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Narrative Nonfiction from the Bestselling Children's Publisher

Dear Reader,

At DK, we make books for the curious, and who is more curious about the world around them than children? You are probably familiar with DK's stunning visual nonfiction books, and may have even grown up with our iconic series like DK Eyewitness or DKfindout!—books that help kids explore all their favorite subjects, from the animal kingdom to ancient history to the human body.

In this rapidly evolving world, we're finding that children's curiosity needs to be nurtured and supported in new ways, and we've recently branched out into new publishing categories, such as our new fiction series, The Secret Explorers, Verity Fairy, and Dinosaur Club, and two graphic novel series, Corpse Talk and The Renegades. In 2022 and 2023, you'll see even more unique formats for DK as we expand our picture book publishing.



Titles like *Look Out, Leonard!, Alone Together*, and *Lost in the Clouds* will help children understand and navigate the world around them through engaging imagery, as DK books have always done, but now we will explore new topics through more narrative and character-driven storytelling. Not only will kids learn about their favorite subjects like science, history, or language arts, our books will also offer tools to help them understand confusing global events or challenging emotions in this gentle and relatable format. Children will learn about grief, loneliness, and fear, and how to tackle these uncomfortable feelings through discovery, connection, and embracing what makes them unique.

We are very excited to bring these new topics to life, and we can't wait for readers to meet our new charming and lovable characters. We hope you enjoy these new books as much as we enjoyed making them.

Sincerely, Sarah Larter Publishing Director, DK Children's

DK is the #1 publisher in Juvenile Nonfiction (in Retail \$) We are the only top 3 player that saw YOY growth in 2021 in value and units (\$1.2m)



Animals, Science, and Nature

Encouraging curiosity about our world

Animals is the #2 largest category in JNF Picture Books, while Science and Nature is the #3 largest category. Taken together, these two categories comprise the largest portion of annual sales.

Our Top Selling Titles of 2021



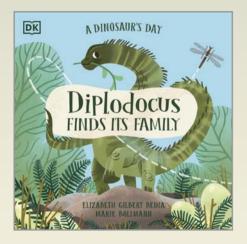




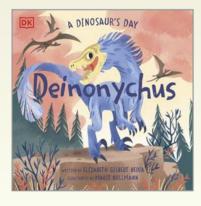
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A Dinosaur's Day: Diplodocus Finds Its Family

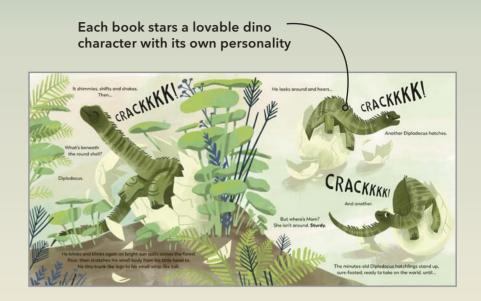
First in a new picture book series, this story will teach children about the Diplodocus through an adorable and adventurous tale, ending with a small glossary and a dinosaur pronunciation guide so kids can deepen their knowledge of this well-loved subject.







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Marie Bollman's beautiful illustrations are friendly and fun-but still technically correct!

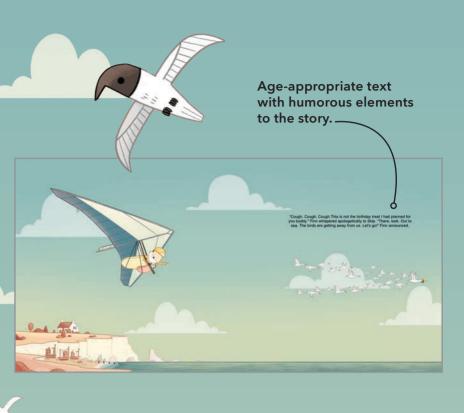


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Bird

Through a beautiful tale about beating climate change and protecting animals, this book introduces children to the importance of the environment. Grown-ups and children will enjoy reading the story of Finn and his dog, Skip. With its ups and downs, the story gives a great lesson about climate change and what we can do to help.





Fun, quirky illustrations by author and illustrator Brendan Kearney.



Young readers will love this picture book with a timely and ultimately uplifting message about protecting the world around us.

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Also by Brendan Kearney:



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Agnes and the Sheep

A charming yet amusing picture book that follows a Great Dane named Agnes and some sheep who love to cause mischief. Full of hearty lessons for children and beautiful illustrations, the story focuses on how comparing yourself to others won't bring happiness after all.

