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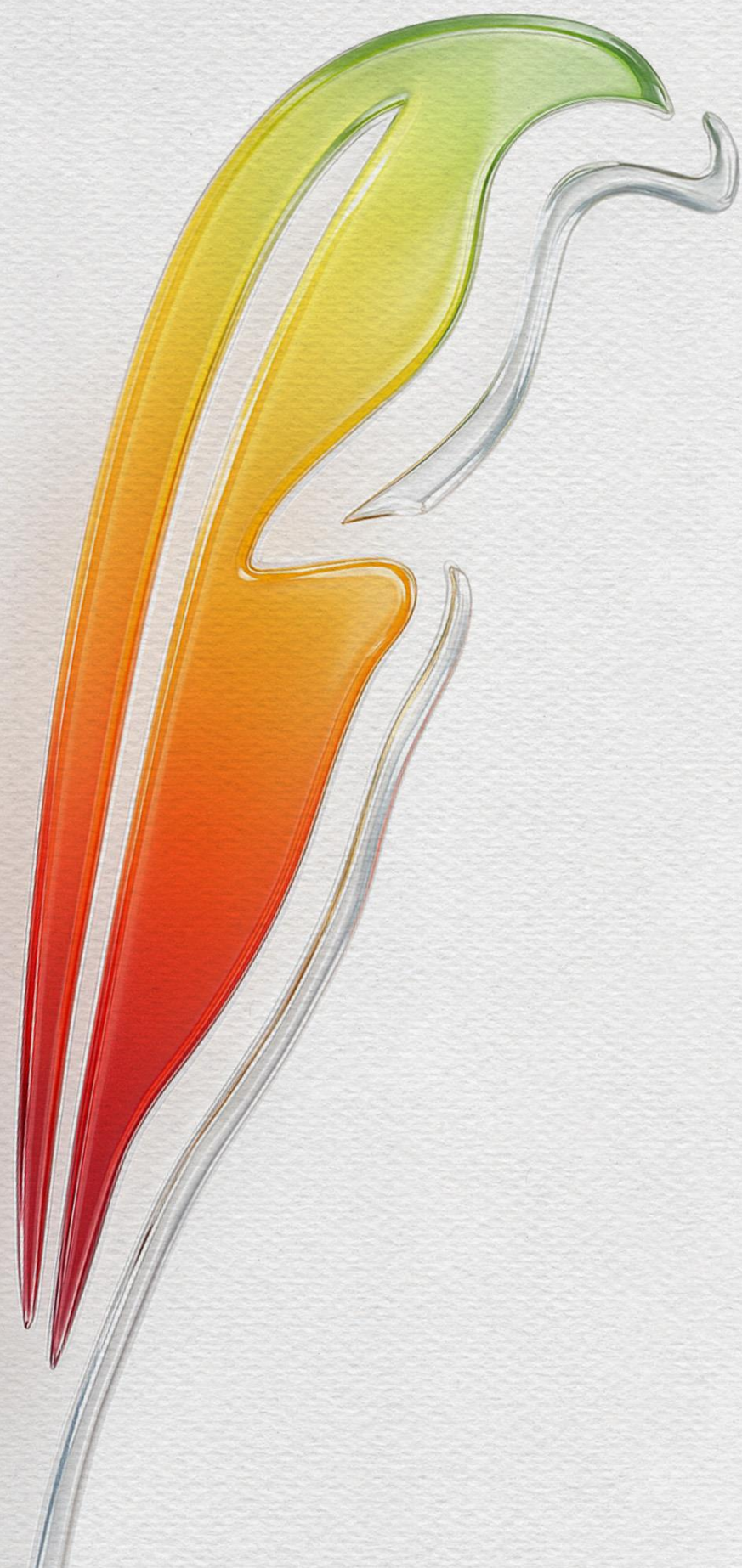
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CHILDREN'S

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THE TALE OF GOBY AND SNAPPY AND HOW TO BE HAPPY

BY EDEN AYASH

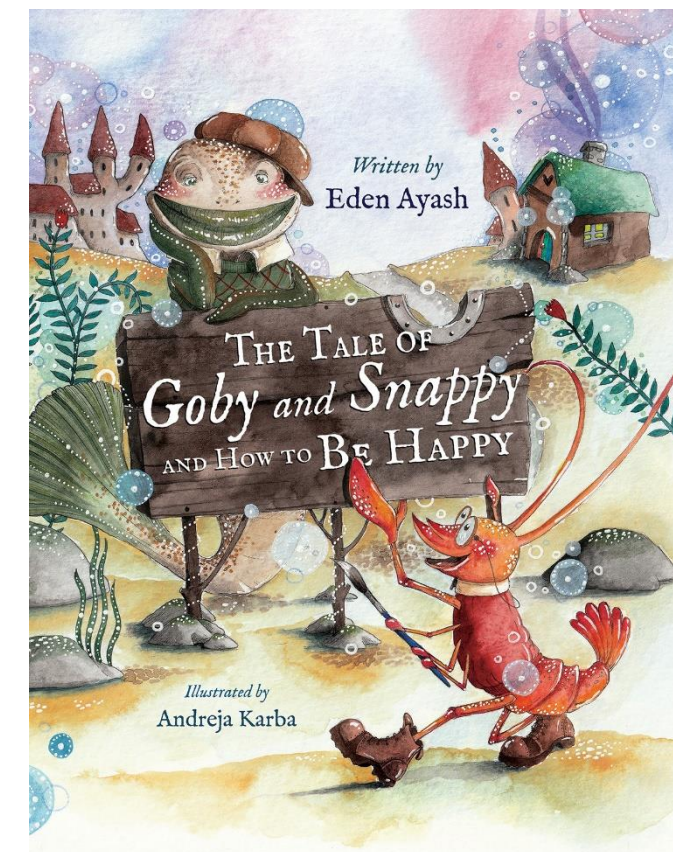
Dive into a delightful underwater adventure and discover the magic of friendship.

When Goby the fish and Snappy the shrimp meet by chance, an unexpected bond begins to grow — one that could change everything.

Join them beneath the waves in a heartwarming tale about trust, teamwork, and finding joy where you least expect it.

Author:

Eden Ayash is a children's author, former teacher, and lifelong lover of stories. She holds an M.Phil. in Children's Literature from Trinity College Dublin and dreams of inspiring young readers to explore, question, and wonder. When she's not writing, Eden can be found adventuring to new destinations, getting lost in magical stories, or dancing in the rain.



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- **Teamwork**
- **Cooperation**
- **Empathy**



PANDY'S BOOK OF THANKS

BY NOOR BINT ASEM

Our journey in gratitude is so special. Remember, every day has something to be thankful for. See you tomorrow for more adventures!

Author:

Her Royal Highness Princess Noor Bint Asem of Jordan is an author and passionate advocate for positive change in families, schools, and individual lives. A devoted mother of three and a graduate in Positive Leadership from IE Business School, she blends lived experience with academic insight to inspire a more conscious approach to early childhood—and to life itself.

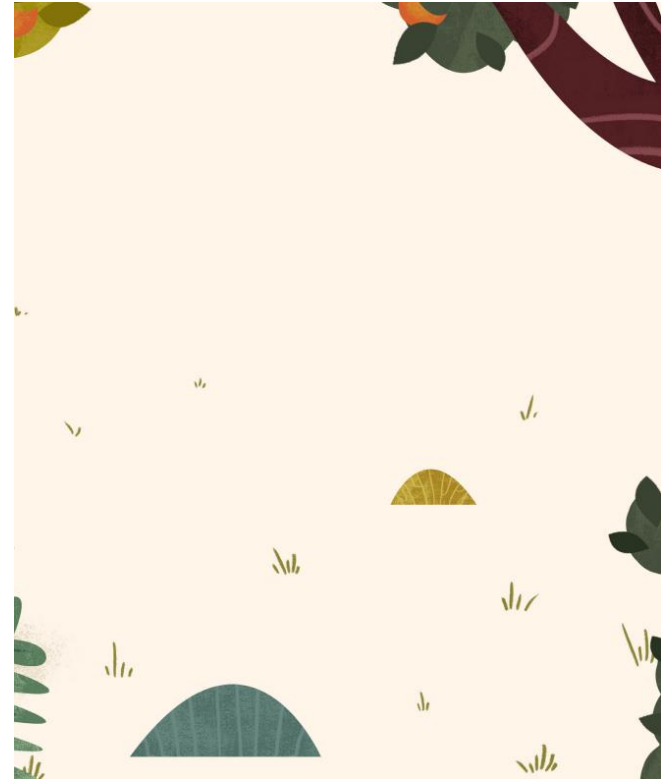
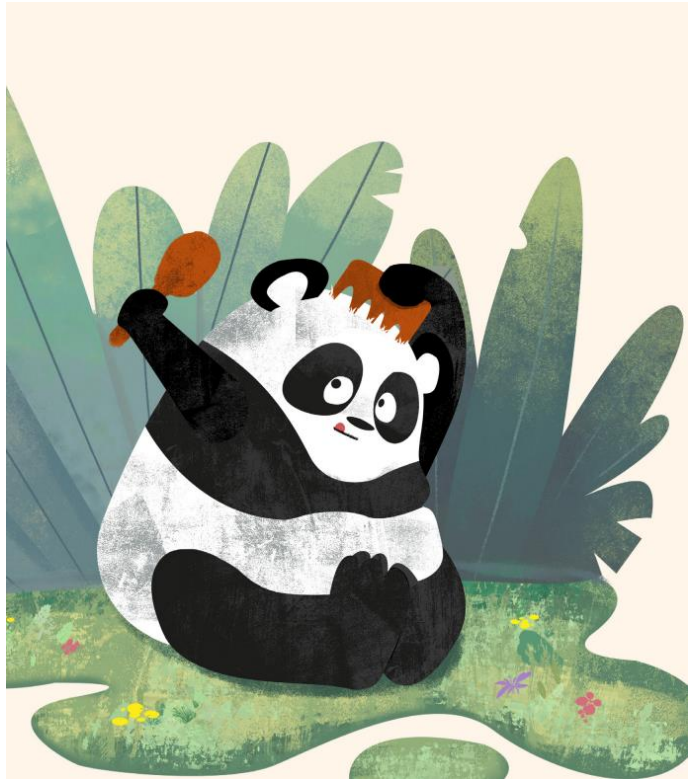
She is the founder of Moments, a platform dedicated to conscious education and reimagining the early years with intention, connection, and well-being at its core. Her vision is rooted in the belief that life is made of moments—and that by being fully present in them, we can nurture whole, emotionally aware humans from the very beginning.

Through her writing and initiatives, she invites families, caregivers, and educators to join the Moments movement: a growing community committed to nurturing mindful growth and emotional resilience in early childhood—one moment at a time.



