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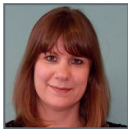
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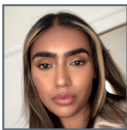
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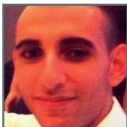
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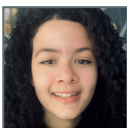
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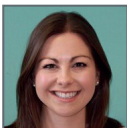
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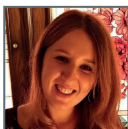
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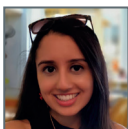
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## IT'S POTTY TIME

### Potty-Training Tips from Amanda Jenner

**The Event:** Go potty with Amanda Jenner, the UK's leading toilet-training expert, as she introduces *It's Potty Time*, which features tips and tricks to help children go to the toilet!



**Pub date:** 12 May 2022  
**Format:** Board book  
**Price:** £6.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241559031  
**Age Range:** 0+  
**Publisher:** Jasmin Kauldhar

- This new Ladybird potty book has a gender-neutral focus and is designed for modern parents looking to introduce toilet-training to their toddler.
- *It's Potty Time* features a diverse cast of child and adult characters and a rhyming narrative text that will appeal to the child reader and guide them gently through the journey of potty-training.

### The Book:

Help your toddler to say goodbye to nappies in this new potty-training board book. Shaped like a potty and written in rhyme, *It's Potty Time* helps to make potty-training accessible and fun for all toddlers. Written with the UK's leading toilet-training expert, Amanda Jenner, there are also practical tips for parents on every page.

**Rose Cobden** is a children's author and editor with ten years' experience working in publishing. She lives near Gatwick with her husband.

**Samantha Meredith** graduated from Loughborough University in 2001 with a BA in illustration. She worked as a designer at Usborne Publishing for five years before making the scary move into freelancing. At the last count, Samantha has illustrated over 200 books for clients, mostly in children's publishing, including Ladybird Books, Scholastic, Campbell Books and Bloomsbury.

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**Amanda Jenner** is a mum of 3 and the UK's leading toilet training expert. Through extensive research and the worldwide success of her invention, 'My Carry Potty' (the world's only 100% leak-proof potty) Amanda has become a well-known name, offering advice to high profile celebrities including Charlotte Tilbury and Helen Flanagan. She is also founder of the Potty Training Academy which helps to reduce nappy waste in nursery schools nationwide.

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## BLUEY

**Bluey's Success Story with Creators  
Charlie Aspinwall and Dayley Pearson**

**The Event:** Hear from the creators of *Bluey* as they talk about the origins and runaway success of the hit children's TV show, which has taken the world by storm.

**Pub date:** 3 February 2022

**Format:** Board book

**Price:** £6.99

**ISBN:** 9780241551837

**Age range:** 4+

- *Bluey* has been a phenomenal success since airing on ABC Kids in October 2018. It is the most watched programme ever on ABC iView, with over 480 million plays for series 1 and 2.
- *Bluey* launched on Disney+ in the UK in October 2020 and CBeebies in April 2021. There are 52 episodes in series 1.
- In the twelve weeks since launch, *Bluey* lines have sold 42,800 collectively through UK TCM. *Bluey: The Beach* was Penguin Random House's fastest-selling new licensed non-seasonal picture book of 2021.

Join Bluey and Bingo as they try to answer the question: can grannies dance?

Bluey and Bingo are playing Grannies. While playing, they get stuck on a question: can grannies dance? Bluey thinks they can but Bingo doesn't. There's only one way to find out – call Nana and ask! This hilarious new board book is perfect for sharing with *Bluey* fans at story time and bedtime.

### ALSO NEW IN 2022:



**Pub date:** 3 March 2022

**Format:** Paperback

**Price:** £3.99

**ISBN:** 9780241550588

**Age range:** 4+



**Pub date:** 12 May 2022

**Format:** Hardback

**Price:** £7.99

**ISBN:** 9780241551912

**Age range:** 4+



**Pub date:** 9 June 2022

**Format:** Paperback

**Price:** £6.99

**ISBN:** 9780241551875

**Age range:** 4 + years



**Pub date:** 29 September 2022

**Format:** Paperback, Ebook

**Price:** £6.99

**ISBN:** 9780241551998

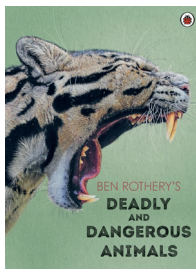
**Age range:** 4 + years



## DEADLY AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS

Get Deadly and Dangerous with Ben Rothery!

**The Event:** Explore the hidden perils of the animal kingdom with award-winning author and illustrator Ben Rothery.



**Pub date:** 5 May 2022  
**Format:** Hardback, Ebook  
**Price:** £12.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241532263  
**Age Range:** 5+  
**Publicist:** Jasmin Kauldhar

- Huge child appeal for those curious about the most deadly and dangerous creatures.
- Ben was a 2021 recipient of the prestigious Silver Pencil Award for *Hidden Planet*, which was also shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize.
- A smaller-format fact-filled series to appeal to Ben's fans of all ages.

