



Dear Readers,

I'm delighted to introduce you to [MOON + BIRD'S 2026 LIST](#). It's been exciting to watch the world fall in love with 2025 titles like Claire Barker's *Hettie Nettle's Handbook for Hedgewitches* (Sir Michael Morpurgo called it "fun, inventive and perfect") and see how deeply Helen Docherty and Taylor Barron's *Make It All Go Away* has resonated with the neurodivergent and SEN communities. We're thrilled to publish more beautiful books in 2026 that speak directly to young readers and open their eyes to our amazing world and their own incredible potential.

Our imprint is very lucky to continue to draw on the talent, initiative and keen eye of Commissioning Editor Brittany Willis; Head of Design Karen Smith; Junior Marketing Executive Hayley Moss; Events Manager Christiana Spens; and Sales Executive Rahel Araya. We are so fortunate to work with the incredible MMS Sales Team in the UK and to partner with Penguin Random House to distribute and sell our books in the United States, Canada and everywhere else globally.

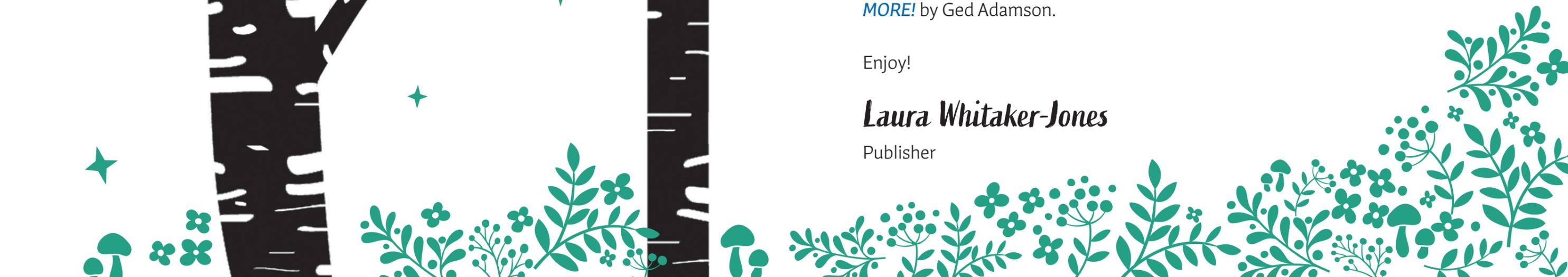
I hope you find the perfect book to enchant and inspire young readers in these pages. In spring, marvel at the wonder of the universe with [LOOK UP AT BEDTIME](#) by Mark Westmoquette and Kiki Kita; dive into unique and cool facts about 12 of the world's national trees in [ROOTED IN WONDER](#) by Michelle Cusolito and Marya Wright; and fly a kite with Mamús and her son as they unravel Mamús' Bipolar Disorder diagnosis in [KITE DAY](#) by Lisa Varchol Perron and Siski Kalla.

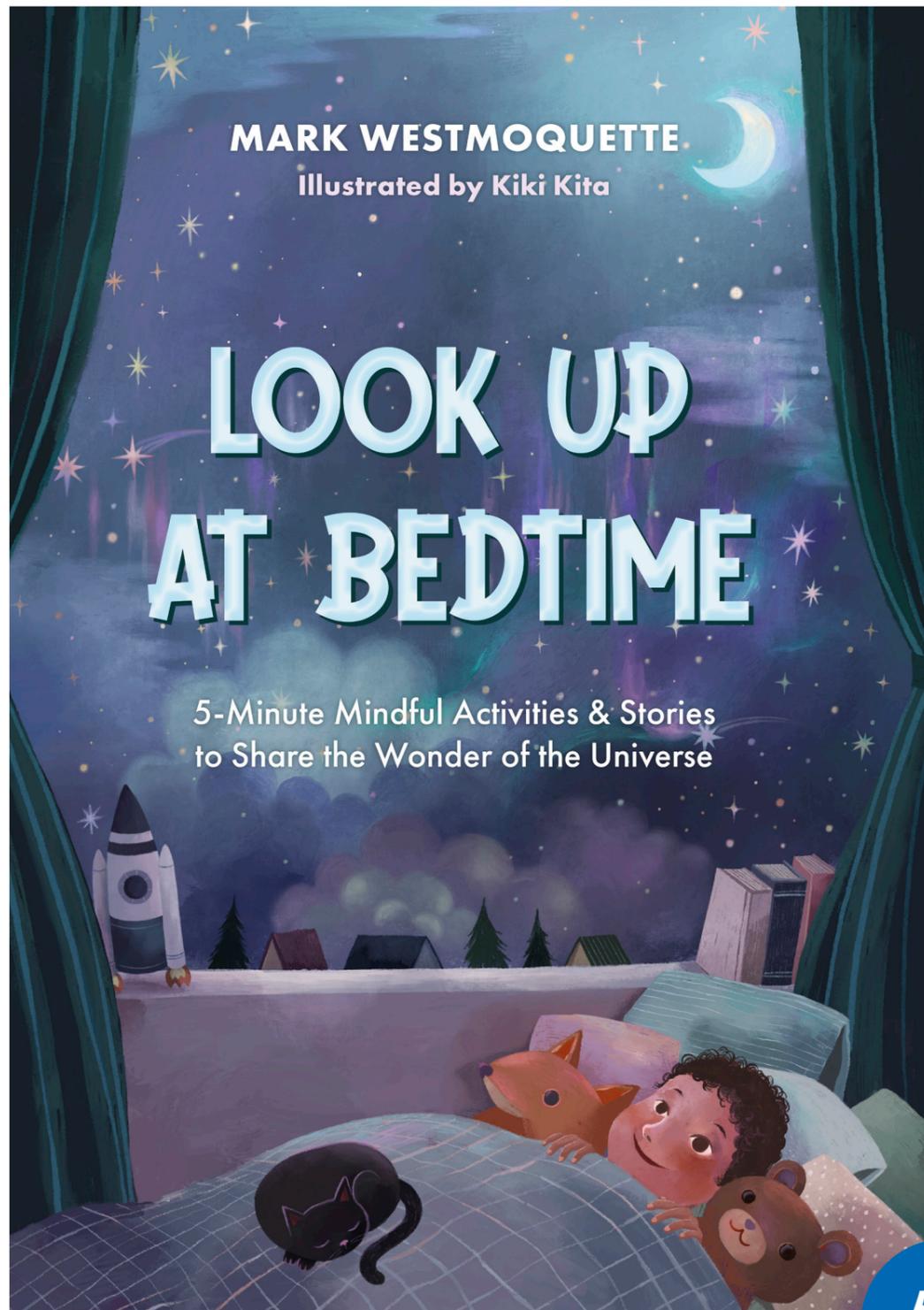
In fall, rediscover our [BUDDHA AT BEDTIME](#) and [CALM BUDDHA AT BEDTIME](#) books with brand new covers; laugh at Sunny as he takes charge of his busy, chaotic household in [SUNNY GETS TO WORK](#) by Zanni Louise and Susie Oh; lose yourself in 24 fascinating seasonal myths in [HOW TO CALM A RAIN BULL](#) by Denise Gallagher; and teach young readers about the value of friendship over consumerism in [MORE!](#) by Ged Adamson.

Enjoy!

Laura Whitaker-Jones

Publisher





MARK WESTMOQUETTE

Illustrated by Kiki Kita

LOOK UP AT BEDTIME

5-Minute Mindful Activities & Stories
to Share the Wonder of the Universe

Age
4-8

24 February 2026

CHILDREN'S NON FICTION: **Space, Stars and the Solar System (YNNZ)**

UK HBK | 9781917194204 | £14.99

US/CAN HBK | 9781917194136 | \$18.95/\$24.95

UK EBOOK | 9781917194228 | £6.99

US/CAN EBOOK | 9781917194242 | \$8.99/
CAN\$11.99

Specifications

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Extent: 96 pp

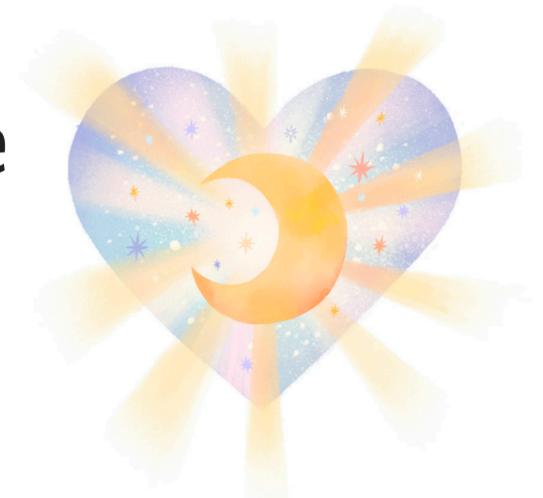
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Look Up at Bedtime

5-Minute Mindful Activities and Stories
to Share the Wonder of the Universe

By **Mark Westmoquette**

Illustrated by **Kiki Kita**



The perfect bedtime routine for families, these 20 stories and activities from a Zen Buddhist astrophysicist explore the wonder of the universe.

- ◇ **Mindful activities** to connect young readers to nature and also explain scientific concepts, such as a calming exercise involving listening to the sound of the wind.
- ◇ **Traditional tales** of the night sky, such as "The Hare in the Moon".
- ◇ **Soothing techniques** to aid children's socio-emotional learning, such as visualising your emotions as internal weather patterns.
- ◇ **Awe-inspiring reflections** that open young readers' eyes to the awesomeness of the universe, such as marvelling at the uncountable number of stars in the sky.

With gorgeously illustrated night sky scenes and a stunning foiled cover, this is the only book for kids that combines amazing night sky facts and legends with calming and awe-inspiring activities.

"I wrote this book to inspire wonder about the night sky - but in a way that makes us feel connected to it and part of the universe's unfolding story."

- Mark Westmoquette



IS ANYBODY ELSE OUT THERE?

Do you believe in aliens? Could there be life on other planets, looking out at the universe in the direction of Earth and wondering if there's life on our planet?

So far, we don't know. It's cool to think there might be other intelligent life out there, but there are many things that need to happen in order to be able to have a conversation with an **ALIEN**.

The following steps were written by astronomer Frank Drake in the 1960s, designed to work out the chance of us discovering intelligent alien life.

First, we would need to know how often new stars are born in all the galaxies across the whole universe. In our Milky Way galaxy alone, around six or seven new stars are born each year!



Then we would need to know how many of those new stars have planets alongside them. Astronomers think it's likely that most stars have planets that orbit around them.



As they fall through the air they make it **GLOW** in rippling bands of colour. It's kind of like the sun is speaking to us in its own brilliant language!

Have you ever noticed that the feelings in your body can sometimes seem like swirling colours of emotion?

Sometimes we feel fine, like a cool, placid **BLUE**. Sometimes we feel hot-**PINK** annoyed. And sometimes we feel happy bursts of **YELLOW**.

But now and then, a storm explodes inside, maybe as big as the storms on the sun, and curtains of emotional colour thrash about in jealous **GREEN**, angry **RED** or frustrated **PURPLE**.

Sometimes our feelings dance around powerfully inside. But other times, they burst out like shocks of colour in the sky, like a bright, vivid aurora.

However you feel, it's okay. All emotions are equally important – even the ones that feel extreme or upsetting. The light show can often feel intense and unpredictable, but we each have a magnetic shield that stops our emotional storms from causing harm called kindness.

LET YOUR INSIDE STORMS OF EMOTIONS RAGE IF THEY COME. IF YOU MAKE THE INTENTION NOT TO HURT ANYONE, YOU'LL FEEL JUST LIKE THE POWERFUL COLOURFUL NORTHERN LIGHTS.



THE AURORAE 37

THE HARE IN THE MOON

Have you ever heard people say that there's a man in the moon, or that there is a face on its surface? Have you ever seen him? Look up – can you spot the moon? See if you can notice its two dark eyes, a nose and an open mouth. What do you think he might be saying?

