

# Lantana Publishing

## 2026 Catalogue



# Lantana Publishing

We are an award-winning children's book publisher and social enterprise with a mission to publish inclusive books by authors from under-represented groups and from around the world.

Our books explore social themes that help happy little minds to flourish. They promote diversity and inclusion, social and racial justice, female empowerment, empathy, mindfulness and wellbeing, environmental sustainability, and more. We are a signatory to the United Nations SDG Publishers Compact and we print our books with plant-based inks on sustainably sourced Forest Stewardship Council certified paper to minimise our carbon footprint.

Here's a sneak peek at a few of the new authors and illustrators we're thrilled to be publishing this season:



**CIRCLE YUEN**  
*Mama's Wedding*



**ERIC RUIZ ROXAS**  
*What Makes A Family*



**ALDY AGUIRRE**  
*What Makes A Family*



**YASHIKA MODDY**  
*Funcles*



**ADRIENA FONG**  
*Funcles*



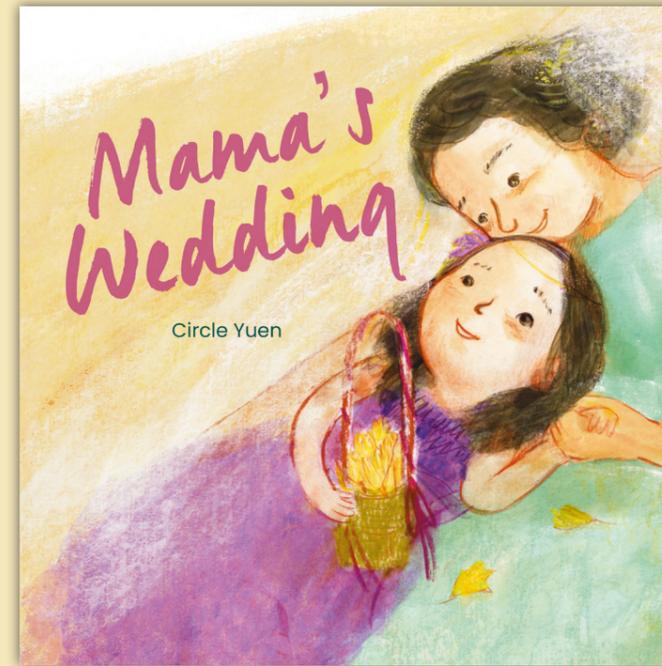
**JANE DE SUZA**  
*Flyaway Boy*

Please enjoy browsing our 2026 catalogue.

The Lantana team  
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## Mama's Wedding

Circle Yuen



**AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR**

Circle Yuen is a Hong Kong-born author and illustrator based in the UK. Her work brings a unique 'Own Voice' perspective to children's literature, exploring themes of family, resilience, and belonging through tender storytelling. It has also been longlisted for the 2026 Klaus Flugge Prize.

When Ruby and her little sister Cindy wake up to a surprise - a special note from Mama asking them to be her flower girls - the excitement of the day begins. As Cindy bounces with joy, Ruby moves more slowly, her heart full of questions.

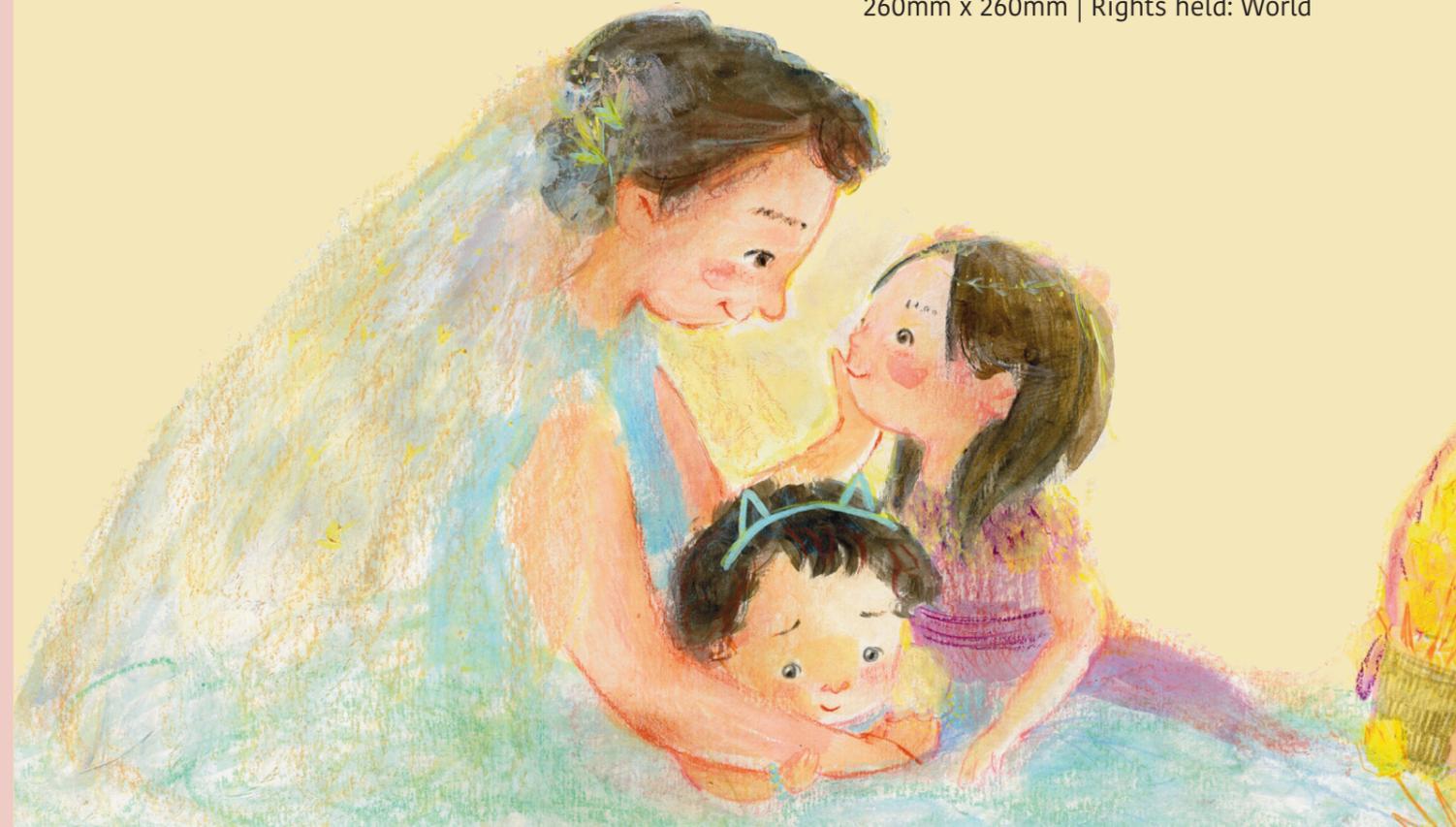
Through rehearsals and dresses, paper flowers and wedding vows, Ruby navigates the bittersweet feelings of seeing her family change. With the gentle support of Granny, the warmth of Daddy Daniel's love, and the quiet kindness of Alex, Mama's new husband, Ruby discovers that love doesn't disappear. It can grow in the most surprisingly beautiful way.

A tender, emotionally rich story about blended families and the quiet bravery it takes to grow into something new together.