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- **Wellbeing & gratitude**
- **Endorsed by Oxford Mindfulness**
- **Supports social-emotional learning (SEL)**



WHISPER'S JOURNEY

BY NOOR BINT ASEM

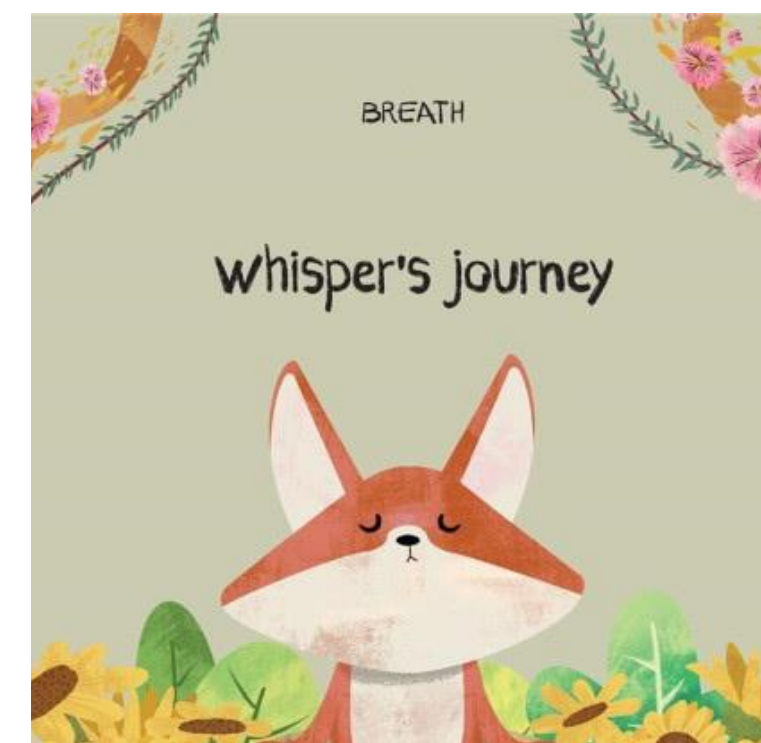
Whisper and friends had a great time exploring the magic of breath. You can use your breath any time to feel calm and happy just like the animals in the forest! This book introduces toddlers to the concept of mindful breathing through a relatable character, engaging stories of forest animals, and interactive elements that encourage practicing breathing techniques.

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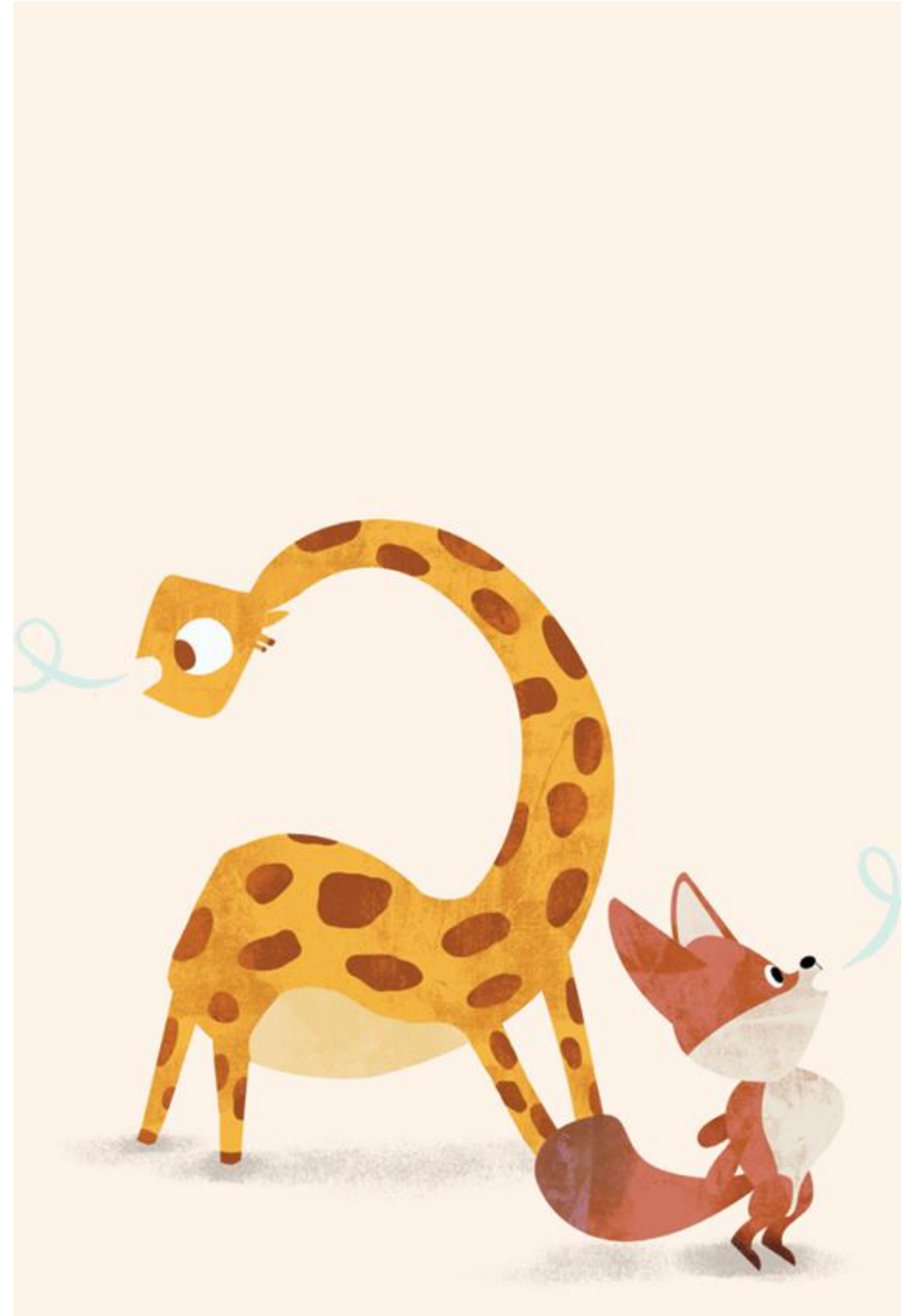
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- **Mindful breathing**
- **Endorsed by Oxford Mindfulness**
- **Playful interactions**



SOMETIMES

BY NOOR BINT ASEEM

Join Cami and explore the colorful world of emotions! From happiness and excitement to sadness and anger, Cami helps kids recognize their feelings and shows how each one makes them grow. Through fun activities, children will learn how to express and understand their emotions. Let's explore how we feel, together!

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- **Endorsed by Oxford Mindfulness**
- **Fostering emotional awareness**



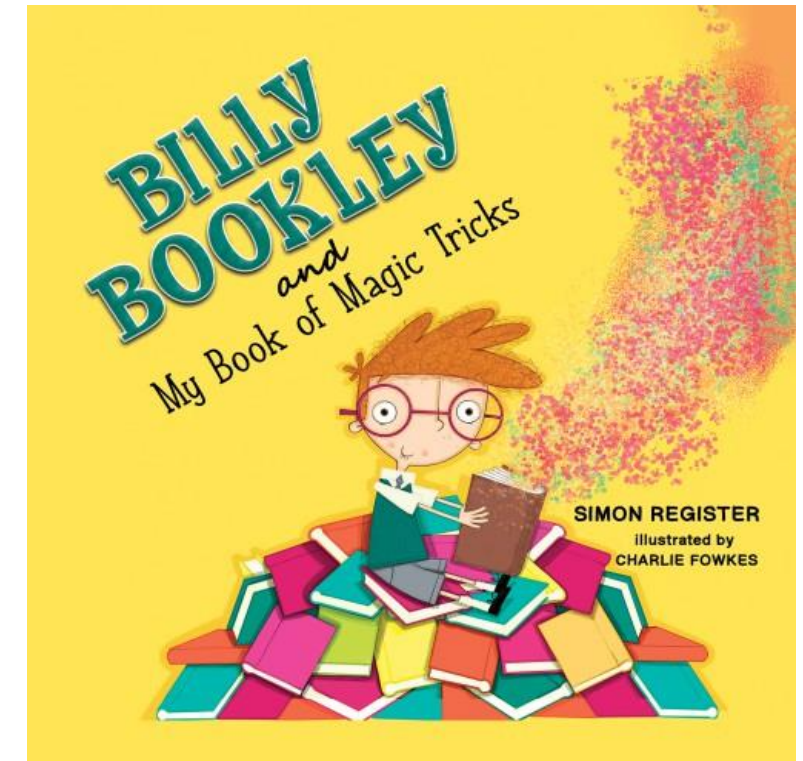
BILLY BOOKLEY AND MY BOOK OF MAGIC TRICKS

BY SIMON REGISTER

Billy Bookley and His Book of Magic Tricks is a fantastically fun story, full of warmth, adventure and the rising of an underdog. Billy Bookley is a poor and lonely young boy, whose long school days are cruelly spent being teased and bullied by the horrible boys and girls in his class just for the way he looks. Then one day, a magical twist of fate and fortune gives him the opportunity to finally turn the tables on his bullies – once and for all! This will change both his and their lives forever. Will he triumph against the odds? Will Billy take advantage of this chance at glory? Will he risk being brave? Will he dare to grasp this chance to take revenge on his bullies? Or will it all prove too much for this one quiet young boy to handle alone? Only time will tell what the future holds for Billy Bookley!

Author:

Simon Register is a father of two outgoing young boys, and husband to a loving wife. On top of that, he has a real passion for activity and adventure – living life to the fullest. His love for family and adventure are the driving force and inspiration behind his books and life.



- **Extent: 34 pages**
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- **Bullying**
- **Self-confidence & inner beauty**
- **Kindness**



THE CASE OF THE MISSING SOCKS

BY R.L.THULAGANATHAN

Have you ever wondered why your socks go missing and where they end up? After her partner goes missing, Croc decides to take matters into her own hands. Follow Croc and the Sock Detective as they follow clues to solve the Case of the Missing Socks.

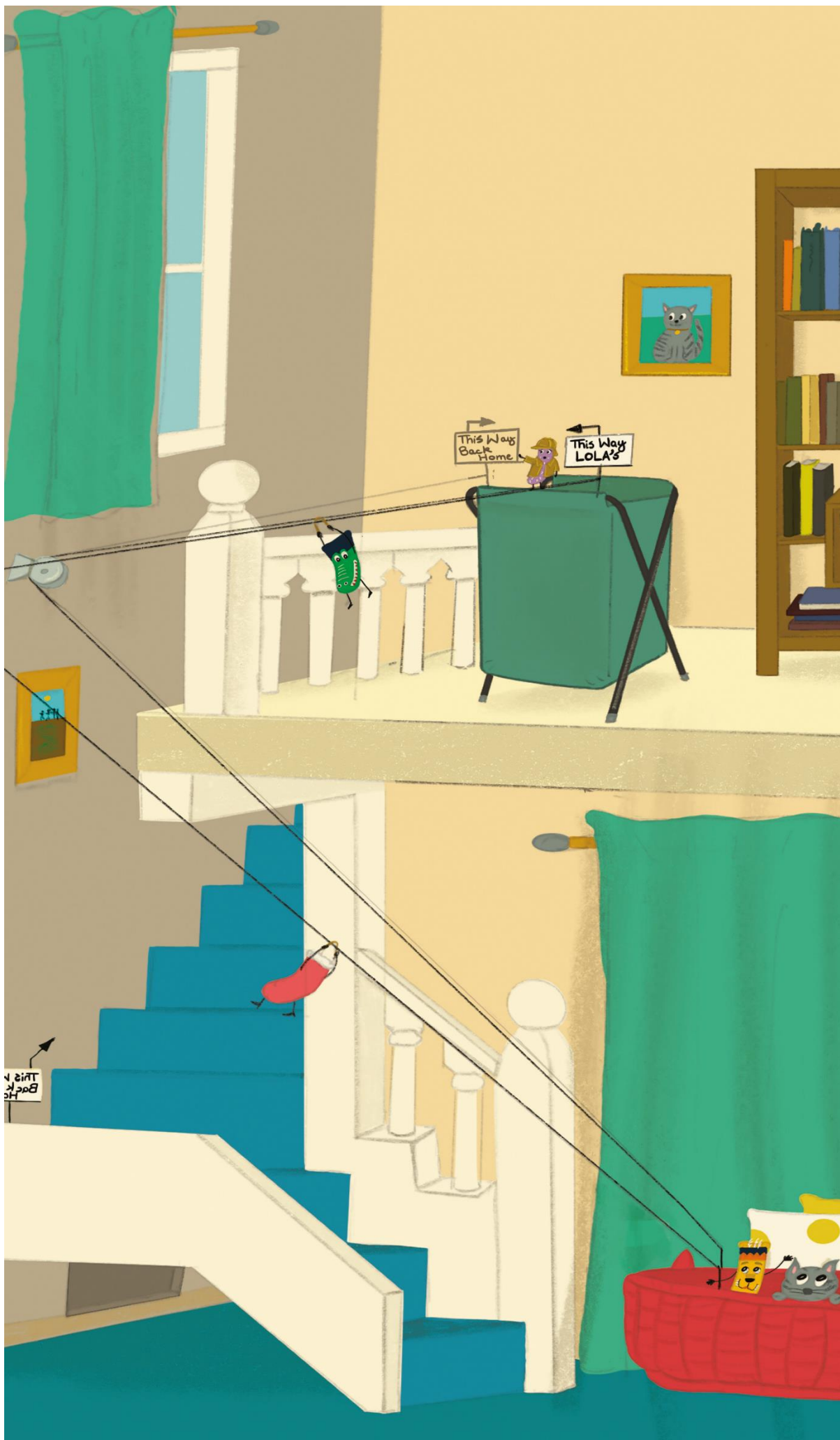
Author:

R.L. Thilaganathan is a British author who lives on the outskirts of London with her husband and daughters. She currently does not have a dog or a hedgehog but would very much like one of each.