The dark patches on the moon are called "mare" (pronounced MAR-ay), which is Latin for seas. In the ancient past, they were "seas" of molten lava rock, which are now solid. The lighter patches you see on the moon are the mountains between these seas. That is what makes a face-like pattern on the moon.

Did you know we only ever see one side of the moon – the side always facing Earth, or the "near side"?

Sometimes it's a big, round ball; that's when it's the **FULL MOON**.

Sometimes it's shaped more like a banana; that's when it's the **CRESCENT MOON**.



And sometimes it's almost completely dark; that's called the **NEW MOON**.

The moon doesn't glow itself – it shines because it reflects sunlight, and it looks creamy-white because that's the colour of moon rock.

Not everyone sees a face in the moon. In some Asian cultures, people see an adorable curled-up rabbit, or hare, with two big ears.



"This book teaches me that the world is both vast and interconnected, and we can all strive to be more in tune with ourselves and with the world around us."

– Kiki Kita



Mark Westmoquette has a PhD in astrophysics and is an ordained Zen monk and a yoga and mindfulness teacher. His previous books include *The Mindful Universe*, *Mindful Thoughts for Stargazers* and *Zen and the Art of Dealing with Difficult People*. This is Mark's debut children's book. He is based in London, UK. Find out more: markwestmoquette.co.uk



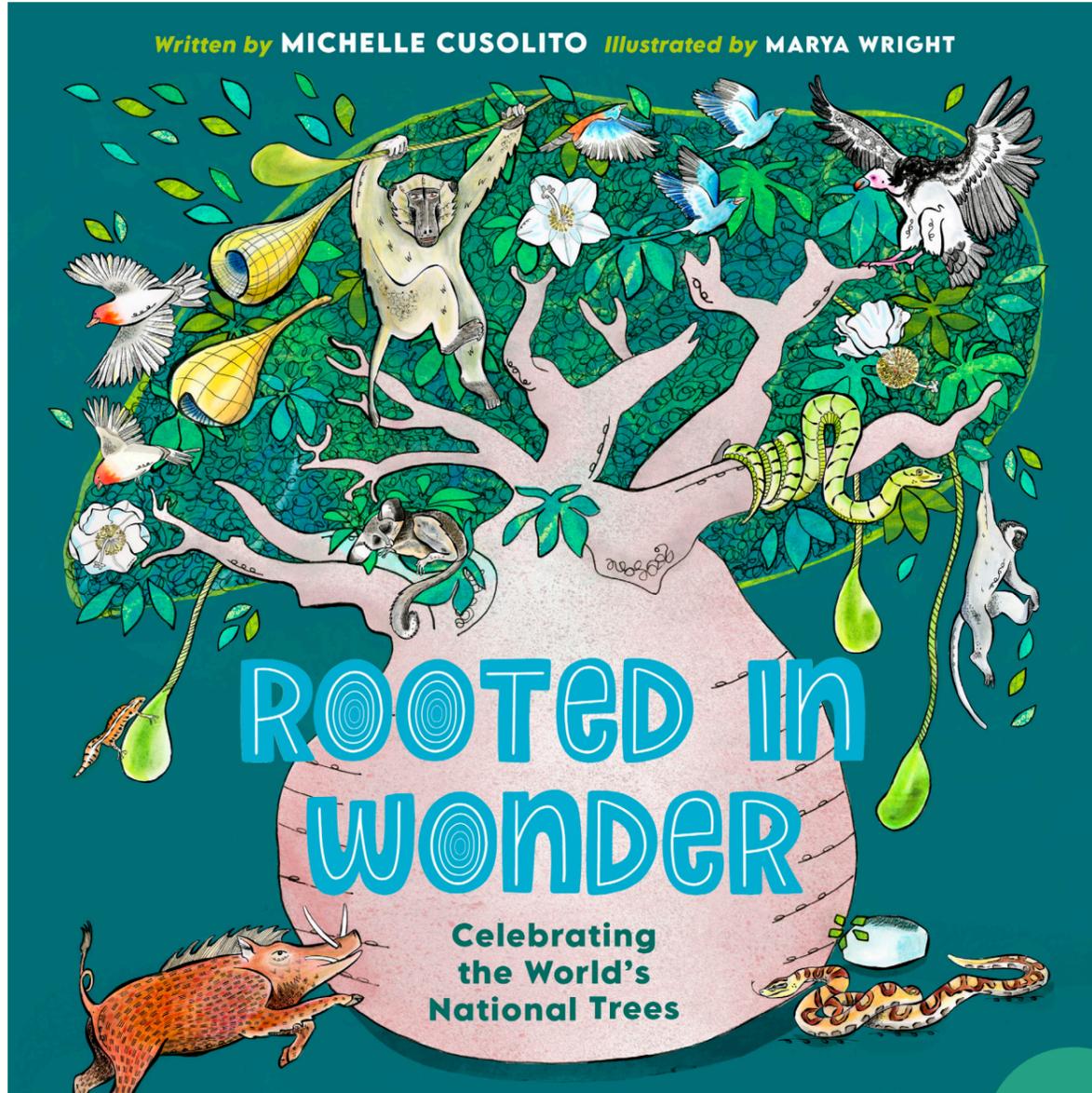
Kiki Kita is an illustrator who grew up in Nagoya, Japan and Dallas, Texas. She studied illustration and art history at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Her work has been recognized by American Illustration and Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles. She is based in Brooklyn, USA. Find out more: kikikita.com

Rights:

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Marketing & Publicity:

- Pre-order campaign with glow-in-the-dark star and moon stickers.
- Submission to parenting trade publications for advance reviews and endorsements, including *Parents Magazine*, *Juno*, *American Girl*, *Highlights*, etc.
- Pitch for coverage in nature and astronomy magazines such as *National Geographic Kids*, *National Wildlife Federation's Ranger Rick*, *Time for Kids*, *Zoobooks*, *Cricket*, *Scholastic News*, *Astronomy Magazine*, *Sky and Telescope*, *Sky at Night*, *Popular Astronomy*, etc.
- Pitch for astronomy and bedtime podcasts such as *Jodcast*; *Houston, We Have A Podcast*, *The Super-Massive Podcast*, *Hubblecast*, *Mind Wave*, *StarDate*, *Awesome Astronomy*, *The Storyteller's Night Sky*, *Short Stories for Kids*, *Story Quest*, *Peace Out Sleep Tight Stories*, etc.
- Pitch author for UK-based school, library and book events and the illustrator for Brooklyn-based events.
- Interactive downloadable / printable activity guide (12 pages) on website.



Written by **MICHELLE CUSOLITO** Illustrated by **MARYA WRIGHT**

ROOTED IN WONDER

Celebrating
the World's
National Trees

Age
4-8

31 March 2026

CHILDREN'S NON FICTION: **Plants and Trees (YNNT)**

UK HBK | 9781917194297 | £14.99
 US/CAN HBK | 9781786789631 | \$19.95/\$25.95
 UK EBOOK | 9781917194310 | £6.99
 US/CAN EBOOK | 9781917194303 | \$8.99
 CAN\$11.99

Specifications
 Trim: 250 x 250 mm | 10 x 10 in
 Extent: 40 pp
 Finishes: Spot UV

Rooted in Wonder

Celebrating the World's National Trees

By **Michelle Cusolito**

Illustrated by **Marya Wright**



An enchanting, fact-filled picture book celebrating 12 of the world's national trees.

Discover how local people use each tree, their historical significance, the unique creatures that live in and around them, and why they are so beloved.

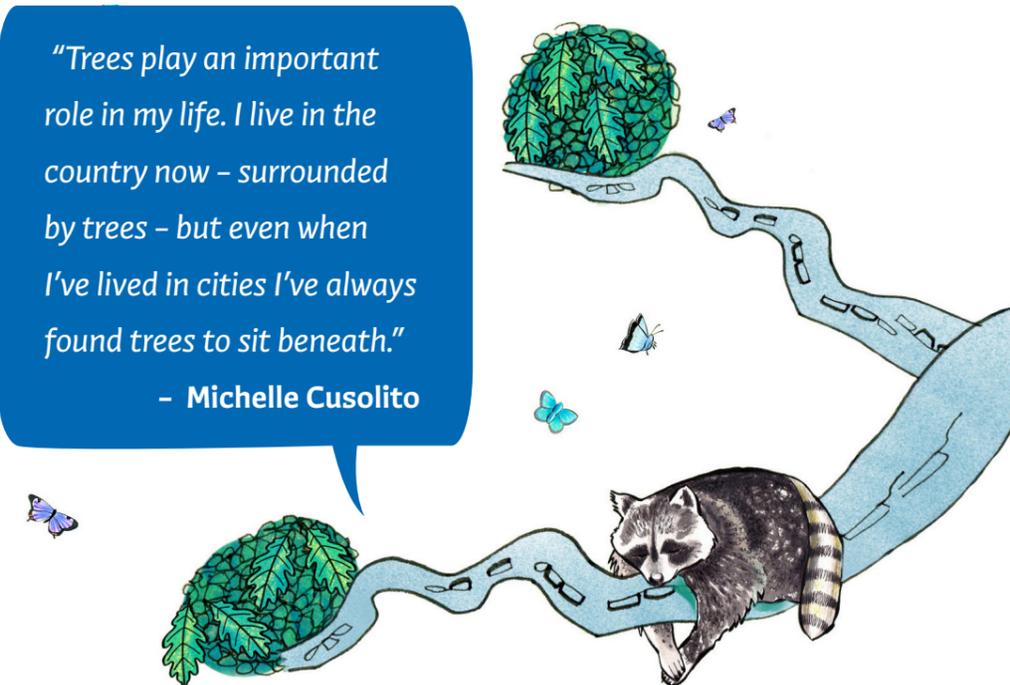
Trees include: India's Banyan | Chile's Pehuén | Canada's Sugar Maple | UK and USA's Oak | South Africa's Real Yellowwood | The Philippines' Narra | Australia's Golden Wattle | Angola's Baobab | Peru and Ecuador's Quina | Albania's Olive | Cuba's Royal Palm | China's Ginkgo.

