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THE MAGIC BALLOON

WRITTEN BY: Carl Anka

ILLUSTRATED BY: Amanda Quarthey

PUBLISHER: DK Children's
in collaboration with Woke Babies



ABOUT THE BOOK:

When a rogue kick means a football is lost in the weeds, the last thing these friends expect to find buried amongst the nettles is a colourful hot air balloon! One step inside sparks magic and, all of a sudden, they find themselves flying away, soaring high above the clouds. Look! There's the school, and there! The local shop! But wait, it's all getting smaller as the balloon rises up...up...and up! Whizz under rainbows, through rain clouds and into space to float beside the stars in this whimsical, cosmic adventure, seeing the world in a completely

different way. . . Written by award winning author Carl Anka, illustrated by Amanda Quarthey and made in collaboration with Woke Babies; this book is a magical combination of talent and humour, creating the perfect escape for all adventurers big and small. Climb aboard for a brilliant balloon adventure to celebrate World Book Day 2025.

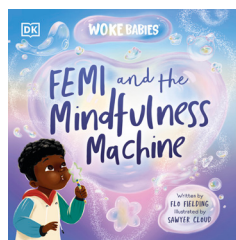
ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Carl Anka is a best selling and award winning children's author as well as a journalist and broadcaster. *You Are a Champion*, which he co-wrote with Marcus Rashford, has sold more than 300,000 copies in the UK and won Best Overall Book in the 2022 British Book Awards. Carl has written for *The Athletic*, *BBC*, and *The Guardian* among other print and online publications.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Amanda Quarthey is the incredibly talented illustrator of The Diverse Book Award winning book *Small's Big Dream*.

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BOOK CHAT:

Do you play football? Have you ever lost a ball somewhere? What did you do?

Have you ever found something you didn't expect in the garden, or the park? What was it, what did you do with it?

I wonder what it would be like to go in a hot air balloon. I wonder how it would feel to go higher and higher. What do you think you might see?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

"Things I might see...A-Z"

Take turns to say something you might see from a hot air balloon, starting with the letter 'a' and working your way through the alphabet.

PLAYER 1: "From my hot air balloon I can see an aeroplane"

PLAYER 2: "From my hot air balloon I can see an aeroplane, and a barn"

PLAYER 1: "From my hot air balloon I can see an aeroplane, a barn and children playing football."

You can make the game more interesting by challenging the sighting: "Would you really see a barn in the middle of a city? If you make a successful challenge, you get one point and the other player has to think of another word.

Why not add adjectives to your words, for example, amazing aeroplane, big barn?

For more fun

If you like maps, you could create an A-Z collection of countries you might see from your balloon.

SENSORY ACTIVITIES:

Make Your Own Balloon

Create your own magic balloon! Use paper mâché to make the balloon and paint it in bright colours. Add a basket made from a yogurt pot or plastic bottle and attach it with string. Once finished, display your creation or imagine it flying through the sky!

Parachute Play

Use a large parachute to bring the magic balloon to life! As a group, lift the parachute high into the air to mimic the balloon taking off. Shake it to create "wind" beneath, hide underneath as it floats down to feel like you're inside the balloon.

Choose your adventure and let your imagination take flight!

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BLUEY'S LITTLE BOOK

PUBLISHER: Ladybird



ABOUT THE BOOK:

Meet Bluey and Bingo and all their family, friends and toys. For real life! The book introduces key characters – Bluey, Bingo, Bandit, Chilli, some of Bluey's favourite friends and also includes games from the show to play at home.

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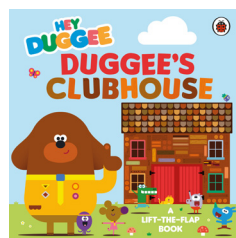
ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Bluey is an Emmy award-winning Australian children's television programme following the adventures of a loveable six-year-old Blue Heeler puppy, Bluey and her family. It's currently showing on Disney+, CBeebies and BBC iPlayer in the UK. Bluey enjoys exploring the world and using her imagination to turn everyday life into an amazing adventure.

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Author: Hey Duggee
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BOOK CHAT:

What is your favourite game to play? Do you have any favourite toys? Do you like playing on your own or with other people?

If Bluey came to your house for a play date, which of your toys would you play with?

