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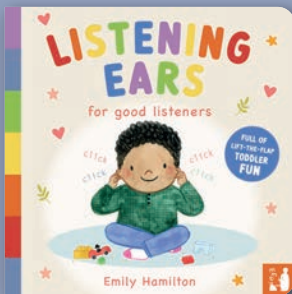
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MAKING BOOKS WITH LOVE FOR 5 YEARS

GENTLE BOOKS FOR GENTLE CHILDREN

The DOs and DON'Ts of toddler behaviour

NEW
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Today's parents are looking for positive, compassionate strategies to deal with tricky toddler behaviour, like biting, hitting and not listening. Sharing these books will help.



Wonderkind is a series of gentle, playful board books, full of a diverse range of children modelling good and bad behaviour. The books focus a child's mind on all the wonderful things they can do, and address some of the things they shouldn't do.

Board books
180mm x 180mm 7" x 7"
6 spreads with 6 gatefolds
18 months to 3 years
World rights available



Emily Hamilton

Emily is an artist and illustrator, living on the North Devon coast in the UK. She blends watercolours with gouache, pencils with pens and brings it together digitally. When she is not working, she loves fresh air, family time and surfing in the sunshine.



"Look at your hands. What are they for?"



Each book offers parents and carers clear phrases and vocabulary to use that their child will understand.

"Gentle hands are for hugging not hitting."

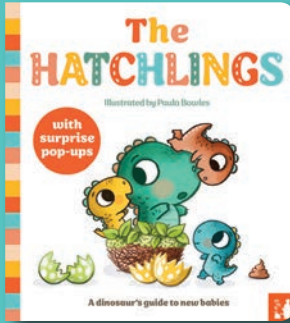
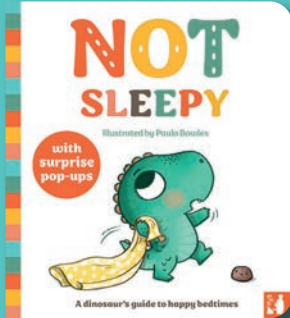
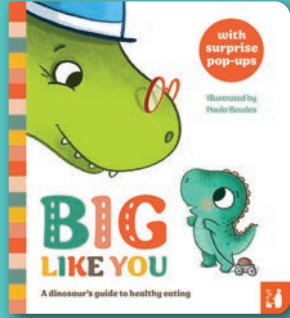
The fold-out pages add interactivity and a touch of fun, making the books enjoyable to share while tackling unwanted or even harmful behaviour.



DINOSAUR GUIDES

How to cope with life's little challenges

AGE 2+

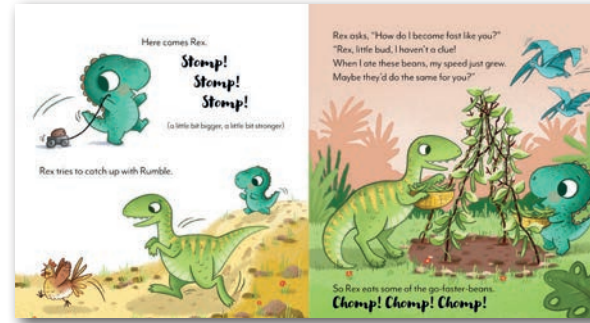


Light-hearted, character-led books that focus on life's little challenges for toddlers and their parents:

- healthy eating and trying different foods
- happy bedtimes and the need for a good night's sleep
- how to be a good big brother or sister
- feeling poorly and what you can do to feel better

Each story is approached with positivity, warmth and humour, written with touches of rhyme, repetition and noises to join in with. There are also surprise interactive elements to keep young children entertained.

Cased or uncased board books
200mm x 180mm 8" x 7"
7 spreads, pop-ups, flap
2 to 4 years
World rights ex. Germany,
Hungary and Poland



Rex is a curious, strong-willed little dinosaur with four older friends who play a guiding role in his life. His grandpa is his cheerleader and hero, and together they create a warm, positive and supportive team that little children will love to read about and learn from.

With surprise novelty elements: a peeping eye, 'find-me' flap, and pop-up finale.



