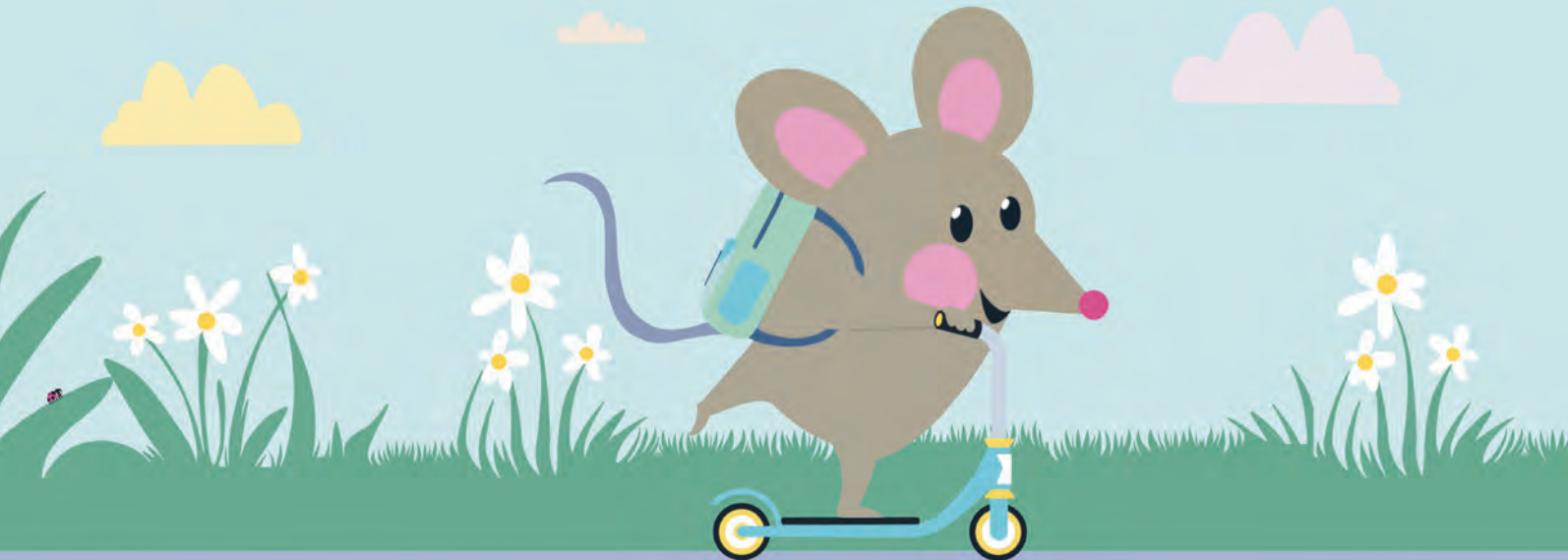




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Dragon Press is an exciting new imprint from Rily Publications Ltd., specialising in books for co-editions. Our vision is to create quality, popular children's books for all ages from birth to young adult, including both fiction and non-fiction titles.

Following on from the success of our original Little Mouse character books, we have two exciting new titles for Spring 2023 on pages 2–3. We have a strong language learning list on pages 6–12 with more titles added to our popular *Del Does...* series, including innovative audio features. Also included is our new book *Words All Around*, the flagship title in what will become a strong brand, expanding into 2023 with a visually stunning Picture Dictionary.

For our older readers we have titles from award-winning authors and illustrators on pages 14–20. Tales of European myth and legend, entrancing stories from the Mabinogion and King Arthur.

