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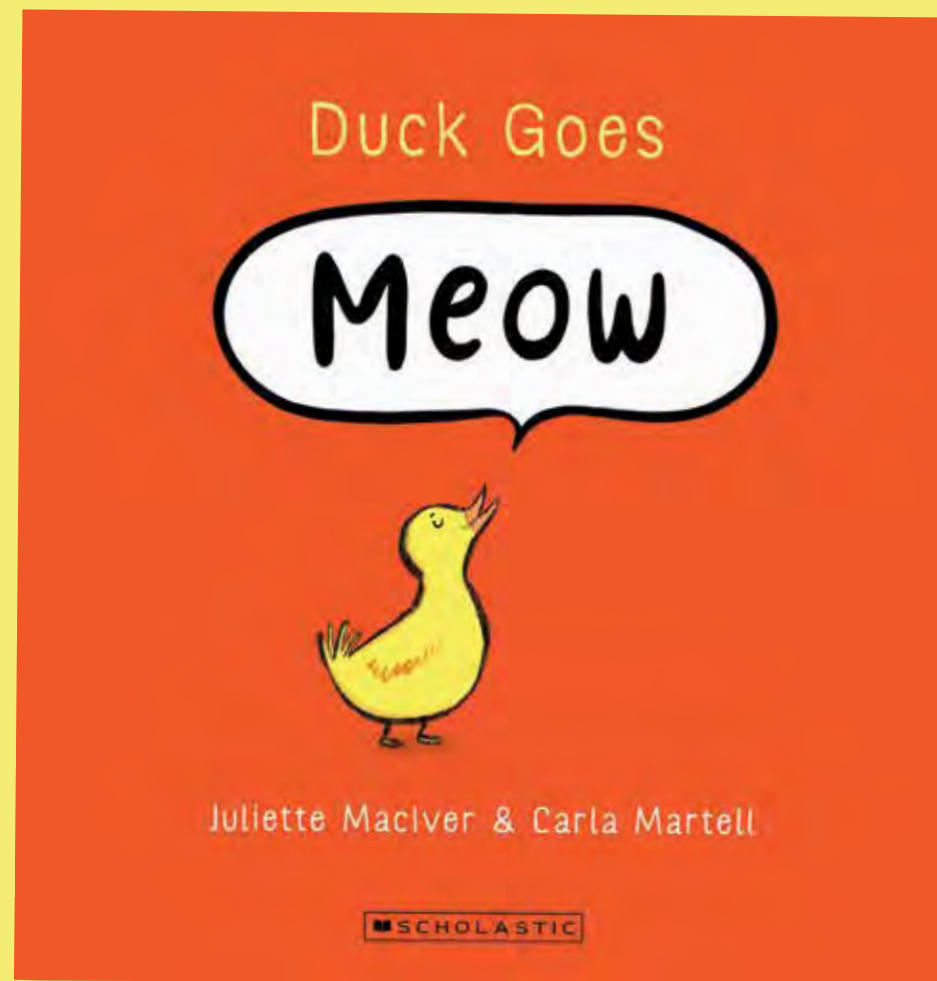


## Duck Goes Meow

Juliette MacIver & Carla Martell

*"Woof! says Dog. Moo! says Cow. Cluck! says Hen, and Duck Goes ... meow."*

A little yellow duckling is amongst animal friends who are all sure of the sounds they make: hiss, neigh, moo, cheep, cluck and oink. But when Duck goes 'meow', the other animals say no, that is wrong, try again ... then Duck's mama arrives, and boy, do they get a surprise!



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 the Netherlands & USA



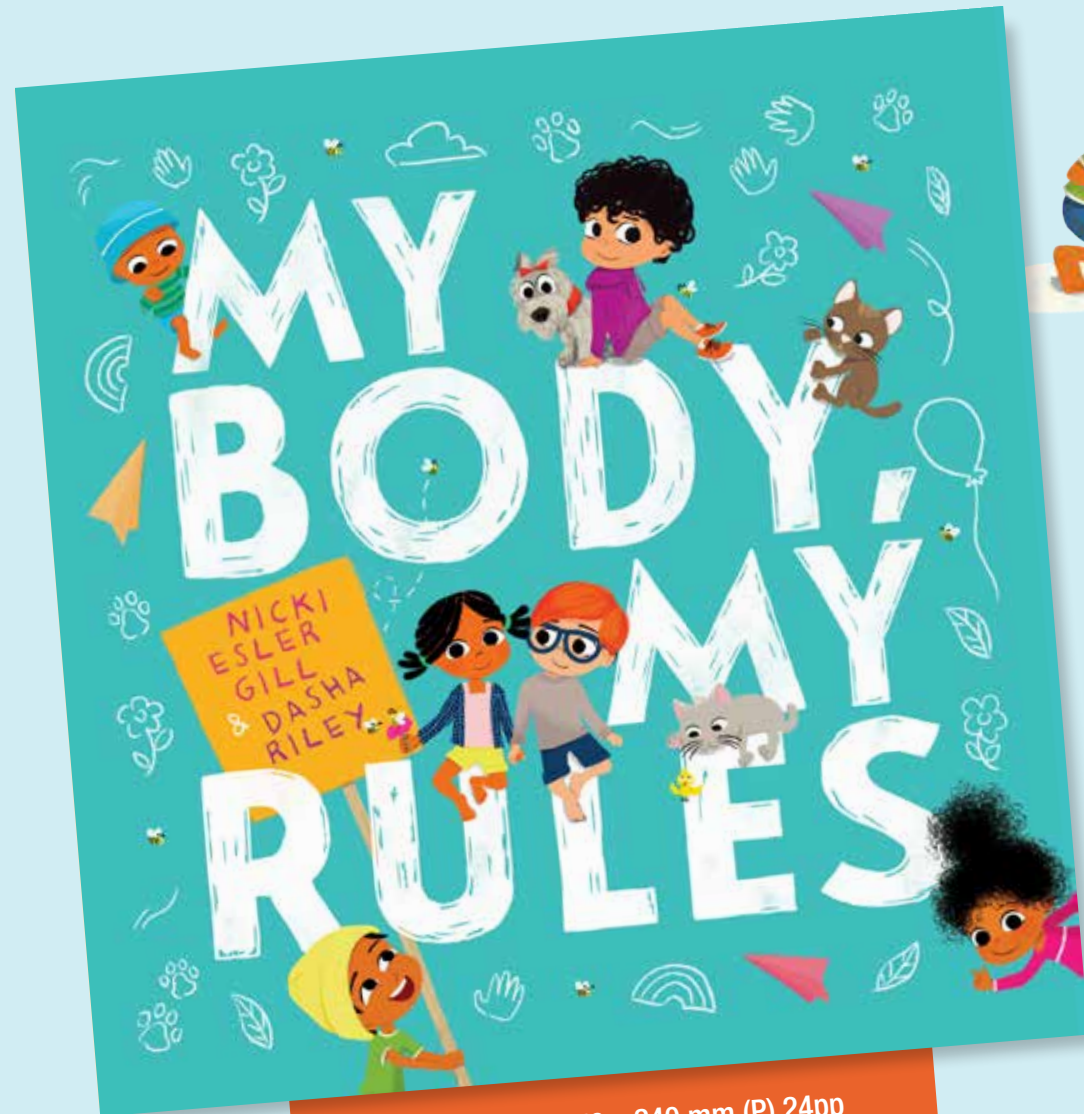
# My Body, My Rules

Nicki Esler Gill & Dasha Riley

Have you been tickled or tackled before?  
And then decided that you want no more?

You can tell others how they play with you  
It's your body, so it's your rules too!

*A fun and empowering new picture book  
introducing young readers to consent and  
positive body boundaries.*



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# Brain is



# NOT Always Right

SCOTT STUART

## Brain Is (Not) Always Right

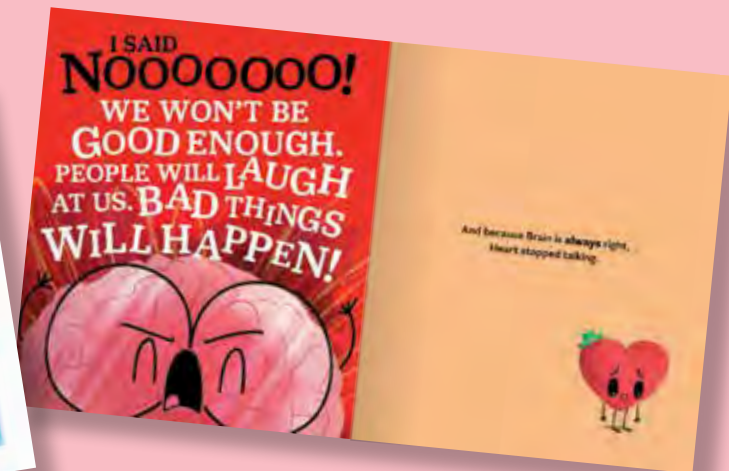
Scott Stuart

*Heart loves puppies, and chocolate, and  
rollercoasters, and dancing along to music.*

*Brain does not. Brain likes lists, and broccoli,  
and safety rails, and wearing sensible clothing.*

*But, most of all, Brain likes always being right.*

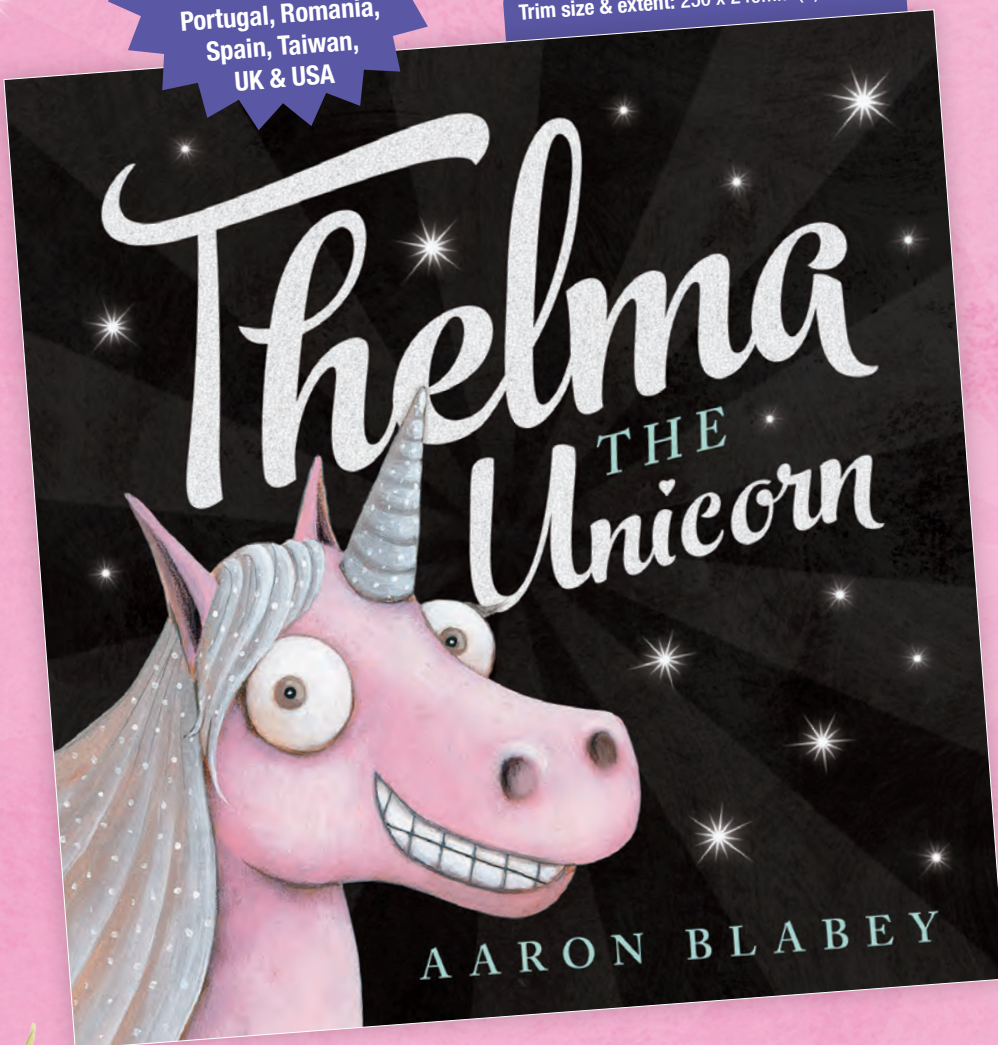
A thoughtful and heart-warming story about  
being true to yourself, by best-selling picture-book  
creator, Scott Stuart.





Sold in Brazil,  
Canada, Catalan,  
China, English language  
in Asia, Greece, Iceland,  
India, Italy, Poland,  
Portugal, Romania,  
Spain, Taiwan,  
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## Thelma the Unicorn

Aaron Blabey

Oh, Thelma looked amazing.  
She was a unicorn!

'I'm special now,' she cried out loud.  
And so, a star was born . . .

## The Return of Thelma the Unicorn

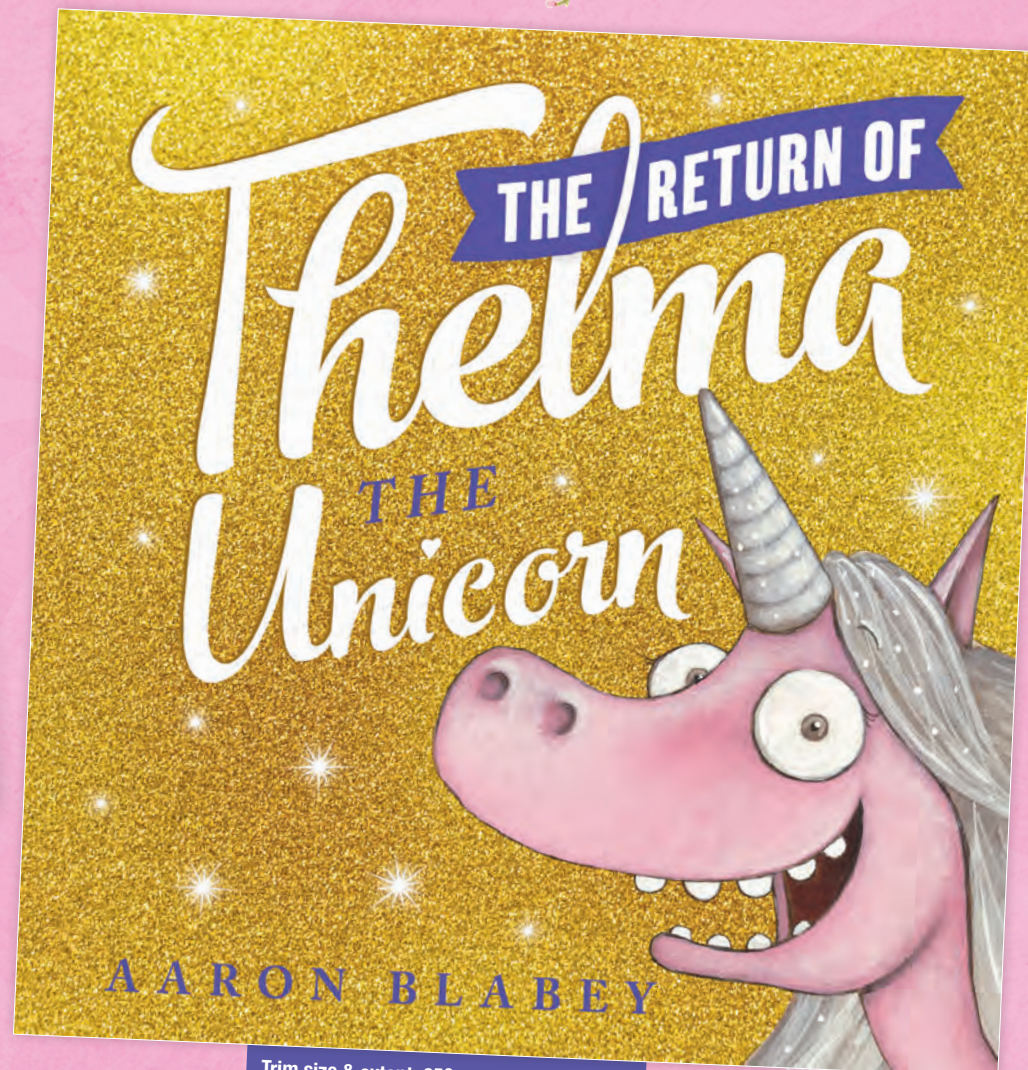
Aaron Blabey

Thelma the Unicorn didn't like being famous,  
so she fled the spotlight and *disappeared* . . .

But the world was heartbroken! 'We miss our unicorn!'

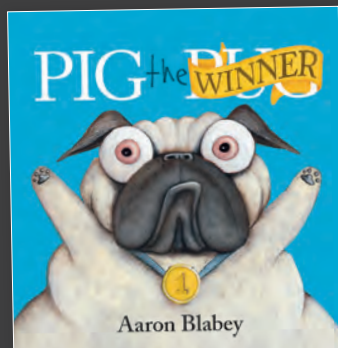
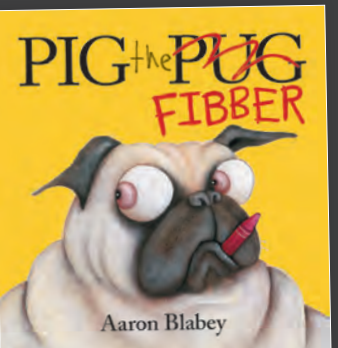
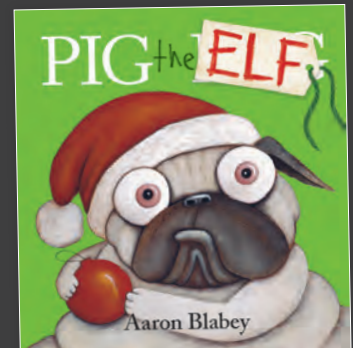
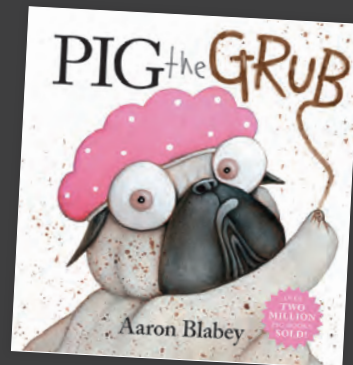
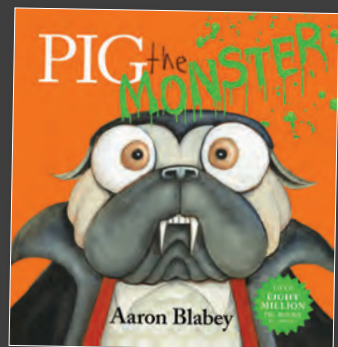
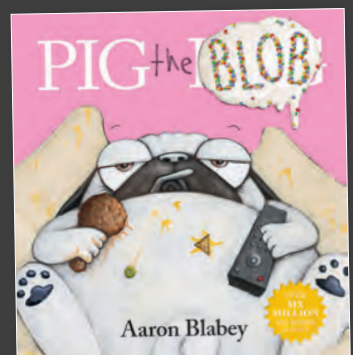
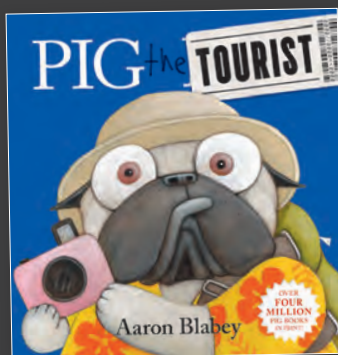
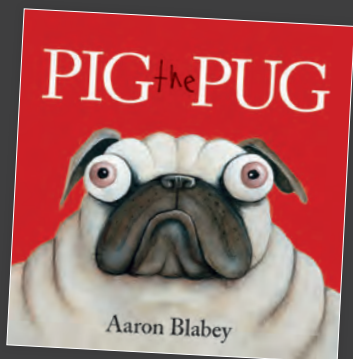
Thelma, it's time to get your sparkle back on . . .

