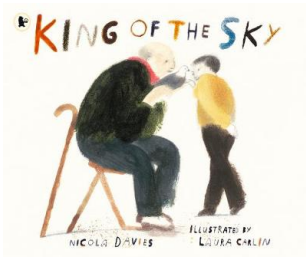


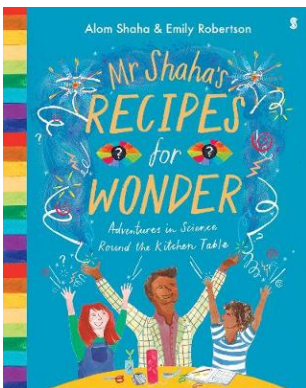
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## King of the Sky

**Author:** Nicola Davies **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 04/05/2017  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2017 | May 2017 Picture Book of the Month | A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month May 2017 | In a story full of hope against adversity, King of the Sky tells how flying a homing pigeon helps a young boy come to terms with his life in a strange country far, far from home. Now living under grey skies in a country where he feels an outsider, a young boy misses the blue sky, warm sun and of ice cream of his home in Rome. But when his racing pigeon returns to him safely from Rome the boy realises that home is where he is and he finds a new sense of belonging. ~ Julia Eccleshare  
Julia Eccleshare's Picks of the Month for May 2017 The Lottery's Plus One by Emma Donoghue King of the Sky by Nicola Davies A Story Like the Wind by Gill Lewis King Coo by Adam Stower The Tale of Angelino Brown by David Almond Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman The Big Bird Spot by Matt Sewell



## Mr Shaha's Recipes for Wonder

**Author:** Alom Shaha **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 08/03/2018  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

Mr Shaha's Recipes for Wonder: Adventures in Science round the kitchen table will help families appreciate the wonders of science together. This is not a book just for children, it's a book for the grown-ups too who want to enthuse and inspire young people through science but may not themselves know the answers. Why does the ...? What is ...? How does ...? Why is ...? What are all the parts of a flower? I don't know!... But soon you will. Every child can be a scientist with the help of Mr Shaha's Recipes for Wonder. This is the perfect book to help create a scientifically inclined young mind as much as it is for an already scientifically inclined young mind. A message from the author: "When scientists are asked what inspired their career choices, they tend to fall into two groups: people who claim they always had a drive to understand the natural world (and have stories about how they did experiments in their parents' garages); and those who credit 'a good teacher'. I fall into the latter camp - I took no interest in science until I was about 14, when I finally had science teachers who made me see the joy and wonder in the subject. With my book Mr Shaha's Recipes for Wonder, I wanted to do more than provide the kind of step-by-step instructions you can find in countless other books: I wanted to equip parents with the skills they need to help their children engage more deeply with scientific ways of thinking. I appreciate that some people are turned off science by their experiences at school, while others may be put off by its apparent complexity or lack of relevance to their daily lives. With Mr Shaha's Recipes for Wonder, I'm hopeful that I can help

such people to re-engage with science so they can help their own children get the most out of what the subject has to offer. I firmly believe that science can enrich our lives as much as literature, art, or music can, when we approach it in a way that is appropriate to our own needs and wants."

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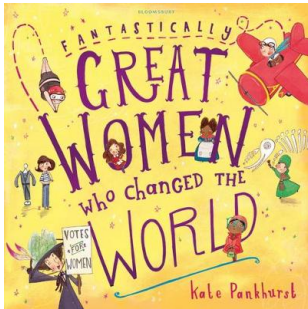


## Green Lizards vs Red Rectangles

**Author:** Steve Antony **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 08/09/2016  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

Longlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award A brave and thought-provoking picture book about war and peace from the hottest new talent around.

