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Picture books are the first portals into a child's imagination

Kirstin is a writer, publisher, innovation advisor, and mother of two. She loves to write stories that are joyful and fun to read.

After realising how few picture books featured mixed-heritage children like her own boys, she decided to write one inspired by them.

Within six months, Kirstin was featured at Barnes Children's Literature Festival, and Waterstones stores.

With over 1,000 copies of her books sold nationwide, Kirstin is a breakthrough author with a colourful imagination that inspires and delights young readers

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Commemorating 125 years of the Glasgow Subway

Kirstin's latest book, *My Family is So Scottish*, is the official commemorative book for the Glasgow Subway's 125th anniversary. Along with her Scotland tour, this partnership was a wonderful opportunity to share her modern take on Scottish family life.

Barnes Children's Literature Festival - Featured Author

Kirstin is proud to have been featured at Barnes Festival in 2021, where she (and her ukulele) launched her first book, *My Brother is a Vampire*. She also volunteers every year to support their free schools programme which is the largest in the UK



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My Brother is a Vampire

Ages 3-6, EYFS

A fun and memorable rhyming story (and song) about an older brother who is convinced that his younger brother is a vampire. Inspired by my own children, this light-hearted story shares how things aren't always as they seem. Coupled with an original song, your kids will love guessing whether their own siblings are vampires too.

What kids say: "I think the little brother is cheeky like my sister and I am like the werewolf brother"

What teachers say: "We loved how fun and engaging this book is. The illustrations are very appealing to the younger children, and especially love the repeated sections in the book. It is a firm favourite in our school library"

Key Themes: Siblings, Make-believe, Hallowe'en, Family, Rhyming & repetition

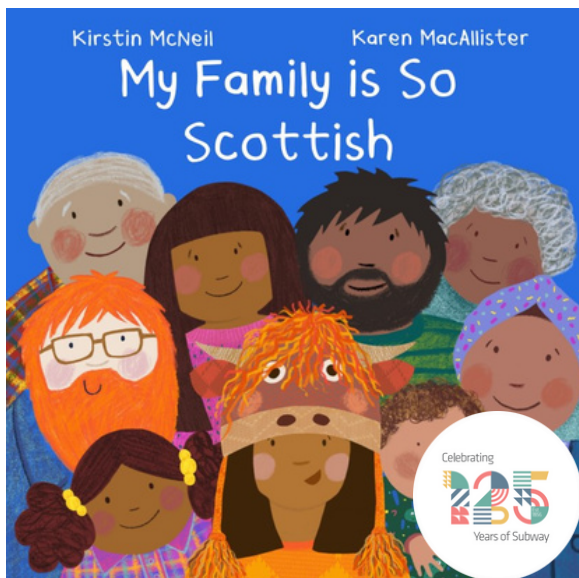
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The perfect bedtime story for
early readers

My Family is So Scottish

Ages 5-7, KS1



A fresh and exciting picture book
celebrating Scottish culture

Written in joyful rhyme, My Family is so Scottish includes over 40 references of Scottish traditions, words and food. Meet this very Scottish family through an inclusive and colourful representation of what it is to be Scottish.

What kids say: "The family looks like they have so much fun together" "I loved learning about the different Scottish things"

What teachers say: "An excellent and fun way of showing pride in your culture and heritage. Our children really enjoyed the story and we discussed many themes from the book about what makes them proud about their own families."

Key Themes: Families, culture, traditions, siblings, pride.

