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# The Girl Who Became a Tree A Story Told in Poems

Joseph Coelho Illustrated by Kate Milner





Intense imaginative power combines with brilliant poetic technique in a major new work by one of the leading poets writing for young people.

aphne is unbearably sad and adrift. She seeks solace both in the security of her local library and the escape her phone screen provides. Trying to make sense of

what has happened, she recalls memories of shared times and stories past, and in facing the darkness she finds a way back from the tangle of fear and confusion, to feel connected once more with her friends and family. Joseph Coelho deploys a wide variety of poetic forms with consummate skill in his narration of events, seamlessly but searingly weaving together the ancient legend of Daphne, who was turned into a tree to avoid the attentions of the god Apollo, and a totally modern tale, mixing real life and fantasy, in which a latter-day Daphne seeks her own freedom.

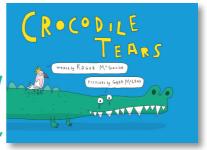
JOSEPH COELHO was brought up in a tower block in Roehampton, west London. His first poetry collection, Werewolf Club Rules, won the CLiPPA Award, and was followed by Overheard in a Tower Block (2017). Joseph is a staunch ambassador for Britain's straitened public libraries as well as a welcome performer at children's book events throughout the country. He lives in Kent.

KATE MILNER was a librarian before embarking on a new and very successful career as an illustrator and author. She is the illustrator of *Overheard in a Tower Block*. Her own first book, *My Name is Not Refugee* (2018), won the Klaus Flugge Prize. She lives in Bedfordshire.

# Crocodile Tears

Roger McGough
Illustrated by Greg McLeod

The crocodile said to the chimpanzee, "Chimpanzee, I want to be free. The jungle jangle's not for me."



rocodile says goodbye to the jungle and heads for the bright lights of London to find freedom and adventure. But despite the famous sights, city life on a stone-cold street begins to pall... Will crocodile tears become real tears for friends, family and home?

A fantastic picture book for reading aloud, from poetry legend Roger McGough and award-winning animator Greg McLeod.



**ROGER MCGOUGH CBE**, born in Liverpool in 1937, is in a class of his own among Britain's best-loved poets and entertainers. His rise to fame began as a member of The Scaffold, the pop music/poetry group whose best-remembered song is 'Lily the Pink'. He lives in Barnes, London.

GREG MCLEOD is an illustrator and animator, winner of an Association of Illustrators Gold Award for his work on the BBC comedy animation *Sticks*, and with numerous BAFTA nominations for his work for children. He lives in Stratford on Avon.

### Once Upon a Tune

Stories from the Orchestra

Written and illustrated by James Mayhew





A brilliantly-illustrated treasury of legends and stories behind some of the best-loved classical music.

Words, art and music come together in this splendid gift book. James Mayhew has picked six of the world's greatest and most listened-to orchestral pieces, to tell the stories which inspired their composers. The Sorcerer's Apprentice, The Flight of the Bumblebee, The Hall of the

Mountain King, William Tell, The Swan of Tuonela and Scheherazade take on a new richness for children, in combination with story and pictures. Also included are notes on the music and stories, and recommendations of James's favourite recordings of the pieces.



JAMES MATHEW, writer, artist and musician, is uniquely qualified to create this book, which brings all these abilities into play. He is also the presenter of sell-out concerts, working with major orchestras and doing live drawing on-stage to accompany the music. He is illustrator of *Mrs Noah's Pockets* (2018), nominated for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal. He lives in Suffolk, England.

For other books by James Mayhew, see pages 19 and 20.

### Storm Dragon

# Dianne Hofmeyr Illustrated by Carol Thompson Now March 2021



Storm! Storm!
Rain raps the window,
wind rattles the door.
"Let's hunt for storm dragons,"
says Grandpa.
"Watch out, dragons,
we're coming!"

own on the wild, windy beach, Grandpa and grandchild go looking for storm dragons. They find dragon footprints, dragon jewels, even a dragon baby. But what will happen when they find the REAL Storm Dragon?

Carol Thompson's illustrations perfectly capture the zesty, wind-blown atmosphere of this charming inter-generational story, full of fun, celebrating imaginative play and with lots of opportunities for repetitions, chants and shouts.

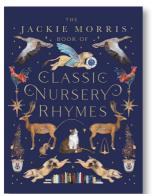
**DIANNE HOFMETN** grew up in South Africa. Her books on the Otter-Barry list include My Daddy is a Silly Monkey, Tiger Walk (also illustrated by Carol Thompson) and Fiddle-Dee-Dee! Dianne loves doing workshops with chidren and enjoys their creative responses. She lives in London.

**CAROL THOMPSON** is internationally acclaimed as an illustrator of books for young children. Her awards include the US Stonewall Honor Picture Book Award and *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year. She lives in Leicestershire, England.

For other books by Dianne Hofmeyr, see pages 9 and 18.