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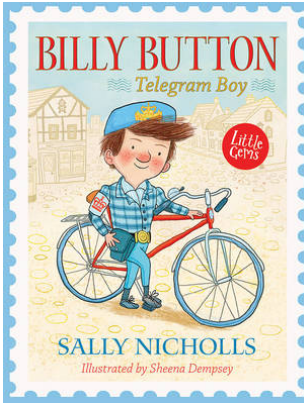


## Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World

**Author:** Kate Pankhurst **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 08/09/2016  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

It's impossible not to be inspired by this picture book and the great women featured in it: their stories are told across bright spreads, which are enticing to look at, and packed with information all presented in a way that will make readers excited about the remarkable achievements described. It's a varied line up of subjects, including a scientist, a writer, an athlete, an explorer and fashion designer alongside civil rights campaigner and even secret agent! Each page explains what these pioneering women did, and shows that everyone has the potential to change the world – just follow your heart and don't listen when people say you can't do something! ~ Andrea Reece

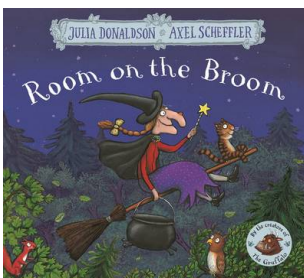
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## Billy Button, Telegram Boy

**Author:** Sally Nicholls **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/07/2016  
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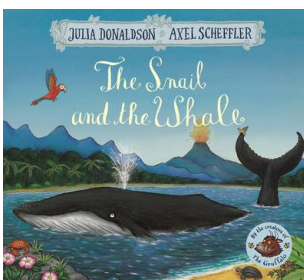
**Interest Age 5-8 | One of our Books of the Year 2016 | July 2016 Book of the Month** Meet the Buttons. Mrs Button runs a shop – the nicest thing about it, she says, is the people – Mr Button runs the post office. The story is set in the days before text messages, emails, the internet and if you want to send a message urgently, a telegram is the way to do it. Young Billy Button longs to be a telegram boy, delivering those important messages on a shiny red bicycle. He gets to do it too, breaking a few Royal Mail rules but ensuring two people get to live happily ever after in the process. It's a really happy story, a celebration of communication and of thinking the best of our neighbours, and lovely to look at too. Easy to read, this brings to mind Allan Ahlberg's Happy Families series in its charm, warmth and optimism.



## Room on the Broom

**Author:** Julia Donaldson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 21/04/2016  
**Year Groups:** Early Years

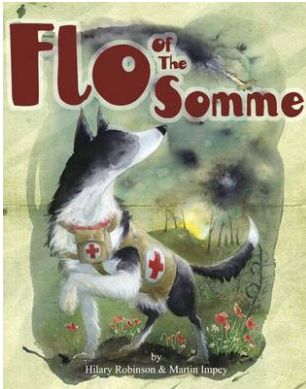
Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's marvellous story of the scatty witch and her animal friends deserves a place on every child's bookshelf. Julia Donaldson based the witch on herself – apparently she's always dropping and losing things! This story is as much of a joy today as on publication, Donaldson's jolly rhyming text perfectly paired with Scheffler's equally lively illustrations.



## The Snail and the Whale

**Author:** Julia Donaldson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 21/04/2016  
**Year Groups:** Early Years

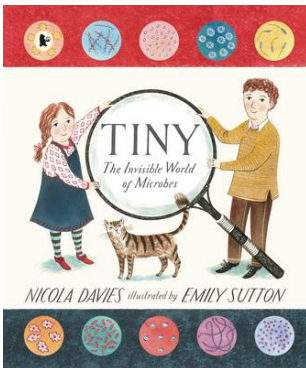
If bestsellers were decided upon by the number of prestigious awards a book had won then this one, with echoes of Edward Lear would be the blockbuster of all time. Julia really is a past-master of rhyme whilst Axel's illustrations complement the text quite brilliantly.



## Flo of the Somme

**Author:** Hilary Robinson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/08/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

**Winner of the 2016 Historical Association's 'Young Quill's Award for Historical Fiction' (primary school category) | One of our Books of the Year 2015** | The stories of the many animals involved in the First World War make a great way to explain to children the sacrifices made by the soldiers: the animals had no choice but to take part, had no nationality, and children can quickly identify with them. Flo is a Mercy dog, one of those trained to find the wounded and dying on battlefields and sent out with medical supplies. Her story is told in rhyme, building through repetition (like This is the house that Jack Built) from 'This is Flo, a hero of war/A mercy dog that saved lives' until the full story emerges, of pilots shot down and then saved by the Medical Corps, with the help of a messenger pigeon, a donkey and of course Flo. The illustrations are full of details to inspire discussion, and a moving story of peace and reconciliation emerges.



