Berlin, its people and its culture. When she's not painting or writing, she enjoys dancing, meditating and taking long walks. This is her first book, emerging from her own journeys through and with emotional turbulence.



978-1-80066-052-6 / Hardcover 210 x 297mm / 36pp / £12.99 / \$16.99 / October 2024 / RS: Korea, Greece, China, Thailand, Germany, Italy, Taiwan, Poland

CIRCUS OF SHADOWS
LIDIA BRANKOVIC

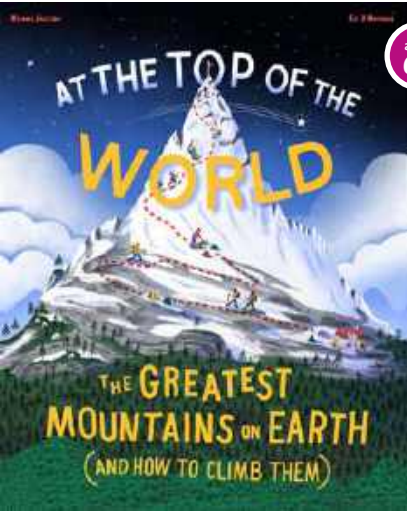
Lika doesn't give much thought to her shadow. Sometimes it's long, sometimes it's short... but it is never more than a shadow.

Until the day it begins acting strangely. When Lika waves a hand, Shadow raises a foot. When Lika sits down, Shadow stands up. Lika hides in a darkened room, but the smaller she makes herself, the bigger Shadow becomes, until it picks her up and deposits her in a land of shadows, at the heart of which is a spooky shadow circus. Only by listening to her shadow will Lika find her way home.

This is a book by the acclaimed author of *The Grand Hotel of Feelings* about accepting the parts of us that we try to hide from... Because where there is darkness there is also light, and when the shadows dance it is always a good idea to join the fun.

A filmic book that explores ways in which we must accommodate the parts of ourselves that are hard to look at.

Lidia Brankovic is a Berlin-based illustrator and writer. Her first book, *The Grand Hotel of Feelings*, was received to much critical acclaim and has been translated into 22 languages.



AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD: THE GREATEST MOUNTAINS ON EARTH (AND HOW TO CLIMB THEM)

ROBIN JACOBS AND ED J BROWN

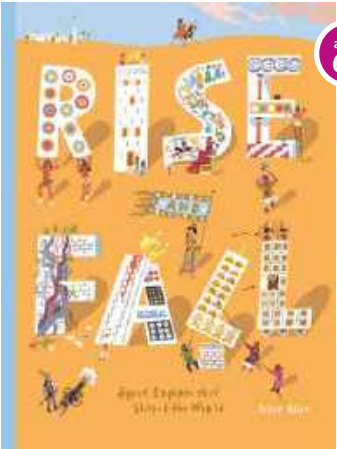
This is a gorgeous atlas of eight of the world’s greatest mountains on all its continents: Everest, Fuji, Matterhorn, Kilimanjaro, Denali, Puncak Jaya, Chimborazo and Vinson Massif.

Clear, accessible texts by Robin Jacobs break down the geography of each mountain, its flora and fauna, the history of its conquest, tales of local populations and indigenous mythologies, and finally, how best to climb it. The routes to the summit are explained, as are the individual climbing challenges posed by each mountain.

Infused with the spirit of adventure, this is a must-have for young climbing enthusiasts and budding explorers.

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The summit is what drives us, but the climb itself is what matters.
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Ed J Brown is a British illustrator and writer living in Leipzig. His striking, humour-packed illustrations have featured in various print publications. He is the author of *Epic Animal Journeys* (2022).
Robin Jacobs is a children’s television writer and author with a degree in Earth Sciences. She is the author of *Earth-Shattering Events* (2019), *The Mellons Build a House* (2023) and *All About Flags* (2024).



RISE AND FALL: GREAT EMPIRES THAT SHAPED THE WORLD

PETER ALLEN

What makes a society successful, what allows it to last thousands of years and what causes its eventual downfall? In this volatile world that we live in, there are many fascinating lessons to be learned from the great empires that once ruled it.

Rise and Fall brings a collection of ten world civilisations to life. Some, like the Vikings and the Mongols, you may have heard of. Others, like Benin, Kamakura, Minoa or Ayutthaya are less well known today but in their time were seemingly undefeatable.

Peter Allen, author of *Atlas of Amazing Architecture* (Cicada, 2021), illuminates the stories with his trademark detail- and humour-packed illustrations, taking young readers on a captivating journey through time to uncover the essence of human civilisation.

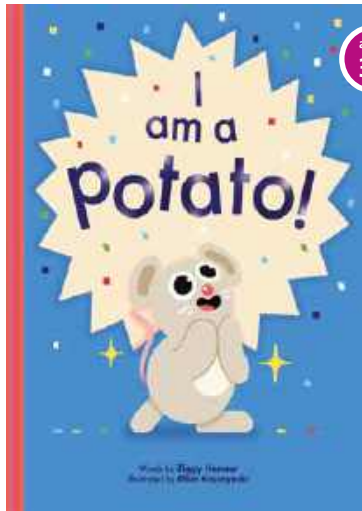
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An excavation of ten world civilisations; their rise, their decline and their legacies.
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Peter Allen is a British illustrator based in France. He has illustrated books for Bloomsbury, Macmillan, Egmont, Usborne and others. Taking inspiration from folk art, mid-century illustration and postage stamps, Allen’s images are packed with observed details, imagination and humour. He is the author of *Atlas of Amazing Architecture* (2021).



