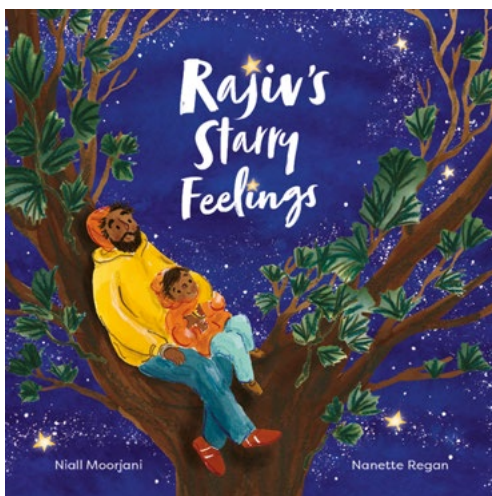


Rajiv's Starry Feelings

Niall Moorjani and illustrated by Nanette Regan

A young boy and his father look to the stars as they find ways to explore their emotions



Childrens

ISBN: 9781836290131

RRP: £7.99

Pub date: 03/09/2024

Format: Paperback, 32pp, 260 x 260 x 5 mm

BISAC: JUV039050

Thema: YBC

Lantana Publishing

Imprint: **Lantana Publishing**

Author Bio

Niall Moorjani is a non-binary, British Indian writer and storyteller. They draw inspiration from fairy tales, folk tales and history and love giving them a modern twist. Rajiv's Starry Feelings is their debut picture book.

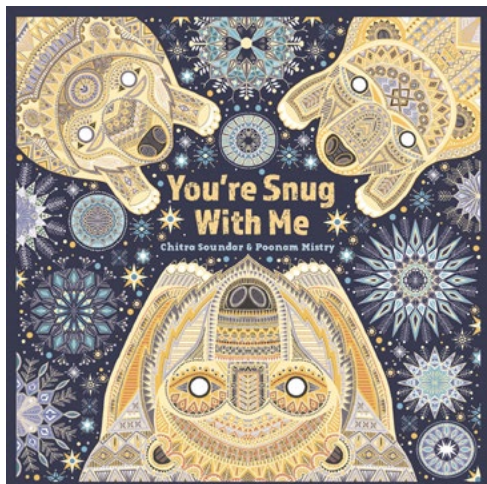
- Empowering readers to recognise and manage their emotions;
- Perfect for Social Emotional Learning (SEL);
- Centred on a father lovingly exploring emotions with his son- an important encouragement for men who find it difficult to talk about their feelings;
- Gorgeous and emotive illustrations filled with dazzling colour;

About the book

“Did you know that constellations are ancient maps that help explorers find their way?”

Rajiv has feelings for everything. He can feel confident. He can feel happy. He can feel silly. But today, he feels angry and he doesn't know why. With the help of his father, he sets out on a journey to make sense of his feelings. It is a journey that will take him to a park, then up into the branches of a tree, and from there all the way to the stars . . .

Beautifully told and stunningly illustrated, this extraordinary story will help children everywhere explore the complex emotions we all feel but cannot always name.



You're Snug With Me

Chitra Soundar and Poonam Mistry

An exploration of the nurturing relationship between a mother and her cub, with sound ecological advice.

- Shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2020
- Follow-up to Soundar and Mistry's Kate Greenaway Medal shortlisted You're Safe With Me
- A heart-warming bedtime story about polar bears and family love set in the snowy landscapes of the frozen north
- Important environmental message about the balance and harmony of the natural world and our responsibility to protect it
- Features gorgeous illustrations inspired by Indian traditional art
- Celebrates diversity #WeNeedDiverseBooks #OwnVoices

Childrens

ISBN: 9781836290124

RRP: £7.99

Pub date: 03/09/2024

Format: Paperback, 32pp, 240 x 240 mm

BISAC: JUV013060

Thema: YBC

Lantana Publishing

Imprint: **Lantana Publishing**

Author Bio

Chitra Soundar is an Indian-born British author and storyteller. She has published over 30 books and is inspired by the rich heritage of epics and folktales from India.

