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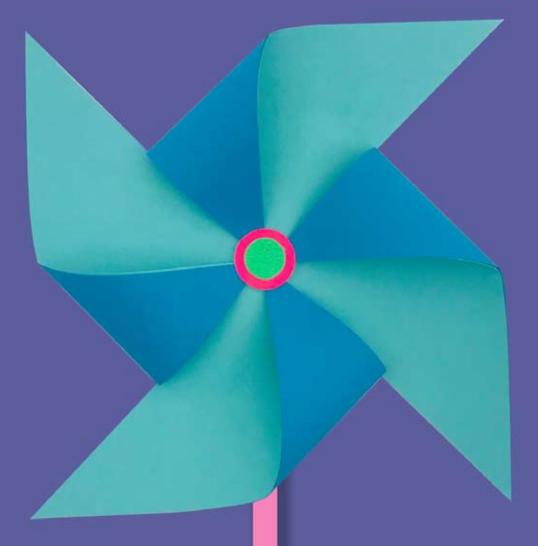
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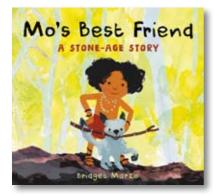


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Mo's Best Friend A Stone-Age Story

Bridget Marzo



A charming story of a Stone-Age family who discover the first dog - inspired by real prehistoric cave discoveries

hen Mo makes friends with a little wild beast, her family are horrified – wild beasts are dangerous. But could this wild beast save baby Babba from a hungry lynx and become a friend to the whole family?

And then what would they call him? DOG! This delightful, heart-warming story about a Stone-Age family and the first dog is inspired by the amazing, recent discovery of a child's footprint alongside a dog's pawprint in the Chauvet cave in France – from 26,000 years ago!

BRIDGET MARZO has a Catalan mother and an English father. She graduated from Kings College, Cambridge and went on to study at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris. For many years she lived and worked in France. Her first children's books were published in 1990 and her books have been published all over the world. She is an active member of SCBWI, and enjoys giving workshops in illustration to schools and other organisations. She divides her time between France and Cambridge.

The Boy Who Loves to Lick the Wind

Fiona Carswell Illustrated by Yu Rong



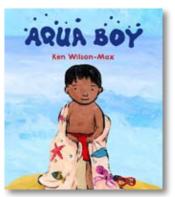
A touching, inclusive story of friendship, told and illustrated with warmth and empathy

he boy next door loves to lick the wind. "You should try it," says his mum. "All the best winds are at the beach."

And so begins an amazing afternoon by the sea for two boys. One doesn't always speak with words and likes throwing stones - the other likes to collect shells and make sandcastles. But the sea works its magic and by the end of the day the boys discover they both love to lick the wind - together.

FIONA CARSWELL is the mother of two boys – one autistic and the other neurotypical – and lives in East Lothian, Scotland. By day, she is a publicist in the Arts & Books sector and she writes occasionally for the Scottish press. Fiona flies the flag for Autism Awareness Week each year, giving readers a glimpse into a world they may know very little about. *The Boy Who Loves to Lick the Wind* is Fiona's first book.

YU LONG has degrees in Chinese Painting and Contemporary Art from Nanjing Normal University and in Communication and Design from the Royal College of Art, London. She has won numerous international awards. She was shortlisted for the 2022 Kate Greenaway Medal for *Shu Lin's Grandpa* (Otter-Barry Books). Yu Rong lives in Cambridgeshire. Ken Wilson-Max



An empowering story for young children about looking after the ocean and its wildlife





sland boy Aaron loves the sea. But he's a bit scared of going under the water.

Then one day Aaron finds an octopus stranded on the beach. And as he helps Dad return it to the water, something amazing happens... a moment of magic between the boy and the octopus.

Can Aaron lose his fear and go underwater? Maybe now he can help look after the sea creatures and be... Aqua Boy!

KEN WILSON-MAX, award-winning author and illustrator, was born in Zimbabwe. He came to the UK to study design and then worked in children's publishing. He has written and illustrated over 70 books, including the acclaimed *Lenny* preschool series, *Astro Girl* and *Eco Girl*. He spends much time visiting schools and libraries, creating workshops and delivering exhibitions. Ken lives in north London.

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I Really, Really Don't Like Parties

Angie Morgan



A funny, heartwarming story about being brave enough to be different - and to be yourself

ora really, really doesn't like parties! They are too loud and too busy. Maybe she won't have to go if a gorilla steals her party dress or if a giant frog eats her shoe!