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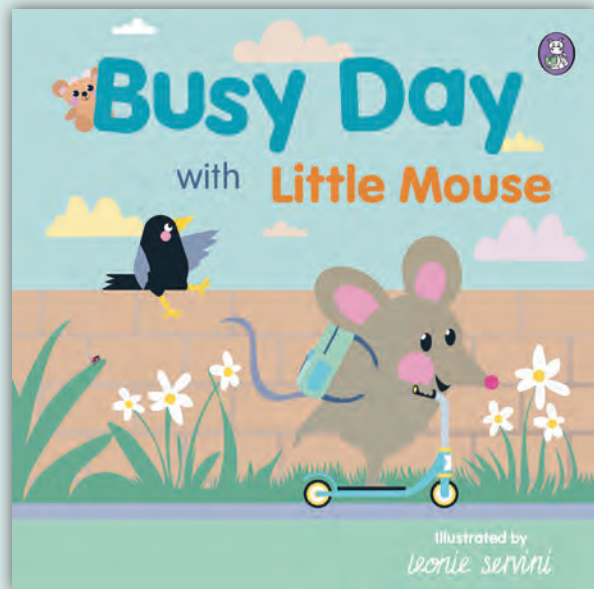
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# Busy Day with Little Mouse

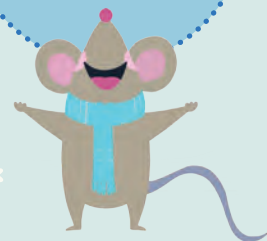
First words board book



Leonie Servini is an exciting new illustrator from Wales. She specialises in gentle, digital illustrations for children.

- Have fun learning first words with Little Mouse
- Introduce everyday words to your little one with these modern and engaging illustrations
- Find Teddy on every page
- Perfect first words board book for children aged 0–5 with gentle illustrations and simple text

New titles  
with  
**Little Mouse**



**Illustrator** Leonie Servini  
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Age  
0-5

BB

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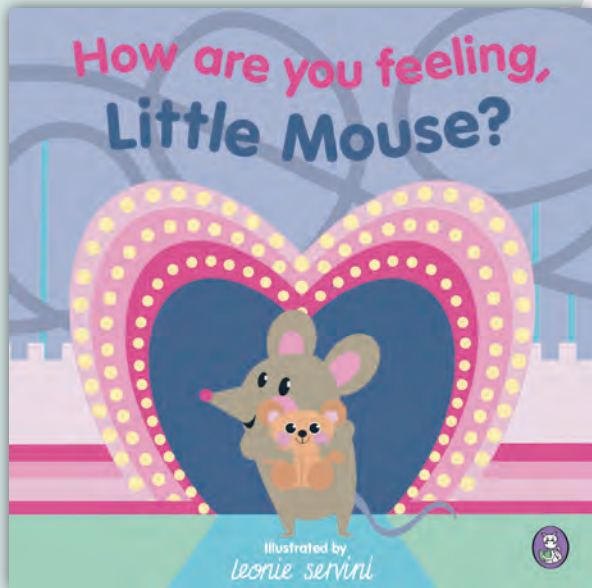
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2023





# How are you Little Mouse?

First feelings board book



- Explore your little one's emotions with Little Mouse
- Understand how your body feels with different emotions
- A wonderful introduction to emotional intelligence for the youngest
- Clear and gentle illustrations help explain strong feelings in the simplest of ways
- Solid, robust board book perfect for little hands



Age  
0-5

BB

16  
pages

180x  
180mm

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Illustrator Leonie Servini  
Rights World

# 123 with Little Mouse

First words board book



- Modern and attractive introduction to numbers and letters
- Chunky and robust board books perfect for little hands
- Plenty of interest on each spread for interaction



Illustrated by **Leonie Servini**  
see also pp. 2-3 for other Little Mouse titles



Age  
0-5

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16  
pages

180x  
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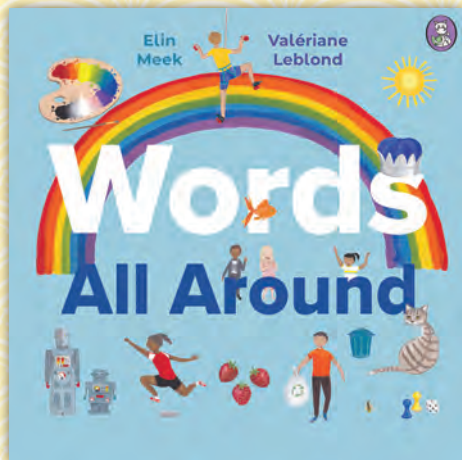






# Words All Around

## First words



- Sumptuous first words book, bursting with images
- Appeals to any age, both children and adults
- Stunning and diverse illustrations throughout



**Elin Meek** grew up in Wales and after studying Welsh and German at university she spent a decade teaching in Trinity College, Carmarthen. She now works as a freelance translator, adapter and author.