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- Empathy
- Sharing
- Cooperation



A GIANT CALLED TINY

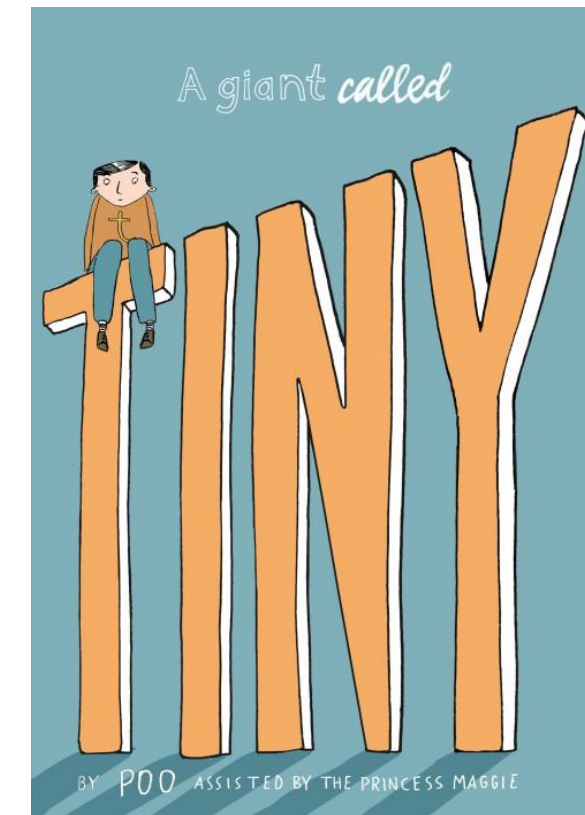
BY MIKE ATKINS

Once upon a time, there was a giant called Tiny. Now that might seem a strange name for a giant, for Tiny was indeed a giant. But at the top of the mountain and above the clouds, in the land where giants lived, Tiny was the smallest giant in the land. So all of the other giants called him 'Tiny'. Tiny is sick and tired of being called names. It makes him so mad when the other giants pick on him, in fact, it's starting to make him worried he's not really a giant at all! Then, one day, he ventures down through the clouds and finds something he'd never expected to find: a friend.

Author:

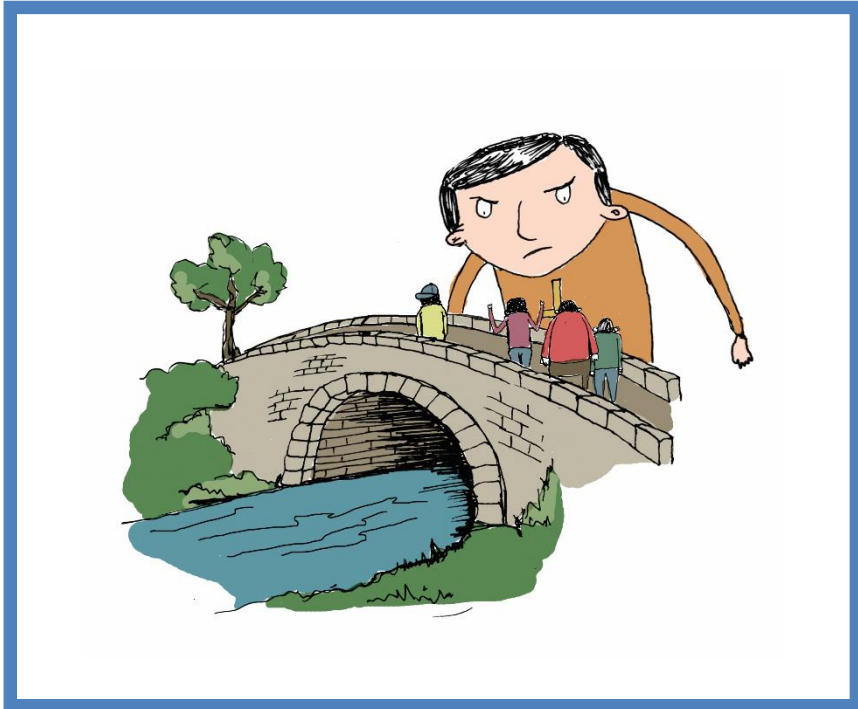
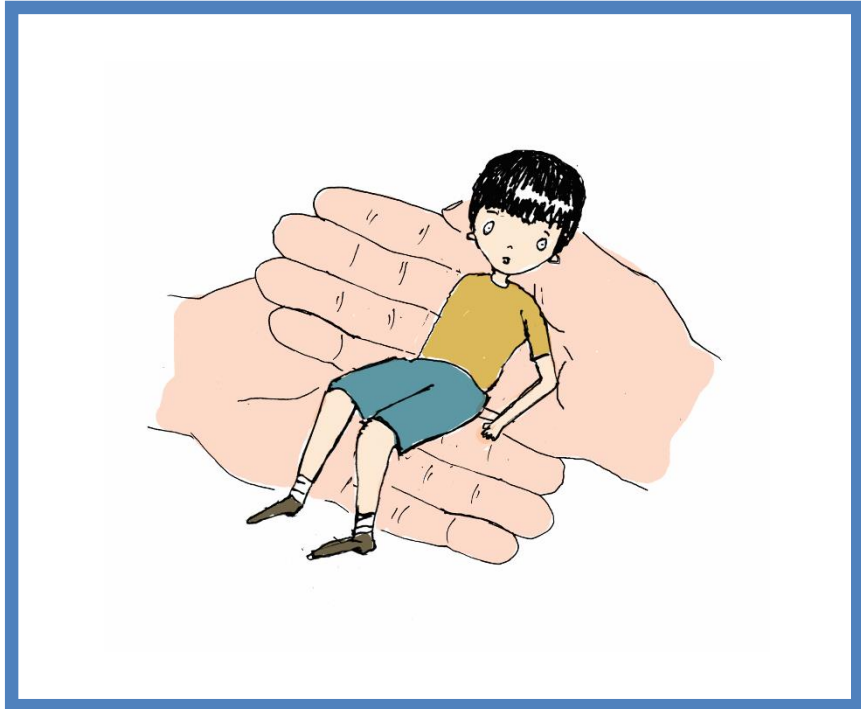
Poo, as he is affectionately called by his grandchildren, is a story teller. He has always been a story teller. When his children were small they would sit on his knee while he would read or, more often than not, make a story up. Then the children grew up, the stories stopped and he waited. He waited and waited until eventually, with his children's children sat on his knee, the story telling began anew.

One day during a story telling session, The Princess Maggie, who is just Maggie to everyone else, asked a very pointed question. 'Poo. Are you going to get your stories made into a book?' There was expectation in that little voice. What could Poo do? The result of that question is in your hand.



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- **Addressing peer bullying**
- **Bravery**
- **Emotional regulation**



SHAPE ME BEAUTIFUL

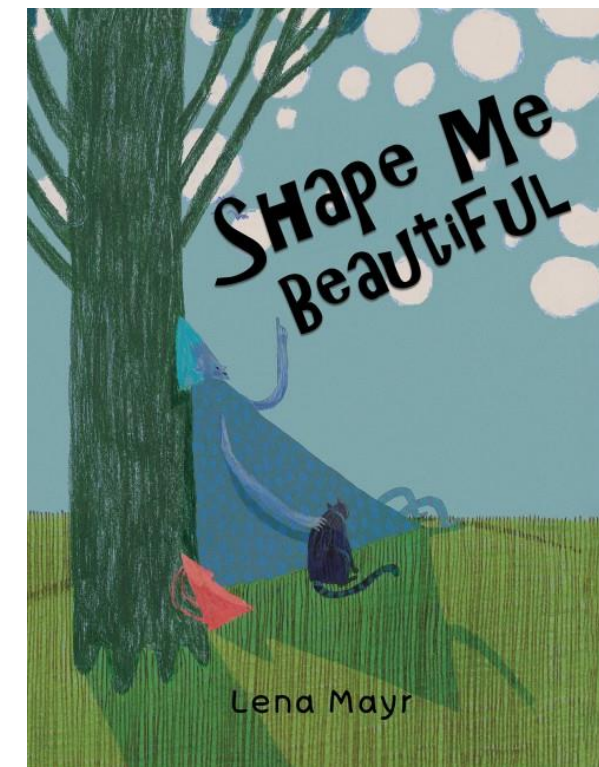
BY LENA MAYR

Shape Me Beautiful is a story about learning to accept and love yourself for who you are, no matter what shape and size. Join TIA on her journey as she discovers what truly matters and learns to embrace her unique shape!

Sometimes all it takes to recognize what was right in front of you all along is just a little bit of magic. A magic hat maybe!