Perfect for families experiencing change

Hardcover ISBN: 9781836290476  
ePUB3 ISBN: 9781836290483

3th Sept 2026 | £12.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp  
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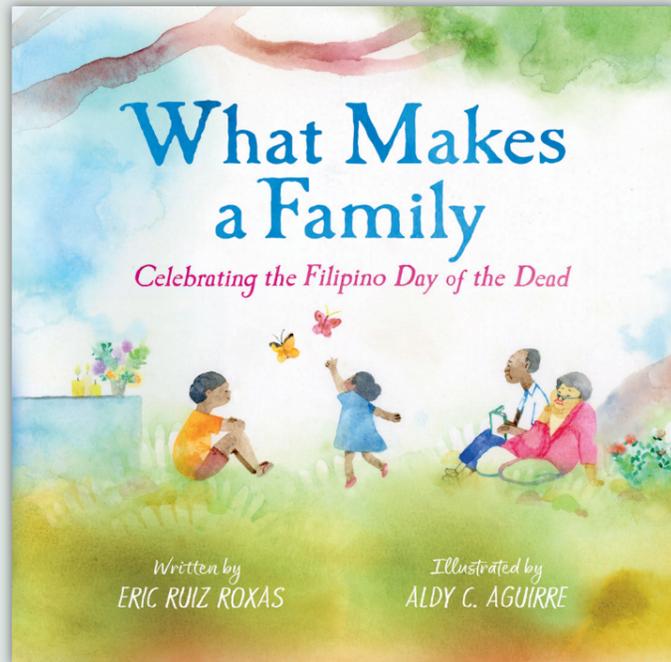


# What Makes A Family

## Celebrating the Filipino Day of the Dead

Sep

Eric Ruiz Roxas & Aldy Aguirre



It is Undas, the Filipino Day of the Dead – a day when families visit the cemetery and gather around their dead loved ones’ tombs. It is a day not of mourning but of celebration – a day in which stories are shared and lives remembered.

Today, Pedrito and Pipay will encounter families of all shapes and sizes, all united in their desire to honor their loved ones. Whether through quiet prayer and contemplation or joyful song and laughter, whether through the sharing of great feasts or the lighting of a single candle, each family will find a way to pay tribute. As the siblings trace their route through the cemetery, they will learn that families aren’t defined by their size, wealth, gender or distance from one another, but by the love they share – a love that echoes like prayers, burns like candles, and blooms like flowers in life and beyond.

**An exquisitely-illustrated story of family love within a diverse and inclusive community where life and hope continue, despite the sadness of loss.**

### ILLUSTRATOR

**Aldy Aguirre** is a Manila-based artist, illustrator and educator whose works have been recognized by different award-giving groups such as the Philippine Board on Books for the Young People, National Book Development Board, and abroad by ILUSTRARTE in Castelo Branco, Portugal and Sharjah Exhibition for Children’s Book Illustrations, among others.

Hardcover ISBN: 9781836290339  
ePub3 ISBN: 9781836290353

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### AUTHOR

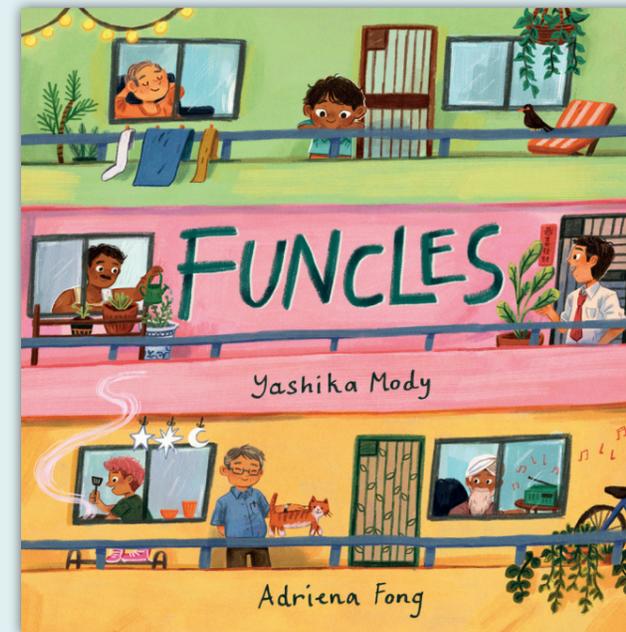
**Eric Ruiz Roxas** is a kidlit writer, candymaker, and proud LGBTQIA+ member born and based in Pulilan, Bulacan, Philippines. In 2025, he was given the honor of being the regional shepherd for the Department of Education National Capital Region teacher delegates at the 2025 Gawad Teodora Alonso National Competition for Storybook Writing in the Philippines.



# Funcles

Oct

Yashika Mody & Adriena Fong



When a classroom assignment asks for a family tree, one child knows he’ll need more than just one sheet as he has a gazillion uncles! There’s bus Uncle, supermarket Uncle, taxi Uncle, and even food hall Uncle. Everywhere he goes, there’s someone looking out for him.

But when Ma and Pa see his growing tree, they gently explain that none of his uncles are “real” relatives. In their culture, calling someone “Uncle” is a sign of respect, a way of recognizing community, care, and connection. Embarrassed at first, the boy quickly realizes something even better: these aren’t fake uncles... They’re FUNCles! And they mean the world to him.

**A heartwarming and humorous celebration of culture and the many ways community shows up - one Funcle at a time.**

### AUTHOR

**Yashika Mody** is a recovering management consultant who spent the last decade-plus crafting corporate pitch decks (aka storytelling for suits!), and now looks forward to bringing a different style of storytelling to the more fun (and dare she say-important!) audience of children.

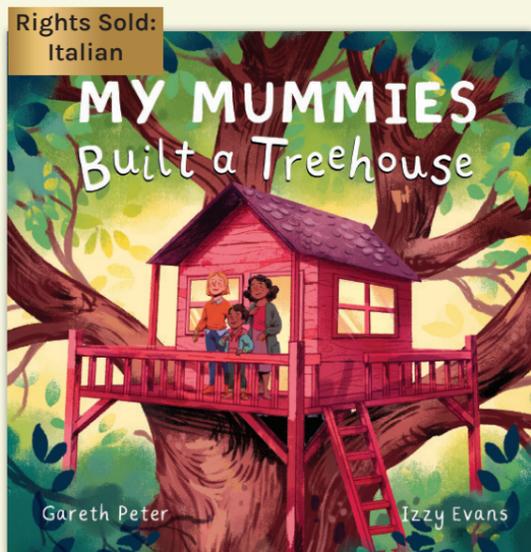
### ILLUSTRATOR

**Adriena Fong** is an illustrator born and raised in Singapore, where she spent her childhood dreaming up magical worlds. She loves working with gouache and colour pencils, as well as textured digital brushes, always looking to capture the playful charm of traditional media.

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ePub3 ISBN: 9781836290520

1st Oct 2026 | £12.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp  
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Softcover ISBN: 9781836290414 | Mar 2026  
£7.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp

## My Mummies Built A Treehouse

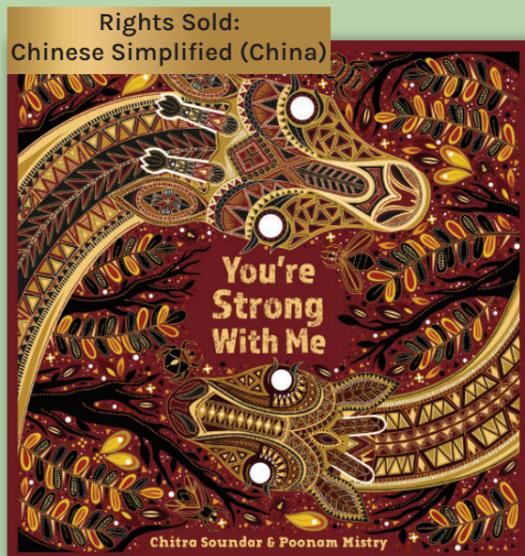
Gareth Peter & Izzy Evans

When one boy sets out to build the treehouse of his dreams, there's so much to consider – from finding the perfect tree to drawing up the plans. There are certainly challenges along the way, and a lot of spilt paint! But one thing is for sure – he won't go far wrong with his two mummies to support him.

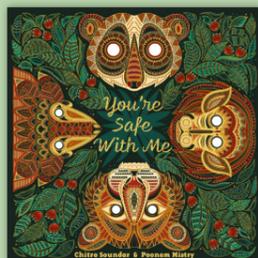
“Those in search of a straightforwardly wholesome example of a kid having an ordinary adventure with his two moms will find it here.”  
—Kirkus Reviews

“This is a charming story told in simple rhyme about the need to have big dreams and to have adults who believe in you enough to help make your special big dream come true.”  
—The Letterpress Project

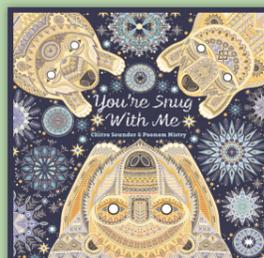
Rainbow Book List 2024  
LoveReading4Kids 2023 Preview: Brilliant Children's Books to Look Forward to This Year



### Other books in the series:



You're Safe With Me  
ISBN: 9781915244710



You're Snug With Me  
ISBN: 9781836290124

## You're Strong With Me

Chitra Soundar & Poonam Mistry

The rain clouds are long gone and the dry season scorches the land. Everything is new for the baby giraffe. As she bounds ahead and lags behind, her mother patiently explains the ways of the grasslands. And until she grows a little taller, older and wiser, her mother reminds her: “You're strong with me.”

