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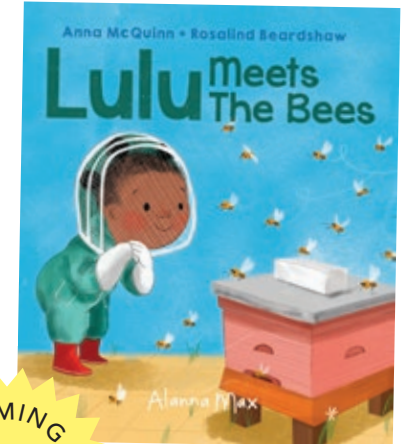
## Booky Girl Lulu

Everybody falls in love with Lulu, a pint-size, book-loving hero – critics, librarians, booksellers, parents and especially young children. They love how she and her family love books and stories which inspire Lulu's play and imagination. All those who read her stories find her an inspiration too. Lulu doesn't need a reason to be a star in her own story!

### Lulu Meets the Bees

Lulu is really excited! She is off to visit beekeeper Auntie Zora to meet her bees. Lulu wears a special suit so she can get up close: she sees the queen bee, the workers and even the baby bees. She tastes the honey- it is sweet and sticky, and delicious. It inspires Lulu to do what she can to help the bees.

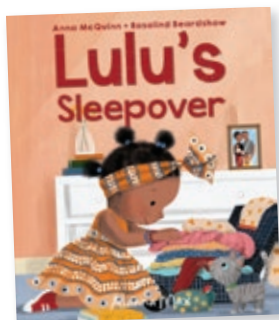
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**Illustrated by** Rosalind Beardshaw  
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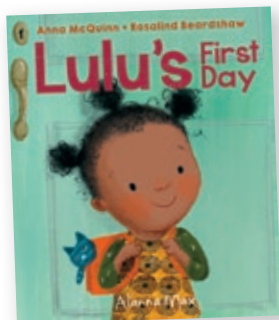
### Lulu's Sleepover

Lulu is excited about her first sleepover at cousin Hani's house. She chooses what to take, then off she goes. Lulu and Hani play in the garden and make water pictures. After lunch, they dress up and watch a movie. When it's time for bed, Auntie Almaz shares a special story about when she and Lulu's daddy were little.

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Each exquisitely crafted page gently reassures early readers about this exciting step on the road to independence... perfect for pre-schoolers, reminding them new adventures can be fun.

- Fabia Turner, Candid Cocoa

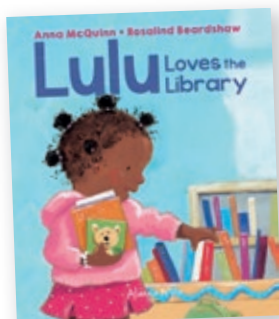


### Lulu's First Day

Lulu is looking forward to going to pre-school. It will be just like her visits to story time in the library, but she will stay by herself. A perfect story to prepare young children for starting pre-school or kindergarten.

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Beautifully illustrated to convey the subtle drama and warmth of a first day at pre-school.  
- Darren Chetty



### Lulu Loves the Library

Lulu loves Tuesdays. That's when she and her mummy go to the library. They choose

books and Lulu goes to story time and singing time. When they get home, Lulu's mummy reads her one of the books at bedtime.

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Lulu should be mandatory reading for anyone who doubts the impact libraries have on young lives.

- Liz Broekmann, Children and Young People's Librarian, Slough Library



### Lulu Loves Stories

Lulu loves stories – each night she reads a different one, and next day she is a fairy, a pilot, a farmer, a mummy, a tiger and a monster!

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The roots of reading, along with matters of love and life, are happily married in this bright, uplifting, outstanding and important offering.  
- School Library Journal



### Lulu Reads to Zeki

Lulu becomes a big sister and, from bath time to bedtime, she knows just the right book to read to her new baby brother Zeki. Lulu's family read new baby stories to prepare Lulu, and make sure they still have time for her stories once baby arrives.

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Lulu can convince us all that books and stories are absolutely the best thing in the world.

- The Reading Zone



### Lulu Loves Flowers

When Lulu reads a book of garden poems, she wants to

grow some flowers herself. She gets gardening books from the library, chooses the best flowers to grow, buys seeds and plants them. Then she has to wait...

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...perfect in every way. That's all you really need to know. It's that simple.

- Zoe Toft



### Lulu Gets a Cat

Lulu really wants a cat! She reads all about cats and how to look after them and shows Mummy she can be caring and responsible.

