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Charlie Cook’s Favourite Book

Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

Step inside the world inside a book and celebrate fifteen years of reading with Charlie Cook with this special anniversary edition of the story

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- Charlie Cook’s Favourite Book has sold over 2 million copies worldwide
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Ages 0 - 5
The Snail and the Whale Sticker Book
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A fun stickers book, based on the bestselling The Snail and the Whale packed full of activities

• With over 400 stickers and lots of activities to keep children busy on rainy days, journeys and school holidays

• From Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, creators of The Gruffalo

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Monkey Puzzle
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A fun craft book, based on the bestselling Monkey Puzzle, packed full of make and do activities and over 200 stickers

• First crafts for young children including make your own jungle card game, create a pair of brilliant butterfly wings to wear, and find out lots of clever and creative ways to turn your handprints into your favourite jungle animals!

• Perfect for rainy days and school holidays

• From Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, the creator of The Gruffalo

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February 2020
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The Snail and the Whale Make and Do
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A fun craft book, based on the bestselling The Snail and the Whale packed full of activities

• Join in their adventures with this fun craft book - make a penguin pencil pot, create a tropical erupting volcano and find out how to turn an empty shoebox into your very own underwater world!

• A make and do book with fine crafts for young children and over 100 stickers

• Perfect for rainy day and school holidays

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Paperback
February 2020
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Ages 0 - 5
Complete the Picture
How many snails can you squeeze on the rock?

Sticker Jigsaw
Use your square jigsaw stickers to complete the picture.

Decorate a Snail
Design some new shells for these snails and colour them in. You could use your stickers or make up your own patterns.
Spot the Difference Sticker Game
Can you spot ten differences between these two scenes?

This is the whale who came one night
When the tide was high and the stars were bright.

Now use your stickers to make the picture below match the one above.

Count them up - did you find ten?
Welcome to Acorn Wood! Join in the fun with this box of early learning board books, based on the bestselling toddler series, Tales From Acorn Wood

- A box of sturdy little board books that are ideal for a toddler's small hands, and for bringing along in the buggy or car
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Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A chunky board book with felt flaps to open on every spread, based on the bestselling modern classic, *The Gruffalo*

- Specifically designed for babies with chunky pages and soft felt flaps because you’re never too young to meet a Gruffalo!
- The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo’s Child have together sold over 17 million copies and have been translated into eighty-two languages

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£6.99

Ages 0 - 5
Animalphabet
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Sharon King-Chai

A splendid alphabet of animals from the UK's favourite children's author, Julia Donaldson, and visionary illustrator Sharon King-Chai

• Can you guess who has more legs than a butterfly?

• Innovative die-cuts and flaps accompany the gorgeous illustrations in this celebration of animals big and small

• From the author of the worldwide sensation, The Gruffalo, published in seventy-five languages

• Perfect for reading aloud with children and interacting as they guess which animal will be next

• Over 22k hardbacks sold through Nielsen

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Paperback
March 2020
£9.99

Ages 0 - 5
A butterfly!

Who has more legs than a butterfly?
A caterpillar!

Who is faster than a caterpillar?
What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Lydia Monks

Join everyone’s favourite crime-busting ladybird on a trip to the seaside as she saves the day with another cunning plan

• The fourth book in the brilliantly funny What the Ladybird Heard series
• With glitter on every page
• The What the Ladybird Head series has sold over 1.9 million copies worldwide

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Hardback
April 2020
£12.99
One July, when the sun was high,
The ladybird took to the clear blue sky.
She spread her wings in the summer breeze
And flew over farms and fields and trees.
She flew and she flew, as fast as could be
Till at last she came to the deep blue sea.
And the sea lion roared and the seagull shrieked,

The mermaid sang and the dolphin squeaked.

The crab went SNAP and the shark went GNASH.

The whale’s grey tail made a mighty SPLASH.

The dogfish barked and the catfish purred,

But the ladybird said never a word.

But the ladybird saw, and the ladybird heard ...
The Girl, The Bear and the Magic Shows
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Lydia Monks

An action-packed magical adventure about a little girl and her extraordinary new shoes from the bestselling creators of What the Ladybird Heard

- Publishing in a board book for the first time, this is a chunky cased board book format with a gorgeously glittery cover
- From the author and illustrator of the What the Ladybird Heard series which has sold over 2 million copies worldwide

9781529027761
Board Book
April 2020
£6.99
Tales from Acorn Wood Sticker Book
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A fun sticker book, based on the bestselling Tales from Acorn Wood books, packed full of activities and over four hundred stickers

• With over 400 stickers and lots of activities to keep children busy on rainy days, journeys and school holidays

• Refreshed with a new cover from the creators of The Gruffalo

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Paperback
May 2020
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Ages 0 - 5
Sugarlump and the Unicorn and Other Stories CD
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Lydia Monks

A collection of seven magical stories from the creators of the What the Ladybird Heard series, brought to life on audio CD

- Brilliantly read by a number of named readers including Noma Dumezweni, Lauren Laverne, Imelda Staunton and David Tennant, and including music and sound effects, read-along tracks for each story, plus Sugarlump and the Unicorn Song
- Total Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks picture book sales are over 7.5 million copies worldwide

9781529045826
CD
June 2020
£8.99

Ages 0 - 5
The Teeny Weeny Genie
Julia Donaldson, illus. Anna Currey

A brilliantly entertaining 'be-careful-what-you-wish-for' tale that's full of farmyard fun

- A wonderful new picture book story of wish-fulfilment and an increasingly chaotic farmyard
- A light-hearted 'be-careful-what-you-wish-for' tale from the bestselling Julia Donaldson, full of increasingly noisy farmyard fun!
- From the author and illustrator partnership behind One Ted Falls Out of Bed and Rosie’s Hat, which have combined sales of over 1.6 million copies worldwide.

9781509843602
Hardback
July 2020
£12.99
The genie liked it in the teapot, and Old Macdonald didn’t like tea, so life was nice and peaceful.

That is, until the day when Old Macdonald decided to clean out his cupboard.

“I’ll give this dusty old teapot a wash,” he said.

And when he started to rub it dry, the genie wafted out of the spout.

“What is your wish?” asked the genie.

“Could you manage a new tractor?” asked the farmer.

“My old one’s awfully rusty.”

The genie puffed himself up and said, “ABC and XYZ, Gobbledygook and garlic bread.”

He rubbed his tummy and patted his head, and...
Then the cat wished to be Supercat, the dog wished to be Superdog, the Macdonalds wished to be Superfarmers, the firefighters wished to be Superfirefighters, the baby wished to be Superbaby, and they all flew around bumping into each other.

WHIZZ
WHIZZ!

“I can’t stand this a minute longer,” said the genie. “I wish they’d all go away.”
Room on the Broom Sticker Book
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A fun sticker book, based on the bestselling Room on the Broom, packed full of activities and over four hundred stickers

- Based on the bestselling picture book, Room on the Broom
- With over 400 stickers and lots of activities to keep children busy on rainy days, journeys and school holidays
- From Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, creators of The Gruffalo

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Ages 0 - 5
Monkey Puzzle
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

Celebrate twenty years of this charmingly funny tale by the unparalleled picture book partnership of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, with this special anniversary edition of the story

• With a special fully-foiled cover and additional bonus content
• Monkey Puzzle has sold over 2.8 million copies worldwide

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Paperback
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Ages 0 - 5
What the Ladybird Heard Adventures CD

Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Lydia Monks

A collection of four fantastically funny What the Ladybird Heard adventures, brought to life on audio CD by Alexander Armstrong

- The What the Ladybird Heard series has sold over 2.5 million copies worldwide across all formats
- Brilliantly read by Alexander Armstrong and including music and sound effects, read-along tracks for each story, plus the What the Ladybird Heard Song

9781529045819
CD
June 2020
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Ages 0 - 5
The Gruffalo Touch and Feel

Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A chunky touch and feel book based on the bestselling modern classic, The Gruffalo

- Touch the Gruffalo's terrible tusks, feel his knobby knees and tickle his purple prickles with this interactive touch and feel book based on the bestselling picture book

- The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child have together sold over 17 million copies and have been translated into eighty-two languages

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Board Book
July 2020
£7.99
the Gruffalo!
But Shhh, he's fast asleep.

Are you brave enough to kiss him goodnight?
A fantastic gift set including a mini hardback edition of the bestselling picture book *The Snail and the Whale* and a cuddly whale soft toy

- The Snail and the Whale publishing (including novelty and activity) has sold over 4.7 million copies worldwide

- Part of a programme of *The Snail and the Whale* publishing in 2019/2020 to tie in with the release of *The Snail and the Whale* film for TV during Christmas 2019
What the Ladybird Heard Make and Do

Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Lydia Monks

A fun craft book, based on the bestselling What the Ladybird Heard packed full of activities

- A make and do book with fine crafts for young children and over 100 stickers
- Perfect for rainy day and school holidays
- The What the Ladybird Head series has sold over 1.9 million copies worldwide

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Paperback
August 2020
£6.99

• Ages 0 - 5
The Singing Mermaid Make and Do

Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Lydia Monks

A fun craft book, based on the bestselling *The Singing Mermaid* packed full of activities

- A make and do book with fine crafts for young children and over 100 stickers
- Perfect for rainy day and school holidays
- Based on the bestselling picture book, *The Singing Mermaid*

9781529024036
Paperback
August 2020
£6.99

• Ages 0 - 5
Conjuror Cow

Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Nick Sharratt

A brilliantly funny rhyming story by the bestselling Julia Donaldson

- It's Conjuror Cow's big night and she is feeling nervous—will she be able to pull a white rabbit out of her hat? Lift the flaps to see what she makes appear instead. A bunch of flowers? A pig? Find out if she manages to wave her wand and save the show.

