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**Rocket
Bird
Books**



Solo

by Neil Clark



Pub Mar 2026 • HB • 3+ years
ISBN 9781915395351 • £12.99
250 x 250mm • 32pp • pantone
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Neil's countryside childhood fuelled a playful imagination. Following a highly-successful design career he found his happy place writing and illustrating for children. His books have featured on the BBC and Dolly Parton's imagination library. **Location: North Yorkshire, UK.**

One little girl will show you the magic of being an introvert.

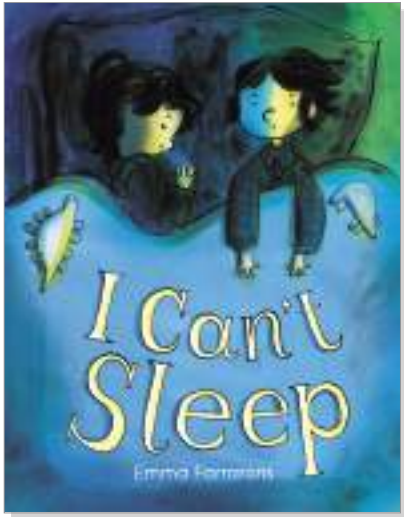
It's fun to be part of a busy, whizzy crowd. But do you ever wish for a quiet space? A place to let your mind wander and your imagination fly? Solo will take you there. A celebration of the quiet power of the introvert.

- Introverted children don't need fixing – their strengths need to be celebrated
- Solo doesn't always want to be alone, but needs time by herself to recharge
- Ingenious artist Clark uses pure CMYK ink colours to create eye-popping artwork
- Deep blue pantone replaces text black



I Can't Sleep

by Emma Farrarons



Pub 9th Apr 2026 • HB • 2+ years
ISBN 9781915395375 • £12.99
280 x 220mm • 32pp • spot UV
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Two brothers share a room. One can sleep, the other is wide awake!

When Magnus can't fall asleep, big brother Kasper lets him climb into bed. But NO talking. Little brothers can't help talking though, and one little question is going to lead them both on an adventure: why do we sleep in beds?

- The bond between the brothers is strong and funny
- A bedtime adventure like no other
- Ink pen and watercolour artwork is glorious
- Farrarons is nominated for this year's Klaus Flugge prize

Emma was born in the Philippines and moved to Paris as a baby. She studied illustration at Edinburgh University and The École nationale supérieure des arts in Paris, but it was not until the Pandemic that Emma took the leap and became a full-time illustrator. **Location: London, UK.**



Willa's Monster Muddle

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.

- Mistaken identity mix-up comedy
- Willa's positive, fearless attitude causes chaos all over the house
- Perfect for fans of all things softly spooky
- Print-maker Fabi uses five colour printing 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.**

Llama Library

by Holly Ryan and Ella Bailey



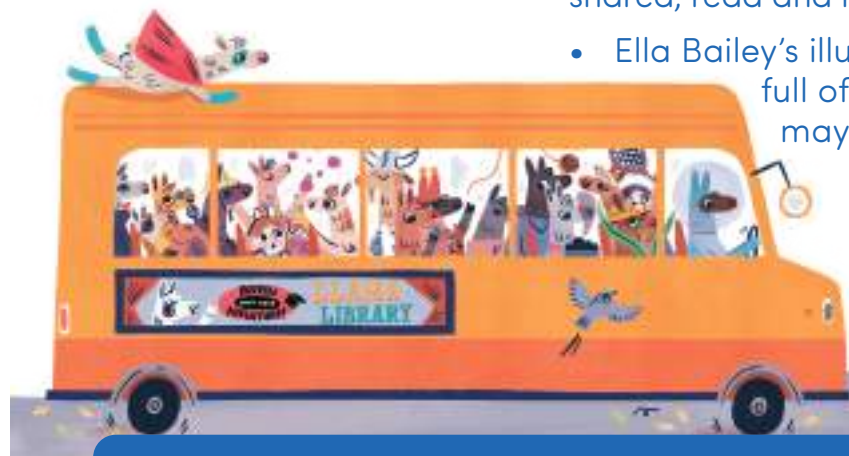
Pub 5th Jun 2025 • HB • 3+ years
ISBN 978-1-915395-29-0 • £12.99
275 x 235mm • 32pp
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This isn't a normal library. Today, take home a llama!

This library has an expert llama for every subject: cookery, history, art, music, science, even romance! Just find the right section, pick your llama, the librarian stamps your card and take it home. But be warned: that's where things get... messy!

- Celebrating the magic of a free lending 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 other kinds?



