

A colorful, textured illustration of two stylized birds in a forest. The bird on the left is yellow with brown spots and a large white belly. The bird on the right is grey with a large white belly and a red beak. They are surrounded by green and blue foliage and purple flowers.

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Mimble

by Rhian Stone



Pub 3rd Jun 2027 • HB • 3+ yrs
ISBN 9781915395474 • £12.99
254 x 190mm • 32pp + ends • spot UV
World rights availalbe



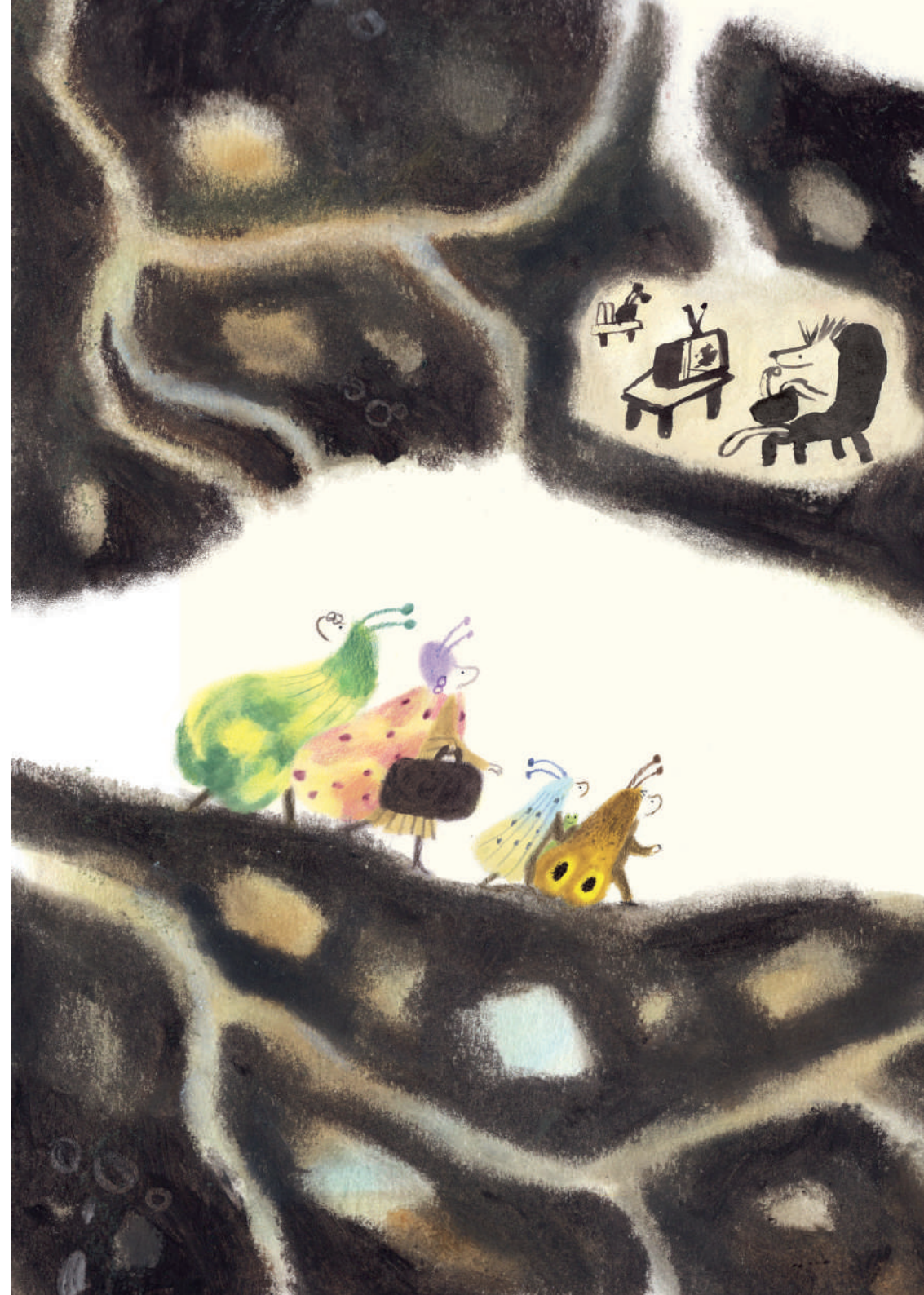
Being the odd one out in your family can have its advantages!

Tiny creatures live deep in the heart of the forest. They are all colourful and happy. . . except for Mimble. She doesn't look like her family. But when visitors arrive who threaten their home, dull little Mimble is going to shine.