- With bright, playful illustrations by Nick Sharratt, illustrator of You Choose.

- Chunky board format with flap to lift on every spread—perfect for preschoolers.

9781509838561
Board Book
August 2020
£6.99
Abracadabra and Broccoli Broth! White rabbit, you'd better be under this cloth!

Abracadabra and Broccoli Broth! White rabbit, you'd better be under this cloth!
Everyone's waiting.
The lights have gone low.
So up with the curtain . . .

...and on with the show!

Everyone's waiting.
The lights have gone low.
So up with the curtain . . .
Sugarlump and the Unicorn and The Singing Mermaid Slipcase
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Lydia Monks

A magical board book with push, pull and slide mechanisms, based on the bestselling Room on the Broom

- From the author and illustrator of the bestselling What the Ladybird Heard adventures, which have sold over 2 million copies worldwide
- The Singing Mermaid has sold over 850k copies worldwide and Sugarlump and the Unicorn has sold over 700k copies worldwide
- Drawing on the popular trends for unicorns and mermaids and publishing in time for Christmas – the perfect gift

9781529043952
Board Book
September 2020
£12.99

• Ages 0 - 5
Room on the Broom: A Push, Pull and Slide Book

Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A magical board book with push, pull and slide mechanisms, based on the bestselling Room on the Broom

• Push, pull and slide mechanisms on every spread

• Room on the Broom Busy Book is the perfect introduction to the bestselling picture book Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, creators of The Gruffalo

9781529023862
Board Book
September 2020
£6.99

Ages 0 - 5
Tales from Acorn Wood
Book and Card Game

Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

Make friends with the animals in Acorn Wood with this special book and card game gift set!

• Gift box containing a book and a set of 32 jumbo character cards with 4-in-1 gameplay for 2-4 players

• Gameplay helps develop observational and memory skills, hand-eye coordination, and personal and social skills

• 2020 is the 20th anniversary of Tales from Acorn Wood

9781529046229
Pack
September 2020
£9.99

Ages 0 - 5
The Hospital Dog
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Sara Ogilvie

Dot the hospital dog is everyone’s favourite visitor in this warm-hearted story of bravery and friendship

- From the creative partnership behind the bestselling picture book, The Detective Dog
- The Detective Dog sold 240k copies in the UK
- The Detective Dog sold in eighteen languages

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Hardback
October 2020
£12.99

3+
Here is a dog: a Dalmatian called Dot. Is she quite ordinary? NO. SHE'S NOT!

Here at Dot's owner a lady called Rose
With rings on her fingers and spots on her nose.
Here are the children in Wallaby Ward,
Most of them happy but some of them bored.

A girl’s feeling shy and a baby is howling,
A toddler’s cross and a teenager’s scowling,
A visitor’s jumping about like a frog,
But look who’s arrived!
The Snail and the Whale: A Push, Pull and Slide Book
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Lydia Monks

A brilliant board book with push, pull and slide mechanisms, based on the bestselling The Snail and the Whale

- Push, pull and slide mechanisms on every spread
- Move the magical scene-changing mechanism to help the snail with her big plan to save the whale

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Board Book
October 2020
£6.99
Counting Creatures
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Sharon King-Chai

A gloriously beautiful counting book, full of die-cuts, flaps and fold-outs from the UK’s favourite author Julia Donaldson and award-winning illustrator Sharon King-Chai

- Innovative die-cuts and flaps accompany the gorgeous illustrations in this celebration of animals big and small
- Fantastically original counting book by the team behind the award-winning Animalphabet, featuring a host of baby animals from lambs to leopard
- Perfect for reading aloud with children and interacting as they guess how many babies each animal has

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Hardback
October 2020
£14.99
Ages 0 - 5
This sheep has ...
Two lambs

One of them eating, the other one bleating.

Who has more babies than that?
3 kittens
Tottering, swaying,
Pouncing and playing.

Who has more babies than that?
Cave Baby 10th Anniversary Edition

Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Emily Gravett

A special tenth anniversary edition of this glorious adventure story full of wonder and mischief

• From the bestselling author Julia Donaldson and award-winning illustrator Emily Gravett

• Cave Baby has sold 900,000 copies worldwide

• Includes the original story plus bonus material from the author and illustrator

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Paperback
September 2020
£6.99

Ages 0 - 5
Cave Baby’s lonely. Nobody will play.
Dad is busy being brave. Mum says, “Keep away.”

Everything is boring . . .
Then suddenly it’s not,
For in a corner of the cave he finds a brush and pot.
A cave in the hillside! "I wonder who lives there? I hope it's not... Don't let it be... the big brown bear!"
The Gruffalo Carousel Book

Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A magnificent pop-up carousel book, based on The Gruffalo

- Walk into the deep dark wood with Mouse in this amazing pop-up carousel book, and discover what happens when he comes face to face with a fox, an owl, a snake . . . and a hungry Gruffalo!

- Based on the bestselling picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler which has sold over 13.5 million copies sold worldwide

- Includes three pop-up scenes, the full story of The Gruffalo told over three pages, a page of press-out pieces and an envelope for safe storage

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Hardback
October 2020
£14.99
The Gruffalo Sticker Book
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

Join all your favourite characters from the deep dark wood in this must-have sticker book

- Based on The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- Packed with games, activities and over four hundred stickers, The Gruffalo Sticker Book is perfect for birthdays, rainy days and school holidays – a great gift for any child
The Gruffalo: A Push, Pull and Slide Book

Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A brilliant board book with push, pull and slide mechanisms, based on the bestselling The Gruffalo

- Push, pull and slide mechanisms on every spread
- Based on the bestselling picture book The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

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Board Book
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3+
Rock-a-Bye Rumpus
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Sebastien Braun

A beautiful gift collection of poems and rhymes for the very young, curated by bestselling author, Julia Donaldson, and illustrated by Sebastien Braun

- A beautiful gift collection of poems and rhymes for the very young, with an audio CD – the perfect gift for any occasion
- Compiled by Julia Donaldson, bestselling author of The Gruffalo, the collection includes a mix of classic rhymes and lesser-known poems
- Illustrated by Sebastien Braun, illustrator of Spinderella

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Noisy Farm
Rod Campbell

A special 30th anniversary edition of Rod Campbell's classic lift-the-flap farm animal story

• With a brand new cover look and foil
• Children will delight in mooing along with the cow and oinking with the pig – great for teaching them animal names and their noises
• Rod Campbell has sold over 5 million copies worldwide through Nielsen Bookscan

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Ages 0 - 5
It’s the tractor off to plough the fields.

Where’s Sam?

It’s the tractor off to plough the fields.

Where’s Sam?

Sam can hear a running noise. What can that be?
First Rhymes
Rod Campbell

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Where’s Teddy?
Rod Campbell

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Rod Campbell

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Rod Campbell

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Rod Campbell

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Cat and Mouse

Kitty’s running round the house,
She thinks she saw a little mouse.

Kitty stops and turns around,
Then creeps along without a sound.

There is a little mouse somewhere –
Perhaps he’s underneath the chair?

But little mouse has run away,
So Kitty won’t catch him today!

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Dear Zoo Book and Toy Gift Set: Lion
Rod Campbell

The perfect gift set for lovers of Dear Zoo, including a mini gift paperback edition of the lift-the-flap classic and a cuddly lion plush toy

- Over 8 million copies of Dear Zoo sold worldwide, in 25 languages

- Children will love receiving their very own red crate from the zoo, holding a friendly pet lion inside and a mini paperback edition of the classic story

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Cecilia Davidsson, illustrated by Filippa Widlund

The Invisible Guest in Moominvalley introduces fans to the classic tale in which Moomins are visited by an invisible companion

- An exquisite gift edition with a textured wibalin cover and embossing
- Specially commissioned words and illustrations drawing on Tove Jansson’s gentle voice
- The Invisible Guest in Moominvalley has a strong message of kindness, caring for someone as the Moomins help Ninny feel safe and one of the family

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Ages 0-5
Moominvalley Activity Book
Amanda Li

A stylish activity book with decorative stickers for Moomin fans of all ages

- Almost 100 pages of activities, all based on Moominvalley TV animation featuring artwork from the best-loved episodes
- Includes a sticker spread with over 100 beautiful, highly decorative stickers
- A high specification, chunky paperback with matte lamination and spot UV, designed to complement Adventures in Moominvalley and The Moominvalley Handbook

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Ages 0 to 5
An actual, fire-breathing dragon!

Once, when fishing for wobbly-bugs in the stream, Moominmoom caught a fire-breathing dragon instead. It was quite a find but, as he soon found out, you can take the beast out of the wild, but not the wild out of the beast.

