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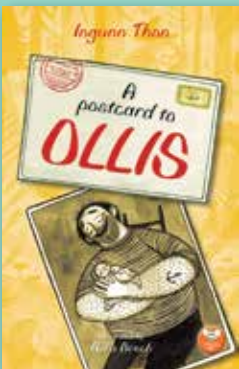
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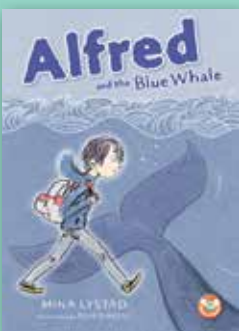
At Wacky Bee we publish picture books, early readers and middle grade fiction. Social inclusion is important to us so our books may sometimes be challenging in terms of content, but never in terms of length or format. And we feel no-one is ever too old for pictures so all our books are illustrated.



This year we are concentrating on expanding our Buzzy Reads early reader series. Illustrated in full colour and falling to just 40 pages, these attractive little books bridge the gap between picture books and first chapter books. Every Buzzy Reads story has a facts spread at the end – in the case of our Spring 2020 titles this is fun facts about chocolate (*Nina's Amazing Gift!*) and fun facts about baked beans (*Samira's Wish*). What's not to like!



We've got some great authors on our list as well. Bjarne Reuter (*Elise and the Second-hand Dog*) is the Danish equivalent of Roald Dahl, Saviour Pirotta is a household name in the UK and Coral Rumble (*The Adventures of the Owl and the Pussycat/Mustafa's Jumper*) and Andrew Weale (*Newt in a Suit*) are both well-known poets and previous winners of the Caterpillar Poetry Prize. Our illustrators include bestselling legends such as Margaret Chamberlain, Loretta Schauer, Ag Jatkowska and Layn Marlow.



That said, we love **all** our books and are proud of the recognition they have received. We've been a finalist in the British Book Design and Production Awards, longlisted for the Carnegie Medal, selected for *Children's Books Ireland* (twice), had two titles selected for the Guardian's *Best New Kids Books Summer Guide*, made Topps's top 100 most popular books, made BookTrust's *100 Great Books* and been selected by the Reading Agency for their booklists *Change Starts With Us*, *Reading Well for Children* and this year's *Summer Reading Challenge*. We've even made the small screen with BBC Bitesize and CBeebies!

As committed members of Inclusive Minds, we are working hard to ensure our books are as inclusive and diverse as possible. As well as selling titles overseas we are also actively seeking to buy titles from around the world and now have two early readers and two middle grade titles in translation.

So have fun exploring our catalogue, full of great books with a buzz!

Queen Bee



New Picture book

Newt in a suit

February

Andrew Weale Illustrated by **Margaret Chamberlain**

*"Here's one newt in a suit. Isn't he cute?
But why is one newt in a suit?"*

Join one newt in a suit, two flies in ties, three cockatoos in shoes, four apes in capes, five pigs in wigs, six ants in pants, seven bats in hats, eight bees in dungarees, nine setters in sweaters, ten lionesses in dresses, in this wacky and vibrant counting book.



*"Every page thrums
with comic energy."*

The Independent



Newt in a Suit was picked up pre-publication by BBC Bitesize Scotland and filming took place with Bright Button Productions at The Secret Herb Garden in Edinburgh.



ISBN: 978-1-9999033-3-6
Price: £6.99
Pages: 32 (full colour)
Format: Paperback 240 x 240mm
Age: 3+
Rights: World

New Buzzy Reads

Nina's Amazing Gift!

May



ISBN: 978-1-913292-06-5

Price: £6.99

Pages: 40 (full colour)

Format: Paperback 150 x 205mm

Age: 5-7

Rights: World English

Maja Junde Illustrated by **Hans Jørgen Sandnes**

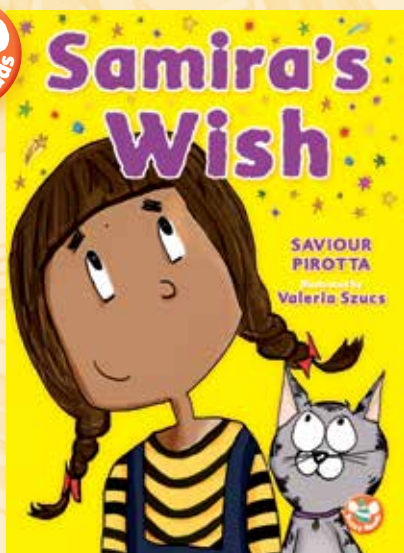
"Nina misses Choco so much it hurts all the way down to her toes!"

