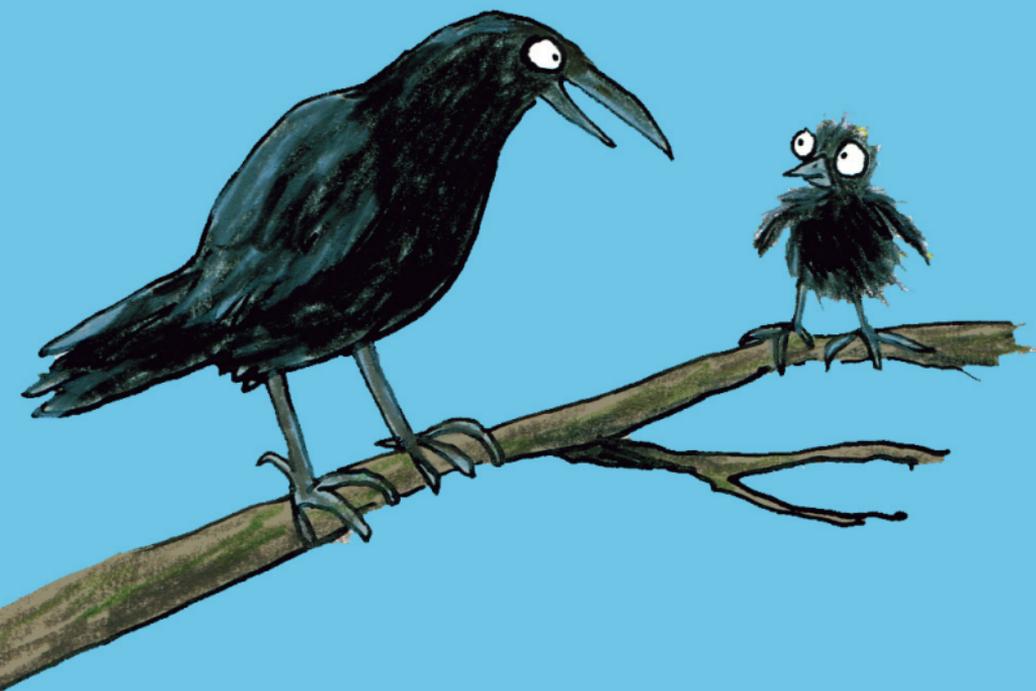


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Song of the River

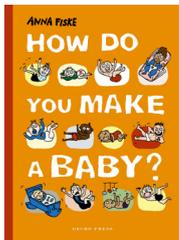
*An awe-inspiring tribute to the natural world
and to storytelling itself.* Red Reading Hub

3 stars winner, *Teach Early Years Award*

Picture book | 4 to 7 years | 242 x 250 mm | 32pp
PB 978-1-776572-54-0 | UK 7.99



Every child is different.
There's only one like you.
It's a miracle and it's so
perfect that you are you.



Anna Fiske

How Do You Make a Baby?

A funny, forthright non-fiction picture book about how babies are made and different ways to be a family.

Finally: a 'where do babies come from' book that doesn't mince words—or pictures. Kirkus

Non-fiction | 4 to 9 years | 285 x 210 mm | 80pp
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‘Why don’t I have a grandfather?’ asked Berra. I don’t know,’ I said. ‘But I do know where you can get one.’



Ulf Nilsson & Anna Höglund

Can You Whistle, Johanna?

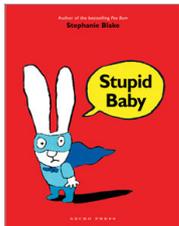
A funny, sensitive illustrated chapter book about two boys searching for a grandfather—there are plenty at the retirement home—and friendship across generations.

This international award-winner is a classic in many countries.

Chapter book | 7 to 10 years | 204 x 144 mm | 92pp
PB 978-1-77657-326-4 | UK 7.99



When's that stupid baby going back to hospital? He's been here for three whole days!