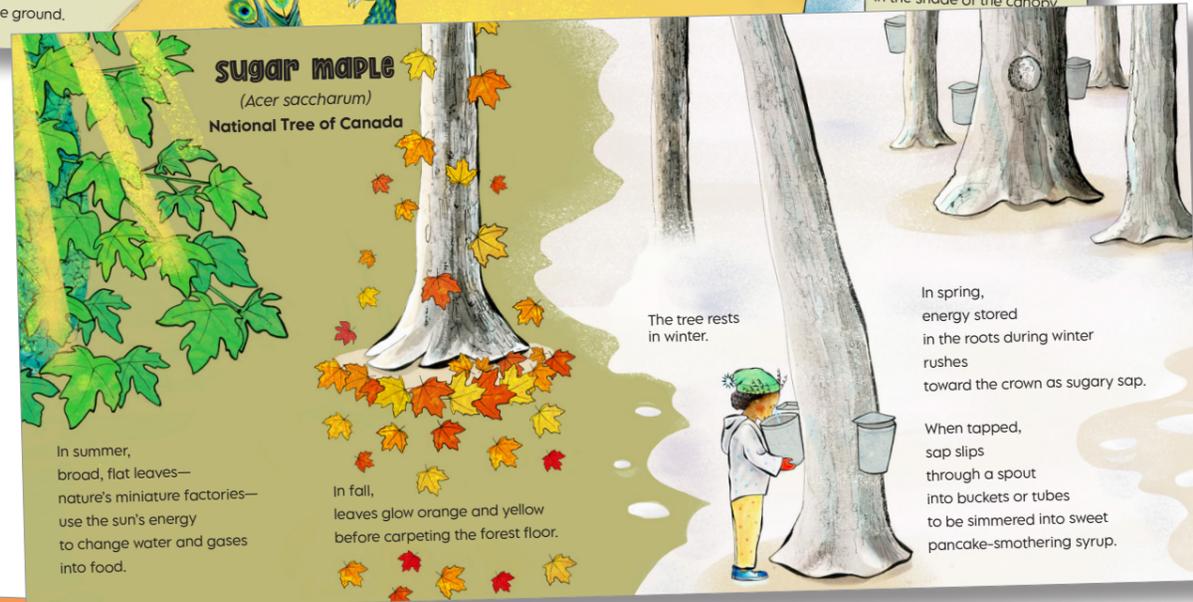
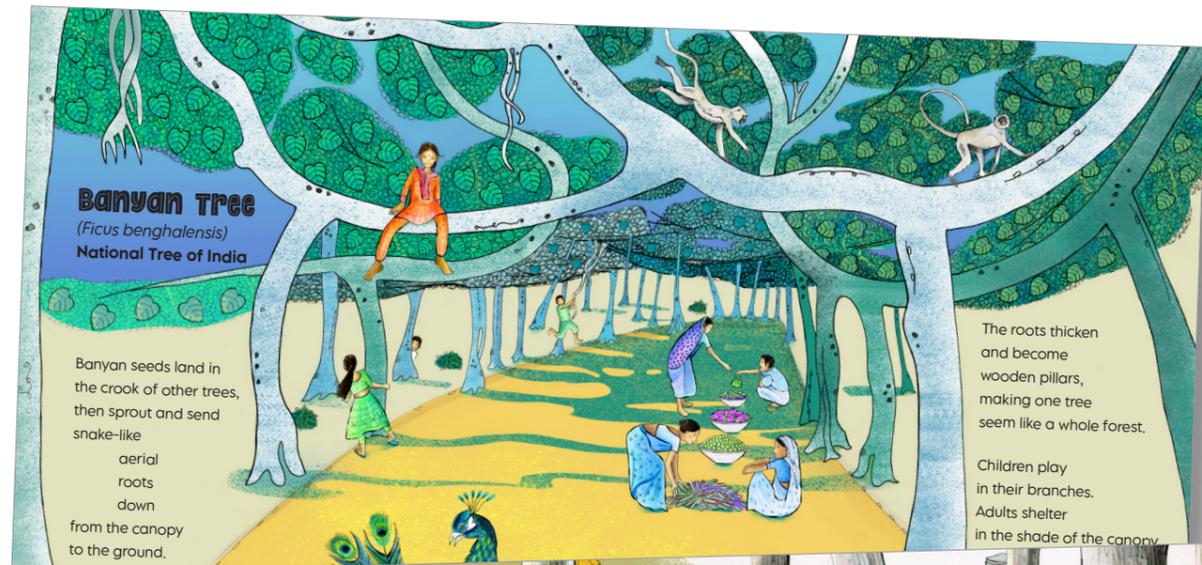
With additional informative spreads at the back of the book and mapped endpapers showing the global reach of the trees, this book will teach young readers just how uniquely iconic, fabulous and beloved their national trees are to so many cultures around the world.



"Trees play an important role in my life. I live in the country now - surrounded by trees - but even when I've lived in cities I've always found trees to sit beneath."

- **Michelle Cusolito**





"I wanted to create a book that celebrates national trees around the world and their importance to different cultures. I wanted to show how these trees live in their landscapes, alongside the many animals and us humans."

– Marya Wright

Rights:

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Marketing & Publicity:

- Pre-order campaign with plantable pine seed pencils.
- Submission to parenting trade publications for advance reviews and endorsements, including *Parents Magazine*, *Juno*, *American Girl*, *Highlights*, etc.
- Pitch for coverage in nature magazines such as *Nature*, *American Forests Magazine*, *Woodland Magazine*, *Light & Seed Magazine*, *City Trees Magazine*, *PNW-ISA Trees Magazine*, *Country Life Trees magazine*, etc.
- Pitch for non-fiction podcasts such as *Wow in the World*, *Brains On!*, *Ear Snacks*, *Tumble*, *But Why?*, *Kids Pod*, *Fun Kids Book Worms*, etc.
- Pitch author for international (Canada), national, regional (Massachusetts) and local (Rochester, Boston, Salem, Hyannis and Provincetown) TV and radio appearances as well as in-person events.
- Pitch illustrator for UK-based school, library and bookstore events, and window displays.
- Interactive downloadable / printable activity guide (12 pages) on website.



Michelle Cusolito is a former-National Board Certified Teacher, curriculum developer and adjunct professor. Her previous award-winning and starred books include *Flying Deep*, *Diving Deep*, *Twilight Zone*, *In the World of Whales*, *Jellyfish Scientist* and *Window into the Ocean*. She is based in Rochester, Massachusetts. Find out more: michellecusolito.com



Marya Wright is an illustrator with a BA in illustration from Camberwell College of Art. She creates charming, dream-like and magical artworks using a mix of hand-drawn elements using tombow pens, coloured pencils, fine liners and rotary ink and digital methods. She is based in London, UK. Find out more: [@maryawrightillustrates](https://twitter.com/maryawrightillustrates)



21 April 2026

CHILDREN'S/TEENAGE PERSONAL AND SOCIAL TOPICS: **Mental Health and Mental Wellbeing (YXLD)**

HBK | 9781917194112 | £12.99/\$18.95/
CAN\$24.95

EBOOK | 9781917194129 | £5.99/\$7.99/
CAN\$10.99

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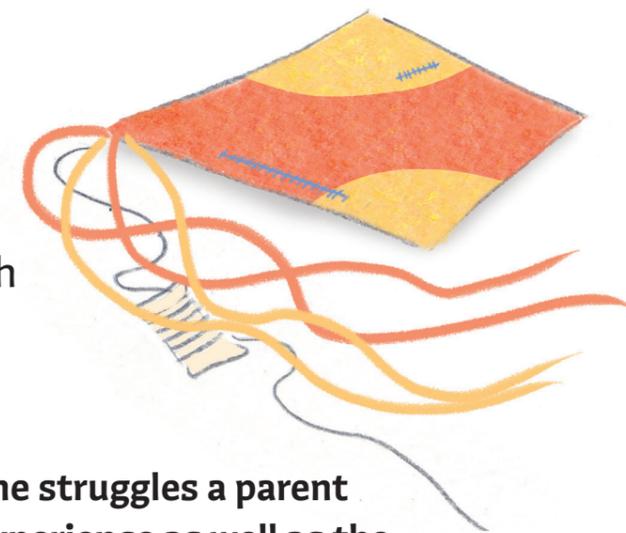
Finishes: Spot UV

Kite Day

The Ups and Downs of Mental Health

By **Lisa Varchol Perron**

Illustrated by **Siski Kalla**



An evocative picture book expressing the struggles a parent or guardian with Bipolar Disorder can experience as well as the strength and hope of their unconditional love.

Navigating worry, anger, sadness and disappointment, Mamús and her son fly their kite together. While her mood mirrors the kite's motions – gently rising, twisting in the wind, tangling in a tree and crashing to the ground – the pair continue to try. Despite the ups and downs, their love is, and will always remain, constant.

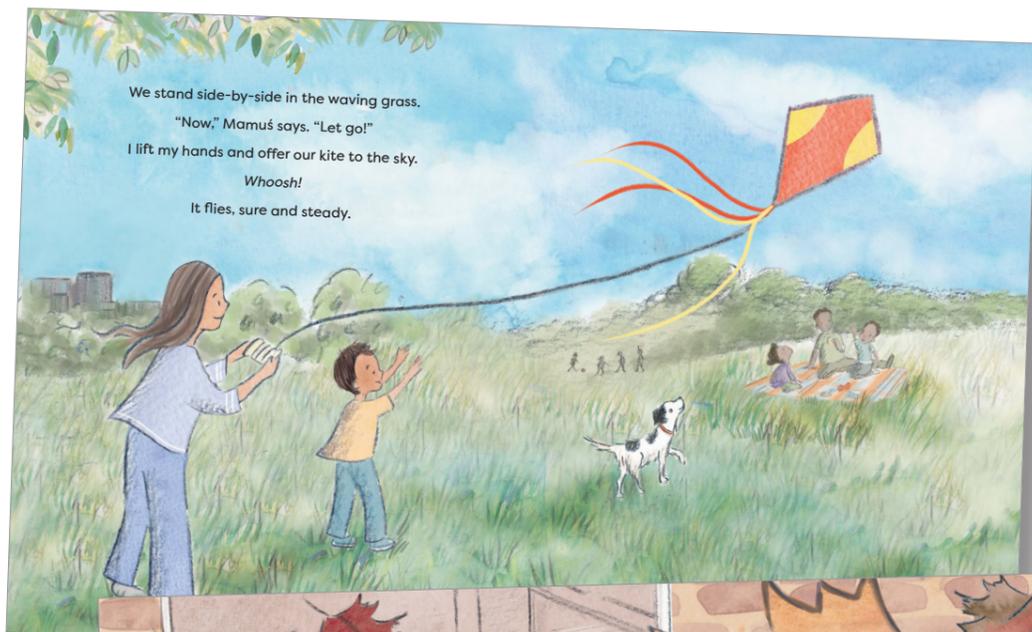
An honest yet hopeful glimpse into a child's experience with a parent who has Bipolar Disorder or other mood-related struggles. A key socio-emotional learning book for young readers and loved ones navigating a mental health

illness. Includes an informative spread aimed at young readers who are concerned about a loved one at the back.

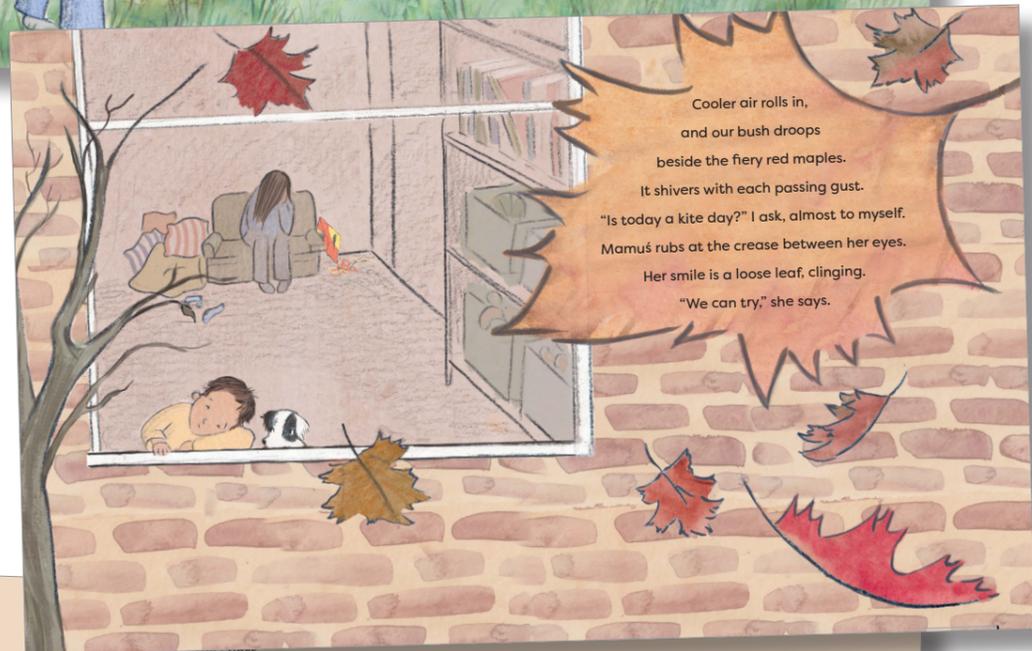


"I wanted to write a book to spark potentially tough conversations with kids. I hope it helps readers feel more equipped to discuss mental health challenges from a place of compassion."

