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### WELCOME

#### Dear readers,

Welcome to the 2025 Hachette Children's Group catalogue. Thank you for taking the time to look through our new publishing; you will find books here for every child and young adult, across every genre.

Our picture book and preschool offering is full of funny, entertaining, heartwarming and poignant stories. I am particularly excited by the arrival of a brand new post-themed picture book series from Tom Tinn-Dinsbury, *Duck Delivers*. We are proud to be publishing the debut picture book from Cariad Lloyd, the creator of the hugely successful Griefcast podcast. *Where Did She Go?*, illustrated by Tom Percival, is a warm and gently witty story opening up honest conversations with young children about grief and death. We also have paperbacks from established pairings, including Rachel Bright and Jim Field's *The Camel Who Had The Hump*; *The Girl at the Front of the Class* by Onjali Q. Raúf, illustrated by Pippa Curnick; and *Oi Dinosaurs!* from Kes Gray and Jim Field.

At the older end of our illustrated list, we are honoured to be publishing a must-have reimagining of the Brothers Grimm fairy tale, *Hansel and Gretel*, retold by worldwide bestselling author Stephen King, with artwork by the Caldecott Medal-winning creator of *Where the Wild Things Are*, Maurice Sendak. We will also launch a dream collaboration between number one bestselling YA author Leigh Bardugo, and World Fantasy Award and Hugo Award-winner, John Picacio. *The Invisible Parade* is a stunningly original and lushly illustrated tour de force about family, love, and dealing with grief.

On our fiction list we welcome Ella Dove with new series *How to Roller-Skate with One Leg*, a funny, uplifting story about friendship, family and overcoming adversity; and for the same age group, inspired by Enid Blyton, Chris Smith brings us *The New Famous Five: Five and the Forgotten Treasure*. We are excited to be launching the paperback of critically acclaimed, *Midnight Treasure*, followed shortly after by *Wolf Crown*, book two in this breathtaking, immersive new fantasy series of werwolves and vampirs, from the award-winning author, Piers Torday. J.K. Rowling fans can prepare for a brand-new illustrated edition of the



modern classic fairytale *The Ickabog*, featuring a new foreword from J.K. Rowling, and a striking new cover and illustrations from award winning illustrator, Ben Mantle. Young and developing readers can delight in an exciting new *How to Train Your Dragon* series from Cressida Cowell. *Dragon School* stars Hiccup, Toothless and friends as they attempt to become great warriors at the Isle of Berk's Training Academy for Vikings and Dragons. We also have new graphic novels for all ages, including *Alan, King of the Universe* by Tom McLaughlin, a two-colour series for 7+ readers featuring an orange cat convinced he was born to rule. Older readers will delight in *Black Dolls* by Rachel Faturoti, illustrated by Flo Woolley, which follows four Black teenagers taking on the music industry to smash its exclusionist rules.

Our new non-fiction includes *Drive to Victory*, the perfect read for Formula 1-obsessed children, by Karun Chandhok; *Breakthrough*, the unforgettable true story of former gang member and Pride of Britain Award winner Omar Sharif, who transformed his life – and in his debut children's book, provides encouragement to make great decisions, navigate challenges and achieve success; a new illustrated Greek mythology series, *Little Myths*, launching with *Medusa*, *Thor* and *Loki*; and we will publish Kaleb's Farmyard Tales, the first children's book from farmer, TV star and bestselling author, Kaleb Cooper.

We hope children and young people everywhere will discover something here to inspire, comfort, entertain and encourage them – perhaps all four! Thank you for supporting Hachette Children's Group. We're proud to be Publishing for Every Child.



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- Cariad Lloyd is the host of the Griefcast podcast and is knowledgeable and passionate about conversations surrounding death
- Tom Percival's gorgeous illustrations add gentle humour and a lightness of touch



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