



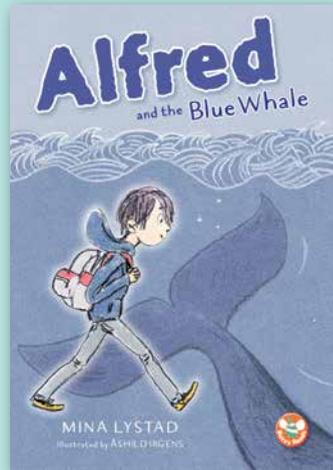
Wacky Bee Books



2019

New Titles from Wacky Bee

Alfred and the Blue Whale



By Mina Lystad
Illustrated by Ashild Irgens
Translated by Sian Mackie
 978-1-9999033-1-2 / £6.99 / Paperback / 160 x 210mm
 Full Colour / 44pp / Rights: World English

Alfred is scared of just about everything, but he's especially scared of speaking in front of lots of people. So when Alfred is told he must speak about the Blue Whale to his whole class, he just wants to run away and hide. However the more Alfred learns about the Blue Whale, the braver he becomes.

The first in a new series for early readers which aims to bridge the gap between picture books and young fiction. This charming story was originally published by Aschehoug in Norway.

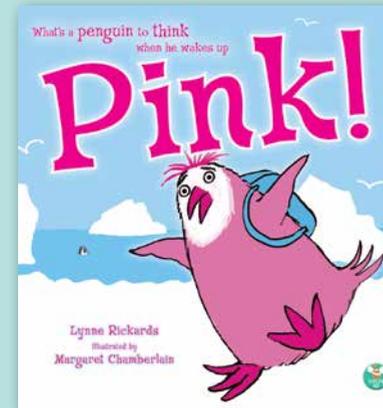
AUTHOR: Mina Lystad lives in Norway and works as a journalist, scriptwriter for TV, photographer and blogger. *Alfred and the Blue Whale* was her first children's book and has been successfully translated into five languages. She has since gone on to write two more, one for younger children and one for older children.

ILLUSTRATOR: Ashild Irgens is a Norwegian illustrator. She has illustrated several children's books for publishers Aschehoug, Damm, Samlaget and Gyldendal. Tonje Glimmerdal by Maria Parr and illustrated by Ashild, won the prestigious Brage Prize.

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Pink!



By Lynne Rickards
Illustrated by Margaret Chamberlain
 978-1-9999033-2-9 / £6.99 / Paperback
 240 x 240mm / Full Colour / 28pp
 Rights: World (excluding German, Japanese & Korean)

"What's a penguin to think when he wakes up PINK?"

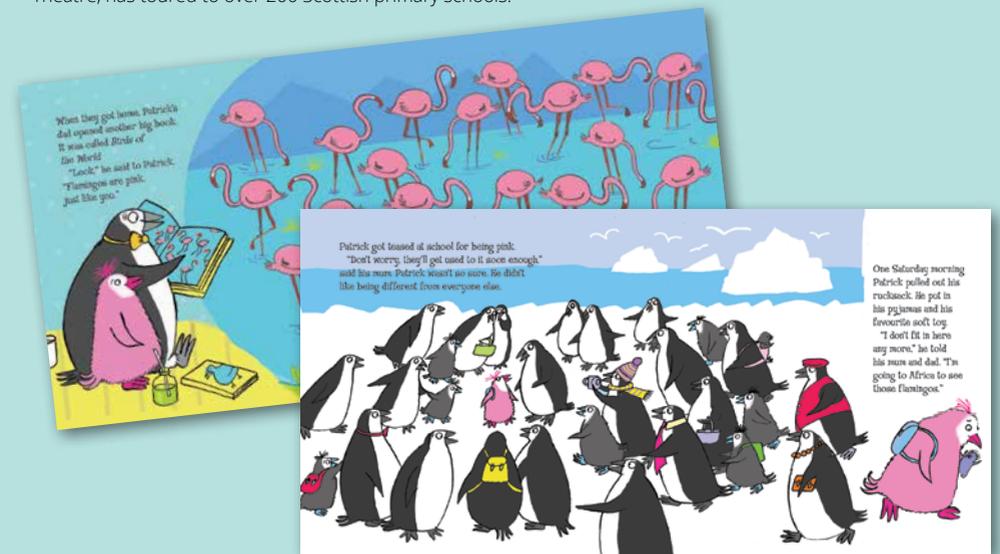
Patrick wakes up one day to find he's turned pink overnight. But boys can't be pink! Poor Patrick runs away in search of pink playmates. He crosses the ocean where he finds some pink flamingos – but will he ever fit in with them? Patrick soon learns that friendship is never black and white, but that real friends will accept you as you are.