## Tiny The Invisible World of Microbes

**Author:** Nicola Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/06/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

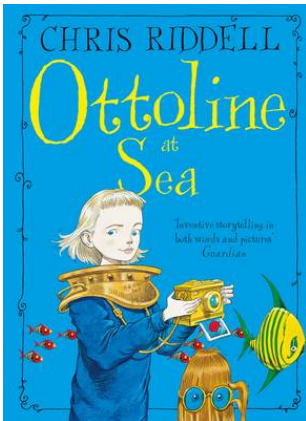
Longlisted for the 2015 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal This is simply an outstanding book. Nicola Davies and Emily Sutton explain the life and purpose of microbes clearly and lucidly for very young children, through simple language and beautiful illustrations. Using child-friendly examples, such as the fact that a teaspoon of soil can have as many microbes as the number of people in the whole of India, and striking visual images, they make this important and complex area clear for even pre-school children. Microbes, the book concludes, are the invisible transformers of our world. The tiniest lives doing the biggest jobs. Tiny makes these tiny things as beautiful and fascinating to children as a blue whale. ~ Andrea Reece



## Storytime: What's the Time, Wilfred Wolf?

**Author:** Jessica Barrah **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/04/2015  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

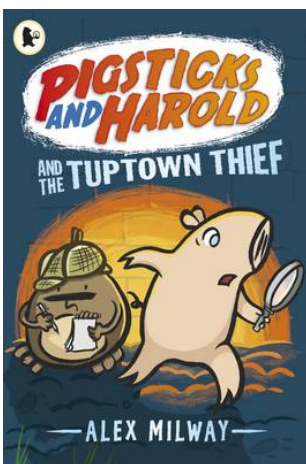
It's party time soon but poor Wilfred can't tell the time and worries he's going to miss the party but with the help and support of his friends can he tell the time and get to the party on time? Why not join him and find out how to tell the time yourself. This delightful picture book is part of the Storytime series which includes When I Grow Up by Gill McLean. Beautifully illustrated, this series introduces young children to the pleasures of reading and sharing stories and comes complete with discussion points for parents and teachers are also included.



## Ottoline at Sea

**Author:** Chris Riddell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/02/2015  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Chris Riddell Children's Laureate 2015-2017 Award winning author/illustrator Chris Riddell weaves another fantastical story about Ottoline and her very special and very hairy friend, Mr. Munroe. Ottoline and Mr. Munroe love solving tricky problems and working out clever plans; they love putting on disguises and travelling across enormous spaces. When Mr. Munroe disappears leaving a clue to his whereabouts written in string wrapped around the sofa, Ottoline has to travel over and under the sea equipped with her Amateur Roving Collectors' travel pass to find him. Brilliantly told in words and pictures this is a captivating adventure, irresistible to follow. Shortlisted for the prestigious Sheffield Children's Book Award 2011



## Pigsticks and Harold and the Tuptown Thief

**Author:** Alex Milway **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/11/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

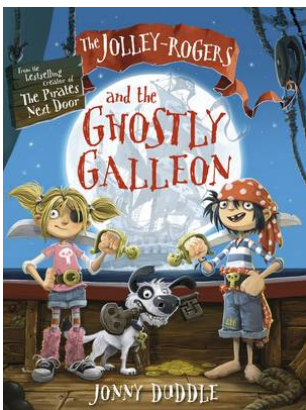
The second in a delightfully funny series for 6+ year olds in which a pig and a hamster solve crimes that no one else seems able to do so, step aside Holmes and Watson - only Pigsticks and Harold can solve the case of the Tuptown Thief! Join Pigsticks and Harold and see if you can guess who the thief is before they do. Brilliant stuff.