Stephanie Blake

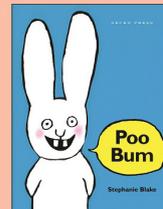
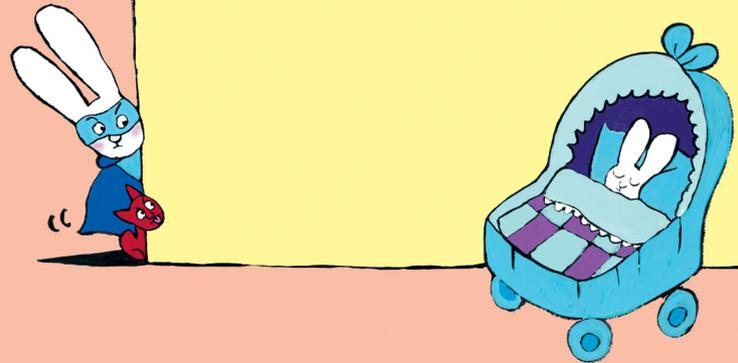
Stupid Baby

Simon—the little rabbit from *Poo Bum*—stars in this subversive take on having a new baby in the house.

As seen on Netflix and Milkshake.

Picture book | 2 to 5 years | 275 x 210 mm | 40 pages
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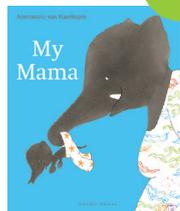
» Image © Stephanie Blake from *Stupid Baby*



Stupid Baby is back in print by popular demand, the second most popular book in the Simon series following international bestseller *Poo Bum*.

‘The bond between mother and child... will resonate with parents everywhere.’

Picture Books Blogger



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Annemarie van Haeringen

My Mama

A cheeky baby elephant describes his mother while we follow another story in the illustrations—familiar and funny for both parents and children.

Picture book | 2 to 5 years | 280 x 235 mm | 32pp
PB 978-1-776572-68-7 | UK 7.99

He sends his knights:
One, Two and Three.
‘Save the realm!
But mainly me..’



Leo Timmers

Where Is the Dragon?

A stellar picture book by *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book recipient Leo Timmers. Three knights with only one candle seek a dragon in the dark in this funny rhyming story.

Picture book | 3 to 5 years | 210 x 280 mm | 40 pp
HB 978-1-776573-11-0 | UK11.99



A mother's a house,
she's a car in a rush,
she's a lullaby hush...



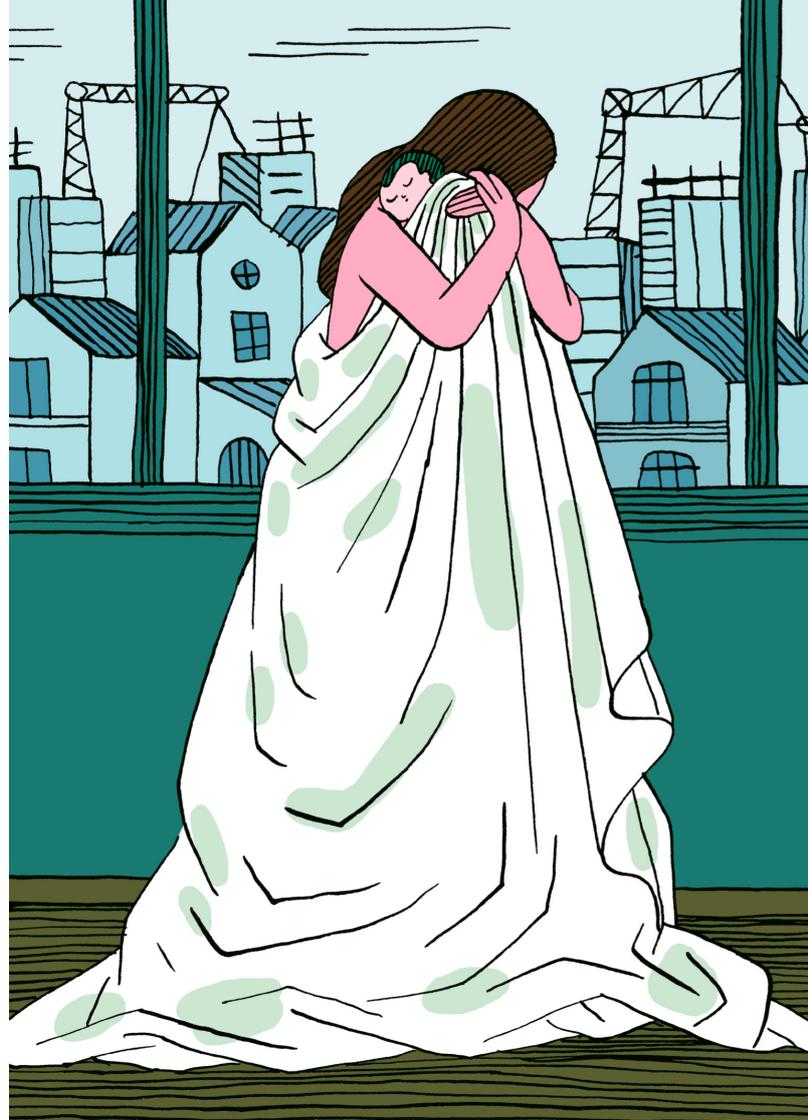
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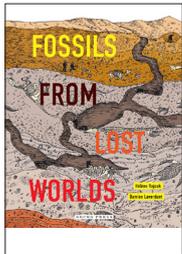
This bright and contemporary picture book in verse offers a unique baby's eye view of the first year, from birth to first steps.