How do you think Bluey and her friends feel when they play games together? What is one of the best things about playing together? What things can sometimes be difficult when playing with friends?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

“Pick and Play”

Think of a list of your favourite games to play. You could write them down on pieces of paper and put them in a jar or a container. Take it in turns to pick a game out of the container and then play it. Keep going until you have played all of the games you thought of.

For more fun

After playing one of your games, you could invent a twist or add a new rule.

SENSORY ACTIVITIES:

Be like Bingo and go on a Bug Hunt!

Hide toy bugs in a box filled with twigs, leaves, soft moss, rough bark, stones, flowers, and herbs. Can you feel around and find the bugs? Take a sniff of the flowers, herbs, or moss—what do they smell like?

Create Your Own Bug!

Get crafty and make your own bug! String pompoms together for a wiggly caterpillar or use pipe cleaners and a ball to make a spider. You can even paint a pebble to look like a beetle, ladybird, or buzzing bee. Let your imagination fly!

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BARBARA'S VERY USEFUL GUIDE TO MOODS

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY: Nadia Shireen

PUBLISHER: Puffin



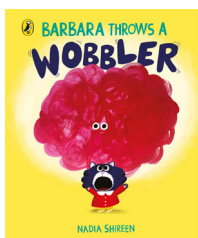
ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Nadia Shireen enjoyed making homemade magazines and comics as a child. She studied law at university and then worked in magazine journalism; it was during this time that she started to draw again. After a lifetime of doodling in the sidelines, Nadia decided to pay some attention to drawing and in 2007 was accepted onto an MA course in Children's Book Illustration at Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge. Her debut book *Good Little Wolf* received a mention in the Bologna Ragazzi Opera Prima Award and won the UKLA Book Award. Nadia has been shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize.

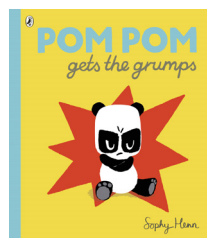
ABOUT THE BOOK:

Fans of *Barbara Throws a Wobbler* – and anyone who has had a mood! – will love this story for beginner readers! *Barbara's Very Useful Guide to Moods* by Nadia Shireen takes us through a day full of big emotions in this hilarious guide to what we feel.

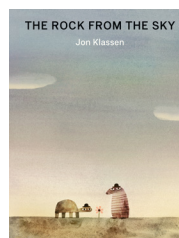
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BOOK CHAT:

What makes you feel happy? How do you think someone else can tell if you're feeling happy or sad?

What do you do if you're feeling sad or angry? Can you think of any ways you might be able to make yourself feel better?

Have you ever helped a friend feel better if they were sad? What did you do?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

"Faces"

This game can have you giggling in no time.

Sit facing each other.

Count down 3 – 2 – 1.

On "1" both smile the biggest smile you can.

See who can keep smiling the longest.

You can try this with other expressions too. Try a grumpy frown or a surprised face.

For more fun

Take turns to express different emotions, happiness, sadness, excitement. See if the other person can guess your mood.

SENSORY ACTIVITIES:

Mood Bottles

Create "mood bottles" by filling clear bottles with materials that represent different feelings. For example:

- Happy: Water with yellow glitter and colourful beads to shake and watch sparkle.
- Frustrated: Thick, gloopy gel that's sticky and hard to move.
- Calm: White feathers or tissue paper with silver glitter for a soft, soothing effect.

Shake or tilt the bottles to explore how each mood feels!

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ALL POEMS ALOUD

WRITTEN BY: Joseph Coelho

ILLUSTRATED BY: Daniel Gray-Barnett

PUBLISHER: Quarto (Wide Eyed Editions)



ABOUT THE BOOK:

The poems in this book want to be read aloud! Read these poems to yourself or to a friend, loudly, softly or in a whisper. There are poems to make you laugh, testing tongue twisters and poems to make you think. From Children's Laureate 2022-2024, here are all sorts of poems, for every occasion and every voice.

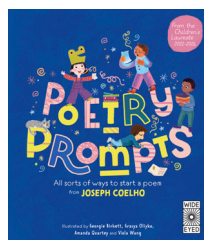
ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Joseph Coelho (OBE) is a multi-award-winning poet, author, writer, performer and the UK Children's Laureate 2022-2024. He has won countless awards and accolades across his best-selling picture books, chapter books and poetry anthologies, most recently the prestigious Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing 2024. Joseph is one of the great performers of children's literature, and inspires thousands of children the world over with his performance poetry and writing workshops. A tireless advocate for the arts and arts services, Joseph recently visited, and joined, all 213 libraries across the UK raising awareness of their work. Discover more on www.thepoetryofjosephcoelho.com

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Daniel Gray-Barnett is an award-winning Australian illustrator and author who lives in the Huon Valley in lutruwita/Tasmania. A self-taught artist, he studied Medical Science at the University of Sydney before swapping his microscope for pencils. He now works across a range of projects with clients in advertising, editorial and publishing. Discover more on www.danielgraybarnett.com.

