

Best Book Guide 2011

Booktrust's 2011 *Best Book Guide* brings together reviews of some of our favourite books published during the last year (July 2010 to July 2011).

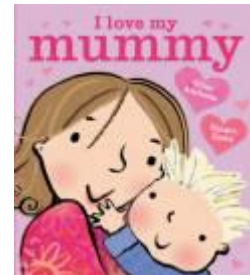
The selected books include picture books, graphic novels, poetry, short stories, fiction and non-fiction in the following age categories: 5 years and under; 5 to 8 years; 9 to 12 years; Teens and Young Adults.

I Love My Mummy

by Giles Andreae

Orchard Books

What is it about Mummies that makes them so lovable and so very special?

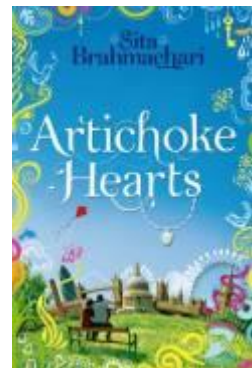


Artichoke Hearts

by Sita Brahmachari

Macmillan Children's Books

This empathetic account of the process of bereavement, a month's diary, reassures readers that we grow from our experiences, however painful they are.

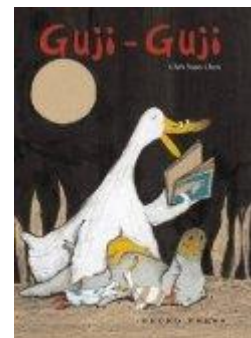


Guji-Guji

by Chih-Yaun Chen

Gecko Press

One day a rather unusual egg rolls into Mother Duck's nest and it hatches to reveal a baby crocodile. The little creature becomes a perfectly happy 'crocodile', until one day he is asked to betray his duckling brothers and sisters... This...

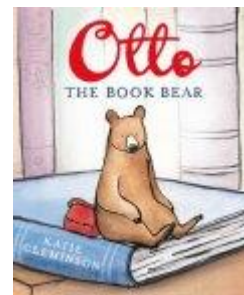


Otto the Book Bear

by Katie Cleminson

Jonathan Cape Children's Books

A charming celebration of books and reading

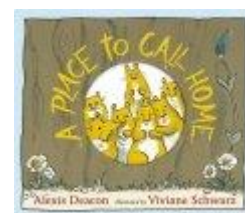


A Place to Call Home

by Alexis Deacon

Walker Books Ltd

A family of furry animals grow too big for their home in an old mattress and have to go out into the unknown world of the back yard to find a new one. This endearing and engaging picture book about...



Jack and the FlumFlum Tree

by Julia Donaldson

Macmillan Children's Books

When Jack's granny falls ill with the moozles, the doctor tells him that the only thing that will cure her is the fruit of the mysterious flumflum tree.

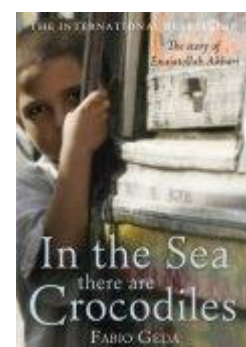


In The Sea There Are Crocodiles

by Fabio Geda

David Fickling Books

First published in Italian last year, the story of Enaiatollah Akbari's journey from Afghanistan to Italy has now been translated into English

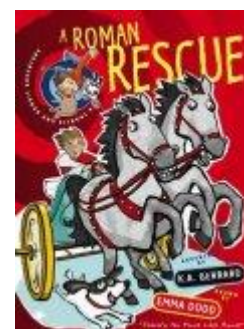


A Roman Rescue

by Kelly Gerard

Templar

Charlie and his trusty dog Bandit fall down a sinkhole and are transported to ancient Rome where he meets Cosmo and goes on an adventure...

