

# Children's Books



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# Introduction

Living in the world's gateway between the East and the West has its benefits. The amalgamation of the two cultures has put Singaporean authors and illustrators in a unique position to draw influences from an ever-changing mosaic of fascinating contrasts. Whether it is of rich legacies and modern living or ancient beliefs and contemporary culture, their kaleidoscope of experiences, traditions and lifestyles makes them see things differently. Many of these writers and illustrators are an untapped talent resource, with unique stories ready to be discovered and shared with an international audience.

To unearth more from our storehouse of local literacy and artistic brilliance, the Media

Development Authority of Singapore (MDA) embarked on a journey to assist in the publication of new works by some of these local talents who have not had the opportunity to get their works published under the First Time Writers and Illustrators Publishing Initiative (FTWIPI) in 2005.

To date, their distinctive home-grown expressions have gained vast popularity at home and abroad. A shining example is Jin Pyn's 'The Elephant and the Tree' whose English-rights have been bought by one of the largest US independent publishers, The Running Press. Meanwhile, Adeline Foo, the creator of 'Ben's Friends from the Rainforest' expanded on her maiden work to produce a series entitled "A Rainforest Series". In

addition, top local animation studio Peach Blossom Media, with support of MDA, has produced a slate of children's 2D animated series entitled 'Tales Alive'. The animation shorts are based on some of the children's books listed in this brochure.

And in the following pages, you will find names, contacts and samples of work from this treasure trove of talents we have discovered on our local shores.

Go on, take a peek and see what catches your fancy!



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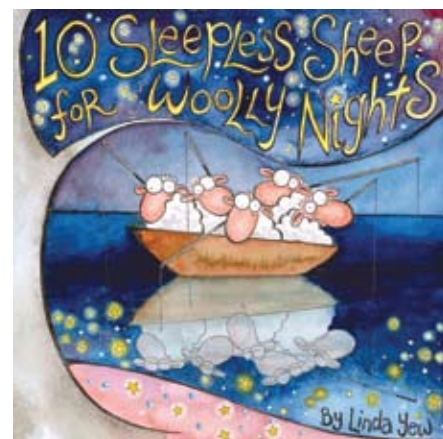


## 10 Sleepless Sheep for Woolly Nights

### SYNOPSIS

Having trouble getting to sleep? You can count on these wacky sheep – literally – as they go about doing what they do best – helping you sleep!

A charming and fun bedtime counting book for young children.



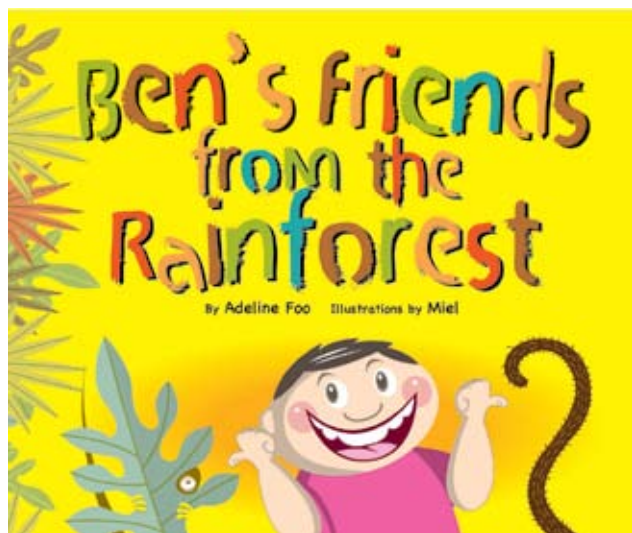
### AUTHOR

Linda Yew

### PUBLISHER

Straits Times Press

## Ben's Friends from the Rainforest



### SYNOPSIS

Two fun stories about Ben's adventures with a lizard, which he mistook for a chameleon; and a thieving monkey which he helped. An endearing read which will introduce readers to two animals commonly seen in Singapore's rainforests.

