

# What on Earth Books

Children's Catalogue

**SPRING/SUMMER 2020**  
+ Complete backlist

  
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# Welcome to the What on Earth Books catalogue

At What on Earth Books, we believe that seeing the real world from a wide range of perspectives is more important today than ever before. It is in this spirit that we are proud to present our Spring/Summer 2020 catalogue, where all our titles encourage empathy and curiosity.

In **Every Second**, author-illustrator Bruno Gibert introduces statistics in a fun way, with some mind-blowing numbers about the stuff that happens every single second around the world, and stunning infographics.

We celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day with **Planet SOS**, Marie G. Rohde's unique approach to tackling the environmental issues that challenge us today – and that will define our future – by personifying them as folkloric monsters. Watch out for the Smogosaurus and Trash Kong!

**Amazing Islands** is the first in a series of four titles that reveal the richness of our world by exploring 100 amazing places, things, or animals. In **Literally**, author and linguist Patrick Skipworth celebrates the rich history and cultural diversity of our language, and Nicholas Stevenson brings it vividly and colourfully to life, with evocative and witty illustrations.

And our passion for telling giant stories through timelines continues with **Music: A Fold Out Graphic History**, produced in association with one of the world's most famous concert venues, London's Royal Albert Hall.

We are also delighted to introduce our first board book series – **Zoom**. In **Space Adventure** and **Ocean Adventure**, clever die-cuts and surprising pop-ups inspire curiosity about the wonders of our natural world.

We also hope our growing backlist will continue to inspire everyone who believes, as we do, that the real world is far more amazing than anything you can make up.

Best wishes,

**Christopher Lloyd**  
CEO and Founder

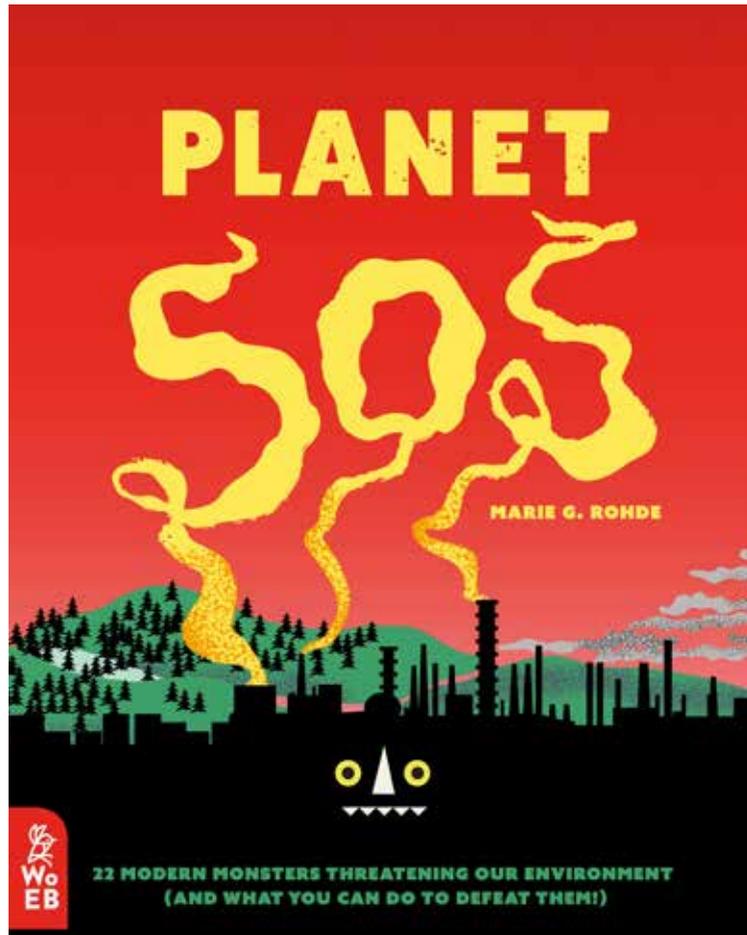
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# Planet SOS

## 22 Modern Monsters Threatening Our Environment (and What You Can Do to Defeat Them!)

Written and illustrated by Marie G. Rohde

Our planet is sending out an SOS. From global warming to plastic pollution, real-life environmental monsters are threatening our world at every turn. Now it's your chance to challenge them!

