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KIDS TITLES

Davina Bell

Sarah Zweck

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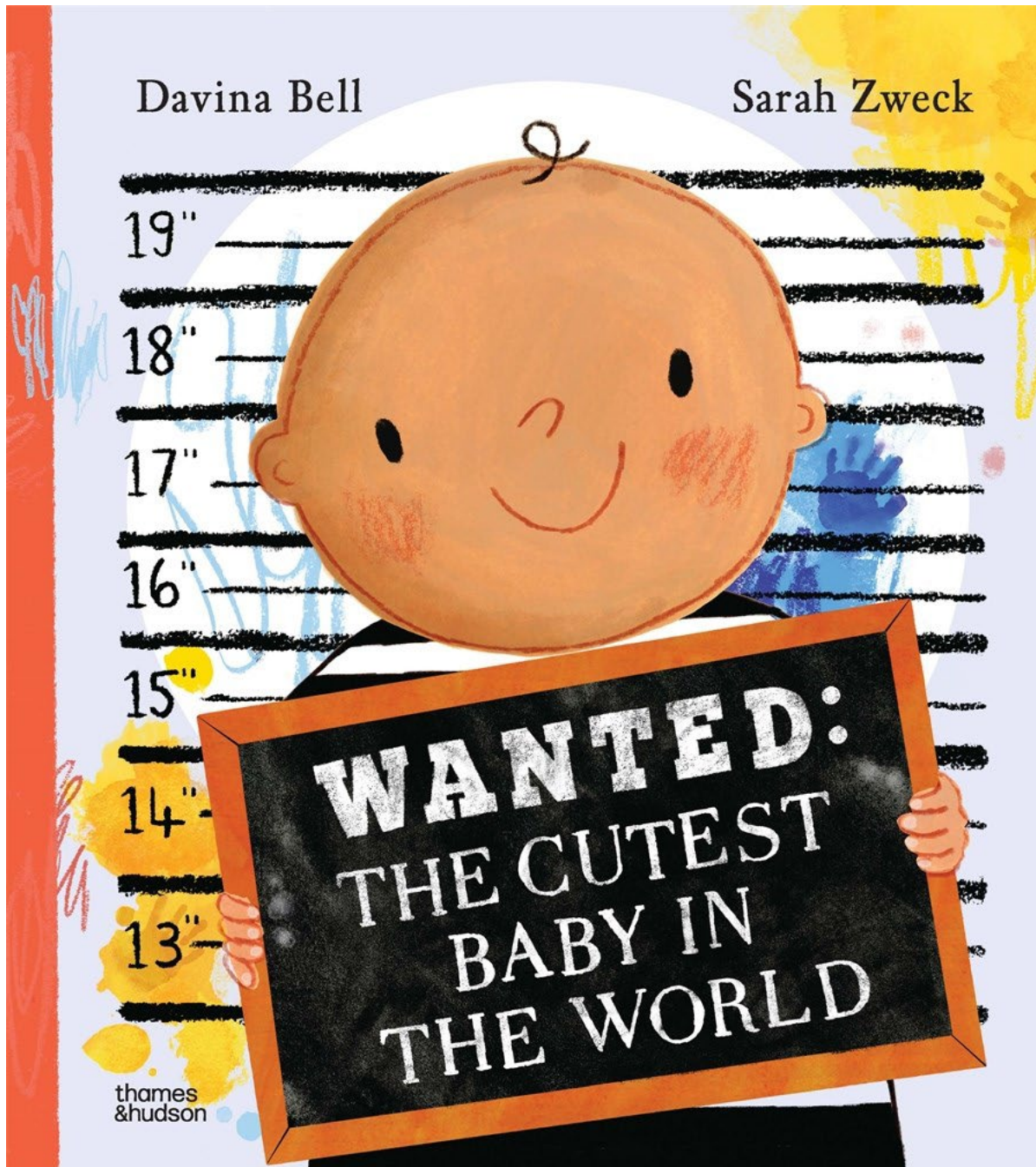
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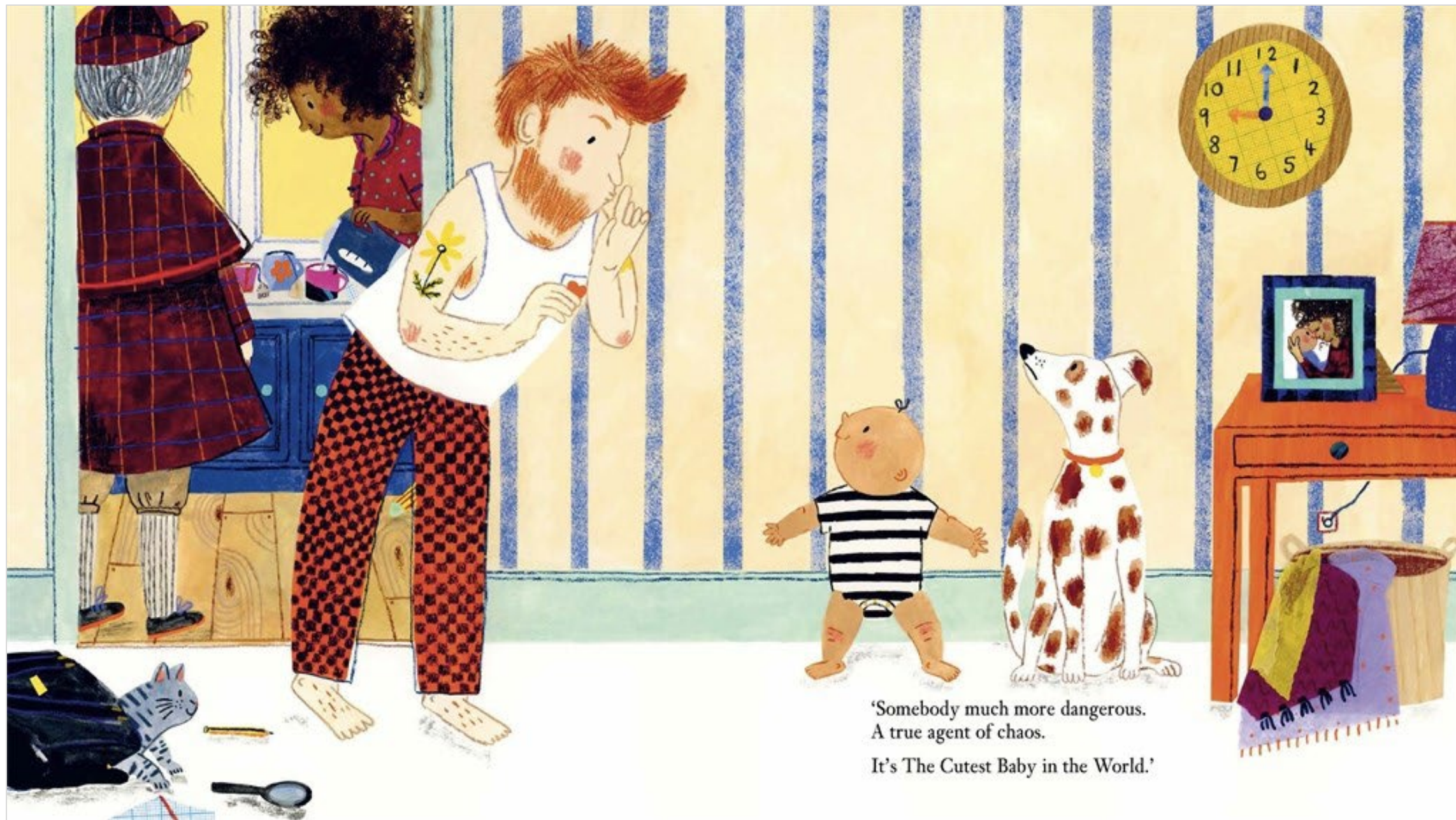
'The Boogeyman?'
asked Mum.