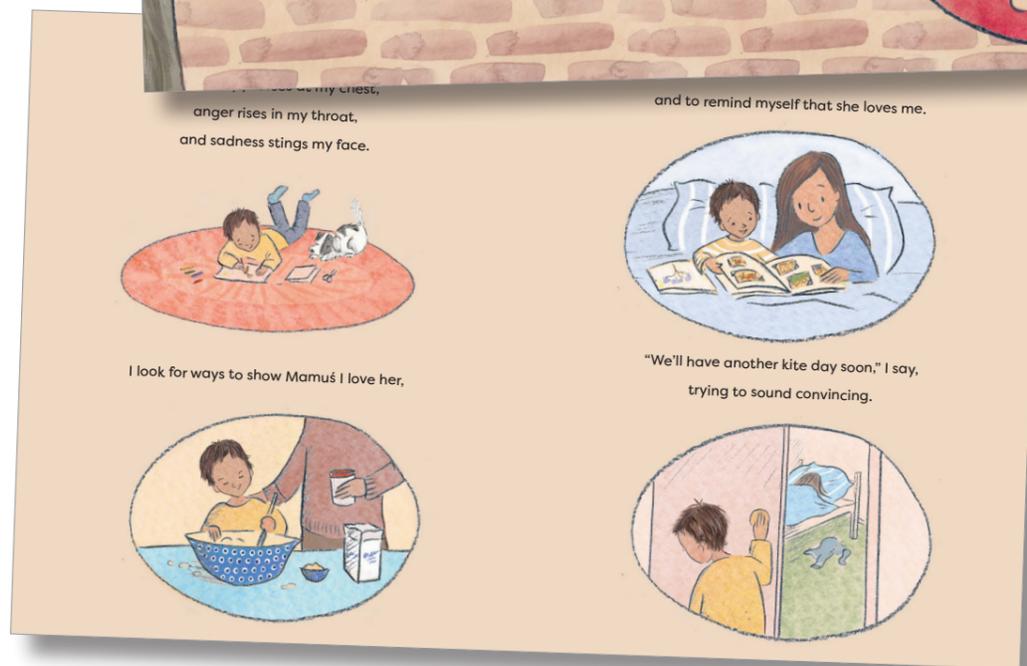
- Lisa Varchol Perron



We stand side-by-side in the waving grass.
 "Now," Mamúš says. "Let go!"
 I lift my hands and offer our kite to the sky.
 Whoosh!
 It flies, sure and steady.



Cooler air rolls in,
 and our bush droops
 beside the fiery red maples.
 It shivers with each passing gust.
 "Is today a kite day?" I ask, almost to myself.
 Mamúš rubs at the crease between her eyes.
 Her smile is a loose leaf, clinging.
 "We can try," she says.



anger rises in my throat,
 and sadness stings my face.

and to remind myself that she loves me.

I look for ways to show Mamúš I love her,

"We'll have another kite day soon," I say,
 trying to sound convincing.

"Adult characters with mental health issues aren't commonly found in children's books. **Kite Day** shows us that while a mother's mental state may swing from high to low, the love within the family is unchanged."

– Siski Kalla

Rights:

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Marketing & Publicity:

- Pre-order campaign with create your own kite kits.
- Submission to parenting trade publications for advance reviews and endorsements (especially ones that cover mental health!), such as *Today's Parent*, *Family Fun*, *Family Circle*, *Working Mother*, *Family Time Magazine*, *Parenting*, *Newsweek*, *People*, *TIME*, etc.
- Pitch author Lisa Varchol Perron, who is a practicing psychotherapist, for articles in psychology publications.
- Pitch for top parenting podcasts such as *Janet Lansbury's Unruffled*, *Dr. Ross Green*, *the Nurtured Heart Approach*, etc.
- Host online workshops for parents and children around bipolar and SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder).
- Pitch the author for regional (Massachusetts) and local (Boston & Salem) TV and radio opportunities, as well as in-person events.
- Pitch the illustrator for London-based school, library and bookstore events.
- Interactive downloadable / printable activity guide (12 pages) on website.



Lisa Varchol Perron is a psychotherapist and children's author. She has been published in *Highlights Hello*, *The Caterpillar* and *The School Magazine*. Lisa's debut picture book, *Patterns Everywhere*, and her debut board book, *My Love For You*, were published in 2023. She is based in Melrose, Massachusetts. Find out more: lisaperronbooks.com



Siski Kalla was born into a storytelling family with Finnish, German and English roots, and she has always loved bringing stories to life via watercolour and pencil. Siski has illustrated more than 15 children's books, including the *I Love You This Much!* series and *Let's Explore Snails!*, which won the Spark Award from the SCBWI. She is based in London, UK. Find out more: siskikallaiillustration.com



Buddha at Bedtime & Calm Buddha at Bedtime



Mindful Stories to Inspire Peace, Calmness and Empathy Before Bed

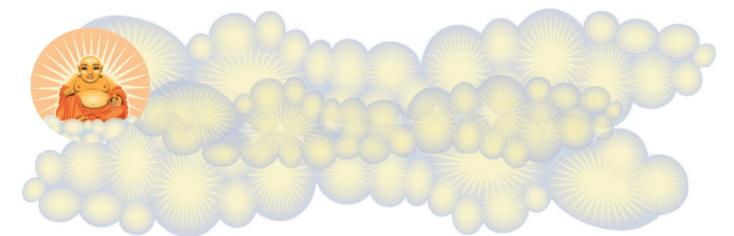
By **Dharmachari Nagaraja**

The Buddha at Bedtime series has sold over 200,000 copies worldwide.

These two Buddhist bedtime story collections for the whole family are refreshed editions with new covers for a new generation of readers – drawing on the success of the series, which has sold over 200,000 copies worldwide.

Buddha at Bedtime contains 20 bedtime stories and *The Calm Buddha at Bedtime* 18 stories. Filled with fun animal adventures and designed to inspire young imaginations, each story aids bedtime relaxation, enhances creativity, increases self-confidence and teaches key Buddhist values, such as empathy and compassion.

With their emphasis on peace, compassion and mindfulness, these reissues offers a foundation for young readers to learn to cope calmly and confidently with the many challenges they face growing up. This is the perfect collection to introduce these Buddhist values to young readers and their parents at bedtime in a fun and entertaining way.



Dharmachari Nagaraja was a Buddhist monk for 20 years and then a Buddhist therapist for 25 years. Now retired in Scotland, he was also a regular guest presenter on BBC Radio 2, where he first used traditional Buddhist tales to communicate the Buddha's teachings to a UK audience of 7.7 million people.

28 July 2026

CHILDREN'S/TEENAGE FICTION: **Religious and Spiritual Stories (YFK)**

Buddha at Bedtime

PBK | 9781917194457 | £14.99/\$18.95/CAN\$24.95
 EBOOK | 9781917194464 | £6.99/\$8.99/CAN\$11.99

Specifications

Trim: 228 x 180 mm | 7 x 9 in
 Extent: 144 pp
 Limited Rights Available – Please Enquire

Calm Buddha at Bedtime

PBK | 9781917194440 | £14.99/\$18.95/CAN\$24.95
 EBOOK | 9781786781048 | £6.99/\$8.99/CAN\$11.99

Specifications

Trim: 228 x 180 mm | 7 x 9 in
 Extent: 128 pp
 Limited Rights Available – Please Enquire

**Age
4-8**



**Age
3-6**

25 August 2026

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS (YBC)

HBK | 9781917194167 | £12.99/\$18.95/

CAN\$24.95

EBOOK | 9781917194174 | £5.99/\$7.99/

CAN\$10.99

Specifications

Trim: 253 x 204 mm | 8 x 10 in

Extent: 32 pp

Finishes: Spot UV

Sunny Gets to Work

By **Zanni Louise**

Illustrated by **Susie Oh**



A heartwarming and hilarious picture book that celebrates the messy, love-filled chaos of family life – a must-read for every busy working household!

From inside-out shirts to missing lunches, 4-year-old Sunny's house is always a bit chaotic. When dad overflows the bath and mom falls asleep in the baby's cot, Sunny knows he needs to step up and help.

But he soon discovers that running a household isn't as easy as he thought. In the end, Sunny learns an important lesson: no matter how messy things get, family love is what matters most.

This book embraces the messiness of family life with two working parents, reassuring families that it's okay to make mistakes as long as you stick together.



"Busy homes. Quiet homes. What matters is the love kids feel. It's so important to celebrate all the forms home life can take."
– Zanni Louise



"Charming. Gentle, funny and shows that, at the end of the day, what matters most... is always love.

– Patrice Karst, bestselling author of *The Invisible String*

Rights:

World All Languages Available

Marketing & Publicity:

- Pre-order campaign with stickers of Sunny's drawings and cardboard standees of Sunny and his dog.
- Competition to win a "Parent Pamper Kit" by submitting hilarious stories about chaotic home life.
- Submit illustrator for window displays in New York City and tri-state, as well as for events.
- Submission to trade publications for advance reviews and endorsements, such as *Ladybug*, *Highlights*, *Kazoo*, *TIME for Kids*, *Jack and Jill Magazine*, *Chickadee*, *Ask*. etc.
- Pitch articles around the reality of balancing a full-time job and raising kids in Parenting magazines (print & online).
- Pitch for parenting and picture book podcasts such as *Raising Good Humans*, *The Mom Hour*, *Happy Mum Happy Baby*, *Respectful Parenting*, *The Children's Book Podcast*, *Picture-book-ing*, *Picture Book*, *Storyberries Radio*, etc.
- Interactive downloadable / printable activity guide (12 pages) on website.



Zanni Louise is a children's author of 40+ books. She visits schools, organises retreats and is active in the online children's book community. She is also the founder of The Sunshine House and an author ambassador for Room To Read. She splits her time between Utrecht, The Netherlands and Byron Bay, Australia. Find out more: zannilouise.com



Susie Oh is a Korean-American illustrator. She studied at the Pratt Institute, the American Museum of Natural History and the New York Botanical Garden. Her debut picture book *Soomi's Sweater* was a silver medal winner of the 2020 Key Colors Illustrators Competition. She splits her time between Utrecht, The Netherlands and Australia. Find out more: ohsusie.com



Age
8-12

22 September 2026

CHILDREN'S/TEENAGE NON FICTION: **Anthologies (YDC)**

UK HBK | 9781917194051 | £15.99

US/CAN HBK | 9781917194044 | \$25.95/\$34.95

UK EBOOK | 9781917194327 | £7.99

US/CAN EBOOK | 9781917194068 | \$9.99/

CAN\$13.99

Specifications

Trim: 280 x 225 mm | 8½ x 11 in

Extent: 176 pp

Finishes: Spot UV

How to Calm a Rain Bull

And Other Stories Of
The Changing Seasons
From Around The World

Written and Illustrated by **Denise Gallagher**

"Travel around the world with me and together we'll discover tales of the seasons. Look inside and you'll find tigers, princesses, dragons, and clouds you can eat! (Just to name a few.)"

- Denise Gallagher

Capture the magic of the changing seasons with these 24 fascinating myths and stories from diverse cultures around the world.

From monsoon seasons and powerful blizzards to the summer solstice and the first frost of winter, author-illustrator Denise Gallagher will guide you across continents and countries, with the help of 100 whimsical illustrations showing gods, heroes, talking animals and more.

This stunning, fun collection of myths and stories from around the world is a must-have for any personal or communal library.





THE ANIMALS AND THEIR GREAT AND TERRIBLE QUARREL

A Tale From the Tehuelche Tribe, Patagonia

"They say that long, long ago, the Old One was so sad and alone that he mourned bitterly. His tears were so plentiful that they formed a black sea, dark and fierce. And when his last tear fell, he sighed. That sigh created a mighty roaring wind that parted the dark sea and formed land."

Mother Guanaco bent her long, wooly neck as she spoke.

"Don't stop, Mother!"

Her children's voices overlapped as they clamored for more. There were three, each with golden wool even softer than their mother's. Their hooves clattered on the rocky mountainside as they danced about on awkward legs. They swished their tails and swiveled their ears, eager to hear more of their mother's story.