978-1-80066-048-9 / Hardcover / 230 x 290mm / 80pp /
£16.99 / \$22.99 / November 2024

978-1-80066-047-2 / Hardcover / 230 x 290mm / 80pp /
£16.99 / \$22.99 / June 2024 / RS: Italy, Taiwan, Germany



I AM A POTATO
ZIGGY HANAOR AND ELLIOT KRUSZYNSKI

‘I am a potato’, says Creature. ‘No, you’re not,’ says Dog. ‘Do you grow underground? Do you have lots of eyes? No? Then you’re not a potato.’ ‘Then WHAT AM I?’ wails Creature. Cat comes along. ‘Do you breathe air? Do you eat and poo? You are an animal!’ But what kind of animal are they? As their identity crisis continues, more animals join the conversation, asking questions and narrowing down the possibilities until they eventually work out the answer.

This is a silly, delightful book that nonetheless teaches an important lesson about using the scientific method to reach logical conclusions. Vividly brought to life in Elliot Kruszynski’s stripped-back illustrations, taxonomy has never been this fun.

An entertaining tale that pushes readers to hone their inquiry and critical thinking skills.

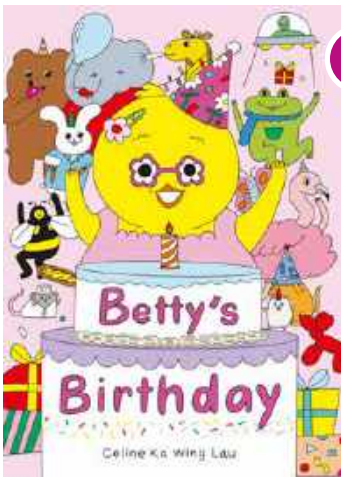
Kirkus Reviews

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Elliot Kruszynski is a London-based illustrator whose previous books include *Special Delivery* (2020) and *Professor Wooford McPaw’s Guide to Astronomy* (2022). His editorial work has featured in *Vice*, *The Guardian* and *Wrap Magazine*.



978-1-80066-051-9 / Hardcover / 210 x 280mm / 32pp / £12.99 / \$16.99 / August 2024 / RS: France, Israel, Italy



BETTY’S BIRTHDAY
CELINE KA WING LAU

Betty is turning six today. She’s going to have an amazing party... but which of her incredible outfits should she wear? And where *has* she put her glasses?

This is a delightful, interactive, read-aloud picturebook, in which young readers are asked to find, choose, count, discuss and otherwise engage with the silly, hyper-detailed illustrations of party games, dance competitions, pizza making and goody bags. Some unexpected narrative twists and turns pack each page with lols that will delight young readers and their grown-ups alike.

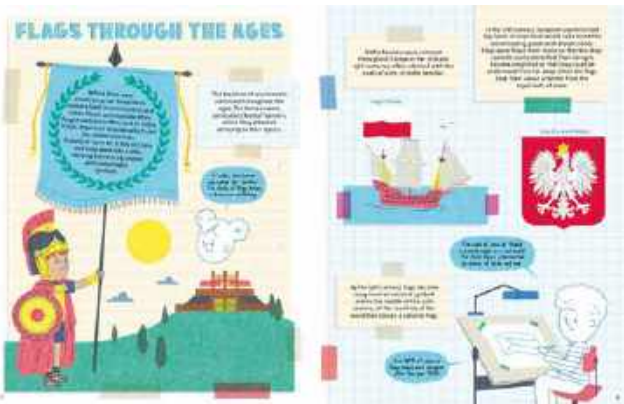
With bright *You Choose* style illustrations, this is a great book to encourage parental engagement and play.

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A party of a book!
Kirkus Reviews
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978-1-80066-049-6 / Hardcover / 220 x 310mm / 40pp / £12.99 / \$17.99 / June 2024 / RS: Taiwan, China

Celine Ka Wing Lau is an illustrator and graphic designer based in Hong Kong and London. She loves to illustrate bold, colourful images and witty characters. She has featured in *It’s Nice That* and has collaborated with *Taco Bell*, *Taboocha Kombucha* and *Anorak Magazine* on campaigns and editorial. This is her first book.



978-1-80066-045-8 / Hardcover / 230 x 295mm / 104pp / £16.99 / \$21.99
/ February 2024 / RS: Korea, France, Italy, Taiwan

ALL ABOUT FLAGS

ROBIN JACOBS AND BEN JAVENS

Do you know why the Union Jack is asymmetrical? Or what the meaning is behind the black stars on many African flags? Well maybe it's time to find out!

This is a gorgeous, accessible atlas of flags around the world. It is packed with fascinating flag facts clearly arranged by Robin Jacobs and joyously presented by illustrator Ben Javens.