Then off they go to the cat shelter...

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This new story ticks all the boxes for showing the very young that becoming a pet owner involves considerable responsibility.

- Jill Bennett, Red Reading Hub



### Lulu's Nana Visits

Lulu loves when her Nana visits and can't wait for all the family fun. The family spends the week shopping for presents for family back in Tanzania, having dance parties, and making special mandazi doughnuts.

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Anna McQuinn is passionate about early childhood development. For 14 years she worked with directly with young children and their families, running rhyme times, nurture classes, book clubs and family reading groups for babies, toddlers and their carers. She has written over 30 books for children, published by Barefoot Books, O'Brien Press and Chicken House.

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Rosalind Beardshaw's favourite subject in school was art, so it was an easy decision to become an illustrator. Since then she's gone on to illustrate more than 30 picture books - for Egmont, Nosy Crow and Scholastic.

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# Lenny Books

Lenny is an inquisitive boy, always looking forward to new adventures with his dog Wilbur. Accompanying the gentle stories in each book, the illustrations are bright and bold. Each book includes a well known children's song.



## Lenny Has Lunch

Lenny and Daddy have lunch. They play games and sing songs and work up an appetite while Daddy makes the food. Then they sing "Row Row Row Your Boat" together.

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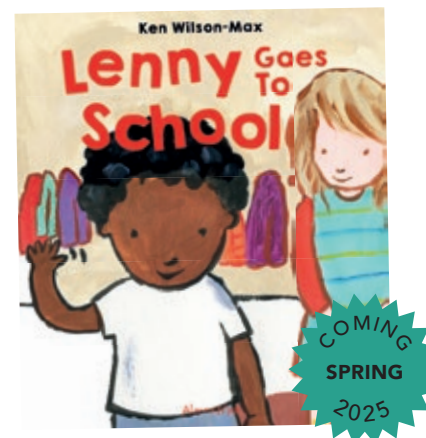
## Lenny in the Garden

Lenny plays in the garden while Mummy does some gardening. This endearing story of parent and child sharing an everyday activity is perfect for reading with young toddlers. They sing "Tommy Thumb" together.

**Rights Available:** World

Lenny Books are Early Years picturebook perfection. Ken Wilson-Max opens a glorious window into the world of small children. The perfect size for little hands; really thoughtful production.

- Charlotte Hacking, Center for Literacy in Primary Education



## Lenny Goes to School

It's Lenny's first day at play school, and he's a bit nervous. But he makes a new friend straight away. Lenny and Lucy sing a song, do some drawing, ride tricycles and play with a ball. They sing "The Wheels on the Bus" together. At the end of the day Lenny realises he can't wait to come back.

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## Lenny & Gran & Granny

Lenny's Gran arrives for a visit. She hasn't seen him for a while so they have to get to know each other again. Meanwhile, his Granny steps in to help and Lenny ends up enjoying both Grans. They sing "If You're Happy and You Know It" together.

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## Lenny and Wilbur

Lenny and Wilbur are the best of friends. They do everything together! Lenny washes Wilbur, while Wilbur just makes Lenny giggle and laugh! They sing "Old McDonald Had a Farm" together.

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## Where's Lenny?

Lenny and Daddy start a game of Hide-And-Seek that ends up involving everyone, including Gordon the goldfish and Wilbur the dog! They Sing "1-2-3-4-5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive" together.

**Rights sold:** USA

**Written and illustrated**  
by Ken Wilson-Max  
**Format:** Hardback / Paperback  
32 pages  
230x210mm  
**Ages:** 3 years +

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# Zeki Books

**Written by** Anna McQuinn  
**Illustrated by** Ruth Hearson

**Format:** Card with rounded corners  
200 x 185mm, 24 pages  
**Ages:** 10 months upwards

When you are one, every day promises a new experience and when you are little, even small things are big adventures. Zeki greets every new experience with a sense of adventure and a smile! Babies and toddlers just love looking at images of other babies like themselves and will enjoy seeing their everyday world in a story.

Bright and colourful, this picture book for the very young is an utter delight. The text is lively but accessible, the illustration and design simple yet gorgeously eye-catching. The cast is naturally diverse and subtly inclusive. A charming and celebratory book for all.