If you could have any pet (wild or tame), what would it be? Draw it, or write about it, here.

What would you call it?
Woodland creatures

Moominvalley is home to many little creatures, who emerge from their cosy winter homes as the snow starts to melt.

Colour in these friendly inhabitants of Moominvalley.
Welcome to Moominvalley: The Handbook
Amanda Li

A comprehensive guide to the characters, places and stories of the Moominvalley animation

- A lavish hardback format featuring exclusive background information on the beautiful animation series about the Moomins and their friends

- Appealing to Moomin fans old and new, this comprehensive guide gives new background to the well-known Moomin characters Moomintroll, his parents Moominmamma and Moominpappa and other perennial favourites
Stories from Moominvalley

Three new standalone stories introduce readers to the Moomins and their way of life

- A beautiful gift edition with a textured cover and embossing
- Based on episodes from Tove Jansson's original chapter books The Moomins and the Great Flood and Finn Family Moomintroll - appear together in this storybook collection for the first time
- Jansson's original words are sensitively interpreted by celebrated contemporary Scandinavian authors, Alex Haridi and Cecilia Davidsson

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June 2020
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Ages 0 to 5
Moomintroll and his mother had been walking for many days in the dark expanse of the great forest. Their paws were soaking wet and everything was in a terrible mess, because it had been raining for several weeks and the water was still rising. They were desperate to find a dry, sunny spot where they could build a house to snuggle up in before winter.

"I’m freezing," said Moomintroll.

"You’ll catch a cold," said Moominmamma and found him a dry pair of socks in her handbag.

Moomintrolls cannot stand the cold, as you know. They are happiest in the warmth of a tall stove.
Moomintroll Sets Sail

Tove Jansson

A beautifully-illustrated picture book featuring Tove Jansson’s beloved characters, in which the Moomins leave Moominvalley to voyage across the ocean in search of adventure

- A fully-illustrated retelling of a Tove Jansson classic, presented in a stunning gift edition with an embossed and textured cover
- Perfect for Moomin fans of all ages, from traditional picture book readers to adult fans and collectors

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Ages 0 to 5
Adventures in Moominvalley
Amanda Li

A colourful collection of nine amazing adventure stories about Moomintroll and his family

• In which the Moomins and their friends encounter the hattifatteners, capture a dragon, unexpectedly move house - and meet the mysterious Groke

• Nine adventures stories illustrated with stunning artwork taken from the beautiful animation series, Moominvalley

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Paperback
October 2020
£9.99
Moomintroll and Little My sat on the stairs.

"I could build another house," said Moomintroll.

"I'll choose where to build it," said Little My. "Deal?"

She shook Moomintroll's paw. And she didn't bite.

Little My chose the spot – a large smooth rock – and they got started on the new house.

"When will you be moving in, dear?" asked Moominmamma, when it was done.

But Moomintroll led Mymble to the front door.

"Dear Mrs Mymble," he said. "Allow me to present your new home."

"Thank you!" said the Mymble.

She followed her little ones into their new house, and then – something very strange happened. Four large flippers emerged, and the entire house rose up out of the wet sand. It was built on the back of a giant turtle!

And now it began to head towards the sea.

"Good work, son," said Moominpappa.

"It's a mobile home!" said Mymble. "I've always wanted to see the world. Goodbye! I hope you won't miss me too much..."

"We'll manage somehow!" called Moominpappa, happily. "Bon voyage!"

But Moomintroll felt a little sad. "I'll miss having Little My around," he said.
Night-time had arrived in Moominvalley, and it was time to go to bed. As Moosamintroll settled under the covers, a familiar face peeped out, making him jump.

“Surprise!” said Little My. “I thought I’d stay. You’re a bit annoying, but I don’t mind too much. And did you know,” she added quickly, “that it’s officially spring tomorrow!”

Spring! thought Moosamintroll. That could only mean one thing—Snufkin, Moosamintroll’s best friend, would be coming back to Moominvalley soon. And Moosamintroll couldn’t wait to see him again.
More Adventures in Moominvalley

Join the Moomins in a beautiful collection of nine exciting stories based on the award-winning animation

- Moomintroll and his friends and family are threatened by an erupting volcano, meet a friendly ghost, investigate a mysterious disappearance and have a midwinter adventure

- Illustrated with full-colour artwork from the award-winning animation series Moominvalley

- A beautiful high-end gift hardback with a foiled cover, featuring nine exciting adventures

- Closely derived from the classic original world and characters by Tove Jansson

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Moominpappa tried hard to think of a job that he could do. It was very, very difficult.

Then, as he looked out to sea, it came to him in a flash. He would be a tour guide! He would take groups of delighted passengers on board the Adventure to explore the sights of the Moominvalley coastline. They would only sail in storms and high winds. His new company would be called ‘Gale Tours’.

“If there ain’t a gale, we don’t sail!” he said, very pleased with himself.

The next morning Moominpappa grabbed his briefcase and rushed off.

“Have a good day at work, dear,” called Moominmamma, looking a little worried.

“No time for goodbyes,” he answered. “There’s work to be done!”

Moominpappa headed for the beach and found a cave that would make a suitable office. Then he got to work on the Adventure. He painted it, sealed the hull and replaced the rudder. He even sold a ticket to his first customer – a passing Himmelien.

“This is a new chapter in the life of the Moomins!” he declared.
Just Annoying
Andy Griffiths

The hilarious new series from the bestselling Treehouse duo, Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton!

- A series of fun, fast-paced short stories told by young Andy, who considers himself the world's greatest, craziest, most annoying and most stupid practical joker
- With illustrations by Terry Denton throughout
- Over 7 million copies of the Treehouse series sold worldwide
- The Just series is the perfect follow-on for Treehouse fans. As funny and irreverent as Treehouse but written as a series of short stories so ideal for reluctant or new readers

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Ages 7 - 9
The 130-Storey Treehouse
Andy Griffiths

Lots of laughs on every level in the world’s most awesome treehouse! The very special tenth instalment in the number one bestselling Treehouse series

• Heavily illustrated, fast-paced text is perfect for reluctant readers

• Perfect for fans of Captain Underpants and Diary of a Wimpy Kid

• Over 7 million copies of the Treehouse series sold worldwide

9781529017922
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Ages 0 - 5
Just Stupid!
Andy Griffiths

The perfect book for any practical joker – Just Stupid! is the third book in the hilarious Just series by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton, the creators of the bestselling Treehouse series.

- A series of fun, fast-paced short stories told by young Andy, who considers himself the world’s greatest, craziest, most annoying and most stupid practical joker.
- With illustrations by Terry Denton throughout.
- Over 7 million copies of the Treehouse series sold worldwide.
- The Just series is the perfect follow-on for Treehouse fans. As funny and irreverent as Treehouse but written as a series of short stories so ideal for reluctant or new readers.

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Ages 7 - 9
January
Aalfred and Aalbert

A heart-warming and funny story about a blossoming friendship between two solitary aardvarks who fall in love

- Two very different worlds are cleverly intertwined in Morag's signature bold, graphic style
- A funny, warm friendship makes the perfect gift for Valentine's Day
- Written in Morag's idiosyncratic, wry humorous style
- @moraghood

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January 2020
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Ages 3 to 6
And.
in a way.

he did.
and they all lived happily ever after.
I Forgot to Say I Love You
Miriam Moss

Find out what happens when Mum forgets to say something very important in this warm-hearted story

- Publishing in board book for the first time
- The series (three books) has previously sold over 500,000 copies worldwide

9781509893706
Board Book
January 2020
£6.99

Ages 0 to 5
On the way to nursery, Billy balanced Rabbit and his lunch box on his head.

"Be careful," said Mum.

"I am," said Billy, "except Rabbit won't sit still."
Suddenly the door flew open.

It was Mum!

“Oh Billy, I’m so sorry,” she cried.
“I forgot to give Rabbit back to you, and I forgot something else, too...
February 2020
The Go-Away Bird
Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Catherine Rayner

The Go-Away bird just wants to be left alone . . . but when she finds herself in trouble she soon realizes that sometimes everyone needs a friend

- From the author of The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child which have sold over 17 million copies worldwide

- Illustrated by the winner of the prestigious CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal, Catherine Rayner, in her gorgeous and distinctive style

- The hardback has sold over 10k copies

- Instagram: @Catherine.rayner

9781509843572
Paperback
March 2020
£6.99

Ages 0 to 5
“Go away! Go away! Go away!
I don’t want to eat today.
Your eyes are beady; you’re much too greedy.
Just to look at you makes me seedy.
So listen to what I say:

Go away!
Go away!
Go away!”
"You can stay! You can stay! You can stay!
I do want some friends today.
Let’s start playing – no delaying!
Let’s get hopping and hip-hooraying.
Nobody go away!

YOU CAN STAY!
YOU CAN STAY!
YOU CAN STAY!"
I am not an Elephant
Karl Newson, illustrated by Ross Collins

The laugh out loud follow up to the acclaimed I Am a Tiger

• Our feisty little Mouse is accused of being an elephant by a passing gecko and has to convince him that he is definitely NOT an elephant!

