



A terrible terrific new series by award-winning children's author, Swapna Haddow. Hilariously illustrated by Minky Stapleton.

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In a world where all animals have superpowers, café workers Zeb the zebra, Margarine the penguin and Barry the lemur have been given the WORST powers of all.

Watching all the other superheroes save the world, day in and day out, Zeb, Margarine and Barry wonder if they will ever get to be superheroes for a day themselves.

- Swapna Haddow, award-winning author of the Dave Pigeon and Bad Panda books, loves writing about boisterous animals and madcap adventures and this outrageously funny, action-packed and warm-hearted new series delivers a super-sized serving.
- Haddow's lively, goofy characters are brought to life by artist Minky Stapleton's fun and quirky illustrations.
- To be followed by Books #2 and #3, super-sized servings of slapstick comedy and heartfelt friendship.

Swapna Haddow grew up in the UK and wrote her first book at age eight. She wishes she'd kept it, but it seemed like a good idea at the time to trade it for two stickers and a couple of marbles! Her first published book was the award-winning junior novel *Dave Pigeon*. She has also written the early reader *Ballet Bunnies* series as Swapna Reddy.

Swapna now lives in Dunedin, NZ, with her husband, son and their dog. Her first book with Scholastic NZ was *But Then . . . the almost true story of an overdue book*.

Minky Stapleton is a multi-faceted illustrator with a range of styles, all with a playful dash of humour. After many years of corporate life as a Creative Director in Johannesburg, she now follows her first love, illustration and resides in Auckland.

Praise for Swapna Haddow

"Swapna Haddow has balanced the funniness with good quality writing in a way that perfectly introduces young readers to the concept of reading a longer book. The story is engaging (and funny – did I mention that?) and in this way reading stamina is really encouraged."

— That Boy Can Teach about *Dave Pigeon* by Swapna Haddow