A heart-warming tale of parental love full of reassurance for young children.

Softcover ISBN: 9781836290469 | Apr 2026 | £7.99  
Ages: 2-5 | 32pp

“Unique and unreservedly recommended”  
—Midwest Book Review

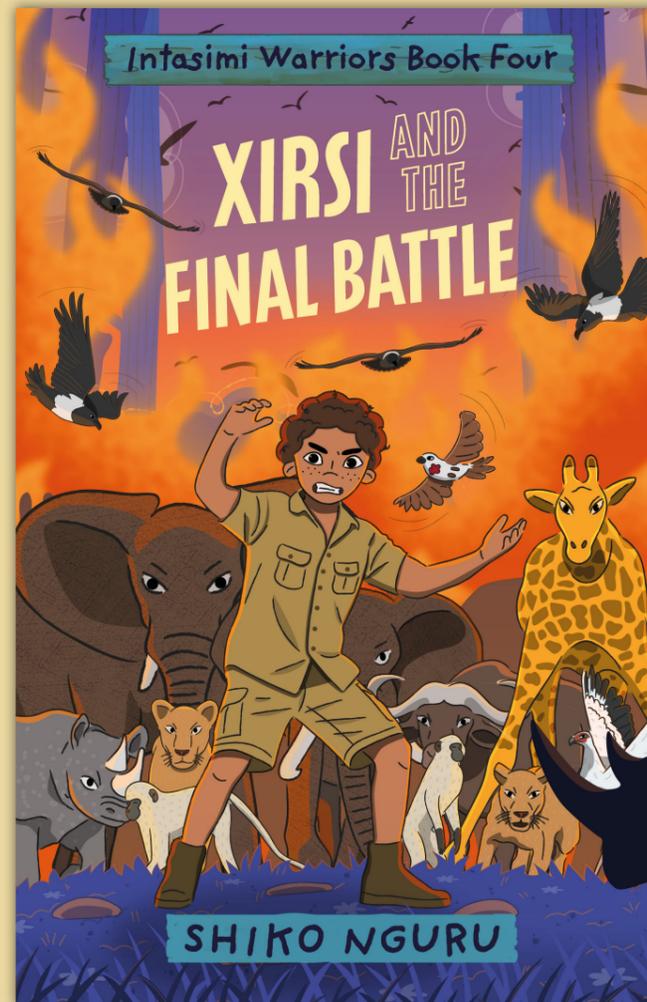
“Reassuring and visually stunning”  
—Youth Services Book Review

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Book Club selection 2021

# Xirsi and the Final Battle

Book 4 of the Intasimi Warriors series

Shiko Nguru



Xirsi, the sharpest mind among the Intasimi Warriors, has always excelled at solving puzzles that stump others. With the emergence of an ancient prophecy, his abilities are put to the ultimate test. Xirsi embarks on a perilous journey to not only save the world but the most precious place on Earth to him: his home. He must navigate cryptic riddles left by ancestors, each bringing him closer to the looming Final Battle. Hidden in the shadows is a secret weapon powerful enough to decide the fate of their world.

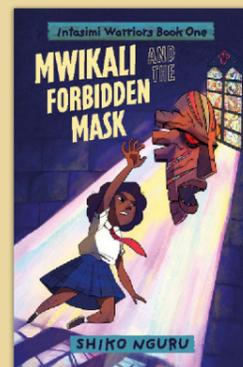
To succeed, Xirsi must learn to trust his instincts, even if it means sacrificing his own soul. The stakes couldn't be higher: fail, and the Underworld will rise to rule forever. Through a parallel world filled with monsters and mystery, he must unlock his ancestor's heirloom and the deepest truth of who he truly is.

Packed with heart-pounding adventure, unforgettable heroes, and otherworldly challenges, this thrilling final installment will keep readers on the edge of their seats until the very last page.

Paperback ISBN: 9781836290292  
ePub3 ISBN: 9781836290629

2nd Jul 2026 | £8.99 | Ages: 8-12 | 200pp  
198mm x 129mm | Rights held: World

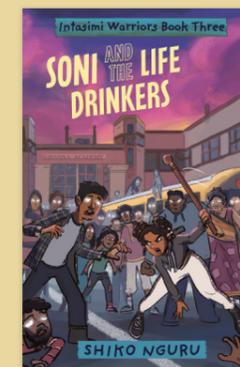
### Other books in the series:



Book 1: Mwikali and the Forbidden Mask  
ISBN: 9781915244031



Book 2: Odwar vs. the Shadow Queen  
ISBN: 9781915244406



Book 3: Soni and the Life Drinkers  
ISBN: 9781836290285

**AUTHOR**  
Shiko Nguru is a Kenyan author and content creator, sharing her motherhood journey in the most genuine and beautiful way she can @ShikoNguru. The Intasimi Warriors is her debut middle grade series, inspired by her love of East African mythology.

# Flyaway Boy

Jane De Suza

Jul



Paperback ISBN: 9781836290360  
ePub3 ISBN: 9781836290599

16th Jul 2026 | £8.99 | Ages: 8-12 | 192pp  
198mm x 129mm | Rights held: English, World\*

In a quiet hill town full of order and expectations, Kabir struggles to belong. At school, he's too different. Teachers keep calling home to complain about his sketchy attendance and distracted behaviour. At home, he's misunderstood. His family thinks he's always making up stories and that he should at least try to better himself. And one day, when it all becomes too much to bear, Kabir disappears, leaving his family and the adults around him scrambling to find him and, perhaps for the first time, truly see him.

Told with energy, humor, and deep empathy, Flyaway Boy is a celebration of imagination, individuality, and the courage it takes to be yourself even when the world doesn't understand the story you're desperately trying to tell. This isn't just a story about being lost, it's about what happens when a community begins to see a child for who they truly are. It's a reminder that if we don't start listening, supporting, and believing, we may lose them for good. It's about being found, on your own terms.

A powerful and empathetic story about difference and the need to accept children as they are before it's too late.

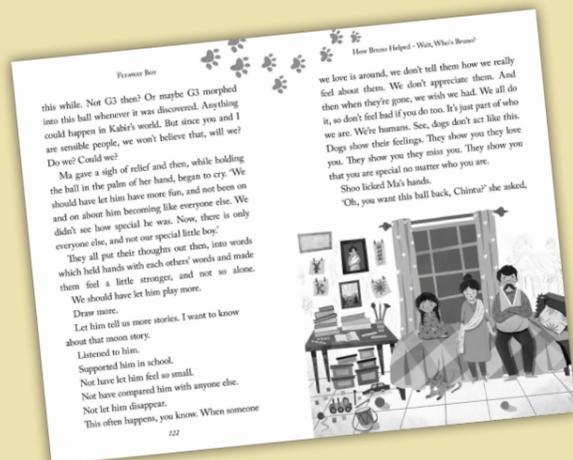
## AUTHOR

Jane De Suza lives in Singapore and her work takes on difficult issues through humor. She's written over 11 books for children and adults, and numerous stories in anthologies.

## ILLUSTRATOR

Richa Bhembre is an illustrator from the sunny shores of Goa in India. She creates art that's equal parts whimsy and mild chaos with a sprinkle of dog hair for authenticity.

Explores neurodiversity, non-conformity, and the struggle to be understood in rigid environments. Relevant for readers, parents, and educators alike.



\*Except India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives

## 8-12 YEARS - THE BOLLYWOOD ACADEMY SERIES

Author: Puneet Bhandal



Set in Mumbai, India, this dazzling school series, packed with endearing characters, true-to-life relationships and authentic cultural details, charts the fortunes of students at the city's most prestigious stage school.

