

Child's Play[®]

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Award-winning
books for children
that promote learning
through play.

Baking With Dad

Written and illustrated by Aurora Cacciapuoti

Today we're baking with Dad! We have everything we need, including the most important ingredient - Dad himself! But who are we baking for? And who's to do the cleaning up?

Features:

- Studies have shown that it is becoming increasingly rare for fathers to read to their children. The father-daughter relationship at the heart of this book makes it an ideal picture book for fathers to build their confidence with, before moving on to the other titles in the Child's Play Library!
- The book shuns gender stereotypes by depicting baking as a gender-neutral activity.



- 'Baking with Dad' celebrates shared experiences by focusing on the importance of bonding activities between fathers and daughters.
- Hardcover format is beautifully presented in a dust jacket and makes a great gift.

9781846437557

Hard cover, 32 pages, 10¹/₂" x 9³/₄", 3 - 7 years. \$16.99

9781846437540

Soft cover, 32 pages, 10¹/₂" x 9³/₄", 3 - 7 years. \$7.99

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Aurora was born on the wonderful island of Sardinia, and she has lived in many different cities, such as Milan, Bologna and Edinburgh. She currently lives in Cambridge, UK, where she is continuing to do her favorite thing in the world - drawing!

Mayday Mouse

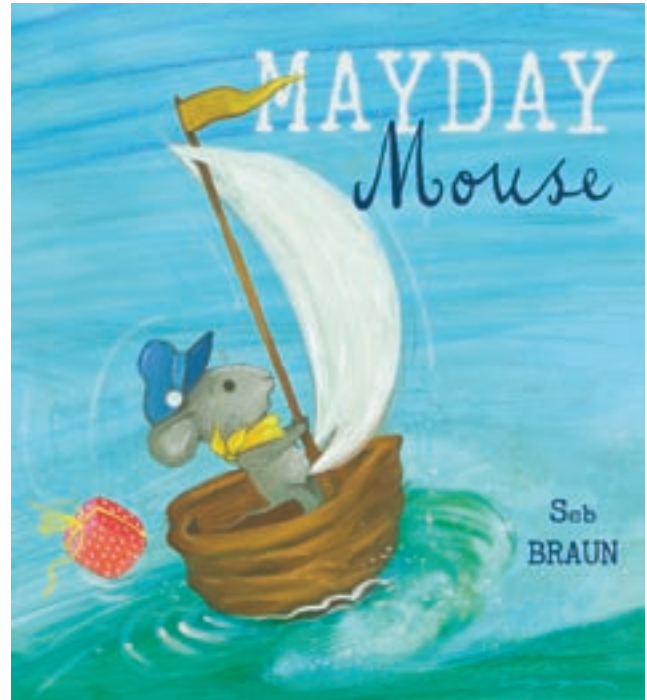
Written and illustrated by Sebastien Braun

When Captain Mouse sets sail on a bright, sunny day with a birthday present for her brother, little does she know the sea-going perils she will have to face!

Her cheerful, optimistic nature refuses to be downcast by storms, caves, rocks and shipwrecks. Resourceful and inventive, she's able to save the day - with just a little help from her friends!

Features:

- Shows that being optimistic can help get you through tough times.
- Hardcover format is beautifully presented in a dust jacket and makes a great gift.



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Hard cover, 32 pages, 10¹/₂" x 9³/₄", 3 - 7 years. \$16.99

9781846437588

Soft cover, 32 pages, 10¹/₂" x 9³/₄", 3 - 7 years. \$7.99

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Sebastien was born in France, and studied Fine and Applied Art at Strasbourg University. When he moved to London in 2000 he decided he wanted to illustrate children's books, and since then he's done just that! As well as illustration, he loves to make art out of found objects - like walnut shells.

Ossiri and the Bala Mengro

Written by Richard O'Neill and Katharine Quarmby
Illustrated by Hannah Tolson

A Romani girl creates her own musical instrument from a willow branch and lots of recycled objects. She plays it enthusiastically, but it sounds terrible! Ignoring warnings not to awaken the ogre in the hills, Ossiri goes there to practice playing her instrument. Will she wake the ogre, and will it appreciate her playing?

Told by a Romani storyteller and a picture book author, this original tale offers a fascinating insight into Romani lifestyles and cultures.



