



## **SCOTTISH BOOK TRUST ANNOUNCES** **2019/20 BOOKBUG BAG BOOKS**

Scottish Book Trust is pleased to announce the books chosen for the 2019/20 [Bookbug Bags](#) that are distributed free to every baby, toddler and 3-year-old in Scotland.

Every year, Bookbug, the Scottish Government funded initiative, gifts over 800,000 books to families across Scotland. Bookbug bags help children to develop a love of books and promote the health and developmental benefits of sharing stories, songs and rhymes. The new bags will include books by some of the UK's favourite authors and illustrators including Julia Donaldson, Nick Sharratt and Joseph Coelho. The bags also include a selection of materials such as Bookbug CDs, height charts, postcards and crayons.

Bookbug also gifts [Gaelic](#) language editions of the selected titles. These can be requested from your local Bookbug Co-ordinator or Bòrd na Gàidhlig Early Years Worker. Three-year-old children in Gaelic Medium Education will receive their Gaelic Bookbug Explorer Bag from their nursery. Bookbug also provides tactile books to support children with additional needs.

The Bookbug programme is managed by Scottish Book Trust and run in partnership with libraries, local authorities, health professionals and nurseries.

### **Marc Lambert, CEO of Scottish Book Trust, said:**

“We are delighted to be gifting free books to every baby, toddler and three-year-old in Scotland through our Bookbug bags. Every bag contains a fantastic selection of reading material, handpicked by our Early Years experts. We hope families have a wonderful time enjoying these stories together, and can integrate them into their daily routine.”

### **Maree Todd, Minister for Childcare and Early Years, said:**

“It is fantastic that over 800,000 copies of books by nine well-loved authors will be gifted to all children aged 0–3 this year through the hugely successful Bookbug bags.

“The Scottish Government’s aspiration for our children and their families is for Scotland to be the best place in the world to grow up. All of our policies for children and young people have one overall aim – to improve the outcomes for every child and young person in Scotland. That is why we provide funding of over £1.6 million each year to Scottish Book Trust for the Bookbug initiative which helps encourage an early love of books.”



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The books to be distributed free in Bookbug bags to every baby, toddler and three-year-old in Scotland in the coming year are as follows:

### **Bookbug Baby Bag**

- *All About Spot* by Eric Hill (Penguin)
- *One Sleepy Night* by Sebastien Braun (Little Tiger)
- *Baby Says Peekaboo* (DK)

### **Bookbug Toddler Bag**

- *One Mole Digging a Hole* by Julia Donaldson & Nick Sharratt (MacMillan)
- *Funny Bunnies Up and Down* by David Melling (*Hachette*)
- *Tuck Me In* by Dean Hacoen & Sherry Scharschmidt (Walker Books)

### **Bookbug Explorer Bag**

- *Car Car Truck Jeep* by Katrina Charman & Nick Sharratt (Bloomsbury)
- *Look & Say What You See in the Town* by Sebastien Braun (Nosy Crow)
- *Luna Loves Library Day* by Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers (Anderson Press)

Scottish Book Trust recently launched a new [Bookbug app](#) for parents/carers and children to enjoy together. The free app is designed to complement Bookbug bags and Bookbug sessions, offering greater accessibility to rhymes and songs to families across Scotland. The app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

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### **Bookbug Book Bags**

Bookbug is Scotland's national book gifting programme, gifting books to every baby, toddler, 3 and 5-year-old in Scotland in four free Bookbug bags:

- Baby Bag (gifted by a health visitor to every baby)
- Toddler Bag (gifted by a health visitor to every toddler)



- Explorer Bag (gifted at nursery to every 3-year-old)
- Primary 1 Family Bag (gifted at school to every P1 pupil, announced at a later date)

There are also now two Bookbug books in the Scottish Government's Baby Box scheme, gifted pre-birth. The Bookbug programme is managed by Scottish Book Trust and run in partnership with libraries, health professionals and nurseries. The programme benefits from sponsorship from children's publishers and central funding from the Scottish Government through a grant from the Children and Families Directorate, with support from Local Authorities, Library Services and Health Boards through the provision of local staff time and logistics solutions.

Bookbug Sessions are run by local libraries or community groups. There are 24,000 Bookbug Sessions happen across Scotland every year. These are free, fun-filled story and rhyme sessions for babies to four-year-olds, attended by thousands of parents and children a year. Details of local Bookbug Sessions can be found [here](#) and on the Bookbug App.

Bookbug's targeted outreach programme, Bookbug for the Home, trains Early Years practitioners to give support to families on a one-to-one basis. Since 2012, Bookbug for the Home has helped over 14,000 families, encouraging parents to do more talking, book sharing and singing with their children.

Scottish Book Trust also supports the delivery of Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Scotland (free books delivered monthly to every Looked After Child aged 0-5).

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## Scottish Book Trust

Scottish Book Trust is a national charity changing lives through reading and writing. We inspire and support the people of Scotland to read and write for pleasure through programmes and outreach work that include:

- Gifting books to every child in Scotland to ensure families of all backgrounds can share the joy of books at home.
- Working with teachers to inspire children to develop a love of reading, creating innovative classroom activities, book awards and author events.
- Supporting Scotland's diverse writing community with our training, awards and writing opportunities.
- Funding a range of author events for the public to enjoy and promoting Scottish writing to people worldwide.

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