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Dragon Press is an exciting new imprint from Rily Publications Ltd., specialising in books for co-editions. Our vision is to create quality, popular children's books for all ages from birth to young adult, including both fiction and non-fiction titles.

Following on from the success of our original Little Mouse character books, we have two exciting new titles for Spring 2023 on pages 2–3. We have a strong language learning list on pages 6–12 with more titles added to our popular *Del Does...* series, including innovative audio features. Also included is our new book *Words All Around*, the flagship title in what will become a strong brand, expanding into 2023 with a visually stunning Picture Dictionary.

For our older readers we have titles from award-winning authors and illustrators on pages 14–20. Tales of European myth and legend, entrancing stories from the Mabinogion and King Arthur.

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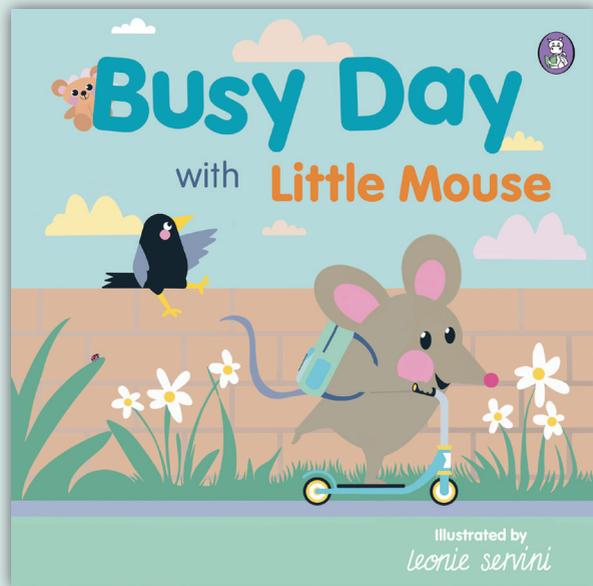
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Busy Day with Little Mouse

First words board book



Leonie Servini is an exciting new illustrator from Wales. She specialises in gentle, digital illustrations for children.

- Have fun learning first words with Little Mouse
- Introduce everyday words to your little one with these modern and engaging illustrations
- Find Teddy on every page
- Perfect first words board book for children aged 0–5 with gentle illustrations and simple text

New titles
with
Little Mouse



Illustrator Leonie Servini

Age
0-5

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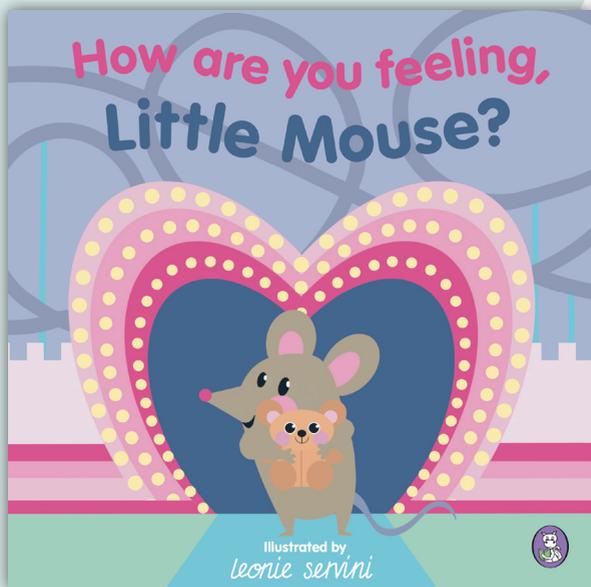
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How are you Little Mouse?