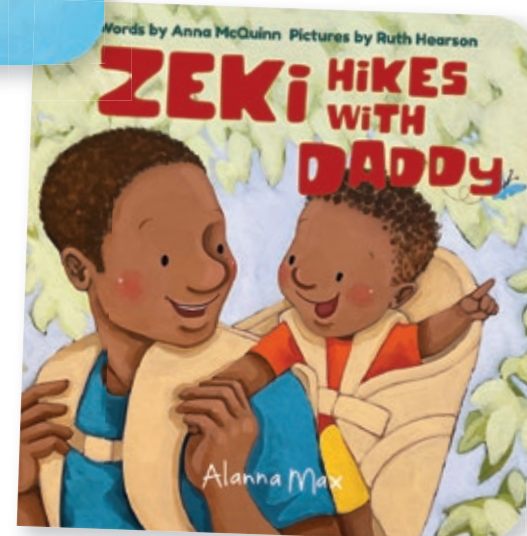
– BookTrust



## Zeki Goes to the Park

Zeki and Mummy are off to the park to cool down. They meet up with Zeki's friend Yu and her mummy. Zeki and Yu play, dig in the sandbox, play on the splash pad and have a picnic.

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## Zeki Hikes with Daddy

Zeki and Daddy are off on a hike! Together they discover everything the wildlife trail has to offer from smooth stones to spiky plants and everything in between.

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### Zeki Rise and Shine

After a big sleep, it's time for Zeki to wake up! His eyes, ears, mouth & nose, head, shoulders, knees & toes shimmy, shake and bounce into action. By the last spread, he is ready for anything!

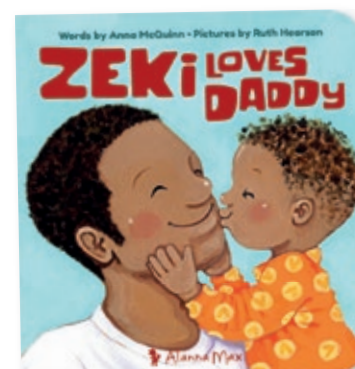
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### Zeki Sleep Tight

After a busy day, it's time for Zeki to slow down... One by one, his senses get ready to sleep. The room is hushed, the lights low and after a dozy story he's already beginning to nod off.

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### Zeki Loves Daddy

From when he wakes up in the morning, Zeki and his daddy fill their days with tickles, pancakes, dancing, playing and reading. And when it's time to sleep, Daddy's hugs are the snuggliest.

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### Zeki Loves Mummy

From when he wakes up in the morning, Zeki and his mummy fill their days with giggling, building dens, yoga, cycling, snacking, splashy painting and reading. At the end of the day, Mummy's hugs are the comfiest.

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Effortlessly diverse books that aren't issue book. I love the obvious fun and enjoyment had by all the characters.

-BETH COX, Inclusive Minds



### Zeki Gets a Checkup

Daddy and Mummy prepare him well, so he's excited to show the doctor all the things he can do by himself now he's a big boy: drinking from a cup; standing; clapping; playing; eating and being ever so brave.

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### Zeki Loves Baby Club

Baby Club is such fun! Zeki and his friends sing rhymes and songs and do all the actions – they clap, stretch, shake, wiggle and zoom to the moon! And at the end, there's time for a story and making new friends.

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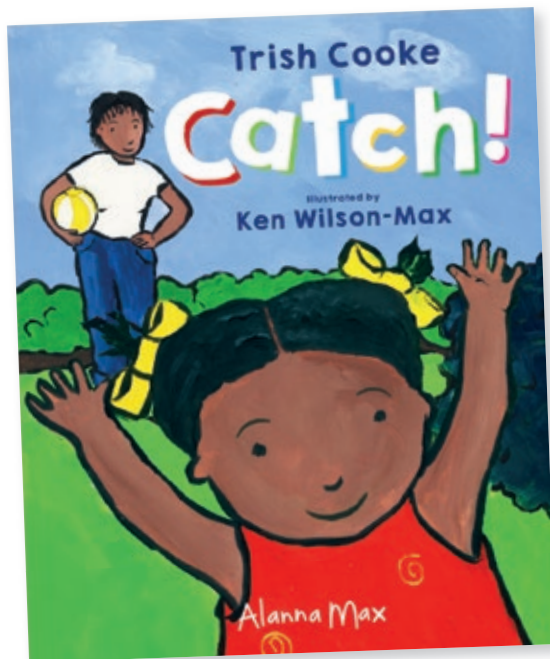


### Zeki Can Swim

Zeki and Daddy go to swimming class where they kick, bounce, and dive like little fish. Joining other babies and their caretakers in the pool is a guarantee of unforgettable fun and builds a foundation for water safety.

