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Rights Guide 2022

Beautiful, thoughtful books to inspire children everywhere



Old Oak and Little Acorn

*The Common oak is England's national tree.
It is also the national tree of Germany,
Romania, Poland, Denmark, Estonia,
Latvia, Lithuania and Moldova!*



Elena Mannion
Illustrated by **Erin Brown**

Binding

Hardback Edition, 265 x 230 mm (landscape)

ISBN 978-1-8383651-5-8

PRICE £12.99

EXTENT 32 pages, plus printed endpapers

WORD COUNT 1500

AGE 4+

BIC CHILDREN'S BOOK MARKETING CATEGORIES B3M79

THEMES nature, conservation, empathy

PUBLICATION DATE 28th September 2022

Author

Raised in rural Hertfordshire, Elena Mannion spent most of her childhood outdoors, playing in the fields, fishing for sticklebacks and making dens! After many years in London, she returned to Hertfordshire. Reading and writing stories for her children led to *The Happy Hedgerow* (2021), her much praised debut, and CPRE's 'Book of the Season'. She hopes that all children will grow up wanting to protect nature, especially those in cities whose heritage it is.

Illustrator

Erin Brown is a talented Northern Irish artist with a superb eye for detail in her fabulous depiction of nature, rendered in a rich palette. She lives and works on beautiful Jersey, where she enjoys exploring the forests and seashore.

Sales and Distribution

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Distributed by Orca Book Services

Old Oak is having a mast year – a year of plentiful fruit! Little Acorn grows happily right by his nose, and never wants to leave the tree. Then, when a brisk wind blows, and he tumbles to the ground, a whole new life must begin! Carried away by a squirrel, and buried in a strange place, he must survive all the perils of walkers, insects, deer and other wildlife. Finally emerging as a sturdy little sapling, he discovers he is still in the barley field, growing near Old Oak, whose sap rises with pride to see his favourite Little Acorn becoming a tree.

