



Titles for 2026/27

About Dragon Press



Dragon Press is an innovative, independent book publisher based in South Wales, UK. We specialise in fun, engaging and inclusive books for children and young people.

Since 2021, we have been honoured to work with incredible authors, illustrators and designers from Wales and beyond.

Recently, we have increased our catalogue of original titles, and are thrilled to showcase our fabulous books at global trade fairs in London, Bologna and Frankfurt.

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Sam's Silent Disco

Author: Carys Haf Glyn

Illustrator: Paul Nicholls

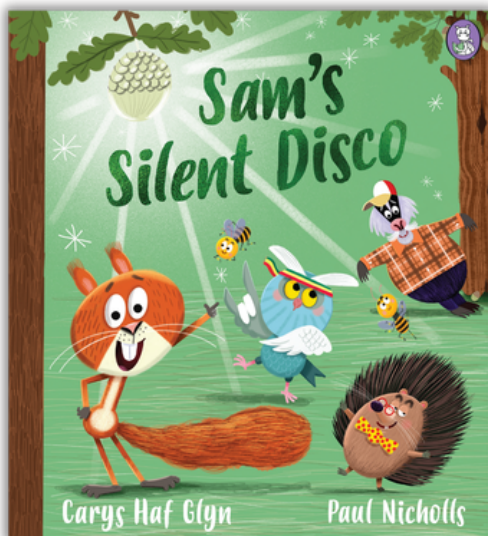
**SMART
BOOK**
GO BEYOND READING.

Paperback

275 x 245 mm

32pp

Free audio



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A lively dancing squirrel learns that the best rhythm isn't always the loudest in this heartwarming picture book about friendship, empathy, and finding harmony with others.

- Written by an experienced primary school teacher, in rhyming text, to introduce the important themes of **acceptance, understanding** and being **respectful of your community**
- Emmy Award connection: While he is an agency-represented **illustrator** rather than a television producer, Paul Nicholls has done work for an Emmy Award-winning children's animated series in the US

- A useful tool for children with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) or Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), particularly **ADHD** and sound-sensitive **autism**



Carys Haf Glyn is an exciting new author from the Welsh valleys with experience as a primary school teacher.



Paul Nicholls is a children's book illustrator originally from Manchester, England, who now lives in West Wales.

One For You and One For Me

Author: Aneirin Karadog

Illustrator: Matt Abbott

Paperback

240 x 240 mm

32pp

Free resources



- Stunning full-colour illustrations throughout add **gentle humour**
- Linked to **free additional resources** including bookmarks and a drawing tutorial
- Includes an **adult's guide** to talking about sharing



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Sharing makes everything brighter!
This playful picture book celebrates the joy of sharing fairly, caring and being kind. One for you and one for me.

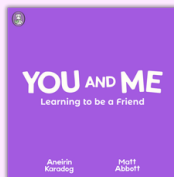
- Emphasises a **powerful message** about the importance of kindness
- Rhyming text makes the book perfect for **reading aloud**
- Includes a **diverse and heartfelt** cast of characters



Frontlist

You and Me:
Learning to be a Friend

A charming picture book that helps children discover what it truly means to be a friend.



Cover TBC



Aneirin Karadog is an esteemed poet and linguist from Pontyberem, Wales. He was the Welsh language Children's Laureate from 2013–15.



Matt Abbott is an emerging children's book illustrator who returned to his love of drawing after a career in journalism.

Byte and Firewall

Author: Dr Nisha Rawindaran

Illustrator: Wayne Harris

Paperback

240 x 240 mm

32pp



All rights available

Join Byte the Mouse and Firewall the Dragon on a fun-filled digital adventure where young readers learn to outsmart scams, stop cyberbullies, and stay safe online with confidence.

- Written in rhyming text, this unique picture book serves as a first introduction to technology and **online safety** for children
- Includes a handy **guide for adults** at the back of the book with suggested conversation starters and topics of discussion
- The loveable characters of Byte and Firewall add **humour and heart** to what is also an important educational resource

- Expertly written by **leading cyber security** professional Dr Nisha Rawindaran
- Gives practical advice as well as dealing with **sensitive topics** such as bullying



Dr Nisha Rawindaran is an experienced IT professional who studied Electronic Engineering at Cardiff University.



Wayne Harris is a graphic designer and illustrator who has recently worked on a number of children's books.

