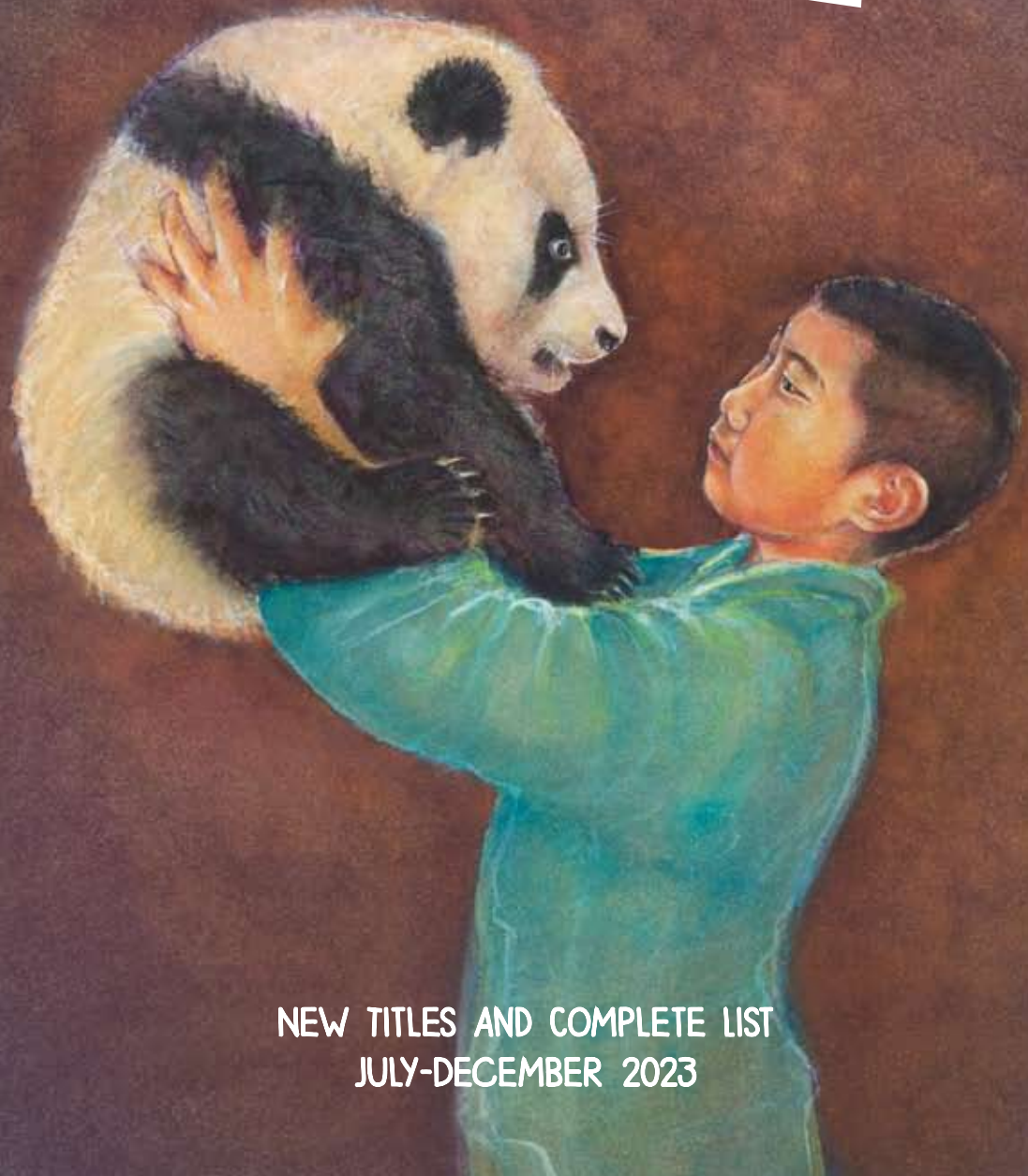


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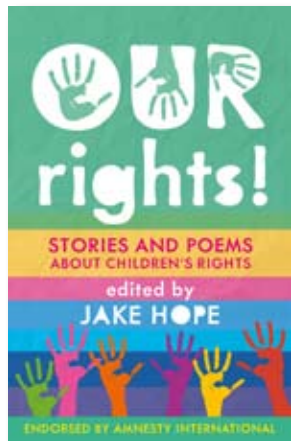
# Our Rights!