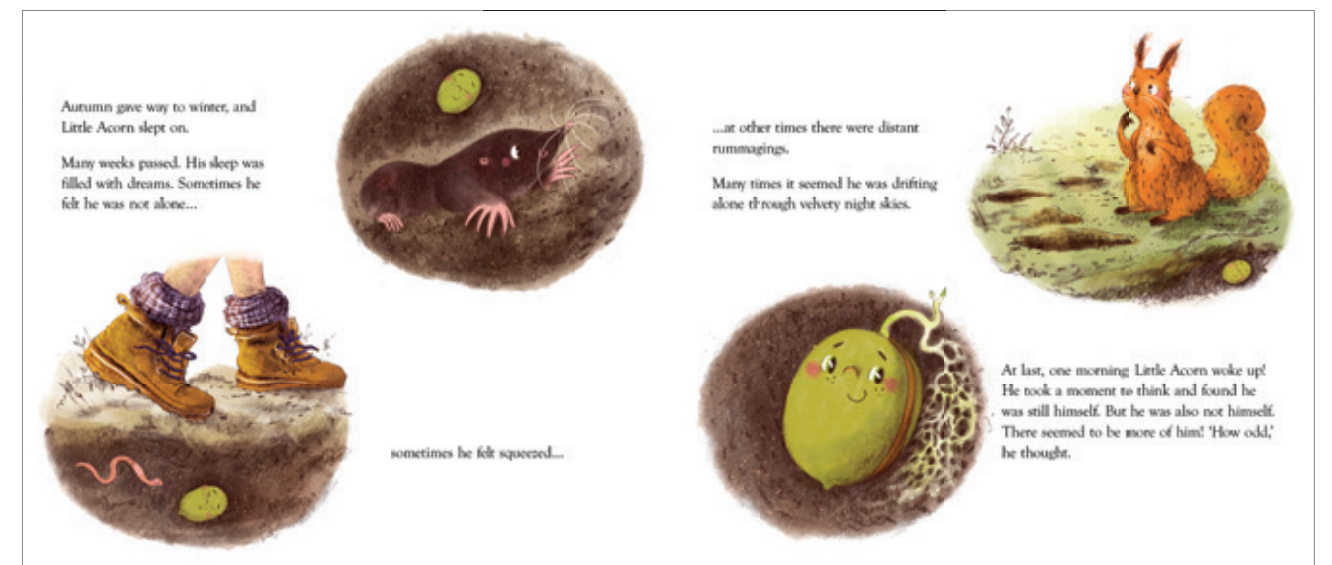
SELLING POINTS

- Perfect tool for all teachers, Forest Schools, Montessori and Steiner educators.
- Seasons and wildlife accurately depicted in fine detail.
- Connects children to nature and engenders love for natural world.
- Follow up to author's much praised THE HAPPY HEDGEROW (2021), endorsed by CPRE The Countryside Charity ('Book of the Season') and The Tree Council.

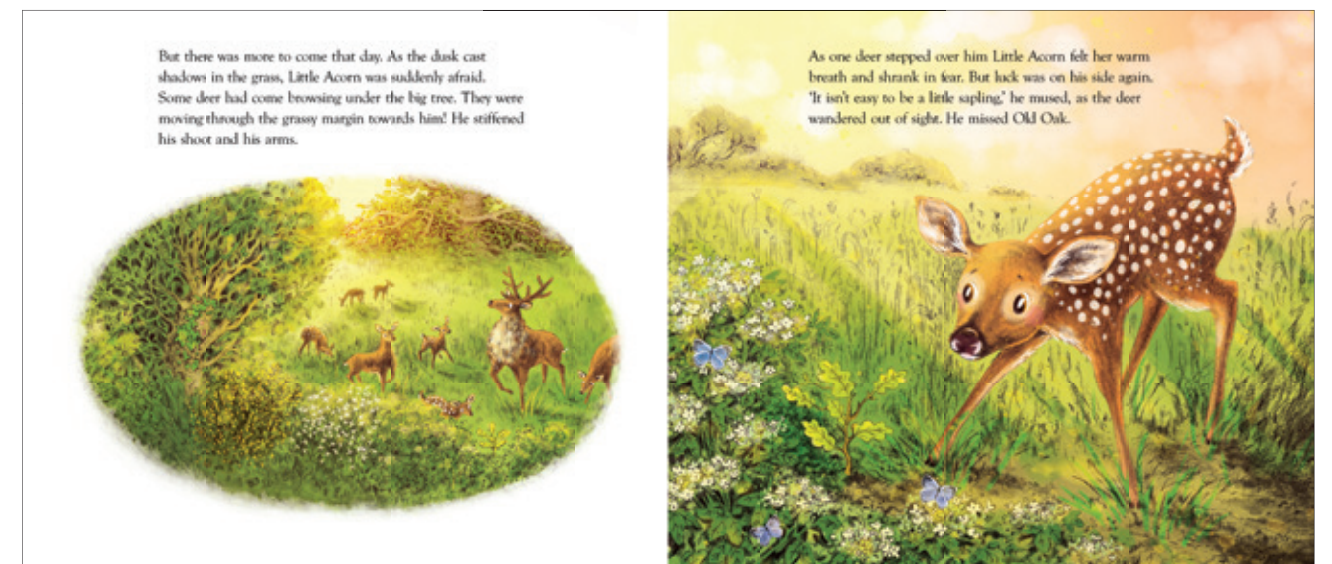


'Old Oak and Little Acorn transports you into the natural world with a great, big smile on your face.'

Sara Lom, CEO, The Tree Council



'This really is a brilliant and beautiful book for readers of all ages, and the artwork is stunning with so much to seek and find and talk about on every page' Edspire



Daisy and Jack's Perfect Pond

Rachel Lawston & Beatriz Castro



When Daisy and Jack spot a little frog in their small garden, they must come up with a plan to make their new visitor feel at home!

