



**DAYDREAMS AND JELLYBEANS by Alex Wharton,  
illustrated by Katy Riddell**

**28 January 2021 PB £5.99 ages 7-11**

- **Debut poetry collection from experienced spoken word poet based in South Wales**
- **Funny and thoughtful poetry that revels in the natural world, and promotes confidence and inclusion**
- **Winner of the Rising Stars Wales Award 2020**
- **Edited by TS Eliot prize winner Philip Gross**



From hairy jellybeans to beautiful daydreams, the poems within this debut collection are to be relished. They aim to spark familiarity and inclusion and expand the mind in curious and imaginative ways. Written for 7-11 year olds, and beautifully illustrated by talented young illustrator Katy Riddell, these poems use rhythm, rhyme and free verse, and are ideally suited to performance in a school setting, nurturing a love of language, reading, confidence and self-expression.

‘This is a lovely, warm collection of poems that hail from a place of wonder and mystery.’

**Joshua Seigal**

‘*Daydreams and Jellybeans* reveals a world rich with nature, colour and warmth. Words and images combine to create an assured and confident debut collection that will be enjoyed by children and adults alike.’ **Matt Goodfellow**

‘Alex Wharton’s wide-ranging poems about both the natural and human world, filled with keen observation, thoughtfulness and vivid bouncing rhythms, are wonderfully partnered with Katy Riddell’s perfect illustrations which breathe extra life into every page.’ **AF Harrold**

**Alexander Wharton** is a writer and poet. He is a senior building surveyor in Torfaen, South Wales. He has been published regularly in *The Caterpillar*, *Wales Haiku Journal*, *Hedgerow* and *I am not a silent Poet*. He collaborated with The Reading Realm in January 2020 where five of his poems featured on the educational iTunes App. A regular compere of Cardiff Arts free festival, he visits schools to perform his poetry and facilitate writing workshops. Find out more at [www.alexwhartonpoet.co.uk](http://www.alexwhartonpoet.co.uk) @alexwhartonpoet



**Katy Riddell** grew up in Brighton and was obsessed with drawing from a young age. Since graduating with a BA Hons in Illustration and Animation from Manchester Metropolitan University, she has illustrated *Pongwiffy*, *Midnight Feasting* and *The International Yeti Collective*. She lives and works in Brighton. Follow her on Instagram @katyridell\_illustration

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