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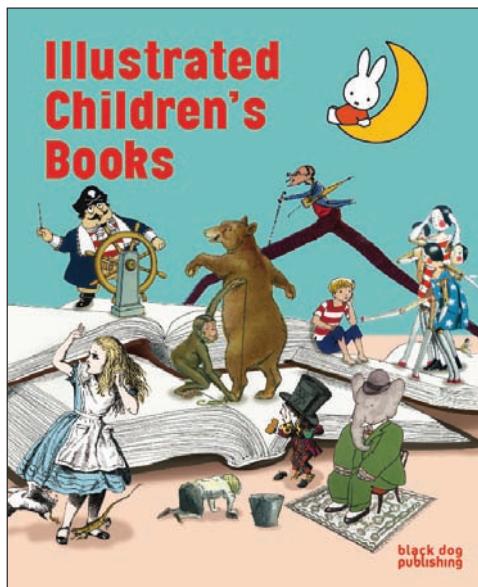
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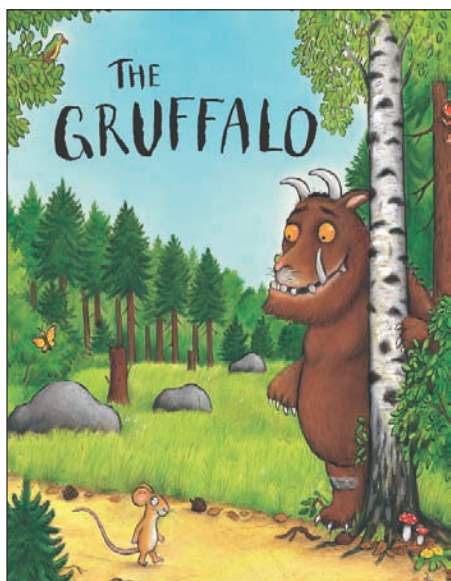
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*Illustrated Children's Books* explores the history, design and influence of the most seminal children's books which have inspired and enchanted generations worldwide.

Looking at work from as early as the 1600s through to the golden age of illustration in the nineteenth century, *Illustrated Children's Books* examines the history, development and design of children's books in great detail from the very beginning. From post-World War II progressions in colour printing and the emergence of new illustrative styles in the 1960s and 70s, to the iconic illustrations, stories and characters produced in the last hundred years.



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*Illustrated Children's Books* is a bookshelf essential for designers, illustrators, parents and anyone wanting to take a sentimental look back at their childhood favourites.

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