But...what if Dora could find a nice quiet place at the party, and someone else who doesn't like noisy parties? Then they could have a lovely time in their own way. and that would be...absolutely, completely, totally and perfectly OK!



ANGLE MORGAN was born in Bristol and trained in Graphic Art at Goldsmiths' College, London. Her previous picture books include *Daisy's Big Dig, Enormouse* and the *Shouty Arthur* series. Her first book for Otter-Barry Books was *Small Stanley's Big List of Scary Stuff.* Her images are collage-style, using pastels and watercolour with scanned fabrics and textures. Angie lives near Bath.

Love Is All We Need

Krina Patel-Sage



A beautiful picture book about all the different ways we can show love and care for each other

ove leads the way, showing us what to do. You're loved as you are, just for being YOU.

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Follow six children and their families as they give and receive love at home and at school – showing how, truly, love is all we need. This joyful, hopeful book, celebrating empathy and kindness, is perfect for sharing.

KRINA PATEL-SAGE is an illustrator, author and designer. In 2018 she was shortlisted for Penguin's WriteNow illustration prize. She wrote and illustrated *My Mindful Book of Zen*, and illustrated *Caterpillar Cake* by Matt Goodfellow for Otter-Barry Books. Krina lives in west London.

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This is Happy!

Anna Ross Illustrated by Debi Gliori



A beautiful picture book from an acclaimed illustrator about finding happiness in small things



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We just have to slow down, pause and find our Happy.

Paint rainbow skies, plant seeds, smell the earth after it's been woken up by raindrops, jump in puddles, stargaze on dark evenings, dance your heart out, share a book – and at the end of the day cuddle up and let yourself be held by arms that feel like home. This is Happy. Where do you find yours?

The lyrical story and beautiful illustrations encourage children to slow down and use all their senses to notice and enjoy the natural world. Happiness is truly all around us.





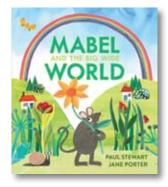


ANNA ROSS is a writer and editor, living in Bristol. *This is Happy* is her first book for Otter-Barry Books.

DENT GLIONI is a Scottish writer and illustrator with more than seventy books to her name and an international following. Her most recent book for Otter-Barry Books is *A Cat Called Waverley*, winner of the 7-11 Fiction Award in the 2022 English 4-11 Picture book Awards. She lives near Haddington, in Scotland.

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Paul Stewart Illustrated by Jane Porter



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PAUL STEWART is an internationally bestselling children's author. With Chris Riddell he is co-creator of *The Edge Chronicles*, published in over 30 languages. His picture book stories, with Jane Porter, for Otter-Barry Books are *Wings!*, *Brian the Brave*, and *A Little Bit of Hush*. Paul lives in Brighton.

JANE PORTER is a past winner of the London Book Fair Illustration Prize. She uses pen and inks and collage techniques to make images that reflect her love of animals and the country-side. Jane lives in south London.

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Protecting Animal Pathways Around the World

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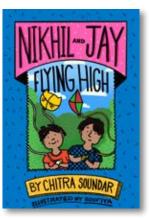
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CATHERINE BARR is a leading author on science and nature topics for young children. Her previous books for Otter-Barry are *Red Alert, Invisible Nature*, (winner of the *Teach Primary* science book prize) and most recently *Water* (2022). Catherine lives near Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

CHRISTIANE ENGEL has a BA in children's art and an MA in Children's Illustration. She works with soft pencil, acrylics, watercolour and digital media. Her first book for Otter-Barry Books was *Water.* Christiane lives in Kent.

Nikhil and Jay Flying High

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CHITRA SOUNDAR is celebrated as a writer and storyteller for children. Born in Chennai, she has written over 40 books, including *Pattan's Pumpkin* (illustrated by Frané Lessac) for Otter-Barry Books, and the Nikhil and Jay series. The series is inspired by Chitra's two nephews and their real experiences within their blended family. Chitra divides her time between south London and Chennai, India.

Source is a visual artist and illustrator of the Nikhil and Jay books. Soofiya's work explores ideas around race, gender and bodies. Clients include Tate Britain, Mayor of London, Hachette, BBC, Nike and many more. They live close to the sea and like to spend weekends painting and taking care of their plants.

