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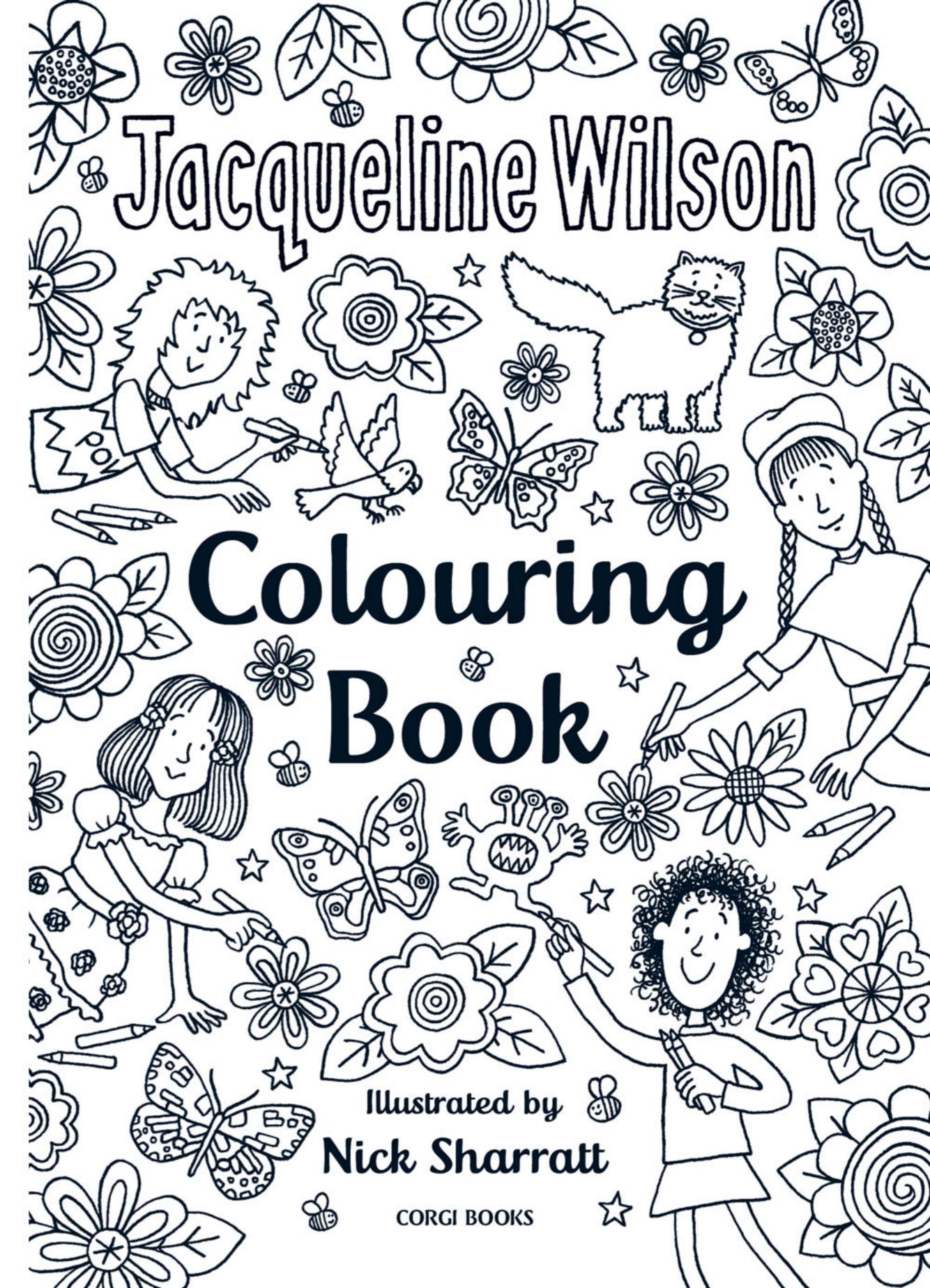
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## INTRODUCTION

I'm so pleased that there's such a colouring-book craze nowadays. I always loved colouring. I had a big tin of crayons, and I used my pocket money to buy special Derwent Lakeland colouring pencils, one at a time, until I had an entire set in many wondrous shades.

Then, when my daughter was young, we shared a big tin of felt-tip pens and coloured together companionably while listening to music. She was very skilled, using imaginative colours and never, ever going over the lines. She quickly became much better at it than me!

In several of my books I've carefully coloured Nick Sharratt's illustrations, delighting in his drawings. His fairy pictures in *Midnight* are especially marvellous. We've wanted our own colouring book for so long – and now at last our dreams have come true.

I think this is the best colouring book



ever – though of course I would say that, wouldn't I? Flip through the pages, choose a picture, get your pens and pencils out, start colouring – and see if you agree!

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