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# Dear Friends,

Another year around the sun, and another exciting season here at Cicada HQ. We're delighted to be working with some old friends again. Sven Volker, who won the New York Times best illustrated children's book award in 2019 with *A Million Dots*, has a new title that playfully illuminates ideas of mindfulness and presence in his trademark stripped back style. Matthew Hodson, author of our beloved *At This Very Moment*, is releasing his joyous, madcap poetry upon the world. We are also working with emerging illustrators Bia Melo and Ollie Sylvester -- both young stars in the making.

We hope you like our new offerings. Do drop us a line if you have any questions or comments -- info@cicadabooks.co.uk.

Forwards always,

Ziggy





978-1-80066-033-5 / 36pp / Hardcover/ 214x263 mm / £12.99 / \$16.99 / TBP: April 2023



# THE MELLONS BUILD A HOUSE ROBIN JACOBS AND NIK NEVES

The Mellon family have outgrown their flat. It's time to move, but none of the houses they look at are quite right, so they decide to build their own house. Masha is an architect. She designs a house that accommodates the Mellons' needs, their budget, and most importantly, the environment. It is an eco-house.

*The Mellons Build a House* is hugely enjoyable picturebook that takes the reader step-by-step through house design and build. Heat pumps, solar panels, insulation and rainwater harvesting are all clearly explained, and brought to life in Nik Neves's warm, inclusive illustrations. A timely and essential read for aspiring young architects and construction-enthusiasts.

# The Mellons need to build a forever home that is lean, clean and green!

**Robin Jcobs** *is children's television and book writer. She is the author of* Don't Hug the Pug *and* Earth-Shattering Events. *She is an active environmentalist and has recently completed an eco-build of her own outside of Bristol.* 

**Nik Neves** is a prize-winning Brazilian artist and illustrator living and working in Berlin. He has worked with clients including: Moet, Printemps, Vogue, Facebook, Brooklyn Industries, National Geographic and Lonely Planet.



978-1-80066-026-7 / 22.8 x 27.9 cm / 40pp / Hardcover / £14.99 / \$19.99 / TBP: May 2023



# MAMA MAMMALS CATHY EVANS AND BIA MELO

This beautifully presented science book explains the facts of life by looking at sex and reproduction in mammal species. Through short, concise texts and warm, engaging illustrations, we learn about fertilisation, gestation, birth, breastfeeding and early parenting across the mammalian order. Did you know that, unlike other mammals, whale calves are born tail first, so that the mother can push them to the surface to breathe as soon as they emerge? Or that echidnas do not have nipples? Their young lick milk that seeps from pores in their chests.

Easy to engage with for kids as young as four, this is a convenient, informative and enjoyable way of learning about babies and where they come from.

# Forget the birds and the bees, let's learn about how mammals make babies and look after them!

**Cathy Evans** is a vet and a writer living in Bournemouth with two boys and a menagerie of animals. She is the author of Cat Eyes and Dog Whistles (*Cicada*, 2021).

**Bia Melo** is a recent graduate of the CSABI children's book illustration programme. Her graduate project, House Hunting won runner up in the Macmillan Illustration Prize, 2022.





# FORWARDS ALWAYS MATTHEW HODSON

*Forwards Always* is a collection of poems to be read aloud with friends and loved ones. They are not complicated poems, but as a collection, they are varied in their shape and smell. You may need to read certain poems more than once before you get the hang of them. That's ok though. Practice them as you would a ballet, or omelettes.

Play with the book, it is a toy. Rotate it, squeeze it and wave it about. Wear it as a hat or try reading it upside down. Some poems may be improved by two readers taking turns or even reading aloud at the same time. You will figure it out. Please be aware that the book is neither waterproof or fire resistant. Dogs and goats will eat it, if given the opportunity. It tastes of paper.

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> **Matthew Hodson** is a graphic artist and poet. He likes other people, the woods and boiled eggs. He is frustrated by cynicism and mould. His client list includes The Guardian, The New York Times and The Economist. He is the author of At This Very Moment (*Cicada*, 2021) and the Illustrator of Don't Hug the Pug (*Cicada*, 2019).