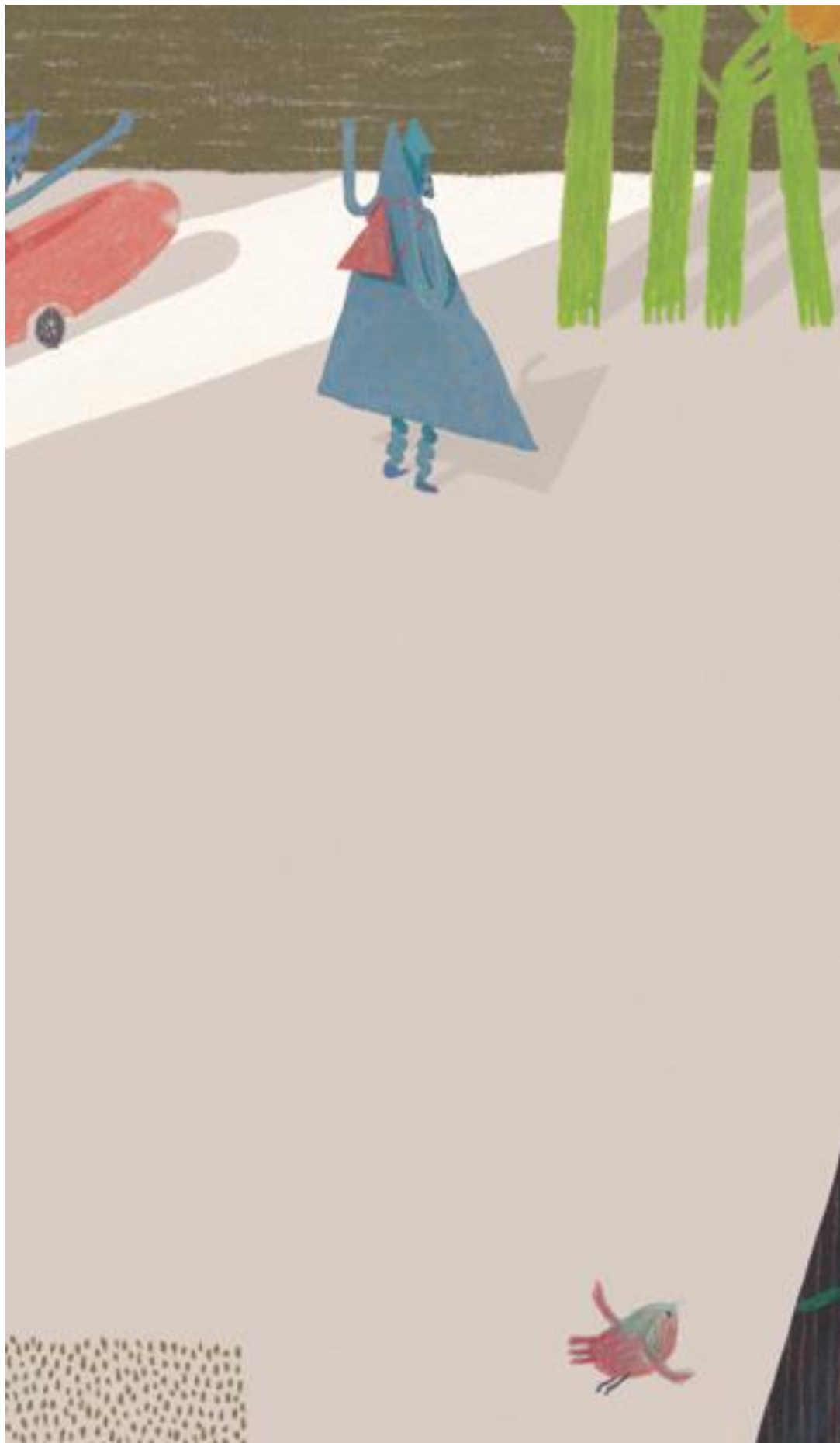
Author:

Lena is a dedicated teacher in Australia with a passion for storytelling. She believes that stories provide us with many valuable life lessons, special insights, and motivation to become the best we can be. Experiencing children's sense of wonder, imagination and curiosity during story time has always been a magical experience for her which inspired her to become the author she is today. Join her on a journey where you'll find stories that inspire and messages that resonate.



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- **Celebrating differences**
- **Self-acceptance**
- **Belonging**



FINDING GRAMPY

BY BIRGITTA STROBEL

Maybe Grampy is at his shack, Nucleus
Authentica, inventing something very special?
Or maybe he is out at sea?

Nine-year-old Leon sneaks out into the woods all by himself just before midnight. Grampy, Leon's grandfather, simply can't be dead and buried – at least not after what the adults keep saying: “The old man is not gone; he is still very much with us.” Determined to find him, Leon sets out on his quest.

On his journey, Leon is guided by the winged Gabriel, who teaches him to play music from each colour of the rainbow. But soon, Leon finds himself fearing for his life as he walks the tightrope of forgiveness high in the mountains, tumbles into wild rivers, encounters a mischievous mouse, soars in a balloon, and rides on the back of a wolf cub.

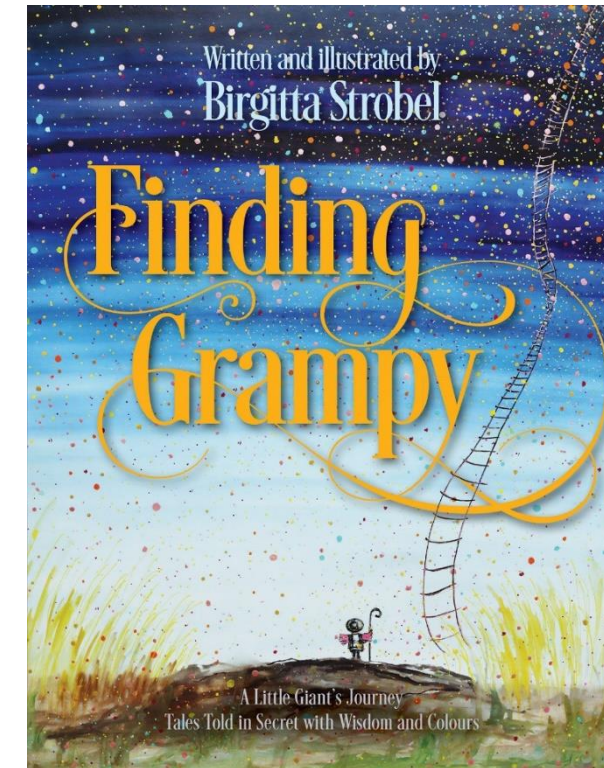
Finding Grampy is a little hero's journey for all of us – children and grown-ups alike – who are still children at heart and who never stop pondering the questions of life, love, loss, forgiveness, friendship, and the search for one's voice and inner truth.

Author:

Birgitta Strobel had a childhood in Norway filled with arts, violin lessons, and ballet classes. From an early age, Birgitta created vibrant, large-scale drawings and fairy tales, inspired by her summer holidays exploring medieval castles while travelling with her family across Germany.

Birgitta's artistic debut took place in Los Angeles in 2005. The exhibition included both her poetry and paintings. Since then, she has exhibited her art in prestigious galleries in Los Angeles, Miami, Luxembourg, Madrid, Alicante, and Oslo. The inspiration for lyrics and text in *Finding Grampy* also traces back to her years in the USA.

Birgitta is a certified and experienced yoga teacher, educated in Los Angeles. She has taught internationally for many years in cities across Europe and the USA.



- **Extent: 168 pages**
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- **All Rights Available**

- **Grief**
- **Loss**
- **Emotional healing**

ADVENTURE DOWN THE PLUGHOLE

BY SALLY MUNSLow

Ever wondered what lives down your plughole?

Well, come with Sally as she travels down the plughole and meets all the characters from Plug Town.

You never know; your next bath time could lead to Plug Town too.

Meet the Plug Town crew!

Happy bath time.

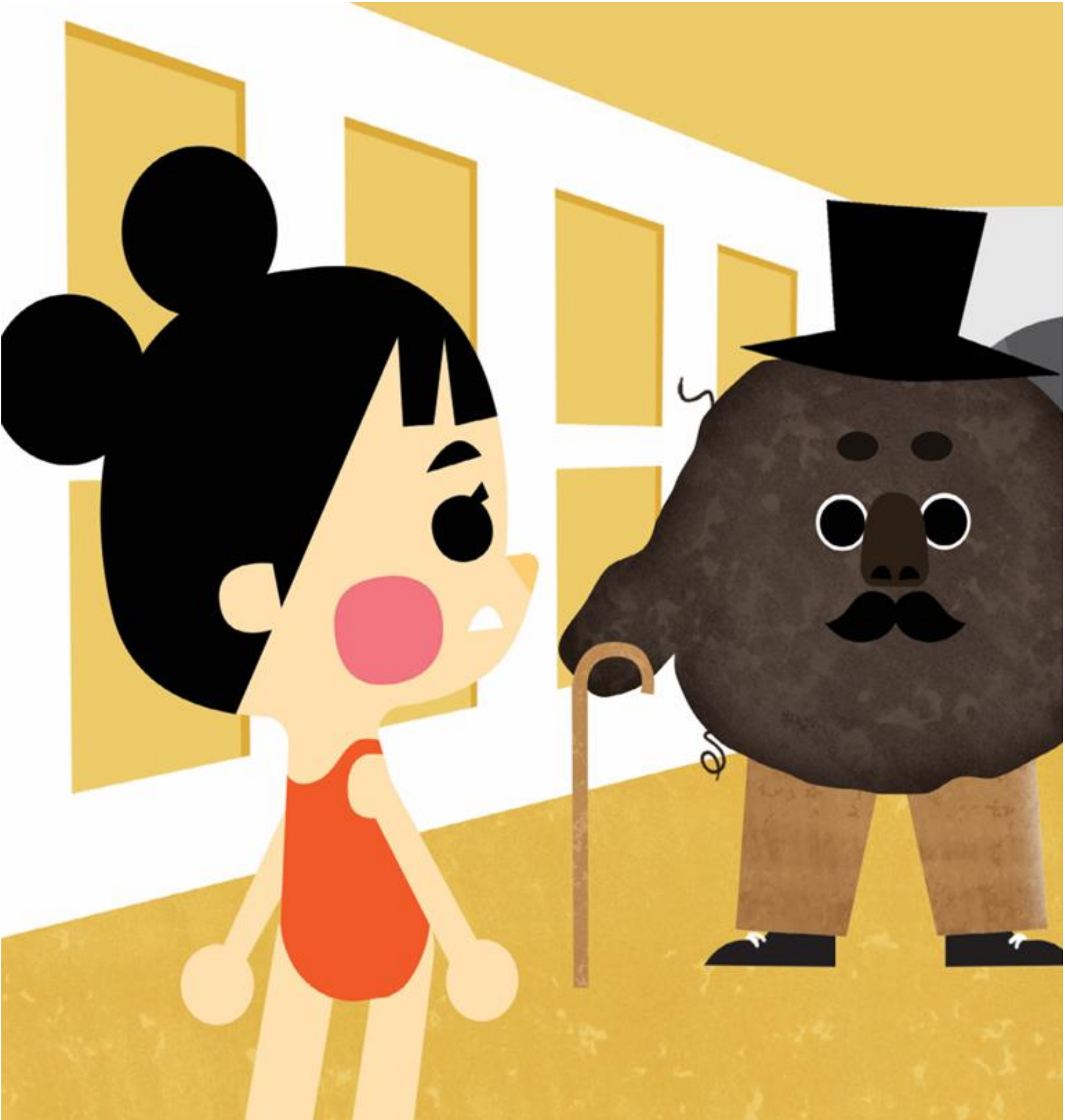
Author:

Sally Munslow is a first-time writer of children's stories. After going to boarding school, Sally developed a liking for writing short stories. An adventure down a plughole leads to the land of fantasy, where she meets lovely characters such as Mrs Bubbles and Lord Hair and one not-so-lovely character, Mr Dandruff. Enjoy the journey—bath times will never be the same.



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- **Bathroom routines**
- **Humor**
- **Overcoming fear**



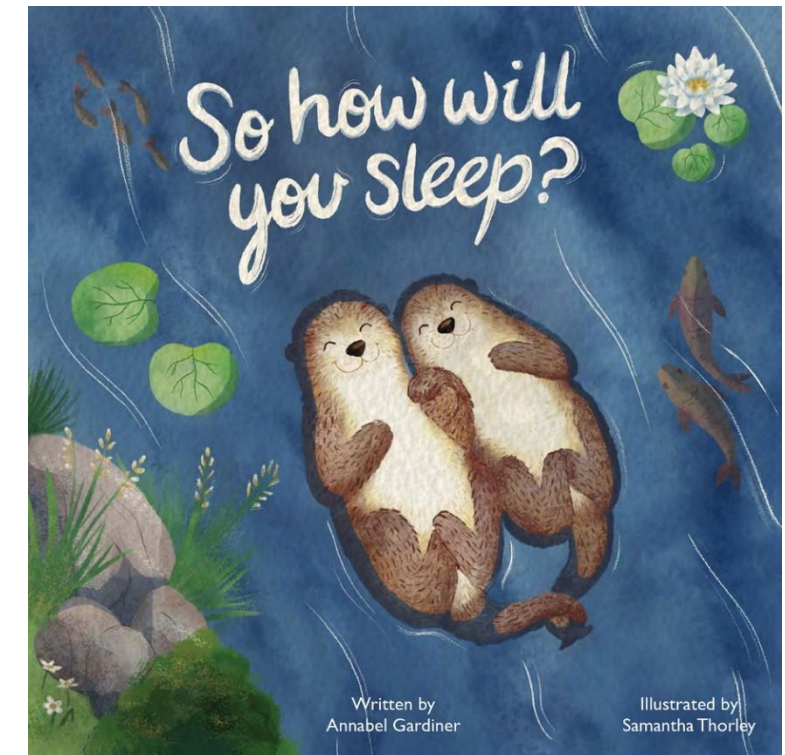
SO HOW WILL YOU SLEEP? BY ANNABEL GARDINER

Do you want to sleep in a tree like a koala?
How about at the bottom of the ocean like a whale?
Or upside down in a cave like a bat?