The sequel to the million-selling *Thelma the Unicorn*  
from the #1 New York Times bestselling author, Aaron Blabey.



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## Pig the Rebel

Aaron Blabey

Pig's bad behaviour has finally caught up with him—it's time for OBEDIENCE SCHOOL! Can this terrible Pig ever be tamed?

Not if he can help it . . .

*Another laugh-out-loud book from the #1 New York Times best-selling author, Aaron Blabey.*

Sold in Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Catalan, China, English language in Asia, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, UK & USA



Pig was a Pug  
and I'm sorry to say,  
after years of his antics  
it was now time to pay.

Yes, Pig was condemned  
to a fate oh so cruel—  
it was time for the dreaded . . .

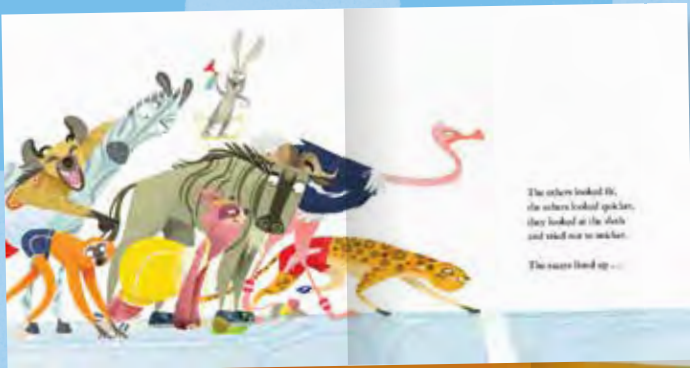


# The Speedy Sloth

Rebecca Young & Heath McKenzie

*It was finally time for the event of the year,  
Spike couldn't believe it—THE GREAT RACE was here!  
The other sloths said it couldn't be done,  
but Spike didn't care, she was ready to run!*

From award-winning creators Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie, comes this inspiring story to celebrate all winners . . . especially those who don't come first.





# Shortest Bedtime Story Ever

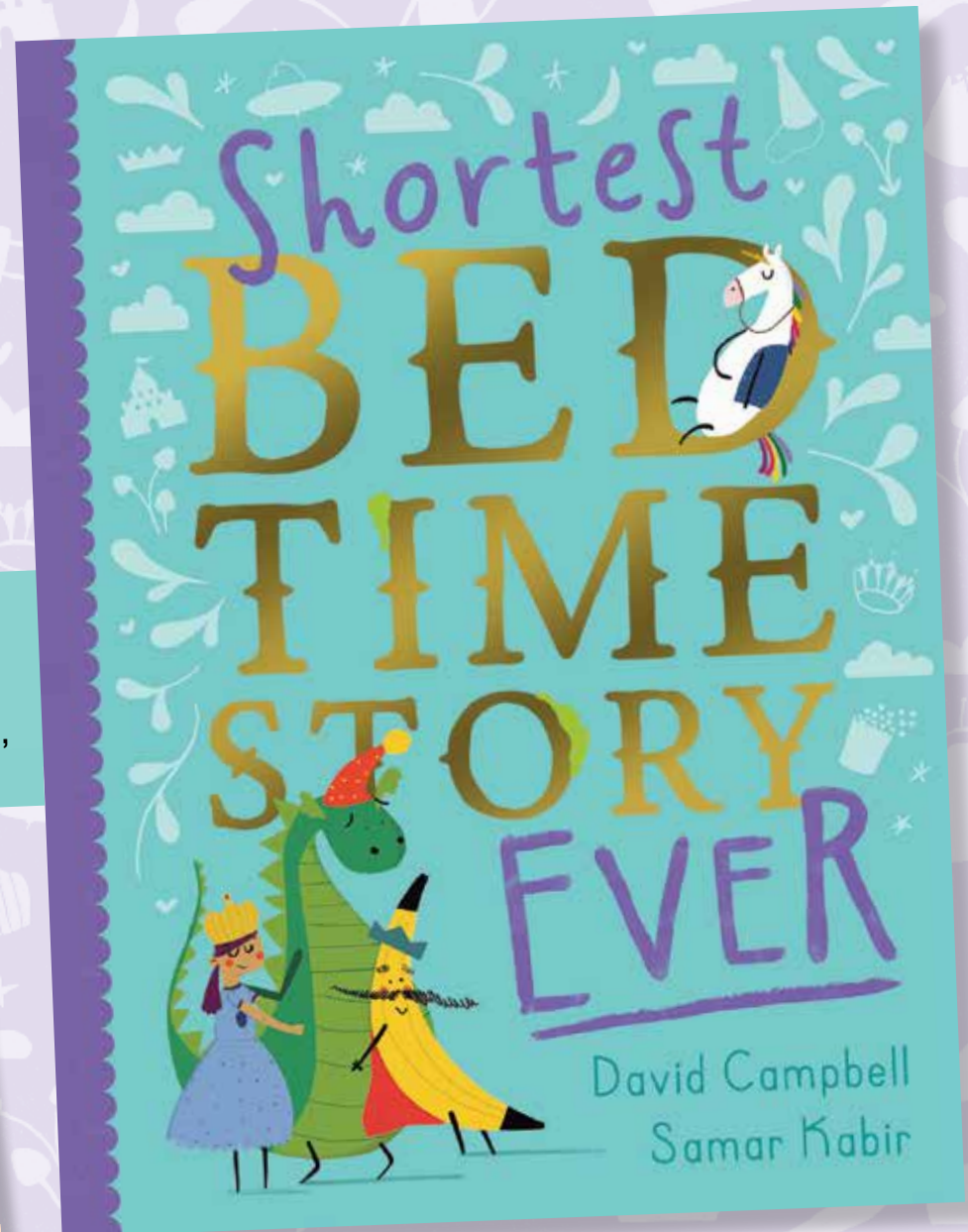
David Campbell & Samar Kabir

Once upon a time there was a Prince and a Princess,  
and they lived happily ever after. THE END.

This is the shortest bedtime story EVER. Seriously.  
As long as there are NO interruptions—like sneezy  
dragons, or alien goo, and especially NOT monkeys with  
lasers on their heads—this story will be all finished,  
just in time for bed. Sounds perfect . . . right?



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Catalan & Spain







# BAA BAA BLACK BELT

GAVIN AUNG THAN

## Baa Baa Black Belt

Gavin Aung Than

Baa Baa Black Belt is the coolest sheep on the farm (well, that's what he thinks). Can he show all the other animals his epic skills?



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 Rights: World excl. ANZ & Taiwan

## Sebastian Stands Out

Rory H. Mather & Sofya Karmazina

Sebastian chameleon is always being squished, squashed and stepped on because he blends in. After the gazillionth time, he has had enough! Can Sebastian change his chameleon ways and finally stand out?





# The Swaddledok

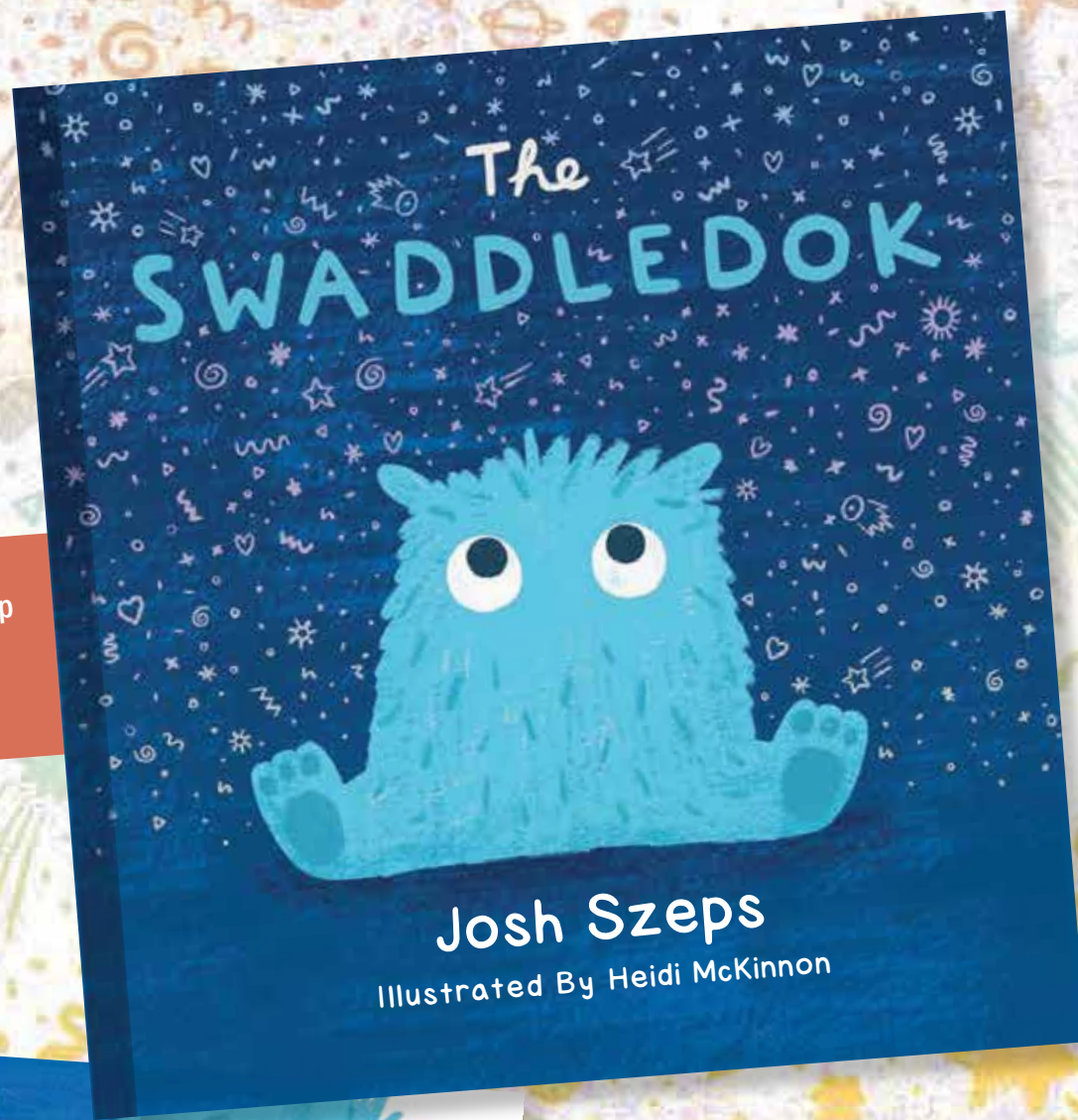
Josh Szeps and Heidi McKinnon

The swaddledok was tiny and cute when Stella got it. She'd wished for one for so long, and now it was here...

Can Stella look after her swaddledok?

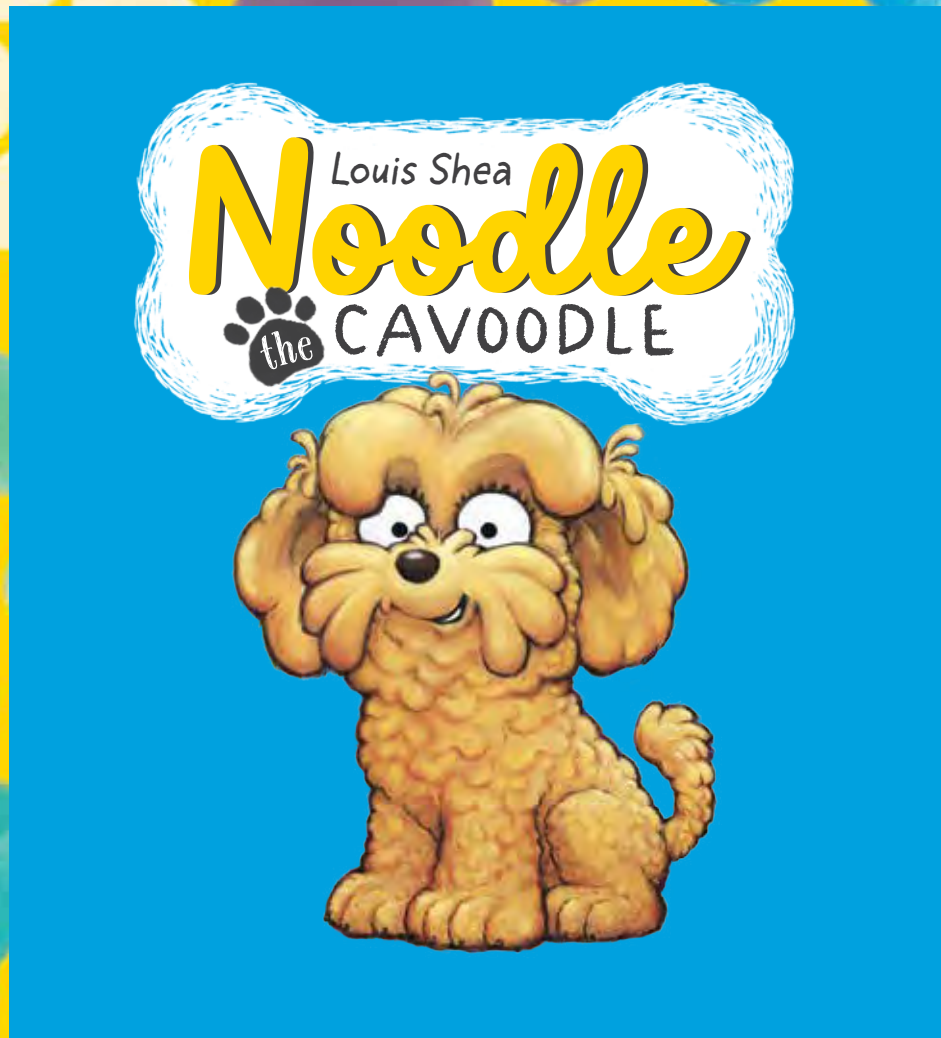
Or is this going to be the worst decision she's ever made?

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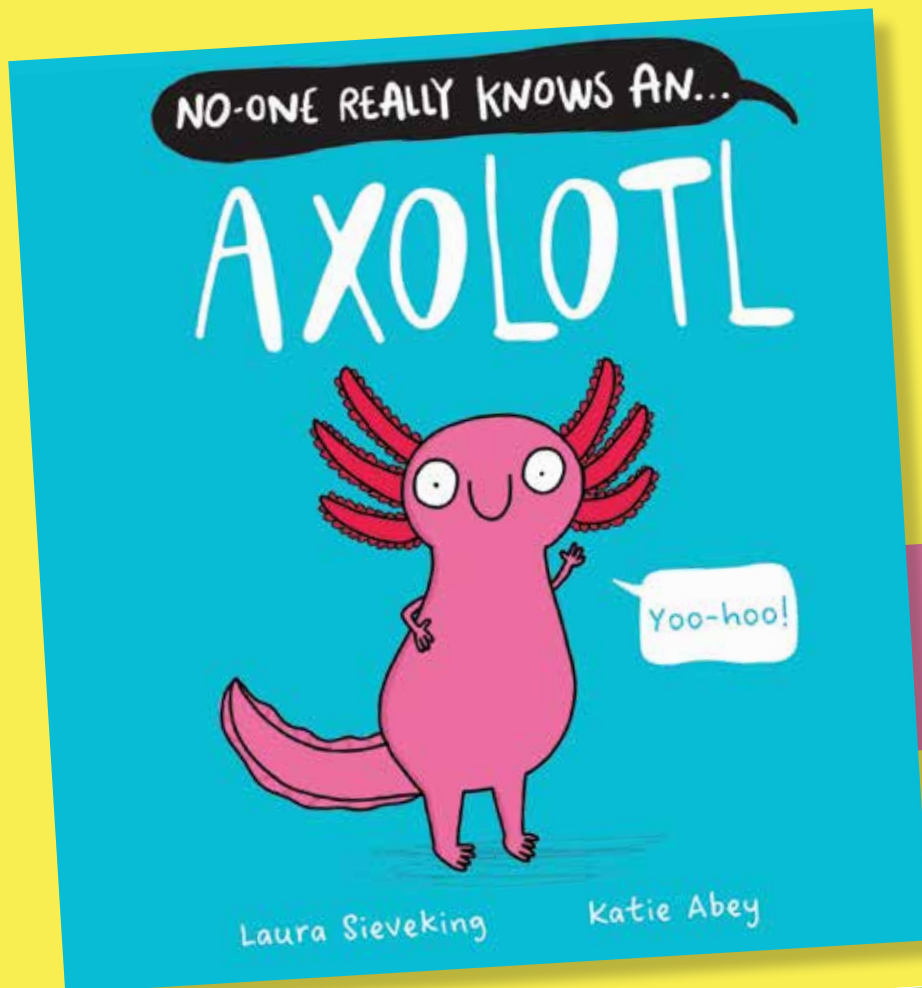


## **Noodle the Cavoodle**

**Louis Shea**

*Noodle the Cavoodle is the smartest pup in town. But can she figure out a way to get all her friends playing together happily?*





## No-one Really Knows an Axolotl

Laura Sieveking & Katie Abey

*Axolotl*

*Snacksolotl*

*Groovy jazzy sax-olotl...*

If you think you know axolotls, then think again!

A quirky book about axolotls, like you've never seen them before!

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Yoo-hoo!