With the help of Papa and Daddy, and some new tools from the garden centre, the two siblings build their very own plant pot pond, and soon discover that a small change can make a big difference to their local wildlife!

With pond creatures, bugs, flowers, lots of animals to spot throughout, and a frogspawn life-cycle guide, Lawston's third book in this urban nature series is bound to capture budding nature lovers, with gorgeous illustrations by the talented Castro!

Jack and Daisy's garden may not be big, but it is their favourite place to be.

KEY INFORMATION

- Third title in the highly praised *Finn's World* series
- A beautiful nature story packed with an inclusive message: featuring same-sex parents and ethnic minority characters
- A brilliant introduction to urban wilding for children
- Packed with natural history information
- Includes a Frog and Toads facts spread and spotter's guide at the end of the book
- Perfect for parents, libraries and schools

BINDING

Paperback Edition plus flaps
230 x 250 mm (landscape)
ISBN 978-1-8383651-7-2
PRICE £8.99 EXTENT 32 pages, self-ended
WORD COUNT 1350 approx AGE GROUP 3+
PUBLISHING April 2023
RIGHTS SOLD USA/CAN (Distributor: Casemate)

AUTHOR

Rachel Lawston is the author of the much-praised *Finn's Garden Friends* and *Mia Makes a Meadow*. When she is not writing, Rachel designs and illustrates books. She is also an education volunteer at WWT London Wetland Centre in Barnes, helping children to discover nature. Growing up in the countryside gave her a deep connection to the environment, which she is passionate about sharing. Living in London now, she knows that there is a world of nature waiting for children – even in the town or city.

ILLUSTRATOR

Beatriz Castro is a professional illustrator. Growing up in Logroño, La Rioja, Spain, she was inspired by the natural world around her to draw and write fantastic stories. She is passionate about animals and books, classic stories and fairy tales and enjoys listening to rock and punk music. Her beautiful artwork has been published internationally.

SALES AND DISTRIBUTION

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Distributed by Orca Book Services

A beautiful new book,
from the author
Finn's Garden Friends and
Mia Makes a Meadow!



Mia Makes a Meadow

Rachel Lawston & Beatriz Castro



Mia loves splashing in puddles and all things messy and muddy. Her kind neighbour, Erik, likes all things spick-and-span and spotless. Together they look after and enjoy their very tidy shared garden. But when Erik has to suddenly leave to go on a long journey, Mia is left to look after the garden, and with no key to the shed, nature takes over in no time at all! Will Erik like the delightfully wild meadow that has replaced his once immaculate lawn? With flowers, pollinators and all sorts of insects to spot, join Mia as she makes a meadow!

KEY INFORMATION

Second title in the highly praised *Finn's World* series • Packed with natural history information • Great 'spotting' book • Pollinators facts spread • Web resources • A beautifully illustrated gift book • Perfect for parents, libraries and schools • *Finn's Garden Friends* (book one in the series) was endorsed by Chris Packham, Jess French, Megan McCubbin and the highly respected, Environmental Education Consultant Paul Lawston • *Mia Makes a Meadow* is endorsed by Richard Louv, Sarah Roberts and Jess French.

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“A gently profound story illustrating the magnificence of the natural world.”

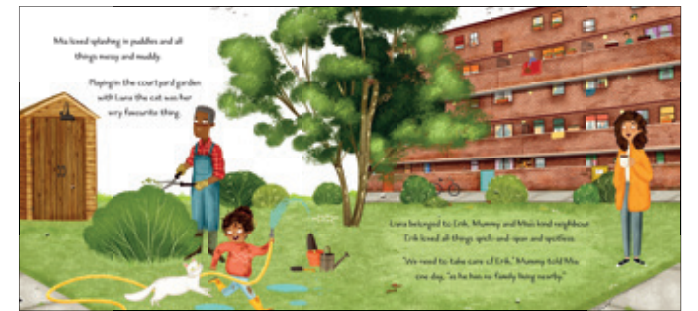
Richard Louv, *Recipient Of The Audubon Medal.*
Author Of *Our Wild Calling* and The International Bestseller *Last Child In The Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder*