Meet the habitat-harming monsters that are ruining the Earth and learn how to vanquish each one – the fearsome Atmosdragon is heating the planet and causing global warming, while the bright-eyed Glareworm is busy creating light pollution and the Smogosaurus is filling our air with toxic fumes. In all, 22 monsters feature in *Planet SOS* and each is paired with the mythological beast it is based on. And each monster is accompanied by a Monster Card outlining the big, bad beast's weaknesses and how to use each one to your advantage.

- The perfect book for young eco-heroes who want to help the planet but don't yet know how
- Published to coincide with Earth Day's 50th anniversary, 22 April 2020
- Presented in a friendly and humorous way, each monster giving readers an introduction to one of today's environmental menaces – from global warming to plastic pollution and e-waste to deforestation
- Kids can use the Monster Cards to learn how to vanquish each monster by making small changes in their everyday lives to reduce their carbon footprint – saving the planet could be as simple as riding a bike or eating vegetables!



### Author / Illustrator

On finishing her architectural studies in Sweden, Marie G. Rohde entered a children's books competition and began a new and unexpected chapter in her life. This book is the result of a lifelong interest in myths and environmental issues. Marie lives in Barcelona.

Price: £14.99  
 Format: Hardback  
 Extent: 60 pages  
 Size: 300 x 240 mm  
 Pub date: 2nd April 2020  
 ISBN: 978-1-9129202-1-1  
 Age range: 7+ years





## Every Second

**1 Lightning Strike, 8,000 Scoops of Ice Cream, 200,000 Text Messages, 3 Million Litres of Cow Burps...and Other Incredible Things That Happen Each Second Around the World**

Written and illustrated by Bruno Gibert

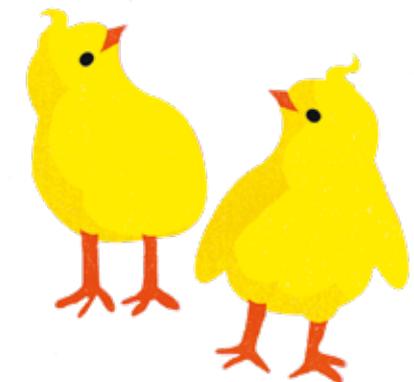
This striking portrait of our world in numbers makes statistics fun and accessible to children and their grown-ups. Every second, somewhere across the globe, an aeroplane takes off and another one lands. Two people die, and four babies enter the world. 15,000 plastic bottles are produced and 1,600 are recycled. 8,000 scoops of ice cream are eaten, 200,000 text messages are sent. This book of remarkable facts, lushly illustrated with memorable infographics, reveals the incredible things that happen each and every second in our world.

- Fascinating, accessible and fun
- Clear, colourful infographic illustrations
- A perfect launch-pad for discussion about a wide range of issues, including the environment
- A unique introduction to statistics
- Find out how much flatulence cows are giving off right now across the globe!



### Author / Illustrator

Bruno Gibert has published more than twenty inventive works as both an author and an illustrator. He lives and works in Paris, France.



Price: £12.99  
 Format: Hardback  
 Extent: 56 pages  
 Size: 280 x 195 mm  
 Pub date: 7th May 2020  
 ISBN: 978-1-9129202-9-7  
 Age range: 5+ years



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# Literally

## Amazing Words and Where They Come From

Patrick Skipworth

Illustrated by Nicholas Stevenson

Did you know that English words come from all over the world and that their meanings have changed along their journey? Our word 'zero' comes from the Arabic word for empty space. 'Companion' is from the Latin for 'with bread'. With simple descriptions and dazzling, evocative and witty illustrations, this is a fascinating introduction to the rich history and cultural diversity of our language.

Words included: orchestra (Japanese); zero (Arabic); guru (Sanskrit); ukulele (Hawaiian); jaguar (Tupi); royalty (Norman French); companion (Latin); kookaburra (Australian Aboriginal); worm (Old English); mummy (Persian); caribou (Algonquin); safari (Swahili).

- Reveals the diverse origins of English words and their layered meanings
- Connects the English language to indigenous languages and cultures across the globe, from Hawaii to Australia, highlighting the interconnected nature of all people
- Ingenious, painterly artwork adds a delightful twist to the story behind each word



### Author

Patrick Skipworth studied Classics and Linguistics in London and the Netherlands, connecting the dots between ancient cultures, their histories, and their languages. Today, Patrick is a children's book editor, but he likes to write his own books when he can. Some of his favourite topics are prehistoric bugs, super-intelligent robots and legends from far away places. His favourite word is 'mosaic.' Patrick lives in London.

