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Children's Publishing
Key Titles

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CHILDREN’S PUBLISHING
Gustav and Henri: Volume #1

Andy Matthews

Peader Thomas

**Opposites attract in this humorous illustrated graphic novel series about two best friends.**

Meet Gustav and Henri. This is their book. It’s a bit about friendship and a lot about snacks.

They love doing **normal** things together, like:

- finding a lost shuttlecock – IN SPACE!
- returning an overdue library book – 100 YEARS AGO!
- or making cakes – IN THE BATH!

You know, completely boring things.

Join them for 100% of your recommended daily intake of adventures, escapades, and capers – all in one book!

*With the visual appeal of* Narwhal and Jelly *and the irresistible humour of Dog Man, this is the perfect series for kids who love comics and funny stories. Each book contains 3 stories in 1, for maximum value, and maximum snacks!*  

**Author Details**

**Andy Matthews** is a Melbourne-based writer, comedian and actor. He has written and appeared on many of Australia’s favourite comedy shows, such as *Shaun Micallef’s Mad as Hell, The Project, Talkin’ ‘Bout Your Generation, The Checkout* and *The Chaser’s Media Circus*. He has been a runner up in the national finals of Raw Comedy and nominated for the Golden Gibbo award at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. He is passionate about space and pancakes.

**Peader Thomas** is an illustrator and comic book artist from Melbourne. While maintaining his own artistic practice, his illustrations can also be found in *Treadlie, Marketing* and on Punt Road wine labels. Peader has worked with the 100 Storey Building and as an ‘Artist in Schools’ across Melbourne, teaching children to write and illustrate comic books. You can see more of Peader’s work at peaderthomas.com, or more frequently @peaderthomas on Instagram. He has not (as yet) played badminton at the Olympics.
Gustav and Henri: Volume #1
Andy Matthews
Peader Thomas

Key Information
- Meets the insatiable demand for graphic junior novels.
- Three hilarious stories in one volume.
- Eye-catching 2-colour internals.
- Local debut authors.
- All the humour of illustrated fiction, with added feel-good themes of friendship and loyalty.
GUSTAV & HENRI PACK

50% discount

GTIN: 9349685018209

Includes:

12 copies of Gustav & Henri

AU RRP with discount $89.94
NZ RRP with discount $101.94

INDICATIVE IMAGERY
‘There is only one explanation,’ said Gustav. ‘It must have gone into SPACE!’

When I was an astronaut, it was a big problem. Too many frisbees and tennis balls up there!

I suppose we should go and get it. I’ll design a spaceship. Henri, you can build it.

Gustav set to work to design the ship. It needs to be sleek and aerodynamic, like a graceful animal.

Like a bird?

Yes, or...

Henri Normal went to the garage to get her tools.
‘And now to return it!’ beamed Gustav, as the TimePig X-90 squealed into the time-stream once more.

Suddenly there was a crash. Henri looked out of the window and yelped.

Two huge beasts were attacking the TimePig!

‘Let’s throw them off,’ bellowed Gustav, jamming the whenever-lever™ all the way to ‘ages ago’.

Clock-o-dials!

TAP! TAP!

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And drank the drinks.

For just a few seconds, until Gustav interrupted them.

‘It is time,’ he declared, ‘to reveal the cake!’

But when he unlocked the door ...

**SHOCK! HORROR!**

**THE CAKE WAS GONE!**

DING-A-LING!

By Santa’s trousers!

Good gumnuts!
We Who Hunt the Hollow
Kate Murray

A firecracker urban fantasy about the youngest daughter of a family of women warriors, and the power she wishes she had …

Seventeen-year-old Priscilla Daalman’s entire family are Hollow Warriors – legendary monster hunters charged with killing evil beasts from beyond our universe. She’s desperate to live up to that legacy, but she’s convinced neither she, nor her superpower – the ability to sense Hollow energy – is up to the task.

But when Priscilla attempts a desperate ritual to enhance her abilities, she accidentally triggers a frightening new power: the power to summon monsters from the Hollow itself. Now, Priscilla must protect her loved ones – her heartbroken ex-girlfriend, her mysterious new boyfriend, even her fierce warrior family – from supernatural monsters, and also from herself. Because if her power gets out, all hell will break loose … and Priscilla will risk losing everything.