Stories and Poems About Children's Rights

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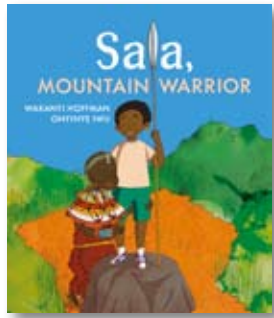
**J**ake Hope, a leading authority on contemporary children's literature, has chosen stories from Cathy Cassidy, Maisie Chan, Joseph Coelho, AM Dassu, Anne Fine, Paul Jennings, Elizabeth Laird and Chitra Soundar; and poems from Valerie Bloom, Sita Brahmachari, Dom Conlon, Nicola Davies, Jamila Gavin, Morris Gleitzman, CG Moore, Jackie Morris, Beverley Naidoo, RR O'Neill, Rashmi Sirdeshpande, Jordan Stephens and Benjamin Zephaniah.

**JAKE HOPE** is Chair of the Working Party on Diversity and Inclusion for the Yoto Carnegie Awards. He has judged or chaired numerous awards, including the Costa Children's Fiction Prize, and has been a jury member on the Bologna Ragazzi award. He lives in Preston, Lancashire.

**RUTHINE BURTON, CHIH-AN CHEN,** and **HABIBA NABISUBI** have just graduated from the Pop-Up Pathways project, a national initiative sponsored by the Arts Council, that develops emerging illustrators from under-represented groups.

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Illustrated by Onyinye Iwu



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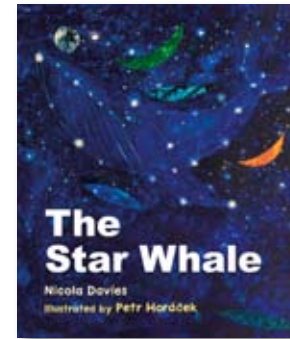
**WAKANYI HOFFMAN** was born in Kenya and recalls visiting her grandmother's home, with snow-capped Mount Kenya in the background, and listening to stories that not only entertained but told her about the world. Wakanyi is a storyteller, author, journalist and keeper of indigenous wisdom. She is the author of many online stories and of *The Twelve Days of Christmas Safari*, published by the African Folktales Project. Wakanyi has lived in many countries and calls herself a 'multicultural nomad'. She lives in the Netherlands.

**ONYINYE IWU** is a secondary school teacher and freelance illustrator. She was born in Italy to Nigerian parents and moved to Britain as a teenager. She has a degree in Architecture and a Masters in Cultural Diaspora Ethnicity. Her work as an illustrator is inspired by Africa and especially her Igbo heritage. She is the illustrator of the *Too Small Tola* books by Atinuke. Onyinye lives in London.

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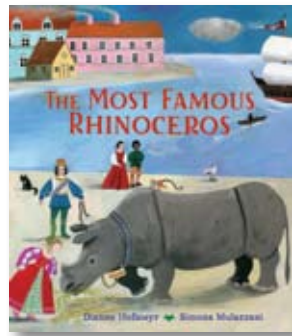
**NICOLA DAVIES** is the author of more than 80 books for children and young people, including poetry, non-fiction, picture books and novels. Her work has been published in more than 10 different languages and won awards all over the world. *The Star Whale* is her third collaboration with Petr Horáček. Their first, *A First Book Of Animals*, was shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway medal. Nicola lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales.

**PETR HORÁČEK** was born in Prague and studied at the Academy of Fine Art. He moved to the UK in 1994 and his first picture books were published in 2001. He has won many international awards. His other books for Otter-Barry Books are *The Last Tiger* and *The Perfect Present*, nominated for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration. Petr lives in Worcestershire.

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A moving and beautiful story inspired by a work of art, Albrecht Dürer's celebrated woodcut print of the rhinoceros sent from India to Portugal in 1515

Princess Beatrix is excited to meet the amazing one-horned creature that has been sent as a gift to her father, the King of Portugal. Could it be a unicorn?

But the new animal is not a unicorn – it's a rhinoceros called Genda, who has travelled all the way from India, and Beatrix immediately loves him. She becomes Genda's friend and protector, and is determined to persuade her father the King that this wild creature should be returned to his jungle home.

This poignant story is inspired by the real rhinoceros depicted in 1515 by Albrecht Dürer in his world-famous woodcut, which can still be seen today.

