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# Welcome to Dragon's 2021 Rights Guide

Dragon Press is a friendly, creative independent publisher based in Wales. Our 2021 introductory list highlights our Celtic heritage with a range of magical myths and Welsh history.

As a bilingual country, we are keen to develop fun ways to learn a language. Our laugh-out-loud character series called 'Del Does...' starts with Del Does Sport and will be growing into a 9-part series (3 new titles per annum) covering all the basics of a new language. This innovative series also includes clever QR codes throughout the book with free audio to help with pronunciation.

Finally, we are showcasing a brilliant new talent with illustrator Leonie Servini. Her gorgeous animal characters help young children learn first concepts, beginning with ABC and 123 and we intend to expand this series with First Words and Feelings in the near future.

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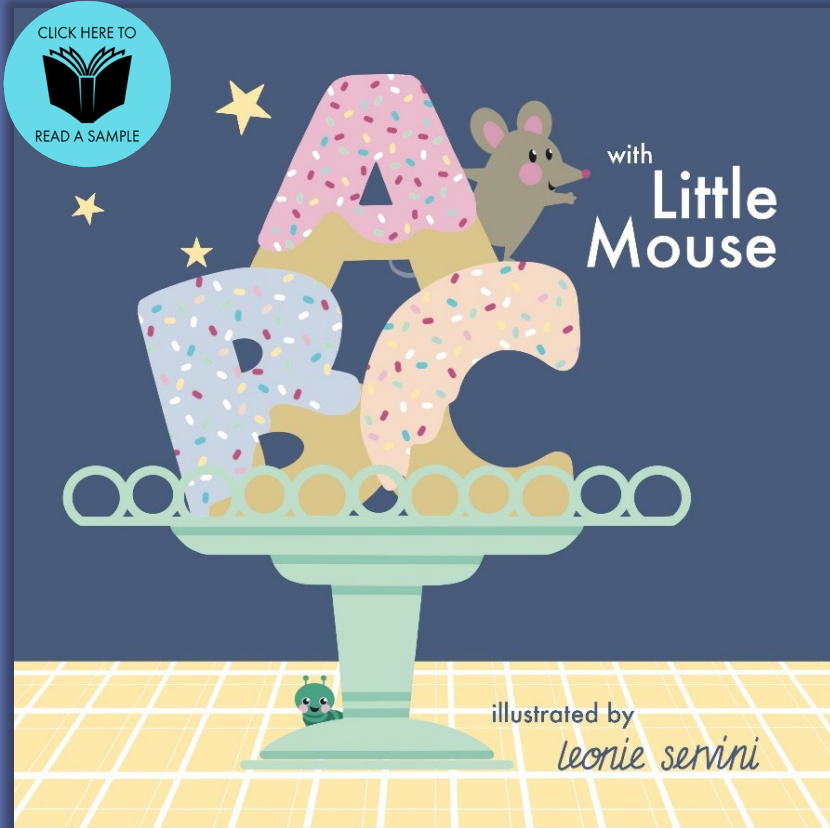


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# ABC with Little Mouse

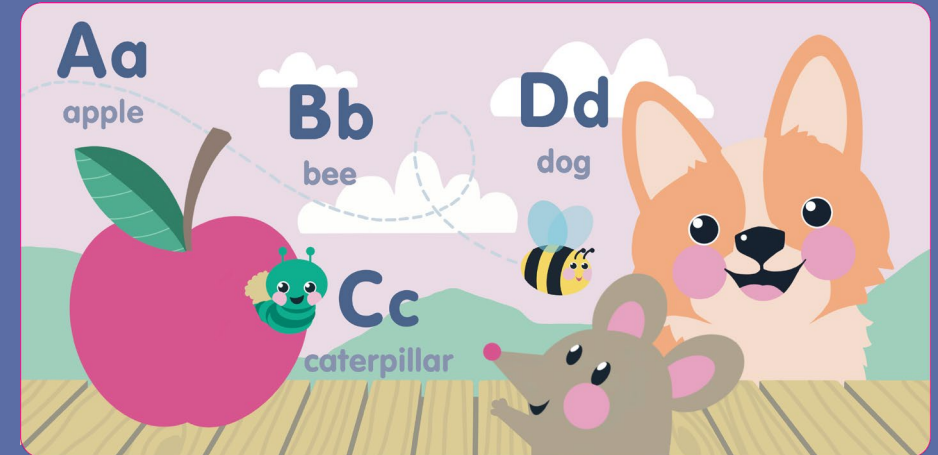
## First words board book



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Learn the alphabet with this delightful ABC colourful board book, beautifully illustrated by Leonie Servini. There are many things to see and talk about on each page. Who celebrates at the party? Where does the van go? You will soon know every letter, from A to Z.

- First concept book perfect for very young children aged 0-5
- Features some of the same characters from Leonie Servini's best-selling *Amser Canu Blant* book (9781849675437)
- With simple text and pictures throughout, these chunky board books are perfect for little hands
- Perfect for home learning or as an educational resource
- Part of an exciting new series which also includes *123 with Little Mouse* (9781849675925)



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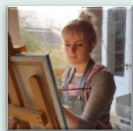
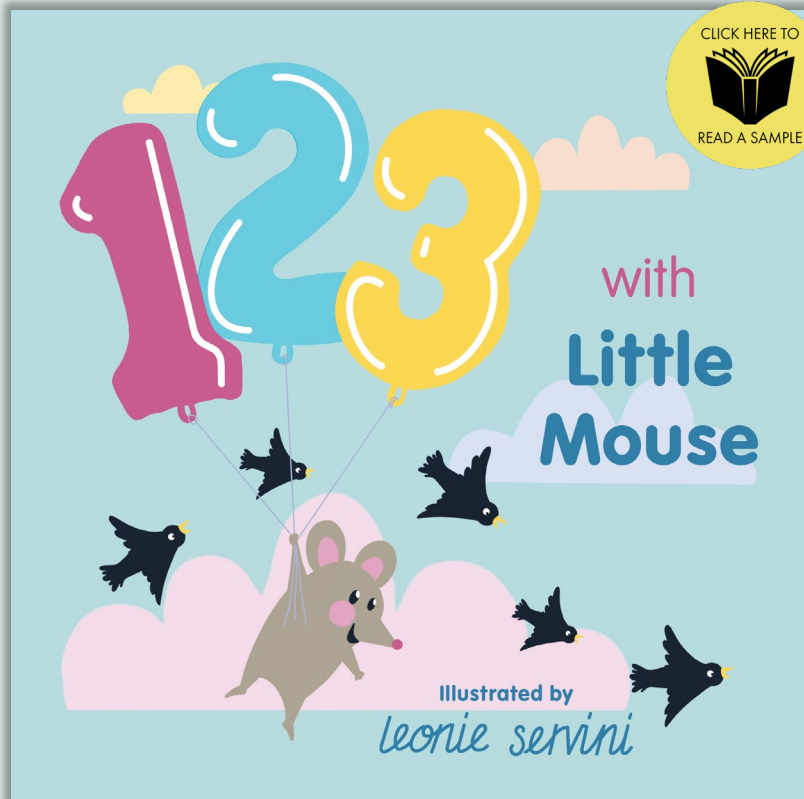
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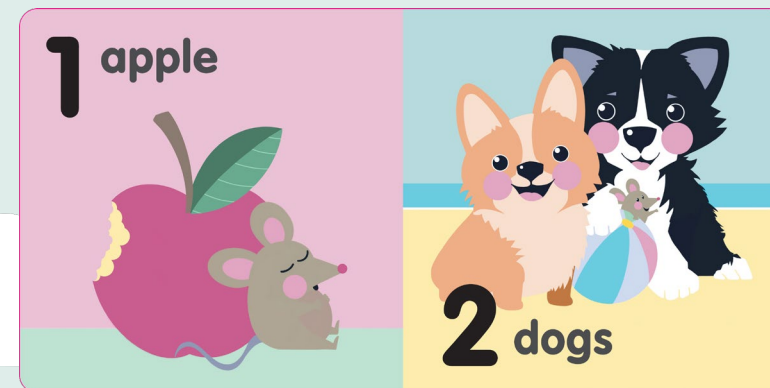
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Have fun learning to count from 0 to 10 with Little Mouse. Introduce numbers to your little one with these modern and engaging illustrations. There are lots of things to see and talk about on each page. What is Little Mouse doing? How many stars are in the sky? Before you know it, you'll be counting together from 0 to 10.

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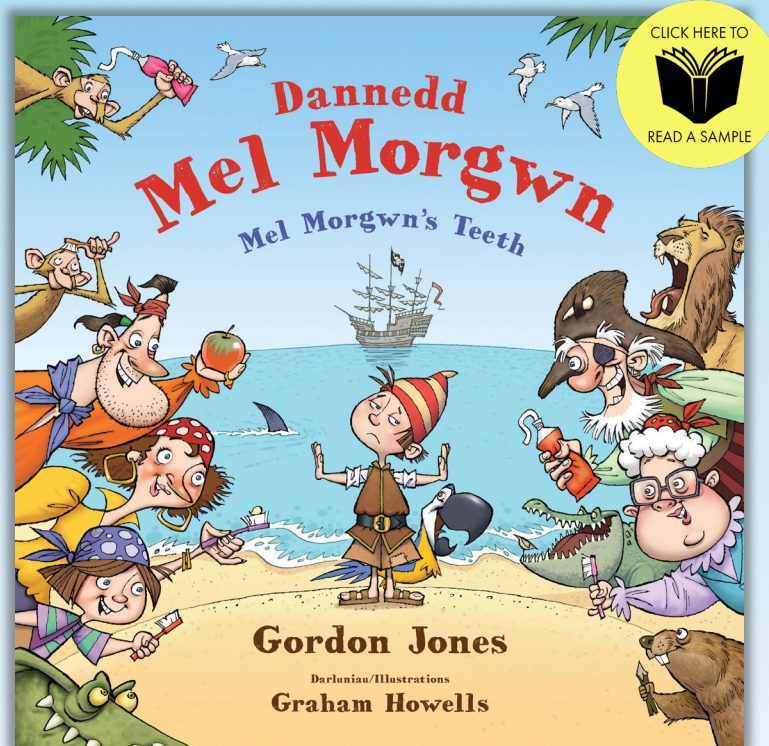
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# Mel Morgwn's Teeth