### The Book:

Explore what it takes to be counted among the deadliest animals on Earth . . .

From the saltwater crocodile's strong bite to the golden eagle's speed as it attacks from the air, many of the creatures you'll discover here are built for danger. But what makes a chameleon or ant so threatening, and which creature is deadliest to humans despite its tiny size? Find out with Ben Rothery's fact-filled world of the most spectacular and sometimes surprisingly dangerous creatures on our planet. Inspired by his love of nature, Ben grew up variously wanting to be a shark, dinosaur or David Attenborough crossed with Indiana Jones, but settled upon illustration as a compromise that has allowed him to bring those fantasies to life on paper.

**Ben Rothery** is a detail-obsessed illustrator from Norwich, via Cape Town. He combines multiple processes to create intricate and delicate illustrations and repeating patterns, full of fine detail and vibrant colour. In 2021 he won the prestigious Silver Pencil Award for *Hidden Planet*, and his work is published throughout the world. Ben works from a small but perfectly formed studio in London, which he shares with an unnecessarily large collection of very sharp pencils.

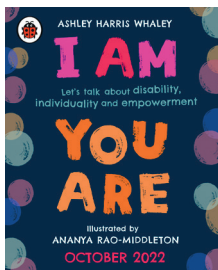
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## I AM, YOU ARE

**Let's Talk About Disability, Individuality and Empowerment with Ashley Harris Whaley and Ananya Rao-Middleton**

**The Event:** Ashley and Ananya discuss the inspiration behind *I Am, You Are*: an important celebration disability and diversity for early readers.



**Pub date:** 13 October 2022

**Format:** Hardback

**Price:** £9.99

**ISBN:** 9780241573112

**Age Range:** 3–7

**Publisher:** Jasmin Kauldhar

- Containing explanations of key words and concepts written in accessible, child-friendly language, with relatable examples, this book supports children's understanding of building an anti-ableist stance from an early age.
- Perfect to read at home and in classrooms to support your child's life-long learning journey.
- This book is specifically written by disability educator Ashley Harris Whaley (63k+ followers on Instagram) to support parents, teachers and carers in explaining what disability is and why it should be celebrated.

### The Book:

*I Am, You Are* is a powerful, practical book to help children and adults have meaningful discussions about disability, while encouraging children to show kindness and lookout for one another. Written by Ashley Harris Whaley, a passionate disability activist, the book empowers children to recognize and celebrate individuality, educating them on anti-ableism.

The book is supported with illustrations from Ananya Rao-Middleton, an illustrator and activist who uses her work as a tool to represent marginalized communities at the intersection of disability, gender, race and other oppressive systems.

**Ashley Harris Whaley** is a writer, speaker, speech-language pathologist and disability activist. She is the project manager of Engagement and Communities for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation and is the creator of Disability Reframed, a platform that focuses on changing perspectives through education and conversation. She lives in the mountains of western North Carolina with her husband, a fluffy black cat and two German shepherds.

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**Ananya Rao-Middleton** is an illustrator and disability activist. She is passionate about illustration as a way to 'do' activism and create empathy-driven change. She describes herself as a feminist illustrator and an activist for people with invisible illnesses.

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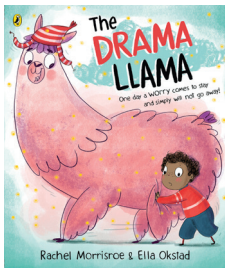
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## DRAMA LLAMA

Join Rachel Morrisroe at the Llama Farm

**The Event:** Join Rachel Morrisroe as she sets off on an adventure to Hillview Llama Farm to introduce young readers to the wonderfully riotous adventures of Alex Allen and the mischievous Drama Llama.



**Pub date:** 14 April 2022  
**Format:** Paperback, Ebook, Audio  
**Price:** £6.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241453001  
**Age Range:** 3+  
**Publicist:** Charlotte Winstone

- This book combines Alex and Llama's hilariously funny escapades with heart-warming, helpful tips for overcoming worry. It cleverly balances important mental health conversations with all the riotous fun you'd expect in a picture book.
- Rachel Morrisroe is a talented, must-read new voice in picture books – a gifted wordsmith fizzing with funny, child-friendly ideas.
- Ella Okstad is the bestselling illustrator of *Sophie Johnson: Unicorn Expert* and the Squishy McFluff middle-grade series.

### The Book:

One day a WORRY comes to stay and simply will not go away!

This hilarious yet heart-warming rhyming tale from incredible new picture-book talent Rachel Morrisroe and bestselling illustrator Ella Okstad offers practical advice about dealing with worry while taking you along on the wonderfully riotous adventures of Alex and his mischievous llama.

**Rachel Morrisroe** is an inventively original new voice in the world of rhyming picture books. With multiple projects under wraps, Rachel is working with leading picture-book talents, including Steven Lenton and Ella Okstad, to bring her hilarious and humorous ideas to life. Rachel is also an abstract artist and sells her work internationally. Originally from Wales, Rachel has lived in Leeds and London and is now settled in Cheshire with her husband, two young children and a very daft dachshund.

