

## Just So Stories 100 years of Kipling's magic

### Technical details

**Printer** Walsall Security Printers

**Process** Gravure

**Size** 37 × 27 mm

**Sheetlet size** 213 × 64 mm unfolded

**Perforation** 15 × 14 die-cut

**Phosphor** Two bands

**Gum** Self-adhesive

**Colours** Black, cyan (blue), magenta and yellow

TEN 1ST CLASS STAMPS featuring the Animal stories from the famous *Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling go on sale at post offices, Royal Mail Talents House and Post Office philatelic outlets on 15 January.

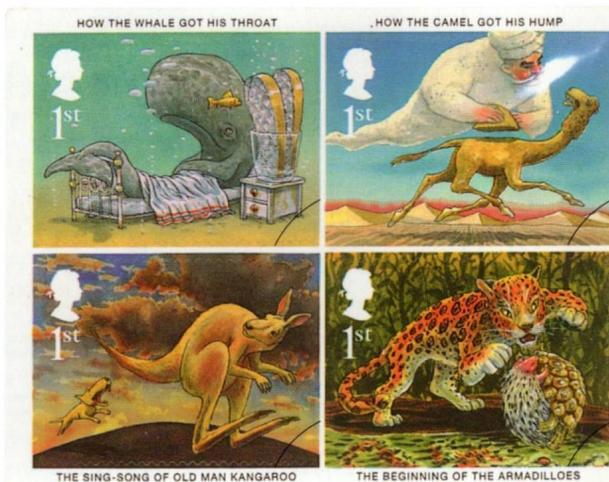
Like the Cats & Dogs issue last February, the stamps will be printed on a self-adhesive laminate which incorporates a moisture soluble gum layer between the face paper and adhesive; the stamps can be peeled from the laminate. The stamps are arranged in two rows of five, and the sheetlet rouletted between columns 2/3 and 4/5 for folding by the user.

The stamps were designed by Izhar Cohen, born in Israel in 1963 and educated in Jerusalem, Paris and London. While still a student, he was commissioned by several of the more important Israeli newspapers, and later worked in Paris for *L'Express*, and *Le Figaro*. He illustrated the presentation pack for the Weather stamps, issued last March.

**The stories featured are** How the Whale Got His Throat ● How the Camel Got His Hump ● How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin ● How the Leopard Got His Spots ● The Elephant's Child ● The Sing-Song of Old Man Kangaroo ● The Beginning of the Armadillos ● The Crab that Played with the Sea ● The Cat that Walked by Himself ● The Butterfly that Stamped.

The Queen's silhouette and 1st indicator, top left, are in white, 'reversed out' of the background colour.

Opposite: Kipling telling his *Just So Stories* to his children Elsie and John, and their friends, on their way to South Africa in 1902.



Sponsored handstamps for 15 January will be announced in the *British Postmark Bulletin* – available on subscription from Talents House (£10 UK and Europe; £21.75 elsewhere).

For a sample copy write to: The Editor, British Postmark Bulletin, Royal Mail, 2-14 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8HQ.

**FIRST DAY FACILITIES** Unstamped Royal Mail FDC envelopes will be available from main post offices and philatelic outlets about a week before 15 January, price 25p. Orders for FDCs with the stamps cancelled by a pictorial first day postmark of Talents House or Burwash, Etchingham must reach Talents House by the day of issue. Price £3.59 UK (including VAT) or £3.06 overseas (no VAT).

Collectors may send stamped covers on the day of issue to: Royal Mail Talents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB, or Special Handstamp Centre, Royal Mail, Wexham Road, Slough SL1 1AA (Burwash postmark), marking the outer envelope 'FD0201' (Talents House), or 'FD0202' (Burwash). Covers can be posted or handed in at main post offices for the Burwash postmark. A non-pictorial Burwash postmark is also available from the Special Handstamp Centre, request 'FD0202 NP'.