# The Jackie Morris Book of Classic Nursery Rhymes

Selected, introduced and illustrated by Jackie Morris



Simple, yet magical and mysterious, nursery rhymes

are among the treasures of the English language.

he loving detail of Jackie Morris's superb watercolour paintings opens them up for children to revel in their humour and timeless enchantment. Over 40 traditional rhymes are included, and Jackie Morris's new introduction is a spirited defence of their necessity and vitality in a digital world. Previously published as The Cat and the Fiddle, this new edition reflects the ever-growing appreciation of and demand for Jackie Morris's paintings.

A detailed set of notes to accompany the rhymes and paintings, by Eva John, will be freely available for downloading by readers and users of the book.

JACKIE MORKIS was awarded the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2019 for her illustrations in *The Lost Words*.

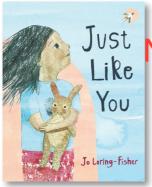
She is author of the *Mrs Noah* stories for Otter Barry Books and has written or illustrated many others. A frequent performer at book festivals and events, she also has a wide following on social media (www.jackiemorris.co.uk). Jackie Morris lives in Pembrokeshire. Wales.

See page 20 for other Jackie Morris titles



### Just Like You

Written and illustrated by Jo Loring-Fisher



# Just Now 14 Jan 2021

"Ive got two eyes. I've got two ears. I've got one mouth. And one nose."

ere is a little girl like other children everywhere. We don't know her name. Sometimes she's happy, sometimes she's sad. She likes to run, and loves to be cuddled. On the last page we see the one way she's different from most others: she lives in a refugee camp, in a tent on bare ground. But in every other way, she's "just like you". Written and illustrated with a sure ability to reach through to young children, this book brings the idea of togetherness vividly to life.



**JOLONING-FISHEN** studied illustration at Norwich School of Art (BA) and Cambridge School of Art (MA). She writes: "I am passionate about art and children's books, so it is wonderful to be able to spend my time combining the two." Jo illustrated Samuel Narh's *Maisie's Scrapbook* (2019) and *Just Like You* is her second book as author and illustrator, after *Taking Time* (2020). Jo lives in Bath, England.

# **Fearless**The Story of Daphne Caruana Galizia



#### Written and illustrated by Gattaldo



The life of this heroic woman journalist is an inspiration for people of all ages.

aphne had a happy childhood on the island of Malta. A lover of books, she always wanted to become a journalist. As a teenager, she joined in peaceful protests about the way her country was being mis-managed. Daphne's news stories uncovered organised crime and political corruption on an international scale. Her enemies tried to stop her in every way they could, but she refused to give up.

Daphne Caruana Galizia was killed by a car bomb on 16 October 2017. If her enemies thought that would be the end of her story, they were wrong. Her battle for honesty and justice in public life has become a vibrant example for everyone who believes in the rule of law and the victory of truth over concealment and lies.

GATTALDO was born in Malta and became an internationally-known art director and designer. A friend of Daphne's, he decided to write this book after telling her story to his own nephews and nieces. It is his first book for children. Gattaldo has homes in North London and Malta.

### Not in That Dress, Princess!

Wendy Meddour Now 4 March 2021



A rumbustious gender-challenging story

"A princess always must impress...
There are things we DON'T DO
in a dress"
So says the Queen – but Princess Bess
does not agree.

er brothers, the princes, can get as messy as they like. In a succession of rip-roaring scenes, the princess tears up the rules about what little girls in dresses can't do.

I can go on a safari in my dress,
I can eat calamari in my dress,
I can brush a lion's mane,
I can fly an aeroplane,
I can drive this Ferrari in my dress!
By the end, the two princes have

decided that so many exciting things can be done in a dress, they'd better have dresses too!

**WENDY MEDDOUR** is a best-selling writer for children. She is author of the internationally successful Wendy Quill series and her *A Hen in the Wardrobe* (2012) was selected by The Guardian as one of the 50 best culturally diverse books. She lives in Devon, England.

**CINDY WUME** was born in Taiwan. She came to Britain in 2014 and gained an MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art. Her first book, *The Best Sound in the World*, was published in 2018. Cindy lives in Taiwan.

# The King With Dirty Feet

Sally Pomme Clayton
Illustrated by Rhiannon Sandraw 14 Jan 2021



Winner of the Oxfordshire Best Picture Book Award 2019 From a master story-teller, the delightful Indian folk-tale of how shoes came to be invented.

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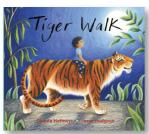
Nicolette Jones, Sunday Times

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# Tiger Walk Now 3 June 2021

Dianne Hofmeyr Illustrated by Jesse Hodgson

A lyrical story about overcoming fears, with superb illustrations.