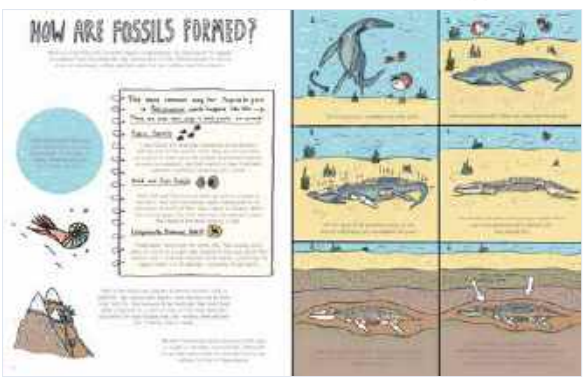
The flags are grouped by continent and then by theme, creating a coherent historical narrative that serves as a great launch point for discussions around identity, geography and nation-building.

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Thorough and informative, this comprehensive volume provides almost every detail one could desire about national flags.

School Library Journal

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Robin Jacobs is a children's TV and book writer living outside Bristol. A passionate environmentalist, Robin is the author of *Earth-Shattering Events* (2019) and *The Mellons Build a House* (2023).
Ben Javens is an illustrator and designer whose drawings have been featured in *The New York Times*, *School of Life*, *Anorak* and *The Guardian*. He is the illustrator of *Alex and Alex* (2021).



978-1-80066-042-7 / Hardcover / 230 x 295mm / 80pp
/ £16.99 / \$21.99 / October 2023 / RS: China, Korea, Germany, Russia, Spain, Italy

STONES AND BONES: FOSSILS AND THE STORIES THEY TELL

ROB WILSHAW AND SOPHIE WILLIAMS

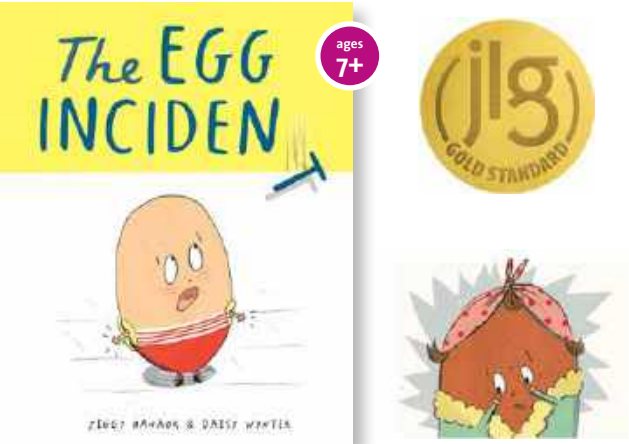
This book looks at the fossil record and all that we can learn from it. From bacteria to sponges to fish to tetrapods to reptiles to dinosaurs to mammals and finally to humans, it excavates the story of four billion years of life on this planet. The science of paleontology is clearly broken down by fossil expert, Rob Wilshaw, and easily understood by children as young as six.

Sophie Williams' warm, engaging illustrations bring the fascinating texts to life. Following on from the success of *Earth-Shattering Events*, this is a lively and vital book that will delight not just dinosaur enthusiasts but anyone interested in evolution and the incredible history of this very special planet that we inhabit.

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Impressively informative and thoroughly 'kid friendly' in organisation and presentation.
School Library Journal

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Sophie Williams is a Cornish illustrator with a bright, informative style that is inspired by illustrators such as Nick Sharratt and Gemma Correll. She is the author of *Map of You* (2021) and the illustrator of *Earth-Shattering Events* (2019).
Rob Wilshaw studied geology at the University of Southampton, graduating in 2018 with a masters degree focusing on how microfossils might predict future impacts of climate change. This is his first book.



THE EGG INCIDENT
ZIGGY HANAOR AND DAISY WYNTER

This middle-grade graphic novel tells the story of Humphrey – an egg with very overprotective parents; “Never run, never jump and NEVER EVER EVER sit on a wall. You remember what happened to your uncle...”

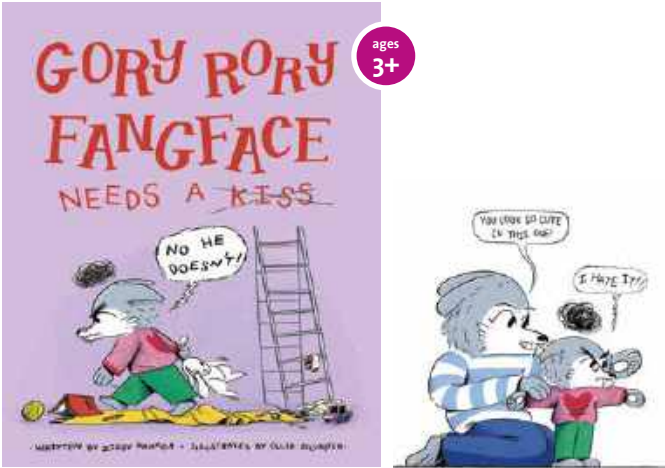
Humphrey lives a cautious life, until the day he bumps into Princess Jean (PJ) in the park. An adventurer through and through, PJ regales Humphrey with tales of all her antics and mishaps and they don’t notice the park is closing. Oh no! How will Humphrey get home? There’s only one way out. Over. The. Wall!