• Rhian's author-illustrator debut

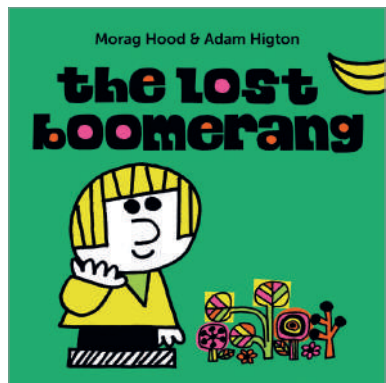
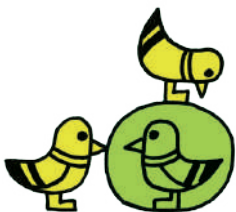
- Her first book was shortlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize
- Fable about not fitting in and being brave enough to stand out
- Glorious physically-created artwork
- Even if you are small, you can do big things

Rhian is a self-taught illustrator who grew up on a diet of magic, folklore and myth. She works in gouche, pencil and pastel. Hard as it is to believe, *Grandad's Star* was her debut. **Location: Kent, UK.**



The Lost Boomerang

by Morag Hood and Adam Higton



Pub 8th Apr 2027 • HB • 2+ yrs
ISBN 9781915395436 • £12.99
250 x 250mm • 32pp • spot UV
World rights availalbe

If only the boomerang had come back, like it was supposed to . . .

When Jenny throws her yellow boomerang (a banana) out of the kitchen window, it vanishes. This begins a back garden search-and-rescue, where she meets street chickens (birds), octopus (a spider) and shiny giraffe (you'll find out).

- Award-winning Hood has written a masterclass in deadpan humour
- Unmissable book debut of renowned illustrator Higton
- Hilarious for pre-readers as we can all see that what Jenny calls things isn't what they are
- Jenny is a very serious little girl, making her mix-ups even more hilarious



Morag is a unique voice with a theatre background whose books have won multiple awards. **Location: Edinburgh, UK.**
Adam is an artist, illustrator and musician. His work has features in newspapers and magazines around the world. **Location: Hebden Bridge, UK.**



Fresh Fruit

by Tess Smith Roberts



Pub 11th Mar 2027 • HB • 1+ yrs
ISBN 9781915395498 • £12.99
240 x 240mm • 32pp • spot UV
and rounded corners
World rights available

**Fruit might seem sweet,
but do they actually have
rotten personalities?**

Everyone says fruit is good for you, but their personalities are rotten to the core! Apples are snobby, bananas are moody and grapes? Total gossips. The bitter narrator does seem to have a secret though... I wonder who it is?



- A tongue-in-cheek introduction to fruit and feelings
- Perfect for the youngest picture book audience
- The narrator is revealed to be lemon - bitter about never getting picked from the fruit bowl!
- Coming soon, the sequel: **Fresh Veg.**



Tess is an English illustrator. Humour is always at the heart of her work. Her unique perspective on everyday objects has led to solo shows in Toyko, Singapore, Seoul and Genoa. This is her debut children's book. **Location: Tokyo, Japan.**



We Want a Cat

by Lo Cole



Pick your cat from among this litter of funny felines!

You want a cat, but which to choose? One with stripes, one with spots? One that hops on countertops? Join in this amusing adventure as we meet cats of all kinds. Plus "door-flap novelty" tells cat flap joke!

Pub 8th Apr 2027 • PB • 2+ years
ISBN 978-1-915395-51-1 • £7.99
280 x 240mm • 32pp • flap novelty
World rights available



We Want a Dog

by Lo Cole



Pick your dog from among a pack of comical canines!

You want a dog, but which to choose? One that races? One that chases? One that digs in muddy places? You'll fall in love with them all (especially the Dachshund) But how will you pick just one?

Pub 1st Jul 2027 • PB • 2+ years
ISBN 978-1-915395-52-8 • £7.99
280 x 240mm • 32pp • flap novelty
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Series selling points:

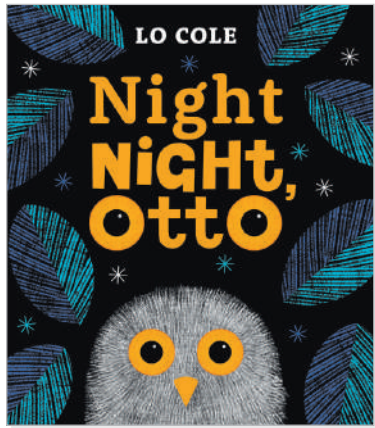
- Includes "door flap" novelty allowing children to make the story happen
- Full of funny moments for pre-literate children to spot
- Predictable pet behaviour and surprising antics!
- Lo has been nominated for the Carnegie medal and shortlisted for the Sheffield Children's Book Award