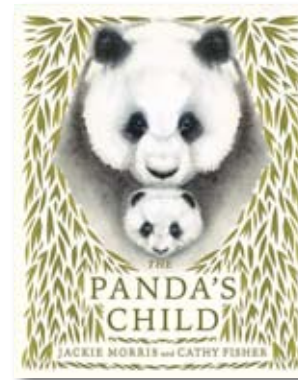
**DIANNE HOFMEYR** grew up on the tip of southern Africa. Her acclaimed picture books are translated into more than 18 languages and include *The Magic Bojabi Tree* (with Piet Grobler), *Zeraffa Giraffa* (with Jane Ray), *My Daddy is a Silly Monkey* (with Carol Thompson) and *Tiger Walk* (with Jesse Hodgson). Her most recent book is *Storm Dragon* (with Carol Thompson). Dianne lives in London.

**SIMONA MULAZZANI** is one of Italy's leading children's book illustrators, winner of the Society of Illustrators silver medal, the Italian Andersen Prize and the Emanuele Luzzati Illustration prize. She has illustrated over 90 books, published all over the world. Simona lives in Pesaro, Italy.

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In a faraway forest a baby is lost and found, protected by a she-panda. Nine years later another baby, the panda's child, is in great danger, and only a boy and the spirit of the forest can save him.

This magical, powerful story by Jackie Morris, co-creator of *The Lost Words*, and award-winning illustrator Cathy Fisher, is a book for all ages to treasure, exploring our most vital connection with wild nature.

**JACKIE MORRIS'S** almost uncanny ability to draw and paint living landscapes and wildlife began around the age of six when she watched her father draw a lapwing and wanted to learn the same magic. Born in Birmingham, she grew up in Evesham, but has lived for a long time in Wales. As a writer and illustrator, her many books include *The Lost Words*, with Robert Macfarlane (Hamish Hamilton, 2017) and the three much-loved *Mrs Noah* books, *The Jackie Morris Book of Classic Nursery Rhymes* and *Something About a Bear* (Otter-Barry Books).

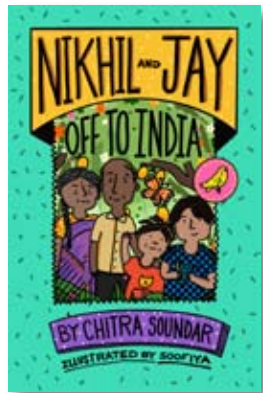
**CATHY FISHER** was born in Australia and grew up in Bath, England. Her art combines a deep connection with the natural world with a tender, insightful rendering of human emotion and behaviour. She has collaborated with Nicola Davies on eight books, including *Perfect* and *The Pond*, both longlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal. Cathy has lived and worked in the UK, the Seychelles and Australia, and now lives in Pembrokeshire, Wales.

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Off to India

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This third book in the Nikhil and Jay series is perfect for children moving on from picture books to longer stories, helped by Soofiya's lively and characterful illustrations.

**CHITRA SOUNDAR** is a well known and popular 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 first two titles in the *Nikhil and Jay* series: *Nikhil and Jay Save the Day* and *Nikhil and Jay: The Star Birthday*. The *Nikhil and Jay* books are inspired by Chitra's two nephews and their real experiences within their blended family. Chitra divides her time between south London and Chennai, India.

**SOOFIYA** is a visual artist and illustrator. Soofiya's work explores ideas around race, gender and bodies. Their illustration and design clients include Tate Britain, Mayor of London, Hachette, BBC, Nike and many more. Soofiya illustrated *Nikhil and Jay Save the Day* and *Nikhil and Jay: The Star Birthday*. They live close to the sea and like to spend weekends painting and taking care of their plants.

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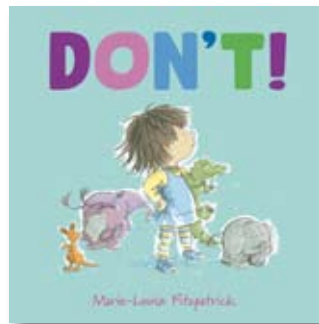
Former primary school teacher **MATT GOODFELLOW** is now a full-time poet who visits schools across the country with high-energy performances and workshops. His books include *Chicken on the Roof* and the CLIPPA-shortlisted *Caterpillar Cake* and he contributed to the CLIPPA-shortlisted *Being Me*. His picture book, *Shu-Lin's Grandpa*, illustrated by Yu Rong, was shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal. Matt lives in Stockport.

**JOE TODD-STANTON'S** picturebook *The Secret of Black Rock* was longlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Award and won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. His *Brownstone's Mythical Collection* series has been optioned by DreamWorks. In 2023, he was shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration for *The Comet*.