## Something About a Bear

**Author:** Jackie Morris **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/10/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

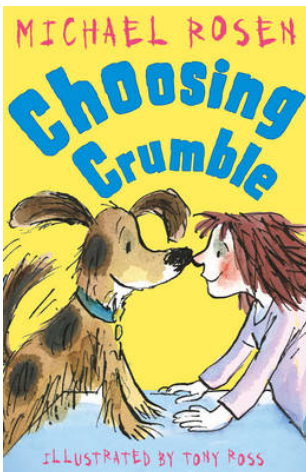
Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2016. With stunning watercolour paintings, this lyrical picture book describes eight bears from all over the world, all shown in their wild habitats - But which is the best bear of all? Your own teddy bear of course!



## The Jolley-Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon

**Author:** Jonny Duddle **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/04/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

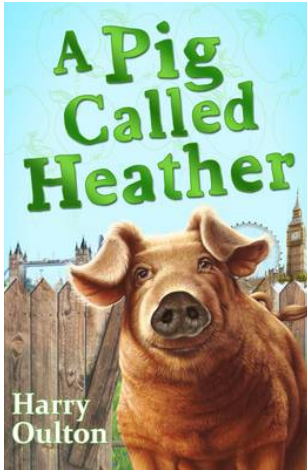
One of our Books of the Year 2014 The award-winning pirates are back for a second great adventure! Help is needed in Dull-on-Sea after a ghostly pirate ship draws up on the beach and a rash of burglaries from homes, and even from the museum, follows. Matilda knows just who to call on! Soon Jim Lad and the Jolley-Rogers are at hand. Can they get all the valuables back and defeat the ghostly and ghostly crew? And exciting story brilliantly told in words and pictures.



## Choosing Crumble

**Author:** Michael Rosen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/01/2014  
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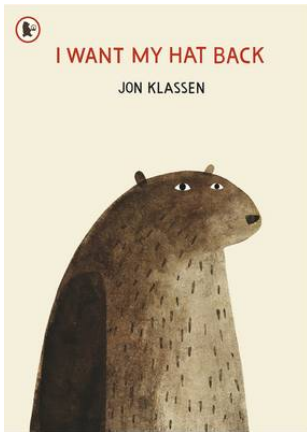
January 2014 Book of the Month Best-selling Michael Rosen captures the dilemma of any dog choosing a new home - and any home finding a new dog! Terri-Lee goes to the pet shop to choose a dog. But, Crumble isn't any ordinary dog. It doesn't take him long to make it clear that it is he has very specific expectations of his new owner. Will Terri-Lee come up to scratch in this funny and also thought provoking about dogs and their owners?



## A Pig Called Heather

**Author:** Harry Oulton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 18/11/2013  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

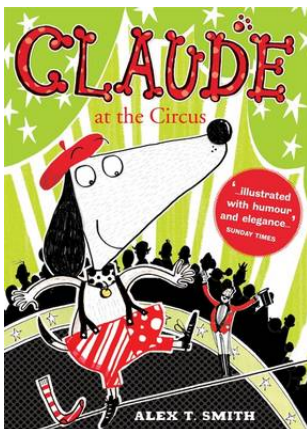
One of our Books of the Year 2014 - January 2014 Debut of the Month A touching story told from the point of view of a very special pig! Heather the pig has two joys in life - apples and her best two-legged friend Isla. Heather has looked after Isla all the little girl's life so, when Heather's family is forced to sell the farm and so live miles apart, both are devastated. But Heather doesn't take things lying down and soon she is off on an amazing journey to get back together with her very best friend.



## I Want My Hat Back

**Author:** Jon Klassen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/09/2012  
**Year Groups:** Early Years

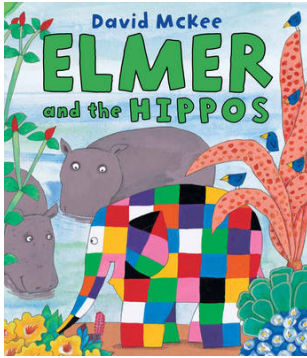
Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2013 A simply told story with a delicious and irresistible mischievous twist in its ending. Poor Bear! He has lost his hat. He asks everyone if they have seen it but no one can help. Where can it be? Just when Bear has given up all hope he spies it. And someone else is wearing it. Poor Rabbit! Where is he once Bear has his hat back? With its spare, building text and beautifully simple illustrations this tells its tale wittily. ~ Julia Eccleshare



## Claude at the Circus

**Author:** Alex T. Smith **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/01/2012  
**Year Groups:** Early Years

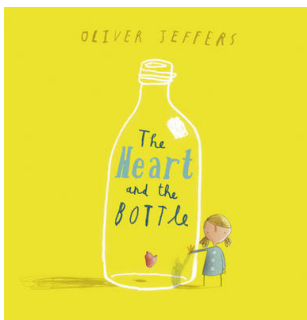
Come one, come all for this extraordinary fiction debut for both Alex T. Smith and his unforgettable hero, Claude.