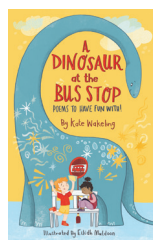
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BOOK CHAT:

Looking at the pictures on the front cover. I wonder what some of the poems in this book might be about! What can you see?

Would you rather read a poem in your head, aloud to someone else or listen to someone reading it to you?

Which types of poem do you like the most? Do you like poems which are long or short? Poems which rhyme or poems which make you laugh? Tongue twisters or poems which make you think?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

"Tongue Twisters"

Have a go at making up your own tongue twister! Think of 2 – 4 words which begin with the same letter and put them together in a sentence. For example, "The big bug bit the blue beetle..." See how many times you can repeat the phrase, getting faster each time until you can't say a word.

For more fun

Add in another line for you to try and say. For example, "The big bug bit the blue beetle...but the blue beetle bit the big bug back!"

SENSORY ACTIVITIES:

Sensory Poem Boxes

Create themed boxes filled with sensory items that match the mood of a poem. For example:

- A "Spooky Poems" box might include a soft, fuzzy bat toy, a glowing flashlight, and a gentle wind chime for eerie sounds.
- A "Happy Poems" box could feature a soft, warm blanket, a shaker with bright beads, and a bubble blower.

Explore these items as you listen to the poem, making it an immersive and engaging sensory experience.

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FOX & SON TAILERS

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY: Paddy Donnelly

PUBLISHER: The O'Brien Press

Beginning



ABOUT THE BOOK:

Rory's dad, Fox, is a tailor. The BEST in the business! Animals come from all over to have their tails made by him. Rory helps in the shop and one of his jobs is measuring the customers for the tails – which isn't always easy! But Rory is bored of making the same old tails. He has his own amazing ideas ...

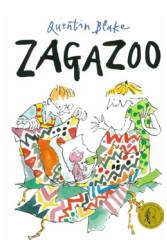
ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Paddy Donnelly is an Irish author and illustrator living in Belgium, who has illustrated many children's books, including *Dodos Are Not Extinct*, *Here Be Dragons*, *Míp, Hom*, and *Wolves in Helicopters*. His work has achieved international acclaim. He has been nominated twice for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration, shortlisted for the World Illustration Awards, and in 2023 he won the Judges' Special Award at the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards. Paddy has won the Junior Children's Irish Book of the Year Award 2024 for *The Golden Hare*. Paddy's first book as author and illustrator, the award-winning *The Vanishing Lake*, also features Meara and her grandad. His hugely popular *Fox & Son Tailers* was shortlisted for the An Post Irish Book Awards in 2022, and won the Literacy Association of Ireland Biennial Children's Book Award in 2023. His books have been published in many languages. Paddy grew up on the beautiful north coast of Ireland, surrounded by mythical stories of giants, magical creatures and shape-shifting animals. His storytelling reflects his love of nature and animals.

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BOOK CHAT:

One of Rory's jobs is measuring his dad's customers for their tails. How many animals can we think of that have tails? Are all tails the same? Which animal do you think has the longest or shortest tail?

Imagine that you could have a tail, what would it be like? How do you think it might feel? What difference would it make to your life?

Wouldn't it be fun to have a super power that lets you point at somebody, shout a magic word and give them a tail? What would your magic word be? Who would you point at, and what kind of tail would you give them? What might happen?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

"Heads and tails"

For this game, you will need some scrap paper, pencils and colouring pens/pencils.

You and your partner should pick up a piece of paper, fold it in two.

Without seeing each other's drawings you should both draw a head (or body) that finishes at the fold.

Swap papers and without looking at your partner's head or body, draw a tail that starts at the fold.

When you have both finished, countdown, 3-2-1 and open your papers at the same time.

For more fun

Can you colour in your new creatures and give them a name?

Or you could play again and again until you have a whole zoo of strange-looking heads and tails creatures!

SENSORY ACTIVITIES:

Step into the world of Fox and Son Tailers!