'The Boogeylady?'
gasped Dad.

The detective
shook her head...

'Good evening,' the detective said.

'Sorry to bother you so late, but I'm hot on the trail of a master
criminal. The most devious supervillain the world has ever seen.'



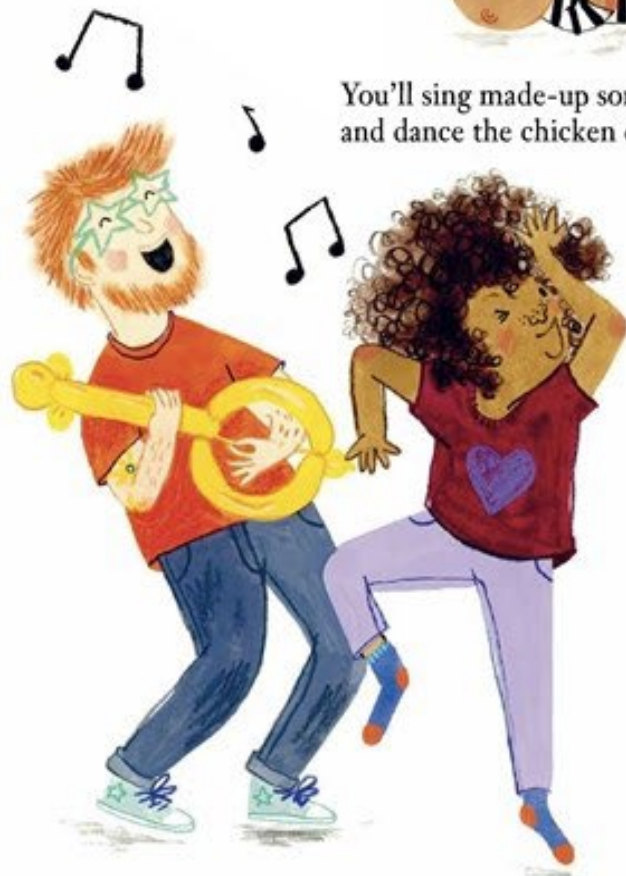
'Somebody much more dangerous.
A true agent of chaos.

It's The Cutest Baby in the World.'

'You will speak in a silly voice.'

