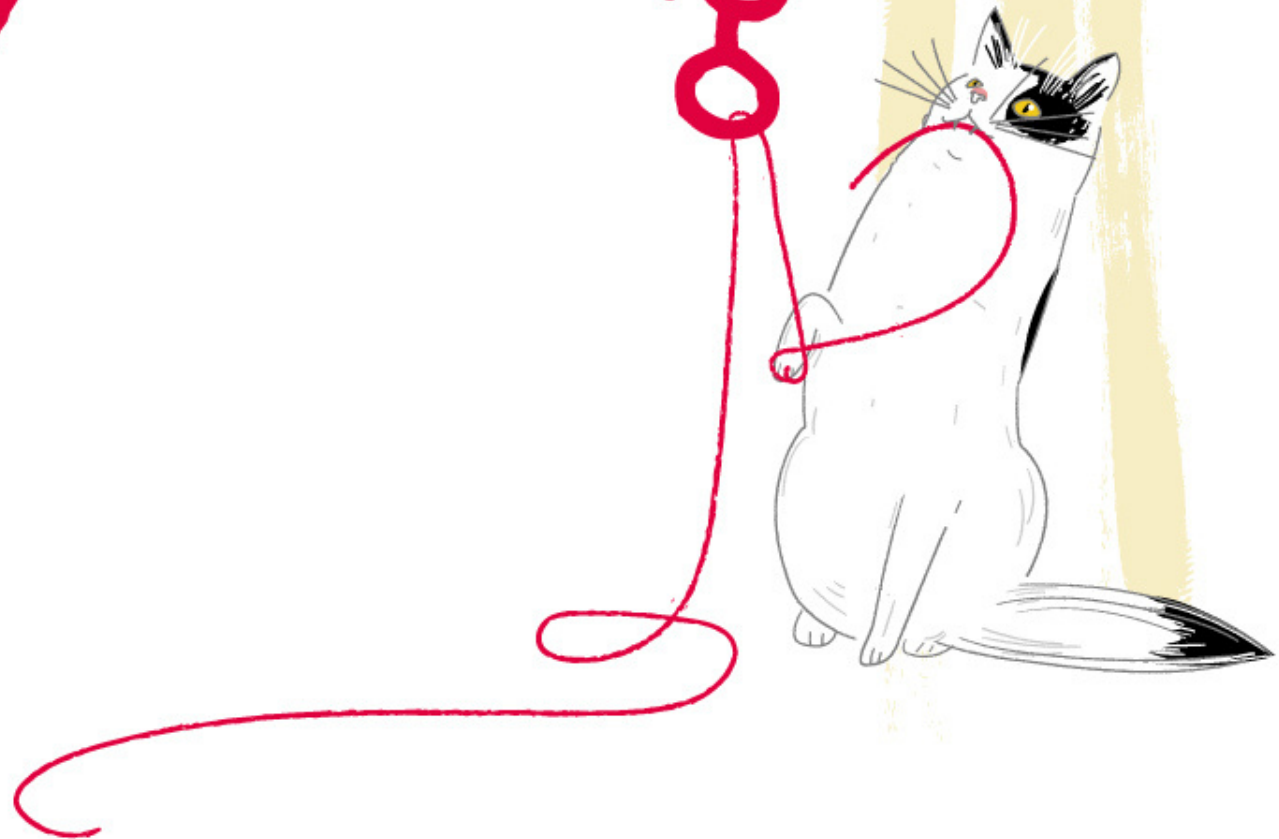


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