It's time to get creative! Design your own incredible tail using paper, felt, or fabric scraps. Make it short or long, sparkly, fluffy, or colourful—the choice is yours! Rory will surely be impressed by your amazing ideas.

What kind of tail will you create? Let your imagination run wild!

Find Fox & Son Tailer's Son low-cost dressing up activity sheets [here](#)

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THE ADVENTURES OF PADDINGTON: FARM ESCAPE!

PUBLISHER: HarperCollins Children's Books



ABOUT THE BOOK:

A hilarious new picture book story based on the award-winning animated TV series, The Adventures of Paddington. Paddington can't wait to spend the day at the City Farm with his new friend Baaz. But when he forgets to shut the gate, all the animals escape! Will Paddington and Baaz be able to find all the runaway animals in time for the City Farm's big opening event?

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BOOK CHAT:

If you were an animal that had escaped, would you want to go back to the City Farm?

Where would you like to live in the city if you were a pig, or a chicken, or a cow?

Have you ever lost something and found it somewhere unusual?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

“Hide-and-Seek”

One person is chosen to be the seeker.

The seeker closes their eyes and counts to 20 (or more).

The other player(s) hide. (Agree beforehand if there are any rooms or spaces which are off-limits.)

When the seeker has finished counting they call “Coming! Ready or not!” and set off to find the other player(s).

The first person to be found becomes the seeker for the next round, or if you are playing with two people then take turns.

See who can find the most unusual place to hide!

For more fun

Use a toy animal and take turns to hide it for the other person to find. It can be on full view, just in a place you might not look, such as up on a shelf, or under a chair. Use a really small one to make it more difficult!

SENSORY ACTIVITIES:

Make a Marmalade Sandwich

Just like Paddington, create a yummy marmalade sandwich. Feel the squishy bread and sticky marmalade – does it smell sweet? What does it taste like?

Down at the Farm!

Chicken: Draw a chicken outline and decorate it with fluffy feathers. How soft do they feel under your fingers?

Pig: Pretend to be a pig in the mud! Feel the squish of toy slime or dip your hands in some paint. What does it feel like?

Tortoise: Can you move as slowly as a tortoise? Take your time – who can be the slowest of all?

Goat: Shake a bell like a playful goat. Can you make the sounds it makes? Try bleating like a goat too – baaah!

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LEGO® OUR AMAZING UNIVERSE

WRITTEN BY: Jennifer Swanson and Arwen Hubbard

MODEL BUILDER: Simon Pickard

PUBLISHER: DK



ABOUT THE BOOK:

Explore the wonders of the world and the furthest frontiers of space – and learn to build the universe’s most incredible sights with LEGO® bricks! Look inside volcanoes, travel to the deepest depths of the ocean, find out what happens inside a black hole, send a message to aliens, and much, much more! Includes more than 70 LEGO models to inspire you!

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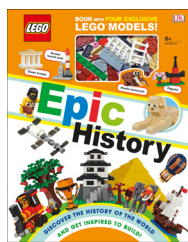
Jennifer Swanson is a life-long LEGO bricks enthusiast. After all, what better way to learn engineering and design than by building it yourself? She even asked for – and to the delight of her and her new husband – received a LEGO set as a wedding gift! Jennifer not only grew up in a house filled with LEGO bricks, but raised three children who loved them as well. An award-winning author of multiple STEM books for kids, she is thrilled to be writing this book, which combines her love of LEGO bricks with the science of the world around her.

Arwen Hubbard is an ecologist and space science educator. She earned her undergraduate degrees in Resource Management and Agricultural Ecology and her Masters of Science in Space Studies – Planetary Science. She is currently working on her doctorate in STEM education. Arwen enjoys podcasting, writing, and teaching about all things science.

ABOUT THE MODEL BUILDER :

Simon Pickard has been a passionate LEGO brick artist his whole life. He can be regularly seen displaying his creations at events across the UK and sometimes internationally. He is most known for combining his passion for history with LEGO bricks. Simon lives in Somerset with his wife, five sons, and more LEGO pieces than he could ever hope to count.

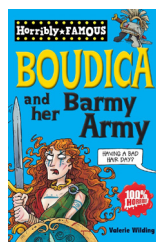
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BOOK CHAT:

Which part of the universe would you most like to explore, and why?

What LEGO model from the book would you like to build, and how do you think it represents something amazing about the universe?