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**Ella Okstad** loves to draw ghosts, vampires, humans, cats and all sorts of creatures. She lives and works as an illustrator in Trondheim, Norway. When she's not in her office creating scary, cute or peculiar creatures for books, she enjoys spending time with her husband, three boys and a cat.

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## THE BOY WHO DREAMED DRAGONS

**Award-winning Welsh Author Caryl Lewis Introduces The Boy who Dreamed Dragons**

**The Event:** Join award-winning Welsh author Caryl Lewis as she introduces *The Boy Who Dreamed Dragons* – her powerful picture-book debut.



**Pub date:** 1 September 2022

**Format:** Hardback, Ebook

**Price:** £12.99

**ISBN:** 9780241489819

**Age Range:** 3+

**Publicist:** Ellen Grady

- A beautiful story filled with the emotions of the young, the imaginative, the sensitive, the different. With a stunning denouement celebrating connection, this is a book that will live on in the hearts and minds of its readers across the ages.
- Caryl Lewis is an award-winning Welsh writer, launching into the English-language space with this poetic picture book.
- Perfect for any child who has felt different, whose imagination is big, and whose inner life is rich. Gentle and reassuring.

### The Book:


Albie dreams dragons . . . Some jewel-bright and fierce, some softly scaled and whispery. But, whichever kind they are, they stay with him throughout the night and the next day too.

But the only trouble is that no one else can see Albie's dragons. Or can they?

A special picture book celebrating the imagination, with an emotional and reassuring message.

**Caryl Lewis** is an award-winning Welsh-language writer across adult, young adult and children's books, winning Wales Book of the Year twice. She has also written extensively for cinema and television, notably adapting her own novel for film, which won six Welsh BAFTAs and the Spirit of the Festival Award at the 2010 Celtic Media Festival. Her TV credits include the Welsh scripts for the internationally successful bilingual crime series set in Wales *Y Gwyll / Hinterland*, which is broadcast in over twenty countries. She is currently making her English-language debut.

**Carmen Saldana** lives in Gijon, a little rainy city in the north of Spain. She loves furry animals, birds, bugs, leaves and everything related with nature, which are her main source of inspiration for her illustrations.

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## MY MAGIC FAMILY

Welcome to My Magic Family with Lotte Jeffs

**The Event:** Author and journalist Lotte Jeffs introduces *My Magic Family*.



**Pub date:** 26 May 2022  
**Format:** Paperback, Ebook, Audio  
**Price:** £7.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241540138  
**Age Range:** 3+  
**Publicist:** Rosamund Hutchison

- A joyful and affirming reflection of some of the many ways to be a family, centring on a family with gay mums based on the author's own family.
- One of very few picture books doing this important work in a commercial way, with stylish illustrations and read-aloud rhyming text.
- Both author and illustrator are passionate about the importance of representation in the picture-book space.

### The Book:

There are billions of families, a million ways to be. But in my magic family it's Mummy, Mum and me!

In this celebratory rhyming story a little girl with two mummies shares the magic of her family and discovers how magic all her friends' families are too. This is a warm, funny read-aloud book that's perfect for opening up conversations about different families in a playful, creative way.

**Lotte Jeffs** is an award-winning journalist and former acting editor-in-chief and deputy editor of *Elle*. She writes for *The Times*, *Guardian* and *Telegraph*, among other publications, and is the host of the LGBTQ+ parenting podcast *Some Families*. She lives in London with her magic wife and daughter.

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**Sharon Davey** is a children's illustrator based in Surrey, England. She worked as a set and costume designer for fifteen years before moving into illustration. Sharon enjoys collecting plastic dinosaurs and naming them after historical figures – and, if she's not at her desk working, you can find her dancing in her kitchen with her rainbow family.

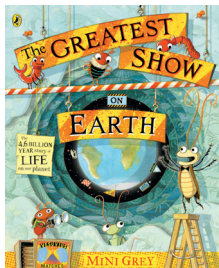
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## THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

The Entire History of the Planet with  
Mini Grey

**The Event:** Join Mini Grey as she introduces her first non-fiction book and shares her favourite moments from *The Greatest Show on Earth*.



**Pub date:** 28 April 2022  
**Format:** Hardback, Ebook  
**Price:** £12.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241480830  
**Age Range:** 5+  
**Publisher:** Maleeha Mir

- Horrible Histories meets The Muppets in this funny, accessible, *completely* original non-fiction book which tackles a key topic - the evolution of life on Planet Earth - with a totally unique approach.
- International appeal: this is a totally original approach to a topic of global interest
- Fact-checked in collaboration with a Natural History Professor at Oxford University, and a Professor of Geophysics at Royal Holloway University.

### The Book:

Here we are at 4.6 billion years ago, and as we raise the curtain . . . the STORY OF LIFE is about to begin!