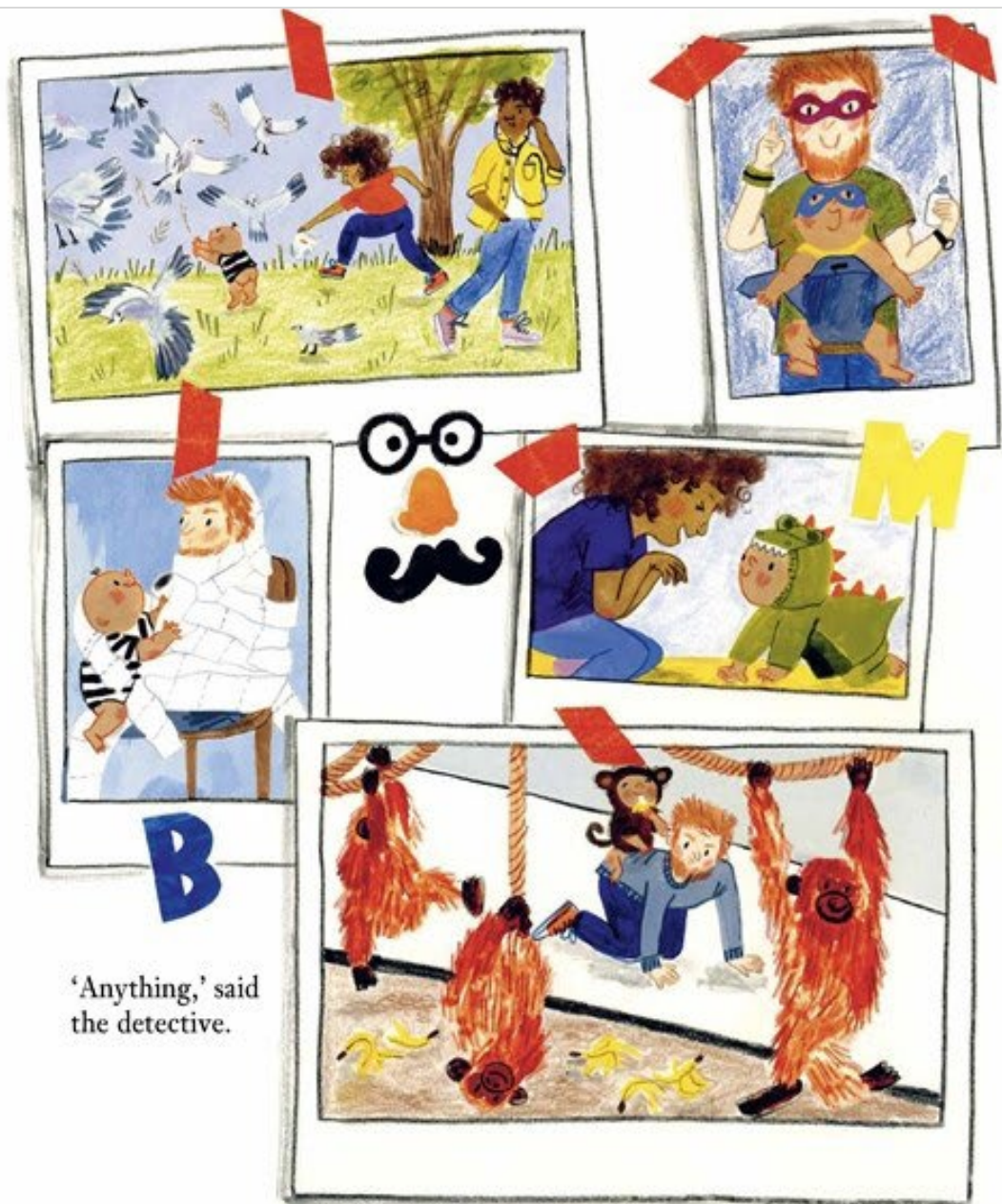


You'll sing made-up songs
and dance the chicken dance.



You will find yourself
doing anything to
make him smile.'

'Anything?' asked Dad.



'Anything,' said
the detective.

'And then he will throw
them all up in the air,
like wedding confetti.'



You will cook him healthy little pancakes
that he will smooch straight into the carpet.'

'He will empty every drawer. He will pull things out of the cupboards. Your house will fill with junk until there isn't even room for –

Wait a minute,' said the detective, as she looked around suspiciously.

'Are you sure he hasn't been here?'

'Nuh-uh,' said Mum.

'Definitely not,' said Dad.





Life was never the same again.



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KEY INFORMATION

- **Davina Bell** is one of Australia's best-selling picture-book authors. She has won the Children's Book Award, NSW Premiers Literary Award and multiple Australian Book Industry Awards.
- Not only an author, Davina has also worked as a publisher and editor in the world of children's books and has in-depth knowledge of children's books across all age ranges.
- **Sarah Zweck** is a former childrenswear designer and a self-taught illustrator. She enjoys making a glorious mess in her studio using traditional mediums.
- Sarah recently won the emerging illustrator award through SCWBI in 2025. *WANTED: The Cutest Baby in the World* is her third picture book.
- **Both Davina and Sarah are based in Melbourne, Victoria.**

MODULAR WINDOW DECAL AVAILABLE

- Modular decal arrives in three parts: text and hand prints; baby; pot-plant.
- Sections measure 124cm x 90cm when arranged together.



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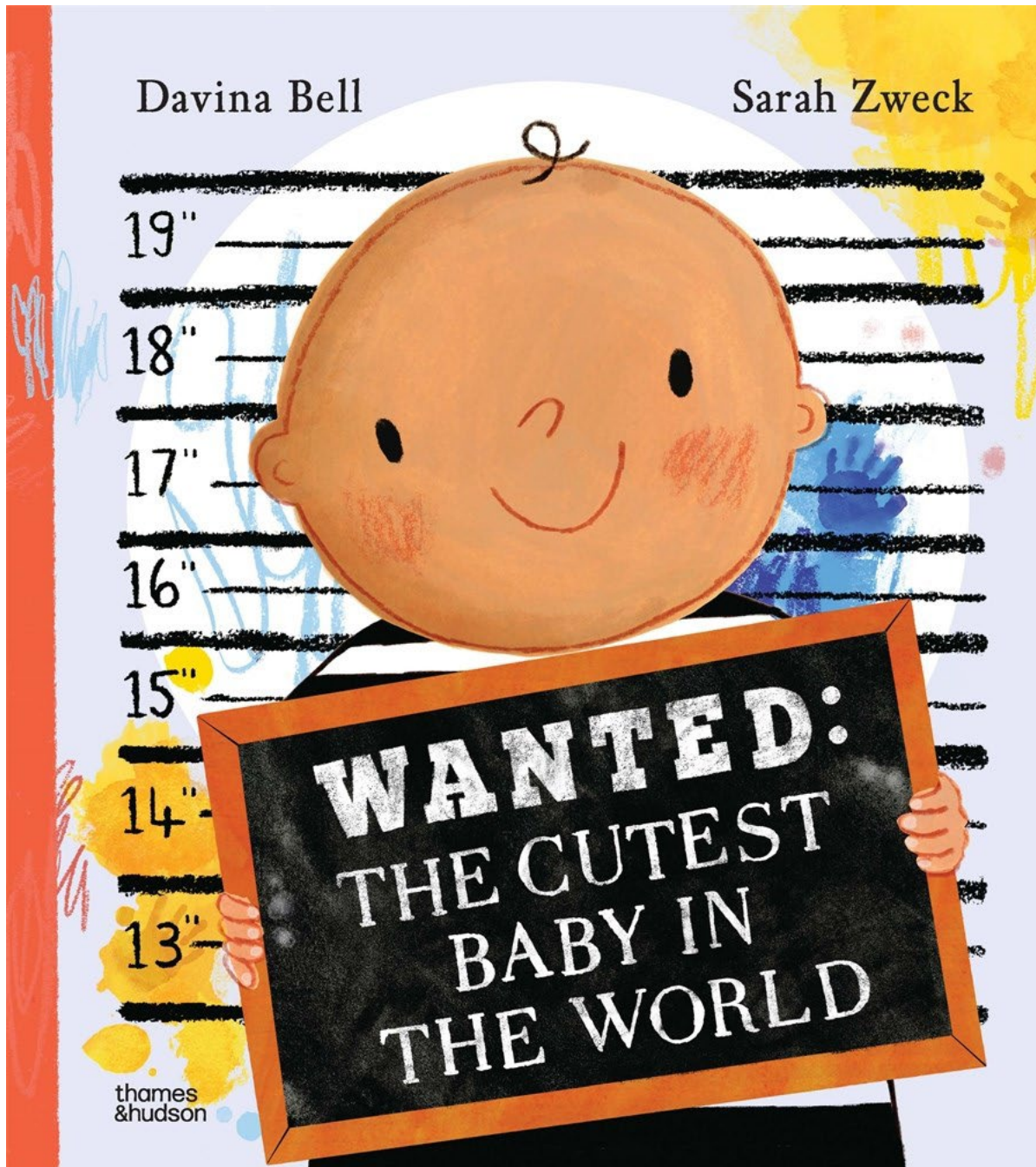
PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN

- **CAMPAIGN LEAD:** Lucy Inglis – l.inglis@thameshudson.com.au
- Pitching the book for **review and extract** to kids' media including *Kids Book Review*, *Kids Corner* and *Magpies Magazine*, as well as across kids' book review sections across weekend supplements.
- Pitching Davina for **author profiles** across **kids focused, lifestyle and broad**. Additionally, **radio and podcast interviews**.
- Pitching for **storytime events** with both Davina and Sarah in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.



