



# Ragged Bears

## The Old Forest Path

by Jamie Catto

Illustrated by Kanako Wakabayashi

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In an enchanted forest live magical fairies who delight in music and dance, however they always follow the old path through the woods, having been told to do so will keep them safe. It happened one afternoon, when the sun was casting its hypnotic patterns through the branches above, that from somewhere out of sight, a new and unheard music reached the delicate ears of those magical creatures. It began as a flute but then turned into a pipe. It moved like a drum but then pulsed like a stamp. The music reached high and yet still rumbled down low and it moved them all as it filtered so invitingly from its origin unknown. One fairy is bold enough to leave the path in search of the source of this beautiful sound...

**AUTHOR:** Jamie Catto is a British musician, video director, photographer, and script editor. He was a founding member of Faithless, before leaving in 1999 to form 1 Giant Leap and co-created a documentary film with the same title. He wrote the self-help book "Insanely Gifted" published in 2016 by Canongate. This is his first book for children.

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Kanako Wakabayashi is an artist and illustrator who creates the gentle world of fairytales and fantasy, using a variety of materials. Her inspiration comes from nature, the spirits inhabiting it, and also her imagination and dreams. Kanako holds an MA in Children's Book Illustration from the Cambridge School of Art, Anglia Ruskin University, U.K., and her work has also been widely exhibited in her home country, Japan.

### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Exquisite pictures by an emerging super talented illustrator
- Magical story which underlines the power of nature and music
- The author has a strong social media following

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