Discover how different creatures go to sleep at night and imagine yourself snuggling down with them at bedtime.
You can also try and spot the playful caterpillar hidden on every page.

Author:

Annabel Gardiner grew up in Bristol and has a BA Honours degree in English Literature from Queen's University Belfast. She now resides in Wiltshire with her family, Coco the dog and Scout the Shetland pony. Her debut novel "So How Will You Sleep" has been inspired and written for her two young children who share her passion for animals from all corners of the world. When she is not writing, Annabel can be found riding horses or walking in the countryside.



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- **Bedtime**
- **Safety**
- **Exploring different animals' sleep habits**



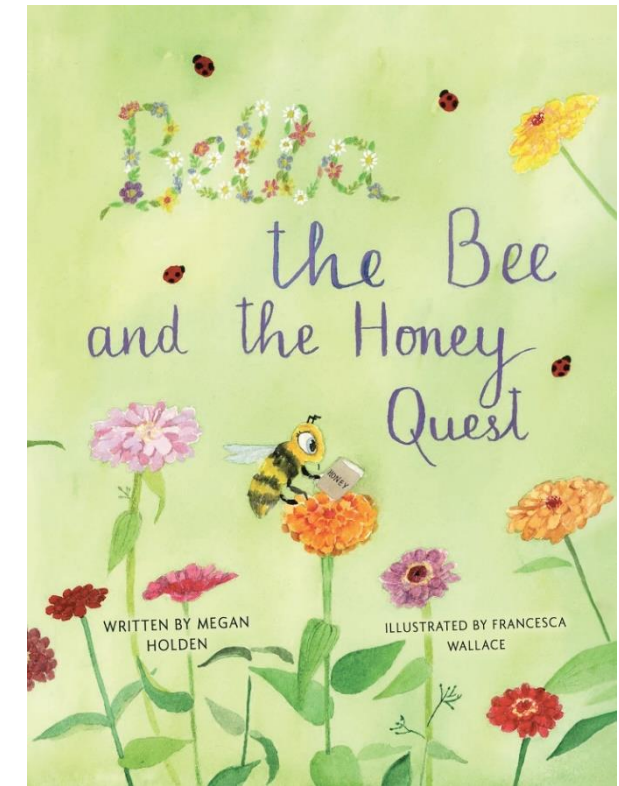
BELLA THE BEE AND THE HONEY QUEST

BY MEGAN HOLDEN

In a once thriving garden, a hive of bees have lost their buzz and motivation. However, one little bee, with an attitude to succeed, embarks on a quest to find the sweetest nectar. Can this tiny hero reignite the hive's passion and bring back the magic of honey? A tale of courage, determination, and perseverance!

Author:

Megan is a mother of four children, a primary school teacher and a children's book author. Having been around children most of her life, she developed a passion for children's education and child development. She lives with her husband and four children in Hamilton, New Zealand, where they live in the country surrounded by trees, nature and animals. She spends most of her time in the garden with her children, enjoying 'mum-life' and writing stories. Megan has always loved to talk and communicate with others. She believes that writing is another platform to communicate and connect with people. Her books are intended to engage the reader, promote discussion and allow exposure to sophisticated language. Megan's first book, *The Dragon Who Lost His Spark*, was published in 2024 and has paved the way for many others to follow.



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- **Positivity**
- **Teamwork**
- **Caring for nature**



PLANKTRON PRILLIS

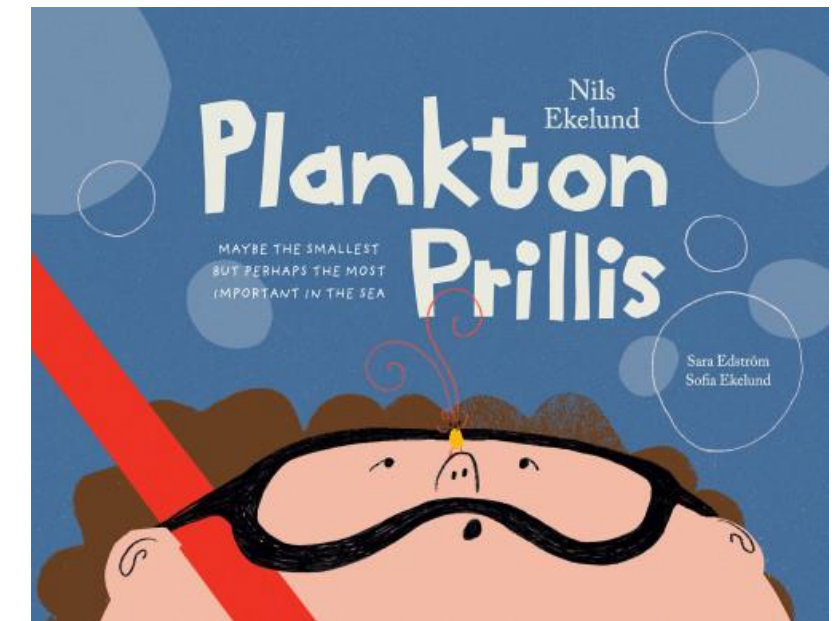
BY NILS EKELUND

Join Gus on his summer adventure as he discovers the hidden wonders beneath the waves! With his dad's swimming goggles, Gus meets Prillis, a lively plankton, and learns about the fascinating world of these tiny underwater creatures. Together, they explore how plankton grow, their importance to the ocean's ecosystem, and even the challenges they face. Dive into this enchanting picture book, perfect for curious young minds, and uncover the secrets of the smallest yet mightiest inhabitants of the sea. A delightful tale of discovery, growth, and the wonders of nature.

Author:

Nils Ekelund is Professor in Plant Physiology since 2002 and at Malmö University since 2012. Nils has research experience in the field of aquatic ecosystems where he has been studying the effects of ultraviolet radiation and environmental effects on both phytoplankton and macroalgae.

His research during more recent years has been focused on ecosystem services in peri-urban zones of small rural towns in South Africa. The interest in phytoplankton and the challenge of increasing interest in natural science for people have been the main driving force to write this book for children.



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- **Eco-focused**
- **Pollution**
- **Underwater creatures**



MYSTERY AT THE THEME PARK

BY ANDREW OAKES

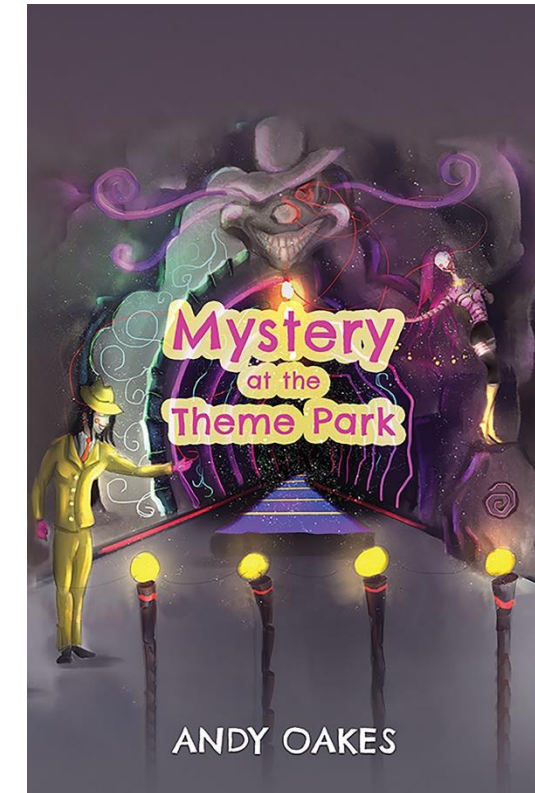
Dazzle World is one of the greatest theme parks on the planet – and eleven-year-old Ring Cogart has got a ticket to go!

But strange things have been happening at the park, and its famous owner seems obsessed with winning the upcoming World Animatronic Awards, which may have something to do with the £20 million prize...

Ring's hopes of enjoying the rollicking rides and amazing ice creams (as well as trying to forget about being bullied at his new school!) come to a shattering halt as he's plunged into a perilous plot that will not only push him beyond his limits but threatens to unleash evil forces that could end the world as we know it.

Author:

Andy Oakes was born in Cleethorpes, England. He is a teacher.



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ADULT FICTION

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THE GIN MUMMY MURDERS

BY HELENA JOYCE

CRIME & MYSTERY & THRILLER

A woman's body has been found laid out on the local green area. She is perfectly attired, wearing a vintage dress and high-heeled shoes, and her hair is fanned out around her head, like a halo. The empty gin bottle in her hand jars with this otherwise saintly presentation, or is that just what the murderer wants everyone to think?

For Detective Inspector Gar Thompson, it's an unfortunately familiar sight. He is still haunted by the almost identical scenes of two years ago in the same area. The murders of two young mothers remain unsolved. Has the Gin Mummy murderer returned to leafy South Blackstone?

There's only one other detective who knows as much about these unsolved murders as he does. Gar will have to recall his friend, Dr. Matt Sherlock, from retirement to help him with this new case. Will the recently widowed Matt be ready for the challenge?

The investigation team has a monumental task ahead of them. Where do you begin when there are no suspects and no obvious connection between the women? The young mothers of Blackstone will have to be vigilant yet again.

Author:

Helena Joyce was born in Stretford, grew up in Galway and now lives in Dublin with her two sons.



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FROM HOUSTON WITH LOVE

BY B.C. FRANKLIN

CRIME & MYSTERY & THRILLER

In his heart, Quaylon Jamerson feels that life has dealt him a losing hand. With a mother nowhere to be found and a father imprisoned for an unthinkable crime, he is left to be raised by his sickly grandmother, whom he loves dearly. But one day, everything changes.

It starts with a night at the movies with friends, followed by the realization that they deserve more. An unexpected and devastating turn of events leads Quaylon to face a crucial decision: turn to the drug trade.

However, this is only the beginning. When Quay devises a unique drug trafficking scheme, success comes quickly. But with success also come headaches, pain, and misery. Amidst the chaos, a unique love affair emerges. Join Quay on this journey as he builds his empire to claim the very North Houston streets that are intent on destroying him, all while sitting on his throne. Will love and determination prevail, or will the city's ruthlessness prove too much for its crowned prince?

Author:

A proud Houstonian, author B.C. Franklin currently resides in the city he will forever call his home, doing what he enjoys most: writing.