• Starring the same feisty Mouse and a range of animal characters

• Illustrated by award-winning artist Ross Collins

• Incorporates a STEM element of recognising shapes and naming animals

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Hardback
February 2020
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9781529008562
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February 2020
£6.99

Ages 0 to 5
The Truth About Old People
Elina Ellis

Discover the truth in this warm and funny picture book celebration of older people

- Hugely expressive artwork from the winner of the Macmillan Prize 2017
- Children's Book of the Week in The Telegraph
- A joyous and unapologetic celebration of old people in all their glory

9781509882274
Paperback
February 2020
£7.99

Ages 0 to 5
I've been hearing lots of strange things about old people.

Some people say old people are not much fun.
and old people are

NOT AT ALL

ADVENTUROUS.
March
2020
When is an egg not an egg? This almost wordless picture book takes a wise and witty look at an odd egg

• Sue and Paul are the celebrated award-winning picture book duo pair behind a host of bestselling picture books, including Barry the Fish with Fingers and the Supertato series

• The theme of being yourself and not having to conform to accepted norms
egg!
egg?
The Grizzly Itch
Victoria Cassanell

A bear wakes in the Spring with an unbearable itch: a grizzly itch. Luckily Bear knows where to find the perfect scratching tree. But what if someone else gets there first?

- A charming story about a blossoming friendship between a bear with an itch and a well-meaning beaver who wants to help
- Perfect for teaching children about kindness and making friends
- This gentle story of friendship and discovery is perfect to read aloud with young children

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March 2020
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9781529013573
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£6.99

Ages 3 to 6
Something woke Bear up from his long winter sleep...
He had an itch.
It was unBEARable.

He just
couldn't

reach it:
it was a GRIZZLY itch.
SPLASH!
April 2020
May 2020
Meet the superhero with the super bottom

- Zippo doesn't want to be an ordinary hippo. He wants to be super. But who's ever heard of a flying hippopotamus? Especially one with such a big bottom.

- From the bestselling author/illustrator pairing of You're Called What?!

- Kes Gray is the author of the bestselling Oi Frog!
"I don’t think flying is really my thing," said Zippo.
"No, but landing is!" said Roxi. "Did you see what happened each time you landed?"

"I squashed someone," said Zippo.

"You didn’t just squash ‘em," said Roxi.
"You got ‘em with your bottom!"
"I got ‘em with my bottom?" said Zippo.
"YOU GOT ‘EM WITH YOUR BOTTOM!" said Roxi.

"You came out of the sky in your super hippo costume and you got ‘em with your super hippo bottom!"
“SUPER BIG!”
said Roxi.
Five More Minutes
Marta Altés

A warm, quizzical child's-eye-view of the way in which children and adults experience the abstract concept of time differently - often to hilarious effect

• An appealing and funny portrait of hectic but happy family life and the way children and adults experience time differently

• A perfect gift for father's day

• Models a familiar domestic daily routine, introducing simple time concepts

• Marta Altés has sold over 30k copies of her books

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Paperback
May 2020
£6.99
it’s TIME TO WAKE UP!

Dad always asks for 'just five more minutes'.

He thinks five minutes isn’t very long.
But that’s not true.
Dad often says ‘we have no time’, but that makes no sense.
I Am An Artist
Marta Altés

Funny, irreverent and perfect for creative children and adults, I Am An Artist by Marta Altés is a sharp, silly, fabulous book which shows that art is EVERYWHERE!

• The perfect book for anyone who loves making art – and making a mess!

• Marta Altés is the award-winning creator of My Grandpa, King Cat and My New Home

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Ages 0 to 5
The King Cat
Marta Altés

The King Cat is a brilliantly observed, fantastically funny story about friendship, compromise and adjusting to change, from the award-winning author-illustrator Marta Altés

- Perfect for families about to welcome a new baby – and cat and dog lovers alike
- Marta Altés is the award-winning creator of My Grandpa, King Cat and My New Home
- Explores sibling rivalry with two wonderfully funny lead characters

9781529045086
Paperback
May 2020
£6.99
Little Monkey
Marta Altés

Little Monkey is a beautiful, funny and empowering picture book from bestselling author-illustrator, two times CIUP Kate Greenaway Medal nominee and BookTrust Time to Read favourite, Marta Altés

• Marta Altes' empowering picture book Little Monkey shows that the smaller you are, the bigger your adventures can be!

• Graining on the cover, with emboss and deboss which will bring the jungle to life

9781529045093
Paperback
May 2020
£6.99

Ages 0 to 5
My Grandpa
Marta Altés

A moving and memorable book about the very special relationship between an elderly grandfather and his adoring grandson, this unique look at old age through the eyes of a young bear is big-hearted, poignant and beautifully observed:

- A beautiful and touching book about a grandparent/grandchild relationship
- Gently addresses the subject of old age and dementia
- An accessible and uplifting story accompanied by stunning artwork that radiates warmth and charm

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Paperback
May 2020
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Ages 0 to 5
My New Home
Marta Altés

My New Home by bestselling author-illustrator, two times CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal nominee and BookTrust Time to Read favourite, Marta Altés, is a beautiful and uplifting story about moving house, making friends and finding a new home

- We’ve just moved house and I feel so far from home . . .
- Combines vibrant illustrations with a unique voice in storytelling
- Perfect to explore the fears and excitement of moving house and making new friends

9781529045116
Paperback
May 2020
£6.99
June 2020
Be Kind
Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Jen Hill

The New York Times bestseller that teaches children what it means to be kind

- Be Kind sold 86k copies in the US in 2018
- A thought-provoking text, designed to show young children the importance of being kind to others
- Beautiful illustrations, depicting the characters' emotions with compassion and charm
I don’t think it worked.
I said:

PURPLE IS MY FAVOURITE COLOUR.

When she came back, snack time was over.
She put on her art smock and didn’t look at anyone.

I thought Tanisha would smile.
But she ran into the hall instead.

Being kind should be easy.
Like throwing away a wrapper or recycling a bottle.
Or saying:

THANK YOU!

My Mum says the quickest way to be kind is to use people’s names:

Hi, Carla.

What’s new, Omar?

Good afternoon, Rabbi Mandelbaum.
Ninja
Arree Chung

Written and illustrated by Arree Chung, winner of the Federation of Children's Book Award in the Books for Younger Children category

- An action-packed story with colourful, comic book-style illustrations
- Tapping into a growing trend; this will appeal to all wannabe Ninjas!
- A ninja must be strong, courageous, and silent! He creeps through the house on a secret mission. There may be obstacles! But have no fear! A true ninja can overcome all challenges

9781529045925
Paperback
July 2020
£6.99

Ages 3 to 6
A **ninja** needs

- a thick **ninja stick**.
- **sticky ninja gloves**.
- silent **ninja footwear**.
- an **unbreakable ninja rope**.
- and a **bouncy ninja paddle**.
A ninja sneaks, creeps, tumbles, hides, and is fast on his feet.
Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes
Axel Scheffler

A beautiful gift treasury of over fifty nursery rhymes from the illustrator of The Gruffalo

- Over 50 favourite traditional nursery rhymes
- Illustrated by the bestselling, award-winning Axel Scheffler
- Additional original stories explaining how Mother Goose came up with her rhymes make this treasury unique

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Hardback
August 2020
£14.99
Hello Friend!
Rebecca Cobb

An irresistibly charming, relatable and light-hearted story about first friendships from rising star Rebecca Cobb

• Hello Friend! tells the story of one relentlessly big-hearted and enthusiastic little girl who is insistent on befriending a certain little boy

• Rebecca Cobb’s backlist has sold over 250k copies worldwide

• From the illustrator of The Paper Dolls and The Everywhere Bear, written by Julia Donaldson

9781447250524
Paperback
August 2020
£6.99

Ages 3 to 6
I’m really good at sharing . . .
especially at lunchtimes.
I Am Perfectly Designed
Karamo Brown with Jason Brown, Anoosha Syed

- I am Perfectly Designed is a joyful celebration of loving who you are, exactly as you are by Karamo Brown from the Netflix show Queer Eye
- Written by Karamo Brown, culture expert on Netflix hit series Queer Eye, and his son Jason
- A book about a single parent dad raising his son in a positive and life-affirming way
- A perfect gift for all fathers and sons

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Paperback
August 2020
£7.99
When I was a baby, I looked just like you . . .
Only I had no hair, and you had lots.

Now . . . it's the opposite.
So true.
Sometimes, Dad, when I get mad, or sad, or confused,
you wrap me in your arms. I like that.

Me, too. And I remind you that you are perfectly designed and wonderful. No matter what you’re feeling.
Arlo The Lion Who Couldn’t Sleep

Catherine Rayner

A dreamy bedtime book from award-winner Catherine Rayner about a wakeful lion who’s desperate to get some sleep

- Arlo the lion is exhausted. It’s too hot to sleep or too cold, or too loud or too quiet. Maybe his new friend owl will have some ideas to help

- Written and illustrated by CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal winner, Catherine Rayne, illustrator of The Go-Away Bird by Julia Donaldson

- The perfect book for bedtime for young children who are reluctant to go to bed or have trouble sleeping

- A beautiful book with a calming mindfulness message

9781509804207
Hardback
August 2020
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Ages 0 to 5
Arlo was a very tired lion.

