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Can Do Picks

A Natural History of Magical Beasts

Emily Hawkins & Jessica Roux



Tales of magical creatures have been told across the world for generations... but are these stories merely flights of fancy, or is there any truth to the legends of unicorns and dragons, centaurs and griffins? Presented as the notebook of a 1920s zoologist, this lavish volume sets out to answer this question, revealing the hidden world of the magical beasts that live among us. Within these pages you will meet bizarre and beautiful creatures from around the globe, discovering their habits, habitats and the legends surrounding them. Learn about the anatomy of a unicorn, the life cycle of a phoenix, incredible dragon courtship dances and much more in this ultimate guide to magical creatures. This exquisitely illustrated album will entrance all true-believers and fantasy enthusiasts.

\$39.99	Hardback	265 x 305mm	64pp	230678
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Make Tracks: Trains

Johnny Dyrander



Discover different types of trains in this interactive board book with easy-to-use moving parts. Learn vehicle vocabulary with simple first words, clear diagrams and helpful text prompts to encourage discussion. Then trace the transport around different tracks with a moving counter on every spread and the cover. The perfect book for children who love diggers and dump trucks - and being in the driving seat!

Recommended for ages 2+.

\$15.99	Board Book	180 x 205mm	10pp	230629
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Christmas

The Great Big Christmas Tree Hunt

Ekaterina Trukhan



Follow Polar Bear as he sets off on an exciting lift-the-flap adventure. But all is not quite as it seems ... Will Polar Bear ever find any decorations to put on his tree? Or will he find something even better along the way? With lots of sturdy flaps to lift on every page and a simple story introducing cute animal characters, this delightful Christmas board book is full of surprises. Recommended for ages 2+.

\$15.99	Board Book	200 x 200mm	12pp	230677
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Peekaboo Santa

Camilla Reid & Imngela Arrhenius



Easy-to-use peekaboo sliders, a funny rhyming text and surprise mirror ending combine in this stylish and interactive board book for babies and toddlers! With a total of 10 smooth mechanisms to push, pull or turn on every spread this beautiful book is packed full of fun! Connecting with faces and playing peekaboo is one of the first games that babies play. Even the very youngest of children will love this cute Christmas-themed book – and want to read it again and again.

\$15.99	Board Book	180 x 180mm	10pp	230549
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Cat Family Christmas

An Lift-the-Flap Advent Book

Lucy Brownridge & Eunyoung Seo

Count down the twelve days until Christmas in this delightful advent book. With a nod to nostalgic Victorian advent calendars, open up tiny but sturdy flap ‘doors’ on each one of the 24 pages to reveal little details and surprises. Peer inside the cupboard doors and different-sized tins in the busy Cat Family kitchen to find the missing ingredients for the cake. This is a whimsical Christmas book that gives the Victorian advent calendar tradition a contemporary twist for advent calendar door-hungry hands. Recommended for ages 3+.



\$24.99	Hardback	280 x 210mm	24pp	220729
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Where Will the Sleepy Sheep Sleep?

Daivd Metzenthen & Jonathan Bentley



Do you think the sleepy sheep will sleep on top of this wild and windy hill? Baah! No-o-o, this windy hill is far too high and wild for a sleepy sheep to sleep on! Do you think the sleepy sheep will sleep deep down in this steep and stony valley? Baah! No-o-o, this valley is far too deep, steep, and stony for a sleepy sheep to sleep in! So where will the sleepy sheep end up sleeping? A delight from beginning to end – bedtime reading at its best. Recommended for ages 3+.

\$19.99	Hardback	230 x 230mm	32pp	230630
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Polly Put the Kettle On

Sing Along With Me!

Yu-hsuan Haung



Polly Put the Kettle On is sing-along slider book of this classic nursery rhyme that is perfect for babies and toddlers. The sing-along board book story, with five robust board sliders, is easy for little hands to use! The book comes with a free instrumental and vocal version of the nursery rhyme – simply scan the QR code for little ones to listen and sing along! With bright illustrations this book makes the perfect gift for a baby or toddler!

\$14.99	Board Book	180 x 180mm	10pp	230627
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Gift certificates available too!

We Disagree About This Tree

Ross Collins



Bear and Mouse have finally overcome their differences and are living together in perfect harmony ... until it's time to decorate the Christmas tree! Bear wants dazzling lights, while Mouse prefers gigantic baubles ... and, wait a minute, did Mouse just put a MANATEE on the top?! A topsy-turvy tree is definitely THE LAST STRAW and it looks as if Christmas is RUINED. But maybe, just maybe, Bear and Mouse can reach a compromise in time ... ? Recommended for ages 2+.