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THE RAINBOW RUG

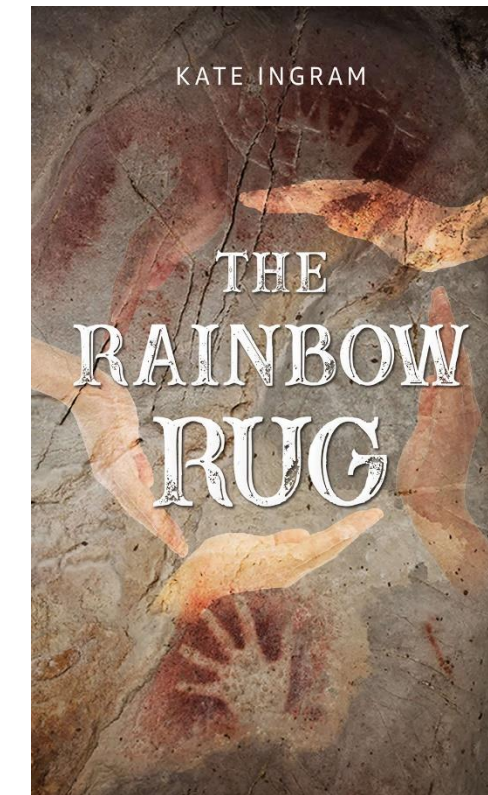
BY KATE INGRAM

CRIME & MYSTERY & THRILLER

Angela, a divorcee, is severely depressed, isolating herself, not eating, and sunk in melancholy after the tragic death of her twenty-five-year-old only son. Trying to keep him alive, she writes long letters to him and, by reading the emails on his computer, becomes convinced that somewhere she has a grandson, conceived through donor insemination. When she spots a young boy, the image of her son, she schemes to take what is her own and pour out her love on him.

Author:

Kate Ingram lives in Belfast and spent a long time involved in the arts and loving all forms of creativity. Although she has always enjoyed writing this previously took a back seat to bringing up a family and working to include others in many arts activities. She ran an arts and disability organisation for many years but eventually left to concentrate on her writing. Since then, she has written one book for young adults, *The Worry Stone*, published in 2021, as well as the *Rainbow Rug*. She is currently working on a sequel to the *Worry Stone*.



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TALES FROM BEYOND

BY BERTRAM WILSON

SCI-FI

This anthology brings together a riveting collection of science fiction and horror tales, each set in a different place and time, inviting readers to explore the unknown.

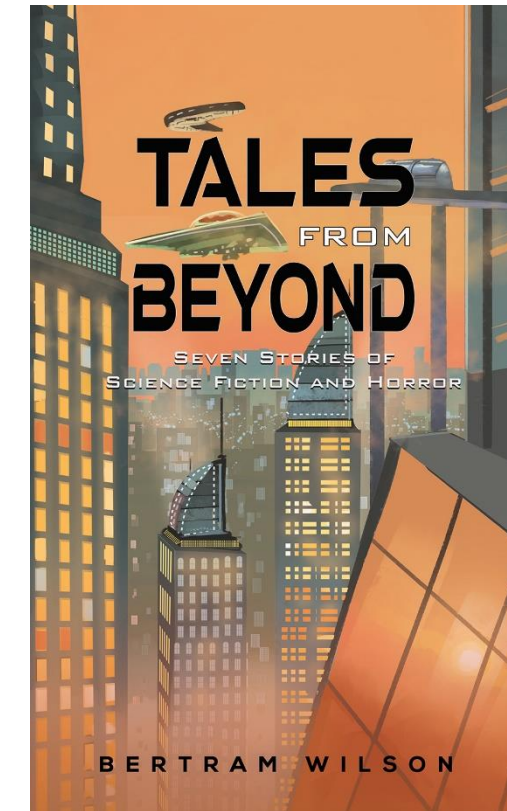
In ‘Destination Infinity,’ astronauts on a mission around the Alpha Centauri system return to Earth 150 years later than planned, only to find a totalitarian regime has seized control of a high-tech society with unsettling visions for communal life.

‘An Encounter With Destiny’ follows the survivors of a plane crash stranded on a remote Pacific island during a nuclear war as they confront the haunting possibility that they might be the last people on Earth. Among them is a mysterious scientist, whose presence stirs both hope and unease.

In ‘The German Factor or The Recreation Machine,’ a man invents a device that turns photographs into reality. But as he falls in with a reneged army bent on rebellion, his invention is weaponized, transforming this tale into a thrilling war story.

The horror story ‘Even the Wicked for the Day of Evil’ follows a Haitian immigrant who, after his French roommate dies in police custody, turns to voodoo for revenge.

In ‘The Next Star Past Luyten 725-34,’ the first astronauts on a mission of interstellar colonization stumble upon colonies already established by previous Earth expeditions.



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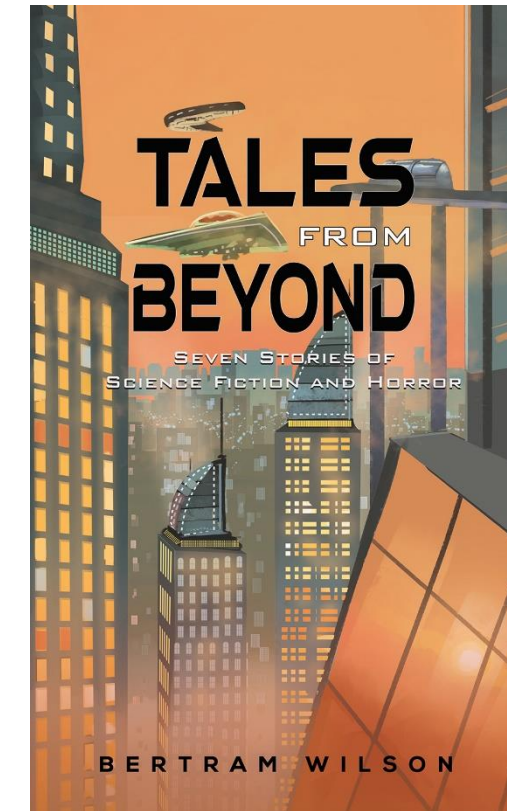
The science fiction tale ‘A Return to Huntington Grounds’ imagines a near future where a baseball team travels back in time, altering the course of their sport forever.

Finally, in a ‘Deadland,’ a lonely man driven by despair reaches for the occult to escape his misery, gaining unimaginable power to retaliate against everyone who stands in his way.

This collection offers a journey across the strange and the terrifying, where the boundaries of reality, ambition, and revenge are pushed to their limits.

Author:

Bertram Wilson is a published author in sociology and researcher on society and human behavior. A lexicographer with an interest in science fiction and horror, he believes in using imagination to construe social contexts, both actual and envisioned, such as future utopias and dystopias. He lives the life of the mind, is a nature lover, and avid walker.



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THE VOYAGER

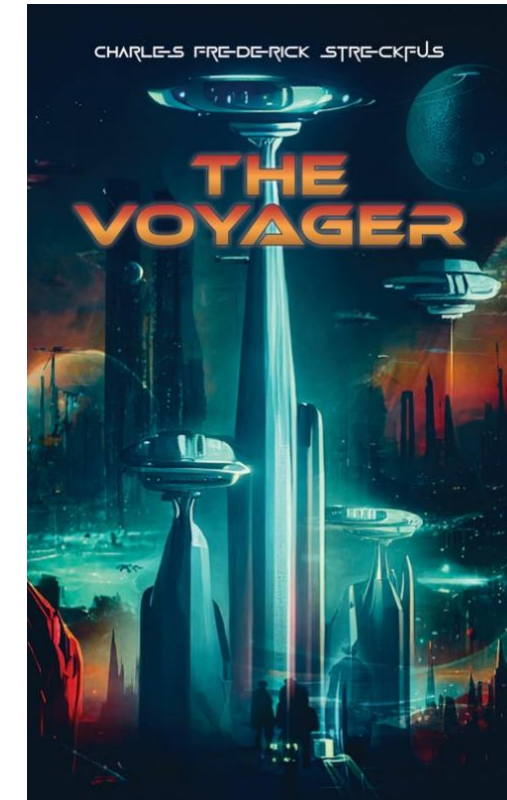
BY CHARLES FREDERICK STRECKFUS

SCI-FI

The story is about an astronaut that dies in his spaceship, and in his death throes, he slumps forward and activates the vessel's engine, which propels him into the vastness of space. Eventually, the gravitational attraction of a planet pulls his vessel into its orbit, and he is retrieved by the planet's inhabitants. The inhabitants, finding him deceased, resurrect him, giving the voyager a second chance at life. The story is about the astronaut that is given a new "lease on life."

Author:

Dr. Charles F. Streckfus is currently Professor Emeritus in the Department of Diagnostic & Biomedical Sciences at the University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston. He is a Fellow of Oral Medicine with interests in the fields of breast cancer, Sjogren's Syndrome and aging. His major awards include the President's Award for Scientific Excellence, Presented by the International Society for Preventive Oncology, 6th International Symposium Predictive Oncology Intervention Strategies, Pasteur Institute, Paris France, for his discovery of salivary Her2/neu as a biomarker for breast cancer. He has published over 150 scientific manuscripts and four books.



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NARKEY HOLE AND THE QUEST FOR IMMORTALITY

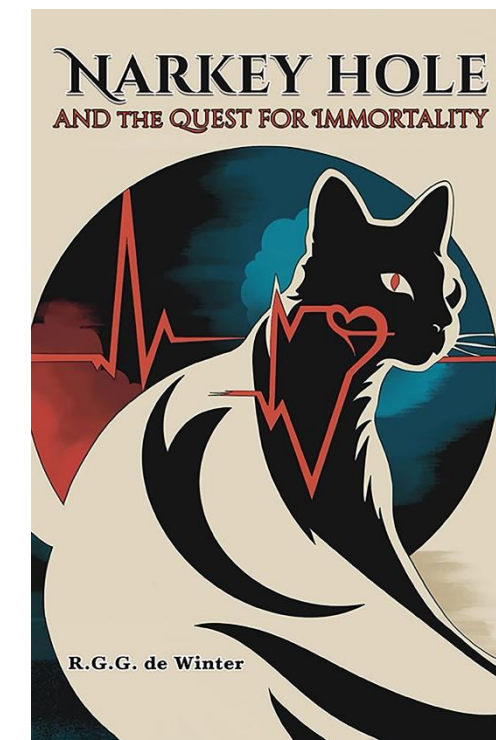
BY R.G.G. DE WINTER

FANTASY

Van 007 is out of touch and running out of time now that he's losing his life-sustaining whiskers. Set in a world where animals break into song and several animal species have extraordinary powers that humans either choose to ignore or are persuaded into forgetting, Van, a cat-vampire, can't even remember why the chicken crossed the road, let alone his own purpose. His world is torn apart by others and as he attempts to avoid death, he juggles inner, outer and surreal demons, whilst the overwhelming responsibility to the runt porker, Pavel, makes him far too human. But which one of them is out of their head when the other isn't around?

Author:

R.G.G. de Winter is a Sydney-based writer, poet and lyricist, who started writing short stories and alternate lyrics to popular songs during her school years. Graduating from the University of New England with a double degree enabled her to hold a day job for 25 years whilst further developing her writing skills. Her love of music, history and philosophy and frustrations living with several chronic diseases, including type 1 diabetes, infect her writing. She lives in Lane Cove with her fur babies, Bobo and Myshkin.