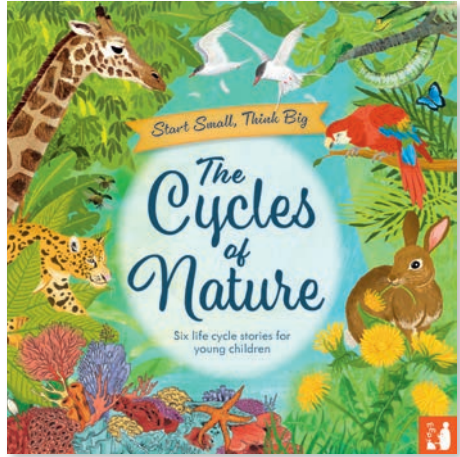
Paula Bowles
Paula Bowles is a young, award-winning British illustrator with a growing reputation as for picture books and fiction. Her books include *Tiny Crab is a Tidy Crab* and the 'Marv' series (Oxford University Press).

THE CYCLES OF NATURE

A beautiful bind-up of six life cycle stories

NEW
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AGE 4+



This 152pp gift book includes the six life cycle stories from our *Start Small, Think Big* series (see page 14).

Each chapter is written as a narrative story for young beginner readers, with additional science-rich captions for more able readers. Each story concludes with an illustrated life cycle, maps and facts, and a fold-out I Spy game to take readers back through the story to find and identify the animals.

Each story focuses on a different habitat and region of the world, from the poles to the Amazon rainforest, the Mekong Delta to the Great Barrier Reef.



Six books in one



There are six fold-out 'Think Big' facts and I-Spy activities for each story.

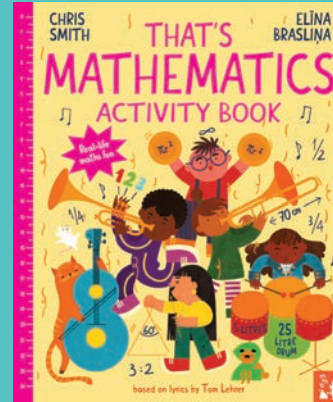
Gift book, hardback/
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textured cover
230mm x 230mm 9" x 9"
152pp with 6 gatefolds
plus ends
4 to 8 years
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Croatia, France, Taiwan,
Vietnam, USA/CAN

THAT'S MATHEMATICS

Maths is useful, fun and everywhere!

NEW
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AGE 5+



Companion to our *That's Mathematics* picture book (see page 16)

The antidote to boring, repetitive maths workbooks - here is a fun one!

There are seek-and-find scenes, cut-out activities and games, problems to solve and puzzles – all with real-world applications, such as shopping, sharing and the likelihood of getting your favourite flavour in a gumball machine!

Activity book
260mm x 220mm 10¼" x 8¾"
72pp paperback
5 to 9 years
World rights ex. Indonesia



TUMMY TIME BOOKS

Good for baby's body and brain



with mirror



8 with mirror



with finger-wiggle holes

Tummy Time! selected by UK charities BookTrust and Scottish Book Trust to gift to every newborn in England, Northern Ireland and Scotland.



These Tummy Time books are very first books designed for young babies to encourage tummy time and stimulate their developing brains. They fold out to create two image panoramas. Playtime has finger-wiggle holes to encourage babies to turn their heads. The others have mirrors so babies can look at themselves!

Self-closing concertina board books
210mm x 140mm (closed) 210mm x 840mm (open)
8¼" x 5½" / 8¼" x 33"
6 leaves, with mirror/holes
0 to 9 months
World rights, ex. Catalan/Spain, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, USA/CAN

AGE 0+

Over 740,000 copies sold worldwide!

A BookTrust Bookstart Book, UK

Best Board Book of the Year
Bank St College

50 Great Board Books for Babies:
New York Times

A Norwegian bestseller
BOK365 children's list

I SHINE LIKE THE SUN

Daily affirmations to build self-esteem

AGE 1+



Includes an affirmation mirror!