‘If you are looking for an inclusive book to connect your little ones to wildlife and the outdoors from an early age, then look no further. *Mia Makes a Meadow* is a great example of urban rewilding and will (with luck) inspire many schools, families and community projects to get together and create something fantastic on their own doorstep. The ID pages and fact sheets at the end add an extra interactive guide, which children can implement immediately on their own adventures. I hope Mia and Finn’s urban adventures get shared as far and wide as possible, it’s never been more important to connect cities with nature!

Sarah Roberts, Nature expert, Environmental Educator, Author and Founder of thisiscreature.com

“A beautiful and inspiring book, which celebrates the joy of nature and its ability to unite people and communities. A must read!”

Jess French, Author, Wildlife TV Presenter, Vet, Zoologist and Naturalist



Finn's Garden Friends

Rachel Lawston & Lia Visirin



Nature loving Finn's life has been turned upside down by a move to the city. All he can see is dull, grey buildings. But Grandpa has a surprise in store: his allotment! Finn quickly realises that nature can be found in the city, and is amazed by the discovery of a hibernating hedgehog. With Grandpa's gentle guidance, Finn learns how to care for the hedgehog family as well as a hungry fox. With birds and plants galore, this inspiring story - shows all the common species that can be found in towns and cities.

KEY INFORMATION

First in series • Allotment gardens are hugely popular: 300k in UK • Packed with natural history information • Great 'spotting' book • Hedgehog and fox facts spread • web resources • A beautifully illustrated gift book • Perfect for parents, libraries and schools • Endorsed by Chris Packham, Jess French, Megan McCubbin and the highly respected, Environmental Education Consultant Paul Lawston

BINDING

Paperback Edition, plus flaps

230 x 250 mm (landscape)

ISBN 978-1-9996398-8-4

PRICE £8.99

EXTENT 32 pages self-ended

WORD COUNT 1350

AGE GROUP 3+

PUBLISHED 28 April 2021

RIGHTS SOLD USA/CAN, French language, Turkey

AUTHOR

Rachel Lawston is a children's author, book designer and natural history enthusiast. She is a keen amateur orchid hunter, birdwatcher and bat detector! She has worked with many publishers as a designer, including Walker Books and Penguin Random House. She loves volunteering with education at WWT London Wetland Centre in Barnes, where husband Paul is the Learning Manager. Paul Lawston is also an Environmental Education Consultant who brings his natural history expertise to *Finn's Garden Friends*.

ILLUSTRATOR

Lia Visirin is a new talent in children's book illustration. Her beautiful, original palette and eye for detail is a perfect match for Finn's world.

SALES AND DISTRIBUTION

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"Beautifully illustrated with a really good story ... A lovely book!"

Chris Packham CBE

Naturalist, broadcaster, award winning conservationist, author and photographer



"A delightful story, beautifully illustrated, which successfully conveys the joy and wonder of spending time in nature ... a great reminder that there are wild spaces and creatures to be found, even in the most urban of settings."

Jess French, Wildlife TV Presenter, Vet, Zoologist and Naturalist

"A fantastic book, beautifully illustrated, with a really important message."

Megan McCubbin, Zoologist, Wildlife TV Presenter, Conservationist and Photographer

"Stories are a powerful tool to engage youngsters in learning, and *Finn's Garden Friends*, with its detailed illustrations and endearing storyline, is sure to ignite curiosity and wonder in the natural world."

Gerry Turner, Education Manager, Countryside Restoration Trust

"This is a wonderful children's picture book filled with gorgeous illustrations.

