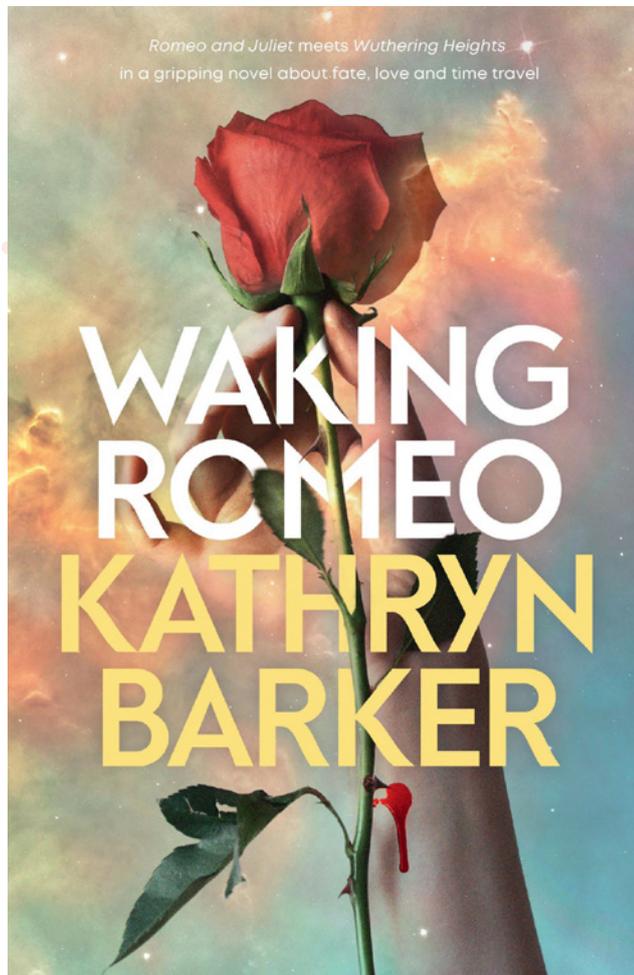


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WAKING ROMEO

Kathryn Barker

Allen & Unwin

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A cosmic reimagining of Romeo and Juliet and homage to two literary classics in a compelling novel about fate, love and time travel from an award-winning author

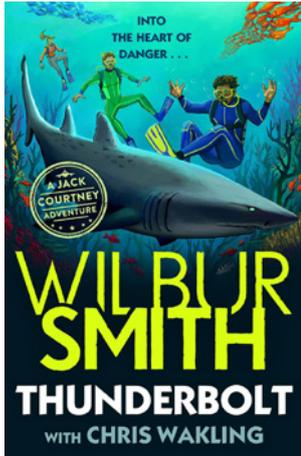
YEAR: 2083. LOCATION: LONDON. MISSION: WAKE ROMEO.
It's the end of the world. Literally. Time travel is possible, but only forwards. And only a handful of families choose to remain in the 'now', living off the scraps that were left behind.

Among these are eighteen-year-old Juliet and the love of her life, Romeo. But things are far from rosy for Jules. Romeo is in a coma and she's estranged from her friends and family, dealing with the very real fallout of their wild romance.

Then a handsome time traveller, Ellis, arrives with an important mission that makes Jules question everything she knows about life and love. Can Jules wake Romeo and rewrite her future?

A highly original literary mashup that delights as it disorients . . . and asks what would have happened if two great literary love stories were somehow intertwined. For ages 14-18.

Kathryn Barker is the author of *In the Skin of a Monster* which won the 2015 Aurealis Award for Best Young Adult Novel. She lives in Sydney.



CUCKOO'S FLIGHT

Wendy Orr

Allen & Unwin

9781760524913 | \$16.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

Another wonderfully engaging historical middle fiction adventure from the author of Dragonfly Song and Nim's Island

Clio lives with her family in a Bronze Age town in Crete. When a raiders' ship appears off the coast, the goddess demands an unthinkable price to save the town—and Clio's grandmother creates a sacred statue to save Clio's life. But Clio is torn between the demands of guarding the statue and caring for her beloved horses. Disabled in an accident, she must try to put aside her own grief at no longer being able to ride—and in the process, save a friend's life and stop a war.

Rippling with emotion and drama, war and resistance, fear and determination, this novel is a brilliant companion novel to the highly acclaimed *Dragonfly Song* and *Swallow's Dance*. For ages 9-13.

