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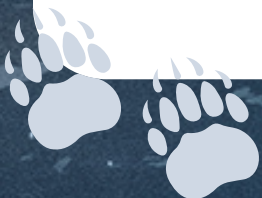
I hope you like animals and big-hearted adventures because that's exactly what you get with my books . . .

The Last Bear is the story of 11-year-old April, who travels to a remote Arctic outpost with her scientist father. The island is called Bear Island, even though there aren't supposed to be any bears left. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely, and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life.

I've been lucky enough to win lots of lovely awards for *The Last Bear* - including the Waterstones Children's Book of the Year and the Blue Peter Book Award for Best Story 2022 - which is voted for by children. (I even got a badge!)

Because I loved April and Bear's story SO MUCH, more recently I wrote a sequel to *The Last Bear* and that's called *Finding Bear*. This new adventure features a very cute polar bear cub!

But it's not all bears! *The Lost Whale* is another book I wrote and it's about a boy called Rio who has this incredible adventure to find a missing whale. And coming this September I have a BRAND NEW book coming out! *Turtle Moon* is set in the tropics of Costa Rica and features an endangered leatherback turtle.





Being an author was a dream I had ever since I was at primary school. I used to be very shy so it took me a long time to pluck up the courage to make my dream come true, but I'm so glad I kept going and going and eventually found the confidence to share my voice.

My books share my love of animals and my respect for nature and I hope they inspire you to know that no matter how small you may sometimes feel, you're never too small to make a difference.

Follow your dreams, be kind to others, be kind to animals and most of all, be kind to the planet.

Love, whale hearts and a big ROAR!

Hannah Gold

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PS - You can actually see photos and videos from some of my research trips on my website: www.hannahgold.world, as well as lots of other videos and fun things.

PPS - the illustrator to all of my books is Levi Pinfold. Isn't he amazing?!

Artwork by Levi Penfold