**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 Wales and speaks multiple languages. She has won two Tir na n'Og awards.



Age  
5+

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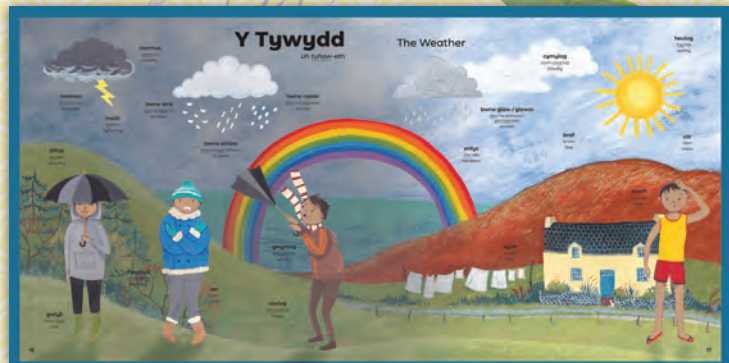
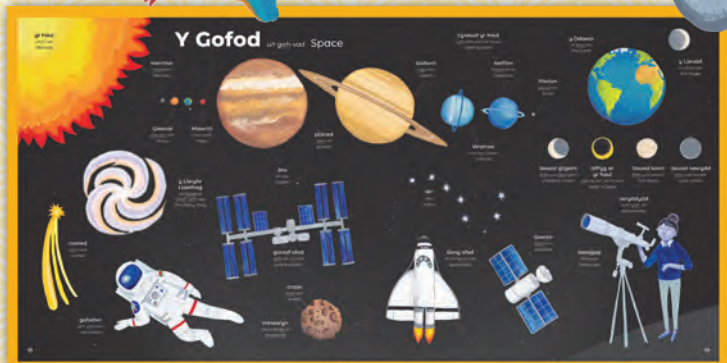
84  
pages

295x  
295mm

Available

**Author** Elin Meek  
**Illustrator** Valérie Leblond

**Rights** World





# Welsh-English Picture Dictionary



Here are over 500 illustrations of familiar objects. Words are grouped according to themes, such as sports, classroom, fruit, vegetables, wellbeing, weather, and many others.

- A stunning first words book with beautiful, full-colour illustrations throughout
- Appeals to any age, both children and adults
- Also available from Valérie Leblond: *Words All Around* (on pages 6–7)



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Age  
5+

PB

48  
pages

295x  
245mm

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2023

**Illustrator** Valérie Leblond  
**Rights** World



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# Del does Parenting



Free  
audio



Learn language the fun way with one or more of the three current titles in the Handy Learners series. A cast of quirky characters in comic strip-style illustrations introduce you to a new language. Suitable for any age. These books can be translated into any other language to support language learners

- A light-hearted and fun approach to language learning
- Text is simple and accessible
- Common phrases and words
- Designed for situational use
- Three titles so far in the series ... more to come
- Audio via QR code to support learning
- Can be typeset in single language or bilingually with two languages



Age  
12+

PB

128  
pages

148x  
105mm

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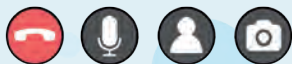
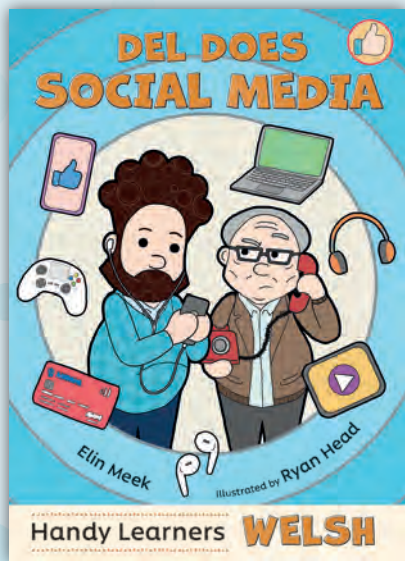
Author Elin Meek  
Illustrator Ryan Head