Wendy Orr's books have won awards in Australia and around the world. She lives in Australia.

THUNDERBOLT

A Jack Courtney adventure
Wilbur Smith

Piccadilly Books

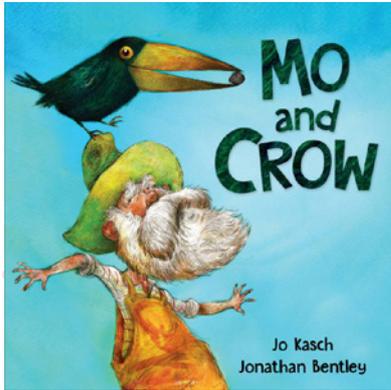
9781848128552 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

Second in a brand new action adventure series starring 14-year-old Jack Courtney—a hero to rival Alex Rider—from worldwide bestselling author Wilbur Smith

Jack and his friends Amelia and Xander are in Zanzibar diving for lost treasure to support Jack's mother's coral protection project. Going further than usual on their last day, their dive boat is lured into a trap and captured by Somali pirates. Determined that his mother shouldn't pay a ransom for their release, Jack won't give up his attempts to escape.

Transferred to a militia training camp for boy soldiers, the trio's only hope is the resourceful Somali boy Mo who befriends them. Can they outwit the ruthless General Sir and his merciless troops? For ages 10-14.

Wilbur Smith is a British novelist who has published over forty global bestsellers, including the Courtney Series and the Ballantyne Series.



MO AND CROW

Jo Kasch,
illustrated by Jonathan Bentley

Allen & Unwin

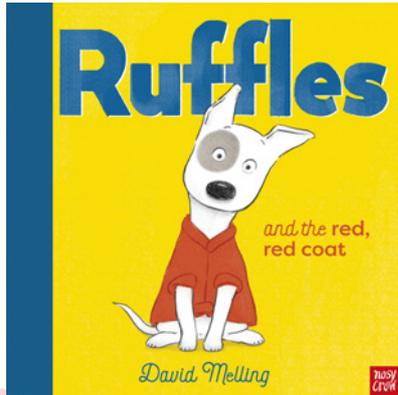
9781760631758 | \$24.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

Mo lives alone and he likes it that way . . . until Crow comes into his small and tidy life offering friendship. A gorgeous picture book with a powerful message

Mo lived alone and he liked it that way. He had a house to protect him. And a wall. Mo trusted his wall. It kept everything out he wanted kept out.

A beautiful story about breaking down barriers and discovering the joys of friendship. For ages 5-8.

Jo Kasch is an award-winning Melbourne-based television writer and script editor. Jonathan Bentley is an award-winning illustrator of picture books including *Ella and the Ocean*. He lives between Australia and the UK.



RUFFLES AND THE RED, RED COAT

David Melling

Nosy Crow

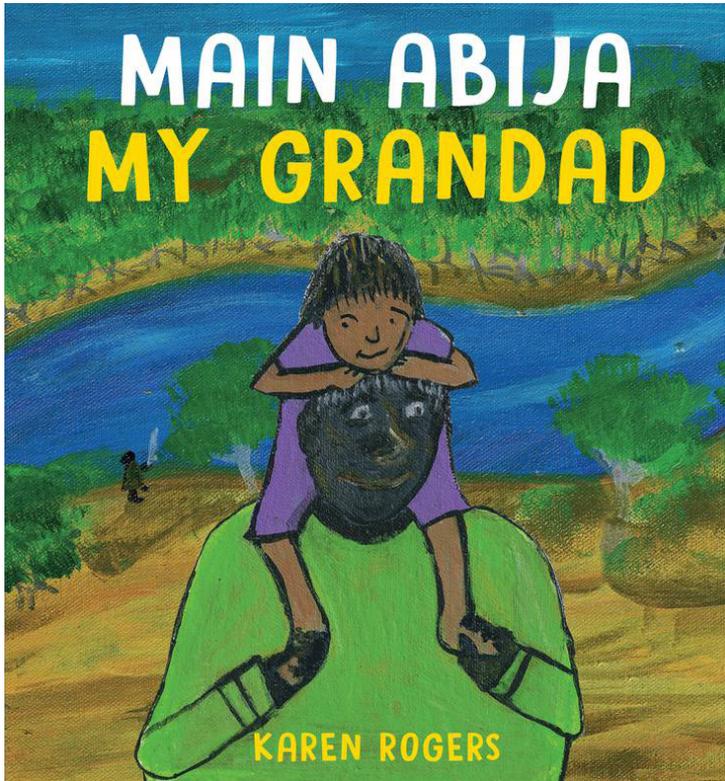
9781788009881 | \$19.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