Mother Guanaco smiled at them, her dark eyes wide and gentle, her long lashes fluttering. She then returned to her tale.

"As time passed, the Old One overcame his loneliness by filling the sky with birds of every color. They swooped and soared. He made a home in the sea for mollusks and crabs, elephant seals and whales, and many other sooty, glittering creatures. And on land, he placed the most important of all, finely formed animals, like us, the majestic guanaco and our sisters, the llamas."

Mother Guanaco's children hummed happily.

"...and like Pichi Armadillo!" shouted the tallest of the three.

"...and Rhea Bird!" smiled the youngest.

"...and Mara Hare!" whispered the most shy as he peered at his sisters.

Each child held their mother's hand.



Debating about who might be the most successful at finding the sun. They each wanted to be the one to impress the emperor.

The Gila monster rolled her eyes and decided it would be best to go out on her own.

The other animals eventually stopped their bickering and set off to search. The prairie dog scurried across the desert sands. The jaguar padded silently through the dense rainforest. The eagle soared high above the towering mountains. Yet, despite their efforts, none of them had any luck, and they soon grew tired.

"We are doomed!" they cried as they dragged themselves back to their homes in the canyon. Only the Gila monster continued her search.

She plodded along in her slow, lizard way. She hunted the valleys, the rivers, and the lake's edge. She even dared to climb to the top of the steaming volcano. She looked over the rim into the boiling lava, but still, she did not find the sun.

With a heavy heart and slowing steps, she climbed back down. Reaching the bottom, she spotted a large rock.

"A perfect resting spot," she decided. "But, what's that?"

As she moved closer, she saw a pale light glowing from beneath the rock.

"The sun!" she gasped. "She must be trapped."

The Gila monster got to work at once. She grunted and groaned as she tried to lift the rock. However, her legs were quite short and not strong at all. The rock did not budge.

"I cannot do this alone," she gasped.

And though her legs were tired, she hurried back to the canyon in search of help. When she spotted the jaguar, she carefully approached him, but he just snarled at her and turned away.

"Perhaps the eagle," she thought. But the bird ignored her calls as it circled above her.

"I know who will help," she whispered.

Nervously, she gulped at the thought but decided it was time to visit the emperor.

The emperor lived near the village, at the very top of a pyramid. When the Gila monster arrived, she gazed upward. "It's so tall!" she said wearily. She knew, however, that she needed help. So, mustering all her strength, she began to climb.

She climbed and climbed, dragging her heavy tail behind her. Never before had her short legs worked so hard.

When she reached the top of the pyramid and



"Funny, I used to have friends who said the same thing. But they seem to have disappeared. Somehow, I've found myself all alone in this pond. The rhinoceros and the jackal used to visit at times, but I have not seen them in a while. The rhinoceros has a stunning horn, and the jackal tells the best jokes."

"Well, that all sounds very nice. But we are a bit turned around. We are headed south to spend a warm winter there. Can you point us in the right direction?" asked the goose.

"South for the winter? That sounds lovely. It has begun to get a bit chilly, hasn't it? I don't usually mind the cold, but I imagine I'd like spending the winter in a nice warm pond down south. I'd love to go with you. But as you know, turtles can't fly. I had a cousin once that tried leaping from a waterfall, but it wasn't truly flying."

The geese felt a little sorry for the turtle. He seemed a bit lonely.

"Tell you what. Why don't you come south with us? You can help us navigate."

"Oh, thank you!" squealed the turtle. "But you are forgetting one thing: I can't fly. And my legs are quite short; it would take me forever to walk there. Oh, and you could never carry me with feet like yours. If you had talons like a hawk, then maybe..."

"We have an idea," interrupted the tallest of the two geese. "Wait right here."

"Just imagine! Me, heading south for the winter," the little turtle gurgled. "I've got to tell my friends. Wait. Where did my friends go? I wonder if they have mangos and apricots down south. Oh! And guava, my favorite. My brother liked grapes, but..."

"Hey, little fella. Look what we've got!" called the geese from the pond's shore.

The turtle was unusually quiet as he inspected the stick they had placed before him.

"That's a nice stick," the turtle began. "But how is that supposed to help?"

"Like this," the geese explained. "We'll each pick up one end of the stick. Then, you hold on to the middle while we fly. Turtles have very strong jaws, we've heard."

"I do! I do! Then I'll be flying! I'll be the amazing flying turtle. Whoever would have thought? Just wait until they see me!"

"Just one thing," the tall goose warned. "You have to keep your mouth shut tight."

"Oh, of course," vowed the turtle. "You don't have to worry about me. I'll be as quiet as a pond snail. They are pretty quiet, you know. Have you ever met a pond snail?"

The geese looked at each other doubtfully.

"Yes, of course," said the smaller goose. "You ready?"

The turtle grabbed tightly to the stick and closed his eyes. When he opened them again, he was soaring above the banyan trees, wiggling his toes with delight.

How beautiful the land looked from here among the clouds. The turtle admired the valleys full of colorful flowers, the deep green of the jungle, and the brilliant blue mountains.



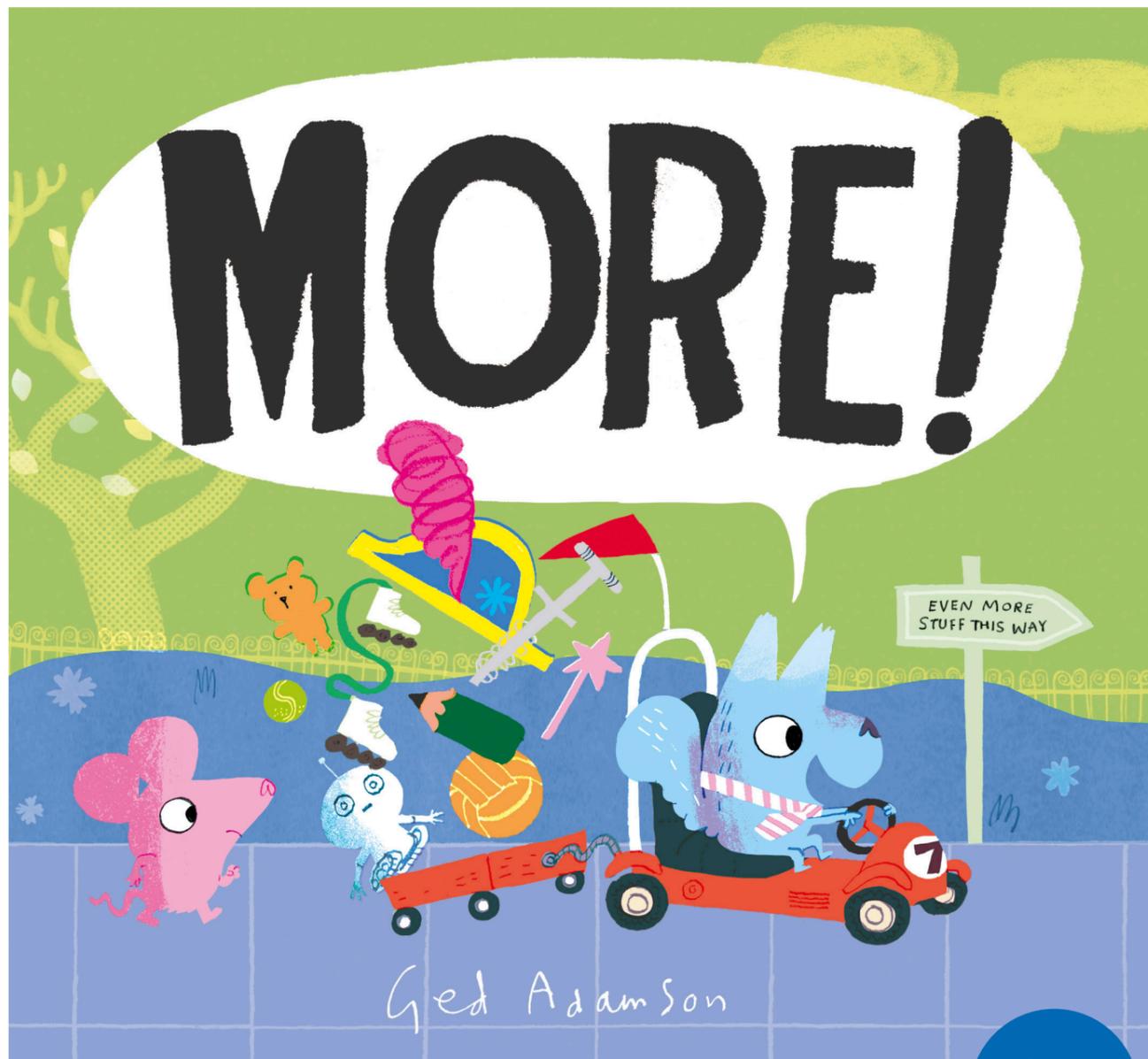
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Marketing & Publicity:

- Pre-order campaign with letter-sized seasonal poster bundle (poster per season).
- Competition to win a basket of seasonal goodies by writing their own seasonal folktale.
- Submit author-illustrator for window displays in Louisiana, as well as for school, library and bookstore in-person events.
- Submission to trade publications for advance reviews and endorsements, such as *Ladybug*, *Highlights*, *Kazoo*, *TIME for Kids*, *Jack and Jill Magazine*, *Chickadee*, *Ask*, etc.
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- Interactive downloadable / printable activity guide (12 pages) on website.

Denise Gallagher is a children's author and illustrator who specialises in magical folklore. Her previous books include *Moonson*, *A Tip Tap Tale* and *Peg Bearskin*. Denise is the current Illustrator Coordinator for the Louisiana/Mississippi region of SCBWI and on the editorial board of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press. Her artwork has been exhibited in museums and galleries in Los Angeles, New York, Portland, Indianapolis and throughout Louisiana. She is based in Lafayette, Louisiana. Find out more: denisegallagher.com



**Age
3-6**

27 October 2026

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS (YBC)

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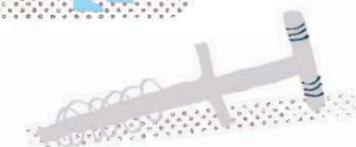
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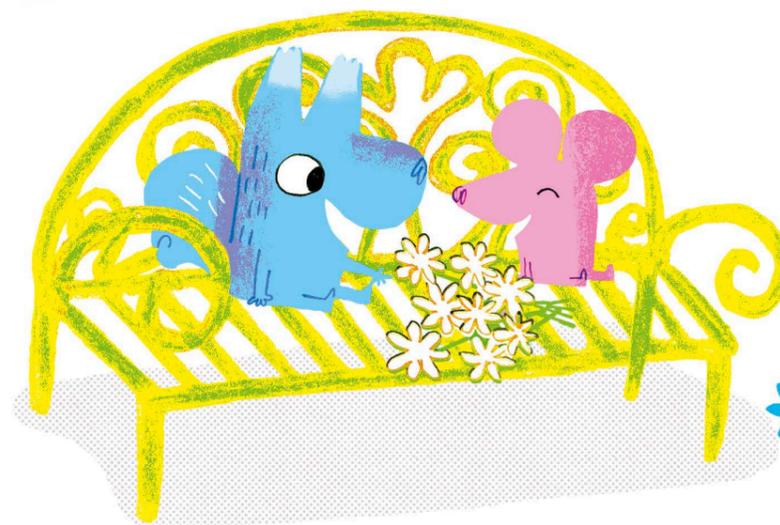


Written and Illustrated by **Ged Adamson**

A charming, funny picture book that teaches young readers that the key to happiness isn't acquiring more and more stuff - it's friendship!