The Egg Incident is a joyous reversal of the traditional Humpty Dumpty tale of caution that will delight readers aged 7-11 who are tiptoeing towards independence themselves.

**A fast-paced read with illustration
used to great effect.**
The New York Times

Ziggy Hanaor is a writer and publisher living in London. She has authored picturebooks including *Alex and Alex* (2021) and *The Pocket Chaotic* (2020), as well as the Carnegie-shortlisted graphic novel, *Alte Zachen* (2023). **Daisy Wynter** is a Sussex-based illustrator. As a child she was a bookworm and a compulsive doodler, and this hasn’t really changed in adulthood. This is her first book.

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/ October 2023 / RS: Taiwan, Germany, Netherlands



GORY RORY FANGFACE NEEDS A KISS
ZIGGY HANAOR AND OLLIE SILVESTER

Gory Rory Fangface is having a terrible day and everything is going wrong. First, he ran out of cereal and then his favourite jumper was in the wash and then it rained on the way to school. Does Gory Rory need a kiss? No, he most certainly DOESN’T.

The day gets progressively worse; he’s forgotten his homework, it’s egg salad for lunch, and then mum is late for pick-up. Gory Rory has finally reached the end of his tether – it really has been the WORST DAY EVER. But sometimes... just sometimes... when you really *really* need them... kisses can make it all better.

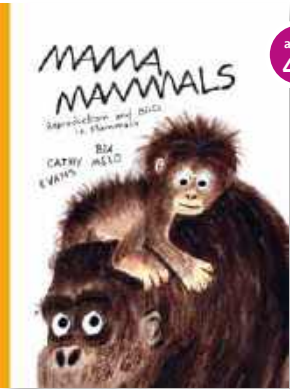
A heartwarming story about the power of affection to lighten up even the darkest of days.

**Readers, like the protagonist, should find themselves
feeling mollified, fortified, and ready for a new day.**
Publishers Weekly

Ziggy Hanaor is an author and publisher based in London. Her previous books include *The Pocket Chaotic* (2020) and *Alex and Alex* (2021). **Ollie Silvester** is an illustrator and animation director based in Bristol. His clients include *The New York Times*, *Bloomberg Businessweek* and *Camden Town Brewery*. He takes inspiration in the nonsensical humour of the everyday. This is his first book.



978-1-80066-036-6 / 214 x 263mm / Hardcover /32pp / £12.99
/ \$16.99 / May 2023 / RS: Korea, Spain



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MAMA MAMMALS
CATHY EVANS AND BIA MELO

Did you know that whale calves are born tail first, so that the mother can push them to the surface to breathe? Or that echidnas do not have nipples?

*Tastefully done and informative
for little ones who may have
awkward questions.*
Youth Services Book Review

This beautifully presented science book explains the facts of life by looking at reproduction and birth in mammal species. Through short, concise texts and warm, engaging illustrations, we learn about fertilisation, gestation, birth, breastfeeding and early parenting across the mammalian order.

978-1-80066-026-7 / Hardcover / 230 x 295mm / 32pp / £12.99 / \$16.99 / July 2023 / RS: Germany, Italy, Korea, China

ARE WE THERE YET?
SVEN VOLKER

Bear wakes up after his long winter's sleep and joins his friend, Butterfly, on a journey. 'Where are we going?' asks Bear. 'All journeys have secret destinations', says Butterfly. As they travel through forest, over hill and across a great river, Butterfly offers her wisdom about hardships, facing one's fears and living in the moment.

This is a heartwarming book about the cycles of being and the power of friendship. It is a sweet and calming bedtime story that introduces Buddhist philosophies and values to young readers.

978-1-80066-037-3 / Hardcover / 210 x 280mm / 32pp / £12.99 / \$16.99 / April 2023 / RS: China, Korea, Germany, Taiwan

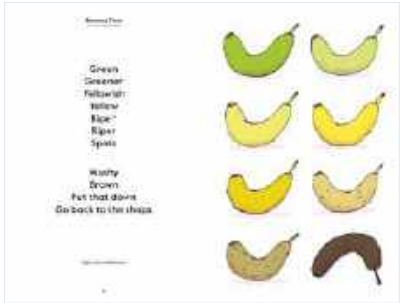
*A sensitive script, touches of humor,
and a captivating design combine
for an excursion readers will want
to repeat.*
Kirkus Starred Review



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FORWARDS ALWAYS
MATTHEW HODSON

Forwards Always is a collection of poems to be read aloud. The poems are activated through performance and play. There are daft poems, quiet poems, wonky poems and dancing poems.

The book is a puzzle. Make sense of it together, listen to it, take turns, hold it upside down and wear it as a hat. Have fun and find your own way forwards.