First feelings board book



- Explore your little one's emotions with Little Mouse
- Understand how your body feels with different emotions
- A wonderful introduction to emotional intelligence for the youngest
- Clear and gentle illustrations help explain strong feelings in the simplest of ways
- Solid, robust board book perfect for little hands



Illustrator Leonie Servini

Age
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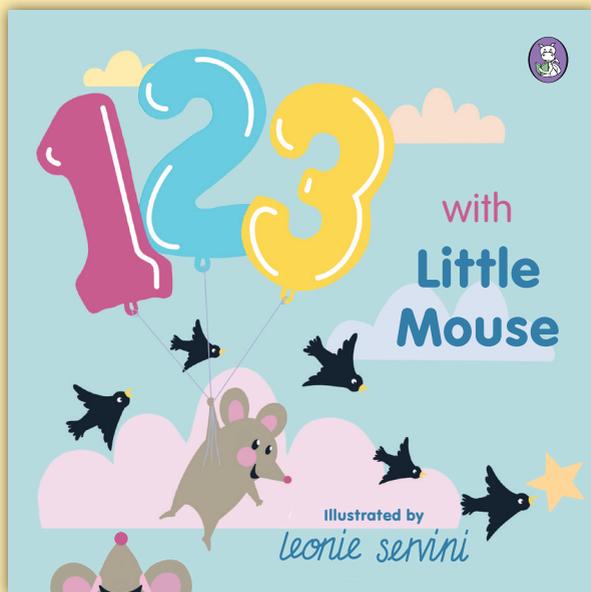
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123 with Little Mouse

First words board book



- Modern and attractive introduction to numbers and letters
- Chunky and robust board books perfect for little hands
- Plenty of interest on each spread for interaction



Illustrated by **Leonie Servini**
see also pp. 2-3 for other Little Mouse titles



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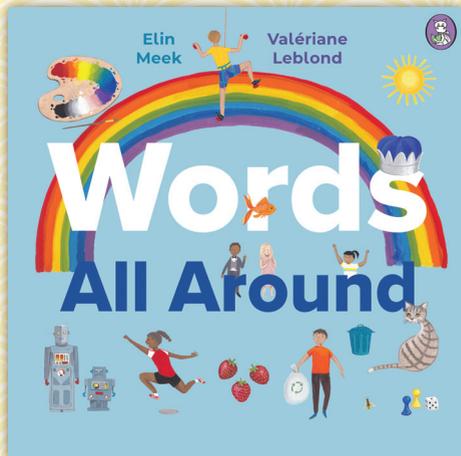
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Illustrator Leonie Servini



Words All Around

First words



- Sumptuous first words book, bursting with images
- Appeals to any age, both children and adults
- Stunning and diverse illustrations throughout



Elin Meek grew up in Wales and after studying Welsh and German at university she spent a decade teaching in Trinity College, Carmarthen. She now works as a freelance translator, adapter and author.



Valérie Leblond is a traditional artist who has illustrated a number of books for both children and adults. Originally from Angers, France she now lives in Wales and speaks multiple languages. She has won two Tir na n'Og awards.



Age
5+

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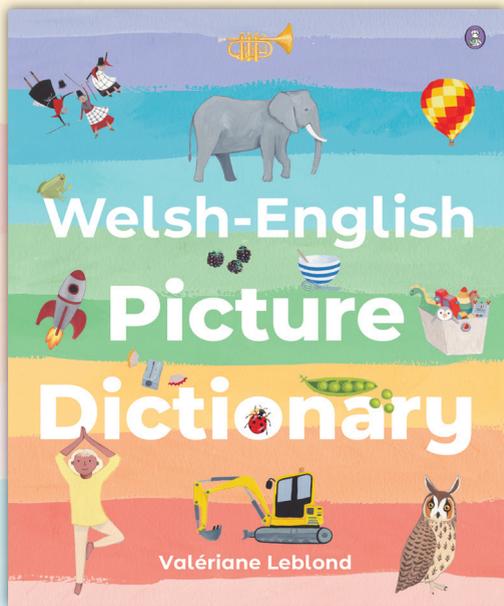
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Author Elin Meek
Illustrator Valérie Leblond

Welsh-English Picture Dictionary



Here are over 500 illustrations of familiar objects. Words are grouped according to themes, such as sports, classroom, fruit, vegetables, wellbeing, weather, and many others.