\$19.99	Hardback	280 x 280mm	32pp	220744
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Pink Santa

Tnaya Hennessy



A jolly and inclusive celebration of the Christmas season from bestselling children's author Tanya Hennessy! 'Tis the night before Christmas and all is calm in Santa's workshop. The presents are wrapped and the sleigh is polished. All that's left to do is wash Santa's iconic red-and-white suit ... What could possibly go wrong? Sparkling with all the magic of the season, this warm-hearted tale is a celebration of embracing change and being yourself. Recommended for ages 3+.

\$19.99	Hardback	280 x 215mm	24pp	230626
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The Story Orchestra: Nutcracker Musical Puzzle

This musical jigsaw puzzle features:

- A 48-piece puzzle (44 regular pieces, plus 4 shaped pieces with cutouts that give access to the musical buttons – finished puzzle measures 297 x 210mm
 - 4 musical buttons to press – complete the puzzle to see how the story ends and press the musical note inside the shaped pieces to hear the music
 - A double-sided poster with information about the composer, music and the story's ending on one side and the full puzzle image on the other.
- The *Nutcracker Musical Puzzle* is the perfect gift to introduce children to classical music.



\$34.99	Boxed Set			230547
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Sing Along with Me! Jingle Bells

Yu-hsuan Huang

A sing-along slider board book that's bursting with energy! This bright little book bursts with energy and cheering illustrations and has five slider mechanisms with both an instrumental and vocal version of the nursery rhyme – simply scan the QR code for little ones to listen and sing along! Recommended for ages 1+.



\$12.99	Board Book	180 x 180mm	10pp	210755
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The Twelve Days of Christmas Island

Teresa Lagrange

Australia's Christmas Island is home to hundreds of species of birds, native plants and wildlife, many of which are not found anywhere else in the world. In this version of the much-loved Christmas song, we celebrate the unique birds that live on this wild and remote island from the bright-red plumage of the Frigatebird to the iridescent green of the Emerald Dove. Depicting the rare and special birds of this remote part of Australia, *The Twelve Days of Christmas Island* is a uniquely Australian Christmas book to be cherished and read year after year. Recommended for ages 6+.



\$19.99	Hardback	225 x 190mm	32pp	220653
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Activities

Build Your Own Rocket

Design and Build Your Own Rocket to Soar into the Sky

Enjoy hours of fun with this classic build-your-own kit. Inside, you will find: • A 16-page illustrated instruction book with easy-to-follow assembly directions along with space and rocket facts • Press-out templates for rocket boosters, nose cones, fins and more • Rocket body tube • Foam nose cone and tube • Launcher base and detonator • Rubber hoses and bicycle-pump-nozzle adapter • Design decals to personalize your rocket before lift-off. Learn why these parts are important and what helps propel them through the air. Also in the manual are safety tips, hints for streamlining the building process, suggestions for personalizing the rocket with the included design decals and just a bit of moon mythology. Recommended for ages 7+.



\$44.99	Boxed Kit			230476
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Animalium (Junior Edition)

Welcome to the Museum

Katie Scott & Jenny Broom

This museum is open all hours, and there are over 160 specimens to explore. Walk the galleries to meet ferocious lions, flamboyant tropical birds, tiny poisonous frogs and gentle giants in this beautifully illustrated book which looks at creatures from every walk of life. Step inside to explore our incredible animal world. This new edition of the bestselling Animalium includes text especially written for younger readers, perfect for children aged 7+.



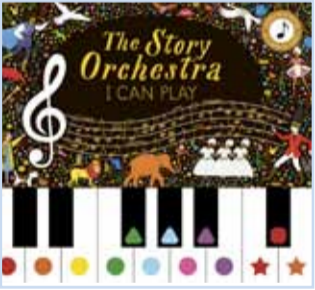
\$26.99	Hardback	245 x 185mm	80pp	230382
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The Story Orchestra: I Can Play

Learn 8 Easy Pieces from the Series

Jessica Courtney Tickle

While other books in the series play famous pieces of classical music, in this new Story Orchestra title, young readers can now play the tunes themselves! Colour and shape codes correspond to the 14 keys, so kids can learn easy 8-bar, one-finger melodies, so even the youngest child can learn to play music with this simple method. Each song includes an enchanting illustration and description of the part of the story that the music is telling along with playing tips. All the favourite characters from the series are there to encourage young musicians as they play their first notes with the sound of a piano. Recommended for ages 6+.