Laugh with Ruffles as he faces all the tricky troubles of toddler life in this brightly coloured new picture book series from an award-winning author and illustrator

Ruff! Ruff! Hello, Ruffles! Ruffles is a typical toddler who experiences all the highs and lows of preschool life as he learns about the world around him. There are lots of things he likes . . . and lots of things he doesn't!

He LOVES scratching, digging and chewing but he does NOT like wearing his coat on rainy days. No, no, no, no, NO! But when Ruffles wants to splash in puddles with his best friend, Ruby, he soon learns that some things are definitely worth wearing your coat for! For ages 3-5.

David Melling is the acclaimed creator of *The Kiss That Missed* and the *Hugless Douglas* series. He lives in London.



MAIN ABIJA MY GRANDAD

Karen Rogers

Allen & Unwin
9781760526030 | \$24.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

A tribute to a much-loved grandfather, celebrating First Nations Australian culture, country and the circle of life—told in Kriol and English

'Dijan buk gada ola memri ai bin abum gada main abija from wen ai bin lilgel til imin libu wi. Imin titjim mi loda tings bla koltja en bla kantri. Mi hepi ba pasim det stori la main femili en bla pudum la dis buk.'

'This book has the memories I had of my grandfather from when I was small until he left us. He taught me many things about culture and country. I'm happy to pass this story on to my family and to put it in this book.'

With luscious artwork and a lyrical text in Kriol and English, celebrated Ngukurr artist Karen Rogers evokes the world of her childhood in a remote part of the Northern Territory. Her story is a beautiful celebration of a special relationship, showing how culture is passed on from generation to generation. For ages 4-8.

Karen Rogers is an artist who comes from Ngukurr Community in South East Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory.



BEATRIX AND HER BUNNIES

Rebecca Colby, illustrated by
Caroline Bonne-Müller

Nosy Crow

9781839940934 | \$24.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

Published in collaboration with the National Trust, this is a moving and inspiring picture book based on the life of Beatrix Potter. Beatrix loves the countryside, but lives in a big, lonely house in London—if only she had a friend. Then she meets Benjamin Bunny and everything changes! This is the perfect gift for fans of Peter Rabbit, for young environmentalists and for animal lovers everywhere. For ages 3-5.

Rebecca Colby is the author of *Crocodiles Need Kisses Too*. Caroline Bonne-Müller is a Dutch illustrator.



LEO AND THE OCTOPUS

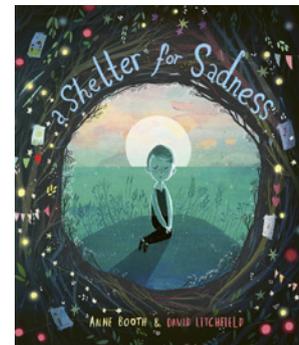
Isabelle Marinov, illustrated by
Chris Nixon

Templar

9781787416550 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Picture Book

A stylish, sensitive picture book focusing on Asperger's Syndrome in a unique and humorous way. The world was too bright for Leo. And too loud. He doesn't understand the other children in his class, and they don't seem to understand him. But then one day, Leo meets Maya. Maya is an octopus, and the more Leo learns about her, the more he thinks that perhaps he isn't alone in this world, after all.

Isabelle Marinov is an American author and screenwriter. Chris Nixon is a multidisciplinary artist from Perth.



A SHELTER FOR SADNESS

Anne Booth, illustrated by
David Litchfield

Templar

9781787417212 | \$24.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

A small boy creates a shelter for his sadness, a safe space where Sadness is welcome, where it can curl up small, or be as big as it can be. And the boy knows that one day Sadness may come out of the shelter, and together they will look out at the world, and see how beautiful it is. A poignant and heart-warming picture book exploring the importance of making space and time for our own griefs, small or large. For ages 5+.

