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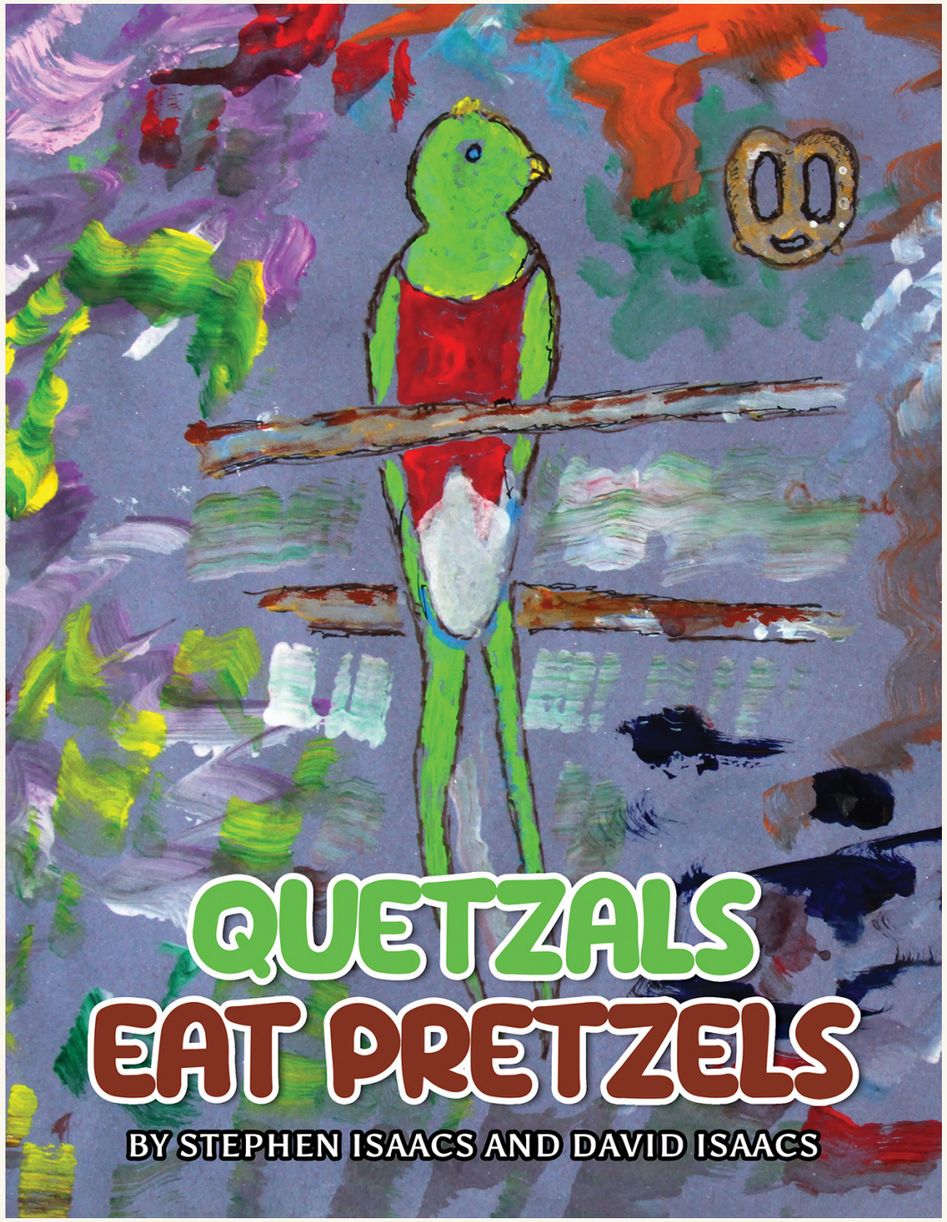
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CHILDREN'S



Quetzals Eat Pretzels

by Stephen Isaacs & David Isaacs

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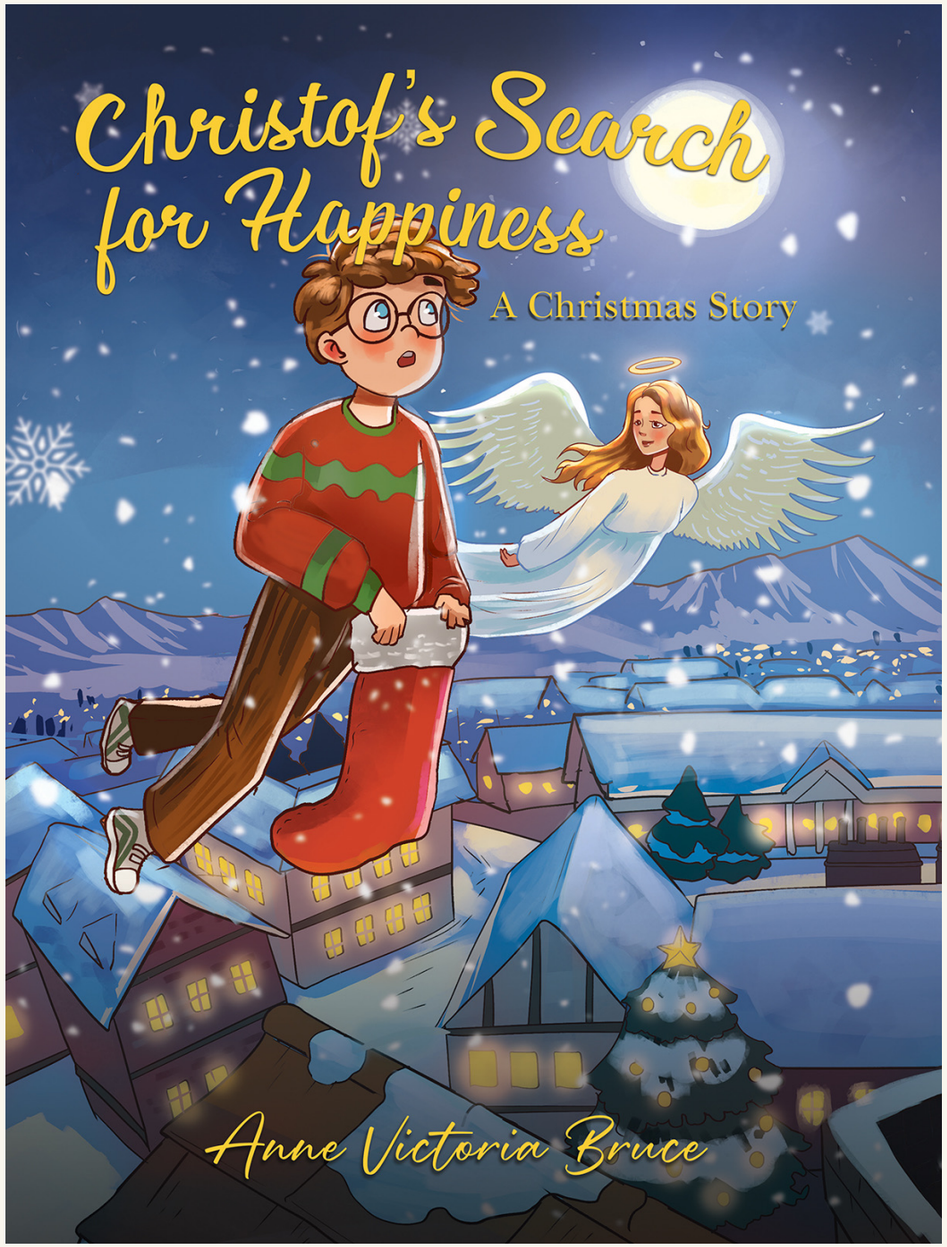
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SYNOPSIS

This short book is aimed at people who like birds, people who like food, and people who like birds who like food. It is not meant to be taken too seriously. From puffins stuffing muffins to penguins who'll always eat kippers, Quetzals Eat Pretzels takes a delightfully absurd tour of the bird kingdom – one quirky, rhyming creature at a time. Meet the forgetful Quetzal, the custard-loving Bustard, and a Blue Tit with a passion for parsnip, among many others. Witty, warm, and wonderfully illustrated, this is the perfect book for bird lovers, food lovers, and anyone who enjoys a good laugh.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Dave and his twin brother, Steve, were identical twins. Dave was born 10 minutes before Steve, but only because he was pushier. Both became children's doctors. Dave was a Professor of Infectious Diseases in Children, while Steve became a Child Psychiatrist. Dave and his family moved to Australia, where he did brave work helping refugees. The photograph was taken in Australia, two months before Dave died of cancer. Even when he was very ill, Dave wrote most of this book. He loved birds, and Steve created the illustrations. This is the fourth and final book they worked on together.



Christof's Search for Happiness: A Christmas Story

by Anne Victoria Bruce

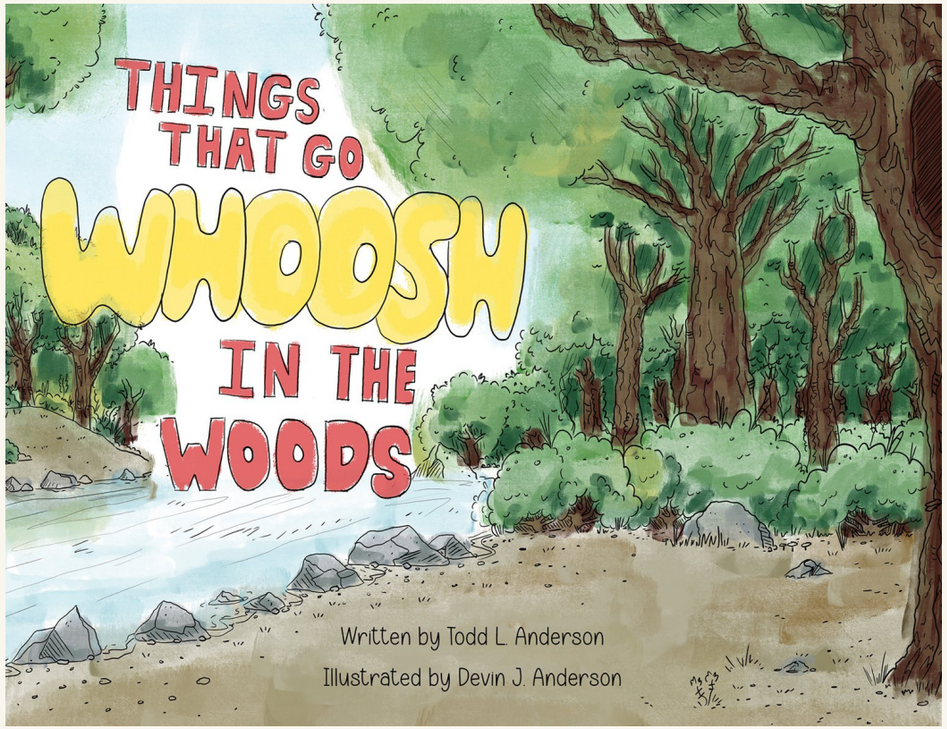
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SYNOPSIS

On a lonely Christmas Eve, young Christof feels unseen, left out, and longing for true happiness—until a silent Angel appears and invites him on a magical journey across snow-covered lands and heartwarming lessons. From skating with a Snow Goddess in Iceland to giggling with a bubble-gum shop owner in England, Christof meets whimsical friends who teach him that courage, laughter, self-worth, and wonder are all part of the path toward true happiness. But it is only in the wondrous Kingdom of Woo that Christof begins to understand the greatest truth of all: that true, lasting happiness isn't found in things or places, but within the heart—where love, faith, and joy abide. Told in lyrical, rhyming verse, Christof's Search for Happiness is a heartwarming holiday tale for ages 7 and up—perfect for cozy family read-alouds, independent young readers, or one-chapter-a-day countdowns to Christmas. A timeless Christmas gift to share and treasure year after year.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. Anne Victoria Bruce is a retired psychologist with a PhD in psychology and a master's in marriage, family, and child counseling. After years of working in research, clinical, and school settings, she is now joyfully transitioning into the imaginative world of children's literature. Her stories are infused with compassion, insight, and joy, aiming to uplift and inspire young readers. Drawing from both her professional experience and her deep heart for children, she writes to help them explore the beauty of kindness, the journey of self-discovery, and the deeper meaning of happiness.



