







She goes on exciting adventures
full of strange surprises...



...because that's when
dreams happen!

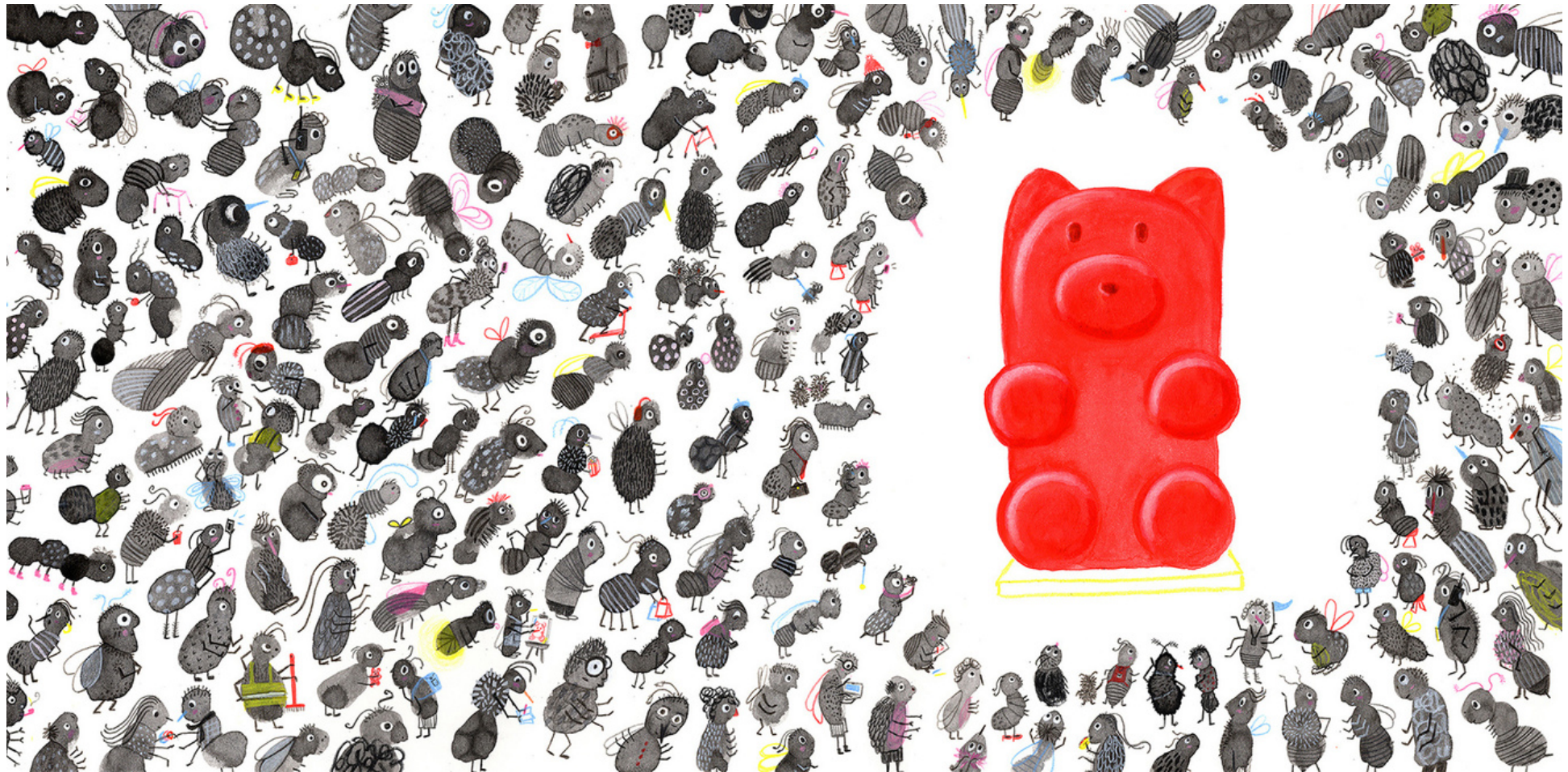
Every night, she makes
friends with the most
extraordinary creatures.















An ordinary snail, living in an ordinary house.

Little S. lives in
the Snail Garden.

The same way as her mother, her
grandmother and her grand-grandmother
before her grand-grand-grandmother.





The upside-down houses, didn't work well either.

MULTIPLE FERTILISATIONS

In humans, primates and large grazing mammals, like horses, cows and elephants, usually only one egg is fertilised at a time.