Home to future film stars and movie producers, the Bollywood Academy sets the stage for the students to make friends, break friends, plot revenge and most importantly dream big as they prepare for life on – or off – the silver screen.

Full of stylish outfits, fabulous film shoots, and one too many brushes with the paparazzi, this series is as glamorous as its star-studded cast.

Book 1: Starlet Rivals  
ISBN: 9781915244000

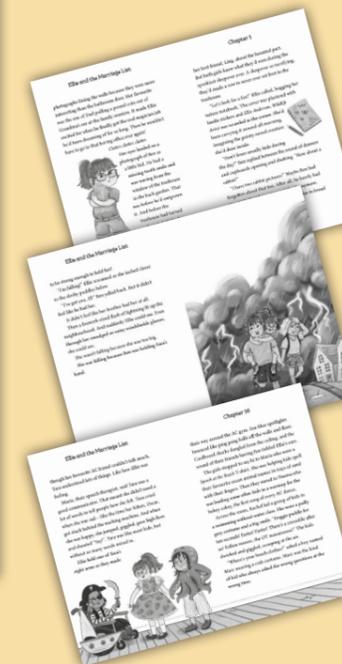
Book 2: Melody Queen  
ISBN: 9781915244321

£7.99 | Ages: 8-12 | 264pp | 198mm x 129mm  
Also available in ePub3 & PDF formats

**"This is everything readers could want. Young readers will devour this new series. Applause all round!"**  
—LoveReading4Kids July 2022 Debut of the Month

## 7-9 YEARS - THE ONE EXTRA SPARKLE SERIES

Author: Tricia Seabolt  
Illustrator: Lucy Rogers



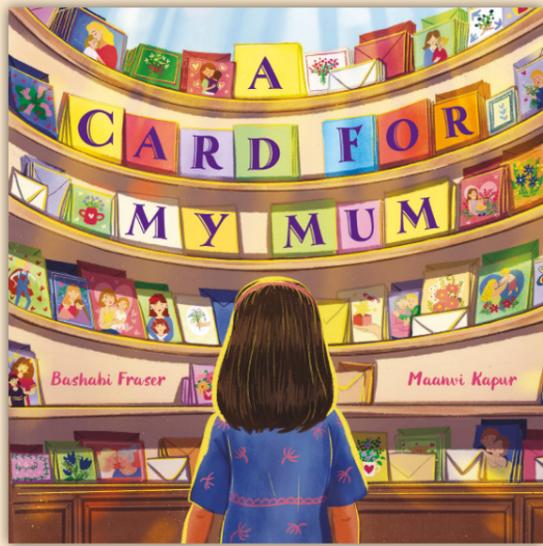
Ten-year-old Ellie has an extra sparkle. That's what her dad calls the extra chromosome that gives her Down's Syndrome. And although Down Syndrome's may make a few things harder – like saying big words, or saying little words when she is full of big feelings – it doesn't stop her from pursuing her dream of becoming a wildlife artist and from being a fabulous friend and sister.

Over the course of one eventful summer, Ellie will face her fears and find her voice, alongside a loving cast of friends and family. And even when the challenges seem overwhelming, her extra sparkle will never fail to shine bright.

Paperback ISBN: 9781915244796  
ePub3 ISBN: 9781911373568  
ePDF ISBN: 9781911373537

6th Jun 2024 | £7.99 | Ages: 7-9  
224pp | 198mm x 129mm

**"Packed with humour and heart. The book is infused with convincing references without disability becoming a focus or plot feature. Accessible and light-hearted."**  
—BookTrust's Best New Books 2024



**A Card for My Mum**  
Bashabi Fraser & Maanvi Kapur

Among the candles and chocolate hearts, one young girl searches for a celebratory card that features a mum who looks like hers. Her mum has gold bangles that jingle-jangle when she washes the curry pots. Her mum wears silk kameez when she buys papaya at the market. Her mum has dark eyes that flash when she dances the bhangra. What will the little girl do if she can't find a card with a mum who looks like hers?

*"A relatable narrative with a poignant twist that tugs at the heartstrings!"* –Sandhya Prabhat, bestselling illustrator of *I Am Brown*

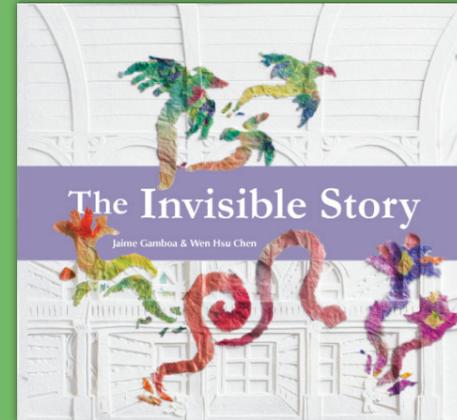
Teach Early Years' Awards Shortlist 2025 - Picture Book Category

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**Medal for Illustration**

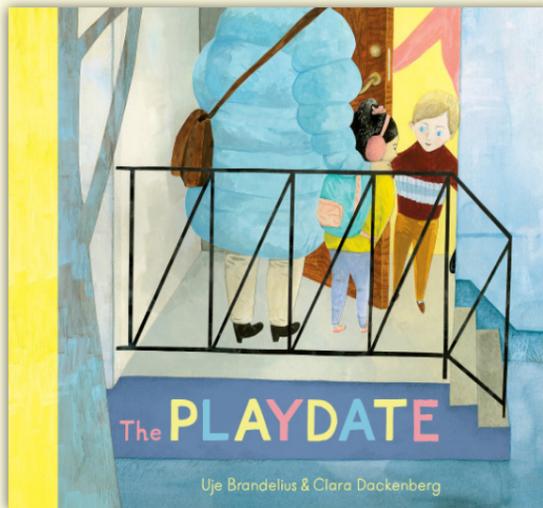
Shortlist 2025



**The Invisible Story**  
Jamie Gamboa & Wen Hsu Chen; trans. Daniel Hahn

The invisible story lives hidden in the darkest corner of the library, far from where the famous tales, written in gold letters, shine. One day, a blind reader approaches the story's trembling pages. This reader is unlike any reader the invisible story has ever encountered. And when she runs her fingertips over the book's white pages, it is astonished by what she finds...

HARDCOVER ISBN: 9781915244765 | Apr 2024 | £12.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp

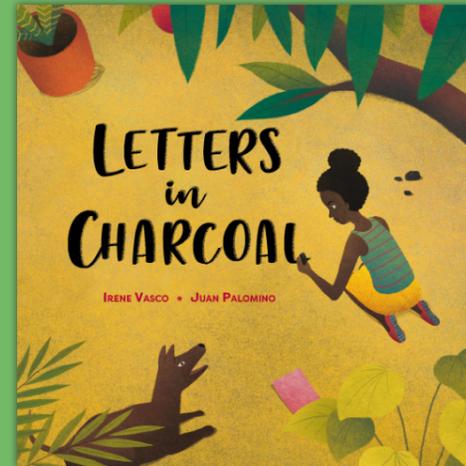


**The Playdate**  
Uje Brandelius & Clara Dackenberg; trans. Nichola

For one little girl, the prospect of a playdate at her friend Henry's house fills her with excitement. To get to Henry's house, they have to take a bus, then the underground, then change to another line, then a bus, and then walk for a bit, but it's worth it because Henry's house has millions of rooms to hide in and hundreds of toys to play with. Yet, while the kids tear around the house enjoying each other's company, their mums experience the playdate very differently. Soon we find that the little girl and her friend Henry live lives that are poles apart...