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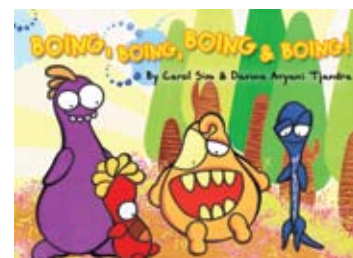
Pixie Books

## Boing, Boing, Boing & Boing!

### SYNOPSIS

Once, there were four monsters. One was tall, one was short, one was fat and one was thin.

One day they went to the woods to play but they forgot to bring their picnic basket. They were hungry but what can they eat? What do monsters eat anyway?



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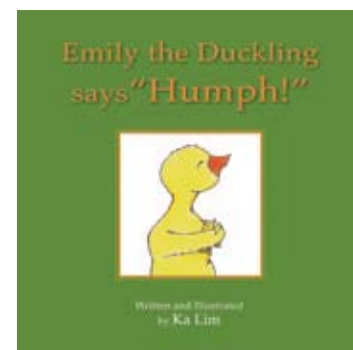
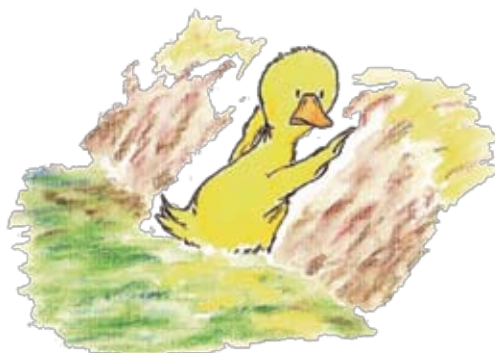
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## Emily the Duckling says "Humph!"

### SYNOPSIS

Emily is a cheerful duckling and part of a happy family, but, like the rest of us, she sometimes gets a little frustrated ("Humph!").

In this simple tale for young children lies a powerful and timeless message for all ages about acceptance and the willingness to take positive action.



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SNP Kids



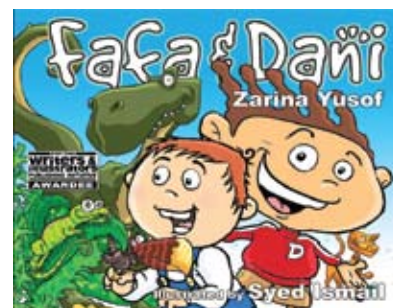
## Fafa &amp; Dani



## SYNOPSIS

Adventures? Mysteries? Dinosaurs? Fafa and Dani love them all, and more! Armed with innocent curiosity, boundless energy and an inquisitive nose to sniff out clues, the brothers embarked on their wonderful adventure including the search for the mysterious T-Rex!

So, did they find the big red fire engine? And did they “tame” the ferocious dinosaur? Will the brothers survive the scare? To find out more, come along on a wonder adventure with Fafa and Dani!



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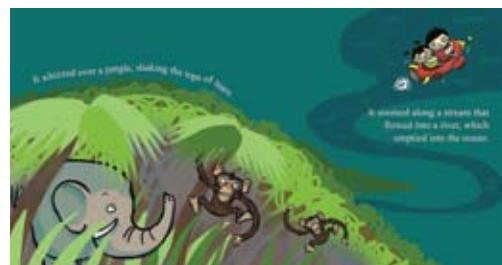
## PUBLISHER

The Print Lodge

## I don't want MeiMei anymore!

## SYNOPSIS

Mark has a baby sister, Mei Mei. One day, Mark gets so mad with her, he decides he doesn't want Mei Mei anymore! That night, the children have an amazing adventure and Mark gets a chance to exchange Mei Mei for another baby. He picks different baby animals, but each is just not right. Will he find the perfect baby?