Features:

- Introduces children to other cultures and lifestyles.
- Links well to the emphasis on the study of stories and poems from a range of cultures in the Common Core curriculum.
- The Gypsy, Roma and Traveler communities, the largest ethnic minority in Europe, are rarely reflected in the classroom, and almost never in picture books. 'Ossiri and the Bala Mengro' aims to cultivate a better understanding of the values of these communities.
- Hardcover format is beautifully presented in a dust jacket and makes a great gift.

9781846439254 Hard cover, 32 pages, 10 1/2" x 9 3/4", 4 - 9 years. \$16.99

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Richard O'Neill was born and brought up in a large traditional Romany family in the North of England. He is an award-winning storyteller and writer who tells his original stories in schools, museums, libraries and theatres throughout the United Kingdom. Richard is the author of eleven children's books and his stories and plays have been broadcast on BBC Radio.



Yokki and the Parno Gry

Written by Richard O'Neill and Katharine Quarmby

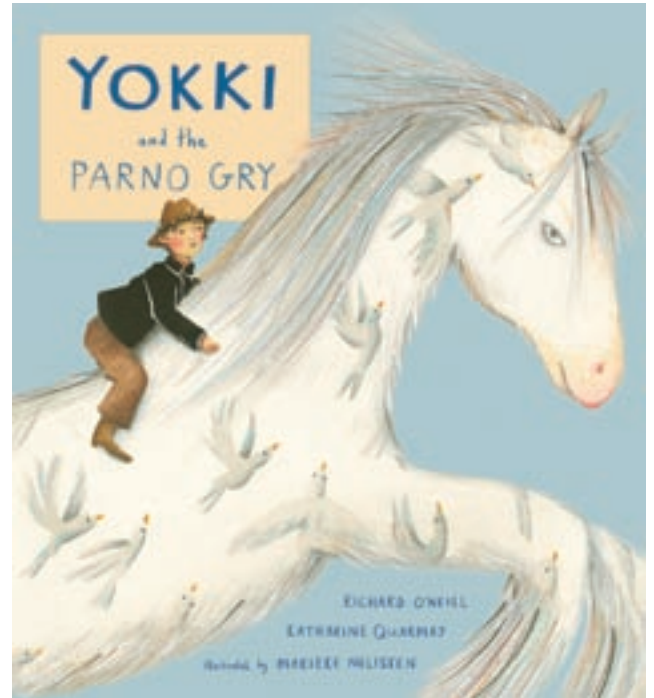
Illustrated by Marieke Nelissen

When a Romani family experiences a run of bad luck, an imaginative boy called Yokki lifts their spirits with tales of a magical white horse. A traditional Roma family folk tale which inspires hope and celebrates creativity.

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Katharine Quarmby is a writer, journalist and a Royal Literary Fund Fellow at the London School of Economics. She has written both for children and adults. Her first book for children, *Fussy Freya and the Fabulous Feast*, was published in 2008. Her first non-fiction book, *Scapegoat: why we are failing disabled people* (Portobello Press, 2011), won a prestigious international award, the Ability Media Literature award. Her second non-fiction book, on Gypsies, Romani and Travellers, *No Place to Call Home: Inside the Real Lives of Gypsies and Travellers*, was published by Oneworld in 2013.

Home and Dry

Written and illustrated by Sarah Smith

The Paddling family love nothing more than living on an island beneath a big black cloud, surrounded by water. As the seasons change and the water dries up, an unexpected visitor arrives, but the family is nowhere to be found. Before long, their visitor is in trouble and the rescue brings a big surprise!

Richly illustrated, this story explores the themes of home, friendship and family.

Features:

- This is a picture book in which the world of water and watery activities is perfectly realized. The charming, traditional illustrations reinforce the themes of family and togetherness.



9781846437564 Soft cover, 32 pages, 9³/₄" x 9³/₄", 3 - 7 years. \$7.99

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Sarah L. Smith was born in London and spent her childhood in Rome making up stories and looking forward to big family lunches. She grew up admiring the detailed illustrations of Janet Ahlberg and Gyo Fujikawa and eventually attended the Cambridge School of Art, achieving a Masters degree in Children's Book Illustration. She now lives in Bristol, UK



That's NOT How You Do It!