## Elmer and the Hippos

**Author:** David McKee **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/07/2011  
**Year Groups:** Early Years

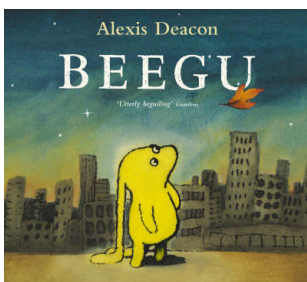
The elephants are not happy - the hippos have come to share the river because theirs has dried up. When they complain to Elmer that the river is over-crowded, everyone's favourite patchwork elephant sets off to see if he can find a solution.



## The Heart and the Bottle

**Author:** Oliver Jeffers **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/09/2010  
**Year Groups:** Early Years

Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2011 Award winning Oliver Jeffers's latest book is wholly compelling for the importance of its message and the brilliance of how that is conveyed in words and pictures. To overcome her sadness when her grandfather dies a little girl decides to protect her heart from any further suffering by putting it in a bottle. For a time it works, but living without a heart turns out to be living only part of a life and soon the little girl needs to get it back. Luckily, there is someone who can help her. A book to return to time and time again.

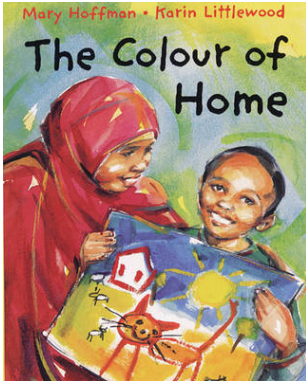


## Beegu

**Author:** Alexis Deacon **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2004  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

Beegu isn't supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the 'big' ones. The little ones are a different matter.





## The Colour of Home

**Author:** Mary Hoffman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/03/2003  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

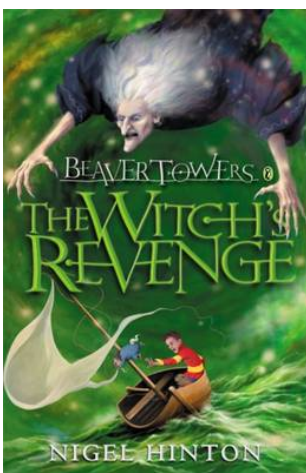
Selected by a distinguished independent panel of experts including our editorial expert, Julia Eccleshare, for Diverse Voices - 50 of the best Children's Books celebrating cultural diversity in the UK.



## The Adventures of Captain Underpants

**Author:** Dav Pilkey **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 17/03/2000  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

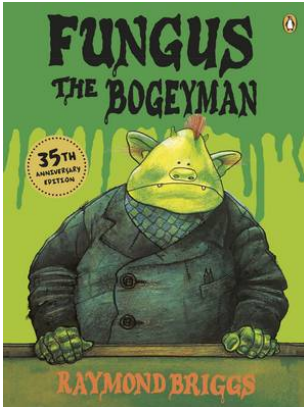
George and Harold create the greatest super-hero in their school's history and now they're about to bring him to life. Meet Captain Underpants. His identity is so secret, even he doesn't know who he is. The novel introduces "flip-o-rama" - the illustration technique that lets you animate the action.



