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Singapore's literary treasures stand out through their remarkable ability to connect with both local and global audiences. Beyond the written word, Singapore becomes a crossroad for ideas, cultures, and inspiration to converge. Explore, connect, and find yourself captivated by the cultural mosaic that is Singapore's literature.

Discover some of the most exciting voices and powerful stories our authors, illustrators, and publishers have to offer. From genre-mashing reinventions of Southeast Asian mythologies, to deep dives into our diverse foodways, to award-winning kidlit titles that have been made into musicals... step in and you'll see: we're a small island, with big reads to share.

This catalogue has been produced as part of the Singapore Pavilion at the 2023 Frankfurt Book Fair, where you can find even more titles on display. It is only a small selection of what we have to offer, but represents the wide, exciting range of titles published every year across fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, and children's literature. Grants are available from Singapore's National Arts Council to support translations of Singapore Literature. Details can be found at <https://www.nac.gov.sg>.

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# MIDDLE GRADE / YA



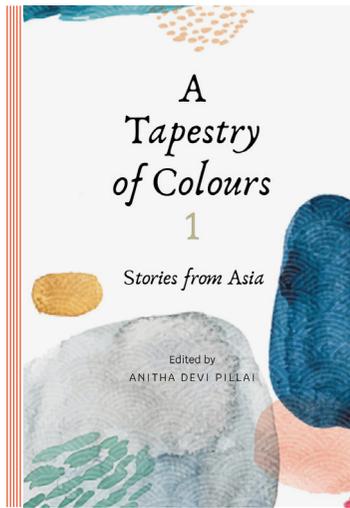
# A Tapestry Of Colours: Stories From Asia

(SERIES)

Author(s) Various, edited by Anitha Devi Pillai  
Publisher Marshall Cavendish International (Asia)

Published 2021  
ISBN 9789814928724  
Format Paperback  
Page Count 168pp (book 1)  
Size 198 x 130mm

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**This book comprises stories from Southeast Asia, South Asia and East Asia, written especially for young adults.**

This specially curated anthology of short stories from Asia explores the human spirit and lives of the common man separated by time, space and culture, and yet united in the human spirit to overcome the difficulties that they face in life. It provides an insight into the rich and diverse landscape of Asia, as well as heritage and cultural practices. It also challenges pre-conceived notions of biases and beliefs about other cultures and opens up room for discussion on the differences that define the human race.

*A Tapestry of Colours* provides a platform for readers to develop global awareness of the landscape and the people of Asia.

#### About the Author

Anitha Devi Pillai (Ph.D.) wears many hats. She's an author, applied linguist, translator and poet. She teaches writing pedagogy and writing at the National Institute of Education (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore). Some of her 2020 publications are an English translation of Kamaladevi Aravindan's historical Tamil novel, titled *Sembawang* (Marshall Cavendish International), an anthology of short stories titled *A View of Stars: Stories of Love* (Marshall Cavendish International) which she co-edited with Felix Cheong and a non-fiction book titled *The Story of Onam* (Indian Heritage Centre, National Heritage Board, Singapore). She is currently working on her own collection of short stories and editing an anthology of short stories for young adults. Both books are slated to be released in the latter half of 2021.

Notable **Includes matching guidebooks**

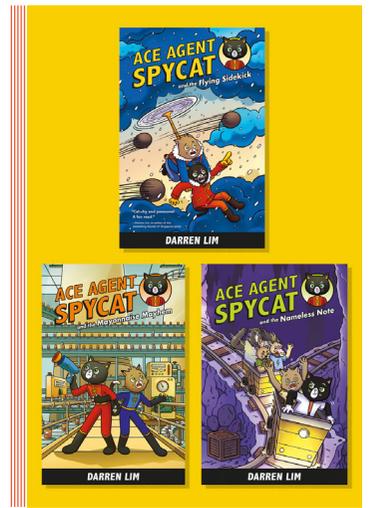
# Ace Agent Spycat

(SERIES)

Author Darren Lim  
Publisher Epigram Books

ISBN 9789814901062  
Format Paperback  
Page Count 232pp  
Size 215 x 140mm

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***Ace Agent Spycat*, an action-packed adventure series, recounts the crime-fighting escapades of Spycat, a Singaporean agent extraordinaire, with the First Enforcement League for Inter-National Emergencies, better known as FELINE.**

Spycat is sent all over the world, on missions of utmost importance, to solve crimes committed by international villains.

In the first book of this series, FELINE ace agent Spycat is introduced to his new partner, Rockcat. Their mission: to investigate how and why the penguin king Blackwing has turned the tropical island of Boracay into his own private frozen paradise. The agents must stop Blackwing from destroying the island. The mission promises to be a difficult one, especially as both agents have to first learn to work together. Funny and adventurous, Ace Agent Spycat will keep young readers wanting more.

#### About the Author

Darren Lim is an animator, illustrator and writer who enjoys telling stories. Over the course of his creative career, he has done everything from writing scripts for animated television series to making YouTube videos. The Ace Agent Spycat series is inspired by his award-winning animated short film, *Spycat and the Paper Chase*, which has been enjoyed by children in thirty-three countries over five continents.

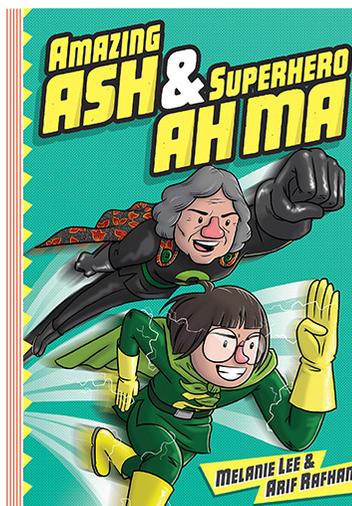
Notable **3 books in series**

# Amazing Ash & Superhero Ah Ma (SERIES)

Author **Melanie Lee**  
Illustrator **Arif Rafhan**  
Publisher **Difference Engine**

Published **2020**  
ISBN **9789811450440**  
Format **Paperback**  
Page Count **208pp (book 1)**  
Size **148 x 210mm**

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**Eleven-year-old Ash doesn't have much to look forward to: maths tests, a naggy Mum, and an Ah Ma who doesn't know much about her.**

That is, until she discovers something that will change her life—Ah Ma is a superhero! The best part is, Ash discovers that she has superpowers too!

Life is so much more exciting as a superhero-in-training. However, Ash can't help but notice that Ah Ma sometimes gets a little absent-minded while showing her the ropes. *Amazing Ash and Superhero Ah Ma* is a funny and heartwarming story about family and acceptance. Growing up and growing old is never easy—and all the more perplexing when secrets and superpowers are added to the mix.