Pictured top left – Davina Bell

Pictured bottom left – Sarah Zweck



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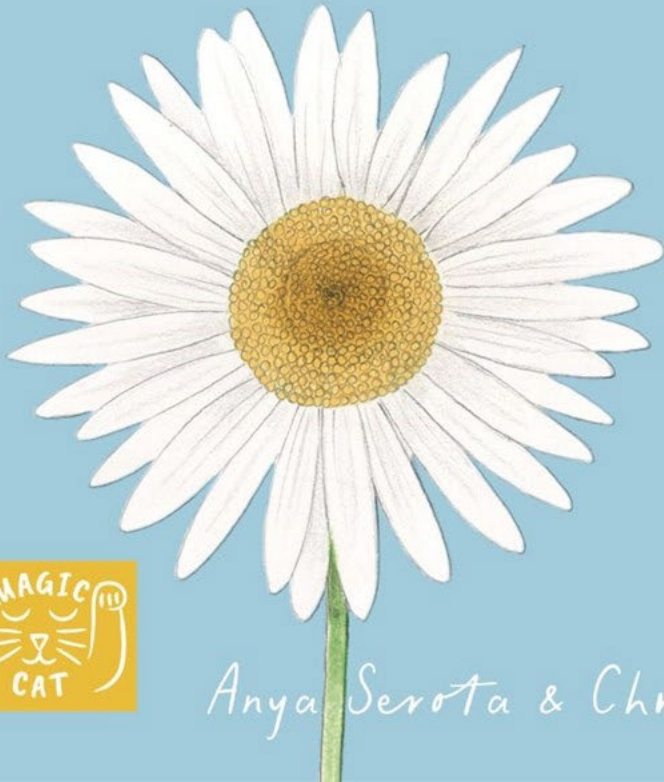


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Look! A flower!
A red flower!



rose

And look! This is a flower too.
A yellow flower.



buttercup

This flower is white.



wood anemone

This flower is white –
and purple – and yellow!



wild pansy

This flower has small,
pointy petals.



daisy

And these flowers have
round petals.



forget-me-not

Look! This flower has
a short stalk.



crocus

This flower has
a long stalk.



tulip

Look at this bud! It will
grow into a flower.



primrose

More flower buds!



violet

This flower
turns into a
seedhead.
Look at the
seeds blowing
in the wind!



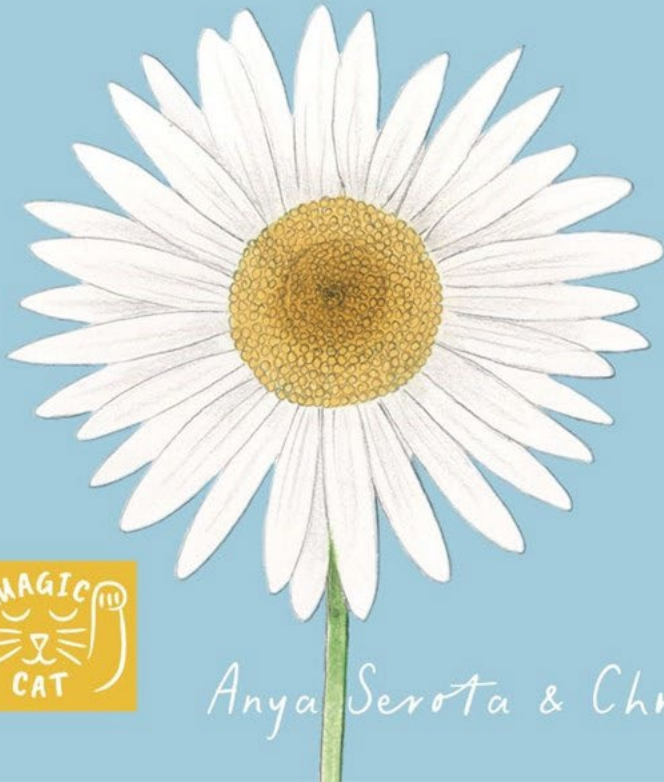
dandelion

And look! This flower
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poppy

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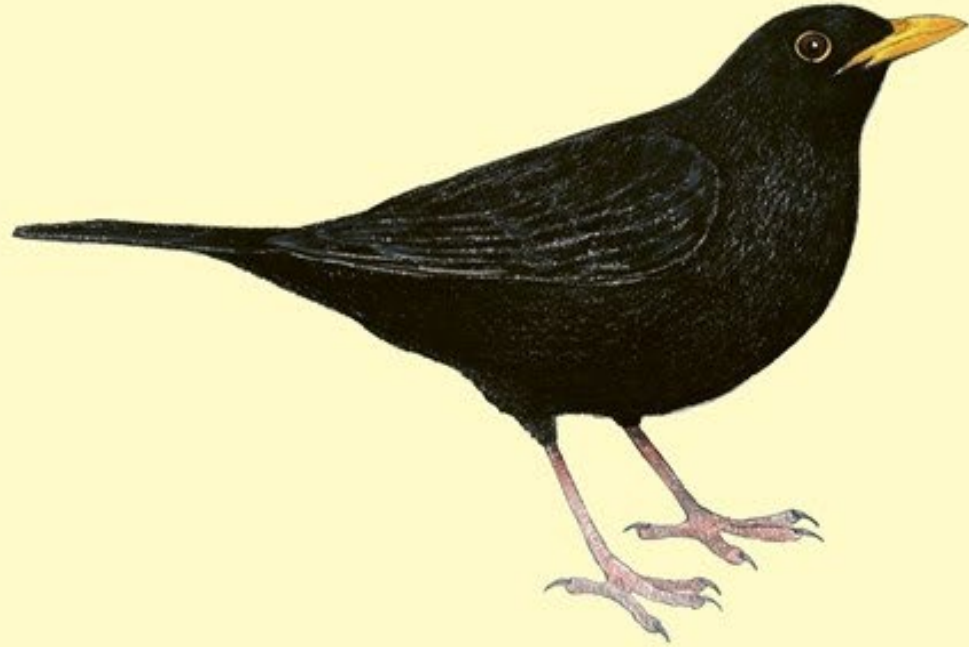
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A black bird!



blackbird

Here is
another bird.
A white bird!



swan

This bird is black and white.



penguin

This bird is also black and white,
with orange on its feet and beak.



puffin

Here is a very
different bird.
It has a long,
pointed beak.