Translated by Daniel Hahn, OBE.

Picture book | 2 to 5 years | 238 x 170 mm | 48pp
HB 978-1-776573-23-3 | UK11.99



A spiny sea worm,
a four-winged dinosaur,
peaceful sea dragons
and walking fish...



Hélène Rajcak & Damien Laverdunt

Fossils from Lost Worlds

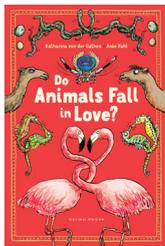
A large-format non-fiction picture book that describes the incredible creatures that once walked the Earth, with a lively mix of illustrations, comics and facts. Combines storytelling with science and shows how science itself evolves.

Non-fiction | 8 to 12 years | 320 x 250 mm | 72 pp
HB 978-1-776573-15-8 | UK14.99



‘Children can discover that the most wide-ranging forms of life and love are a natural part of the diverse life on Earth.’

Katharina von der Gathen



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& Anke Kuhl**

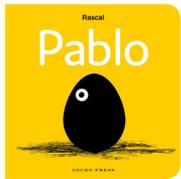
Do Animals Fall in Love?

All the most fascinating and astonishing facts about animal reproduction, from seduction methods and anatomy to family life and animal babies, in a compendium for the whole family.

Non-fiction | 7 to 12 years | 248 x 168 mm | 144 pp
HB 978-1-776572-91-5 | UK 12.99



Pablo wants to know more so he pecks a third tiny hole.

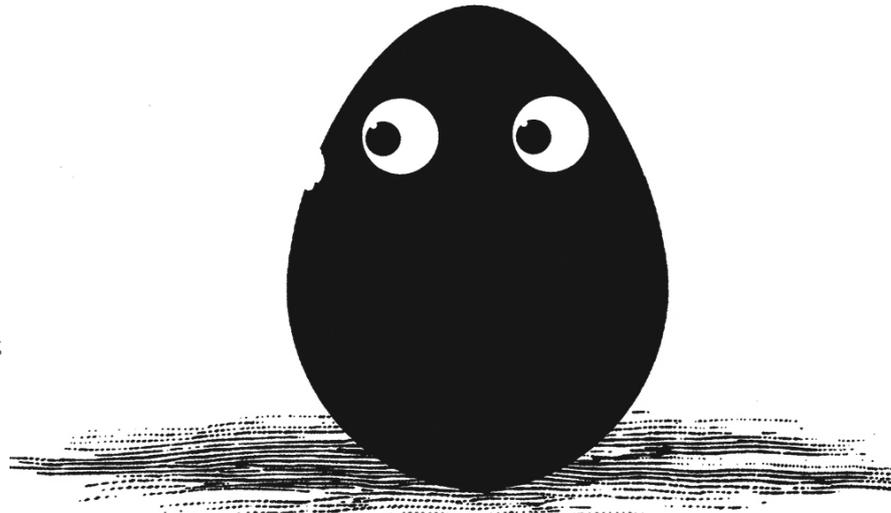


Rascal

Pablo

Pablo is a fresh and funny story about stepping out on your own into a bright new world. Little chick Pablo pecks out of his egg to discover his five senses and take a first flight.

