

Graffeg publishes *Robin and Pip* by experienced Irish author and illustrator Margaret Anne Suggs

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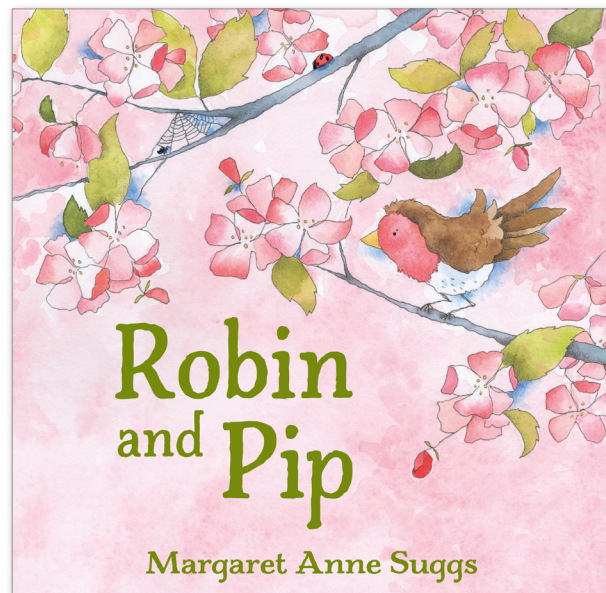
This gentle, reflective story follows an anxious Robin as a wise apple tree guides him through his worries. Beautifully illustrated, the book not only introduces children to mindfulness practices, but also educates them on the importance of fruit trees in our ecosystem. Ultimately, the story opens up important conversations about anxiety and mental health.

Margaret's illustration career is impressive, with numerous accolades to her name. Her previous book, *The Dandelion's Tale*, published with Graffeg, was nominated for the prestigious Yoto Carnegie Medal in Illustrations. Additionally, she serves as the Director for Illustrators Ireland and has been chosen to serve on the 2026 International Jury for the Hans Christian Andersen Awards. Furthermore, an archive of Margaret Anne's illustration work is now held in the National Library of Ireland, solidifying her status as a renowned artist.

On the inspiration for *Robin and Pip*, Margaret says, 'When my older son realised I was pregnant with his brother, he watched my changing body with curiosity. He was too young to understand the rhythms of nature or that women's bodies are elegantly tailored to support new life, and he worried. In *Robin and Pip*, I tried to address the sweet concerns of the little bird (my child) by having the wise and patient apple tree reassure him that nature can be trusted to take care of things and that "it's no worry".'

Matthew Howard, Graffeg's Publishing Director, adds, 'Margaret's poignant personal narrative, skilfully interwoven with captivating illustrations, is sure to resonate deeply with readers. Though we all face worries, we can take comfort in the natural balance that assures us that, in the end, all will be well.'

Robin and Pip is publishing on 29 May 2025.



Author/Illustrator Margaret Ann Suggs

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Robin and Pip

Robin is a very anxious little bird. He worries about things that might happen and things that would probably never happen. Robin is especially worried about what happens to his friend Pip, a great and wise apple tree. But fortunately Pip is able to help Robin through his various anxious thoughts until he feels calmer.

Notes to Editors



Margaret Anne Suggs is an illustrator and author. Her distinctive work, *Home Is Where the Heart Is* has been exhibited across the island of Ireland. Her most recent book, *The Dandelion's Tale*, was nominated for the prestigious Yoto Carnegie Medal in Illustration. Other books Margaret Anne has illustrated include *The Moth & The Moon*, the best-selling *Pigín of Howth* series with Kathleen Watkins and *Holy Shocking Saints* with Síne Quinn.

Margaret Anne is a Director for Illustrators Ireland and Administrator of the Silent Book Collections for IBBY Ireland. She served as the Chairperson for the International Jury at the 2023 Bratislava Illustration Biennial and has been selected to serve on the 2026 International Jury for the Hans Christian Andersen Awards. An archive of Margaret Anne's illustration work is now held in the National Library of Ireland.

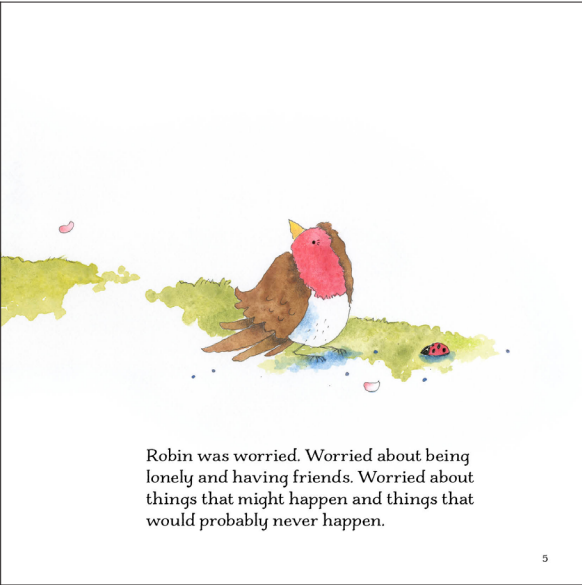
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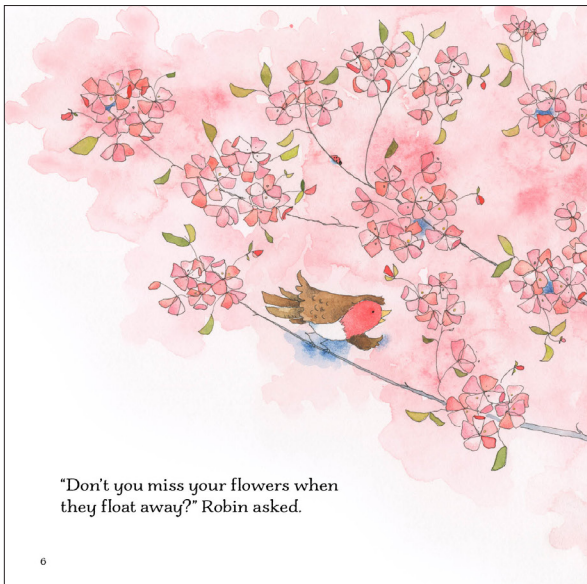
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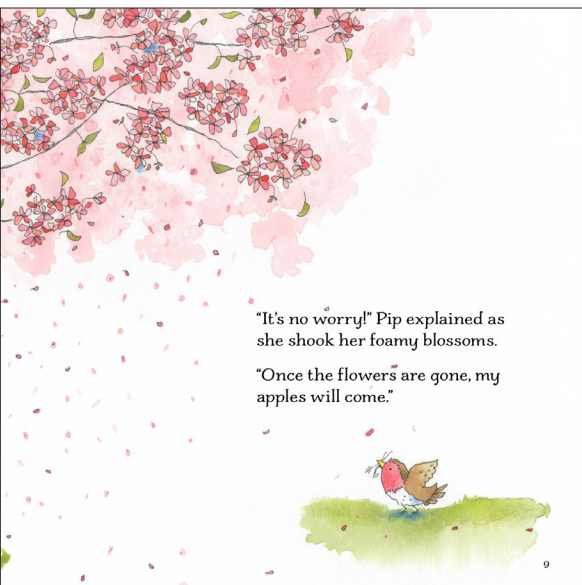
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Robin was worried. Worried about being lonely and having friends. Worried about things that might happen and things that would probably never happen.



"Don't you miss your flowers when they float away?" Robin asked.



"It's no worry!" Pip explained as she shook her foamy blossoms.
"Once the flowers are gone, my apples will come."