Take your seats for the ENTIRE history of Planet Earth, as we take a whistle-stop tour from the birth of Earth, to the age of bacteria, the era of dinosaurs . . . to the moment of people (blink and you'll miss it). Narrated by a friendly troop of insects and with mind-blowing, lively illustrations, this illustrated non-fiction book will entertain and educate, as we put on a show, the greatest show, the show of the evolution of life on Earth.

**Mini Grey** was given her name after being born in a Mini in a car park in Newport, Wales. She studied for an MA in Sequential Illustration at Brighton under the tutelage of John Vernon Lord. Her children's books include *Traction Man is Here*, *Traction Man Meets Turbo Dog*, *Biscuit Bear*, *Egg Drop* and *The Pea and the Princess*. Amongst numerous nominations and prizes, Mini has won the Smarties Book Award, the Nestlé Children's Book Prize Gold Award and the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal. Mini lives in Oxford with her partner Tony, son Herbie, and cat Bonzetta.

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## WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Welcome to the World with National Treasure Julia Donaldson

**The Event:** Join internationally bestselling and award winning author Julia Donaldson as she marks the arrival of *Welcome to the World*.



**Pub date:** 28 April 2022  
**Format:** Hardback, Ebook  
**Price:** £12.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241456545  
**Age Range:** 0+  
**Publisher:** Ellen Grady

- Revisiting the very special picture-book pairing first seen in *The Giant Jumperee* comes a magical, lyrical celebration of babies' first experiences.
- Throughout, readers are treated to Helen Oxenbury's beautiful illustrations, which perfectly capture babies' first experiences. From joy to exasperation, to wonder and amazement, parents and guardians will be able to relate to each of these small, everyday moments that are given just as much importance as the more monumental milestones.
- Julia Donaldson and Helen Oxenbury have charmed generations with their picture books and, between them, have published over 300 books, won over 30 awards and sold over 21 million copies.

### The Book:

From the comfort of home to the adventure of the great outdoors, from family to first encounters with nature, *Welcome to the World* revels in the joy that comes with sharing this new world with children and seeing it through their eyes. The perfect gift for a new baby and a book that is set to become a modern classic.

**Julia Donaldson** was born in 1948. She grew up in London and studied at Bristol University. She has written over a hundred books and plays for children and teenagers, including the award-winning stories *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom* and *Superworm*, which are among the UK's bestselling picture books. Julia has won many awards, including the Smarties and Blue Peter Awards and was the Children's Laureate 2011–2013. Julia Donaldson lives in Sussex with her husband, Malcolm, who often joins her on stage for their sell-out sing-along shows.

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**Helen Oxenbury** has charmed generations of children with her award-winning illustrations. She has won the Kate Greenaway Medal and the Kurt Maschler Award, and her numerous books include *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll.



## THE LAST FIREFOX

A Welsh Adventure with Lee Newbery

**The Event:** Lee Newbery introduces his debut *The Last Firefox* from Book-ish in Crickhowell and talks about how family and adventures have influenced the book.



**Pub date:** 3 March 2022  
**Format:** Paperback, Ebook, Audio  
 (Read by Callum Scott Howells)  
**Price:** £7.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241493533  
**Age Range:** 8+  
**Publisher:** Phoebe Williams

- *Cogheart* meets Pokémon in this gorgeously fun and inclusive middle-grade debut.
- Fully illustrated throughout by Laura Catalán.
- Engaging and committed Welsh author with a growing social media presence.

### The Book:

Set in Wales, *The Last Firefox* offers inclusive representation of adoption and same-sex parenting, weaved into a thrilling tale about a magical creature and its unlikely protector Charlie Challinor.

Between bullies at school and changes at home, Charlie Challinor finds life a bit scary. And when he's made guardian of a furry fox cub called Cadno, things get a whole lot scarier. Because Cadno isn't just any fox: he's a firefox – the only one of his kind – and a sinister hunter from another world is on his trail.

Swept up into an unexpected adventure to protect his flammable friend, Charlie's going to need to find the bravery he never thought he had if he's going to save the last firefox . . .

**Lee Newbery** lives with his husband, son and two dogs in a seaside town in west Wales. By day he helps vulnerable people look for jobs and gain new skills, and by night he sits down at his laptop to write. Lee enjoys adventuring, drinking ridiculous amounts of tea and giving his dogs a good cuddle – or a *cwtch*, as they say in Wales.

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## THE SECRET OF HAVEN POINT

Discover the Secret Inspiration behind Haven Point

**The Event:** Journey to the wild north-east coast with Lisette Auton to find out all about the magic that inspired her debut middle-grade novel.



