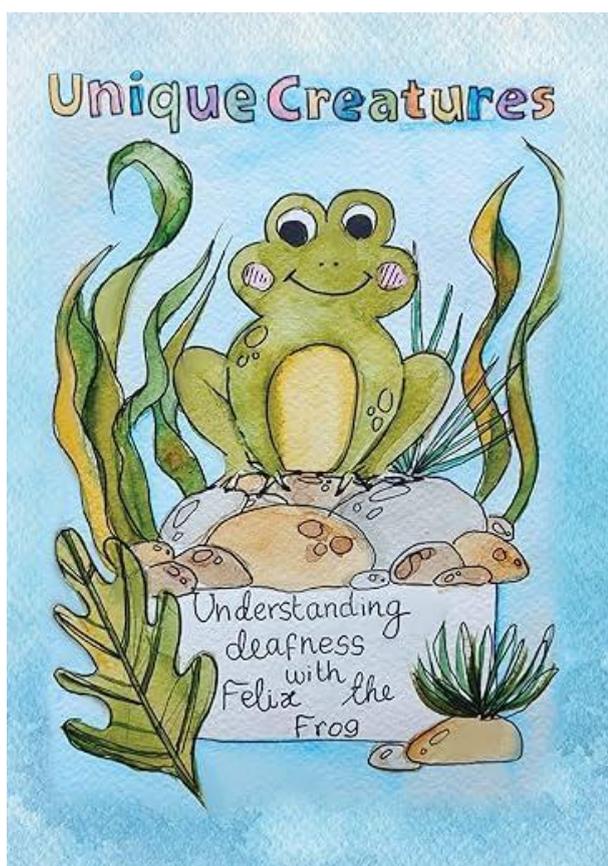


UK Children's Author Willow Foster-Thorpe Champions Inclusion with Heartfelt and Imaginative New Titles

Willow Foster-Thorpe, an emerging children's author from the United Kingdom, is capturing hearts and sparking conversations with her growing collection of inclusive children's books. Known for her commitment to representing children with disabilities, Foster-Thorpe blends whimsical storytelling with emotional depth, creating experiences that educate, entertain, and uplift. Her stories, each infused with vibrant illustrations and gentle humour, aim to Foster-Thorpe's understanding, empathy, and joy among young readers.

Foster-Thorpe's growing body of work centres around her fictional world of *Creatureville*, where animal characters face real-life challenges like deafness, autism, and anxiety in empowering, relatable ways. With a background rooted in personal experience and advocacy, Willow's books are not just stories; they are tools for change, offering "heartwarming stories for kids with disabilities" that resonate with families, educators, and children alike.

Understanding deafness with Felix the Frog (2022)



