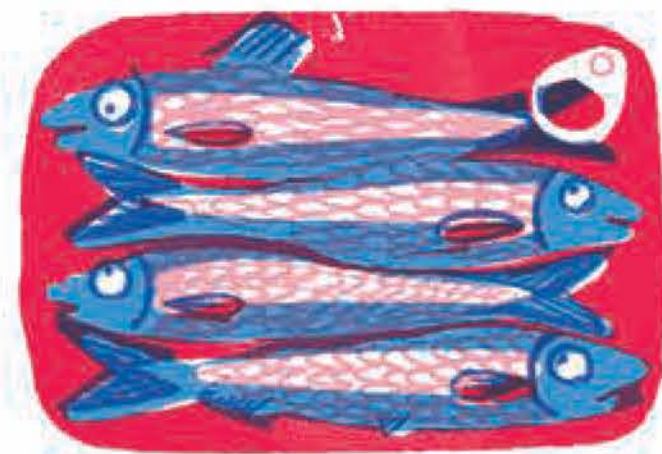
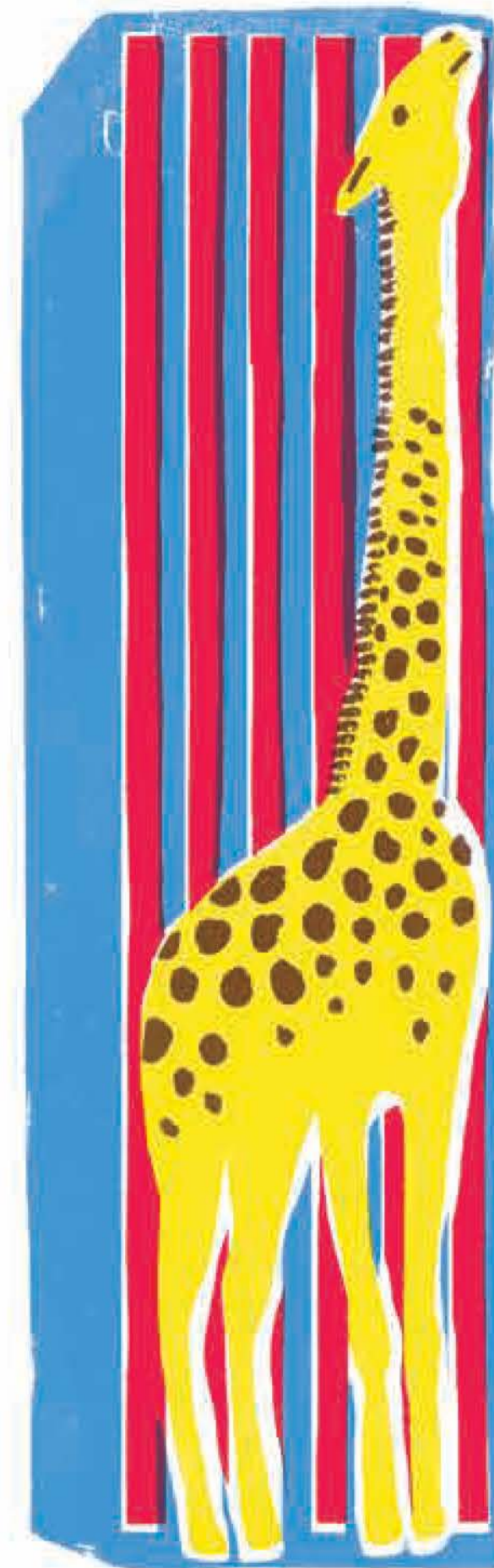