He had tried everything but he could NOT get to sleep.
And before long, everyone was asleep, including Ado.

Everyone, that is, except Owl...
I Can Roar Like a Dinosaur
Karl Newson

Lively and laugh-out-loud third part in the series following the bold, cheeky Mouse as she demonstrates how to ROAR like a fierce dinosaur

- Mouse, with the help of a book How to Roar Like a Dinosaur in Three Easy Lessons, is determined to show the other animals that anyone can roar just as loud as a dinosaur if they follow the instructions

- The third picture book from the award-winning illustrator Ross Collins and hugely talented author Karl Newson

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Hardback
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ROOOAAAR!

*spreads from I Can Roar Like a Dinosaur
*spreads from I Can Roar Like a Dinosaur
Aesop's Fables, Retold
Elli Woollard

A beautiful gift edition of Aesop’s Fables featuring eight classic stories, charmingly retold in rhyming verse with stunning illustrations

- Marta Altés' previous titles have been translated into 23 languages and she has secured almost 60 foreign language deals
- Marta Altés has twice been nominated for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal
- This will have a wibalini cover with debossing on the type and covers

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£9.99
New In Town
Marta Altés

Meet a big, friendly dog in search of a home

- A big-hearted celebration of kindness and human connection, from the award-winning creator of Little Monkey

- Rich in detail and meaning - ideal for any child facing a new or daunting situation.

- ‘A witty, big-hearted book.’ The Observer on Five More Minutes

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Solomon and Mortimer, Solomon and Crocodile & Smelly Louie

Catherine Rayner

Solomon and Mortimer
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Solomon and Crocodile
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Smelly Louie
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Reissue

Ages 0-5
Little Goose's Autumn
Elli Woollard, illustrated by Briony May Smith

A beautiful and uplifting story about a little goose finding her place in the world

• A second seasonally inspired story from Elli Woollard and Briony May Smith, set in the same magical, natural world of their first collaboration, Little Bear’s Spring

• With additional non fiction facts about bird migration

• A gentle introduction to the natural world and the activities of animals preparing for winter

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Feeling free as the skittering breath of the breeze
She soared over mountains and rivers and trees
Always pursuing the voice of the throng
Who called “Little goose! Join the flock! Come along!”
We’re off to the south, where the air warms our wings,
Where even in winter the sunshine still sings.

“Oh yes!” said the goose. “That’s what I do as well!”
And as she rose upwards she felt her heart swell
With the joy of the wind as it danced and it swirled.
“Oh this,” thought the goose, “is my place in the world.”

*spreads from Little Goose’s Autumn*
Then onwards she flew, while the stars seemed to glow
With a shimmer of white, like the first flakes of snow.

*spreads from Little Goose’s Autumn*
Poo! Is That You?
Clare Helen Welsh, illustrated by Nicola O’Byrne

A very funny and informative story about a nasty niff, and which creature in the natural world might have made it

- Lenny the Lemur is on holiday in South America - he’s just settling down for a snooze when a very yucky smell wafts past. What can it be and who is producing it?

- Very funny and engaging narrative non-fiction

- Illustrated by Waterstone’s Prize winner Nicola O’Byrne with Open Very Carefully

- With an informative fact-based spread at the back of the book

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But up in the tree tops the smell was stronger than ever.

“Pooooo! It was you, wasn’t it?” he said to a sloth, lounging in the branches. “You’re the whiff that I can sniff!”

The sloth wasn’t bothered at all. “I aa-am a lit-tle bit sme- all-y...” she replied slowly.

“I knew it!” said Lenny excitedly. “It probably stops other animals from eating you, doesn’t it? Like the skunk...?”
“Urgh! You do stink, but it’s not you either!” Lenny was completely fed up.

“Haa-ave you tri-i-i-ed the gi-i-i-ant peli-iii-aaan flower?” said the sloth. She showed Lenny the way.

And eventually, a little time later, when they finally arrived, Lenny leaned over the plant and took a deep sniff.

It was definitely the worst thing he had smelt that day. But... the giant pelican flower was not the whiff he could sniff!
Just One of Those Days

Jill Murphy

A brand new story about the loveable Bear family by the creator of Peace at Last, with all the hallmarks of an instant classic

• The hotly anticipated third book in the best selling picture book series about the Bear family from Jill Murphy

• Peace at Last has sold over one million copies

• A wry and warm story about the ups and downs of family life which all parents and their young children will relate to

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Ages 3 to 6
By the end of the day, Baby Bear could hardly keep his eyes open. He was so glad to see his Mum waiting for him. It was still raining as they trudged home together.

"Daddy's bringing in a pizza," said Mrs Bear, "so we don't have to cook."

When they got home, Mrs Bear and Baby Bear got into their comfy pyjamas.
Baby Bear tested the jaw to make sure it moved. Then he hugged Mr Bear very tightly. Then he took off the labels.

Then he and T. Rex roared, and chased his Mum and Dad into the kitchen. "Better get this pizza on to plates," said Mrs Bear, "before someone goes into orbit!"
Rich Witch, Poor Witch
Peter Bently, illustrated by Jim Field

When there's panic at the palace, which witch will come to the rescue?

• A brilliantly funny, rhyming read-aloud text from the award-winning Peter Bently

• A fantastically funny fairytale from the winners of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, Peter Bently and Jim Field

• Full of bright illustrations by the award-winning illustrator of the Oi Frog! series, Jim Field

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The Little War Cat

Hiba Khan, illustrated by Laura Chamberlain

Inspired by a true story, The Little Cat of Aleppo is hopeful story amidst conflict from the perspective of one of Aleppo's smallest inhabitants: a little grey cat

- Inspired by the widely-reported and remarkable actions of Mohammad Aljaleel, a Syrian civilian who has made heroic efforts to help animals and children living through the conflict in Syria
- A gentle way to introduce a serious topic – the cat's view of the world is childlike and naïve which children can begin to relate to
- Hiba has worked as a Refugee Advocacy Worker for The Children's Society, and has delivered aid to Syrian refugees in Turkey

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September 2020
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£12.99
There was once a little grey cat who lived in Aleppo.
She would play tag in the marble mosques
And sunbathe beneath the palm trees.
But when the humans in the boots came, the sun seemed to disappear.

And everything changed.
Christmas Poems
Gaby Morgan, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A festive book packed with Christmas spirit!

- Christmas Poems is a festive collection of classic and specially created poems which celebrates all the best things about Christmas from the Nativity to Father Christmas, including snow, angels, reindeer and Christmas trees
- Featuring brand new illustrations by Axel Scheffler
- The perfect stocking filler gift for Christmas
- A beautiful and wide ranging anthology, perfect for getting into the festive spirit!

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Paperback
October 2020
£5.99
The Night Before Christmas in Wonderland
Carys Bexington

In Wonderland nothing is ever as it seems, especially one Christmas Eve when Santa and his reindeer arrive with a special delivery!

- Witty rhyming mash up about a trip by Santa and his reindeer to Wonderland on Christmas Eve
- Features key Wonderland characters such as the Queen of Hearts, the Mad Hatter and the White Rabbit
- ‘A true Christmassy delight.’ Mail on Sunday

9781509882212
Paperback
October 2020
£7.99
Into a tea party with Hare and Mad Hatter:

“Guests!” they both cheered. “Drink a tot, eat a drink!”
“Not that one,” said Mousey. “Those buns make you shrink….”

A dizzy St. Nick said, “We really can’t stay.
We’re a gift to deliver – before Christmas Day!”
Then as if by a spell, snowflakes swirled through the night
And Wonderland twinkled with warm festive light.

With Christmas restored, St Nick sprang to his sleigh,
Lots more stockings to fill before dawn Christmas Day.
He gave a warm shout as they galloped from sight...
Grumpy Gus is back! It's Christmas, but Gus is not a fan. Can this grumpy dog learn to love the season of goodwill?

- Hilarious new story about grumpy Gus, the mutt with the hangdog expression, this time set at Christmas
- Written and illustrated by Chris Chatterton, the artist behind the bestselling Ten Minutes to Bed series
- Full of witty illustrations and with a short but hilarious text, this will appeal to Christmas-lovers and Scrooges alike!
Coming to England
Floella Benjamin, illustrated by Diane Ewen

The inspiring story of Floella Benjamin, written and illustrated for the first time as a picture book for young children

• A brand-new picture book, written by Floella, based on her important childhood memoir of growing up as part of the Windrush generation

• Floella's journey is at once deeply personal and universally relevant. Coming to England is a powerful reminder that courage and determination can overcome adversity

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Hardback
October 2020
£12.99
The closer we got to England, the colder it became. We thought about our lessons on the British Empire at school. What would England be like?

“It will be a giant iceberg!” said Lester.

“Don’t be silly,” said Sandra, “it won’t be that cold!”
From Coming to England
January
A warm and funny story about a boy with a wild imagination who is sure that his mum is a lioness!