About the book

At the start of winter, two bear cubs are born, deep in their den in the frozen North. "Mama, what lies beyond here?" they ask. "Above us is a land of ice and snow." "What lies beyond the ice and snow?" they ask. "The ocean, full of ice from long ago." And as they learn the secrets of the Earth and their place in it, Mama Bear whispers, "You're snug with me."

Reviews and endorsements

"A STUNNING celebration of polar lands, their bears & motherly love! There are really no words. My breath is taken"-Book Monsters

The Language of Flowers

Shyala Smith and illustrated by Aaron Asis

A moving story about grief, self-expression, and finding reasons to celebrate even at life's toughest moments.



Childrens

ISBN: 9781915244895

RRP: £12.99

Pub date: 19/09/2024

Format: Hardback, 32pp, 260 × 260 × 9 mm

BISAC: JUV074000

Thema: YBC

Lantana Publishing

Imprint: **Lantana Publishing**

Author Bio

Shyala Smith is a content strategist, author, and screenwriter whose stories center around navigating immigrant life and finding magic. Born and raised in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Shyala now lives in London with her family.

- Sensitive explores children expressing grief.
- Highlights grief as an opportunity to celebrate a life as well as mourn a death
- Focuses on the strength of a vibrant, multicultural community and a loving family
- Introduces children to different species of flowers with the help of beautiful, expressive artwork

About the book

Juhi loves helping her Appa sell flowers to the local community. In Appa's flower shop, Juhi knows the language of love – lilies for adoration, irises for hugs and kisses. She knows the language of faith – frangipani for full moon days, red hibiscus for the temple. But when her Appa tells her that her favourite customer has passed away, she does not know the language of grief. While Appa makes a bouquet of lilies and orchids to bring to Mr Potter's funeral, Juhi decides to make him one final bouquet of her own. What flowers will she choose to remember a man who was always so full of life?

Step Into My Shoes

Alkisti Halikia, illustrated by Fotini Tikkou, and translated
by Konstantine Matsoukas



A little girl takes the expression “to step into someone’s shoes” literally in this delightful story about empathy.

- A story with a strong SEL (Social Emotional Learning) focus, highlighting the importance of empathy in building understanding between people.
- Child-friendly, accessible and inclusive.
- Set in Paris with fun and quirky illustrations.
- Original Greek edition nominated for the 2020 State Children’s Book Awards and the Reader’s Literary Awards 2020, and named an IBBY Honor Book 2022.

Childrens

ISBN: 9781915244956

RRP: £12.99

Pub date: 05/09/2024

Format: Hardback, 32pp, 260 × 240 × 9 mm

BISAC: JUV048000

Thema: YBC

Lantana Publishing

Imprint: **Lantana Publishing**

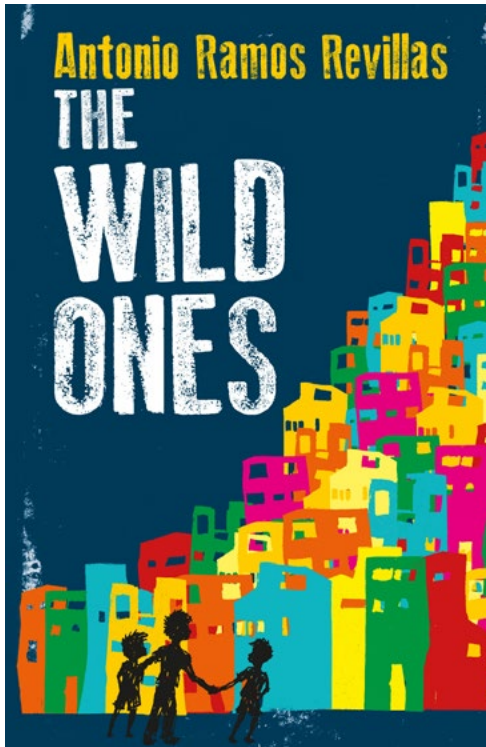
Author Bio

Alkisti Halikia is an award-winning author from Greece. Having studied Philosophy and Gallery Studies, she now works as a Museum Education Officer designing and performing educational programmes for pupils aged 4-12 years old.

