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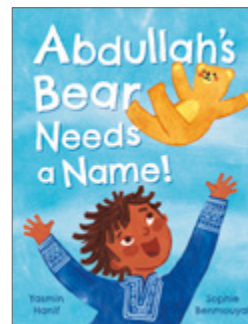
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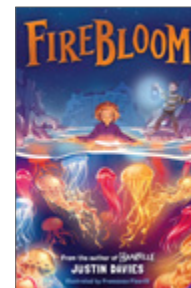
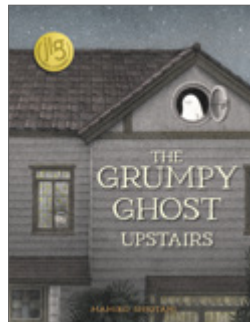


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Featured Titles



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Celtic Folk and Fairy Tales

Magical Stories from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall, the Isle of Man and Brittany

STORIES BY LARI DON

ILLUSTRATIONS BY ELISE CARMICHAEL

Travel to magical Celtic lands to meet shapeshifting selkies, duelling dragons and more creatures of myth, magic and mischief

- A magical collection of Celtic folklore from master storyteller Lari Don, author of *The Treasure of the Loch Ness Monster* and *The Secret of the Kelpie*
- Don expertly retells traditional tales to make them engaging and exciting for children
- Each story is beautifully and dramatically illustrated by Elise Carmichael
- Features iconic Celtic creatures such as selkies, dragons, waterhorses, giants, fairies, changelings, imps and piskies

Lari Don is an award-winning author of more than 30 books for children of all ages, including folktale retellings, middle grade novels, as well as picture books based on traditional tales. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Elise Carmichael is an illustrator and graphic designer with a passion for children's literature. When she isn't drawing, Elise enjoys hiking, photography and learning new languages. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Also by Lari Don:



Subject: Story Books and Anthologies
(Thema: YDC/YFHH/YNRU)

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colour illustrations

Age 6-12

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JUSTIN DAVIES

A marvellous middle-grade mystery adventure full of jeopardy, joy and jellyfish

- **Journey to Stormcliff** – a salt-soaked island in the same imagined world as the fishy-fantasy adventure novel *Haarville*
- Tally should have the power to communicate with jellyfish just like the rest of her family, but her abilities have yet to manifest – **and she's running out of time**
- Features a **cast of quirky characters** including trainee fortune-teller Colette, Tally's guardians Grandad and Mandad, villain Lady Vorpall and cheeky Albert the cliff rat
- Tackles **themes of family legacy, identity and dealing with expectations** from others and yourself

Justin Davies spent years flying all over the world as cabin crew before hanging up his wings to focus on writing for children. His first book, *Help! I Smell a Monster*, won the Fantastic Book Awards in 2021. He is also the author of *Whoa! I Spy a Werewolf*, and the fantastically fishy mystery adventure novel *Haarville*. Justin lives with his husband and Sally, their greyhound rescue, in Fife, Scotland.

With illustrations by
Francesca Ficorilli:



Also by
Justin Davies:



Subject: Middle-grade fiction

(Thema: YFHK/YFHD/YXZC)

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Dragon Flight over Eilean Donan Castle: 1000-piece jigsaw

ILLUSTRATION BY KATE LEIPER

Soar over Scotland as you recreate this breathtaking, fantastical scene by Scottish artist and dragon-expert Kate Leiper

- A high-quality 1000-piece Scottish jigsaw
- A stunning illustration, full of texture and detail, featuring an epic dragon and a real castle against the majestic background of the Scottish Highlands
- From Kate Leiper, the acclaimed co-creator of *An Illustrated Treasury of Dragon Tales* and the Illustrated Scottish Treasures range of fairy tale anthologies
- Printed on sustainable board using plant-based inks with plastic-free packaging

Kate Leiper is a fine artist and illustrator who studied at Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen and has been longlisted for the Kate Greenaway Award. She is the creator of the Illustrated Scottish Treasures series and *An Illustrated Treasury of Dragon Tales*, along with Theresa Breslin. Kate is also the illustrator of *The Book of the Howlat* and *A Wee Bird Was Watching*. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.



