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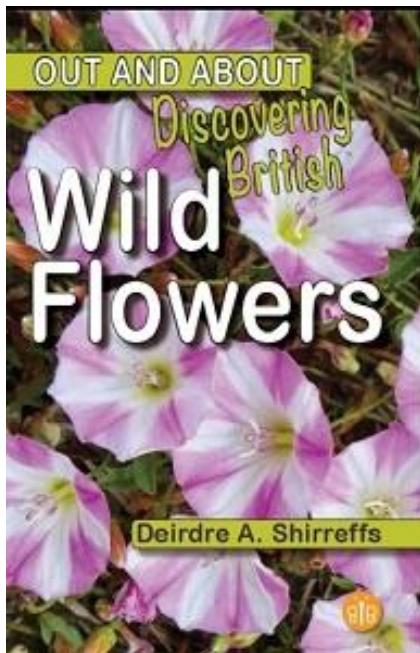


Out and About

Discovering British Wild Flowers

Deirdre A. Shirreffs

A cheerful photographic identification guide aimed at youngsters to help them discover wild flowers when out and about.



I like its clear detail and layout. The colour index will be a good starting point for a lot of uses of this book and it will guide them closer to their objective. ... A nice size also fitting in a lot of coat pockets. – Christine Walkden, British Television presenter and gardener

The organisation by habitat is very useful, the colour coding and the icons too, and the big photos make identification very easy, with the flower colour index at the end super useful. (And I love the ruler on the back cover!) – Anneliese Emmans Dean, award-winning author and poet

Many of us passionately believe that there is an urgent need to encourage future generations of botanists. This new book is designed to do just that. – John Warren, Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI)

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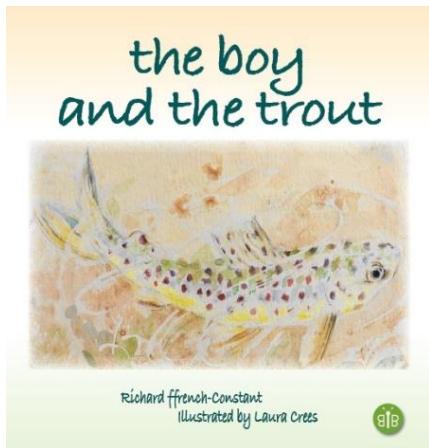


Dr Deirdre Shirreffs has always loved wild flowers, her mother teaching her the names of the plants as a small child. This eventually led her to take up botany at Aberdeen University, followed by a PhD in botany and later teaching the subject at schools and universities.

The Boy and the Trout

Richard ffrench-Constant and Laura Crees

This is the story about Harry and his quest to catch the noble trout. Discover all the animals he sees on his fishing adventure and learn about the serene beauty of the chalk stream.



The Boy and the Trout is a simple story and picture book aimed at 4-7 year olds, beautifully illustrated throughout with coloured line drawings by Laura Crees.... A great way to inspire children to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. - The Wild Trout Trust

The illustrations, which play an essential role in any book for this age group, are excellent throughout.... A key message from this book is that patience can bring its rewards. - Andrew Kennedy, Just fish



Richard ffrench-Constant works as a professional entomologist at the University of Exeter.

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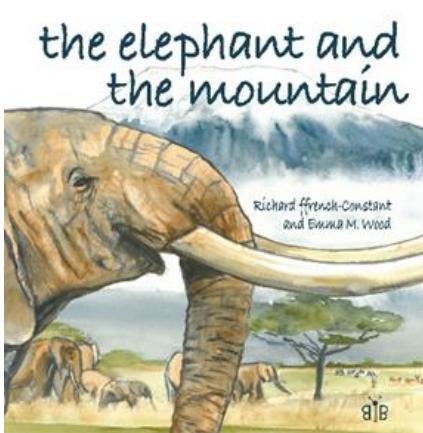


Laura Crees studied art at Southport College and then went on to specialise in illustration at Manchester Metropolitan University.