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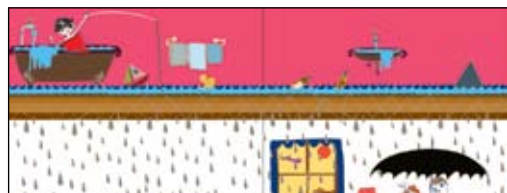
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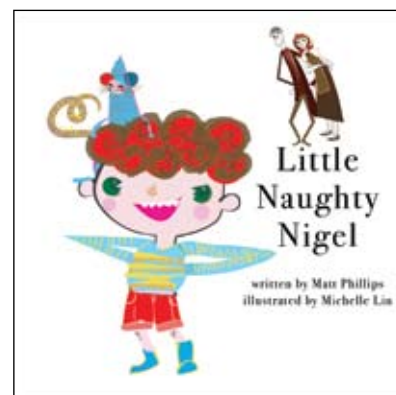
Straits Times Press

## Little Naughty Nigel



### SYNOPSIS

Little Naughty Nigel drives his parents potty, with his mischief. Sent to his room, he encounters a naughty rat called Grubber, who causes chaos in Nigel's room. Suddenly, Nigel wakes up! It was a terrible dream. The experience teaches Nigel a valuable lesson about good fun versus mischievous fun.



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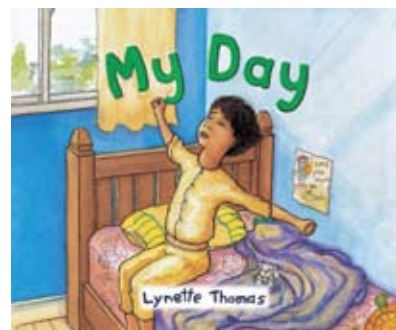
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## My Day

### SYNOPSIS

Seen through the eyes of a young child, 'My Day' follows the daily activities and sights and sounds of life in the child's neighbourhood from the time the newspaper man delivers the newspaper to when the child is tucked up in bed ready to sleep.



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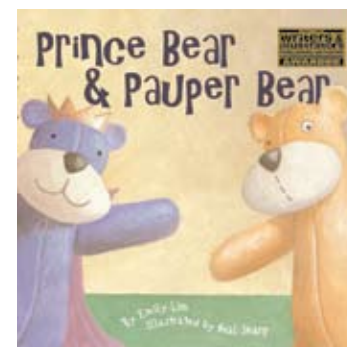
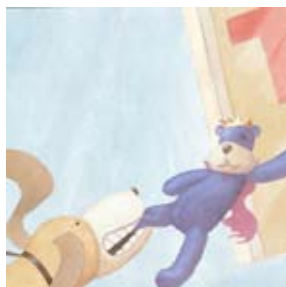


## Prince Bear & Pauper Bear

### SYNOPSIS

Pauper Bear is a sad little teddy bear who longs to be loved. Prince Bear is a proud bear who loves himself. When their paths take different turns, the two bears discover that things do not happen as they expect.

A delightful and charming tale of love, friendship and teddy bears that will warm young hearts.



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Mustard Seed Books

## The Book That Was Handed Down



### SYNOPSIS

Ping is always getting her older brother Ming's old toys, shirts and books. They are out of shape, out of style and mostly she just wants to get them out of sight!

Hand-me-downs are an inevitable part of growing up for the younger children in a family, but Ping finds out that some things are better shared – like the book that was handed down.



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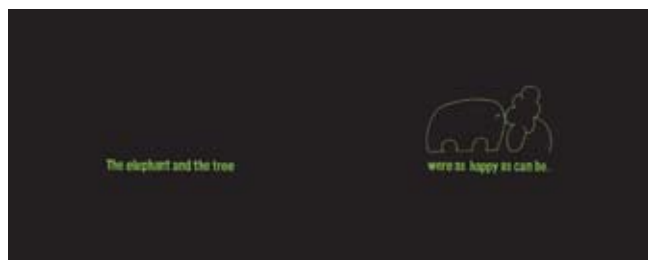
### ILLUSTRATOR

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### PUBLISHER

Straits Times Press

## The Elephant And the Tree



### SYNOPSIS

Set uniquely in black and orchestrated in a true rhyme styled after nursery rhymes, this little picture book is about the endearing friendship between an Asian elephant and a tree, with a dose of reality.

