Anita Bagdi – Children’s Book Illustrator

Anita is a self-taught freelance illustrator, currently living in Dorset, the sunniest part of UK. She is Mum for two amazing girls in a neurodiverse family, drinks strong coffees and reads or draws day and night.

Anita’s roots go back to Hungary, she moved to the UK when she was 20 years old and enjoyed the multicultural buzz in London, then the peace and quiet in a small village next to Oxford and now, she loves the closeness of sea and long forest walks with her family in the South.

She never gave up on her childhood dream of becoming an illustrator, and since having children, her dive into the kidlit world has finally begun. She started illustrating with watercolour and ink but soon realized that painting digitally can give her imagination real wings!

With her quirky, whimsical illustrations she loves creating mood, telling stories with heart and important messages, stories that spark further conversations, deeper thoughts, and positive change. She is determined to add her art to missing voices, to help children become more confident in finding their own voices.

By raising an artistic daughter with many words, and an autistic daughter with hardly any words spoken - Anita quickly learnt and understood how being different -in any way! - can add a never-ending wonder and curiosity to our everyday lives.

In her spare time, Anita shares her powerful illustrations about our relationship with the natural world and draws for climate campaigns that raise awareness and urge climate action.