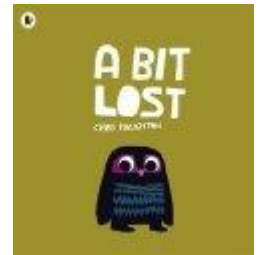


A Bit Lost

by Chris Haughton

Walker Books

Little Owl falls asleep in his (rather precarious) nest, falls onto the ground with a 'bump' and becomes 'a bit lost'. But Squirrel comes to his rescue...

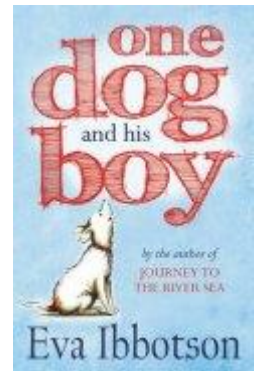


One Dog and His Boy

by Eva Ibbotson

Marion Lloyd Books

All Hal wants for his birthday is a dog and when he is given one he is overjoyed. But when Hal realises Fleck was only his for the weekend, he sets off on an adventure with the dog...

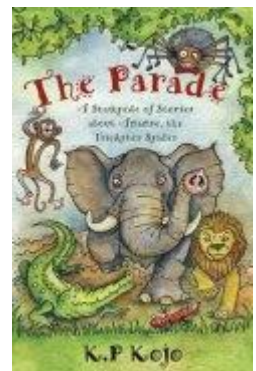


The Parade

by KP Kojo

Frances Lincoln

Why do hippos live under water, bees live in holes and spiders hide in dark places? Find out in this lively collection of Ananse stories from Ghana.

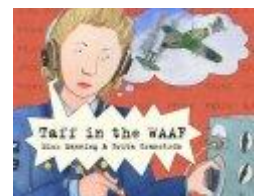


Taff in the WAAF

by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom

Frances Lincoln Childrens

An account of the secret work carried out during WWII at Bletchley Park, based on the experience of Manning's own mother, Taff.

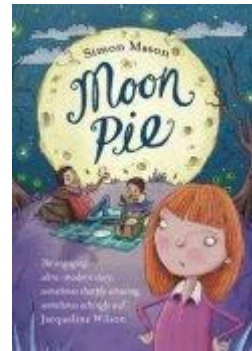


Moon Pie

by Simon Mason

David Fickling Books

A deceptively simple novel for older Key Stage 2 readers: easy to read but addressing serious and complex issues around bereavement, self-image, family relationships and loyalty.

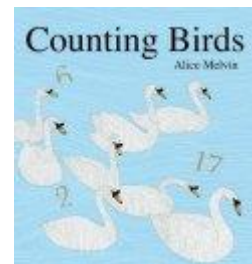


Counting Birds

by Alice Melvin

Tate Publishing

This stylishly illustrated counting book from a Best New Illustrator, opens with a vibrant cockerel crowing to welcome the day and ends with a solitary barn owl flying off the page and slipping into the night. Perfect for learning how...

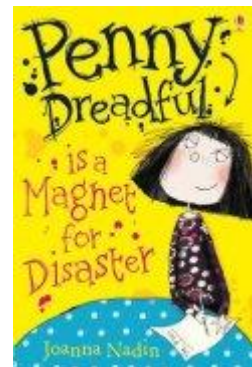


Penny Dreadful is a Magnet for Disaster

by Joanna Nadin

Usborne

Boys as well as girls will race through these stories giggling all the way!



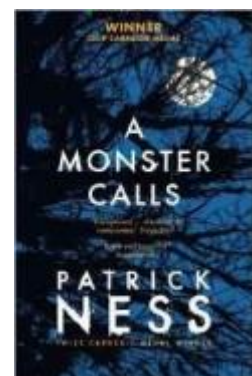
A Monster Calls

by Patrick Ness

Walker Books Ltd

Connor's mum has cancer and life is changing. There is the nightmare, then there is school, where people avoid him, or persecute him. And then there is the immense, mythic Monster.