The delightful, amusing text is based on a real-life experience of the author, Elle Rowley.

That night, a few minutes before seven o'clock, the sheep left their pasture and quietly rolled down the hillside so as not to be heard by Agnes.

They watched behind a tree as Agnes put her nose under the door handle, lifted it up, and let herself right in.



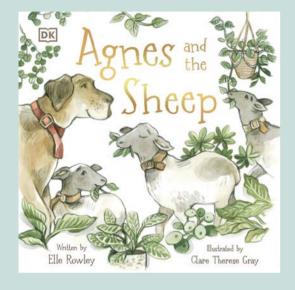
When inside, she laid on her cozy bed, covered herself with her cozy blanket and almost instantly fell into a deep, cozy sleep.

The spreads are filled with lovely, classic illustrations > by Clare Therese Gray.



Author Elle Rowley is the founder of the company Solly Baby and has a strong Instagram following (15.1k).

Publication date August 2022 • Price \$16.99 USA / \$22.99 Canada • Format 9½ x 9½ in (240 x 240 mm) • Extent 32 pages • Binding Hardcover with jacket Color Full color throughout • Word count Approx. 1,000 words • Age range 3–5 • US ISBN 978-0-7440-5670-9 FOR SALES PURPOSES ONLY





Roly and Friends Series

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Delightful picture books that introduce young readers to the idea of animal conservation and protection. Written by Frances Rodgers, these books include fun trivia and talk about how unique different animals are.

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Thoughtful and timely message about protecting wildlife, with tips for doing so.

Please plant lots of flowers in your backyard for me.

in your backyard for me.

by Ben Grisdale.

Adorable illustrations

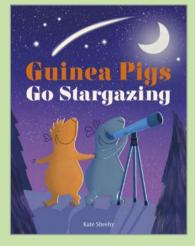
These books are the perfect gift for any small-animal lover or budding environmentalist, and they will inspire toddlers to discover so much of what is unseen in their gardens.

Publication date April 2022 • Price \$9.99 USA / \$13.99 Canada • Format 8¼ x 8¼ in (210 x 210 mm) • Extent 40 pages • Binding Hardcover • Color Full color throughout Word count Approx. 500 words • Age range 3–5 • US ISBN 978-0-7440-5474-3 (Bumblebee) / 978-0-7440-5473-6 (Butterfly) / 978-0-7440-5472-9 (Garden Bird) / 978-0-7440-5471-2 (Hedgehog)

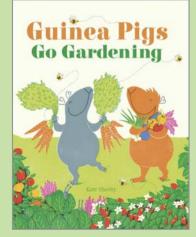
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Guinea Pigs Go Stargazing

Discover the magic of stars and astronomy with curious guinea pigs Bob and Ginger in this sweet storybook. Full of cheerful illustrations and an engaging storyline, this book gently introduces young children to the basic concepts of astronomy, from how stars are formed, to easy-to-follow explanations about meteoroids, constellations, the Milky Way, and more.



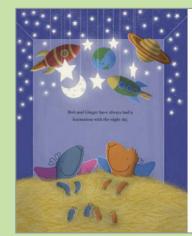




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A perfect bedtime story that encourages children to connect with nature.



Ore night Bob asked Ginger "What exactly is a **Star**?" "Tim not sure," replied Ginger.

> So Bob and Ging decided to find or



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Publication date December 2021 • Price \$14.99 USA / \$18.99 Canada • Format 75% x 10 in (255 x 195 mm) • Extent 32 pages • Binding Hardcover Color Full color throughout • Word count Approx. 700 words • Age range 5–7 • US ISBN 978-0-7440-4049-4 FOR SALES PURPOSES ONLY

Social Topics

Finding language to describe our inner lives

During the next 10–15 years, 80% of Millennials will be parents. This generation values emotional intelligence, home and public safety, and raising caring and respectful children. Millennials are the most diverse generation to date. Their appetite for books on social topics—including mental health and emotions, empowerment, and diversity—makes it the #5 category in JNF Picture Books.

Our Top Selling Title of 2021



Bee

This heartfelt, inspiring story addresses the realities of living with autism, within a magical story structure. It promotes individuality and encourages children to see the things that set us apart with empathy and acceptance.