The Elephant and the Mountain

Richard ffrench-Constant and Emma M. Wood

This is the story about African elephants in search for water in a changing world.



My 6 year daughter loves the book. She read it by herself and then told me and her Mum all about the story and the challenges that the elephants face. - Ross Piper, Zoologist and Explorer

Your book is lovely!

The story is real, interesting, very much in sync with the alarming situation we all face. I love the illustrations with its soft and warm pastel colours. They complement the story by telling themselves a part of the story.... It's well written with the right dosage of more difficult words and accessible ones. ...I am sure the African children would love it. - Sylvaine von Mende, Ministry of Education, Africa



Richard ffrench-Constant works as a professional entomologist at the University of Exeter, Yet his first love has always been the animals of Kenya, the place where he was born.



With a first-class degree in Fine Art, Emma Wood travelled to South Africa to help on two game reserves. Now with a PhD in evolutionary ecology at the University of Exeter, she continues to visit Africa, this time to conduct research on the wildlife there.

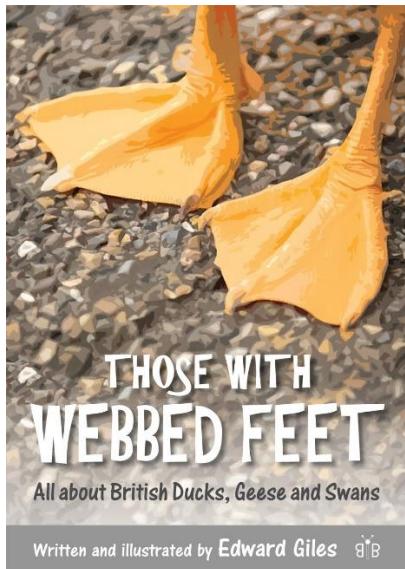
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Those with Webbed Feet

All about British Ducks, Geese and Swans

Edward Giles

An informative, entertaining and educational guide to the British ducks, geese and swans. Designed to enthuse and encourage young readers in their teens.



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It is a cracker and we look forward to more from Edward Giles. - British Waterfowl Association

This is a delightful book aimed principally at younger readers who have an interest in either watching or keeping waterfowl! - The Biologist

This really quirky book ... is a fact-filled treasure trove which asks to be dipped into or read cover to cover. Edward's illustrations are gems in themselves. - Dr Nick Carter, Former Director of Development at BTO

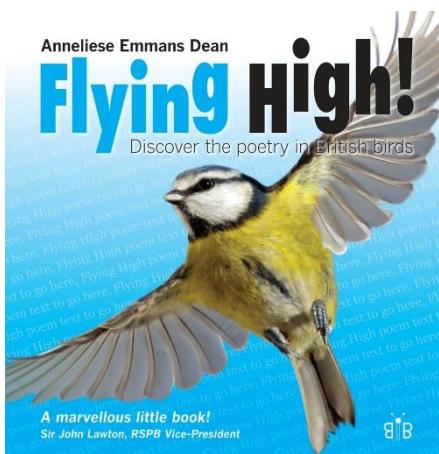
Edward Giles has ever been excited about anything feathered, living on water and with webbed feet! At the age of thirteen, he started his own collection of waterfowl. Six years later, after graduating from university, he started this book to enthuse and encourage youngsters to start to enjoy wildlife.

Flying High!

Discover the poetry in British birds

Anneliese Emmans Dean

This unique guide to British birds is a colourful cocktail of entertaining poems, solid science and fabulous photos. A richly illustrated laughter-and-learning experience for children (and a rib-tickling read for grown-ups).