978-1-80066-035-9 / 140x200mm / 72pp / Hardcover / £12.99 / \$16.99 / TBP April 2023





# ARE WE THERE YET? SVEN VOLKER

Bear wakes up after his long winter's sleep and joins his friend, Butterfly, on a journey. 'Where are we going?' Asks bear. 'All journeys have secret destinations', says Butterfly. As they travel through forest, over hill and across a great river, Butterfly offers her wisdom about hardships, facing one's fears and living in the moment. Bear's natural impatience gradually softens into acceptance of the world around him.

As the seasons change, the friends find themselves once more in front of Bear's cave. Landscapes look different with different eyes and the end of one journey is the beginning of another.

This is a heartwarming book about friendship and about circles and cycles of life and being. It is a sweet and calming bedtime story that introduces Buddhist philosophies and values to young readers.

To get through the hardest journey we need only to take one step at a time, but we must keep on stepping.

978-1-80066-037-3/ 214 x 263mm / 32pp / Hardcover / £12.99 / \$16.99 / April 2023



**Sven Volker** is a Berlin-based author/illustrator and a professor in graphic design. His first book, A Million Dots, was a New York Times 'Best Illustrated Children's Book' winner in 2019.

# AGES

Gory Rory Fangface Needs a Kiss (N<sup>O</sup> H<sup>E DOESN'T</sup>)





978-1-80066-036-6 / 214x263mm / 32pp, Hardcover / £12.99 / \$16.99 / TBP: April 2023



# GORY RORY FANGFACE NEEDS A KISS

ZIGGY HANAOR AND OLLIE SYLVESTER

Gory Rory Fangface is having a terrible day and everything is going wrong. First, he ran out of cereal and then his favourite jumper was in the wash and then it rained on the way to school. Does Gory Rory need a kiss? No, he most certainly DOESN'T.

The day gets progressively worse; he's forgotten his homework, it's egg salad for lunch, and then mum is late for pick-up. A kiss perhaps? NO WAY. On the way home it rains again, there's homework to finish and the internet is down. Gory Rory has reached the end of his tether – it really has been the WORST DAY EVER. But sometimes... just sometimes... when you really *really* need them... kisses can make it all better.

A heartwarming story about the power of affection to lighten up even the darkest of days.

# Gory Rory is having a TERRIBLE day, and the LAST thing he needs is a KISS.

**Ziggy Hanaor** is an author and publisher based in London. Her previous books include Fly Flies, The Pocket Chaotic and Fly Flies. **Ollie Sylvester** is an illustrator and animation director based in Bristol. His clients include The New York Times, Bloomberg Businessweek and Camden Town Brewery. He takes inspiration in the nonsensical humour of the everyday. This is his first book.



978-1-80066-029-8 / 230x290 mm / 72pp/ Hardcover £16.99 / \$22.99 / September 2022

# EPIC ANIMAL JOURNEYS: MIGRATION AND NAVIGATION BY AIR, LAND AND SEA BY ED J BROWN

Migration is one of the great mysteries of the natural world. With no engines or GPS devices, birds fly thousands of miles to their African feeding grounds, salmon cross oceans so that they may return to the rivers in which they were born and monarch butterflies spend their entire adult lives traveling from the grasslands of the Midwest to the forests of Mexico.

This book takes a close look at how and why different animals migrate. The science of migration and navigation is broken down into clearly understood texts, and then brought to life with beautiful packaging and vivid illustrations by *Aquila* illustrator, Ed J Brown.

An exploration of the remarkable and perilous journeys our planet-mates undertake year on year.



ISBN: 978-1-80066-029-8 52299 781800 660298 **Ed Brown** is British illustrator and writer living in Leipzig. His striking, humour-packed illustrations have featured in Reader's Digest, Anorak Magazine, and Aquila Magazine, where he is the lead illustrator. This is his first book.



# NOMADS: LIFE ON THE MOVE KINCHOI LAM

A fascinating survey of seven nomadic societies around the world, exploring traditional ways of living that are currently at threat from globalisation and climate change.

With delicately beautiful monoprint illustrations bringing the material to life, we learn about the Sama Bajau, fishing nomads from the Philippines who spend months on end at sea, the Yanomami peoples of the Amazon rainforest, whose connection to the forest around them informs every aspect of their lives, and the Nenets of Siberia, who follow their reindeer through blasting winds to the very edge of the Arctic Circle.