- A stunning first words book with beautiful, full-colour illustrations throughout
- Appeals to any age, both children and adults
- Also available from Valérie Leblond: *Words All Around* (on pages 6–7)



Valérie Leblond is a traditional artist who has illustrated a number of books for both children and adults. Originally from Angers, France she now lives in Wales and speaks multiple languages. She has won two Tir na n'Og awards.

Illustrator Valérie Leblond

Age
5+

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Teulu · tay-lee · Family

Anifeiliaid anwes · ahn-ee-veel-ee-eyed ahn-ooxehas · Pets

mam mawr mother	gwraig gwif wife	tad-cu / taid tad-oo / taid grandfather	ci dee dog	cath katt cat	cwningen chwinnin hamster
tad tad father	gwr gwur husband	mam-gu / nain mam-goo / nain grandmother	mochyn cwta mochin kwta pig	bochdw bochdoo hamster	aderyn aderrin bird
chwcer chwoor sister	ewyttr ewytr uncle	wyr worr grandson	pysgodyn trofnanol pysgootin trofnanol goldfish	pysgodyn aur pysgootin awr goldfish	llygoden llygooten rabbit
brrawd brawd brother	modryb mawr aunt	wres wress granddaughter	basged basget basket	powlen pawlen bowl	milfeddyg milfiddig vet

Cartrefi · cah-trivee · Homes

Adeiladau · add-ay-lad-eye · Buildings

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Y Tywydd · uh-tay-gweeth · The Weather

Dillad · allch-ad · Clothes

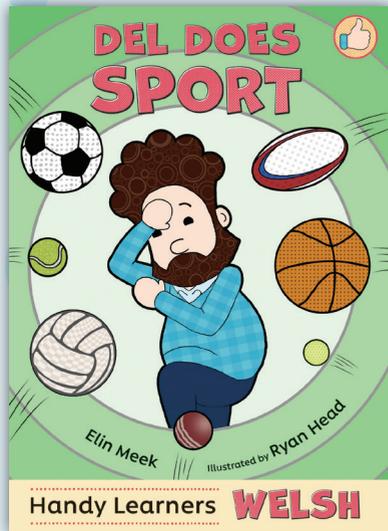
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Anifeiliaid Mawr · ahn-ee-veel-ee-eyed mawr · Large Animals

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chwilen chwilen beetle	coryn / pryf cop cawr / pryf cop spider	malwoden malwoden snail	tsimpani tsimpani chimpanzee	mwnci mwnci monkey	panda panda panda
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Del does Sport



 <p>Dw i'n hoffi chwarae rygbi.</p>	
<p>dween <u>hoff-ee</u> <u>kchoowahr-eye</u> rugby</p>	
<p>I like playing rugby.</p>	

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Ryan Head is an exciting new illustrator, having studied Animation at university he now works in publishing. The *Del does ...* series are his first published books.

Free audio – wherever you see a QR code, just scan and listen to the correct pronunciation



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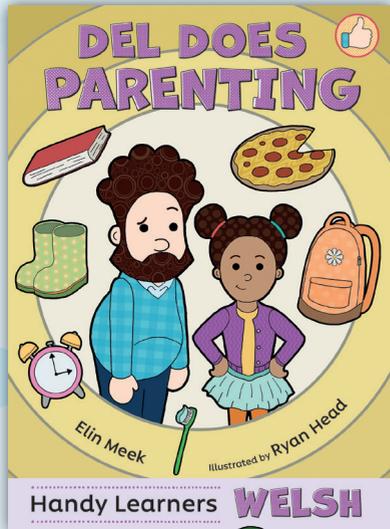
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Del does Parenting



Learn language the fun way with one or more of the three current titles in the Handy Learners series. A cast of quirky characters in comic strip-style illustrations introduce you to a new language. Suitable for any age. These books can be translated into any other language to support language learners

- A light-hearted and fun approach to language learning
- Text is simple and accessible
- Common phrases and words
- Designed for situational use
- Three titles so far in the series ... more to come
- Audio via QR code to support learning
- Can be typeset in single language or bilingually with two languages