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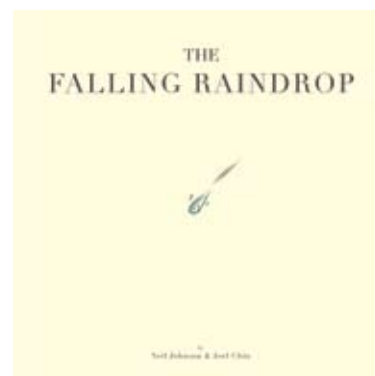
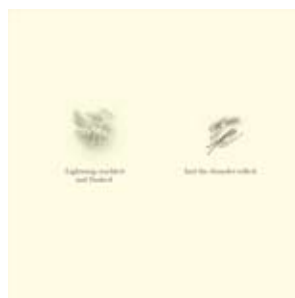
### PUBLISHER

Ele Books

## The Falling Raindrop

### SYNOPSIS

A simple story about a raindrop, which every child is able to relate to, but the story takes on greater meaning as he or she matures.



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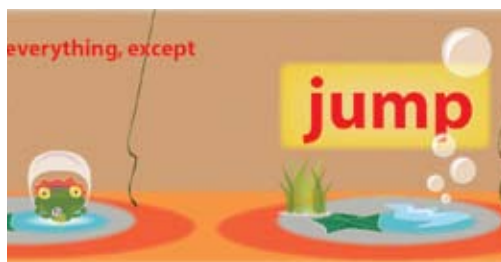
Joel Chin

## The Frog Who Could Not Jump

### SYNOPSIS

Todd is a frog who yearns to have friends to play with. But something about him is preventing Todd from doing that.

Find out what makes Todd so lonely and how it all changed one lovely day by the lake.



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## The Lost Astro-Cadets: Oolie & Sputnik



### SYNOPSIS

Zarloxs abound in Oolie & Sputnik's first space adventure. Watch out for the Asteroid Stampede and the hungry Zarloxs as Oolie & Sputnik try to brave the cosmic tornado. It is an intergalactic voyage to prove that even little Astro Cadets like Oolie & Sputnik can beat the odds and make their dreams come true!



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## Turn The Page with Squeaky Sqworm



### SYNOPSIS

Squeaky Sqworm is on a mission and he needs your help! He's got to make it to the end of the book. Along the way, however, are some tricky obstacles left by the previous messy reader.

A highly interactive book, Squeaky Sqworm calls on you to take part in this action-packed adventure.

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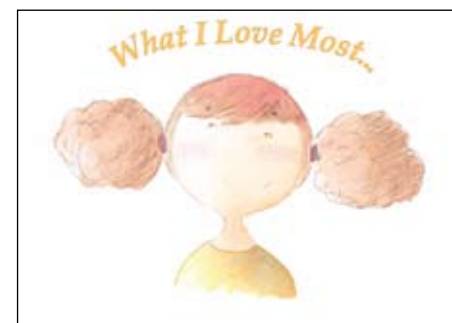
### PUBLISHER

Candid Kids

## What I Love Most...

### SYNOPSIS

This is a picture book about a little girl, Annie. Annie has a best friend, Teddy, and she loves many things. She loves chocolate cookies and colourful rainbows. She loves to dance and tap her feet. But what Annie loves most is to be with her Mummy and Daddy!



### AUTHOR/ ILLUSTRATOR

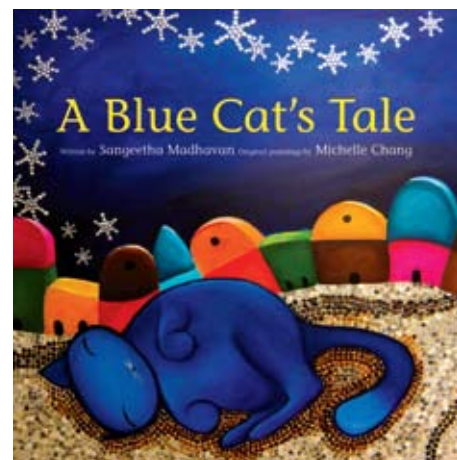
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## A Blue Cat's Tale

### SYNOPSIS

Max has just moved to a new home, but all the other cats are afraid of him because he's blue! Follow Max around his new neighbourhood as he tries to find a friend. Illustrated with beautiful jewel-like paintings by Singapore artist Michelle Chang.



