

Foreword

BookTrust is dedicated to getting children reading

We get children reading in lots of different ways, but our priority is to get children excited about books, rhymes and stories. Because, as you'll know, if something is fun children will want to do it.

We've learned that starting early and involving the whole family is the best way to get children reading, so that's where we focus most of our work, delivering programmes like Bookstart to get families reading with their babies and young children.

But we also want to encourage and inspire children to keep reading once they're at school – we want every child to discover the book that gets them turning the pages and making them realise that they are a reader.

That's why we've produced this guide as part of Children's Book Week, full of books we think are absolutely brilliant, all chosen carefully to appeal to children of different ages, reading levels and interests.

We hope you find the guide useful and we'd love to hear what you think of the books.

Happy reading!

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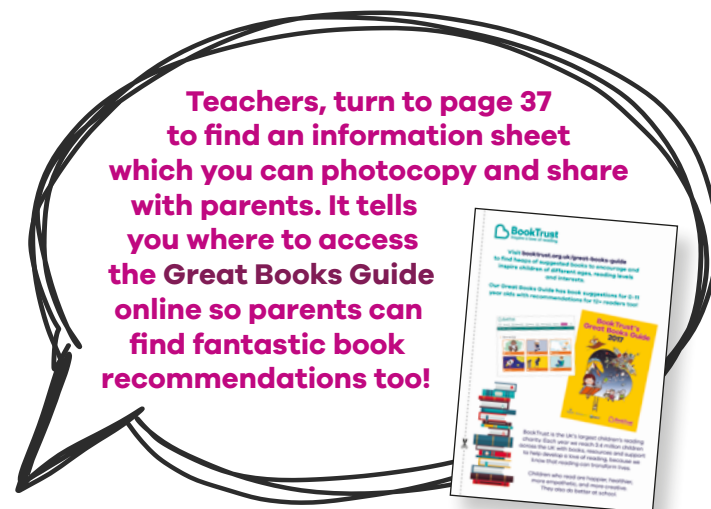
Introduction

This year's Great Books Guide highlights 60 books that we at BookTrust think are great – books that are funny, sad, informative, scary and silly (and everything in between).

Grouped by age, these books have been selected by BookTrust to help you create a reading for pleasure culture in your school. We've included a section for 0-3s that you can share with parents of younger siblings before they come to school, and we've also added some series recommendations for older siblings or advanced readers in the 12+ section.

At BookTrust, we believe that the right book is always the book that a child actually wants to read, and we hope that within these pages you'll find the 'right' book for lots of children in your school.

Teachers, turn to page 37 to find an information sheet which you can photocopy and share with parents. It tells you where to access the Great Books Guide online so parents can find fantastic book recommendations too!



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A Busy Day for Birds

Lucy Cousins

Walker Books

Imagine you were a bird – what would you do? You might peck at some tree bark, swoop like a starling or catch a fly with your beak. All in all, there are some busy little birds in this bright and colourful book, but there's always time for a cuddle with mum before bed.

Baby's First Days: On the Move

Illustrated by Mojca Dolinar

Pat-a-cake

Cars are beeping, trains are choo-choo-ing, rockets are blasting and four hot air balloons are soaring high in the sky. The vivid black, white and red design of this lovely board book and its sturdy pull-out flaps will fascinate toddlers, and there's plenty of opportunity for adults to make all the noises too. Great fun!





Baby's Very First Playbook: Shop Words

Fiona Watt, illustrated by Stella Baggott
Usborne

Each colourful page in this interactive board book is bursting with words about shops and what can be found within them. Little fingers will love to explore the cutouts and indentations as they search for the items on the shopping list. A great tool to help children learn new vocabulary.



Bathtime for Little Rabbit

Jorg Muhle, translated by Catherine Chidgey and illustrated by Eva Erikson
Gecko Press

It's Little Rabbit's bathtime, but he's going to need some help to shampoo his ears and get washed and dry. The hairdryer's not working either, so little readers might need to blow Little Rabbit's fur too. A simple but fun and interactive book for bedtime.



Everybunny Dance

Ellie Sandall
Hodder Children's Books

A group of lively bunnies get together to dance, sing, make music and have lots of rabbitry fun! As the rhyming tale unfolds, keen-eyed children will see the silhouette of a fox watching the jollity from afar; fear not, though: there's an unexpected and heart-warming twist to this upbeat book.



Fruits in Suits

Jared Chapman
Abrams Books

It's time to go swimming, and everyone has a different swimming suit: one pieces, two pieces, old fashioned ones, suits for babies and parents. Dad's business suit just won't do at all! A bright and fun book about difference and having fun.



