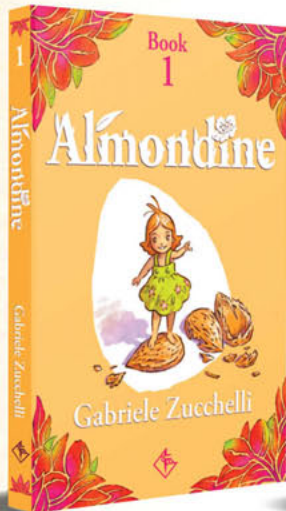


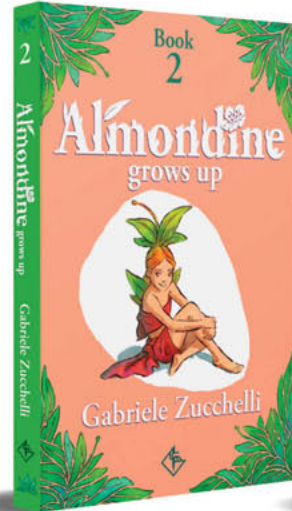
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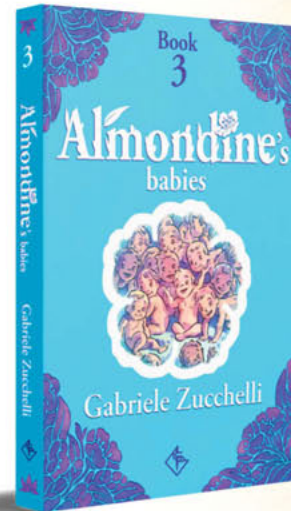
# Almondine



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### Book Series Description

Almondine is a three part book series following the life and adventures of a teeny-weeny girl born from an almond tree. She is discovered by 8-year-old Alma, who takes care of her as a baby and young girl, and with whom she shares many unexpected experiences. Almondine is a very special little girl indeed, with a crazy story to tell and an explosive surprise in store for her dear foster mother and friend Alma.

Illustrated on nearly every page, the story's overarching themes of friendship, family relationships and adventure aim to engage mostly with primary school readers.

#### About the Author - Gabriele Zucchelli

Gabriele Zucchelli is a versatile animation director, whose work includes cartoon characters, realistic animals and fantastical creatures. He has contributed to several hand-drawn productions and blockbuster CGI movies including *Harry Potter*, Disney's latest *Lion King* and the Oscar-winning *Jungle Book*.

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Book 1

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Almondine tells the story of a teeny-weeny girl and her foster mother and friend Alma. Set in a contemporary setting, it's a fantastical and humorous tale of friendship, love and coming of age.

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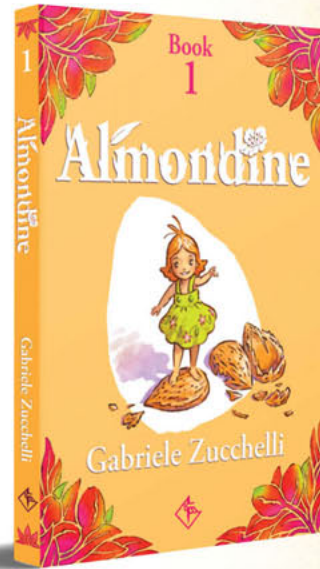
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194 pages

160 illustrations

Reading level 7+

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Alma's life changed when she discovered an adorable tiny creature inside an almond. She named her Almondine and it became her secret. But as the curious and funny little girl grew, something strange and magical began to happen.

**"Absolutely charming and engaging."**

*(Geoff Dunbar - animation director and Palme d'Or Winner)*

**"The combination of writing and drawing is excellent, and so is the abundant use of very well executed illustrations."**

**The books look very good and pleasant to the touch. The prose is meticulous and well paced."**

*(Giannalberto Bendazzi - film historian, journalist and critic)*



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Book 2

# Almondine grows up

Almondine Grows Up is the second title of the trilogy in which we closely follow the teeny-weeny girl's dangerous and exhilarating adventures in her wild micro world.

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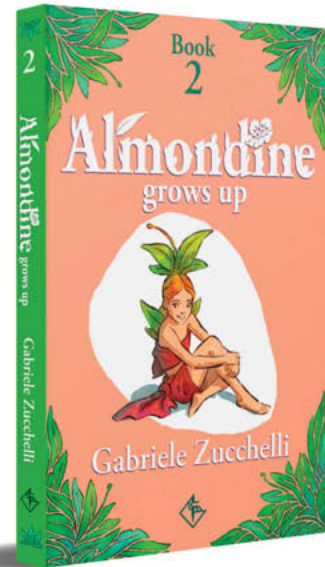
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220 pages

192 illustrations

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## From the Back Cover

Our teeny-weeny Almondine has grown up and is eager to enjoy her freedom. But a silly mistake leads her far from her foster mother, Alma, and the safety of her home. Alongside quirky characters, she endures a dangerous and complicated journey to find her way back. And, as the days go by, Almondine is undergoing an irreversible transformation. One she has to learn to accept.

“An absolute delight! I was entranced by Almondine and so was my six year old granddaughter.”

*(Julia Blackburn, author)*

“Full of beautiful lessons about friendship, growing up, freedom and more. Children will enjoy the magic in this book and will learn a lot about respecting others and their wishes.”

*(Andreea P. - book critic, Goodreads)*



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Book 3

# Almondine's babies

Almondine's Babies tells the story of 9-year-old Alma faced with the responsibility of rescuing her old friend Almondine's many tiny 'almond babies'.

Set in Los Angeles, it's a fantastical and humorous mystery exploring issues of friendship, courage and love.

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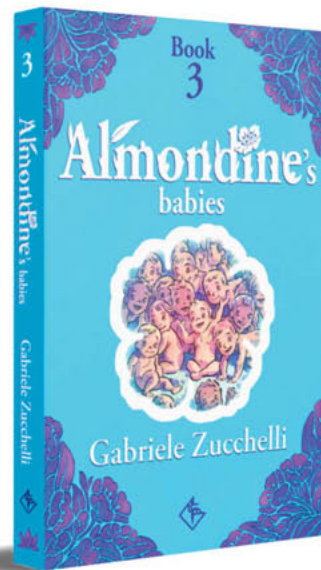
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242 pages

188 illustrations

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## From the Back Cover

In their new home, Alma helps Almondine grow into a beautiful sapling. The magical little tree remains Alma's friend and confidante and, less than a year later, she has a surprise for her: a lot of new, tiny 'almond babies'! Alma tries to deal with the overwhelming situation but, before she has even had time to build them a home, the little ones mysteriously disappear. Will Alma and her new friend, Denzel, be able to find them before it's too late?

**"This entrancing Almondine series is a page turner. Full of imaginative twists, turns, excitement and surprises these stories will keep children wanting more."**

*(Alys Kihl, artistic director, Wonderful Beast Theatre Company)*



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