

# Leap, Hare, Leap!

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*'The field grass hisses and Hare's long ears rise like hands in class.*

*She spies a flash of sunrise, a tail tipped with cloud and...*

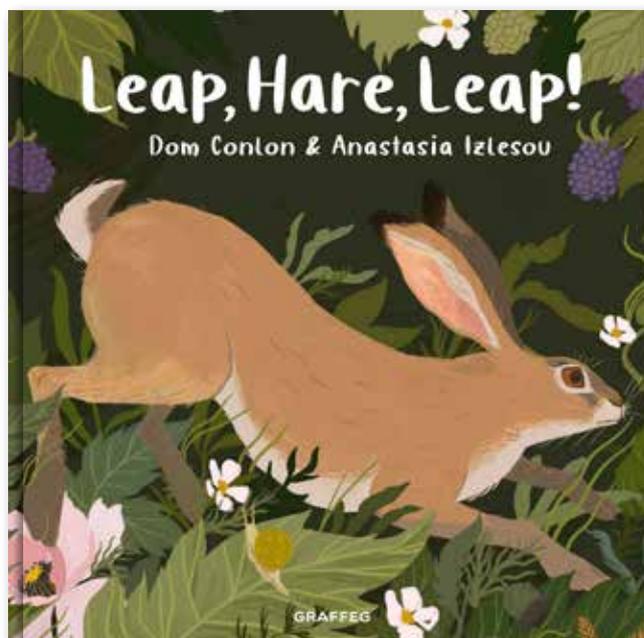
*...quick as a sniff, she's a firm-footed lea-leaper'*  
*Leap, Hare, LEAP!*

New children's tale addressing one of the UKs favourite mammals, whilst numbers decline

In the month that saw legal protection for the Scottish mountain hare imposed, Dom Conlon publishes his first poetical children's tale with Graffeg is a lyrical tour through the different types of hare that can be found around the world, their habitats, and the threats they face.

Hare numbers in the UK have declined by 80% since the late 19th century, according to the Hare Preservation Trust. With numbers declining, Dom Conlon has written a poetical tale to inform children about the importance of these beautiful creatures. From the fields of Britain to the forests of Japan, the dry plains of America to the frozen Arctic, the reader joins a brown hare in a breathless chase as she seeks sanctuary from an unknown danger. Her plight takes her to the habitats of her cousins around the world and we learn what makes each species of hare unique and how they survive in such different worlds.

Each new environment is vividly brought to life by the enchanting artwork of Anastasia Izlesou. This, together with Dom's evocative and lyrical text, offers children the chance to explore nature in an inspiring and imaginative way. The book is completed by a list of facts and figures about the hare which link to the main text, wonderfully combining the fantastical and the factual and showing how remarkable hares are in all their diverse forms.



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Suitable for all young nature lovers, combining both factual and poetical language children learn both about the dangers hares face and also develop their vocabulary with this new illustrated picture book.

**Praise for previous works by Dom Conlon:**

*'Ingenious, engaging and charming.'*

**Jon Culshaw**

*'...funny, tender poems for children.'*

**George Szirtes**

*'Insightful, thought-provoking and fun, full of tenderness and wisdom.'* **Nicola Davies**

*'big theories are approached with wonder and imagination.'* **Claire Trévien, Sabotage Reviews**

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**Dom Conlon** is a poet and author with a keen interest in science and the natural world. As an active campaigner for libraries, Dom gives up his time to perform locally and work with children and adults in order to approach science and well-being through poetry. Dom has appeared on stage to interview Tony Robinson, Andrew Michael Hurley and Karen Lloyd, and has also read for Chris Riddell's poetry tours. *Leap, Hare, Leap!* is his publication with Graffeg.

**Anastasia Izlesou** is a UK-based freelance illustrator from Lithuania. She studied illustration at the Arts University Bournemouth. Her preferred media are watercolour and pencil. Anastasia's deep interest in literature and nature informs and inspires her illustration practice. Anastasia lives in Bournemouth.

She was chosen to illustrate bestselling author Nicola Davies's book *The White Hare*, the fourth title in Graffeg's Shadows & Light series.

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