If you could invent a new LEGO creation to explain something about space or Earth, what would it be?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

“LEGO® Challenge Explorer”

Choose a scientific concept from the book (for example, volcanoes, oceans, or black holes).

Set a timer (e.g., 10 minutes) and create your own version of that topic using LEGO bricks. If you do not have any LEGO pieces, could you draw a design of your model instead?

For more fun

Can a friend guess what you have built or drawn?
Can you give clues using some of the facts you have read in the book?

SENSORY ACTIVITIES:

Seasonal Sensory Tree

Make a tree using paint and your hands or leaves!

- **Spring:** Use green and pink paint to print blossoms. Imagine the bright colours of new growth.
- **Summer:** Print bright green leaves for a full, leafy tree.
- **Autumn:** Stamp red, orange, and yellow leaves falling off the tree to show the changing season.
- **Winter:** Paint bare branches or white snowflakes for a frosty tree.

If you have LEGO pieces, you could build your tree instead—using different colour blocks to match each season!

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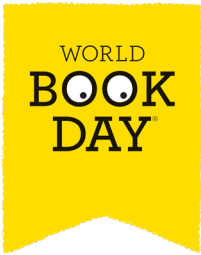
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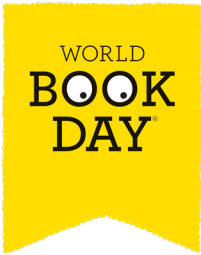
Have you heard about the ancient fish in Llyn Tegid? What about the bird that nests in rabbit warrens on Skomer Island? And did you know that we have rainforests here in Wales? To learn more about these and lots of other fascinating facts, join nature expert Duncan Brown on a walk through Wales. From mountains to marshes and from cities to the seaside – amazing wildlife is all around us. With detailed drawings by Helen Flook on every page, *Gwyrdd ein Byd* presents a vivid picture of Welsh wildlife – and explains what we can do to protect it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Duncan was born in Derbyshire and moved to Wales when he was a year old. After gaining a degree in Fine Art from the Norwich School of Art, he worked for three years as an art teacher. Inspired by his upbringing in rural Eryri, he then decided to follow a different path and studied Field Biology at the University of London. Upon returning to Wales, he worked as a nature reserve manager in Gwynedd for almost fifty years and was responsible for various habitats – sand dunes, mountains, marshes and forests. He developed a keen interest in historical ecology and the relationship between nature and people throughout the ages, especially in Wales. Since retiring in 2009, he enjoys collaborating with Twm Elias and others on the Llên Natur project, which brings together the Welsh language, concern for the environment and an interest in nature. He also loves cycling, gardening and cooking.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Helen was born in North Wales and graduated from Norwich School of Art with a degree in Graphic Design. She worked over ten years as an archaeologist in Britain and Europe. In 1995 she moved to Canada with her family. During that time, she began working as an author / illustrator, and over the past thirty years has illustrated over a hundred books for publishers worldwide. In 2005 Helen returned to north Wales with her family where she now lives and works in the tiny village of Abergwyngregyn at the base of the Eryri mountains, and close to the sea. Aside from illustrating, her hobbies include quilting, knitting, gardening, yoga and walking.



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BOOK CHAT:

How many different bits of amazing wildlife can you see on the front cover?
Would you like to go exploring in a rock pool by the sea? What kind of creatures might you find?
Have you ever climbed a big hill or a mountain? How do you think it would feel to get to the top of a mountain? What could you see from the top?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

“Would you rather?”

Using the different places and parts of wildlife in the book, come up with some ‘Would you rather’ questions for a partner to answer.
For example:
Would you rather explore the rainforest or climb a mountain?
Would you rather spend a day in the city or at the seaside?
Would you rather live in a burrow underground or in a nest up high?

For more fun

Go outside with an adult on a nature walk and see how many signs of wildlife you can see around you. You can do this if you live in a city, town, village or the countryside!

SENSORY ACTIVITIES:

Exploring Welsh Wildlife Sensory Bin

Create a sensory bin or tray to represent the diverse landscapes and wildlife of Wales. Use different materials to reflect the unique habitats mentioned in the book:

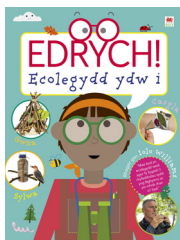
- **Llyn Tegid (Bala Lake):** Include smooth stones, blue gel beads to mimic the lake and some toy fish.
- **Skomer Island:** Add soft feathers and textured fabric to represent the nesting birds and their unique burrow homes.
- **Welsh Rainforest:** Use moss, twigs, and damp sponges to evoke the lush, humid forest floors of the Celtic rainforest.