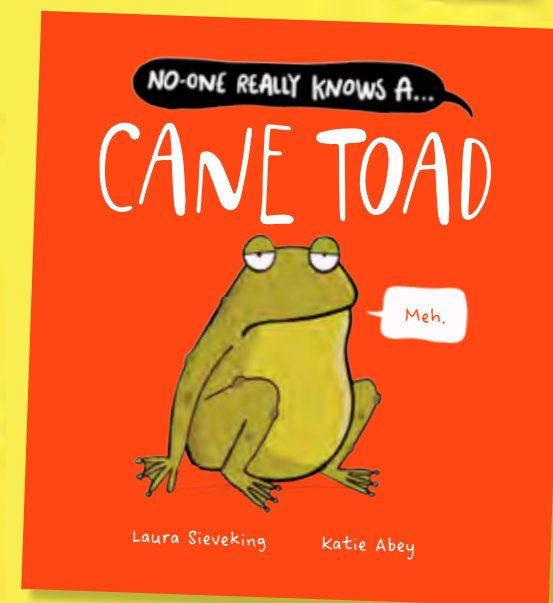
Laura Sieveking

Katie Abey



ANIMALS...

ANIMALS...



## No-one Really Knows a Cane Toad

Laura Sieveking & Katie Abey

*Cane toad*

*Brain toad*

*Riding on a train toad...*

If you think you know cane toads, then think again!

A hilarious book about cane toads, like you've never seen them before!

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# The Book That Grown-Ups Get Wrong

Rove McManus

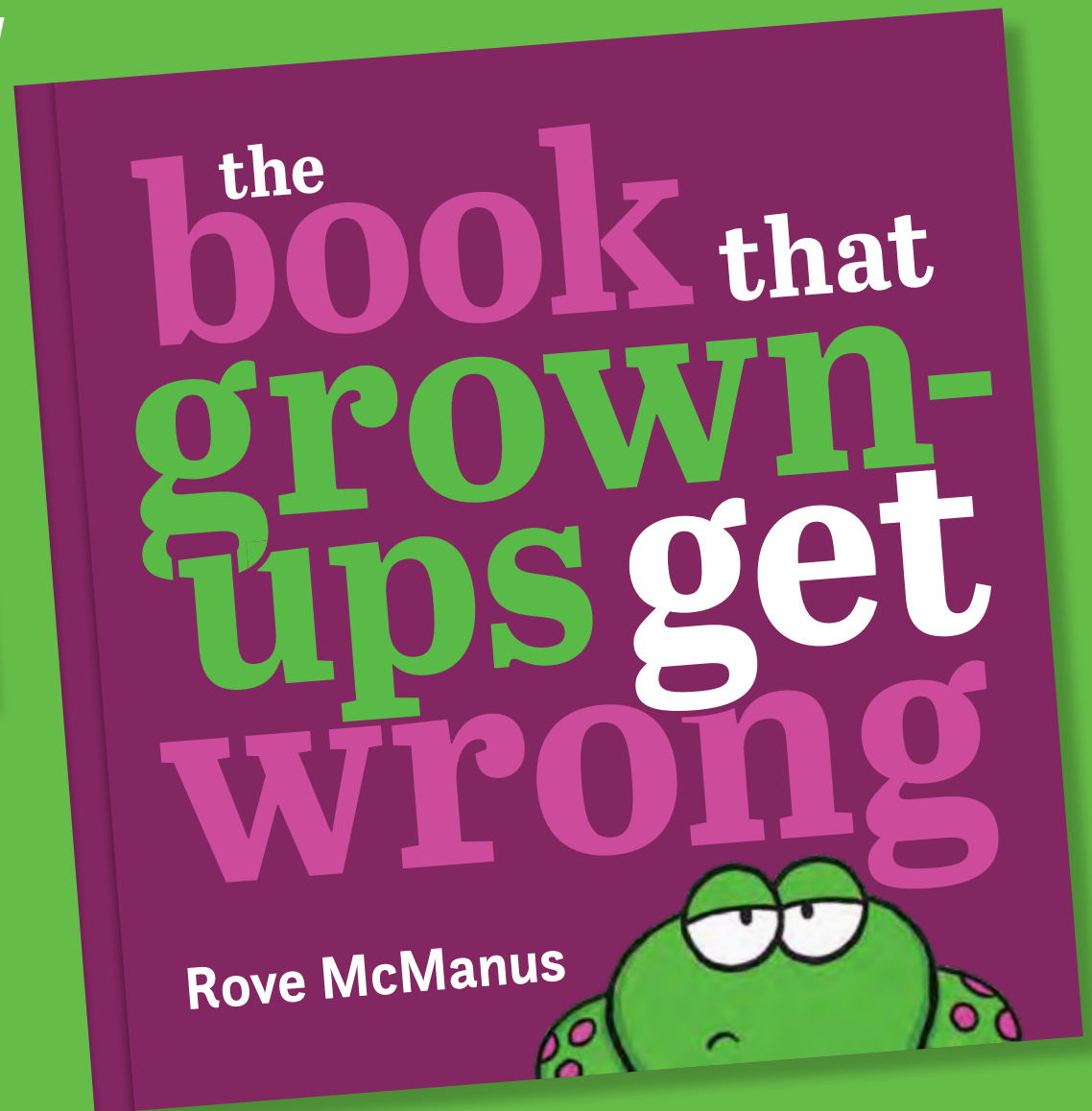
*This is the book that grown-ups get wrong.*

*Which is awkward because there is one reading it to you right now, isn't there?*

*I know it's all going well so far, but trust me.*

*They always, always get it wrong eventually.*

*Watch . . .*





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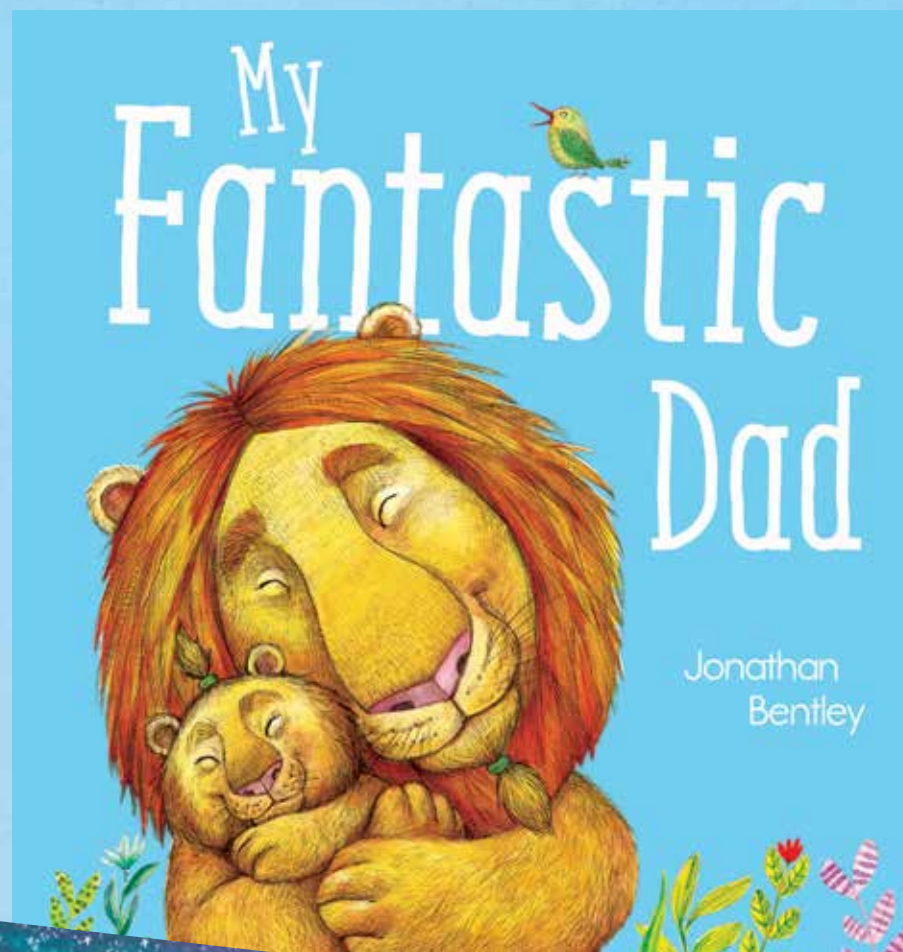
## My Fantastic Dad

Jonathan Bentley

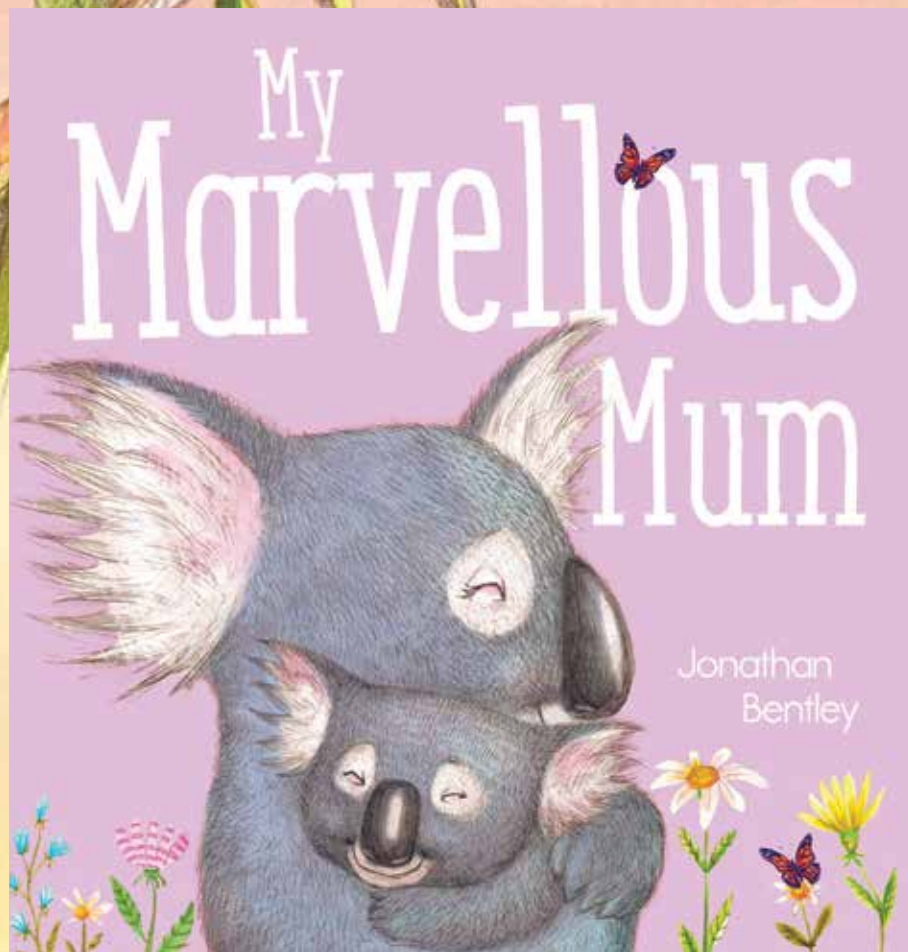
F is for my Fantastic Dad.

Let's spell out why . . .

A fun book exploring all the ways  
in which dads are FANTASTIC.







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## My Marvellous Mum

Jonathan Bentley

M is for my Marvellous Mum.

Let's spell out why . . .

A beautiful book exploring all the way  
in which mums are MARVELLOUS.





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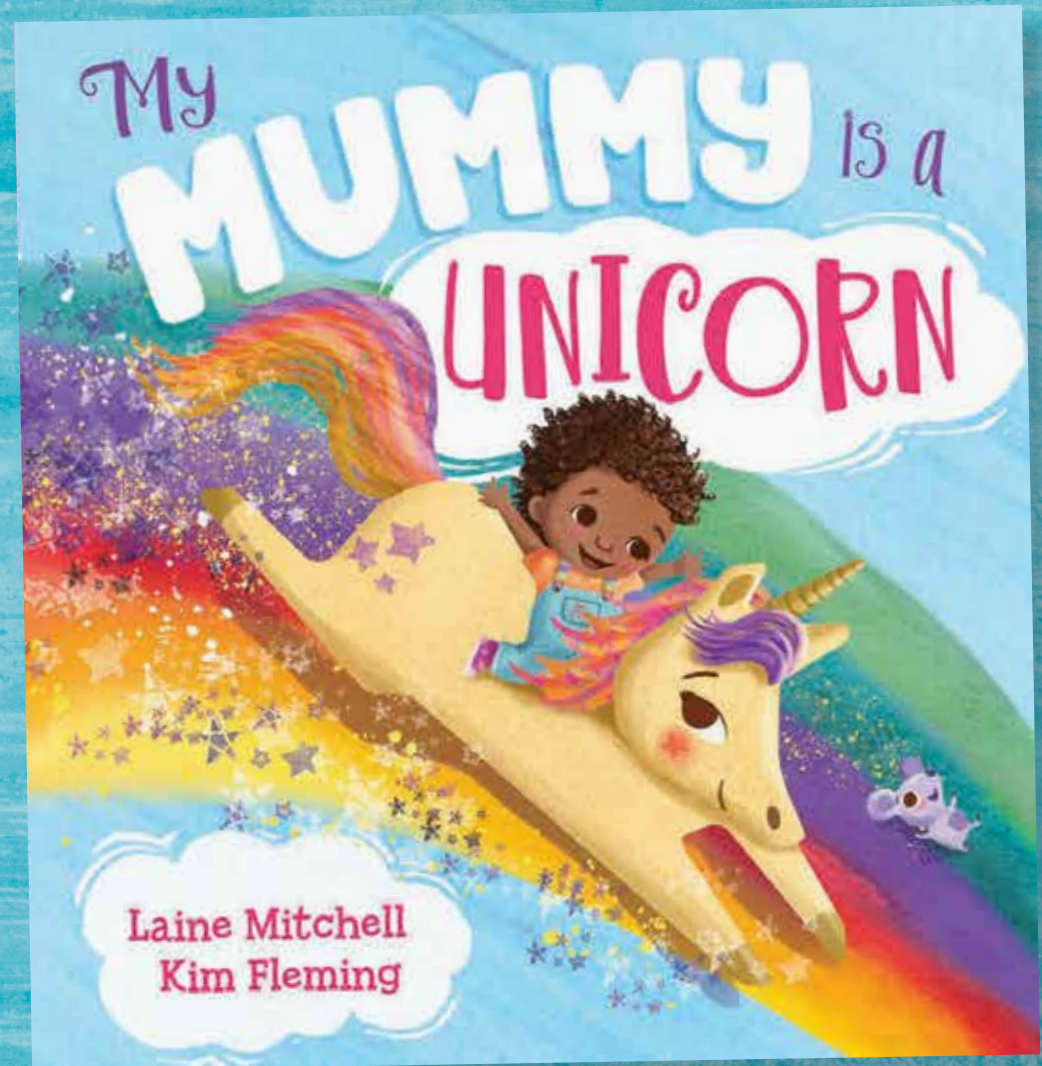
# My Mummy Is a Unicorn

Laine Mitchell & Kim Fleming

My mummy is a unicorn!

She makes magic every day  
when she takes me on a rainbow road  
to school, and then we play.

Join in the fun as mother and child use their  
imaginations to create a magical day full of  
fantastical adventures.





# Going to Big School

Laura Sieveking & Danielle McDonald

'My name is Ava. Today I am going to big school! I am EXCITED.'

'My name is Jack. Today I am going to big school! I feel a bit NERVOUS.'

Everyone feels differently on their first day of BIG SCHOOL. And that's OK! Join Jack and Ava as they play, sing, draw and make new friends.



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LAURA + PHILIP BUNTING

# The wild guide to starting school.

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## The Wild Guide to Starting School

Laura & Philip Bunting

Hey, wild thing! Are you about to start school? Then it's time to get set for your wildest adventure yet. Follow this simple guide and you'll learn everything you need to know.











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## How Did I Get Here?

Philip Bunting

The (unauthorised) biography of you, and the story of all of us. Charting from the Big Bang to birth, Philip Bunting takes us on a journey back to the start of time (in about the time it takes to eat your breakfast)!

*A hilarious and beautifully illustrated book, designed to raise more questions than it answers.*



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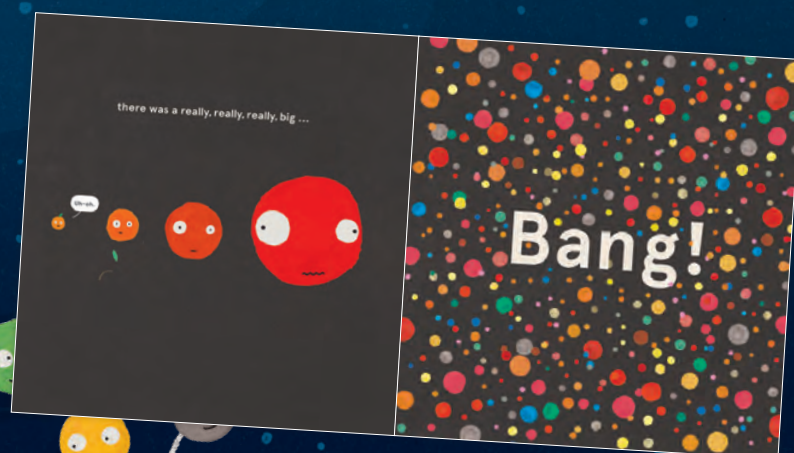
## Give Me Some Space

Philip Bunting

Una dreams of a life in Space.

Life on Earth is just so so-so.

But how will she get there? And will she complete her mission to discover life in Space? And did she remember to feed Neil the goldfish?





# Storm

**Jane Bunn & Dasha Riley**

When a dark, menacing storm rumbles over Jane's house, she has lots of questions . . .

