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New books coming out this month you might like to read:



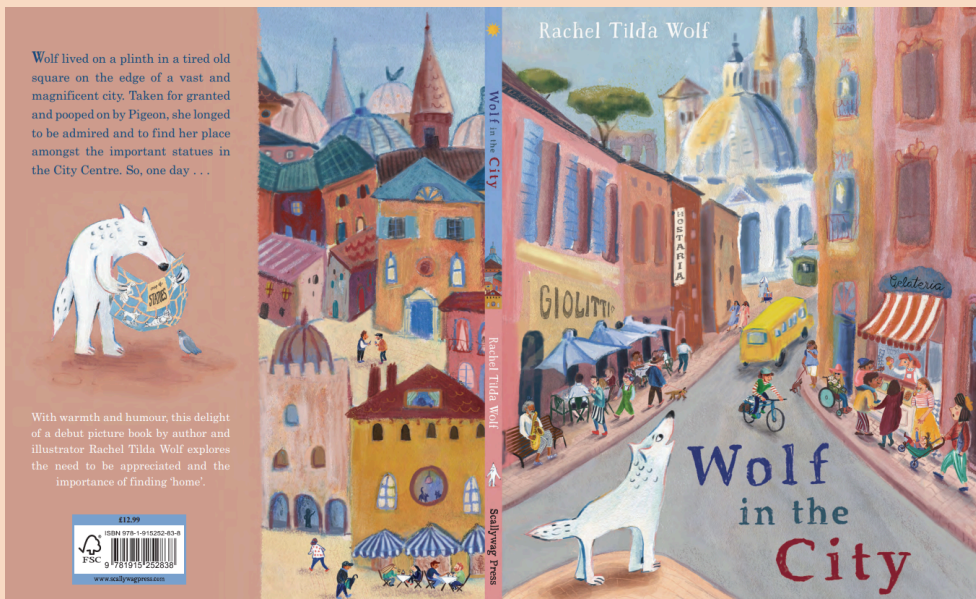
Opening this beautiful, illustrated book is like going on an adventure through the world on our doorsteps. Each page presents a different garden or outdoor space for readers to explore, from herb gardens to ancient woodland, wildflower meadows and grassy lawns to vegetable gardens.

Readers can spot different plants, trees and birds in the full colour double page illustrations, each named and labelled with reader-friendly information. There are activities at the end of each chapter to help us grow, harvest and care for some of those plants in our own gardens.

By the end of the book, readers will understand so much not just about gardens, but about how the natural world works, how different species live and thrive alongside one another. A book to treasure and return to season by season, year by year.



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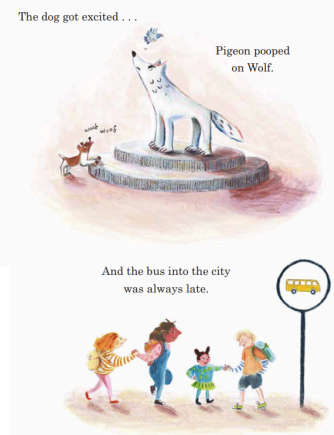
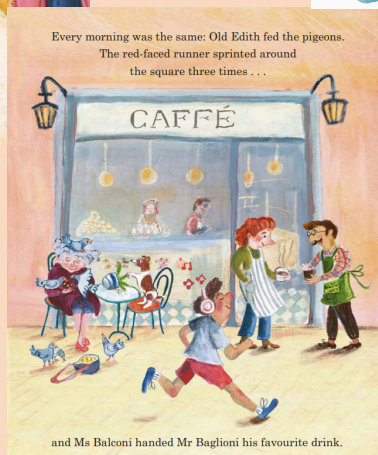
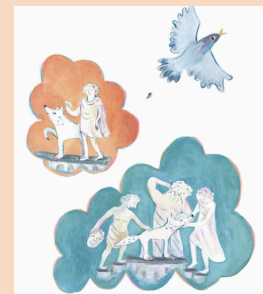
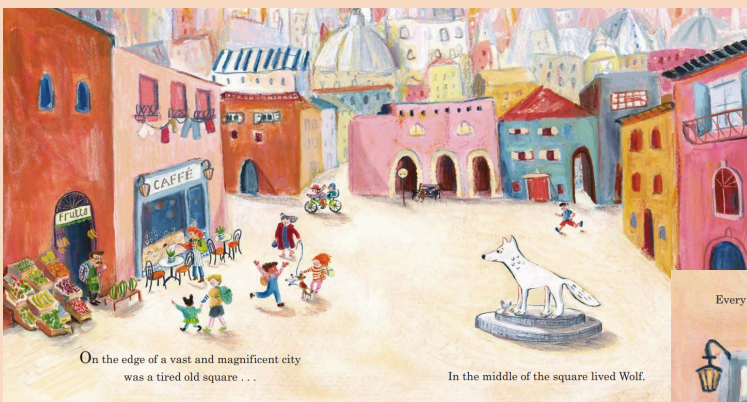