Carnegie Medal for Illustration Longlist 2026 | USBBY Outstanding International Books 2026 | Read for Empathy Collection 2026 | Charlotte Huck Award Honor Book 2025 | Bank Street College of Education's Best Books of the Year 2025

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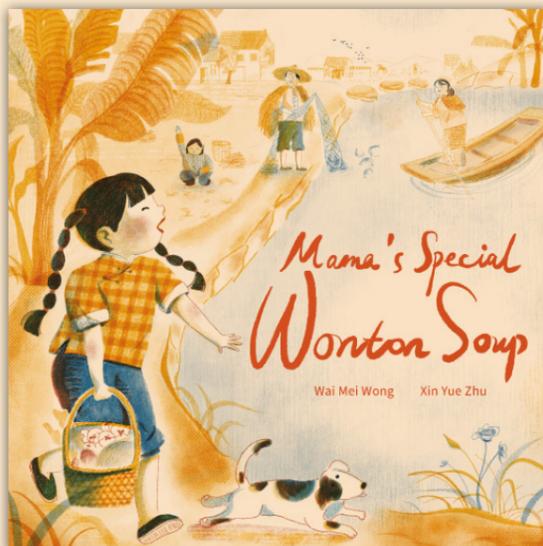


**Letters in Charcoal**  
Irene Vasco & Juan Palomino; trans. Lawrence Schimel

In the pueblo of Palenque in Colombia, hardly anybody knows how to read. Curious about the letters her older sister Gina receives from a young doctor each month, one young girl makes a decision that will change her life, and the lives of every child in the pueblo, forever.

USBY Outstanding International Book 2024 | Featured in the New York Times 2023 | Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection 2023

HARDCOVER ISBN: 9781915244512 | Sept 2023 | £12.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp



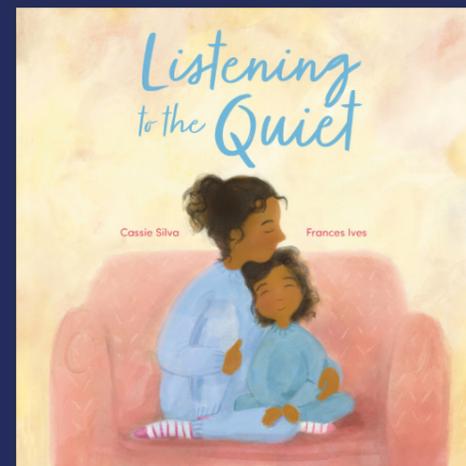
**Mama's Special Wonton Soup**  
Wai Mei Wong & Xin Yue Zhu

One day, in a village in Southern China, a young girl leaves her mama's house to buy ingredients for wonton soup. On the way to the market, she meets a wonderful array of characters going about their daily lives who all gift her with something special for her mama's cooking pot. By the time she reaches home, she has more food than her and her mama could possibly eat. What should the two of them do now?

*"I loved this cozy take on a familiar tale set in a new locale. This is a feel-good tale of food and community that will resonate with all readers."* –Youth Services Book Review, 5 STARS

SOFTCOVER ISBN: 9781915244901 | 4th Sept 2025 | £7.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp

**2025 UKLA BOOK AWARDS SHORTLISTS**



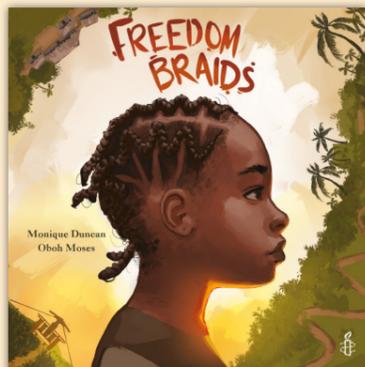
**Listening to the Quiet**  
Cassie Silva & Frances Ives

Rights Sold: Portuguese (Brazil)

Jacki's mama has a rare condition. She is slowly losing her hearing. Together, they are learning Sign Language so that they'll always be able to tell each other everything. But as Mama's world becomes quieter, Jacki's remains full of sound. How can Jacki enjoy listening to music when her mama can no longer hear it?

Schneider Family Book Award Finalist 2024 | Bank Street College of Education's Best Children's Books of the Year 2023 | Kirkus' 150 Most Anticipated Books of the Fall 2023 | 50 Best Books for Reception by Books For Topics

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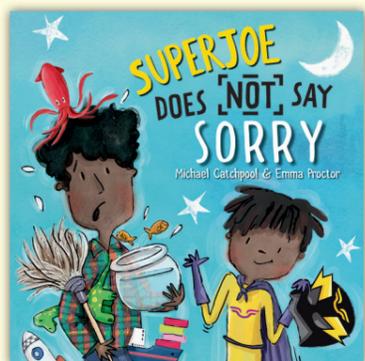
**Freedom Braids**  
Monique Duncan & Oboh Moses

Rights Sold:  
German

Day after day, Nemy is forced to sow seeds in the sugarcane plantation, until one night, she follows a woman called Big Mother to a hidden shack. There, she finds a group of women braiding each other's hair. But these are no ordinary braids. Hidden in each elaborate pattern is a secret – a message signalling their intent to flee and a map to guide them in their escape.

Américas Award Honor Book 2025 | Jane Addams Children's Book Award Finalist 2025 | Carnegie Medal for Illustration Longlist 2026

SOFTCOVER ISBN: 9781836290377 | Oct 2024 | £7.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp

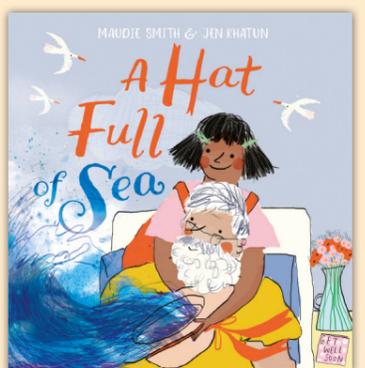


**SuperJoe Does NOT Say Sorry**  
Michael Catchpool & Emma Proctor

Rights Sold:  
Dutch

SuperJoe – superhero in the making – is far too busy to say sorry. He tears around the house sending invading space aliens back into orbit, rescuing passengers from sinking ships, and bravely facing prehistoric perils, while leaving a trail of broken toys, spilled bath water and displaced goldfish in his wake. But one sound keeps interfering with his supersonic hearing... and that's the sound of his little sister crying. Can SuperJoe swallow his pride and say the one little word that will make everything better?

SOFTCOVER ISBN: 9781836290223 | May 2025 | £7.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp



**A Hat Full of Sea**  
Maudie Smith & Jen Khatun

Grandpa Jim can only see a small square of blue sky from his hospital window so Cora decides there's only one thing for it – she will bring him some sea to go with it! First, she brings him a hat full of sea. Then she brings him a hat full of countryside. Can Cora bring the hospital ward to magical life until her grandpa is ready to go outside and play with her once more?

The White Ravens List 2025

HARDCOVER ISBN: 9781915244666 | May 2024 | £12.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp



**The Language of Flowers**  
Shyala Smith & Aaron Asis

Juhi loves helping her Appa sell flowers to the local community. In Appa's flower shop, Juhi knows the language of love – lilies for adoration, irises for hugs and kisses. She knows the language of faith – frangipani for full moon days, red hibiscus for the temple. But when her Appa tells her that her favourite customer has passed away, she does not know the language of grief. What flowers will she choose to remember a man who was always so full of life?

The Diverse Book Awards Finalist 2025

HARDCOVER ISBN: 9781915244895 | Sept 2024 | £12.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp



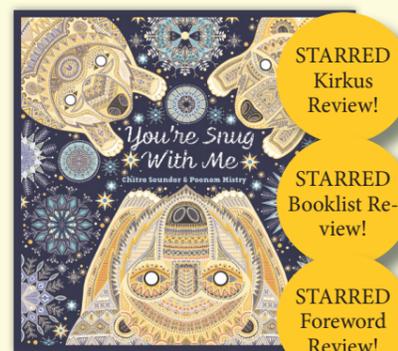
**The Brighter I Shine**  
Kamee Abrahamian & Lusine Ghuksayan

For one Armenian child, birthdays are a time for decorating the house with bunches of rose and mint and sumac, for eating beef dumplings with garlic yoghurt, and for baking cakes with family and friends. But birthdays are also a time for telling stories – stories of ancestors and homelands, of births and new beginnings, and of the land their family now calls home.

Amnesty International endorses this book | Inclusive Books for Children Award Longlist 2025 | A Guardian Children's Book of the Month 2024

HARDCOVER ISBN: 9781915244833 | Oct 2024 | £12.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp

STARRED  
Foreword  
Review!



