

# Reception

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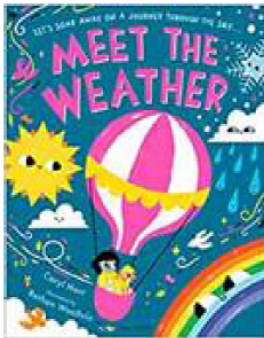
### **The Kindest Red**

**Author:** Ibtihaj Mohammed and S. K. Ali **Illustrator:** Hatem Aly

**Interest level:** 4-5

**Reading age:**

Faizah wants the world to be kind – and she and her class set about being kind to each other.



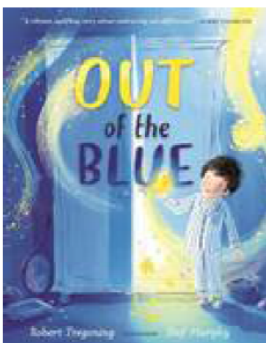
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**Author:** Caryl Hart **Illustrator:** Bethan Woollvin

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**Reading age:**

An energetic, fun introduction to different types of weather, using rhyme and vibrant, bright illustrations.



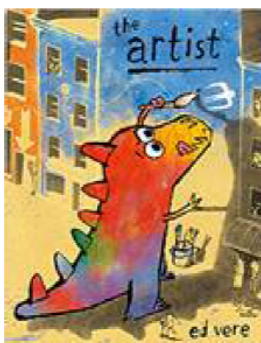
### **Out of the Blue**

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**Reading age:**

In a world where everything has to be blue, what happens if you like yellow? A joyous celebration of being individual.