When Nina's best friend, Choco, moves away, Nina is convinced that life will never be the same again. But then a mysterious envelope arrives in the mail from Choco, filled with five brown beans. Is Choco trying to send Nina a message from the other side of the world and, if so, what will Nina do about it?



Samira's Wish

July



ISBN: 978-1-913292-07-2

Price: £6.99

Pages: 40 (full colour)

Format: Paperback 150 x 205mm

Age: 5-7

Rights: World

Saviour Pirotta Illustrated by **Valeria Szucs**

"Mrs April's shop is a jumble of tins and boxes. There are cats sitting on everything. The fridge at the back makes hissing noises, like a dragon in disguise."

When Samira's Grandpa and Grandma come to visit all the way from India, Samira decides she will make them a special breakfast of beans on toast. Luckily Mrs April at the corner shop has just one can left. But Samira soon discovers that this is no ordinary can of beans. This is a special can of magic beans where a wish comes true with every mouthful...



Buzzy Reads

Mustafa's Jumper

Coral Rumble Illustrated by **Charlotte Cooke**

"Just outside Oak Class, on a peg in the cloakroom, a jumper hangs all alone. It's Mustafa's jumper."

Milo isn't extra clever, or extra naughty, or extra anything. He tends to stay in the background. But when a mysterious new boy, who can't speak any English, joins the class, Milo decides to get to know him. As he becomes closer to Mustafa, he discovers that the language of friendship is more important than speaking the same words.



ISBN: 978-1-9999033-5-0

Price: £6.99

Pages: 40 (full colour)

Format: Paperback 150 x 205mm

Age: 5-7

Rights: World

A Topsta
Top 100
Most Popular
Books
2019

Alfred and the Blue Whale

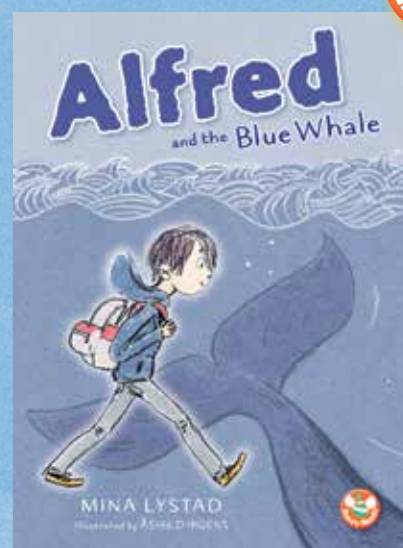
Mina Lystad Illustrated by **Åshild Irgens**

Translated by **Sian Mackie**

"Alfred is scared of red lights, thick duvets and fireworks. And of jumpers with tight necks."

Alfred is scared of just about everything but he is especially scared about 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.

Selected for inclusion in *The Reading Agency Change Starts With Us 2019*.



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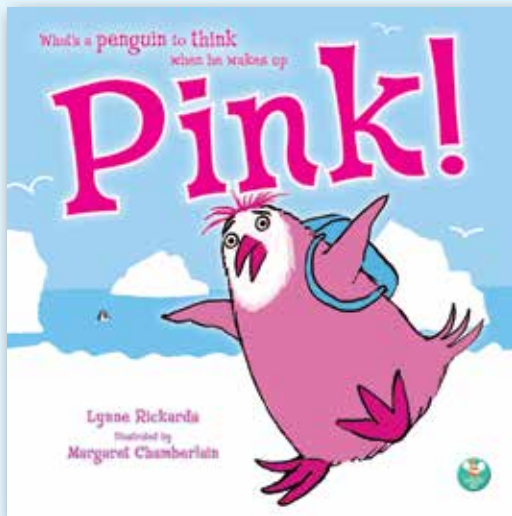
Format: Paperback 150 x 205mm

Age: 5-7

Rights: World English

Guardian
Best New
Kids Books
2019

Pink!



*"A heart-warming
story about learning
to be different."*

Chicken House

Lynne Rickards Illustrated by **Margaret Chamberlain**

"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.



ISBN: 978-1-9999033-2-9

Price: £6.99

Pages: 28 (full colour)

Format: Paperback 240 x 240mm

Age: 3+

Rights: **World** (Sold: US, Germany, Japan, Korea)

Guardian
Best New
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Pink! is also a musical. Witten in collaboration with Hopscotch Theatre Company, it has toured over 200 Scottish primary schools. For more details contact hopscotchtheatre.com.