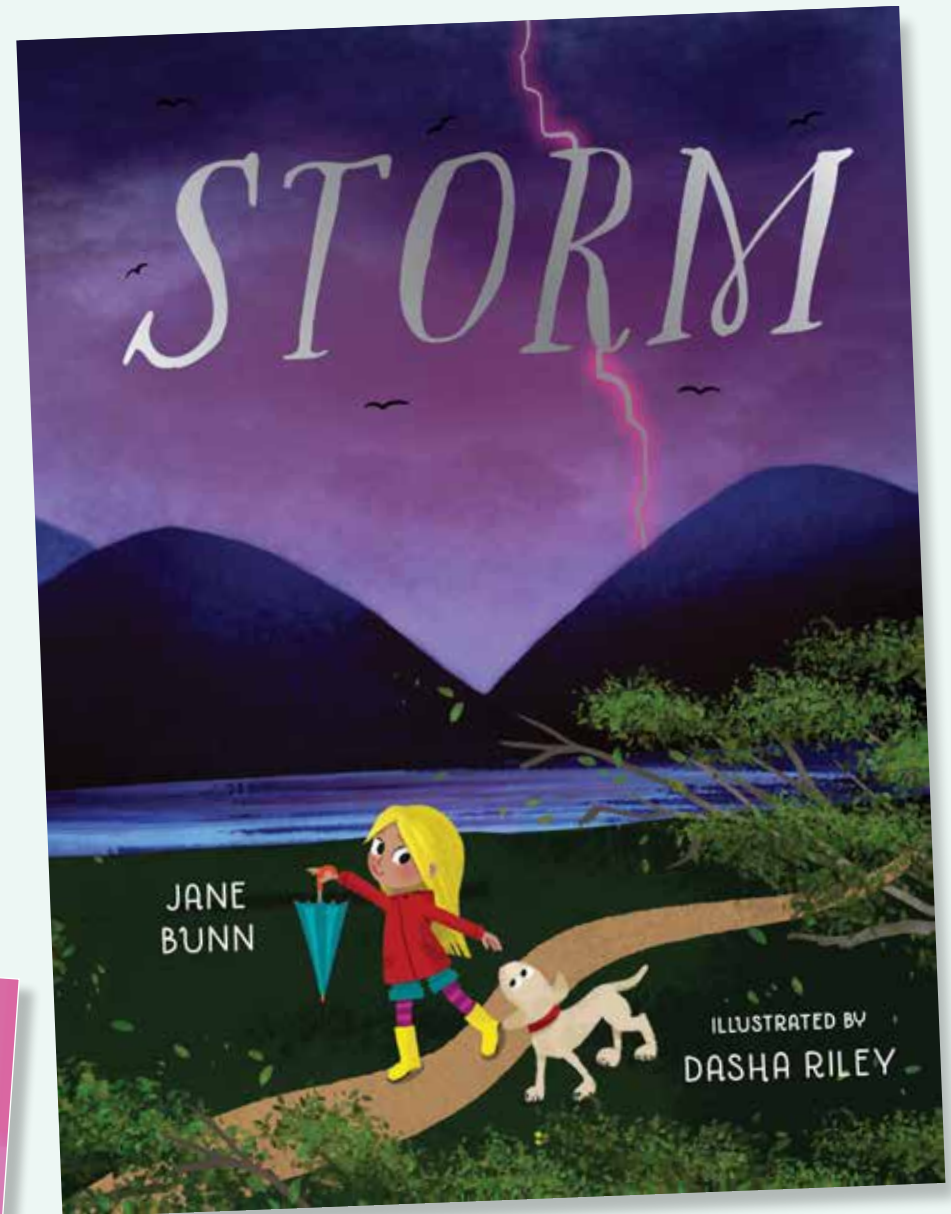
Where do storms come from?

What causes lightning?

How does hail form?

And most importantly, how do we stay safe?

*Discover all the wild-weather answers you need to know in this imaginative and informative story from weather presenter and meteorologist Jane Bunn.*



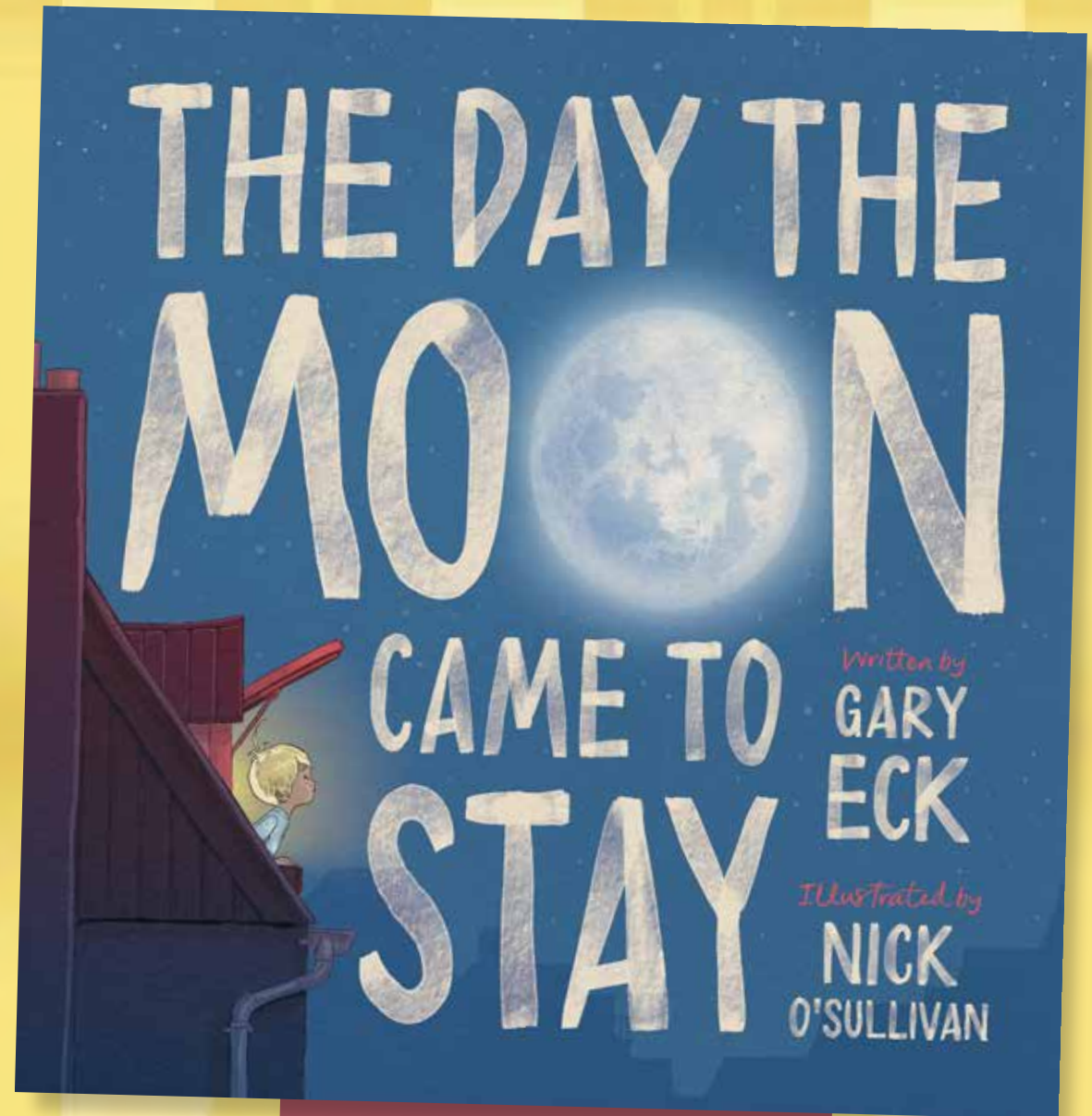


# The Day the Moon Came to Stay

Gary Eck & Nick O'Sullivan

When a friend is sad, you do everything you can to cheer them up, but what if that friend is the moon?

When Billy looks out his window one night, he decides to invite the moon to stay. But the moon doesn't realise the effect it has on Earth and coming to stay might turn things topsy-turvy.



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## Blueberry Farm

Stephen Michael King

Welcome to Blueberry Farm. The sun is shining, and the trees are filled with song. It's going to be another beautiful day. From the award-winning author and illustrator who brought you Three, Rainbow Bear and Koala Ark.



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## Three

Stephen Michael King

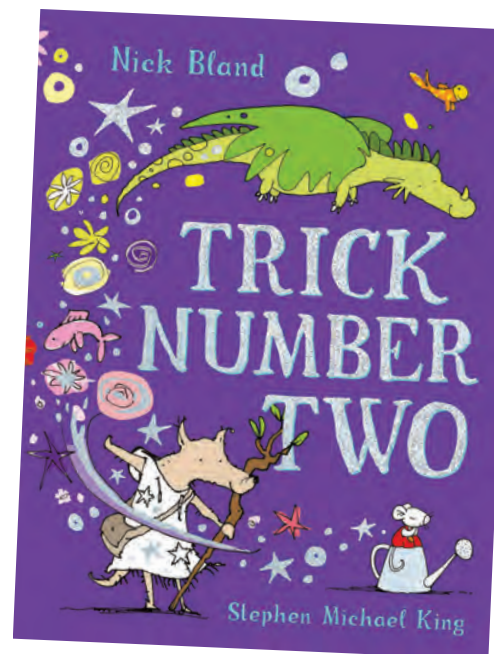
One, two, three . . .

One, two, three . . .

Every day was a skip and a hop  
for Three.

He was happy to walk from here  
to there, wherever his nose led or  
wherever his legs took him . . .  
all the way to new friends.

*From award-winning picture book  
creator, Stephen Michael King, comes  
this heartwarming story about how  
perfect it is to be you, just as you are.*



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Rights: World excl. ANZ

## Trick Number Two

Nick Bland & Stephen Michael King

With a BING! and BOOM! and BAM! and BLAST!  
Each trick was more dazzling than the last . . .

*'We haven't got one single trick.*

*Teach us, Wizard, teach us, QUICK!'*

Three little wizards are in a hurry to learn all  
of the Wise Old Wizard's magic tricks . . . but  
everybody has to start at ONE.

*A magical collaboration from two of Australia's  
most loved children's book creators.*



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## Koala Ark

Stephen Michael King

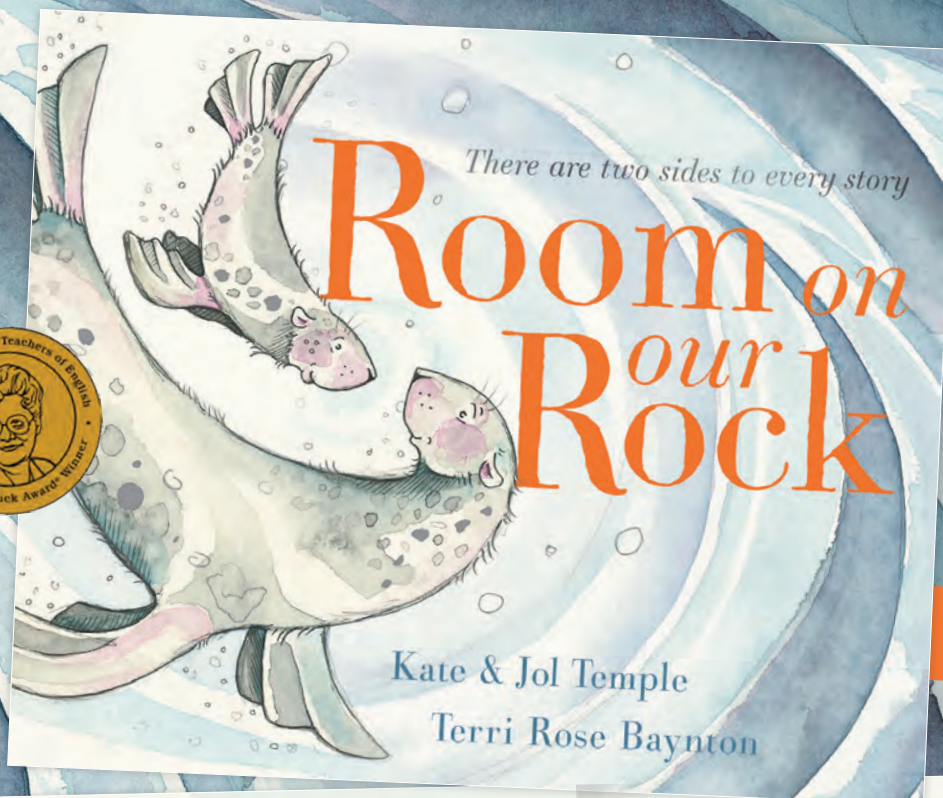
Through the smoke, in a tiny battered boat,  
Koala sets out to rescue the billabong friends.

*From the multi-award-winning author  
and illustrator who brought you Three,  
Rainbow Bear and Leaf comes a tale of care,  
companionship and renewal.*

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Rights: World excl. ANZ & Brazil







## Room on Our Rock

Kate and Jol Temple & Terri Rose Baynton

Two seals are perched on a rock. When others need shelter, do they share it? A heartwarming tale about sharing and compassion. *Room on Our Rock* is a refugee allegory that can be read two different ways.

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# Tilly

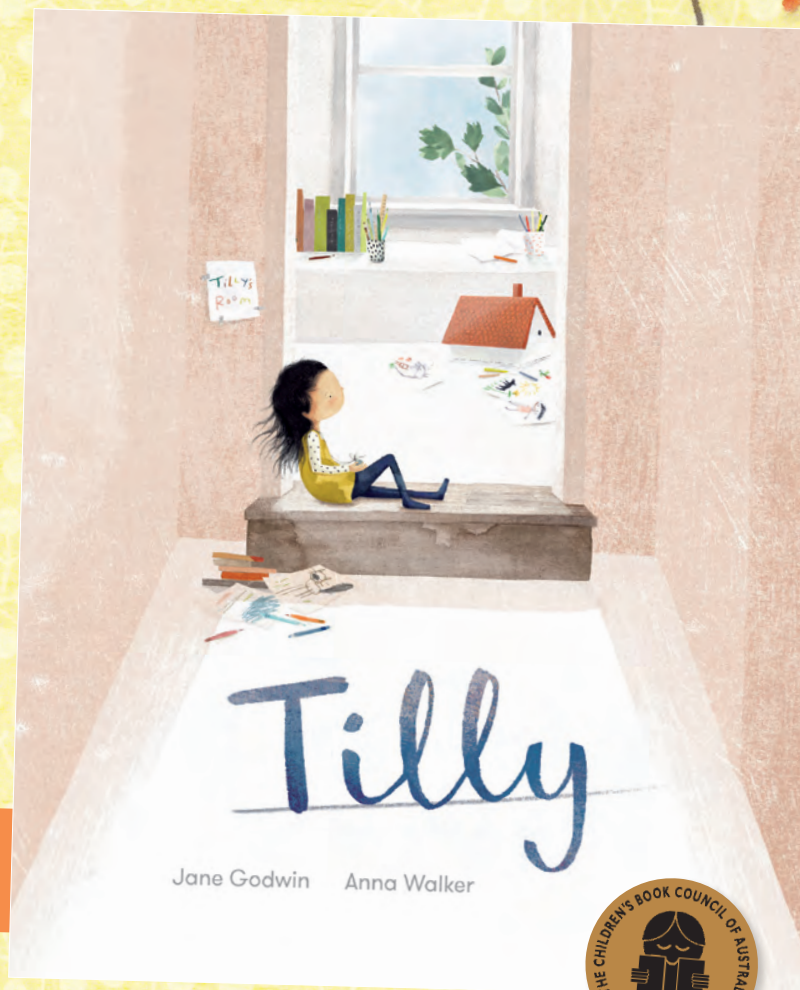
Jane Godwin & Anna Walker

In Tilly's house, she has found the perfect hiding place to keep her special treasures. No-one knows about it, not even her big brothers and sister, who know everything. But one day, something happens that Tilly could never have imagined . . .

*Jane Godwin and Anna Walker have created a wistful, enchanting and timeless story about the small things we hold dear, and how they stay with us always.*



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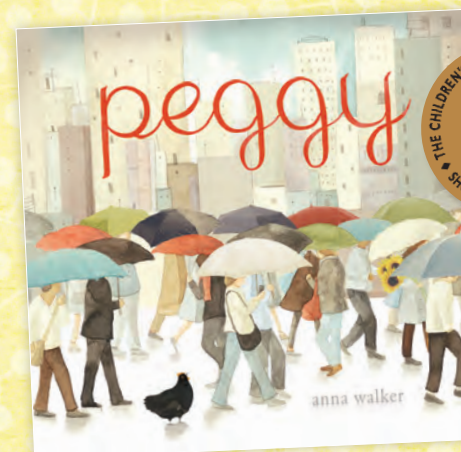
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By Anna Walker



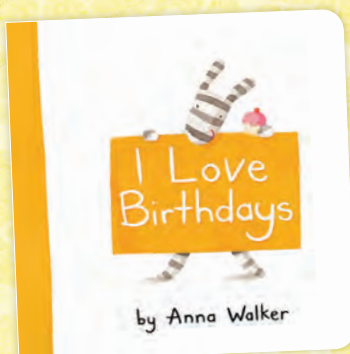
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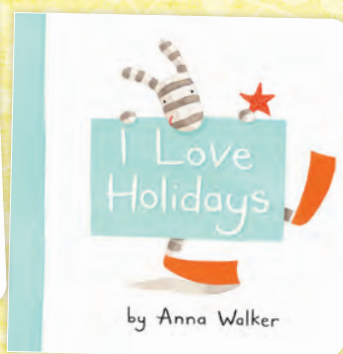
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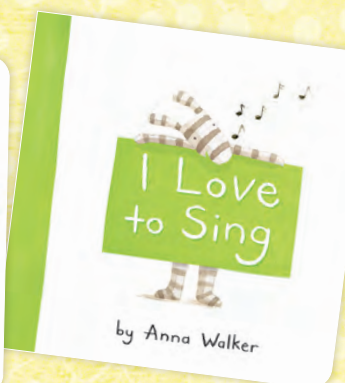
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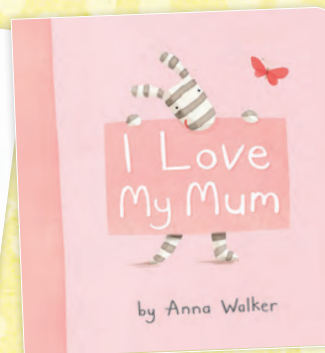
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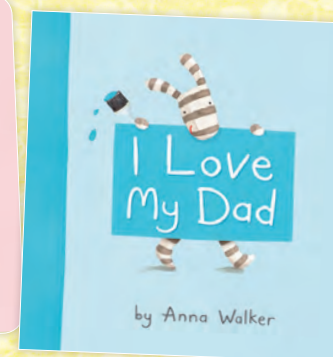
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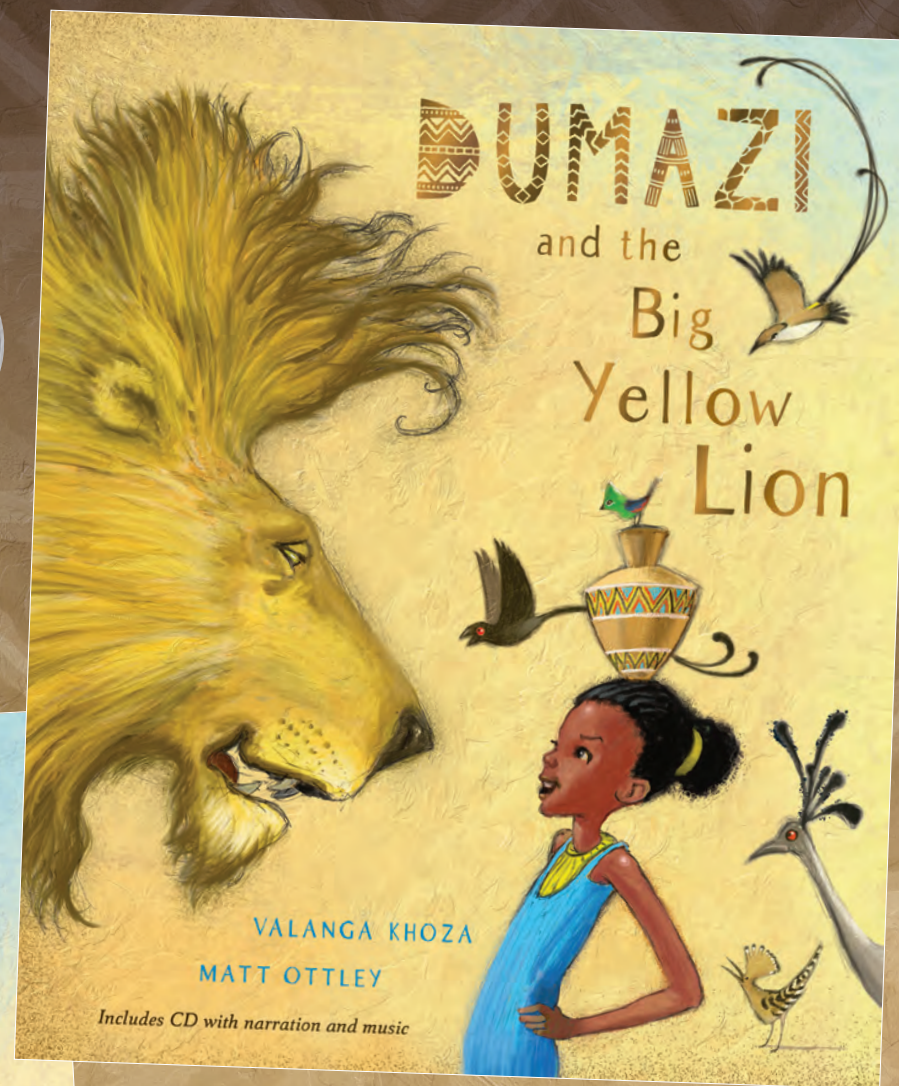




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## Dumazi and the Big Yellow Lion

Valanga Khoza & Matt Ottley

One day, Dumazi sets out to fetch water and runs into a big yellow lion who needs her help. But Dumazi knows that lions roaming free eat little Zulu girls like her . . .