A refreshing and timely insight into human traditions and cultures that connect us to our distant ancestors and to simpler ways of living.

# A beguiling and poetic look at nomadic lifestyles around the world.

978-1-80066-032-8 / 210x273 mm / 82pp/ Hardcover/ £16.99 / \$22.99 / Nov 2022 / Rs: Simp Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese



**Kinchoi Lam** *is a Hong Kong based artist and a recent graduate of the CSABI MA. He is the winner of the Batsford Prize 2021 and was also shortlisted for the World Illustration Awards 2020.* 



# SNAIL TRAIL ZIGGY HANAOR AND CHRISTOS KOURTOGLOU

Marjorie is a happy snail. She loves her family and friends, but sometimes she just needs a bit of alone time. The problem is, as soon as she finds a quiet space, someone follows her trail of slime and tracks her down. Enraged, Marjorie wanders this way and that until she is entirely, marvellously lost. But the joys of solitude are short lived, and Marjorie swiftly realises that she can't find her way back. Luckily, she stumbles on a good friend who helps her on her way and offers her some sage advice.

This is a timely and relatable book that brings to life the disjunction between our introvert and extrovert selves, so common in a post-lockdown era. The book naturally follows on from the critically acclaimed *Pocket Chaotic*, and is brought to life in the lively watercolours of Christos Kourtoglou.



Marjorie just wants some quiet time, but her family and friends won't leave her alone!

**Ziggy Hanaor** *is an editor and writer. She is the author of* Pocket Chaotic, Alex and Alex *and* Fly Flies.

**Christos Kourtoglou** is an illustrator and designer from Athens. His distinctive watercolour illustrations have won numerous awards. He has written and illustrated various books for Metaixmio and Papadopoulos Publishing.

978-1-80066-031-1 / 216 x 243mm / 32pp / Hardcover £12.99 / \$16,99 / October 2022 / RS: Simp Chinese

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978-1-80066-028-1 /190x210mm / 120pp/ Hardcover £14.99 / \$19.99 / September 2022 / rs: Korean, Trad. Chinese

# CHANGING WORLD: COLD DATA FOR A WARMING PLANET DAVID GIBSON

As the impacts of climate change become ever more visible, it becomes ever harder to work out what it all means and how best to address it. This book of infographics illuminates the realities of climate change in hard numbers, bright graphs and unequivocal directness.

- How will rising sea levels affect us? .
- Is it better to stop eating red meat or to stop driving a car?
- What industries create the most emissions?
- How do renewable energies compare to one another?

David Gibson is a master of visualisation. Without sugar-coating or fear-mongering, this is a book that uses facts to conveniently illuminate inconvenient truths, in such a way that they may be understood by children and adults alike.

Everything you wanted to know about climate change but were too afraid to ask!

> **David Gibson** is the founder of graphic design studio Draught Associates. He has worked on books for Laurence King and the Architecture Association, and is the author of the critically acclaimed Visual Aid and Visual Aid 2 (Black Dog Publishing, 2010, 2011).



# **THE UNOFFICIAL GUIDE TO THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN AFTERLIFE** BASTET THE CAT AND LAURA WINSTONE

Bastet, the Pharaoh's cat, is here to take you on a journey through the mystical death rituals of Ancient Egypt. Starting with some routine disembowelment and mummification, she explains everything from the separation of your soul to your various tomb options. Together, you will face the gods in one final judgement – the weighing of the heart. Bastet will make sure you have everything you need on the other side, because, it turns out, you can take it with you after all!

This is a light-hearted, but nonetheless informative insight into the fascinating beliefs and traditions of Ancient Egypt. Striking collage illustrations by Laura Winstone bring a freshness of tone to a subject matter that might be ancient, but never grows old.