### Illustrator

Nicholas Stevenson's personality and past are as colourful as his illustrations. Now living in London, he spent years in the Seychelles 'dressing like Peter Pan most days.' Nicholas produces lively, engaging, mysterious and deeply painterly work for the publishing and music industries.

Price: £11.99

Format: Hardback

Extent: 32 pages

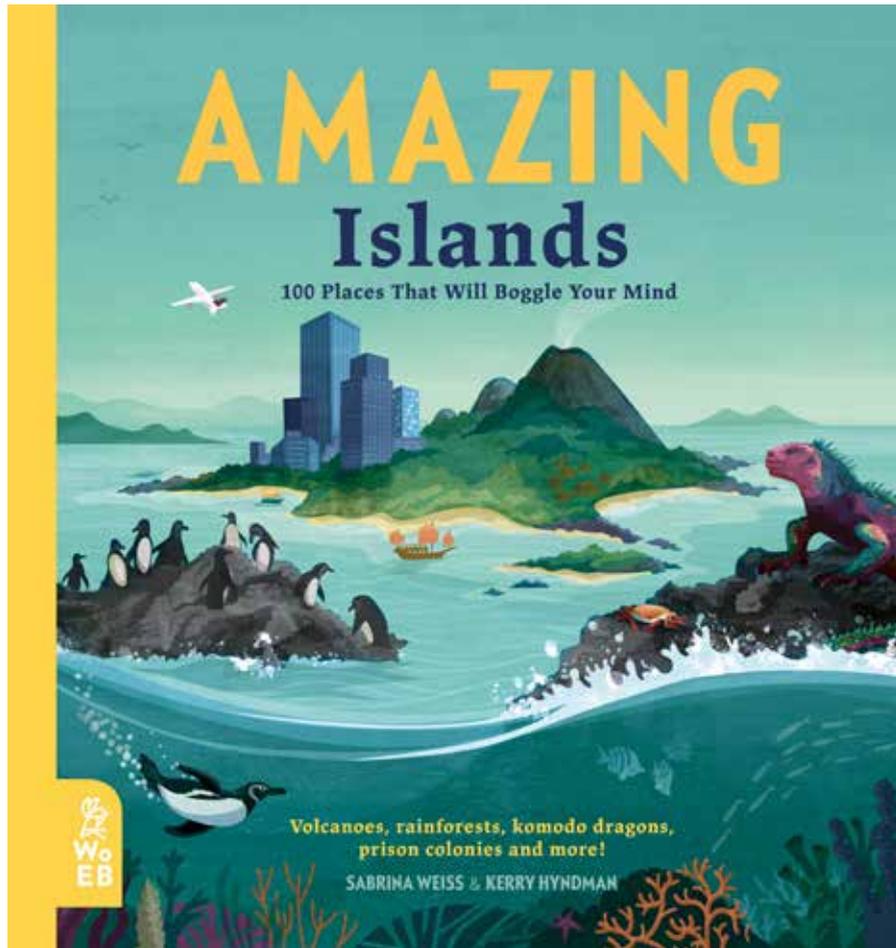
Size: 265 x 275 mm

Pub date: 7th May 2020

ISBN: 978-1-9129201-7-4

Age range: 6+ years





## Amazing Islands

### 100 Places That Will Boggle Your Mind

Sabrina Weiss

Illustrated by Kerry Hyndman

Discover 100 of the planet's most magical islands – their wildlife, trees, diversity, people, treasures and more – in this beautifully illustrated book. From islands that have been taken over by animals to disappearing islands, islands made of shells, artificial islands and even islands that were once prison colonies, *Amazing Islands* is a whirlwind tour of some of the smallest land masses in the world.

Discover the Galapagos islands in Ecuador, home of giant tortoises; or visit Jiangxin Park in China, a natural island with an awe-inspiring, giant bookshop. Islands can be home to giant cities, colonies of cats or crabs; they have been hideouts for pirates and have given rise to astonishing scientific discoveries. *Amazing Islands* celebrates island life in all its extraordinary diversity.

- The first in a new series, *Our Amazing World*, that will also feature *Amazing Treasures*, *Rivers and Animals*
- Celebrates island life, history, culture and diversity
- Includes rich illustrations, a lavish double gatefold featuring a world map, a glossary and index
- Interesting facts and bite size information about the islands themselves and the animals and humans that live on them



#### Author

Sabrina Weiss is a London-based journalist who specialises in science, the environment, and technology. Sabrina is in a constant state of wanderlust and is always ready for the next adventure. Sabrina is the author of *Ocean: Secrets of the Deep* (What on Earth Books, 2019).