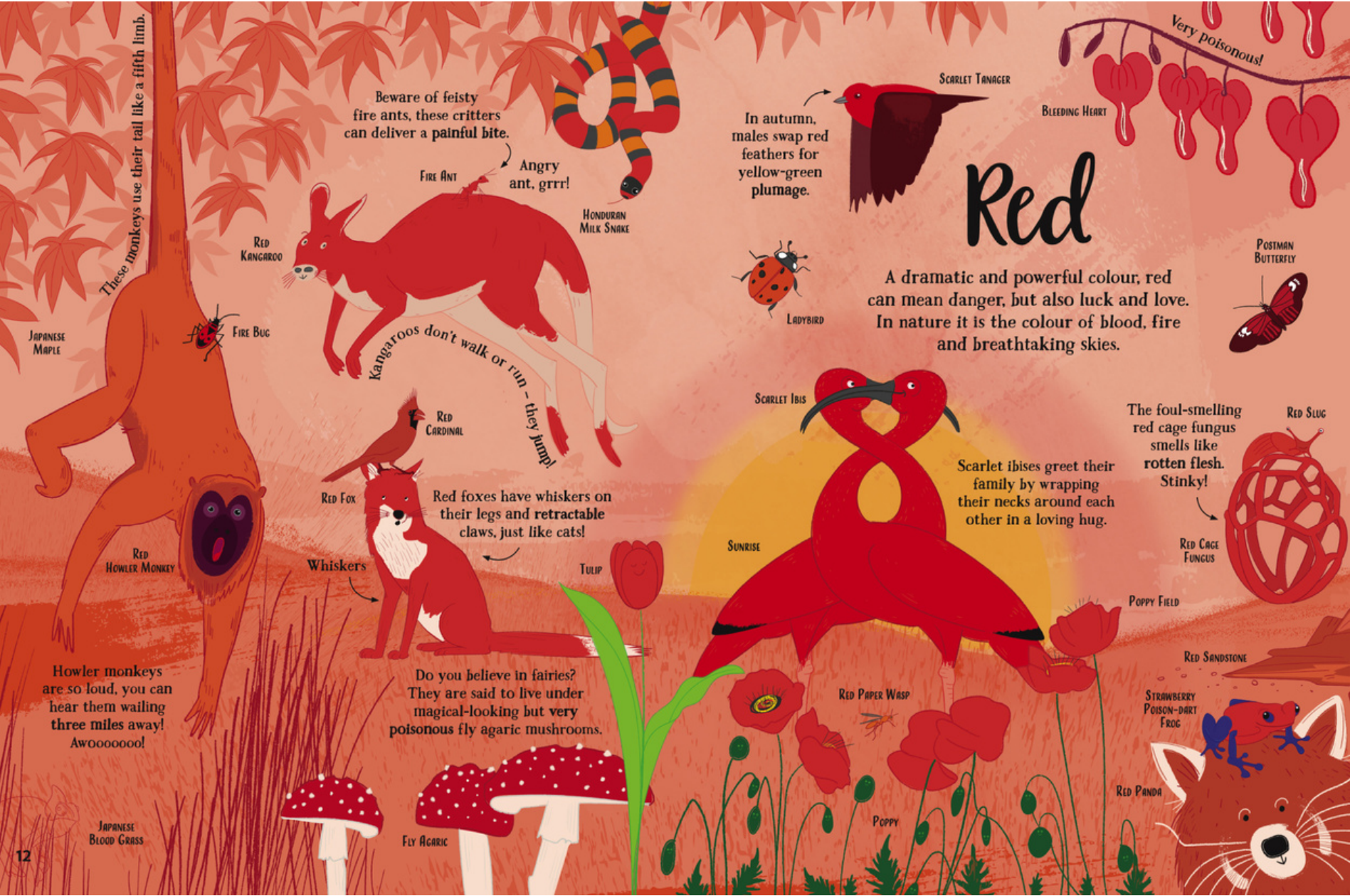