\$19.99	Hardback	310 x 275mm	16pp	220737
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My BIG Playbook

Ingela Arrhenius

This brilliant large-format board book is perfect for sharing with a little person, introducing first words, colours, numbers, shapes and more. The bright, stylish artwork encourages early learning and interactive play with 10 soft felt flaps, tactile die-cuts on every page and a surprise mirror ending. Recommended for ages 2+.



\$19.99	Board Book	260 x 260mm	10pp	230545
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Powered by Plants

Meet the trees, flowers and vegetation that inspire our everyday technology
Clive Gifford & Gosia Herba

Powered by Plants guides readers through a startling collection of fascinating vegetation, from towering cottonwood trees with wind power potential to slippery, meat-eating assassins of the plant world and the fast-growing aquatic plant which helps propel ships farther using less energy. Learn surprising applications and spin-offs of both exotic species including the world's largest flower that generates its own heat and more familiar plants such as bamboo, coconut and maize, all depicted in colourful, engaging fashion. Colourful and lively illustrations and pop-out fact boxes bring the science in this book to life and shows us how much we can learn from studying the myriad magnificence of the natural world.

\$19.99	Hardback	275 x 235mm	80pp	220479
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Everything You Know About Minibeasts is Wrong!

Dr Nick Crumpton & Gavin Scott
Minibeast fans will quickly become minibeast experts with this informative, inventive and entertaining book! From incredible insect architects to eating spiders in your sleep, discover how everything you think you know about creepy-crawlies is actually untrue in this in-depth, ingenious book with debunks many common myths about all kinds of minibeasts. With fascinating, friendly and easy-to-understand text and amazingly detailed colour artwork on every page, this beautifully produced hardback book with an stunning tactile cover will impress insect fans of any age. Recommended for ages 7+.

\$19.99	Hardback	290 x 250mm	64pp	220349
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Shadow Magic Create 75 Creatures

Sophie Collins

If modern party games seem stiff and soulless, step out of the shadows with this nostalgic book. Just a little practice will have you demonstrating the roar of a lion and the snap of a crocodile; and soon you'll be putting on an entire show. *Shadow Magic* contains 75 shadow animals, ranging from simple one hand creations such as a swallow or a duck, to challenging two-hand shadows which allow you to create anything from a coyote to a rhinoceros. There are also simple exercises for the hands and fingers to help you prepare to make the more advanced creatures, and advice on how the different shadow animals could be used to create your own shadow theatre to entertain your friends and family. Due in December

\$16.99	Hardback	165 x 135mm	176pp	210819
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Super Fun Art Activities for Kids

Awsome Projects for Kids of All Ages Susan Schwake

Super Fun Art Activities for Kids introduces children and their families to an amazing range of ideas for art projects that both entertain and educate. Projects include drawing, painting, printmaking, paper, collage, and mixed media – all scalable for any age and fun for grown-ups too. Simple, clear, illustrated instructions for each activity provide an easy entry point to each activity, creating confidence in creative skills that will make kids want to do all the activities again and again. Chock-full of amazing ideas, this book offers ways to explore creative expression every day of the year, whether working alone or in groups. Full of ideas and inspiration, the book is an endless resource for creative exploration and hours of entertainment.

\$24.99	Paperback	280 x 180mm	144pp	230396
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Stories

Sing Along With Me! Baa Baa Black Sheep

Yu-hsuan Huang

A sing-along slider board book that's bursting with energy! The book comes with five slider mechanisms, and both an instrumental and vocal version of the nursery rhyme – simply scan the QR code for little ones to listen and sing along! Recommended for ages 1+.

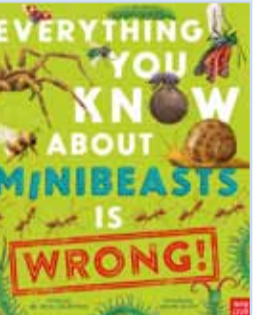
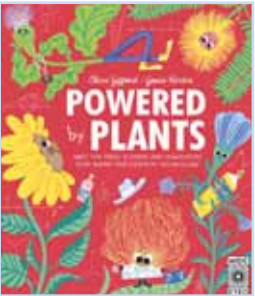
\$9.99	Board Book	200 x 200mm	10pp	220109
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Listen to the Farm

Marion Billet

Listen to the Farm, now in a new edition including replaceable AAA batteries and an exciting 'Look and Find' game on the final page, is a board book with amazing real-life sounds. Five exceptional sounds and Marion Billet's illustration combine to make this an unusually engaging package. Recommended for ages 2+.