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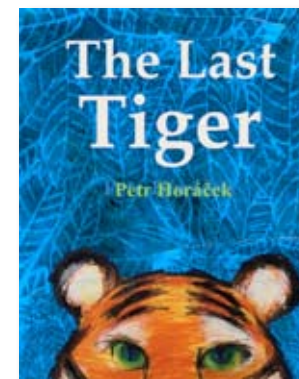
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**MARIE-LOUISE FITZPATRICK** is one of Ireland's leading children's writer-illustrators, highly acclaimed internationally. Her books for all ages have been published in over 20 countries. Her recent picture books include *I Can Make a Train Noise* and *Owl Bat Owl Bat Owl*, both of which were Junior Library Guild selections in the US. Her work has won no fewer than ten Children's Book Ireland Awards, been nominated for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal and shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal. She has been Ireland's nominee for both the Hans Christian Andersen Award and the Astrid Lindgren Award. She has participated in festivals and children's book events all over the world. She lives in Dublin, Ireland.

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**PETR HORÁČEK** has won many international awards as a creator of picture books. His glowing, expressive artwork is perfectly matched by words that speak directly to children. Petr was born in Prague and studied at the Academy of Fine Art. As a teenager he used to go out and paint in the woods, and his feeling for wild nature is very apparent in his illustrations. He moved to the UK in 1994 and his first picture books were published in 2001. He runs hugely popular workshops in schools and bookshops, and at book festivals. Petr also tutors students of illustration. His other books for Otter-Barry Books are *The Perfect Present*, nominated for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration and *The Star Whale*, with Nicola Davies. Petr lives in Worcester, UK.

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**CAROL THOMPSON** is internationally acclaimed as an illustrator of books for younger children, with an exceptional ability to see the world through their eyes. With over sixty books to her credit, she has won honours including the US Stonewall Honor Picture Book Award and *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year. She is a member of IBBY UK, sharing its commitment to diversity and inclusivity in children’s publishing. Carol lives in Leicestershire.

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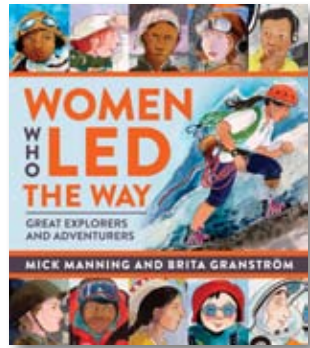
**KEN WILSON-MAX**, award-winning author and illustrator, was born in Zimbabwe. He came to the UK to study design and then worked in children’s publishing. He has written and illustrated over 70 books, including the acclaimed *Lenny* preschool series, *Astro Girl* and *Eco Girl*. He spends much time visiting schools and libraries, creating workshops and delivering exhibitions. He calls this ‘a great part of my job, the place where I learn the most’. Ken lives in north London.

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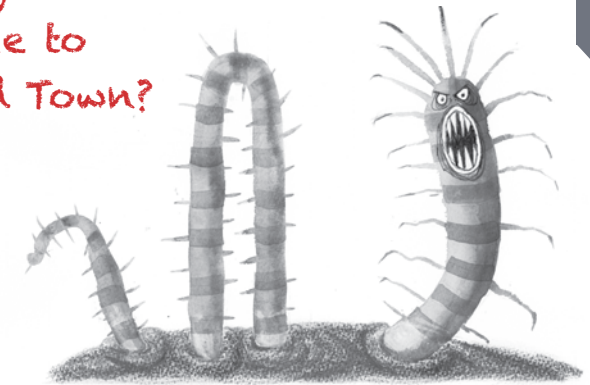
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**DOM CONLON** is a poet and author with a keen interest in science and the natural world. His previous books include *This Rock That Rock*, nominated for the Carnegie Medal in 2021 and the *Wild Wanderers* series of picture books about the natural world. *Welcome to Wild Town* is his first poetry collection for Otter-Barry Books. He lives in Lancashire.