An enjoyable book that keeps readers involved with bright colours and animated images... to be kept in classrooms or on the shelves for browsers. - School Library Journal



978-1-80066-012-0 / 230x290 mm / 36pp / Hardcover £12.99 / \$18.99 / April 2022 / RS: Italian



**Laura Winstone** *is a Norwich based illustrator and a recent graduate of the CSABI degree in children's book illustration. She was awarded second place in the Macmillan Illustration Prize 2021 for her book The Catmolean Museum, on which this book is based.* 







# ALTE ZACHEN / OLD THINGS ZIGGY HANAOR AND BENJAMIN PHILLIPS

This graphic novel follows 11-year-old Benji and his elderly grandmother, Bubbe Rosa, as they traverse Brooklyn and Manhattan, gathering the ingredients for a Friday night dinner. Bubbe's relationship with the city is complex – nothing is quite as she remembered it and she feels alienated and angry at the world around her. Benji, on the other hand, looks at the world with cleareyed acceptance. As the story unfolds, we catch glimpses of Bubbe's life and loves, gradually gaining an insight into the tender soul that lies behind the cantankerous exterior.

This is a powerful, affecting exploration of Jewish identity, of generational divides, of the surmountability of difference and of a restless city and its inhabitants.

# A wonderful intergenerational story about the value of old things

– Marissa Moss

**Ziggy Hanaor** *is a publisher and writer. She is the author of* Fly Flies *and* The Pocket Chaotic *(Cicada).* 

**Benjamin Phillips** straddles the disciplines of illustration and fine art. From his studio in Hastings, Benjamin finds inspiration in the humour and turmoil of everyday life. His clients include New York Times, Penguin Random House, Ebury Press and the British Council.

978-1-80066-022-9 / 72pp / Hardcover/ 185x235 mm/ £16.99 / \$22.99 / March 2022 / Rs: Italian, German





# I MISS YOU: ACTIVITIES FOR YEARNING HEARTS GIOIA GUERZONI AND ROSIE LEECH

This poetic little volume proposes a series of conceptual activities to help the reader work through the sense of loss that arises when someone or something is missing from their lives.

Write a letter to yourself from the person that you miss. Describe what they are doing and what they see from their window. Feel their body on the chair, their breath as they concentrate... Fold the letter up many times like a seed and bury it in the ground so that it can turn back into the tree it once was.

A timely, quirky little title, which captures the sense of yearning for the people, places and things that have been left behind in this strange period we're living in.

# A Fluxus-ish series of exorcising exercises to help readers process grief and longing.

978-1-80066-025-0 / 110x170 mm / 44pp/ Hardcover £9.99 / \$14.99 / March 2022



**Gioia Guerzoni** is a literary translator who has worked on novels by the likes of Deborah Levy and Brandon Taylor, translating them from English to Italian. She has recently relocated from Italy to a small Greek island where she lives amongst the pine trees near the sea.



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# WOWEE ZOWEE: A FLIGHT OF IMAGINATION JURG LINDENBERGER

A delightfully silly travel activity book. Hop on board and visit a host of weird worlds and peculiar planets. Design some ski-wear for Frostonika, spot the differences in Crystal Castles and think up a menu for the beach bar on Lazy Isle! No passports required – the only limits are your own imagination!

Bold, fresh illustrations by Jurg Lindenberger, art director of Anorak Magazine, bring the activities to life. A timely reminder of the thrills of travel and exploration. Pack your suitcase and sharpen your pencils... wonderful worlds await!

978-1-80066-010-6 / Paperback / 40pp / 220x285 mm / £8.99 / \$12.99 / April 2022



# MAP OF YOU SOPHIE WILLIAMS

A charming activity book that encourages readers to explore the landscape of their own psyches. Through personality quizzes, drawing and colouring in, they are invited to consider their 'strength mountain,' to navigate their 'wetlands of weakness', to confront their 'forests of fears', and to take comfort in their 'islands of interests'.

At a time when the mental health of young people is a point of concern, this activity book offers a much-needed opening to ideas of self-reflection, well-being and mindfulness, with a refreshing lightness of touch. 978-1-80066-015-1/ Paperback / £8.99 / \$12.99 / 72pp / 210x270 mm / November 2021



The cheerful, doodlelike illustrations are filled with nature imagery and complement the text well. – Kirkus Reviews



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# PROFESSOR WOOFORD MCPAW'S HISTORY OF CARS ELLIOT KRUSZYNSKI

The first book in a series of non-fiction titles narrated by a knowledgeable dog; Professor Wooford McPaw. This one explores the history of the car from the advent of the steam engine to the self driving cars of today.

