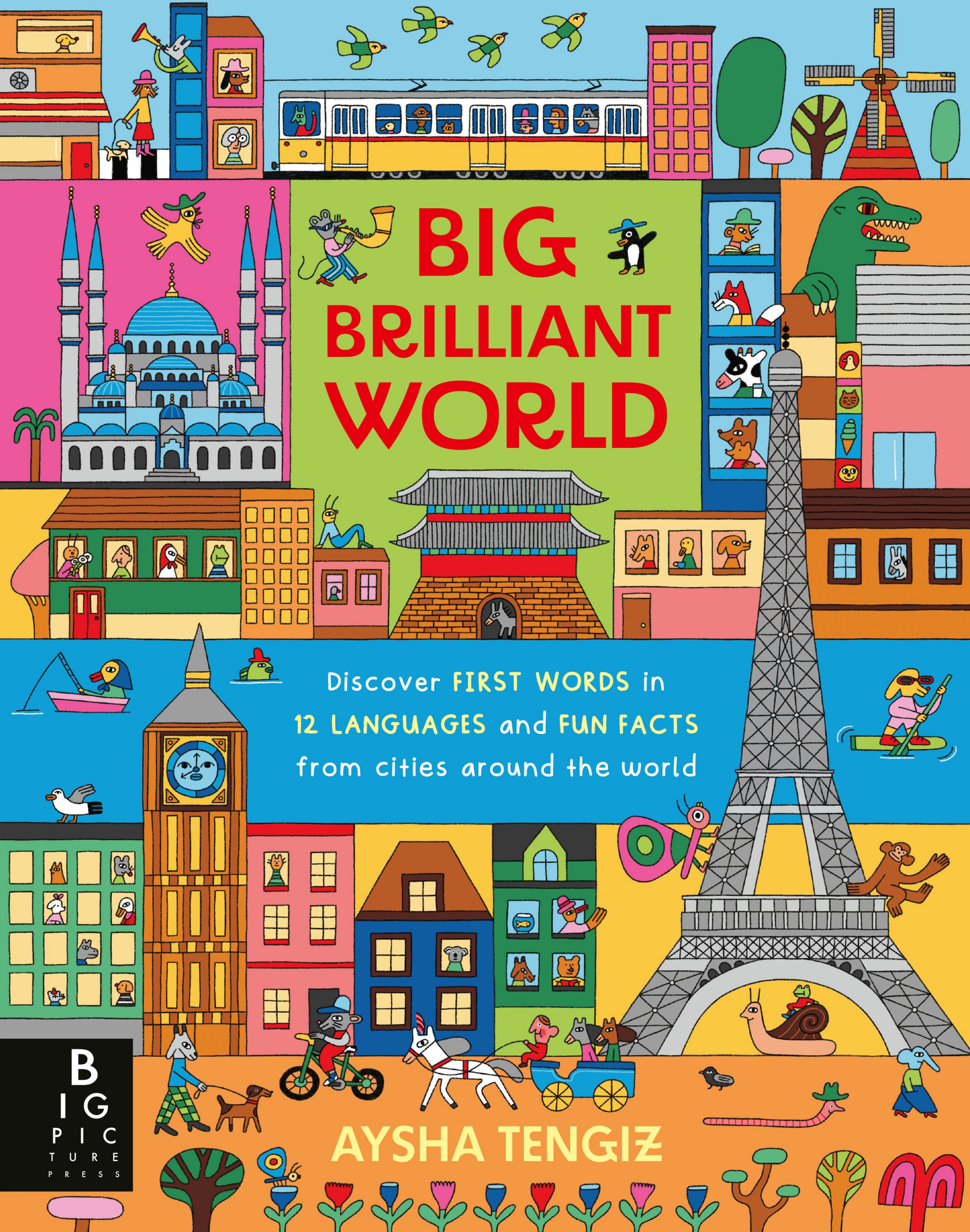
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HELLO!

We're about to embark on a journey to **12 incredible cities** and we want YOU to come along with us. This book is your passport to discover the big, the bold and the brilliant!

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MEXICO CITY

Mexico City is the capital of Mexico. With a population of around nine million people, it is the largest Spanish-speaking city in the world. It was founded by the Mexica people in 1325 CE, which makes it one of the oldest cities in the Americas.

Mexico City is built on a dried-up lakebed, 2,240 metres above sea level.

"Adiós" ("Goodbye")

"¡No mires abajo!" ("Don't look down!")

The Mexicable is a 14-station cable car transport network.

calle (street)

árbol (tree)

Plaza Garibaldi

Mariachi bands gather in the Plaza every day to play traditional Mexican folk music.

Metropolitan Cathedral

Torre Latinoamericana

Monumento a la Revolución

El Zócalo is the city's main public square.

"¡Hola!" ("Hello!")

The Angel of Independence

Lucha Libre, meaning 'freestyle wrestling', is a popular professional wrestling sport in Mexico.

"¡Eso estuvo de lujo!" ("That was amazing!")

Chapultepec Castle means 'on the hill of the grasshopper'. This grand 18th-century palace contains Mexico's National Museum of History.