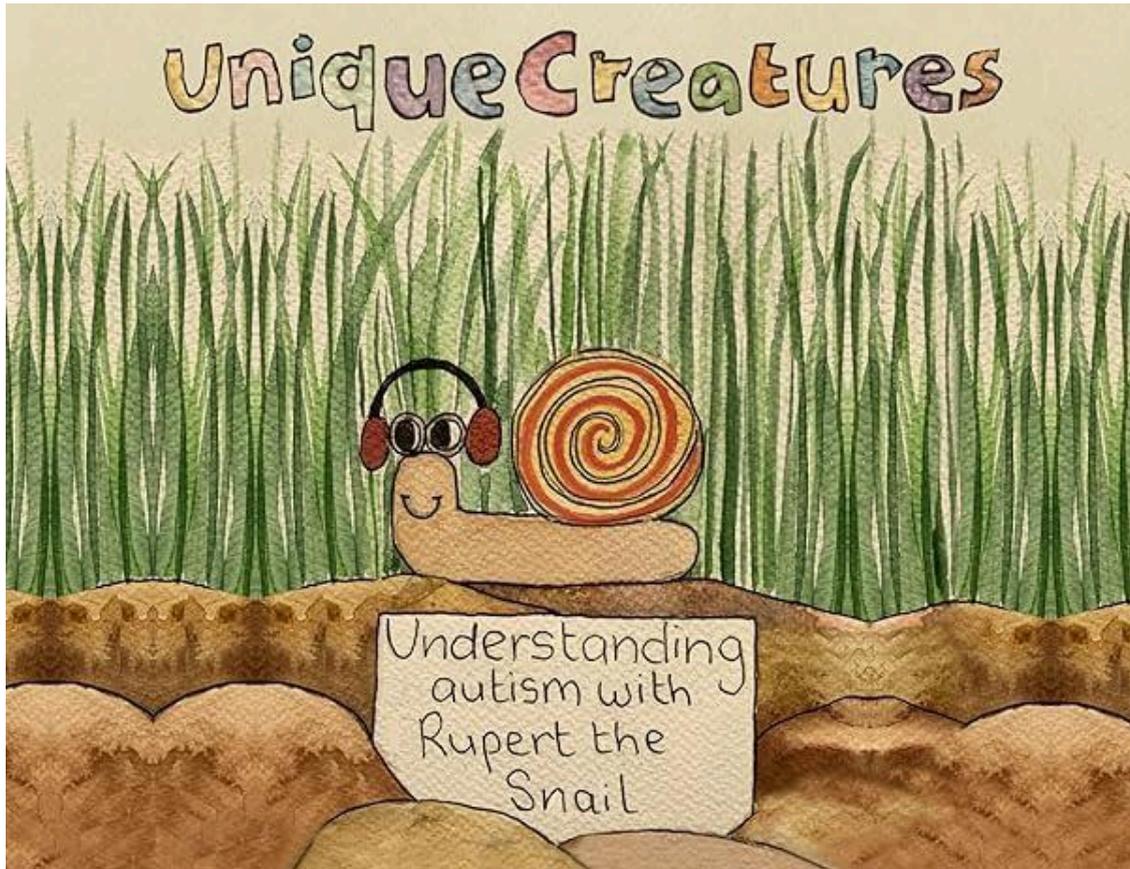
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Willow Foster-Thorpe's debut, *Understanding deafness with Felix the Frog*, introduces young readers to Felix, a spirited frog who is deaf and communicates using Makaton, a form of sign language. The story

follows Felix and his friend Rupert the Snail as they navigate a day at the library, encountering a stern ladybird librarian who insists on quiet. But for Felix, who sometimes speaks loudly without realising, silence isn't always so simple.

Praised by parents and educators alike, this book has been described as “friendly reading” and “very helpful” for children in inclusive classrooms. Through charming illustrations and honest storytelling, Foster-Thorpe brings visibility to deafness while encouraging empathy and understanding. Felix’s joyful curiosity makes him an unforgettable character, one that inspires compassion without sacrificing fun.

Understanding autism with Rupert the Snail (2023)