**You're Snug With Me**  
Chitra Soundar & Poonam Mistry

Rights Sold:  
Chinese Simplified (China)

At the start of winter, two bear cubs are born, deep in their den in the frozen North. "Mama, what lies beyond here?" they ask. "Above us is a land of ice and snow." "What lies beyond the ice and snow?" they ask. "The ocean, full of ice from long ago." And as they learn the secrets of the Earth and their place in it, Mama Bear whispers, "You're snug with me."

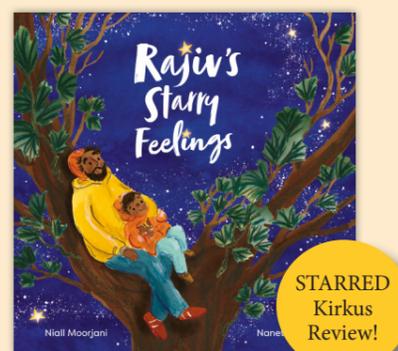
Kate Greenaway Medal shortlist 2020 | A Kirkus Best Picture Book of the Year 2018 | A Guardian Children's Book of the Month 2018 | Booklist Editor's Choice 2018 | Times Educational Supplement Top Children's Book of the Year 2018

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Review!

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**Rajiv's Starry Feelings**  
Niall Moorjani & Nanette Regan

Rajiv has feelings for everything. He can feel confident. He can feel happy. He can feel silly. But today, he feels angry and he doesn't know why. With the help of his father, he sets out on a journey to make sense of his feelings. It is a journey that will take him to a park, then up into the branches of a tree, and from there all the way to the stars...

Summer Reading Challenge Selection 2025 | BookTrust Books We Love in January 2024

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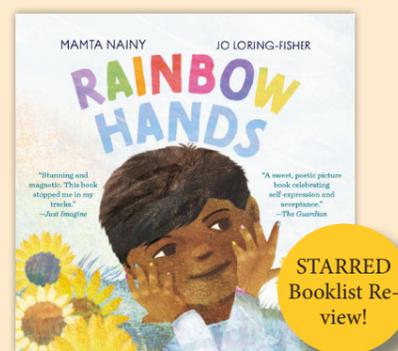
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**Step Into My Shoes**  
Alkisti Halikia & Fotini Tikkou; trans. Konstantin Matsoukas

Matou passes a mosque on her way home from school and can't resist trying on some of the shoes she finds outside. Curious about the shoes' wearers, she begins to imagine the lives they might lead. One day, when her mum has to work late, she feels frustrated and let down. Can stepping into her mum's shoes help Matou build a bridge of understanding between them? A delightful story about empathy in which a little girl takes the expression "to step into someone's shoes" literally.

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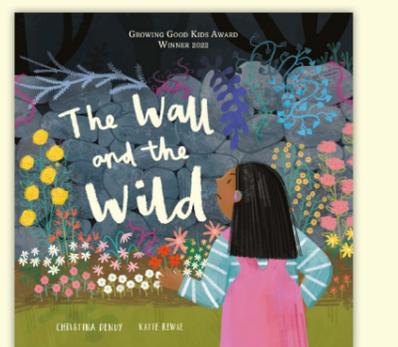
**Rainbow Hands**  
Mamta Nainy & Jo Loring-Fisher

As the long Indian summer days stretch ahead of him, a young boy looks forward to his favourite time – painting-his-nails-time. He knows that when he dips his brush into those magical bottles of nail polish, he will find a colour to express his every mood and feeling.

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**The Wall and the Wild**  
Christina Dendy & Katie Rewse

In a plot of land at the edge of town, Ana grows only perfectly-sized plants and perfect-looking flowers and throws all the irregular shoots and uneven seeds over the wall into the disorderly Wild. But as her garden gets tidier, neater and more constrained, the Wild begins to grow...

Winner Growing Good Kids Award 2022 | Derby Children's Picture Book Award Longlist 2022

SOFTCOVER ISBN: 9781915244987 | Mar 2024 | £7.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp



## If I Were Prime Minister

Trygve Skaug & Ella Okstad; trans. Rosie Hedger

A young boy gives his perspective on several things the grown-ups running the country could do differently. This hilarious picture book treats profound topics with sensitivity and care. This is a book for all those children who dare to dream big and for all those adults who want to look on the world with fresh eyes.

Spark! Book Awards Runner Up 2024-25 | Derby Children's Book Awards Shortlist 2025 | BookTrust Great Books Guide 2023

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## In My Skin

Morgan Christie & Martina Stuhlberger

*In my skin, I move. I spin like crinkly leaves on a windy day. I dance to my very own rhythm.* Told by many different children as they sing, rise, reach, move, learn, hope, laugh, rest, remember and love, this gorgeous poem shows us that when you embrace the skin you're in, you open yourself up to a world of possibilities.

Let's Talk Picture Books, Book Crush of the Week Jan 24

HARDCOVER ISBN: 9781915244543 | Oct 2023 | £12.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp



## The Great Henna Party

Humera Malik & Sonali Zohra

Noor's cousin is getting married tomorrow, and tonight, her family is throwing her a henna party. They will sing traditional songs, eat delicious treats, and have their hands painted in swirling designs using a dye called henna. Noor is especially excited to play the henna name game. The henna artist will hide the name of the person Noor loves the most in the pattern she paints on Noor's hands. But whose name will Noor choose? A heart-warming story that traces the patterns of family love through the age-old South Asian tradition of painting with henna.

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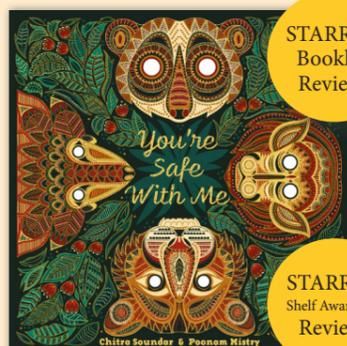
## My Must-Have Mum

Maudie Smith & Jen Khatun

When Jake's mum upcycles every last thing in their flat, Jake begins to worry that the only thing left to change is...him! A heart-warming story about the unbreakable bond between a mother and her son, and a little boy who learns that he is perfect just the way he is.

A Sunday Times Book of the Week 2022

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## You're Safe With Me

Chitra Soundar & Poonam Mistry

When the moon rises high and the stars twinkle, it is bedtime for the baby animals of the Indian forest. But tonight, when the skies turn dark and the night grows stormy, the little ones can't sleep. SWISH-SWISH! CRACK-TRACK! FLASH-SNAP! goes the storm. Only Mama Elephant with her words of wisdom can reassure them, "You're safe with me."

Kate Greenaway Medal Shortlist 2019 | A Bank Street Best Book of the Year 2019 | Winner 3-Star Teach Early Years Award 2018 | A Guardian Children's Book of the Month 2018 | A Read for Empathy Selection 2018 Klaus Flugge Prize Longlist 2018

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## Anita and the Dragons

Hanna Carmona & Anna Cunha

Anita watches the dragons high above her as she hops from one cement roof to another in her village in the Dominican Republic. Will she be brave enough to enter the belly of the beast and take flight to new adventures?

USSBY Outstanding International Book 2022 | Kate Greenaway Medal Nomination 2022 | New York Public Library Best Books of 2021 | North Somerset Teacher's Book Awards Shortlist 2021 | A BookTrust Book of the Month 2021 | A Love Reading For Schools Book of the Month 2021 | Barnes & Noble Bookseller Favourite 2021

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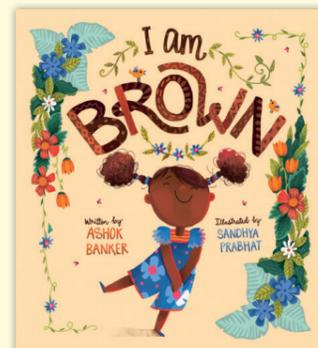
## The Queen on our Corner

Lucy Christopher & Nia Tudor

Nobody notices the queen on the corner. Nobody, that is...except one young girl. Through her eyes, the woman who dwells in the abandoned plot is a warrior queen, with many battles fought and won. When, one day, danger comes to the street and the queen on the corner sounds the alarm, the little girl must find a way to thank her. Can she bring the community together to turn the queen's corner into a home?

