



Tonka Uzu

Elki is Not My Dog



A book to share from
Scallywag Press

Hello, my name is **Tonka**. I would love to visit your school and tell you about my work as an illustrator and how the book *Elki is Not My Dog* came to be.

As well as showing you the process of making the images and telling you about the real-life inspiration behind the story - written by my good friend and colleague **Elena Arevalo Melville** - we will talk about friendship, what home means to you, our relationship with animals, street play and other things that the book made you think about. We can ask big and small questions, share stories and draw together.

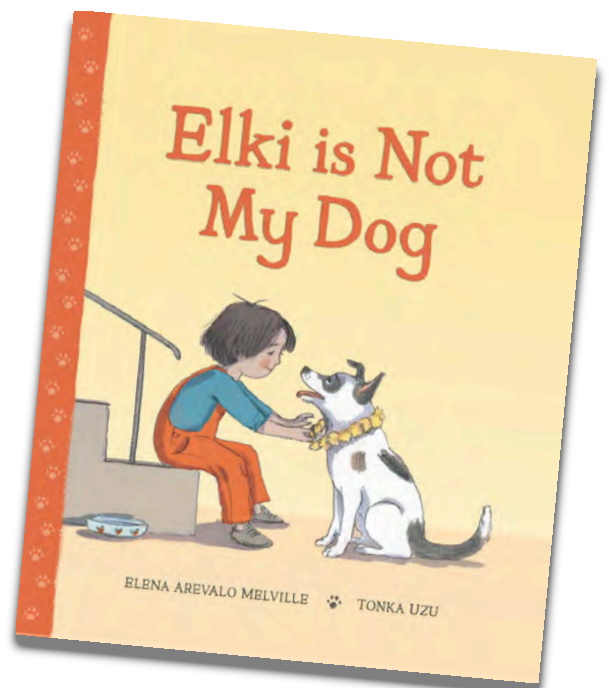


ABOUT ME

I am an illustrator, author and art educator.

I was born and raised in Sofia, Bulgaria and live in Cambridge. I have also lived in Bologna, Italy for a few years and have written and illustrated picture books in Italian language.

As an art educator I deliver creative workshops and storytelling sessions in libraries, schools and in the community. I am one of Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination artist facilitators, and reading champion and storyteller for Talking Together in Cambridgeshire. I have worked with Kettle's Yard gallery, Fitzwilliam Museum, Wisbech Museum, NIE theatre company, and the Flying Carpet Festival in Mardin, Turkey.





WORKSHOPS



(duration 1h; maximum 30 children)

The Most Amazing Home (KS1 and KS2)

Can you draw an amazing and incredible house for Elki and her friends (they could be children and other city animals: a fox, an injured hedgehog, bird or a tiny insect)? How would Your ideal home look? Will there be some space to play outside together too?

Lively Characters (KS2)

Making characters come to life. Tips, games and feedback will guide the children towards creating their own amazing characters and possibly spark their own story ideas to work on in class or at home.

The workshops can be adapted to suit different spaces and age groups.

COSTS

- £150 per session + travel expenses

Interactive presentation with Q&A or a creative workshop with book reading

- £380 for a full day visit + travel expenses

This could include an interactive whole school assembly/talk with Q&A and two workshops.

- £75 online interactive session

„Thank you very much for your most enjoyable and informative workshop.“

Histon Library

„Families enjoyed a wonderful multi-sensory storytime with storyteller/illustrator Tonka Uzu. It was very lovely that families and Tonka stayed for a bit, and shared ideas about storytelling to young children.“

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