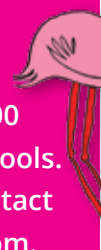


Image by NoFuss Photography (2016)
from *PINK! The Musical*

Picture books

The Adventures of the Owl and the Pussycat

Coral Rumble Illustrated by **Charlotte Cooke**

"The Owl and the Pussycat went to sea, in a box on the living room floor. They sailed away for a year and a day and these are the things that they saw..."

Join two curious children on a quirky adventure, loosely based on the classic Edward Lear poem, *The Owl and the Pussycat*.

"Rumble has a dash and delight about her work."

Michael Rosen



ISBN: 978-0-9956972-4-9

Price: £6.99

Pages: 32 (full colour)

Format: Paperback 240 x 240mm

Age: 3+

Rights: World (Sold: Maltese & North American English language)

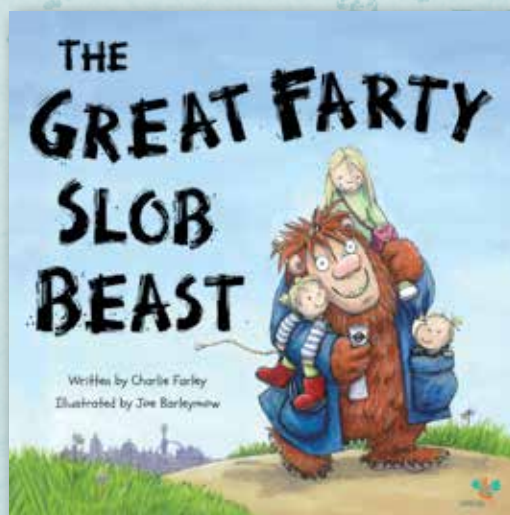
Regularly featured on CBeebies

The Great Farty Slob Beast

Charley Farley Illustrated by **Joe Barleymow**

A riotous romp around London as Molly and her two sisters try to distract Slob Beast from gobbling them up!

"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. Will Molly's plan to distract the Slob Beast with a hilarious day-trip to London be enough to stop his greedy plans?



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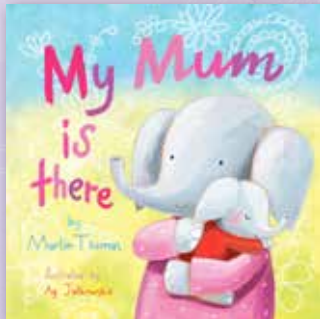
Age: 5-7

Rights: World

A British Book Design and Production Award finalist

The world of Little Elephants®

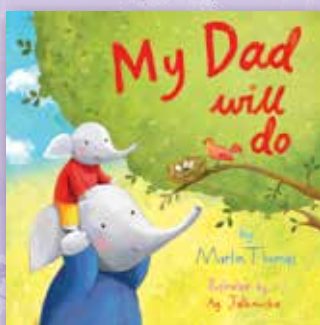
The world of Little Elephants® is all about telling stories and sharing memories. Created by **Martin Thomas** with all illustrations by **Ag Jatkowska**, there are currently three picture books, two board books and a range of 12 greeting cards to choose from.



ISBN: 978-0-9931109-3-1
Price: £6.99
Pages: 32 (full colour)
Format: Paperback 225 x 225mm
Age: 3+
Rights: World (Sold: North American English and complex Chinese)

My Mum is there

It's not easy being small. Nothing is simple. Not speaking, sleeping or walking. Not counting, reading or swimming. Not even hopping or skipping or jumping! But the love of a mother is an amazing thing. With Mum close by there's no need to be scared. With Mum close by anything is possible.



ISBN: 978-0-9931109-4-8
Price: £6.99
Pages: 32 (full colour)
Format: Paperback 225 x 225mm
Age: 3+
Rights: World (Sold: North American English and complex Chinese)

My Dad will do

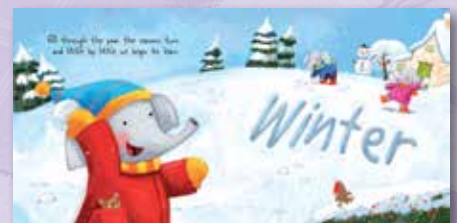
It's not easy being small. Especially not being able to reach things. Like the hook to hang a coat, a shelf to get toys or the pedals of a bike. Kitchen sides, the shower and a light switch are all too high. But the love of a father is an amazing thing. With Dad close by anything is possible. With Dad close by nothing is out of reach.