Things That Go Whoosh in the Woods

by Todd L.Anderson

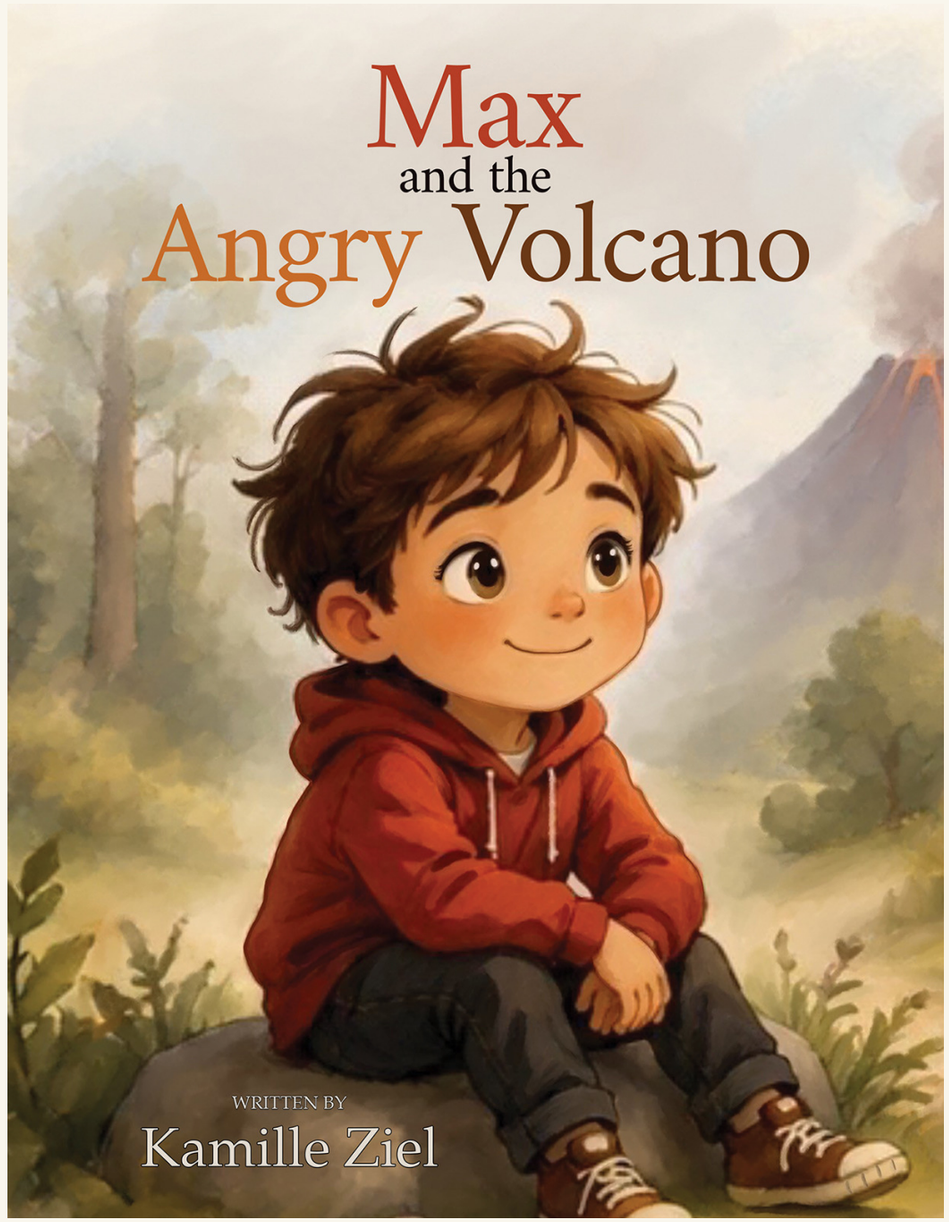
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SYNOPSIS

Immerse yourself in a tale that captures a young boy's vivid adventure while camping outdoors with his family, including his exuberance at receiving a 'big' job, his anxiety when carrying out his responsibility, and the soothing comfort provided by family support. As he ventures further from camp in search of firewood, night approaches and his active imagination carries him on a journey that many will understand, progressing from anxious concern to the warmth of safety and security. Readers of all ages will relate to this boy's experience, brought to life through captivating storytelling and exquisite illustrations. This delightful narrative conveys an important message: in the comforting embrace of family, one never has to feel alone. This charming story shares a relatable example of how a child's concern is alleviated through caring and supportive family members.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Todd L. Anderson has loved books, poetry, and literature his whole life. He takes inspiration from kindred outdoor enthusiast Lyle C. Hannery, who has shared, "It is not enough to love nature; one must love nature well and honorably and true."



Max and the Angry Volcano

by Kamille Ziel

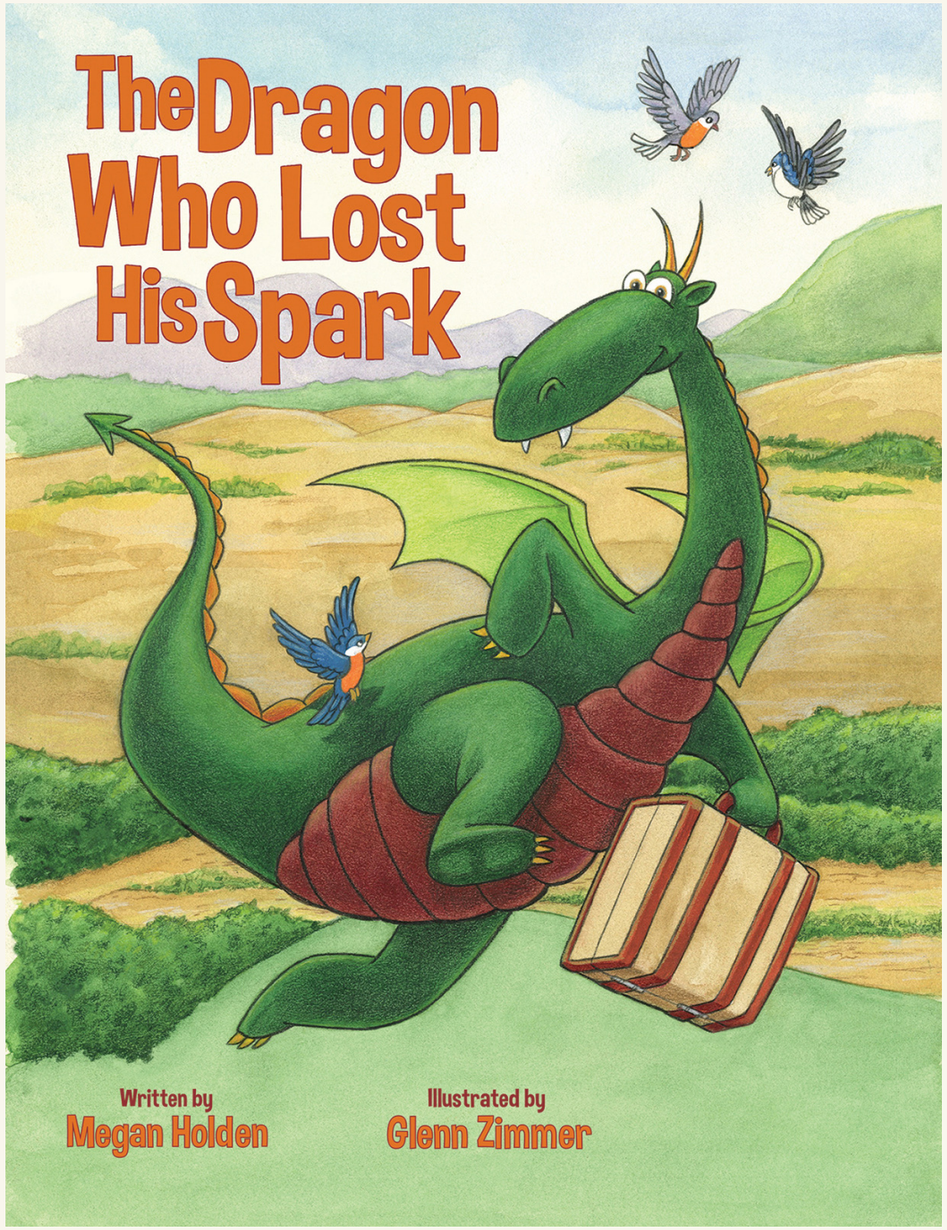
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SYNOPSIS

When Max feels angry, he doesn't always know why. He just knows his body feels hot, tight, and too full, as if he has a big volcano inside him. Sometimes it rumbles. Sometimes it bubbles. And sometimes… it explodes. With the help of gentle movements, slow breaths, and a little imagination, Max begins to discover that he can calm the volcano inside him. That even big feelings are ok, and that he is safe, loved and in control. Max and the Angry Volcano is a reassuring story for children who experience big emotions, introducing gentle yoga and mindful movements as simple tools to help them understand their feelings and find calm again.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kamille Ziel grew up in a small village and has always loved the great outdoors and being able to release her artistic and expressive nature by putting her feelings on paper or canvas in as many ways as possible. In her free time, she loves to get lost in the woods, climb trees and spend time with her little family while making a lot of creative mess.



The Dragon Who Lost His Spark

by Megan Holden

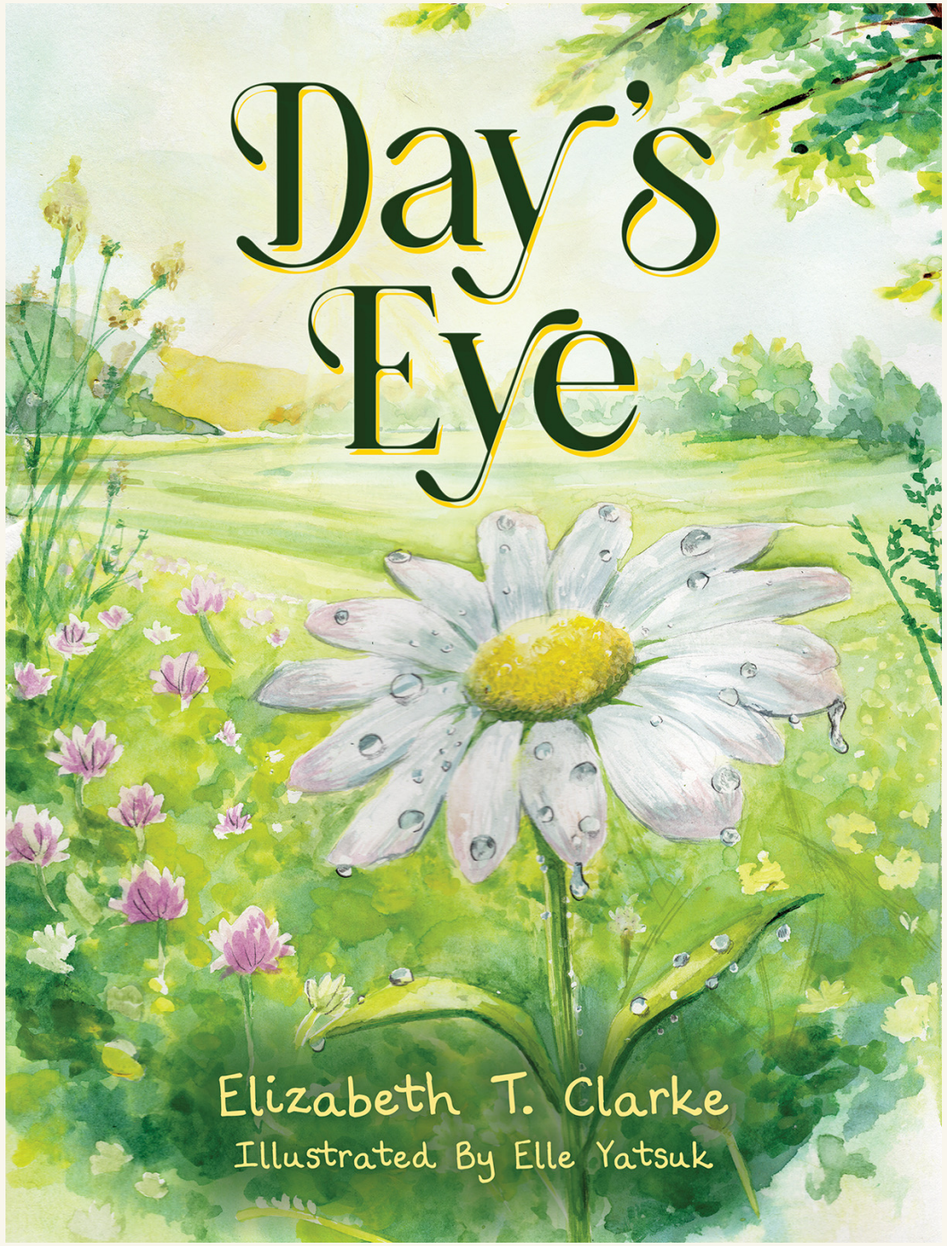
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SYNOPSIS

Sparky, a once confident and proud dragon, embarks on an adventure to regain his confidence, optimism, and overall spark. Along the way, he meets some unexpected friends who help him on his journey of self-discovery. A book themed around emotional intelligence: focusing on self-belief, bravery, positive affirmations and the importance of making mistakes.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Megan Holden is a stay-at-home mum to four children. She lives with her family in Hamilton, New Zealand. She attended Canterbury University, New Zealand, and obtained a bachelor's degree in science, majoring in psychology, and a graduate diploma in primary teaching and learning. As a parent, Megan constantly researches and practises a range of parenting techniques. She is passionate about helping young children develop emotional intelligence. Believing it is important for children to be equipped with tools and strategies that support their social and emotional wellbeing, Megan aims to introduce these ideas through her writing. In 2023, Megan began her writing journey as a children's author, inspired by her deep interest in education, child development, emotional intelligence, and her love for language. The Dragon Who Lost His Spark was Megan's first children's book. It has given her so much pleasure in writing that it has paved the way for many others to follow.



Day's Eye

by Elizabeth T.Clarke

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SYNOPSIS

Come take a walk with me! As we stroll through a field of soft green clover, we stumble upon a daisy. She stands out; her graceful white petals frame her golden center. As she sways in the wind, we see ourselves, as we too are tousled about. Life can make us anxious. Life can make us worry. Days can be sunny, and days can be stormy. But we can find calm and peace even in the whirlwind that every new day brings. The daisy teaches us everything we need to know: in the morning when we wake, in the darkest of nights, and in all the storms of life, we can have hope, peace, and trust. Wild and free like a flower in a field, we can live in faith and trust in tomorrow. We are resilient and strong just like the daisy. Let's face the sun because a new day is dawning, storms aren't forever, and there is always a reason to hope! Day's eye, day's eye, what do you see? I see myself—beautiful and strong. Wild and free Staring back at me.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Elizabeth T. Clarke is a professor of French at Binghamton University. Her appreciation of open spaces and love for flowers inspires her writing and philosophy of life: let nature be your balm. Elizabeth lives in a historic home in Binghamton, New York, with her husband, along with their three children and two dogs. Elle Yatsuk is a Ukrainian-born and Binghamton-based artist whose work ranges from delicate daisies to large-scale murals.