• The second book in this series from Dapo Adeola and prize-winning Swapna Haddow

• Rising star illustrator Dapo Adeola, whose debut book Look Up has been shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize
Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Book

Lucy Rowland, illustrated by Ben Mantle

A wonderfully witty, hilariously funny take on a much-loved fairy tale, The Little Pigs and the Big Bad Book celebrates the magic and joy of reading and story-telling

- The second picture book in a modern fairy tale series by a spectacular author and illustrator partnership

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£7.99
Kiki and Jax were best friends.
Kiki and Jax: The Life-Changing Magic of Friendship

Marie Kondo and Salina Yoon

A picture book story for young children encouraging them to discover the joy of sorting and tidying their things

- Kondo is now a household name through the success of The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up and Spark Joy, and her viral Netflix show
- Co-created and illustrated by beloved picture book illustrator Salina Yoon
- Written for young children, this story celebrates the life-changing magic of friendship and how tidying can enable a friendship to blossom

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February 2021
£6.99
The next day, Jax asked, "Do you want to go swimming?"

"Sure! Let me get my swimsuit!" said Kiki.

Kiki searched her drawers, her wardrobe, and even her toy box, but she couldn't find it anywhere.
Kiki and Jax sorted all of the items into boxes for keeping, donating, recycling, and throwing away.

Kiki took her time with each and every item.

THIS SPARKS SO MUCH JOY!
TWO HOOTS
A Hat for Mr Mountain
Soojin Kwak

The hats Annie makes are the talk of the forest... but can she make one big enough for Mr Mountain?

- Irresistible, distinctive artwork from a brand new talent
- An entertaining story of determination and the power of friendship and teamwork
- Perfect for STEM conversations as the qualities of different materials (wood, leaves, wood) for making a hat for a mountain are explored
- Soojin Kwak is a Korean illustrator who won second prize in the Macmillan Prize for Illustration
- Instagram @soojin.kwak

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Ages 0 to 5
Nara got some wool and started to knit.
It would take a long time to make a hat big enough for a mountain, but Nara had some help.

Giraffe piled up things to stand on,
Little Dog held the wool, and Elephant made sure everything was steady.

The lazy cats just wanted to play.
But at last the giant hat was finished.

Mr Mountain was very happy.
“Thank you, Nara,” he said.
Clouds!

The monkey led the other animals up into the trees, as high as they could climb.

There they began to collect the soft warm clouds from the sky.
Hamish Takes the Train
Daisy Hurst

A country bear takes the train to the city in this warm, funny and inclusive story that’s perfect for first readers

- A story starring trains, cranes and a bear which promotes kindness and empathy
- From the illustrator of I Do Not Like Books Anymore and Natalie and Alphonse series
- Daisy Hirst has been shortlisted for an AOI World Illustration Award and her first picture book was an Honour Book in the prestigious Ezra Jack Keats Awards

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Paperback
March 2020
£6.99

Ages 3 to 6
... all day, until it began to get dark.

Hamish had not found the city, but in a yard beside the railway, full of old trains and rusting junk, was a little kaboose with lit-up windows that reminded him of home.
As it was Friday, Max paid Hamish his wages and said, “There’s a job for you if you want it.”

Hamish bought a pizza with some of the money. He wondered what Noreen would be having for tea.
Where Is Your Sister?
Puck Koper

A stylish and funny search-and-find adventure with a twist, packed with twin-sister mischief

• A cheeky sister leads a zany caper through a department store in this funny and striking debut picture book

• Printed with three bold and beautiful pantone inks

• A stylish, funny and gorgeous take on Where’s Wally? packed with brilliant details to spot

• Winner of the Opera Prima prize for a debut book

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Paperback
April 2020
£7.99

Ages 3 to 6
“She’s over there, Mum!” I say.

Silly Harriet, this way we won’t have time for cake at all!
Now everyone is looking at us.
How embarrassing!

This way we'll never get any cake!
I Can Catch a Monster
Bethan Woollvin

A magical medieval tale of a brave little girl on the hunt for a fearsome beast!

- Magical, medieval setting with a cast of recognisable beasts from mythology (alongside some more obscure creatures!)
- I Can Catch a Monster centres around a fiercely independent female character
- Not a retelling of a fairytale as Bethan Woollvin's other titles are but a new and original story set in a familiar world
- More of Bethan Woollvin's gorgeous illustrations are available on Instagram as @bethanwoollvin

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Hardback  
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Ages 3 to 6
This creature looked, and smelled, and sounded like a scary monster...
“These creatures are kind and friendly, we shouldn’t be hunting them at all!” Bo said sternly.

Erik and Ivar were so relieved not to have been eaten that they agreed never to go monster hunting again.
Kate Read

A bright, fresh counting book – and a farmyard thriller

• Unique, clever combination of counting book and exciting story – so much more fun that the average 1,2,3

• Bright, bold collage artwork from a brand new talent

• Numbers one to ten in both numerals and words on every spread with a bonus 100 chickens to count at the end

• Perfect for fans of Rosie’s Walk and Mark Hearld

• Kate Read was highly commended in the Macmillan Prize for Illustration 2018

9781529010893
Paperback
May 2020
£7.99

Ages 3 to 6
100 One hundred angry hens and...
four paddling paws
Albert Talbot: Master of Disguise

Ben Manley, illustrated by Aurelie Guillerey

A young boy named Albert, a wild imagination and a series of fantastic alter egos

- Not keen on swimming lessons? Imagine you are Zandrian Delaclair, Antarctic Submariner - destroyer of the abominable Vampire Cuttlefish!
- A fun playful tale encouraging children to be who they want to be
- Wonderfully retro bright and bold illustrations and a delight to read aloud
- By illustrator of Daddy Long Legs – a Sunday Times Children’s Book of the Week, and the author of The Misadventures of Frederick

9781509882243
Hardback
June 2020
£12.99

9781509882250
Paperback
January 2021
£6.99

Ages 0 - 5
My name is Zandrian Delaclair, Antarctic Submariner and I must keep my promise to destroy the abominable Vampire Cuttlefish.
“Go to bed, Albert.”

“My name is not Albert.”

“My name is Xarlon Quarkstar, Galactic Megalord and I won’t go to bed until I have taken over the universe.”

“Go to bed, Xarlon.”
I'm Actually Really Grown-Up Now
Maisie Paradise Shearring

A funny, heartwarming picture book about independence, self-esteem and knowing when to stop being grown-up!

• Rising star and potentially prize-winning illustrator with a buzz around her – Laura Carlin meets Shirley Hughes

• Instantly relatable to children and adults alike, including a diverse cast of characters

• Perfect for fans of Shirley Hughes, I'm Actually Really Grown-Up now is a warm and funny story from the creator of Anna and Otis

9781509834563
Paperback
July 2020
£6.99
Dad needed a lot of help with his garden designs. Meena came up with some great new ideas. She was very good at drawing slugs and snails.

Once Meena's plans were ready, she headed outside to make her new garden.

There, this looks lovely.

Being a grown-up was easy, she thought.
Spaghetti Hunters

MORAG HOOD

A brilliantly funny and wonderfully silly picture book, featuring a duck, a tiny horse and quest for spaghetti, from Morag Hood – creator of The Steves, I Am Bat, Aalfred and Aalbert and Brenda is a Sheep

• Infectiously silly story plus message about home cooking and food — spaghetti doesn’t grow on trees

• Bright, colourful and funny: the perfect book for fans of Ed Vere and Jim Field

• Morag Hood’s brand continues to build: this is her seventh Two Hoots book in two years with each book outselling the last

9781509889846
Hardback
July 2020
£11.99
NEVER FEAR!
said Tiny Horse.

‘For I am the greatest spaghetti hunter there has ever been and I shall save the day.’
You can’t just make spaghetti.

It is much more complicated than that.
Brenda is a Sheep

MORAG HOOD

Brenda Is A Sheep is a massively mischievous and heart-warming story about being accepted, from Morag Hood – the creator of The Steves, I Am Bat, Aalfred and Aalbert, and author of Sophie Johnson: Unicorn Expert

- Brenda says she is a sheep, but why does she look so different from her fluffy friends?
- Heartwarming message of friendship and acceptance (with Morag's signature cheeky twist)
- Bright, colourful, funny and adorable: the perfect book for fans of Ed Vere and Jim Field

9781509842971
Paperback
July 2020
£6.99
Brenda does all the things that sheep do... because Brenda is a sheep.

She is working hard on her special mint sauce recipe.

The sheep have never had Brenda's special mint sauce but she tells them it is very tasty.

You just need to find the right thing to eat it with.
Bold, bright and brilliant. The colourful world of Morag Hood.
One Day in Wonderland
Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Júlia Sardà

A joyful, playful celebration of Lewis Carroll's love of language combined with an introduction to his life and the origin of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

• From brillig and uglification to frumious and chortle, the award-winning author Kathleen Krull uses many of Carroll's own words to tell the story of a man who wanted to make children laugh and whose legacy continues to entertain and delight

• Packed with rich and surprising details, Júlia Sardà’s illustrations make this a book to treasure

9781509878611
Paperback
August 2020
£7.99

Ages 3 to 6
A pack of cards plays croquet - using live hedgehogs and flamingos. Sea creatures dance the Lobster Quadrille, while Alice interrupts a Mad Tea Party. Everyone chants silly poems and songs, as when a Mock Turtle croons "Beautiful, beautiful soup!" over and over.
The Misadventures of Frederick
Ben Manley, illustrated by Emma Chichester Clark

A gloriously illustrated picture book celebration of being scared and doing it anyway

• Frederick leads a very sheltered life: and when Emily invites him to play outside he has no choice but to refuse – what if he hurts himself? But Emily is not one to take no for an answer...