#### About the Creators

Melanie Lee is the author of the picture book series *The Adventures of Squirky the Alien* and the illustrated travel guide series *Out & About in Singapore*. She has also published *Imaginary Friends: 26 Whimsical Fables for Getting on in a Crazy World*, a collection of illustrated short stories together with Arif Rafhan. Besides writing books, Melanie is an Associate Faculty at the Singapore University of Social Sciences, where she develops and teaches media writing courses.

Arif Rafhan is a comics artist based in Kuala Lumpur. His work can be seen in more than 40 publications in Malaysia, Singapore, and the US. He has contributed to Malaysia's longest-running humour magazine *Gila-Gila* and is working on Dato Lat's latest graphic novel *Mat Som 2*.

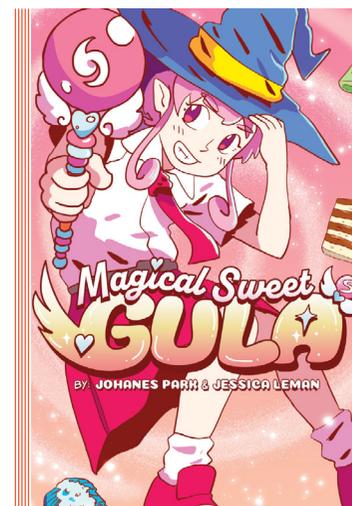
| Notable **Singapore Book Awards 2023 winner (Best Young Person's Title) (book 2)**

# Magical Sweet Gula

Creators **Johanes Park and Jessica Leman**  
Publisher **Difference Engine**

Published **2023**  
ISBN **9789811877360**  
Format **Paperback**  
Page Count **184pp**  
Size **148 x 210mm**

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**Gula Gulali is a magical girl with the power to turn the things around her into cakes and sweets! But she is a Magi living in the non-magical realm of Terra, where her bright pink hair and pointed ears make her stick out like a sore thumb in the regular school she attends.**

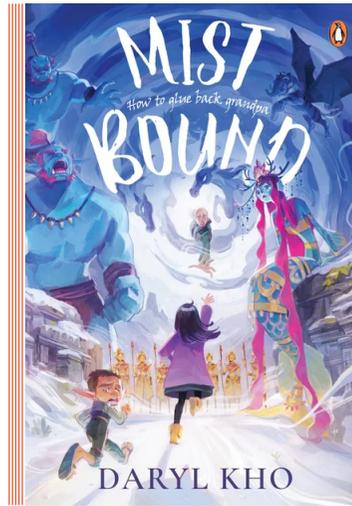
When another young Magi joins Gula's school, his weird behaviour draws far too much attention to the Magi who are already facing prejudice from Terrans. Now, Gula has to navigate friendships, suspicious schoolmates, and a series of magical mishaps — all while the success of a school drama production is at stake! Will she find acceptance and belonging, or will she have to give up her magic to fit in?

#### About the Creators

Johanes Park is a comic artist and university lecturer based in Jakarta, Indonesia. He met Jessica Leman while they studied animation at Kyungshung University in South Korea. Inspired by Johanes' childhood experiences growing up with both Korean and Indonesian identities, the duo first created *Magical Sweet Gula* together in 2015, to share a story of acceptance and friendship with young people who feel "different".

Jessica Leman is a writer and storyboard artist based in Jakarta, Indonesia and the co-creator of *Magical Sweet Gula*. She is currently pursuing digital marketing in creative industries. She met Johanes Park while studying animation at Kyungshung University in South Korea. The duo remain passionate about pop culture and comics as a medium to communicate meaningful stories with universal appeal, and participate actively in efforts to bring Indonesian creators' works to global audiences.

## Mist-bound: How to Glue Back Grandpa



Author **Daryl Kho**  
 Publisher **Penguin Random House (SEA)**

Published **2021**  
 ISBN **9789814914963**  
 Format **Paperback**  
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 Size **131 x 199mm**

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**Can a girl, armed only with stories, make her way through a land of myth, magic and monsters, to save her grandfather's shattered memories before they're forever lost?**

His only cure? Memory Glue. To brew it, Alexis just needs eight ingredients: stuff like, nose hair from a baku (dream-eater), sweat from a duyung (sea siren) and ... OK. Maybe some are tricky to find in local supermarkets.

To obtain them Alexis must journey to a realm where the fabled creatures from Grandpa's folktales are alive in the flesh (and often flesh-eating). At least she'll have fun company: the nasty kenit (forest imp) who'd cast the horrible spell on Grandpa, and her no-nonsense Grandma, who harbours a secret that will change Alexis' life forever ... Piece of cake, right? Oh, there's also a deadline. Can Grandpa be saved before he's forever lost to the mists within his mind?

Notable **Singapore Book Awards 2022 & Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award winner**  
**Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese and Indonesian rights sold**  
**Film rights optioned**

### About the Author

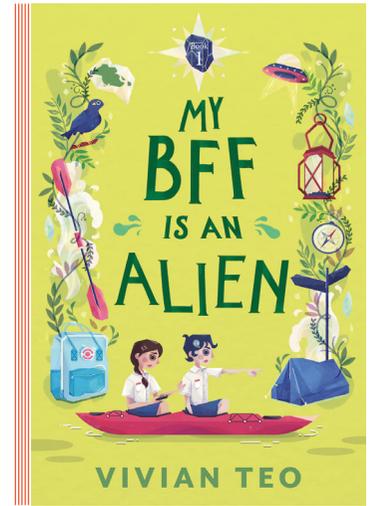
Malaysia-born and Singapore-based, Daryl Kho was a prolific creator during his student days: composing songs, poems, plays and even a kung-fu musical! He was led to write his debut "family novel", *Mist-Bound*, by his father's onset of dementia. *Mist-Bound* swept all of Singapore's major kids and youth literary awards in 2022. His work has also been published in HarperCollins Children's Books India's *Flipped: Mystery Stories / Sci-Fi stories*. He is an alma mater of the University of Chicago.

## My BFF is an Alien (SERIES)

Author **Vivian Teo**  
 Publisher **Epigram Books**

Published **2020**  
 ISBN **9789814845908**  
 Format **Paperback**  
 Page Count **208pp**  
 Size **129 x 198mm**

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**Meet Abriana Yeo, 13, awkward and friendless. Meet Octavia Wu, a graceful teenage alien with superpowers. Forced to flee her home planet Viridis after an invasion by "The Others", another alien species, Octavia and her parents crash-land in the Singapore heartland.**

Pretending to be a foreign student, Octavia enters secondary one and befriends Abriana, who then helps her in her quest to find the Anteris, a missing element the alien family needs if they want to return to Viridis to help in the war effort. All the while, the two girls also need to navigate the intricate web of teenage drama at Bukit Timah Secondary Girls' School, where mean girls thwart their search efforts every step of the way.