Perfect to show children so much about nature. You can try and spot and name all the wildlife as you read: will certainly spark a child's imagination. FIVE STARS"

Independent Book Reviews



Amazing Women OF THE Middle East

By Wafa' Tarnowska

Illustrated by Margarida Esteves, Hoda Hadadi, Sahar Haghigho, Christelle Halal and Esteli Meza

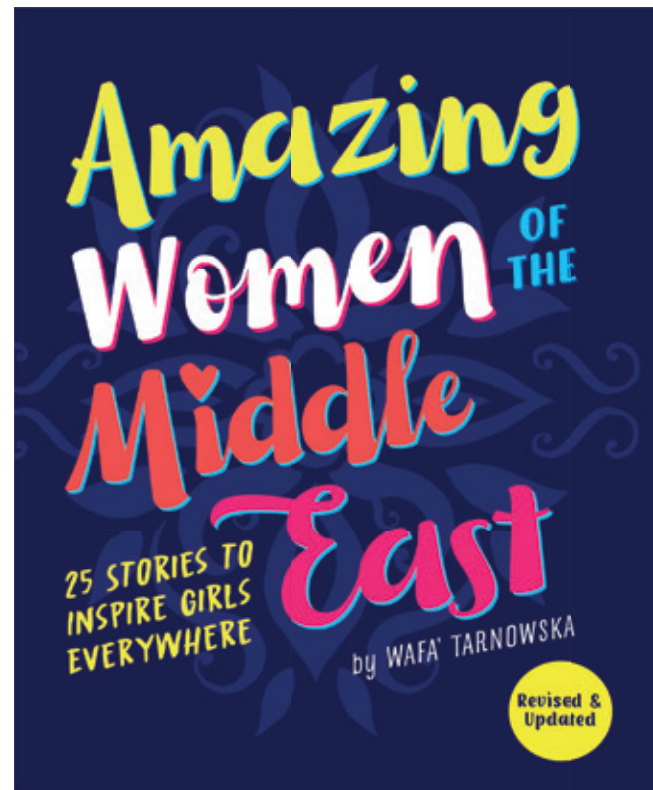
BE EMPOWERED BY THIS SUPERB COLLECTION OF STORIES ABOUT INCREDIBLE WOMEN.

Discover Sheherazade, the famous storyteller, dive into the musical world of singer Fairuz, and meet Nadia Murad, Nobel Peace Prize Winner. Here in one unique volume are twenty-five outstanding women from the Middle East, who have created a legacy through strength of vision, leadership, courage and sheer determination. Written by award-winning children's author and trailblazer, Wafa' Tarnowska, this unique collection of short biographies is illustrated with stunning, contemporary art by five internationally recognised artists.

KEY INFORMATION

Author awards:

- *Nour's Secret Library* – IPPY Gold Award 2022;
- *Arabian Nights* – American Folklore Society Aesop Accolade, Moonbeam Gold Medal, Smithsonian Magazine Notable Book for Children.



REVISED AND UPDATED

BINDING New paperback edition!