The Sea and Eli Moi

Author: Sioned Erin Hughes

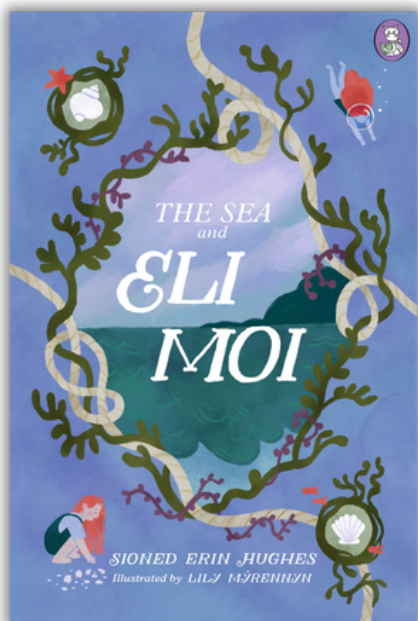
Illustrator: Lily Mÿrennyn



Paperback

198 x 129 mm

224pp



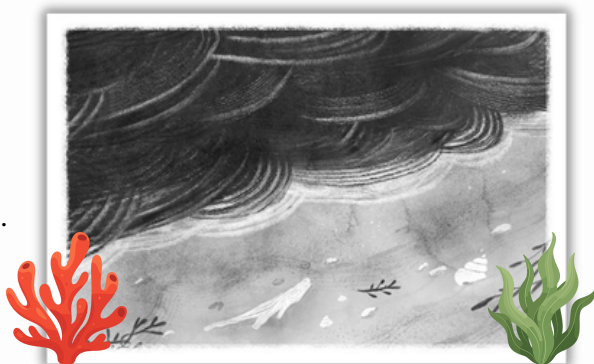
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Eli Moi longs to be heard in a world that's always in a hurry. When a mysterious shell speaks with the voice of the Old Wise Woman of the Waves, she is swept into a magical adventure beneath the sea. This enchanting middle-grade novel celebrates friendship, curiosity, and the extraordinary rewards of taking the time to truly listen.

- A warm, funny and deeply moving book, perfect for lovers of fantasy
- An honest **exploration of grief**
- Includes an important **environmental message** about caring for our oceans

- The **debut children's book** by Sioned Erin Hughes, who is an acclaimed Welsh poet. She has won a variety of awards including the Urdd Eisteddfod Crown and a Tir na n'Og award.
- Lily Mÿrennyn is an **emerging talent** who won the inaugural competition for young book illustrators in 2021.



Early sample illustration – final imagery TBC



Sioned Erin Hughes is an exciting debut children's fiction author from Boduan, on the Llŷn Peninsula in North Wales.



Lily Mÿrennyn is a children's book illustrator whose work is deeply inspired by nature, folklore and magic.



Decide Your Destiny: Hero of Arfro

Author: Llinos Dafydd

Illustrator: Amelie Ahern-Williams



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Paperback

198 x 129 mm

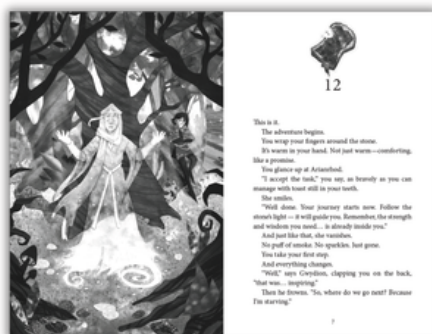
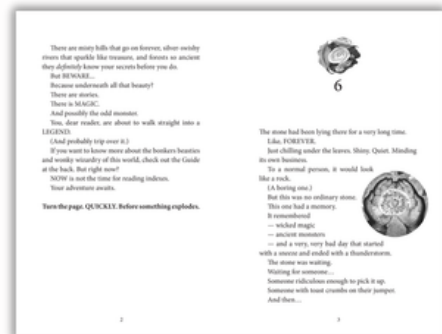
96pp

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Enter the magical world of Arfro, where every choice shapes your adventure. Battle mythical creatures, overcome hidden dangers, and discover multiple paths to victory in this thrilling interactive fantasy. The fate of Arfro is in your hands.

- Written by **experienced author** and award-winning poet Llinos Dafydd in her debut children's book
- A **uniquely interactive book** where the readers shape the events of the story
- Beautiful illustrations throughout that craft a truly **immersive world**

- Specifically designed to be **re-read** with a different outcome every time



Llinos Dafydd is a writer, poet and journalist from Llandysul, Wales. She has adapted numerous books into Welsh.



Amelie Ahern-Williams is a non-binary illustrator based in Wales. They were the official illustrator for *Hay Pride* in 2023 and 2024.