A marvellous little book. Made me chuckle, even laugh out loud, with pleasure! --Sir John Lawton, RSPB Vice President

With trademark good humour, Anneliese brings each species to life, capturing the essence and adding sparkle and shimmer. ... Highly recommended --Ben Darvill, BTO

This is a delightful book and one which will be enjoyed by young people of all ages. --Mark Avery

Glorious ... will delight children and young-at-heart adults alike ... What makes the book so special is the sheer joy, fun and enthusiasm Anneliese brings to her versions of common British birds. --York Press

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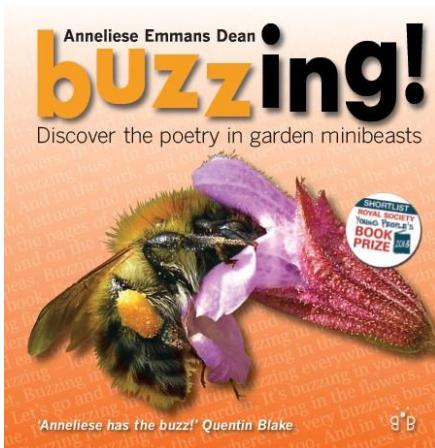
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Buzzing!

Discover the poetry in garden minibeasts

Anneliese Emmans Dean

A potpourri of photos, facts and poetry about the small yet amazing animals that we find in our gardens. All young nature lovers will enjoy its sense of fun and wit.



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Winner of the NS Teachers' Book Award 2015. Nominated for the Carnegie Medal and shortlisted for the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize.

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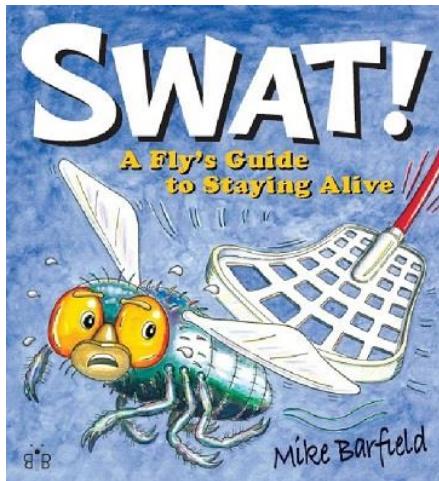
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SWAT!

A fly's Guide to Staying Alive

Mike Barfield

An 'educational', cartoon-based natural history book with lots of jokes.fun and wit.



This amusing non-fiction children's book would make a delightful addition to any young child's bookshelves." – The Guardian

'An amusing and fast-paced story rooted in scientific fact that would make a welcome addition to any primary classroom.' – Primary Science.

Every page in it is covered in colourful cartoons and witty words...If you are young, or young at heart, buy this book! --The Bug Club Magazine

Mike presented his Show at Hay-on-Wye, Edinburgh Festival and Cheltenham Science Festival.

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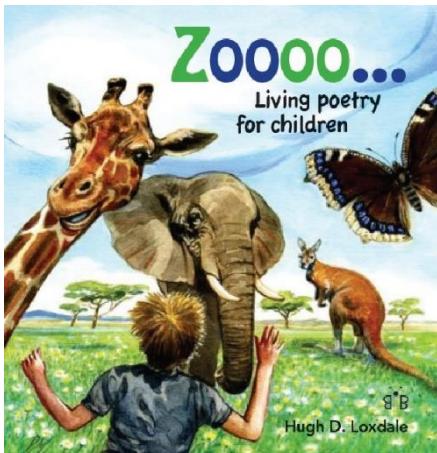
The award-winning Author, Mike Barfield, has a 1st Class Honours degree in Biology from King's College, London, decided to embark on a career in writing, comedy, poetry and performance...and producing cartoons too.

Zoooo!

Living poetry for children

Hugh David Loxdale

Humorous and adventurous poems about animals and plants. Illustrated with wonderful line drawings by the well-known German artist Rita Mühlbauer.



They would be a welcome addition to a classroom poetry shelf or a private child's collection. --Bernie Foggatt, Formerly Headteacher of an Infant School and School Inspector.