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Abdullah's Bear Needs a Name!

STORY BY YASMIN HANIF

ILLUSTRATIONS BY SOPHIE BENMOUYAL

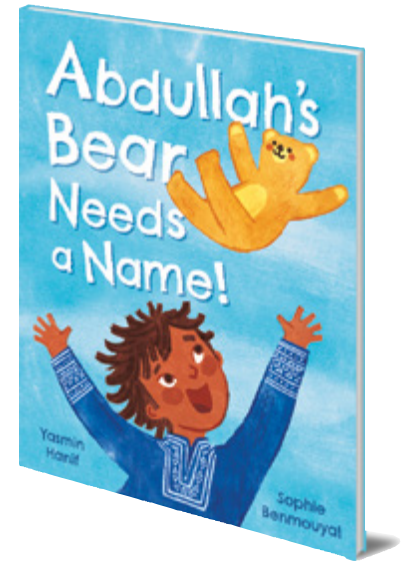
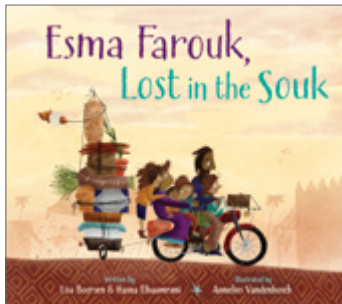
A gentle but powerful story about the value of cultural heritage

- Abdullah loves his Eid gift: a teddy bear that once belonged to his dad! Can Abdullah guess the bear's name?
- Based on Yasmin Hanif's real-life experience of children from South Asian backgrounds defaulting to European names for a teddy bear
- Features a contemporary British-South Asian, Muslim family and celebrates shared traditions across generations
- Sophie Benmouyal's bold, colourful illustrations imbue the story with warmth and a cosy atmosphere

Yasmin Hanif is a Scottish-Pakistani author, poet and educator from a Muslim background. She worked on the award-winning 'We Can Be Heroes' project which tackled the lack of diversity in children's books and inspired this one. Yasmin lives in the west of Scotland.

Sophie Benmouyal is a children's book illustrator and graphic designer based in Montreal, Canada. She has two young daughters and loves the outdoors.

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The Grumpy Ghost Upstairs

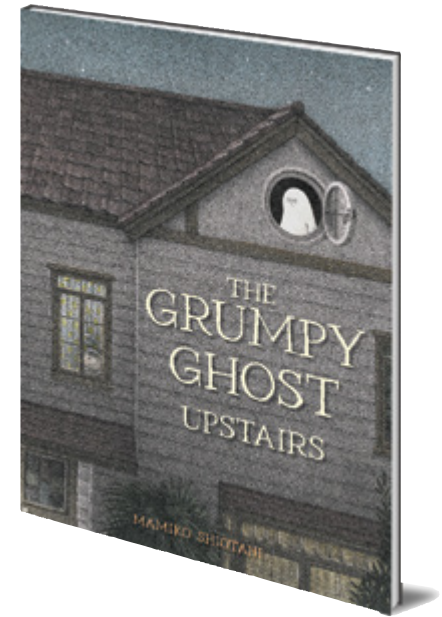
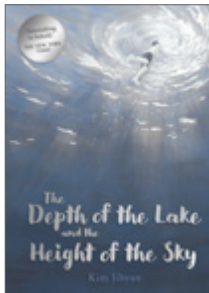
MAMIKO SHIOTANI

A wryly funny, beautifully illustrated picture book about adapting to change, starring a grumpy ghost and a persistent young girl

- The little ghost spends long nights swooping up and down, and round and round – having fun, all by himself, until one day his peace is disturbed by a curious girl
- This **gentle story about learning to embrace change** and reach outside of your comfort zone humorously subverts expectations
- The beautifully detailed artwork **cleverly uses light, shadow and texture** to imbue the little grumpy ghost with character
- The little ghost's story will **encourage young children to be brave** and be open to making new friends
- **Winner of the Pinpoint Picture Book Award** in Japan

Mamiko Shiotani is an award-winning author and illustrator from Japan. She studied pottery and created background art for animated features before moving to picture books. *The Grumpy Ghost Upstairs* is her first picture book to be published in English. She currently lives in Tokyo, Japan.