Shortlisted for the Ampersand Prize, Kate Murray’s breathtaking debut YA novel is perfect for fans of Cassandra Clare and Lynette Noni.

Author Details

Kate Murray is a New Zealander living in Melbourne with her family, an alarming amount of LEGO and an ordinary number of books. She is a full-time parent slash writer, conjuring up spare time so she can conjure up stories.

Twitter: @kalemurray Instagram: @kateswriting

Key Information

- Wonder Woman meets Buffy – vibrant, exciting, girl-forward urban fantasy that’s full to the brim with suspense, intrigue and teen angst.
- Light romance and relatable themes of self-confidence, potential and family, the story takes place in a futuristic Australia-New Zealand setting.
- Full of feisty, strong female characters!
- Diverse cast of characters.
- LGBT themes.
- Shortlisted for the Ampersand Prize.
- Book 2 is being published in 2023.
- Perfect for fans of Sarah J Maas, Cassandra Clare and Lynette Noni.
WE WHO HUNT THE HOLLOW

PACK

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Includes:
12 copies of We Who Hunt the Hollow

AU RRP with discount $119.94
NZ RRP with discount $137.94

INDICATIVE IMAGERY
Amma's Sari
Sandhya Parappukkaran
Michelle Pereira

As a second-generation migrant, 6-year-old Shreya's life tilts between her life at home and the outside world. While her love for family lifts her up, her spirits plummet at the stares and whispers that her mother's sari attracts.

Searching for balance, Shreya asks questions about her culture. But despite the beautiful stories her mother shares, Shreya's internal and external struggle continues. But when Shreya finds herself lost in a crowd, it's the shimmer of Amma's sari that leads her to finding pride in her difference.

Amma's Sari is a powerful reflection on connection with family, the acceptance of difference, and the celebration of cultural heritage.

Author Details

Sandhya Parappukkaran left her job as a food technologist so she could put her feet up and read. Then she rediscovered her passion for children's books. Her stories are inspired by her multicultural experience and include scrumptious food from her Indian heritage. Sandhya resides in Brisbane, Australia, with her family.

Michelle Pereira is an illustrator who spent her childhood in Nairobi, Kenya, and now lives in Melbourne, Australia. She graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Communication Design and became a professional illustrator after a somewhat extended, but enjoyable, stint of bar work. She has worked with a range of clients such as Penguin UK, Netflix, The New York Times and Marie Claire. She uses bright colours and textural elements to create playful illustrations.

Key Information

- This is the second title from this fresh and exciting picture-book team.
- Themes of identity, inclusivity and cultural heritage will be of value to educators, librarians and young families.
- Sandhya's rhythmic, evocative text thoughtfully unpacks the idea of identity and belonging, making this complex concept accessible and engaging for young readers.
- With her clever use of texture and shape and her ingenious palette of colours, Michelle's illustrations will have readers poring over the pages again and again to find each wonderful detail.
- Michelle and Sandhya's first picture book, The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name, has already been slated for publication in the US.
Amma’s Sari PACK

50% discount

GTIN: 9349685018186

Includes:
12 copies of Amma’s Sari

AU RRP with discount $149.94
NZ RRP with discount $167.94

INDICATIVE IMAGERY
Every morning I wait for the flutter of Amma’s sari pallu and the rustle of her sari pleats.

Rippling like a magic carpet, she spins me out of bed.

I melt into her silky hug.

I fix my skirt; Amma smooths her sari folds.
‘My sari is a memory of love. I grew up clutching Amma’s sari. I took my first steps at the tip of her pallu. I waved at aunties rushing to work in rainbow hues.’

Ii I im draws me close, but I resist.
‘Yes. My sari is a memory of a faraway place.

I grew up where vendors carried their wares through the streets.

Amma slipped the change into the pocket she had made.

Her sari shaded me from the sun.’

Amma tucks her pallu into her waist. She swings her grocery bags with ease.

I try to match Amma’s rhythm, but I falter.
Alone
Scott Stuart

Being alone can be tough, especially in the darkness of space.

Earth is an affectionate planet who is looking for a friend. She’s delighted when she spots Sun, but Sun is quick to reject her offer of friendship. ‘I can’t be friends with a planet like you, for I am a star and you are too new.’ As Earth searches the solar system, she’s met with a similar response from the other planets – Mercury only likes friends who are dry, Mars only makes friends with those who are red, and Jupiter only has time for big friends.