This charming picture book has an unusual protagonist: Wolf, a statue of a wolf who graces the centre of a small square in a lovely Italian city.

Wolf feels overlooked, no-one seems even to notice her anymore, let alone pay her any attention, and when a pigeon poops on her head, it's the final straw. She decides to move into the very centre of the city and live with the statues there.

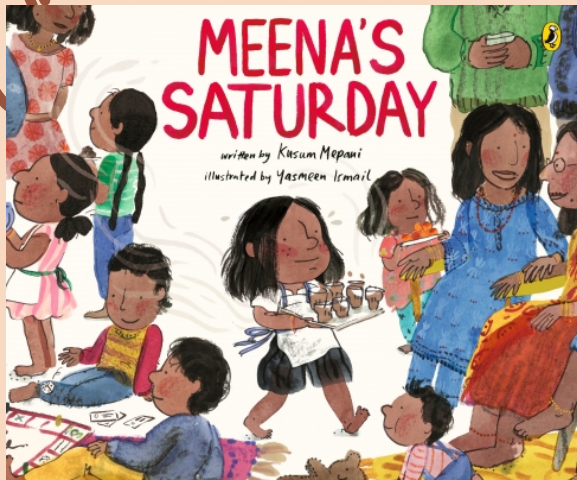
The other statues turn out to be a snobby, shouty lot, however, and poor Wolf, thoroughly disheartened, eventually limps back home, to be greeted with lively celebrations by her neighbours, who are all overjoyed to see her back.

This gentle story shows us the importance of home, sweet home, and young children will love being outraged on behalf of Wolf by the awful behaviour of the other statues. The artwork has the warm hues and tones of old Italian cities, and it's an adventure readers of all ages will relish.



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The poignant story of one family's perilous journey from Vietnam to the UK.

- On the first day, we ate rice cakes.**
- On the second day, they were all gone.**
- On the third day, the water ran out.**
- On the fourth day, we reached the sea...**

The Endless Sea is the timely true story of Chi Thai's childhood as a refugee at the end of the Vietnam war and her settling in the UK. The book is illustrated by Vietnamese born artist Linh Dao.