Anne Booth writes highly acclaimed children's fiction and picture books. David Litchfield is an award-winning illustrator and author.



ONE LONELY FISH

Andy Mansfield, illustrated by
Thomas Flintham

Templar

9781787418691 | \$14.99 | © | BD BK | Novelty

A counting book with a difference! It begins with one lonely fish . . . Count along from one to ten, as each fish gobbles up the next. Then the ultimate finale—a huge mouth dominates the last page, gobbling every fish in its path. And we are back once again to one lonely fish! Just be careful—this book might bite! For ages 3+.

Andy Mansfield is a graphic designer and paper engineer. Thomas Flintham is a cartoonist and illustrator. They live in the UK.



ECO BABY: ICE CAPS ECO BABY: RAINFORESTS

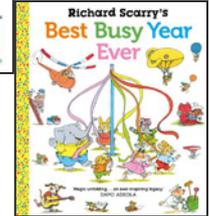
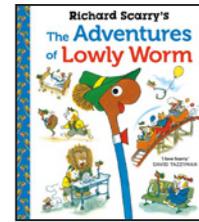
Lorna Freytag

Studio

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Picture Book

Find out why the polar ice caps and rainforests matter, how they are under threat and different ways of protecting them. With bright, bold illustrations and simple text, Eco Baby is the perfect board book series for little ones . . . because we're never too young to start caring about the planet.

Lorna Freytag has worked as a photographer in New York, London, Dubai and Sydney.



RICHARD SCARRY'S THE ADVENTURES OF LOWLY WORM

RICHARD SCARRY'S BEST BUSY YEAR EVER

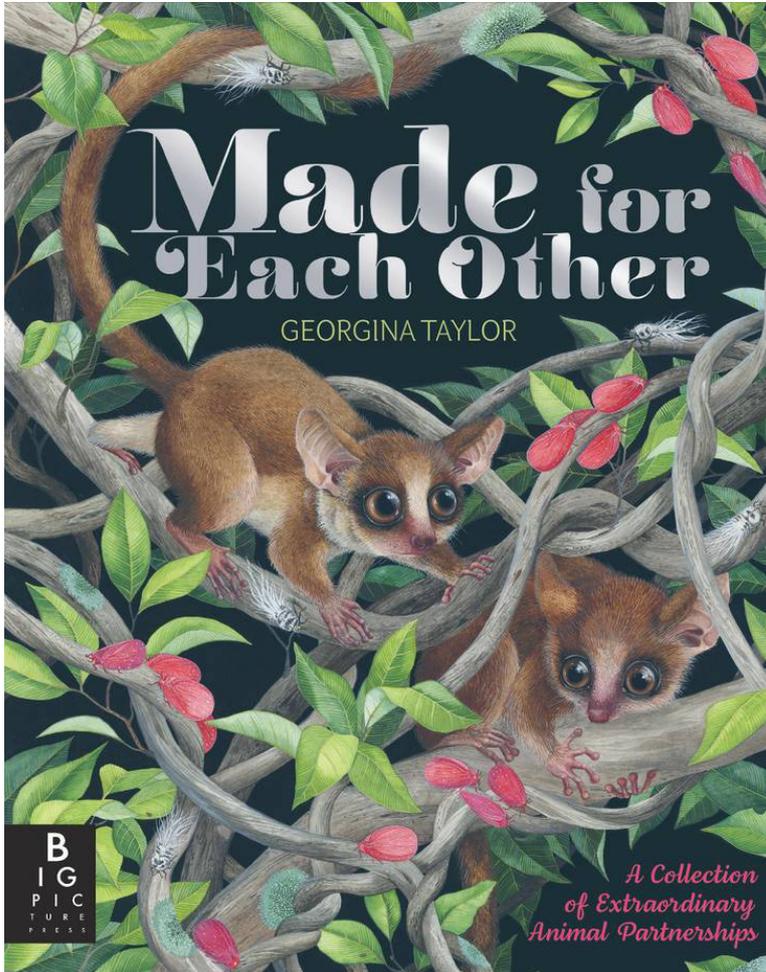
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Classic story collections from gifted
humourist Richard Scarry.

Richard Scarry (1919-1994) was
unquestionably one of the most-loved
children's authors of all time. He lived in
the USA.