Lune

by Lauren Macsai

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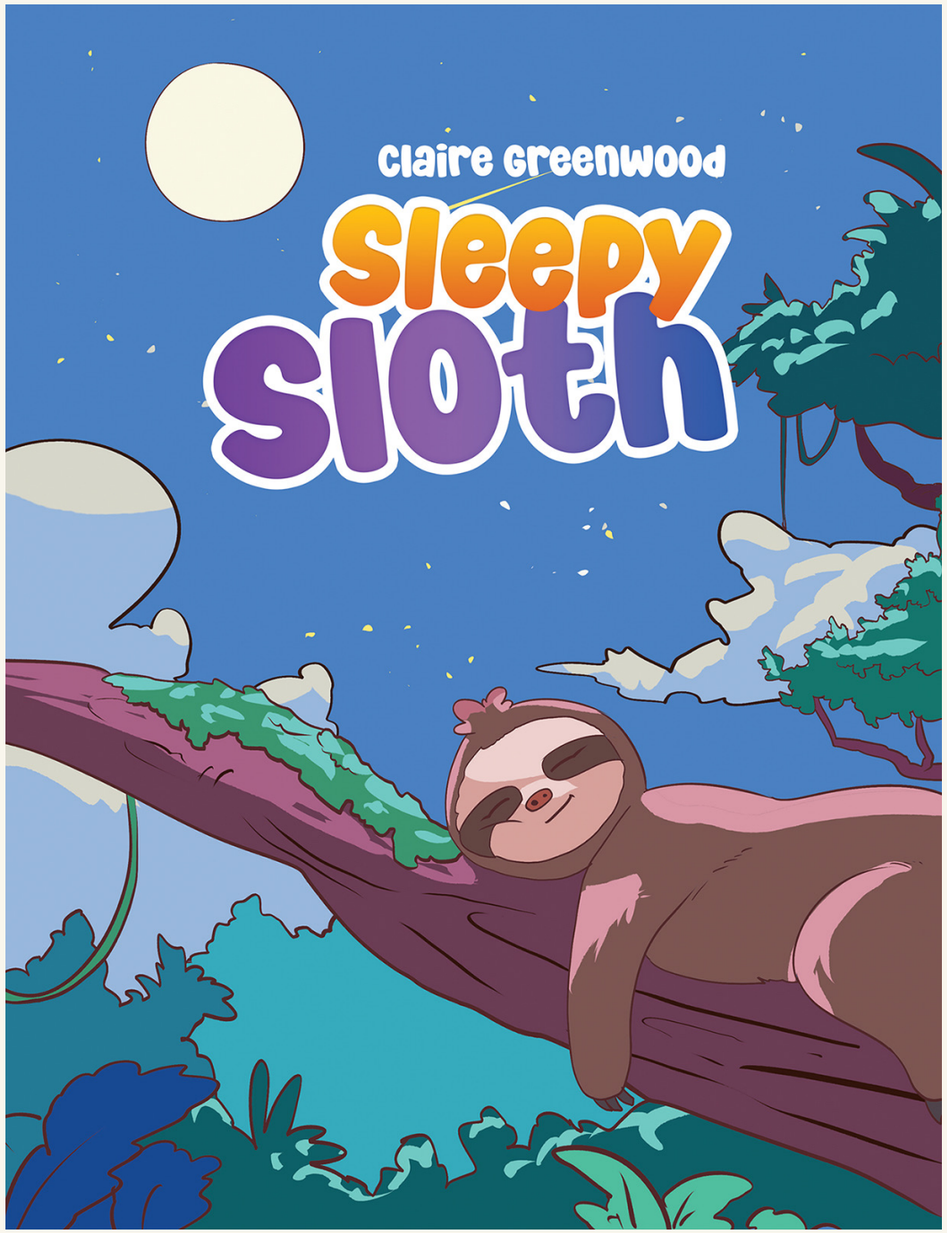
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SYNOPSIS

Some secrets are best left alone… Fifteen years after her father's death, 21-year-old Nell Cede lives an ordinary life in the small town of Woodland. She struggles to keep thoughts of her father out of her head. His name, the memories they shared, and even her dreams of their life together remain buried in the past. Until now… After finding one of her father's old notebooks, Nell discovers strange drawings and scribbles describing a mysterious creature. A creature she thought she imagined long ago. And she's determined to find out if it's real. To preserve her father's legacy and discover the truth about this mythical beast, Nell must dive into the past and resume his studies. But there are some who would rather those secrets stay buried. And if Nell isn't careful, she may find that digging up the truth is more dangerous than she thought.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lauren Macsai is a student and athlete at Brock University originally from Port Colborne, Ontario. She has always been drawn to writing, having wanted to become an author since the early age of ten. Most of her ideas are born from personal experiences and transposed on a canvas of unlimited imagination. Not to be outdone, Lauren is an artist and painter as well. She loves the thrill of transposing readers to places of wonder through her words.



Sleepy Sloth

by Claire Greenwood

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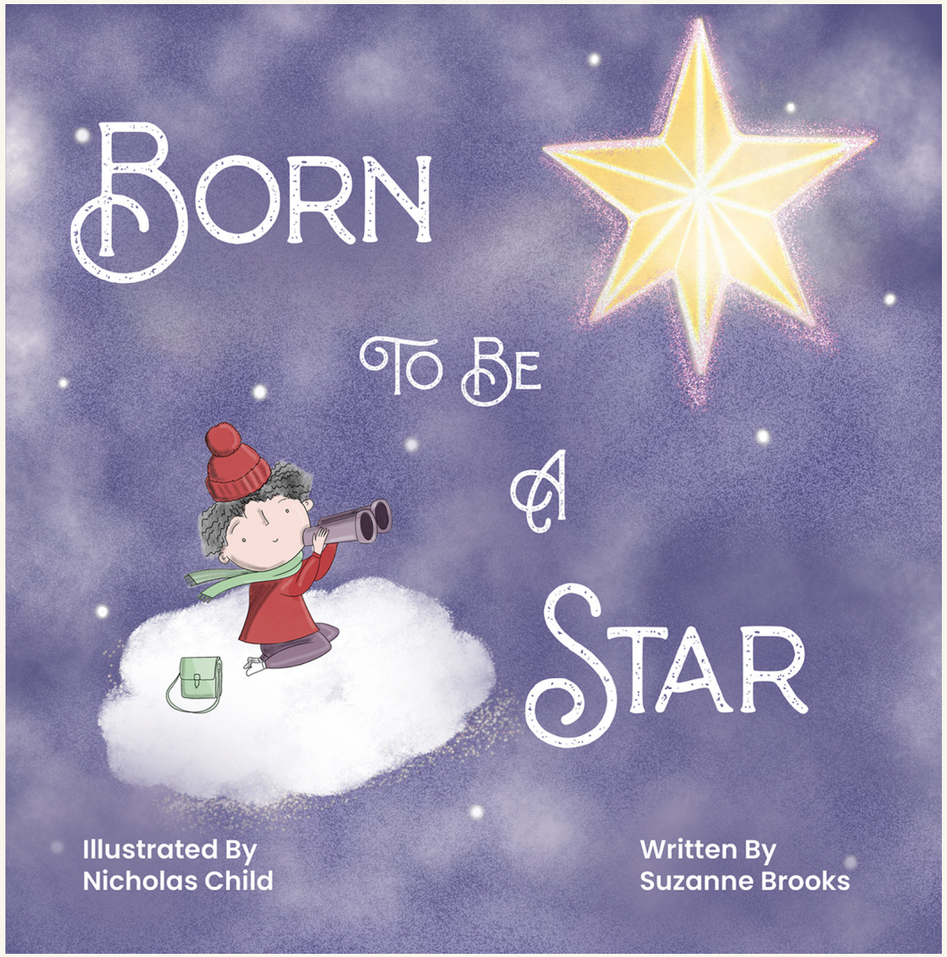
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SYNOPSIS

Will Sleepy Sloth ever get to sleep? Once upon a time in the middle of a forest, on the highest branch of her family tree, one sleepy sloth is, surprisingly, having trouble falling asleep. Her eyes are wide, her mind is racing, and sleep feels simply impossible. But maybe with the help of her loving family, Slothy can learn a simple, soothing, step-by-step process to prepare herself beautifully for a good night's sleep. Inspired by real bedtime routines and created with love and imagination, this heartwarming story gently guides children through calming steps to help them to settle, to let go of their worries, and to soothe their body and mind wonderfully to fall asleep in the calming company of the adorable main character, 'Slothy'. Sleepy Sloth is a perfect read for winding down, snuggling up, and making bedtime a little easier – for both children and parents alike.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Claire Greenwood is a children's author from Warrington who spent 15 years as a primary school teacher, nurturing her love of children's books. The idea of Sleepy Sloth was born from a bedtime routine with her eldest daughter Paige, who from a young age asked for step-by-step instructions on how to fall asleep. Later, her youngest daughter Ava wanted the same advice, but Claire turned it into a beautiful bedtime story using Ava's cuddly toy 'Slothy', which became a treasured nightly tradition in their home and can now help children everywhere drift into a peaceful sleep.



Born to Be a Star

by Suzanne Brooks

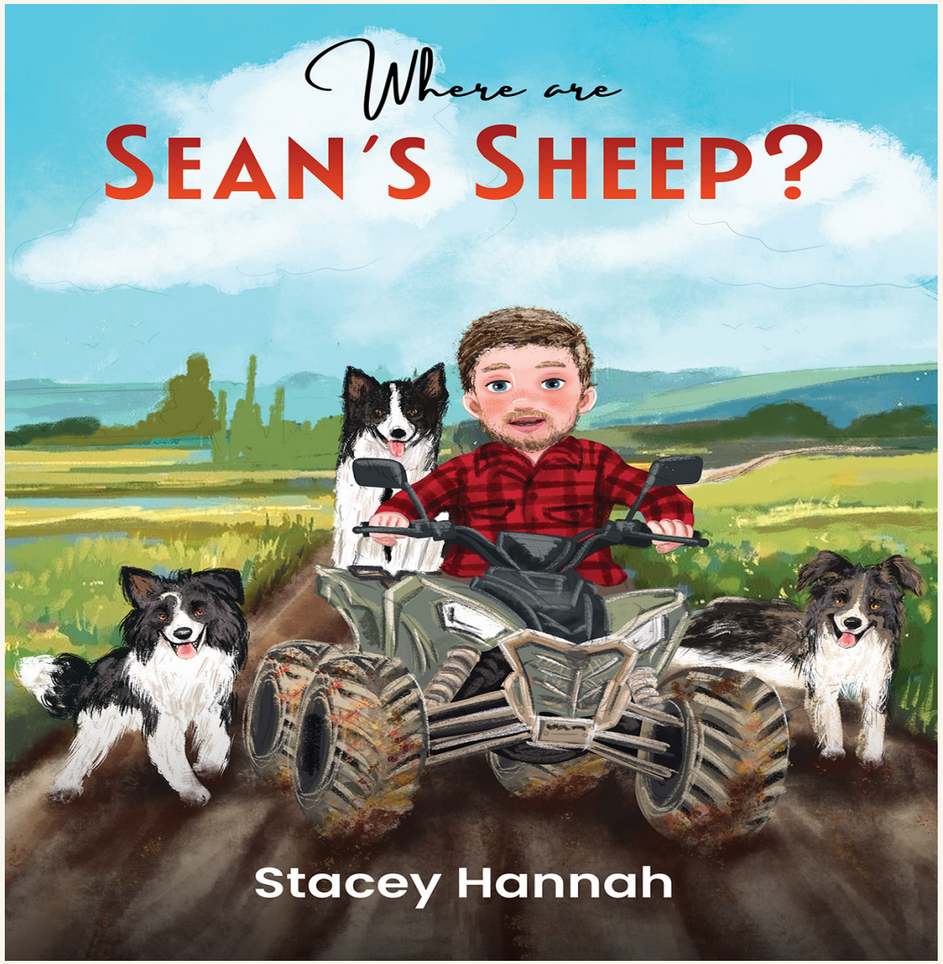
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SYNOPSIS

Sometimes we are told new babies are on the way. Sometimes we find out that they were not born to stay. Sometimes when the sky turns dark at night, We see those very special babies; they are the stars that shine bright. Explaining loss to a little one is never easy, and explaining the loss of a baby is even tougher. This book was written to help families in this position and to offer a little bit of light.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Suzanne Brooks is a wife, mother and teacher, living in South East England with her boys and handsome spaniel. She is also a volunteer for her local SANDS group, supporting bereaved families for nearly a decade. She is also the proud mummy to her very own special star, Evie. This is a book she wishes she had then. She hopes that, if you are in need of this book, it brings both big and little readers a little comfort and a little light when it might be needed.



Where are Sean's Sheep?

by Stacey Hannah

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*** With 5.1 million followers on TikTok, @SeantheSheepman brings an established social media audience to Where are Sean's Sheep?. ***