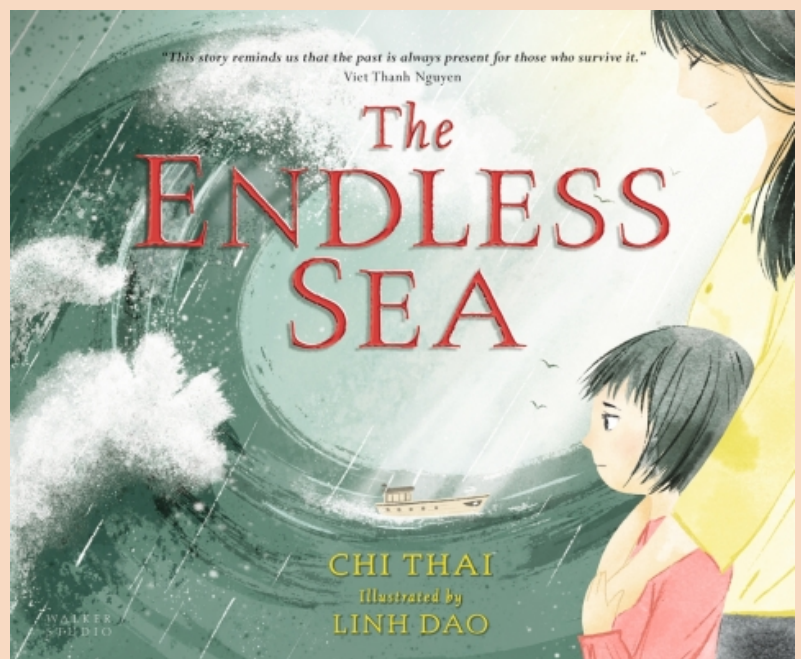
The Endless Sea tells the true story of Chi and her family's perilous flight from South Vietnam in an overcrowded boat when Chi was an infant. After hours adrift, where lives were lost, they were finally rescued. When they came to the UK they settled in Staffordshire. This traumatic journey has inspired much of Chi's creative work including her film, Lullaby, which was recently awarded Best Short Film at the Asian World Film Festival. The Endless Sea is a deeply personal account, rooted in important history - and yet, the story resonates with many families all over the world today, forced to make perilous journeys of their own.

Told from the perspective of Chi's four-year-old self, this is a moving story of resilience, beautifully and sensitively illustrated by artist Linh Dao. It is also a story of love and the hope for a better collective future.

Saturdays are really busy in Meena's house. It's the day when all their friends and family visit. Almost from the moment she gets up, Meena and her sisters are busy helping their mum, cleaning the house, doing the shopping, making chai for all their visitors, helping her aunties cooking in the kitchen. She gets to sit down and watch Indian films with her cousins before it's time to help make dinner for everyone.

Yasmeen Ismail's wonderful illustrations, full of detail, movement and characters, make sure we feel all the busyness and the fun, but there's one thing that Meena doesn't like: the girls do all the work, the boys don't have to help at all. Her mum says that when she grew up in Gujarat, that's just the way it worked. Meena decides things need to change, and makes sure they do.

There's so much to enjoy in this picture book, not least the way it immerses readers in Meena's world, with all its chaos and happy chatter. It's also a lovely insight into Meena's community and traditions, a celebration of family, and of young people's ability to change things.



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A highly illustrated series, about star princess Celeste, who is sent by her father to run their kingdom's intergalactic post office. There, Celeste embarks on many adventures - and strives to uncover the mystery of her mother's disappearance.

In the kingdom of Galaxandria, Princess Celeste Starwing is in BIG trouble. After one bratty incident too many, her father decides she needs to learn a lesson - and so she's packed off to the Intergalactic Post Office, and given a mission to whip it into shape. Otherwise it's goodbye to being a princess forever - gulp!

But Celeste and her new assistant, Podge, soon find they're up against a more than just towering piles of unsent letters. Mysterious portal magic known as wurms are putting them out of business - and it looks like the wurms are more sinister than anyone could know. In fact, they might have something to do with Celeste's mother, who she's never known ...

Now it's up to Celeste and Podge - and their adorable collection of Stardust Bunnies - to stop the wurms, uncover what happened to Celeste's mother - and maybe save the galaxy while they're at it.