[Read about 'A Monster Calls'](#)



The Django

by Levi Pinfold

Templar

This book, based on the story of legendary jazz musician Django Reinhardt, is illustrated in a detailed and painterly style.

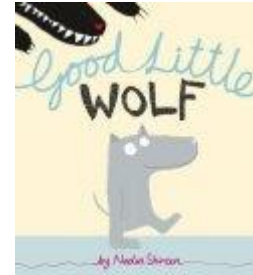


Good Little Wolf

by Nadia Shireen

Jonathan Cape Children's Books

Rolf is a good little wolf - he likes baking cakes, eating all his vegetables, and is always nice to his friends

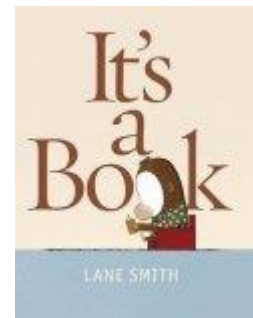


It's a Book

by Lane Smith

Macmillan Children's Books

Jackass, playing on his computer, wants to know what Monkey is up to. Monkey is reading a book

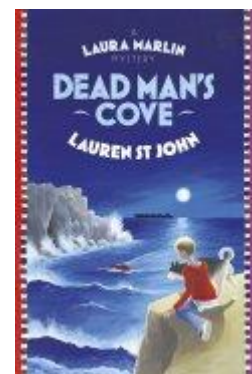


Dead Man's Cove

by Lauren St John

Orion Children's Books

When mysterious uncle Calvin rescues Laura Marlin from her gloomy life in an orphanage, she can't believe her luck! But she soon realises that her Cornish paradise is full of mysteries...



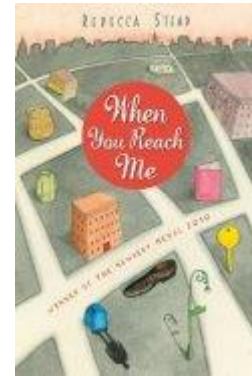
When You Reach Me

by Rebecca Stead

Andersen Press

Miranda's familiar world begins to unravel when her best friend is hit by a stranger and refuses to speak to her anymore. Then mysterious notes start to arrive with clues about the future.

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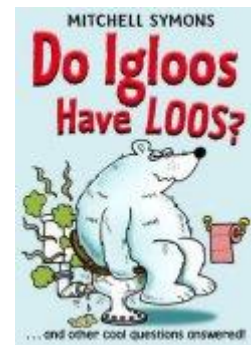


Do Igloos Have Loos?

by Mitchell Symons

Red Fox

From the stupidest criminal in the world to the intelligence of your right foot, this book has an answer to anything and everything.

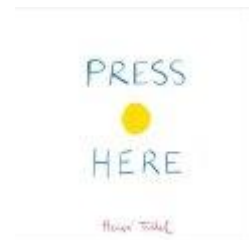


Press Here

by Hervé Tullet

Chronicle Books

An ingenious picture book that uses the power of the imagination to create a fun interactive experience for children aged two upwards



The Mysteries of Harris Burdick

by Chris Van Allsburg

Andersen Press

A man called Harris Burdick leaves a set of drawings with a publisher, with the promise of returning with the stories the next day, and then disappears, never to be heard from again.

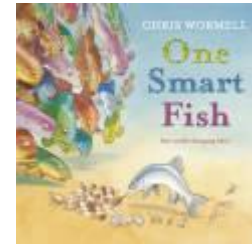


One Smart Fish

by Chris Wormell

Red Fox

A small silver fish has done everything he can possibly do in the ocean - he sings, dances and even performs plays, but has never walked upon the land.



Dog Loves Books

by Louise Yates

Red Fox / Random House Children's Books

With an engaging hero and simple, understated text animated by witty, subtly coloured illustrations, this book about the sheer pleasure of books has a refreshing jaunty elegance.