• All about the importance of play, adventure, and fun

• Exceptionally beautiful and atmospheric illustrations from the delightful Emma Chichester Clark, creator of Plumdog and Blue Kangaroo

9781509851546
September 2020
Paperback
£7.99
My Dearest Emily,

The lovely salmon makes his ragged run upstream.

It is with bitter regret that I inform you I may not go swimming in the lake today, on account that I might catch pneumonia and have to go to Switzerland.

Sorrowfully yours,
Frederick.
Hi Frederick,
I'm climbing trees today.
Do you want to come?
Love,
Emily x
Starbird
Sharon King-Chai

An exquisitely beautiful folk tale about love and freedom

• Shiny silver foil details on many inside spreads

• Poetic, lyrical story with a timeless feel and a beautiful message about love and freedom

• Lush and richly colourful illustrations of animals and the natural world, for fans of Animalphabet
Each evening at dusk, Starbird sang to the princess, the purest, sweetest and most enchanting song.

She would fall asleep to his beautiful voice, nestled in the treasure of the richest dreams.
But the jungle was not home, and when morning came, Starbird set off once again. He flew so far and low, the land turned liquid.

Whoosh! The cold water engulfed him as he entered the underwater wonderland.
Too Much Stuff
Emily Gravett

A hugely entertaining rhyming woodland story about a pair of hoarding magpies and the perils of having too much stuff!

- Returns to the forest setting of the bestselling, CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal-shortlisted Tidy
- Vital and on-trend message about rejecting consumerism and understanding that happiness is not achieved by getting more stuff
- Features familiar characters in the forest first seen in the bestselling, IBW Book Award-winning Tidy

9781509857333
Hardback
October 2020
£12.99
They nabbed a bucket and a mop.
A brush - a broom.
They could not stop
It wasn't that long, before they had laid
Four perfect eggs, in the nest that they'd made,

But looking around, they worried their nest
Needed more stuff, to make it the best

And so, while one of them stayed behind,
The other flew off to go and find:
The extra things that they agreed
Their chicks were really going to NEED.
From Africa to Australia to Asia and back again, Sonny the meerkat is on the hunt for the perfect Christmas in this flap-filled festive picture book.

- Novelty Christmas card flaps are perfectly integrated into the fun festive story
- Brightly colourful and joyous artwork full of penguins, polar bears, robins, reindeer and Father Christmas himself
- Message that Christmas is about family and friends – not just about all the trimmings

9781509857302
October 2020
Paperback
£7.99
His first stop is at his pen pal Kev’s.

Kev is having a lovely Christmas, but it all looks a bit like the Kalahari to Sunny. So he says goodbye, and carries on with his search.
Dear Mum, Dad, Grandma, Grandad, Aunty, Uncle, Brothers, Sisters, all my cousins and anyone else who knows me.

I am eating prawns! (they are a bit like scorpions but are from the sea) There is a lot of sand here (just like at home) but also the sea.

Later Kev is going to teach me to surf (whatever that is).

I hope it doesn’t involve getting wet!

lots of love,

Sunny

Have a happy holiday

Scorpion

Prawn

Kev is having a lovely Christmas, but it all looks a bit like the Kalahari to Sunny. So he says goodbye, and carries on with his search.
The decorations are amazing at Trevor’s, and there are plenty of trees, but it doesn’t look anything like the Christmas in his magazine. Where is all the snow?
The decorations are amazing at Trevor’s, and there are plenty of trees, but it doesn’t look anything like the Christmas in his magazine.

Where is all the snow?

Hello Everyone,

The food here is delicious. Crickets for dinner, but I haven’t tasted a Brussels sprout (can’t wait)! The decorations are BRILLIANT, but not stuck on tinsel trees like in my picture.

Sinyop x x x

P.S. I am sending you a snack.

Salad – yes
Tofu – yes (not sure how hot the gillig)
Noodles – hungry
Lunchbox – good (except for sake of spinach)
Crackers – Trevor said they were pretty long
Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland
Lewis Carroll, illustrated by Júlia Sardà

A beautiful gift edition of the classic story, with exceptional colour illustrations by Júlia Sardà

• Packed with full colour illustrations from the hugely sought-after Spanish illustrator, Júlia Sardà, illustrator of the bestselling The Clockwork Sparrow

• Slightly more portable and affordable than The Complete Alice, but still a stunning gift

• Sensitively designed and with exceptional cover finishes to make this a collector’s item for Alice fans

9781509897605
Paperback
October 2020
£12.99

Ages 9 -11 years
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

here and there she saw maps and pictures hung upon pegs. She took down a jar from one of the shelves as she passed; it was labelled "ORANGE MARMALADE", but to her great disappointment it was empty; she did not like to drop the jar, for fear of killing somebody underneath, so managed to put it into one of the cupboards as she fell past it.

"Well!" thought Alice to herself. "After such a fall as this, I shall think nothing of tumbling down stair! How brave they'll all think me at home! Why, I almost wish I hadn't said anything about it, even if I fell off the top of the house!" (Which was very likely true.)

Down, down, down. Would the fall never come to an end?

"I wonder how many miles I've fallen by this time?" she said aloud. "I must be getting somewhere near the centre of the earth. Let me see: that would be four thousand miles down. I think—"

(for, you see, Alice had learnt several things of this sort in her lessons in the schoolroom, and though this was not a very good opportunity for showing off her knowledge, as there was no one to listen to her, still it was good practice to say it over) "—yes, that's about the right distance—but then I wonder what Latitude or Longitude I've got to?" (Alice had not the slightest idea what:

![Image of a book with a rabbit hole and a key]

drink much from a bottle marked "poison", it is almost certain to disagree with you, sooner or later.

However, this bottle was not marked "poison", so Alice ventured to taste it, and finding it very nice, (it had, in fact, a sort of mixed flavour of cherry-tart, custard, pine-apple, roast turkey, toffy, and hot battered toast), she very soon finished it off.

"What a curious feeling!" said Alice. "I must be shrinking up like a telescope."

And so it was indeed: she was now only ten inches high, and her face brightened up at the thought that she was now the right size for going through the little door into that lovely garden. First, however, she waited for a few minutes to see if she was going to shrink any further; she felt a little nervous about this; "for it might end, you know," said Alice to herself, "in my going out altogether, like a candle. I wonder what I should be like then?" And she tried to fancy what the flame of a candle looks like after the candle is blown out, for she could not remember ever having seen such a thing.
Constance in Peril
Ben Manley, illustrated by Emma Chichester Clark

A delightfully dark and witty tale following a poor rag doll called Constance Hardpenny whose fortunes are tied to Edward her not-so attentive, reckless owner

- Brilliantly witty follow-up to the critically acclaimed The Misadventures of Frederick - Children's Book of the Week in the Sunday Times and The Times, and a Best New Children's Book in the Guardian

- Exceptionally beautiful and atmospheric illustrations from the delightful Emma Chichester Clark, creator of Plumdog and Blue Kangaroo

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March 2021
Hardback
£12.99
There she lived happily for a time.

But Constance was no stranger to misfortune and disaster was never far behind.

On Monday.

Constance became trapped at the top of the hornbeam tree with no chance of rescue.
Until...
The Highland Falcon Thief
MG Leonard, Sam Sedgman, illustrated by Elisa Paganelli

Climb aboard the Highland Falcon and join Harrison Beck as he solves the case of a jewel thief in an addictive new series, Adventures on Trains

- From the author of Beetle Boy
- Harrison Beck reluctantly joins his Uncle for the last journey of the royal train. As the train makes its way to Scotland, a priceless brooch goes missing, and things are suddenly a lot more interesting
- Each journey is based on a real train or route, from the historic to the ultra-modern, with international landscapes, settings and characters

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B Format Paperback
January 2020
£6.99
A House Without Walls
Elizabeth Laird

The moving story of a family’s fight to reunite after their lives are torn apart by the Syrian conflict

- A sensitive companion to the UKLA Award-winning Welcome to Nowhere, focusing on the domestic lives of Syrian refugees rebuilding their lives in Jordan
- Beautiful double-page black-and-white illustrations from Lucy Eldridge
- The book is based on Elizabeth’s research; she has travelling extensively in Jordan and visit and volunteered in the refugee camps
- ‘A muscular, moving, thought-provoking book.’ Guardian on Welcome to Nowhere
Follow Me, Like Me
Charlotte Seager

What do you do when your Instagram romance goes wrong and tries to find you IRL?