### About the Author

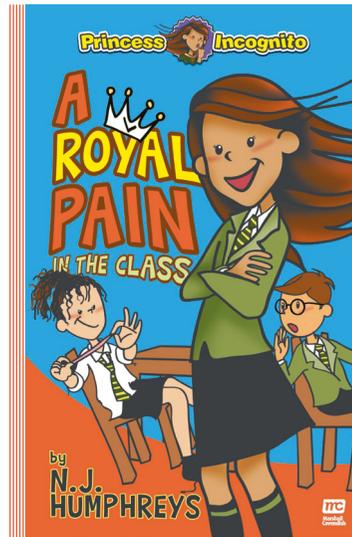
Vivian Teo worked as a financial journalist and editor for fourteen years at major US and UK trade publications. She became a freelance writer to spend more time with her two daughters and write about things close to her heart. This led to *My BFF is an Alien*, her first middle-grade series. She enjoys writing on parenting and education issues for parenting and blogging on her parenting and lifestyle website, *The Stuff Childhoods Are Made Of*, at [www.vivianteo.com](http://www.vivianteo.com).

# Princess Incognito (SERIES)

Author **N.J. Humphreys**  
Publisher **Marshall Cavendish International (Asia)**

Published **2020**  
ISBN **9789814828680**  
Format **Paperback**  
Page Count **176pp (book 1)**  
Size **135 x 215mm**

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**When Princess Sabrina is sent away from her family, the king and queen of Mulakating, she must hide away in a dull, working-class town, living undercover to keep her blue-blooded identity secret.**

At the tough neighbourhood school she is now forced to attend, Awful Agatha hates Sabrina on sight and plots to get her kicked out of school. An epic fight results in both getting covered in pigswill and nearly suspended. Awful Agatha is hellbent on revenge and a number of sneakily executed school thefts finally allow her to destroy Sabrina's life for good. The girls meet in a final, explosive showdown that forces them to realise they both have secrets to keep and are more alike than they would ever admit.

Sabrina definitely has the right skills to survive as a royal, but can she hold her own against Awful Agatha in the most dreadful school in the world?

#### About the Author

Neil Humphreys is one of Singapore's best-selling authors with 27 titles to his name. His works on the country—from *Notes from an Even Smaller Island* (2001) to *Saving a Sexier Island: Notes from an Old Singapore* (2015) — are among the most popular titles in the last 20 years. Writing as N.J. Humphreys, he is also behind the highly popular *Princess Incognito* middle grade children's series. His illustrated *Abbie Rose and the Magic Suitcase* adventures are funny eco-adventures about a smart, feisty girl on a mission to save endangered animals. He is also a prolific crime fiction writer. His titles include *Match Fixer* (2010), *Premier Leech* (2011), *Marina Bay Sins* (2014), *Rich Kill Poor Kill* (2016) and *Bloody Foreigners* (2021).

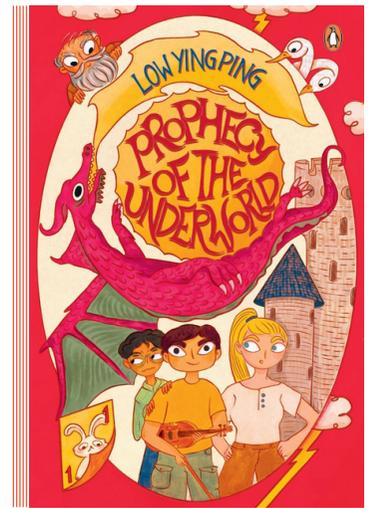
Notable **Sold English licensing rights to Malaysia (Scholastic)**

# Prophecy of the Underworld

Author **Low Ying Ping**  
Publisher **Penguin Random House (SEA)**

Published **2022**  
ISBN **9789814954167**  
Format **Paperback**  
Page Count **220pp**  
Size **140 x 215mm**

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**When the prophesied hero dies one day before the world needs saving, 13-year-old Julian Kee is randomly chosen as a last-minute replacement.**

With absolutely no world-saving skills whatsoever, he must nonetheless lead his friends into the Underworld to retrieve a magical rock that can save their world.

The problem is that the ruling council of the Underworld objects to their quest, and the rock can only be obtained by passing through a series of terrible trials, including navigating an unsolvable maze, enduring unspeakable tortures in the dungeons of the council's citadel, and facing a really cute bunny. And is the Underworlder who cheerfully volunteers to risk her life to help them simply a girl with a very kind, selfless heart, or is she really a spy for the council?

A fast-paced adventure filled with lots of exciting twists and turns, this hilarious spoof of adventure / hero stories will be enjoyed by both the young and the not-so-young!

#### About the Author

Low Ying Ping is the author of the *Mount Emily* novels, a middle grade / young adult fantasy series featuring time travel and friendship. The books have been shortlisted for the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award and the Singapore's Popular Readers' Choice Awards, and won the Singapore Book Awards in the Middle Grade/Young Adult category.

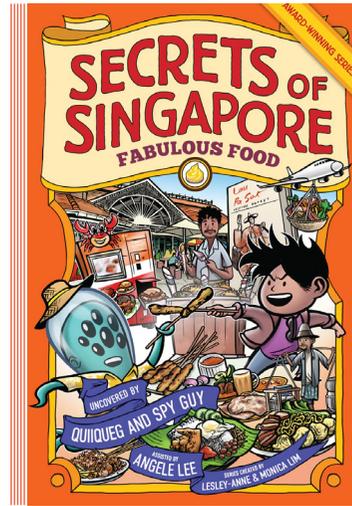
She has also written an English children's adaptation of the Chinese classic *Journey to the West* and won second prize in the British Fantasy Society's short story competition 2018. Her poems and critical essay have appeared in *Singa* and *Quarterly Literary Review Singapore*. She holds a Master's degree in English Literature from the University of Warwick, UK.

# Secrets of Singapore: Fabulous Food

Author **Angèle Lee**  
 Illustrator **Elvin Ching**  
 Publisher **Epigram Books**

Published **2022**  
 ISBN **9789814984652**  
 Format **Paperback**  
 Page Count **160pp**  
 Size **140 x 215mm**

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**Did you know that over 90 per cent of Singapore's food is imported?  
 You butter believe it!**

In *Secrets of Singapore: Fabulous Food*, Spy Guy and the extraterrestrial Quiiqueg uncover this and lots more about Singapore's makan paradise!

Discover the classic dishes that are uniquely Singaporean (there are laksa them)—and those that aren't (Singapore fried rice?). Explore the newest food fads (unicorn poop, anyone?) and revisit the oldies but goodies (ice kacang is the OG!).

Hungry for more? Peek behind the scenes and discover where all our food comes from, and how they're stored so they stay fresh, clean and yummy for longer (ever heard of a food safe?). Then find out how we deal with any leftover food (there's too much) to minimise waste!