Yoto Carnegie Medal Longlist 2023 | A Love Reading for Schools Book of the Month 2021 | Klaus Flugge Prize Longlist 2022 | Ezra Jack Keats Illustration Award Nomination 2022

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## I Am Brown

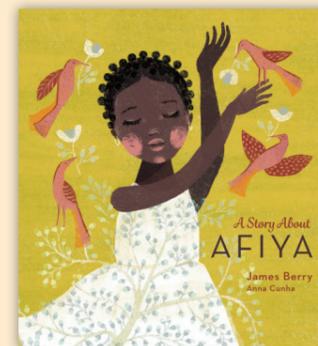
Ashok Banker & Sandhya Prabhat

I am brown. I am beautiful. I am perfect. I designed this computer. I ran this race. I won this prize. I wrote this book. A joyful celebration of the skin you're in – of being brown, of being amazing, of being you!

Teach Early Years Award Finalist 2021 | UKLA Book Awards Longlist 2021 | Derby Children's Book Award Longlist 2021 | BookTrust Best Books Guide 2020 | A Guardian Children's Book of the Month 2020

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## A Story About Afiya

James Berry & Anna Cunha

Some people have dresses for every occasion but Afiya needs only one. Her dress records the memories of her childhood, from roses in bloom to pigeons in flight, from tigers at the zoo to October leaves falling.

Winner of the Northern Lights Picture Book of the Year Award 2020 | USSBY Outstanding International Books 2021 | New York Times, 25 Best Children's Books of 2020 | Kate Greenaway Medal Nomination 2021

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## Violet's Tempest

Ian Eagleton & Clara Anganuzzi

Violet's world has changed. Her voice has gone from a giggle to a whisper. So when her teacher casts her in the school play, she is filled with worry. How will she ever stand in front of a crowd and overcome her shyness?

"A beautifully realised look at childhood anxiety and self-affirmation, full of relatable characters." –The Bookseller

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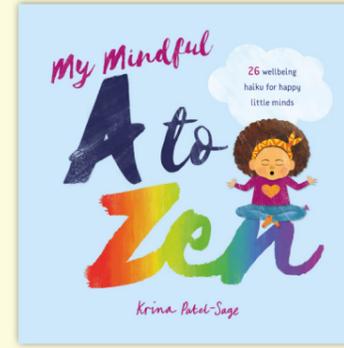


## My Mummy Marches

Samantha Hawkins & Cory Reid

A young girl watches her mummy proudly take to the streets to march for what she believes in. Inspired to join the next generation of young activists, her daughter dreams of marching alongside her. A joyful story celebrating the power of peaceful protest and the will to change things for the better.

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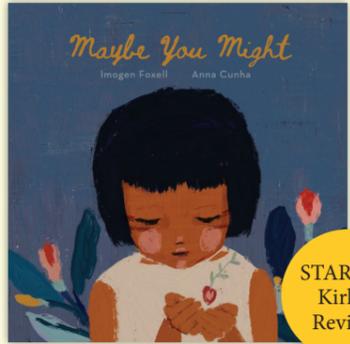


## My Mindful A to Zen

Krina Patel-Sage

These haiku poems for the soul gently introduce children to mindfulness concepts like Om, Yoga and Zen, as well as goals for mindful living like Gratitude and Positivity. With its delightful cast of inclusive characters, this inspirational poetry collection promotes wellbeing with every letter.

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## Maybe You Might

Imogen Foxell & Anna Cunha

A young girl makes a choice to plant a seed by a long dead riverbed. Little does she know that from this single, small act, a vibrant ecosystem will grow. This inspiring poem – bursting with hope for a greener world – is a love letter to our ailing planet. It shows us that even when the future appears most bleak, each one of us can make a difference.

**Growing Good Kids Book Award Winner 2023 | UKLA Book Awards Longlist 2024**

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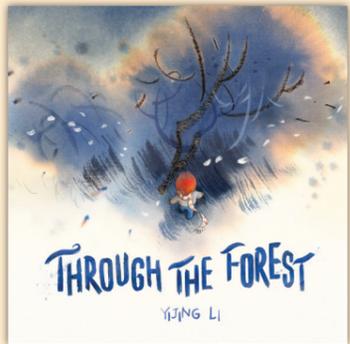
## Watch Me Bloom

Krina Patel-Sage

Some flowers are the subject of nursery rhymes and childhood games while others help us celebrate love, remember our homelands or mark the passing seasons. These mindful haiku poems invite us to explore twenty-four flower species growing close to home, from wildflower meadows to urban window boxes.

LoveReading4Kids Best Children's Books of the Year 2025 | Summer Reading Challenge Selection 2025 | NCTE Children's Poetry Award Notable Book 2024 | National Poetry Month Books List for Young Readers 2023 | LoveReading4Kids Star Book 2023 | 50 Best Books for Preschool by Books For Topics | UKLA Book Awards Also Loved List 2024

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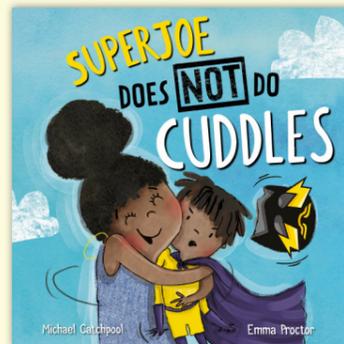
## Through the Forest

Yijing Li

Lost and alone, a young boy enters the forest not knowing the path that lies before him. He meets a figure called Emptiness who guides him on his way. Together they find keepsakes deep in the forest that trigger memories, both good and bad. As he moves closer to the sun-filled meadow on the other side of the forest, the boy learns that to be truly happy, he must embrace his past.

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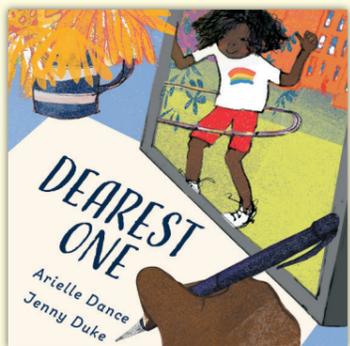
## SuperJoe Does NOT Do Cuddles

Michael Catchpool & Emma Proctor

SuperJoe is convinced he doesn't need cuddles from his mum. He flies around the neighbourhood rescuing people from escaped tigers, runaway trains and raging rivers, all while battling his nemesis the Grey Shadow. Naturally, he refuses all cuddles. Until one night, when he can't sleep...

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## Dearest One

Arielle Dance & Jenny Duke

Imagine the words your grandmother might say if she wrote you a letter. Perhaps she would encourage you to embrace the rain, or shine your light for all to see. Perhaps she would remind you to take up space and choose your path, knowing that whichever path you take will be the right one because it's yours. Perhaps she would tell you you are loved. Perhaps she would start the letter, "Dearest One".

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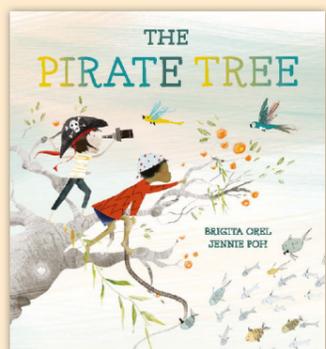
## Sunday Rain

Rosie J. Pova & Amariah Rauscher

Elliott has just moved into a new house. He spends his days with his fictional friends, immersed in a book. When an inviting Sunday rain gathers the local kids to play in the puddles, Elliott longs to join in but he's too shy to go outside. Soon, Elliott discovers that new friendships are like a new book – you just have to plunge into the adventure.

Featured in The New York Times and Parents magazine 2021

SOFTCOVER ISBN: 9781911373988 | Mar 2021 | £7.99 | Ages: 2-5 | 32pp



## The Pirate Tree

Brigita Orel & Jennie Poh

The gnarled tree on the hill sometimes turns into a pirate ship. A rope serves as an anchor, a sheet as a sail, and Sam is its fearless captain. But one day another sailor approaches, and he's not from Sam's street. Can they find something more precious than diamonds and gold? Can they find... friendship?