**Pub date:** 3 February 2022  
**Format:** Paperback, Ebook, Audio (Read by Lisette Auton)  
**Price:** £7.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241522035  
**Age Range:** 9+  
**Publicist:** Sophia Pringle

- Lisette Auton has created a diverse cast of disabled characters who are celebrated exactly the way they are, drawing on her own experiences as well as consulting a range of people to make her book accessible, fair and representative.
- Stunning debut voice: Lisette's writing is as beautifully atmospheric as Katherine Rundell's and Kiran Millwood-Hargrave's, with magic, adventure and family at its heart.
- Inspired by Lisette's own life on the north-east coast, the fictional Haven Point is both wild and beautiful, with mermaids in its waters and superstition in the air. Children will adore its enchanting atmosphere, reminiscent of some of the best classic children's tales.

### The Book:

Outsiders never come here. The magic doesn't let them . . .

When Alpha was a baby, she was washed up by the lighthouse at Haven Point, a remote beach alive with wild magic. Alpha was the first founding – and now the lighthouse at Haven Point has become a ramshackle home for any disabled child or adult who has ever felt excluded from society. They call themselves the Wrecklings, carrying out wreckings and looting from passing ships with the help of the mermaids who live in their waters. Alpha and her friends spend their days adventuring on the shore and getting into trouble with the grown-ups. Then one day everything changes. When Alpha spots a strange light up on the headland and realizes that her beloved family are in danger of being discovered by Outsiders, it sets in motion a chain of events that will change Haven Point forever.

**Lisette Auton** is a disabled writer, activist, poet, novelist, spoken-word artist, actor, film and theatre-maker and creative practitioner. She's an award-winning poet who has performed at Northern Stage, ARC, the Southbank Centre and the Sage, in pubs, in a crypt, at festivals, indoors, outdoors, on a bridge and in a launderette. *The Secret of Haven Point* is her debut novel.

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## THE GOOD TURN

**Empathy, Activism and Hidden Historical Figures with Sharna Jackson**

**The Event:** Join Waterstones Book Prize winner Sharna Jackson as she introduces *The Good Turn* – a powerful adventure story that weaves themes of empathy, kindness and the Windrush generation.



**Pub date:** 12 May 2022

**Format:** Paperback, Ebook, Audio

**Price:** £7.99

**ISBN:** 9780241523599

**Age Range:** 8+

**Publisher:** Ellen Grady

- Sharna Jackson's debut novel *High-Rise Mystery* won the Waterstones Book Prize for the Best Book for Younger Readers and was chosen as a BookTrust pick.
- Sharna Jackson is a 2022 World Book Day author and introduced *The Good Turn* in her World Book Day book, reaching thousands of new readers. The book has already been described as 'a joy to read' by Alex Wheatle and 'an intriguing mystery adventure' by Sophia Anderson.
- An extraordinary adventure starring ordinary kids, this mystery with themes of kindness and activism has the mystery-solving of Robin Stevens, the real-life setting of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, the adventure of the Famous Five and the inspiring quality of *Wonder*.

### The Book:

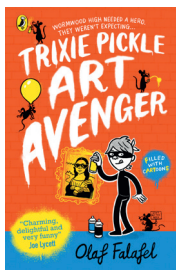
Josephine Williams is a future-focused, internet-loving eleven-year-old who is desperate to explore the world beyond her cul-de-sac – and her browser. When she learns about Josephine Holloway – a woman who started the first Girl Scout troop for Black girls in America – she's certain she must start her own. Enlisting her friends Margot Anderson and Wesley Evans, the trio begin their quest for their Camping Badge. Drawn to an abandoned factory nearby, they stumble across something strange: an ancient square television and two tatty armchairs. Beside it is a wooden sideboard with an old photograph of a young, happy couple. What is this? Who, or what, lives here – and why?

**Sharna Jackson** is an award-winning author and curator who specializes in developing socially engaged initiatives for children across culture, publishing and entertainment. She was recently the artistic director at Site Gallery in Sheffield and was formerly the editor of the *Tate Kids* website. Sharna's debut novel *High-Rise Mystery* received numerous awards and accolades, including the Waterstones Book Prize for the Best Book for Younger Readers. Sharna lives on a ship in Rotterdam in the Netherlands.



## TRIXIE PICKLE ART AVENGER A Draw-along with Olaf Falafel

**The Event:** Join comedian, author and illustrator Olaf Falafel as he introduces his debut middle-grade novel *Trixie Pickle: Art Avenger* and teaches you how to draw Trixie Pickle!



**Pub date:** 7 July 2022  
**Format:** Paperback, Ebook, Audio  
**Price:** £7.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241537640  
**Age Range:** 7+  
**Publicist:** Phoebe Williams

- *Art Club with Olaf Falafel* on YouTube was a lockdown smash hit, teaching bored children and fed-up parents all about art and artists. TV rights in *Art Club* have been optioned.
- Illustrated throughout with Olaf's distinctive cartoons, this is the perfect book for children who love the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series and it features a strong female protagonist.
- Short, illustrated and irreverent fact files about real artists throughout teach children about different art movements.

### The Book:

A laugh-out-loud illustrated adventure featuring Trixie Pickle, the Banksy of her school. Trixie loves art and hates bullies – and so she decides to become an Art Avenger, righting wrongs at her school through art. She uses Picasso, Pollock and Ofili to teach bullies a lesson, get out of lessons and help those in need, like an arty Robin Hood.