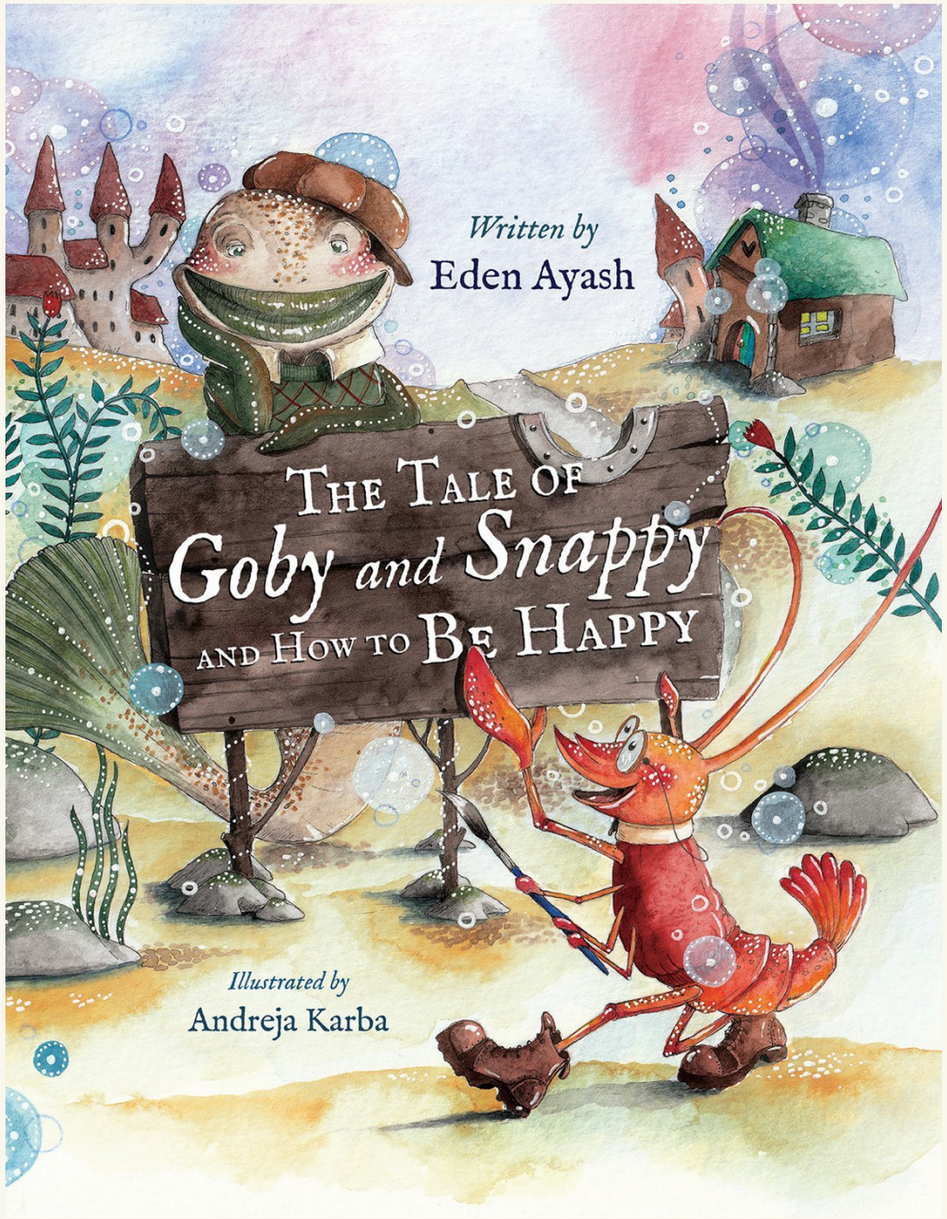
SYNOPSIS

Come on an adventure with Sean the sheepman and his three furry Border Collie friends, Kate, Storm and Echo, whose sheep have gone missing on their farm. Follow the muddy paw prints to help find their sheep to give them a very nice, hearty breakfast.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Stacey Hannah is a stay-at-home mum to her son Kole and a wife to Sean. She likes to bake and listen to music. She has always loved to use her imagination and make up stories, so once her son came, she knew she wanted to write a book to show him and everyone else that being a stay-at-home parent doesn't hold you back.

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The Tale of Goby and Snappy and How to Be Happy

by Eden Ayash

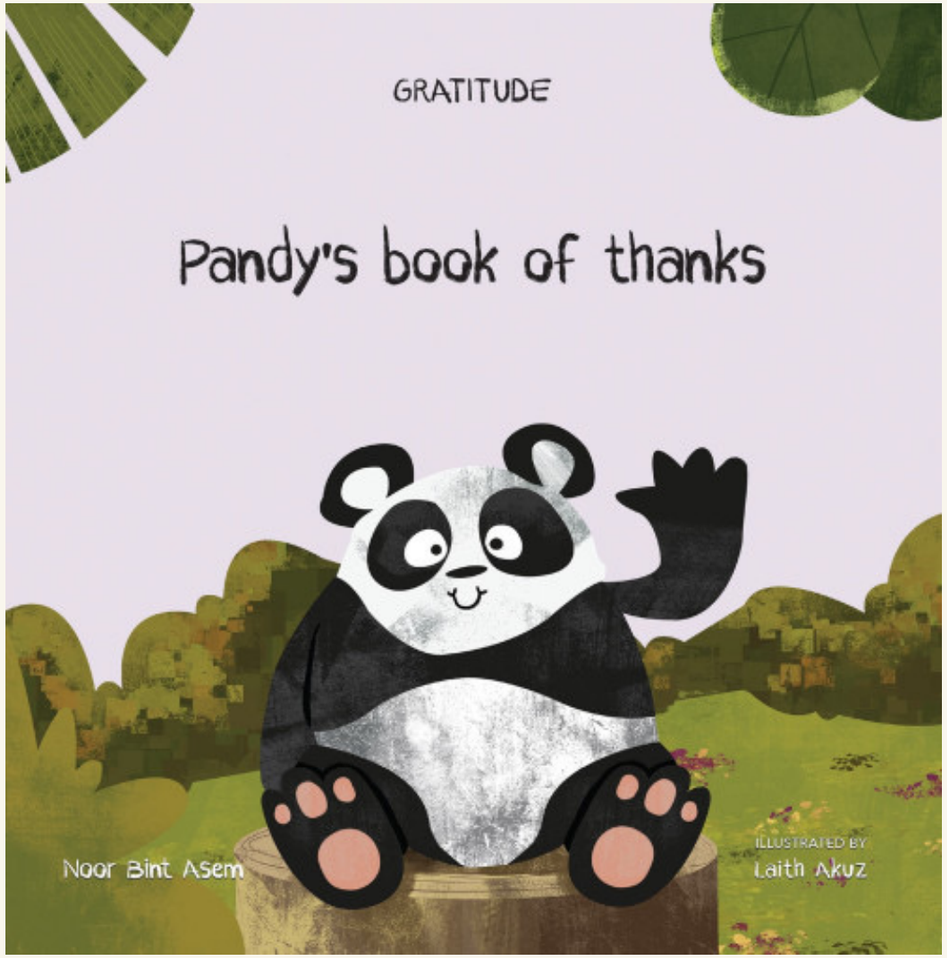
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SYNOPSIS

Dive into a delightful underwater adventure and discover the magic of friendship. When Goby the fish and Snappy the shrimp meet by chance, an unexpected bond begins to grow — one that could change everything. Join them beneath the waves in a heartwarming tale about trust, teamwork, and finding joy where you least expect it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Eden Ayash is a children's author, former teacher, and lifelong lover of stories. She holds an M.Phil. in Children's Literature from Trinity College Dublin and dreams of inspiring young readers to explore, question, and wonder. When she's not writing, Eden can be found adventuring to new destinations, getting lost in magical stories, or dancing in the rain.



Pandy's Book of Thanks

by Noor Bint Asem

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SYNOPSIS

Our journey in gratitude is so special. Remember, every day has something to be thankful for. See you tomorrow for more adventures!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Her Royal Highness Princess Noor Bint Asem of Jordan is an author and passionate advocate for positive change in families, schools, and individual lives. A devoted mother of three and a graduate in Positive Leadership from IE Business School, she blends lived experience with academic insight to inspire a more conscious approach to early childhood—and to life itself. She is the founder of Moments, a platform dedicated to conscious education and reimagining the early years with intention, connection, and well-being at its core. Her vision is rooted in the belief that life is made of moments—and that by being fully present in them, we can nurture whole, emotionally aware humans from the very beginning. Through her writing and initiatives, she invites families, caregivers, and educators to join the Moments movement: a growing community committed to nurturing mindful growth and emotional resilience in early childhood—one moment at a time.



Whisper's Journey

by Noor Bint Asem

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SYNOPSIS

Whisper and friends had a great time exploring the magic of breath. You can use your breath any time to feel calm and happy just like the animals in the forest! This book introduces toddlers to the concept of mindful breathing through a relatable character, engaging stories of forest animals, and interactive elements that encourage practicing breathing techniques.

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Sometimes

by Noor Bint Asem

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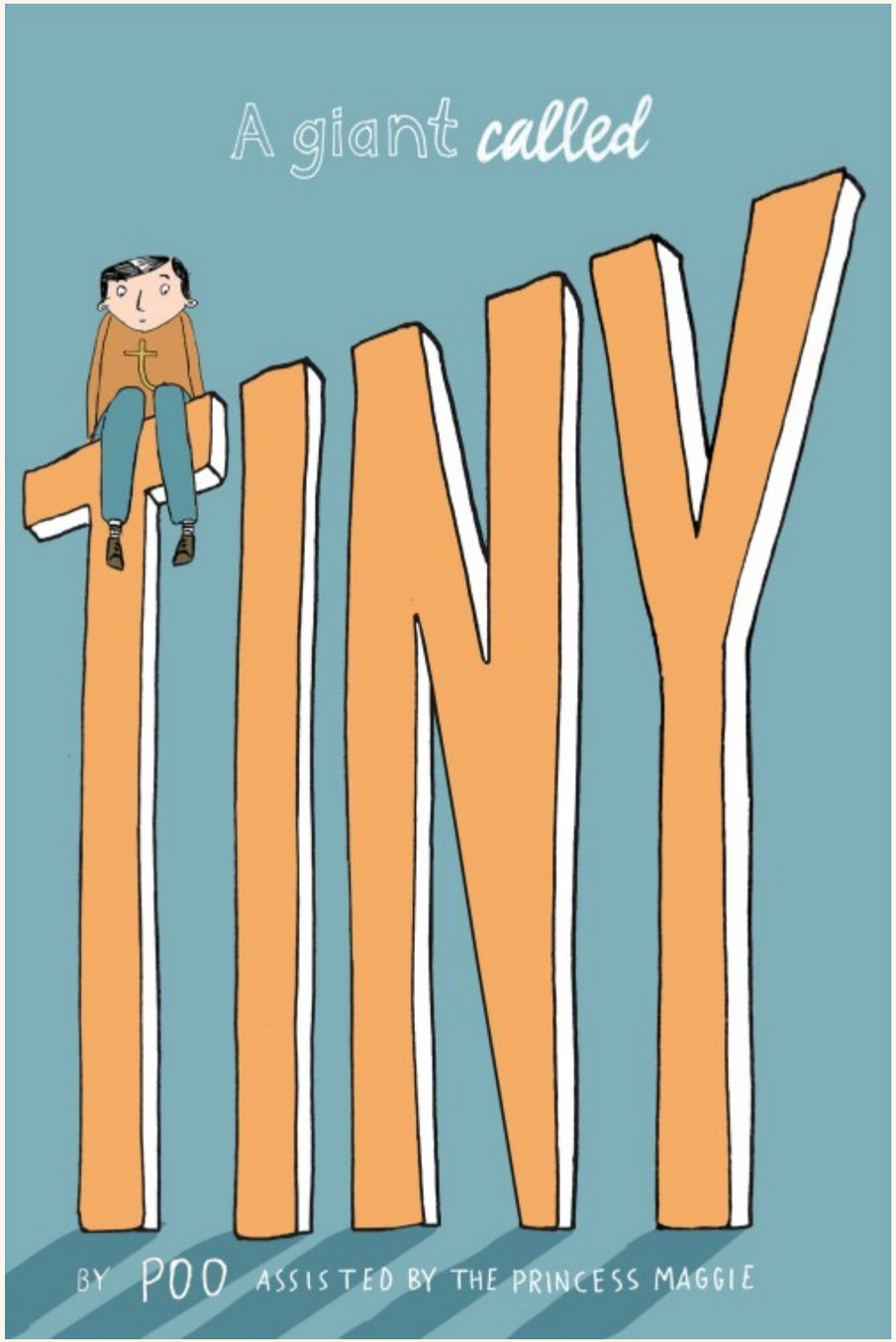
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SYNOPSIS

Join Cami and explore the colorful world of emotions! From happiness and excitement to sadness and anger, Cami helps kids recognize their feelings and shows how each one makes them grow. Through fun activities, children will learn how to express and understand their emotions. Let's explore how we feel, together!

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A Giant Called Tiny

by Poo

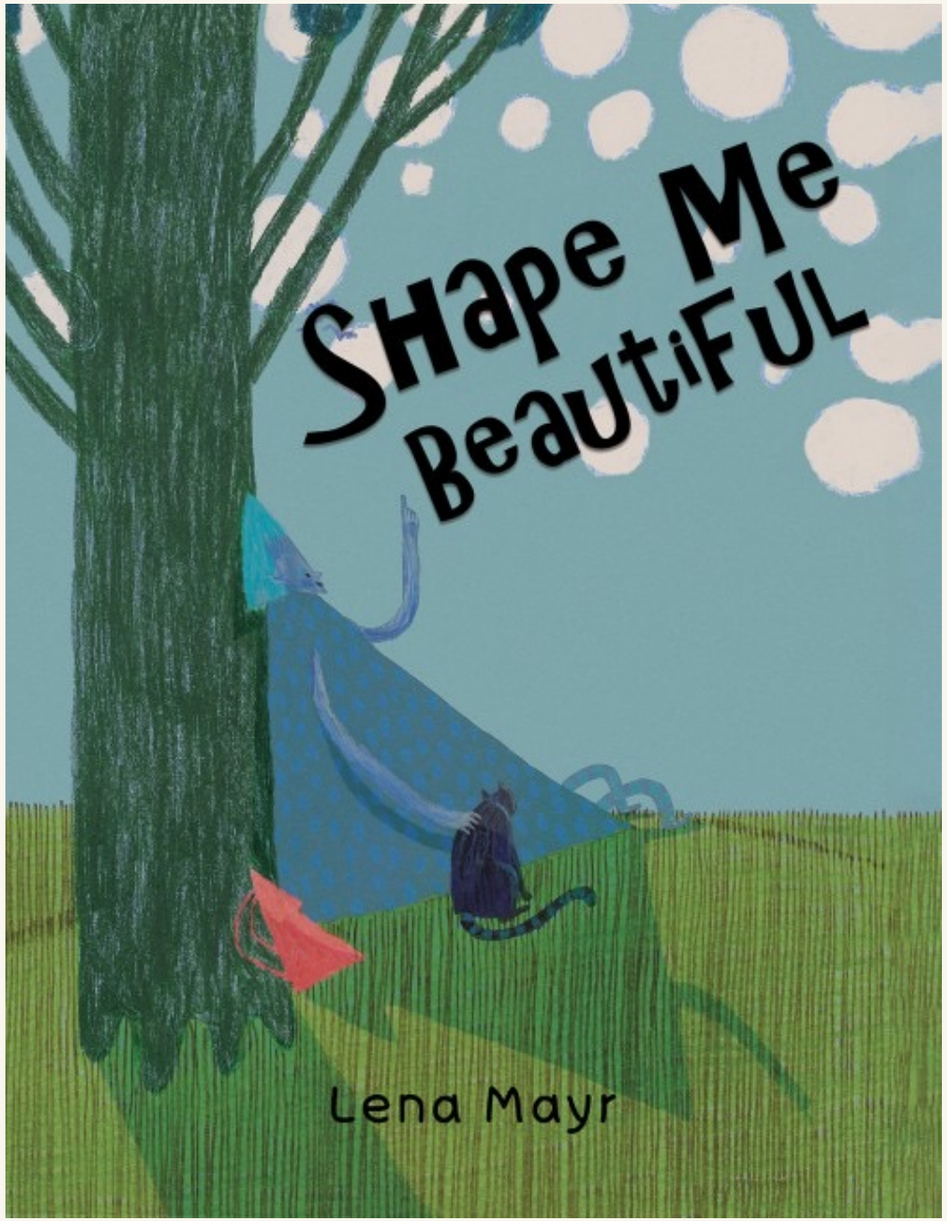
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SYNOPSIS

Once upon a time, there was a giant called Tiny. Now that might seem a strange name for a giant, for Tiny was indeed a giant. But at the top of the mountain and above the clouds, in the land where giants lived, Tiny was the smallest giant in the land. So, all the other giants called him 'Tiny'. Tiny is sick and tired of being called names. It makes him so mad when the other giants pick on him, in fact, it's starting to make him worried he's not really a giant at all! Then, one day, he ventures down through the clouds and finds something he'd never expected to find: a friend.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Poo, as he is affectionately called by his grandchildren, is a storyteller. He has always been a storyteller. When his children were little they would sit on his knee while he would read or, more often than not, make a story up. Then the children grew up, the stories stopped and he waited. He waited and waited until eventually, with his children's children sat on his knee, the story telling began anew. One day during a story telling session, The Princess Maggie, who is just Maggie to everyone else, asked a very pointed question. 'Poo. Are you going to get your stories made into a book?' There was expectation in that little voice. What could Poo do? The result of that question is in your hand.



