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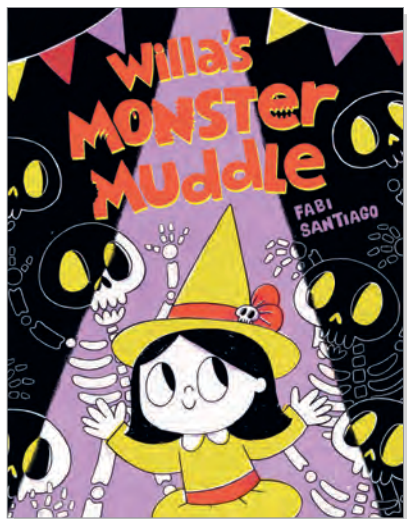
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Willa's Monster Muddle

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by Fabi Santiago



Pub 11th Sep 2025 • HB • 3+ years
ISBN 978-1-915395-18-4 • £12.99
280 x 220mm • 32pp • pantone
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Monstrously funny mix-up comedy from printmaker Santiago

Willa and her mum decide to wear witch costumes to Trung's fancy-dress party. But when she muddles her mum with a real witch, Willa ends up at a haunted house party! Luckily our oblivious heroine causes carnage wherever she goes in this slapstick celebration of the silly and spooky.

- In this mistaken identity comedy, Willa is a modern-day Mr McGoo
- Her positive, fearless attitude causes chaos all over the house
- Perfect for fans of all things softly spooky
- Print-maker Fabi uses five colours throughout to bring her monster house to life

Fabi was born in Rio and brought up in the Brazilian countryside. Her debut picture book, *Tiger in a Tutu* was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. She also illustrates the *Once We Were Witches* series by Sarah Driver. **Location: London, UK.**



The parents were making a delicious soup. They all had pointy hats but none of them were Willa's mum.

Llama Library

by Holly Ryan and Ella Bailey



Pub 5th Jun 2025 • HB • 3+ years
ISBN 978-1-915395-29-0 • £12.99
275 x 235mm • 32pp
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It isn't your normal library for book borrowers. Today, take home a llama!

The Llama Library has every subject: cookery, history, art, music, science even romance! Just find the right section, pick your llama, the librarian stamps your card and you can take it home. But be warned: that's where things might get... messy!

- Celebrate the magic of visiting the library
- Rhyming adventure to be shared, read and reread
- Ella Bailey's illustrations full of madcap mayhem
- If there's a llama library, are there others... perhaps even prehistoric ones?!

Holly grew up in a little Cornish fishing village. After a tech career in the big city, she returned home and now lives with her family on the coast. **Location: Plymouth, UK.**
Ella debuted on the prestigious Flying Eye list, and has gone on to create an incredibly popular series. **Location: Devon, UK.**

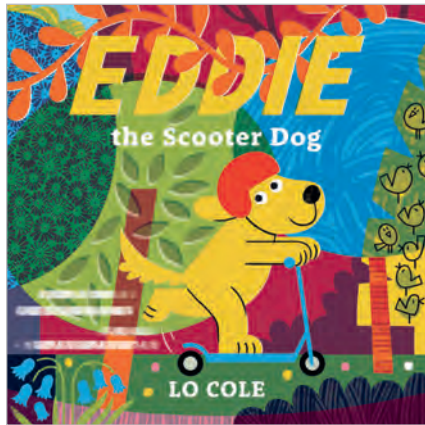




Eddie the Scooter Dog

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by Lo Cole



Scooter dogs love to go fast, but what if you're missing things along the way?

Eddie is a scooter dog, and scooter dogs go everywhere FAST. To the beach, through the woods, across the hills. But when he has a crash and his scooter is broken, Eddie has to WALK. No! Luckily his friend Thelma helps him see how special slow can be.

