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Aardvark Day

Victoria Gatehouse, illustrated by Kate Lucy Foster
A fun and fact-filled poetry book from a former zoologist!

- Cross-curricular STEM themes, with creative descriptions of flora and fauna, and interesting factual notes included alongside the poems
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What can we learn from dragonflies, armadillos, elephants, weeds and peat? Take a stroll through the natural world with Victoria Gatehouse and let's find out together. From frogs with superpowers to otters with pockets, *Aardvark Day* is full of poems that shine a light on the fascinating lives of creatures and wildlife – and it's all true!

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Reviews

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