\$22.99	Board Book	150 x 150mm	14pp	230653
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When I Became Your Sister

Susannah Shane

A heart-warming picture book about the love between siblings, featuring shimmering gold foil on every page! Whether they're adventuring in the forest, sharing berries, or wishing on shooting stars, there's nothing this little raccoon cub loves more than spending time with their big sister. With a gentle rhyming text by Susannah Shane and stunning artwork by award-winning and internationally bestselling illustrator Britta Teckentrup, this book makes the perfect gift following the arrival of a new baby. Recommended for ages 2+.

\$24.99	Hardback	250 x 250mm	24pp	230681
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Ben Plants a Butterfly Garden

Kate Petty & Axel Scheffler
Ben loves flowers and Ben loves butterflies, so when his friends Worm and Ladybird suggest he makes his garden prettier by growing his own butterfly garden, he soon sets to work. Join Ben as he watches the flowers grow then discovers butterflies growing too, with four flaps to lift to see what's happening underground and an impressive pop-up surprise. With a gentle story and simple facts to explain how plants and butterflies grow, children will be inspired to get outside and follow the helpful tips to plant their very own butterfly garden. Recommended for ages 2+.

\$22.99	Hardback	260 x 260mm	16pp	230623
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My First Lift-the-Flap Nursery Rhymes

Ingela P Arrhenius
From Humpty Dumpty to Hey Diddle Diddle, introduce little ones to the joy of nursery rhymes with bright, beautiful artwork and easy-to-lift card flaps revealing a hidden surprise on every page! Featuring 14 favourite rhymes to read together – and a QR code to scan with rhymes to listen to and sing along with – this gorgeous book will be treasured forever and reached for time and time again. Recommended for ages 2+.

\$24.99	Board Book	295 x 245mm	16pp	220650
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Shapes: My First Pop Up

Matthew Reinhart & Ekaterina Trukhan

A stunning, hands-on exploration of shapes for the very youngest readers! Paper engineer Matthew Reinhart brings his creative genius to this innovative preschool pop-up, connecting basic concepts to interactive elements that will delight and inform little ones with every page. The shapes included are: square, triangle, circle, rectangle and oval. Recommended for ages 3+.

\$14.99	Board Book	160 x 160mm	12pp	220123
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Look, it's Woof Woof Dog

Camilla Reid & Clare Youngs

All pre-schoolers will adore Clare Youngs' friendly animals with their high-contrast collage artwork, decorative foil highlights and signature animal noises – but there's a tiny creature to find behind a tuggable felt flap on each spread, too! You'll meet Munch Munch Rabbit, Glub Glub Fish, Quack Quack Duck and Woof Woof Dog herself. With a final 'recap' animal noises page, and the question, But what noise do YOU make?, little readers will enjoy lifting the last flap and saying 'hello' to themselves in the surprise mirror! Recommended for ages 3+.

\$14.99	Board Book	190 x 165mm	12pp	220649
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Pop and Peek: Babies

With flaps and pop-up surprises!
Mel Matthews

Can you find the baby animals playing hide and seek? Find the baby lion hiding on the savannah and look for the baby whale hiding behind the bubbles. Will you find the baby kangaroo, too? Big lift-the-flaps are perfect for little hands, simple text invites little ones to peek at the pages and cute pop-up animals will delight the littlest readers. With sturdy pages and charming illustrations from Mel Matthews. Recommended for ages 2+.

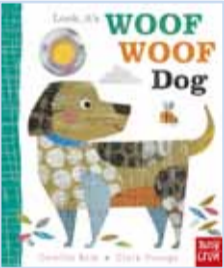
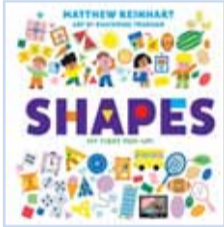
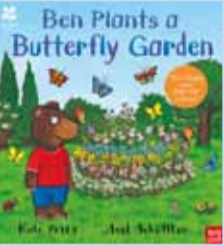
\$12.99	Board Book	185 x 185mm	10pp	220477
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Look, it's Roar Roar Lion

Camilla Reid & Clare Youngs

All pre-schoolers will adore Clare Youngs' friendly animals with their high-contrast collage artwork, decorative foil highlights and signature animal noises – but there's a tiny creature to find behind a tuggable felt flap on each spread, too! You'll meet Clip Clop Zebra, Ooo Ooo Monkey, Munch Munch Hippo and Roar Roar Lion himself. With a final 'recap' animal noises page, and the question, But what noise do YOU make?, little readers will enjoy lifting the last flap and saying 'hello' to themselves in the surprise mirror!