paperback with flaps 230 x 190 mm

ISBN 978-1-8383651-6-5

PRICE £10.99

EXTENT 112 pages, plus separate ends

WORD COUNT 21,000

AGE GROUP 9+

PUBLISHED October 2022

RIGHTS SOLD USA/Canada, Arabic

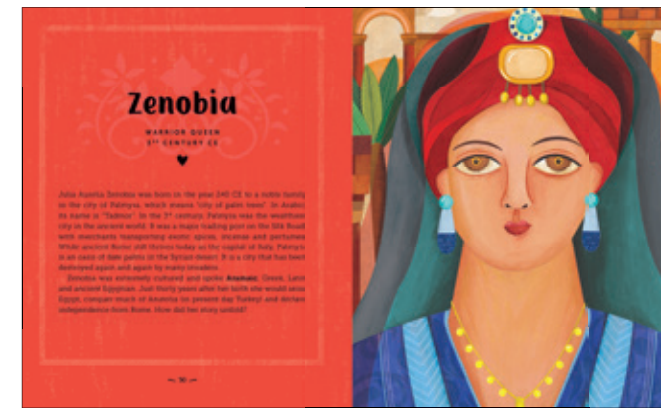
AUTHOR

Wafa' Tarnowska is a writer, translator and storyteller. She was born in Lebanon and has worked and lived in many countries. She holds dual Australian and UK nationalities and she sees herself as a cultural bridge between East and West. Wafa' began her career as an Arabic Language Broadcaster in Australia. Then she became the co-editor of Women's Quarterly Al Raida. An award-winning author, she has also translated numerous children's books from Arabic into English and worked on several documentaries. For Sama won the Prix L'Œil d'Or for Best Documentary at the 2019 Cannes Film Festival. She lives in Hertfordshire with her family.

SALES AND DISTRIBUTION

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“Courageous leaders, activists, creators, and pioneers guaranteed to inspire”

Kirkus Reviews (USA)





A SMILE



“A joyous, infectious celebration of the transformative power of a smile”

Kirkus Reviews (USA)

Did you ever think about the power of a smile? With one short poem, French writer and humanitarian Raoul Follereau, spoke to the world about the value of this fundamentally human expression. Each line of the poem is brought to life by multi award winning illustrator Hoda Hadadi, with a simple story of a day in the life of two children. Two children who smile a lot – and change the world around them.

KEY INFORMATION

Award winning Hoda Hadadi has illustrated more than forty books for children and has won numerous international prizes, including the New Horizons Bologna Ragazzi Award and the Grand Prix of Belgrade. Celebrated French writer and humanitarian Raoul Follereau’s poem ‘A Smile’ is known around the world

“Happiness is making other people happy.”

Raoul Follereau

Raoul Follereau

Illustrated by
Hoda Hadadi



BINDING

Hardback Edition, 230 x 265 mm (landscape)

ISBN 978-1-9996398-7-7

PRICE £10.99

EXTENT 32 pages self-ended

WORD COUNT 750

AGE GROUP 3+

PUBLISHED 28 April 2021

RIGHTS SOLD USA/Canada, Turkey

AUTHOR

Raoul Follereau (1903-1977) was a French writer and humanitarian. He established World Leprosy Day (the last Sunday in January each year), and worked tirelessly for the dignity of the poor and marginalised. In France, his name is found on schools, streets and squares. Today, in seventeen countries, you can find associations that bear the name ‘Raoul Follereau’, and continue his work. His ever popular poem ‘A Smile’ has been translated into many languages, and is valued for its simple, uplifting message.

ILLUSTRATOR

Hoda Hadadi has illustrated over 60 children’s books. Her intricate artwork created by hand, is recognised worldwide. Awards include the Gold Medal for Best Picture Book, International Book Award 2018 USA and Gold Medal for Best Illustrator, Literary Classics Award USA 2017 for *Drummer Girl*.

SALES AND DISTRIBUTION

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A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but gives so much.

It enriches those who receive it,

Without making the giver poor.

It only lasts a moment, but the
memory of it may last forever.

No-one is so rich that they can
live without a smile.

No-one is so poor that they do
not deserve a smile.

A smile brings happiness to the home,

And helps us to do business.

It is the sign of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary soul.

It cheers the discouraged.

It cannot be bought, borrowed nor stolen.

For it is something that only has a value
at the very moment it is given.

So if you meet someone who no
longer knows how to smile,

Be generous – give them one of yours!

As no-one needs a smile as much as

Someone who cannot smile any more.

Original title: *Un Sourire*,
Raoul Follereau (1903-1977)



“A gorgeous children’s picture book – it will certainly make you smile!”

