National Trust Children’s Books
New Titles 2018
Look and Say What You See in the Town

**Sebastien Braun**

From fruit and vegetables at the market to flowers and birds in the snowy garden, this look-and-say book for little ones is a great way to start learning about nature around the town. Can you spot the kingfishers by the canal and the fox in the street at night-time? There’s so much to recognise in each landscape in this beautiful interactive book for the very young.

**Sebastien Braun** spent a few years teaching art before taking the plunge as a freelance illustrator. His first commissions were for magazines in Paris and, when he moved to London, he developed his portfolio for children’s books. This is his third book for the National Trust with the fourth title *Look and Say What You See at the Seaside* publishing in July 2018.

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Sharks, Seahorses and other British Sea Creatures

**Nikki Dyson**

This beautifully illustrated book is packed with interesting facts about animals and their homes. With over 120 stickers and lots of detail to add to every scene, this is a perfect introduction to all types of sea creatures for young nature enthusiasts who love stickering.

**Nikki Dyson** grew up in a small village in Oxfordshire, and spent a lot of her childhood drawing, reading and making mud-pies in the garden. She studied for her illustration degree in Swindon and, since graduating in 2006, has illustrated books for children including the National Trust sticker books, *Hedgehogs, Hares and other British Animals* and *Robins, Wrens and other British Birds*. 
The Secret Diary of Thomas Snoop: Tudor Boy Spy

Philip Ardagh & Jamie Littler

Thomas Snoop is a Tudor boy spy. Ordered by England’s spymaster, Lord Severn, to travel to the beautiful Goldenhilt Hall, home of the Earl of Drayshire, Thomas has been given a most important mission: to help the fight against fellow Englishmen who are plotting with a foreign power – the Spanish! It will take all Thomas’s wits and cunning to uncover the traitors lurking at Goldenhilt Hall – and he must do so without being discovered himself . . .

Philip Ardagh is the Roald Dahl Funny Prize winning-author of The Grunts. He is probably best known for his Grubtown Tales, but he is author of over 100 books. He is a “regular irregular” reviewer of children’s books for The Guardian, and is currently developing a series for television.

Jamie Littler is an illustrator who graduated from the Arts Institute at Bournemouth in 2008, and has won a High Commendation in the Macmillan Children’s Book Award. Jamie’s books include Hamish and the Worldstoppers, which was the bestselling children’s debut of 2015, and Wilf the Mighty Worrier, shortlisted for the Laugh Out Loud Book Awards.

Also available are The Secret Diary of John Drawbridge: Medieval Knight in Training and The Secret Diary of Jane Pinny: Victorian House Maid. The fourth title in the series is The Secret Diary of Kitty Cask: Smuggler’s Daughter publishing in May 2018.

Nature Origami

Clover Robin

This unique activity book is full of beautiful art and extracts from well-loved nature poems, alongside simple instructions to make 13 different origami animals and objects. With three difficulty levels, this book will suit complete beginners as well as more experienced origami fans.

Clover Robin is a surface pattern designer and illustrator who graduated from Leeds College of Art and Design in 2007, followed by a Master’s from Central Saint Martins in 2009. She delights in nature and all things botanical, inspired by a childhood of woodland walks and countryside rambles. Clover is currently based in Greenwich, London where all of her artwork is lovingly handcrafted and printed.
Who’s Hiding on the Farm?
A beautiful lift-the-flap book for little nature lovers everywhere.

Katharine McEwen

In this innovative lift-the-flap book, little ones can pore over the beautiful collaged pages and explore behind bushes, hay bales and barn doors to find out lots of interesting facts about farmyard animals. This is the perfect introduction to the outdoors.

9781788001823 | £7.99 | Board book | March 2018 | 200mm x 180mm | 12pp | 1+

Who’s Hiding on the River?

Katharine McEwen

There are lots of animals in the river. Where are they hiding and what are they doing? In this lift-the-flap book, little ones can pore over the beautiful collaged pages and explore under rocks, logs and lilypads to find out lots of interesting facts about river wildlife.

9781788001427 | £7.99 | Board book | March 2018 | 200mm x 180mm | 12pp | 1+

Who’s Hiding in the Woods?

Katharine McEwen

The woods are full of wildlife. Where are the animals hiding and what are they doing? In this innovative lift-the-flap book, little ones can pore over the beautiful collaged pages and explore the different habitats and animals that live amongst the trees in the wood.

9781788001410 | £7.99 | Board book | July 2018 | 200 x 180mm | 12pp | 1+

Who’s Hiding at the Seaside?