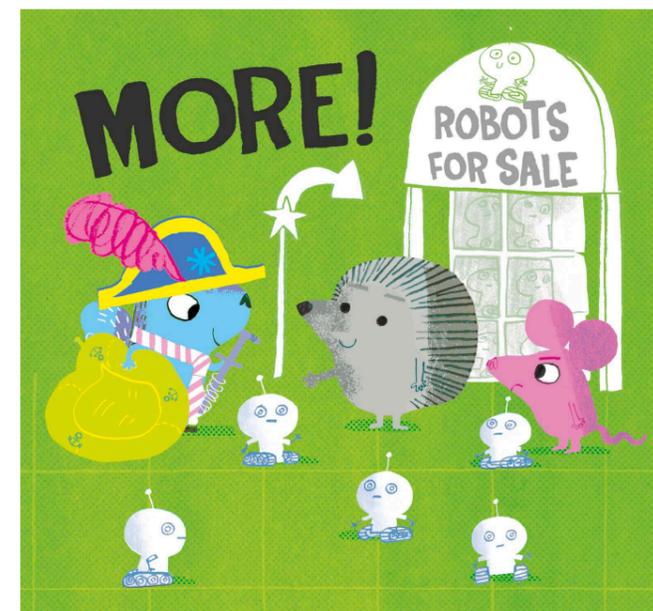
Squirrel and Mouse are going for a lovely walk, but Squirrel keeps spotting more and more things he wants ... a hat ... rollerskates ... a boingy stick ... a paddling pool ... a go kart ... the list goes on! It's only when Mouse gets fed up and goes home that Squirrel realizes that none of his stuff matters without Mouse there to share it with him.

Featuring character-driven illustrations by renowned author-illustrator Ged Adamson and a laugh out loud story, this picture book touches on two important topics - friendship and consumerism - in a light-hearted, fun way for eco-conscious families with young readers.



"I think teaching children about the idea of over-consumption is important. The problems of the world at the moment are mainly because of a few rich and powerful people wanting more - more money, more control, more land."

- Ged Adamson



Ged Adamson is a renowned childrens' author. His books include *Douglas, You Need Glasses!* (which remains a favourite with children, parents, teachers and librarians alike and received a Junior Library Guild award) *A Fox Found A Box, The Elephant Detectives, Shark Dog!, This Is Not A Unicorn* (which won Best Picture Book prize at the 2022 Stockport Children's Book Awards) and *Be Normal!*

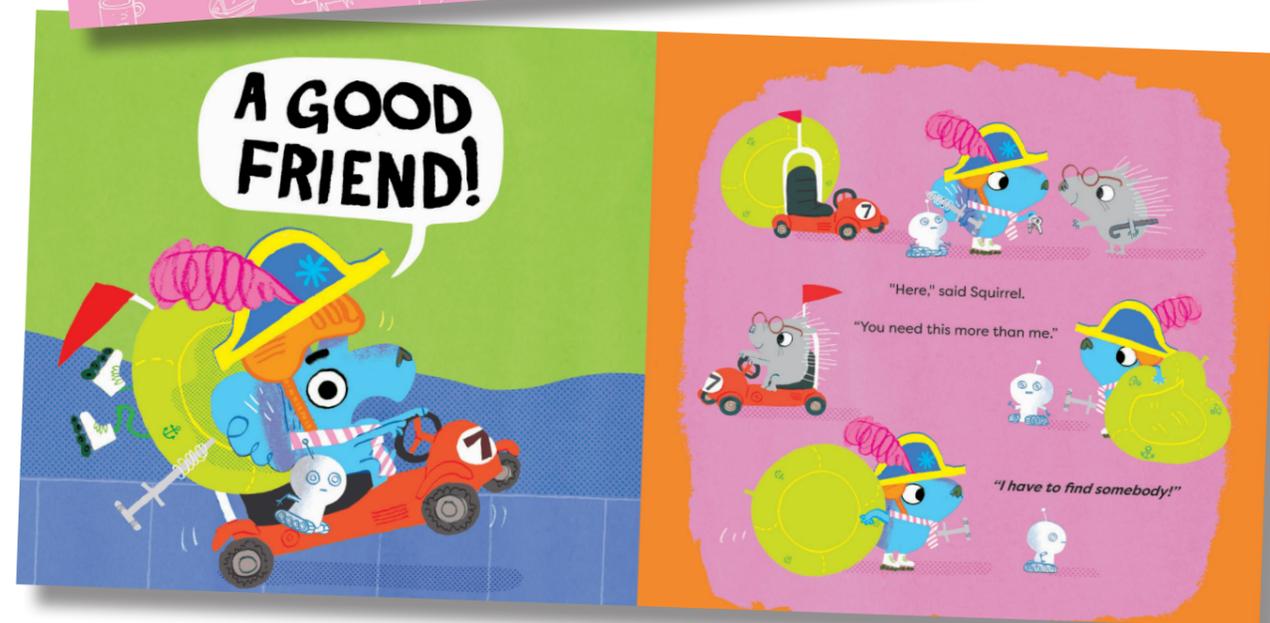
Ged's artwork has appeared in magazines such as *Punch and Prospect*, in books and on film. He's been a storyboard artist and a caricaturist. He has also worked as a composer for TV and film. He is based in London, UK. Find out more: gedadamson.myportfolio.com

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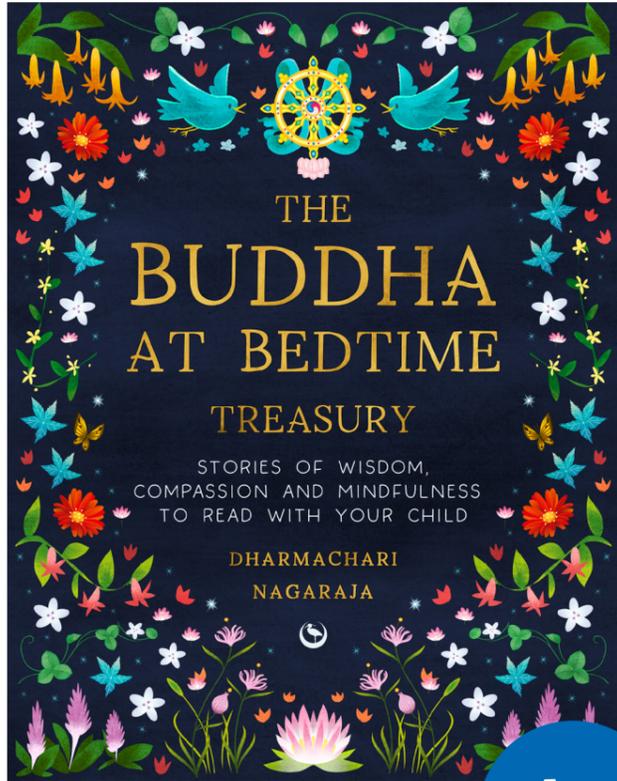
Marketing & Publicity:

- Pre-order campaign with woven & beaded friendship bracelets.
- Competition to win an original 18" x 24" poster from Ged Adamson of a reinterpretation of the *More!* cover featuring your beloved pet.
- Cardboard collapsable standees of Squirrel and Mouse sent to bookstores.
- Submit author-illustrator for window displays in London, as well as for school, library and bookstore in-person events.
- Submission to trade publications for advance reviews and endorsements, such as *Ladybug, Highlights, Kazoo, TIME for Kids, Jack and Jill Magazine, Chickadee, Ask*, etc.
- Pitch articles discussing and correcting the current generation's consumer-driven obsessive behavior and how to course correct in Parenting magazines (print & online).
- Pitch for top parenting podcasts such as *Janet Lansbury's Unruffled, Dr. Ross Green, the Nurtured Heart Approach*, etc.
- Interactive downloadable / printable activity guide (12 pages) on website.



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**Age
4-8**

4 August 2026

PICTURE STORYBOOKS:
Bedtime stories, sleep and dreams (YBCS1)

HBK | 9781836810827 | £19.99/\$26.95/\$35.95
EBOOK | 9781786789648 | £8.99/\$10.99/\$14.99

Specifications

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Extent: 336 pp
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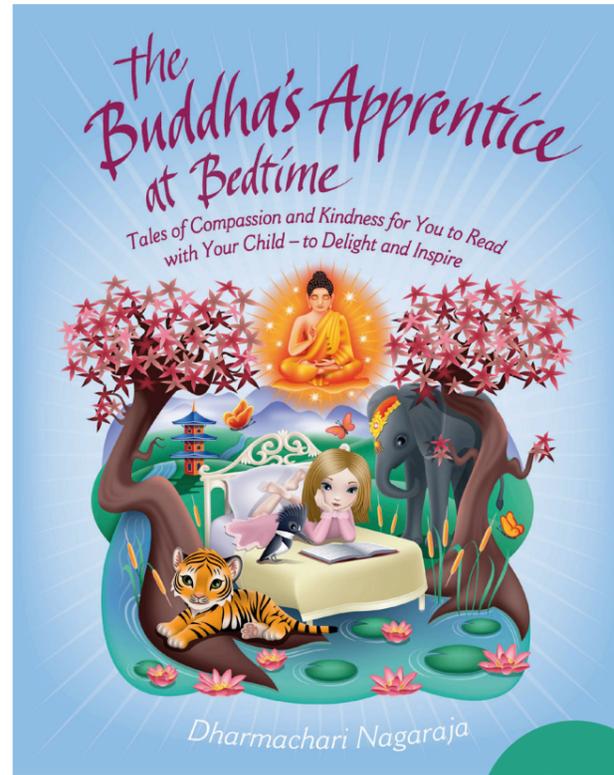
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The Buddha at Bedtime Treasury

Stories of Wisdom, Compassion and Mindfulness to Read with Your Child
By **Dharmachari Nagaraja**

Bedtime can be both magical and meaningful with this beautifully illustrated treasury of over 50 engaging retellings of ancient Buddhist stories.

Bringing together tales from three classic and internationally bestselling collections – *Buddha at Bedtime*, *The Buddha's Apprentice at Bedtime*, and *Calm Buddha at Bedtime* – this collection will become an integral part of your calming bedtime routine.



**Age
4-8**

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24 November 2026

CHILDREN'S/TEENAGE FICTION:
Religious and Spiritual Stories (YFK)

PBK | 9781836810834 | £14.99/\$18.95/\$24.95
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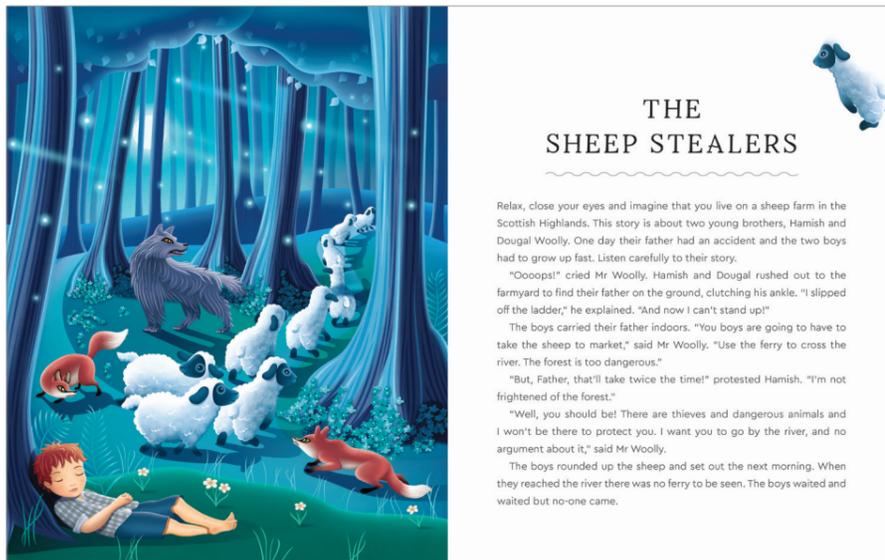
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The Buddha's Apprentice at Bedtime

18 Mindful Tales of Kindness and Compassion to Share Before Bed
By **Dharmachari Nagaraja**

A refreshed edition of another *Buddha at Bedtime* anthology, with a pending new cover – drawing on the success of the series, which has sold over 200,000 copies worldwide.