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# Del does Social Media



Ro'n i'n arfer edrych yn dda mewn lluniau!

rhone een ahr-ver ed-reekch uhn thah mehoown llcheen-ee-eye

*I used to take a good photo!*



Yn weithio	Do wari	Do ydych chi gyswrtu (SW)	Do ydych chi gyswrtu (SW)
Do i fessu apwyntio (SW) Do i fessu apwyntio (SW)	I want to chat	Do i fessu messa arllan mewn (SW) Do i fessu mesu arllan mewn (SW)	I don't want to chat
Do i fessu arfer mesur (SW) Do i fessu arllan (SW)	I want to send a message	Do i fessu messa arllan mewn (SW) Do i fessu mesu arllan mewn (SW)	I don't want to send a message
Do i fessu gyswrtu (SW) Do i fessu gyswrtu (SW)	I want to leave a comment	Do i fessu messa arllan mewn (SW) Do i fessu mesu arllan mewn (SW)	I don't want to leave a comment
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Free audio



Learn phrases quickly with a phonetic guide



Age  
12+

PB

128  
pages

148x  
105mm

Available

Author Elin Meek  
Illustrator Ryan Head

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# Mel Morgwn's Teeth

Picture book



Young pirate, Mel Morgwn refuses to brush his teeth and eat healthily. Despite the best efforts of his 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!

- Ages 3-8
- A fun story emphasising the importance of good hygiene
- Can be published as single language or bilingual



**Gordon Jones** worked at the National Library of Wales before joining the Books Council of Wales as editor of their children's magazine. He subsequently worked for various publishers as a 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 lived around the world before settling in Wales. He specialises in children's book illustration and particularly enjoys the themes of fantasy and magic.



Age  
3-8

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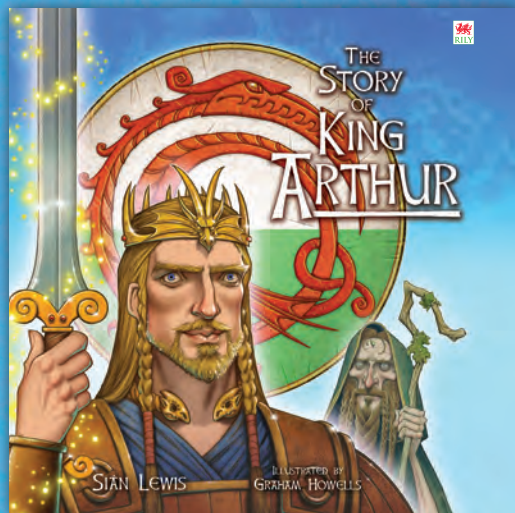
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**Author** Gordon Jones  
**Illustrator** Graham Howells

**Rights** World



# The Story of King Arthur



An evocative retelling of the classic tales of King Arthur. This luxurious edition includes all his famous tales such as The Quest for the Holy Grail, Merlin's Dream and The Battle of Camelot.

- Written in clear and poetic text with stunning colour illustrations throughout
- Illustrated maps
- Round table illustration with characters labelled to ensure familiarity
- An enchanting edition for children and adults alike



**Siân Lewis** has written over 250 books for children and young people. She has won numerous prestigious awards for her work, including the Mary Vaughan Jones award in 2015 and the Tir na n'Og in 2016



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



Age  
7+

HB

144  
pages

248x  
248mm

Available

**Author** Siân Lewis  
**Illustrator** Graham Howells

**Rights** World



# The Four Branches of the Mabinogi



*The Four Branches of the Mabinogi* are the most famous legends in Wales, some of the oldest in Europe. Be captivated by these ancient stories of magic, romance, adventures, giants, wars and wizards brought to life in this delightful edition.

- Retells the stories of Branwen, Blodeuwedd, Pwyll and Manawydan
- 'Spellbinding' intertwining of text and illustrations
- Appeals to younger and older children as well as adults



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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 Wales and speaks multiple languages. She has won two Tir na n'Og awards.