Tag along with Spy Guy and Quiiqueg on a souped-up tour of fabulous food.

Notable **Finalist at the 2023 Singapore Book Awards**

### About the Author

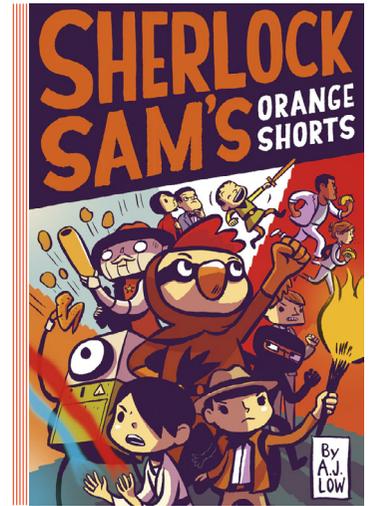
After having a tonne of fun as an industrial engineer, Angèle Lee has returned to her first love, writing. She adores telling stories—almost as much as she adores her husband and two boys, potato crisps, corgis and dodgy puns. Angèle earns her keep writing for businesses, but has also written a short story for the Istana's *Open House Adventures* series of children's books.

# Sherlock Sam (SERIES)

Author **A.J. Low**  
 Illustrator **Andrew Tan**  
 Publisher **Epigram Books**

Published **Ongoing**  
 ISBN **9789811700767**  
 Format **Paperback**  
 Page Count **112 (book 1)**  
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**Follow Singapore's most famous kid detective from Katong to  
 Kampong Glam—embark on various adventure mysteries with  
 Sherlock Sam and the Supper Club today!**

With his trusty robot Watson, Sherlock Sam will stop at nothing to solve the case, no matter how big or small. In the first book of this currently 18-book series, *Sherlock Sam and the Missing Heirloom in Katong*, Auntie Kim Lian's precious Peranakan cookbook disappears, and Sherlock Sam cannot eat her delicious ayam buah keluak anymore! Will Sherlock Sam be able to use his super detective powers to find this lost treasure?

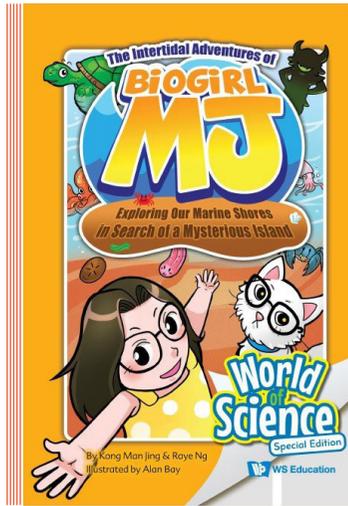
### About the Author

A.J. Low is a husband-and-wife writing team! Adan Jimenez was born in the San Joaquin Valley in California to Mexican immigrant parents. He became an immigrant himself when he moved to Singapore after living in New York for almost a decade. He has worked for comic book stores, bookstores, gaming stores and even a hoagie sandwich shop once. He loves comics, LEGOs, books, games (analogue and video), science fiction and sandwiches. He currently works in the video game industry.

Born and raised in Singapore, Felicia Low-Jimenez has been a geek for most of her life and has written a lot of fanfiction. She was a bookseller and now works in comics publishing. She spends most of her free time reading, napping and eating chocolate. If she leaves the house, it's usually to go to a bookstore.

Notable **Multiple-time finalist and 2021 winner at the Singapore Book Awards (Best Young Person's Title)**  
**Sold Arabic, Simplified Chinese (China), Traditional Chinese (Taiwan), Korean, North American, Turkish, Indonesian, Burmese Language rights**

# The Intertidal Adventures of BioGirl MJ



Author(s) **Man Jing Kong and Raye Ng**  
Illustrator **Alan Bay**  
Publisher **World Scientific Education**

Published **2022**  
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Format **Paperback**  
Page Count **136pp**  
Size **150 x 226mm**

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**In this Special Edition comic book in the bestselling World of Science series, join Biogirl MJ, the co-founder and host of *Just Keep Thinking*, as she explores various types of marine shores, in search of a mysterious island!**

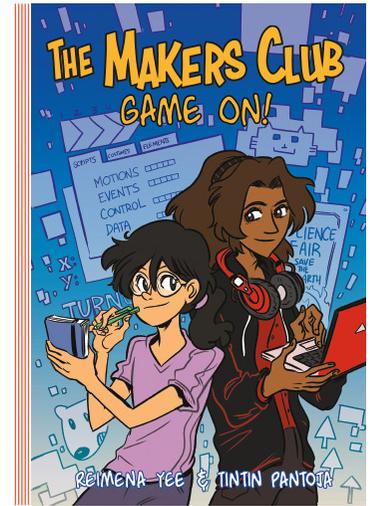
Embark on a journey to discover the environment, make friends with the wildlife living there, and learn about the marine issues we are facing.

#### About the Author

Kong Man Jing, also known as Biogirl MJ, as well as Raye Ng, are the Co-founders of science channel *Just Keep Thinking*, which spreads knowledge about science and wildlife to children and adults alike.

Notable **Singapore Book Awards 2023 winner (Best Educational Title)**

# The Makers Club (SERIES)



Author **Reimena Yee**  
Illustrator **Tintin Pantoja**  
Publisher **Difference Engine**

Published **2020**  
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Format **Paperback**  
Page Count **120pp (book 1)**  
Size **154 x 230mm**

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**Timid artist Nadia is in awe of her new teammate. Priya's a gamer, she's smart, and she knows how to code—so this environmental video game they're building should definitely win the top prize at the Pangolin Secondary School Science Fair, right?**

But Nadia and Priya soon discover that there's a lot more to making a game than coding and sprites. Will they be able to overcome their differences or will it be game over for them far too soon?

#### About the Creators

Reimena Yee is an illustrator, writer, and designer from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In addition to writing *The Makers Club*, she is the author-illustrator of the gothic comics *The World in Deeper Inspection*, the Eisner- and McDuffie-nominated *The Carpet Merchant of Konstantiniyaa*, and *Seance Tea Party*.

Tintin Pantoja is an artist based in Manila, the Philippines who has been illustrating comics since 2007. Her works include adaptations of *Hamlet*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and the *Manga Math* series. Most recently, she created *Unplugged* and *Unpopular* with writer Mat Heagerty.