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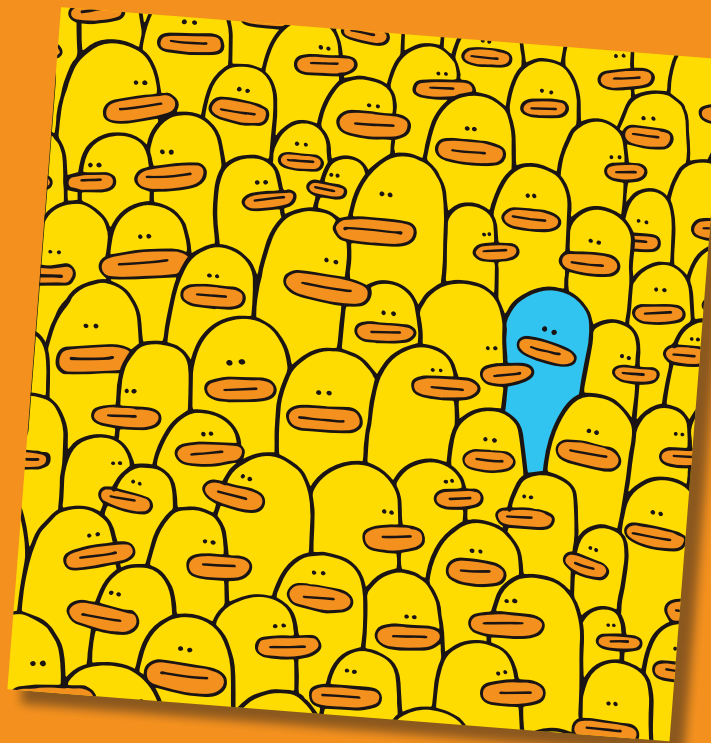
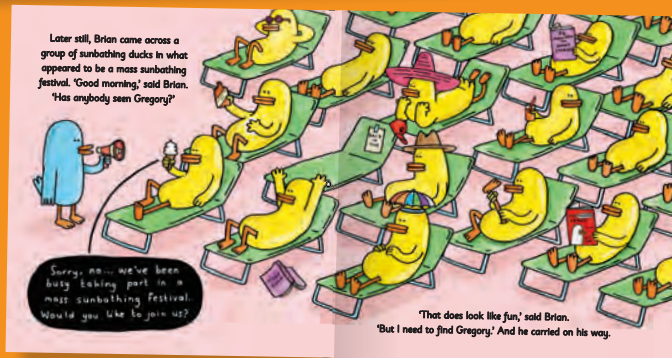
# A Duck Called Brian

Al Murphy

All out of Duck Nuts, fresh out of milk and now

his best friend, Gregory, is nowhere to be found!

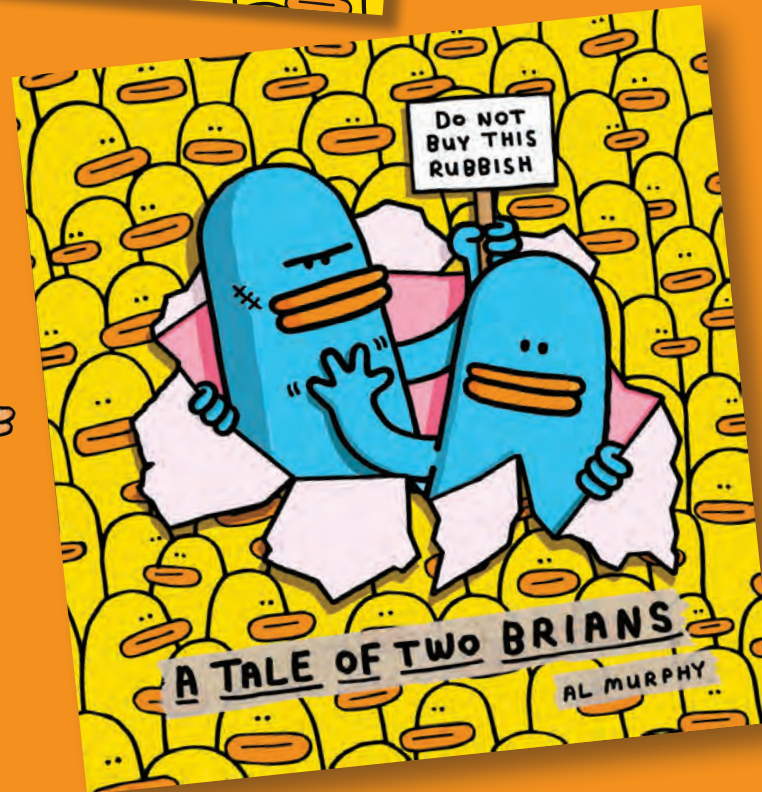
Only a miracle can save Brian's day from total disaster!



# A Tale of Two Brians

Al Murphy

In this breathtaking new adventure, our hero, Brian, meets ANOTHER BLUE DUCK! But is his exotic and mysterious new friend a good friend?



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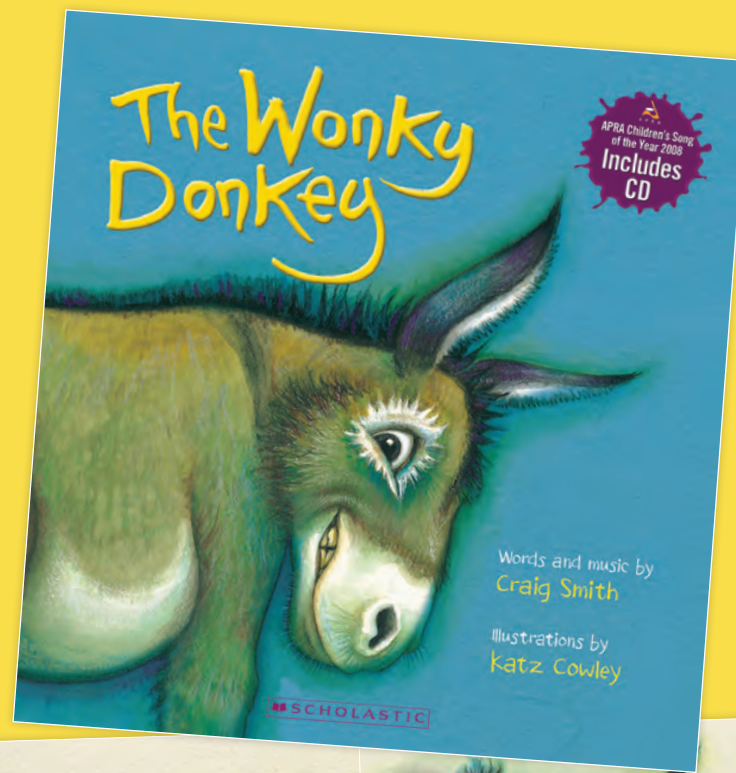
# The Wonky Donkey

Craig Smith & Katz Cowley

The Wonky Donkey has gone viral!

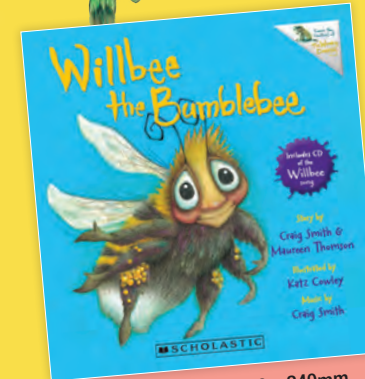
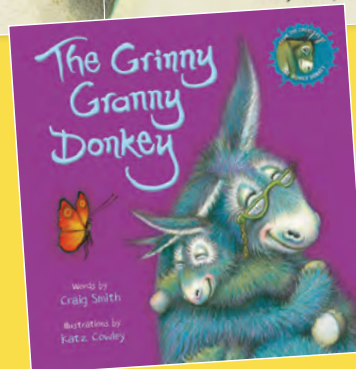
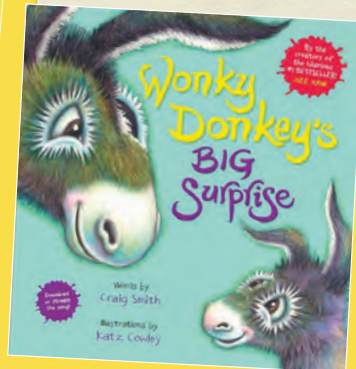
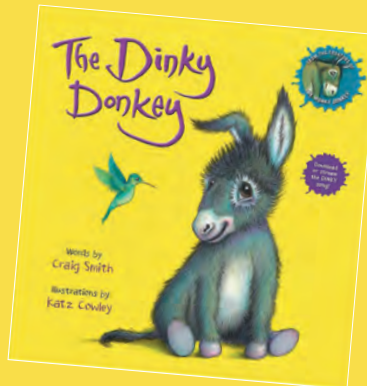
With more than 8 million copies of Wonky now in print, you can get even more laughs and loads more reading fun from Craig Smith, the Wonky Donkey Man!

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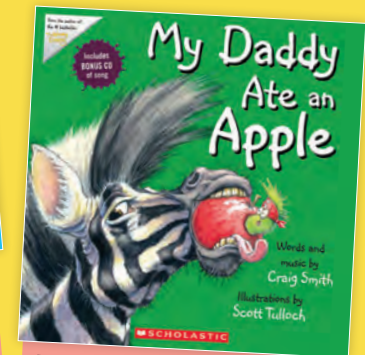


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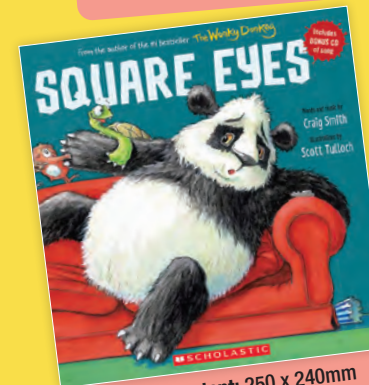
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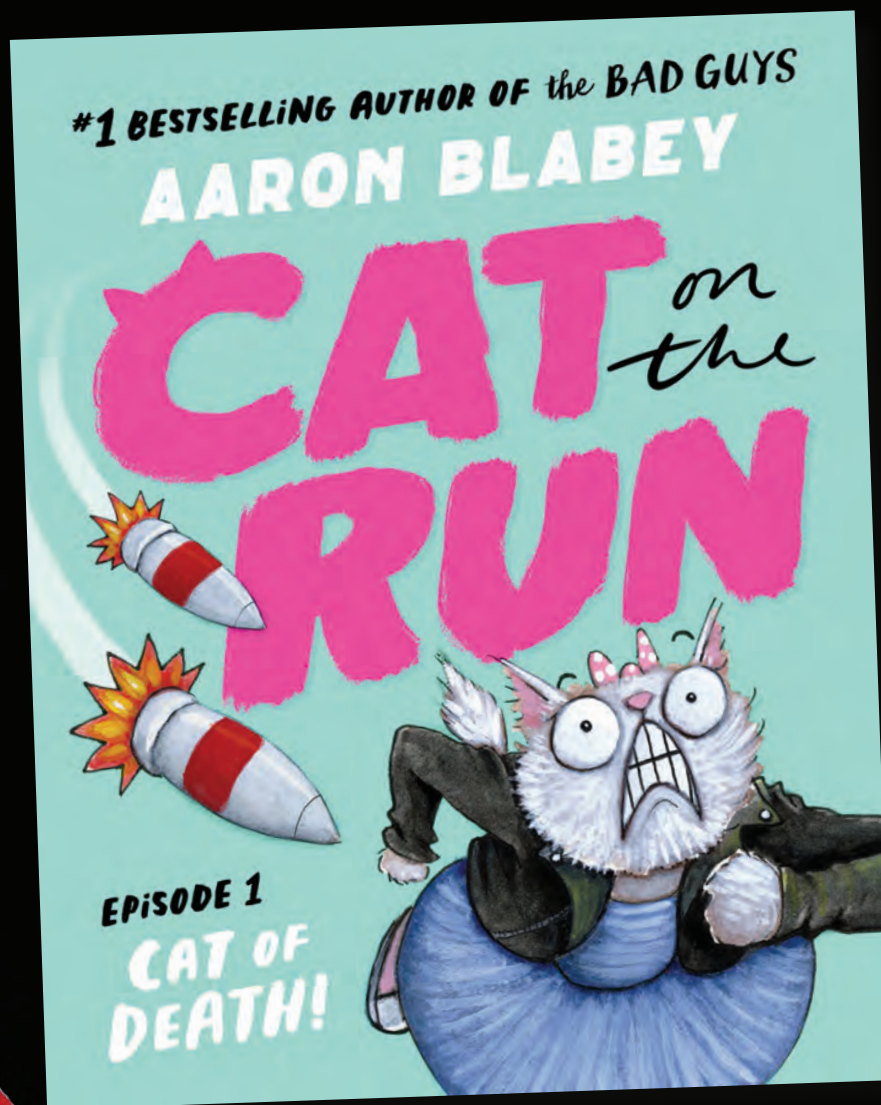
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BACK BEFORE the BAD GUYS WENT GOOD,  
SOMEONE WAS IN EVEN **BIGGER TROUBLE**...



#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

**AARON BLABEY**

## Cat on the Run

Aaron Blabey

What happens when the WORLD'S BIGGEST  
CAT VIDEO STAR gets accused of a crime  
she didn't commit?

She becomes a CAT ON THE RUN, that's what.

But how do you avoid capture  
and prove your innocence  
when you're the MOST FAMOUS  
FELINE on the planet?!

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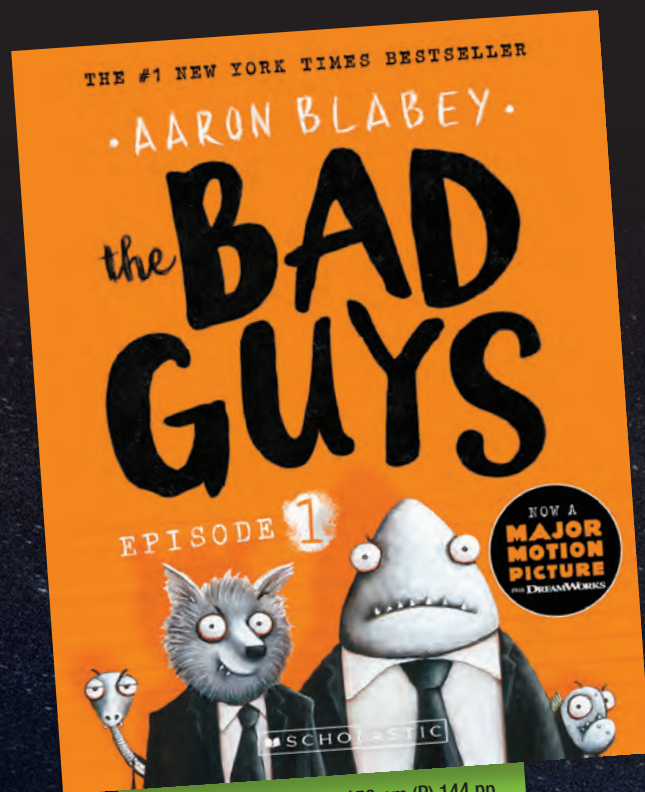


# The Bad Guys series

Aaron Blabey

Buckle up for the funniest, naughtiest and coolest series you'll ever read! They look like the Bad Guys, they sound like the Bad Guys . . . and they even smell like the Bad Guys. But Mr Wolf, Mr Piranha, Mr Snake and Mr Shark are about to change all of that—whether you want them to or not!

NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE  
FROM DREAMWORKS!



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'I WISH I'D HAD THESE BOOKS  
AS A KID. HILARIOUS!'