Picture book 1 to 4 years | 198 x 198 mm | 32 pp
HB 978-1-776573-24-0 | UK8.99



You don't find a beautiful sock like this every day!

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Catharina Valckx

Lisette's Green Sock

Valckx's droll caricatures, executed in watercolor, are brimming with personality.

Starred review, School Library Journal

Utterly simple and springtime fresh.

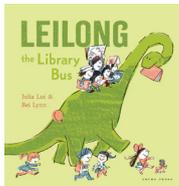
Starred review, Booklist

Picture book | 2 to 5 years | 230 x 210 mm | 40pp

PB 978-1-776572-84-7 | UK 7.99



‘A dinosaur is just too big,’ says the manager.
‘Or maybe the library
is just too small...’



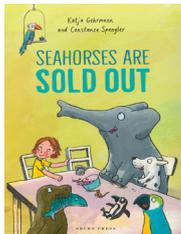
Julia Liu & Bei Lynn
Leilong the Library Bus

A library-loving picture book in which an enthusiastic dinosaur absorbed in storytime threatens to flatten the library—until they decide to take the books outdoors.

Picture book | 2 to 5 years | 255 x 250 mm | 36 pp
HB 978-1-776573-31-8 | UK11.99



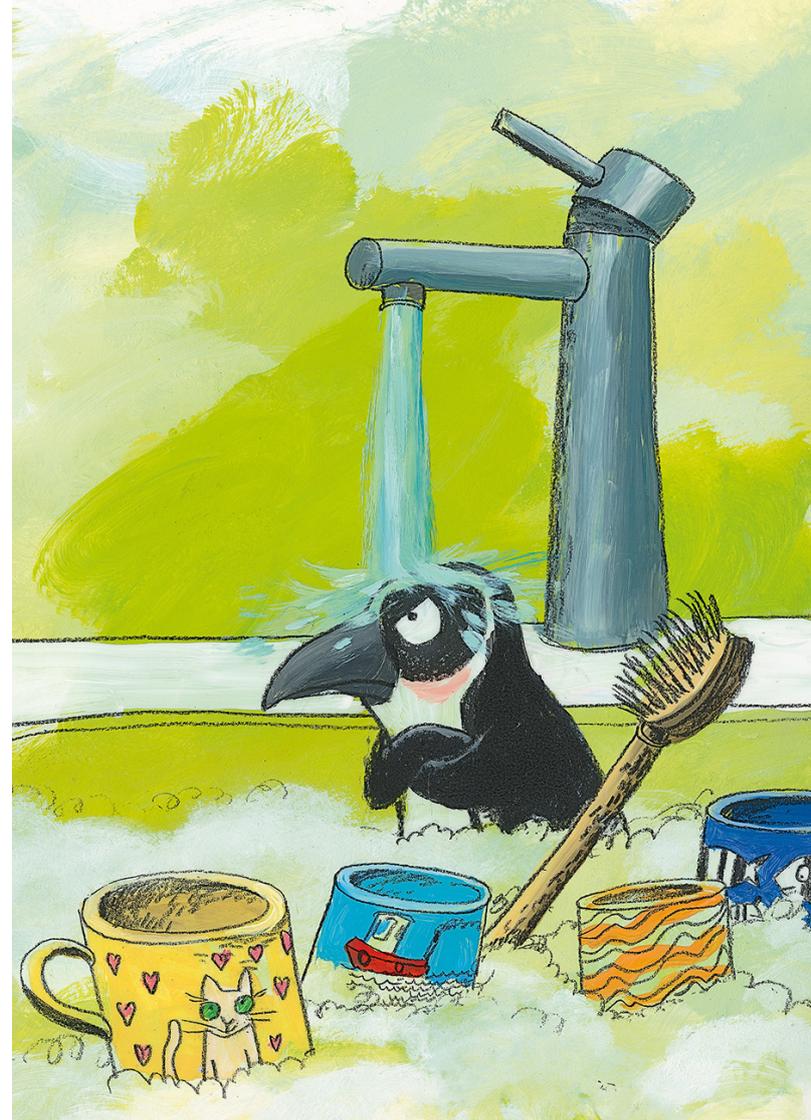
If you did have a pet...
would you play with it very
quietly and not bother me
until I finish my work?