*"I shine like the Sun.
I am precious like the Earth."*

A transformative book to nurture self-esteem and confidence in a new generation. Created by British artist and teacher Alice Alderman, this debut work offers a collection of powerful affirmations that every young mind needs to hear and repeat. They are more than just words – they are seeds that grow into the beliefs to shape a lifetime.

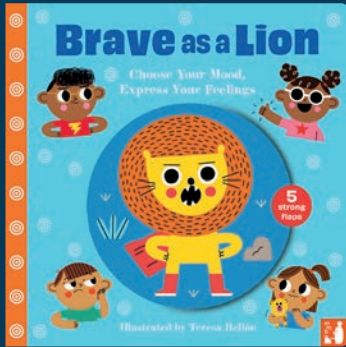
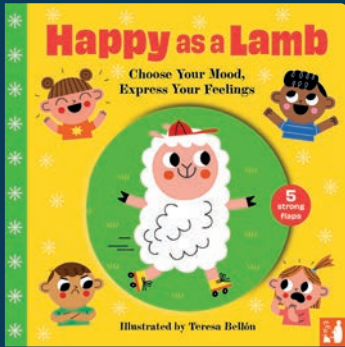


The highlight of the book is its built-in mirror, reflecting the most uplifting affirmation of all:
"I love myself. I love my world. I am happy to be me!"

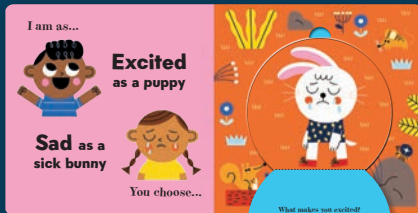
Cased board book with a mirror
205mm x 205mm 8"x 8"
9 spreads
1 to 5 years
World rights ex. USA/CAN

CHOOSE YOUR MOOD

Choose your mood, express your feelings flap books



Board books with flaps
190mm x 190mm 7½" x 7½"
5 spreads
2 to 5 years
World rights ex. Italy



What makes you excited?
Presented Special day?
Treats? Think of good things when you feel out.



Teresa Bellón

Teresa is a Spanish illustrator who has illustrated many books from baby books to *Pablo Picasso* in the *Little People, Big Dreams* series (Frances Lincoln).

THE FUNNY FARM

Lift-the-flap concept books

AGE 2+



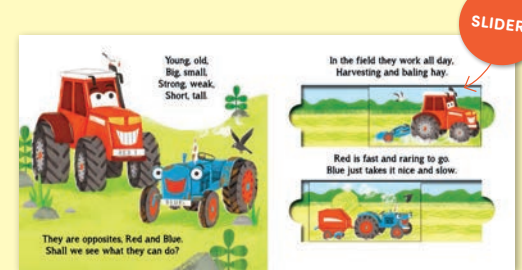
A counting book



An opposites book



A colours book



A series of unique novelty flap books about the humorous goings-on at The Funny Farm, with a wonderful cast of farmyard characters.

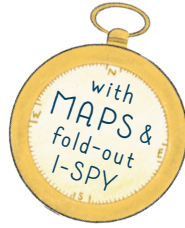
Each warm-hearted rhyming story is underpinned by an early-learning concept and is gloriously illustrated by British illustrator Rachael Saunders.

Cased board books
170mm x 180mm 6¾" x 7"
5 spreads, integrated flaps,
pop-up flaps or sliders
2 to 5 years
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Germany, USA/CAN

START SMALL, THINK BIG

Non-fiction picture books with fold-out maps

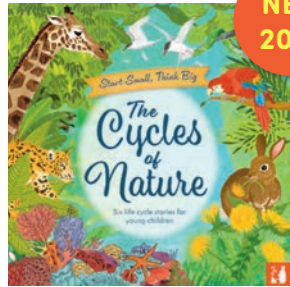
Start Small, Think Big is a series that sets young readers on a journey of discovery, beginning with the small miracles of life and connecting them to the big picture of our natural world. Each book introduces a life cycle and other key science topics through easy-to-read stories, perfectly pitched for young children 4 to 8 years old.



from droplet to powerful river



from egg to mighty beetle



BIND-UP: Six books in one

NEW 2026



from tiny seed to golden dandelion



from small egg to super-bird



from little nut to giant rainforest tree



from planula to vast coral reef



Learn about unique habitats from the Amazon rainforest to the Arctic, the Great Barrier Reef to the African savannah.