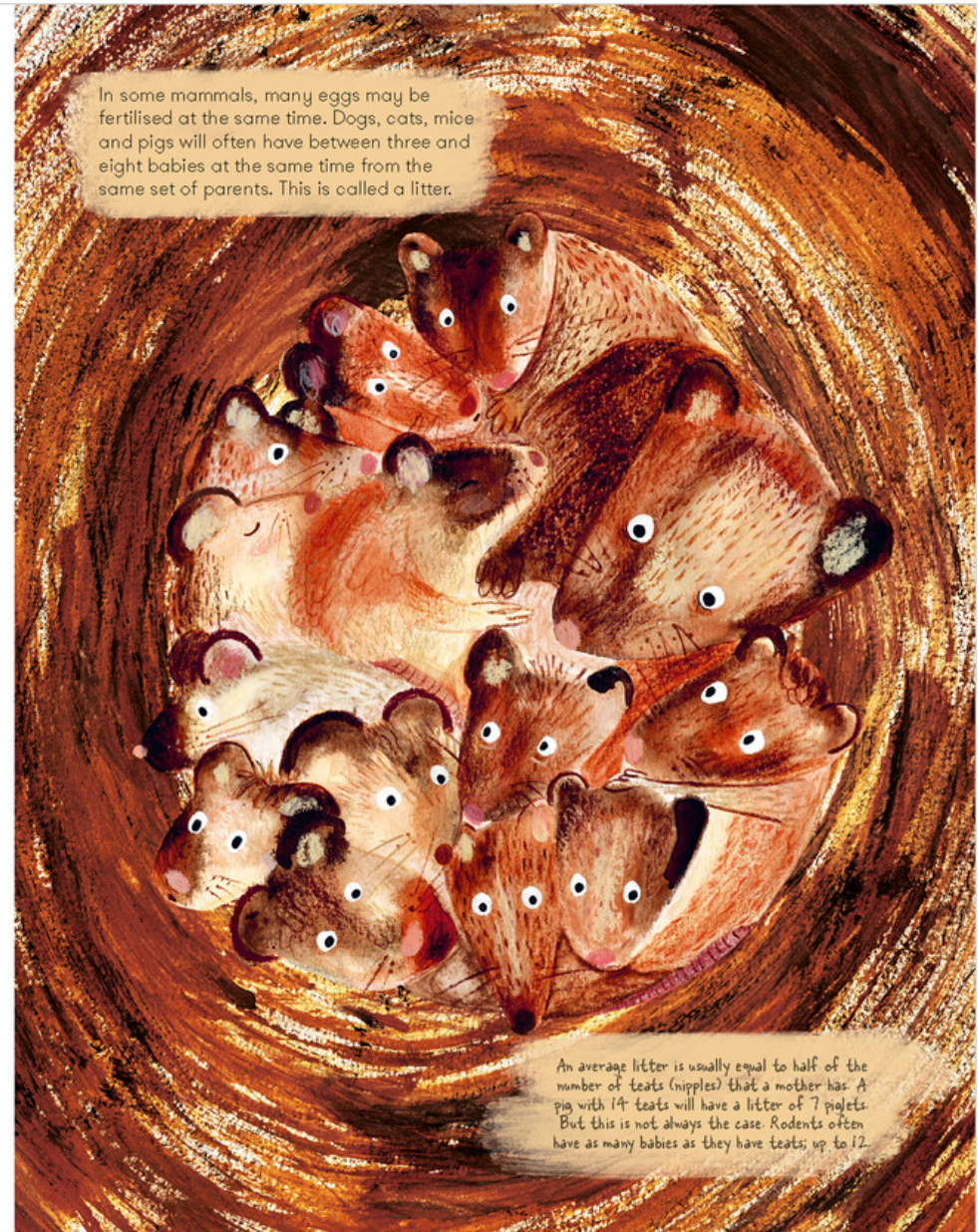


Sometimes, two eggs are released simultaneously and both are fertilised with different sperm. This results in fraternal twins. They share the uterus and are born at the same time, but do not look the same.



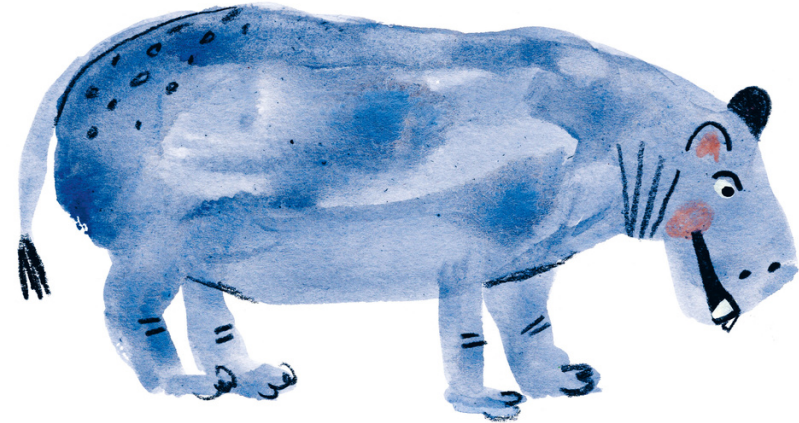
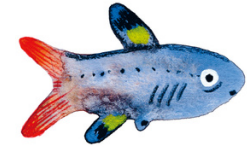
Occasionally, one fertilised egg will split into two. This results in identical twins who look extremely similar to one another.

In some mammals, many eggs may be fertilised at the same time. Dogs, cats, mice and pigs will often have between three and eight babies at the same time from the same set of parents. This is called a litter.



An average litter is usually equal to half of the number of teats (nipples) that a mother has. A pig with 14 teats will have a litter of 7 piglets. But this is not always the case. Rodents often have as many babies as they have teats; up to 12.











Bia is a Brazilian-born illustrator and author based in East London. She was the recipient of the prestigious The Queen Elizabeth Trust scholarship to study a Masters in Children's Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art, graduating as Highly Commended at The Macmillan Prize for Illustration (UK).

Her debut picture book, *The Dream Book* was published in the UK by Templar in 2023. It was very well received being longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize (UK), selected as *The Times'* Best Children's Books of the Summer and also selected at Society of Illustrators (NY), Golden Pinwheel Young Illustrators Awards (China) among others.

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Bia previously worked on many exciting projects as a book designer for Flying Eye/Nobrow before taking the leap and starting to write her own stories. Her interest for design brings a keen eye for detail, composition, hand lettering and typography to her books. Her vibrant tropical influences are reflected in the bold use of colours and textures. She finds inspiration in little details of everyday life, turning them into pieces set in a fun atmosphere, using humour and quirky characters in a visually playful approach.

Bia's books have already been translated and sold to countries in Europe and Asia.