When something fiery, red and menacing comes hurtling towards her, she fears the worst ... but could it be a sign that something wonderful is about to happen?

Alone is an endearing story about how sometimes our worst moments can lead to the best things in life.

Author Details

Scott Stuart is a writer, illustrator and designer who watches kids’ movies even when his son is not around. He is passionate about dismantling gender stereotypes and empowering children to follow their own unique path. Scott's stories and his uplifting online presence has attracted over 250K followers and 8M likes on TikTok. Scott's own path has led him to an assortment of passions, including rugby, dancing, midnight rodeos and karaoke. Alone is Scott's third picture book with Hardie Grant Children's Publishing, following on from How to Be a Real Man and The Very First You.

Key Information

- Local Melbourne guy Scott Stuart is a TikTok sensation, with over 250K followers and 8M likes: https://www.tiktok.com/@scott.creates?lang=en.
- Scott rocketed to fame after posting a video of himself and his son both dressed as Elsa for a screening of Frozen II.
- Scott's irresistible art style pairs perfectly with the gentle humour and warmth of the text.
- The text's rollicking rhyme is perfect for reading aloud.
- A deeply uplifting story that encourages young readers to embrace their uniqueness and see the silver lining in unexpected events.
ALONE PACK

50% discount

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Includes:
15 copies of Alone

AU RRP with discount $149.93
NZ RRP with discount $172.43

INDICATIVE IMAGERY
Earth opened her eyes and looked all around.

She looked for a friend ...
In the darkness of space there shone a great light, as she spun in a circle and turned to the right.

she exclaimed and waved her white clouds.

‘Hmmph,’ said the sun in a voice much too loud.

A friend!

I can’t be friends with a planet like you, for I am a star and you are too new.
Mercury turned and spoke with a sigh,

You're much too wet.
I like friends who are dry.

Next there was Venus, who turned on the spot,

You are too cold.
I like friends who are hot.

Earth looked at Mars, who said right on cue,

Red is the best and you are too blue.

Jupiter laughed and looked at them all,

I am the biggest and you are too small.
Bird and Bear
Ann James

Bird and Bear are the best of friends. When Bird and Bear go on a birthday picnic, they discover something surprising that will change how they see the world forever.

Author Details


Key Information

- A sweet picture book about friendship and discovery.
- Early-learning story with gentle humour.
- Warm illustrations and text by Ann James.
‘Morning, Bird,’ says Bear.
‘Would you like some breakfast?’

‘Happy birthday, Bear!’ Bird says. ‘Here’s a present. It’s a peanut. It has two delicious nuts inside.’

‘How thoughtful,’ says Bear. ‘Thanks, Bird. What shall we do today?’
'Get dressed, Bear!' says Bird.

‘Quick, Bear! Get your feet on!’

‘Who’s that?’ asks Bird.

‘That’s my friend, the other bear,’ says Bear.

‘He looks just like you,’ Bird says.
'Is it a trolley day or a brolly day, Bear?' asks Bird.

'It's a trolley day,' says Bear.
'So let's take a picnic.'

'A birthday picnic!' says Bird,
'and a red bucket might come in handy.'
Star Wars: The Original Trilogy: A Graphic Novel

Star Wars

A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY. . . .

EVERYONE’S FAVOURITE TALE of good versus evil takes on a whole new look in this graphic novel!

Join Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Darth Vader, and the rest of the heroes and villains from a galaxy far, far away in this graphic novel collection that retells the original three Star Wars films: A New Hope, The Empire Strikes Back, and Return of the Jedi. You’ll experience the saga in a way you never have before!

Key Information

• Experience the original trilogy in full colour!
• Featuring the stories of the original Star Wars films: A New Hope, The Empire Strikes Back, and Return of the Jedi.
• Over 200 pages of amazing comic-book style imagery.
In another section of the ship...

R2-D2: Where are you?

WHERE HAVE you BEEN? They are heading in this direction.

There's one. Set for stun.

She'll be all right. Inform Lord Vader we have a prisoner.

WHERE ARE you going?

Secret mission? What plans? What are you talking about?

