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Songs in the Shade of the Cherry Tree

Lullabies and Nursery Rhymes from Ukraine

Songs collected by **Nathalie Soussana**
 Illustrated by **QU Lan**

SEPTEMBER



A riveting selection of 20 nursery rhymes and lullabies from Ukraine, as remembered by immigrants living in France, Germany and Poland.

These modern folk interpretations of popular traditional songs tug at the heartstrings and reveal a rich, vibrant culture. Native singers are accompanied by musicians playing instruments like the bandoura, sopilka, and accordion, making each song a delightful, enchanting homage to Ukrainian heritage.

Lyrics appear in the Ukrainian alphabet and Latin characters alongside English translations. Notes describing the cultural background of each song are also included, along with a QR code to access the accompanying recordings.

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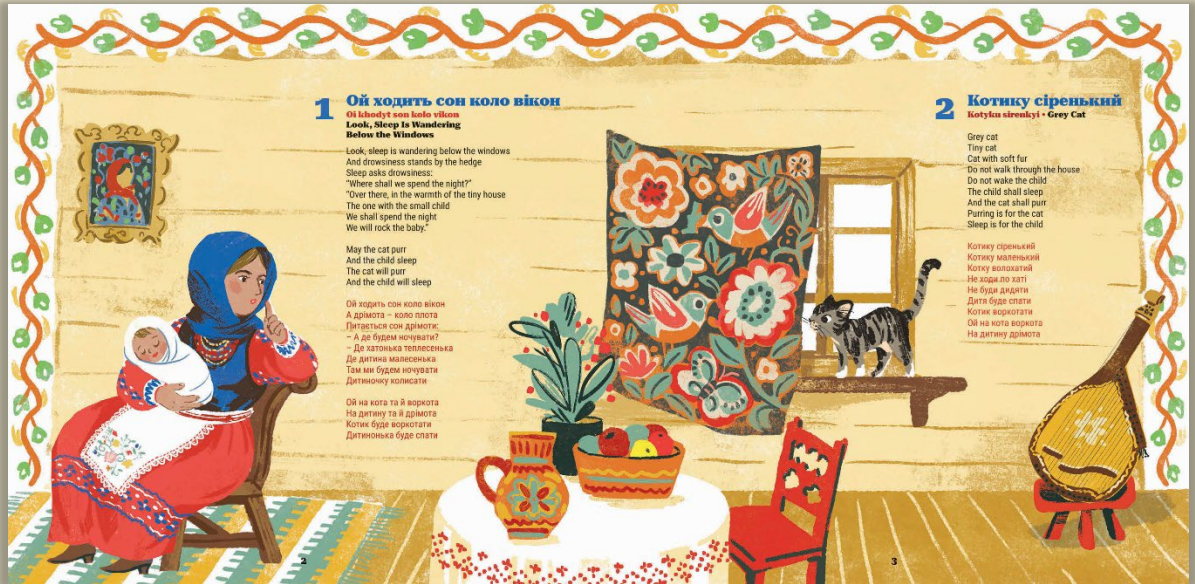
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Nathalie Soussana is the author of several musical picture books, including *Songs from the Vanilla Trail*, Children's Africana Book Award-winner *Songs in the Shade of the Cashew and Coconut Trees* and Parents' Choice Gold Award-winner *Songs from the Garden of Eden*. She resides in Paris, France.

QU Lan was born and raised in China. After graduating in oil-painting from the China Academy of Art, she moved to France and worked as a graphic designer in various agencies before becoming a freelance illustrator. She has collaborated over the years with several major publishers including Usborne, Oxford and Penguin Random House.

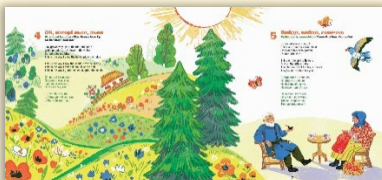
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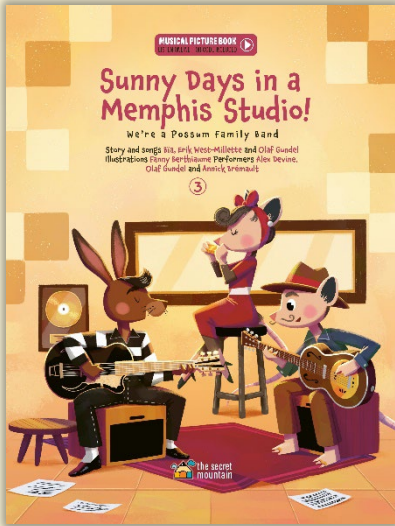
We're a Possum Family Band (Book 3)

Story by **Bia**

Illustrated by **Fanny Berthiaume**

Narrated by **Alexa Devine**

OCTOBER



On their next musical adventure, Mama and Papa Poss cruise up the Mississippi River aboard the Delta Queen to Memphis, the birthplace of rock 'n' roll.