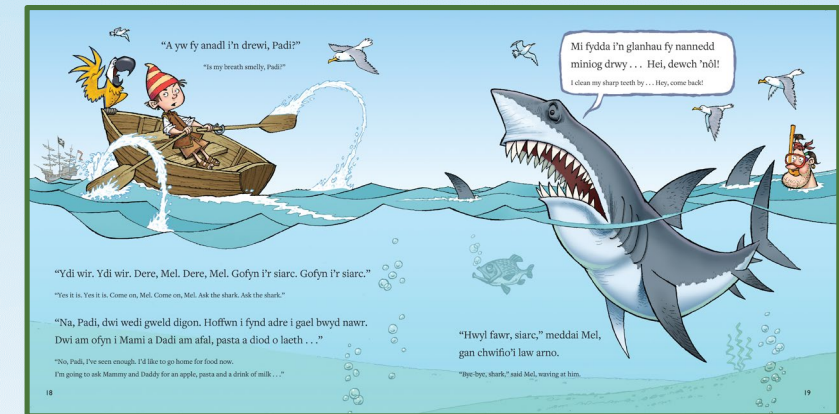
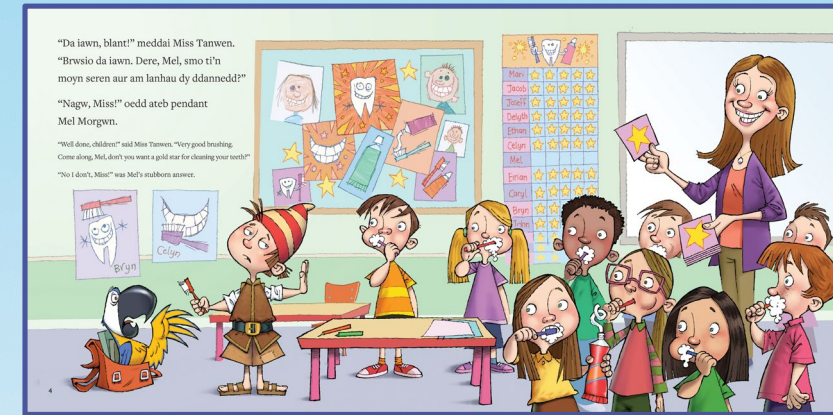
Bilingual picture book | Ages 3+



This bilingual, funny and colourful picture book is all about a young pirate, Mel Morgwn, who absolutely refuses to brush his teeth and eat healthily. In spite of the best efforts of the whole Morgwn family and his class teacher he will not clean his teeth. Join Mel on a hilarious pirate adventure to discover good hygiene and healthy eating habits!



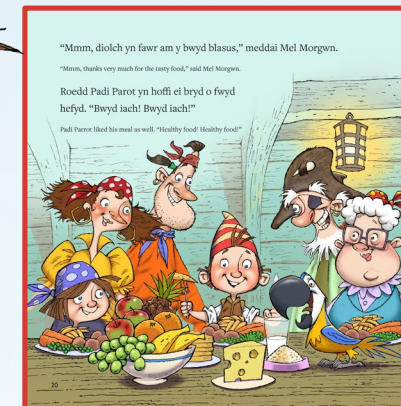
- Suitable for ages 3-8, Early Years, Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2
- Features gorgeous full-colour illustrations throughout by Graham Howells
- Supports the 'Designed To Smile / Cynllun Gwên' school scheme supported by the Welsh Assembly Government
- An original, engaging story which emphasises the importance of good hygiene
- Brand new paperback edition for 2020



**Gordon Jones** worked at the National Library of Wales before joining the Books Council of Wales as editor of their children's magazine. He then worked for various Welsh publishers as a first class creative editor. Eight of the books he has edited have won the prestigious Tir na n-Og award.



**Graham Howells** was born in Antwerp, Belgium and has lived around the world before settling in Llanelli. He specialises in children's book illustration and particularly enjoys the themes of fantasy and magic.



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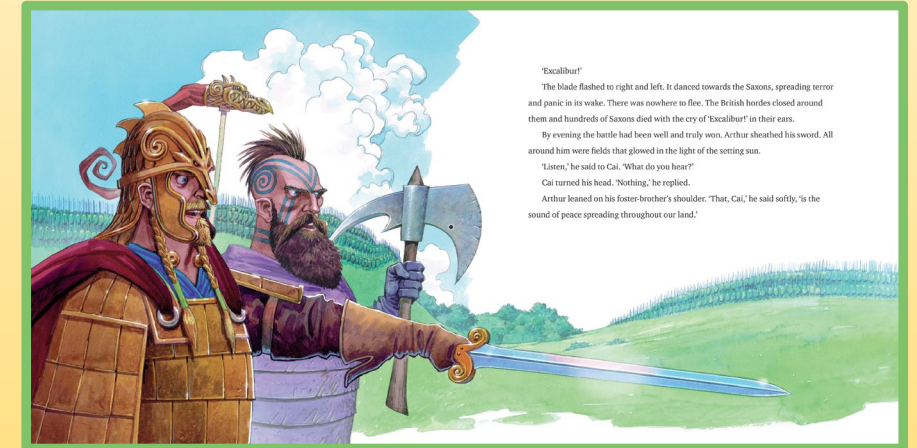
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A stunning retelling of the classic tales of King Arthur by award winning team of author Siân Lewis and illustrator Graham Howells. This luxurious, colourful, hardback edition includes all of the famous tales of King Arthur - The Quest for the Holy Grail, Merlin's Dream and The Battle of Camelot.

- A enchanting new edition for 2021, complete with a brand-new cover jacket
- Written in clear and poetic text, with beautiful full-colour illustrations throughout
- Includes a number of illustrated maps, plus a labelled assembly of the Round Table to familiarise readers with the characters
- Suitable for older children aged 7+, as well as adults looking for a retelling of the stories
- Also available as a Welsh language edition entitled *Stori'r Brenin Arthur* (9781849673280)



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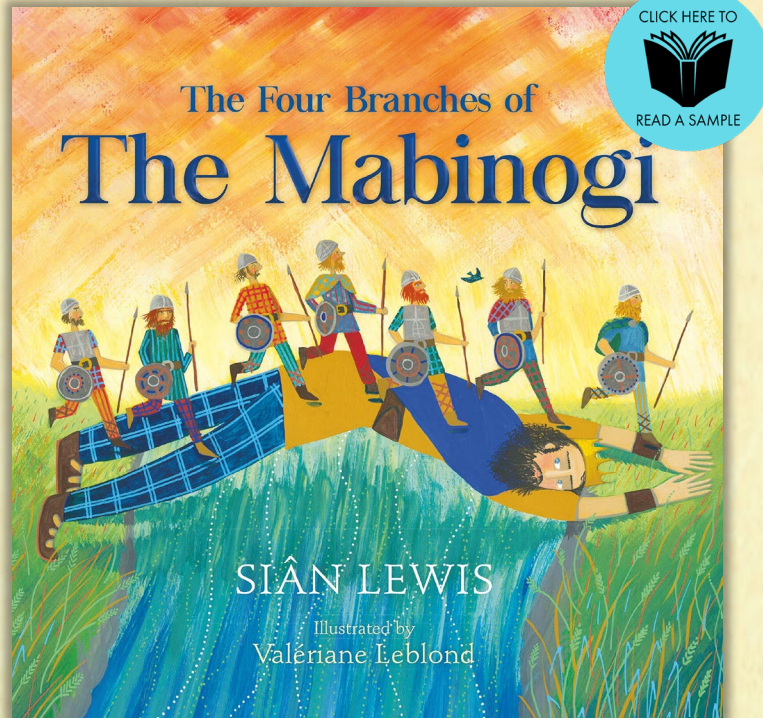
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# The Four Branches of the Mabinogi

## Stories from Welsh legends & mythology



The Four Branches of the Mabinogi are the oldest and most famous legends in Wales. First written down around 800 years ago, they were being told for many years before that, captivating audiences with their unique mix of magic, romance and adventure. Join us and explore the captivating stories with their unique mix of magic, romance, adventure, giants, wars and wizards.

- A luxurious new paperback edition with soft-touch cover
- Retells the stories of Branwen, Blodeuwedd, Pwyll and Manawydan
- Beautiful full-colour illustrations throughout
- Suitable for older children and young people aged 7+
- Also available as a Welsh language edition entitled *Pedair Cainc y Mabinogi* (9781849670234), which won the Tír na nÓg award in 2016



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**Valérie Leblond** is a traditional artist who has illustrated a number of books for both children and adults. Originally from Angers, France, she now lives in Aberystwyth and speaks multiple languages including Welsh. She has won two Tír na nÓg awards in 2016 and 2019.