Shape Me Beautiful

by Lena Mayr

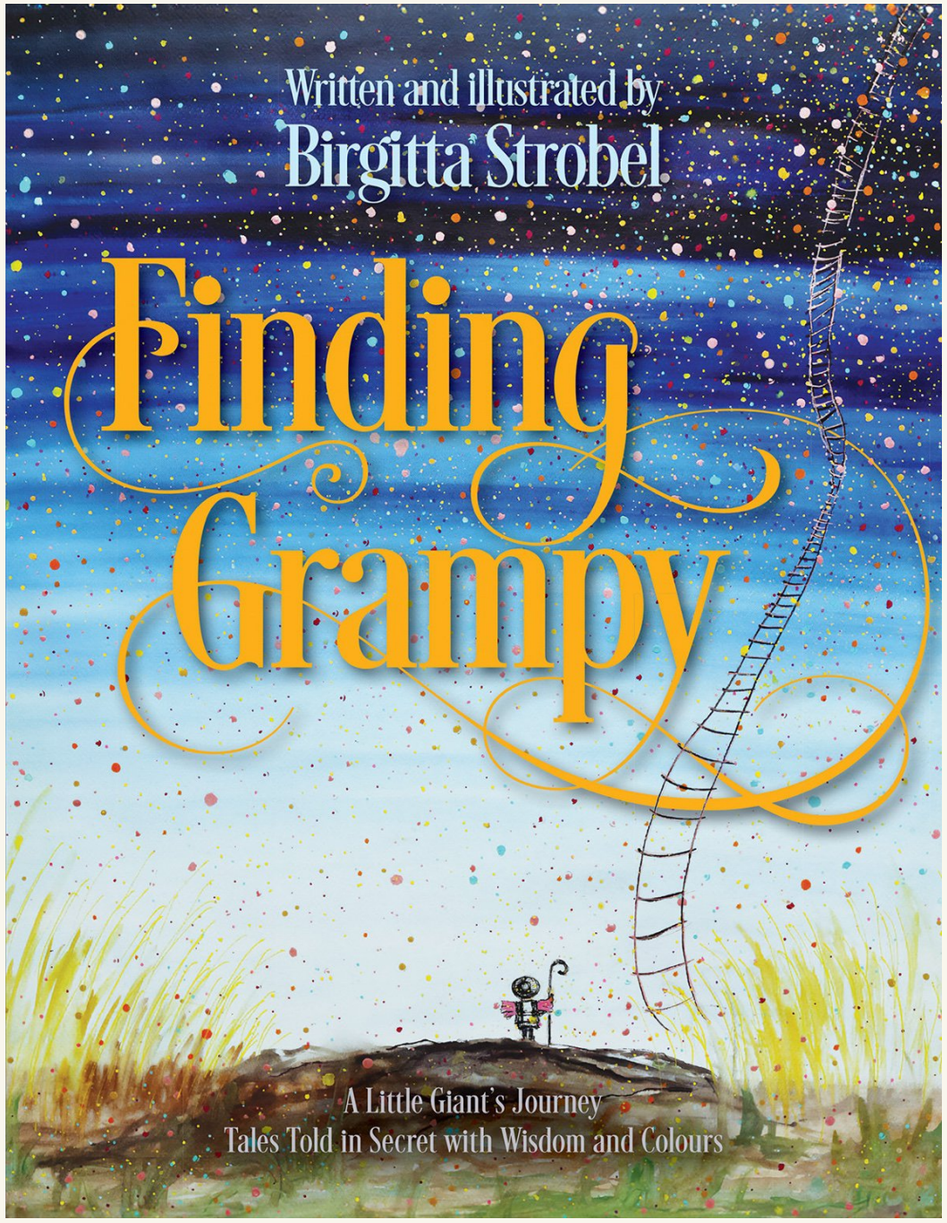
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SYNOPSIS

Shape Me Beautiful is a story about learning to accept and love yourself for who you are, no matter what shape and size. Join TIA on her journey as she discovers what truly matters and learns to embrace her unique shape! Sometimes all it takes to recognize what was right in front of you all along is just a little bit of magic. A magic hat maybe!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lena is a dedicated teacher in Australia with a passion for storytelling. She believes that stories provide us with many valuable life lessons, special insights, and motivation to become the best we can be. Experiencing children's sense of wonder, imagination and curiosity during story time has always been a magical experience for her which inspired her to become the author she is today. Join her on a journey where you'll find stories that inspire and messages that resonate.



Finding Grampy

by Birgitta Strobel

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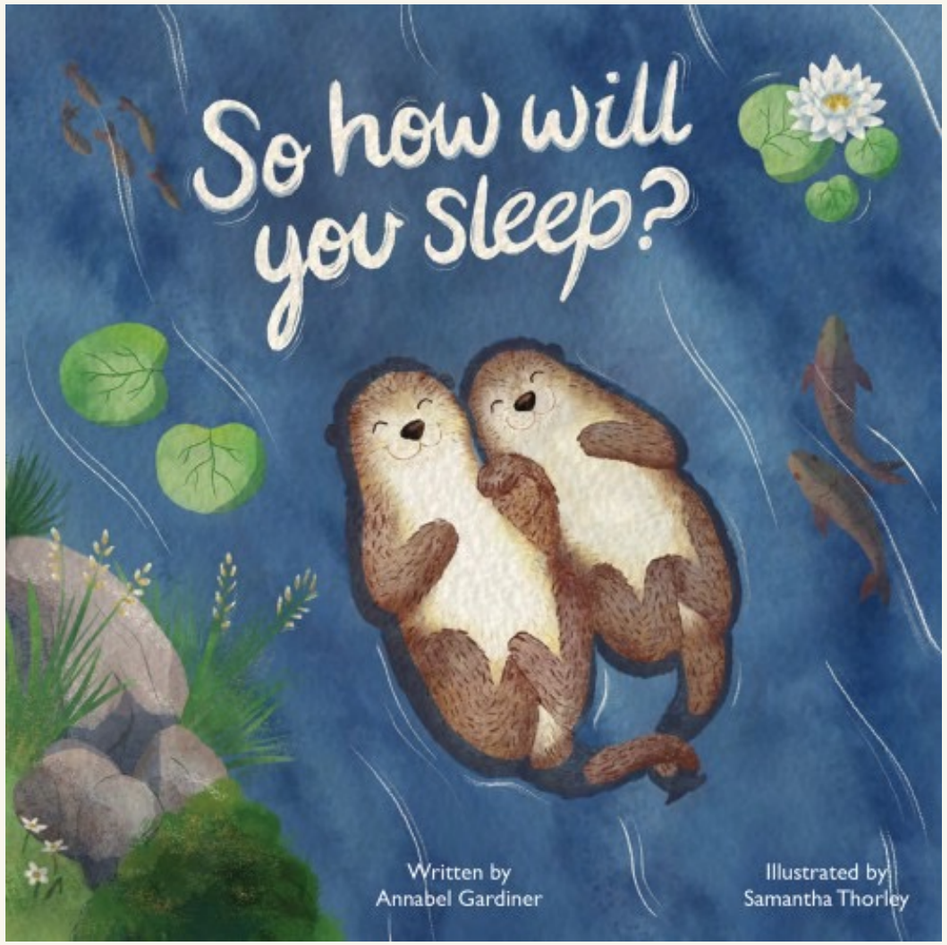
SYNOPSIS

Maybe Grampy is at his shack, Nucleus
Authentica, inventing something very special?
Or maybe he is out at sea?
Nine-year-old Leon sneaks out into the woods all by himself just before midnight. Grampy, Leon's grandfather, simply can't be dead and buried – at least not after what the adults keep saying: "The old man is not gone; he is still very much with us." Determined to find him, Leon sets out on his quest. On his journey, Leon is guided by the winged Gabriel, who teaches him to play music from each colour of the rainbow. But soon, Leon finds himself fearing for his life as he walks the tightrope of forgiveness high in the mountains, tumbles into wild rivers, encounters a mischievous mouse, soars in a balloon, and rides on the back of a wolf cub. Finding Grampy is a little hero's journey for all of us – children and grown-ups alike – who are still children at heart and who never stop pondering the questions of life, love, loss, forgiveness, friendship, and the search for one's voice and inner truth.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Birgitta Strobel had a childhood in Norway filled with arts, violin lessons, and ballet classes. From an early age, Birgitta created vibrant, large-scale drawings and fairy tales, inspired by her summer holidays exploring medieval castles while travelling with her family across Germany.

Birgitta's artistic debut took place in Los Angeles in 2005. The exhibition included both her poetry and paintings. Since then, she has exhibited her art in prestigious galleries in Los Angeles, Miami, Luxembourg, Madrid, Alicante, and Oslo. The inspiration for lyrics and text in Finding Grampy also traces back to her years in the USA.
Birgitta is a certified and experienced yoga teacher, educated in Los Angeles. She has taught internationally for many years in cities across Europe and the USA.



So How Will You Sleep?

by Annabel Gardiner

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26 pages

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SYNOPSIS

Do you want to sleep in a tree like a koala? How about at the bottom of the ocean like a whale? Or upside down in a cave like a bat? Discover how different creatures go to sleep at night and imagine yourself snuggling down with them at bedtime. You can also try and spot the playful caterpillar hidden on every page.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Annabel Gardiner grew up in Bristol and has a BA Honours degree in English Literature from Queen's University Belfast. She now resides in Wiltshire with her family, Coco the dog and Scout the Shetland pony. Her debut novel "So How Will You Sleep" has been inspired and written for her two young children who share her passion for animals from all corners of the world. When she is not writing, Annabel can be found riding horses or walking in the countryside.



Dinosaur Cookbook

by Nessie Welschinger

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*** Written by Nessie Welschinger, star of the reality show *The Housewives of London* ***

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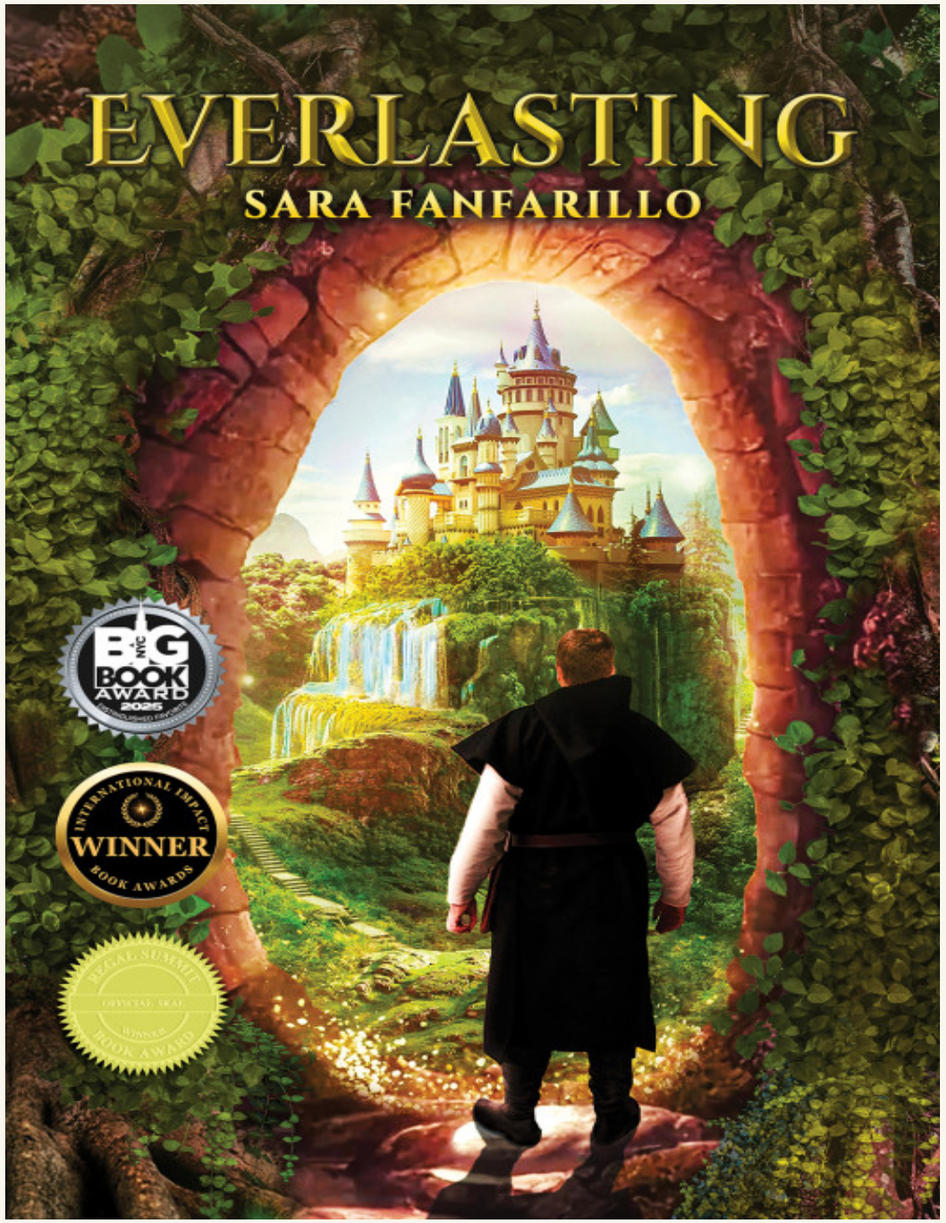
Roar into the kitchen with this Dinosaur Cookbook, where your little chef can join Dino for a prehistoric cooking adventure! Created by the founder of the Chelsea Cake Company, one of London's top bespoke cake makers, this imaginative cookbook is designed for little hands to explore with a grown-up's help. More than just a cookbook, it's a time-travelling feast! Where veggies are as cool as a T-Rex, proteins as strong as a Triceratops, and healthy fats as mighty as a Brachiosaurus. With over 20 easy recipes, get ready to make, bake and discover, creating unforgettable family memories along the way.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nessie Welschinger is the founder of the Chelsea Cake Company, one of London's leading cake makers. For over a decade, her creations have been enjoyed worldwide, a highlight being her commission by the Royal Mint to create the celebration cake for Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday at the Tower of London.