Whilst Loxdale's poems could stand alone they are beautifully partnered with Mühlbauer's artwork, each sublime with hidden gems in each. I thoroughly recommend *Zoooo...* to anyone, child or adult alike, with an interest in the natural world. --Jon Cracknell, Director of Animal Operations, Longleat

Hugh's poems are written to make children giggle, marvel and wonder at the natural world, and to understand it that bit better too. --Amazon review

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Hugh David Loxdale has been interested in natural history since the age of five and is a biologist by profession. He started writing poetry when he was seventeen. This is the author's ninth book of poetry.



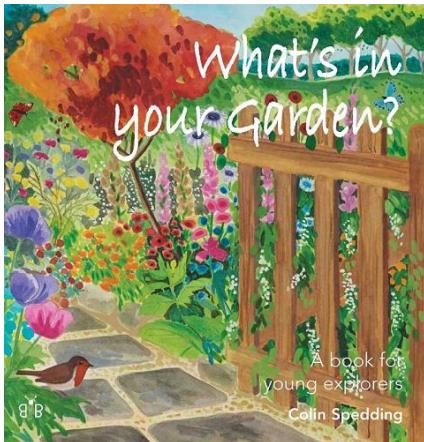
Rita Mühlbauer is a freelance artist and illustrator, living in Munich. She has drawn as long as she can remember, initially, as she says, angels, animals, plants and portraits of people.

What's in your Garden?

For the Young Garden Explorer

Colin Spedding

This book, illustrated throughout, is all about exploring and discovery for children, age 7-11years.



...I'm often asked to recommend books for young naturalists, and I shall certainly put this on my list. --Sir David Attenborough

There is so much information packed into one small book it would undoubtedly complement the delivery of outdoor science at key stage 2. I would also recommend it as a useful tool for teachers; I personally really enjoyed reviewing it and discovered some new and exciting facts in the process. --Kathy Schofield, Primary Science

All in all this is a lovely little book and one that is small enough to pop in your rucksack and take out for your travels in the countryside. --Anusha Edwards, The Biologist, March 2011

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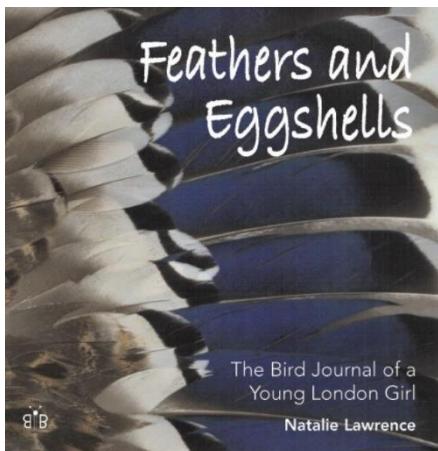
Professor Sir Colin Spedding had dedicated his long career to the study of biology, including animal welfare. He had a passionate interest in the ecology of living things. He is also very dedicated to the education of young people, showing them the organisation and complexity of living things, including their beauty.

Feathers and Eggshells

The Bird Journal of a Young London Girl

Natalie Lawrence

In this book, the teenage author reveals her passion for wild birds using drawings, photos, prose and poetry.



I absolutely loved everything about this book and only wish that it had been around to inspire me as a young teenager. -- Jenny Steel, author, gardener and wildlife photographer

This book sees Natalie's skills blossoming. Most of all, it is a love affair with the place and the wildlife that have enchanted her since she was a child. I hope you too will be inspired by the heartfelt passion of Feathers and Eggshells. --Derek Niemann, RSPB

The original project won the Kate Springett Prize and was runner-up in the RSPB Young Birder of the Year Competition. Natalie has also twice won the Amateur Entomologist Society Ansorge Award, and written several articles for the RSPB teenage magazine Wingbeat.

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Natalie Lawrence was first drawn to the natural world around the age of six, a love that she has retained ever since. She studied natural sciences at University Cambridge and obtained a PhD.

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