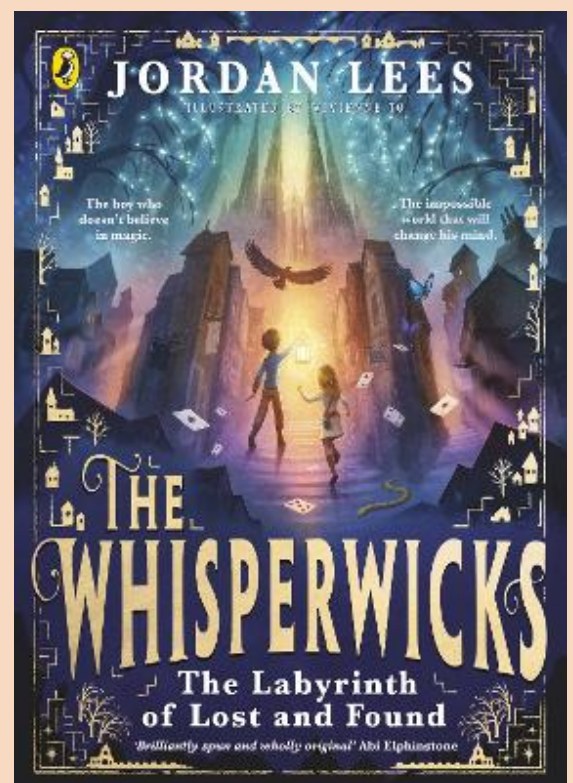
This out-of-this world story is stuffed full of incredible adventure, brilliant intergalactic worlds, and amazing cartoon-style artwork - perfect for fans of Super Mario Bros, Amelia Fang, Peanut Jones and Adventures on Trains.

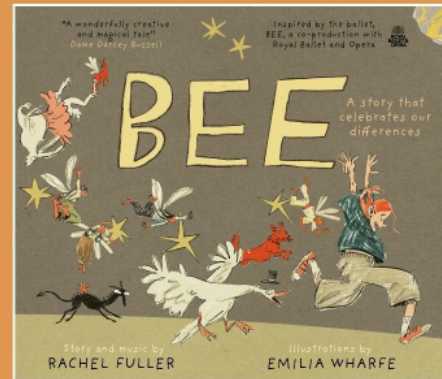
A boy who doesn't believe in magic. An impossible world that will change his mind.

Eleven-year-old Benjaminiah Creek believes in science, logic and the power of reason. He definitely does not believe in magic. But when he receives a mysterious gift in the post - a doll that can transform into a bird - he is led into the impossible (and most definitely magical) world of Wreathenwold, where dark secrets are lost amongst a vast labyrinth of streets.

Benjaminiah soon finds himself swept along in a dangerous quest - led by the fierce and brilliant Elizabella, who is determined to solve the disappearance of her missing brother.

Will Benjaminiah ever find his way home and discover his puzzling connection with this strange, enchanted world?





Rachel Fuller is a multifaceted artist whose diverse body of work spans media from film and television to ballet and orchestration. Now she has turned her creative talents to writing her debut children's book, a labour of love inspired by her own diagnosis of ADHD as an adult. Through her writing, Rachel is keen to reach young people and their families who are living with neurodiversity, and to encourage us all to embrace difference.

Bee Synopsis

Inspired by the ballet, *Bee*, a co-production with Royal Ballet and Opera and by Rachel Fuller's personal experience of neurodivergence, *BEE* the book is an empowering, highly original interactive celebration of words, illustration and music for children age 6+. *Bee* is an incredible child with a beautiful mind. Misunderstood at home and at school, *Bee* exists in a magical world that others simply cannot see, playing with fairies and making beautiful music with the flowers. But in escaping to this magical world, *Bee* is often late for school and doesn't always understand the rules of the playground.

Luckily, *Bee* is not alone and with a bit of help from family, a new teacher, and best fairy friend Sprout, *Bee* soon finds friends who are just as wonderful and unique as *Bee*! Set to an original soundtrack by composer and author Rachel Fuller, *Bee* is an enchanting story that is sure to inspire compassion and acceptance, and to encourage all those with beautiful minds just like *Bee*'s to find their own magical place in the world.

Emilia and Rachel first met whilst working on another project, bonding over their experiences of living with ADHD, and it was this that led to their collaboration on *Bee*.