Her client list includes celebrities and renowned London institutions such as Claridge's and The Ritz. In 2021, she competed on *Bake Off: The Professionals*, showcasing her talent on a national stage. Now a respected judge for baking competitions, she also visits schools to promote nutrition, inspiring children to take charge of their own meals. As an ambassador for Veg Power, she champions the importance of vegetables in a fun and engaging way.

Nessie's back on screen in 2025, serving elegance in *The Real Housewives of London*.



Everlasting

by Sara Fanfarillo

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- **NYC Big Book Award**
- **International Impact Book Award**
- **Regal Summit Book Award**

SYNOPSIS

Immerse yourself in a captivating fantasy novel written by a talented young author with a vivid imagination. Step into a world of enchantment and adventure, embarking on an exciting journey through the pages of this compelling tale. With rich world-building and engaging characters, the author weaves intricate plots that keep readers hooked as they follow the protagonist's quest to uncover deep mysteries. The main character unknowingly sets out on a challenging and emotionally profound path, guided by a force capable of creating evocative settings.

This journey of discovery seeks to reveal the truths of life, with references to the past and signs inherited from ancestors weaving the story together. Remote bonds, seemingly unconnected, ultimately converge in a stunning revelation. Despite the wise old master's guidance, the truth remains obscured by unfolding events. The realignment of entrenched realities heralds a new beginning and a fresh start.

Don't miss this enchanting adventure from a promising new voice in fantasy fiction.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

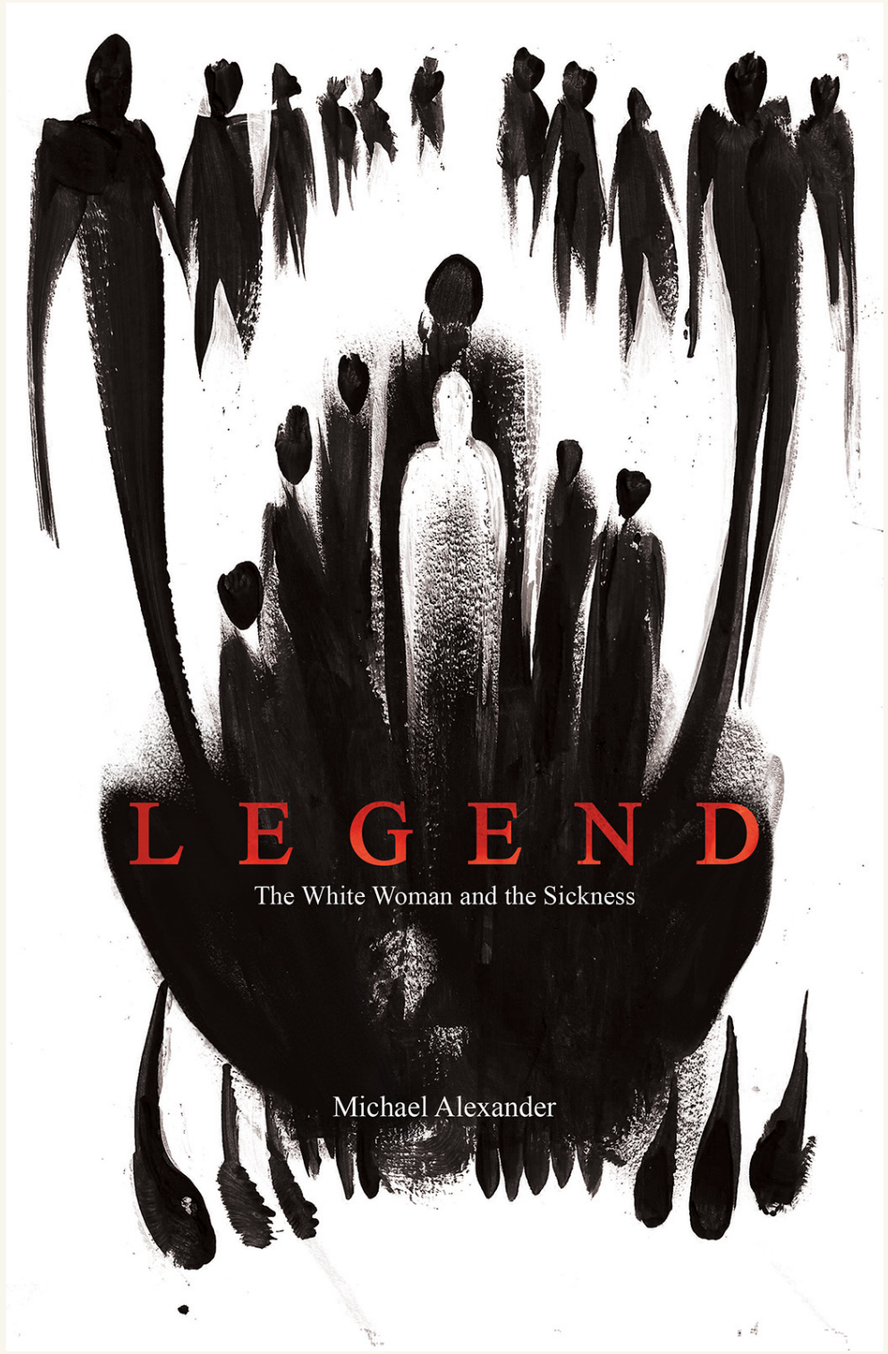
Sara Fanfarillo is a passionate writer with a deep love for storytelling, the creative mind of

– *Everlasting* –

Her journey into the world of writing began at a young age, 17, when she decided to give herself a chance to expand her horizons.

She draws inspiration from her own experiences, as well as the stories of those she encounters, creating a tapestry of instances that breathe life into her work.

ADULT FICTION



Legend

by Michael Alexander

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SYNOPSIS

Fifty years after a devastating plague nearly wiped out humanity, the Zaltana ‘High Mountain’ reservation stands as a sanctuary of survival and rebirth. As the anniversary of these events arrives, Qaletaqa ‘Guardian of the People’ recalls the ancient prophecy of his mother, Violet Grier, the white woman destined to save the Zaltanian bloodline. Gathering the tribe’s children, Qaletaqa recounts the dark days of the sickness and the mysterious events leading up to it. Through the carvings of an ancient totem and the wisdom of Chief Hawk-Eye, he reveals how Mother Nature fought back, unleashing spirit beings to restore balance. The tale follows their American allies, Drew Cunningham and Sergeant Gordon Phillips, as they faced unimaginable dangers to aid the tribe. As Qaletaqa delves into the past, he shares the struggles, sacrifices, and triumphs that forged their new world. This is a story of prophecy, resilience, and the enduring power of legends. “It’s easy to remember the monsters out there, but it’s just as easy to forget the monsters in our minds and in our hearts.”

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michael Alexander has been fascinated by the macabre since childhood, sparking a lifelong love affair with the horror genre. Hailing from Ontario, Canada, Michael’s upbringing steeped his imagination in the eerie allure of the paranormal, the mysterious, the unusual, and the strange. When he’s not crafting chilling tales, Michael can often be found indulging in his passion for horror cinema, immersing himself in the dark narratives that fuel his creativity. Alternatively, he works with esteemed filmmakers in the industry.



A Sicilian Story

by Penny Pecorelli

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SYNOPSIS

What do you do when you fall in love with a man who is still in love with his dead wife? That is the dilemma facing Alice, a young teacher from England who, searching for her Italian roots, goes to live in a small village in Sicily with her grandmother's sister and her husband, helping with their smallholding in the shadow of the menacing Mount Etna. She becomes a very popular teacher at the local junior school in Catania and is drawn to one of her young pupils, the effervescent Rosie, and her father, Lorenzo, a volcanologist and part of the mountain rescue team on Mount Etna, whose wife died several years previously in a tragic accident. Through Rosie and her father she meets and becomes close to their friends Elizabetta and Antonio and their children, the serious Elena and the mischievous Tommaso. She falls deeply in love with Lorenzo, but despite her best efforts and those of the incorrigible Rosie and her friend Elizabetta, it seems her love is destined to be unrequited. Instead, she busies herself with her teaching, the daily happenings of the village and learning as much as she can about the traditions and history of this fascinating island with its turbulent history. Then, when at last he unexpectedly proposes, she refuses him. Has she made the worst mistake of her life or will everything turn out for the best in the end? And can they escape the ever-present danger of the volcano which threatens to overwhelm them all?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Penny Pecorelli has published numerous articles and short stories over the years and has also broadcast on the radio.. A Sicilian Story is her fourth novel, set on the island of Sicily.



Ballad of the Bewitched

by Melissa Voller

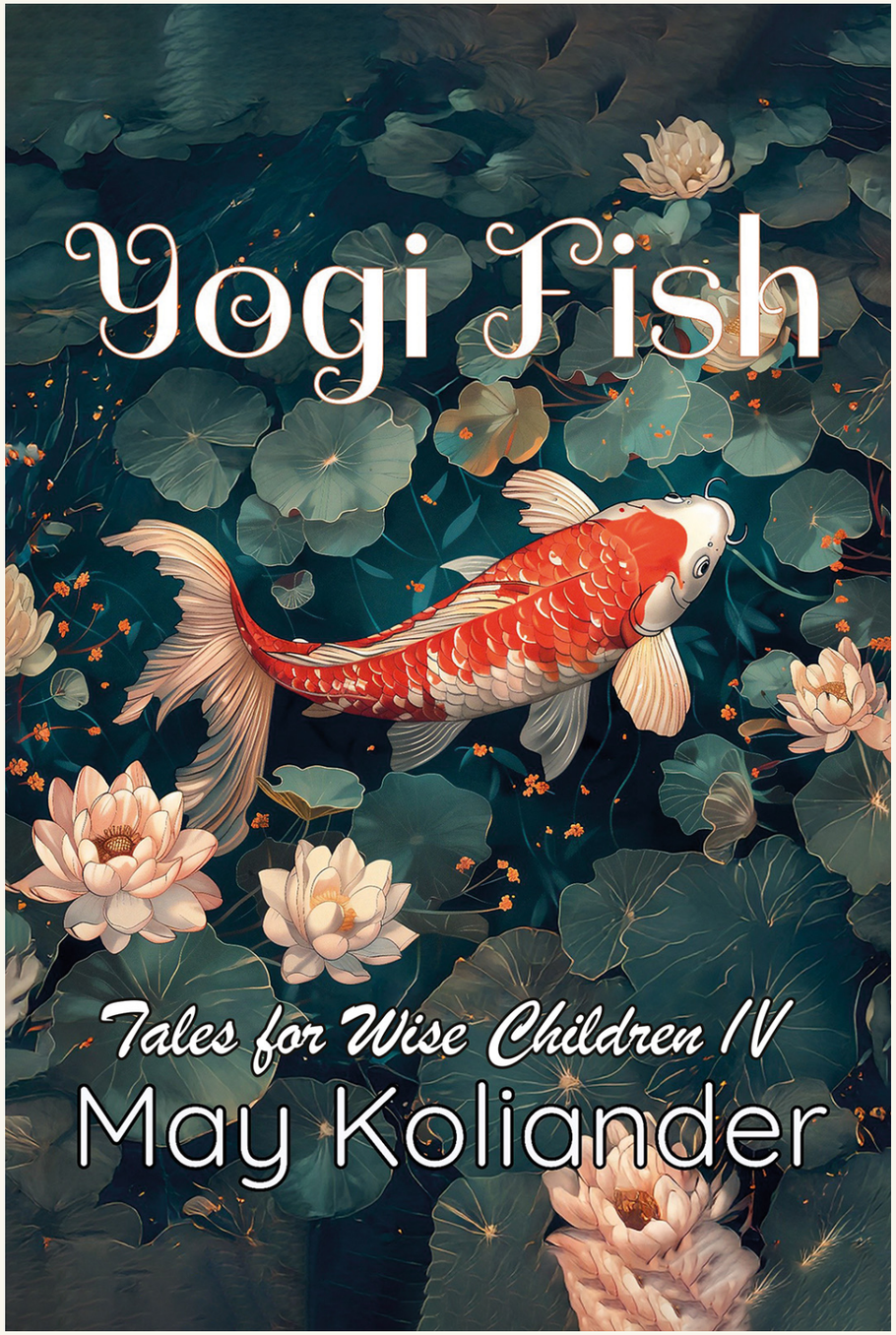
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SYNOPSIS

In a time when gods walked among mortals, Lysander, god of humanity, and Selene, goddess of the fae, created the world from their powerful union. To live amongst their creations, they each stored most of their divine essence in a hidden cave. But the fae, driven by envy, betrayed Selene, killing her in a reckless bid for power. Instead of gaining her strength, they unleashed a curse that withered Celestis. Now, the cunning fae prince Kallix seeks to reunite the crown and find Selene's cave, promising to restore Celestis. To succeed, he kidnaps Princess Mira, the only being who can wield the rare power over plants and the key to unlocking the cave's secrets. Thrown into a world of peril and magic, Mira must learn to control her abilities and navigate the dangerous world of magic. And as they journey through Celestis, an unexpected bond forms between Kallix and Mira. But with the fate of Celestis hanging in the balance and Kallix's true intentions shrouded in secrecy, their growing connection could be as treacherous as the journey itself. Will they restore the world or destroy each other in the process?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Melissa Voller is a talented South African author and accomplished pianist. Ballad of the Bewitched is her debut novel and the first in a planned series, completed during her undergraduate studies. Passionate about folklore, worldbuilding, and emotionally driven narratives, Melissa combines her academic interests with imaginative storytelling. In addition to writing, she is an award-winning pianist and has received the prestigious Peggy Haddon Award for top piano student three years in a row.