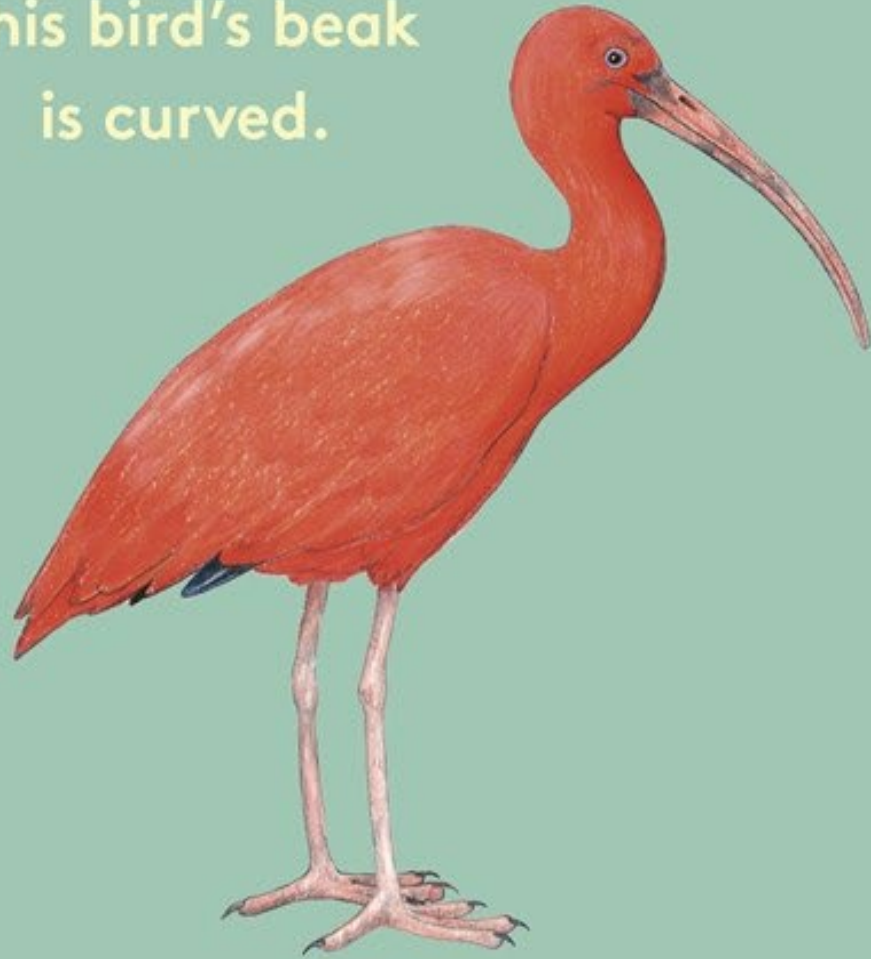
woodpecker

This bird has a short,
stubby beak.



chaffinch

This bird's beak
is curved.



ibis

And look!
A huge beak!



toucan

**Look! A bird with a blue cap
and short legs.**



blue tit

**Another bird with short legs
and sharp claws.**



sparrow

This bird's feet are different.
They are webbed.



duck



More
webbed feet
– and very
long legs!