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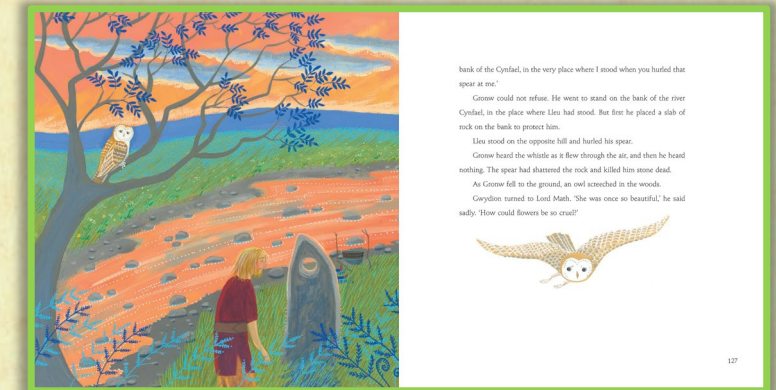
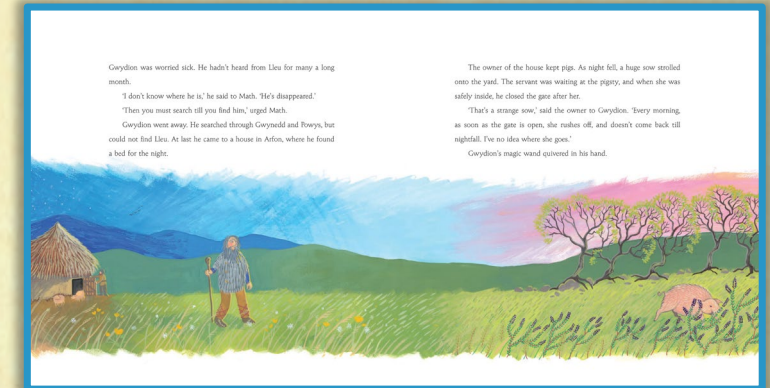
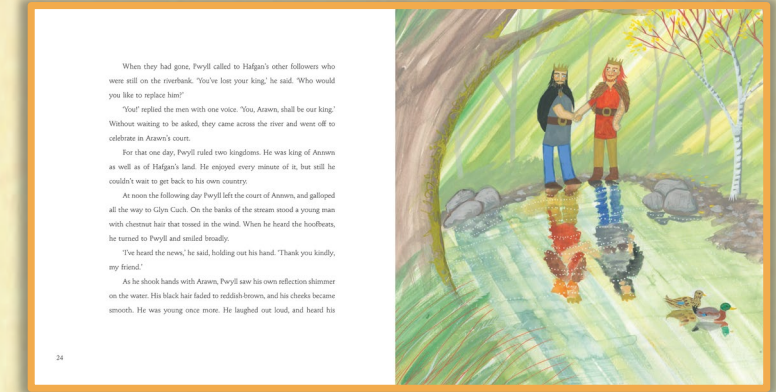
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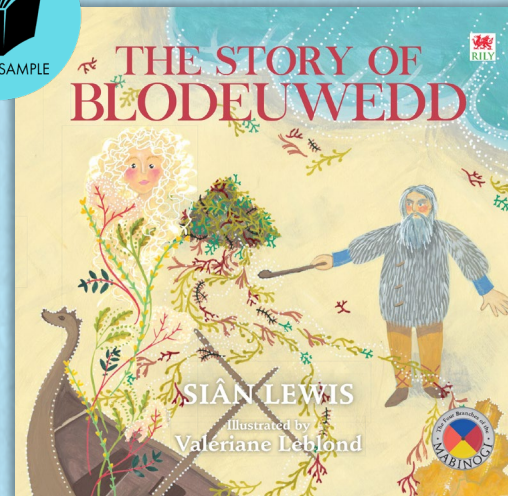
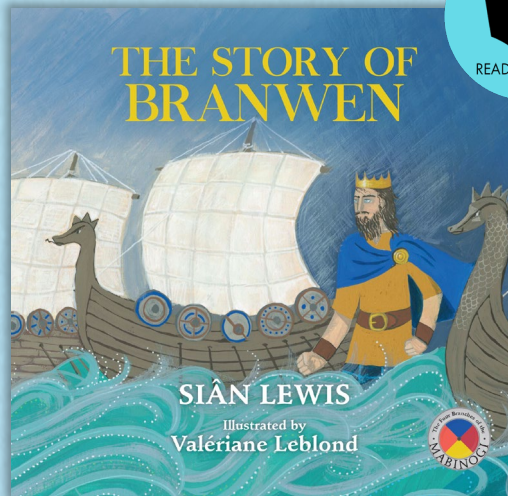
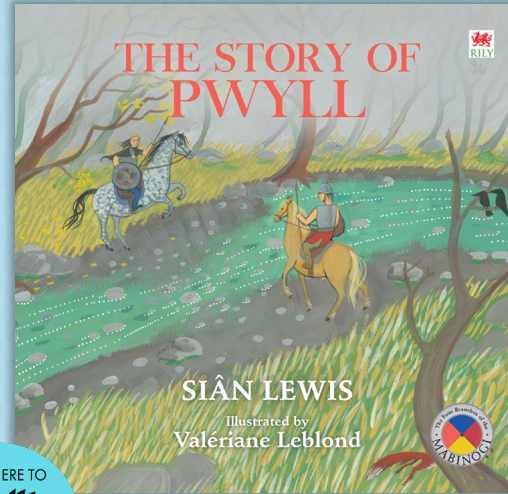
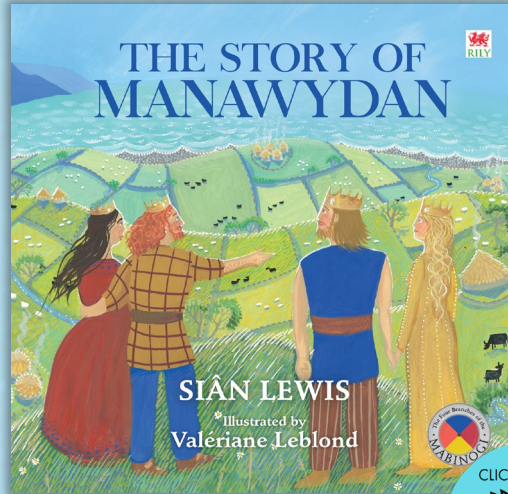
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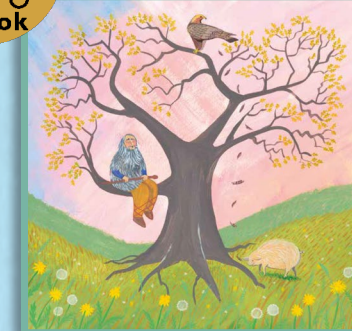
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- Retells the stories of Branwen, Blodeuwedd, Pwyll and Manawydan
- Exciting new collectible editions of the Mabinogi stories, priced at just £4.99 each
- Also available as a complete edition containing all four stories entitled *The Four Branches of the Mabinogi* (9781849674386)
- Simple, accessible text and stunning illustrations are suitable for older children and young people aged 7+



By the end of that year Lleu was as strong as he'd ever been. 'I'm ready to regain my castle,' he said to his friends. 'Gnome Febr will pay for this.'

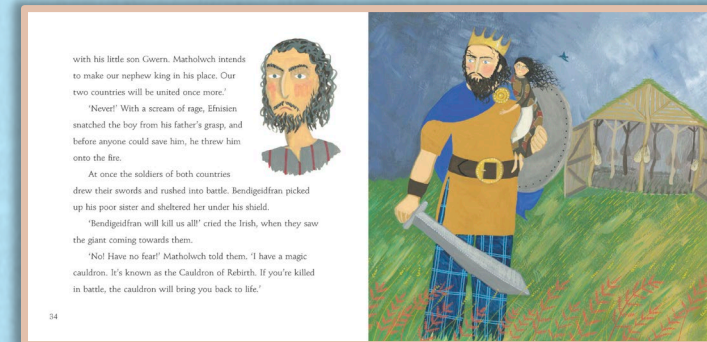
Math called up the men of Gwynedd, and Gwydion himself led them to Mair Castell.

Blodeuwedd heard the sound of horses' hoofs. 'Lleu's coming! Lleu's coming!' she cried, and she ran from the castle taking her maids with her.

Blodeuwedd fled towards another castle on the far side of the valley. But she could not outrun the horses. She and her maids looked over their shoulders in panic and, by doing so, failed to see the deep lake that lay in their path. The maids fell headlong into the water and drowned. Only Blodeuwedd was left alive.

Blodeuwedd kept on running, till she felt the warm breath of a horse on her neck. The shadow of the wizard hung over her.

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with his little son Gwyn. Matholwch intends to make our nephew king in his place. Our two countries will be united once more.'

'Never!' With a scream of rage, Efnisien snatched the boy from his father's grasp, and before anyone could save him, he threw him onto the fire.

At once the soldiers of both countries drew their swords and rushed into battle. Bendisgiffan picked up his poor sister and sheltered her under his shield.

'Bendisgiffan will kill us all!' cried the Irish, when they saw the giant coming towards them.

'Not! Have no fear!' Matholwch told them. 'I have a magic cauldron. It's known as the Cauldron of Rebirth. If you're killed in battle, the cauldron will bring you back to life.'

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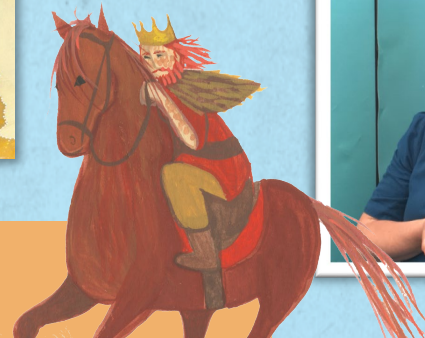
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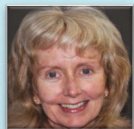
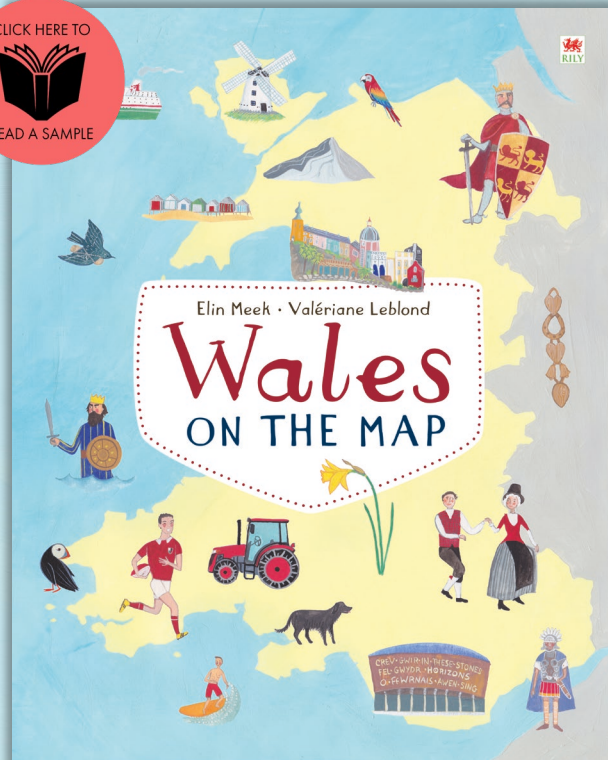




# Wales on the Map

## Encyclopedia of Wales

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**Elin Meek** grew up in Ystalfera and Carmarthen. After studying Welsh and German at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, she spent 10 years teaching in Trinity College, Carmarthen. She now works as a freelance translator, adapter and author from her home in Swansea.