Perfect bedtime reads for the whole family, these 18 stories all tie into the Eightfold Noble Path and introduce talking elephants, magical trees, monkey thieves and more. Each story will foster kindness, compassion and other important Buddhist values for budding Buddhist apprentices.



THE SHEEP STEALERS

Relax, close your eyes and imagine that you live on a sheep farm in the Scottish Highlands. This story is about two young brothers, Hamish and Dougal Woolly. One day their father had an accident and the two boys had to grow up fast. Listen carefully to their story.

"Oooops!" cried Mr Woolly. Hamish and Dougal rushed out to the farmyard to find their father on the ground, clutching his ankle. "I slipped off the ladder," he explained. "And now I can't stand up!"

The boys carried their father indoors. "You boys are going to have to take the sheep to market," said Mr Woolly. "Use the ferry to cross the river. The forest is too dangerous."

"But, Father, that'll take twice the time!" protested Hamish. "I'm not frightened of the forest."

"Well, you should be! There are thieves and dangerous animals and I won't be there to protect you. I want you to go by the river, and no argument about it," said Mr Woolly.

The boys rounded up the sheep and set out the next morning. When they reached the river there was no ferry to be seen. The boys waited and waited but no-one came.



The Magic Moonlight Tree

Relax, close your eyes and picture yourself in a steamy tropical jungle. This tale is about two young gibbons called Ginger and Snapp, who one day made a great discovery. Would you like to know what it was? Listen carefully to their story.

"Wow!" exclaimed Ginger. The two gibbons were staring up open-mouthed at an enormous tree, unlike any they'd seen before. The majestic tree stood on the edge of a deep ravine. Its leaves were vivid blue and shaped like stars and its branches were heavy with shiny oval fruits the colour of a silvery moon.

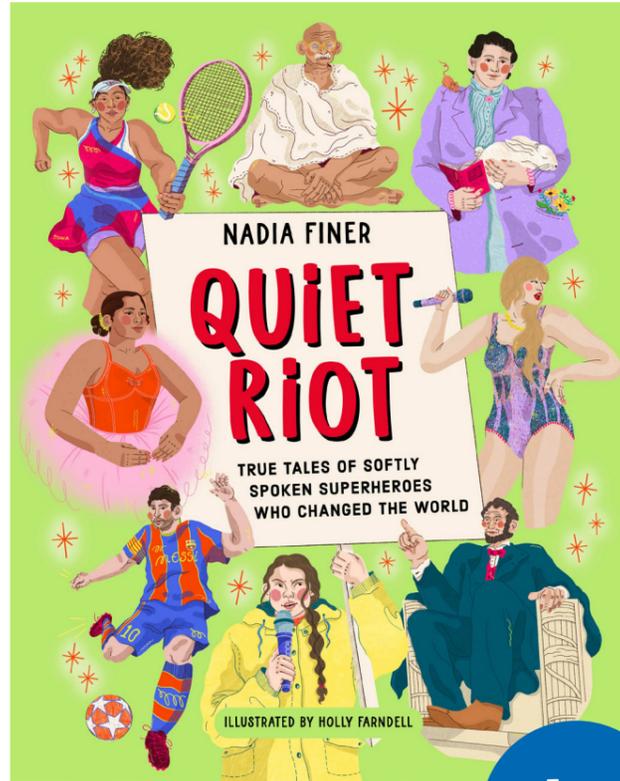
Ginger reached up and a fruit came free with a "pop!"

Ginger and Snapp sniffed at it curiously.

"Do you think it's poisonous?" asked Snapp.

"I don't know," said Ginger. "It smells delicious."

"I think we should take it to Queen Echa," Snapp suggested. "She knows absolutely everything. She'll be able to tell us if it's safe to eat."



Age 7+

29 April 2025

CHILDREN'S/TEENAGE PERSONAL AND SOCIAL TOPICS: **Self-awareness and Self-esteem (YXD)**

UK HBK | 9781917194020 | £16.99
 US/CAN HBK | 9781786788436 | \$25.95/\$34.95
 EBOOK | 9781786789211 | £7.99/\$9.99/CAN \$11.99

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Quiet Riot

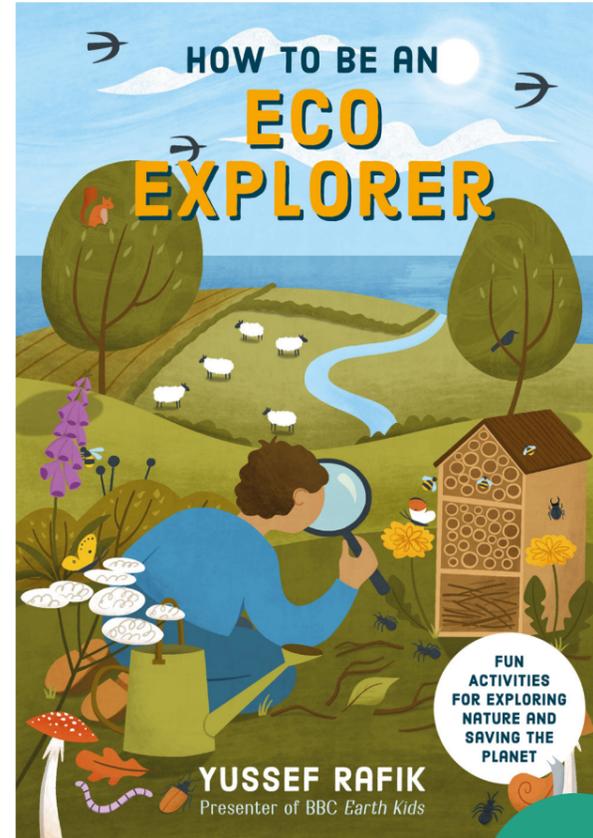
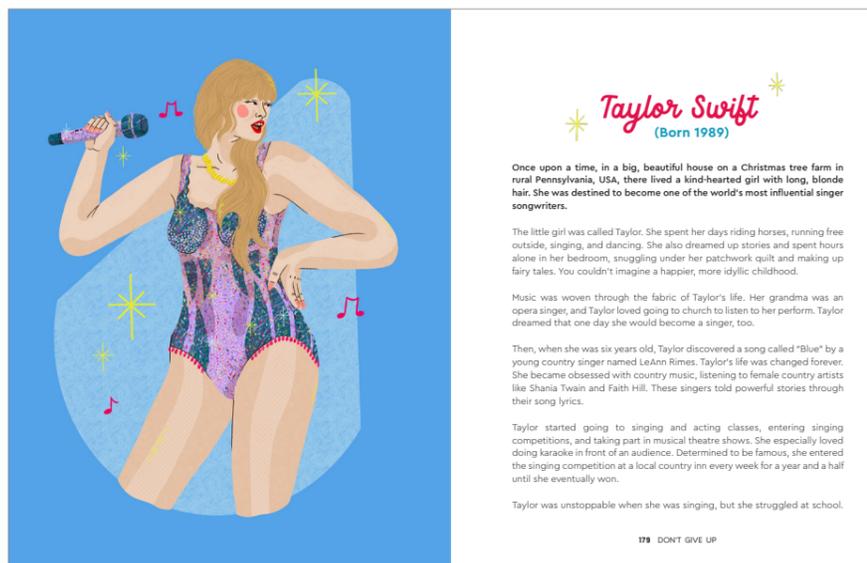
True Tales of Shy Superheroes Who Changed the World

By **Nadia Finer**

Illustrated by **Holly Farnell**

40 extraordinary stories of shy famous people and all they've achieved, to inspire current shy children they can be and do whatever they want!

Quiet Riot shares the triumphs and successes of shy people from all over the world and all kinds of backgrounds, including athletes, writers, explorers, inventors, artists, singers and activists. From Ghandi to Taylor Swift, this book aims to help shy readers speak up, stand up for their beliefs and follow their dreams.



Age 7-10

27 May 2025

CHILDREN'S/TEENAGE GENERAL INTEREST: **Nature, Animals, the Natural World (YNN)**

UK HBK | 9781917194037 | £14.99
 US/CAN HBK | 9781786788696 | \$20.00/\$27.99
 UK EBOOK | 9781917194266 | £6.99
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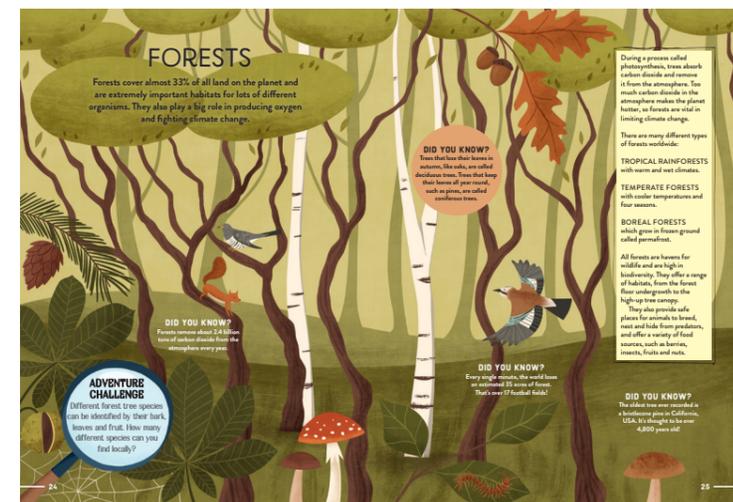
How to Be an Eco Explorer

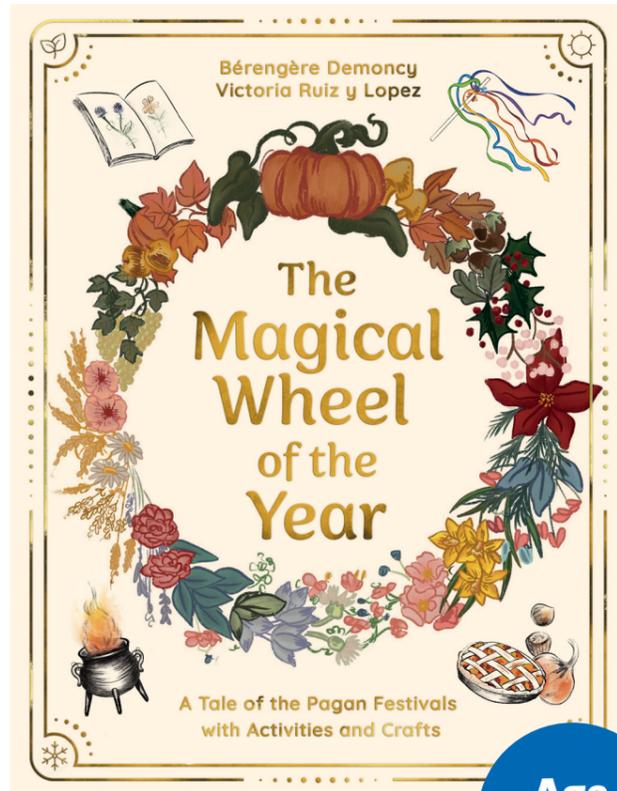
Fun Activities for Exploring Nature and Saving the Planet

By **Yusef Rafik**

This is the perfect book for young people feeling anxious about the environment who want to get outside, have fun and learn about the world around them.

Explore 10 important ecosystems – from rainforests to deserts and grasslands to coasts – learning fascinating nature facts and doing planet-saving activities. Meet habitat heroes such as pond snails and cellar spiders, and learn how to make your own rainwater harvester or bathyscope for spying critters underwater!