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.**



Scooter Dog

by Lo Cole



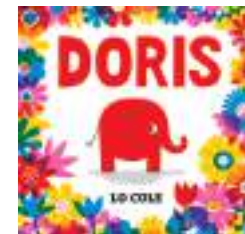
Pub 14th Aug 2025 • HB • 3+ years
 ISBN 978-1-915395-33-7 • £12.99
 250 x 250mm • 32pp
 Rights sold: North America,
 Portugal

Scooter dogs love to go fast, but what do you miss when you rush?

Eddie is a scooter dog, and scooter dogs go FAST, whether it's to the beach, through the woods or 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.



Also by Lo Cole:



Rights sold:
 North America,
 France, Germany,
 Brazil, Portugal,
 Spain, Netherlands,
 Korea, Denmark



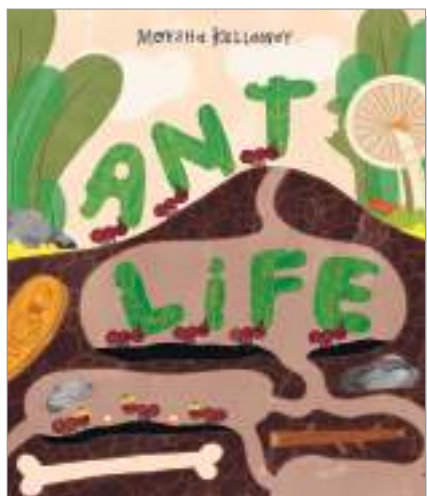
Rights sold:
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 Brazil, Denmark

- 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 31st Aug 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 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**



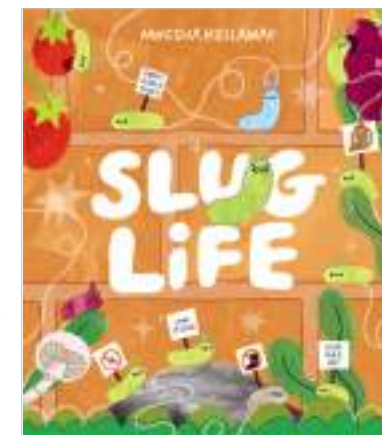
Moesha's work is the perfect blend of detail and humour. Drawing inspiration from her childhood in Somerset, she loves nature, people watching and exploring the outdoors. *Slug Life* was her worldwide debut. **Location: London, UK.**



"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
- Klaus Flugge Prize longlist
- UKLA Information Book shortlist
- 2025 Summer Reading Challenge
- 2025 Waterstones' Children's Book Prize longlist



Grandad's Star

by Frances Tosdevin and Rhian Stone



Pub 8th May 2025 • PB • 3+ yrs
ISBN 978-1-915395-27-6 • £7.99
275 x 235mm • 32pp • silver foil
Rights sold: Slovakia

- 2025 Read for Empathy book
- Carnegie Medal 2025 longlist
- Klaus Flugge Prize 2025 longlist

What if your guide to the cosmos started 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.

- Gently explores the upheaval when a family member has dementia.
- By sharing what they love, granddaughter and grandad reconnect
- 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.**

Brenda's Revenge

by Sarah Tagholm and Laurie Stansfield



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.**

Invisible Dogs

by Ruby Wright



Pub 30th Jan 2025 • PB • 3+ yrs
ISBN 978-1-915395-15-3 • £7.99
280 x 240mm • 32pp • pantone
Rights sold: China

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

Ida feels alone at her new school. Luckily Grandpa knows exactly the game to cheer her up: invisible shops. But when she chooses two invisible dogs it lead to canine chaos! Will Ida share her imaginative inner life and make new friends?

- Conquer new-school nerves
- **Neon pink pantone** of invisible world only seen by Ida and us readers
- Invisible dog poo smells of roses... but scooping it makes you late for school!

Also by Ruby:
Rights sold: French
Canada, China



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.

Pandora and the Story Forge

by Gaynor Andrews and Marie-Alice Harel



Pub 9th Oct 2025 • PB • 4+ years
ISBN 978-1-915395-22-1 • £7.99
210 x 260mm • 32pp • foil & pantone
World Rights Available

Discover the magic of collecting words and forging stories.

Pandora's an explorer, a collector of words (even ones that misbehave). She forges them into the most magical tales. Enter her world of words and you'll never see stories in quite the same way.

- Feel the power of words in the palm of your hand as storytelling comes alive
- Debut of poetic word-smith Gaynor Andrews
- Award-winner Harel has illustrated *Howl's Moving Castle*.

"A dreamy book that feels like a modern classic."
– *The Scotsman*



Gaynor grew up in Wales and has taught around the world, both of which influenced this adept debut. **Location:** Scotland, UK.
Marie-Alice grew up in France and trained as a scientist before beginning her award-winning illustration career which has included winning the Folio Society Prize. **Location:** Edinburgh, UK.