Independent Book Reviews (UK)

“full of compassion, understanding and tenderness

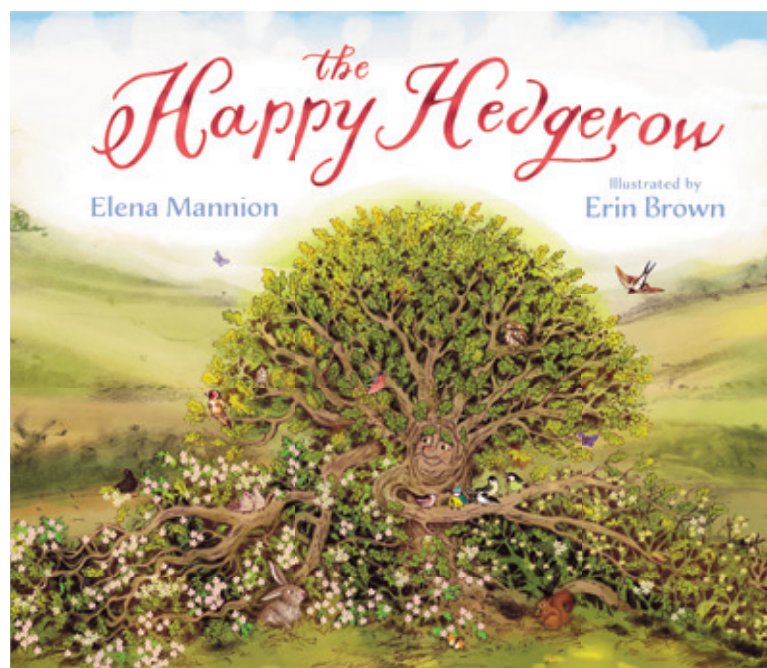
... the most joyous illustrations’ Pick of the Picture Books” A Library Lady (UK)



the Happy Hedgerow

Elena Mannion

Illustrated by Erin Brown



This poignant story written in lyrical prose by Elena Mannion is illustrated in glorious, charming detail by Erin Brown.

Somewhere in the folds of the countryside, Old Oak lives content and fulfilled in his hedgerow by the barley field. When the farmer pulls up the Far Hedgerow one day, Old Oak is dismayed. Can he care for all the fleeing birds? The field is now too open, and the wind and rain are carrying away the soil! Will a new farmer make the field a happy home again?

SELLING POINTS

- Perfect tool for teaching children about nature
- Accurate depiction of seasons and wildlife
- Hedges and hedgerows capture carbon in towns and cities
- Hedges and hedgerows are critical habitat for wildlife

Binding

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THEMES nature, conservation, empathy

PUBLICATION DATE 2nd September 2021

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Featured in the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England's Summer magazine!

"A moving story and beautifully thought out, touching on big themes in an accessible way. The illustrations are stunning and accurate..."

Lindsey Chapman, Presenter BBC One, BBC Two, BBC Radio 4 presenter and Channel 5

'A beautiful and dramatic tale of hedgerows and the teeming, twittering, buzzing, rustling wildlife they support. The Happy Hedgerow will touch the hearts of readers from age five to 105 and remind us all to love and protect these precious wildlife corridors.'

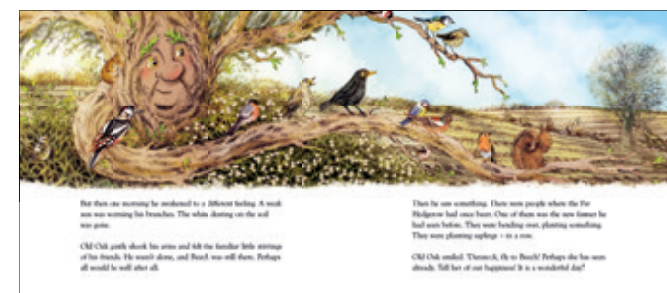
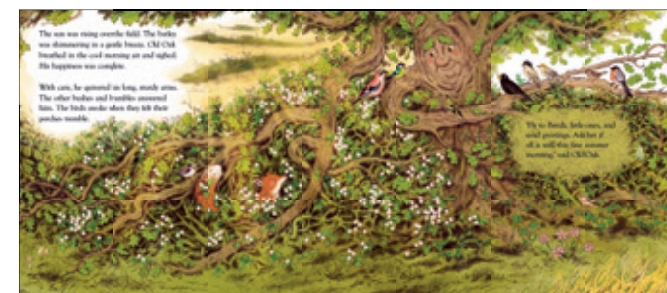
Sara Lom, CEO, The Tree Council