Katharine McEwen

Katharine McEwen’s beautiful artwork brings the seaside to life with the sea, sand and rock pools brimming with everyone’s favourite sea creatures including crabs, seals, puffins and oyster-catchers.

9781788002349 | £7.99 | Board book | July 2018 | 200 x 180mm | 12pp | 1+

Katharine McEwen has been illustrating since graduating from Kingston University with a BA (Hons) in 1996. She is the author-illustrator of Bear Hug and has also illustrated Michael Rosen’s Send for a Superhero and Tony Bradman’s Is That a Coconut? amongst other titles. She is fortunate to have worked with an array of well-known authors and, to date, has illustrated around 40 children’s books for all ages, several having won awards.
Go Wild on the River

Goldie Hawk & Rachael Saunders

This pocket-sized adventure guide teaches young adventurers about all the fun you can have on and around rivers: what to pack, how to spot animals and wildlife, how to build your own raft, how to catch a fish and much, much more! With interesting facts, fun games, information about the water cycle and a useful chapter on what to do in a river emergency, this book is a funny and informative follow-up to the Go Wild in the Woods survival guide.

Rachael Saunders is a Hampshire-based illustrator with a passion for character design and storytelling. She graduated from Falmouth University in 2014 with a first-class degree in illustration and has since worked on a wide variety of projects of all shapes and sizes.

Complete Minibeast Explorer’s Kit

Robyn Swift & Hannah Alice

Perfect for budding wildlife explorers, this activity backpack encourages children to get outside and explore the fascinating world of minibeasts, from beetles and butterflies, to spiders and slugs. Children will be able to get hands-on with this activity backpack as it comes complete with a magnifying bug collector, stickers, a notebook, pencil and guidebook – everything that a young explorer needs!

Hannah Alice is an illustrator and designer from the UK currently based in Finland. She creates illustrations for record covers, books, patterns and prints and is passionate about the natural world.

50 Things to Do Before You’re 11 3/4

An Outdoors Adventure Handbook

Tom Percival

With a new jacket celebrating cycling at the National Trust, this bestselling pocket-sized companion contains 50 fantastic activities, selected by children around the country. Full of handy tips, nature facts and activity checklists, it’s the perfect nature journal – with lots of space for notes, photos and doodles and a handy pocket to store leaves and other outdoor finds.

Tom Percival enjoys writing, illustrating, animation, song writing, music production and photography. He is an established illustrator, picture book author and creator of National Trust property trails and guidebooks for kids.
How to Help a Hedgehog

Jess French & Angela Keoghan

Filled with interesting facts and plenty of fun, creative ways to help out – collecting rainwater, building insect hotels, recycling and much more – this is the perfect book for young children who love animals and want to do their bit to help save the planet.

Jess French grew up surrounded by nature and animals. She has developed a great affinity for the natural world. As a child, she spent much of her time muddying her clothes by scrabbling under stones looking for minibeasts. Jess is a qualified vet, works as the presenter of Minibeast Adventures with Jess on CBeebies and is a children’s author and teacher for school groups interested in animals and the natural world.

Angela Keoghan is a freelance illustrator whose playful style combines a variety of digital and organic media. Her work is inspired by exploration, travel, nature and a library of vintage children’s books, and has seen her win many awards. Working as The Picture Garden, a studio she runs with husband Jayden, she creates images for clients all over the world. Her work includes the illustration of Inspector Brunswick and the Case of the Missing Eyebrow.

I am the Seed that Grew the Tree

A Nature Poem for Every Day of the Year

Frann Preston-Gannon

I am the Seed that Grew the Tree, named after the first line of Judith Nicholls’ poem Windsong, is a lavishly illustrated collection of 366 nature poems – one for every day of the year. Filled with familiar favourites and new discoveries, written by a wide variety of poets, including William Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson, John Updike, Langston Hughes, N. M. Bodecker, Okamoto Kanoko and many more, this is the perfect book for children (and grown-ups!) to share at the beginning or the end of the day.

Frann Preston-Gannon is a London-based illustrator and designer. In April 2011 she became the first UK recipient of the Sendak Fellowship and spent a month in autumn living with and learning from the great master of illustration, Maurice Sendak. Her first picture book, The Journey Home, was shortlisted for both the Waterstones Children’s Book Prize and the Cambridgeshire Read it Again! book prize as well as many more. It was also reimagined as a play by the London-based puppet theatre, Little Angels.
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