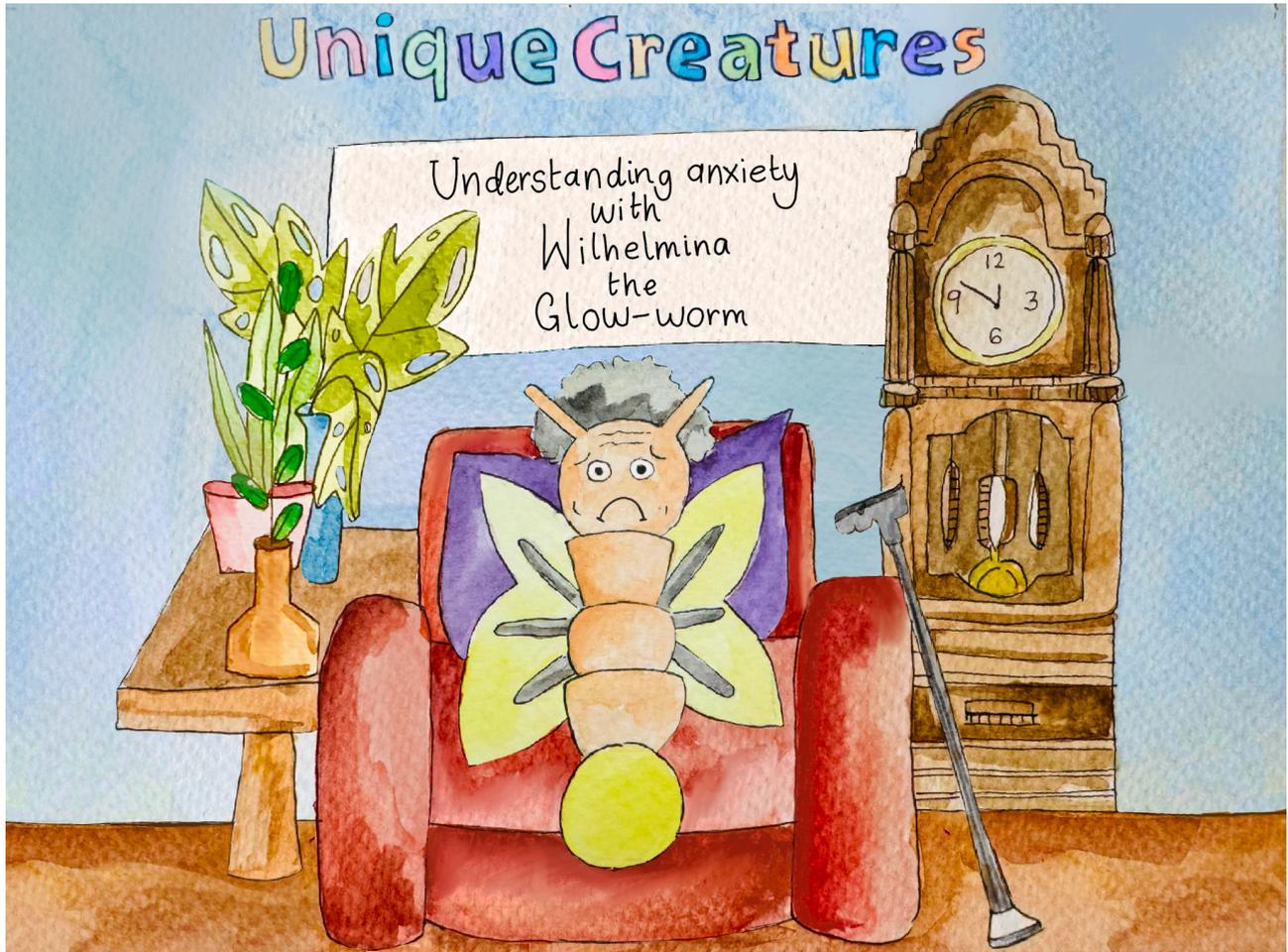


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In her second book, *Understanding autism with Rupert the Snail*, Foster-Thorpe expands the world of Creatureville with a tender and enlightening journey about neurodiversity. Rupert, a snail on the autism spectrum, takes a train trip to visit his cousins Betty and Stanley. During a playful day at the park, some of the other creatures struggle to understand Stanley’s behavior, like not waiting his turn.

Told with warmth and honesty, this tale teaches young readers about the challenges and joys of living with autism. Critics have praised the story as “charming and insightful,” especially for its creative details, like Rupert’s home being a baked bean tin, and its ability to present complex topics through accessible language and lovable characters. It’s a joyful celebration of difference, patience, and the importance of kindness.

Understanding anxiety with Wilhelmina the Glow-Worm (2024)