### AUTHOR

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### ILLUSTRATOR

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### PUBLISHER

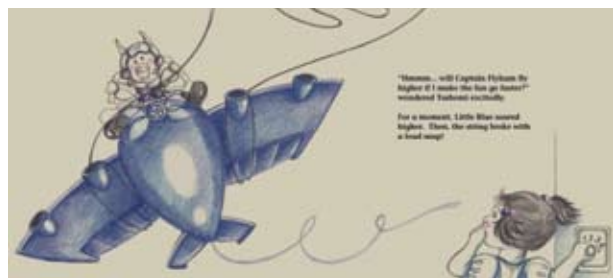
Straits Times Press



## Little Blue

### SYNOPSIS

When a tragic accident robs Tsubomi of her best friend, her world falls apart. But with the help of her new friend Captain Flyham, she is able to overcome her loss and continue her dream of flight. A story about friendship and hope.



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## Samsui Girl



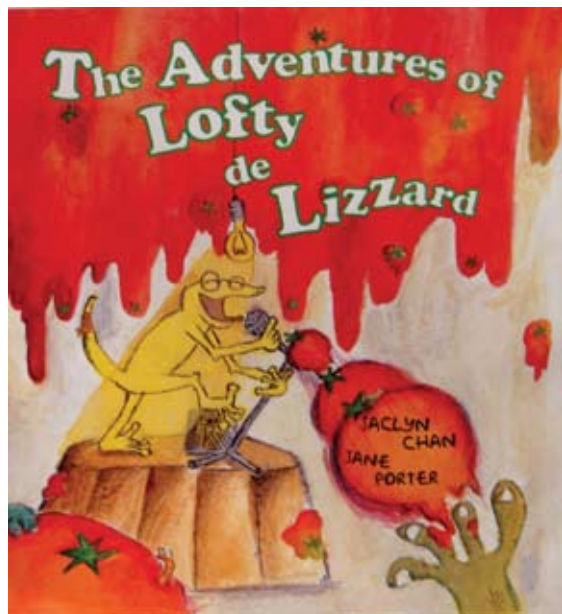
### SYNOPSIS

Amber has a bad habit of putting her legs up on the chair all the time. Her mother is cross about this. She says only Samsui women put their legs up on their chair. To get her way, Amber decides to be one, at least for a day. With the help of an elderly neighbour, Amber learns how to look like a Samsui and then work like one too. It turns out that it isn't as easy as Amber thought it would be!

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## The Adventures of Lofty de Lizzard



### SYNOPSIS

Lofty de Lizzard believes he is a natural born singer and longs to run away from his mundane gecko life. Reptilian idol is Rep Prep's annual hunt for the school's most promising superstar. Put the two together and you get a madcap adventure colourful enough to tip and lizard off its own scales. Filled with evil jocks, disco divas and lots of high hopes. 'The Adventures of Lofty de Lizzard' will be loved by creatures of all ages and anyone who has ever gone in search of their own voice.

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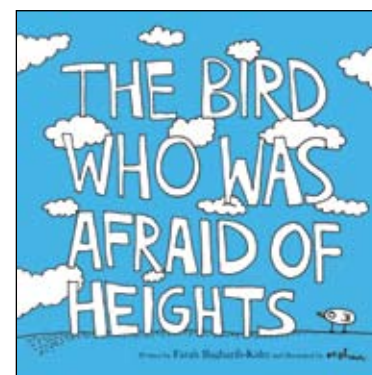
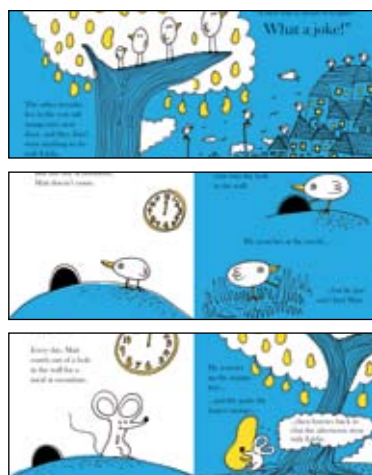
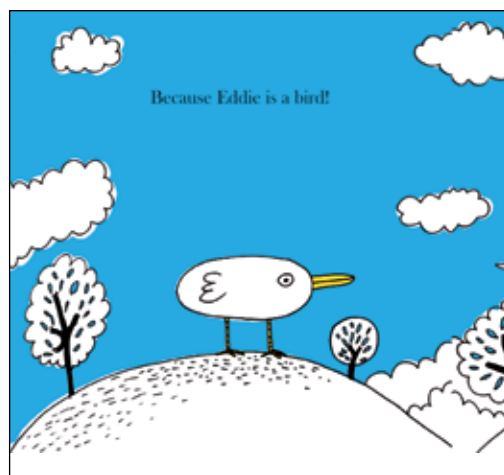
### PUBLISHER