Kiki and Bobo's Sunny Day

Yasmeen Ismail
Walker Books

Kiki has decided to go to the seaside for the day. Bobo isn't as keen; he's scared to go in the water. A lovely book with bright, welcoming illustrations and clear text, with the addition of lift-the-flaps on every page, this is the perfect read to address a fear of swimming.



Lois Looks for Bob at the Park

Gerry Turley
Nosy Crow

Lois the cat is at the park. But where is Bob? Behind the bench? No, that's Derek and Susan, the ducks. Up in the tree? No, that's Roger the squirrel. Finally, Bob the budgie finds Lois just when it's time for a picnic. A charming and slightly retro flap book for little hands.



Making Faces: A First Book of Emotions

Photographs by Molly Magnuson,
book design by Alyssa Nassner

Abrams Appleseed

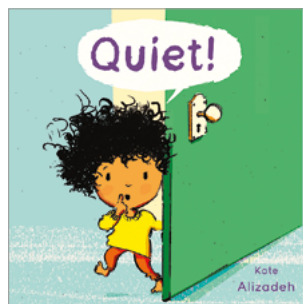
Babies can be sad, angry, happy, surprised and silly – can you tell which is which? Each double page spread in this board book features a photo of a baby's face smiling, frowning or being silly, and the facing page shows a group of babies. Can little ones find the matching baby? The last page features a mirror so that baby can practice her own expressions.

Quiet!

Kate Alizadeh

Child's Play

Even a quiet house makes lots of sounds if we stop and listen very quietly. There's the creak of a door and the hum of a fridge; there's friendly teatime chatter and Dad's hushed voice reading a bedtime story. This is a book that radiates security, warmth and love.



Super Rabbit

Stephanie Blake

Gecko Press

Super Rabbit – complete with cape and mask – isn't little. He fights supervillains! But when he gets a splinter (other-wise known as a Super Sword) stuck in his finger, he still needs mum to help him out. Bright and funny and perfect for little heroes.

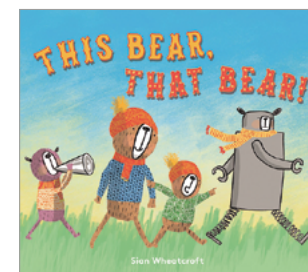


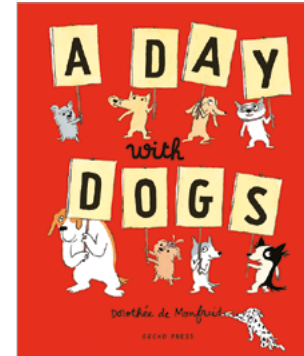
This Bear, That Bear!

Sian Wheatcroft

Templar

There's a bear parade and every bear you can imagine is there: Tall bear, small bear, loves-to-kick-a-ball bear; even dude bear, rude bear and in-a-bad-mood bear! Finally, the fireworks come out and it's time for a tired bear to go to bed. A lovely rhyming text with an inclusive message.



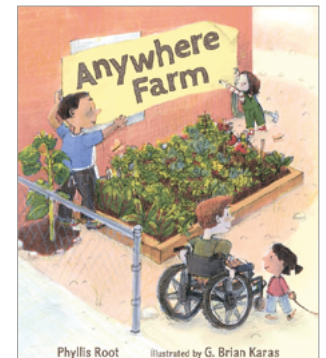


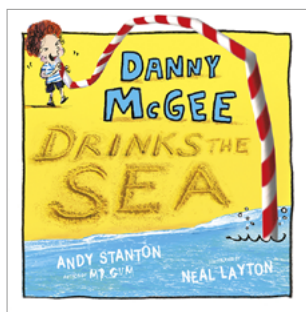
A Day With Dogs
Dorothée de Monfreid
Gecko Press

What do dogs do all day when you aren't there? Try on your clothes, do some painting, play sports, go up mountains and attend birthday parties, of course! A fantastically fun classification-style book with an offbeat style, this big hardback will appeal to dog-loving little ones that love learning new words.

Anywhere Farm
Phyllis Root, illustrated by G. Brian Karas
Walker Books

A little girl plants a seed in a tiny patch of soil in an empty yard. Her neighbours are inspired to plant their own seeds, and what was once a barren space becomes a thriving community farm, bustling with laughter and friendship. Rhyming text and warm illustrations create an uplifting tale that celebrates the joy of community and sharing.