#### Illustrator

When she's not careering down slopes on her snowboard, Kerry Hyndman works from her South London studio creating rich, textured maps and illustrations. Her client list includes Bloomsbury, Faber and the *Wall Street Journal*. Kerry Hyndman won the 2017 Blue Peter Book Award, with David Long, for *Survivors* (Faber).

Price: £14.99

Format: Hardback

Extent: 64 pages

Size: 280 x 260 mm

Pub date: 4th June 2020

ISBN: 978-1-9129201-5-0

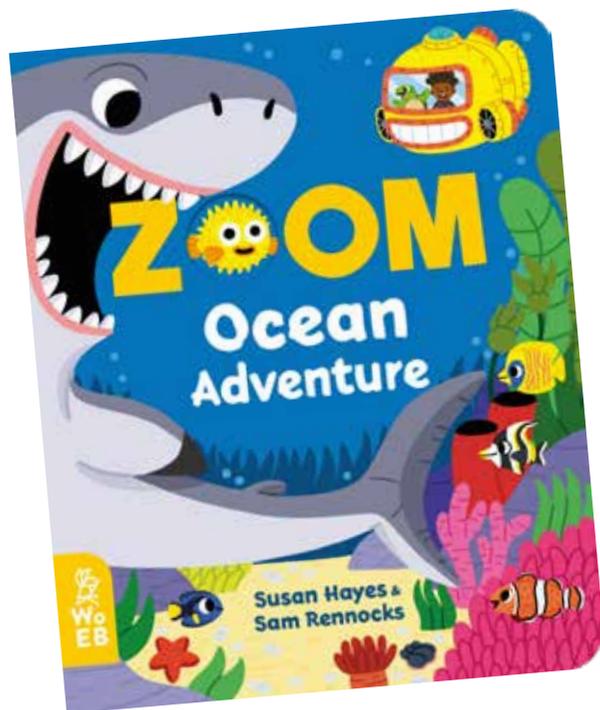
Age range: 7+ years



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# Zoom



## Ocean Adventure

Susan Hayes  
Illustrated by Sam Rennocks

Join Noah as he takes off on a fabulous ocean adventure.

Price: £10.99  
Format: Board book  
Extent: 36 pages  
Size: 170 x 150 mm  
Pub date: 4th June 2020  
ISBN: 978-1-9999679-9-4  
Age range: From 12 months



- Bold die-cut windows and a pop-up keep readers guessing about what awaits on the next page of these substantial board books – each delightfully illustrated spread offers another surprise.



- Fun and informative writing encourages kids to guess at the next stop on their journey and explains fascinating facts about space.

- Beautiful illustrations and construction make these books an ideal gift for a young ocean lover or space enthusiast.



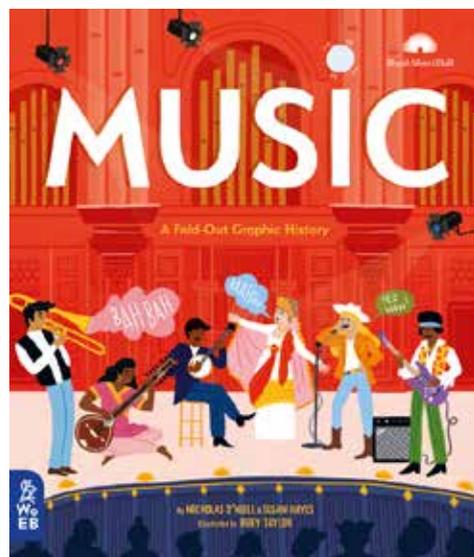
## Space Adventure

Susan Hayes  
Illustrated by Susanna Rumiz

Join Ava as she takes off on an amazing space odyssey.

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Format: Board book  
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Size: 170 x 150 mm  
Pub date: 4th June 2020  
ISBN: 978-1-9999679-7-0  
Age range: From 12 months





## Music

### A Fold-Out Graphic History

Nicholas O'Neill and Susan Hayes  
Illustrated by Ruby Taylor

Experience amazing musical moments from the first ever saxophone and early sound recording to the invention of the record and artificial intelligence, with this unique 2.5 metre fold-out timeline of the history of music.