"Elena Mannion's book is a welcome reminder that hedgerows are our greatest nature reserves, with Erin Brown's illustrations perfectly capturing their crucial role as wildlife corridors"

Sir Andrew Motion, author and Vice President, CPRE The countryside charity

"A joyous, timely celebration of the vital role the humble hedgerow can play in our countryside . . . brilliant storytelling . . . beautifully illustrated"

Crispin Truman OBE, Chief Executive, CPRE



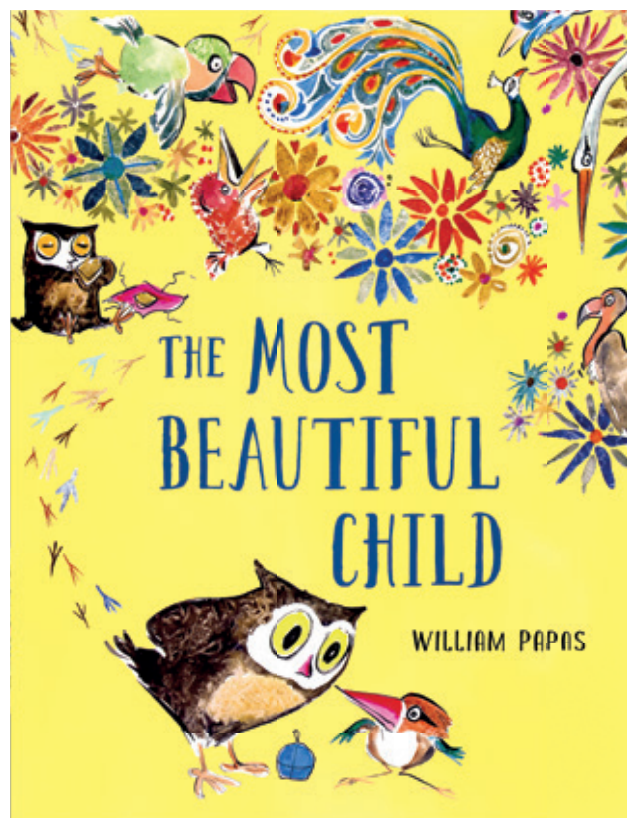
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CHILD

WILLIAM PAPAS

In this dazzling story featuring birds of many sizes and colours, a proud Mr Peacock learns a valuable lesson. Having asked Mrs Owl to take his child's lunch to school, Mrs Owl agrees, but asks how she will know which is his child. 'Just look for the most beautiful child there,' says proud Mr Peacock. Mrs Owl looks and looks at the children in the playground, but in the end she can't deliver the lunch. As she informs Mr Peacock, she simply wasn't able to find a child more beautiful than her own!

KEY INFORMATION

Beautiful gift book • Encourages positive body image and self-acceptance • Celebrates parent-child bonding • Witty story appeals to children's sense of humour • Perfect for school libraries and teachers



BINDING

Paperback Edition

EXTENT 32 pages

280 mm x 215 mm

WORD COUNT 300

ISBN 978-1-8383651-3-4

AGE GROUP 3+

PRICE £8.99

BIC CHILDREN'S BOOK MARKETING CATEGORIES YBC

THEMES kindness, self-acceptance, nature, empathy

PUBLISHING April 2022

RIGHTS SOLD: China, Finland, USA/Canada

AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

William Papas (1927-2000) was one of the UK's most renowned cartoonists, and a much loved children's author, runner up on several occasions for the Kate Greenaway award, which also honoured him for his lifetime achievement.

Papas produced a series of highly successful children's books whose themes are timeless. His glorious, energetic style, and signature dazzling colours make his books a joy for every generation.

SALES AND DISTRIBUTION

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