*Approach this book willing to
experiment, and the rewards will
be ample, including bouncing
through these unpretentious,
silly ideas twisted around in fun,
squashy rhythm.*
School Library Journal

978-1-80066-035-9 / Hardcover / 130 x 198mm / 60pp / £12.99 / \$16.99 / April 2023

THE MELLONS BUILD A HOUSE
ROBIN JACOBS AND NIK NEVES

The Mellon family have outgrown their flat. It's time to move, so they decide to build their own house. Masha the architect designs a house that accommodates the Mellons' needs, their budget, and most importantly, the environment. It is an eco-house.

The Mellons Build a House is a hugely enjoyable picturebook that takes the reader step-by-step through house design and build with a focus on environmental concerns and eco-technologies. A timely and essential read for aspiring young architects and construction enthusiasts.

978-1-80066-033-5 / 220 x 280 mm / 36pp / Hardcover / £12.99 / \$16.99 / May 2023 / RS: Korea, Spain

*A cleverly architected book...
perfect for children exploring the
environment or anything to do
with construction.*
Literacy Tree



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3+





ALTE ZACHEN / OLD THINGS
ZIGGY HANAOR AND BENJAMIN PHILLIPS

A powerful and affecting graphic novel that follows 11-year-old Benji and his grandmother, Bubbe Rosa, as they traverse New York gathering the ingredients for Friday night dinner. Bubbe's cantakerous exterior belies a roiling interior world filled with memories that we gradually piece together.

This V&A Illustration Award winning book tells a tale of Jewish identity, generational divides and of a restless city and its inhabitants.

Taking a walk with Rosa and Benji just might change how readers see the world and everyone's place in it.
School Library Journal, starred review

978-1-80066-022-9 / Hardcover / 190 x 240mm / 72pp / £16.99 / \$22.99 / April 2022 / RS: China, Germany, Italy

CHANGING WORLD: COLD DATA FOR A WARMING PLANET
DAVID GIBSON

This book of infographics exposes the realities of climate change in hard numbers, bright graphs and unequivocal directness.

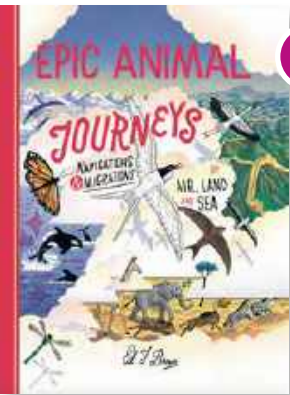
- How will rising sea levels affect us?
- Is it better to stop eating red meat or to stop driving a car?
- What industries create the most emissions?
- How do renewable energies compare to one another?

David Gibson is a master of visualisation. Without sugar-coating or fear-mongering, this is a book that uses facts to conveniently illuminate inconvenient truths.



978-1-80066-028-1 / Hardcover / 190 x 165mm / 112pp / £14.99 / \$19.99 / October 2022 / RS: Korea, China, Taiwan, France

A first-rate toolbox of facts and basic background on which to build. Compact, informative, and convincing.
Kirkus Starred Review



EPIC ANIMAL JOURNEYS
ED J BROWN

With no engines or GPS devices, birds fly thousands of miles to their African feeding grounds, salmon cross oceans so that they may return to the rivers in which they were born and herds of wildebeest follow the rains across swathes of the Serengeti.

This book takes a close look at the mysteries of migration and brings them to life with beautiful packaging and vivid illustrations by Ed J Brown.



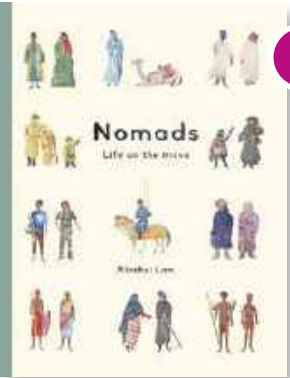
Robust insights into the often mind-bogglingly arduous journeys of animals all over the world.
Kirkus Reviews

978-1-80066-029-8 / Hardcover / 230 x 290mm / 72pp / £16.99 / \$22.99 / November 2022 RS: China, Italy

NOMADS: LIFE ON THE MOVE
KINCHOI LAM

A fascinating and beautiful survey of 10 nomadic societies around the world; their lifestyles and traditions, and the uncertain futures they face.

From the Sama Bajau of the Philippines to the Yanomami of the Amazon and the Steppe nomads of Mongolia, this book offers valuable insights into ways of living that reach back thousands of years, and which have never been more relevant. Delicate and sensitive illustrations bring the material to life.



978-1-80066-032-8 / Hardcover / 210 x 273mm / 72pp / £16.99 / \$22.99 / October 2022 / RS: China, Korea, Vietnam, Japan, Sweden

A nonfiction text that looks at how nomadic life came to be that is without compare.
School Library Journal, Starred Review





CAT EYES AND DOG WHISTLES: THE SEVEN SENSES OF HUMANS AND OTHER ANIMALS
CATHY EVANS AND BECKY THORNS

This book takes young readers step by step through the biology of the human sensory organs and then compares them to those of the animal kingdom. Did you know that, unlike the other senses, smells are delivered directly to the parts of our brain that are responsible for memory and emotion? Or that a cow has about 250,000 tastebuds, compared to a mere 30 of a chicken?