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Explore the delights and hidden treasures of Wales on a voyage of discovery through this fascinating country. Featuring a collection of maps of Wales and its counties, complete with illustrations and interesting snippets, *Wales on the Map* is a lavishly illustrated picture atlas that showcases the best Wales has to offer.

- Visually exciting and beautifully illustrated by Valérie Leblond
- Highly informative and suitable for anyone who wants to learn more about Wales
- Suitable for children aged 7+ as well as older children and adults with an interest in historical and contemporary Wales
- Part of an exciting series which also includes a quiz book, activity book, posters and a card game
- Winner of the Tír na nÓg award in 2019



**Author** Elin Meek  
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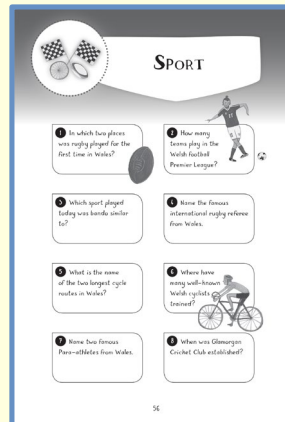
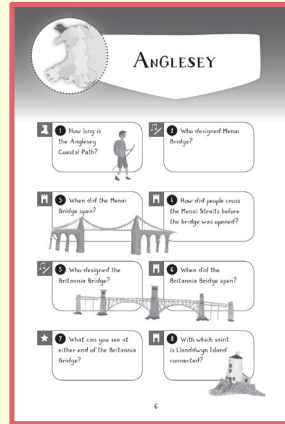
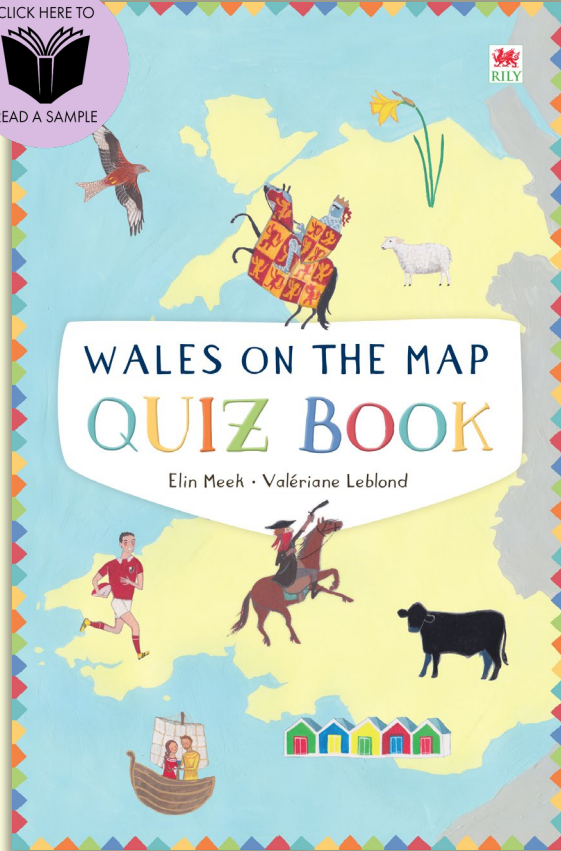
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# Wales on the Map Quiz Book

Welsh history, culture and geography



Test your knowledge about Wales – at home, in the classroom, in the pub. Get family and friends together to find out how much you really know about Wales! This paperback quiz book and thrilling trivia card game are linked to the Wales on the Map picture atlas.

- Have fun colouring in, playing spot the difference, solving puzzles in this beautiful activity book all about Wales
- Book is suitable for children aged 6 years+ and is a great gift idea
- Pull-out colour poster map of Wales included free with every book
- Part of an exciting series which also includes an atlas, activity book and posters
- Also available as part of a 3-pack including the Wales on the Map atlas and quiz book

# Wales Game

Welsh trivia card game



Schoolchildren playing the quiz at a *Wales on the Map* launch event (2018)



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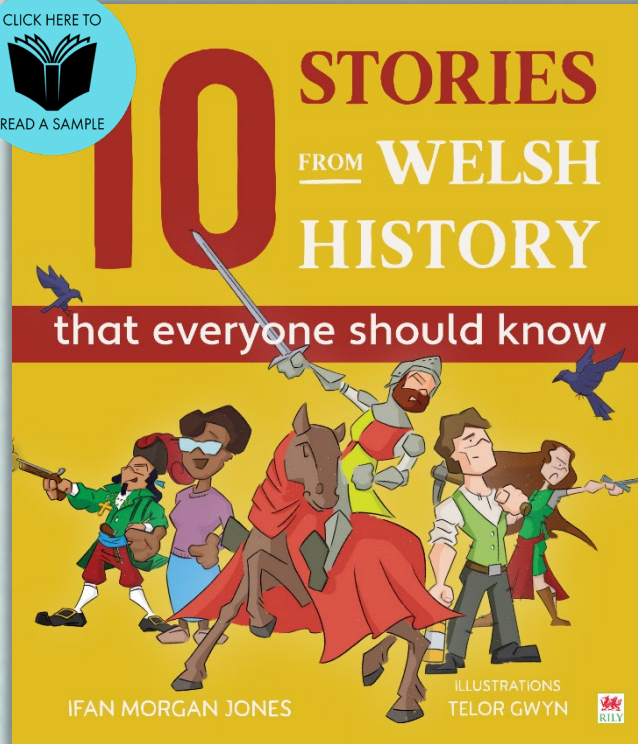
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# 10 Stories from Welsh History

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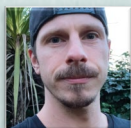


A highly visual and factual hardback book with the aim of encouraging children to discover and learn more about 10 stories from Welsh history. Written by Ifan Morgan Jones and beautifully illustrated by Telor Gwyn.

- Includes stories about: Gwennllian Ferch Gruffudd; Owain Glyndŵr; Black Bart; Dic Penderyn / Merthyr Rising; Alfred Russel Wallace; Penrhyn Strike; Race Riots 20th Century; Eileen Beasley; Aberfan; Devolution.
- Includes full-colour illustrations throughout plus a timeline of Welsh history
- Covers a wide range of historical events from the Bronze Age to the present day
- Also available as a Welsh language edition called *10 Stori o Hanes Cymru* (9781849675864)



**Ifan Morgan Jones** is an author, journalist and university lecturer based in Llandysul, Ceredigion. He has won numerous awards for his work, including the Daniel Owen Memorial Prize for *Igam Ogam* in 2008 and Book of the Year for *Babel* in 2020.



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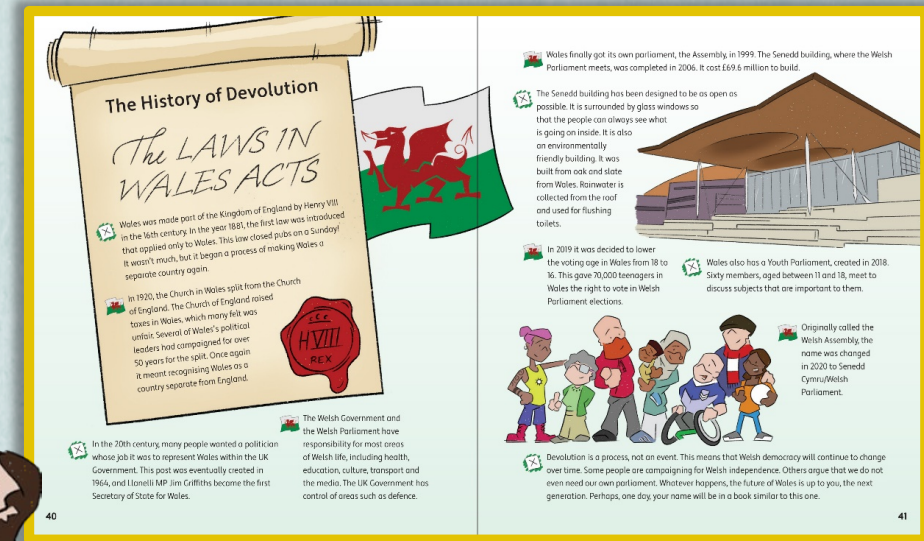
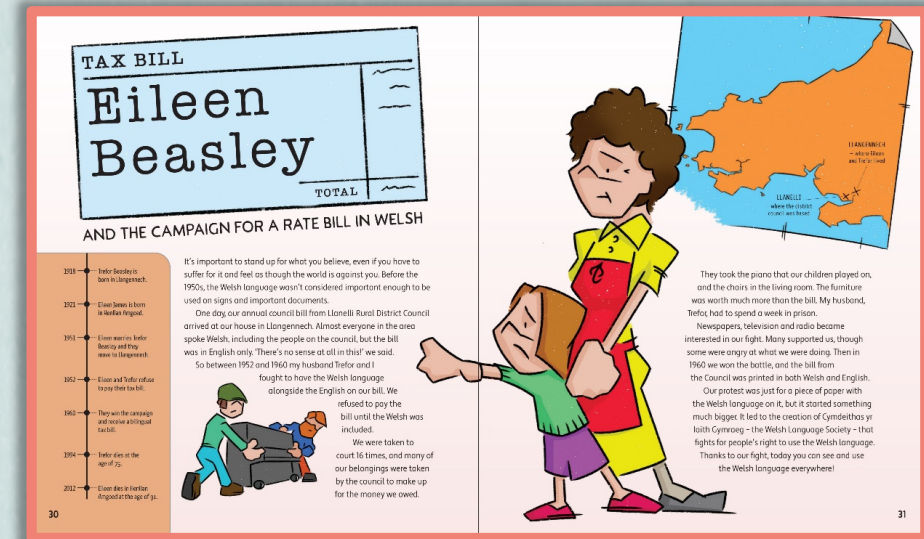
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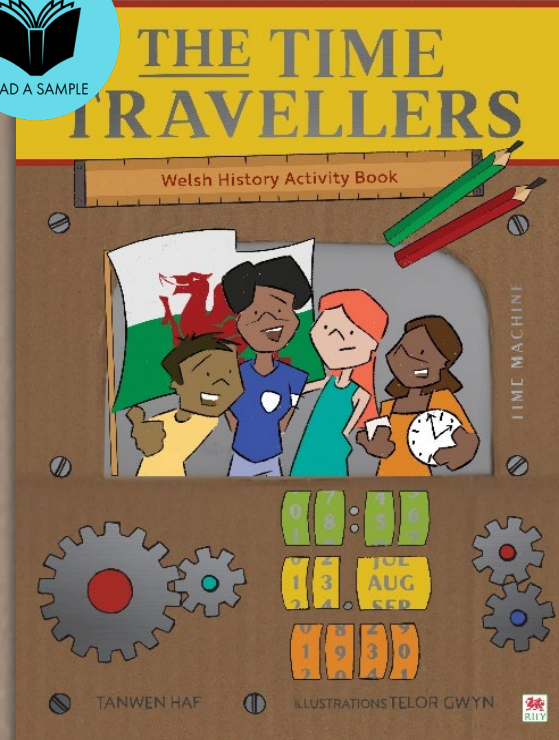




