



Hello lovely people!

Jamie here. I'm so excited to be publishing my first children's book, based on a tale I used to tell Petal, Buddy and River at bedtime, and a passion project I've been working on for the last four years. And it's all been brought to life by the amazing illustrator Mónica Armiño, who has done a brilliant job of capturing the world that was living inside my head.

Growing up with dyslexia meant reading and writing didn't come easily – but, rather than holding me back, it's only ever helped me achieve anything I've set my mind to. I look at things differently, which has been particularly helpful for coming up with great stories for the kids at bedtime. It's also why I wanted to dedicate the book to all the children who struggle at school, particularly with dyslexia.

Billy And The Giant Adventure is a story about four kids – Billy, Anna, Jimmy and Andy – who go on a journey of discovery into Waterfall Woods where they stumble into this mystical, magical world of sprites, boonas (bad-tempered, troll-like creatures) and giants. And during this epic adventure, they learn so much about themselves, and also friendship and family and what actually matters in life. Of course food makes its way in there too, but not as you know it – it brings everyone together and creates those special moments, but it also teaches them about a concept called the Rhythm, which is an introduction to the environment and nature and how we all have our part to play in it.

My writing process probably isn't the most conventional, but I've loved every second and just hope that families everywhere enjoy reading (or listening to – yes, I've recorded an audiobook!) *Billy and the Giant Adventure* as much as I've enjoyed dreaming it up.

I can't wait for you to read it, and I hope you love Billy and the world I've created.

Big love,



Jamie _x



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