



Anita Mangan

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Biography

Anita Mangan is an illustrator and graphic designer. She has worked on over 100 books including two of her own: *Bingo, An Illustrated Guide to Bingo Lingo* and *The Chinese Zodiac, A Seriously Silly Guide*. Along with her brother, Stephen Mangan, she has created 8 best-selling children's books including one for World Book Day in 2025. Their next book, *Welcome to Weird Street*, comes out in May this year. Also with Stephen, she has co-presented 3 x 45 minute episodes of *Siblings Unpicked* airing on Radio 4 in May 2026.

In 2023 she appeared on Sky Arts' *Celebrity Portrait Artist of the Year* and has become a regular on the sofa with Stephen on *Celebrity Gogglebox*. She can mostly be found in her studio at the bottom of the garden surrounded by thousands of tiny colourful objects and with her dog, Dusty, under her desk.

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BARRIE SAVES CHRISTMAS

2025, Scholastic



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Barrie is a St Bernard dog who much prefers snoozing and farting in front of a cosy fire than going on daring rescue missions through high winds, driving snow and avalanches. On Christmas Eve, his humans Carrie and Laurence find a top-secret network of underground tunnels accessed by climbing into postboxes – and there’s an extra special twist! The tunnels are designed for squirrels to transport presents from Father Christmas’ workshop in the North Pole to all the children of the world.

When a mysterious elf seems set on sabotaging the tunnels, the kids and Barrie must stop him and SAVE CHRISTMAS!

THE FART THAT SAVED THE UNIVERSE

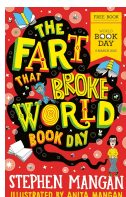
2025, Scholastic



When Saskia is captured by aliens who plan to turn her into a human fart-machine, Perks, Jezza and Leslie blast off on a mission to bring her back down to Earth. Things get even more complicated when they discover the spaceship holds some top-secret cargo... a gadget that the most dangerous, double-crossing villains in the galaxy are in hot pursuit of. Throw in a pitstop at the universe’s worst restaurant, a visit to the Milky Way Museum of Oddities and a deeply strange encounter with a praying mantis wearing a big bouffant wig and sparkly platform booties and it’s truly an OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD adventure for our heroes. But when the mysterious gadget falls into the wrong hands, the kids must be the heroes the universe needs... and could the day be saved by one teeny, tiny FART? The Hitch-hiker’s Guide to the Galaxy for young readers who love brilliantly silly stories.

THE FART THAT BROKE WORLD BOOK DAY

2025, Scholastic



It’s World Book Day and school is buzzing with excitement. But something smells funny...in every classroom, there’s a teacher letting go of a long, loud, ground-shaking, ground-breaking fart. And when our hero spots a fellow pupil (dressed up almost too convincingly as an alien) hovering by the teachers’ bums, and then discovers what looks like a spaceship powered by farts behind a hedge, he’s on a mission to stop some unexpected visitors from kicking up a massive stink!

THE DAY I FELL DOWN THE TOILET

2024, Scholastic



The Queen of Dunny, the land where jokes come from, has lost her sense of humour and banned fun of any kind. Her subjects have one final shot at making her laugh otherwise NO NEW JOKES will be created EVER AGAIN! Enter the hero the world needs. Timothy Trench: straight-talking, uber-decisive child genius. Oh, wait. In an unfortunate case of mistaken identity, the wrong Timothy – a boy who finds it impossible to make decisions – is fetched to make the Queen laugh.

Can he work out what will tickle Her Majesty’s funny bone and save the day? A wildly imaginative, brilliantly silly adventure that’s overflowing with toilet humour! Wildly funny, delightfully imaginative storytelling with a message that any kid can be a hero!

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THE GREAT REINDEER RESCUE

2023, Scholastic



A high-energy, brilliantly silly, fully illustrated festive adventure story by much-loved actor Stephen Mangan and talented artist Anita Mangan. One of Santa's reindeers, Dave, is FED UP.

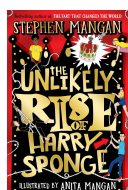
He's seething about having to spend Christmas stuck behind Rudolph, who is forever droning on about his role as the Star of the Show. Most of Santa's OG Reindeer Crew (Blitzen, Prancer et al) have retired or been fired in disgrace, leaving some rookie reindeers to take the sleigh reins.