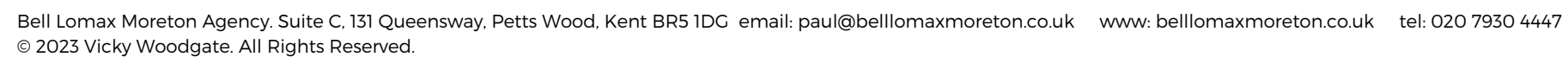








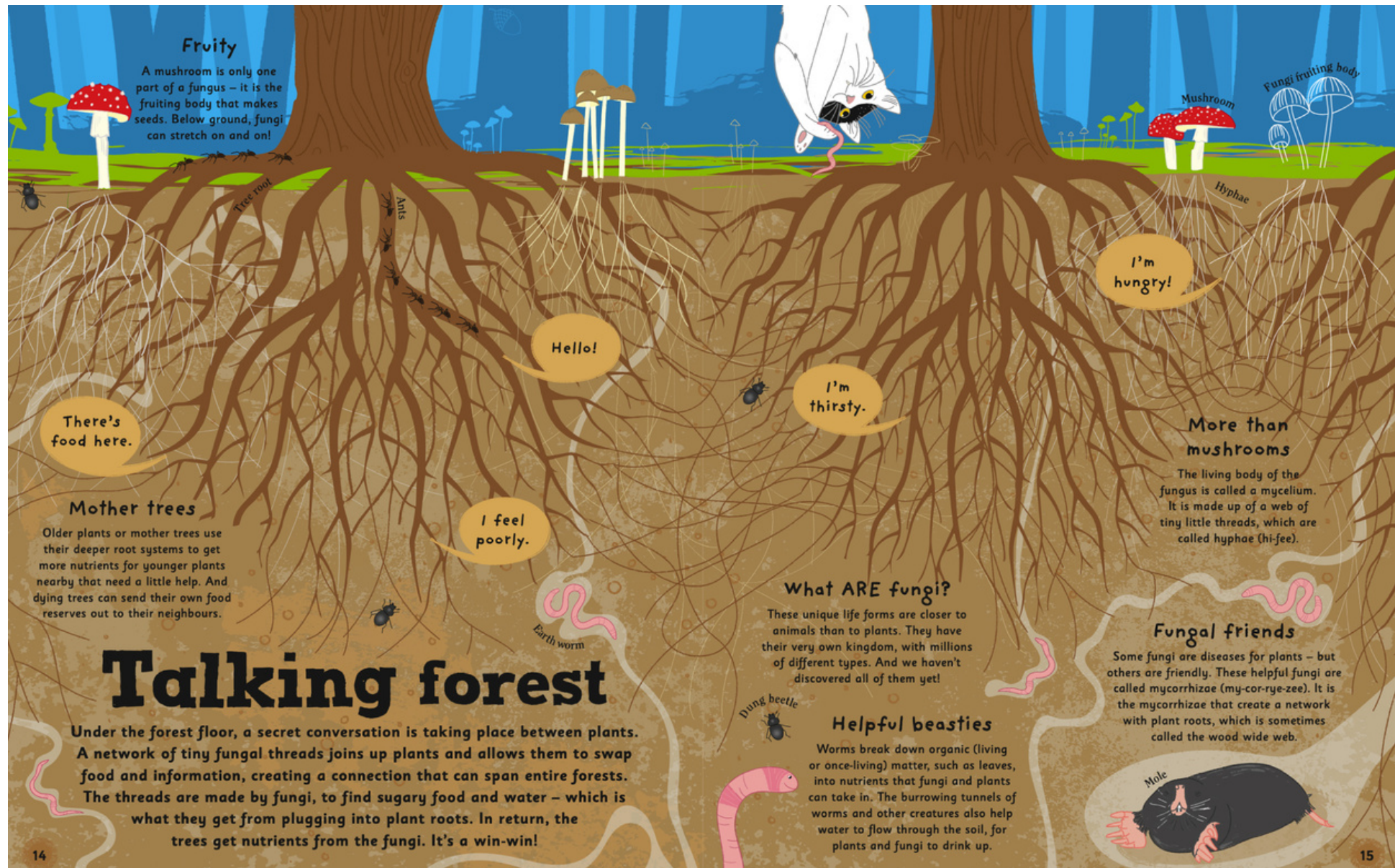
























**Henry Walter Bates**  
(1825–1892)

English explorer Henry spent 11 years making his way through the heart of the Amazon Rainforest. He made notes and drawings of the amazing insects and butterflies he found. That way he was able to share the wonders of the rainforest with the world.



**Jadav Payeng**  
(1959–present)

The Molai Forest in India was planted by one person over 30 years – Jadav Payeng, also known as The Forest Man of India. Hundreds of species of animal now live amongst the forest's trees, including tigers, rhinos, and even visiting elephants.

## Fabulous forest folk

Over the ages, many environmentalists, scientists, and activists have dedicated themselves to defending the forests of the world. They have planted trees, protected existing areas, and spread the word about the importance of forests. Will you follow in their footsteps?



**Margaret March-Mount**  
(c.1890–1950)

With one clever idea, Margaret helped plant more than 27 million trees! As a US Forest Service worker in the 1940s, she asked people to give money for planting in her "Penny Pines" Initiative – which still exists today.



**Alexander von Humboldt**  
(1769–1859)

Alexander explored the forests of continental America, finding unknown flora and fauna. He was one of the first scientists to say that animals and plants are all connected because they rely on each other for food and shelter.

### LOST EXPLORERS

Dense forests have always been a magnet for adventurers keen to discover new plants and animals. However, some never return home. In 1925, the British explorer Percy Fawcett disappeared while searching for a lost city in the Amazon Rainforest. Many people who went to search for him were also lost – including his son.

**Wangari Maathai**  
(1940–2011)

Kenyan Wangari began an organization called the Green Belt Movement, which helped communities in Kenya to fight local deforestation. Her work has led to the planting of more than 30 million trees.



**Richard St Barbe Baker**  
(1889–1982)

Founder of the International Tree Foundation, Richard was a forward-thinking early environmentalist. Nearly 100 years ago he warned that losing our forests would worsen climate change. His greatest love? Planting trees.