Danny McGee Drinks the Sea

Andy Stanton, illustrated by Neal Layton

Hodder Children's Books

Can a boy really drink the sea? Danny McGee does (with the help of a straw that's longer than his sister). Then, he swallows the whole of London AND the author of the book, Andy Stanton! Where will it end? Hilarious anarchy with crazy illustrations make this an instant favourite for kids looking for a giggle.

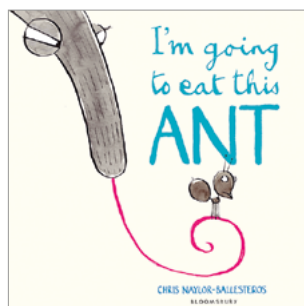


Grumpy Frog

Ed Vere

Penguin Random House Children's Books

Frog doesn't like any other colour apart from green; he also doesn't like it when he doesn't win. There is someone else who likes green: Crocodile! But he eats grumpy frogs... Perhaps the solution is to be nice? Frog's journey is a recognisable one for little ones (and for all of us) that need to learn a little about tolerance.



I'm Going to Eat This Ant

Chris Naylor-Ballesteros
Bloomsbury

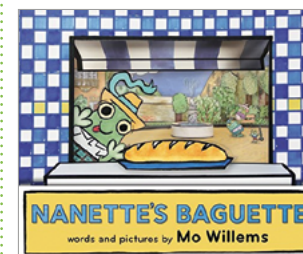
Anteater is hungry, but he's pretty tired of licking up nasty biting ants with his twirly tongue. He'd so much rather have them smothered in mint sauce or squished in a sausage, smoked or sautéed. Unfortunately, while he's fantasising about all the delicious options, the ants have been busy... A fabulous, funny book about food.



Izzy Gizmo

Pip Jones, illustrated by Sara Ogilvie
Simon & Schuster

Izzy Gizmo is a girl that loves inventing things. One day, Izzy finds a wounded crow and decides to build it some new wings, but it's so difficult! Will Izzy keep her cool, and keep going to succeed? Izzy and her Grandpa have a lovely relationship and there's a great message about perseverance and hope.

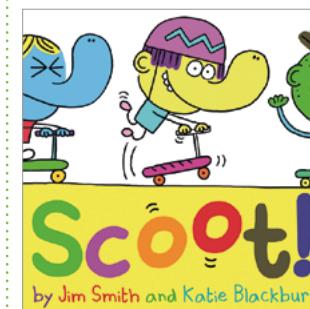


Nanette's Baguette

Mo Willems

Walker Books

Nanette is so excited: finally, her mother says she's allowed to go to the bakery on her own to get some baguettes. Unfortunately, on the way home, she can't resist taking a bite... A story told in giggle-inducing rhyme and with quirky illustrations, there's also a gentle message about taking responsibility for our actions.



Scoot!

Katie Blackburn, illustrated by Jim Smith
Faber & Faber

Big and small, old and new: there's a scooter in here for just about everyone! An energetic and joyful rhyming text which bounces and whizzes along with Jim Smith's exuberant illustrations, this is a celebration of the joy of scootering that's sure to be a wheel hit.



Superbat
Matt Carr
Scholastic

Pat the Bat wants to stand out from the other bats. All bats have super hearing, all of them can fly, and all bats can find their way in the dark. The only way he can do it is to become... SUPERBAT! A wonderful story about self-belief, with additional fascinating facts about bats.

The Bad Bunnies' Magic Show

Mini Grey
Simon & Schuster

The Great Hypno's magic extravaganza has been cancelled and his two rabbit assistants, Mr Abra and Mr Cadabra, plan to steal the show. Watch as they demonstrate sleight of paw, saw the lovely Brenda in half and... wait... make all the audience's valuables disappear? Fabulous fold-outs make this magical book an extra special treat.



The Cave

Rob Hodgson
Frances Lincoln

There is a creature that never leaves its cave, because of the wolf outside. Until, that is, the creature fancies eating the tasty doughnut that the wolf offers. But what happens when the creature finally leaves? A laugh-out-loud story with a very BIG surprise, this book's glorious artwork will delight young readers.



The Cow Who Fell to Earth

Nadia Shireen
Penguin Random House Children's Books

One night, a little cow falls to earth from the moon, but none of the earth animals speak her language. When the chickens accidentally blow up her jetpack, they realise where Dave is from and help her call to her parents, so far away, who always understand her. A silly, lovely book about belonging. Woool!