Bee's triumphant story helps to dispel misconceptions and prejudice towards neurodivergent people

Sweet illustrations bring the story to life and make it a keepsake gift



Written by popular musician and composer Rachel Fuller, with a large social media presence and vetted by consultant Marianne Eloise, an autistic writer

Everybody Feels Fear

The central idea of this colorful, quirky book is to help children talk about, relate to, and laugh about their own fears. Always with a light touch, it shows kids that being brave is not about never feeling fear, but about being able to move forward through the fear.



Bright, bold colors make this book stand out on the shelf



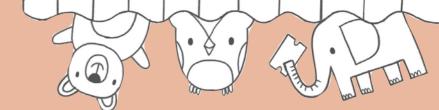
Adults, as well as kids, will surely take - something away from this insightful book



Ashwin Chacko is an Indian multi-disciplined illustrator, designer, and hand-letterer working and living in Dublin who is publishing traditionally for the first time

My Family and Other Families

My Family and Other Families is a humorous yet heart warming tale about friends, family, and Ferris wheels. This sweet picture book shares the message of diversity, reminding children that our differences make thisworld a brighter, more wonderful place.



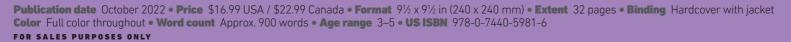
This book includes bouncy and whimsical illustrations by Andy Passchier.

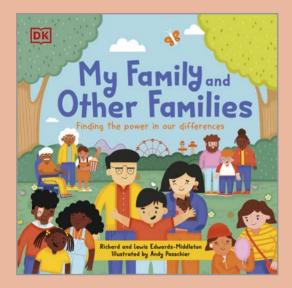


The gentle and thoughtful text has plenty of re-read potential.



This book is written by the creators of Two Dads in London, Richard and Lewis Edwards-Middleton, who are popular parenting bloggers and influencers.







The Station Cat

This enchanting picture book, written and illustrated by rising star Stephen Hogtun, explores the importance of grief, loss, hope, and death. With engaging text and charming illustrations, this timely and important book shows young readers the pride and sense of purpose that can come from helping others.



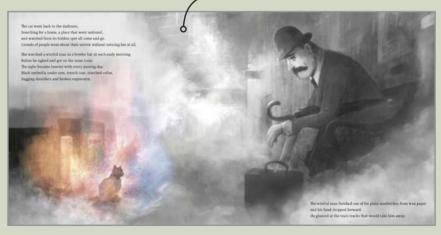


Gentle, lyrical text is perfect for reading to little ones.

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Creative use of color that _brings the story to life.



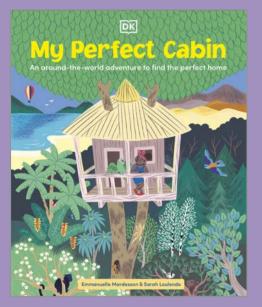
This book is perfect for parents and caregivers who want to develop their children's empathy skills, as well as preschool teachers looking for resources to support learning of social and emotional skills.

Publication date June 2022 • Price \$16.99 USA / \$22.99 CAN • Format 9½ x 9½ in (240 x 240 mm) • Extent 32 pages • Binding Hardcover with jacket Color Fully illustrated throughout • Word count Approx. 2,050 words • Age range 5–8 • US ISBN 978-0-7440-5012-7 FOR SALES PURPOSES ONLY

My Perfect Cabin

This enchanting picture book follows a little girl named Leslie, on a round-the-world adventure to find the pefect home. This book is a rich, sweet celebration of the beauty of nature, different cultures, and people that make up this world, approaching diversity in a completely fresh way.







Written by Emmanuelle Mardesson, the text is ideal for reading aloud.

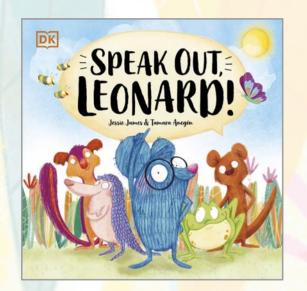




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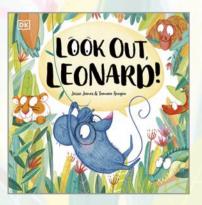
Speak Out, Leonard!

This delightful picture book follows Leonard, a clueless and soft-spoken shrew, as he searches for the courage to speak up. This quirky book aims to encourage self-awareness, confidence, and compassion in little ones and help them understand the importance of using their voice to speak out against injustice.





The colorful illustrations by Tamara Anegón bring the quirky characters to life.