'A heart-warming story about learning to be different.' *Chicken House*

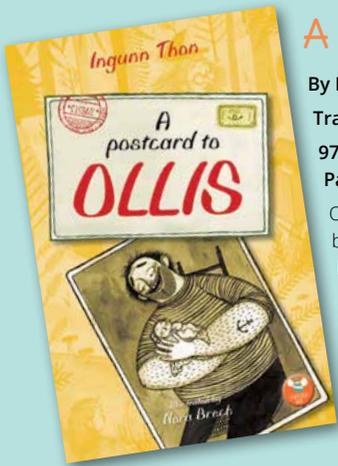
AUTHOR: Lynne Rickards was born in Canada but has been happily settled in Scotland since 1992. Lynne began writing for children when her own kids were learning to read. Several of her books feature penguins in starring roles because her son loves penguins. The idea of a penguin turning pink was her daughter's and, as well as being a picture book, *Pink!* is also a musical. *Pink! the Musical*, written in collaboration with Hopscotch Theatre, has toured to over 200 Scottish primary schools.

ILLUSTRATOR: Margaret Chamberlain produced her first children's picture book illustrations while still at the Royal College of Art. She has produced illustrations for many more children's books since then including *The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate* which is still a bestseller after more than twenty years.

April
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Coming Soon...



A Postcard to Ollis

By Ingunn Thon. Illustrated by Nora Brech

Translated by Sian Mackie

978-1-9999033-4-3 / November 2019 / £6.99 / B Format
Paperback / B&W Illustrations / 220pp / Rights: World English

Ollis' world has been turned upside down. She's got a new baby brother and, even worse, her mum's irritating, neat-freak boyfriend has moved in. Fortunately Ollis has always got her best friend, Gro, as she lives right next door and they know each other inside out. Or do they? Ollis hasn't always been completely honest with Gro and when they find a postcard in a mysterious yellow postbox in the forest, Ollis' lie grows even bigger.

What does Ollis know about the postcard that Gro doesn't? An exciting, gripping and funny book from Norway about friendship, family and courage.



Winner of the 'Nynorsk Prize 2017 for Excellent Prose'.

Shortlisted for the Italian literary prize 'Premio Strega 2018'.



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Mustafa's Jumper

By Coral Rumble. Illustrated by Charlotte Cooke

978-1-9999033-5-0 / December 2019 / £6.99 / Paperback
160 x 210mm / Full Colour / 44pp / Rights: World

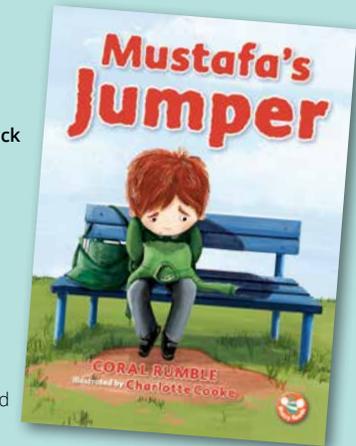
Milo isn't extra clever, or extra naughty, or extra anything. And he doesn't get chosen to do things very often. But when a mysterious new boy, who can't speak any English, joins his class, Milo's curiosity gets the better of him. He soon discovers that the language of friendship is more important than speaking the same words.

A touching story about what it means to be friends with a refugee.

An early reader based on the poem 'Mustafa's Jumper' which was awarded first prize in the Caterpillar Poetry Awards 2018. From the same mother and daughter team who brought us *The Adventures of the Owl and the Pussycat*.

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This arresting, dramatic poem had my attention from the start' – Chrissie Gittens, British poet and 2018's judge of the Caterpillar Poetry Prize.