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THE WEDNESDAY FRIEND

BY J.S.DOUGLAS
CONTEMPORARY

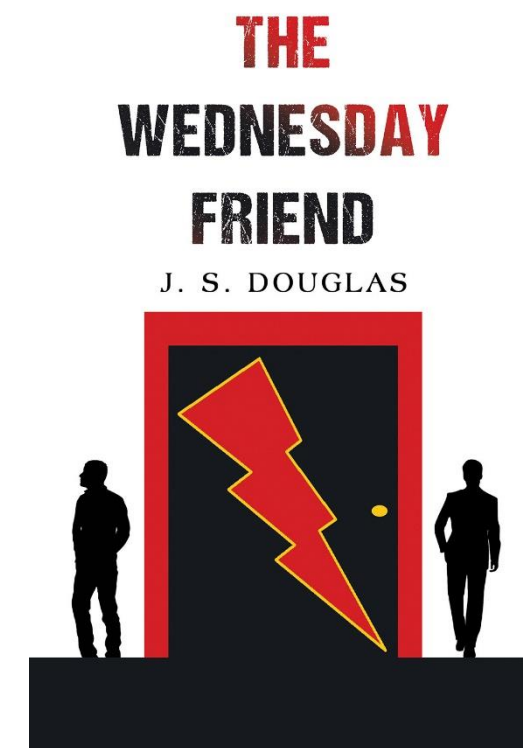
This is the story of two Englishmen who become neighbours in a Swiss city, their lives unexpectedly entwined despite the generational divide between them. One is a Generation Z young man, born at the turn of the millennium; the other, a Boomer, shaped by the mid-twentieth century. As their differences surface, tensions grow – especially when sexual conflict enters the equation.

The women in their lives – an ex-lover of the younger man and a long-standing friend of the older – become catalysts for an emotional reckoning. What begins as a connection built on common ground unravels into confrontation, ultimately leading to the breakdown of their relationship.

A thought-provoking exploration of generational contrasts, personal identity, and the fragile nature of human connection.

Author:

J. S. Douglas, an Englishman who has spent most of his life abroad and now resides in Switzerland, presents his first published book. He has been an active musician all his life.



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THE EXISTENCE OF AMANDA BLAKE

BY RICA NEWBERY

CONTEMPORARY

It is 1957, and Amanda Blake is admitted, against her will, to Bristol Mental Hospital.

Since her first breakdown, her parents have interpreted any step towards independence as proof of madness. They constantly invalidate, ignore, and gaslight her to the point where she can no longer distinguish her thoughts from theirs. She feels unheard and invisible, as though she does not exist.

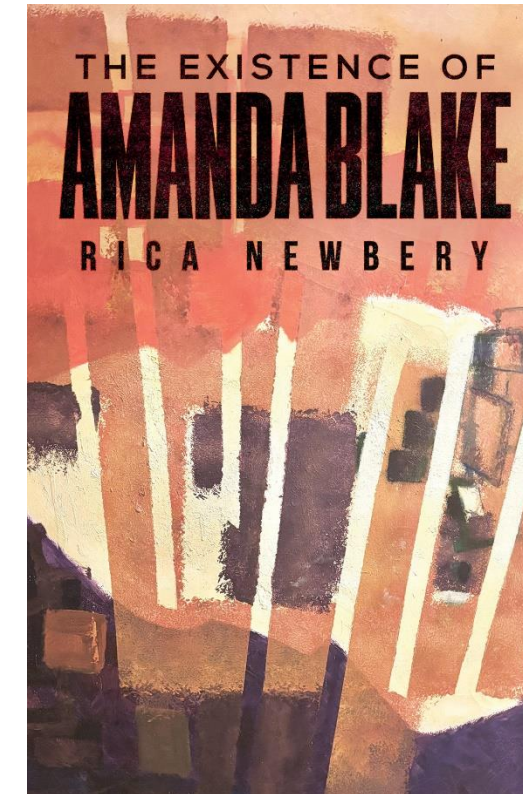
Although she hears the voice of her dead grandmother, a junior psychiatrist believes her distress is a reaction to her parents' oppression rather than a primary illness. The consultant in charge, however, aligns himself with her parents and escalates her treatment.

When her only ally, a compassionate nurse, is dismissed from the ward, Amanda is left isolated and pressured towards irreversible surgery.

Her whole existence is under threat.

Author:

Rica Newbery is a retired psychiatrist living in Bristol with her husband and beloved elkhound, not too far from their two children and families, who visit often. After she retired, she did an OU course in Creative Writing and wrote her first novel: *Reluctant Courage*, inspired by her mother's childhood experience of Nazi occupation in Oslo.



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GLASS ROOTS

BY ALEXANDER MATTHEWS

CONTEMPORARY

What would you do – how would you behave if you were being bullied and powerless to fight back? Could you survive with your psychology intact, or is the damage permanent? Some of you may have been bullied at school or online. Sadjit and Thila, who run a good Indian restaurant, are faced with this problem. Their restaurant is attacked by racist thugs. They are forced to work through this nightmare. They do survive, which is a triumph for them and euphoric for the audience. Read this play and think for yourself what you would do. Those who saw its London production were terrified but happy with the ending.

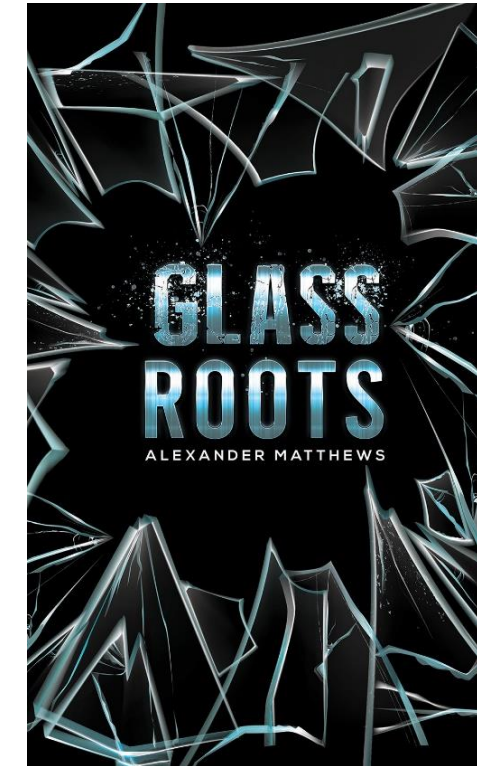
Author:

Alexander Matthews was born in New York City in 1942. He taught Philosophy in a number of universities and had a Visiting Fellowship to Princeton University in 1986.

His book, *A Diagram of Definition* on the Philosophy of Language, was published in 1997. Matthews has also written three full-length dramatic poems: *The Chairman* (1966), *Mr Swettham* (1969) and *Current Affairs* (1971).

Other writings include *Brother to Sister* (a book of short stories, 1969); *Human Physics* (humour, 1973); *A Traveller's Maze* (a travel book, 1974); *Screaming Secrets* (a play, 2001).

Matthews has also published several articles on Human Rights, including: 'Philosophy and Human Rights' in *The International Journal of Human Rights*, 1997; and 'How Some Scientists Erode the Human Rights We Value', *ibid*, 2000. He is currently working on two plays and a philosophy book of papers.



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BORN BAGGAGED

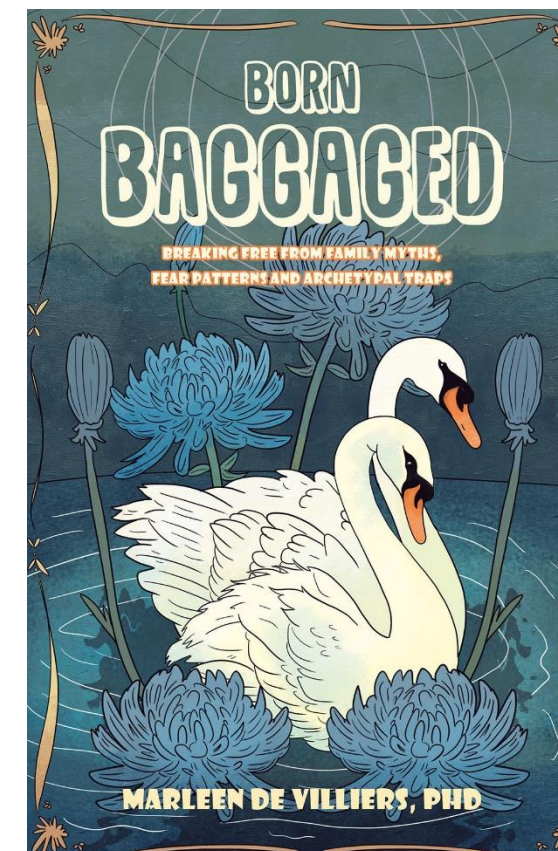
BY MARLEEN DE VILLIERS, PhD
PSYCHOLOGY

With this book we find that there is reason to believe that we can break free from our psychological suffering. Dr Marleen De Villiers shows how you can find the gift in the wounds that you have uncomfortably lived with for too long. She expertly places psychotherapy in the spotlight, showing us that there is another way. This book debunks the uncomfortable myths of psychotherapy and offers a way forward into personal growth, self-mastery and authenticity. By offering researched facts alongside stories and vignettes of patients and clients emerging from her professional psychotherapy practice, she succinctly creates a floor plan resulting in a comprehensive offering for understanding our personal and collective psychological profiles.

Ultimately, Born Baggaged embraces the power of transformation and the possibility of metamorphosis. The message is clear: you can change your limiting self-belief and restrictive patterns, you can create the life that you deserve and you can be the person who you have actually been born to be, authentic and free.

Author:

Marleen De Villiers is a Psychotherapist who has been specialising in the art of deep psychotherapy for more than thirty-five years. She has an International Private Practice where she works online with people from around the globe. Her therapeutic work is well-known and with its roots in Archetypal Depth Therapy, Transpersonal Therapy and Art Therapy she has been able to guide her patients and clients towards healing, growth and liberation by learning how to untether themselves from the burden of the baggage they were born into and to find their authentic voices.



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COMPLEXITY THINKING

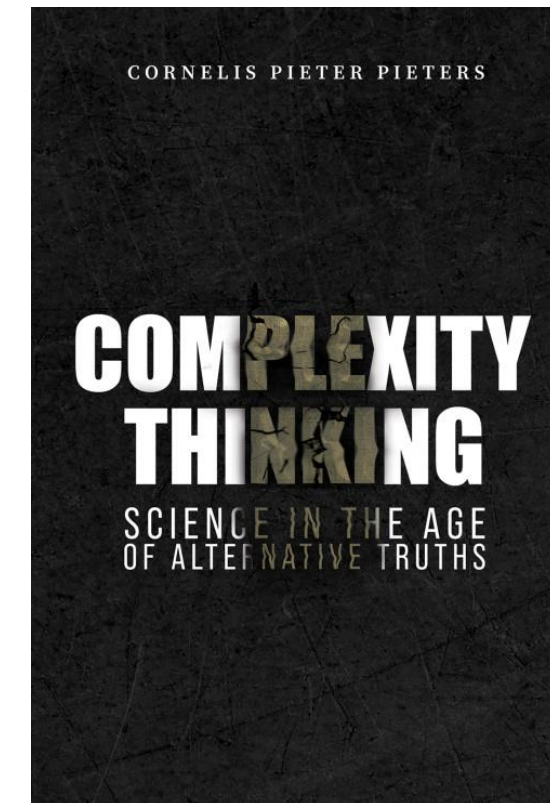
BY CORNELIS PIETER PIETERS

PHILOSOPHY

Many scholars agree that we are currently living in post-ideological times, and that the role of religion and social ideology has become increasingly limited as a means to organise society. Some even talk of a ‘post-truth’ era, as truth itself has become suspect, and public debate has become infected with terms such as ‘fake news’ and ‘alternative truths.’ In fact, in many scientific areas the notions of truth, objectivity and fact are being questioned, and are often even considered instruments that aim to perpetuate relationships of power of elites. This book aims to take a position in these debates by looking at the often-implicit associations behind truth, objectivity, and fact. By taking a complexity-informed, dialectical approach, a more encompassing understanding of these concepts can be developed, that both respects the formidable achievements of science, while being sensitive to the critique that has been raised, most notably by postmodern thought.