flamingo

look! a bird



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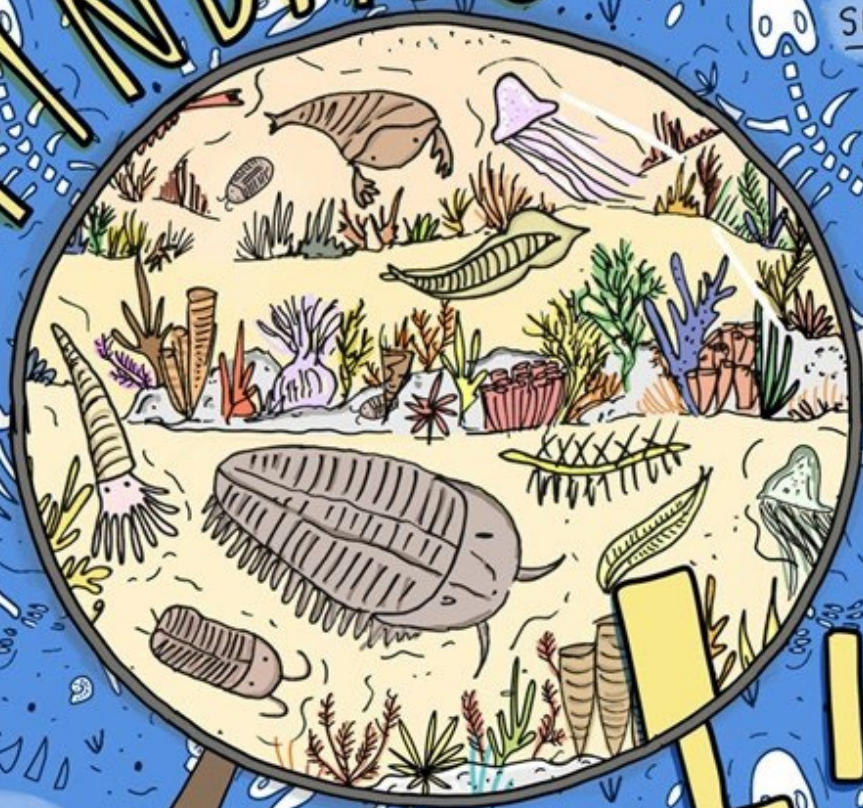
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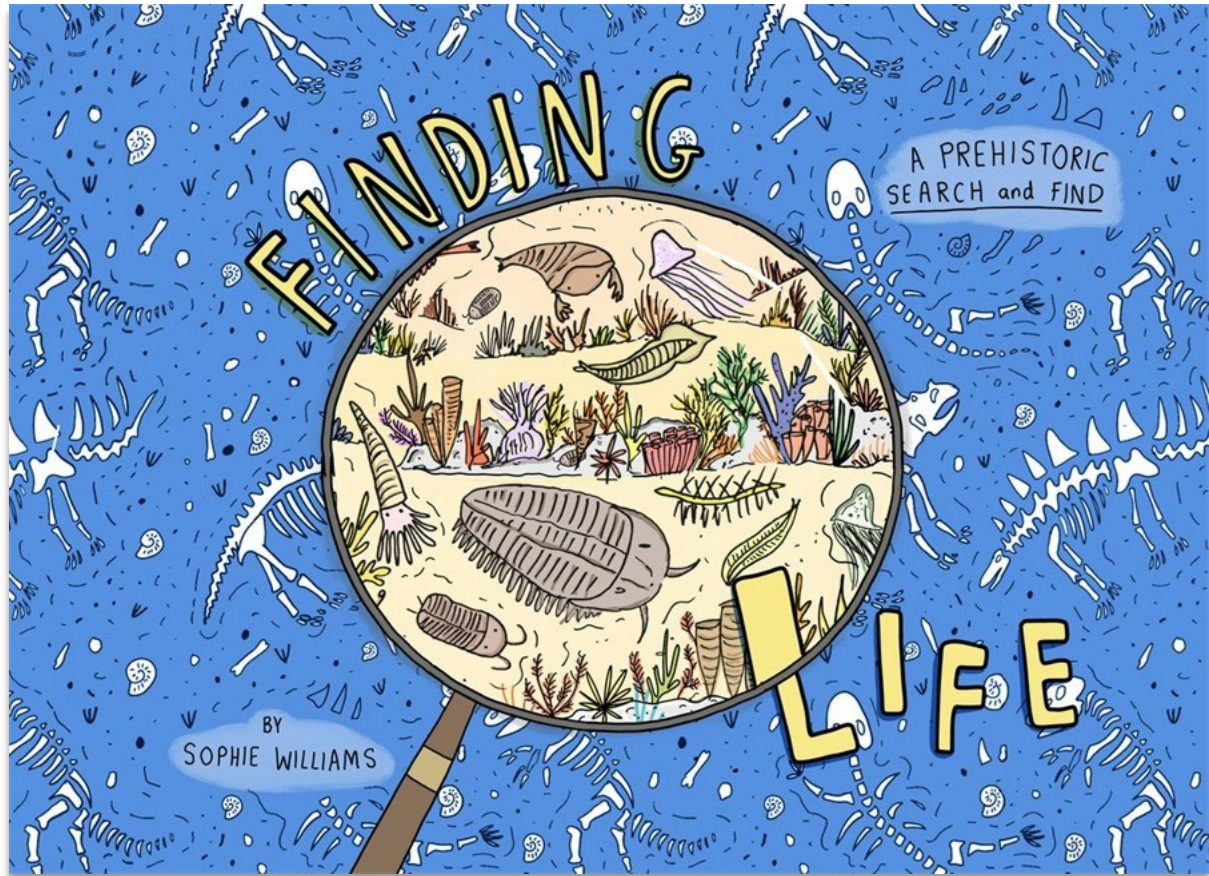
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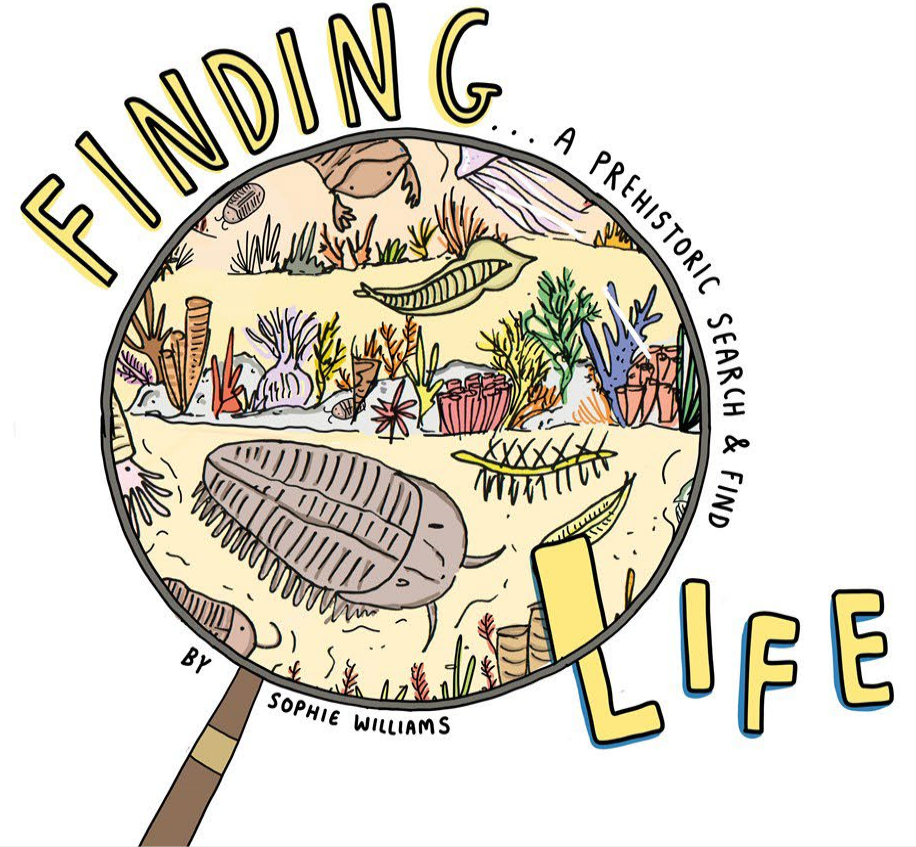
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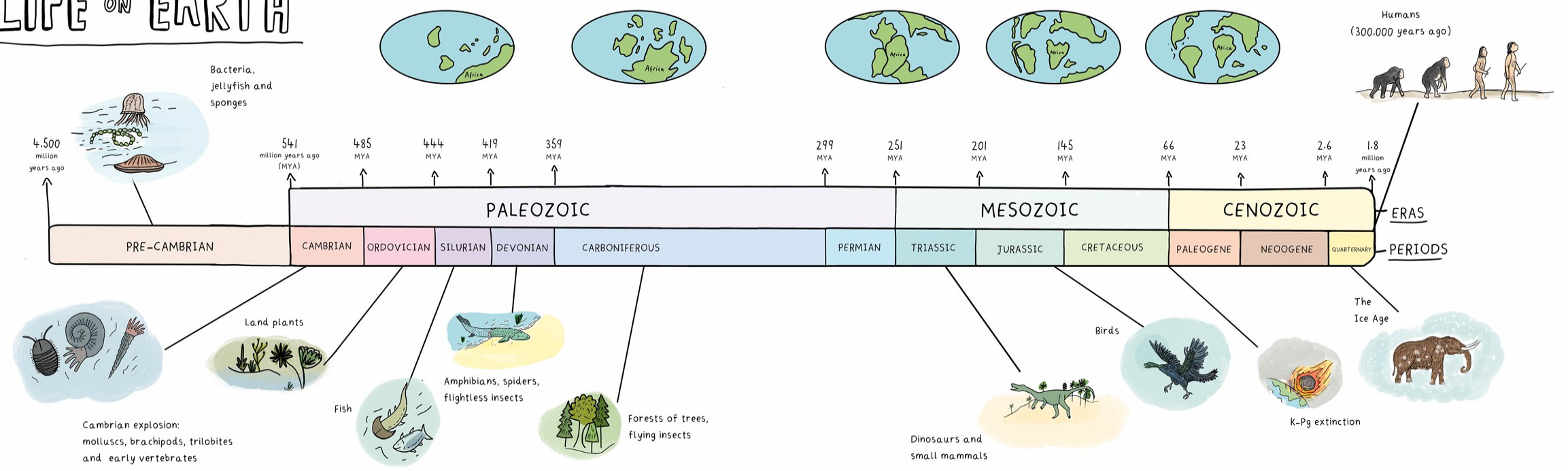
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THE HISTORY OF LIFE ON EARTH