Constanze Spengler
& Katja Gehrmann
Seahorses Are Sold Out

A high-spirited story about an enterprising
only child and a father's juggle to work
from home.

Picture book | 4 to 7 years | 280 x 212 mm | 40 pp
HB 978-1-776573-85-1 | UK11.99



The tiny woman
wanted a coat.
'Where will I get
the cloth?'

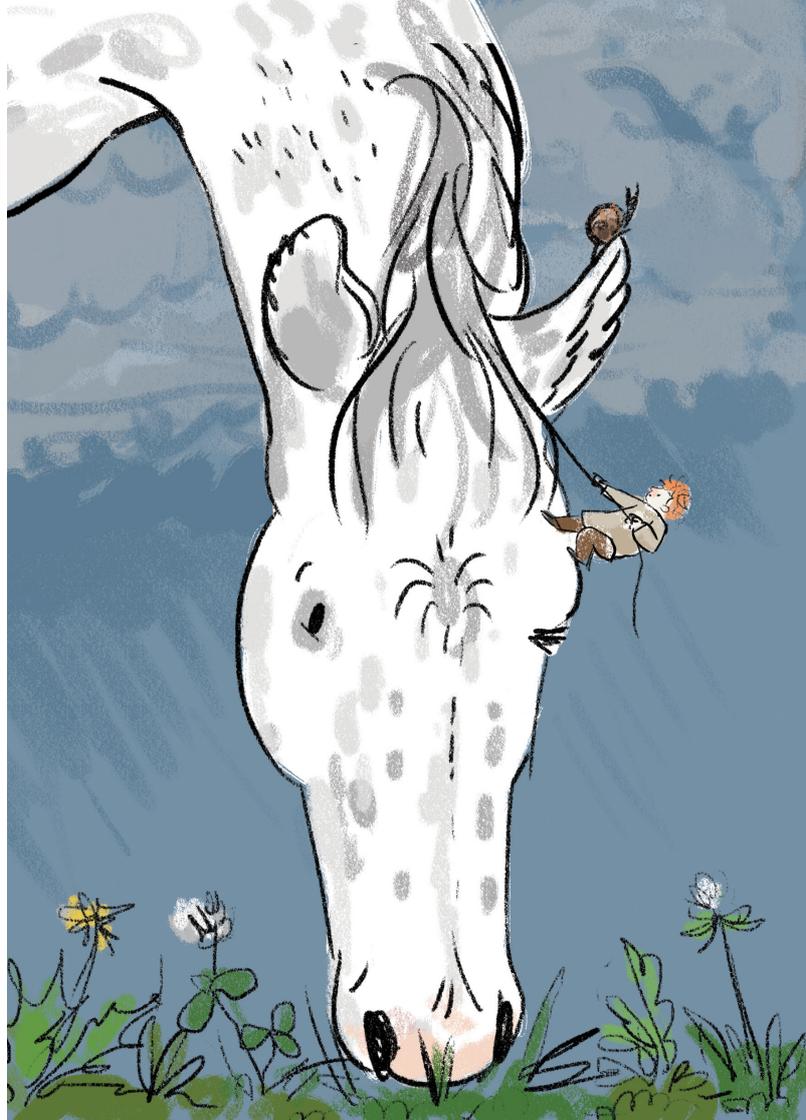


Joy Cowley & Giselle Clarkson

The Tiny Woman's Coat

In this vibrant rhyming tale of resourcefulness and friendship by one of the world's great children's writers, the tiny woman makes a coat of leaves—a small book to leave readers snug as a bug

Picture book | 2 to 5 years | 216 x 216 mm | 28 pp
HB 978-1-776573-42-4 | UK11.99



‘Hattie could very easily be this generation’s Pippi Longstocking.’

Readings Bookstore



Frida Nilsson & Stina Wirsén

Hattie & Olaf

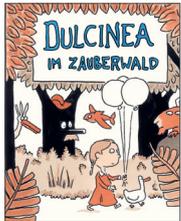
A funny, lively chapter book about Hattie’s second year of school—she wants a horse more than anything; the other girls have ponies but what does she get? A donkey named Olaf...