ISBN: 978-0-9956972-3-2
Price: £6.99
Pages: 32 (full colour)
Format: Paperback 225 x 225mm
Age: 3+
Rights: World

Little Elephant's Big Year!

"All through the year the seasons turn, And little by little we begin to learn." 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 look, smell, touch and taste everything each new season has to offer.



My Mum is there

Board Book version

Little Elephant feels very small and even the simplest tasks seem hard. But 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



ISBN: 978-0-9956972-0-1

Price: £5.99

Pages: 20 (full colour)

Format: Board Book 170 x 170mm

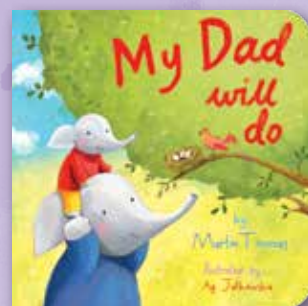
Age: 3+

Rights: World (Sold: US, Taiwan)

My Dad will do

Board Book version

Little Elephant feels very small and everything is out of reach. But with Dad close by Little Elephant feels taller and taller as his confidence grows.



ISBN: 978-0-9956972-1-8

Price: £5.99

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Format: Board Book 170 x 170mm

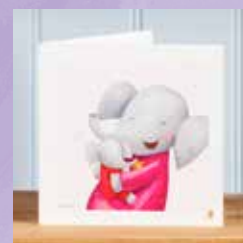
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Rights: World (Sold: US, Taiwan)



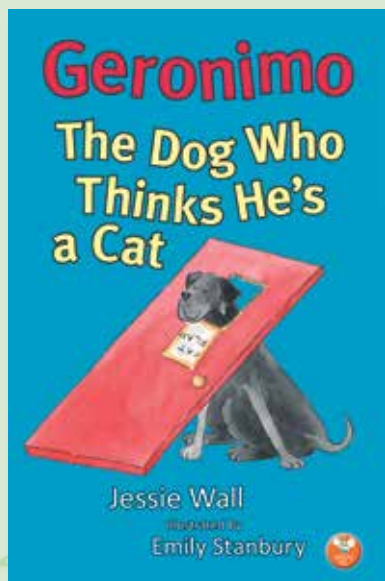
There are 12 greeting cards designed to match each of the three picture books sold direct from our website.

£2.50 / 160 x 160mm



Early Readers

Geronimo The Dog Who Thinks He's a Cat



ISBN: 978-0-9931109-0-0
Price: £5.99
Pages: 76 (B&W illustrations)
Format: B-Format Paperback
Age: 5+
Rights: World

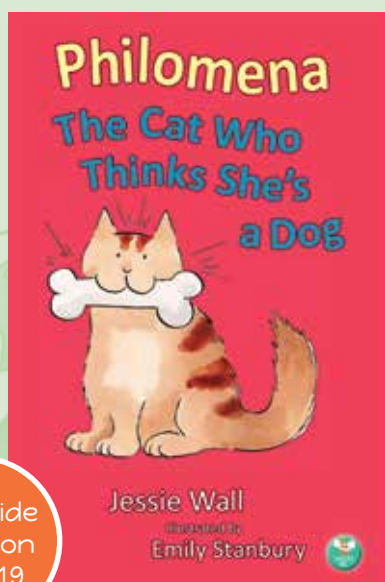
Jessie Wall Illustrated by **Emily Stanbury**

Orphaned as a puppy, Geronimo is adopted by a family of cats. But as he keeps growing and growing he soon learns that he doesn't belong.

Geronimo's mum has so many puppies she doesn't know what to do. So when Geronimo decides to leave home for a better life, he enters a great, big, scary world where he doesn't know who he is... and has no idea WHAT he is either!



Philomena The Cat Who Thinks She's a Dog



Inis Guide
selection
2018-19

ISBN: 978-0-9931109-2-4
Price: £5.99
Pages: 76 (B&W illustrations)
Format: B-Format Paperback
Age: 5+
Rights: World

Jessie Wall Illustrated by **Emily Stanbury**

Philomena is much loved by wheelchair-bound, Sophie, but unfortunately she is a cat with attitude who is convinced she has been born into the wrong body.

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 is convinced she has been born into the wrong body. But can she prove it?