I'm going to deatber this.
A FEW MOMENTS LATER.

LORD VADER, ONLY YOU COULD BE SO BOLD....

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. I'M A MEMBER OF THE IMPERIAL SENATE ON A DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO ALDERAN....

YOU ARE PART OF THE REBEL ALLIANCE AND A TRAITOR.

DON'T ACT SO SURPRISED, YOUR HIGHNESS. SERVICE. TRANSMISSIONS WERE BEAMED TO THIS SHIP BY REBEL SPIES. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PLANS.

THE BATTLE STATION PLANS ARE NOT AMONG THIS SHIP. AN ESCAPE POD WAS JETTISONED DURING THE FIGHTING, BUT NO LIFE-FORMS WERE ABOARD.

SHE MUST HAVE HIDDEN THE PLANS IN THE ESCAPE POD.

SEND A DETACHMENT DOWN TO DESTROY THEIR...

TATOOINE DESERT.

HOW DID WE GET INTO THIS MESS?

WHERE ARE YOU GONNA? I'M NOT GOING THAT WAY. IT'S MUCH TOO ROCKY.

WHAT MISSION IS WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH OF YOU. GO THAT WAY. YOU'LL BE WELL FUNCTIONING WITHIN A DAY?

AND DON'T LET ME CATCH YOU FOLLOWING ME BEGGING FOR HELP, BECAUSE YOU WON'T GET IT!
THE NEXT DAY.

SOMEONE WAS IN THE POD, THE TRACKS GO OFF IN THIS DIRECTION.

LOOK, SIR...

DROIDS!

WE STOPPED, WAKE UP! WAKE UP!

OOO!

TATTOONE DESERT, LARS HOMESTEAD.

LUKE!

LUCAS, TELL UNCLE IF HE GETS A TRANSLATOR, BE SURE IT SPEAKS BOCCE.

IT LOOKS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE...

THEEK.

IBANA.

IBANA.

RE-DAY! IT IS YOU! IT IS YOU!
LEGO Jurassic World: Big Book of Fun!
LEGO

Build your very own ACU guard minifigure, then join the LEGO Jurassic World team on a totally wild adventure! Read the comics, tackle the challenges, and help the guards as you come face-to-face with all sorts of fearsome dinosaurs!

Key Information
- Channel 9's LEGO Masters with host Hamish Blake has been a huge success. Season three premiered in April 2021!
- Jurassic World, the latest installment in the Jurassic Park franchise, has enjoyed enormous box office success. Another sequel, Jurassic World: Dominion will release in 2022.
- 64 pages of Jurassic fun!
SOMETHING WENT WRONG DURING THE GUARDS’ TRANQUILLISER GUN SHOOTING PRACTICE. MARK THE PARTS THAT CANNOT BE FOUND IN THE BIG PICTURE.

WHAT KIND OF DINOSAUR IS THIS? CROSS OUT ALL OF THE NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 9. THEN WRITE THE REMAINING LETTERS IN THE WHITE SPACE AND READ THE NAME.

EACH PICTURE OF LITTLE BLUE HAS A DIFFERENT MISTAKE ON IT. FIND AND CIRCLE ALL OF THEM.
I’m Claire Dearing, Assistant Operations Manager. As you’re new here, before I assign you to the unit, I’ll tell you about your work.

This park is amazing and it’s full of surprises. As an ACU guard, you must always expect the unexpected.

You must see what others can’t, and react faster than everyone else.

Open the gate! When in danger, act on instinct...

Are you listening to me at all... Where did you go?

Did I miss something?
THERE MAY BE A TREASURE HIDDEN ON ISLA NUBLAR. SINJIN PRESCOTT HAS A MAP THAT LEADS THERE. IS IT THE ONLY COPY? CHECK IF THERE’S ANOTHER ONE AMONG THE MAPS BELOW.

IN EACH ROW THERE’S ONE CHARACTER THAT STANDS OUT FROM THE OTHER FOUR. FIND THEM ALL AND CROSS THEM OUT.

COLOUR IN THE GIANT DINOMECH!
LEGO Ninjago: Big Book of Fun!
LEGO

Gear up for awesome ninja action in this epic activity book! Build your Kai minifigure and use your knowledge of the famous weapons uncovered throughout the world of Ninjago to help the ninja defeat their enemies. Rate your favourite blades and imagine your own elemental gear as you solve puzzles, complete activities and read hilarious comics.