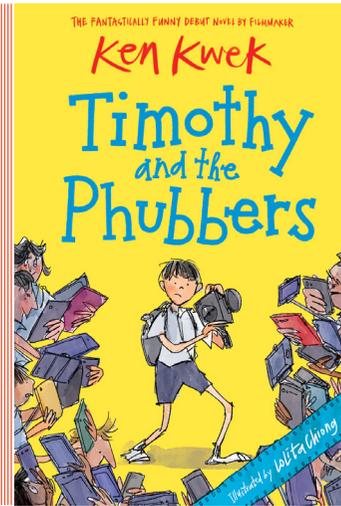
Notable **Shortlisted for the Popular Readers Choice Awards 2021**

## Timothy and the Phubbers (SERIES)

Author **Ken Kwek**  
 Illustrator **Lolita Chiong**  
 Publisher **Epigram Books**

Published **2018**  
 ISBN **9789814757973**  
 Format **Paperback**  
 Page Count **240pp**  
 Size **129 x 198mm**

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**Timothy Pong has enough trouble at home without throwing his first year of secondary school into the mix. The Pong family only interact with each other through digital machines rather than human contact.**

Twelve-year-old Timothy is too young to own a phone, according to his mum, so he hasn't actually spoken to his family in years as he can't WhatsApp his parents or Snapchat his older sister.

Even worse, the most menacing bully in school, who also just happens to be the prettiest girl Timothy has ever seen, has plucked him out as her new favourite target. Luckily, Timothy has a few ideas up his sleeve to survive Secondary One, as well as the help of his undernourished friend Rudy, who, when not helping Timothy, can be found eating grass in the school field.

When their first plan goes horribly wrong and Timothy is caught on camera with his pants down—the most embarrassing three minutes of fame ever, the two friends must up their game if they're to expose the conniving Bella, ace their Science project, and learn how an old-fashioned camera they first mistook for a hairdryer might be the answer to their prayers.

Notable **Sold Korean language rights**  
**Singapore Book Awards 2022 winner (Best Audiobook)**

### About the Author

Ken Kwek is a screenwriter, film director and playwright. He spent his childhood watching movies on an ancient machine called a VHS player. Ken studied literature at the University of Cambridge and dramatic writing at New York University. He worked as a journalist and a cook for a few years, then wrote and directed several movies that (unfortunately) cannot be viewed on a VHS player. He is the author of two books, *Kelly and the Krumps* and *Timothy and the Phubbers*.

## Pop! Lit for Kids

**Taking classic stories from Asia and the West, *Pop! Lit for Kids* reimagines them into easy-to-read stories that provide the perfect introduction to classic tales.**

Join Tripitaka, Sun Wukong, Zhu Bajie and many other friends on a great adventure in *Journey to the West*. Exiled from his homeland; Prince Rama must brave through an odyssey in search of his wife, Sita, in *Ramayana*. In *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*, experience the loyalty and treachery, the brotherhood and rivalry of China's legendary heroes and villains during the most tumultuous period in Chinese history. Explore magical characters and the different places and cultures of the Philippines in *Folk Stories of the Philippines*. And read tales of a legendary, wise Chinese magistrate in *The Legendary Justice Bao: Avenger of Justice*.

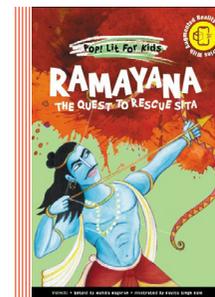
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## Ramayana

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 Illustrator **Kavita Singh Kale**

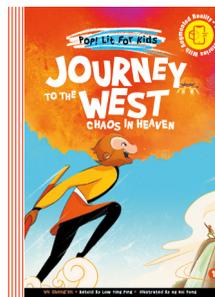
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 Format **Paperback**  
 Page Count **100pp**



## Journey to the West: The Complete Set

Author **Low Ying Ping**  
 Illustrator **Jia Yi Koo**

ISBN **9789811258312**  
 Format **Paperback**  
 Page Count **312pp**



## Pop! Lit for Kids

## Tales of Enchantment: Folk Stories from the Philippines

Author(s) **Christine S Bellen-Ang and  
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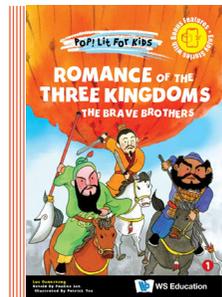
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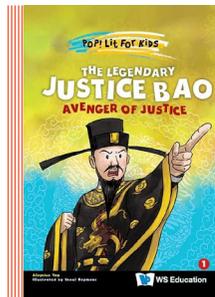
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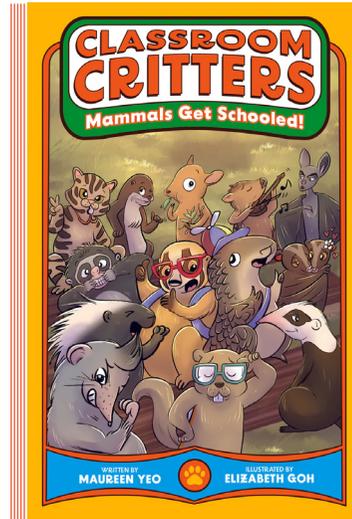
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# PICTURE BOOK



## Classroom Critters: Mammals Get Schooled!



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Illustrator **Elizabeth Goh**  
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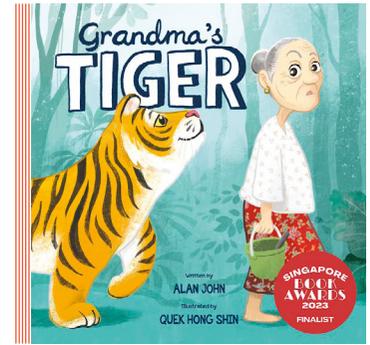
Join the classroom critters in this educational series about  
Singapore's local fauna!

In this vibrant graphic novel, fascinating facts about local wildlife are seamlessly weaved into an entertaining mystery bursting with great puns.

### About the Author

Maureen Yeo's recent projects include copywriting for *Otah & Friends* and *Bird Paradise*. This is the third of her books featuring Singapore's fauna. Formerly a secondary school teacher, Maureen is now mum to two toddlers. As you can see, she has some experience dealing with wild animals. Don't even get her started on her husband. Her books *The Great Singapore Poo Sale* and *Make Animals Great Again* have been nominated for the Singapore Book Awards' Best Middle Grade / Young Adult Title and the Popular Readers' Choice Awards. Find out more about her at <https://maureenyeo.wixsite.com/website>.

## Grandma's Tiger



Author **Alan John**  
Illustrator **Quek Hong Shin**  
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Was it really a tiger that Grandma saw on Pulau Ubin while gathering clams one warm, sunny morning? And what will animal expert Dr Sunny Banuna and his team find when they embark on their big tiger hunt across the island?

From the award-winning duo of Alan John and Quek Hong Shin comes another charming and lively children's story inspired by a slice of Singapore history—a few frenzied days in 1997 when a tiger was “spotted” on Ubin.