LARGE GATEFOLD & I SPY GAME

For the wow factor, there is a big fold-out map, and I-Spy game. The animal I-Spy takes readers back into the book to name and find animals, and the 'Think Big' facts broaden scientific knowledge.



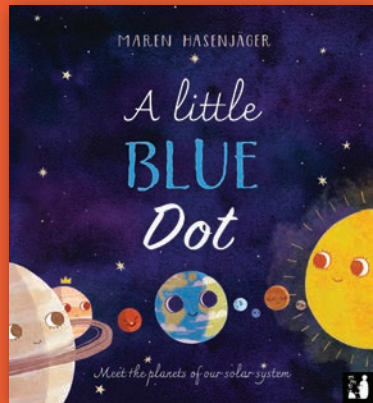
Picture books with textured, die-cut cover and double gatefold
230mm x 230mm 9" x 9"
28pp inc 6pp gatefold
4 to 8 years
World rights ex. China, Croatia, France, Taiwan, Vietnam, USA/CAN



Easy-to-read life cycle stories, carefully written in the first person for instant engagement, with science-rich captions for more able readers.

A LITTLE BLUE DOT

Meet the planets of our Solar System



Somewhere in our vast universe floats a little blue dot. This dot is Earth and she is surrounded by impressive planets. Earth feels small and insignificant, until the other planets tell her why she is the envy of them all.

Packed with scientific information about the planets and space exploration, the story is told by the planets themselves and charmingly illustrated. The feel-good ending encourages readers to celebrate everything they love about our little blue dot and delivers a message of self-worth and uniqueness.



Picture book, eco-friendly production
270mm x 245mm 10½" x 9½"
32pp, hardback and paperback
4 to 8 years
World English language
ex. North America

AGE 4+

THAT'S MATHEMATICS

Maths is useful, fun and everywhere!

AGE 5+

Shortlisted
for The Week
Junior
Award

Shortlisted
for the SLA's
Information
Book Award



That's Mathematics is a maths book like **no other**. Based on a song by Tom Lehrer, it's a vibrant, colourful book for young children about the maths they use every day when they count, share, play, do sport, bake or move to music. It shows them how useful and necessary maths is to their lives. With parents' notes and a glossary.



Companion
Activity Book
(see page 7)



Young children will enjoy the rhyming lyrics and illustrations, while learning about core maths concepts and language.

Older children are challenged to 'Try This' and 'Explore This' – fun activities to deepen their curiosity and knowledge.

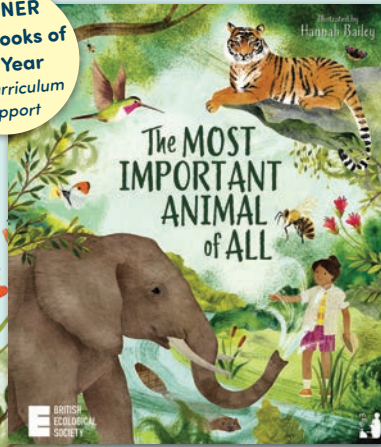
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THE MOST IMPORTANT ANIMAL OF ALL

Learn about the world's super-animals

AGE 5+

WINNER
Best Books of
the Year
KS1 Curriculum
Support



In this beautiful picture book, a teacher challenges her class to decide which is the most important animal of all. Learn about seven keystone species:

- *beavers: ecosystem engineers*
- *elephants: landscape engineers, seed dispersers*
- *bees: master pollinators*
- *bats: night-time predators, pollinators*
- *tigers: apex predators, seed dispersers*
- *sharks: apex predators, keeping our oceans healthy*
- *krill: a food source for many marine animals.*

Illustrated by award-winning British illustrator Hannah Bailey, combined with close-up photography so children can see the animals as they really are in the wild.

Endorsed by
**BRITISH
ECOLOGICAL
SOCIETY**

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40pp, hardback and paperback
5 to 9 years
World rights ex. USA/CAN

International rights

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