More beautiful, atmospheric picture books:



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All Our Families Are Awesome

STORY BY CHARLOTTE BELLIÈRE
ILLUSTRATIONS BY IAN DE HAES

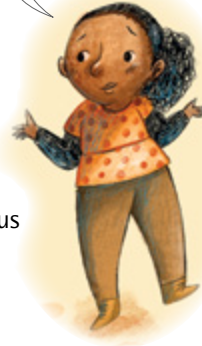
This frank, funny and childlike perspective on family structures, shows that there are *many* ways to be a family

- Some children have two mums, or a dad but no mum, or live with their grandparents, or have siblings or stepsiblings – they all agree that every family is awesome in its own way!
- An inclusive picture book that explores different families in a humorous and child-friendly way
- Encourages curiosity whilst also teaching acceptance
- Children will love following the story which is told entirely through characters' conversation in speech bubbles
- **Vibrant illustrations** contrast playground fun with snapshots of each child's home life

Charlotte Bellière is a teacher and children's author who loves to tell extraordinary stories about seemingly ordinary people. She lives in Brussels, Belgium.

Ian de Haes is the award-winning illustrator of numerous picture books, combining digital and traditional mediums to create luminous illustrations. He has a background in bookselling and lives in Brussels, Belgium.

Well, some kids are a mix of their mom and dad, but I'm adopted.



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Mr Crump, the Heartless Grump

STORY BY POG

ILLUSTRATIONS BY STÉPHANIE LÉON

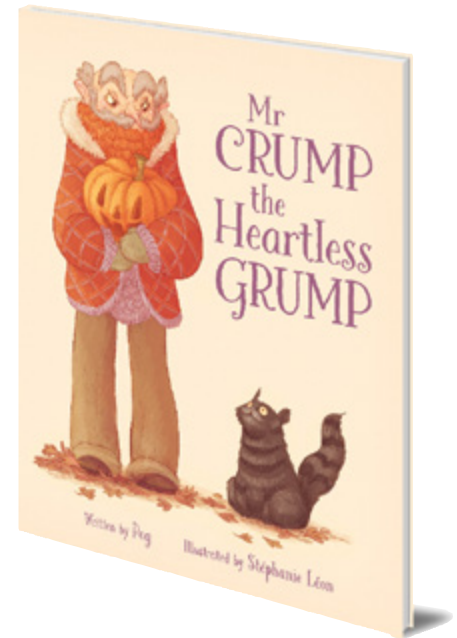
Full of compassion and humour, this tale about the power of kindness is sure to melt even the most cantankerous heart

- Readers will chuckle at Mr Crump's cartoonishly bad behaviour
- The story takes a charmingly sweet turn when trick-or-treaters discover Mr Crump's cuddly secret, and his life is changed forever
- Perfect for fans of *The Grinch* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas*
- Encourages empathy and shows that not everyone is what they appear to be
- Stéphanie Léon's distinctive artwork is reminiscent of Tim Burton and creates a beautiful seasonal atmosphere as the story moves from Halloween into Christmas time

Pog is an award-winning writer of comics for children and adults. His picture books include *Le Renard Tokela*, which won the Prix des Incorruptibles in 2019. Pog lives in Brittany, France.

Stéphanie Léon studied literature and worked as a cabinetmaker before becoming a full-time illustrator. She is inspired by shadows and old-fashioned things, and lives in Dordogne, France.