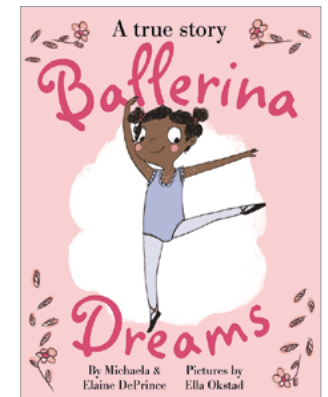


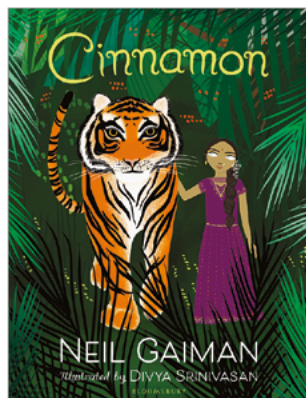
Amazing Animal Babies
Chris Packham,
illustrated by Jason Cockcroft
Egmont

Travel around the globe and meet some incredible baby animals as they begin their journey through life in this beautiful, fact-filled nonfiction picture book by wildlife expert, Chris Packham. From froglets and baby earthworms to tiger cubs and meerkat pups, this is an excellent source of expert wildlife information for all young nature lovers.

Ballerina Dreams
Michaela & Elaine DePrince,
illustrated by Ella Okstad
Faber & Faber

Michaela DePrince was adopted by her American parents from an orphanage in Sierra Leone. Inspired by a picture of a ballerina whilst still at the orphanage, Michaela grew up to be a famous ballerina, showing young black girls that they can be whoever they want to be. An inspiring true story retold for a young audience.

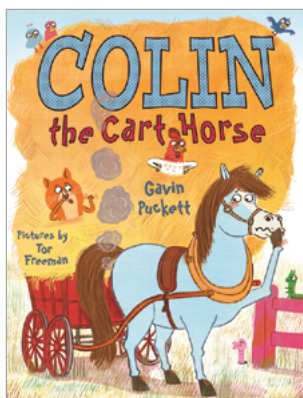




Cinnamon

Neil Gaiman, illustrated by Divya Srinivasan
Bloomsbury

Blind Princess Cinnamon does not talk. The Rajah and the Rani offer great rewards to anyone who can get Cinnamon to say something, but only a talking tiger succeeds. Yet the tiger's stories inspire the princess to leave her family home for a life in the magical, sensory jungle... A haunting and mythical tale with lush, vibrant images.



Colin the Cart Horse

Gavin Puckett, illustrated by Tor Freeman
Faber & Faber

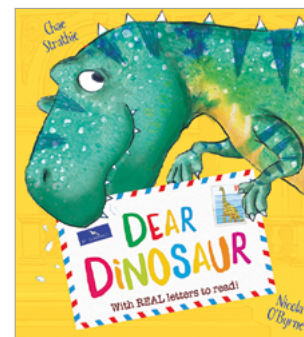
Colin the cart horse has lived a happy life on the farm for many years. He eats plenty of tasty hay – and turns it into the very best manure. But when Colin decides to be a bit more adventurous with his own diet, the result is unbelievably smelly and leads to very unfortunate, but hilarious, consequences.



Dave Pigeon: Nuggets!

Swapna Haddow, illustrated by Sheena Dempsey
Faber & Faber

When their human leaves to go on holiday, pigeons Dave and Skipper are horrified and set off to find a new owner. Reginald seems a good choice at first, but why does he have so many books about cooking? Kids will laugh themselves silly at this excellent second in the series which stands alone perfectly.



Dear Dinosaur

Chae Strathie, illustrated by Nicola O'Byrne
Scholastic

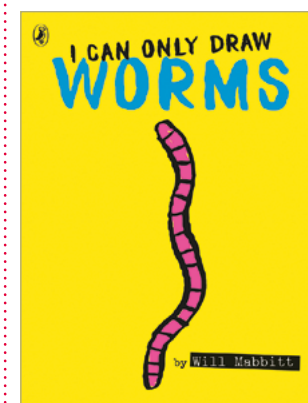
Max has to leave the Big Museum before he can ask all his questions about dinosaurs. Dinosaur Dora, the curator, suggests that he writes the T-Rex a letter; so begins a new and rather unusual penpal exchange! Facts, fold-out letters and postcards between boy and dinosaur will delight young readers.



Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth

Judd Winick
Puffin

When DJ's best friend Gina moves away, DJ is at a bit of a loss. That is, until Hilo crashes down to earth next to DJ's house wearing only a pair of pretty outstanding silver underpants. Who is this alien boy and why has he crash-landed in Berke County? Colourful, action-filled and laugh-out-loud funny.



