



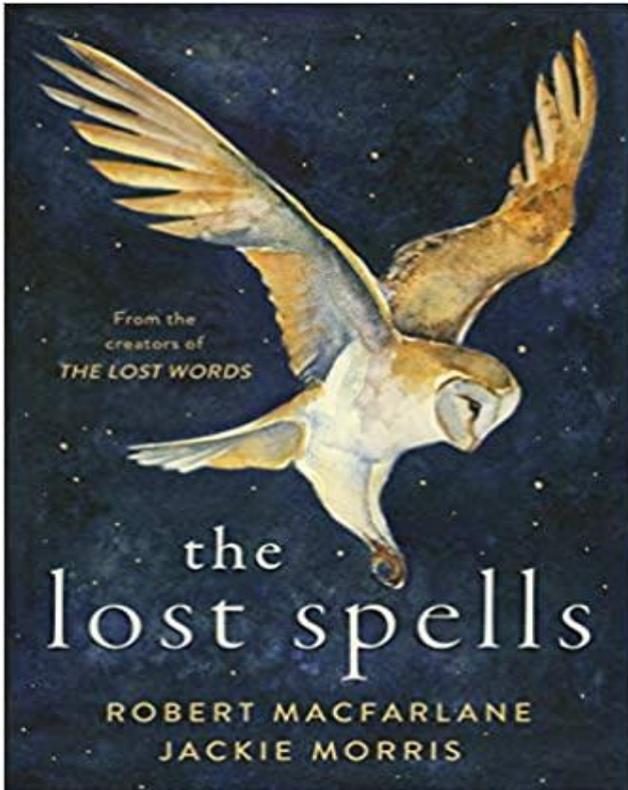
Suntrap Book Review

Lost Spells

Written by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris

Published by Hamish Hamilton £14.99 (h/b)

Age range: Five year-olds and upwards



Description

Dazzlingly beautiful and wonderfully inventive, discover the magical new book from the creators of bestselling, critically acclaimed literary phenomenon, *The Lost Words*.

Kindred in spirit to *The Lost Words* but fresh in its form, *The Lost Spells* is a pocket-sized treasure that introduces a beautiful new set of natural spell-poems and artwork by beloved creative duo Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris.

As in *The Lost Words*, these "spells" take their subjects from relatively commonplace, and yet underappreciated, animals, birds, trees and flowers -- from Barn Owl to Red Fox, Grey Seal to Silver Birch, Jay to Jackdaw. But they break out of the triptych format of *The Lost Words*, finding new shapes, new spaces and new voices with which to conjure.

Written to be read aloud, painted in brushstrokes that call to the forest, field, riverbank and also to the heart, *The Lost Spells* summons back what is often lost from sight and care, and inspires protection and action on behalf of the natural world. Above all, it celebrates a sense of wonder, bearing witness to nature's power to amaze, console and bring joy.

Reviews

'The Lost Spells by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris celebrates the magic of British wildlife. Asked whether there was an environmental message in *The Lost Spells*, Morris said: "It's a celebration of the nearby wild. If there is a message there, it is simply wonder and awe at the beautiful complexity of the non-human. And respect, for the wisdom of trees, the shape of a bird, the wild of the fox." *The Guardian*

'Gorgeous to look at and to read. Give it to a child to bring back the magic of language' Jeanette Winterson, *Guardian*

'Breathtaking, magical... Jackie Morris has created something that you could spend all day looking at' *New Statesman*

'Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris have made a thing of astonishing beauty' *Observer*

'Luminously beautiful. An amulet in dark times, to be carried like a talisman out into the world, where it is very much needed' Dara McAnulty