"For every child who feels different, or who struggles to fit in" - Author Rachel Fuller



Children's Book Award

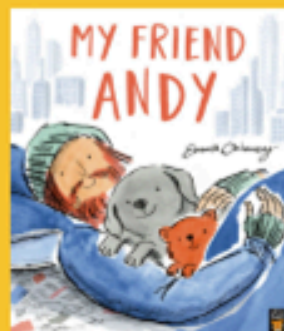
The Federation of Children's Book Groups

The FCBG Children's Book Award shortlist for 2025 has been announced.

Any child in the UK can vote so get hold of the books and read them now ready for online voting to open on 31st March.

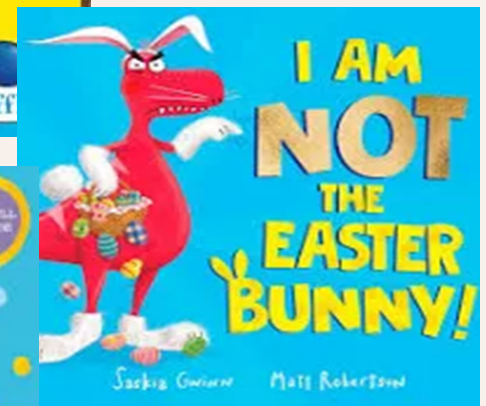
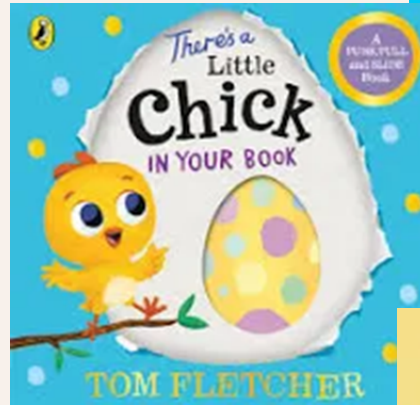
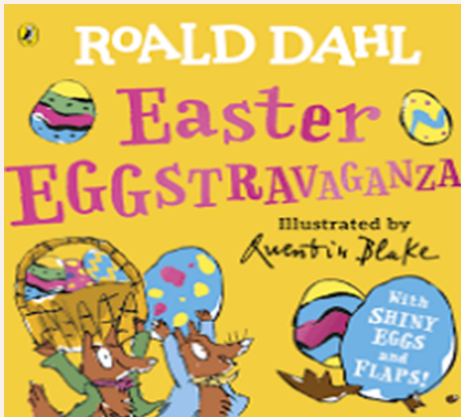
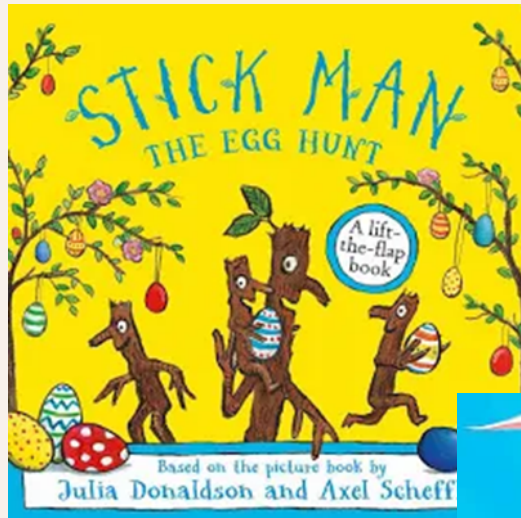
Voting closes on 9th May and the winners are announced on 7th June.

[Head to the website for more information on the award, all the books, and to access the voting forms](#)



fcbg.org.uk/childrens-book-award-2025

HAYTON EASTER READS



Roald Dahl, Julia Donaldson, Tom Fletcher...all great reads and what is better than an Easter version of them all? Spring is coming and we all know what comes in this time of the year... EASTER! Here is a little taster of one of these great books. Can you guess which book's blurb this is?

*It's springtime and ***** and his family are going on an egg hunt together. Can you help them find the colourful eggs? Lift the flaps to search with the ***** family and find the missing eggs.*

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