- Published to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening of London's Royal Albert Hall in 2021
- Can be read as a book or folded out into an 2-sided, 2.5 metre timeline
- Covers music from prehistoric flutes, through Mozart and Louis Armstrong to BTS and Beyoncé



Price: £14.99  
Format: Hardback  
Extent: 22 pages  
Size: 294 x 249 mm  
Pub date: 14th May 2020  
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Age range: 9+ years

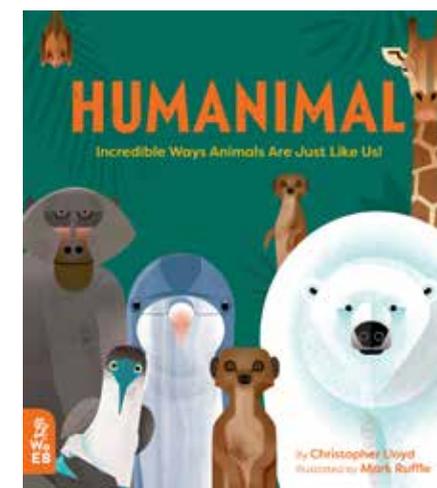


## Humanimal

### Incredible Ways Animal are Just Like Us!

Christopher Lloyd  
Illustrated by Mark Ruffle

So you think you're special? You think that just because people have built giant cities, invented pop-up toasters and put a person on the Moon that they are somehow different from other living things? Well it's time to think again!



Price: £12.99  
Format: Hardback  
Extent: 48 pages  
Size: 280 x 260 mm  
ISBN: 978-1-9129200-0-6  
Age range: 7+ years



## Absolutely Everything!

A History of Earth, Dinosaurs, Rulers, Robots and Other Things Too Numerous to Mention

Christopher Lloyd  
Illustrated by Andy Forshaw

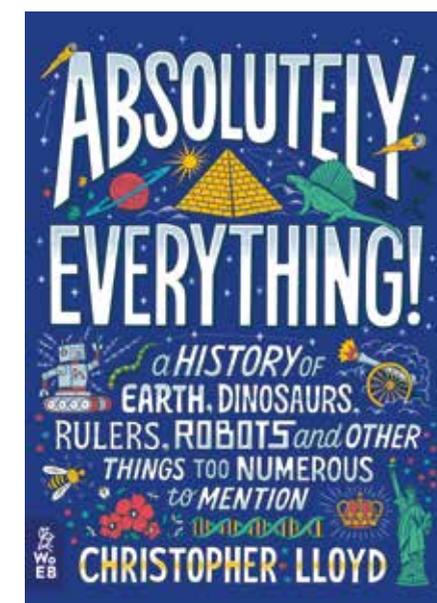
*'From the Big Bang to computer technology, it tells, in simple, chatty sentences, a story that tries to account for as much as possible about our world!'*

The Sunday Times  
Children's Book of the Year

*'Perfect for any child who wants to know about absolutely everything.'*

Telegraph Christmas Books 2018

Shortlisted for the Teach  
Primary Book Awards 2019

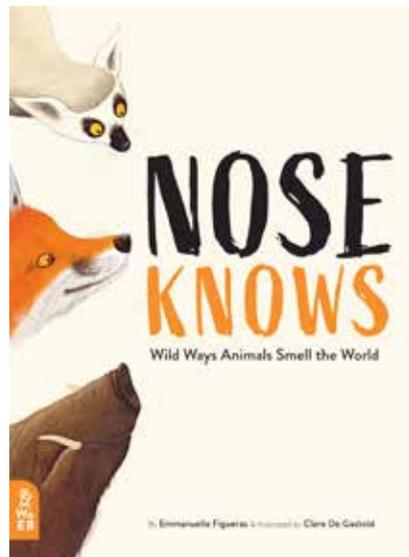


Price: £16.99  
Format: Hardback  
Extent: 352 pages  
Size: 248 x 184 mm  
ISBN: 978-1-9998028-2-0  
Age range: 7+ years



## Nose Knows

Wild Ways Animals Smell the World



Emmanuelle Figueras  
Illustrated by Claire de Gastold

Take a fresh look at the world from an animal's perspective. In this fun flap-filled book, you'll learn how smell plays a key role in the lives of animals and shapes their behaviour and relationships. Anything is possible when you follow your nose!