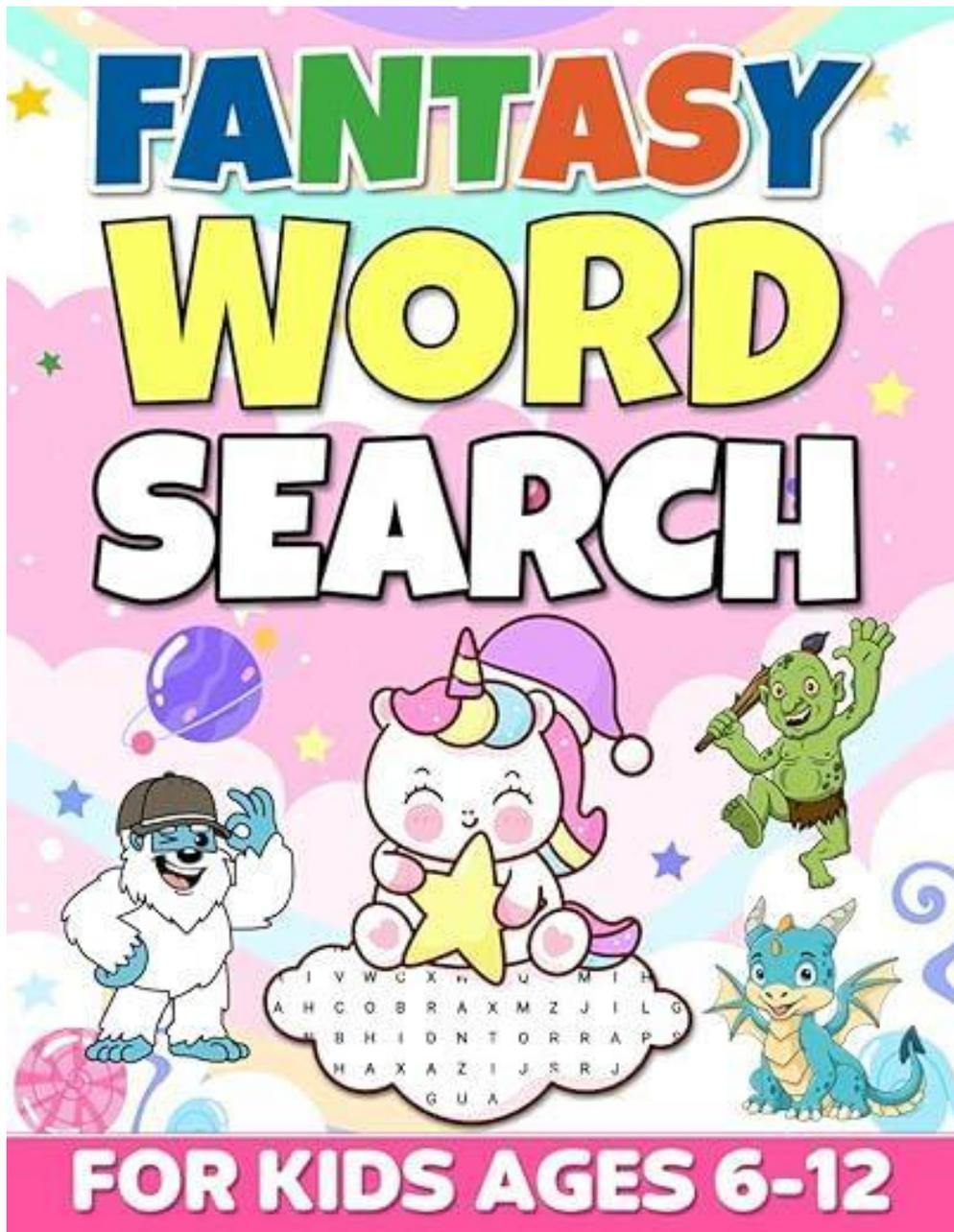


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With *Understanding anxiety with Wilhelmina the Glow-Worm*, Foster-Thorpe offers a wise and tender tale that speaks directly to children dealing with big emotions. Wilhelmina or “Mina” is a 93-year-old glow-worm who resides in Creature Cottage, a cozy care home for elderly animals. Known for her gentle nature and chronic worrying, Mina embarks on a personal journey with the help of her friends and learns simple, effective strategies to manage her anxiety.

This beautifully illustrated book gently introduces mindfulness, positive routines, and emotional resilience. Designed for readers aged 7–12, it resonates with both children and the adults guiding them. A reviewer called it “a lovely day out” that promotes “caring and sharing” while honoring the realities of anxious feelings. Mina’s story empowers readers to face their fears with courage and community.

Fantasy Word Search (2025)