More awesome autumnal stories:



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The Slightly Spooky Tale of Fox and Mole

CECILIA HEIKKILÄ

A wry, classically gothic and cleverly meta book, perfect for curling up with on long, dark evenings

- When generous Fox begins to resent his selfish neighbour, Mole, a slightly spooky transformation takes place, just like in the story they've been reading
- Sharply written and **gorgeously illustrated with lots of hidden details**, like shadows and reflections, that tease the reveal of the monster Fox is becoming
- Encourages children to be **appreciative, compromise and share their worries**
- *The Wind in the Willows* meets Poe and the Brontës in this unique picture book told in short chapters that promises an immersive thrill for children aged 6 and up

Cecilia Heikkilä is a Swedish graphic designer, author and illustrator. She was awarded The Selma Lagerlöf Society's prize for children and YA literature in 2024. She lives in Dalarna, Sweden with her dog, Mochi.

Also by Cecilia Heikkilä:



'A beautifully illustrated picture book with an environmental theme.'
BOOKLIST, starred review

A 2024 Foreword Indies Finalist



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My Grandma the Chameleon

MARIA LÖFGREN

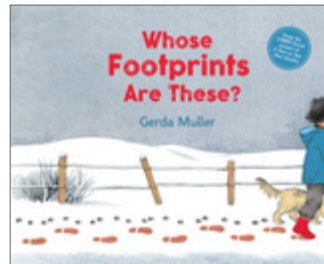
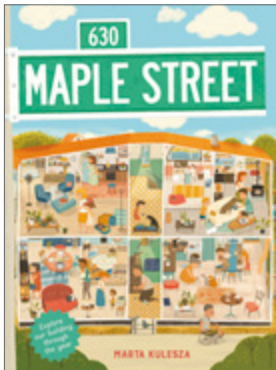
A fun celebration of curiosity, discovery and the special relationship between a grandparent and grandchild

- Grandma loves to play hide and seek, and she's very good at not being seen, just like her pet chameleons
- Eagle-eyed young readers can spot Grandma, and her pet chameleons, hiding in all sorts of clever places
- Grandma's house is packed with intriguing clues to the fascinating life she has led as a beekeeper, botanist, scientist, and explorer
- A quirky and characterful interactive picture book that encourages children to engage with the illustrations

Maria Löfgren is a designer, animator and the creator of several children's books. She was inspired to write *My Grandma the Chameleon* to show that older women can have exciting adventures. Maria lives in Hornefors, Sweden.



More interactive picture books:



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We Can Play Anything!

MARIT TÖRNQVIST

A vibrant and beautifully simple story celebrating the extraordinary imaginations of young children and reinforcing the value of play

- A fun, brightly illustrated story packed with details for little ones to spot
- Celebrates the endless possibilities of **imaginative play**, from baking cookie animals that roar and quack, to counting rainbow birds and sleeping in a wildlife hotel
- Simple words and diverse representation
- From the multi-award-winning illustrator of Astrid Lindgren's *Now That Night is Near* and *The Fearless Little Farm Boy*

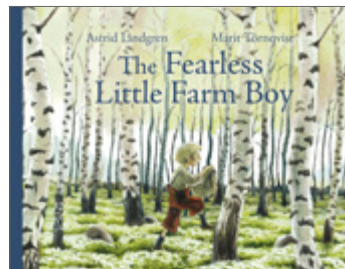
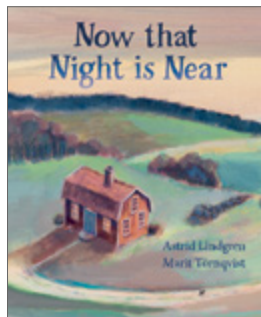
Marit Törnqvist is the recipient of a Golden Plaque from the Biennial of Illustration Bratislava, and the winner of the esteemed Johannes Vermeer Award, the Dutch state prize for the arts. She divides her time between The Netherlands and Sweden.