THE BEGINNINGS OF LIFE

IN THE LATE PRECAMBRIAN

Our planet, Earth, formed about 4.5 billion years ago. At first, it was just a ball of molten rock spinning around the Sun. Slowly, over millions of years, the boiling planet cooled and a hard crust formed on its surface. A blanket of gases, called the atmosphere, surrounded the planet.

Many volcanoes exploded, spilling hot lava and filling the air with thick, toxic gas.

Meteors and comets often crashed into Earth, and scientists believe some of them brought ice. As Earth cooled, the planet filled with water. In those early oceans, simple, single-celled microorganisms appeared. These tiny, microscopic creatures could breathe and reproduce.

They were the very first lifeforms on Earth!

Around 3.5 billion years ago, some of the microorganisms learned to use sunlight to make their own food through photosynthesis. As they did this, they released oxygen as waste. Very gradually, the oxygen filled the atmosphere, making it possible for new life to evolve.

This special time is called the Precambrian era, and it lasted nearly three billion years... the longest period in Earth's history.

Some of the earliest animals were soft-bodied creatures, like simple jellyfish and sponges. Because they didn't have bones, there are almost no fossils of them, so we can only guess what they looked like. They were probably strange, blobby shapes! Over time, minerals washed into the seas, and lifeforms began to grow shells and skeletons, leaving behind fossils we can study today.

In the pages ahead, you'll hunt the landscapes for some truly amazing animals; from a giant scorpion to a tiny, turkey-sized dinosaur, and even a massive, Ice Age rhinoceros. But the strangest and most surprising creature of all is us humans! This is an incredible journey through time, and we're still discovering new parts of it today.

Enjoy the search, and don't forget to explore the glossary at the back to learn more about each fascinating beast!



THE CAMBRIAN PERIOD 541 → 485 MYA

About 541 million years ago, there was a huge burst of new life. Scientists call this the Cambrian Explosion. The oceans filled with shellfish called brachiopods. There were also arthropods, creatures with hard shells on the outside of their bodies. They were the ancestors of insects and crabs.

Another important group was the chordates, animals with a simple backbone. They were the ancestors of all animals with spines - including us, humans!

CAN YOU SPOT...