The world of Veronica Twitch

Veronica Twitch the Fabulous Witch, in Double-Bubble girl band trouble!

Erica-Jane Waters

"Three Cherry Charm Sparkle Smoothies, please, with extra cherries. We've got a lot to discuss!"

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!



ISBN: 978-0-9956972-9-4

Price: £6.99

Pages: 112 (2 colour throughout)

Format: B-Format Paperback

Age: 7+

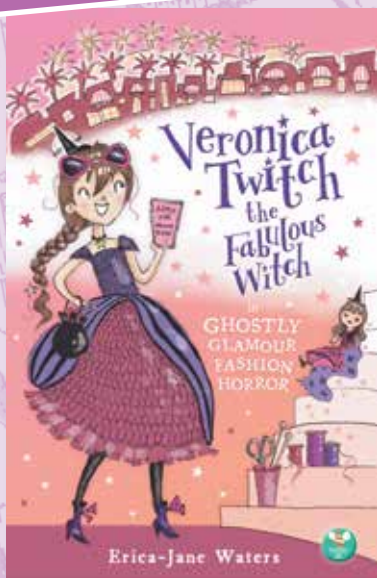
Rights: World



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

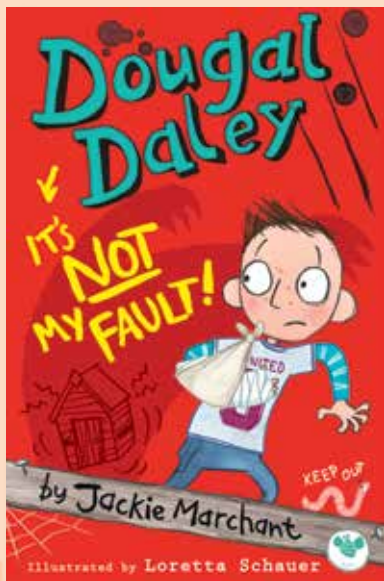
The Letterpress Project

Coming soon!



The world of Dougal Daley

Dougal Daley It's not my fault!



ISBN: 978-0-9956972-2-5
Price: £6.99
Pages: 180 (B&W illustrations)
Format: B-Format Paperback
Age: 7+
Rights: World

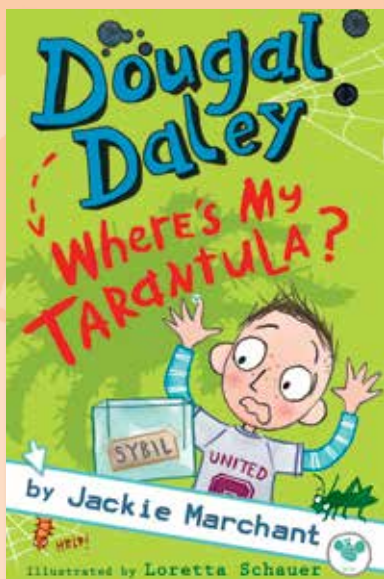
Jackie Marchant Illustrated by **Loretta Schauer**

"I, Dougal Daley, am dead! Ok I'm not actually dead. But if I'm not careful I soon will be."

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!



Dougal Daley Where's My Tarantula?



ISBN: 978-0-9956972-5-6
Price: £6.99
Pages: 180 (B&W illustrations)
Format: B-Format Paperback
Age: 7+
Rights: World

Jackie Marchant Illustrated by **Loretta Schauer**

"Mum," I yelled. "Sybil, the Goliath bird-eater spider, is no longer in my room!"

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 fulfill the kidnapper's demands before poor Sybil is tortured ... one leg at a time!

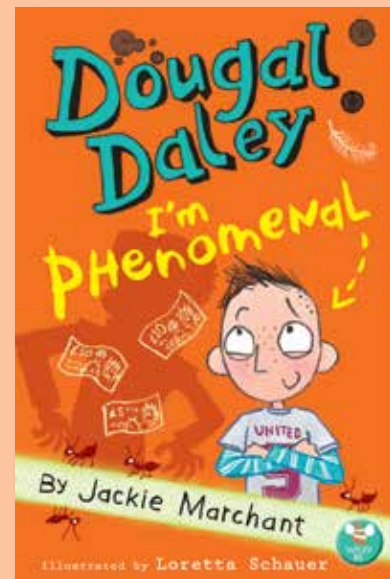


Dougal Daley I'm Phenomenal

Jackie Marchant Illustrated by **Loretta Schauer**

"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. There's the mysterious Igor Meerkat, poisonous ants and a horned lizard that shoots blood out of her eyes all caught up in the mayhem. But, of course, NONE of it is Dougal's fault!