About the book

Matou passes a mosque on her way home from school and can’t resist trying on some of the shoes she finds outside. Curious about the shoes’ wearers, she begins to imagine the lives they might lead. One day, when her mum has to work late, she feels frustrated and let down. Can stepping into her mum’s shoes help Matou build a bridge of understanding between them?

A delightful story about empathy in which a little girl takes the expression “to step into someone’s shoes” literally.



The Wild Ones

Antonio Ramos Revillas and translated by Claire Storey

A coming-of-age novel about poverty, survival and life on the outskirts of society.

- Antonio Ramos Revillas “is definitely one of the indispensable voices in Mexican children’s and young people’s literature.” (Antonio Malpica)
- Translated from Spanish into English by Claire Storey, International Book Scout and Literary Translator specialising in books for younger readers.
- A powerful story of a teenager’s fight to surpass society’s expectations.

Fiction

ISBN: 9781913109349

RRP: £8.99

Pub date: 24/09/2024

Format: Paperback, 128pp, 129 × 198 mm

BISAC: YAF029000

Thema: Fiction

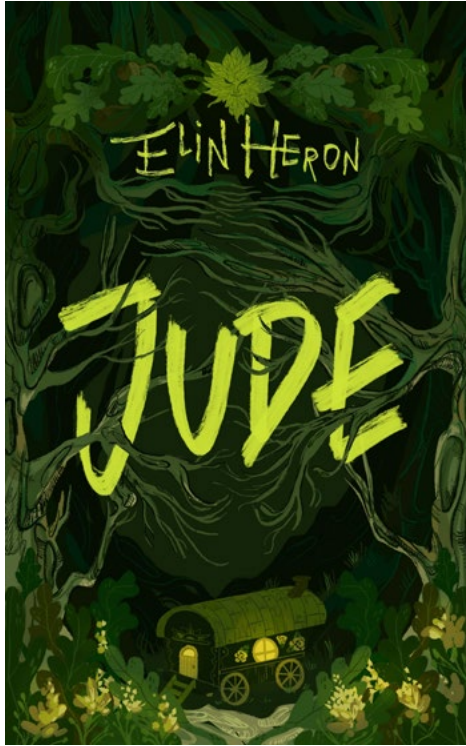
Hope Road

Imprint: **Hope Road**

Author Bio

About the book

Explore parents in prison, extreme poverty, violence and young people, drug trafficking and police brutality. Fifteen-year-old Efraín and his two younger brothers live in a house on the hillside in Monterrey, Northern Mexico. They are left to fend for themselves after their mother is wrongly arrested for theft. Now it falls to Efraín to clear Má’s name and to look out for his younger brothers, too. Má has raised her boys to keep out of trouble with the local gangs and to study for their future, but they are viewed by society as good-for-nothings or criminals simply because of where they live.

**YA Fiction**

ISBN: 9781739660994

RRP: £12

Pub date: 30/09/2024

Format: Paperback, pp, 129 × 198 mm

BISAC: FIC009000

Thema: FBA

Lucent DreamingImprint: **Lucent Dreaming****Author Bio**

Elin Heron is a recent graduate with Distinction of the Open University MA in Creative Writing. Her short fiction has been published in Lucent Dreaming, who this year acquired her debut novel for young adults, JUDE. Most of Elin's stories tend towards the uncanny and magical, and they have also been published in Ram Eye Press, Fiddler's Green and Litro Online. She has a number of long list mentions to her name including with Retreat West and Mslexia. Her short story, JOHN TRUSLOVE, was in the final fifty entries to the BBC Short Story Competition 2021 before being published in Issue 11 of Lucent Dreaming. Elin's poetry has been published in Mslexia and in 2015 she was the overall winner of the Not About Heroes/Feelgood Theatre War Poetry competition. Her poetry also examines the same themes of strangeness

Jude

Elin Heron

Liminal landscapes and otherworldly magic in new fiction from Elin Heron.