Age  
7+

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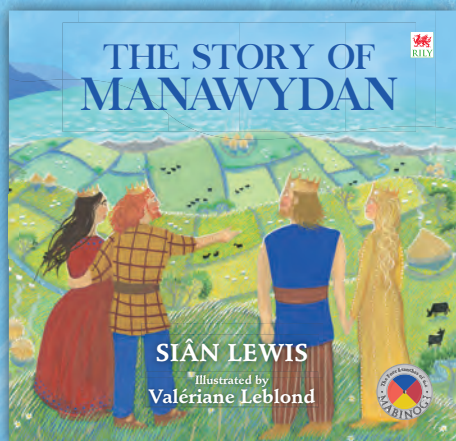
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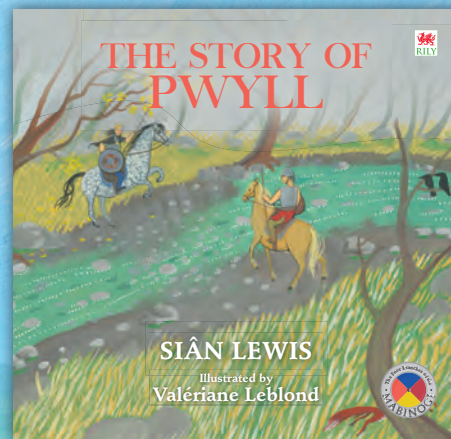
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# The Story of Manawydan



- Individual stories from The Mabinogion
- Available as a set of four titles or as individual books
- Simple accessible text and stunning illustrations from an award-winning team

# The Story of Pwyll



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7+

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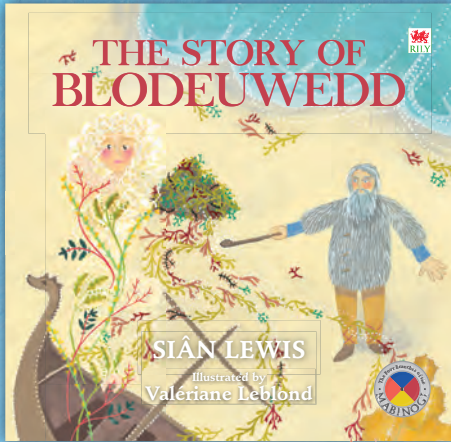
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# The Story of Blodeuwedd

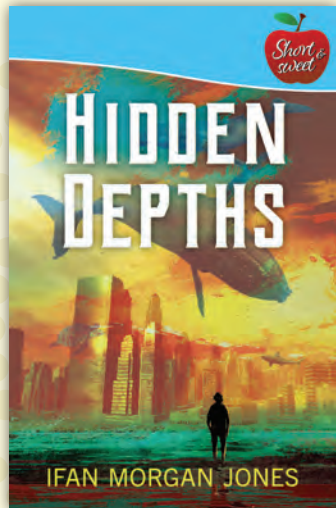


# The Story of Branwen



# Hidden Depths

Science fiction and fantasy



*Hidden Depths* is a jaw-dropping sci-fi novella. Rees has been running away his whole life. 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. Will he keep running – or stay and fight ...

- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market
- Short engaging story which is perfect for reluctant readers
- Draws on classic Welsh mythology for a truly unique and original story



**Ifan Morgan Jones** is an accomplished author, journalist and university lecturer. He has won numerous awards including the Daniel Owen Memorial Prize in 2008 and the Book of the Year prize in 2020.

Age  
14+

PB

112  
pages

198x  
129mm

Available

**Author** Ifan Morgan Jones  
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# Dogs for Life

A collection of true stories about dogs



Some dogs have very special jobs to do. In a heart-warming, inspirational and funny book, *Dogs for Life* shows how some amazing animals are changing the lives of the humans who love them. These dogs are not just pets and life companions, but guide dogs, sniffer dogs, therapy dogs and more.

- Six true stories about dogs that will warm your heart and lift your spirits
- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market
- A quick and easy read, perfect for reluctant readers



**Alison Stokes** is a UK-based writer and journalist, who writes for national magazines in the UK and US and regional newspapers in Wales.