I Can Only Draw Worms

Will Mabbitt
Puffin

What happens when an illustrator can only draw worms? Luckily, Will Mabbitt differentiates between them: one has glasses, one's yellow for no particular reason, and one is tragically cut in half. Two worms have an amazing adventure in space, but that's strictly imaginary. Genuinely hilarious and deceptively simple, this is pure anarchic fun.



Last Stop on Market Street

Matt de la Peña, illustrated by
Christian Robinson

Puffin

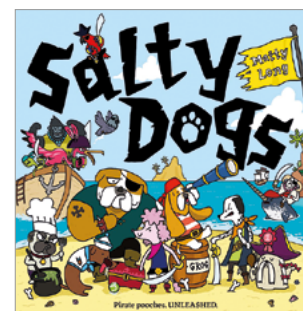
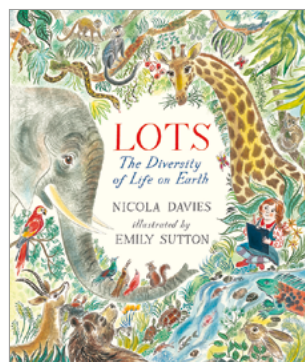
CJ makes his way home from church with his grandmother on the bus. When they reach their stop at the soup kitchen, CJ wonders at Nana's ability to see the beauty in everyday things, but realises he's glad they came after all. The appealing collage-style illustration helps explore important themes of inclusion and kindness with an innocent lens.

Lots

Nicola Davies, illustrated by Emily Sutton

Walker Books

There are billions of different organisms living on our planet, from the enormous to the teeny tiny. *Lots* explains that while humans are important, maintaining the big, beautiful and complicated biodiversity of earth is essential. A beautiful and accessible book that will make readers look at the world with new eyes.



Salty Dogs

Matty Long

Oxford University Press

The Salty Dogs, one of five pirate gangs in the Pirate Islands, are sailing for Crossbone Island in search of treasure. Unfortunately, the Sea Monkeys are there already! Yet when the treasure is unearthed, it's clear that only the Salty Dogs will like it. Cartoon-style illustration, funny signage and pirate puns will keep kids entertained for ages.

The Cat and the King

Nick Sharratt

Scholastic

When the royal castle is destroyed by a fire-breathing dragon, the King and his cat are forced to find alternative accommodation. It turns out that the King's royal skills aren't quite as useful as, say, opening the biscuit tin, but all is well – until, one day, the dragon returns. Nick Sharratt delights with a hilarious fairytale.





Bad Mermaids

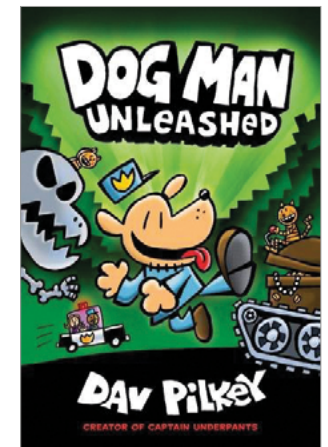
Sibéal Pounder, illustrated by Jason Cockcroft
Bloomsbury

All is not well in Swirlyshell. With mermaid leader Arabella Cod mysteriously missing and evil piranhas acting as spies, can mermaids Beattie, Mimi and Zelda (with help from a talking seahorse called Steve) save the day? The first in a new and very funny mermaid series is full of fishy puns, friendship and adventure.

Dog Man: Unleashed

Written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey,
interior colour by Jose Garibaldi
Scholastic

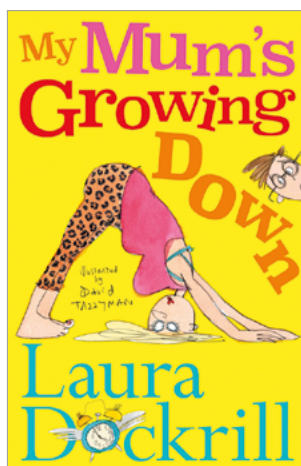
Dog Man – a policeman with the head of a dog, thanks to innovative surgical procedures – is the greatest cop ever. Fact. However, cat criminal Flat Petey is up to no good, and Dog Man wants to impress the Police Chief by catching him. A zany cartoon story delivered in short, colourful chapters in Dav Pilkey's brilliantly irreverent style.