Newt in a Suit

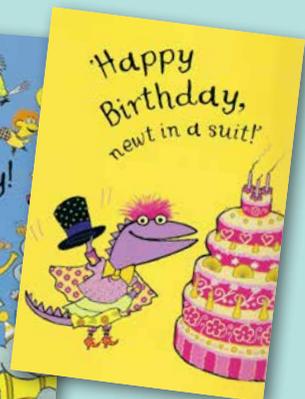
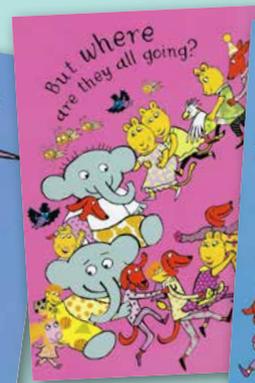
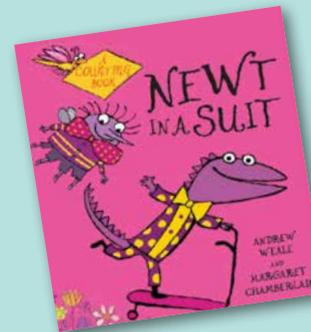
By Andrew Weale. Illustrated by Margaret Chamberlain

978-1-9999033-3-6 / February 2020 / £6.99
Paperback / 240 x 240mm / Full Colour / 32pp
Rights: World (excluding Eire)

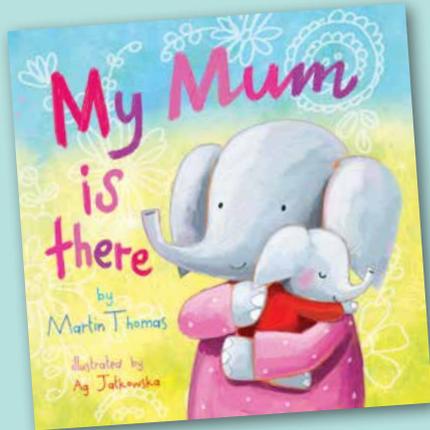
Join one newt in a suit, two flies with ties and three cockatoos in high-heeled shoes, in this wacky and vibrant counting book.

'Every page thrums with comic energy' *The Independent*

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Picture Books and Board Books

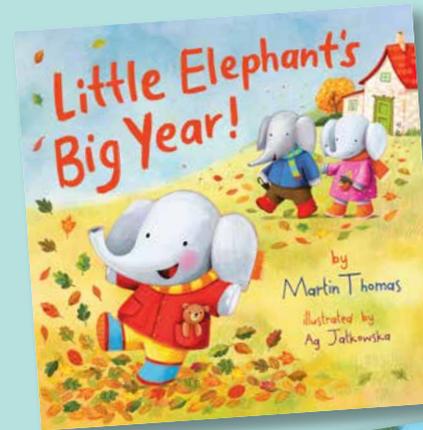


My Mum Is There

By Martin Thomas. Illustrated by Ag Jatkowska
978-0-9931109-3-1 / February 2016 / £6.99 / Paperback
225 x 225mm / Full Colour / 32pp
Rights: World (excluding US & Complex Chinese)

"It's not easy being small. Nothing is simple. But with Mum close by there's no need to be scared. With Mum close by anything is possible."

"This is a lovely, reassuring story for adults to share with young children, and it is also a perfect gift for mums at any time of the year to show how much they're loved." LoveReading4Kids



Little Elephant's Big Year!

By Martin Thomas. Illustrated by Ag Jatkowska
978-0-9956972-3-2 / October 2017 / £6.99
Paperback / 225 x 225mm / Full Colour / 32pp
Rights: World

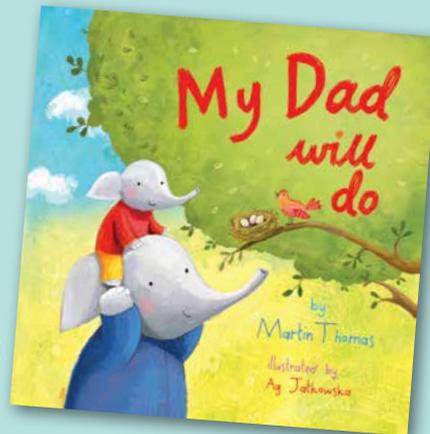
"It's a new year and Little Elephant can't wait to go outside and explore. With Mum and Dad never too far behind, it's safe to experience everything each new season has to offer."

My Dad Will Do

By Martin Thomas. Illustrated by Ag Jatkowska
978-0-9931109-4-8 / February 2016 / £6.99
Paperback / 225 x 225mm / Full Colour / 32pp
Rights: World (excluding US & Complex Chinese)

"It's not easy being small. Everything is too far away. But with Dad close by nothing is out of reach. With Dad close by anything is possible."