111 Fantastic Facts!

Author: Owain Sion
Illustrator: Corb Davies

Paperback

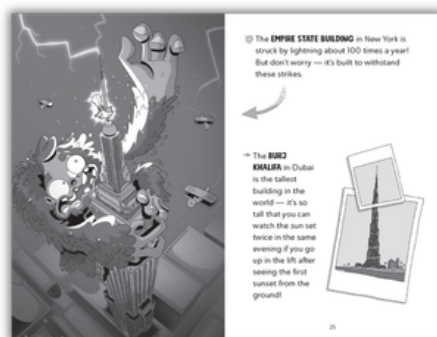
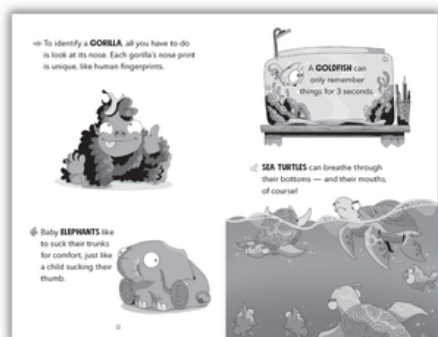
196 x 130 mm

84pp

All rights available

Packed with 111 amazing facts, this fun-filled book explores incredible animals, famous people, and the wonders of our world. Perfect for curious readers aged 7-9, it's guaranteed to inspire, surprise, and entertain.

- Written by an experienced author and school teacher in **bite-sized text**
 - The illustrator is a **highly acclaimed** Welsh cartoonist and animator, whose unique art style provides humour throughout the book
 - Facts cover a **wide range of topics** including nature, history and world culture
- A perfect book for both young bookworms and **reluctant readers**



Owain Siôn Williams is an author and educator, best known for adapting the *Peppa Pig* and *Wimpy Kid* series into Welsh.



Corb Davies is an exciting new illustrator based in Cardiff. He won The Guardian's Cartoonist of the Year award in 2022.



Jac and Pwca

Author: Megan Angharad Hunter

Illustrator: Gareth Williams



Paperback

198 x 129 mm

80pp each

Series of 4 titles



Draft covers – not final

- **Four initial titles** in the series, which can be read sequentially or individually
- Draws on **Welsh and Celtic mythology** with the inclusion of the Pwca – a mischievous shape-shifting character in the vein of Loki

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When Jack meets a mischievous magical Pwca, every day becomes an adventure. From pirates to pop stars, each transformation leads to laugh-out-loud fun, magical mishaps, and unforgettable adventures.

- Written by multi-award-winning author Megan Angharad Hunter
- Simple, short text designed to be fully accessible for **dyslexic readers**
- Fonts **carefully selected** to be suitable for dyslexic readers and those with additional learning needs (ALN).



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Megan Angharad Hunter is a highly acclaimed Welsh author and screenwriter. She won Wales Book of the Year in 2021.



Gareth Williams is an experienced illustrator originally from the South Wales valleys, who is now based in Essex.



Language Learners



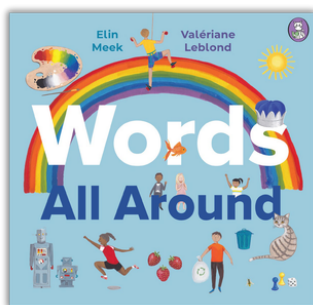
First Words: 5 Languages

Author/Illustrator: Valérie Leblond

Hardback | 295 x 245 mm | 64pp | All rights available

Dive into a world of language and discover over 500 carefully curated first words in five languages.

- A unique book featuring English, Welsh, French, Spanish and Ukrainian, with the option of changing these languages for international markets



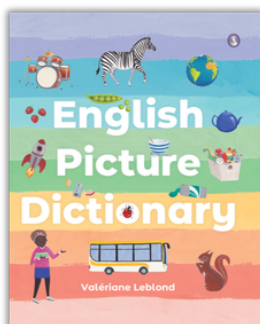
Words All Around

Author: Elin Meek | **Illustrator:** Valérie Leblond

Hardback | 305 x 305mm | 84pp | All rights available

A visually stunning large format book introducing first words with stunning artwork.

- Covers a wide range of first concepts and topics including the alphabet, shapes, numbers, people and events



English Picture Dictionary

Author/Illustrator: Valérie Leblond

Paperback | 295 x 245 mm | 48pp | All rights available

A beautifully illustrated picture dictionary, with over 500 useful words arranged thematically.

- Focuses on familiar everyday objects and settings, with each word being followed by a phonetic spelling in smaller type



Elin Meek is a freelance translator, adapter and award-winning author who grew up in Ystalyfera and Carmarthen.



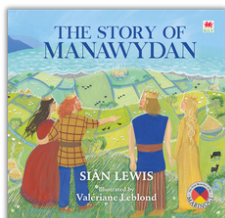
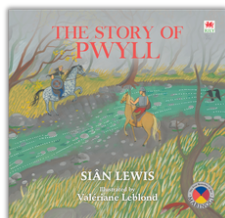
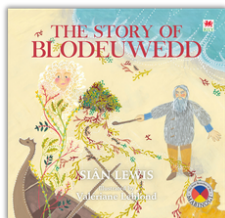
Valérie Leblond is an artist originally from Angers, France, she now lives in Wales. She has won two Tir na n'Og awards.