Chapter book | 6 to 9 years | 204 x 144 mm | 176 pp
PB 978-1-776573-18-9 | UK7.99



Follow-up to *Hattie*, The Times Children’s Book of the Week

No one enjoys entering a magic forest...but Dulcinea knows she must find the witch.



Ole Könnecke

Dulcinea in the Magic Forest

A funny illustrated fairy tale for early readers about the brave and capable Dulcinea, who must save her father from the witch's spell and get him home to celebrate her birthday.

Illustrated chapter book | 5 to 8 years
210 x 150 mm TBC | 64 pages
HB 978-1-776573-95-0 | UK11.99 TBC



‘Maybe angry is like something heavy,’ suggested the turtle.
‘Something very heavy that no one can lift.’



Toon Tellegen & Marc Boutavant
No One Is Angry Today

A wry and thought-provoking illustrated storybook in which the forest animals encounter their emotions, discovering that anger can appease, connect, resolve, even lead to tears of laughter.

Illustrated storybook | 6 to 10 years
270 x 190 mm | 80 pp
HB 978-1-776573-44-8 | UK12.99



In a little house behind the hills, a boy packs his suitcase for a long journey ...



Clotilde Perrin

Inside the Suitcase

A magical lift-the-flaps adventure—part puzzle, part fairy tale—where the boy's suitcase full of tricks and treasures is the key to getting him home... From the creator of international bestseller *Inside the Villains*.

Lift-the-flap picture book | 4 to 8 years
250 x 235 mm | 20 pages, over 35 flaps
HB 978-1-776573-43-1 | UK 16.99



‘Filled with colour,
humour and wonder,
and treats children as
capable, clever humans’

The Sapling



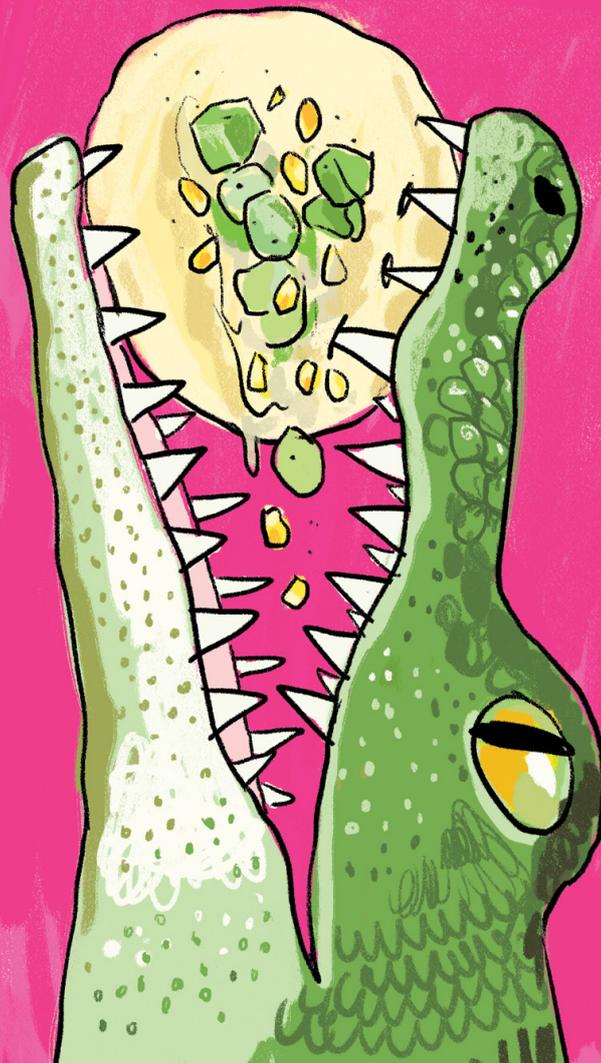
Alexandra Tylee & Giselle Clarkson

Egg & Spoon

An Illustrated Cookbook

Celebrates imagination and pleasure in cooking with fresh, playful, healthy recipes alongside tips on foraging, decorating and kitchen basics. An omnivore's cookbook with many vegan and gluten-free recipes.

Cookbook | 8 to 12 years | 250 x 216 mm | 128pp
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