—Dav Pilkey,  
creator of *Captain Underpants* and *Dog Man*



# NOW IN FULL COLOUR!



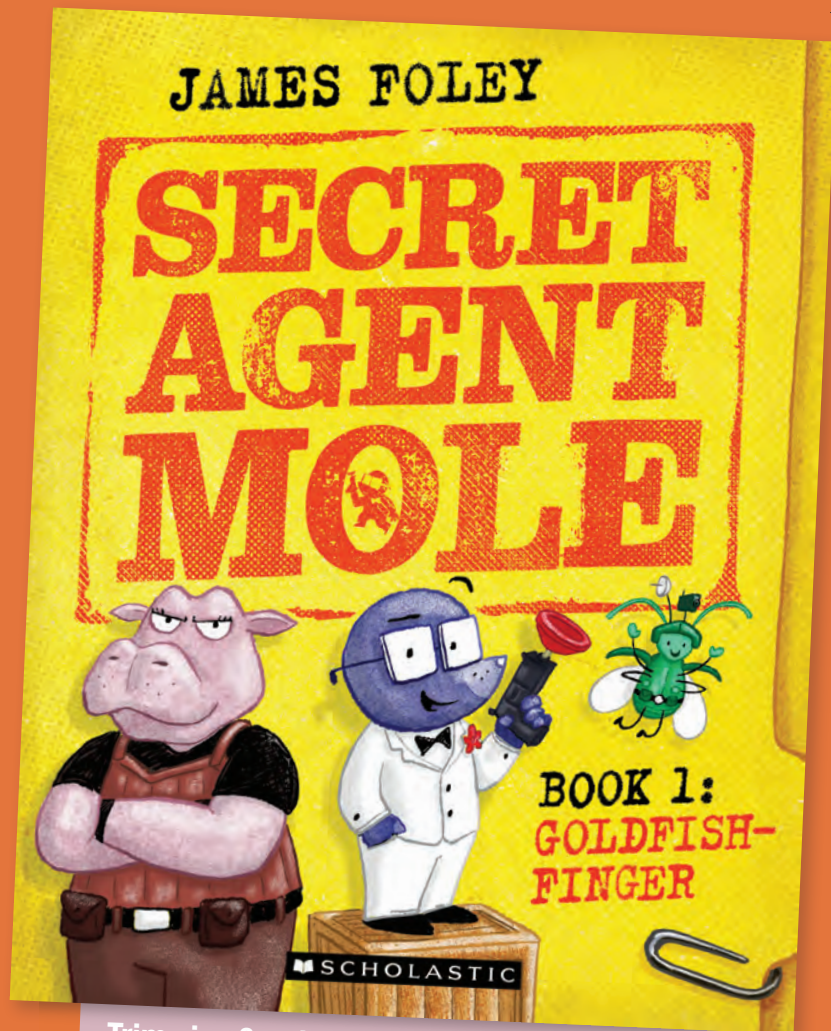
## The Bad Guys Full Colour Editions

Aaron Blabey

The first three books in the #1 *New York Times* bestselling series NOW IN FULL COLOUR!







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## Secret Agent Mole

James Foley

### Book 1: Goldfishfinger

*Max Mole is a mole on a mission. With Helena Hippo and June Bug by his side, Max must stop the evil Goldfishfinger from stealing a priceless, solid gold piece of art.*

*This dangerous, top-secret mission will involve explosions, a naked mole rat, and being flushed down a giant toilet. Will Max and the team defeat the fiendish fish?*

*Time to rock and mole!*



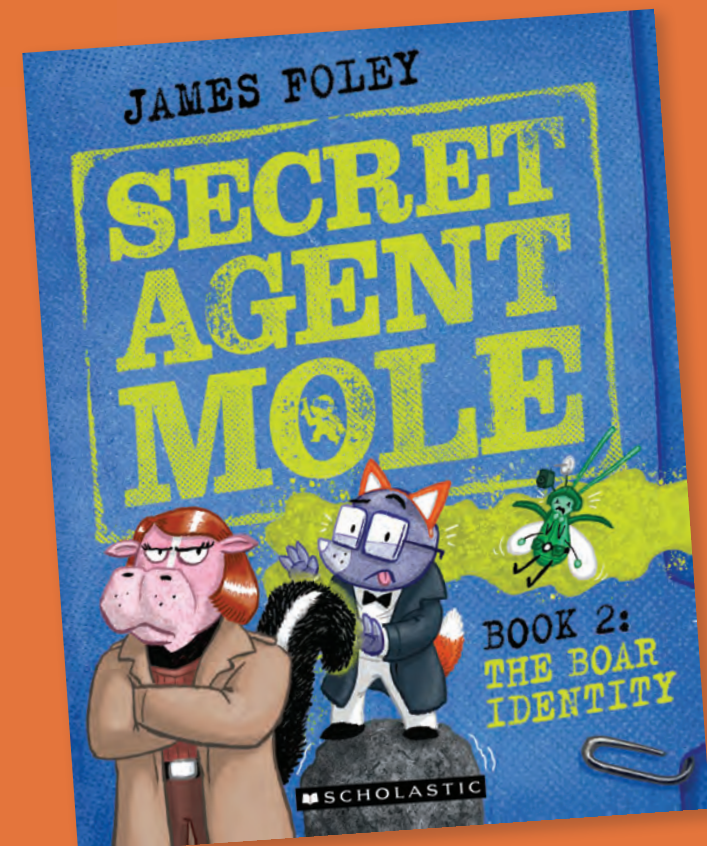
### Book 2: The Boar Identity

*When STAR Division discovers a magical meteorite with anti-gravity powers, Dr Nude will stop at nothing to get his naked little hands on it – including brainwashing a STAR employee!*

*This important mission features a secret mountain base, an exploding rocket and a flying pig with no clothes on.*

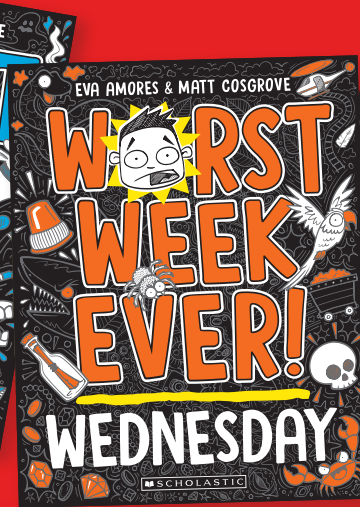
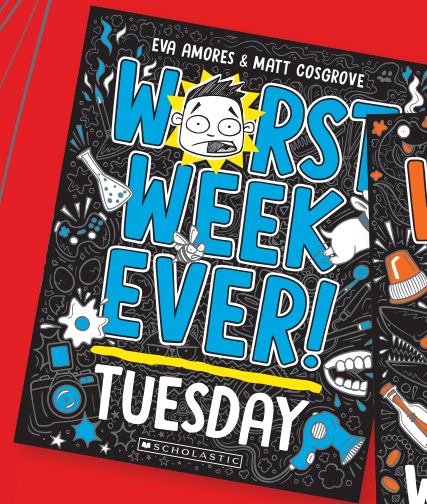
*Can Max Mole, Helena Hippo and June Bug stop Dr Nude's evil plans? I hope so, otherwise we're all doomed!*

*It's time to ROCK and MOLE!*





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Approx 10,000 words.



## Worst Week Ever #1: Monday

Eva Amores & Matt Cosgrove

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A BAD WEEK? Justin Chase sure has and THIS is it! His mum has just married a vampire. His dad is driving a giant toilet on wheels. His cat has probably been abducted by aliens. A psychotic bully is making his first day at a new school miserable. And right now, he's hanging off the edge of a 10-metre high diving tower in front of his entire class, wearing nothing but rapidly disappearing crocheted swimmers. And it's only . . . MONDAY!

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### Publishing schedule:

Monday – October 21  
Tuesday – Apr 22  
Wednesday – Oct 22  
Thursday – May 23  
Friday – Sept 23  
Saturday – May 24  
Sunday – Oct 24



# Family Holidays Disasters

Nathan Luff & Chris Kennett

*There is a reason families usually live together in the same house—to contain all the horror and not inflict it on others. A family holiday is a really, really bad idea!*

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## Book #1:

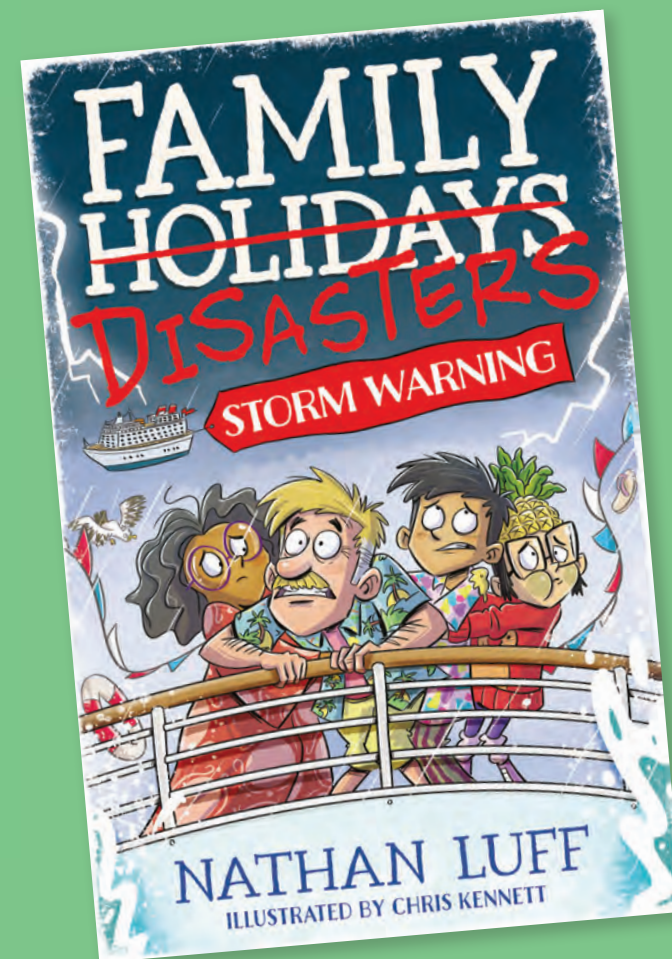
### Crash Landing

After a super embarrassing situation at school, Jakob decides the only way to escape the ridicule is to leave the country on a family holiday. But with a cheapskate worry-wart for a dad and an obnoxiously loud optimist for a mum, fresh humiliation is around every corner. Even worse, the weirdest girl at school is coming along for the ride and won't let Jakob out of her sight. Jakob thinks he has hit rock-bottom. Little does he know there is always further to fall in a family holiday disaster!

## Book #2:

### Storm Warning

After getting stranded on a deserted island and then escaping an erupting volcano, Jakob thought his holiday troubles were over. Now onboard the luxury cruise ship that rescued them, Jakob and his family are ready to relax. But they haven't factored in water slide blockages, wardrobe malfunctions, hypnotism mishaps, sea sickness and much worse. Little does Jakob know there are stormy waters ahead in this next family holiday disaster!





# If You Tell Anyone, You're Next

Jack Heath

*An exclusive group chat. A deadly challenge.  
How far would you go to join?*

Jayden Jones is missing. Everyone thinks he ran away. His best friend, Zoe Gale, knows they're wrong.

Zoe's search leads her to The 17—a secret group chat, used by anonymous teens to blackmail the powerless. To join, you have to put on a mask and record yourself completing a challenge. The challenges are always illegal. Sometimes dangerous. Maybe deadly. Who are The 17? What have they done to Jayden? And what will they do to silence Zoe?

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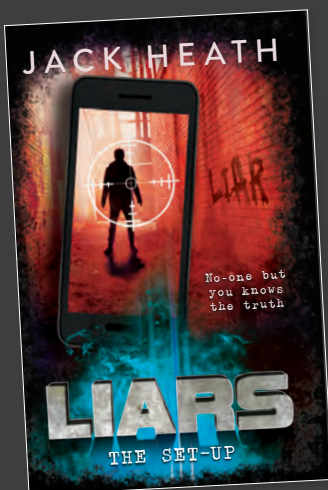
## Liars series

Jack Heath

Jarli, a small-town kid, creates an app that can detect when people are lying. But now VIPER, a devious crime lord, is after him.



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### 200 Minutes of Mystery

Jack Heath

10 STORIES. 10 MYSTERIOUS SITUATIONS.  
10 BRAVE KIDS. 20 MINUTES OF CLUES.  
The stories are loosely linked, and each  
can be read in one sitting.



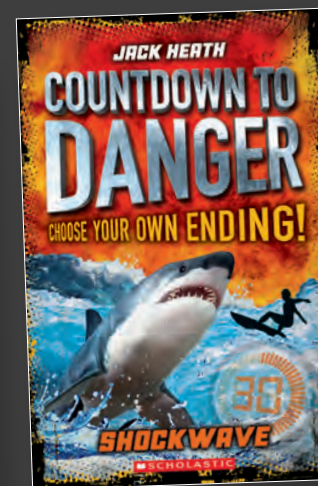
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### Minutes of Danger series

Jack Heath

Each book in this adrenaline-charged series  
contains 10 stories, 10 dangerous situations and  
10 brave kids. The stories are loosely linked and  
each can be read in the same number of minutes  
as the countdown.



### Countdown to Danger series

Jack Heath

Three action-packed choose-your-own-ending  
stories! Each book contains 30 possible  
endings with a 30-minute countdown.  
Will you survive?

JACK HEATH

AUTHOR SHOWCASE





## Saving Charli

Di Walker

Twelve-year-old Charli believes she is responsible for her twin sister Freya's life-long illness. As this realisation dawns on her, she sees their childhood together differently, and is changed by it. When Freya dies, Charli, consumed by guilt, withdraws. She watches her parents grieve from the isolation of a tent set up in their backyard. She ignores her best friends, Queenie and Blair, and refuses to come out, even though no-one else seems to be blaming her. While Charli's parents give her space and time, Queenie and Blair are not so willing. They need to save Charli from her grief and get her out of the tent. This is a heartbreaking story of loss, the importance of friendship and love that is always there, even if it is hard to see at times.

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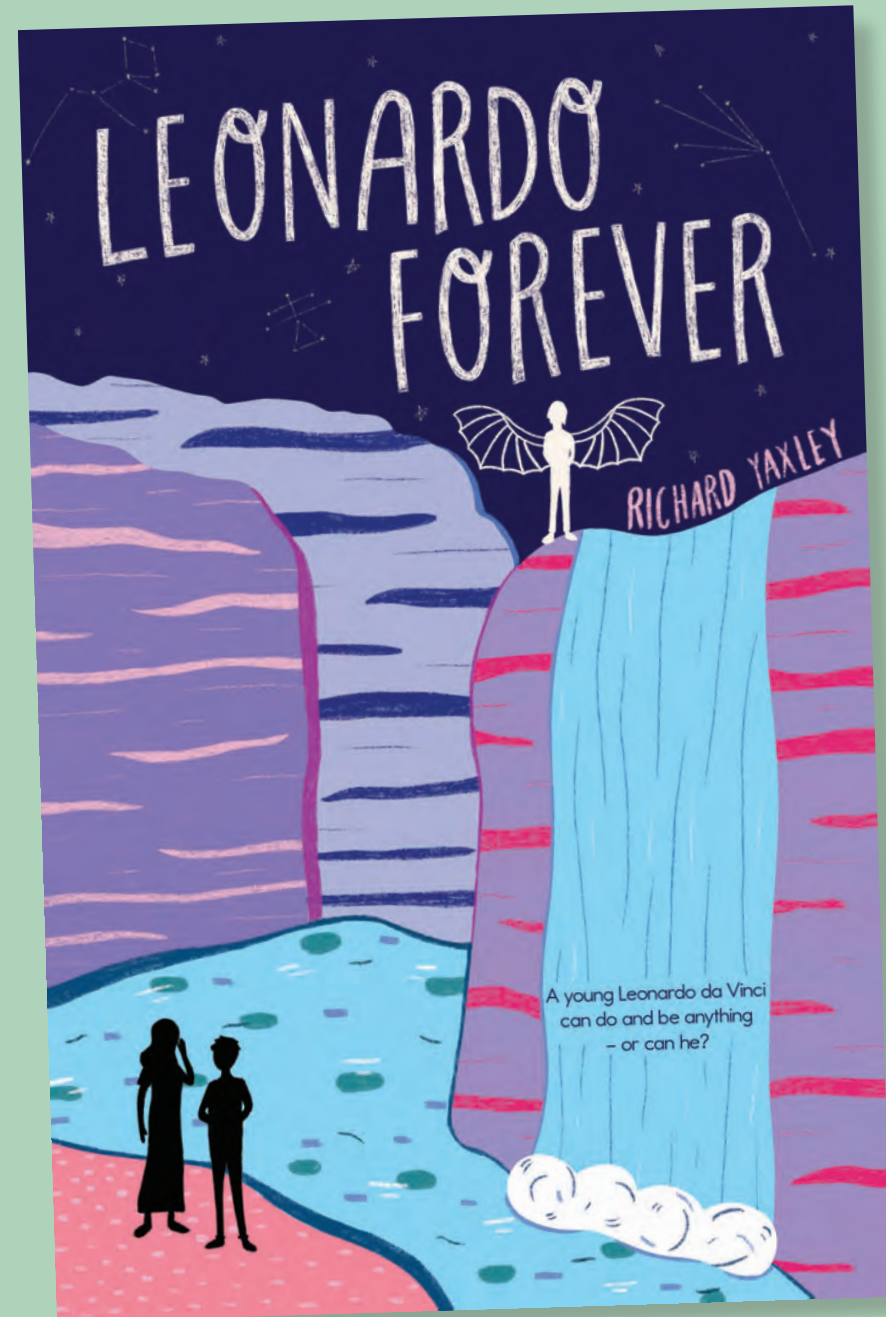
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## Leonardo Forever

Richard Yaxley

In the summer of 1465, fourteen-year-old Annalisa de Torriano reluctantly travels with her family to her father's new estate near the village of Vinci. Although she misses her privileged life, and the wealthy Matteo, in magnificent Florence, Annalisa soon finds herself entranced by the freedom the countryside offers—and by the brilliant and charming young King of the Forest, Leonardo da Vinci, who, alongside his beloved companion Dante, quickly befriends her.

Mesmerised by Leo's intelligence and beauty, an infatuated Annalisa starts to dream of a different life. But her dreams are an illusion, and as her relationship with Leo unfolds, it is Dante who will change all of their lives forever.





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## **The First Summer of Callie McGee**

**A.L. Tait**

*'The water in a rip current is always calmer than the waves on either side. Once in it, you're best just to go with the flow.'*

It's the last summer before Callie starts high school and she's been dragged along to yet another 'family friends' holiday. Determined to change her nerdy reputation, Callie sets out to make waves—but nothing is quite as she expects. Her usual ally, Sasha, has outgrown Callie; her nemesis, Mitch, has brought his cousin Owen along; and the boring south coast town of Sawyer's Point has been rocked by a series of burglaries.

Callie, Owen and Mitch decide to investigate the robberies, bringing them face to face with a local gang—and a possible ghost. But when Sasha goes missing, Callie must draw on all her smarts to find her friend, and discovers that being Callie McGee has its benefits.

A middle-grade mystery about growing up, figuring things out, and solving the puzzle of who you are.