The Little Elephant brand now includes gift sets of fine art prints and greeting cards. Visit www.littleelephants.co.uk

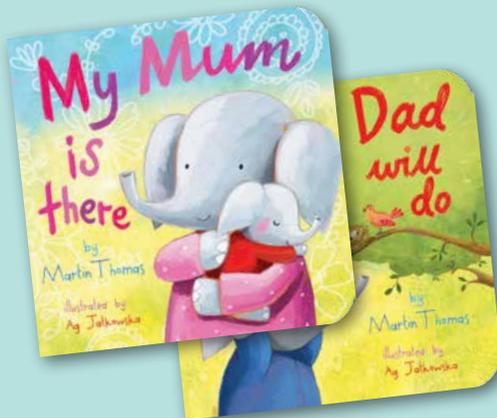


My Mum is There

By Martin Thomas. Illustrated by Ag Jatkowska
978-0-9956972-0-1 / April 2017 / £5.99 / Board Book
170 x 170mm / Full Colour / 20pp
Rights: World (excluding US & Complex Chinese)

My Dad Will Do

By Martin Thomas. Illustrated by Ag Jatkowska
978-0-9956972-1-8 / April 2017 / £5.99
Board Book / 170 x 170mm / Full Colour / 20pp
Rights: World (excluding US & Complex Chinese)



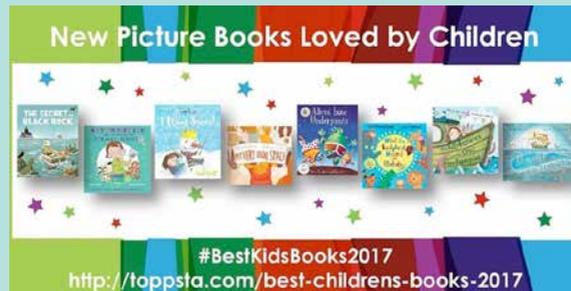
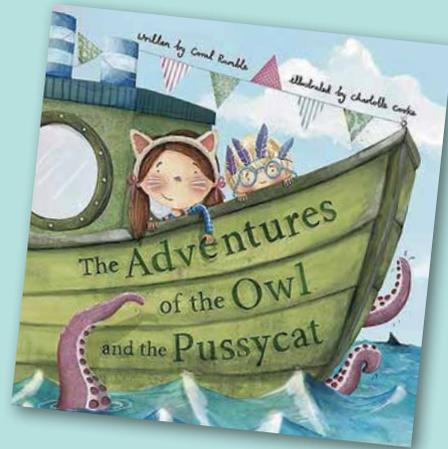
"This book led to some great circle time discussions in our class" - Toppssta

The Adventures of the Owl and the Pussycat

By Coral Rumble. Illustrated by Charlotte Cooke
978-0-9956972-4-9 / April 2017 / £6.99 / Paperback
240 x 240mm / Full Colour / 32pp / Rights: World
(excluding Maltese & North American English Language)

Join these two curious children on a quirky adventure, loosely based on the classic Edward Lear poem.

Highly commended for the Macmillan Children's Book Prize and long listed for 'Oscar's First Book Prize. Also regularly featured on CBeebies.



The Great Farty Slob Beast

By Charlie Farley. Illustrated by Joe Barleymow
978-0-9931109-6-2 / October 2015 / £6.99 / Paperback
240 x 240mm / Full Colour / 32pp / Rights: World

"Bored children get monsters to play with, not Dad."

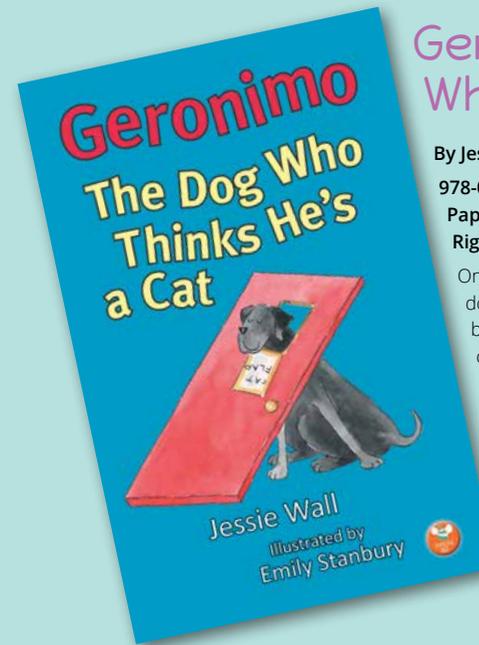
So begins this riotous, rhyming adventure as the Great Farty Slob Beast threatens to gobble up Molly and her two little sisters.