Price: £14.99  
Format: Hardback  
Extent: 38 pages  
Size: 330 x 245 mm  
ISBN: 978-1-9129200-6-8  
Age range: 7+ years



## Eye Spy

Wild Ways Animals See the World

Written and illustrated by  
Guillaume Duprat

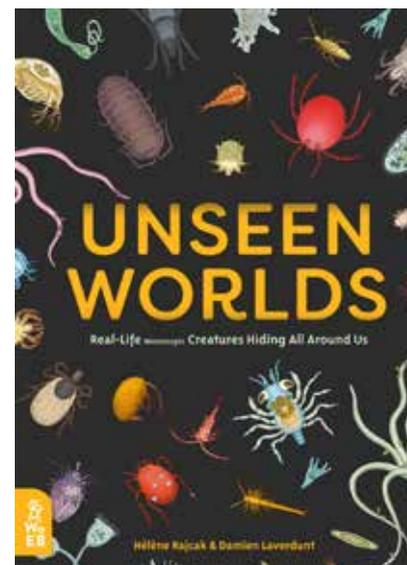
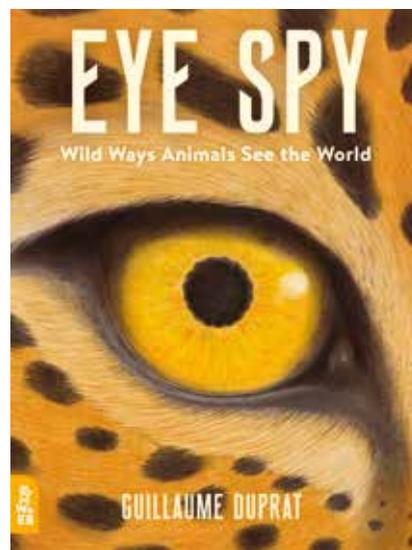
*'A beautifully put-together book exploring the different ways animals see'*

Financial Times

*'Eye-mazing!'*

National Geographic Kids

Price: £14.99  
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Size: 330 x 245 mm  
ISBN: 978-1-9998028-4-4  
Age range: 7+ years



Price: £14.99  
Format: Hardback  
Extent: 36 pages  
Size: 292 x 228 mm  
ISBN: 978-1-9999679-6-3  
Age range: 9+ years



## Unseen Worlds

Real-Life Microscopic Creatures  
Hiding All Around Us

Written and illustrated by Hélène  
Rajcak and Damien Laverdunt

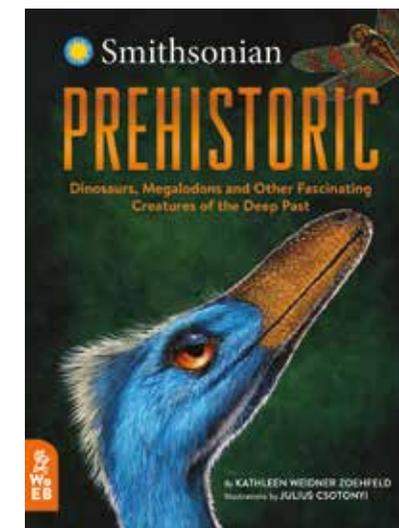
Discover a hidden universe of microscopic monsters right before your eyes. Unfold each page to reveal stunningly detailed illustrations bursting with jelly-like amoebae, predatory centipedes, ravenous mosquitos and more mites than you could imagine. You'll never see the world the same way again!

## Prehistoric

Dinosaurs, Megalodons and Other  
Fascinating Creatures of the  
Deep Past

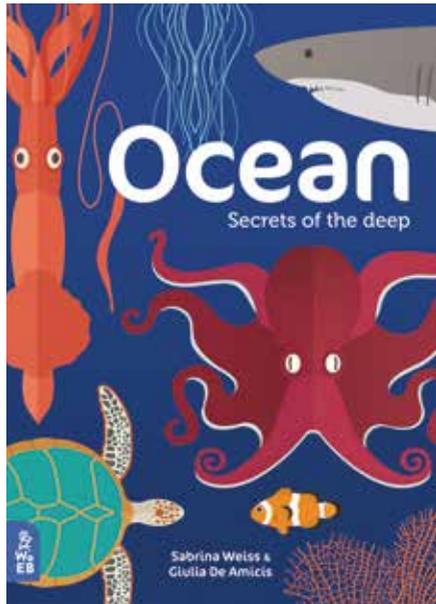
Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld  
Illustrated by Julius Csotonyi

The perfect book for dinosaur lovers—travel back hundreds of millions of years, stopping in frozen ice ages, lush prehistoric rainforests, and ancient oceans along the way. Bold illustrations and infographics allow children to discover fascinating creatures, including hungry dinosaurs and enormous mammoths.