Written and illustrated by
Ariane Hofmann-Maniyar

Lucy knows how to do everything. She knows how to eat with a spoon and fork, play the xylophone, paint elephants - and lots more! All her friends ask her for help if they need to know the right way to do something. When Toshi arrives, Lucy thinks he can't do anything properly at all. He eats differently, plays strange music, and he definitely can't paint elephants. She can barely hide her frustration. And when she finally tries to teach Toshi the right way to do things, she learns a very important lesson herself.



A simple, funny tale about understanding, respecting and enjoying our differences.

Features:

- 'That's NOT How You Do It!' celebrates our differences and teaches children the importance of keeping an open mind.
- Hardcover format is beautifully presented in a dust jacket and makes a great gift.

9781846439292 Hard cover, 32 pages, 9³/₄" x 9³/₄", 3 - 7 years. \$16.99

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Ariane completed an MA in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Arts and lives in London. Her first children's book, *Ice in the Jungle*, was published in 2015. Most of all she enjoys telling stories to her baby daughter and two cats.

Other books by Ariane Hofmann-Maniyar:



Off to the Beach!

Illustrated by Cocoretto

Come with us to the beach! Which way shall we go? What shall we do? What will we find? Have fun using your senses in this exciting and interactive visit to the beach! A journey of discovery designed with every child in mind.

Features:

- A new tactile book from Child's Play, the publisher of 'Off to the Park!' It is designed with all readers in mind, resulting in an accessible book suitable for children of various abilities and disabilities, such as visual impairments, autism and disabilities which affect fine motor skills.
- Highly accessible tactile book with a broad age group.
- Brightly colored illustrations and interactive elements engage the reader.



978-1-84643-923-0 Board book, 12 pages, 8 ¼ x 8 ¼", 0 - 5 years. \$14.99

May 1, 2017

COCORETTO is Ivan and Natalia. They come from different backgrounds: fine arts, graphic design and photography. As authors and illustrators (and sometimes even designers), they are focused on the children's market and their work has appeared in trade and educational books, among other media.



Getting Ready

Illustrated by Cocoretto

It's time to get up and get ready. There's so much to do! What shall we wear? What's for breakfast? And where will we go? Use all your senses to read this interactive book, developed with help from children and designed with every young reader in mind.

Features:

- A new tactile book from the creators of 'Off to the Park!' The book is designed to be as accessible as possible making it suitable for children with visual impairments, disabilities which impair their fine motor skills and children with autism. Play elements and sensory features throughout the book recreate the daily activity of getting ready.
- Highly accessible tactile book with a broad interest age.
- Includes many exciting features, such as a variety of different fabric textures and a zip mechanism.
- Brightly colored illustrations and interactive elements engage the reader.
- Can be used as a resource to encourage children to memorize routines using sensory prompts.



978-1-84643-886-8 Board book, 12 pages, 8 ¼ x 8 ¼", 0 - 5 years. \$14.99

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Recently
released by
Cocoretto:

**What's That
Noise?**



Peekaboo!

Itsy Bitsy Spider

Illustrated by Nora Hilb

All children love this traditional rhyme, and singing along will help to develop number skills. Bouncy illustrations, innovative die cutting and popular rhymes make Books with Holes a must for every child. Available in three formats, suitable for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and the nursery or classroom.



9781786280794
CD-Audio and Paperback, 16 pages,
8" x 8", 2 - 6 years. \$5.99

May, 2017



Old Macdonald Spanish

Illustrated by Pam Adams

A Spanish language edition of the popular book "Old Macdonald had a Farm". Bouncy illustrations, innovative die cutting and popular rhymes make Books with Holes a must for every child. Available in various formats, suitable for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and the nursery or classroom.

9781846439674

Board book, 16 pgs, 6¼" x 6¼", 3 - 6 years. \$5.99

9781846439643

Soft Cover, 16 pgs, 8" x 8", 2 - 6 years. \$4.99

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A child's early years are more important than any other. This is when children learn most about the world around them, and the language they need to survive and grow. For over forty years, Child's Play has put enormous thought and care into creating exactly the right sort of material for this all-important time.

Respected and loved by parents and educators alike, the Child's Play program offers learning, fun and happiness to children from the very earliest age. Presenting a wide and diverse range of formats and experiences, that will enrich and empower every child's life.

Child's Play has a history of creating innovative and award-winning books for children that promote learning through play. Vibrant illustrations positively portray children of all cultures, nationalities, gender and abilities, helping children to develop an understanding of our diverse society. Non-stereotypical traditions and values are promoted as a matter of course.

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