Explore the materials, discussing the habitats and the wildlife that call them home. You can even play recordings of bird calls or water sounds to make the experience even more immersive.

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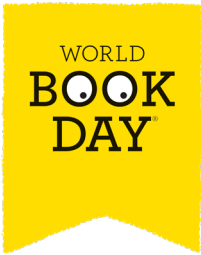
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DARLUNIWDY GAN: Helen Flook

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BROLIANT:

Ydych chi wedi clywed am y pysgodyn hynafol sy'n byw yn Llyn Tegid? Beth am yr aderyn sy'n nythu mewn tyllau cwningod ar Ynys Sgomer? Ac oeddech chi'n gwybod bod gennym ni fforestydd glaw yma yng Nghymru?

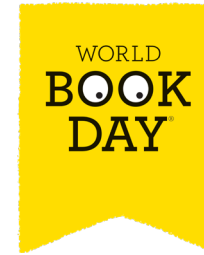
I ddysgu mwy am y pethau hyn a llwyth o ffeithiau difyr eraill, dewch am dro drwy Gymru gyda'r naturiaethwr Duncan Brown. O'r môr i'r mynydd ac o'r trefi i'r ffermydd, mae bywyd gwyllt rhyfeddol o'n cwmpas ym mhob man. Gyda darluniau cain gan Helen Flook ar bob tudalen, mae *Gwyrdd Ein Byd* yn wledd i'r llygaid ac yn cyflwyno gwybodaeth bwysig am natur Cymru – a'r pethau bychain y gallwn ni eu gwneud i'w diogelu.

ADNABOD YR AWDUR DUNCAN BROWN:

Ganwyd Duncan yn Swydd Derby a symudodd i Gymru pan oedd yn flwydd oed. Ar ôl ennill gradd Celf Gain o Ysgol Gelf Norwich, bu'n athro Celf am dair blynedd. Yna, dan ddylanwad ei fagwraeth yng nghesail mynyddoedd Eryri, dilynodd drywydd gwahanol ac aeth i astudio Bywydeg Maes ym Mhrifysgol Llundain. Bu'n rheolwr gwarchodfeydd natur yn Ngwynedd am bron i hanner canrif, lle'r oedd yn gyfrifol am gynefinoedd amrywiol – twyni tywod, mynyddoedd, corsydd a choedwigoedd. Datblygodd ei ddiddordeb fwyfwy i gyfeiriad ecoleg hanesyddol a pherthynas natur â phobl trwy'r oesoedd, yn enwedig yng Nghymru. Ers ymddeol yn 2009, mae'n mwynhau cydweithio â Twm Elias ac eraill ar brosiect Llên Natur, sy'n dod â thri pheth at ei gilydd: y Gymraeg, consérn am yr amgylchedd a diddordeb ym myd natur. Mae o hefyd wrth ei fodd yn beicio, garddio a choginio.

ADNABOD Y DYLUNYDD HELEN FLOOK

Ganwyd Helen yng ngogledd Cymru ac mae ganddi radd Dylunio Graffeg o Ysgol Gelf Norwich. Bu'n gweithio am dros ddeng mlynedd fel archaeolegydd ym Mhrydain ac yn Ewrop. Yna, yn 1995, symudodd i Ganada gyda'i theulu. Dechreuodd weithio fel awdur / darlunydd bryd hynny, a deng mlynedd ar hugain yn ddiweddarach, mae hi wedi darlunio dros gant o lyfrau i gyhoeddwy'r ledled y byd. Yn 2005, dychwelodd Helen i ogledd Cymru gyda'i theulu. Mae hi nawr yn byw ac yn gweithio ym mhentref bach Abergwyngregyn, rhwng y môr a mynyddoedd Eryri. Yn ogystal â darlunio, mae Helen yn mwynhau cwiltio, gwau, garddio, ioga a cherdded.



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SIARAD AM Y LLYFR:

Sawl math o fywyd gwyllt anhygoel wyt ti'n gallu ei weld ar y clawr blaen?

Hoffet ti archwilio pwell glan môr? Pa fathau o greaduriaid fyddet ti'n eu ffeindio, tybed?

