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MERRY FISHMAS

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“All holidays are banned,” continues Mr Funless. “We will not decorate, eat roast turkey or Christmas pudding, and above all, we will not exchange gifts. Schools will remain open, and we will all pretend it’s not Christmas. This way, we will not spend any money, and in the future, we will be better off.”

The minister’s words leave everyone shocked. A few people are pleased they won’t have to waste money this year, but most are saddened because they need the joy that Christmas brings. Even Mr Costas is disappointed with the news—and we know how stingy he is!

“What!” shouts Anastasia. “How can we not have Christmas?” She throws one of her slippers at the television.

“Calm down, my little Anastasia,” says Pierre, the French chef, in his French accent. “It’s not so serious! You will see how easy it is to live without holidays.” But Anastasia grows angrier and angrier.

“It’s not just any holiday; it’s Christmas!” replies Anastasia, storming off to call her friend.

“Yanni!” she barks at the screen. “Come quickly to the taverna... No, I can’t wait. Come now! And don’t be late.”



Meanwhile, all is calm at the bottom of Bubble Buddies Bay. Apollo the Goby searches the sand for morsels of food while he waits for Dimitra the Octopus, who is stirring a pot of bubbling seaweed heated by electric eels. Athena the Flying Fish sings, practising her scales (musical scales, not fish scales). Theo the Urchin bounces around from rock to rock, while Carci the Crab shows Vassili the Clownfish how she picks up a rock with her claw and throws it.

It's a typical day like any other. Nothing exciting has happened for some time now, so our Bubble Buddies have become somewhat bored.



Meet the author

George Lebesis is a popular Greek children's author and music producer from Athens. In 2008, he created Greece's first children's festival, Town for Kids, and began writing books in 2010. His unpublished story *4 PAGES* won both the Original Story and Audience Awards at Fairy Tale Festival, and since then, Lebesis has become a beloved figure in Greek children's literature. His popular Fishsoup series, including *Merry Fishmas!*, have garnered widespread acclaim and are now a staple in Greek school programs.

Meet the illustrator

Tamsin Baker is a British illustrator currently living and working in rural Wiltshire alongside her Greek rescue cat, Indie, who happens to look a lot like Anastasia's cat. Tamsin has two children who love visiting Greece and will proudly tell everyone they meet that their mummy draws the Bubble Buddies Bay fish.

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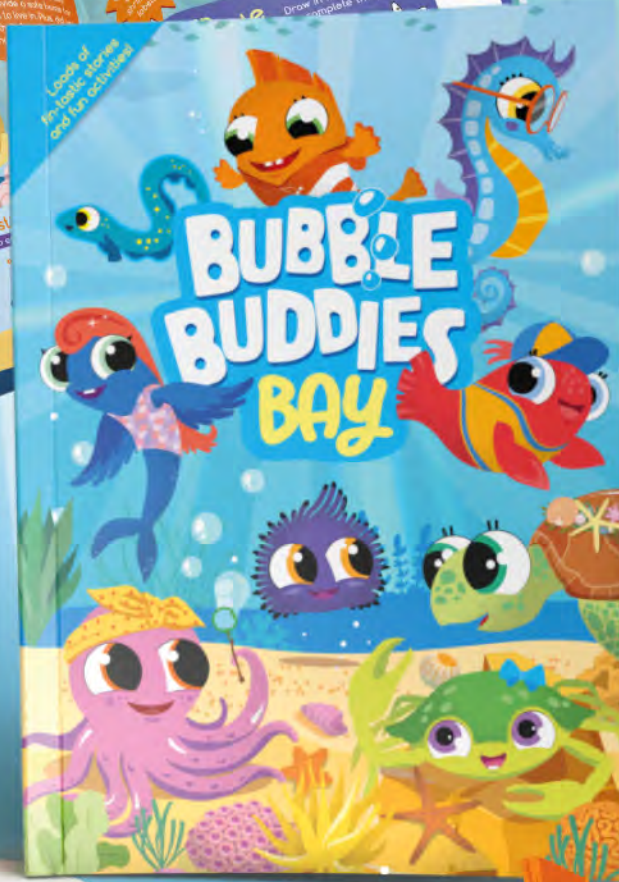
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