Yogi Fish

by May Koliander

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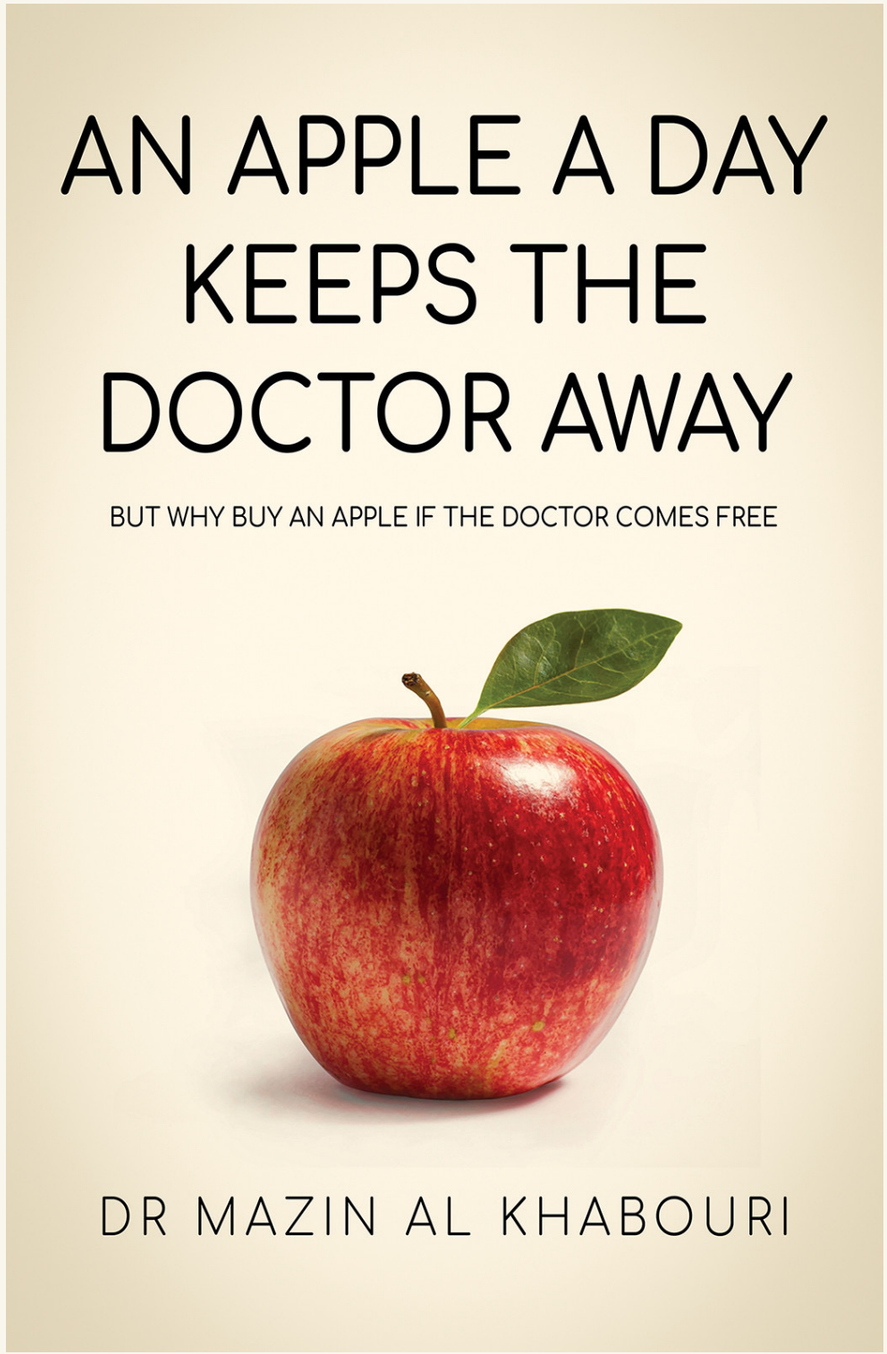
SYNOPSIS

The creatures in these tales come up against bullying, discrimination and the burden of harbouring anxious thoughts, as well as a couple of would-be despots. Enjoy discovering how they overcome all the hurdles they encounter. You might like to learn with Meeky, a mouse born in the ancient city of Samarkand, the real value of silk paper. Find out how Glow and Popeye, two raccoon cousins, make the most out of their difference. And why not play a game based on colours with old Gisella's granddaughters, Pink, Blue and Violet, as the little mice make their way through the Viennese art museum in which they dwell. These are only some of the tales awaiting you in this collection, and all the animals—whether small or large—hope you will join them!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born in the United States, May Koliander has lived most of her life in Switzerland. After 10 years spent studying at university, she taught English in Geneva. She likes to be outdoors and lived two years in Finland, spending time in Lapland. May draws and paints, decorates furniture, works in the kitchen garden and is a jam maker. Quite a few times a year she travels, often hiking over rough terrain. She has also volunteered in the Galapagos and the Fiji Islands. Her two sons live in Geneva.

ADULT NON-FICTION



An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away

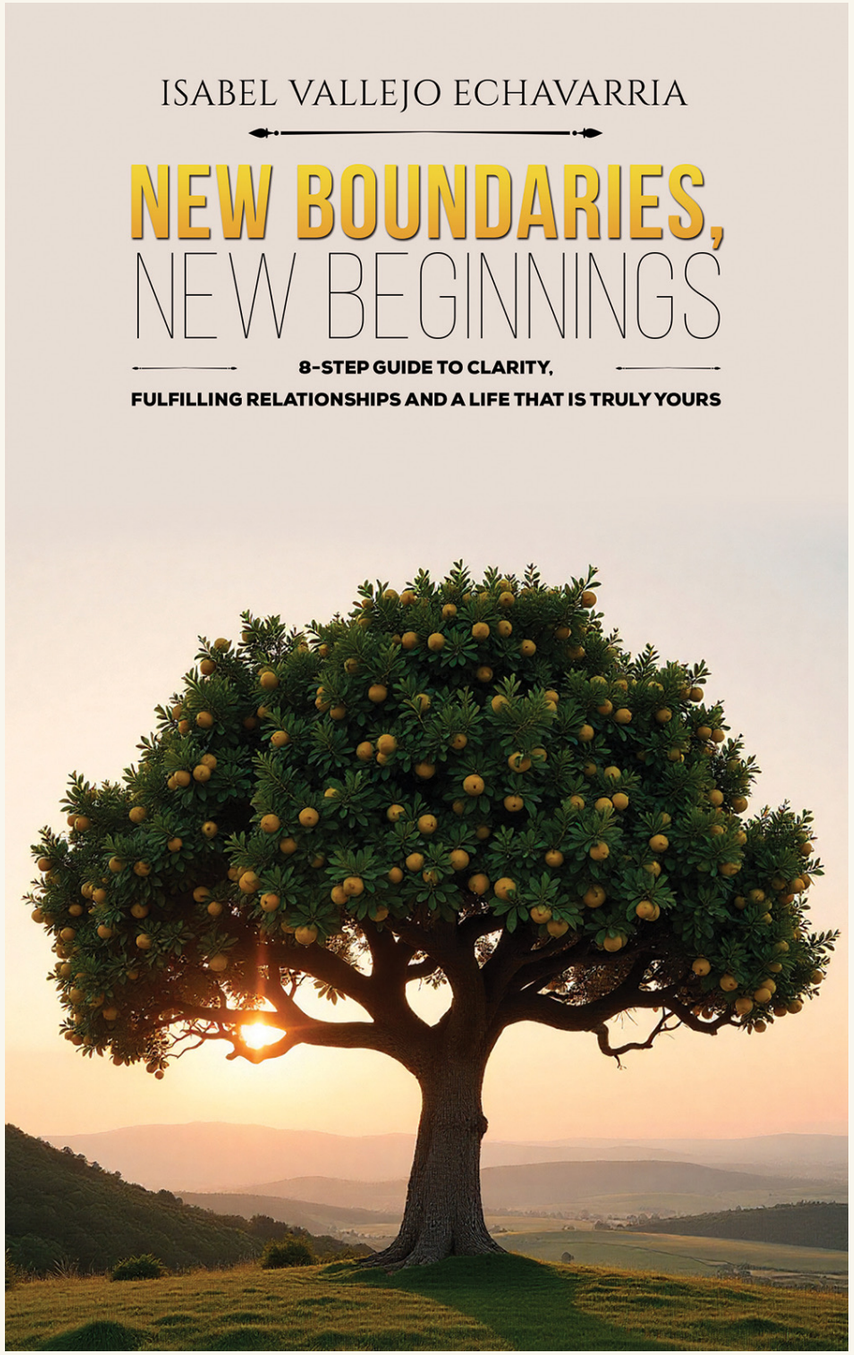
by Dr Mazin Al Khabouri

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SYNOPSIS

Why invest in prevention when treatment is free? This provocative question lies at the heart of An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away: But Why Buy an Apple If the Doctor Comes Free? In this thought-provoking exploration of health economics, Dr Mazin Al Khabouri examines the paradox facing modern healthcare systems—particularly in the GCC and Oman—where easy access to care can unintentionally discourage healthy living. Blending over four decades of clinical, academic, and leadership experience, the author takes readers on a compelling journey through global healthcare models, from traditional systems to emerging hybrid approaches. He challenges conventional thinking on prevention versus cure, asking how societies can foster responsibility for health while maintaining equitable access to care. With insightful discussions on innovation—including artificial intelligence, telemedicine, and forward-looking care models—this book offers more than analysis; it presents a call to rethink how healthcare is delivered, financed, and sustained. Engaging, practical, and deeply relevant, this work is essential reading for policymakers, clinicians, and anyone interested in the future of healthcare.

Author: Dr Mazin Jawad Al Khabouri is a senior consultant otolaryngologist and a distinguished healthcare leader with more than four decades of clinical, academic, and administrative experience in the Sultanate of Oman and internationally. He has been a central figure in the development of otolaryngology (ENT) services in Oman, contributing extensively to clinical care, medical education, health system leadership, and policy formulation. Dr Al Khabouri obtained his medical degree (MBBCh) from Ain Shams University, Egypt, in 1982. He later achieved Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (FRCS ENT) in 1990 and was awarded a PhD from University College London in 2012.



New Boundaries, New Beginnings

by Isabel Vallejo Echavarri

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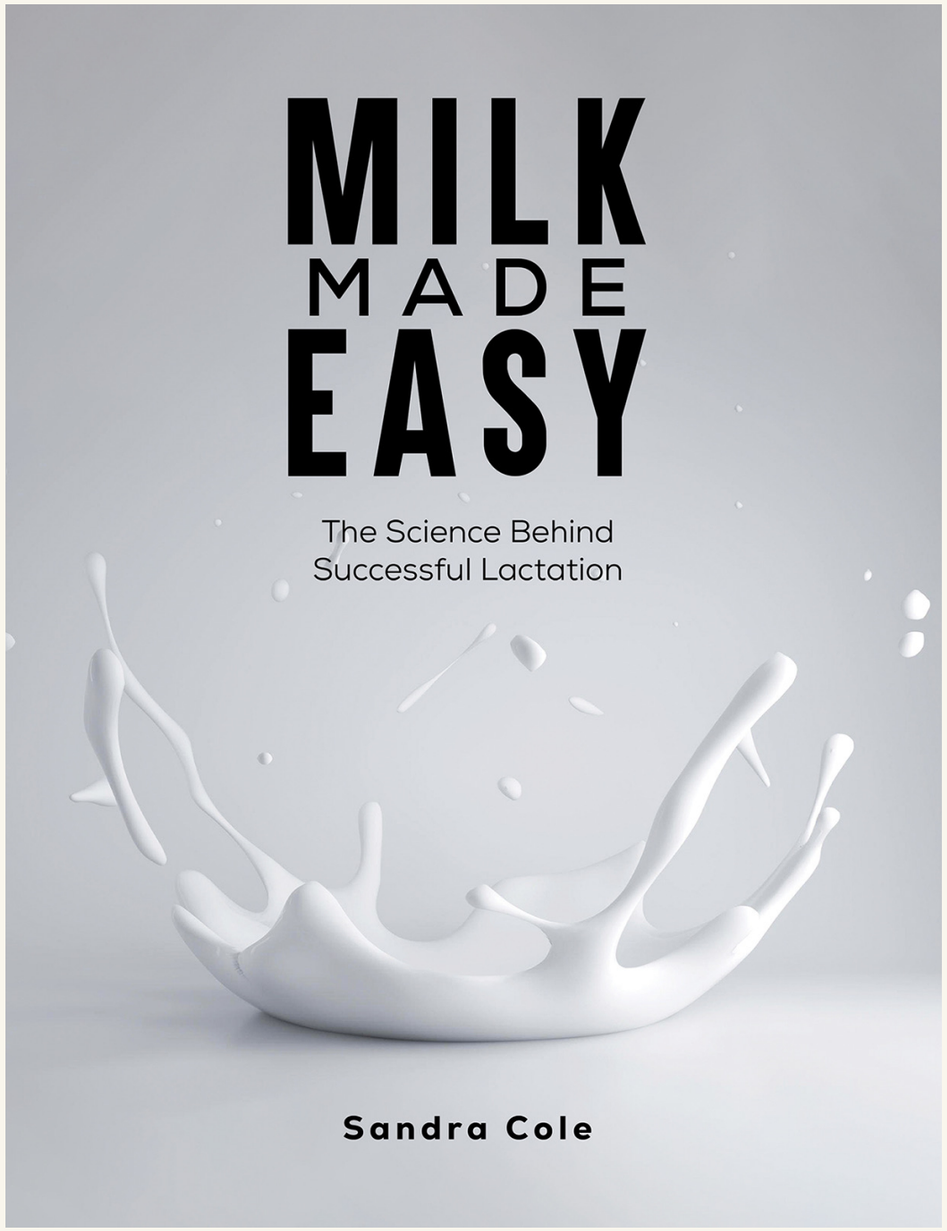
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SYNOPSIS