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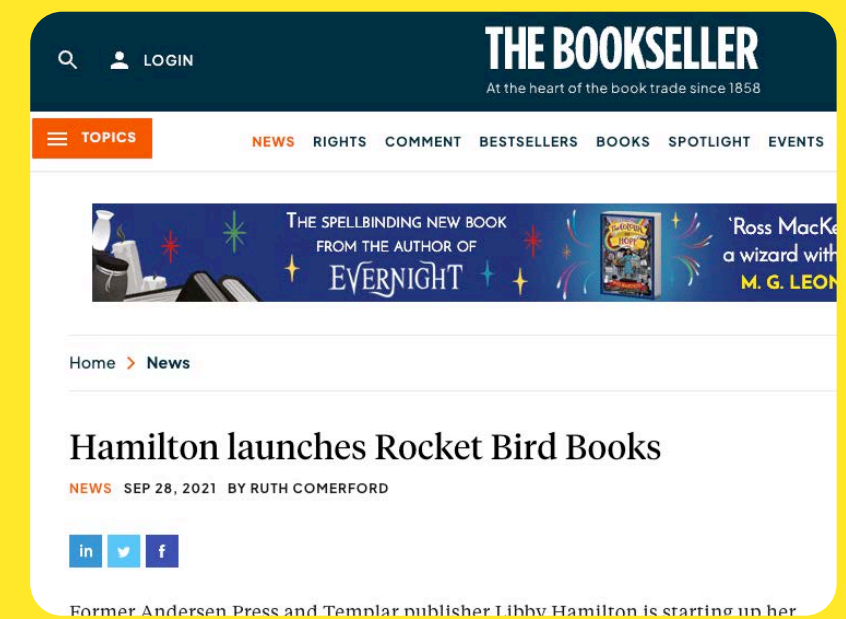
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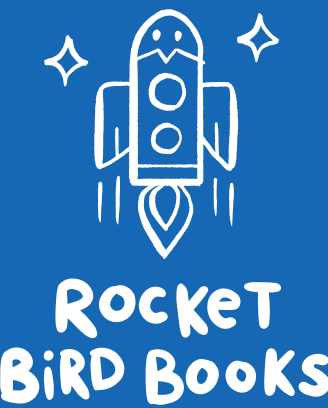
Just because you are older,  
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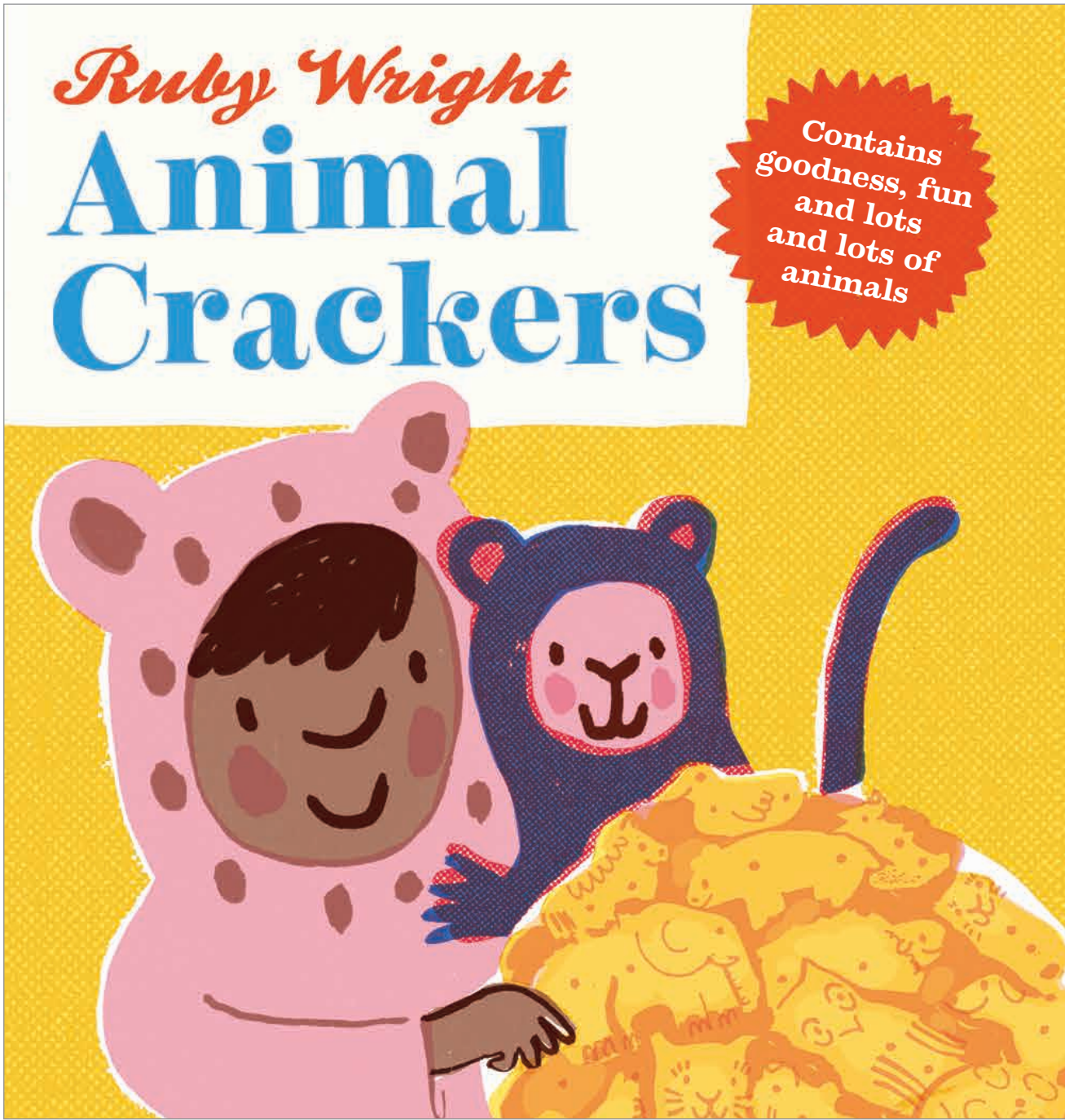
**About the author-illustrator**  
Owen is a celebrated non-fiction creator. His geometric art has an international following. He is also dad to two superb girls. Watching his younger daughter wanting to play with her sister, no matter what the game, inspired this story.