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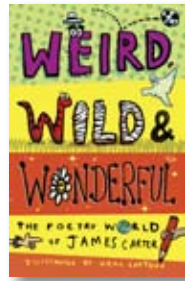




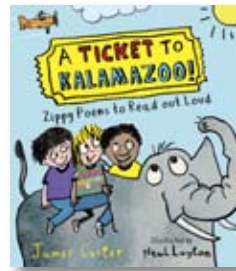
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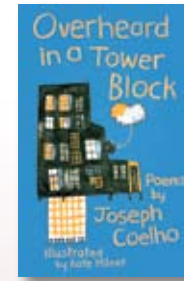
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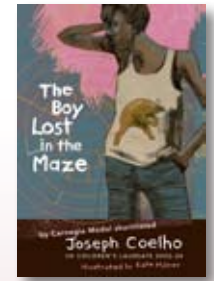
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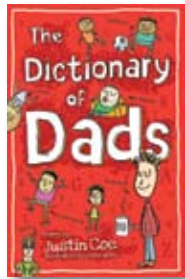
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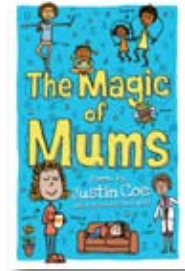
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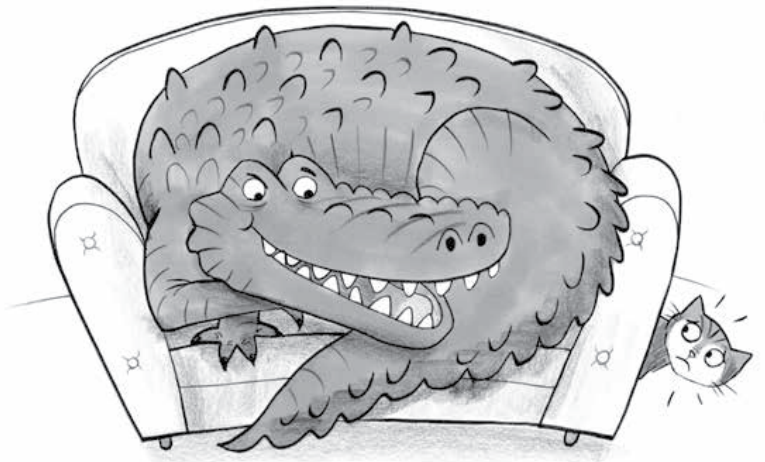
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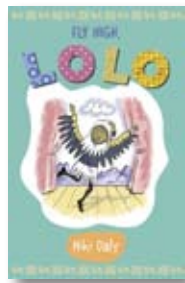
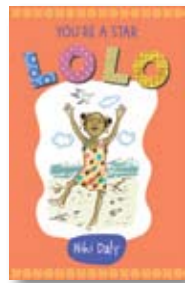
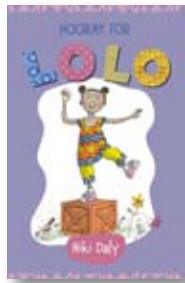
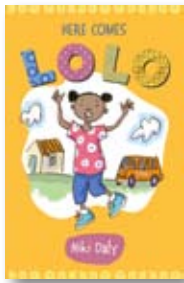












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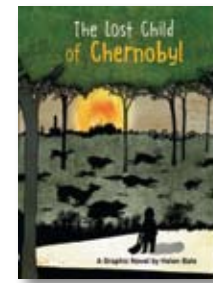
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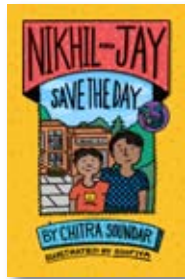


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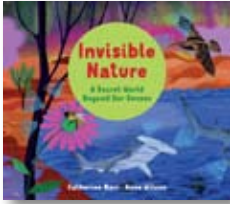
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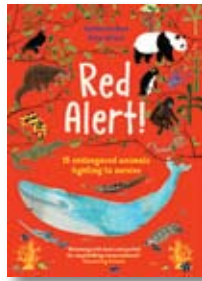
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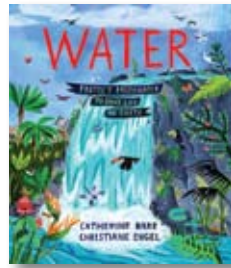
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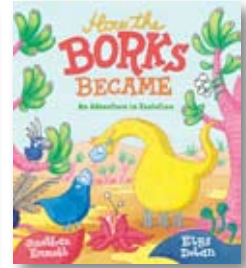


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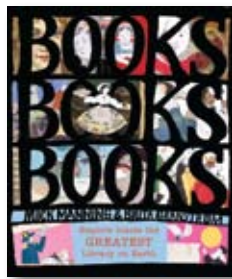
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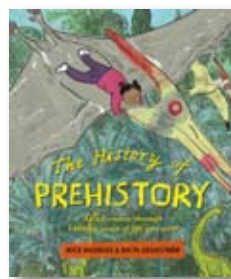


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