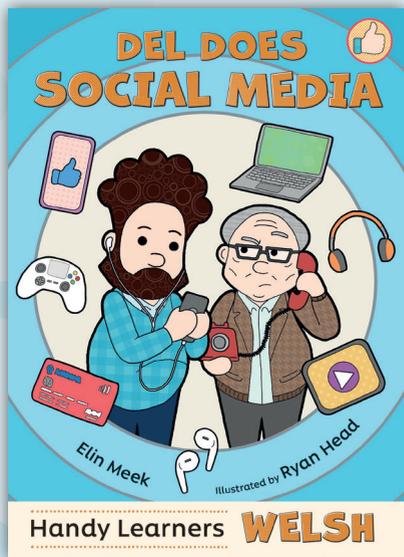


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Del does Social Media



Ro'n i'n arfer
edrych yn dda
mewn lluniau!

rhone een ahr-ver
ed-reekch uhn
thah mehoown
llcheen-ee-eye

I used to take a
good photo!



Free
audio



Learn phrases
quickly with a
phonetic guide

eboku/sio	to want		
Dwi i eissau sgwrsio. (SW) Dwi i isio sgwrsio. (NW)	I want to chat.	Dwi i ddim eissau sgwrsio. (SW) Dwi i ddim isio sgwrsio. (NW)	I don't want to chat.
Dwi i eissau anfon neges. (SW) Dwi i isio anfon neges. (NW)	I want to send a message.	Dwi i ddim eissau anfon neges. (SW) Dwi i ddim isio anfon neges. (NW)	I don't want to send a message.
Dwi i eissau goddef sylw. (SW) Dwi i isio goddef sylw. (NW)	I want to leave a comment.	Dwi i ddim eissau goddef sylw. (SW) Dwi i ddim isio goddef sylw. (NW)	I don't want to leave a comment.
Dwi i eissau llythio llin. (SW) Dwi i isio llythio llin. (NW)	I want to upload a photo.	Wyf i eissau sgwrsio? (SW) Wyf i isio sgwrsio? (NW)	Do you (singular familiar) want to chat?
Dwi i eissau lloerlythio llin. (SW) Dwi i isio lloerlythio llin. (NW)	I want to download a photo.	Dych chi eissau goddef prifwr? (SW) Doch chi i isio goddef prifwr? (NW)	Do you (singular formal and plural) want to leave a comment?
		Ydw / Nac ydw. (SW) Oes/Nac oes. (NW)	Yes (I do) / No (I don't).



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LWYTHIO LLIN.



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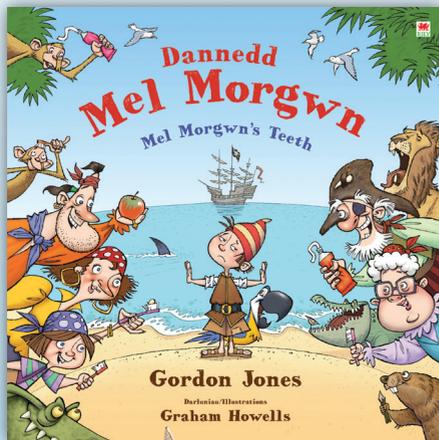
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Mel Morgwn's Teeth

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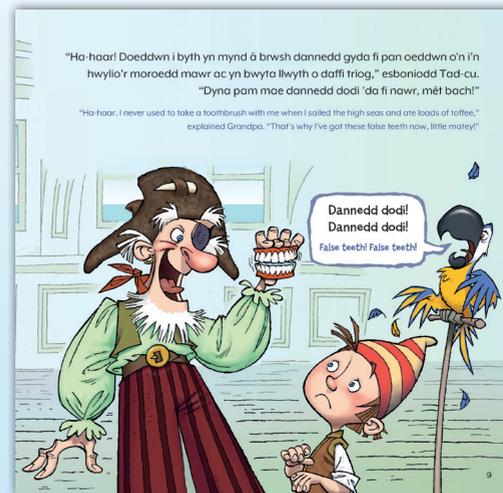
Gordon Jones worked at the National Library of Wales before joining the Books Council of Wales as editor of their children's magazine. He subsequently worked for various publishers as a creative editor. Eight of the books he has edited have won the prestigious Tir na n-Og award.