Pub 14th Aug 2025 • HB • 3+ years
ISBN 978-1-915395-33-7 • £12.99
250 x 250mm • 32pp
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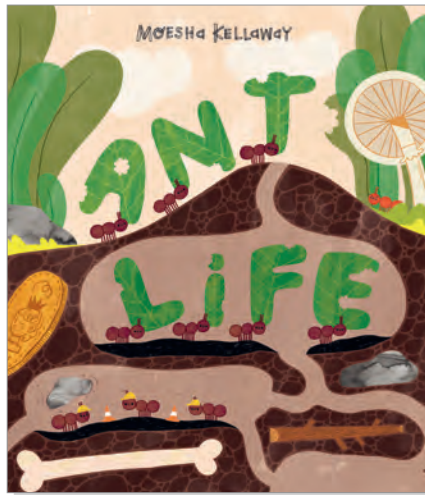
- From the author of *Doris* discover what you find when you slow down
- Spotting what Thelma and Eddie notice draws pre-readers into the story
- Bursting with energetic art, ingenious storytelling and clever detail



Lo trained as a print-maker after being kicked off his illustration course, but has worked as an illustrator ever since. His first Rocket Bird book, *Doris*, has been a UK and international hit, swiftly followed by her friend *Lionel*.
Location: Gloucestershire, UK.

Misunderstood Minibeasts: Ant Life

by Moesha Kellaway



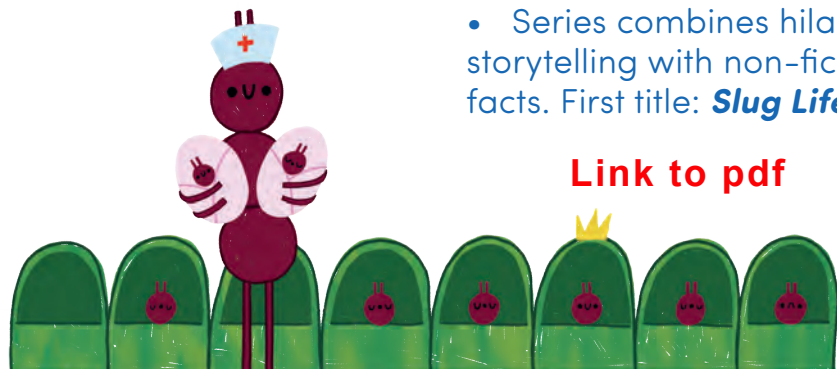
Pub 3rd July 2025 • HB • 3+ years
ISBN 978-1-915395-20-7 • £12.99
280 x 240mm • 32pp
World Rights Available

Whoever heard of a worker ant who hasn't got a job?

Other ants think Anita is lazy, but she just can't pick what job to do. When her sister takes her to the colony job fair, she discovers all the jobs in and around their anthill then sets off for exotic climbs to discover the fascinating world of ants. Her perfect job? Intrepid ant-reporter!

- Never underestimate these tiny creatures again
- Meet ant architects, farmers, life-rafts and even an ant door!
- Series combines hilarious storytelling with non-fiction facts. First title: **Slug Life**

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Moesha's work is the perfect blend of detail and humour. Drawing inspiration from her childhood in Somerset, she loves nature, people watching and exploring the outdoors. *Slug Life* was her worldwide debut. **Location: London, UK.**

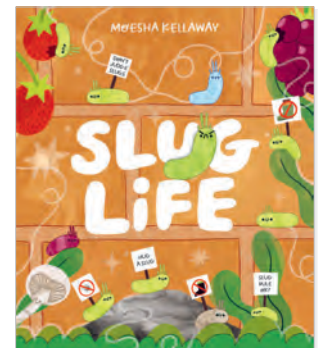


"Even those of us not naturally inclined to hug a slug might be tempted to do so after reading this funny, fact-filled new picture book."

—LoveReading4Kids book of the month

CLPE "Power of Reading" pick.

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Brenda's Revenge

by Sarah Tagholm and Laurie Stansfield

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Pub 13th Mar 2025 • PB • 3+ yrs
ISBN 978-1-915395-19-1 • £7.99
275 x 235mm • 32pp • spot UV
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With such a loving, devoted owner, why would Brenda want revenge?

Brenda is just a cat, so she doesn't have any clothes or good table manners and her handwriting is terrible! Luckily she has one loving owner who is going to help her. Will Brenda's owner ever learn it isn't nice to make someone do something when they don't want to?