Brought to life in crisp, comic-book style illustrations and alive with humour and warmth, this is a book that will delight and inform in equal measure.



This marvellous exploration of the history, design, engineering and innovation of car-making is essential reading for any child with an interest in cars. - Booktrust

978-1-908714-95-4 / Hardcover / £12.99 / \$16.99 / 48pp / 214x275 mm / April 2021 / rs; Simp. Chinese, Korean, Russian



# PROFESSOR WOOFORD MCPAW'S HISTORY OF ASTRONOMY FILIOT KRUSZYNSKI

The second book in the Wooford McPaw series takes on the entirety of the cosmos and everything within it. In his distinctively humorous, subversive tone, Elliot Kruszynski looks at how our understanding of our place within the universe has evolved from the days of Ancient Greece, to the discoveries of Copernicus and Gallileo, through to Newton and then to Einstein and Hawking.

A charming and engaging introduction to Astronomy, peppered with fun facts and humorous asides. 978-1-80066-023-6 / Hardcover / £14.99 / \$19.99 / 48pp / 214x275 mm / April 20212 / rs; Simp. Chinese, Korean



Packed with facts and bright cartoon-style illustrations, this is a fantastic introduction to astronomy that supports science and technology. – Booktrust





CAT EYES AND DOG WHISTLES: THE SEVEN SENSES OF HUMANS AND OTHER ANIMALS CATHY EVANS AND BECKY THORNS

This book takes young readers step by step through the biology of the human sensory organs and then compares them to those of the animal kingdom. Did you know that, unlike the other senses, smells are delivered directly to the parts of our brain that are responsible for memory and emotion? Or that a cow has about 250,000 tastebuds, compared to a mere 30 of a chicken?

Beautifully presented, this book will get kids thinking about all the amazing things their bodies can do.

With striking, colorful illustrations and interesting factoids, it provides a fine introduction to the senses. – School Library Journal

978-1-80066-013-7 / 64pp / Hardcover/ 230x295 mm/ £14.99 / \$19.99 / October 2021 / rs: Korean, Vietnamese, German



# ATLAS OF AMAZING ARCHITECTURE PETER ALLEN

This gorgeous reference book eschews the traditional architectural canon of the pyramids and the Taj Mahal, and takes a broader view of what constitutes amazing architecture. From the Jameh Mosque in Iran to an ancient wooden church in Kizhi Pogost, Russia, it spans all continents equally throughout history.

Peter Allen brings the stories of the buildings and their creators alive in his trademark detail- and humour-packed illustrations.



978-1-908714-87-9 / Hardcover / £14.95 / \$22.95 / 88pp / 22x28.5 cm / June 2021 / rs: Simp. Chinese, Korean, Trad Chinese, French, German, Italian



A delightful and informative trip around the globe, visiting more than 40 architectural sites... with artwork that is lively, colorful, informative, and full of character. – School Library Journal





# PIPPIN PAINTS A PORTRAIT CHARLOTTE MEI

Pippin is painting a self-portrait, but his friends think he(s got a lot to learn about art. They take him to see various portraits inspired by famous artists. Pippin feels deflated, but his little friend Minky helps him to dig deep and find the artist within.

This is a refreshingly anarchic, laughout-loud introduction to the art world, told in direct speech and adorable manga-inflected illustration by rising star, Charlotte Mei. This book is a wonderful way to introduce elementary school-aged children to artists and art. -- Seattle Book Review

978-1-80066-014-4 / 214x263mm / 36pp/ Hardcover / £11.99 / \$16.99 / October 2021 / rs: Korean, Simp Chinese, Vietnamese, Trad Chinese



# ALEX AND ALEX ZIGGY HANAOR AND BEN JAVENS

Alex and Alex have lots of things in common. They love playing and dressing up. They are also very different to one another; Alex is very messy and Alex is very tidy.After a trip to the museum goes a little bit awry, Alex and Alex have some cooling off time. But they always make up, because Alex really, really, really, likes Alex!

This book is entirely gender neutral, and is a great book with which to challenge binary identities at the developmental stage at which they are taking root.

Definitely the best book I have come across that sensitively discusses the concept of being non-binary without preaching or taking away from the playful plot for children..