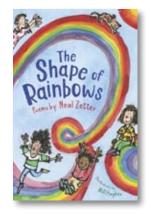
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NEAL ZETTER is a comedy performance poet, children's author (of nine poetry books), and entertainer with vast experience in communication management and mentoring. He uses his interactive, rhythmic, rhyming poetry to develop literacy, confidence, creativity and communication in everyone from age 3 to 103. His first poetry collection for Otter-Barry Books was *The Universal Zoo*. He lives in London.

WILL HUGHES is an illustrator and author of children's books, including Neal Zetter's *The Universal Zoo.* He studied at Hereford College of Art followed by a first-class degree in Illustration at the University of Edinburgh. He was chosen for the 2018-19 Picture Hooks mentoring scheme. He lives in Malvern, Worcestershire.

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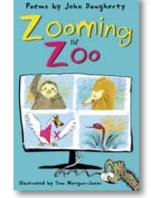
JOSEPH COELHO is the Waterstones Children's Laureate, 2022-24. He has long been involved in mentoring young poets of promise, working with Apples and Snakes, whose special mission is to promote spoken-word poetry from under-represented communities.

RUTHINE BURTON completed the Inaugural Pathways Into Children's Publishing in 2021. Her parents came originally from Dominica and French Guiana. She has worked as a pavement portrait artist and in the games industry. Ruthine is one of the three illustrators featured in *Our Rights*. Ruthine lives in south-west London.

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JOHN DOUGHERTY was born in Larne, Northern Ireland. He became a primary teacher, but is now a full-time writer and performer, with over 40 books published. He is a favourite visitor to school and library workshops and has performed at book fairs and festivals from Swindon to Sydney. He lives in Stroud, Gloucestershire.

TON MORGAN-JONES illustrated John's previous collection for Otter-Barry Books, *Dinosaurs and Dinner Ladies.* A professional illustrator, author, events artist and inky hand-letterist, he has illustrated over 75 books and series for children. He lives in Edinburgh.

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OLIVER SYKES grew up on a council estate in Derbyshire. A former amateur boxer and qualified boxing coach, since 2015 he has worked with Manchester-based Stories of Care, where he is now Lead Artist and Producer. His debut story, *Alfie's First Fight*, illustrated by Ian Morris, won the 'Illustrated Young Reader' category at the 2023 Children's Literature Festivals Book Awards. A theatre adaptation went on a national tour of England in 2022. Oliver lives in Manchester.

IAN MORRIS has a Master's degree in Illustration from Manchester School of Art. He has been nominated for the Carnegie Illustration Medal 2023 and longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize 2022. Ian is enthusiastic about encouraging reading and drawing in young children and is a Literacy Champion with the National Literacy Trust for Manchester Central Library. He lives in Manchester.

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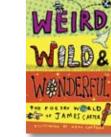
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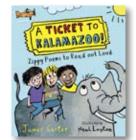
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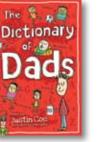
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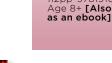
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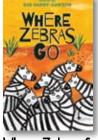


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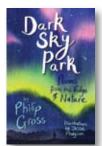
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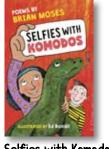


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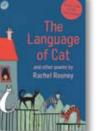
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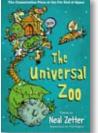
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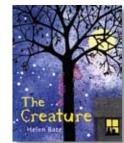
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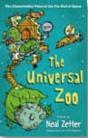
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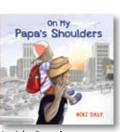
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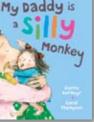
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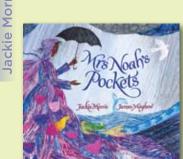
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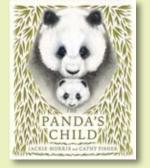
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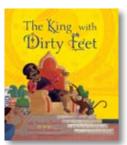
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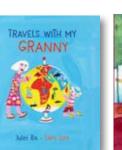
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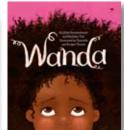


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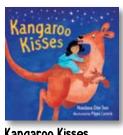
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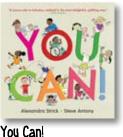


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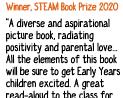
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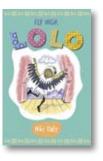
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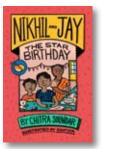
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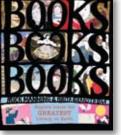
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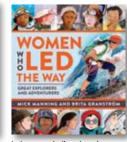
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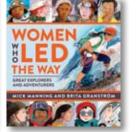


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