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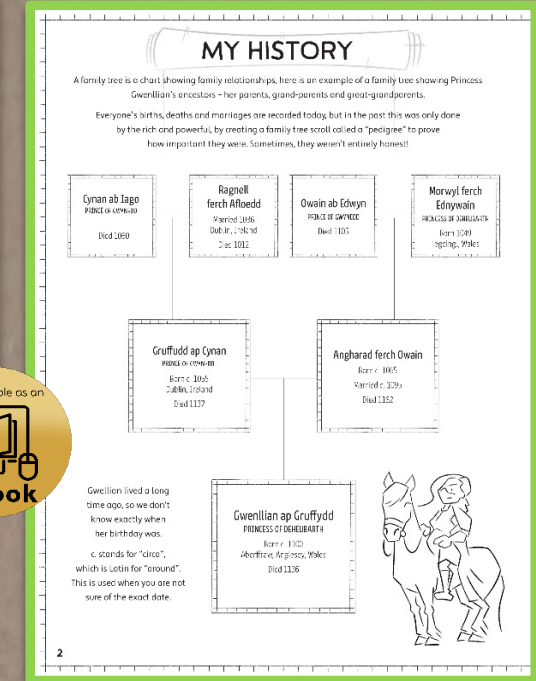
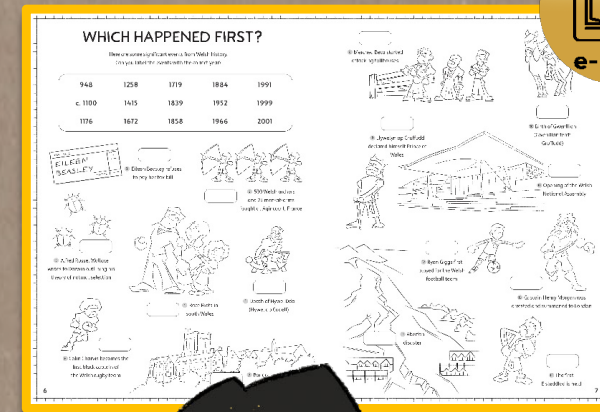
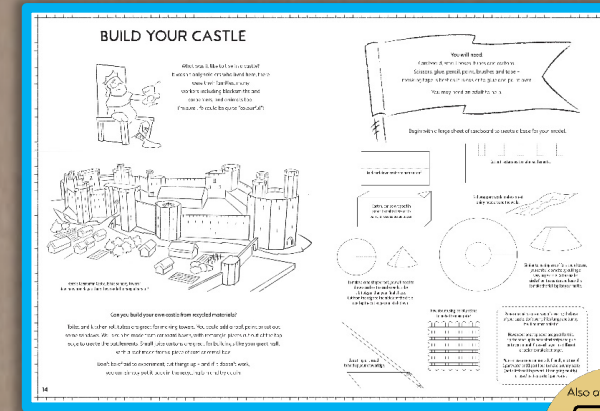
## Welsh history activity book

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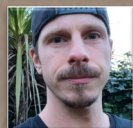


A beautiful paperback activity and colouring book packed full of content - all linked to the history of Welsh events, people, culture and heritage.

- Fun activities include puzzles, wordsearches, maths games, build your own castle, spot the difference and many more
- Includes a free full-colour pull-out timeline poster of Welsh history (297 x 772 mm)
- Attractive shiny foil cover suitable for children aged 6 yrs +
- Ideal to keep children busy on long car journeys or rainy days
- Companion to *10 Stories From Welsh History* by Ifan Morgan Jones and Telor Gwyn (9781849675567)
- Also available as a Welsh language edition called *Y Teithwyr Amser* (9781849675864)



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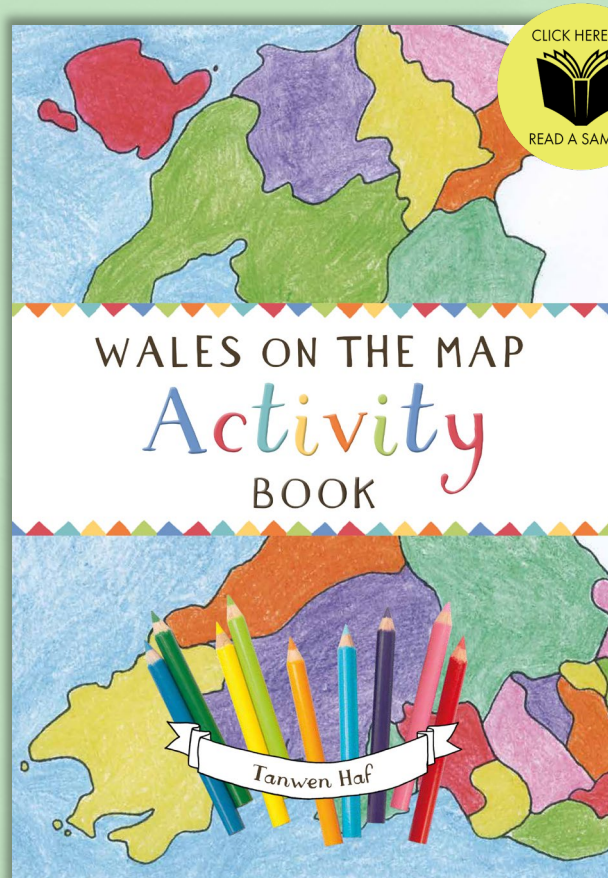
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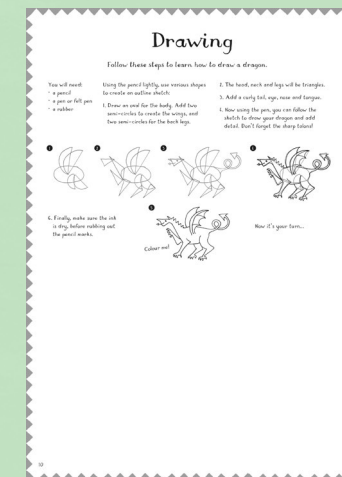
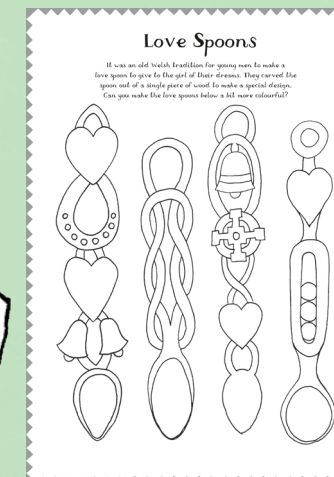
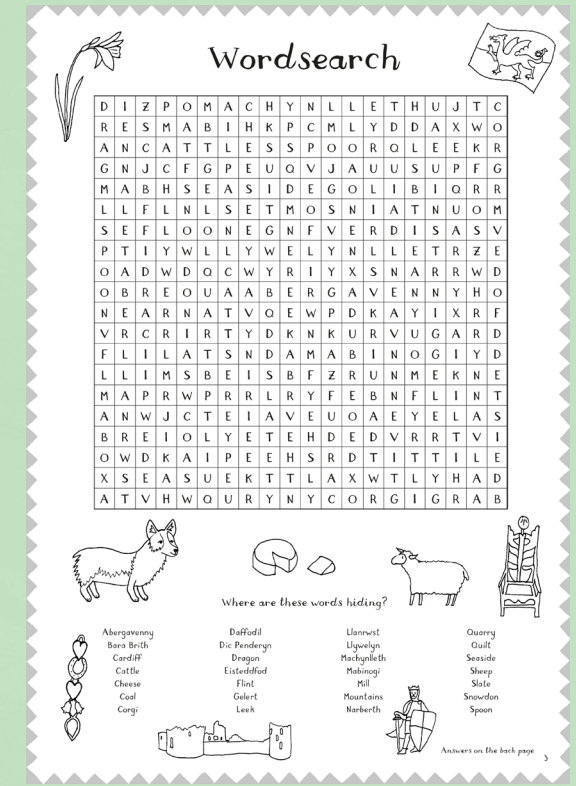
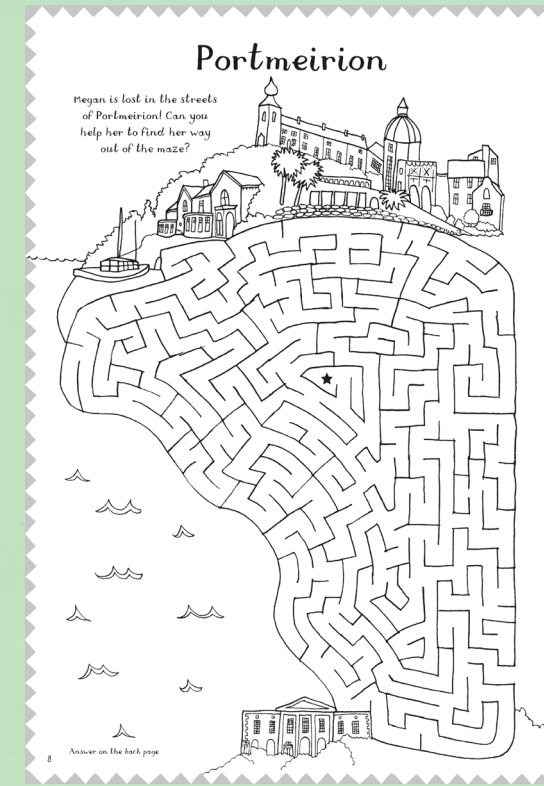


A beautiful paperback activity and colouring book full of Welsh content – places, animals, plants, symbols, landmarks and facts. This Wales activity book is linked to the Wales on the Map picture atlas. The atlas depicts Wales county by county and features icons highlighting famous people, places, animals, sport and other interesting facts about that area.