– The Values Bookshelf

978-1-80066-011-3 / 214x263 mm / 32pp / Hardcover / £11.99 / \$16.99 / August 2021











# THE PROBLEM WITH PIERRE C K SMOUHA AND SUZANNA HUBBARD

Alan and Bertram are next-door neighbours. They are also best friends. They are also very different to one another; Bertram is extremely neat and Alan is wildly messy. When a very particular cat called Pierre comes along, each man must make sacrifices in his lifestyle to appease the fussy feline, thus allowing the walls to come down – literally *and* metaphorically!

A beautiful story about tolerance, friendship and compromise, brought to life by awardwinning illustrator, Suzanna Hubbard. 978-1-908714-85-5/ Hardcover / £11.99 / \$16.99 / 36pp / 24x27cm / October 2020



Readers will cheer the outcome and root for this odd couple's continued contentment. Engaging, charming, and tender. ~Kirkus Starred Review

# AT THIS VERY MOMENT MATTHEW HODSON

At this very moment There's a mouse There's a small mouse waking up in the early morning sun.

This is a book about all living things, including you and me, at this very moment. Using simple but evocative language, it asks the young reader to be present in the moment and to marvel at the magnificent organism that is our planet. A beautiful, poetic and elevating bedtime read.

# A lovely, quiet book that radiates calm. – Kirkus Reviews

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978-1-908714-92-3 / Hardcover / £11.99 / \$16.99 / 32pp / 214x263 mm / May 2021 / rs: Korean, Spanish









# **GRANDMA'S HOUSE OF RULES** HENRY BLACKSHAW

This is the story of a boy who loves his grandma but can't stand all her rules! Don't jump on the bed, or leave the loo seat up or put your elbows on the table... but most of all DON'T touch the big blue and white vase!

When Grandma pops to the shops a terrible domino effect results in the inevitable CRASH! What will Grandma say? With grandmas you never can tell...

A heartwarming tale beautfully brought to life by the illustrator of *Inner Child* (2019).

This is a sweet, funny story of forgiveness and recognizing what is really valuable in life. – Picture Book Reviews

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978-1-908714-93-0 / Hardcover / £11.95 / \$15.95 / 32pp / 21x27cm / August 2020



# THE POCKET CHAOTIC ZIGGY HANAOR AND DANIEL GRAY-BARNETT

Alexander is a young kangaroo living in his mum's pocket. Alexander loves his mum, but there's one thing that really drives him nuts. She is always putting stuff in her pocket. Alexander tries to keep things neat but one day it all gets TOO MUCH!

A humorous and timely tale about the connection between a mother and son and his journey towards independence.

978-1-908714-80-0 / Hardcover / £11.99 / \$16.99 / 32pp / 214x263 mm / October 2020 / rs. Korean, Turkish, Simp Chinese, Trad Chinese



A humorous invitation to embrace change... and move on. – Kirkus Reviews





# A MILLION DOTS SVEN VOLKER

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We start with a single tree; 1. As we turn the page, we are presented with a sum doubling the number on the page before it: 1+1 = 2; 2+2 = 4; 4+4 = 8, reaching a million (actually 1,048,576) within 44 pages. With a remarkable fold out concertina at the back, this timely graphic depiction of exponential growth has won numerous awards and many critical accolades.

**A Million Dots** 

Sven Völke

# Winner of the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book Award, 2019

978-1-908714-66-4 / Hardcover / £12.95 / \$18.95 / 44pp / 21x28 cm / May 2019 / rs: Spanish, Simp. Chinese, Trad Chinse, Korean, French, German



ISBN: 978-1-908714-66-4



# THE YOUNG CYCLIST'S COMPANION PETER DRINKELL

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Aimed at young cyclists who are looking to learn more about bikes, this practical but striking guide explains all the basics; from maintenance to technique to group riding. Alongside, is a cornucopia of fascinating facts and trivia to intrigue and inspire.

Bright, funny illustrations by Thomas Slater and luxurious photography by Peter Drinkell give the book an effortless cool that will appeal to readers aged 7-12.