MADE FOR EACH OTHER

A collection of extraordinary animal partnerships

Georgina Taylor

Big Picture

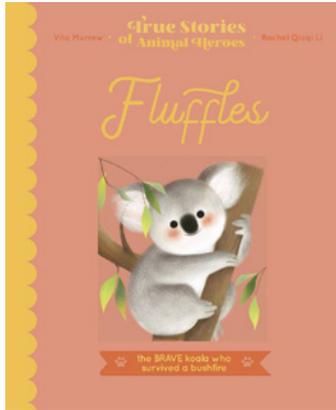
9781787414242 | \$32.99 | © | HB | Nature

Take a moment to marvel at the wonders of nature in this book that explores symbiotic relationships between organisms

In the natural world, it benefits to have a friend. Teamwork, or an unexpected partner, could make all the difference to survival—whether it's warding off predators, removing parasites or aiding reproduction. This beautifully illustrated title explores organisms that have learnt to adapt and co-exist in the wild.

From the monarch butterfly that only exists on one type of plant, to the majestic bobtail squid that acquires its illuminating glow from bacteria that live on its skin, take a closer look at some of nature's most fascinating symbiotic relationships.

Georgina Taylor is a South African illustrator.



FLUFFLES (TRUE STORIES OF ANIMAL HEROES)

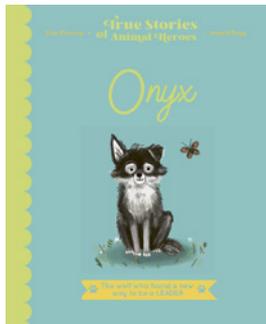
A true story of bravery
Vita Murrow,
illustrated by Rachel Qiuqi Li

Frances Lincoln Children's
9780711261570 | \$19.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

A picture book story based on the real-life antics and behaviours of the koalas in the outback

In this new series, based on real-life animal antics, discover that all creatures have important stories to tell us—no matter how great or small. Bush fires in the outback burnt the tiny paws of Fluffles and friends. While they healed, they found one another to snuggle up, as the big hugs reminded them of their trees. Their care for one another helped make the whole outback feel better. For ages 5-8.

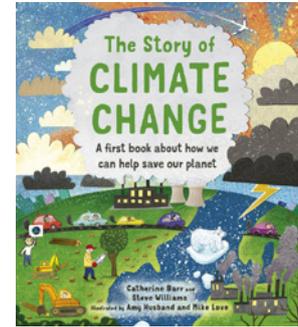
Vita Murrow is an American educator, artist and writer.
Rachel Qiuqi Li is a Canadian illustrator and designer.



ONYX (TRUE STORIES OF ANIMAL HEROES)

The wolf who found a new way to be a leader
Vita Murrow,
illustrated by Anneli Bray

Frances Lincoln Children's
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THE STORY OF CLIMATE CHANGE Catherine Barr, Steve Williams, illustrated by Amy Husband

Frances Lincoln Children's
9780711256286 | \$24.99 | © | HB | Natural History

A first-look at the causes and effects of climate change to introduce young readers to one of the most important issues facing our world today. This honest yet inspiring book features bite-size text and vibrant illustrations to chart the history of our planet's climate and the science behind global warming. Kids will be energised to make a change and do their part to fight the climate emergency. For ages 5-8.

Catherine Barr worked at Greenpeace International and Steve Williams is a biologist. Amy Husband is an award-winning picture book creator. They live in the UK.



MALALA YOUSAFZAI

(Little People, BIG DREAMS)

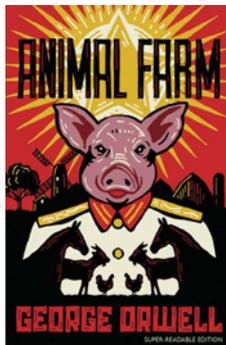
Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara,
illustrated by Manal Mirza

Frances Lincoln Children's

9780711259027 | \$19.99 | © | HB | People & Places

In this book from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy bestselling series, discover the life of Malala Yousafzai, the incredible activist for girl's education and the youngest Nobel Prize laureate. This powerful book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the activist's life. For ages 4-7.

Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara is a Spanish writer and creative director. Manal Mirza is an American-Pakistani illustrator.