Octopus

## The Bird Who Was Afraid Of Heights

### SYNOPSIS

Being afraid of heights isn't such a big deal – unless you're a bird! Meet Eddie, a mynah who lives behind an abandoned old house with Matt the rat, his only friend. When one day Matt is captured, how can Eddie stop his whole world from crashing down?



### AUTHOR

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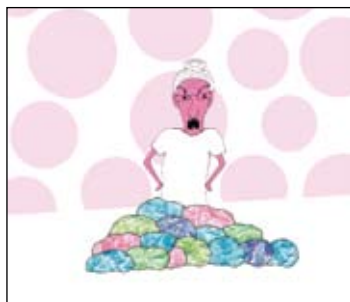
### ILLUSTRATOR

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### PUBLISHER

Straits Times Press

## The Boy With The Crumpled Tees



### SYNOPSIS

The Boy With The Crumpled Tees' story based on the distinct uniqueness of a little boy who finds joy and amazing wonders in one simple thing — his crumpled T-shirts.

And so begins the story of a little boy and his T-shirt crumpling adventures. He swings and he rolls, he tumbles and he folds, what tricks does this little boy have up his sleeve?

Well, come roll, come tumble, come fold, let's crumple! And he is very sure you will like what you see!



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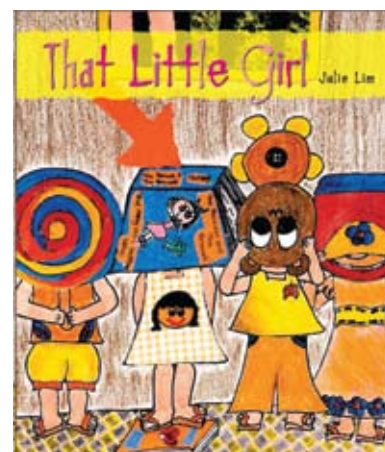
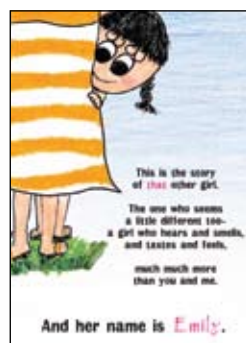
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## That Little Girl

### SYNOPSIS

This is a story about Emily. You may have already met her, or someone like her, in school, or in the park. You know, the one who's a little picky or strange. our Mummy or Daddy may have even wagged their fingers at her, saying "Tsk, tsk, tsk! That little girl!"

But well, if you haven't, meet Emily at her fourth birthday party. Will she have the princessy-est party eve, as Mummy has planned? Or will she act up...again?