## Beaver Towers : Witches Revenge

**Author:** Nigel Hinton **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 27/07/1995  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

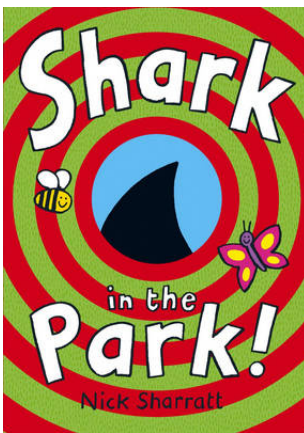
The evil witch Oyin has returned to Beaver Towers with one aim, revenge. She has tried to destroy Philip with earth, air and fire. Now she uses her last and most dangerous means of attack, water. Philip must head for the sea as his friend is in danger. He has dared to defy Oyin once but this time she is waiting for him.



## Fungus The Bogeyman

**Author:** Raymond Briggs **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/03/1990 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

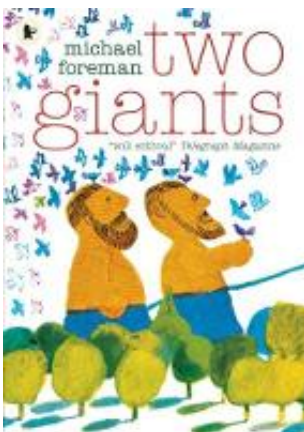
This is a book that is enduringly funny, wonderfully poignant and at times quite rude. Beautifully described through stunning illustrations and hand written text is the story of the bogey men - and in particular Fungus - who live underground and whose day starts as we all go to bed, is a story that will live long in the memory of all those who read it, or indeed dip into from time to time. Living long in my memory is the food eaten by them - Scab and matter Custard, Snot and Bogey Pie, Dead Dog's Giblets, Green Cat's Eyes - how can one ever forget names like this!!!



## Shark in the Park!

**Author:** Nick Sharratt **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/01/1970 **Year Groups:** Early Years

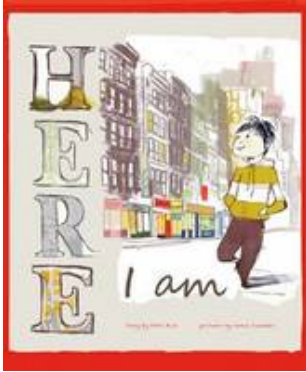
Who can resist a peep through Timothy Pope's brand new telescope? What can you see? Could it be the Shark in the Park? It's amazing what you can see as you look through the clever cut outs in this brightly coloured board book. Dare to scared by taking a peep...and enjoy all the things which turn out to be harmless, too.



## Two Giants

**Author:** Michael Foreman **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 01/05/2015

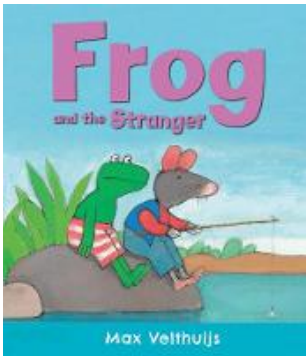
Could a pair of socks help the Two Giants become friends again? Enthralling, warm-hearted and funny, this story about the transformative power of friendship is told by one of the world's leading author-illustrators, Michael Foreman. Two giants live in a part of the world where everything is perfect and they are the best of friends ... until they quarrel, that is. Then their beautiful world becomes dark and miserable. What will it take for them to become friends again? Could it be something to do with their prized socks? Originally published in 1967, this wonderful story returns in a beautiful new edition, with stunning artwork that has stood the test of time.



## Here I Am

**Author:** Kim Patti **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 27/03/2020

Newly arrived from their faraway homeland, a boy and his family enter into the lights, noise, and traffic of a busy city in this dazzling wordless picture book. The language is unfamiliar. Food, habits, games and gestures are puzzling. The boy clings tightly to his special keepsake from home and wonders how he will find his way. How will he once again become the happy, confident child he used to be? Walk in his shoes as he takes the first tentative steps towards discovering joy in his new world. A poignant and affirming view of the immigrant experience.



## Frog and the Stranger

**Author:** Max Velthuis **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 05/02/2015

When Rat comes to live at the edge of their wood, the animals decide they don't like having a stranger in their midst. But Frog is friendly by nature, and decides to find out if Rat is really as unpleasant as he is made out to be. As Frog discovers, Rat is intelligent and good hearted, and proves in a series of unexpected emergencies that the other animals have been too quick to condemn him.