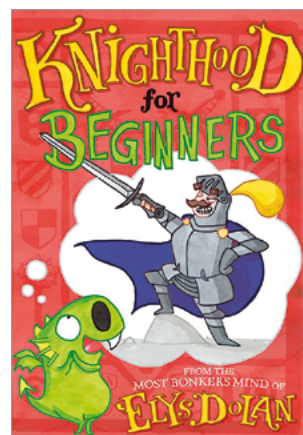
Good Dog McTavish
Meg Rosoff, illustrated
by Grace Easton
Barrington Stoke

Ma Peachey's fed up of being a general dogs-body, so she's taken up yoga instead, sending the Peachey family into disarray. Enter rescue dog McTavish! It's hard work adopting new humans, but he's sure he'll have them retrained in no time. A charming, heart-warming novel that's full of keen observations about families, and plenty of smiles.



My Mum's Growing Down
Laura Dockrill, illustrated
by David Tazzyman
Faber & Faber

A nine-year-old boy is concerned: his mum's growing down! She's not like other mums, having far too much fun sticking baked beans up her nose, wearing outrageous outfits and lying on the sofa playing video games. A brilliant, funny collection of poems about a larger than life, hysterical and very loving mum.



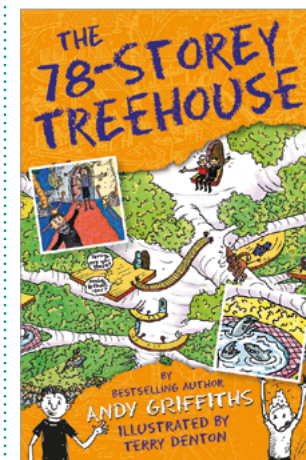
Knighthood for Beginners
Elys Dolan
Oxford University Press

Dave the dragon is terrible at being a dragon – awful at feasting on villagers and disinterested in hoarding gems. He's even bad at knitting (a pastime all dragons enjoy, according to Dragon Lore). But when Dave finds a book about being a knight, he sets out to become one. A laugh out loud read.



Tales from Weird Street
Anne Fine, illustrated
by Vicki Gausden
Barrington Stoke

Three friends decide to exchange 'true' stories they've heard from friends or family. Did a photograph warn Tom's grandfather about the imminent death of his brother? Can fortune cookies really predict the future? With black-and-white illustrations, this is fascinating, entertaining and just creepy enough to leave readers feeling a little bit uneasy.



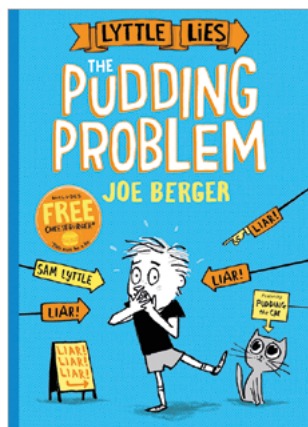
The 78-Storey Treehouse
Andy Griffiths, illustrated
by Terry Denton
Macmillan

Andy and Terry live in the world's coolest tree-house – which is now 78-storeys high! It's got a drive-thru car wash, a giant unhatched egg and its very own courtroom. But when Mr Big Shot decides to make the book into a film, everything goes a bit weird. There's tons of zany fun in this illustrated novel.



The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart
Stephanie Burgis
Bloomsbury

Aventurine is a spirited young dragon, but when a man tricks her into drinking magical chocolate, she turns into a human girl. Determined to become an apprentice in an exclusive chocolate house, Aventurine must learn to control her fierce manner if she is to be accepted into human society. A captivating fantasy adventure about the value of trust and friendship.



Lyttle Lies: The Pudding Problem

Joe Berger

Simon & Schuster

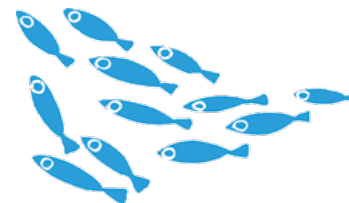
Sam Lyttle likes to skirt around the truth – but, lately, it seems like lying isn't paying off. Sam's cat Pudding still loves him unconditionally, though, but Pudding might be in the biggest pickle of all! There are plenty of illustrations here to entice reluctant readers, but any young fans of mischief and mayhem will delight in Sam's antics.

There's a Werewolf in My Tent

Pamela Butchart, illustrated by Thomas Flintham

Nosy Crow

Izzy and her friends are super excited about the school camping trip, but no-one could have predicted the weird howling noises in the night, or the glowing eyes, or – worst of all – scarily tall new PE Teacher Miss Moon's hairy legs. Is there a werewolf on the loose? A bubbly, excitable school comedy perfect for boys and girls.