With striking, colorful illustrations and interesting factoids, it provides a fine introduction to the senses.

School Library Journal

Beautifully presented, this book will get kids thinking about all the amazing things their bodies can do.

978-1-80066-013-7 / 230 x 295 mm / 64pp / Hardcover / £14.99 / \$22.99 / October 2021 / RS: Korea, China, Vietnam, Germany, Czechia, Netherlands, Italy

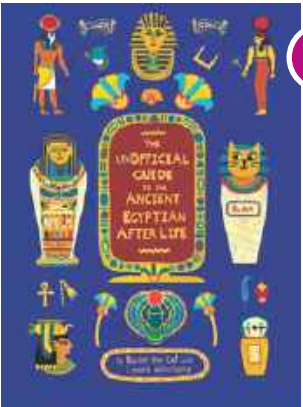
ATLAS OF AMAZING ARCHITECTURE
PETER ALLEN

This gorgeous reference book eschews the traditional architectural canon of the pyramids and the Taj Mahal, and takes a broader view of what constitutes amazing architecture. From the Jameh Mosque in Iran to an ancient wooden church in Kizhi Pogost, Russia, it spans all continents equally throughout history.

Peter Allen brings the stories of the buildings and their creators alive in his trademark detail- and humour-packed illustrations.

978-1-908714-87-9 / Hardcover / 220 x 285mm / 88 pp / £14.99 / \$22.99 / May 2021 / RS: China, Korea, Taiwan, France, Germany, Italy, Turkey

A delightful and informative trip around the globe, visiting more than 40 architectural sites... with artwork that is lively, colorful, informative, and full of character.
School Library Journal



THE UNOFFICIAL GUIDE TO THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN AFTERLIFE
BASTET THE CAT AND LAURA WINSTONE

Bastet, the Pharaoh's cat, is here to take you on a journey through the mystical death rituals of Ancient Egypt. From the various gods that must be appeased to the stages of mummification and the final weighing of the heart, Bastet will help you make it safely across to the other side.

This is a light-hearted, but nonetheless informative insight into the fascinating beliefs and traditions of Ancient Egypt, brought to life in vivid collage illustrations.

An enjoyable book that keeps readers involved with bright colours and animated images... to be kept in classrooms or on the shelves for browsers.
School Library Journal

978-1-80066-012-0 / Hardcover / 230 x 290 mm / 36pp / £12.99 / \$16.99 / May 2022 / RS: Italy, France

SNAIL TRAIL
ZIGGY HANAOR AND CHRISTOS KOURTOGLOU

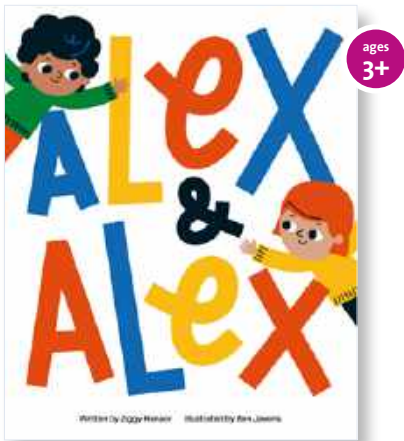
Marjorie is a happy, friendly snail, but sometimes she just needs a bit of alone time. The problem is, as soon as she finds a quiet space, someone follows her trail of slime and tracks her down. With a bit of effort, Marjorie manages to get hopelessly lost, and relies on a friend to help her find her way back to her home. And to equilibrium.

This is a timely and relatable book that brings to life the disjunction between our introvert and extrovert selves, brought to life in the lively watercolours of Christos Kourtoglou.

978-1-80066-031-1 / Hardcover / 216 x 243 mm / 32pp / £12.99 / \$16.99 / November 2022 / RS: China, Taiwan

Come for the empathetic storytelling. Stay to pore over the inventive ways in which Kourtoglou anthropomorphizes snails...
The New York Times





ALEX AND ALEX
ZIGGY HANAOR AND BEN JAVENS

Alex and Alex have lots of things in common. They love playing and dressing up. They are also very different to one another; Alex is very messy and Alex is very tidy. After a trip to the museum goes a little bit awry, Alex and Alex have some cooling-off time. But they always make up, because Alex really, really, really, really likes Alex!



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A simple yet inclusive story that is likely to build tolerance, insight, and healthy relationships among young readers.
Booklist
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978-1-80066-011-3 / Hardcover / 214 x 263mm / August 2021 / 32pp / £11.99 / \$16.99

AT THIS VERY MOMENT
MATTHEW HODSON

*At this very moment
There's a mouse
There's a small mouse waking up
in the early morning sun.*

This is a book about all living things, including you and me, at this very moment. Using simple but evocative language, it asks the young reader to be present in the moment and to marvel at the magnificent organism that is our planet. A beautiful, poetic and elevating bedtime read.



978-1-908714-92-3 / Hardcover / 214 x 263 mm / August 2021 / £11.99 / \$16.99 / 32pp / RS: Korea, Spain

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A lovely, quiet book that radiates calm.
Kirkus Reviews
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THE NEW BABY: AN ACTIVITY BOOK
LIE DIRXX

Introducing a young child to the idea of a new sibling can be tricky to get right. This book offers parents a new way of starting a conversation with their child about the baby developing in mummy's tummy. By doodling, colouring in and engaging with the activities, the older sibling is invited to think and talk about themselves, and in doing so, to think about what life might be like when the new baby arrives.