Children will turn the pages eagerly as they, too, go on a tiger search and try to spot the tiger along the way. The book is also filled with many beautifully-rendered illustrations of other creatures found in the region, such as the tiger beetle, the giant Asian mantis and the knobbly sea star.

### About the Author

Alan John is a journalist, writer, trainer and volunteer. He is the director of the Asia Journalism Fellowship, an annual programme of Temasek Foundation International. He embarked on his latest adventure as a writer of children's books in 2018, working with artist Quek Hong Shin on a series of award-winning animal-themed books.

Notable **Singapore Book Awards 2023 winner (Best Picture Book)**

# Hurry, Murry!

Author **Tan Yi Lin**  
Illustrator **Nanimonda**  
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**Murry is tired of being told to hurry. It's not that he doesn't want to pick up the pace. Sloths just are not made to move fast.**

Can't everyone see that he is trying his best? Murry dreams of being good at sport. But whoever has seen a sloth win a race or score a goal? Poor Murry feels destined to be slow forever. However, one day, an excursion to the lake helps Murry discover his speed and that you don't always need to hurry to be fast. *Hurry Murry!* is a story about how it is possible to achieve success by going at one's own pace in a fast-moving world.

#### About the Author

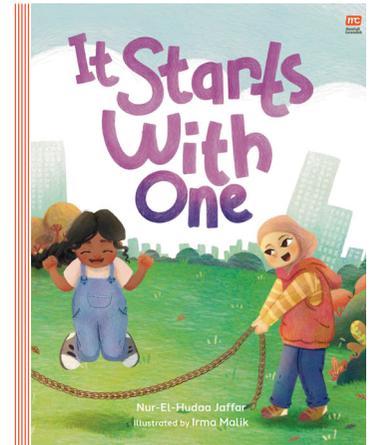
Growing up in Singapore, Tan Yi Lin spent weekends at second-hand bookstores browsing through tales of talking animals, globetrotting adventures, and travels to whimsical lands. She still does the same with her 3 daughters. Outside of her job in the public service, Yi Lin writes stories inspired by childhood and a blog for an adopted Doxiepoo named Miso.

# It Starts With One

Author **Nur-El-Hudaa Jaffar**  
Illustrator **Irma Malik**  
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**Having just moved house, Leyla is worried about not being able to find new friends. At the playground, she meets a girl who has just lost her skipping rope.**

Leyla offers to make her a new one out of rubber bands, but the rubber bands soon run out. What can she do next?

Join Leyla in her search as she discovers the beauty of kindness and the secret to making new friends.

#### About the Author

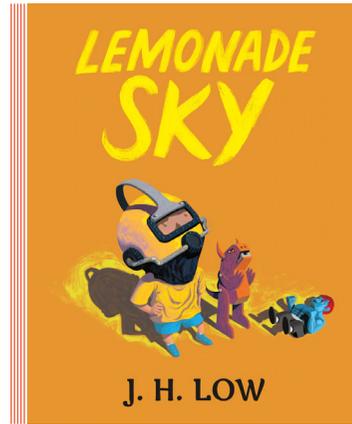
Nur-El-Hudaa Jaffar is an award-winning author of seven children's picture books. Based in Singapore, Nur won the Golden Point Award organised by Arts House Limited for her short stories in 2017, and the inaugural Mastera Prize organised by the Majlis Sastra Asia Tenggara in 2019 for poetry translation. Her short stories and poetry have appeared in various publications, and she was a featured writer at the National Arts Council's Words Go Round initiative in 2019 and 2020. Nur also volunteers as a storyteller with the National Library Board, Singapore.

# Lemonade Sky

Author **J. H. Low**  
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**A boy takes a journey of self-discovery and challenges the status quo.**

With the help of his faithful friends, a young boy tries to escape from a society that has everything mapped out for him, only to be met by gatekeepers on the way. Can he succeed to find a place where he can be himself?

A crossover picture book like no other, *Lemonade Sky* makes readers of all ages think big about what it means to be truly free.

#### About the Author

J.H. Low is an art educator, artist and creator of children's picture books. He has a BA in Fine Art from the University of Leeds, a MA in Children's Book Illustration from the Anglia Ruskin University and is currently pursuing a PhD in Art. His book, *There is No Steak Buried Here*, garnered a Highly Commended at the McMillan Prize 2009. This story was subsequently developed into the series, *Four Tooth and Friends*, and has been published in Chinese, English and Vietnamese. His other book, *Night in the Garden*, featuring Singapore's very own Gardens by the Bay, was on the shortlist for the Asian Children's Book Award 2017. In 2019, he also won the first runner-up of the Scholastic Picture Book Award with his submission *Orang & Hutan*.

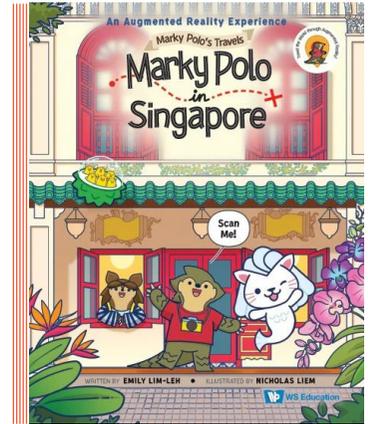
Notable **Winner of the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award  
Selected for the 2021 White Ravens catalogue of international  
book recommendations**

# Marky Polo in Singapore

Author **Emily Lim-Leh**  
Illustrator **Nicholas Liem**  
Publisher **World Scientific Education**

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**Marky Polo is a pangolin who comes from a famous line of travellers and explorers. His cousin Merry Polo is visiting Singapore for the first time.**

Merry wants a holiday packed with non-stop fun and merry-making. Can Merli and his friends help Marky to occupy his fun-loving (and sometimes inconsiderate) younger cousin?

#### About the Author

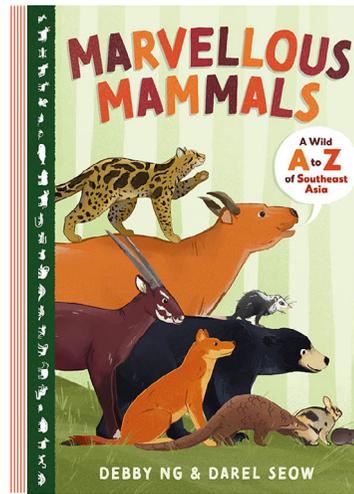
Award-winning author Emily Lim-Leh is the first outside North America to win three medals for her children's books at the IPPY awards (the world's largest book awards) and also the first in South East Asia to win the Moonbeam Children's Book Award. Like Little Godwit, Emily took a somewhat lonesome journey to find her wings as an author. Now, Emily's imagination happily takes flight in search of new tales to write. Read more about Emily at <https://mummumstheword.wordpress.com/>.