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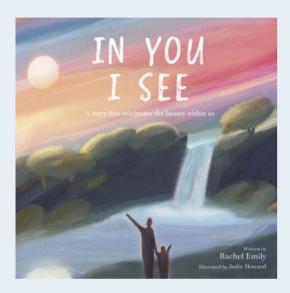


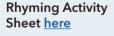
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In You I See

A beautiful, poetic book full of captivating illustrations that teaches children that there is more to someone than meets the eye. It encourages them to look within others, and themselves, to discover the various layers and attributes different people can have.

Engaging, poetic text, written by singer-songwriter Rachel Emily, ,runs throughout the book.







When I look at you I see Much more than meets the eve. I'm not sure how to list it all. But with this book, I'll try... In you I see.. With branches broad and long. an oak tree And in a storm you'll always have Your roots to keep you strong. This book is packed with beautiful illustrations by

Jodie Howard.

Publication date March 2022 • Price \$16.99 USA / \$22.99 Canada • Format 9½ x 9½ in (240 x 240 mm) • Extent 32 pages • Binding Hardcover with jacket Color Full color throughout • Word count Approx. 300 words • Age range 3–8 • US ISBN 978-0-7440-4988-6 FOR SALES PURPOSES ONLY

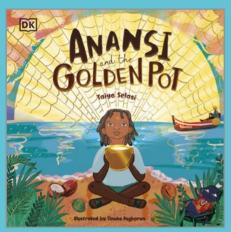
Anansi and the Golden Pot

A charming retelling of a West African story that teaches readers about the dangers of greed, and the importance of being kind. Written by the award-winning author of *Ghana Must Go*, Taiye Selasi, this book reimagines the story of Anansi, the much-loved trickster, for a new generation.



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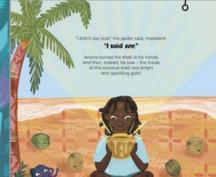
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Rich, modern illustrations by British Nigerian illustrator

Tinuke Fagborun.

This book is the perfect length for a short bedtime story, and as a new picture book there is potential to create a gift set series that would look attractive on the shelf.

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Lost in the Clouds

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he CLOUDS

This sensitively written picture book gently explores grief. It helps children understand how to deal with loss and their emotions surrounding the death of a loved one. With colorful illustrations to accompany the touching narrative, this book is perfect for adults to share with their little ones, and to let them know that they are not alone.

The book has a large format that makes it easy for adults and children to read together.

He would often imagine what

it was like up on her cloud.

Billy piled boxes, books, and pots as high as could be Then he fetched the ladder and placed it on top.

Billy knew it would be tough

The clouds were far away

but with enough things stacked on top of each

other and with Daddy's ladder from the shed, he

helieved he could do it

The story provides a gentle approach to a difficult topic.

Each morning Billy would go to his bedroom window to check

w Mommy's cloud was doi

It was one of those stormy, thundery days. Billy was fed up of knowing his mommy was

only just above him, but he couldn't see or be with her. He decided to climb up to her clouds.

so that he could talk to her

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Alone Together / Real Superheroes

These beautifully illustrated picture books by author-illustrator Julia Seal are delightfully simple for children. *Alone Together* aims to help children feel less anxious and lonely during the coronavirus pandemic, and *Real Superheroes* celebrates the essential workers who are helping our world during difficult times.



Perfect book to help explain changes in children's daily routine. _



Alone Together



Real Superheroes

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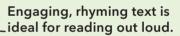
Casper and Daisy's Big Day at the Park

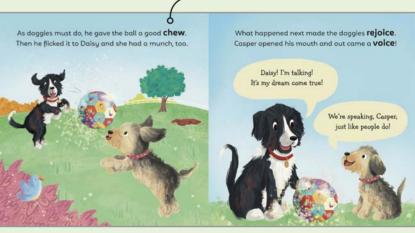
A fun and playful picture book that follows the dynamic duo–Casper, a talkative border collie–and his best friend, Daisy–on a fun-filled adventure to the park. This beautiful, illustrated book tells the story of two friends who demonstrate the importance of kindness and friendship above all else.



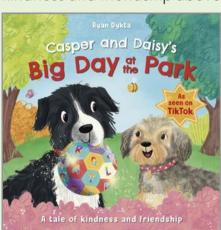
Gorgeous illustrations by Julia Seal capture the characters of these delightful doggies.







This book is written by the creator of *Casper the Dog* social media account, Ryan Dykta. *Casper the Dog* is a successful TikTok account with an average of about one million views a day, and receiving 10,000-15,000 new followers every day.





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