978-1-908714-96-1 / Hardcover / £12.99 / \$17.99 / 72pp / 176x230 mm / April 2021 / rs: Greek







# THE NEW BABY: AN ACTIVITY BOOK LIE DIRKX

Introducing a young child to the idea of a new sibling can be tricky to get right. This book offers parents a new way of starting a conversation with their child about the baby developing in mummy's tummy. By doodling, colouring in and engaging with the activities, the older sibling is invited to think and talk about themselves, and in doing so, to think about what life might be like when the new baby arrives.

An adorable activity paperback to help children make sense of what it means to become a sibling. ~Babyology

978-1-908714-90-9 / Paperback / £7.95 / \$9.95 / 32pp / 21x26 cm / September 2020 / rs: Dutch, French, Spanish



# EARTH-SHATTERING EVENTS: VOLCANOES, EARTHQUAKES, CYCLONES, TSUNAMIS AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS ROBIN JACOBS AND SOPHIE WILLIAMS

We humans take our domination of the planet for granted, but sometimes the Earth reminds us that this is an illusion. Great waves sweep away entire towns, tectonic plates shift, causing cities to crumble, and volcanoes cover swathes of land in molten rock.



This book explores nature at its most dramatic and its most destructive. Clear, coherent explanations of phenomena including hurricanes, tornadoes, avalanches, tsunamis and volcanoes are brought to life in fun, accessible hand-drawn illustrations by Sophie Williams.





An eye-opening and -widening introduction to our restless planet. ~Kirkus Starred Review



978-1-908714-70-1 / Hardcover / £14.95 / \$20.95 / 98pp / 24x30 cm / September 2019 / rs: Simp Chinese, Korean, Italian, Polish

# UNDERGROUND: SUBWAY SYSTEMS AROUND THE WORLD

A playful search-and-find book of 10 underground systems around the world. Alternating shortened pages create an inside-outside effect, so that you 'enter' the train to find the cultural signifiers of each city; a pretzel, an apple and the Empire State Building on the New York Subway, for example.

Korean illustrator Uijung Kim's busy, colourful illustrations are joyously contemporary, appealing to train-obsessed children as well as a wider audience.





A fab little book this, and another brilliant title in Cicada's increasingly essential early years non-fiction range. ~Picturebook Corner

> 978-1-908714-69-5 / Hardcover / £12.95 / \$16.95 / 32pp / 28x32cm / October 2019 / rs: Korean, Simp. Chinese











# GUT GARDEN: A JOURNEY INTO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF YOUR MICROBIOME

KATIE BROSNAN

Within our bodies hides an entire world of microbes that digest our food and protect our immune systems. Scientists are only now discovering the links between our microbiome and health issues ranging from allergies to multiple sclerosis. Through Katie Brosnan's personable illustrations, we follow the digestive process, learning about the role of microbes at every step of the way.

An engaging and beautiful introduction to a fascinating frontier of science.



Effectively makes the case that we are all biological boardinghouses... plenty to chew on here. ~Kirkus Reviews

978-1-908714-72-5 / Hardcover / £12.95 / \$17.95 / 44pp / 28x23cm / October 2019 / rs: Korean, Japanese, French, Simp Chinese, Italian, Polish











# DISAPPEARING ACTS (PAPERBACK ED) ISABELLA BUNNELL

978-1-908714-98-5 / Paperback / £6.99 / \$8.99 / 36pp / 28x21 cm / May 2021 / Rs: Simp. China, Korea, France, Russian, Polish

A beautiful search-and-find book in which detailed watercolour landscapes of various environments (rainforest, desert etc) harbour within them numbats, snow leopards and mountain gorillas. A great way to get a young audience to engage with environmental issues.



# SPECIAL DELIVERY ELLIOT KRUSZYNSKI

978-1-908714-79-4 / Hardcover / \$11.99 / 32pp / 214x263 mm / April 2020 / RS: Dutch, Korean

Today is a very special day. Little Duck is expecting the arrival of her new baby brother! But Delivery Dude keeps bringing the wrong babies. First a baby mouse, then a kitten, a puppy, a hippo and an elephant. An uproarious take on the anxiety and anticipation that precedes the arrival of a new baby.



# THE INNER CHILD (PAPERBACK ED) HENRY BLACKSHAW

978-1-908714-68-8 / Paperback / £6.95 /32pp / 16.5x22.7cm / August 2019 / rs: French, Simp Chinese, Trad Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese

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