- The author of Sam Francisco is back with this hilarious tale of consequences
- Brenda's expression when "playing" with her owner is priceless
- Her owner's comeuppance is a new neighbour who treats the little girl as she treated Brenda!



Sarah lives by the sea with her family and cat, Envelope, who is treated far better than Brenda. **Location: Cornwall, UK.**
Laurie always drew and created characters while growing up in Oxford so children's illustration is her perfect job. **Location: Bristol, UK.**



Grandad's Star

by Frances Tosdevin and Rhian Stone

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Pub 8th May 2025 • PB • 3+ yrs
ISBN 978-1-915395-27-6 • £7.99
275 x 235mm • 32pp • silver foil
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What if your guide to the cosmos starts to forget his way?

Grandad is a famous astronomer and his granddaughter's personal guide to the cosmos. But one day he starts to forget his star stories. Eventually he can't even remember her name. A story that proves the love we share can reach across galaxies.

- Poetic storytelling from rising star Tosdevin perfect for sharing.
- Gentle touch shows the emotional upheaval when a family member has dementia.
- By continuing to share the things they love, granddaughter and grandad connect again.
- Introducing exciting new illustration talent Rhian Stone

Frances's picture books, like poetry, are essential to read aloud. Her first two books have already been shortlisted for five prestigious awards. **Location: London, UK.**

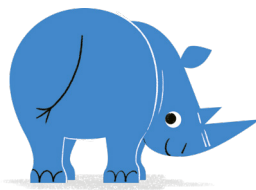
Rhian is a self-taught illustrator and *Grandad's Star* is her stunning debut. **Location: Kent, UK.**



Lionel

by Lo Cole

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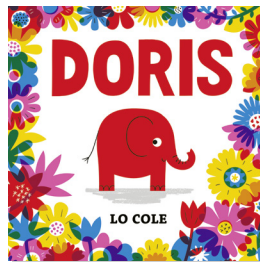
The only thing bigger than Lionel is his enthusiasm!

Lionel loves joining in with what his friends are doing - but he's so huge his enthusiasm often leads to disaster. He even pokes a **real hole** through his own book. Only when he seeks out a quiet space does Lionel discover his own game . . . he just might be the world's greatest rhinocer-raft!

Pub 1st Aug 2024 • HB • 2+ years
ISBN 978-1-915395-21-4 • £12.99
250 x 250mm • 32pp • spot gloss
Under option: Brazil, France, USA, Korea, Germany, Spain, Netherlands, Portugal..

- Second title from visual storytelling supremo Cole
- A book for every child who leaps before they look
- Clumsy Lionel tears a hole in the page (**actual hole** in paper!)
- Kids who are big or small for their age will identify with huge Lionel or tiny Ladybird

Also by this author:



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Lo is a regular editorial illustrator for UK national newspapers. His dad was a children's writer and his mum an illustrator you could call picture books his destiny. His first Rocket Bird book, *Doris*, was nominated for the Carnegie Medal. **Location:** Gloucestershire, UK.

Invisible Dogs

by Ruby Wright

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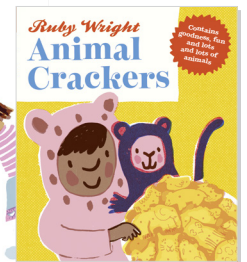
Starting school is hard, but Ida is going to get some pet power.

At her new school Ida feels like the odd one out. Luckily her grandpa knows exactly the game to cheer her up... invisible shops! But when she brings home two invisible dogs it lead to canine chaos! Can Ida share her imaginative inner life and make new friends?

Pub 2nd May 2024 • HB • 2+ years
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280 x 240mm • 32pp • neon pantone
Rights sold: China

- Reassuring nerves about starting school
- **Neon pantone** of invisible world only seen by Ida and the reader, so we're in on the joke
- Packed with laughs: invisible dog poo smells of roses... but scooping it makes you late for school!

Also by this author:



Ruby studied sculpture, which influences her illustrations but does not explain why she plays the musical saw. She lives with her Mr, children and absolutely no pets. *Animal Crackers* was her first picture book. **Location:** London, UK.



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