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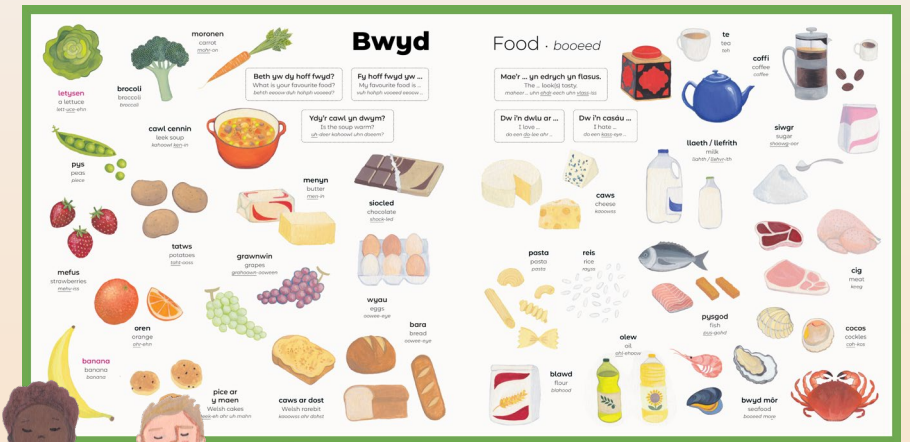
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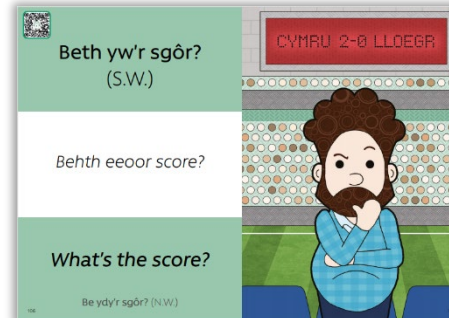
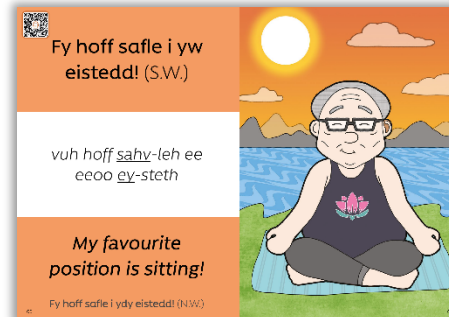


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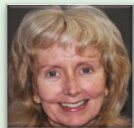
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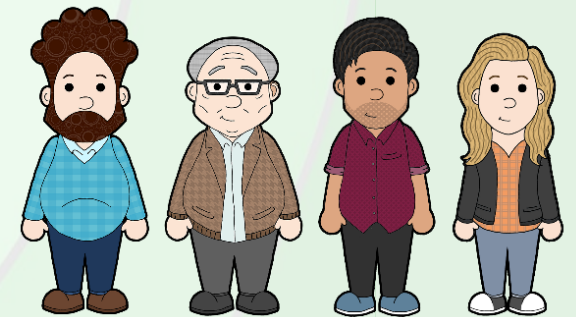
**Elin Meek** grew up in Ystalfera and Carmarthen. After studying Welsh and German at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, she spent 10 years teaching in Trinity College, Carmarthen. She now works as a freelance translator, adapter and author from her home in Swansea.



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Do I didn't ya half ...	I don't like ...	Dyeh ch'n half bowls? (S+V)	(singular / formal or plural)
		Dash ch'n half bowls? (W+V)	


  

Do I'm half right.	I like right	Yes / No / Yes / No
Do I'm half hood.	I like hoodies	Yes / No / Yes / No
Do I'm half pit-a-roo!	I like football	Yes / No / Yes / No
Do I'm half goal!	I like goals	Yes / No / Yes / No

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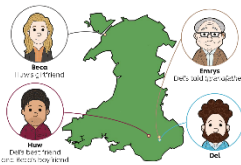
  



**DW I'M HALF CREEK**

Do I daim in half creek  
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Đem tìn gwylio ...	I watch ...
Dim ddim yn gwylio ...	I watch ...

Dim tìn gwyllo o'dl choed.	I watch football.
Dim tìn gwyllo nosi.	I watch movies.
Dim tìn gwyllo rygbi.	I watch rugby.
Dim tìn gwyllo cithio cerbydau.	I watch cars/racing.

Dim i ddim yn gwylio bell-nydd.	I don't watch remote.
Dim i ddim yn gwylio goffi.	I don't watch coffee.
Dim i ddim yn gwylio tennis.	I don't watch tennis.
Dim i ddim yn gwylio saigo.	I don't watch skiing.

Wytt tìn gwilio tennis?	Do you watch tennis? (singular/familiar)
Dych chi'n gwilio tennis? (S.W.)	Singular formal or plural
Dach chi'n gwilio tennis? (N.W.)	

Vom / Iac ydy.	Yes please / No, I don't.
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Aid?

A chi?

Atafych chi'n gwilio tennis?  
(S.W.)

Atafych chi'n gwilio tennis?  
(N.W.)

tan gòu cǎi / cài cǎi	3-0	now pǎi / cǎi / now cǎi	6-0
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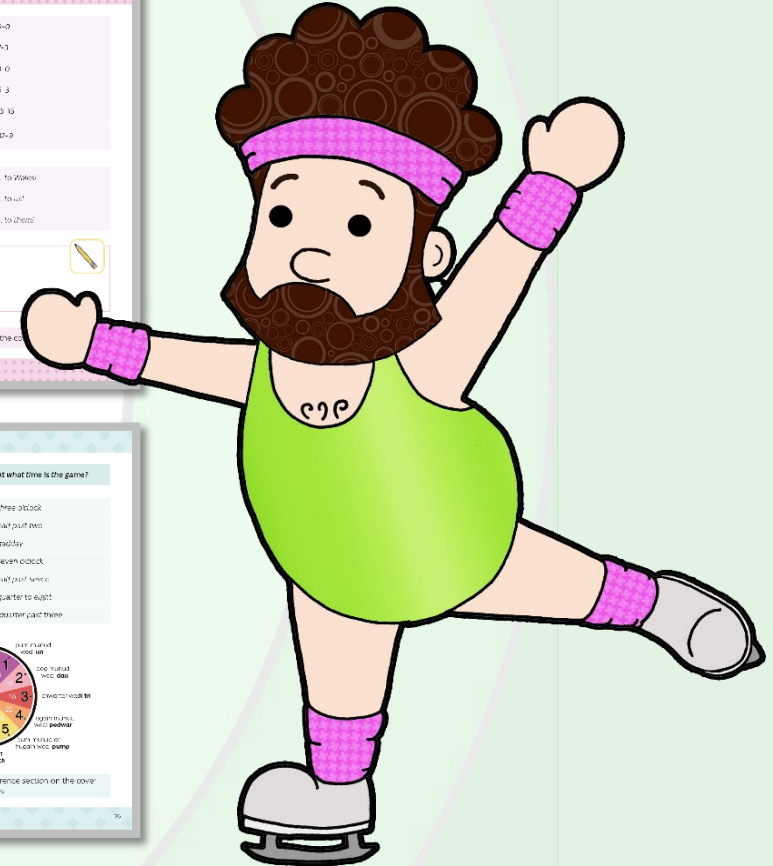
  
  

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Pray man's game?	When is the game?	Am full? or gloch man's game?	At what time is the game?
next day	today	ten o'clock	three o'clock
next	tomorrow	tenner over one coin	half past two
year	tomorrow	tenner spent	midday
next year	tomorrow night	sixth o'clock	seven o'clock
day's future	tomorrow	tenner over one coin	half past seven
day's full	today	quarter's worth	quarter to eight
not a quarter	tomorrow night	quarter's worth	quarter past three
not further	Wednesday night		
not further	Friday night		
without need	next week		
not longer	after supper		
only one	before dinner		
more than	in an hour		
more than one	in half an hour		

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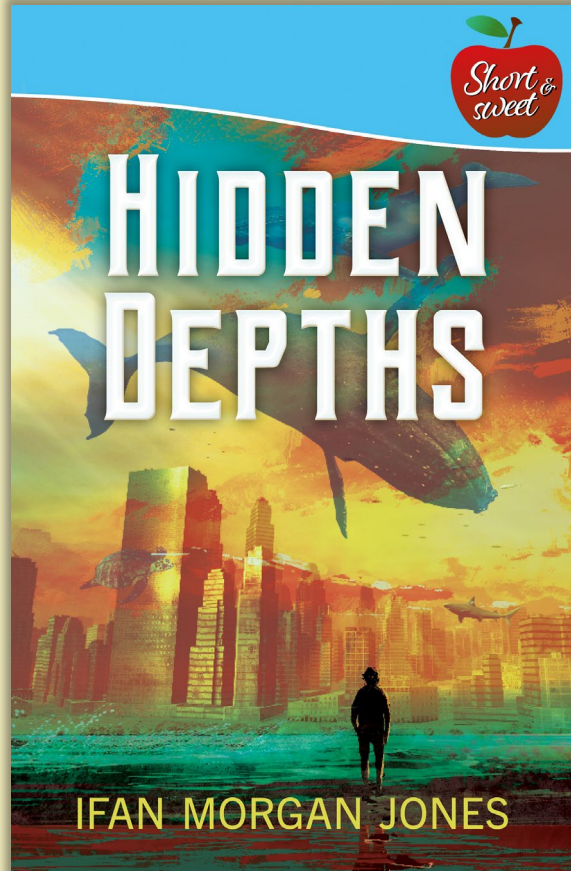
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# Hidden Depths

Science fiction & fantasy short story



**Ifan Morgan Jones** is an author, journalist and university lecturer based in Llandysul, Ceredigion. He has won numerous awards for his work, including the Daniel Owen Memorial Prize for *Igam Ogam* in 2008 and Book of the Year for *Babel* in 2020.