Joe Barleymow is better known as Layn Marlow. Her books have sold over a million copies worldwide.

The text is brilliantly complemented by the engaging and humorous illustrations that are no less appealing for the naughtiness of the subject matter.' *Armadillo Magazine*

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Geronimo, The Dog Who Thinks He's a Cat

By Jessie Wall. Illustrated by Emily Stanbury
978-0-9931109-0-0 / May 2015 / £5.99 / B Format
Paperback / B&W illustrations / 80pp
Rights: World

One desperate day, Geronimo – a small, hungry street dog – follows a cat home. When he discovers bowls of delicious food and a comfy basket of kittens, Geronimo decides to be a cat instead. The kittens' mum teaches him to miaow, catch mice and climb trees. Sort of. And his new friend, Dylan, loves him. But when Geronimo keeps on growing, Dylan's mum realises he is a dog, not a cat, and says he has to go...

'An entertaining adventure, full of mixed-up animals, that is perfect for young readers.' *Book Trust*
'A hilarious, touching story with expressive illustrations and a lovely twist at the end... the perfect bridge from picture book to novel.' *Primary Times*

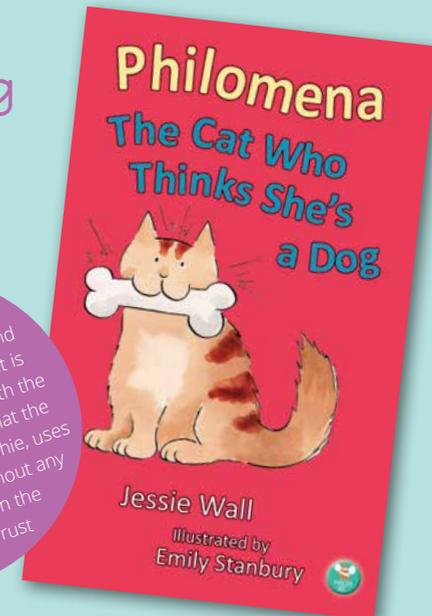
Philomena, The Cat Who Thinks She's a Dog

By Jessie Wall. Illustrated by Emily Stanbury
978-0-9931109-2-4 / March 2016 / £5.99 / B Format
Paperback / B&W illustrations / 80pp
Rights: World

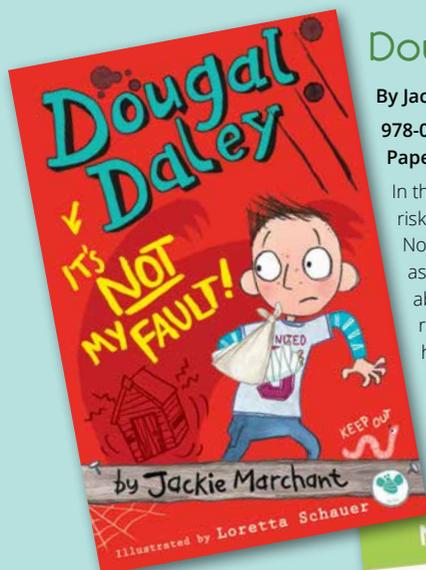
The delightful follow-up to *Geronimo*, about a cat with attitude. Once again illustrator Emily Stanbury brings her magic touch to this humorous story about a cat who, despite being loved by her wheelchair-bound owner, Sophie, is convinced she has been born into the wrong body. But can she prove it?

Selected for the Inis Reading Guide 2016-17 & a previous Book Trust Book of the Month.

'A simple chapter book with attractive illustrations, large typeface and an accessible narrative. It is also casually inclusive, with the illustrations telling us that the Simplings' daughter, Sophie, uses a wheelchair, but without any mention of this in the story.' *Book Trust*



General Fiction for 8+



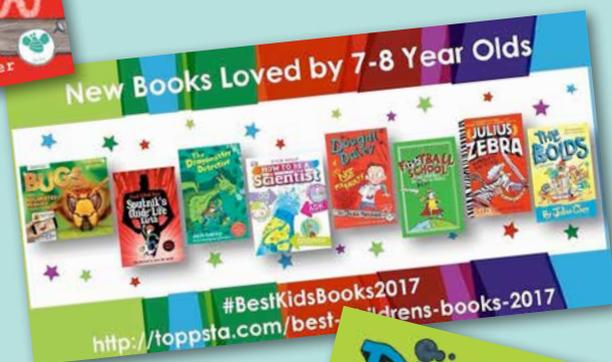
Dougal Daley: It's Not My Fault

By Jackie Marchant. Illustrated by Loretta Schauer

978-0-9956972-2-5 / April 2017 / £6.99 / B Format
Paperback / B&W Illustrations / 180pp / Rights: World