**Olaf Falafel** is an author, illustrator and stand-up comedian (which is pretty similar to a stand-up chameleon except he doesn't change colour to blend in with the background). He's the winner of the Funniest Joke of the Edinburgh Fringe and has created and performed several stupidly named comedy shows including *Olaf Falafel and the Cheese of Truth*. As well as trying to make people laugh on stage, Olaf draws a lot and tries to come up with funny ideas for kids' books. He also has an art club on YouTube that's full of real drawing tips and facts about famous artists. In 2019 Olaf visited 100 schools in 100 days – and then put his feet up and had a cup of tea.

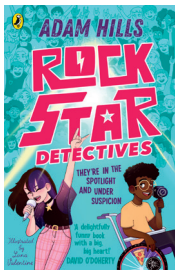
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## ROCKSTAR DETECTIVES

Laugh Out Loud with Comedian  
Adam Hills

**The Event:** Get ready to laugh your socks off as comedian, and host of *The Last Leg*, Adam Hills introduces his detective dream team Charley and George. Expect fun, adventure and lots of laughter.



**Pub date:** 3 February 2022

**Format:** Paperback, Ebook, Audio

**Price:** £6.99

**ISBN:** 9780241505977

**Age Range:** 9+

**Publicist:** Harriet Venn

**Audio:** Read by Adam Hills

- The debut children's book from internationally famous comedian Adam Hills, star of Channel 4's award-winning and groundbreaking series *The Last Leg*.
- A funny, accessible, inclusive and page-turning mystery, perfect for fans of Sharna Jackson's *The High-Rise Mystery* and readers of David Baddiel.
- Main character George is a wheelchair user, who is inspired by Adam's own experiences of disability.

### The Book:

When a priceless painting goes missing, Charley (a twelve-year-old viral singing sensation) and her best friend George (camera whizz and budding comedian) are shocked to discover they're the prime suspects. Now Charley and George have to prove they're not international criminals – all while nailing a stellar European tour *and* keeping up with their homework!

But as news of high-profile heists hit the headlines wherever they go, Charley and George keep finding themselves in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. Can they solve these baffling crimes and save themselves, or will their shot at stardom be over almost as soon as it's begun?

**Adam Hills** is an internationally recognized comedian and host of award-winning Channel 4 series *The Last Leg*. His collection of stories from a life in comedy, *Best Foot Forward*, featured memories of his early days performing stand-up and his many encounters with famous faces, including Whoopi Goldberg and Billy Connolly.

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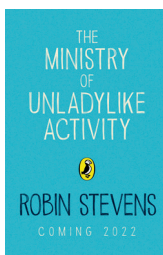




## THE MINISTRY OF UNLADYLIKE ACTIVITY

### Mayhem and Mysteries with Robin Stevens

**The Event:** Join Robin Stevens as she introduces her brand-new series and see May Wong take centre stage as her budding new detective. Robin will also be sharing some crime-solving tips with new mystery writer on the block Adam Hills



**Pub date:** 6 October 2022  
**Format:** Hardback, Ebook, Audio  
**Price:** £12.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241429860  
**Age Range:** 8+  
**Publicist:** Harriet Venn

- Robin is now one of the UK's bestselling and fastest-growing children's authors, with over 1 million copies sold through TCM. She was the seventh biggest children's fiction author by volume in 2020.
- This story has everything Robin's fans love: brilliant but underestimated children, wonderful friendships and rivalries, twisty mystery plots, and history brought to life in an accessible way. Set during the Second World War, a period continually on school curriculums, this new series will have even broader appeal.
- The Ministry of Unladylike Activity stars a cast of fantastic and diverse new characters, alongside familiar faces from Murder Most Unladylike, including Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong.

### The Book:

Britain is at war, and a secret arm of the British government called the Ministry of Unladylike Activity is training spies. Enter May Wong: courageous, smart, stubborn – and desperate to do whatever she can to help end the war, so she can go home to Hong Kong. May knows that there is no one more perfect to become a spy than a child. A child can go places, see things and listen in on conversations in a way that no adult ever can. When May and her friend Eric are turned away by the Ministry, they take matters into their own hands. And then the murder happens . . .

**Robin Stevens** was born in California and grew up in an Oxford college, across the road from the house where Alice in Wonderland lived. She has been making up stories all her life. When she was twelve, her father handed her a copy of *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* and she realized that she wanted to be either Hercule Poirot or Agatha Christie when she grew up. She spent her teenage years at Cheltenham Ladies' College, reading a lot of murder mysteries and hoping that she'd get the chance to do some detecting herself (she didn't). She went to university, where she studied crime fiction, and then she worked at a children's publisher. Robin is now a full-time author, and her books are both award-winning and bestselling. She lives in Oxford.



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## BABY LOVE

Jacqueline Wilson Talks about Girlhood in the 1960s and Her Latest Title *Baby Love*

**The Event:** Join national treasure Jacqueline Wilson as she introduces her latest and timely story for older readers *Baby Love*.