As it turns out, the king himself, Elvis Harepiece, has enlisted the marsupial musicians to compose his next hit. Follow the duo as they stroll down the legendary Beale Street and make their way to Graceland for a memorable encounter that will pave their way to glory!

The accompanying recordings include the narrated story and the songs “Armadillo on the Rocks,” “Shake That Thing” and “Possum Anthem”.

Sunny Days in a Memphis Studio! is the third story in the “We’re a Possum Family Band” series, which follows Mama and Papa Poss on their travels across North America to the birthplaces of Cajun, jazz, country, rock 'n' roll, blues, and traditional Quebecois music. At the end of each story, explanatory notes delve into the key figures, instruments and customs behind each genre.

MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

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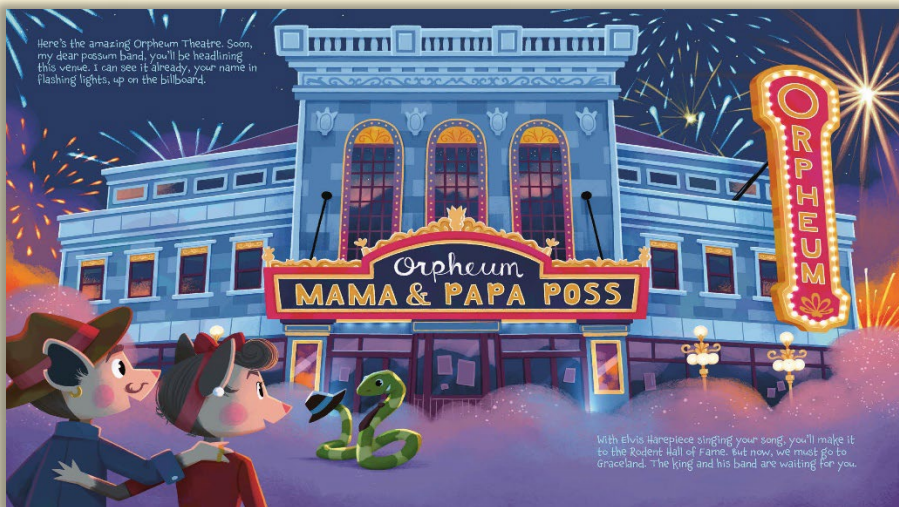
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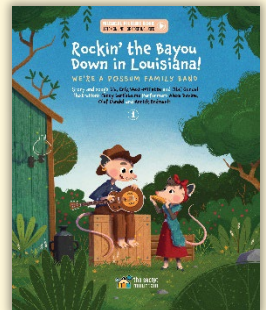
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Bia Krieger, known as Bia, spent her teenage years in Brazil before moving to Paris, where she recorded her first album in 1997, which was awarded the prestigious Grand Prix of the Charles-Cros Academy. Her album *Coeur Vagabond* received the Félix Award in the Best World Music Album category in 2006.

Fanny Berthiaume began her career as a model maker, animator and illustrator for various productions. While completing studies in visual effects, she joined Raynault VFX and contributed to famous productions such as *Beauty and the Beast*, *X-Men: Apocalypse* and *Wild*.



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Songs in the Shade of the Oak Tree

Lullabies and Nursery Rhymes from Ireland (Book 1)

Songs collected by **Nathalie Soussana**

Illustrated by **Elodie Coudray** and **Anouck Fontaine**

NOVEMBER



A sweeping collection of 14 songs from Ireland that invites children to discover a rich tradition of hopeful and heartfelt music, filled with pride and passion.

This celebration of sound and storytelling abounds with a blend of lively and heartwrenching tones. Popular favourites passed on from generation to generation are performed by men, women and children accompanied by talented musicians playing a wide array of instruments, including the fiddle, bodhrán, flute and Celtic harp.

Lyrics appear in English and Irish, followed by notes describing the cultural background of each song, along with a QR code to access the recordings.

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Anouck Fontaine studied at the Ecole Supérieure des Arts de St-Luc in Brussels before becoming a children's illustrator. She recently illustrated a Grimm Brothers' fairytale, *Le jeune fille et l'hibou*, that was very well-received in France.

Elodie Coudray began as a freelance illustrator in the textile industry after graduating from the school of Arts Decoratifs in Paris. She has since published children's books with several established French publishers including Auzou, Didier Jeunesse and Petit à Petit

MUSICAL PICTURE BOOK

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Hardcover / Full colour

9.5 x 9.5 / 32 pages

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QR code to major streaming platforms

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