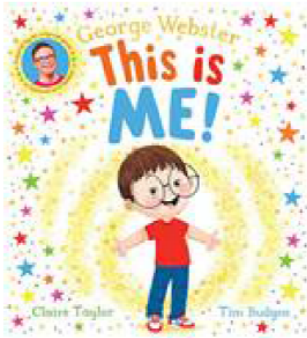
### **The Artist**

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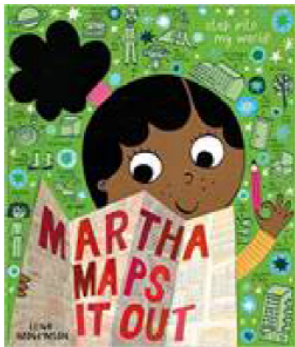
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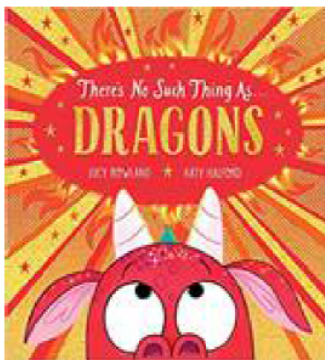
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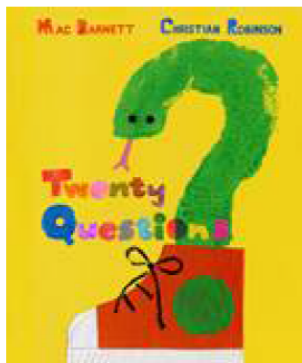
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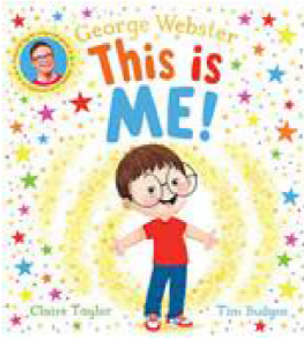
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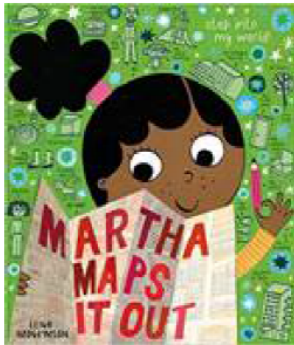
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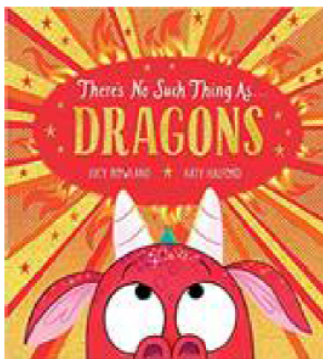
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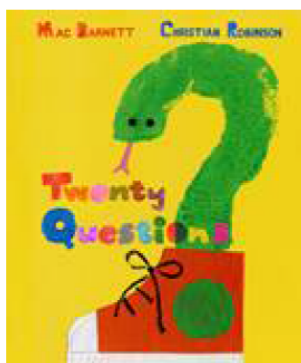
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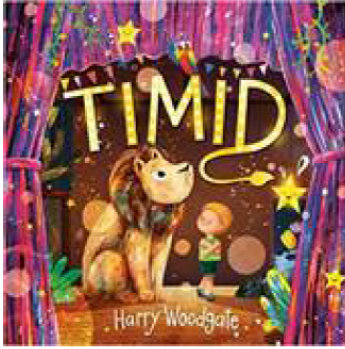
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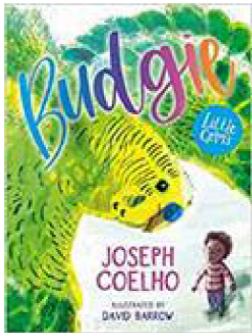
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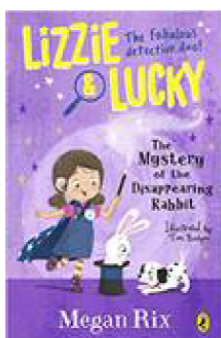
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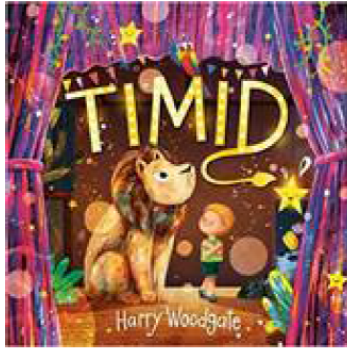
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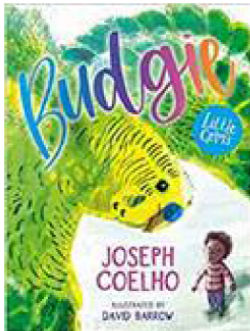
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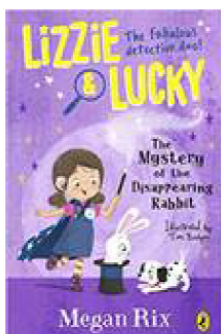
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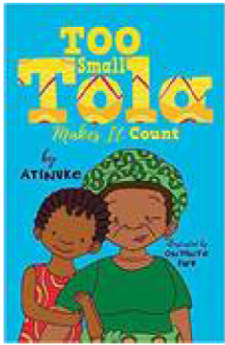
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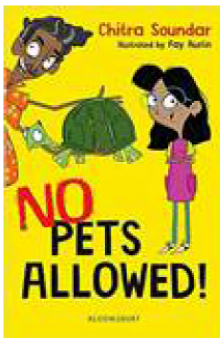
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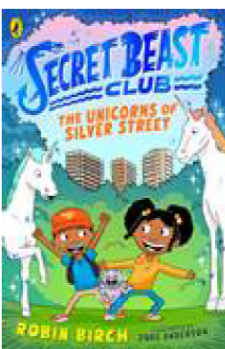
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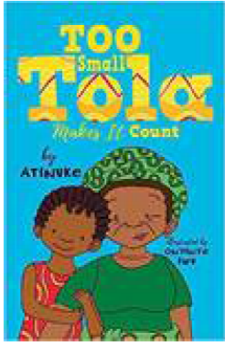
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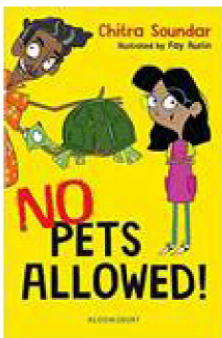
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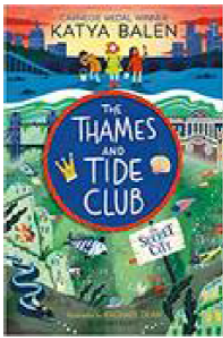
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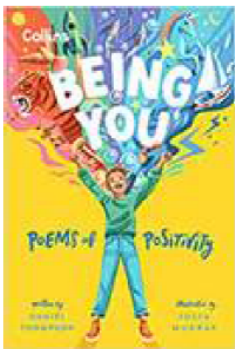
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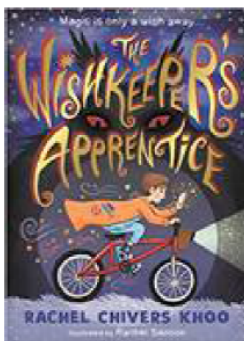