# Marvellous Mammals: A Wild A to Z of Southeast Asia

Author **Debby Ng**  
Illustrator **Daryl Seow**  
Publisher **Difference Engine**

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**We know that dogs bark, cats meow, and cows moo. But do you know dholes whistle “whee-whee”, wild boars grunt “grt-grt”, and siamangs call out “ooh-wow-wow”?**

The Southeast Asian forests are full of incredible wildlife waiting to be discovered. In the humid nature reserves of Singapore, high up the mountain forests of Papua, and in the tropical waters of the Irawaddy, a multitude of mammals live their unseen lives. They await a bold explorer to learn their secrets. Could that explorer be you?

In this beautifully illustrated alphabet book, wildlife ecologist Debby Ng and illustrator Darel Seow part the leaves to showcase lesser-known animals of Southeast Asia! Readers will learn about these unique mammals' habitat, behaviour, food choices, and their relationship with humans.

#### About the Creators

Debby Ng is a biologist, photojournalist, and National Geographic Explorer. She has been reaching out to audiences about climate change and wildlife conservation since she was 14. She is currently pursuing her PhD at the NUS Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions.

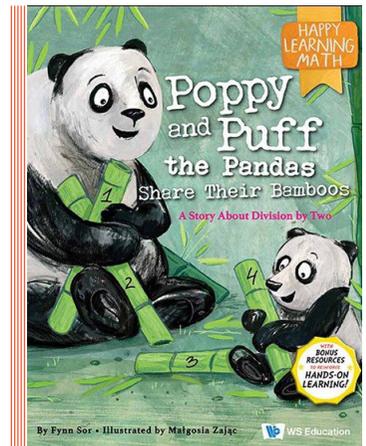
Darel Seow is an illustrator and educator who loves creating stories about the marvellous flora and fauna that we share this planet with. He especially enjoys working with museums and cultural institutions worldwide, and has illustrated three picture books detailing Singaporean stories.

# Poppy and Puff the Pandas Share Their Bamboos

Author **Fynn Sor**  
Illustrator **Malgosia Zajac**  
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**Puff and Poppy the Pandas find a bamboo forest. But are there enough bamboos for both pandas?**

Follow the giant pandas' delightful journey through the mountainous forest, read fun facts about giant pandas, and learn division by two.

#### About the Author

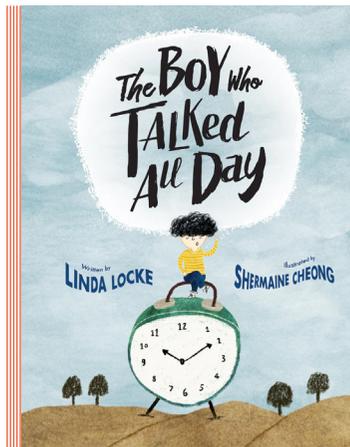
Fynn Sor is a Math and Science educator, author, and mum of three. She is the founder of Happy Tot Shelf, an educational website that is all about helping parents raise happy little learners at home.

# The Boy Who Talked All Day

Author **Linda Locke**  
Illustrator **Shermaine Cheong**  
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**A memorable tale told with playful rhyme, the story will remind both young and old that one should always pay attention to their surroundings.**

There once was a boy who loved to talk. He talked so much that he didn't even notice when danger was coming! *The Boy Who Talked All Day* recalls the classic nursery rhymes, and the whimsical illustrations and quirky scenes will amuse and entertain children of all ages.

#### About the Author

Linda Locke is a former advertising executive and the co-author of *Agnes and Her Amazing Orchid*, a picture book about the creator of Singapore's National Flower, the Vanda Miss Joaquim. She is also the author of the *Jack Is Curious* series about her son. Linda was previously a chief executive and creative director of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising, and chairman and regional creative director of Leo Burnett Advertising, and has more than 300 creative awards to her name. She later started her own consultancy, Godmother Pte Ltd, and held several key positions at Club21, a luxury fashion distributor. She now serves on the board of two companies.

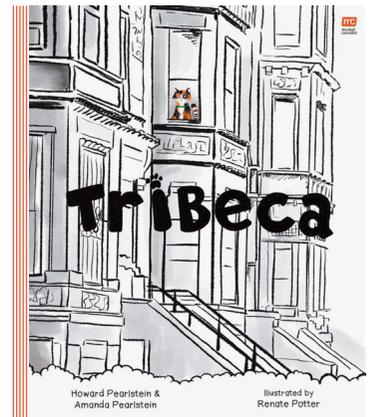
Notable **Shortlisted for Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award 2022**  
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# Tribeca

Author(s) **Howard Pearlstein and Amanda Pearlstein**  
Illustrator **Renate Potter**  
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**Everyone wants to belong. Tribeca does, too.**

But with only three legs and three paws, Tribeca knows she's different from other cats. And when she learns that she's going to be adopted, she starts to worry that she won't fit in with her new family.

When the day arrives, Tribeca relaxes after meeting her new dad—but she learns that she also has a new sister. Will her sister accept her?

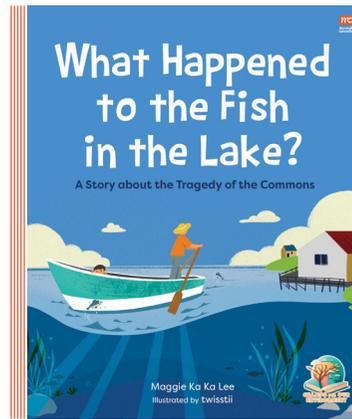
#### About the Author

Howard Pearlstein is an advertising creative director. He has spent his entire career writing ads for some of the world's most popular brands, including Toyota, Verizon and Mitsubishi. *Orange Porange* is Howard's first book and his first writing project not designed to sell something (except, of course, this book). A California native, Howard now lives in Birmingham, Alabama with his wife, Debi.

Amanda Pearlstein is a civil rights lawyer and pet mom who recently branched out into fiction writing. She lives in Brooklyn, New York with her partner Wendy, their dog Toby, their cat East Village and an ever-changing cast of foster kittens—one of whom was the inspiration for this story.

Notable **Finalist at the 2023 Singapore Book Awards**

# What Happened To The Fish In The Lake?: A Story About The Tragedy Of The Commons



Author **Maggie Ka Ka Lee**  
Illustrator **Twisstii**  
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***In What Happened to the Fish in the Lake?,* fishers live happily around a lake for years until they start to take more fish than they have need for.**

Over time, the fish dwindle and disappear. What will the fishers come together to do? Will they be able to solve the problem?

This inspirational children's story highlights the need for everyone to come together to protect and sustain the Earth's natural resources for the good of all.

