

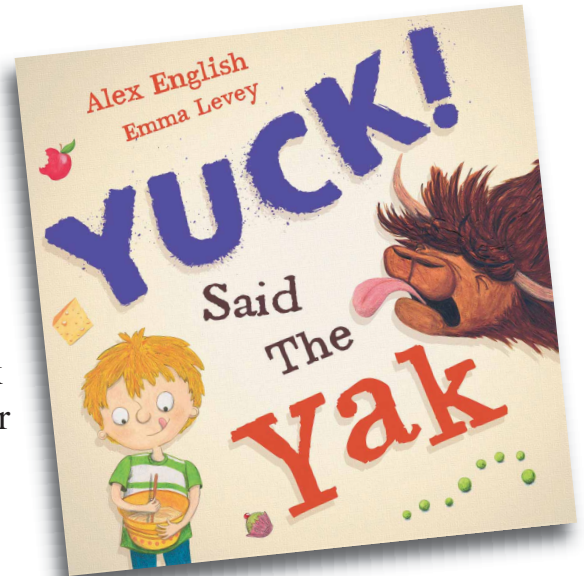
## From Actuary to Author!

### Alex English debuts with “Yuck said the Yak”

After the birth of her first son, actuary-turned-writer Alex decided to hone her fiction skills at a Writing for Children class at City Literary Institute in London.

A homework assignment, a favourite childhood book and an inspirational visit to the Natural History Museum resulted in the idea for her debut picture book *‘Yuck said the Yak’* which is a conversation of just over 100 words between a small boy called Alfie and a yak.

“I’ve always loved writing stories and fooling around with words,” she says. “Picture books are a real passion of mine - there is so much opportunity for wordplay and humour.



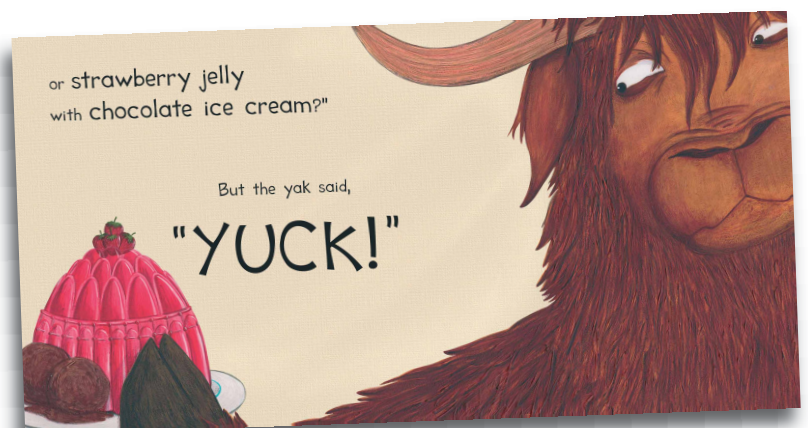
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When I was a child, my favourite book was *‘The Tiger Who Came To Tea’* by Judith Kerr. I love the idea of a huge wild animal turning up at the front door uninvited. I think Judith’s tiger had better manners than my yak though!”

Illustrations for the book have been lovingly created by Emma Levey by hand giving an enticing textural quality to the yak!

Alex is a volunteer for SCBWI and is married with two sons, Freddie (2) and George (6 months). She grew up in Hampshire and now lives in Reigate, Surrey.

Her second book, *‘Pirates Don’t Drive Diggers,’* will be published by Maverick in Spring 2015.



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