In this first book, football-loving Dougal Daley finds himself at risk from the mysterious creature living in the garden shed. Nobody believes him but as a precaution he sets about writing his will – rewarding those who help him and disinheriting those who get on his bad side. Meanwhile, as limbs and windows alike are broken by rogue footballs and unhinged canines, Dougal finds himself in all sorts of trouble...and NONE of it is his fault!

'Laugh out loud funny...a really enjoyable read.' TheBookbag.co.uk



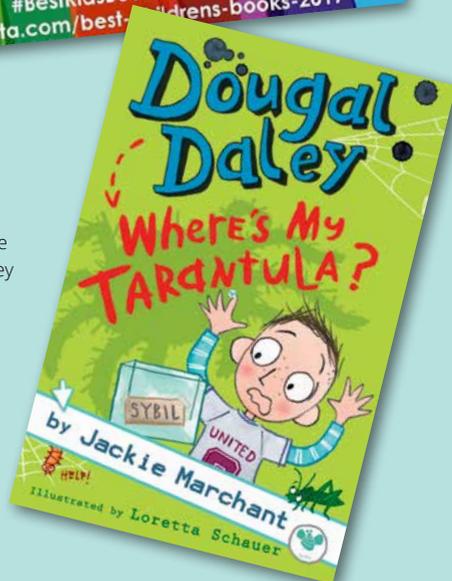
Dougal Daley: Where's My Tarantula?

By Jackie Marchant. Illustrated by Loretta Schauer

978-0-9956972-5-6 / October 2017 / £6.99 / B Format
Paperback / B&W Illustrations / 250pp / Rights: World

In this second book, football-loving Dougal Daley once again finds himself on the wrong side of almost everyone. Someone has stolen his pet tarantula, Sybil (named after his sister – they both have very hairy legs) and she (the spider, not the sister) is being held to ransom. Dougal must fulfil the kidnapper's demands before poor Sybil is tortured...one leg at a time!

Jackie Marchant's *Dougal* books have won many awards, including the Hillingdon Primary Book of the Year, Heart of Hawick Book Awards, New Horizons Books Awards, and was a Red House Pick of the Year. Loretta Schauer won the Waterstone's 'Picture This' competition in 2011.