Price: £12.99  
Format: Hardback  
Extent: 48 pages  
Size: 280 x 216 mm  
ISBN: 978-1-9129200-4-4  
Age range: 7+ years





## Ocean

### Secrets of the deep

Sabrina Weiss  
Illustrated by Giulia De Amicis

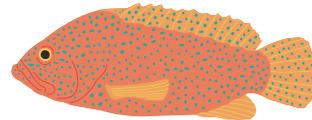
*'Jam-packed with hundreds of stylish illustrations, infographics and surprising facts about the stunning world beneath the waves.'*

The Week Junior

*'The breadth of the subjects covered is impressive and each one is done brilliantly...A beautiful book.'*

Books for Topics

Price: £14.99  
Format: Hardback  
Extent: 72 pages  
Size: 295 x 215 mm  
ISBN: 978-1-9999680-5-2  
Age range: 8+ years



## Monsters

### A Magic Lens Hunt for Creatures of Myth, Legend, Fairy Tale and Fiction

Céline Potard  
Illustrated by Sophie Ledesma

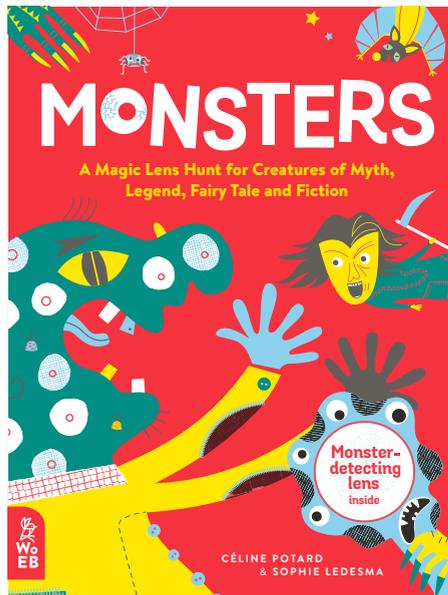
*'This survey of monsters from folklore, literature and the movies is both informative and interactive.'*

Financial Times

*'Unusual and full of the joy of stories, encouraging further reading and an interest in fictional characters.'*

Parents in Touch

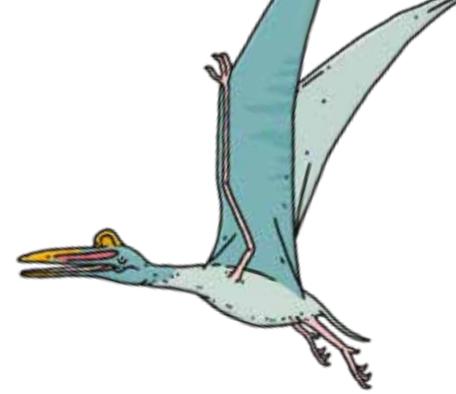
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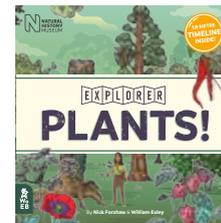
## Explorer series

*'Simply sings to infophiles and visual learners alike.'*  
Juno Magazine

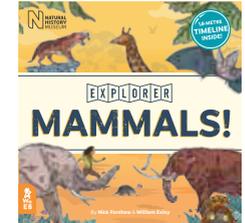
Price: £9.99  
Format: Hardback  
Extent: 38 pages + 8-page timeline  
Size: 240 x 240 mm  
Age range: 7+ years



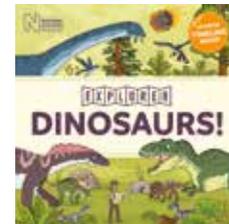
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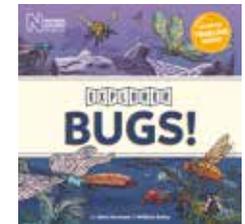
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**Dinosaurs!**  
Nick Forshaw  
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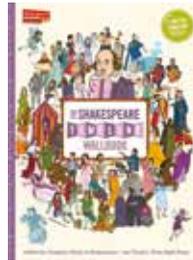
# Timeline Wallbooks

Christopher Lloyd  
Illustrated by Andy Forshaw

Price: £12.99  
Format: Hardback  
Extent: 18 pages +  
8-page timeline  
Size: 360 x 270 mm  
Age range: 7+ years