*Hidden Depths* is a jaw-dropping sci-fi novella with echoes of the Welsh myth of Cantre Gwaelod (Wales's very own Atlantis situated along the shore of Cardigan Bay). Rees has been running away his whole life. But when a legend from his childhood turns out to be fact rather than fiction, he is drawn deeper into a hidden world that reveals a troubling truth – not just about his present, but also his past. The choice is clear: keep running, or stay and fight.

- Written by Ifan Morgan Jones, whose 2020 novel *Babel* won the Wales Book of the Year award
- Suitable for teenagers aged 14 years + and the adult market
- A short, engaging and accessible story which is perfect for reluctant readers
- Suitable for any fans of science fiction and fantasy
- Draws on classic Welsh legends and mythology for a truly unique and original story

They are often our best friends and share a special bond with us. But what if your dog was more than just a pet? In *Dogs for Life*, we share the stories of animals with very important jobs to do. Heart-warming and inspiring, emotional and funny, *Dogs for Life* shows how some amazing animals are changing the lives of the humans who love them. The book explores the world of dogs, not just as adored pets and life companions, but as guide dogs, sniffer dogs, therapy dogs and more.

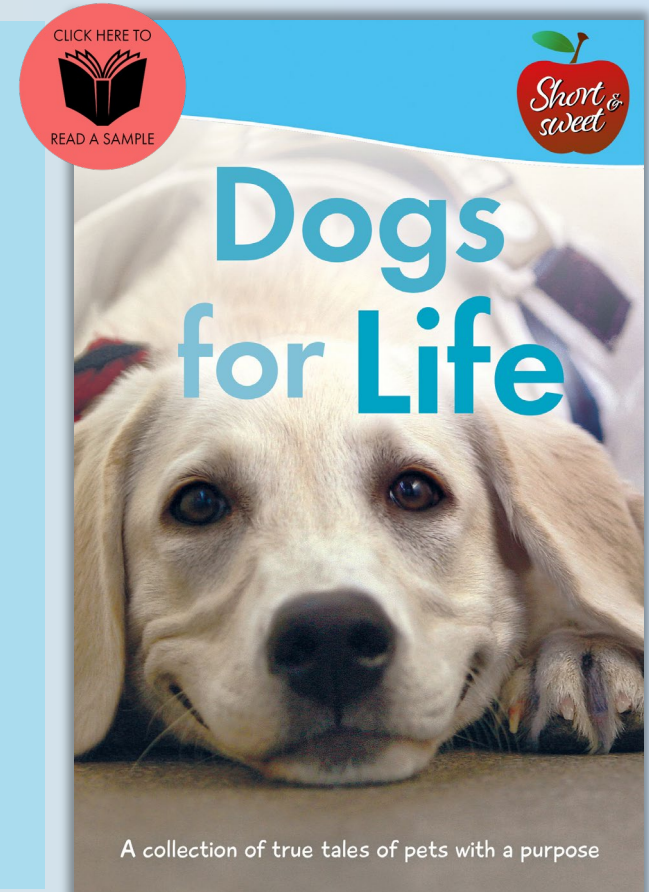
- Includes 6 uplifting true stories about dogs that will warm your heart and lift your spirits
- Suitable for teenagers aged 14 years + and the adult market
- A quick and easy read which is perfect for any reluctant readers
- Features the Welsh animal charity Burns by Your Side, who help children grow confidence in their ability to read
- Expertly written by Alison Stokes, who specialises in writing about gripping real-life stories



**Alison Stokes** is a UK-based writer and journalist, who writes for national magazines in the UK and US and regional newspapers in Wales. A former features editor at the South Wales Echo, she specialises in arts, music and real-life stories.

# Dogs for Life

A collection of true stories about dogs



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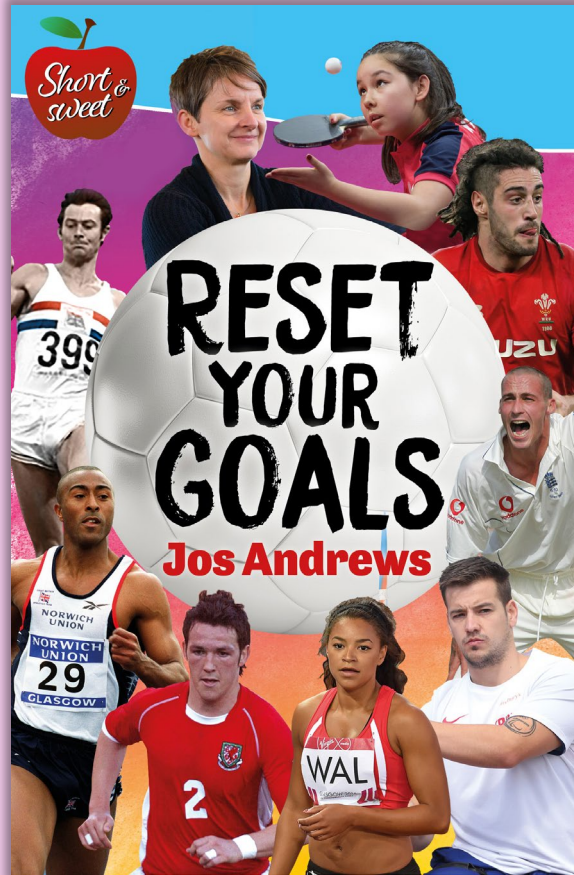
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# Reset Your Goals

Sports & leisure | Real-life stories from athletes



**Jos Andrews** is former BBC producer, creative writer and consultant with extensive experience in the media, education, training, arts and public relations. She has written seven 'Quick Reads' books for the Books Council of Wales.

Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try. Sportsmen and women talk about dealing with success and disappointment. The common message is I might get knocked down but I get up again. Setbacks are challenges but they don't defeat me. In the words of Wales' Olympic gold medallist, 'If it's to be, it's up to me.' - Lynn Davies (featured).

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- Simon Jones (Cricketer)
- Josh Navidi (Rugby player)
- Matt Jones (Footballer)
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# Music to Make Friends By

True stories about the power of music

Music to Make Friends By is a funny, uplifting and autobiographical book about the life-changing moments and friendships that result from loving pop music. From buying my first record, aged 6, to teaming up with a friend to DJ in the bars and clubs of Cardiff, each short chapter will be packed with music and memories.

- A funny and uplifting book which explores the themes of friendship and memories through the medium of music
- Hayley Long is a multi award-winning author and was the recipient of the 2018 T'ir Na N'Og award
- Suitable for teenagers aged 14 years + and the adult market
- A short and accessible book which is perfect for any reluctant readers
- Anyone familiar with Hayley's writing will love this book as well as fans of pop music of all ages



**Hayley Long** is an English author best known for her teen fiction. Her 2017 novel *The Nearest Faraway Place* won the Tir na n-Og Award in 2018 and the Mal Peet Children's Book Award in 2020.

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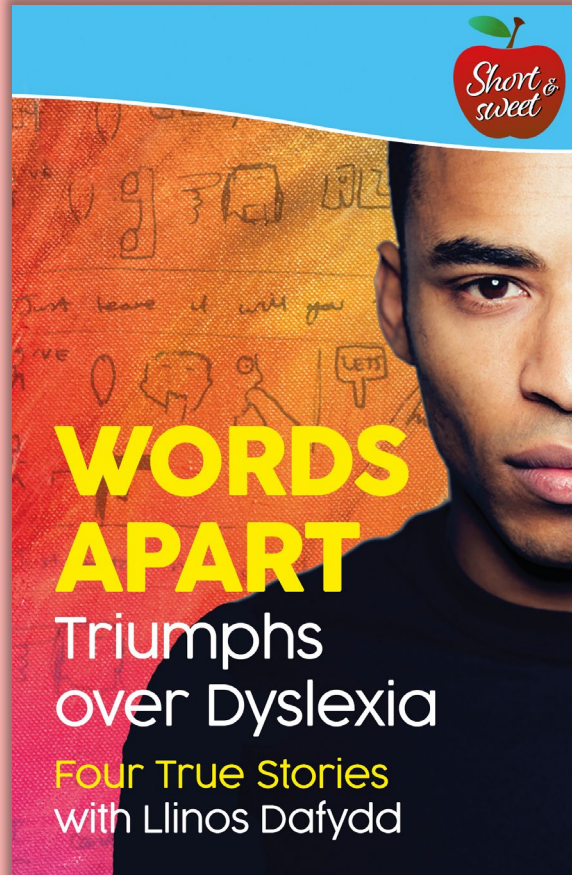
# Words Apart: Triumphs Over Dyslexia