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An adorable activity paperback to help children make sense of what it means to become a sibling.

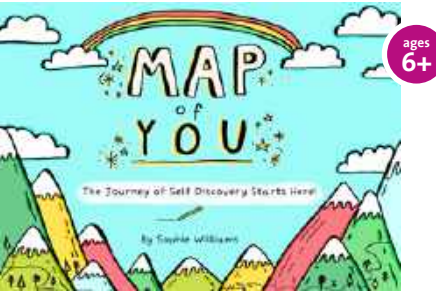
Babyology

978-1-908714-90-9 / Paperback / 210 x 260 mm / 32pp / £7.95 / \$10.95 / 32pp / October 2020 / RS: France, Spain, Netherlands

MAP OF YOU
SOPHIE WILLIAMS

A charming activity book that encourages readers to explore the landscape of their own psyches. Through personality quizzes, drawing and colouring in, they are invited to consider their strengths, weaknesses, fears and personality types.

An engaging activity book that offers a much-needed opening to ideas of self-reflection, well-being and mindfulness, with a refreshing lightness of touch.



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The cheerful, doodlelike illustrations are filled with nature imagery and complement the text well.
Kirkus Reviews
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978-1-80066-015-1 / Paperback / 210 x 270mm / 72 pp / £9.99 / \$12.99 / October 2021



GUT GARDEN: A JOURNEY INTO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF YOUR MICROBIOME
KATIE BROSINAN

Within our bodies hides an entire world of microbes that digest our food and protect our immune systems. Scientists are only now discovering the links between our microbiome and health issues ranging from allergies to multiple sclerosis. Through Katie Brosnan’s personable illustrations, we follow the digestive process, learning about the role of microbes at every step of the way.

An engaging and beautiful introduction to a fascinating frontier of science.

Effectively makes the case that we are all biological boardinghouses... plenty to chew on here.

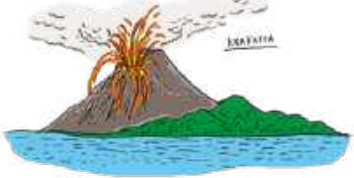
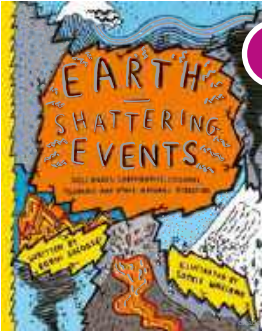
Kirkus Reviews

978-1-908714-72-5 / Hardcover / 230 x 295 mm / £13.99 / \$17.99 / 44pp / October 2019 / RS: Korea, Japan, France, China, Italy, Poland

EARTH-SHATTERING EVENTS: VOLCANOES, EARTHQUAKES, CYCLONES, TSUNAMIS AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS
ROBIN JACOBS AND SOPHIE WILLIAMS

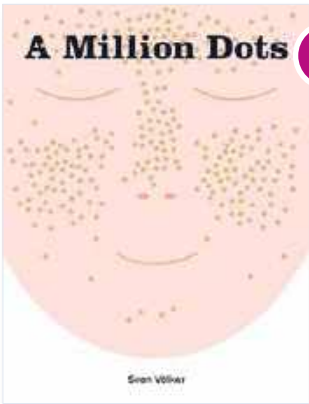
We humans take our domination of the planet for granted, but sometimes the Earth reminds us that this is an illusion. Great waves sweep away entire towns, tectonic plates shift, causing cities to crumble, and volcanoes cover swathes of land in molten rock.

This book explores nature at its most dramatic and its most destructive. Clear, coherent explanations of phenomena including hurricanes, tornadoes, avalanches, tsunamis and volcanoes are brought to life in fun, accessible, hand-drawn illustrations by Sophie Williams.



An eye-opening and -widening introduction to our restless planet. Kirkus Starred Review

978-1-908714-70-1 / Hardcover / 230 x 290 mm / 96pp / £16.99 / \$22.99 / October 2019 / RS: China, Korea, Italy, Poland, Russia, Turkey



A MILLION DOTS
SVEN VOLKER

We start with a single tree; 1. As we turn the page, we are presented with a sum doubling the number on the page before it: 1+1 = 2; 2+2 = 4; 4+4 = 8, reaching a million (actually 1,048,576) within 44 pages.

With a remarkable fold out concertina at the back, this timely graphic depiction of exponential growth was a 2019 ‘New York Times Best Illustrated’ children’s book.

Volker has created an approachable introduction to numeracy, but also rendered math beautiful and entrancing. The New York Times

978-1-908714-66-4 / Hardcover / 210 x 280mm / 44pp / £12.95 / \$18.95 / June 2019 / RS: Spain, China, Taiwan, Korea, France, Germany

THE POCKET CHAOTIC
ZIGGY HANAOR AND DANIEL GRAY-BARNETT

Alexander is a young kangaroo living in his mum’s pocket. Alexander loves his mum, but there’s one thing that really drives him nuts. She is always putting stuff in her pocket. Alexander tries to keep things neat but one day it all gets TOO MUCH!