Crazy About Cats

Owen Davey

Flying Eye Books

This beautifully produced hardback has plenty to fascinate anyone interested in any catty creature, from lynx to lion. The variety of unusual cats featured – margays, jaguarundi and caracal, among others – is brilliant, as is the fantastic graphic style. At once feeling grown up but with very accessible text, this is a perfect nature book for animal enthusiasts.



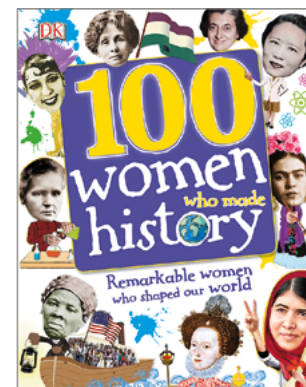
Stuff You Should Know About The Human Body

John Farndon, illustrated by Tim Hutchinson

QED (Quarto)

With a focus on blood, brains, germs, muscles and poo, this amusing and seriously intelligent journey through the body has just the right level of information for 8-9s. Presented as an illustrated notebook with fold-out sections that illustrate digestion, circulation and the immune system, it's a brilliant source of knowledge with plenty of entertainment, too.





100 Women Who Made History

Dorling Kindersley

Featuring a diverse selection of women from history and across many cultures and disciplines, this is an excellent (and empowering) guide for children. As well as the more oft-quoted personalities, it's fascinating to learn about the less well-known women who have helped shape the world as we experience it today.

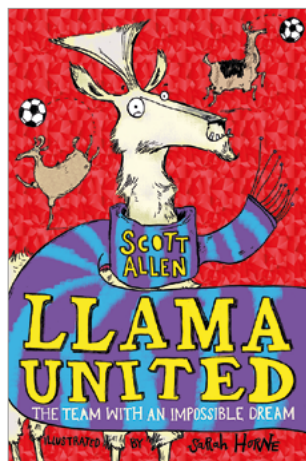
Roller Girl

Victoria Jamieson

Puffin

It's really exciting to be starting at Roller Derby summer camp, but Astrid finds herself alone – and exhausted – among the other girls with their cool skater names. But perseverance pays off, and Astrid finds friendship and recognition as part of the Rose Bud Rollers. A fantastic full colour graphic novel about friendship and awesome, strong girls.





Llama United: The Team With An Impossible Dream

Scott Allen, illustrated
by Sarah Horne
Macmillan

Tim's dad has turned to farming – but it's been disastrous, and now the farm is threatened with repossession. Enter our heroes: Tim, his new friend Cairo, and a team of football-playing llamas. Maybe Llama United can save the farm? A hilarious book about llamas, football and family.



The Legend of Podkin One-Ear

Kieran Larwood
Faber & Faber

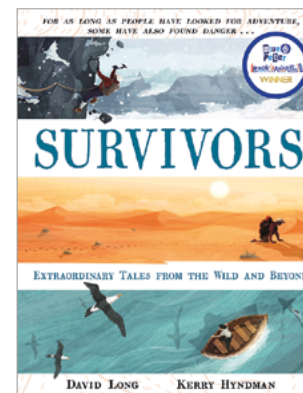
A mysterious storyteller rolls in from the snow one night and enchants a warren of young rabbits with the tale of Podkin One Ear: the son of a chieftain who went on to become a legend. The characters, pacy action and world-building of this rather epic rabbit saga have timeless appeal. Podkin One Ear already feels like a classic.



S.C.R.E.A.M.: The Mummy's Revenge

Andrew Beasley
Usborne

A strange burglar is wreaking havoc in Edinburgh. Can Victorian crime-fighting duo Billy Flint and Charley Steel find out who has unleashed the monster on the city and stop him, before it's too late? This terrifically exciting book has it all – mystery, creepy goings-on and lashings of sharp humour.



Survivors: Extraordinary Tales from the Wild and Beyond

David Long, illustrated
by Kerry Hyndman
Faber & Faber

From 17-year-old Juliane Koepcke, the only survivor of a plane crash in Peru, to Aron Ralston, who cut off his own arm after being trapped by a fallen boulder in a canyon in Colorado, these stories are thrilling, chilling and incredibly exciting. A remarkable anthology that will inspire self-belief and guts in young readers.