Lo studied print-making after being kicked off his illustration course, but has worked as an illustrator ever since! His books have been nominated for numerous prizes and are popular around the world. **Location: Glos., UK.**



Night Night, Otto by Lo Cole



Pub 10th Sept 2026 • HB • 2+ yrs
ISBN 978-1-915395-39-9 • £12.99
230 x 200mm • 32pp • Spot UV
Rights sold: France, Germany,
Netherlands, Latvia, Brazil, China



Lo studied print-making after being kicked off his illustration course, but has worked as an illustrator ever since! His books have been nominated for numerous prizes and are popular around the world. **Location: Glos., UK.**



One story, two stories, three stories, four! Otto must be asleep by now. Right?

When a new chick arrives for the Bird family bedtime story, he fits right in . . . until it's time to snuggle down and close eyes. Ping! Otto's eyes are open and he is wide awake. The readers know Otto is an owl. Discover the night from a different point of view, in this funny and heartwarming tale.

- Lo's trademark colours shine out as we see the night through an owl's eyes
- A bedtime story within a bedtime story
- Includes gentle first counting element
- Lo has been Carnegie medal-nominated and shortlisted for the Sheffield Children's Book Award

Doris and Lionel board books by Lo Cole



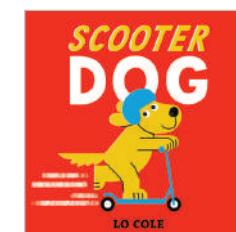
Two favourite Lo Cole stories in adorably sturdy board book format

Doris rights sold: North America, France, Germany, Brazil, Portugal, Spain, China, Netherlands, Korea, Denmark, Poland
Lionel rights sold: North America, Brazil, Denmark, Portugal, Poland

Doris pub 11th Feb 2027
Lionel pub 11th Mar 2027
BB • 2+ yrs • £7.99
978-1-915395-X • 24pp
180 x 180mm • Spot gloss



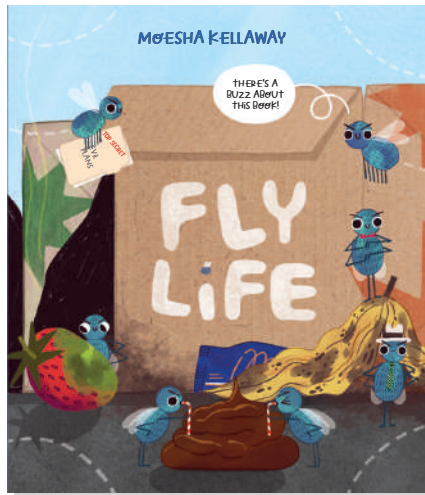
Also by Lo Cole:



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Brazil, Portugal,
Denmark,
Poland, China

Misunderstood Minibeasts: Fly Life

by Moesha Kellaway



Are flies an annoying pest or are they supervillains?

Constantly in danger of being swatted by humans or eaten by plants, Frank the fly is angry. But Uncle Freddo gives him a way to channel that anger: Fly Club, a secret supervillain organisation. Discover why you should never underestimate the power of flies.

Pub 13th Aug 2026 • HB • 3+ years
 ISBN 978-1-915395-45-0 • £12.99
 280 x 240mm • 32pp
 Series rights sold: Italy, Korea

- Combining hilarious storytelling with non-fiction facts.
- Tiny but mighty, the series shows how amazing these familiar creatures can be.
- Meet fearsome flies who kill more humans than any other insect, and helpful flies who keep our environment healthy



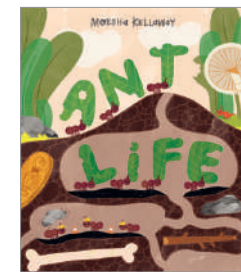
Moesha's work is the perfect blend of detail and humour. Drawing inspiration from her childhood in Somerset, she loves nature, people watching and exploring the outdoors. *Slug Life* was her worldwide debut. **Location: London, UK.**



Also in the series:



Rights sold:
 China, Italy, Korea,
 Spain



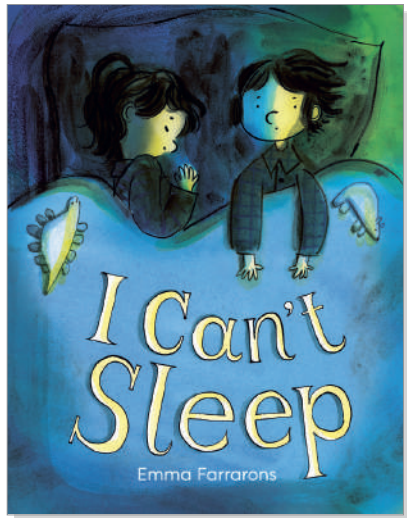
Rights sold:
 China, Korea, plus
 territory options