**Pub date:** 17 March 2022  
**Format:** Hardback, Ebook, Audio  
 (Read by Tamla Kari)  
**Price:** £12.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241567104  
**Age Range:** 12+  
**Publicist:** Tania Vian-Smith

- An emotional, empathetic and moving story for older readers that highlights the importance of sex education in schools and the disparity between attitudes in the 1960s and today.
- At the height of the 1960s, more than 16,000 British babies were adopted – many against the will of their birth mothers. The Joint Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights is currently holding an inquiry into the forced adoption of babies of unmarried mothers during the fifties, sixties and seventies.
- Jacqueline is a trusted voice who has sensitively helped children navigate challenging subjects for decades but is still constantly innovating. Over forty million copies of Jacqueline Wilson's books have been sold.

### The Book:

When Laura meets French exchange student Léon, she is flattered by his interest in her. She's never had any sort of boyfriend before. One night, Léon walks Laura home – and her life will never be the same again. Things start to change for Laura – first her moods, and then her body. Laura isn't prepared for what she learns next – and doesn't even know how it could have happened. When her family learns her secret, they are horrified. Sent away to save them from shame, Laura meets girls just like herself, whose families have given up on them – and they become a family for each other.

**Jacqueline Wilson** wrote her first novel when she was nine years old, and she has been writing ever since. She is now one of Britain's bestselling and most beloved children's authors. She has written over 100 books and is the creator of characters such as Tracy Beaker and Hetty Feather. More than forty million copies of her books have been sold and there are many film, TV and theatre adaptations of her books: most recently *The Beaker Girls* on CBBC and *Little Darlings* on Sky TV. As well as winning many awards for her books, including the Children's Book of the Year, Jacqueline is a former Children's Laureate, and in 2008 she was appointed a Dame.



## WITH FIRE IN THEIR BLOOD

**Unmissable YA Debuts of 2022 with Kat Delacorte and Sarah Daniels**

**The Event:** Join Sarah Daniels and Kat Delacorte as they reveal scintillating details of their novels, *The Stranded* and *With Fire in their Blood*, in a YA Themed game of 'Never Have I Ever...'



**Pub date:** 4 August 2022

**Format:** Paperback, Ebook

**Price:** £8.99

**ISBN:** 9780241487624

**Age Range:** 12+

**Publicist:** Chloe Parkinson/Charlotte Winstone

- A supernatural dark romance featuring queer representation and a love square with three romantic options for the protagonist, this is the first instalment in a new YA fantasy duology.
- Perfect for lovers of the urban fantasy of Renée Ahdieh's *The Beautiful*, the decadent gang wars of Chloe Gong's *These Violent Delights* and those still mourning the end of the Twilight Saga and supernatural world-building of Stephanie Meyer.
- Featuring beloved fantasy tropes: enemies-to-lovers, a love square, villain-to-hero – the perfect offering to satisfy the huge craze for fantasy on BookTok.

### The Book:

From the moment sixteen-year-old Lilly Deluca arrives in the ancient Italian town of Castello, she knows it is deadly. The town is divided by an invisible line, keeping the warring families of Marconi and Paradiso from destroying each other.

Lilly quickly falls in with the seductive, rebellious Liza, brooding Nico and sensitive Christian – who are all keeping their own secrets – and sparks begin to fly.

Then Lilly accidentally breaks Castello's most important rule: when the General's men come to test your blood, you'd better not be anything more than human . . .

**Kat Delacorte** was eleven years old when her family moved from the United States of America to a small town in central Italy. She soon began writing stories about her new friends developing superpowers, and she hasn't looked back since. She graduated with a BA in history from Columbia University and lives in Venice, Italy.

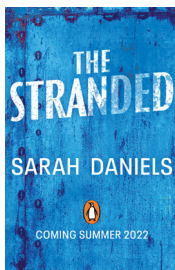
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## THE STRANDED

Unmissable YA Debuts of 2022 with Sarah Daniels and Kat Delacorte

**The Event:** Join Sarah Daniels and Kat Delacorte as they reveal scintillating details of their novels, *The Stranded* and *With Fire in their Blood*, in a YA Themed game of 'Never Have I Ever...'



**Pub date:** 21 July 2022  
**Format:** Paperback, Ebook, Audio  
**Price:** £7.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241507964  
**Age Range:** 12+  
**Publicist:** Chloe Parkinson

- Thrills, love triangles and a coming-of-age story – everything you could hope for in a YA book – are woven into an epic, futuristic setting that is truly original. The tension of Suzanne Collins meets the heartbreak of Malorie Blackman with echoes of *Station Eleven*.
- Combining a world turned upside down by a virus and a group of people desperate for new lives in a country they just can't reach, Sarah Daniels deals sensitively with these timely themes in a way that will be sure to resonate with teen readers.
- Sarah is a debut author and incredible new talent on the YA scene. This is the first book in a duology, with the second coming in 2023.

