



Frann Preston-Gannon

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Biography

Frann Preston-Gannon is an award-winning author and illustrator. She started working weekends in bookshops at 15 and her many years in that role gave her a deep passion for the world of children's books. She graduated in 2010 with a BA in illustration and in 2011 she became the first UK recipient of the 'Sendak Fellowship' and spent the Autumn of that year living with and learning from the great master of illustration, Maurice Sendak, at his home in Connecticut. Her first picture book, *The Journey Home*, was published just after that in 2012.

In 2018 she published the poetry book 'I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree' with Nosy Crow and in partnership with the National Trust. Comprised of 366 nature poems, one for every day of the year, this book took over 2 years to illustrate and went on to be awarded many accolades including Waterstone's Gift of the Year and Winner of the Big Red Book Awards. Julia Donaldson also named it her book of the year 2018.

Her other picture books include *There's a Rang-tan in my Bedroom*, *Dave's Cave* and *In the Swamp By The Light of the Moon*.

Publications

Selected Publications

Publication Details

NALA'S WORLD

2023, Wren & Rook



Notes

A heartwarming picture book based on the incredible true story of social media sensation and round-the-world-cyclist Dean Nicholson and his trusty cat companion, Nala. When Dean Nicholson found an abandoned kitten by the side of the road one day, he hadn't bargained on the lessons he'd learn from his unlikely companion, Nala. Both curious, independent, resilient and adventurous, they were a perfect match - and so together, they set off to travel around the world.

This inspirational true story, with an underlying message about loving and caring for animals, will show young readers everywhere that you can find friendship in the most unlikely places. With gorgeous illustrations from winner of the Waterstones Gift of the Year, Frann Preston-Gannon, and also featuring photos of Dean and Nala's real-world adventures.

Dean and Nala's story has become a social media and publishing phenomenon. Dean's book for adults, Nala's World, spent two weeks on the Sunday Times' bestseller list and has been translated into twenty-five languages.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

2021, Templar



A warm, lyrical exploration of the many sides of humanity from award-winning author and illustrator Frann Preston-Gannon.

One day Little Bird leaves the safety of her nest and goes to explore the world. Her mama warns her to watch out for people, but what are they, exactly?

On her journey, Little Bird will see many people who are all very different. She sees cruelty and greed, but also love and kindness.

THE BAD DAY

2020, Templar



Squirrel is left hanging when a search for a tasty nut goes wrong. Meanwhile, Woodpecker has his beak buried in a tree trunk, Snake is tied in a knot, Turtle is upside down, and Fox? Well, Fox has a suspicious tummy ache . . . These animals are all having a VERY BAD DAY!

But soon it turns out that little Mouse is having the worst day of all, and his friends can only help him - and each other - if they work together.