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Also illustrated by Marit Törnqvist:



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The Together Treehouse

STORY BY MICHAEL ENGLER

ILLUSTRATIONS BY JOËLLE TOURLONIAS

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- When Sam's best friend Milo moves away, Sam and his new neighbour gradually **build a new friendship while finishing the treehouse** Sam and Milo started together
- Charming illustrations of young friends playing together create a **cosy atmosphere**
- Will help children explore **big emotions**, conflicts of loyalty and opening up to new possibilities

Michael Engler has created comic books and worked in advertising, but is now a full-time writer for theatre, radio and books. His picture books have been translated into numerous languages. Michael lives in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Joëlle Tournalonias is the award-winning illustrator of almost 200 books. She lives with her family in the countryside near Frankfurt, Germany.

More heartwarming tales about friendship:



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STORY BY JOHANNA LINDEMANN

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MAREIKE AMMERSKEN

An energetic and contemporary story full of fun, relatable moments and a diverse cast of characters

- A smart picture book which celebrates children's imagination
- Ben hates being the last to get picked up from kindergarten, but then one pick-up time, he comes up with a terrific tall tale about why his dad can't collect him sooner
- A positive, humorous spin on the realities of balancing childcare with a busy work life
- Features a diverse group of children with a variety of caregivers
- Colourful, fun illustrations capture the whimsical spirit of Ben's imagined stories

Johanna Lindemann has worked in advertising and film but especially loves writing for children. She lives near Bremen, Germany with her husband and two daughters.

Mareike Ammersken has illustrated numerous books for children. She lives with her husband and their dog in Luneburg, Germany.



Also by
Johanna Lindemann:



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(Thema: YBCS/YBLM/YBLQ)

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Christopher's Garden

Mini edition

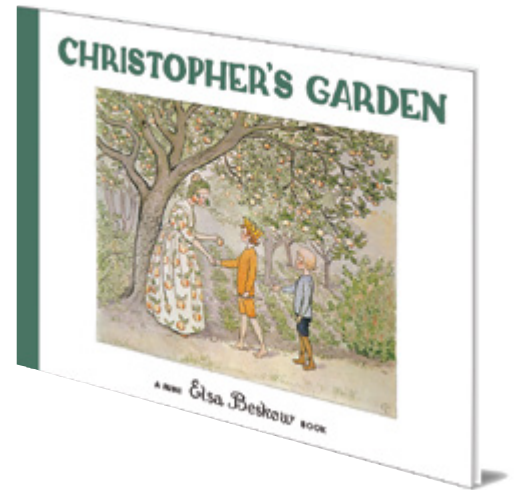
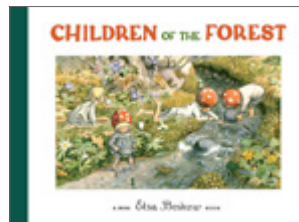
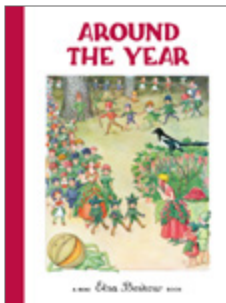
ELSA BESKOW

A delightful story about how the different flower, fruit and vegetable folk in Christopher's garden get ready for autumn

- A seasonal story about Christopher's magical adventure in his garden, where he makes lots of new friends and learns about the flowers, berries and vegetables there
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More Elsa Beskow Mini Editions:



More about Elsa Beskow

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The Land of Long Ago

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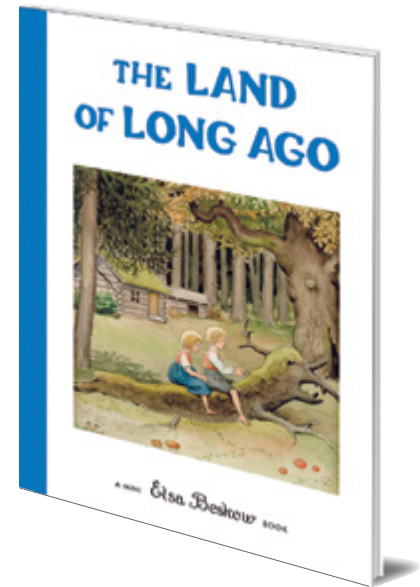
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A delightful fairy tale that celebrates imagination, bravery and the joy of coming home

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Elsa Beskow gifts:



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