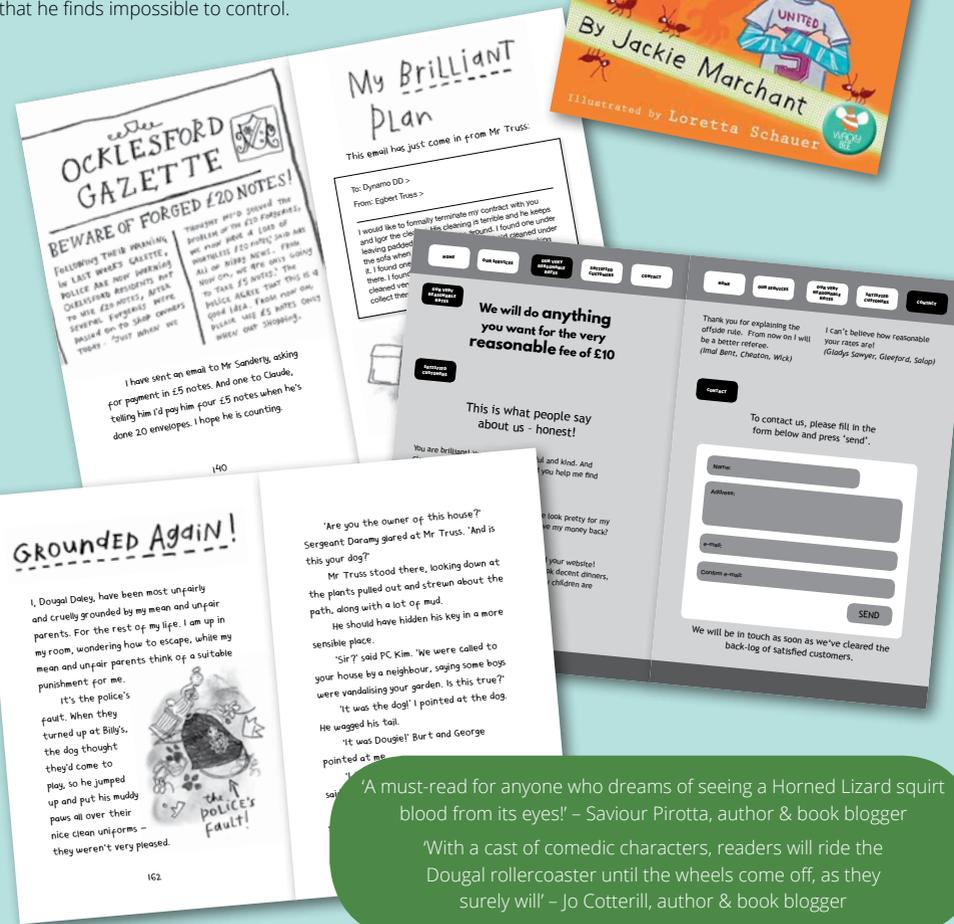
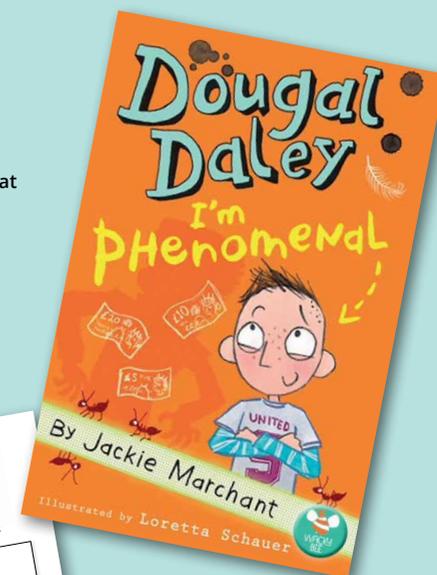
Dougal Daley: I'm Phenomenal!

By Jackie Marchant. Illustrated by Loretta Schauer

ISBN: 978-0-9956972-6-3 / October 2018 / £6.99 / B Format
Paperback / B&W Illustrations / 192pp / Rights: World

"Mum accused me of being too quiet. It's only because I was thinking about all the money I was going to make from my very secret website *Dynamo DD Phenomenal Enterprises*."

In this third book Dougal finds that making money isn't quite as easy as he thinks. In fact it causes him more trouble than it's worth as he gets caught up in a fast-paced adventure that he finds impossible to control.



'A must-read for anyone who dreams of seeing a Horned Lizard squirt blood from its eyes!' – Saviour Pirota, author & book blogger
'With a cast of comedic characters, readers will ride the Dougal rollercoaster until the wheels come off, as they surely will!' – Jo Cotterill, author & book blogger

General Fiction for 8+

Elise and the Second-hand Dog

(One of the four honour titles from BookTrust's 2017 In Other Words Initiative)

By Bjarne Reuter. Illustrated by Kirsten Raagaard

978-0-9956972-8-7 / April 2018 / £6.99 / B Format Paperback
B&W Illustrations / 200pp / Rights: UK & Commonwealth
English Language (Wacky Bee), all other Rights (Gyldendal)

Elise is lonely. Her mum is far away in Brazil helping to finish the building of a suspension bridge and her dad is busy trying to get by as a musician in the Danish City of Copenhagen where they live. So when Elise asks for a dog to keep her company, her dad finds it hard to refuse. But the dog that Elise ends up with is no ordinary dog. He is second-hand, he looks like an ugly rabbit, he smells of cheese... and he can talk!

"The book is evidence that humour can travel. It is quirky, clever and original and plotted to make the most of punch lines" - Nicolette Jones, *Sunday Times Children's Books Editor*.



Veronica Twitch, the Fabulous Witch: Double-Bubble Girl Band Trouble!

Written & illustrated by Erica Jane Waters

978-0-9956972-9-4 / October 2018 / £6.99 / B Format Paperback
Two Colour Illustrations / 112pp / Rights: World

At *Twitch Magazine* Veronica couldn't be more excited when she is given her first article to write: a feature on the most exciting band in Witch City, Double-Bubble! Things take a mysterious turn when Double-Bubble are kidnapped! Could Belinda Bullfrog from *Twitch's* rival magazine *Nosy Toad* be behind it all? Veronica and her friends must piece together the mystery of the missing girl band, rescue them and get *Twitch Magazine's* article back on track before it's too late!

