

Albert Upside Down

Ian Brown and Eoin Clarke

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***Albert Upside Down* is the fun adventure story of a tortoise and his garden friends learning about teamwork.**

Albert the pet tortoise has a problem: trying to reach a tasty treat, he has ended up on his shell, upside down and stuck! Can the other garden creatures overcome their rivalry, team up and help him get back on his feet? Packed with comical, charming illustrations and vibrant colour, this timeless tale shows the power of working together, thinking creatively, and how even the smallest amount of assistance can make a very big difference.

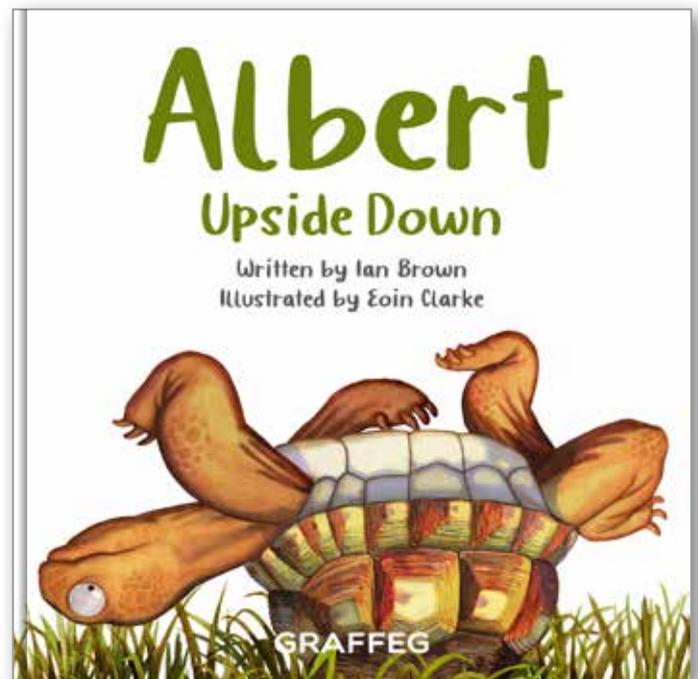
Also included are fascinating facts about real-life tortoises around the world and the author's pet tortoise called Albert, who inspired this story – a modern-day mini-dinosaur living life on the veg!

Albert Upside Down, the first in this series, will publish on 27 April 2021, followed by *Albert and the Wind* in October 2021.

'When I told real-life Albert about the books and the publishing deal, if I'm honest, it was hard to see a massive reaction. But I'm sure, like me, he is absolutely thrilled with all of it and can't wait to share his adventures with everyone beyond his garden world. We are delighted to be working with Graffeg on this exciting series.' **Ian Brown**

'Bringing Albert's adventures to life and creating his look for picture books has been a joy. Who wouldn't want to work with what is essentially a miniature dinosaur. We all love dinosaurs, right? This one also happens to be quite cute.' **Eoin Clarke**

Ian Brown is a London-based writer and producer for television and former journalist. His TV credits include *The South Bank Show*, *This Is Your Life*, *Top Gear*, entertainment shows and documentaries. He has written or produced for the likes of Pierce Brosnan, Harrison Ford, Simon Cowell, George Lucas, Liam Neeson, Martin Scorsese, Jamie Oliver and Homer Simpson among many others. The Albert series are his first book titles for children.



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Eoin Clarke has worked for thirty years in the animation industry as a director, animator and storyboard artist – his directorial work across films, commercials and documentaries has garnered thirty awards. Clients include the BBC, Channel 4, BFI, and Ray Harryhausen, as a storyboard artist, as well as animation for the opening titles of popular TV series with Harry Hill and *Gone Fishing* with Bob Mortimer and Paul Whitehouse. The Albert series are his first illustrated books. He lives in London.

Other books in the Albert series:

Albert and the Wind – publication October 2021