Key Information
• Channel 9's LEGO Masters with host Hamish Blake has been a huge success. Season two premiered in April 2020 to a national audience of 1.68 million viewers. Season three is on the way!
• 64 pages of LEGO fun!
• Includes a Kai minifigure!
Lloyd and Harumi want to find the final Oni Mask before the Sons of Garmadon do. Help them reach it. It's hidden inside the Oni Temple, located on the other side of a swamp maze.

The final Oni Mask is hidden on the other side of the huge chasm. Show Lloyd the right way to jump on the stone pillars by following the arrows.

Remember, only the pillars without the Oni symbol are safe to walk on!
Time for you to meet Firstbourne - the mother of all dragons. Take a look at all the shadows cast by her and mark the real one. Two of the fake shadows are identical. Can you tell which ones?

The Dragon Armour will grant someone rule over the Realm of Oni and Dragon. Help Cole stop the villains by connecting the dots to uncover the symbol that appears on the Dragon Armour shield.
The Resistance members want to break into the TV studio and inform the citizens of Ninjago City about their fight against Garmadon. Show them the way to the top of the tyrant’s HQ. Only use the emergency stairwells so they won’t be seen.

WE’RE STILL WAITING FOR PIXAL. CAN YOU SPOT HER SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE?
Chug along with Thomas for an amazing Australian adventure! When Thomas' new mate Shane invites him to take a journey Down Under, he never expects to see so many amazing sights!

**Key Information**

- Bespoke illustrations featuring Thomas in favourite Aussie locations.
- Explore famous sites like Flinders Street Station, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Uluru, the Great Barrier Reef and more!
- Perfectly timed for a year when more and more Australians plan to travel domestically, showing a new generation the trove of treasures to be found in our own backyards!
- A sturdy board book that is perfect for little hands.
- Over 200 million Thomas books have been sold across the world!
- A Thomas toy engine is sold every 2 seconds.
- Thomas and Friends receive over 1 billion view on Youtube ever year!
- Previously published in a larger format board book edition as *Thomas Comes to Australia* – over 27,000 copies sold!
Next, Thomas and Shane travelled through the desert in the Northern Territory. Thomas puffed as fast as he could across the red dirt and started to feel very thirsty!

‘Fizzling fireboxes, I’m running out of steam!’ exclaimed Thomas, coming to a halt.

‘What a perfect place to stop for the night,’ Shane said. ‘This is Uluru, one of the largest rocks in the world. It’s so big you can even see it from space!’
Soon, Thomas and Shane arrived at Flinders Street Station in the bustling city of Melbourne.

‘Welcome to Melbourne!’ said a cheery local tram.

‘Hello!’ peeped Thomas. ‘My friend Toby is a tram. He works on my Branch Line. What do you do?’

‘I travel through the city helping people get around Melbourne’s city centre,’ she said.
It had been a long week of sightseeing. Finally, Thomas and Shane were puffing along the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

‘See the big building that looks like lots of boat sails?’ asked Shane. ‘It is the Sydney Opera House, Australia’s most famous sight.’
Where’s the Footy?

Packed full of footy fun, *Where’s the Footy?* will have you searching to find footies, flags, hot pies, mascots, whistles, pom poms, coins, food trucks and loads more. Join in all the excitement of the footy season as Josh and Hazel try to find all the items they need for their junior footy club.

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CHILDREN’S PUBLISHING

9781760504434 | Hardback | AU$16.99 | NZ$18.99 | 300 x 235 mm | 32pp
Mother Bunny loves flowers. She loves teaching Miffy all about her favourite blooms. Today is Mother Bunny’s special day. Miffy gives her mother the most beautiful flowers she can find. Mother Bunny is overjoyed!
blooms for miffy's mother pack

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Board Books

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Puppy Dog! Puppy Dog! What Can You See?

Amelia Hepworth

Pintachan

_Puppy Dog! Puppy Dog! What can you see?_
_Behind this flowerpot, who could it be?_

Lift the flaps to help Puppy Dog discover who is hiding underneath. With a mirror under the final flap, this seek-and-find book is perfect for sharing with the very smallest of readers.