What if the life you have always wanted was not waiting on more effort, more sacrifice, or more time, but on something simpler and far more powerful: the clarity, structure, and strength that boundaries create? Most of us were never taught how to set boundaries; we were taught to please, perform, and push through. This book changes that. New Boundaries, New Beginnings shows you how thoughtfully designed boundaries become the pathway to authentic living, deeper relationships, and a life that genuinely fits who you are. This isn't about building walls. It's about creating the conditions where you—and the people you care about—can truly thrive. Isabel VE is an internationally recognised coaching supervisor and TEDx speaker with experience across three continents, working with coaches and leaders navigating complex transitions and adjusting behaviours to get better results.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Isabel Vallejo Echavarría, Bella Ve, an internationally recognised executive coach supervisor and TEDx speaker, specialises in guiding individuals through life's pivotal transitions. Leveraging experience across seven countries in diverse industries, she combines business acumen with somatic awareness in her approach to personal development.



Milk Made Easy

by Sandra Cole

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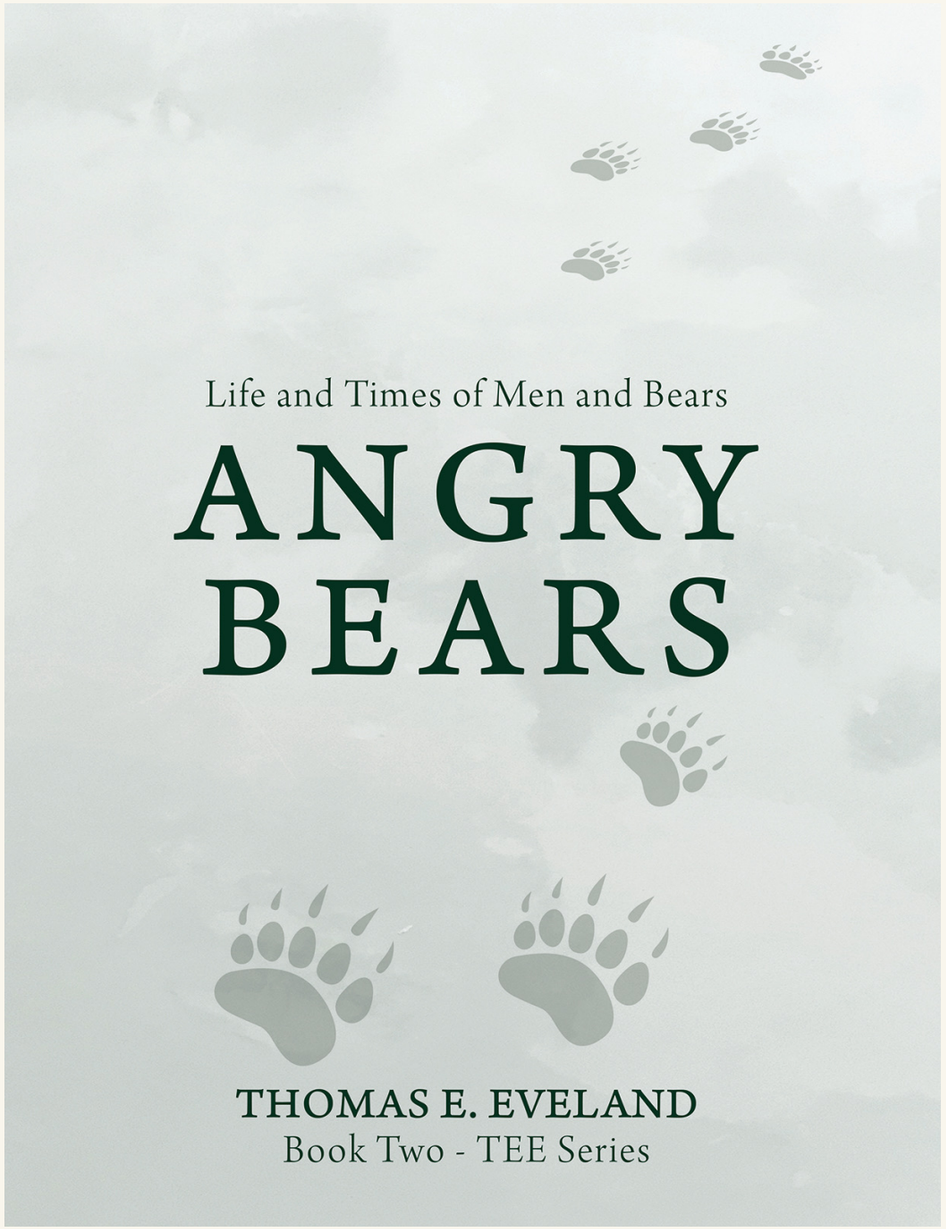
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SYNOPSIS

Concerned about common breastfeeding challenges like low milk supply, engorgement, blocked ducts, and mastitis? This book is for you. Written by a neonatal nurse and lactation consultant with decades of experience, this science-based guide offers a refreshing approach to breastfeeding—one that puts knowledge and prevention in your hands from the very beginning. It explains how milk is made, how breastfeeding truly works, and what matters most in the critical hours and days after your baby is born. Grounded in the physiology of lactation, this book focuses on establishing a healthy connection between you, your breasts, and your baby—so challenges can be prevented rather than managed in crisis. Clear, practical, and reassuring, it helps you understand signals from your body and your baby, so you can respond with clarity instead of doubt.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sandra Cole is a Registered Nurse and International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant with decades of experience in neonatal intensive care and lactation support. She has worked as an RN in NICUs in both Canada and the United States and served in multiple IBCLC roles across the U.S., supporting thousands of families in providing human milk for their infants. An award-winning advocate for late preterm infants, Sandra shares her expertise through writing, teaching, and international education. Although retired from clinical practice, she continues to advance evidence-based breastfeeding care and empower mothers through knowledge.



Angry Bears

by Thomas E.Eveland

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SYNOPSIS

A bear is a bear is a bear unless… Is it a black bear, grizzly bear, or polar bear? Is it a female with cubs? Or a large threatening male? Is it protecting a food source such as a moose, elk, or deer carcass? Are you going biking, hiking, or camping in bear country? If so, are you taking a dog? Will the dog be tethered or non-tethered? Are you aware that 70% of bear attacks are caused by people with non-tethered dogs? Are you aware that 90% of all bear deaths are caused by humans? And did you know that science has recently placed bears, especially grizzlies, in the category of being the most intelligent animals on Earth? Even smarter than the great apes. Angry Bears is one of the most thrilling bear books ever written. It will make you laugh, cry, be angry, and be safer in the out-of-doors. And besides, it may just save your life! How is that? First, the author and his brother are seasoned bear biologists. And second, Angry Bears identifies and breaks down the natural triggers that cause bears to attack.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Thomas E. Eveland, B.A., M.S. was an adjunct professor at five different colleges/universities. During his career, he taught 15 different courses in Bio, Geo, and Enviro sciences. While at the Penn State/Worthington campus, he developed a specialized course, with textbook, on “Water: Story of a Wet Planet.”



Marxism Shows Us That the Free Market Is Flawed

by Majid Salim

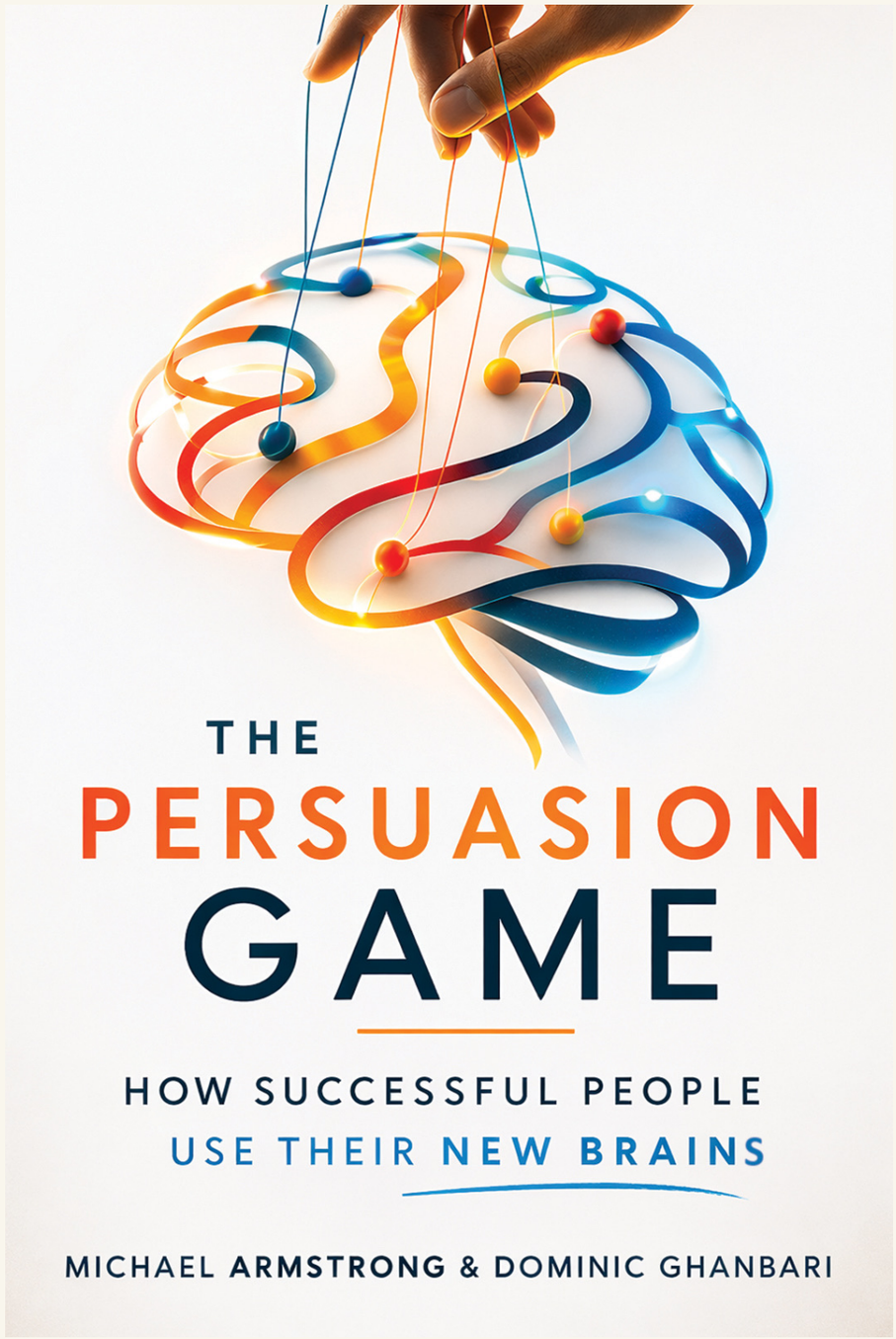
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SYNOPSIS

Since the end of the Cold War, many people have decided that there is no point finding out about Marxism, or anything like that, as they assume those sorts of systems were defeated for ever. In this engaging and thoughtful work by Majid Salim, the author argues differently. By looking at a wide variety of examples, he shows us that the capitalist exploitation that Marx was enraged about to begin with is still alive and well today. Whether it is football match ticket prices or the TV show Love Island, people are being exploited very hard in the West all the time. In this deep and interesting book Majid Salim gives us the theories with which to best critique the age. It is a work not to be missed!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Majid Salim FRSA is a novelist and academic. He has published novels and nonfiction books, and academic papers in the fields of Economics and Computer Science. He likes cooking, drinking sake, and electronic music. He lives in Birmingham.



The Persuasion Game: How Successful People Use Their New Brains

by Michael Armstrong & Dominic Ghanbari

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SYNOPSIS

What if the key to achieving what you want in life isn't about pushing harder—but about understanding how successful people think? The Persuasion Game explains how successful people consistently achieve better outcomes in business, personal relationships, negotiations, leadership, and everyday interactions. Drawing upon research in neuroscience, psychology, and other disciplines, Ghanbari and Armstrong reveal how successful people use their "new brains" to communicate more effectively, persuade more ethically, and ultimately achieve better outcomes in every area of their lives. Armstrong and Ghanbari make the case that all interpersonal situations are persuasive, yet most people try to convince others without understanding what works and what doesn't. When the hidden processes going on in our brains are understood, persuasion stops feeling like guesswork and instead becomes a skill anyone can apply with precision and sophistication. Whether you want to close deals, inspire teams, strengthen business and personal relationships, or simply communicate your ideas more effectively, this book gives you the neuroscience-backed tools and tactics to do it more effectively.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Dominic Ghanbari has a PhD in psychology from Oxford University in the U.K. He has been a researcher and academic and now advises corporations and governments around the world, including one of the world's biggest non-profit organisations. He mentors and advises C-level staff, including the CEO of an international tech company listed in Time's Top 100 Most Influential Companies List.

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