**Age
6-9**

3 June 2025

CHILDREN'S/TEENAGE GENERAL INTEREST:
Spiritual Beliefs, Religions, Sacred Histories and Traditions (YNRR)

UK HBK | 9781917194099 | £14.99
US/CAN HBK | 9781786789396 | \$20.95/\$27.99
UK EBOOK | 9781917194273 | £7.99
US/CAN EBOOK | 9781786789402 | \$9.99/\$13.95

Specifications

Trim: 225 x 175 mm | 7 x 9 in
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The Magical Wheel of the Year

A Tale of the Pagan Festivals with Activities & Rituals
By **Bérengère Demoncey** and **Victoria Ruiz y Lopez**

Join sisters Selene and Gaia on a magical journey through the Wheel of the Year from Samhain to Beltane.

With a pinch of magic, this fictional story is the perfect introduction to the 8 seasonal festivals of the Pagan year, getting them excited about nature and discovering the magic of the seasons.

Featuring 40 easy-to-do, fun activities and rituals to help families celebrate each event on the wheel, as well as factual information about each event.



**Age
7-11**

26 August 2025

CHILDREN'S FICTION:
Nature and Animal Stories (YFP)

UK HBK | 9781917194211 | £14.99
US/CAN HBK | 9781917194006 | \$20.00/\$27.99
UK EBOOK | 9781917194280 | £7.99
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Specifications

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Finishes:
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**"Utterly beguiling"
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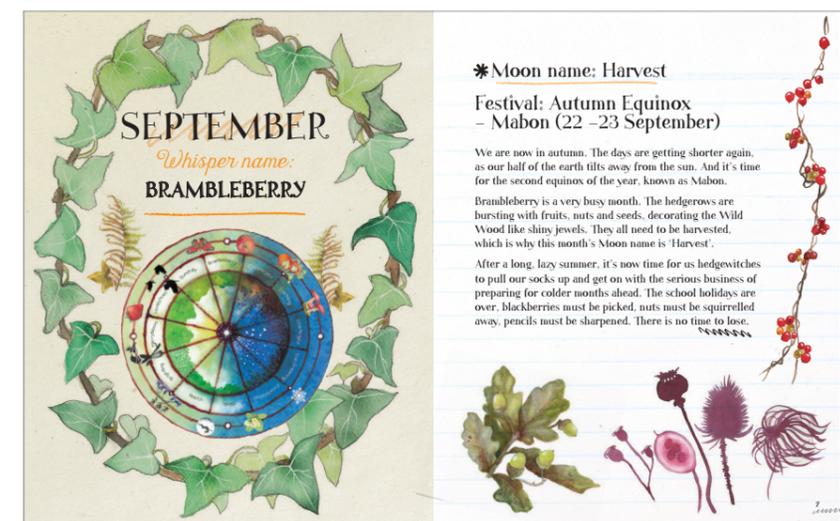
Hettie Nettle's Handbook for Hedgewitches

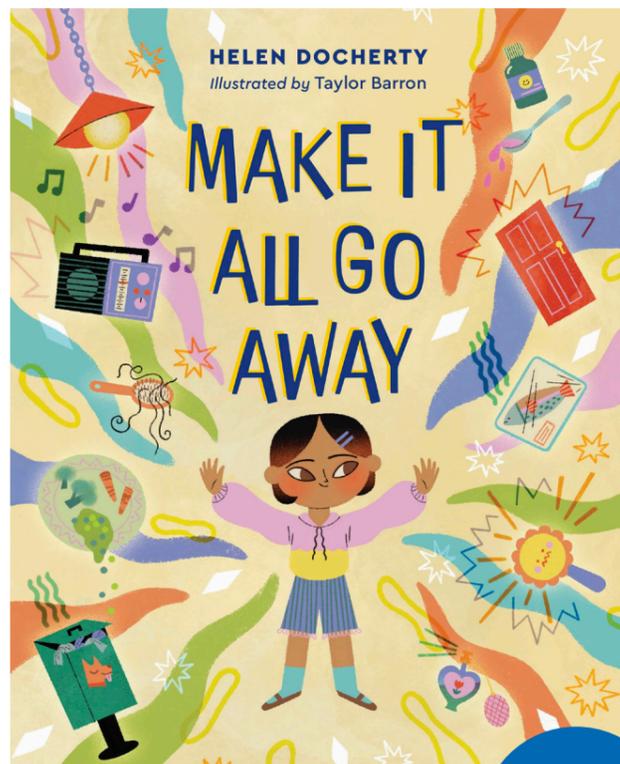
Written and illustrated by **Claire Barker**

Discover Hettie Nettle's secret notebook about the Wild Wood in this fictional guide to becoming a hedgewitch - a magical guardian of nature.

Filled with enchanting watercolor illustrations of the amazing things Hettie finds and the magical beings she encounters, this stunning book reveals each month's whisper name, to-do list, celebrity interviews, spells, riddles and seasonal stories.

**"A lovely book that will be much treasured."
- Sir Michael Morpurgo**





Age
4-8

30 September 2025

CHILDREN'S FICTION:
Compassion, Empathy and Kindness (YXEJ)

HBK | 9781917194075 | £12.99/\$18.95/CAN\$24.95
EBOOK | 9781917194082 | £5.99/\$7.99/CAN\$10.99

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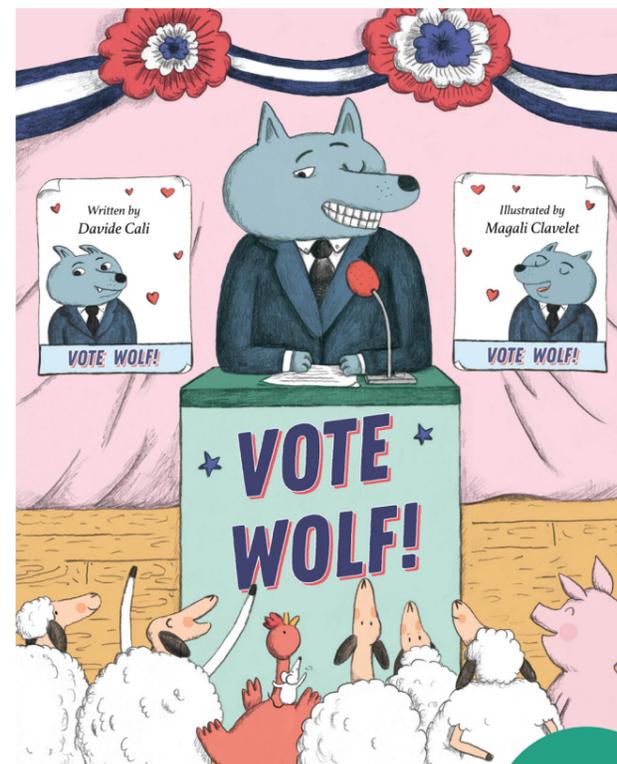
Make It All Go Away

By **Helen Docherty**
Illustrated by **Taylor Barron**

From the award-winning author of *The Snatchabook*, a heartwarming story about how to self soothe when you feel overwhelmed.

Join Melodie on a day out with her family as she gets progressively overwhelmed with the sounds, smells, sights and more.

Inspired by the author's daughter's experiences of sensory overload, this rhyming picture book is the perfect book for neurodivergent young readers. Featuring informative backmatter on key terms such as masking, stims and sensory overload.



Age
4-8

28 October 2025

CHILDREN'S FICTION:
Politics and Government (YNKA)

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Vote Wolf

By **Davide Cali**
Illustrated by **Magali Clavelet**

With a fresh take on the Big Bad Wolf, a topical narrative twist and a lot of playful satire, this hilarious picture book is the perfect introduction to how elections work.

It's election time at the farm and this year the new guy - George Wolf - is everyone's favorite. Mr Wolf is charming, likeable and very funny. But when he's elected, sheep start to go missing and George Wolf's team look very suspicious...

Vote Wolf is a witty picture book that introduces politics and the unreliability of the media to young readers aged 4-8.



THIS BOOK IS ABOUT NOTHING



by Marco Anderson
Illustrated by Erica Salcedo

Age 3-6

25 November 2025

CHILDREN'S/TEENAGE PERSONAL AND SOCIAL TOPICS: **First/new experiences and life changes (YXW)**

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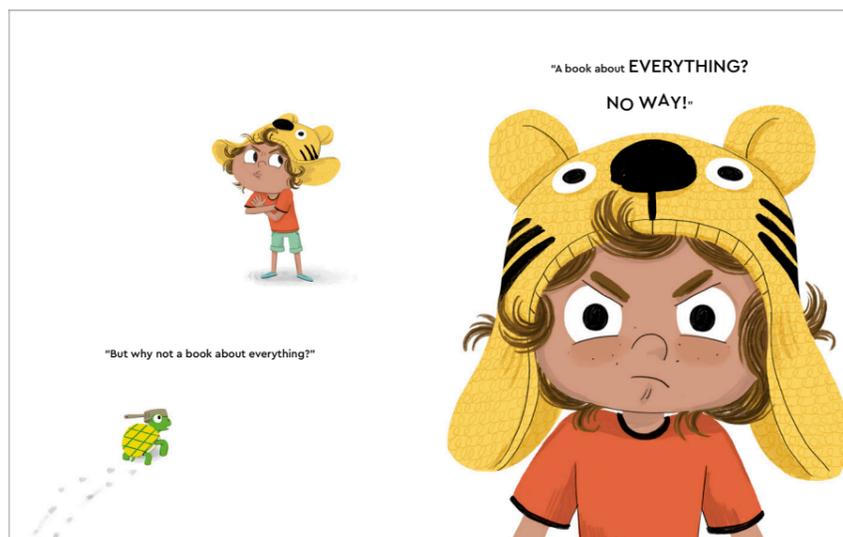
This Book is About Nothing

By **Marco Anderson**

Illustrated by **Erica Salcedo**

A hilarious and colorful picture book debut from 14-year-old Marco Anderson about an introverted child's unique journey to making new friends.

This book is about NOTHING! Zilch, zero, absolutely nothing. Rio is adamant that his story will be peaceful and uninterrupted. The only thing is... more and more characters want to come into the book, leading to, of course, chaos! From dragons with magician's hats to unicorns who can play the piano, this hilarious story teaches children that not everything goes to plan.



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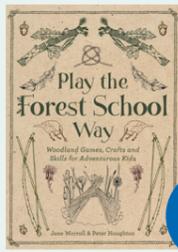
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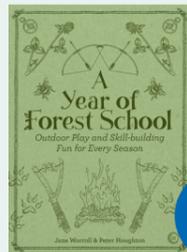


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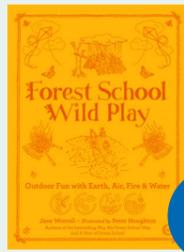
Age 3+

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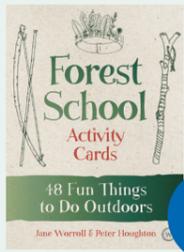
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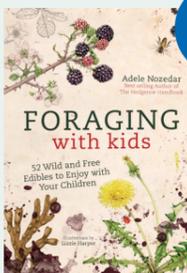
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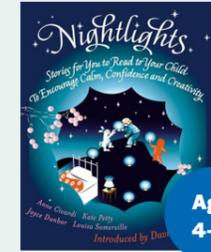
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Bedtime, Dreams & Sleep



Age 4-8

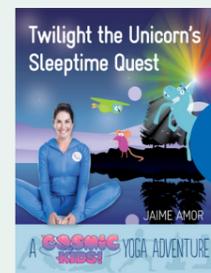
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Age 4-8

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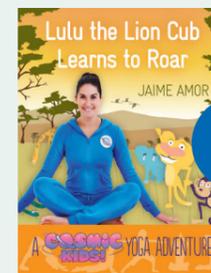
Age 3-6

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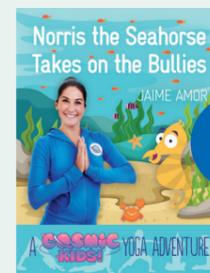
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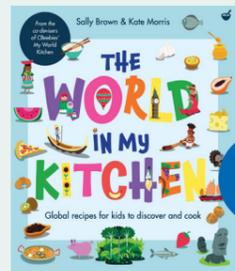
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