Wyt ti erioed wedi cerdded i fyny bryn mawr neu fynydd? Sut fyddai'n teimlo i gyrraedd copa mynydd? Beth fyddet ti'n gallu ei weld o'r copa?

GÊM I'W CHWARAE:

“Fyddai'n well gen ti?”

Gan ddefnyddio'r lleoedd a'r bywyd gwyllt gwahanol yn y llyfr, meddylia am ambell gwestiwn ‘Fyddai'n well gen ti?’ i'w ofyn i dy bartner.

Er enghraifft:

Fyddai'n well gen ti archwilio'r goedwig law neu ddringo mynydd?

Fyddai'n well gen ti dreulio diwrnod yn y ddinas neu ar lan y môr?

Fyddai'n well gen ti fyw mewn twll o dan y ddaear neu mewn nyth uchel?

Mwy o hwyl

Cer am dro natur yn yr awyr agored gydag oedolyn i weld sawl arwydd o fywyd gwyllt sydd o dy gwmpas. Galli di wneud hyn p'un a wyt ti'n byw mewn dinas, tref, pentref neu yng nghefn gwlad!

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Bin Synhwyrdd Archwilio Bywyd Gwyllt Cymru

Beth am greu bin neu hambwrdd synhwyrdd i gynrychioli tirweddau a bywyd gwyllt amrywiol Cymru?

Defnyddiwch ddeunyddiau gwahanol i adlewyrchu'r cynefinoedd unigryw sy'n cael eu trafod yn y llyfr:

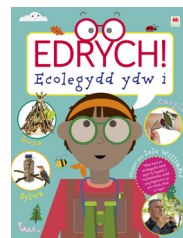
- Llyn Tegid:** Gallwch chi gynnwys cerrig llyfn a gleiniau jel glas i gynrychioli'r llyn, ac ambell i bysgodyn tegan.
- Ynys Sgomer:** Gallwch chi ddefnyddio plu meddal a ffabrig gweadog i gynrychioli adar sy'n nythu a'u cartrefi tyrchu unigryw.
- Coedwig law Cymru:** Defnyddiwch fwsogl, brigau a sbyngau llaith i efelychu lloriau gwyrddlas, llaith y goedwig law Geltaidd.

Archwiliwch y deunyddiau, gan drafod y cynefinoedd a'r bywyd gwyllt sy'n byw yno. Gallwch chi hyd yn oed chwarae recordiad o ganeuon adar neu synau'r dŵr i wneud y profiad hyd yn oed yn fwy ymgollol.

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WRITTEN BY: Benjamin Dean
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ABOUT THE BOOK:

Harley Matthews is used to fading into the background. But all that changes when he is selected to take part in the Rising Stars programme for gifted and talented students.

Harley's world is soon turned upside down as he's thrust into the school's limelight. So much for laying low. And when he finds a chalk outline of his body drawn at the bottom of the school stairs, he has to face the reality that someone wants him out of the competition – permanently. But the underdog deserves to win, right?

Remember, this story is a lie.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Benjamin Dean is a full-time author with a background in celebrity journalism. He has interviewed a host of glitzy celebrities and broke the news that Rihanna can't wink (she blinks, in case you were wondering). His award-winning middle-grade debut, *Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow*, was described as 'One of the most joyful books you'll read this year' (*The Bookseller*), and he's since gone on to publish *The Secret Sunshine Project* and *The Boy Who Fell From the Sky* as well *The King is Dead* and *How to Die Famous* for older readers. Benjamin can be found on Twitter as @notagainben tweeting about Rihanna and LGBTQ+ culture to his 10,000+ followers.

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BOOK CHAT:

How does it feel to be jealous or envious of someone else? Have you ever felt like this?

What makes something a lie? What does truth really mean? Can telling a lie ever be the right thing to do?

Harley is the underdog. Do you think he deserves to win the competition?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

"Two truths and a lie"

Think of two true facts about yourself and one lie. Tell them to a friend and see if they can guess which one is the lie. Try and think of true facts that your friend doesn't know about you already so you can try and catch them out.

For more fun

You could play this game in a bigger group of people and see how many people can guess correctly.

SENSORY ACTIVITIES:

Mystery Object Discovery

Hide small objects (like a textured star, smooth ball, or feather) in a sand or rice bin. Feel around to uncover the hidden treasures—what will you find?

When you discover an object, talk about its shape, texture, and colour. Can you guess what it is? Let your senses guide you!

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