### The Book:

Welcome to the *Arcadia*.

Once a luxurious cruise ship, it became a refugee camp after being driven from Europe by an apocalyptic war. Now it floats near the coastline of the Federated States – a leftover piece of a fractured USA. For forty years, residents of the *Arcadia* have been prohibited from making landfall. It is a world of extreme haves and have-nots, gangs and makeshift shelters. Esther is a loyal citizen, working flat out to have the rare chance to live a normal life as a medic on dry land. Ben is a rebel, planning something big to liberate the *Arcadia* once and for all.

When events throw them both together, their lives – and the lives of everyone on the ship – will change forever . . .

**Sarah Daniels** is an ex-archaeologist who escaped academia and now writes stories from her home in rural Lincolnshire. Her work has been published in various online magazines and has been nominated for Best British and Irish Flash Fiction and Best Small Fictions. This is her first novel.

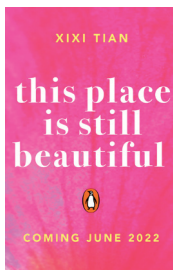
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## THIS PLACE IS STILL BEAUTIFUL

### Coming of Age with YA Debut Author XiXi Tian

**The Event:** Join XiXi Tian as she introduces her unforgettable YA debut, *This Place is Still Beautiful*.



**Pub date:** 9 June 2022  
**Format:** Paperback, Ebook, Audio  
**Price:** £7.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241532614  
**Age Range:** 12+  
**Publicist:** Harriet Venn

- This is classic YA at its finest: emotionally poignant but written in a highly accessible style with powerfully relatable relationships at its core.
- This is a beautiful and moving read, but also a highly entertaining and romantic one – perfect for fans of Angie Thomas, Nicola Yoon and Adam Silvera.
- XiXi perfectly captures the trials of growing up that all young adults face, while also speaking brilliantly about the specificity of belonging to a minority group, and in particular about the second-generation immigrant experience.

### The Book:

Annalie and Margaret are sisters who agree on only one thing: that they have nothing in common. Annalie is seventeen: sweet, content and looking forward to a summer of flirting with the most popular boy in school. Margaret is nineteen: ambitious, a warrior for social justice and desperate to forget her ex-boyfriend in New York City.

When their family is the victim of a racial attack, Annalie tries to pretend it never happened – but Margaret wants to fight back. Suddenly their relationship – and all the ones around them – are hanging by a thread. And then a crushing secret threatens to tear them apart forever . . .

**XiXi Tian** is an attorney at Google by day and a writer by night. She emigrated from China when she was a year old and grew up in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, on which Margaret and Annalie's town is based. Before working at Google, Xixi attended Harvard Law School, and for a brief period dabbled with the idea of becoming a literary agent. She now lives in Brooklyn, New York, with her husband and cat.

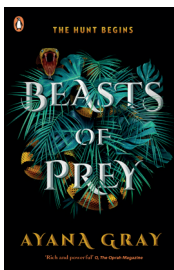
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## BEASTS OF PREY

Monsters, Mythos and Magic with  
Ayana Gray

**The Event:** Join Ayana Gray as she introduces *Beasts of Prey*, the first in an unputdownable blockbuster series.



**Pub date:** 3 March 2022  
**Format:** Paperback, Ebook, Audio  
**Price:** £7.99  
**ISBN:** 9780241532546  
**Age Range:** 12 +  
**Publicist:** Harriet Venn/ Chloe Parkinson

- Ayana has taken the world (and TikTok) by storm with her New York Times bestseller, which is soon to be a major film with Netflix.
- The first in the trilogy inspired by Pan-African mythology and Ayana's exploration of her own identity as a Black American of African descent.
- For fans of *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi, *An Ember in the Ashes* by Sabaa Tahir, *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo and *The Gilded Ones* by Namina Forma.

### The Book:

Magic doesn't exist in the broken city of Lkossa any more, especially for girls like sixteen-year-old Koffi. Indentured to the notorious Night Zoo, she cares for its fearsome and mythical creatures to pay off her family's debts and secure their freedom. But when her loved ones' safety is threatened by the zoo's cruel master, Koffi unleashes a power she doesn't fully understand . . . As the son of a decorated hero, Ekon is all but destined to become an elite warrior . . . until a fire at the Night Zoo upends his certain future. On the brink of his final rite of passage, Ekon is cast out, his reputation left in tatters.

For Koffi and Ekon, the outlook is bleak – unless they can capture the Shetani, the vicious monster that plagues their city, and recover their futures. But defeating the Shetani is something no one has yet achieved, though many have tried. As Koffi and Ekon enter the Greater Jungle, a world steeped in wild magic and untold dangers, the tentative alliance between them is tested to the extreme. The hunt begins – but are they the hunters or the hunted?

**Ayana Gray** is a lover of all things monsters and magic. Originally an Atlanta native, she now lives in sunny Florida where she writes fantastical stories, follows Formula One racing and worries over her adopted baby rhino, Apollo.

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