- Elin's first novel, Jude, is due for publication with Lucent Dreaming in 2024.
- Elin has also had work published in Fiddler's Green, Mslexia, Litro Online and more.

About the book

Fifteen-year-old Nick has just finished his GCSEs and is stuck at home in the seaside village of Brexham, waiting for his results. What starts as a boring summer quickly transforms though, as Nick meets Jude Fletcher, a wild and otherworldly boy staying in a horse-drawn caravan while his father, Robin, restores the church's stained glass. Nick is pulled into their world by Jude's natural magic and the captivating tales he tells around the campfire. But the disappearance of local girl, Jemma Cox hangs over the community and Nick's father, a senior police officer, heads an increasingly desperate investigation to find her.



Childrens

ISBN: 9781915606419

RRP: £9.99

Pub date: 03/09/2024

Format: Paperback, 240pp, 127 x 203 mm

BISAC:

Thema: YFG

Valley Press

Imprint: **Valley Press**

Author Bio

Rab Ferguson lives in the North of England, where he goes on walks in the countryside and thinks of stories. When he gets home, he writes those stories down in a notebook or on his computer. He used to live in Scotland, but they kicked him out for causing too much trouble. When not writing, Rab works for charities, doing things like helping young people with their mental health or encouraging adults to read books. He claims he's never really met an alien, but he might just be keeping it secret.

The Late Crew and the Copy Cat Creature

Rab Ferguson

'The Late Crew' return in this middle-grade, sci-fi sequel where young carers are faced with an intergalactic doppelganger.

- The Late Crew series continues to showcase the lives of young carers, helping many children self-identify as such.
- An engrossing chapter book with fantastic illustrations by Valeriia Proskurina.
- Charming, heart-felt and fantastical.

About the book

Alisha Alva just wants teachers to treat her like a normal human being.

Yes, her (super cool) mum has mental health issues she calls her Letters. And yes, staying up late helping Mum on Bad Nights sometimes means it's hard to keep her eyes open in school.

But surely if Alisha acts like a •very normal perfectly proper girl•, her head of year Miss Penn will finally leave her alone.

Oh, and don't forget the aliens. Last term, Alisha and her friends the Late Crew met extraterrestrials. Now, a new out-of-this-world creature is following Alisha. A creature that can become a copy of any living thing it sees.

It might be that nothing is ever normal again...



The Late Crew

Rab Ferguson

A charming sci-fi book for younger readers that provides vital representation for young carers.

- Awarded Best Indie Young Reader 2023 at the UK's Children's Literature Festival.
- Combines the daily lives of young carers with an intergalactic twist- looking after an alien egg.
- A story full of love, hope, friendship and family.

Childrens

ISBN: 9781915606402

RRP: £9.99

Pub date: 02/09/2024

Format: Paperback, 208pp, 127 × 203 mm

BISAC:

Thema: YFG

Valley Press

Imprint: **Valley Press**

Author Bio

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About the book

Awarded Best Indie Young Reader, Children's Literature Festival 2023

Tyler is late for school again. And his teacher's not happy about it.

Thing is, his mum is sick and his autistic younger brother, Levi, needs help getting ready for school. Is Tyler supposed to leave without giving Levi his breakfast or Mum her cup of tea?

Sent to detention for lateness, he is joined by "bad-boy" Jayden, class clown Alisha, and, most surprisingly, straight-A student, Grace.

When an alien crash lands in their school gym, "The Late Crew" are entrusted with his special cargo. But can Tyler really take on another responsibility? It turns out his fellow Late Crew have problems of their own; but perhaps if they team up, they could just save their school and their new friend too...