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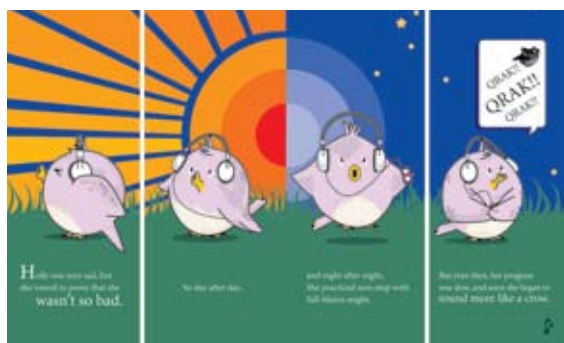
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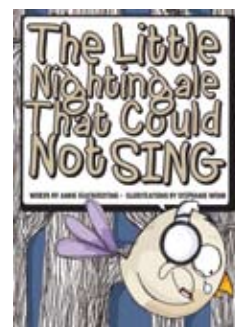


## The Little Nightingale Who Could Not Sing



### SYNOPSIS

No matter how hard she tries to sing, Holly sounds just like a telephone's ring. When her brothers and sisters could not stop laughing, Holly decides to run away.



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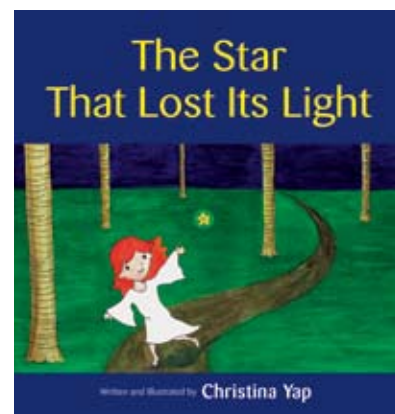
### PUBLISHER

Epigram

## The Star That Lost Its Light

### SYNOPSIS

One tiny light in the deep darkness of Mr Night, Little Star thinks itself insignificant – until it meets Little Girl. A lonely little star and a lonely little girl come together in a heart-warming tale about discovering one's place in the world.



### AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR

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### PUBLISHER

Straits Times Press

## The Watchtower Warrior

### SYNOPSIS

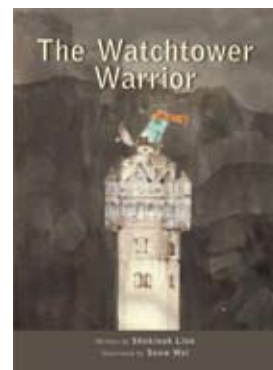
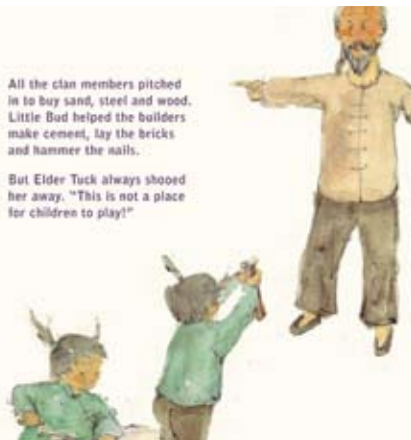
Little Bud loves her father's tales of the East and the West. Inspired by the stories, Little Bud comes up with a brilliant idea to protect her village from the bandits.

A charming tale about a girl's imagination and determination, inspired by a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



All the clan members pitched in to buy sand, steel and wood. Little Bud helped the builders make cement, lay the bricks and hammer the nails.

But Elder Tuck always shooed her away. "This is not a place for children to play!"



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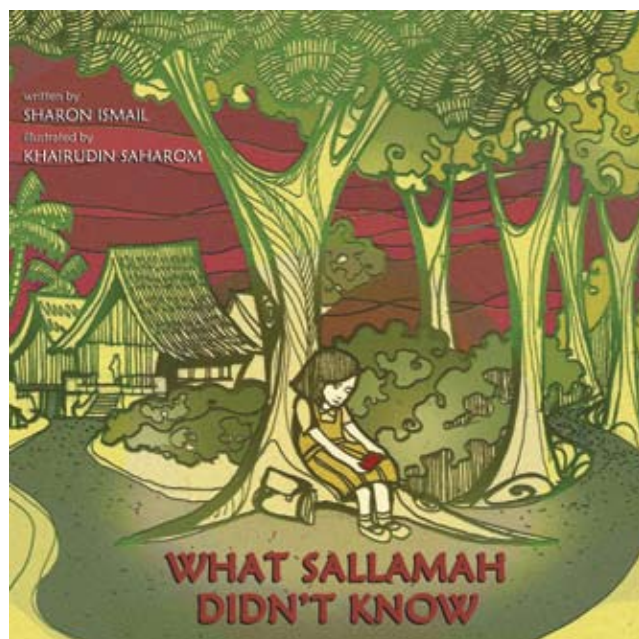
**ILLUSTRATOR**

