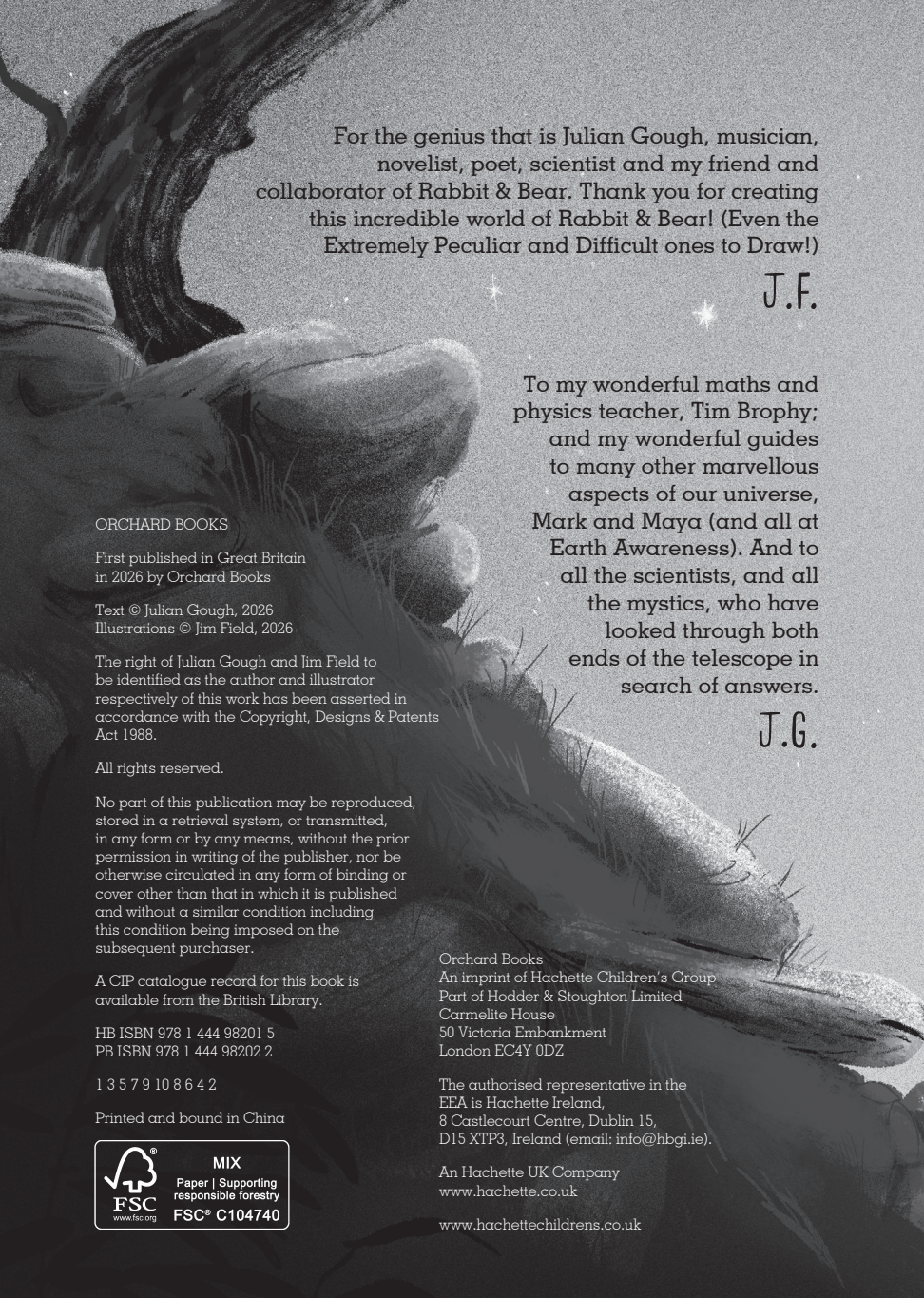


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The Bog of Frogs

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"I hate summer," said Rabbit. "Too hot!"
And he rolled over in bed.

"I hate my bed," he said. "Too HOT!"



And he rolled out of bed, and across the floor.

"I hate ... wait! What are those?"

Rabbit lay on his back in the dirt, staring up at little dots and smears and blobs of light, framed in the round opening to his burrow.

"Oh yes. Stars. Huh. I hate ..." But he stopped.

Rabbit had seen stars before, of course, while busy doing something else. But he had never really *looked* at stars.

"Stars!" he muttered.

Hmmm. Rabbit had never really *thought* about stars before.

But now, lying in the hot dark, Rabbit thought about them. A lot.

"... Stars???" murmured Rabbit eventually, and jumped up.

He ran to Bear's cave, through long grass that shone silver in the starlight.

The heat had kept Bear awake too.

"Oh, hello Rabbit. You're up early ..."

"Bear!" said Rabbit. "What are all those LIGHTS in the sky?"

Bear wandered outside and looked.

"Oh, just stars, I think," she said.



"PAH!" Rabbit pulled his own ears in frustration. "I know *that*. But 'stars' is just a WORD! You might as well call them Flumps! Or Goonburps! Or Ruffle-Smigs!"

"Well, if you don't want their name," said Bear, "what DO you want to know?"