Graham Howells was born in Antwerp, Belgium and lived around the world before settling in Wales. He specialises in children's book illustration and particularly enjoys the themes of fantasy and magic.

Young pirate, Mel Morgwn refuses to brush his teeth and eat healthily. Despite the best efforts of his family and his class teacher he will not clean his teeth. Join Mel on a hilarious pirate adventure to discover good hygiene and healthy-eating habits!

- Ages 3-8
- A fun story emphasising the importance of good hygiene
- Can be published as single language or bilingual



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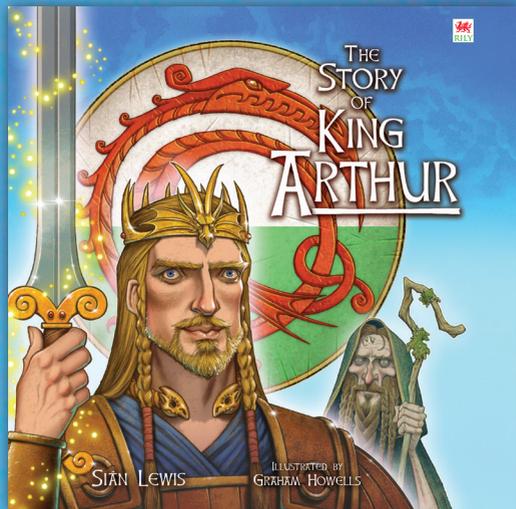
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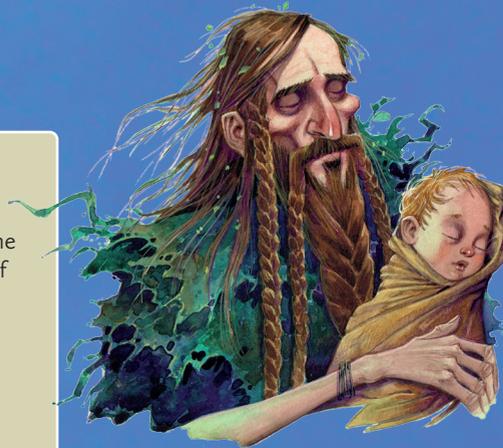
Author Gordon Jones
Illustrator Graham Howells

The Story of King Arthur



An evocative retelling of the classic tales of King Arthur. This luxurious edition includes all his famous tales such as The Quest for the Holy Grail, Merlin's Dream and The Battle of Camelot.

- Written in clear and poetic text with stunning colour illustrations throughout
- Illustrated maps
- Round table illustration with characters labelled to ensure familiarity
- An enchanting edition for children and adults alike



Siân Lewis has written over 250 books for children and young people. She has won numerous prestigious awards for her work, including the Mary Vaughan Jones award in 2015 and the Tir na n'Og in 2016



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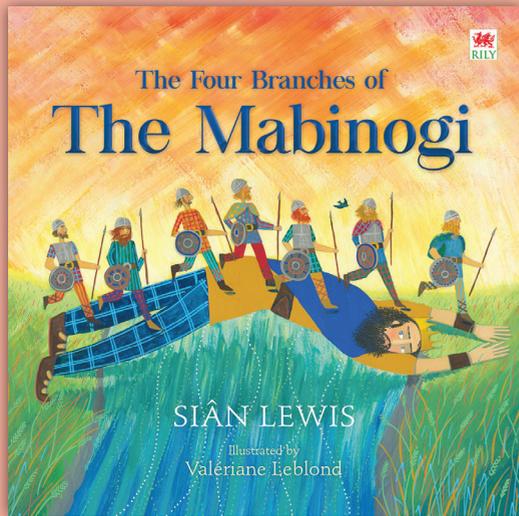
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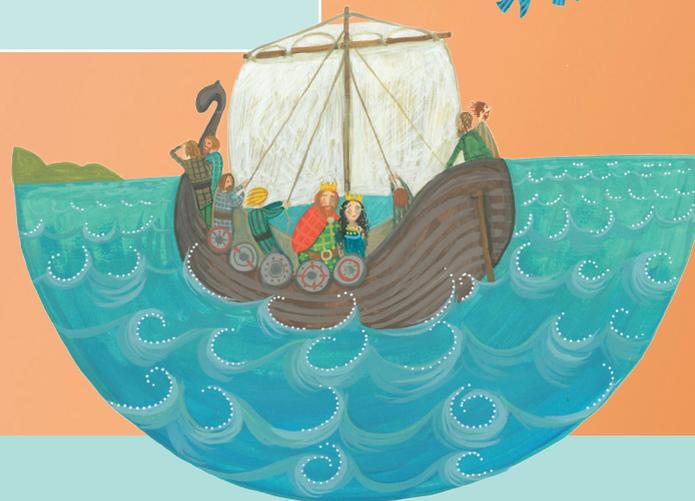
Author Siân Lewis
Illustrator Graham Howells

