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# Ella Queen Of Jazz



## Synopsis

Ella Fitzgerald sang the blues and she sang them good. Ella and her fellas were on the way up! It seemed like nothing could stop her, until the biggest club in town refused to let her play – and all because of her colour. But when all hope seemed lost, little did Ella imagine that a Hollywood star would step in to help. The inspiring, true story of how a remarkable friendship between Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe was born – and how they worked together to overcome prejudice and adversity.

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## Customer Reviews

Ella Queen of Jazz is a captivating tale of music, friendship and courage. - Daily Express  
This is wonderful – steeped in the glitz and glamour of 1950s Hollywood, the power of female friendship overcomes prejudice. - Fiona Noble, The Bookseller  
Hancock's language sings with the cadence of African American idioms, and the vivid colour palette and varied typographical styles help to make each nightclub set look different. The story, meanwhile, reaches beyond feminist empowerment to illuminate a broader appeal to equality, and the final page emphasises the importance of friendship: a refreshingly achievable ideal. - Sara Keating, Irish Times

Helen Hancocks is a cat person. Her best-selling debut Penguin in Peril was about cats, despite the

title; her subsequent two picture books WILLIAM AND THE MISSING MASTERPIECE and WILLIAM HEADS TO HOLLYWOOD are also about cats. This is her first book not about cats - any cats found in the pages of How To Look After Your Human were certainly not hidden there by her.

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