Celtic Myths and Legends



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The Mabinogi: Short Stories Collection

Author: Siân Lewis

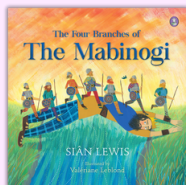
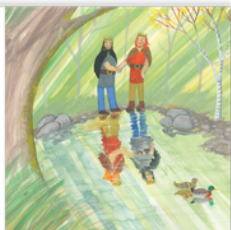
Illustrator: Valériane Leblond

Paperback | 150 x 150 mm | 40pp each

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A new series of four individual books collecting the four branches of the Mabinogi - the oldest myths in Wales.

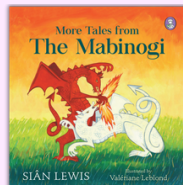
- Suitable for readers **of any age**
- Included **annotated maps** provide geographical and historical context
- **Fresh retellings** of ancient tales, based on the 2016 Tir na n'Og award-winning book
- Beautiful, **full-colour illustrations** throughout by Valériane Leblond



Backlist

The Four Branches of the Mabinogi

Captivating Welsh legends with a unique mix of magic, romance and adventure.



Backlist

More Tales from the Mabinogi

The much-anticipated sequel to the award-winning series of fascinating myths and legends.



Siân Lewis has written over 250 books for children and young people, and has won numerous prestigious awards for her work.



Valériane Leblond is an artist originally from Angers, France, she now lives in Wales. She has won two Tir na n'Og awards.



Our Wales: A People's History

Authors: Martin Johnes & Darren Chetty

Illustrator: Matt Abbott

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Hardback

275 x 235 mm

80pp

Free digital resources

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Created by a historian, a teacher, and an emerging illustrator, this visually engaging non-fiction book inspires children to discover how the people of Wales shaped their nation's history from 1800 to the present day.

- An exciting title in the new **Smart Book** range, which grants access to high-quality additional resources such as **podcasts**

- A **comprehensive guide** to the history of Wales from the last 200+ years
- Covers **important** and **nuanced topics** such as immigration, social class, racism and war with sensitivity for readers aged 9-12+
- **Full-colour illustrations** throughout for full engagement and essential historical context



Martin Johnes is a Professor of Modern History who specialises in the history of Wales and pop culture in modern Britain.



Darren Chetty is a teacher, lecturer, writer and editor with research interests in education, philosophy and racism.



Matt Abbott is an emerging children's book illustrator who lives in Barry, South Wales.

10 Fascinating Stories from Welsh History

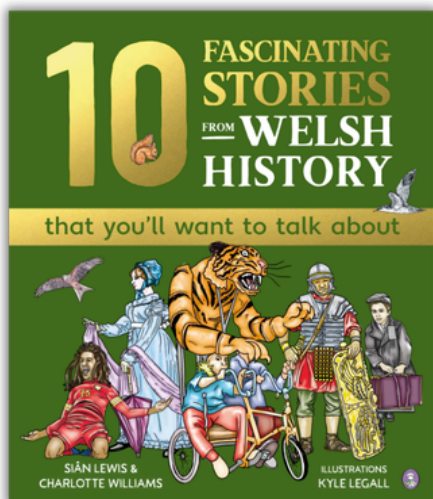
Author: Siân Lewis & Charlotte Williams

Illustrator: Kyle Legall

Hardback

283 x 242 mm

52pp

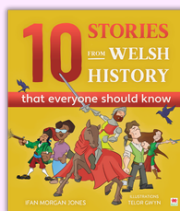


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Take young readers on a thrilling journey through Welsh history, uncovering the remarkable and the unexpected. Meet the Welsh heroes and ordinary people whose actions helped shape both the Wales we know today and the wider world.

- The **much-anticipated follow up** to *10 Stories from Welsh History*
- Winner of the 2026 **Readers' Choice** Tir na n'Og award

- Focuses on some of the **lesser-known stories** and prominent figures from Welsh history
- Each story includes an accompanying **map and timeline** for full historical context



Backlist

10 Stories from Welsh History

Ifan Morgan Jones, Telor Gwyn

A highly visual factual book to encourage children to discover more about Welsh history



Siân Lewis has written over 250 books for children and young people, and has won numerous prestigious awards for her work.



Charlotte Williams OBE is a Welsh-Guyanese social justice activist, academic, cultural critic, and award-winning writer.



Kyle Legall is an artist from Butetown, Cardiff, whose artistry has expanded into several genres.

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