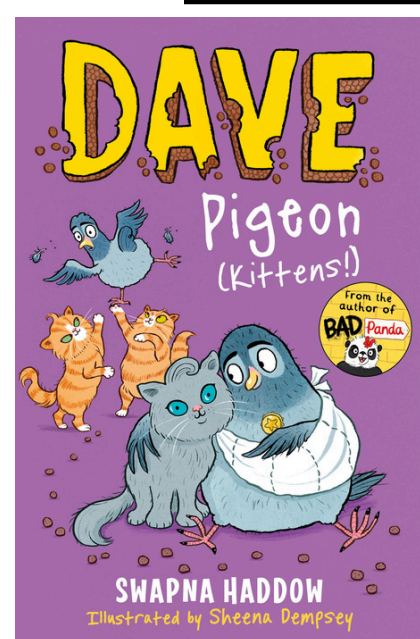


# AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: Swapna Haddow



Swapna Haddow is the multi award-winning children's author of the Dave Pigeon series, which has received rave reviews since first publishing in 2016. Swapna loves to write about boisterous animals that cause mayhem and has also written the Bad Panda and Ballet Bunnies series. Swapna lives in New Zealand with her husband and son, and their dog, Archie. When she's not writing she is usually reading, dreaming about living on a boat or eating Jaffa Cakes.

## WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD BOOK AND WHY?



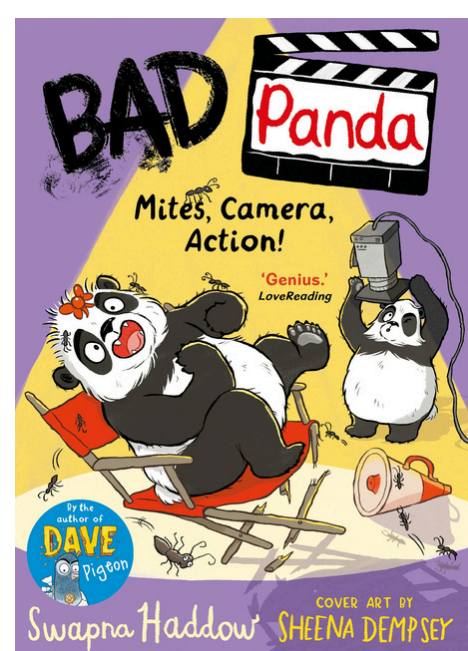
This is a hard question because I had so many favourites for different reasons and also (mainly) my childhood was so long ago I can't remember! But I do remember copying the illustrations out of Helen Nicoll and Jan Pieńkowski's Meg and Mog as a child and being really chuffed with my drawings.

## WHICH OF YOUR OWN BOOKS IS YOUR FAVOURITE AND WHY?



I love all my books. There's a piece of my heart in every single one. If I could narrow it down to three favourites then LITTLE DINOSAURS, BIG FEELINGS illustrated by Yiting Lee is one I love because it was the book I needed as a child, TORN APART is the book that changed me as a writer and I will always champion the hardest and DAVE PIGEON illustrated by Sheena Dempsey was the book that started my career and changed my life.

## WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO READ?



Reading has always been an escape for me. Within moments of reading the first pages of book, I'm transported to a completely different world, amongst new friends and on a brand new incredible adventure. The world can be a tricky place so it's very special to have an instant retreat within my grasp whenever I need it.