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# Animal Crackers

by Ruby Wright



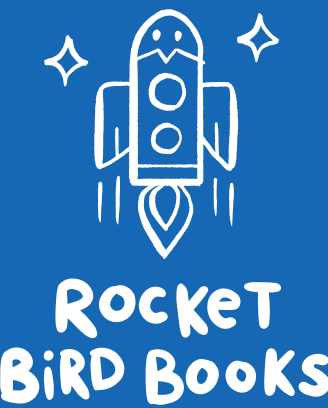
What if you could have every pet you've ever dreamed of? (And a few more.)

Maisie's head is full of animal facts and she desperately wants her own pet, but Mum says their flat is too small. Luckily a packet of Animal Crackers is about to grant Maisie's wish, with unexpected results. (Well... Mum expected them.)

- Exceptional debut from UK author-illustrator Ruby Wright.
- Wish-fulfilment at its best, followed by the smelly reality!
- Maisie's animal facts will make you smile (just don't get too close to the penguin).
- Mum's solution at the end is heart-warming parent-power at its best.

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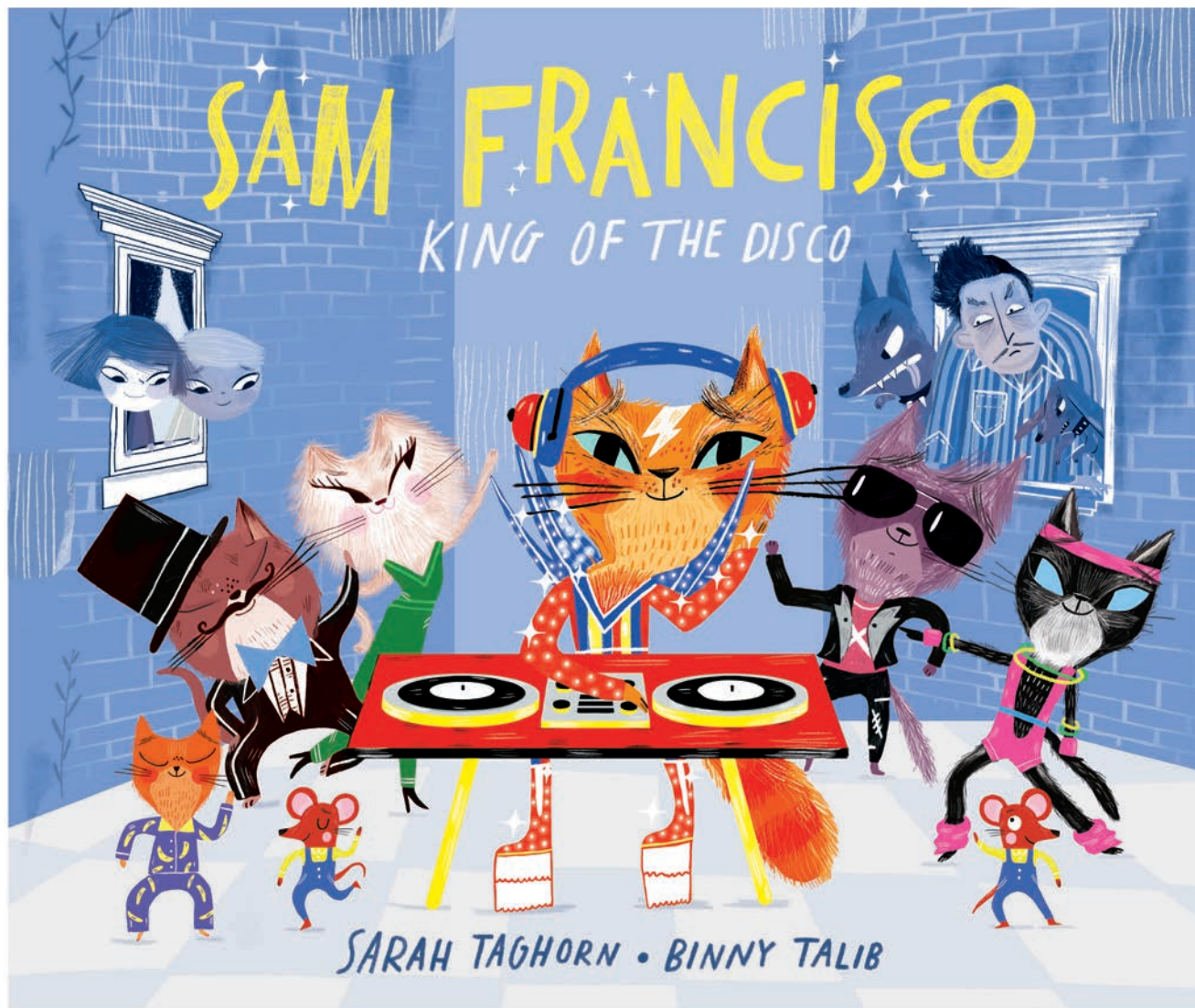
**About the author-illustrator**  
 Ruby studied sculpture at Wimbledon School of Art, which informs her distinctive illustration style but doesn't explain why she plays the musical saw. She lives in a flat in London with her Mr, two very funny children and absolutely no pets. **Animal Crackers** is her debut book.

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# Sam Francisco King of the Disco

by Sarah Taghorm and Binny Talib



The beats were loud, the lights were bright.  