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## **The Rocket-Powered Racing Caravan**

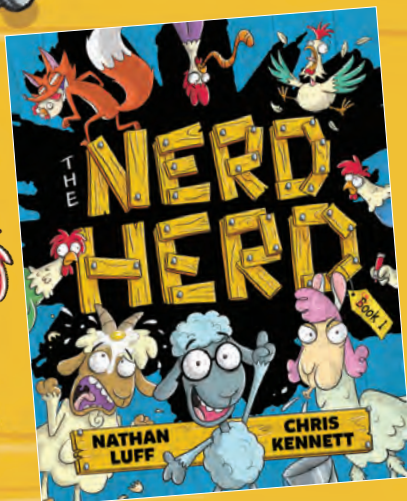
**C.E. Hayes**

Growing up in rural Australia is anything but boring. Just ask 12-year-old Earl Grey. Dead mice on dinner plates, horses in hallways and goats in the lounge room are all part of the experience.

With his best mate Bruiser by his side, Earl can navigate almost any situation. The question is: can Earl outrun his arch nemesis, Division A basketball captain Slam Dunk, before he's beaten to a pulp?

To stand a chance, Earl decides he'll need a solar-powered racing caravan with rocket boosters. When he takes a job shovelling horse poo at the racecourse for a mobster who quit the mafia to take up antiques, Earl learns the value of good connections and finds out how far \$27 goes towards a survival plan.





### The Nerd Herd #1

Nathan Luff & Chris Kennett

Barney the Lamb and his friends are sick of being picked on. So they decide to form a gang to show everyone that they are not as soft as they look. But how do three fluffy friends stand up to a cunning fox, a gigantic cat and a bull with behavioural issues?

Find out in the first book in this hilarious new series!



### The Nerd Herd #2

#### Raging Wool

Nathan Luff & Chris Kennett

Barney the Lamb and his friends may have scared off the fox. But now they have a new problem. A gigantic bull (with behavioural issues) is on the loose. Can Barney and his gang get the bull back in his pen and earn the respect of the petting-zoo farm?

Or will this be another big mis-steak?



### The Nerd Herd #3

#### Outfoxed

Nathan Luff & Chris Kennett

Barney the Lamb has been kidnapped and taken to the den of Mrs Fox. It's now up to his friends, Shaama Llama Ding Dong and Billy the Kid to save him. But will Shaama and Billy be able to get to their buddy before he becomes a lamb dinner?

And if they do, how will they outfox the fox?



### The Nerd Herd #4

#### Pig Out

Nathan Luff & Chris Kennett

Barney and his friends have escaped from Mrs Fox, but now they have a new problem. Kevin Bacon has a job for them. He wants them to help him impress the new resident pig on the farm, Barbie Q. Perhaps a swine-dining experience? Or the blockbuster new musical, Mo-Hair? Join Barney and his friends for their wackiest job yet!

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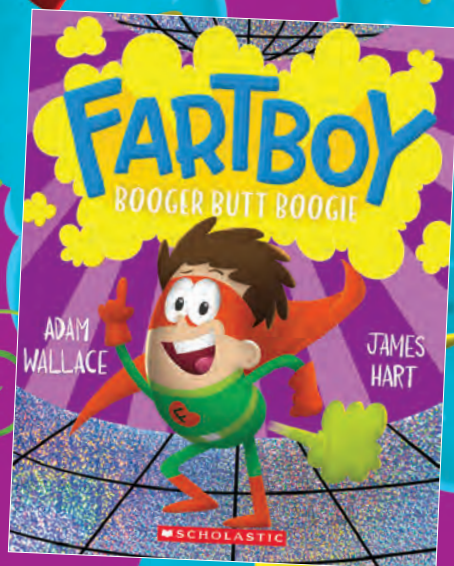
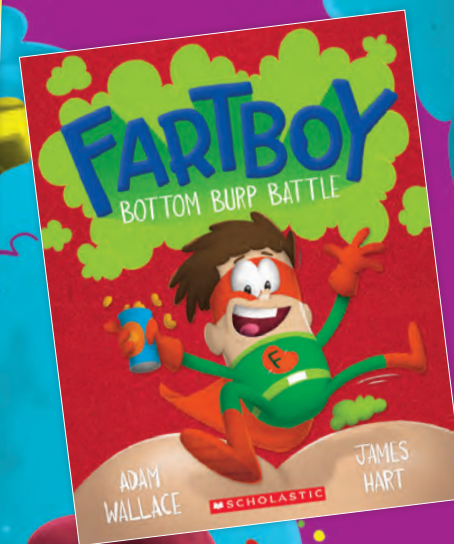
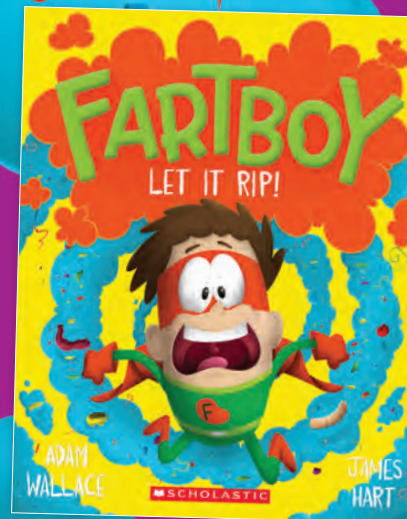
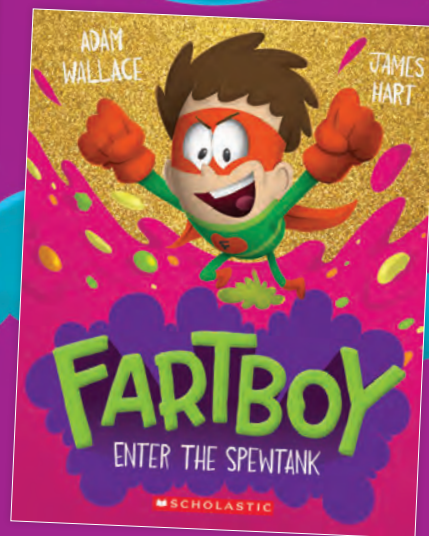
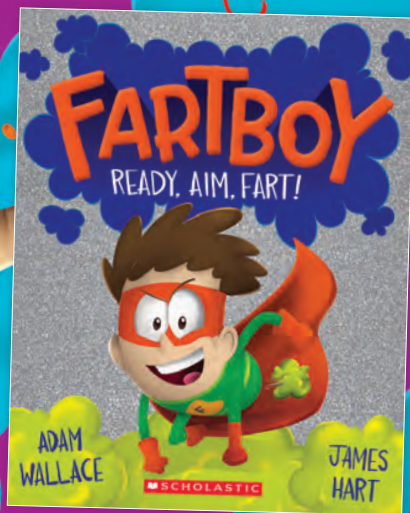
### The Nerd Herd #5

#### Kitty Litter

Nathan Luff & Chris Kennett

Plus-sized Puss has given birth to five kittens, and they are all kinds of trouble! So the whole farm call upon The Nerd Herd to do something about it – and fast! Can Barney the Lamb, Shaama Llama Ding Dong and Billy the Kid succeed on their mission? And will they finally get the farm cred they deserve?



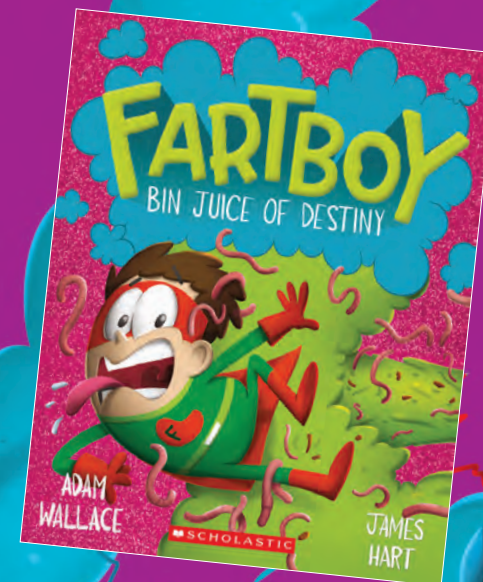
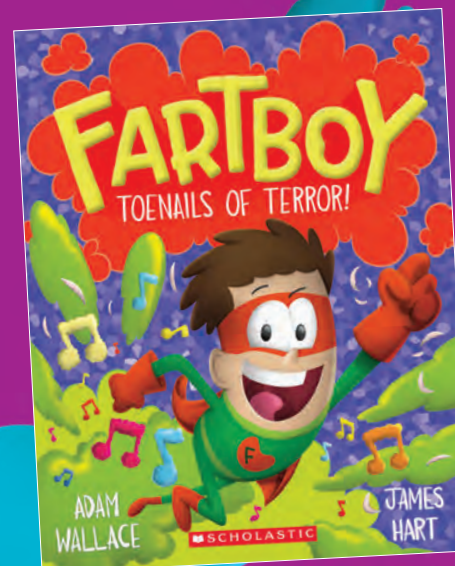


## Fartboy

Adam Wallace & James Hart

Martin Kennedy is the tidiest boy in the world's tidiest town. In fact he has never, ever farted . . .

UNTIL NOW. When a freak accident gives him farting super powers, Martin must overcome his disgust for bottom blowouts and use his new skills to save the day!



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# Farty Pets

Adam Wallace & James Hart

When the kids go to school, the pets get together and play!

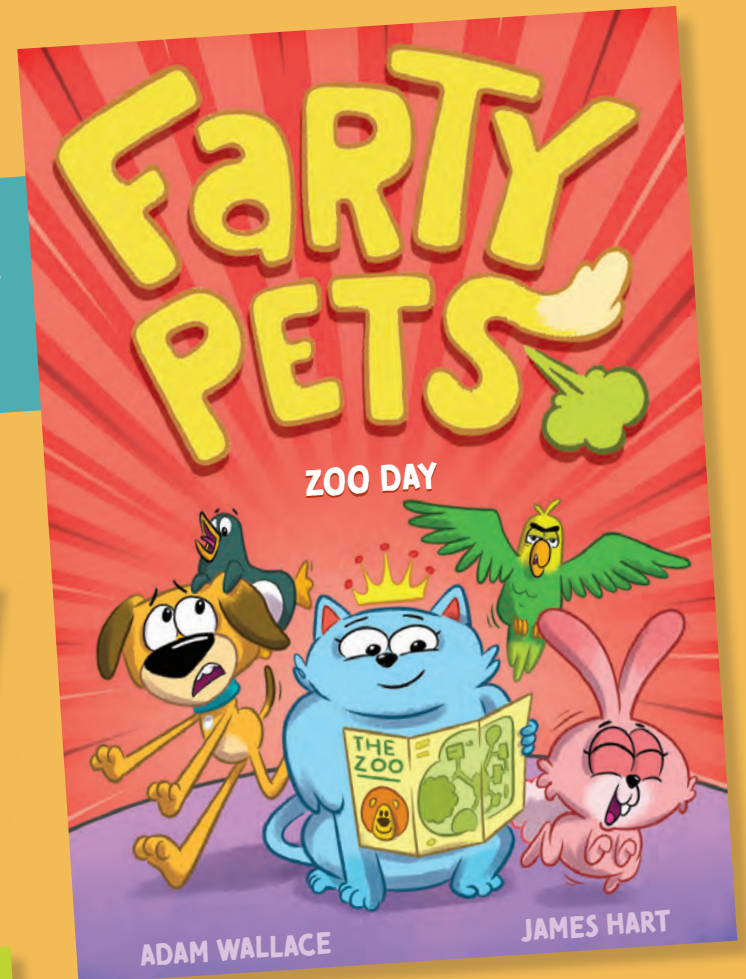


## Book 1: What's My Name?

Clumsy Bum, Princess Pretty, Fluffy, and . . .  
OH NO! Parrot doesn't have a name! Can the other farty pets help him find one?

## Book 2: Zoo Day

The Farty Pets are off to the zoo! Will they see a unicorn? Or will they cause a giant CATASTROPHE?!



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## Big Little Blue

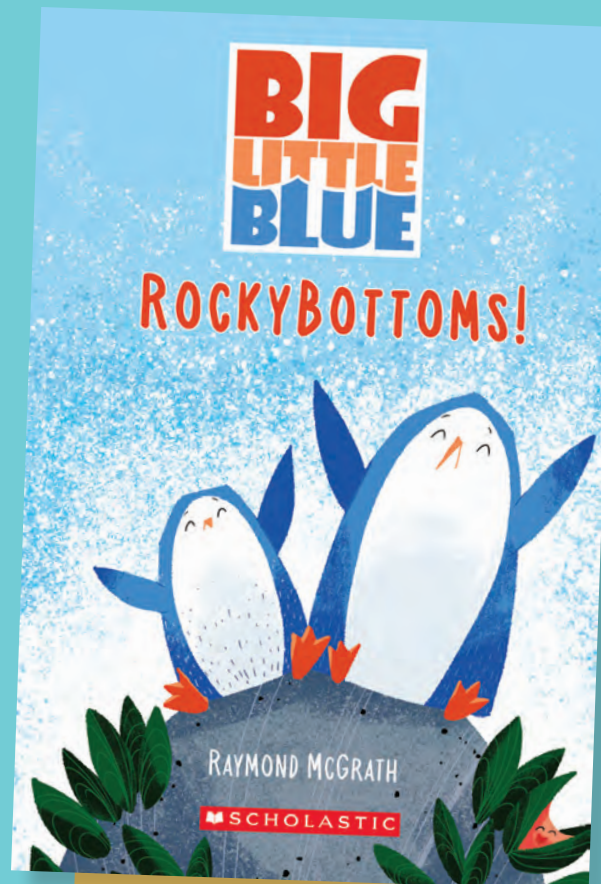
Raymond McGrath

*Big Little Blue*, a heartwarming and humorous new junior graphic novel series full of adventure, friendship and positivity. These books offer children playful coping tips for social and emotional resilience.



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### Book #2: RockyBottoms

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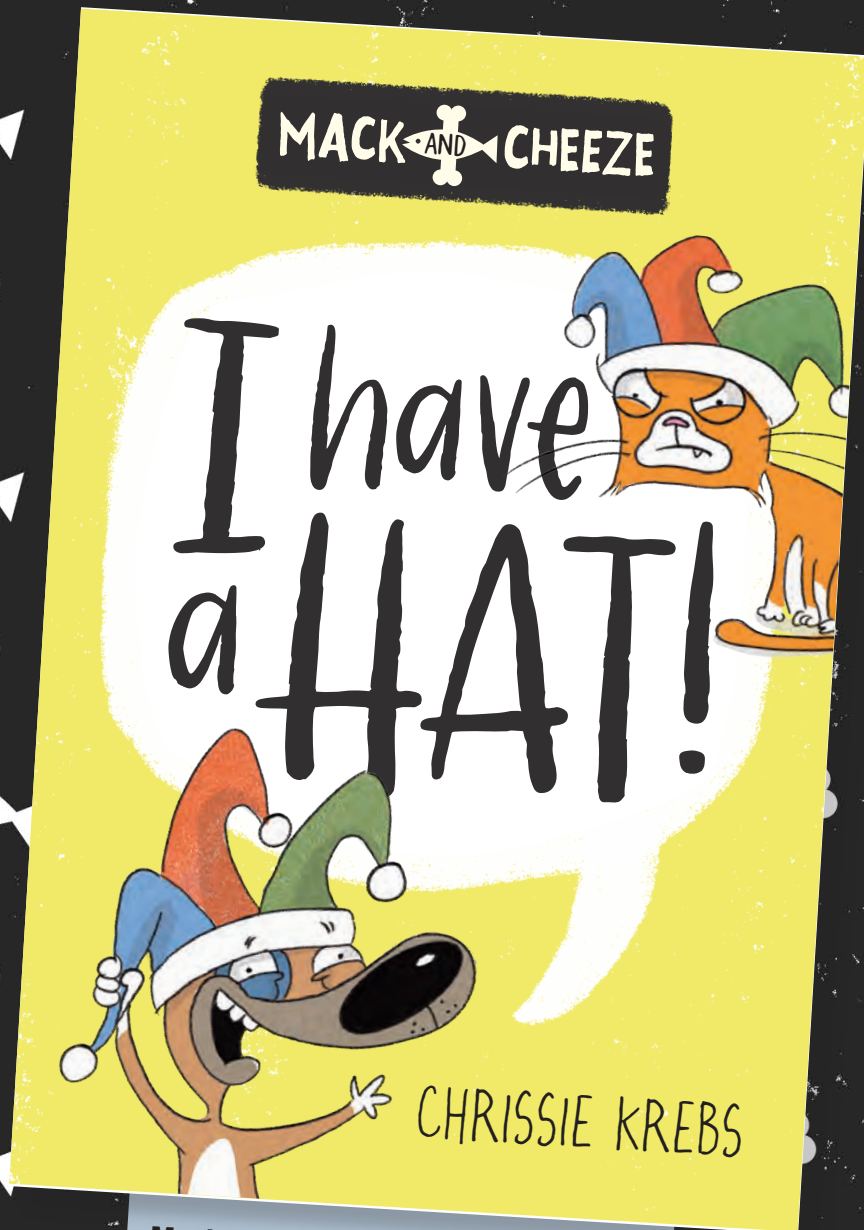
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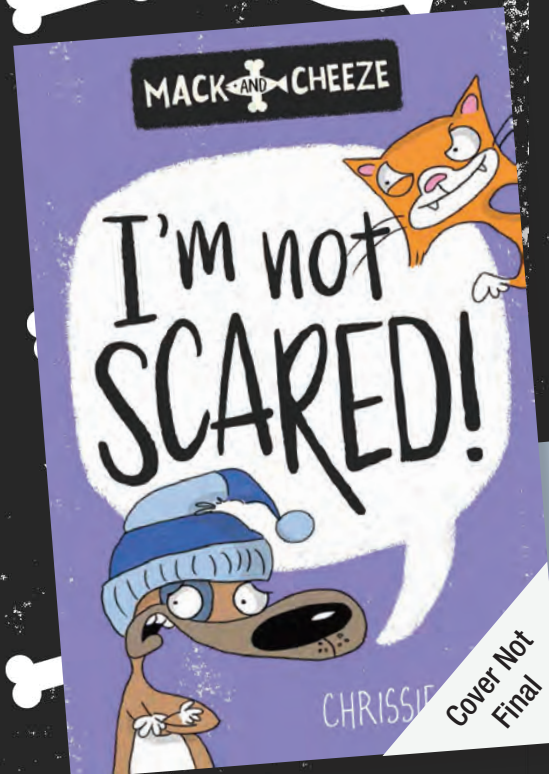


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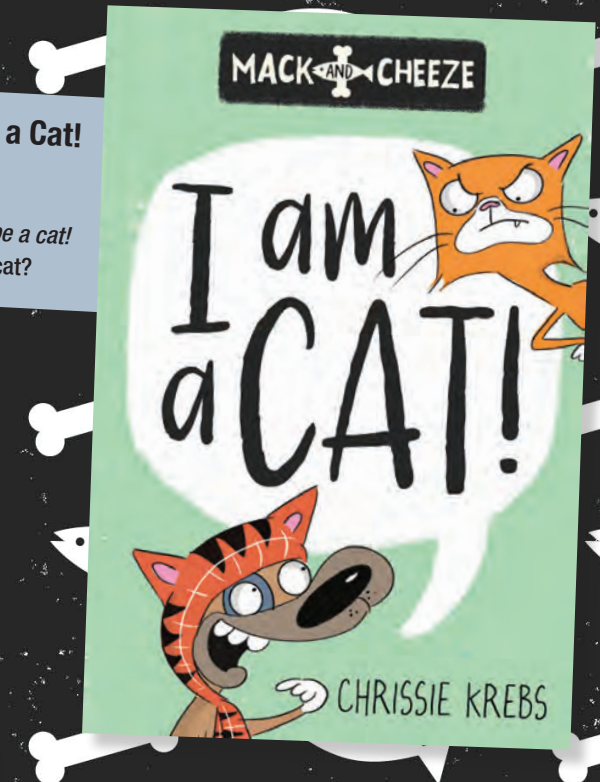


**Mack and Cheeze #1: I have a Hat!**  
Chrissie Krebs  
*Mack: Hats are the BEST!*  
*Cheeze: Hats are the WORST!*  
Can Mack help Cheeze change his mind about hats?