Age  
14+

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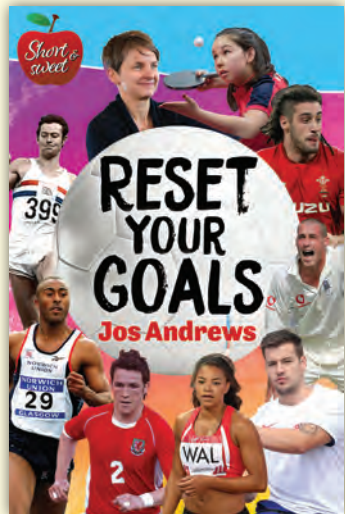
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Available

**Author** Alison Stokes  
**Rights** World

# Reset your Goals

Real-life stories from athletes



Don't worry about failure, 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.'

- Inspirational and uplifting book with a positive central message of resilience and determination
- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market
- With stories from many sports people including Colin Jackson (track), Laura McAllister (football), Mica Moore (bobsleigh and sprint), Josh Navidi (rugby), Anna Hurse (table tennis) and many more.



**Jos Andrews** is former BBC producer, creative writer and consultant with extensive experience in the media, education, training, arts and public relations and has authored many books for young people.

Age  
14+

PB

96  
pages

198x  
129mm

Available

**Author** Jos Andrews  
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# Music to Make Friends By

True stories about the power of music



Full of the life-changing moments and friendships that result from a love of pop music. This autobiographical book is packed with music and memories from buying her first record to DJ'ing in the bars and clubs of Cardiff.

- A funny, uplifting book exploring the themes of friendship and memories through the medium of music
- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market
- A short accessible book ideal for reluctant readers



**Hayley Long** is 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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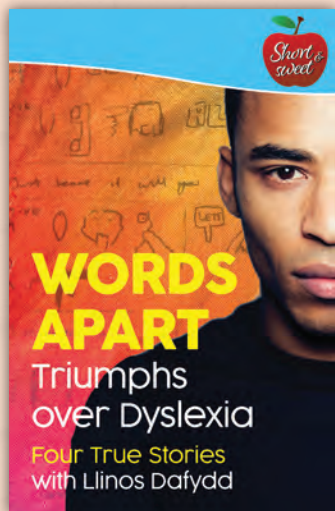
**Author** Hayley Long  
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# Words Apart

## Triumphs over Dyslexia

A collection of true stories about dyslexia



A diagnosis of dyslexia can cause anxiety and confusion. This book shares stories of those who have found creative ways of getting to grips with the diagnosis and of some who credit their dyslexia with helping them to be more successful. Dyslexia affects people differently and this book shows how individuals have succeeded in acting, poetry, teaching and much more.

- Four real-life stories including actor Lloyd Everitt and poet Aneirin Karadog
- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market
- Endorsed by Dyslexia Cymru
- A short, engaging and accessible book ideal for reluctant readers



**Llinos Dafydd** is a creative editor, writer and translator. She is the editor of a digital magazine for teenage girls, and has a wealth of experience in publishing and journalism.

Age  
14+

PB

64  
pages

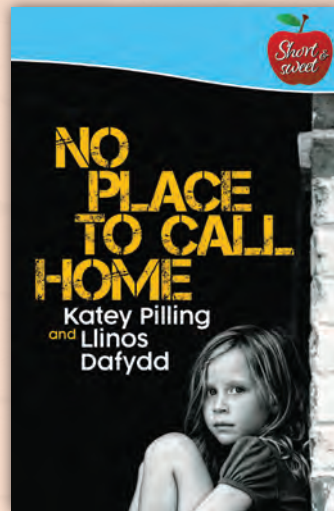
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Available

**Author** Llinos Dafydd  
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# No Place to Call Home

A true story of homelessness



Anyone can become homeless. Katey Pilling tells us of her experiences of homelessness as a child and as an adult. She shares the frustrations that have left deep scars on her in this autobiographical account.

- Katey's personal story of homelessness whilst also exploring the theme as a whole along with possible causes
- Addresses an important issue in a poignant and sensitive manner
- Written with the support of Shelter Cymru
- Suitable for teenagers 14+ and the adult market



**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.

Age  
14+

PB

80  
pages

198x  
129mm

Available

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