The Four Branches of the Mabinogi



The Four Branches of the Mabinogi are the most famous legends in Wales, some of the oldest in Europe. Be captivated by these ancient stories of magic, romance, adventures, giants, wars and wizards brought to life in this delightful edition.

- Retells the stories of Branwen, Blodeuwedd, Pwyll and Manawydan
- 'Spellbinding' intertwining of text and illustrations
- Appeals to younger and older children as well as adults



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Valérieane Leblond is a traditional artist who has illustrated a number of books for both children and adults. Originally from Angers, France she now lives in Wales and speaks multiple languages. She has won two Tir na n'Og awards.

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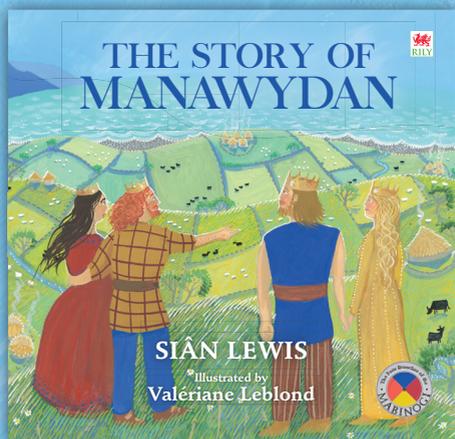
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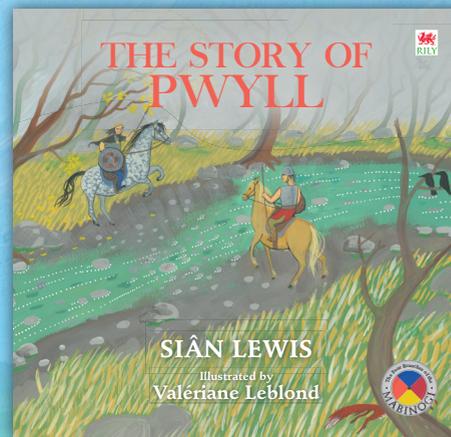
Illustrator Valérieane Leblond

The Story of Manawydan



- Individual stories from The Mabinogion
- Available as a set of four titles or as individual books
- Simple accessible text and stunning illustrations from an award-winning team

The Story of Pwyll



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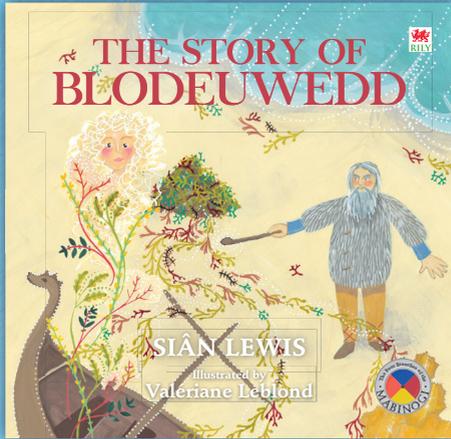
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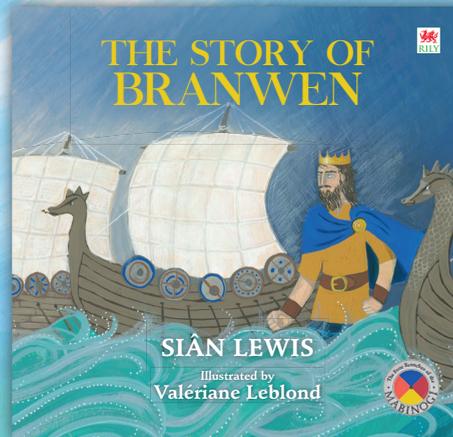
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The Story of Blodeuwedd