**Derby Children's Picture Book Award Shortlist 2020 | Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year 2020**

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## Taking Time

Jo Loring-Fisher

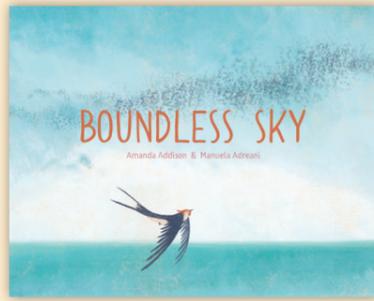
Taking time to listen. Taking time to feel. Taking time to cherish you, and also cherish me. This poem is inspired by principles of mindfulness and invites children around the world to gaze, wonder and marvel at this astonishing planet we call home.

**Winner Northern Lights Multicultural Book Award 2020 | A Waterstones Best New Children's Book 2020 | The Guardian Children's Book of the Month 2020**

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## Boundless Sky

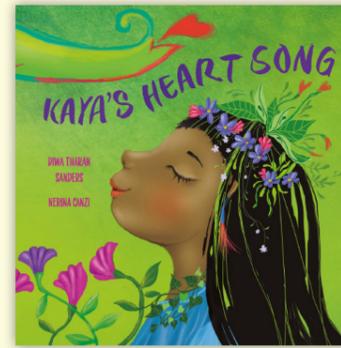
Amanda Addison & Manuela Adreani

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Greek, Korean

This is the story of a bird that fits in your hand flying halfway around the world looking for a place to nest. This is the story of a young girl from northern Africa fleeing halfway around the world looking for a place of peace. This is the story of a chance encounter and a long journey home.

North Somerset Teachers' Book Award Shortlist 2020

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## Kaya's Heart Song

Diwa Tharan Sanders & Nerina Canzi

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Kaya is looking for her heart song – the song that happy hearts sing. She stumbles across a broken-down carousel which offers the chance for calm reflection. Can a very special song make the carousel turn again? Grounded in the principles of mindfulness, this joyful story set in the jungles of Malaysia will truly make your heart sing.

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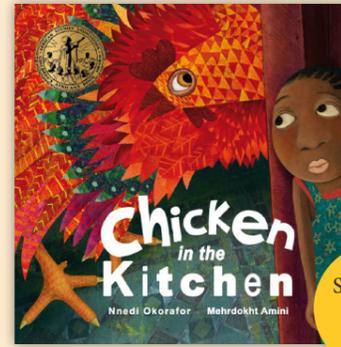
## Mira's Curly Hair

Maryam al Serkal & Rebeca Luciani

Mira doesn't like her hair. It curls at the front. It curls at the back. It curls everywhere! She wants her hair to be straight and smooth, just like her mama's. But when something unpredictable happens, Mira will never look at her mama's hair the same way again! A delightful celebration of natural hair and the courage it takes to be yourself.

Northern Lights Pre-school Book Award Winner 2019 | White Ravens Honour List 2020 | 2020 Rise: A Feminist Book Project List Early Readers – Fiction | ABC Best Books for Young Readers 2019

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## Chicken in the Kitchen

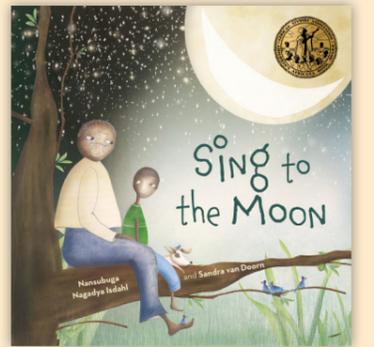
Nnedi Okorafor & Mehrdokht Amini

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Spanish (Spain, Argentina)

What would you do if you woke up one night to find the shadow of a giant chicken passing your bedroom door? Go and investigate of course! When Anyaugo follows a giant chicken into her kitchen one warm night in Nigeria, she embarks on a fun-filled adventure.

Children's Africana Best Book Award Winner 2016 | White Ravens Honour List 2017 | Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava 2017

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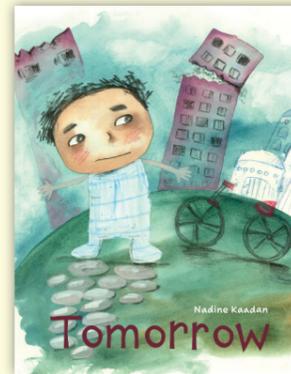
## Sing to the Moon

Nansubuga Nagadya Isdahl & Sandra van Doorn

For one little Ugandan boy, no wish is too big. But on a rainy day, he is brought down to earth with a bump. Do adventures only happen in galaxies far away or can he find magic a little closer to home? A gentle bedtime story, rich in Ugandan culture, celebrating a boy's great love for his grandfather.

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## Tomorrow

Nadine Kaadan

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Bilingual English-Arabic

Yazan no longer goes to the park to play, and he no longer sees his friend who lives next door. Will he ever be able to go outside and play? An uplifting story about a courageous little boy living through a time of conflict.

Middle East Book Award Honour Book 2019 | USBBY Outstanding International Book 2019 | Little Rebels Children's Book Award Shortlist 2019 | Sakura Medal Longlist 2019

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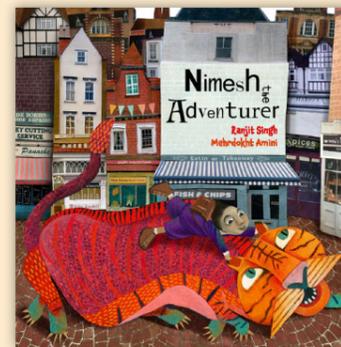
## Maisie's Scrapbook

Samuel Narh & Jo Loring-Fisher

As the seasons turn, Maisie rides her bull in and out of Dada's tall tales. Her Mama wears linen and plays the viola. Her Dada wears kente cloth and plays the marimba. They come from different places, but they hug her in the same way. And most of all, they love her just the same. A joyful celebration of a mixed-race family and the love that binds us all together.

Northern Lights Family Book Award Winner 2019

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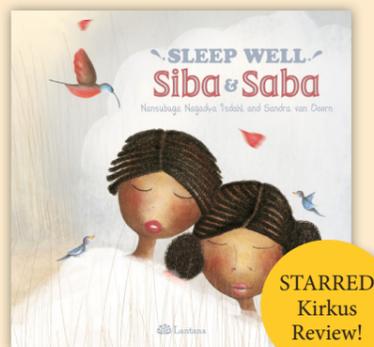
## Nimesh the Adventurer

Ranjit Singh & Mehrdokht Amini

Nimesh is walking home from school. Except...there happens to be a shark in the corridor. And a dragon in the library! And why would crossing the road lead to the North Pole? A fun-filled story about a little boy with a BIG imagination, Nimesh the adventurer will surely make even the dullest journey a dazzling adventure.

Derby Children's Picture Book Award Shortlist 2019

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## Sleep Well, Siba and Saba

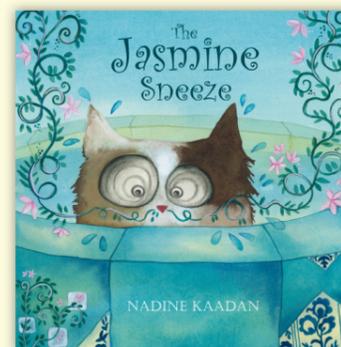
Nansubuga Nagadya Isdahl & Sandra van Doorn

Rights Sold:  
Azerbaijani

When two forgetful sisters fall asleep each night, they dream about the things they have lost that day, until their dreams begin to reveal something entirely unexpected. . .

Children's Africana Book Award Honour Book 2018 | Georgia Children's Picturebook Award Finalist 2018 | A Kirkus Best Picture Book of 2017

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## The Jasmine Sneeze

Nadine Kaadan

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Azerbaijani, Farsi, Croatian

Haroun, the cat, likes nothing better than to spend his days sleeping in the sunlit courtyards of Damascus. But one thing always ruins his sleep: jasmine! The sweet-scented flowers send him into fits of sneezes! One day, Haroun hatches a plan to fix the problem, but little does he know that the Jasmine Spirit has a trick of her own up her sleeve...

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