ISBN: 978-0-9956972-6-3

Price: £6.99

Pages: 192 (B&W illustrations)

Format: B-Format Paperback

Age: 7+

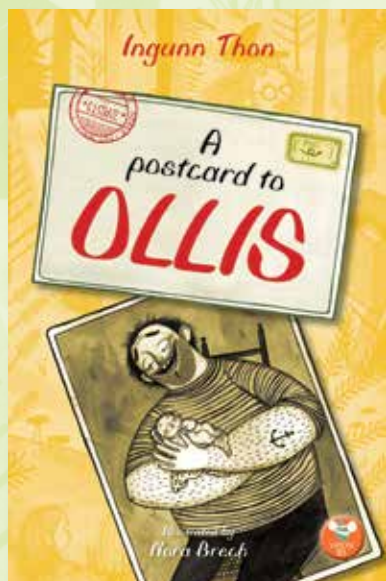
Rights: World



Dougal Daley: I'm Phenomenal!, has been selected for Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020! Silly Squad will arrive in libraries across the UK this summer and will be a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter. Every title in the collection has been specially picked by children, librarians and industry experts to reflect the funny theme, with plenty of choices and genres to entertain readers at all stages. There are two lists – one for younger children and one for more confident readers – representing the best in contemporary children's fiction, non-fiction, picture books and graphic novels.

General Fiction

A postcard to Ollis



ISBN: 978-1-9999033-4-3

Price: £6.99

Pages: 200 (B&W illustrations)

Format: B-Format Paperback

Age: 8+

Rights: World English

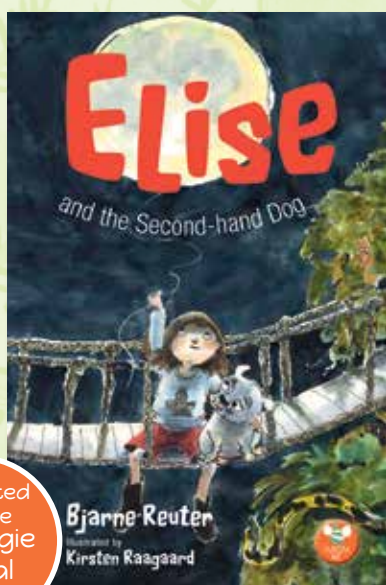
Ingunn Thon Illustrated by **Nora Brech**

Translated by **Sian Mackie**

Ollis' world has been turned upside down. She's got a new baby brother and, even worse, her mum's 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 mailbox in the forest, Ollis' lie grows even bigger. What does Ollis know about the postcard that Gro doesn't?



Elise and the Second-hand Dog



Longlisted
for the
Carnegie
Medal
2018

ISBN: 978-0-9956972-8-7

Price: £6.99

Pages: 192 (B&W illustrations)

Format: B-Format Paperback

Age: 8+

Rights: UK and Commonwealth

Bjarne Reuter Illustrated by **Kirsten Raagaard**

Translated by **Sian Mackie**

"The girl and her dog sit eating salty liquorice on a half-built suspension bridge in the Amazon rainforest."

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!

"This book is evidence that humour can travel. Including a darkly hilarious set-piece Hallowe'en party and mad characters, it is quirky, clever and original and plotted to make the most of punch lines."

Nicolette Jones, *Sunday Times* Children's Books Editor

General Fiction

Double Felix

Sally Harris Illustrated by **Maria Serrano**

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 principal 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?

A story about a boy with OCD that shines a light on problems caused by OCD and Autism.

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

Ginger Librarian, reviewer and book blogger



ISBN: 978-1-9999033-0-5

Price: £6.99

Pages: 192 (B&W illustrations)

Format: B-Format Paperback

Age: 8+

Rights: World (Sold: US, Latvia)



We are delighted that our wonderful middle grade title, Double Felix has been chosen to be part of the brand new Reading Well Booklist. Reading Well coincides with the start of Children's Mental Health Week and recommends reading to help children understand their feelings and worries and cope with tough times. The books have been chosen by children, carers, health experts and librarians. They are endorsed by leading health organisations such as NHS England, Mind and the Royal College of GPs. The booklist is targeted at children in Key Stage 2 (aged 7-11) and includes a wide range of reading levels to support less confident readers, and to encourage children to read together with their siblings and carers.

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