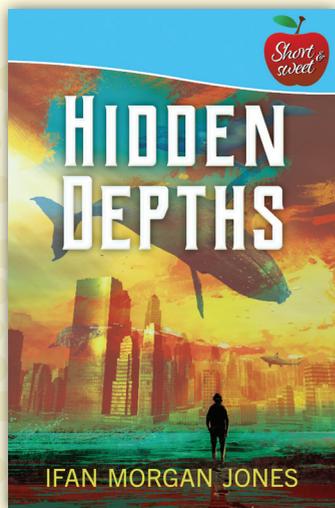


The Story of Branwen



Hidden Depths

Science fiction and fantasy



Hidden Depths is a jaw-dropping sci-fi novella. Rees has been running away his whole life. When a legend from his childhood turns out to be fact rather than fiction, he is drawn deeper into a hidden world that reveals a troubling truth – not just about his present, but also his past. Will he keep running – or stay and fight ...

- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market
- Short engaging story which is perfect for reluctant readers
- Draws on classic Welsh mythology for a truly unique and original story



Ifan Morgan Jones is an accomplished author, journalist and university lecturer. He has won numerous awards including the Daniel Owen Memorial Prize in 2008 and the Book of the Year prize in 2020.

Age
14+

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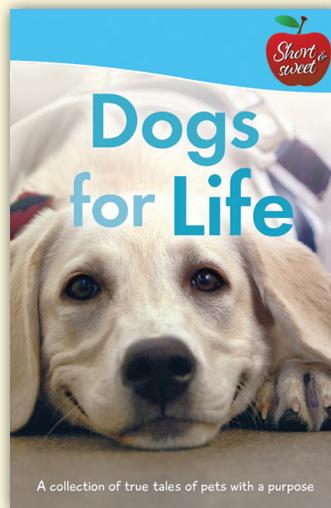
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Author Ifan Morgan Jones
Rights World

Dogs for Life

A collection of true stories about dogs



Some dogs have very special jobs to do. In a heart-warming, inspirational and funny book, *Dogs for Life* shows how some amazing animals are changing the lives of the humans who love them. These dogs are not just pets and life companions, but guide dogs, sniffer dogs, therapy dogs and more.

- Six true stories about dogs that will warm your heart and lift your spirits
- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market
- A quick and easy read, perfect for reluctant readers



Alison Stokes is a UK-based writer and journalist, who writes for national magazines in the UK and US and regional newspapers in Wales.

Age
14+

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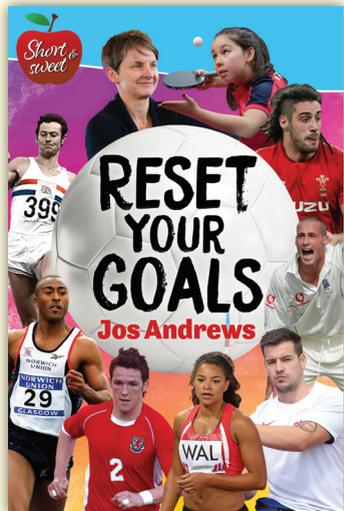
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Author Alison Stokes
Rights World

Reset your Goals

Real-life stories from athletes



Don't worry about failure, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try. Sportsmen and women talk about dealing with success and disappointment. The common message is 'I might get knocked down, but I get up again. Setbacks are challenges but they don't defeat me.'