**Mack and Cheeze #2: I am a Cat!**  
Chrissie Krebs  
*Mack: I am a CAT!*  
*Cheeze: But you don't know HOW to be a cat!*  
Can Cheeze teach Mack how to be a cat?



**Mack and Cheeze #3: I'm not Scared!**  
Chrissie Krebs  
*Mack: I LIKE the dark!*  
*Cheeze: I DON'T like the dark!*  
Can Cheeze show Mack there is nothing to be scared of in the dark?





## Pearl series

Sally Odgers & Adele K Thomas

Meet Pearl, the magical unicorn who doesn't quite know how to use her magic! With the help of her friends, Tweet and Olive, can the unicorn believe in her magical self? And what happens when Pearl and her friends meet some naughty, stinky gobble-uns? Bouncing Bananas!

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### Pearl and Friends Treasury

Sally Odgers & Adele K Thomas

Join Pearl the magical unicorn and her friends in four colourful new stories.

### Pearl #11

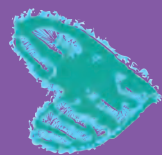
#### The Lost Unicorn

Sally Odgers & Adele K Thomas

Pearl and Olive discover a magical new place—Pink Valley! They can't wait to show their best friend, Tweet. But when they try to return to the valley, they get terribly lost! Can Pearl and her friends find the way back? Or will the tricky gobble-uns ruin their adventure?







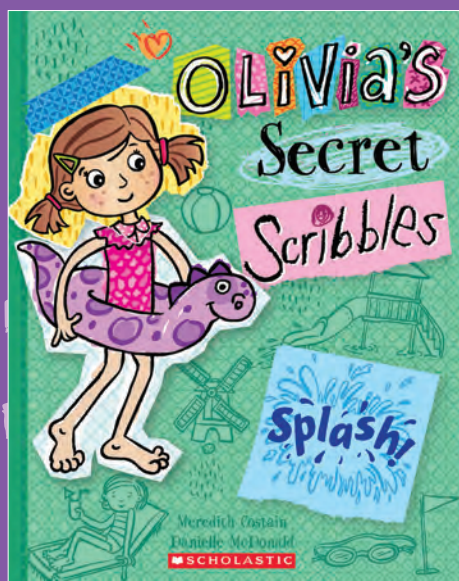
# OLIVIA'S Secret Scribbles

## Olivia's Secret Scribbles

Meredith Costain & Danielle McDonald

Olivia is writing down her thoughts in her own private diary! Come and read about her super-amazing inventions and her hilarious adventures.

Titles in the series: *My New Best Friend*, *My (Almost) Perfect Puppy*, *Amazing Acrobats*, *Super-Science Stars*, *The Big Chicken Mystery*, *Box Car Racers*, *Music Makers*, *Dragon Catchers*, *Unicorn Parade*, *Fairy Cakes*, *Splash!*



## Splash!

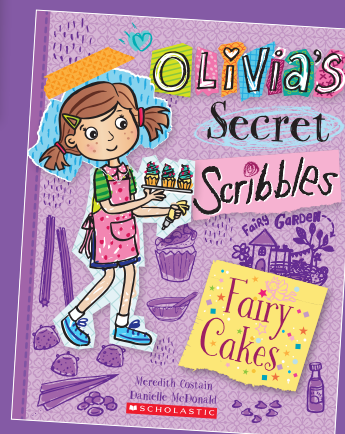
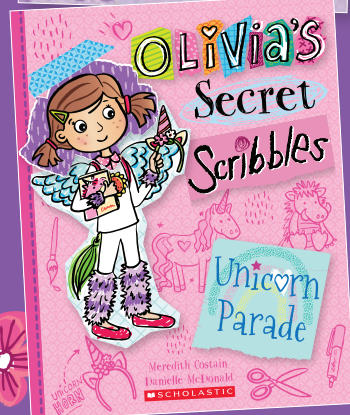
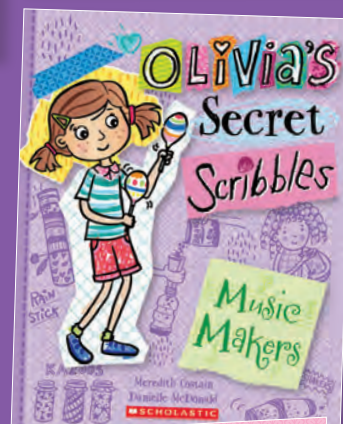
Meredith Costain & Danielle McDonald

I have so many super-amazing and IMPORTANT things to write about! I'll tell you all about them:

- CLUB TROPICANA here we come!
- Matilda and I can't wait to play mini golf and see SPLASHY pools and SLIPPERY water slides!!!
- My new SPARKLY bathers will look AMAZING in the water! But the water is too SPLASHY and kind of SCARY!
- Now Matilda has made some new friends and they love the BIG POOL :(
- I need to be BRAVE and make this the BEST holiday ever!

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# Ella Diaries series

Meredith Costain & Danielle McDonald

WARNING: You are about to read my UTTERLY BIGGEST SECRETS. Can I trust you? OK then. I'm Ella, and this is my diary.

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## Ella at Eden series

Laura Sieveking

Ella has started at her new high school, and Eden College is everything she hoped it would be. Join Ella and her friends as they navigate boarding school life *and* solve mysteries!

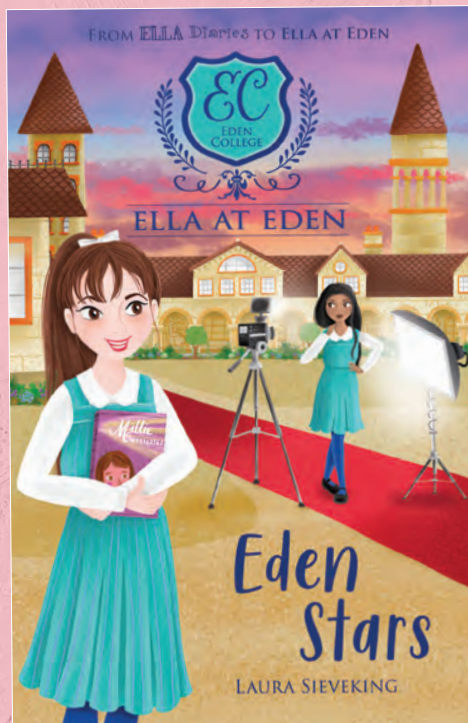
### #1: New Girl

Ella is enjoying Eden, until things start to get complicated. She accidentally insults Saskia, the school diva, there could be a ghost in the dorm and items have started to mysteriously disappear. Can Ella catch the Eden thief?



### #7: Eden Stars

The famous child-movie star, Ariel, is going to be starring in a new movie... which is being filmed at Eden College! But something sinister is happening behind the scenes. Can Ella solve the mystery before Ariel is in real danger?

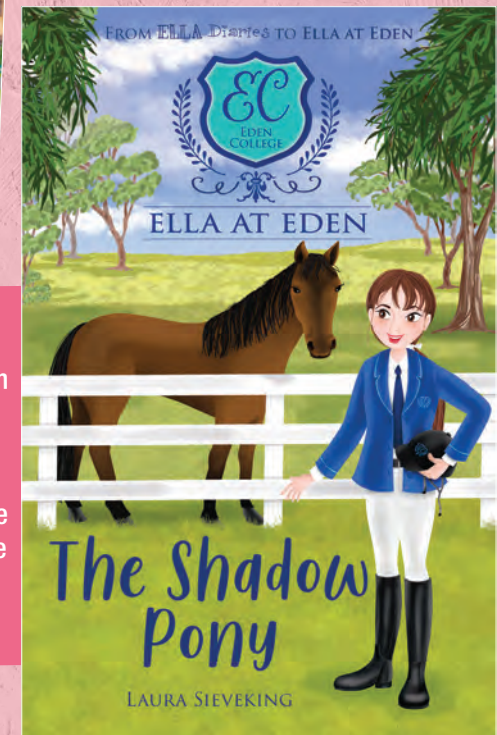


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### #8: The Shadow Pony

When the Eden College equestrian team need an extra member, Ella volunteers. But when she joins the team at a week-long equestrian competition, she keeps seeing a mysterious horse on the horizon. Can Ella help ride Eden College to victory and find out who the shadow pony belongs to?





## Diary of a Netball Star

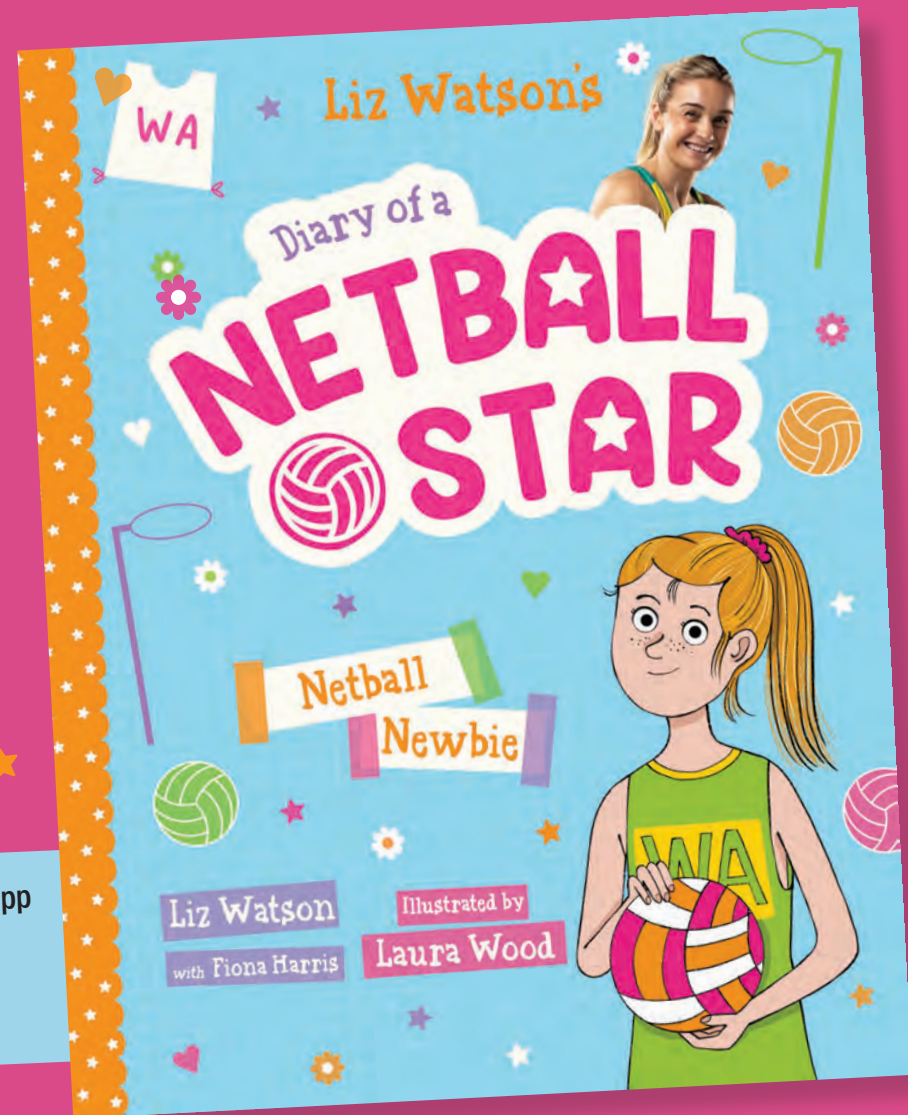
Liz Watson with Fiona Harris & Laura Wood

Liz Watson loves reading, baking, and hanging out with her BFF, Katie. But there's one thing she loves the most . . . NETBALL. Read her diary and join her on her netball adventures!

### Book 1: Netball Newbie

Book 1: Liz's best friend, Katie, has signed up to a try-out day at the local netball club, and Liz decides to give it a go too! But she's never played netball before. What if the rest of the team don't like her? What if she can't shoot a goal? What if she forgets all the rules? Will Liz be the next netball star?

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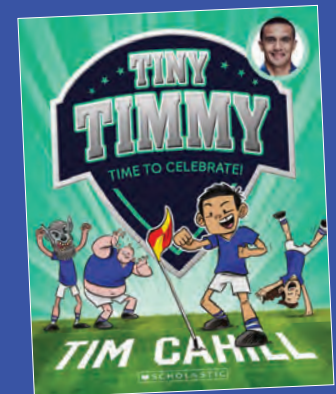
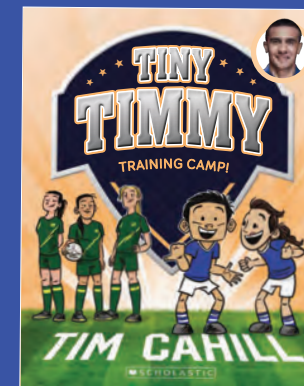
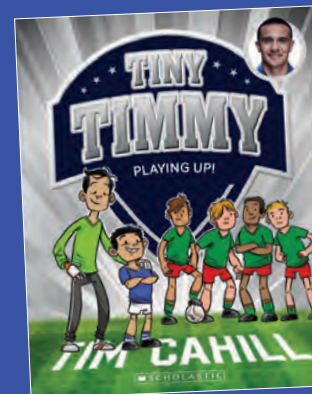
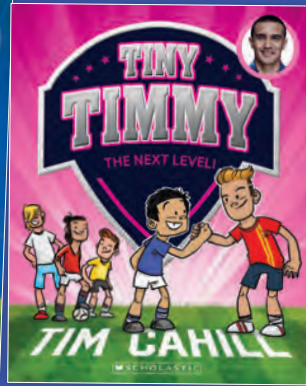
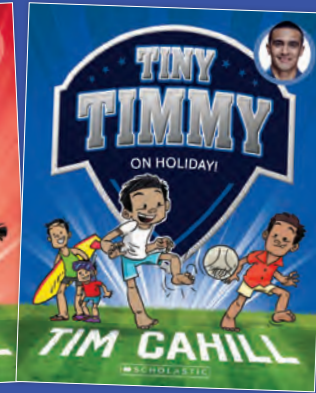
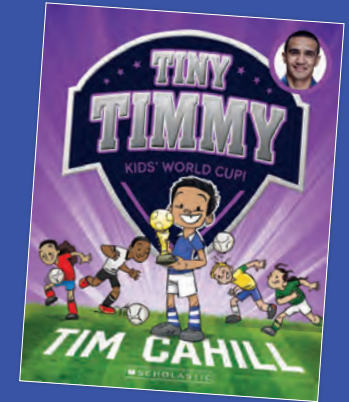
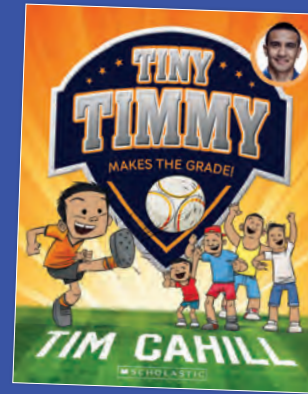
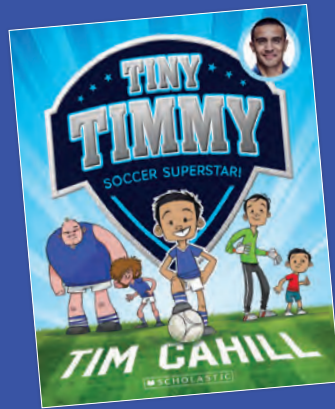
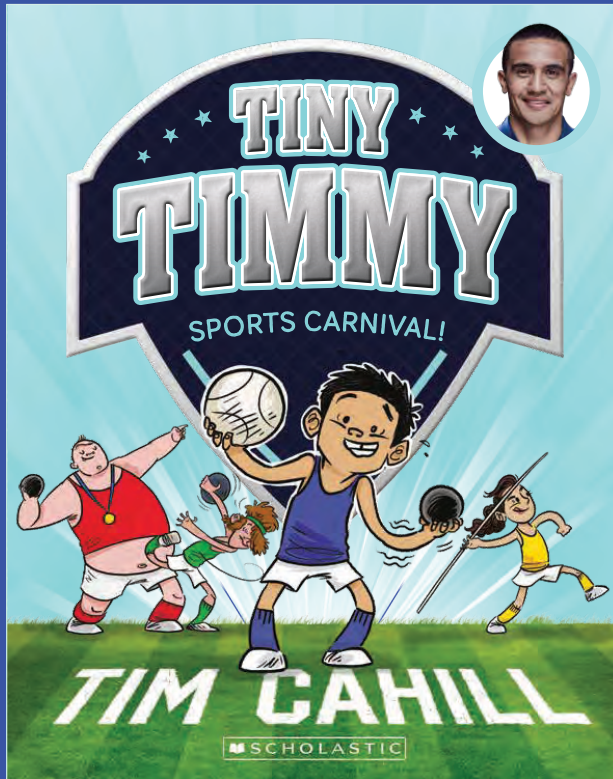
## Tiny Timmy series

Tim Cahill & Heath McKenzie

Tiny Timmy Cahill keeps getting tackled, tripped and bumped off the ball. Maybe he's just not big enough to make the team . . .

But then just when he needs it most, he finds he has an awesome ability all of his own!

Follow Timmy as he strives to become a soccer superstar!





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