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**Written by** Trish Cooke  
**Illustrated by**  
 Ken Wilson-Max  
**Format** Hardback, 32 pages  
 260x210mm  
**Age:** 3 years +  
**Rights Available:** World

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## Catch!

Kiona and Mummy are playing catch! Mummy knows there is a very special something Kiona can catch! A joyful picturebook that captures the warm and tender moments between parent and child.

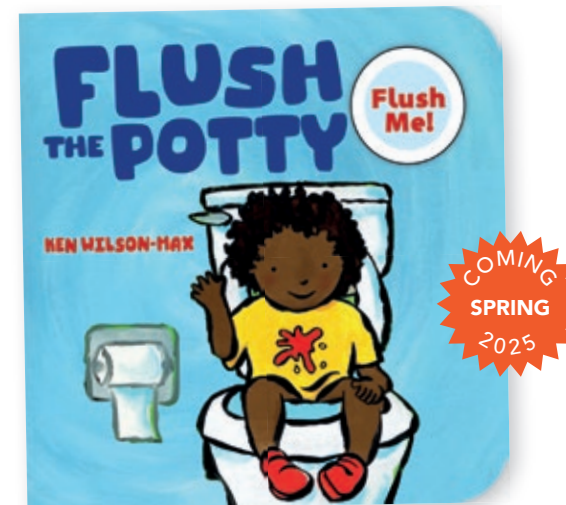


**Trish Cooke** Former children's TV presenter Trish Cooke is an Olivier nominated playwright. She writes for theatre, TV, film and radio and is a multi-awardwinning children's author. Born and still living in Bradford, Trish's parents are from Dominica.

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## Introducing Push-Button Babies!

Simple, playful baby board books with a large audio push button or moving parts.



**Written and illustrated**  
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**Series:** Push-Button Babies  
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**Ages:** 10 months +  
**Rights Available:** World

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## Flush The Potty

Here's a fun way to introduce potty training! Toddlers will delight in pushing the button to flush the potty with each turn of the page. The playful text and lively illustrations by Ken Wilson-Max make this the perfect book to encourage little ones to say 'bye-bye nappies!'

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# Margaret Bateson-Hill

**Margaret Bateson-Hill** is a talented writer and also a professional story-teller who works in schools, libraries and museums. The daily contact with children inspires her work which is always perfectly suited for the age group.

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## Leah's star

Bethlehem has never been so busy!  
Leah is the innkeeper's daughter she is rushed off her feet. Then in the starlight, miracles begin.

With a story as ancient and familiar as the Nativity, it's easy to forget the human drama at its centre. This beautiful, fresh new telling of the Nativity story, through the eyes of a young Leah, brings a wonderful humanity to this familiar tale.

**Written by** Margaret Bateson-Hill

**Illustrations by** Karin Littlewood

**Hardcover:** 32 pages

**Age:** 4+

**Explores:** The Nativity, the birth of a child, helping strangers, empathy, wonder at mysterious things, material poverty and spiritual riches, universal human experience, sharing.

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**Karin Littlewood** lives and works in London. Originally from Yorkshire, she studied graphic design at Northumbria University, followed by an illustration MA at Manchester Metropolitan University. She has worked for newspapers and magazines, design and packaging companies and has illustrated over forty children's books published worldwide.



A retelling told over the shoulder of Leah, the innkeeper's daughter. Littlewood's watercolours and Bateson-Hill's read-aloud narrative bring a sense of realism to the Nativity story. Leah herself invites the reader to stand beside her offering a far more intimate experience.

-Mathew Tobin, Oxford Brookes University



A beautiful story about a paper-cutting master who was known to everyone as Lao Lao. She was never lonely, surrounded by the children of the village, making and teaching delicate papercuts. The greedy emperor hears about Lao Lao's skills and has her imprisoned in a tower, not realising an ice dragon nearby is watching! Papercutting templates and instructions are provided to inspire children.



Masha is a little girl who loves to paint. The Firebird asks Masha to help hide her eggs from the witch, Baba Yaga. Masha paints them to match the four elements – earth, water, air and fire – but has to do even more when Baba Yaga gets her hands on the last one...  
Paper egg worksheet included.

**Written by**

Margaret Bateson-Hill

**Illustrations by**

Francesca Pelizzoli

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A Book for all classrooms.  
-Wendy Cooling, BookTrust



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Perfect for use in  
educational settings.

-Anna Thompson,  
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