The cats drank milk and danced all night.

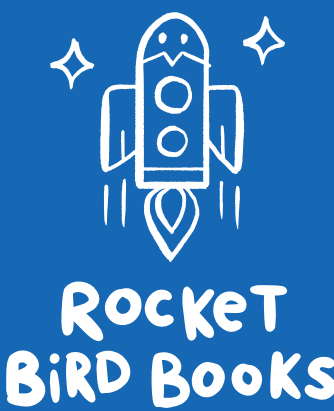
Superstar DJ Sam Francisco and his friends are throwing the party of the year, so neighbour Killjoy Bill can't get any sleep. He sends his dogs to shut Sam down. Then pest control. Then the firebrigade and the police! But only when Bill pulls the plug do things look bleak. Luckily a disco isn't about the fancy lights and speakers: it's the people (and the cats) who make a party.



- Author Taghorm is a rising star who will have you tapping your toes as you read along
- Each adversary is disarmed by a different kind of music, from soul to techno
- Children get a whistle-stop introduction to music genres!
- Foiled cover will give full disco effect

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**About the author**  
Sarah fell in love with books as a child, followed by dance, travelling and tagging sea-turtles! She lives in Cornwall with her family, including cat Envelope whose mysterious nightly adventures inspired this story.

**About the illustrator**  
Binny creates fantastic books for kids and fabulous wallpaper for grown-ups. She lives in Sydney, Australia, with her family including dog Paddington who would love a cat disco.



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