A collection of true stories about dyslexia



# No Place to Call Home

A true story about homelessness

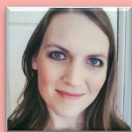
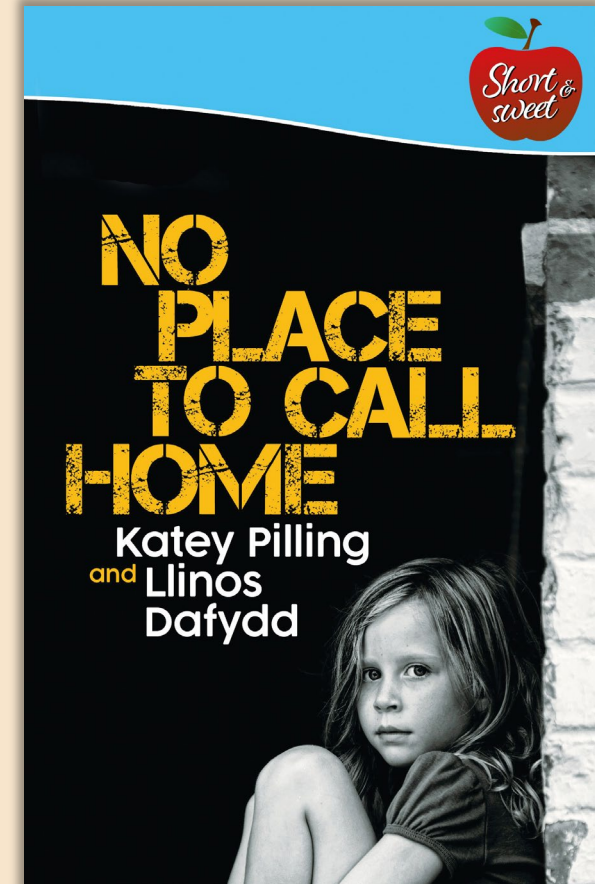


A diagnosis of dyslexia can cause anxiety and confusion. This illuminating book shares triumphant stories of people in Wales who have found creative ways of getting to grips with the condition. Some even say that their dyslexia helped them to be more successful. *Words Apart* is a book about some of those people, and how they've overcome their difficulties and succeeded in acting, poetry, teaching and more.

- Includes four inspirational real-life stories of Welsh people including actor Lloyd Everitt and poet Aneirin Karadog
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- A short, engaging and accessible book which is perfect for reluctant readers
- Fully supported and endorsed by local charity Dyslexia Cymru, with 10% of royalties being donated to them
- An inspiring and insightful exploration of dyslexia and how it can affect individuals differently

Children, families, couples - anyone can become homeless. Read the fascinating and emotional personal story about Katey Pilling's experiences of homelessness as a child and as an adult. Katey gives her own take on homelessness, giving us a detailed account from her childhood in Aberaeron on the west Wales coast through to adulthood. We also hear about the frustrations that have left deep scars on her. The author and publisher wish to extend their gratitude to Shelter Cymru for supporting this book and sharing their expertise.

- Recounts Katey Pilling's personal story of homelessness, whilst also exploring the theme as a whole and possible causes
- Suitable for teenagers aged 14 years + and the adult market
- Back of the book includes useful phone numbers for anyone seeking support
- Deals with an important theme in a poignant and sensitive manner
- Includes a number of facts and statistics to help educate readers



**Llinos Dafydd** is a creative editor, writer and translator based in Llandysul, Ceredigion. She is the editor of *Lysh Cymru*, a Welsh-language digital magazine for teenage girls, and has a wealth of experience in publishing and journalism.



**Katey Pilling** has survived homelessness both during her childhood as well as later in life as a mother. Through her work with Shelter Cymru and the Take Notice Project, she has campaigned to help people who find themselves without a home.

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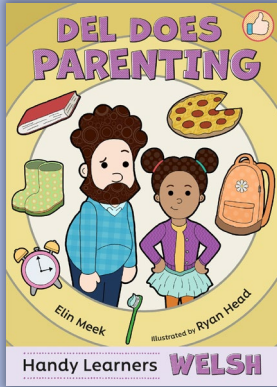
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**Del Does Parenting**  
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Illustrated by Ryan Head

Del has to look after his niece, Nia, whilst his sister is away. Though initially out of his depth as he deals with the trials and tribulations of dealing with a 6-year-old diva, he soon forms a bond with Nia and learns a number of important skills along the way.

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Have fun learning first words with Little Mouse. Introduce a variety of different words to your little one with these modern and engaging illustrations.

- The latest book from illustrator Leonie Servini, following *Amser Canu*, *Blant!*, *123 with Little Mouse* and *ABC with Little Mouse*
- A perfect first words book for children aged 0-5, with gentle illustrations and simple text
- Also available as a Welsh language edition entitled *Geiriau Cyntaf gyda Llygoden Fach*

**Publication date: April 2022**



**Del Does Social Media**  
Elin Meek  
Illustrated by Ryan Head

Emrys, Del's grandfather, has very little understanding of technology but wants to stay in touch with his friends and family via social media. Del tries to teach him how to use technology with mixed results.

- The third book in the Handy Learners series, following *Del Does Sport* and *Del Does Parenting*
- Handy pocked-sized paperback book includes FREE audio with a phonetic pronunciation guide
- A light-hearted and modern approach to learning Welsh

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## Welsh History and Culture

### The Eisteddfod

The **National Eisteddfod** is a big Welsh language cultural festival that takes place annually, alternating between north and south Wales. It's the largest cultural festival of its kind in Europe, and a key event in the Welsh calendar. Although events are conducted through the medium of Welsh, the festival itself attracts Welsh and English speakers. It is a mixture of daily talent competitions and evening concerts (performers in 2008 included Bryn Terfel, Connie Fisher and Cerys Matthews), gigs, plays and exhibitions. Competitions in the main pavilion vary from dance to recitation, singing to brass bands.

The first Eisteddfod was held in 1176, under the patronage of Lord Rhys, in his castle in Cardigan. He invited poets and musicians from all over the country and awarded a chair to the best poet and musician, a tradition that has carried on to the present day. Many Eisteddfods were held over the centuries under the patronage of Welsh gentry and noblemen. The first National Eisteddfod was held in Aberdare in 1861, and since then, it has been moulded into the **annual cultural event** we recognise today. During the second half of the 19th century, there was a thirst in Wales for the celebration of Welsh culture and the establishment of the National Eisteddfod has contributed heavily to the preservation of traditional Welsh literary and musical culture. With the exception of 1914 and 1940, the National Eisteddfod has been held alternately between north and south Wales and is the responsibility of the National Eisteddfod Association.

### Ceremonies

The festival has a quasi-druidic flavour, with the main literary prizes for poetry and prose being awarded in colourful and dramatic ceremonies under the auspices of the **Gorsedd of Bards**, complete with prominent figures in Welsh cultural life dressed in flowing druidic costumes, flower dances, trumpet fanfares and a symbolic Horn of Plenty. However, the Gorsedd is not an ancient institution or a pagan ceremony but rather a romantic creation by Iolo Morganwg in the 1790s, which first became a formal part of the Eisteddfod ceremonial in 1819. Nevertheless, it is taken very seriously, and an award of a crown or a chair for poetry is a great honour.

**Gorsedd Stones** are groups of standing stones constructed for the National Eisteddfod of Wales. They form an integral part of the druidic Gorsedd ceremonies of the Eisteddfod. The stones can be found as commemorative structures throughout Wales and are the hallmark of the National Eisteddfod having visited a community.

The **Chairing** and **Crowning** ceremonies are the highlights of the week, and are presided over by the Archdruid. Other important awards include the **Prose Medal**, **Drama Medal**, **Musicians' Medal** and the **Welsh Learner of the Year** award.







Manon Steffan Ros, Valériane Leblond and Elin Meek - winners of the 2019 Tir na n-Og awards.



Siân Lewis, author of over 250 children's books, won the Mary Vaughan Jones award in 2015.

## Tir na nÓg Awards

The **Tir na n-Og Awards** are a set of annual children's literary awards in Wales from 1976. They are presented by the Books Council of Wales to the best books published during the preceding calendar year in each of three awards categories, one English-language and two Welsh-language. Their purpose is "[to raise] the standard of children's and young people's books and to encourage the buying and reading of good books." There is no restriction to fiction or prose. The awards are named for Tir na nÓg, the "Land of the Young", an otherworldly realm in Irish mythology. The English-language award honours one book with an "authentic Welsh background" whose original language is English. It is sponsored by the British Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, Cymru Wales division (CILIP/Wales), and presented at that association's annual conference in May. The Welsh-language Primary Sector and Secondary Sector awards honour one book written for primary school children and one for secondary school children. They are presented at the annual Urdd National Eisteddfod, recently at the beginning of June or end of May. Since 2011, the Welsh-language awards are co-sponsored by the Cardigan-based publisher Cymdeithas Lyfrau Ceredigion.

## The Mary Vaughan Jones Award

The **Mary Vaughan Jones Award** is presented once every three years to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to children's books in Wales over a considerable period of time. The Award – presented once every three years by the Books Council of Wales in memory of the author Mary Vaughan Jones, who died in 1983 – is presented to a person who has made a special contribution to the field of children's literature in Wales over many years. Anyone who has contributed extensively to the field of children's books in Welsh over a period of years, whether as an author, artist, bookseller, librarian, officer etc, can be considered. For someone who has made a contribution mainly as part of their job, it would be necessary to demonstrate that the contribution is truly exceptional and goes beyond the general requirements of a salaried post. The Mary Vaughan Jones Trophy is the highest honour in the field of children's books in Wales and should be considered the crowning glory of the winner's career. Individual award winners, such as the Tir na n-Og prize, should not be excluded when considering merit for this honour.

## Wales Book of the Year

The Wales Book of the Year Award is an annual prize celebrating outstanding literary talent from Wales across many genres and in both English and Welsh. There are twelve awards in total with a collective prize fund of £14,000. In both Welsh and English there are four category winners, one People's Choice winner and one overall winner. There are four categories in each language – Poetry, Fiction, Creative Non-fiction and Children & Young People, with one of the four category winners announced as the Overall Winner, and claims the title Wales Book of the Year 2021. The Wales Book of the Year Awards play an essential part in Literature Wales' programme of activity and contributes to its strategic aim of celebrating and representing Wales' writers, its heritage and rich literary culture. The prize offers an invaluable platform to both emerging and established writers.

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