#### **About the Author**

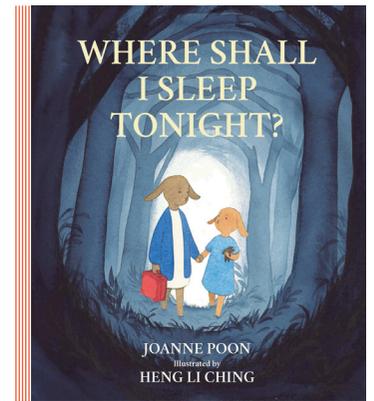
Maggie Ka Ka Lee is an environmentalist and former scientist. She has worked for the United Nations Environment Programme, WWF Singapore, WWF International and several Fortune 500 companies. A prominent speaker and communicator, she has been involved in TEDx events in Singapore and over 100 panels around the world in the past five years. Maggie has written over 10 articles in grey literature and peer-reviewed academic journals.

# Where Shall I Sleep Tonight?

Author **Joanne Poon**  
Illustrator **Heng Li Cheng**  
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***Young children are naturally afraid of and anxious about unfamiliar places and people. After being cocooned too long with family and a comforting routine under Covid restrictions, the ability to now move freely about and interact—even in school, child or foster care—ironically heightens these unsettling feelings.***

This thoughtfully written and sensitively illustrated story follows a bunny as she goes from relative to relative and from neighbour to friend to stay, making her own adventure in a less than ideal situation. In the process, she learns about looking after herself and thinking about the needs of others.

#### **About the Author**

Joanne Poon is a theatre teacher at School of the Arts, Singapore. She enjoys playwriting, directing, puppetry and creating theatre with young people. She is also the author of *Brave Maeve*, a picture book that explains cancer to young children which has been staged twice as a full-length musical.

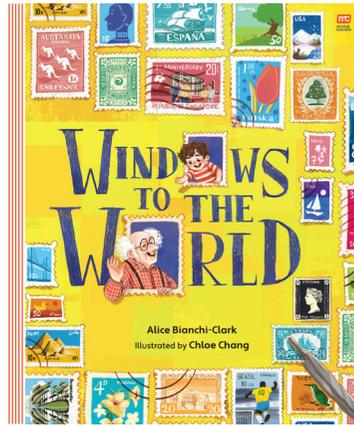
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# Windows To The World

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Illustrator **Chloe Chang**  
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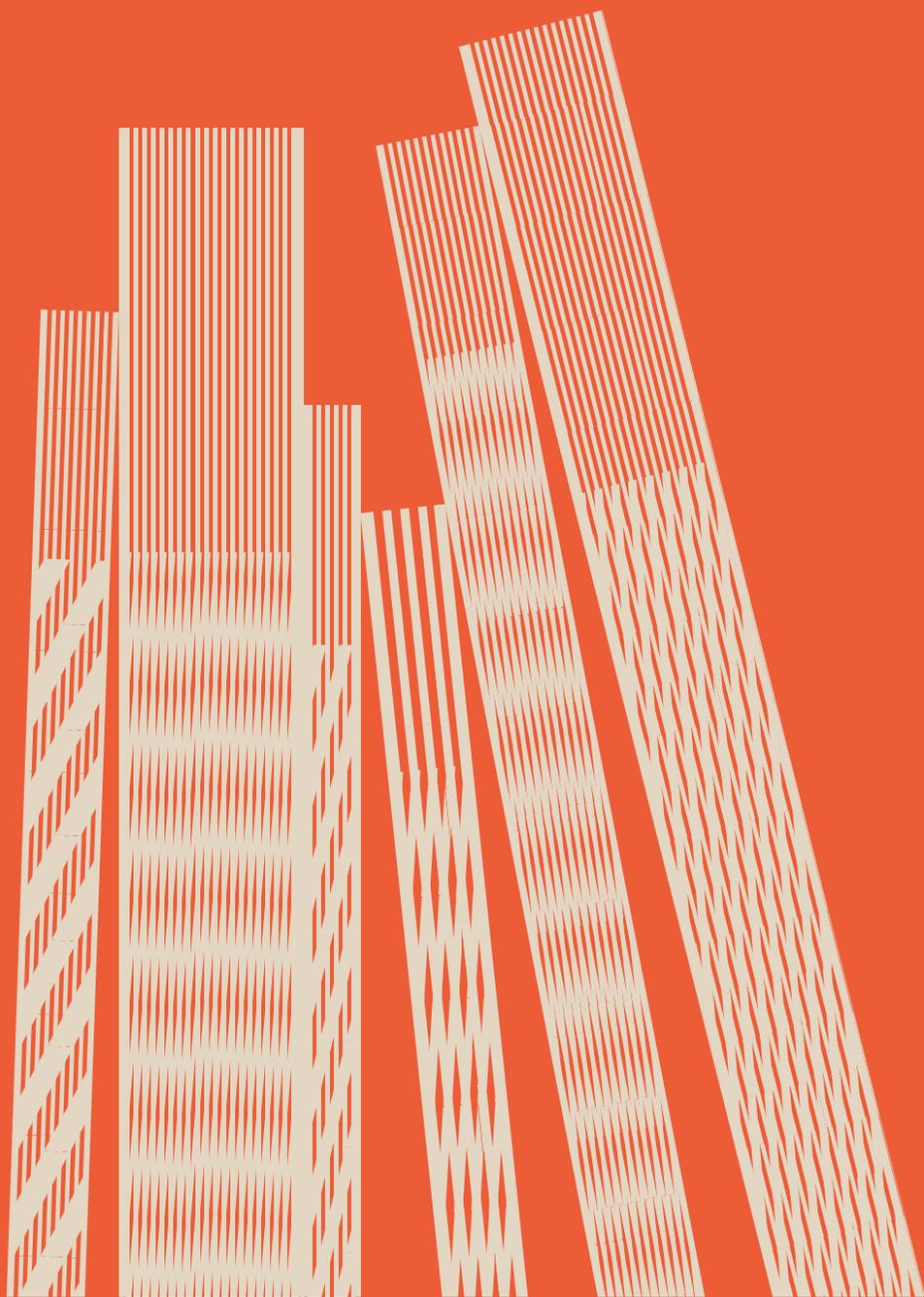


**Nonno, Alexander's grandfather, is getting too old to look after his stamps. He plans to pass them on to Alexander, but the young boy isn't sure he wants to be a collector.**

When Alexander learns about the philatelic museum, he would like everyone to enjoy Nonno's stamps.  
"When you have something special, it's good to share."

#### **About the Author**

Alice Bianchi-Clark is a collector of sorts. Italian by nationality, she has lived and worked in Rome, London, Paris, Beijing and Hong Kong. She currently resides in Singapore with her supportive husband, big-hearted son, a menagerie of parrot fish and terrapins, balcony of flowers and library of picture books. Sharing brings her joy. This story was inspired by Alice's father, a philatelist, who started collecting stamps as a child after the second world war.



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