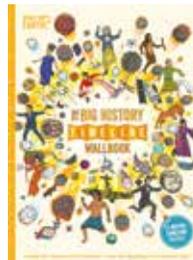
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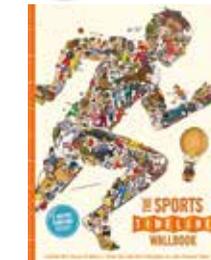
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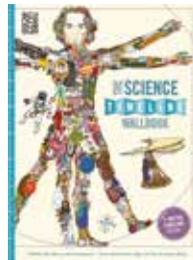
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Timeline Wallbook  
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**The British History**  
Timeline Wallbook  
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**The Wallbook Timeline**  
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*Big History*  
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# Timeline Stickerbooks

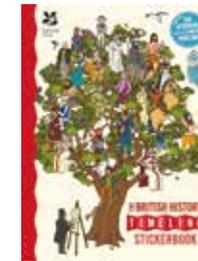
Christopher Lloyd  
Illustrated by Andy Forshaw

Each stickerbook includes around 100 stickers, a beautifully illustrated 1.7-metre timeline with spaces to stick them on to and a poster of a historical event or species for colouring in.

Price: £6.99  
Format: Paperback  
Extent: 16 pages + 8-page timeline  
Size: 297 x 210 mm  
Age range: 3+ years



**The British History**  
Timeline Stickerbook  
978-0-9930199-4-4



**The Nature**  
Timeline Stickerbook  
978-0-9565936-8-9



**The Big History**  
Timeline Stickerbook  
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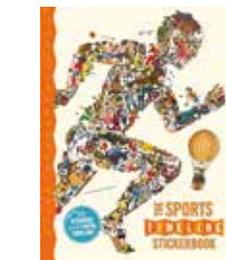
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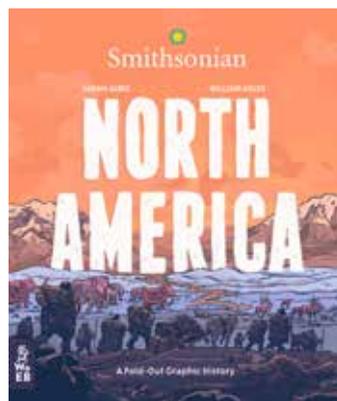
## North America

### A Fold-Out Graphic History

Sarah Albee  
Illustrated by William Exley

A richly illustrated, fold-out graphic history of the United States, Mexico, and the islands of the Caribbean.

Price: £14.99  
Format: Hardback  
Extent: 22 pages  
Size: 300 x 256 mm  
ISBN: 978-1-9999679-2-5  
Age range: 8+ years



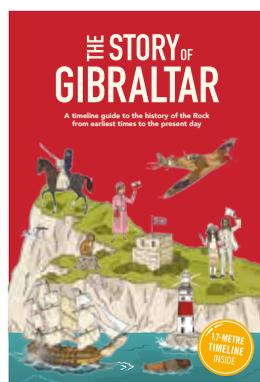
## The Story of Gibraltar

### A timeline guide to the history of the Rock from earliest times to the present day

Patrick Skipworth  
Illustrated by Andy Forshaw

Explore the history of the Rock, from millions of years ago to today, with this 2-metre long, visually stunning timeline! Perfect for history buffs of any age!

Price: £14.95 | Format: Hardback  
Extent: 24 pages | Size: 297 x 210 mm  
ISBN: 978-0-9955770-4-6 | Age range: 7+ years



## The Magna Carta Chronicle

### A Young Person's Guide to 800 Years in the Fight for Freedom

Christopher Lloyd  
Illustrated by Andy Forshaw

- A historical approach to a topic of major relevance today – the story of rights, liberty and the rule of law
- More than 100 illustrations
- A 2m-long fold-out timeline
- Created with the support of the Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Committee

Price: £8.99  
Format: Paperback  
Extent: 32 pages  
Size: 297 x 218 mm  
ISBN: 978-0-9930199-1-3  
Age range: 12+ years



## What people are saying about What on Earth Books

What on Earth Books is one of my **favourite small presses**.

Glass of Wine,  
Glass of Milk

A sensational ride across Earth's history.

**Science + Nature** on **Absolutely Everything!**

A gripping retelling of the most extraordinary story ever told.

**Independent** on **The Nature Timeline Wallbook**

Filled with **colourful, stark illustrations and infographics**, printed on **high-quality paper**, the book exudes a sheen.

**Minerva Reads** on **Ocean**

Thought flap-up books were just for little 'uns? Think again. **Eye-mazing!**

**National Geographic Kids** on **Eye Spy**

Astonishing – perfect for all the family.

**The Sunday Times** on **The Big History Timeline Wallbook**

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