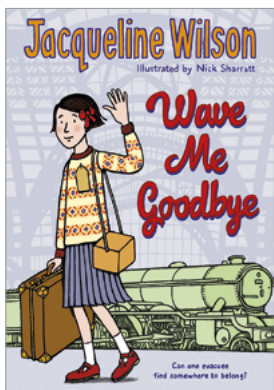
The Island at the End of Everything Kiran Millwood Hargrave Chicken House

Amihan lives happily on the island of Culion in the Phillipines with her mother who has leprosy. But one day, cruel Mr Zamora comes to the island and says that Culion is becoming a leper colony, and the children who are without the disease must be sent away. Poetic, bittersweet and full of heart, this has the feel and quality of an instant classic.



The Song From Somewhere Else AF Harrold, illustrated by Levi Pinfold Bloomsbury

One day, after bullies throw Frank's bag in the middle of a huge patch of stinging nettles, Nick Underbridge comes to her aid – a strange boy that everyone makes fun of at school for his hugeness and odd, unidentifiable smell. As Frank and Nick become friends, Frank discovers something strange and wonderful in Nick's basement. A magical tale about how families are universal, whoever you are.



Wave Me Goodbye

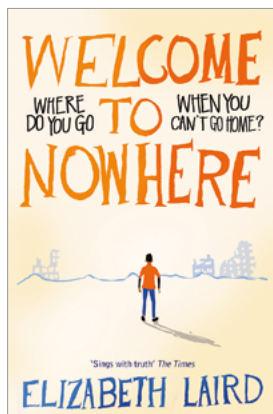
Jacqueline Wilson, illustrated by Nick Sharratt
Doubleday Children's

One day, Shirley's mum tells her she's going on holiday. London in 1939 isn't safe, so Shirley finds herself in Meadow Ridge, a village very far away from home. Worse, she's living with the reclusive Mrs Waverley and two rough, silly boys from the East End. Friendship and bravery combine in this sensitive story about evacuees.

Welcome to Nowhere

Elizabeth Laird
Macmillan

Twelve-year-old Omar and his family live in Syria. Omar doesn't know much about politics: he just wants to grow up to be a successful entrepreneur. But when bombs start falling and people are dying, Omar and his family have no choice but to flee their country. Perfect for developing understanding of conflict and refugee issues.



What Not to Do If You Turn Invisible

Ross Welford
HarperCollins

Ethel's looking for a cure for her acne when she mistakenly turns herself invisible with some strange alternative medicine and a dodgy sunbed. But when no-one can see Ethel anymore, she finds she wants to be noticed. Funny and thought-provoking, it's also a story about families, friendship and identity.



William Wenton and the Luridium Thief

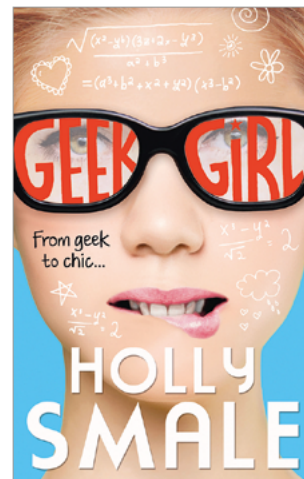
Bobbie Peers, translated by Tara Chace
Walker Books

William lives in Norway with his strangely enigmatic parents who are definitely keeping something a secret. All William knows is that his grandfather disappeared just after a car accident that almost killed him too. Now William finds himself obsessed by solving codes, which his parents discourage. Adventure calls in this first book in a thrilling new series.



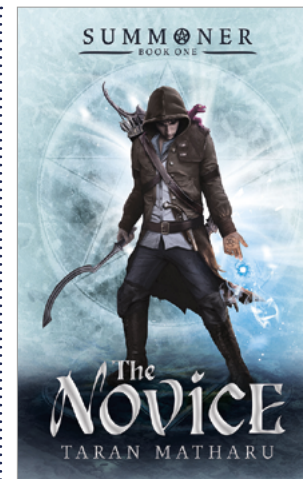
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Ruby Redfort: Look Into My Eyes
Lauren Child
HarperCollins

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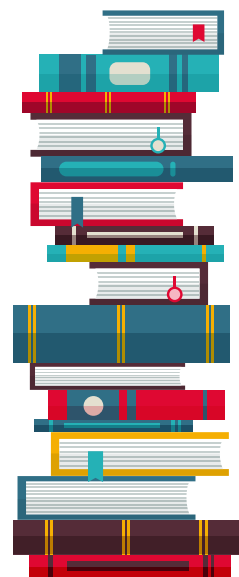
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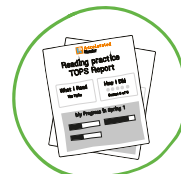
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