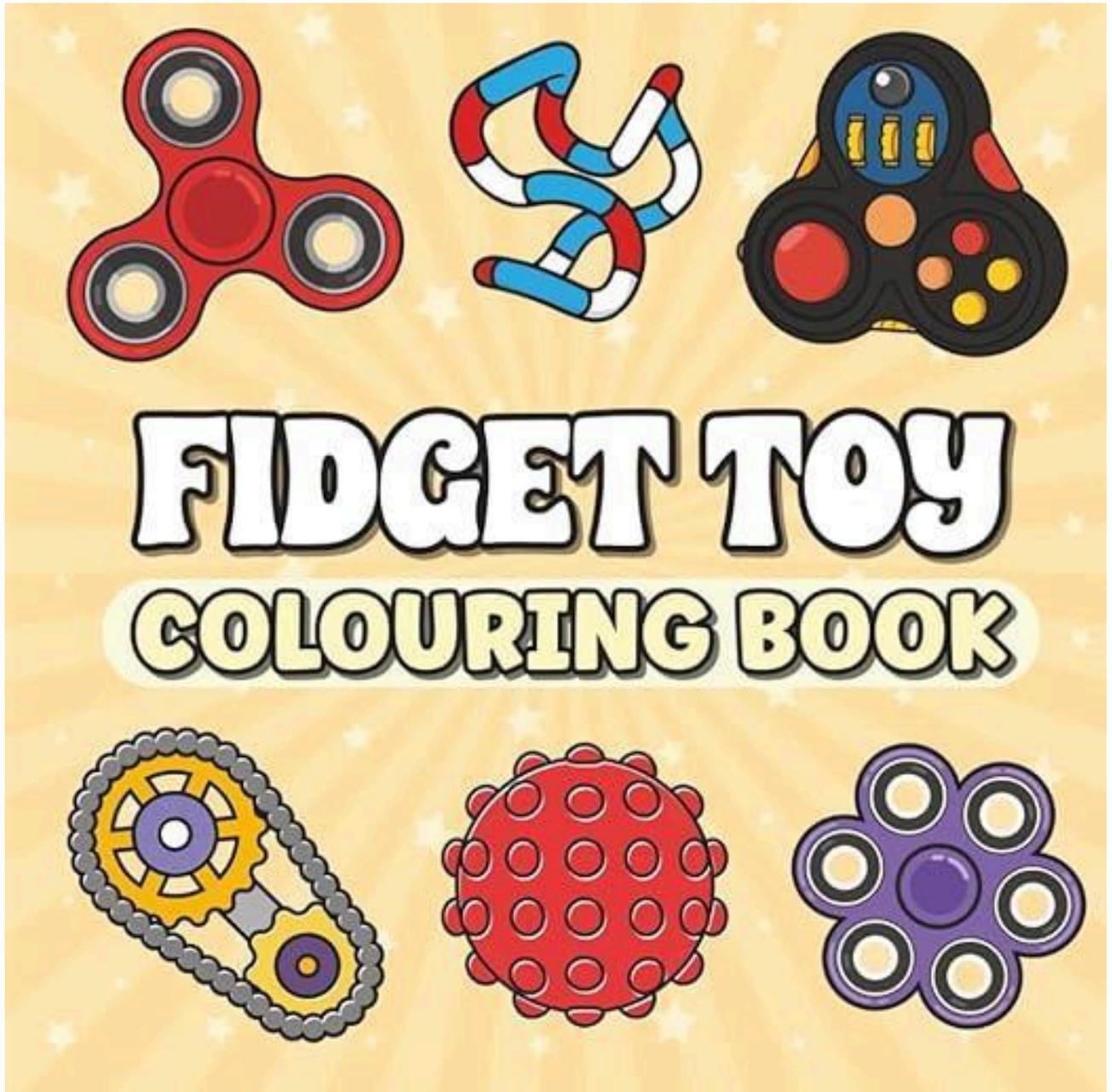


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Taking a magical detour into puzzle fun, Willow Foster-Thorpe's *Fantasy Word Search* is an engaging activity book designed for curious and creative young minds. With 150 word search puzzles featuring fairy tales, enchanted lands, and mystical creatures, the book invites kids to sharpen their literacy skills while exploring a world full of fantasy and adventure.

Ideal for independent readers, classroom activities, or rainy days at home, this large-print, easy-to-read collection encourages both learning and imagination. Each puzzle is a mini adventure, fostering confidence and concentration. *Fantasy Word Search* is a testament to Foster-Thorpe's talent for blending play and purpose, proving that learning can be every bit as exciting as storytelling.

Fidget Toy Colouring Book (2025)



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Rounding out her collection with sensory-friendly creativity, Foster-Thorpe's *Fidget Toy Colouring Book* is a playful and therapeutic resource for children and adults alike. Featuring calming illustrations of satisfying fidget toy designs, the book invites users to slow down, express themselves, and find joy in the simple act of coloring.

Designed with mindfulness in mind, this book serves as both a stress reliever and a tool for building focus, especially beneficial for individuals with ADHD, anxiety, or sensory needs. With no rules and no pressure, each page becomes an invitation to relax and explore. As with all of Foster-Thorpe's work, inclusivity and accessibility remain at the heart of the experience.

To schedule an interview with the author Willow Foster-Thorpe, email uniquecreatures.uk@gmail.com.

About the Author

Willow Foster-Thorpe is a UK-based children's author and advocate for children with disabilities. Through her signature Unique Creatures series and inclusive activity books, she empowers young readers to embrace differences, understand emotions, and engage with the world through creativity and compassion. Her books are available worldwide via Amazon and have already made a positive impact on families, educators, and special needs communities across the UK and beyond.

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