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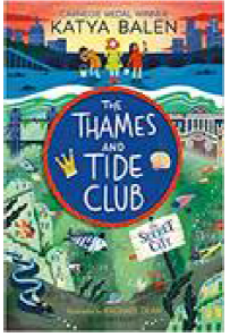
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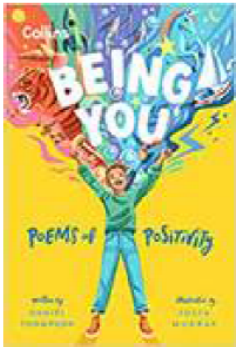
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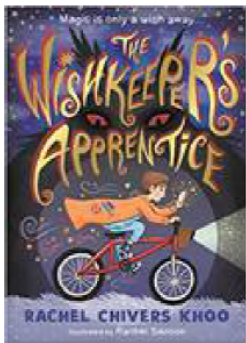
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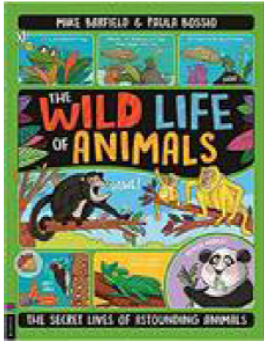
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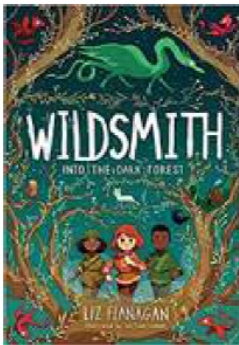
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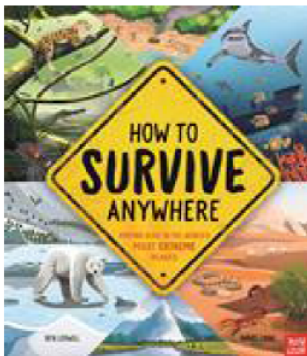
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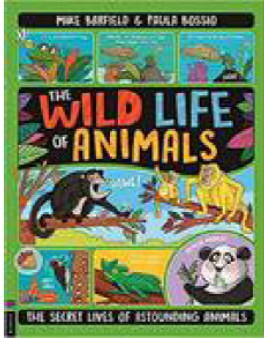
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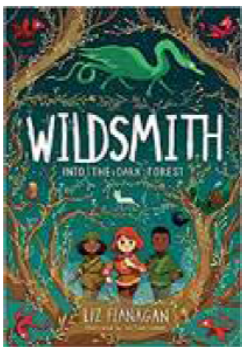
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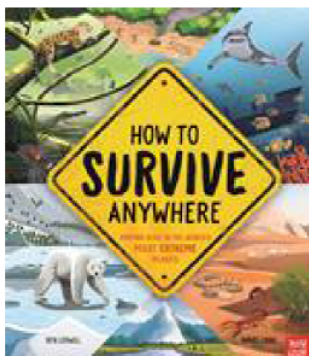
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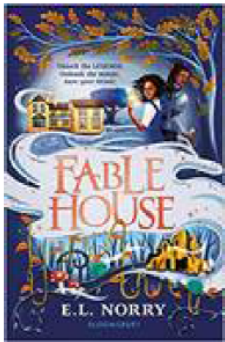
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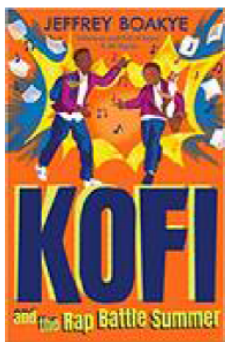
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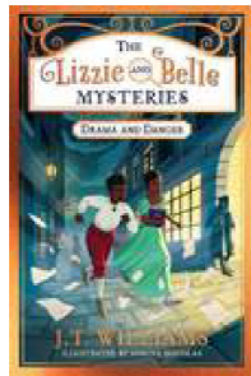
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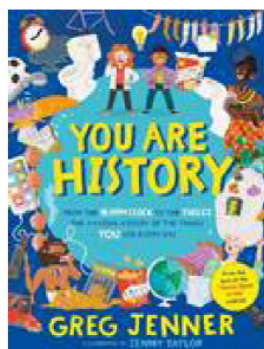
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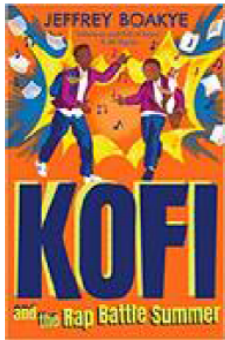
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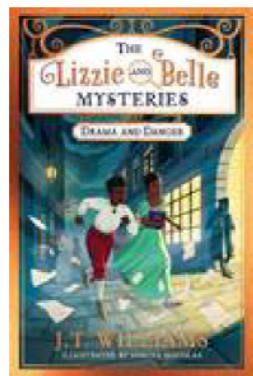
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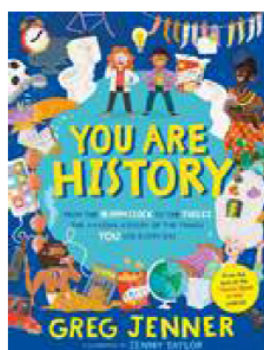
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**Author:** Bethany Walker **Illustrator:** Jack Noel

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Olly is flabbergasted when a horde of hamsters appear in his bedroom after crash-landing their spaceship in his neighbour's garden...



## **21% Monster**

**Author:** P. J. Canning

**Interest level:** 9-11

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Teenage boys Darren and Malek are on the run from a ruthless, secret organisation which transformed them into superhumans and now ...



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