- UKLA Information Book Shadower's Choice Winner
- CLPE "Power of Reading" pick
- 2025 Summer Reading Challenge pick
- 2025 Waterstones' Children's Book Prize longlist
- Klaus Flugge Prize longlist



I Can't Sleep

by Emma Farrarons



Pub 9th Apr 2026 • HB • 2+ years
ISBN 9781915395375 • £12.99
280 x 220mm • 32pp • spot UV
Rights sold: France, Denmark,
Portugal



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. In 2025 she won the Klaus Flugge Prize with her illustration for *My Hair is as Long as a River*. **Location: London, UK.**



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?

• **Emma Farrarons won the 2025 Klaus Flugge Prize**

• This is her debut author-illustrator picture book

- The brotherly bond is strong and funny
- A bedtime adventure like no other
- Ink pen and watercolour artwork is glorious

Solo

by Neil Clark



Pub 12th Mar 2026 • HB • 3+ years
ISBN 9781915395351 • £12.99
250 x 250mm • 32pp • pantone
World Rights Available



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.

• Celebrating the strengths of our different personalities

• Solo doesn't always want to be alone, but needs time by herself to recharge

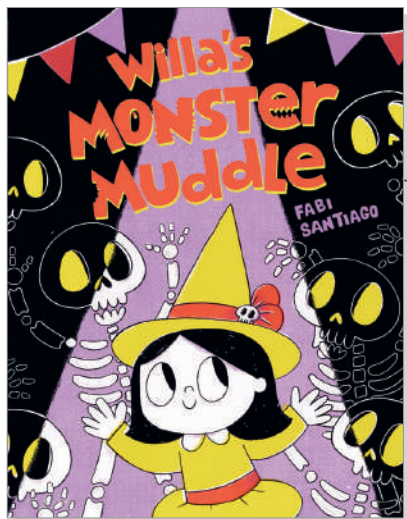
• Ingenious artist Clark uses pure CMY ink colours to create eye-popping artwork

• Deep blue pantone replaces text black

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.**

Willa's Monster Muddle

by Fabi Santiago



Pub 10th Sep 2026 • PB • 3+ years
ISBN 978-1-915395-23-8 • £7.99
280 x 220mm • 32pp • pantone
Rights sold: France, Spain, Brazil

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

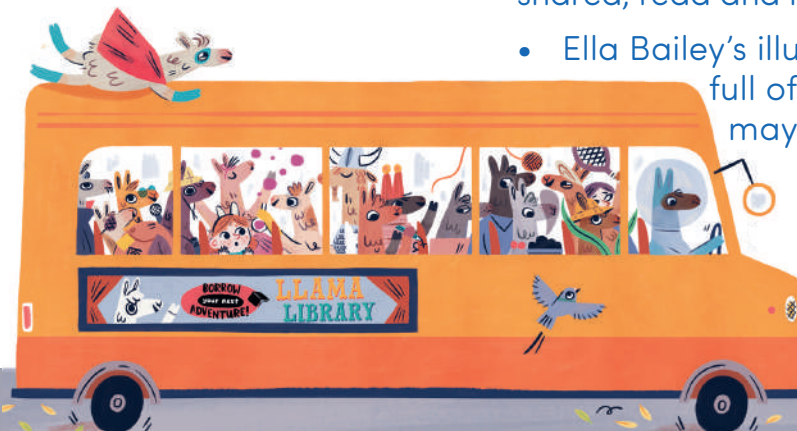


Pub 9th Apr 2026 • PB • 3+ years
ISBN 978-1-915395-30-6 • £7.99
275 x 235mm • 32pp
World Rights Available

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 created a popular non-fiction series. **Location: Milton Keynes, UK.**

Grandad's Star

by Frances Tosdevin and Rhian Stone



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

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

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

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



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!



Pub 13th Mar 2025 • PB • 3+ yrs
ISBN 978-1-915395-19-1 • £7.99
275 x 235mm • 32pp • spot UV
Rights sold: Russia

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.**

Discover more Rocket Bird Books

Great picture books turn children into booklovers before they can read a word. Rocket Bird Books began publishing in 2023 and have already been translated around the world, shortlisted for many prestigious prizes and even won a non-fiction prize with the hilariously irreverent *Slug Life*. If you would like to know more, do get in touch.

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