**Author Details**

Amelia Hepworth lives in London with her family and a very elderly sausage dog called Katie. When she is not writing stories, she enjoys spending time with her little boy and daydreaming in her backyard.

Pintachan’s real name is Pablo! And he lives in the north of Spain with his family where he enjoys watching, old sci-fi movies, eating liquorice and of course illustrating children’s books. Pablo has worked for Hachette, Abrams Kids, Running Press, Quarto and McDonalds to name but a few.

**Key Information**

- With a surprise mirror ending.
- Perfect for fans of Nosy Crow's *Felt Flap* series and Usborne's *That's Not My ....* series.
Puppy Dog! Puppy Dog!

Under the lettuce leaf, who could it be?

What can you see?
Puppy Dog! Puppy Dog!

Behind this basket, who could it be?

What can you see?
Puppy Dog!

It's Snail!

What can you see?
Octopants
Suzy Senior
Claire Powell

The perfect pants are hard to find for someone shaped like me. Could Octopants be just the job? Why not dive in and see . . .?
There are all-in-ones for urchins and slipper-socks for eels... but will Octopus ever find a pair of pants to fit? A hilarious rhyming romp, packed with underwater underwear!

Author Details

Suzy Senior lives and works at the top of a huge hill in Sheffield. She lives with her family, a small gang of squeaky pets and quite a lot of books. She loves writing picture books, making things rhyme and eating jaffa cakes – ideally all at the same time!

Life for Claire began in a cupboard under the stairs. Not as punishment like Harry Potter – it's where she went to draw. Before becoming an illustrator, Claire cut her teeth designing for big-hitting brands Nickelodeon, BBC and DreamWorks Animation. She also animated an award winning short film 'The Scapegoat'. Claire lives and works in London, in a studio just bigger than a cupboard.

Key Information

- A laugh-out-loud story with rhyming text.
- Bright and colourful illustrations.
- With a brilliant blue foil cover!
Hello there! I’m an octopus.
There’s something you should know . . .

I don’t have any underpants.
I’ve nothing on below!
I tried to buy some octopants.
I tried all over town.

But everyone just laughed and laughed,
then answered with a frown . . .

“Underpants? For you?” they said.
“Oh, no. We don’t have ANY.
The problem seems to be your legs –
you’ve just got six too many!”
I've even tried to shop online.
I tried to surf the net.
I found a cod, three tuna,
and my credit card got wet!
Picture Books

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Captain Cuddles

Maudie Powell-Tuck

Julio Antonio Blasco

Rascally bank robbery? Never fear! Captain Cuddles is here! The world’s snuggliest superhero can turn baddies into goodies with just the power of a . . . HUG!

But watch out, Captain! There’s a wicked flea on the loose!

Author Details

When not writing, Maudie spends far too much of her time in expensive shops gawping at clothes and glittery things she can’t afford, and dreaming about owning a pug called Stanley. She’d love to say that she runs marathons – but that would be a lie.

Julio Antonio Blasco, a graduate in Fine Arts, has been working as an illustrator for over 20 years. He has worked for companies in the graphic design sector and now only lives to illustrate, well, also for his little dog Lupita, his house, his plants and his family. He loves to enjoy food and wine.

Key Information

- A brilliantly funny celebration of heroes and hugs!
- With exciting flaps to lift and peek-through pages.
But best of all, Captain Cuddles can turn baddies into goodies with just the power of a . . .

**SUPER SCHMUSH!**

**HUG!**

**SQUISH! SQUEEZE!**

I never wanted to be bad. I want to bake cakes!

I promise I’ll be good!

Isn’t he squishy?

Isn’t he great?

Isn’t the world a better place with all these happy hugs?

Waah! I’m just misunderstood!
HOLY MOLY!

Watch out, Captain Cuddles!
It's a trap!

Someone in that rocket needs a hug!

Ha ha! My evil plan is working!
Cuddle Team, SUPER SCHMUSH NOW!

Look sharp, Cuddle Team. I see a sad flea in need of a hug.

Ha! That did it! The dinosaur is DUST.

But I'm too TEENY TINY to be cuddled. That's why I wanted to rid the world of these DEPLORABLE hugs.

OH BOO HOO HOO! You broke my favourite toy.