A humorous and timely tale about the connection between a mother and son and his journey towards independence.

978-1-908714-80-0 / Hardcover / 220 x 270mm / £11.95 / \$16.95 / 32pp / October 2020 / RS: Korea, China, Taiwan, Turkey

A humorous invitation to embrace change... and move on. Kirkus Starred Review





DISAPPEARING ACTS (PAPERBACK)
ISABELLA BUNNELL

978-1-908714-98-5 / Paperback / 280 x 200mm / £6.99 / \$8.99 / 36pp / RS: China, Korea, France, Russia, Poland

A beautiful search-and-find book in which detailed watercolour landscapes of various environments (rainforest, desert, etc) harbour within them numbats, snow leopards and mountain gorillas. A great way to get a young audience to engage with environmental issues.



PIPPIN PAINTS A PORTRAIT
CHARLOTTE MEI

978-1-80066-014-4 / Hardcover / 214 x 263mm / 36pp / £11.99 / \$16.99 / RS: Korea, China, Vietnam, Taiwan, France, Spain

Pippin is painting a self-portrait, but his friends think he's got a lot to learn about artistic styles. Pippin is feeling deflated, but with a little help, he digs deep and finds the artist within. A refreshingly anarchic laugh-out-loud introduction to the art world.



THE PROBLEM WITH PIERRE
C K SMOUHA / SUZANNA HUBBARD

978-1-908714-85-5 / Hardcover / 240 x 270mm / £11.95 / \$16.95 / 36pp

Alan and Bertram are next-door neighbours who are nothing alike. Bertram is neat as a pin and Alan is wildly messy. Their efforts to appease a very fussy cat called Pierre result in each one making a few compromises, allowing walls to come down literally and metaphorically!



FLY FLIES
ZIGGY HANAOR / ALICE BOWSHER

978-1-908714-61-9 / Hardcover / 225 x 207mm / £9.95 / \$14.95 / 32pp / RS: Spain, France, China

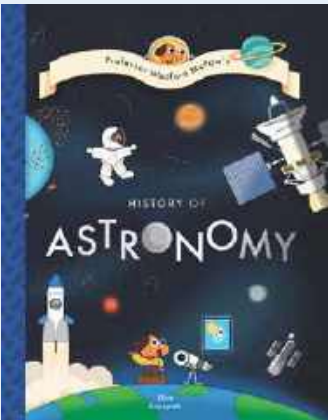
Fly just wants to have fun flying but everyone thinks she's doing it all wrong. Fly in a straight line, says Blackbird, glide on the wind, says Stork, fly in a flock, says Starling. A humorous tale about staying true to yourself no matter what.



I MISS YOU
GIOIA GUERZONI / ROSIE LEECH

978-1-80066-025-0 / Hardcover / 110 x 170mm / 44pp / £9.99 / \$14.99

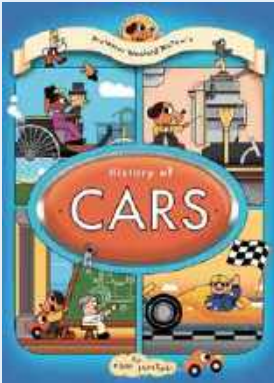
This evocative little gift book proposes a series of conceptual activities to help the reader work through the sense of loss that arises when someone or something is missing from their lives. Combining the practical and the abstract, the activities have a Fluxus-style poignancy that is complemented by beautiful stripped back illustration and elegant packaging.



PROFESSOR WOOFORD MCPAW'S HISTORY OF ASTRONOMY
ELLIOT KRUSZYNSKI

978-1-80066-023-6 / Hardcover / 214 x 275mm / 48pp / £14.99 / \$19.99 / RS: China, Korea

This book takes on the entirety of the cosmos and everything within it. Through the humorous tone of Professor Wooford McPaw, we look at how our place within the universe has evolved from the days of Ancient Greece to the discoveries of Copernicus and Galileo, through to Newton and then to Einstein and Hawking.



PROFESSOR WOOFORD MCPAW'S HISTORY OF CARS
ELLIOT KRUSZYNSKI

978-1-908714-95-4 / Hardcover / 214 x 275mm / £12.99 / \$16.99 / 48pp / RS: China, Korea, Russia

The first book in a series of non-fiction titles narrated by a knowledgeable dog; Professor Wooford McPaw. This one explores the history of the car from the advent of the steam engine to the self-driving cars of today. Packed with information delivered in humorous comic-panels, this is the perfect book for any budding petrolhead.



PASSPORT
ROBIN JACOBS

978-1-908714-24-4 / Saddlestitched / 90 x 125 mm / £6.99 / \$9.99 / 32pp / RS: France, Spain

The exact shape and size of a passport, this delightfully designed travel activity book asks the reader to draw the logo on the plane tails, say hello in 30 different languages and draw a line from their point of departure to their destination. Endless entertainment for travel-savvy kids.