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Leanchoilia →



Lingula →



Pikaia →

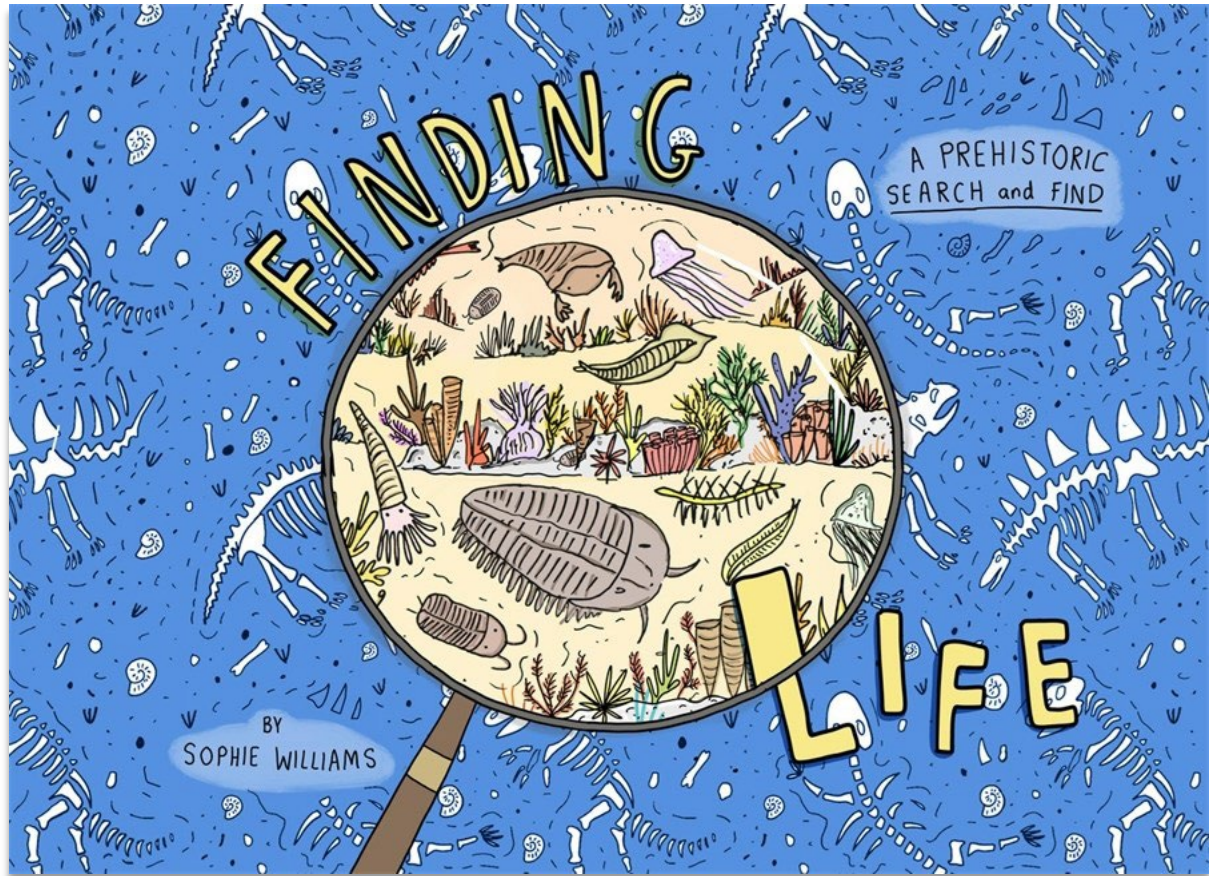


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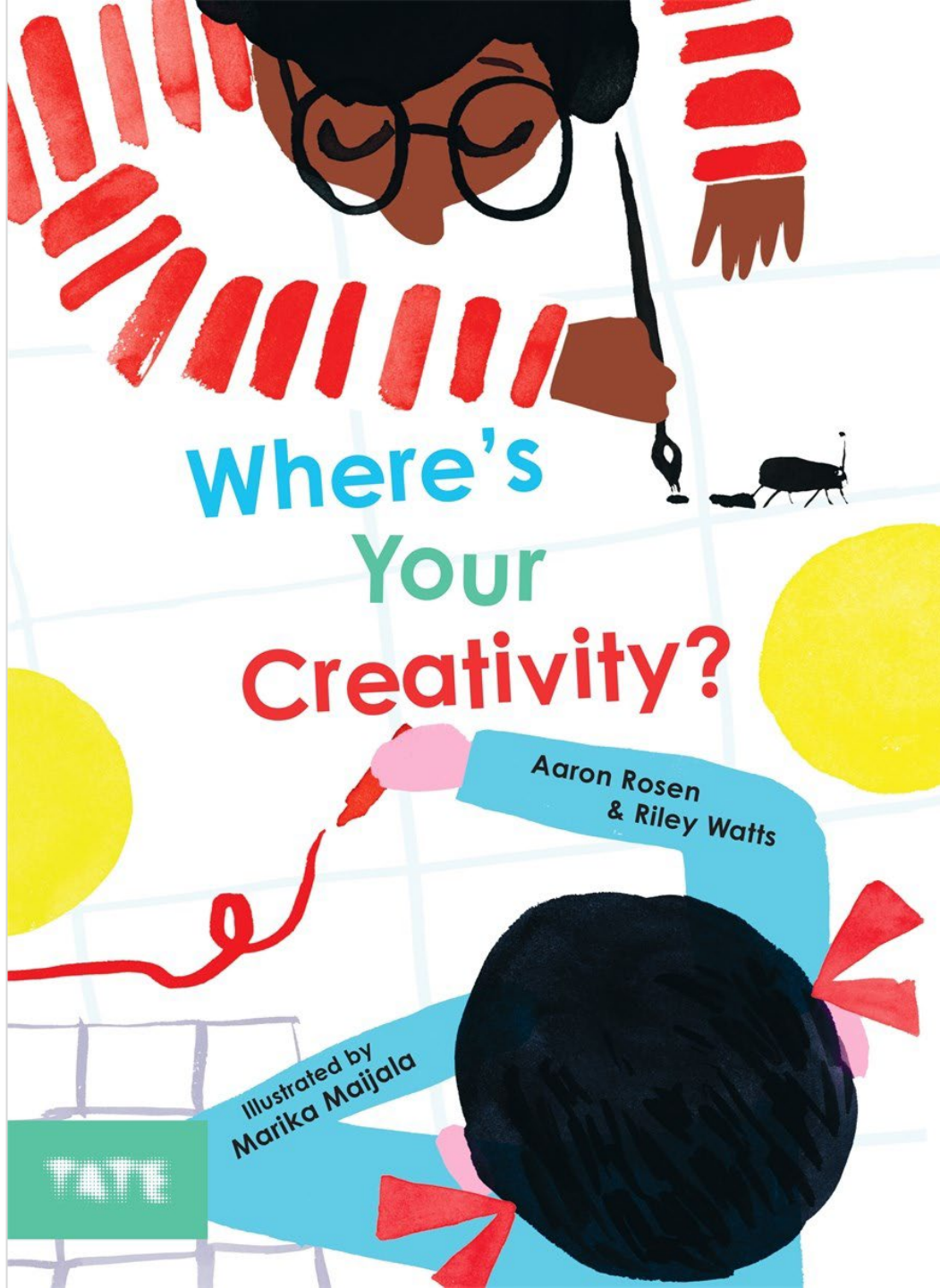
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Stretch
your
body
and
help it
wake
up.

Creativity doesn't just
happen in your head.

It happens in your body,
from your eyebrows to
your elbows, from your
ankles to your ears.



Every subject
has its own special words.

You can read about
hieroglyphs and ziggurats in history;
geysers and lagoons in geography;
dragonflies and dung beetles in science;
or trillions and quadrillions in maths.

Put these words into
a poem. Maybe it'll
make sense or perhaps,
if you're lucky, it'll be
beautiful nonsense.



Even the
littlest spot
can be your
own private
garden.



A lot can happen in your tiny
territory. A flower can poke
through the pavement, an
earthworm can squirm through
the soil or an army of ants can
march over a pebble.

Try and make this little world
as beautiful as possible.



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