This Christmas Eve, Dave is behind Rudolph in the procession flying ahead of Santa's sleigh, and is the recipient of a fart-in-the-face that is the last straw. He unclips Rudolph's harness, and Rudolph blithely flies off, monologuing away to himself. Santa makes an emergency landing on the roof of 9 year old Holly's family, where her dad is wobbling about on the roof trying to switch on the exterior Christmas lights. The lights explode and blast the reindeers to far-flung corners of the Earth.

Holly must fly Dave around the globe rescuing the reindeer from various outlandish situations – one is on a beach in Tahiti and has no intention of putting down his cocktail and working flat-out all Christmas eve, thank-you-very-much, one is perched precariously on top of the Empire State Building, one has landed slap bang in the middle of the icy Arctic, perilously close to a very hungry polar bear. Rudolph has made it to Las Vegas and has a sell-out one-reindeer show to put on. Can Holly and Dave work together to return the reindeers to Santa and save Christmas?

THE UNLIKELY RISE OF HARRY SPONGE

2023, Scholastic



Cantankerous old King Chisel is a ruler without an heir. He is persuaded to create a competition called the Crown Duels, inviting the best kids from the five counties of his country to vie with one another to become king or queen one day. This gruesome gang of children will compete in a multi-discipline game of knock-out to determine the winner. Chaos swiftly follows, with pushy parents, wild sabotaging, morally questionable tactics, tantrums and the ultimate shock result: it is unassuming hero Harry Sponge who will be the triumphant tortoise to their hot-air hares...

THE FART THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

2022, Scholastic



It's the most important day of the year for King Fabian as he is hosting all the neighbouring rulers. Everything simply must go perfectly. King Fabian wakes up, stretches, and farts. His wife's fury is so huge that he panics and blames the butler, who is carted off to the dungeons. Leaving behind a big problem: Fabian isn't really the brains behind the crown: it is the butler... how will dithering Fabian manage to pull off this high-pressure event alone? His small and smelly fart looks like it will kick off a crisis...

Frank – a kitchen boy with a big imagination – is drafted in as an emergency butler. As the banquet descends into a food fight and processions catapult out of control, Frank finds himself in an all-out fart farce. Can he save the day?

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THE CHINESE ZODIAC: A SERIOUSLY SILLY GUIDE

2021, HarperCollins



From highly-acclaimed illustrator, graphic designer and author, Anita Mangan, comes *The Chinese Zodiac*, an ideal gift book for fans of astrology and lunar cycles. In this time of self-awareness and self-interest, *The Chinese Zodiac* takes an alternative and hilarious look at all 12 signs of the Chinese Zodiac, mixing together animal and human facts and drawing on themes such as personality, love, health and lifestyle, school/work to create a fresh and entertaining look at ourselves accompanied by quirky and colourful illustrations in this full-colour gift book. The Chinese zodiac follows the moon (rather than constellations, as in the Greco-Roman zodiac system). It is divided into a 12-year cycle, with a different animal representing each year. The philosophy is deeply rooted in Chinese culture, and the zodiac, combined with the principles of yin and yang and the five elements, asserts a remarkable influence over people's decisions and beliefs.

ESCAPE THE ROOMS

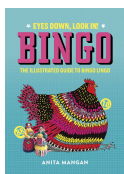
2021, Scholastic



The last thing Jack expected when he bungee-jumped at the fairground was to go plummeting right through the ground into the weird, wonderful Rooms... There he must face a series of puzzles and traps alongside a mysterious girl called Cally, in order for them to find their way home. Throw in a murderous polar bear, hundreds of tiny yet ferocious lions, some mind-blowing riddles, and get ready for a hilarious, helter-skelter adventure like no other! Alice in Wonderland meets The Crystal Maze! Packed with fantastic pictures.

BINGO: EYES DOWN, LOOK IN! THE ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO BINGO LINGO

2017, Quadrille



What game sums up the hopes of the nation more than... Bingo?! You don't have to be a regular player to know the familiar calls: 'Two fat ladies!' 'Doctor's orders!' But what inspired the bingo caller's famous lexicon? From 'Kelly's Eye' (1) to Top of the Shop (90), *Bingo* demystifies the phrases behind the numbers, with delightful illustrations by acclaimed graphic designer Anita Mangan to depict every single number. If you're in need of comfort, nostalgia and a knowing chuckle, then *Bingo* offers it in spades. Collectible, fun and fascinating in equal measure, *Bingo* tells the story behind the numbers in a humorous blast from the past.