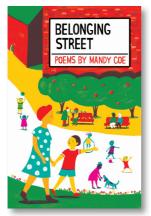
"... beautifully written and illustrated ... based on Henri Rousseau's painting Surprised (Tiger in a Tropical Storm). As well as teaching children about a love of art, it helps them address their fears as the tiger becomes a reassuring friend to Tom on a magical night-time adventure"

Discover Animals

## Belonging Street

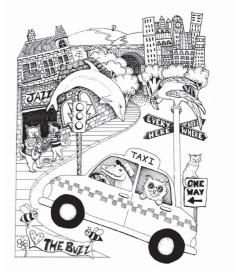
Poems and illustrations by Mandy Coe





A wide-ranging new collection from an exciting poet, encompassing the natural world, city life, family and belonging - suffused with warmth and empathy.

ook out for the tree that saved a town; dip your toe in the Milky Way; sing the City Seed Song; come home to Belonging Street ... Mandy Coe joins our poetry list with an eagerly-awaited second collection of poems for children. She writes: "Much of the book is a quest, a search for a sense of belonging, whether the searcher is a child, a tree-that-walks, the colour grey, or a butterfly ... It was wonderful to be both illustrator and writer, creating pictures full of poetry and poems full of pictures."



MANDY COE has published seven books for adults and children and her work has been featured on BBC radio and TV. She has twice been shortlisted for the CLPE Primary Poetry Award. Mandy also teaches poetry and is a Visiting Fellow of Manchester Metropolitan University's Writing School. She lives in Liverpool.

# Dear Ugly Sisters

and other poems

Laura Mucha Illustrated by Tania Rex

### A debut collection that fizzes with originality and wit.

riginal, dazzling and unconventional, here is a first solo collection from an outstanding new voice in children's poetry. Rich in surprises, with many shape- and puzzle-poems, its

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Go on a night flight, have a monster's lunch.





immerse vourself in birdsong. Shout out an Apatosaurus rap before checking out Alexander Fleming's petri dish. Warm humour and deeper notes of insight and empathy mingle in a wide range of poetic styles and forms, making a spectacular debut from a poet to watch.

LAUKA MUCHA studied psychology, philosophy, law and flying trapeze. She changed her career to become a writer after being hit by a car at the age of 29. Laura won the Caterpillar poetry prize in 2016. A frequent performer at poetry events and festivals, she is a member of the Children's Poetry Summit. Her most recent book for adults is the bestselling Love Factually (2019). Laura lives in North London.

TANIA KEX is a graduate of the Vilnius Academy of Arts, whose playful images stimulate children's imagination and creativity. She lives in Vilnius, Lithuania.

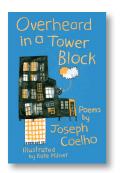


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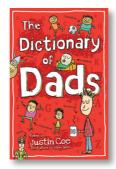
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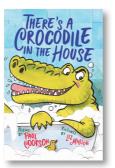


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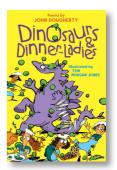


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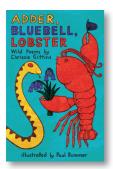


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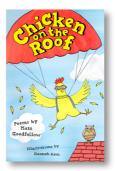
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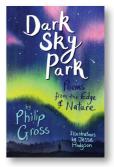
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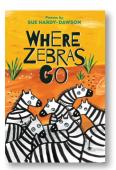
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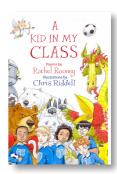


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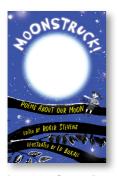
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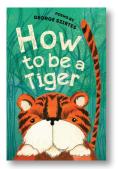


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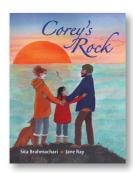
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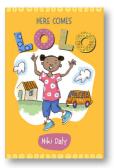
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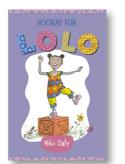
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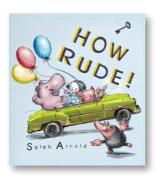
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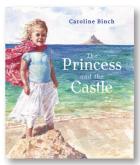
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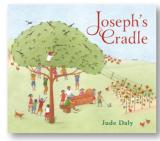
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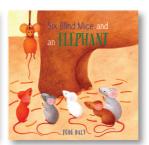
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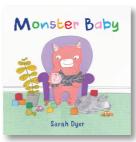


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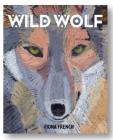
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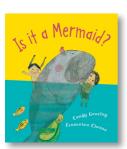
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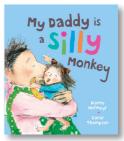
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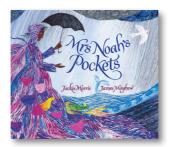
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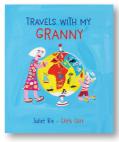
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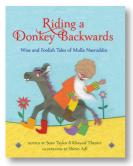
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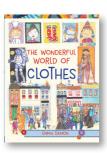
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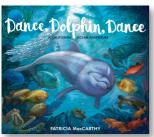
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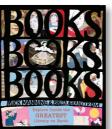
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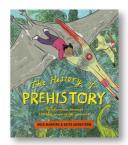
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