ANIMAL FARM

George Orwell

Barrington Stoke

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Orwell's powerful, unnerving and timeless allegory of oppression and rebellion brought to life for a new age of readers in a stunning dyslexia-friendly edition. When the lazy and drunken Mr Jones of Manor Farm forgets to feed his livestock, the down-trodden and over-worked animals unite to take back their freedom. But as a cunning, brutal elite amongst them begins to take control, something new and unexpected emerges . . . For ages 13-16.

George Orwell (1903-1950) was an English novelist, essayist, journalist and critic.



SWAN SONG

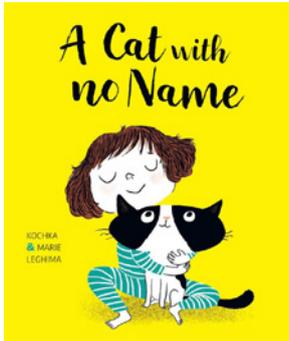
Gill Lewis

Barrington Stoke

9781781129548 | \$12.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

Dylan is struggling. He's been expelled from high school and is being sent to a tiny village in Wales, without internet. But when Grandad invites Dylan out on his boat to watch the swans return for winter, things begin to change. Being out in nature is really starting to clear his head. Now the swans and their home are under threat . . . Can he find the courage to reach out for help before it's too late? A touching story of the redemptive and healing power of nature. For ages 8-12.

Gill Lewis is a multi-award-winning author and former vet. She lives in the UK.



A CAT WITH NO NAME

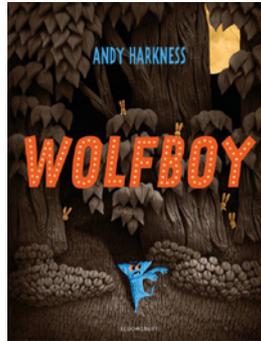
Kochka, illustrated by Marie Leghima

Words & Pictures

9780711258631 | \$12.99 | © | PB | Picture Book

One day, Olive sees a little cat at the window. For several days, the cute cat continues to return but on the eighth day, there's no sign of her. Olive and her parents go out looking, but will they find the cat? And is she theirs to find? A beautiful picture book with valuable insight into the beauty of precious memories—including notes written by a children's psychologist to aid discussion on the feeling of sadness. For ages 4-6.

Kochka has written over eighty books for young children. Marie Leghima is an illustrator, graphic designer and ceramist. They live in France.



WOLFBOY

Andy Harkness

Bloomsbury

9781526622501 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Picture Book

A dynamic and hilarious picture book showing how feeling hungry can turn even the sweetest child into a snarling, growling Wolfboy! Engaging, original and perfect for reading aloud, this funny and fresh story is a must-have for anyone who's ever been impatient for their food. For ages 3-6.

Andy Harkness is an award-winning art director who has worked for Disney on films including *Frozen* and *Moana*. He lives in California.



SPACE DETECTIVES

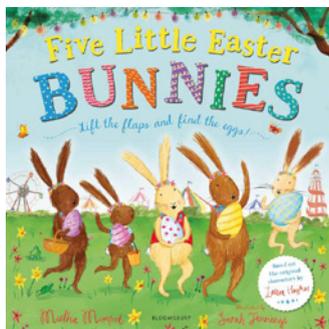
Mark Powers

Bloomsbury

9781526603180 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Junior Fiction

Connor and Ethan are spending their summer holidays aboard the world's first orbiting city, Starville. However, neither of our heroes can resist a mystery and when they discover the space station is hurtling on a collision course with the moon (eep!) they know they need to step in. This is a case for the SPACE DETECTIVES! For ages 7-9.

Mark Powers is the British author of the *Spy Toys* series.



FIVE LITTLE EASTER BUNNIES

Martha Mumford, illustrated
by Laura Hughes, Sarah
Jennings

Bloomsbury

9781526625120 | \$14.99 | 📖 | PB | Picture Book

Join five little Easter Bunnies as they set off on an exciting lift-the-flap Easter egg hunt. With five delicious eggs to find and count, it's a perfect springtime adventure! Based on the popular childhood rhyme 'Five Little Speckled Frogs', this joyful, interactive book is packed with adorable bunnies, lambs, chicks and ducklings. Get ready for non-stop Easter fun in this beautifully illustrated read-aloud, full of the joys of spring. For ages 1-5.

Martha Mumford, Laura Hughes and Sarah Jennings are the creators of the bestselling *We're Going on an Egg Hunt*.



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