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**PUBLISHER**

Straits Times Press

## What Sallamah Didn't Know



### SYNOPSIS

Sallamah grew up thinking that her life was ordinary. She lived in an ordinary kampong with an ordinary family and had an ordinary group of friends whom she played ordinary games with. Little would she realise that a piece of paper could change everything. Join Sallamah as she goes on a journey to understand the true meaning of family. Is 'family' the one who gives birth to you? Or, are they the people who love and care for you?

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# Fiction For Young Adults/Teens

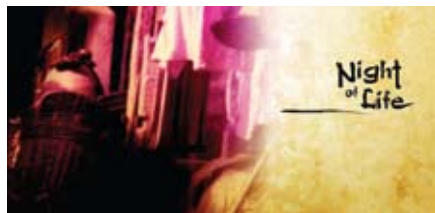




## A Glowing Tale

### SYNOPSIS

Shan had everything in life till the ravages of war destroyed her home and took the lives of her beloved family. Traced Shan's adversity during the uncertain times and the struggles she faced with her own personal battles as she threads through adolescence-all on her own.

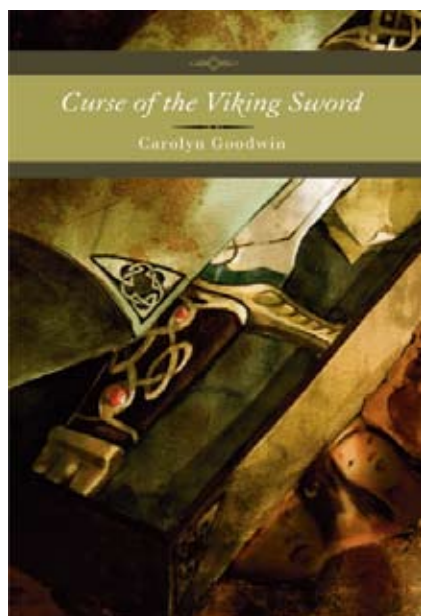


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## Curse of the Viking Sword



### SYNOPSIS

"Ye children must never go into them tunnels – because of the curse!"

When a dreary holiday in Ireland takes an unexpected turn, 12-year-old Tom and his sister and cousin find themselves in the midst of an exciting and dangerous adventure in the deep underground tunnels – a relic from Viking invasions hundreds of years ago. But the trio soon finds out that there may be more in the tunnels than they bargained for...

"An intriguing mystery with characters that young readers will relate to." – Wendy Orr, author of *Nim's Island*

### AUTHOR

Carolyn Goodwin

### PUBLISHER

Straits Times Press

## One Fine Day

### SYNOPSIS

Chloe woke up one morning to discover a cloud over her head. The story unfolds with funny events on how she tries to get rid of the cloud. Yet this cloud continues to loom over her. This story is about optimism and finding that silver lining in the clouds.



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## The Story of Ms. Poet



### SYNOPSIS

Ms. Poet is a story about the life, thoughts and adventures of a central protagonist, from her childhood to her teenage years. What she wants most of all is to become a poet, or to write. Along the way, she must draw on her inner strength in order to fulfil her dreams and to find her own story.

This is also a book about books. It is about the value of imagination and creativity and the need to think more deeply about the world around us.



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Ethos Books

## Vanished

### SYNOPSIS

When Dad moves the entire family into "Grandpa's spooky old house" 8-year-old Charlie finds his life suddenly tuned upside down.

Sleeping alone for the first time, he meets MUB, his Monster Under His Bed. Through a series of misunderstandings, Charlie is taken to Monster City and locked away in the Monster City Zoo and banned from ever returning to the Human World again.

In a quirky twist of jellybeans and racing car beds, MUB risks everything to help Charlie escape for home through the magical sealed trapdoors where a fantastical thrilling adventures awaits them!



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