Author:

Kees Pieters has a technical background, with degrees in information science and artificial intelligence. In 2010 he defended his PhD in Humanistic Studies on the subject of complex systems and complexity thinking. Complexity thinking is characterised by intertwining science, philosophy, methodology and professional practices. Ever since his defence he has further developed his understanding the role of patterns as precursor of information.



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THE HEALING POWER OF PAIN

BY YBE CASTELEYN

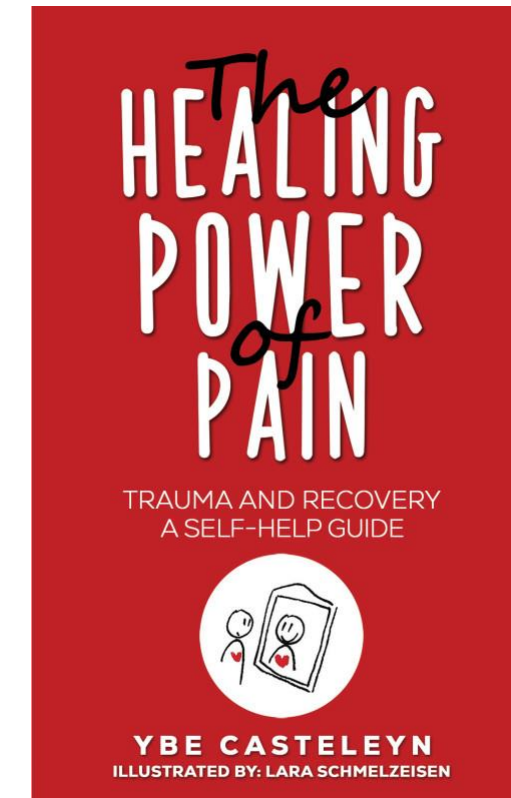
SELF-HELP

The Healing Power of Pain is an accessible guide for those grappling with emotional distress. This empathetic resource helps readers understand the root causes plaguing heavy hearts, from negative thought patterns to fears and lack of self-worth. Rather than immediately turning to a therapist, many first seek to comprehend their inner turmoil through self-study. This book meets them where they are, using relatable stories and unique practical exercises to anchor emotional breakthroughs. Through psychotherapeutic insights and trauma case studies, The Healing Power of Pain illuminates how grief, loss and suffering can shape us. It provides a roadmap for alleviating pain and pioneering our own recovery, moving from simply coping to transformed thriving. Accessible yet anchored in psychology, The Healing Power of Pain puts healing tools into the hands of the reader. Through candour, compassion and actionable steps, this guide lights the way from hurt toward lasting hope.

Author:

Ybe Casteleyn is one of Europe's most sought-after psychotraumatologists, with clients from all over Europe, but also Syria, USA and Afghanistan. She has worked with all kinds of trauma: people haunted by their past, survivors of child abuse, refugees, victims of accidents and crime, victims of terrorist attacks.

Nowadays, she organises online trauma courses for fellow-therapists, psychologists, midwives, GPs, gynaecologists and other professionals in the field of mental health. Ybe is an avid advocate for the 'trauma-informed society'.



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MASTERING THE MIND

BY JAMSHED DURRANI

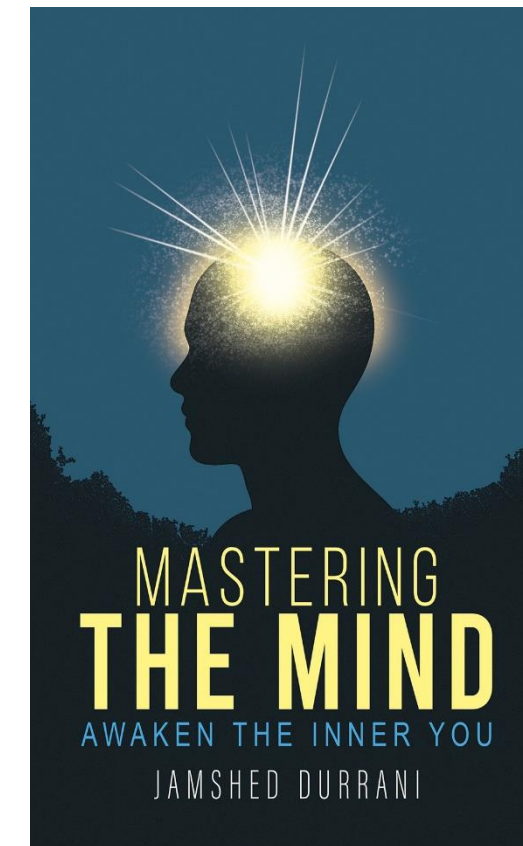
SELF-HELP

Mastering the Mind: Awaken the Inner You is your key to unlocking the vast potential that lies within. In a world filled with distractions, self-doubt, and challenges, the greatest battle we face is often with our own minds. But what if you had the tools to break free from limiting beliefs, harness your mental power, and create the life you've always desired?

In this transformative book, Jamshed Durrani, a renowned mindset and peak performance coach, takes you on a journey of self-discovery and mental mastery. Through actionable techniques, deep insights, and practical exercises, you'll learn how to reshape your thoughts, build mental resilience, and step into a life of clarity and purpose. Whether you're navigating personal obstacles, professional challenges, or simply seeking to enhance your mindset, this book provides the guidance you need to awaken the best version of yourself.

Author:

Jamshed Durrani is an award-winning leadership and mindset coach renowned for reshaping how leaders and coaches think, perform, and lead with purpose. As the founder of *Catalytic Coach* and creator of transformational programmes such as *Coach the Coach*, *The Executive Edge*, and *Lead From the Core – Rewrite the Inner Code of Leadership*, he equips high performers to unlock clarity, elevate influence, and build lasting impact in both corporate and entrepreneurial spheres.



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WISE GUIDES

BY MAZEN BARBIR

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

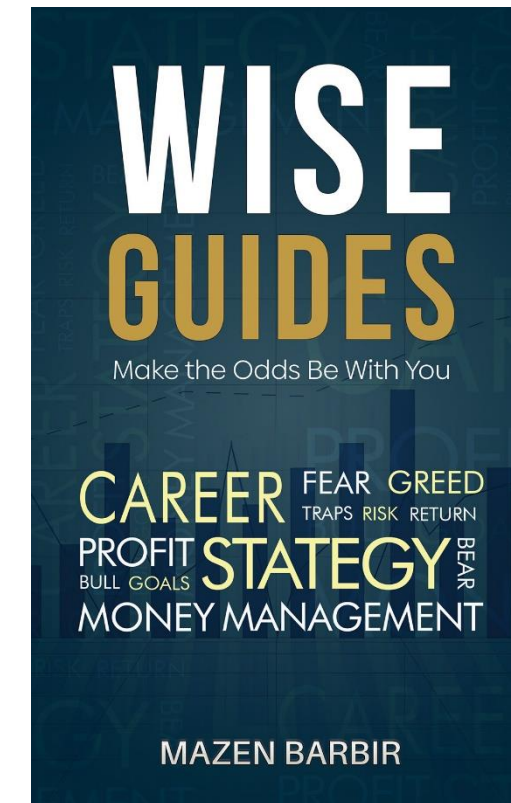
This book isn't about clichés or feel-good motivation. It's a straightforward experience-driven guide that challenges conventional wisdom, exposes common pitfalls, and provides a practical roadmap for those looking to navigate employment, career growth, leadership, and strategic decision-making.

Written in a sharp, engaging, and sometimes contrarian tone, Wise Guides distils years of real-world insights into actionable lessons that readers can apply immediately. Whether you're starting your career, making investment decisions, or looking to level up in leadership, this book helps you think strategically, avoid costly mistakes, and build a mindset for long-term success.

Author:

I was born and raised in Lebanon, where I quickly learned that success in work, life, and money demands resilience and adaptability. Those early lessons shaped the arc of my global career.

In 1998, I moved to Canada and earned a Bachelor's in Accounting (2001) and an MBA in Finance (2007) from the University of Ottawa. For seven years, I navigated the Canadian job market on a limited work visa, eventually building and selling a small financial brokerage firm servicing small businesses and the immigrant community.



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THE PEOPLEMAD SUCCESS MODEL

BY PHIL MERRICK

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

A platform on which to build future success, covering the key elements needed to be successful. Learn how to take control, develop a strategy, get the right people, get the right people doing the right things, create the right environment, build your own capability and get you and your team all behaving as leaders. Phil Merrick is the founder of Peplemad Ltd, a Fellow of the Institute of Leadership Management, an Advisory Board Member of the Youth Charter, a Business Mentor for Business Wales and a former senior executive with one of the biggest banks in Europe. He has a track record of building high performing teams and has spent a great deal of his career in trouble shooting roles helping businesses improve performance, particularly through the organisation and management of people. Phil is now focused on helping people improve performance using the Peplemad Success Model © which he has developed to make the process easier for people.

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Phil loves all sports, especially football, is a passionate Leeds United supporter and lives in North Wales with his wife Sian and has three daughters Gemma, Hannah and Kate.



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THE CURIOUS LEADER

BY KIM-ADELE RANDALL

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Great leaders don't succeed because they have all the answers—they succeed because they stay curious.

In *The Curious Leader*, Kim-Adele Randall reveals how curiosity transforms leadership from a position of authority into a force for growth, trust, and innovation. Drawing on decades of boardroom experience, personal stories, and practical frameworks, she shows how the best leaders unlock performance not through control, but through the courage to ask better questions.

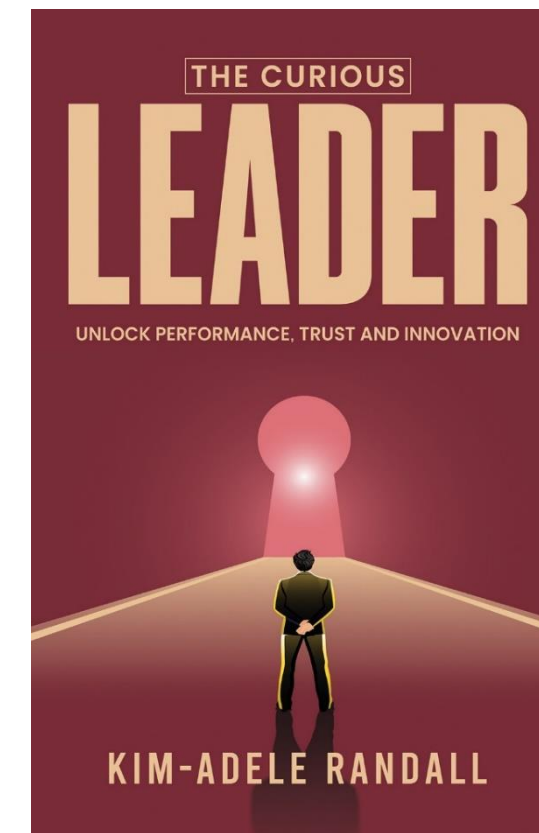
Inside, you'll discover how to:

- Transform feedback from defence to discovery
- Build cultures of psychological safety where innovation thrives
- Balance data-driven decisions with authentic human connection
- Lead with authenticity and confidence through uncertainty and change
- Harness curiosity as a daily practice that fuels both performance and possibility

Whether you're a seasoned executive, an emerging leader, or simply someone who wants to make a bigger impact, this book equips you with the tools to lead with clarity, compassion, and curiosity.

Author:

Kim-Adele Randall is a mum, storyteller, and leadership coach whose greatest joy is raising her daughter Scarlett.



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