NOPE. No one is too small for cuddles. Captain, you know what to do.
Non Fiction

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As Large As Life
Jonny Marx and Sandhya Prabhat

26 habitats to explore, featuring more than 250 animals.

Did you know that a sword-billed hummingbird has a beak longer than its body, that a giant anteater’s tongue can delve two feet into a termite mound in pursuit of food, or that a lion’s mane jellyfish can grow tentacles as long as three buses? See how the most sublime animals on the planet size up and compare them all in one go using the enormous fold-out chart at the back of the book.

Author Details

Jonny Marx lives in London, where he works as a children’s book editor and author. From a compendium of mythical monsters and a chronology of prehistoric creatures, to books about crime capers, lost unicorns, incredible human beings and humankind, Jonny has worked on more than 60 titles (and counting!).

Key Information

• Beautiful and intricate illustrations draw you into a wide range of habitats.
• Full of fascinating facts.
**EUCALYPTUS TREE**

There are hundreds of species of eucalyptus, which is great news if you’re a koala bear, as they rely almost entirely on the leaves for food and the branches for shelter. The fluid found within the leaves is prized for its soothing qualities and is often recommended to treat ailments, such as sunburn.

**KOALA**

Koalas can sleep 75% of the time. They spend almost all of their waking hours eating, and can consume 1kg (2.2lb) of eucalyptus leaves per day—that’s almost one tenth of their body weight.

**ECHIDNA**

The echidna is an evolutionary marvel. It has a bird-like beak, a pouch like that of a marsupial, and spines like those on a porcupine. To top it all off, echidnas can even lay eggs!

**RED KANGAROO**

The red kangaroo is the largest mammal native to Australia, and the largest marsupial globally. Males can grow to 2m (6.5ft) in stature, weighing almost twice the mass of the smaller females that carry their young in a pouch. The red kangaroo can jump more than 7.5m (24.5ft) in a single leap.

**SPINIFEX GRASS**

Spinifex grasses grow in areas with very little water.

**WOMBAT**

A wombat’s backside is cartilaginous, meaning it’s made from the same bone-like substance as human ears and noses. When wombats are threatened, they dive head-first into burrows and their hardened buttoks protect them from biting predators.

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**Mandarin fish**
The mandarin fish doesn’t have scales. Instead, it produces a mucus-like secretion in its skin that is extremely foul-smelling, and also poisonous.

**Red sea urchin**
An urchin’s spiky exterior protects it from most predators, but some hunters have outsmarted their prickly defences, including otters who use rocks to smash their way into the soft, edible interior.

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The walrus has long tusks that it uses to drag its colossal body out of the water and on to the ice. Tusk can measure up to 1m (39in) long. Male walruses can weigh up to 1,500kg (3,307lb).

**Snowy Owl**

Snowy owls hunt small rodents called lemmings and can eat as many as six per day. These owls have such an acute sense of hearing that they can even sense prey scurrying beneath layers of snow.

**Polar Bear**

Polar bears are the largest land-dwelling carnivores. A full-grown adult can weigh as much as ten human beings. Polar bears don’t really have any predators, but if they did, anything preying on them would have to beware! A polar bear’s liver contains so much vitamin A that it would be poisonous to most creatures if consumed.

**Narwhal**

A narwhal’s tusk, like human skin, contains millions of nerve endings. Rather than the fierce weapon it may resemble, scientists believe the narwhal uses its tooth as a sensory organ but also as a sign of dominance — the bigger the tusk, the more superior the narwhal.

**Harp Seal**

Harp seals are born with white fur to help them stay hidden in the snow. Their tone changes to grey or brown as soon as they are seaworthy so that they’re harder to spot in the water.

**Orcas**

Orcas, also known as ‘killer whales’, are ferocious hunters. They belong to the dolphin family. Orcas can weigh more than 8,000kg (17,637lb) and measure almost 10m (32.8ft) in length.

**Arctic Fox**

The Arctic fox has the best coat of fur in the animal kingdom. Not only does it protect against temperatures as low as -50°C (-58°F), it also changes colour depending on the season (white in winter and brown in summer).

**Orcas**

Orcas can emit special sounds and clicks in order to communicate with one another and to sense the world around them. This skill is called echolocation.
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