- Inspirational and uplifting book with a positive central message of resilience and determination
- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market
- With stories from many sports people including Colin Jackson (track), Laura McAllister (football), Mica Moore (bobsleigh and sprint), Josh Navidi (rugby), Anna Hurse (table tennis) and many more.



Jos Andrews is former BBC producer, creative writer and consultant with extensive experience in the media, education, training, arts and public relations and has authored many books for young people.

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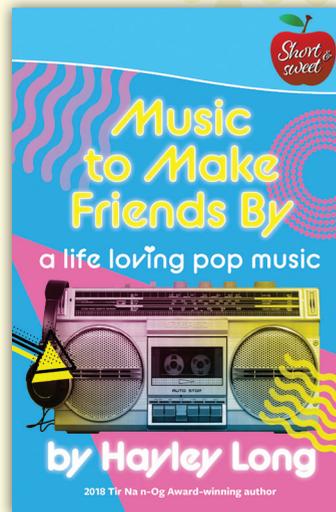
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Author Jos Andrews

Music to Make Friends By

True stories about the power of music



Full of the life-changing moments and friendships that result from a love of pop music. This autobiographical book is packed with music and memories from buying her first record to DJ'ing in the bars and clubs of Cardiff.

- A funny, uplifting book exploring the themes of friendship and memories through the medium of music
- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market
- A short accessible book ideal for reluctant readers



Hayley Long is best known for her teen fiction. Her 2017 novel *The Nearest Faraway Place* won the Tir na n-Og Award in 2018 and the Mal Peet Children's Book Award in 2020.

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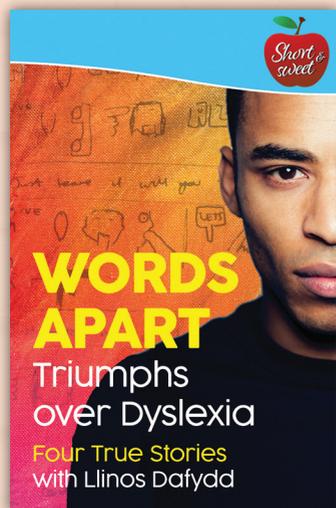
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Author Hayley Long

Words Apart

Triumphs over Dyslexia

A collection of true stories about dyslexia



A diagnosis of dyslexia can cause anxiety and confusion. This book shares stories of those who have found creative ways of getting to grips with the diagnosis and of some who credit their dyslexia with helping them to be more successful. Dyslexia affects people differently and this book shows how individuals have succeeded in acting, poetry, teaching and much more.

- Four real-life stories including actor Lloyd Everitt and poet Aneirin Karadog
- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market
- Endorsed by Dyslexia Cymru
- A short, engaging and accessible book ideal for reluctant readers



Llinos Dafydd is a creative editor, writer and translator. She is the editor of a digital magazine for teenage girls, and has a wealth of experience in publishing and journalism.

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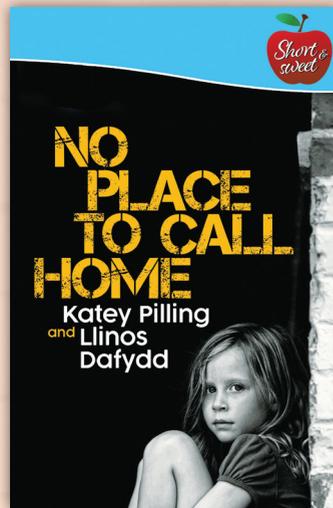
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No Place to Call Home

A true story of homelessness



Anyone can become homeless. Katey Pilling tells us of her experiences of homelessness as a child and as an adult. She shares the frustrations that have left deep scars on her in this autobiographical account.

- Katey's personal story of homelessness whilst also exploring the theme as a whole along with possible causes
- Addresses an important issue in a poignant and sensitive manner
- Written with the support of Shelter Cymru
- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market



Katey Pilling has survived homelessness both during her childhood as well as later in life as a mother. Through her work with Shelter Cymru and the Take Notice Project, she has campaigned to help people who find themselves without a home.

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