\$14.99	Board Book	190 x 165mm	12pp	220290
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Where's Mr Fire Engine?

Ingela Arrhenius

In *Where's Mr Fire Engine?*, you're on the lookout for Mrs Police Car, Mr Ambulance, Mrs Helicopter and Mr Fire Engine. The felt flaps in this sturdy board book are perfect for little ones to turn and tug, which means you can get even the tiniest tot into books and finding the activity fun. The illustrations are bright and retro and sure to capture your baby's attention. A perfect book to share with very little ones. Recommended for ages 1+.

\$12.99	Board Book	180 x 180mm	12pp	210621
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Flipper and Finnegan The True Story of How Tiny Jumpers Saved Little Penguins

Sophie Cunningham & Anil Tortop
Flipper and Finnegan live on a beautiful island. Every morning they hunt for fish in the clear blue ocean waters. Every evening they waddle up the beach together with all their friends – it's a penguin parade. But one day, when Flipper comes up for air, she gets covered in something that is black and smelly and sticky – and Finnegan is nowhere to be seen ... The wildlife rangers hear the news that a big ship has spilled oil into the sea. They know that oily feathers cannot keep the wild penguins warm, and that swallowing oil will make them sick. So they put out the call: please knit tiny jumpers to help save the penguins! Recommended for ages 3+.

\$19.99	Hardback	280 x 215mm	24pp	220470
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Dear Grandpa

Kate Simpson & Ronojoy Ghosh

Especially for those families who are separated by distance, *Dear Grandpa* celebrates the bond between grandpa and grandson. Henry lives 2,003 kilometres from his grandpa – that's longer than all the world's blue whales placed end to end and as uncatchable as a goodnight kiss on a shooting star. But Grandpa knows that even from a long distance, love can be closer than you think. Recommended for ages 4+.

\$9.99	Paperback	250 x 240mm	32pp	220468
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Our Time on Earth From the Mayfly to the Immortal Jellyfish

Lily Murray & Jesse Hodgson

We are all on Earth but for a fleeting moment, yet no two lives are the same. From the delicate mayfly, which lives for just a few precious hours, to the death-defying immortal jellyfish, this book about animal life cycles is a celebration of creatures big and small. Beginning with the very shortest, and ending with the longest, learn about the lives of the incredible monarch butterfly, the mysterious axolotl, the grand Galapagos tortoise and many more in this uplifting and eye-opening book. It has never been more important to appreciate and understand the diversity of life. Stunning illustrations perfectly capture each animal in their natural habitat. Recommended for ages 7+.

\$19.99	Hardback	300 x 235mm	64pp	220353
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Ruffles and the New Green Thing

David Melling
There's a new green thing in Ruffles' bowl and he does NOT like it. Not. One. Little. Bit. But look! Ralph has come to play. Ruffles REALLY loves Ralph. Ralph always finds the best sticks, jumps the highest fences and digs the deepest holes. So, when Ralph spots the new green thing and happily takes a BIG bite, well... Ruffles soon decides that broccoli can't be so bad, after all. In fact, it's DELICIOUS! Recommended for ages 2+.

\$19.99	Hardback	220 x 220mm	32pp	220295
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Hungry Animals (Feeding Time)

Carly Madden & Laurie Stansfield
Children are presented with a series of bright and funny wild animals, each with their mouth wide open, eagerly awaiting a tasty treat. The child can choose a dangly food item (hanging from the spine of the book) to feed to each animal. This delightful book encourages young children to engage with the book and converse with the parent or carer, form connections between the animal characters and what they like to eat, and to practice hand-eye coordination through play. Recommended for ages 2+.

\$9.99	Board Book	160 x 160mm	12pp	210779
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The Longer the Wait, the Bigger the Hug

Eoin McLaughlin & Polly Dunbar

Hedgehog is waiting for his friend Tortoise to wake up. But where is he and when will he wake? Hedgehog's friends are all very lovely, but they just aren't as much fun at the beach, or at hide and seek, or at holding hands, or at hugs. Tortoise begins to stir – the one boulder that Hedgehog didn't think he could lift to turn ... Tortoise has been dreaming of Hedgehog. And the hug that follows is their best yet! Recommended for ages 2+.

\$12.99	Hardback	250 x 250mm	32pp	210757
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