



# PANSY BOY

## PAUL HARFLEET

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\$14.99 / £9.99 | 9781909954915 | 11"x8.5"

Children's, Picture Book  
LGBTQ+, Poetry, Social Issues



**"Written and illustrated beautifully...  
the kind of book that celebrates difference"**

The Guardian

*Out in the natural world, a boy is in love with its beauty. Flowers and birds in flight amaze him. But school beckons, and with it bullying from other children. How can he defend himself?*

Pansy boy learns the language of the flowers. Where bullies pinned his life with their hate, he plants a pansy. He hopes his plan will empower the school to value what is delicate and different.

*Pansy Boy*, told as a rhyming poem, is inspired by the childhood of author and illustrator Paul Harfleet, the founder of *The Pansy Project*, a worldwide movement which plants pansies at the sites of homophobic attacks around the world. The book comes complete with a field guide to the flowers and birds contained in its pages.

### Praise for *Pansy Boy*

**"Beautiful, heartfelt, uplifting...*Pansy Boy* is a story of childhood innocence told through stunningly detailed illustration"**

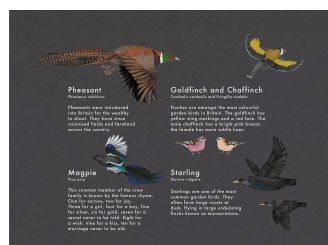
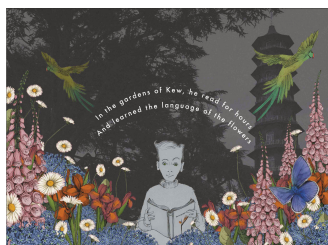
- James Wong, botanist, broadcaster and author

**"Heartfelt and Powerful"**

- Rachel Holmes, Chair of the Judges for the Polari Prize

### Key Points

- Paul is a renowned activist committed to spreading LGBTQ+ positivity and a message of inclusivity and anti-bullying.
- A fictionalised origin story of *The Pansy Project*, a worldwide anti-homophobia movement, drawing on personal experience.
- Beautiful book with gorgeous art and sweet poetry.
- Appropriate for all ages, children and adults alike.
- Includes an educational field guide on birds and flowers.
- Paul is active on social media and boasts a large following.



### About the Author

Paul Harfleet is an award-winning visual artist based in London who has exhibited internationally. He conceived and runs *The Pansy Project*, an artwork and activist movement which plants pansies at the sites of homophobic attacks around the world.

Starting in his home city of Manchester, *The Pansy Project* has spread from New York to Berlin and beyond. Paul's short documentaries, closely tied to specific cases of pansy plantings, have been shown at various institutions and festivals including the *Everybody's Perfect Festival* (Geneva), the *Spencer Museum of Art* (Kansas) and the *National Gallery of Canada* (Ottawa). *Canal+* filmed Paul and his work for the multi-award winning documentary *Les Pensées de Paul* (2015).

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