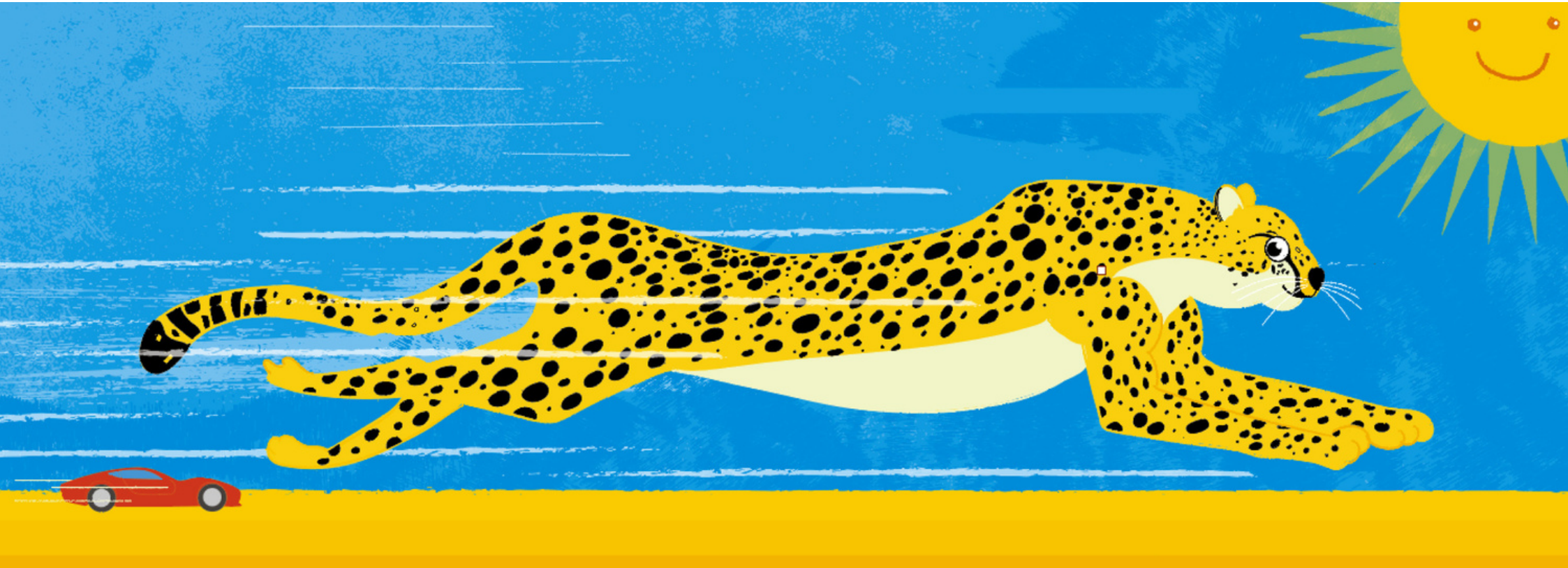
**Marina Silva**  
(1958–present)

A native Amazonian and a politician, Marina continues to fight against the deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest. She has helped to create protected reserves that are run by local communities. Go Marina!

















Vicky Woodgate has been drawing since a toddler. This passion for scribbling lead her to a career in commercial art for 25 + years. After graduating from Chelsea School of Art in London, she worked in many different countries on fun interesting projects in the TV, Film and Theme Park Industry, painting huge murals, backdrops, sets and props. After 10 enjoyable years she moved into illustration, working in design, editorial, advertising and publishing.

In 2016 she signed her first book deal, writing and illustrating books for children. Her first book idea was called Urban Jungle for Big Picture Press at Templar Books. All about animals in cities around the world, the idea coming from a trip to Athens where she spotted tortoise living in the centre of the city! Next up was A World of Birds followed by A World of Dinosaurs, because birds are dinosaurs, right? Her new series which she is SUPER proud of is called The Magic of... SLEEP, SEASONS and the latest, FORESTS, which is out in 2023 and published by DK – A cool cat called Mimi is our magic guide throughout the series.

I Can See Nature's Rainbow a new non-fiction for a younger audience was picked up by Scholastic and was published in May 2023. Many of her book have been translated into different languages including English US, Japanese, German, Italian, Chinese, Korean, Hungarian, Latvian, Danish, Finnish and Spanish!

She currently lives on the south coast of England with her husband. 3 recently discovered hedgehogs, 2 slow worms and a visiting fox.