Chapultepec Park contains a zoo where you can see pandas, jaguars and wolves.

TAXI

autobús (bus)

The Mexico City Metro has 12 lines and 195 stations. It transports around 5.5 million passengers every day.

MUSEO FRIDA KAHLO

The famous artist Frida Kahlo lived in the Blue House, which is now a museum.

Aguas Frescas, meaning 'cool waters', is a refreshing, fruity drink.

AGUAS FRESCAS

TACOS

"¡Deliciosa!" ("Delicious!")

"Gracias" ("Thank you")

Tamales – corn dough filled with meats and often wrapped in corn husks

The Floating Gardens of Xochimilco are a UNESCO World Culture Heritage Site. The boats here are called 'chalupas'.

Located around 80 kilometres outside of the city sits one of Mexico's most active volcanoes. Its name is Popocatépetl, which means 'Smoking Mountain'.

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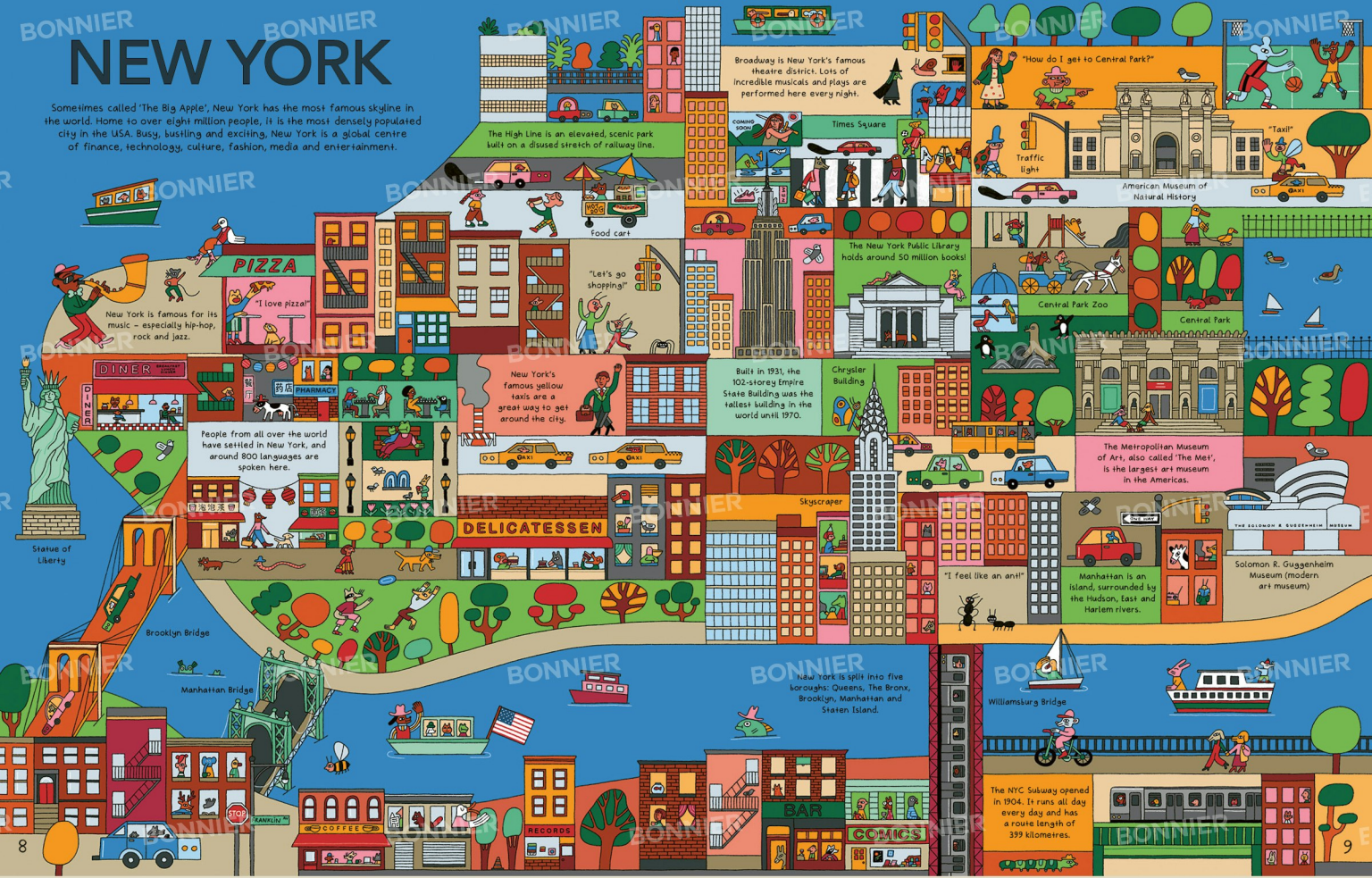
NEW YORK

Sometimes called 'The Big Apple', New York has the most famous skyline in the world. Home to over eight million people, it is the most densely populated city in the USA. Busy, bustling and exciting, New York is a global centre of finance, technology, culture, fashion, media and entertainment.



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