"This first book in the series about Veronica Twitch will enthrall young girls who are interested in fashion" - The Letterpress Project

Double Felix

By Sally Harris. Illustrated by Maria Serrano

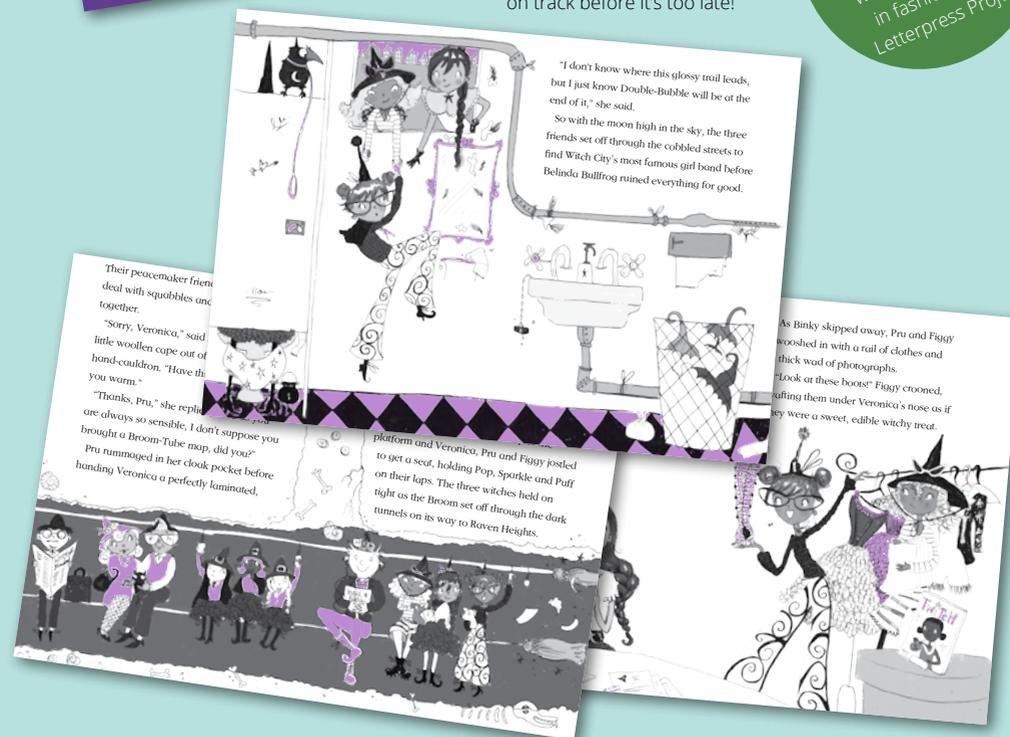
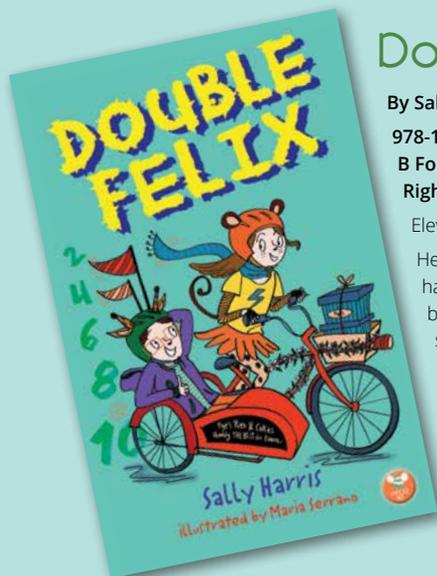
978-1-9999033-0-5 / May 2018 / £6.99

B Format Paperback / B&W Illustrations / 250pp
Rights: World (excluding US)

Eleven-year-old Felix Twain's life revolves around the number two.

He skips every second step when he takes the stairs, taps door handles twice and positions objects in pairs. The problem has become so bad that Felix is on the verge of being expelled from school because the head has had enough of trying to run the school around his very specific rules. Then Charlie Pye arrives and turns his world upside down. She's grown up with very few rules. She eats cereal for lunch, calls a boat home and has a very loose interpretation of school uniform. The question is, can Felix ever learn to be wrong when he is so obsessed with being right?

"This is a really heart-warming book about being different, facing challenges and making friends" - Ginger Librarian, reviewer and book blogger



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Philip Pullman