- A coming-of-age story centred on the timely issue of authenticity online
- Deals with the issue of bulling, self-esteem, and positive protection online without being preachy
- A realistic in-depth look at the danger of online relationships perfect for fans of MTV’s Catfish

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January 2020
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12+
Collected Poems for Children
Charles Causley

A beautiful edition of Collected Poems for Children with a foreword by Roger McGough

• 'Church bells ought to greet the arrival of Causley's Collected Poems for Children... it is so plum-pudding-rich in delight.' Children's Books History Society

• Illustrated with line art by John Lawrence

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January 2020
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Wilder Girls

Rory Power

Visceral and devastating, Rory Power’s debut is an extraordinary tale of survival and female friendship

• The Tox turned the students strange and savage, the teachers died off one by one but Hetty will do anything to find her missing best friend even if it means breaking the quarantine

• A New York Times bestseller

• The Power meets We Were Liars

• Compelling genre mash up, expertly weaving body-horror and zeitgeist feminist themes as well as environmental issues

• Rights sold in Spain, Poland and Russia

9781529021264
B Format Paperback
February 2020
£7.99
Ember Queen
Laura Sebastian

Full of intrigue, tested loyalties, daring and revenge, Ember Queen is a new novel from Laura Sebastian

- Ash Princess was a New York Times bestseller
- A fast-paced and entirely immersive debut perfect for fans of Sarah J Maas and the Game of Thrones series
- ‘A darkly enchanting page-turner you won’t be able to put down.’ Bustle on Ash Princess

9781509855162
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February 2020
£7.99
Runaway Robot
Frank Cottrell-Boyce

When they told him to make new friends, they didn't mean from scratch...

- Alfie is off school after an accident in which he lost both his hand and his confidence. He's lonely all day on his own. So when he comes across Eric, a one-legged robot in need of a friend, he brings him home with him.

- Funny, heartwarming fiction from Carnegie Medal-winning Frank Cottrell Boyce, illustrated throughout by Steven Lenton.

- This book taps into the increased interest in AI and STEM subjects in a thoughtful and witty new adventure.

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B Format Paperback
February 2020
£6.99
March
Children of Virtue and Vengeance
Tomi Adeyemi

The breathtaking second title in Tomi Adeyemi's YA fantasy trilogy

• The first book in the series ends on a cliff-hanger that will leave readers desperate to find out what happens next. Children of Virtue and Vengeance opens with a shocking reveal, the first of many breathtaking twists and turns

• Fox 2000 made a pre-emptive acquisition of the film rights with Karen Rosenfelt signed on to produce

• Children of Blood and Bone won the Waterstones Children’s Book of the Year Award

• Children of Blood and Bone has been on the New York Times bestseller list for 75 weeks

9781509899456
B Format Paperback
March 2020
£7.99
‘This year’s big fantasy breakout... [an] epic story of family, love and magic.’
   *Stylist*

‘Black Girl Magic indeed! ... Full of cinematic action sequences ... it storms the boundaries of imagination. Yet it also confronts the conscience [and] poses thought-provoking questions about race, class, and authority that hold up a warning mirror to our sharply divided society’
   *The New York Times*

‘Hugely gripping and original... Three perspectives, complex world-building and superlative characterisation make this a must for fantasy fans.’
   Imogen Russell Williams, *Metro*

‘Fans of Leigh Bardugo and Game of Thrones will gobble this up.’
   *BuzzFeed*

‘Epic in scale and size... it’s a whirlwind read thanks to immersive world-building, powerful characters and ferocious plotting ... particularly poignant in the current political climate.’
   *The Bookseller*

‘Epic fantasy YA debut of magic and war.’
   *The Guardian*

‘The Harry Potter I should have had.’
   *MostlyLit Podcast*
Supernova
Marissa Meyer

Supernova is Marissa Meyer's epic conclusion to the stunning Renegades series

• With their alter egos at war, their allies at each other's throats and their feelings for one another growing, Nova and Adrian battle to keep their secret identities under wraps as their greatest fears are realized.

• Perfect for all who love comics, superhero movies, fantasy, and speculative fiction.

• Marissa Meyer’s books have sold almost 250k worldwide through Nielsen.

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She is Fierce
Ana Sampson

An empowering selection of poems by women – from classic, well loved poets to innovative and bold modern voices

- She is Fierce is a powerful collection of 150 poems written by women
- Printed in double pantone colour
- The collection contains an inclusive array of voices from Maya Angelou, Rupi Kaur, Carol Ann Duffy, Holly McNish, Charlotte Bronte, Emily Dickinson and many more

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March 2020
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Colt of the Clouds
Kallie George, illustrated by Lucy Eldridge

Journey to the clouds and back!

- The second in a fun and fast-paced magical adventure series that will have you flying

- Worst Witch meets Pegasus in this illustrated fiction for 7+ horse-lovers everywhere

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April
RULES FOR BEING A GIRL.

Don’t be easy. Don’t give it up.
Don’t be a prude. Don’t be cold.
Don’t put him in the friend zone.
Don’t act desperate.
Don’t let things go too far.
Don’t give him the wrong idea.
Don’t blame him for trying.
Don’t walk alone at night.
But calm down! Don’t worry so much. Smile!

Remember, girl: It’s the best time in the history of the world to be you.
You can do anything! You can do everything!
You can be whatever you want to be!

JUST AS LONG AS YOU FOLLOW THE RULES.
RULES FOR BEING A GIRL

NOW SHE KNOWS THEM . . .
SHE CAN BREAK THEM

AND KATIE COTUGNO
Rules for Being a Girl
Candace Bushnell and Katie Cotugno

New York Times bestselling authors Candace Bushnell and Katie Cotugno team up in this fierce, feminist exploration of everyday sexism

- Marin discovers her inner feminist after her favourite teacher kisses her and no one believes her
- Candace Bushnell is the author of Sex and the City which was the basis for the HBO hit series and two subsequent blockbuster movies
- Taps into themes of feminism
- Caitlin Moran's How to Be A Girl for teenagers

9781529036084
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April 2020
£7.99
Deeplight
Frances Hardinge

- A macabre YA adventure about a dangerous friendship, underwater exploration, long-dead gods and monsters of the deep

- Features Frances Hardinge's first male protagonist since Verdigris Deep, so it's a chance to broaden her audience even further

- Frances has a unique gothic imagination carried by luminous prose. She has a devoted following and tremendous crossover appeal

- 'One of our finest storytellers' Sarah Perry, author of The Essex Serpent

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B Format Paperback
April 2020
£7.99

*illustrated edition coming Oct 2020

12+
From the winner of the 2015 Costa Award comes *Deeplight*

‘Everyone should read Frances Hardinge. Everyone. Right now’

**Patrick Ness**

‘There is no mistaking the distinctive voice and vividly crafted prose of Frances Hardinge. She is a writer...whose stories fizz with ideas, allusions and eccentric detail’

**Metro**

A novel by Hardinge is always an event’

**Sunday Times**
Attack of the Heebie Jeebies
Tom Percival

Inside Out meets The Incredibles in an adventure series exploring anxiety in kids

• An accessible and fun look at anxiety for young children from Tom Percival

• One spot colour throughout

• First in a four book series about anxiety, making friends, anger and being nervous
Yes You Can: Ace Your Exams Without Losing Your Mind
Natasha Devon

Smash your exams without losing your mind with this one-stop, inspiring and empowering guide

- With helpful tips, tricks and advice on the best way to approach your revision, this is the definitive book for anyone who is nervous about upcoming exams
- This book includes advice on understanding your brain, study and revision tips, advice from experts and quizzes
- Natasha is an expert mental health campaigner who has toured schools and universities raising awareness on mental health

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April 2020
£9.99
War Stories
Michael Morpurgo

A superb collection of stories about war from acclaimed children’s writers, compiled by former Children’s Laureate Michael Morpurgo

• From World War II to the Crusades, 1970s Beirut to the Falklands, these stories explore the tragedy and the glory of wars throughout history and will speak powerfully to today’s young readers

• Publishing in April ahead of the 75th anniversary of VE day in May

• Features stories from Elizabeth Laird, Eva Ibbotson, Joan Aiken, Jamila Gaving, Celia Rees and more
Rediscover the adventures of a very unique little horse in this wonderful edition of Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse

- When Uncle Peder the toymaker falls on hard times, his little wooden horse must go out into the world to seek his fortune. But whether sailing the seven seas with a band of pirates, or walking the tightrope in a circus, the loyal little horse wants to return to his beloved master.

- Original inside illustrations from the creator of Milly-Molly-Mandy

- This is the first time The Adventures of The Little Wooden Horse is publishing in paperback.

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B Format Paperback
April 2020
£6.99
Join these two classic characters, Gobbolino and the Little Wooden Horse, as they set out on an exciting adventure together!

- When Gobbolino receives his sister Sootica’s call for help he leaves his comfortable new life as a kitchen cat and sets off for the Hurricane Mountains, home of the old witch with whom his sister lives.
- Ursula Moray Williams’ classic tale, with beautiful inside artwork from Catherine Rayner.
May
June
Flipped

Wendelin Van Draanen

Wendelin Van Draanen's modern day classic about first love, family and hatching your own chicks, with the classic cover look

- A classic he-said-she-said romantic comedy about first love for teens
- This edition will feature bonus material from the author
- A massive bestseller in export markets, it is particularly popular in China
- A fresh cover look to firmly position Flipped as a romantic comedy about first love for teens

9781529013245
Paperback
June 2020
£7.99

Ages 12+
July
Melt My Heart
Bethany Rutter

A summer of love, ice cream and saying yes to new things in this coming-of-age YA from the author of No Big Deal, Bethany Rutter

- Lily Rose is used to people paying attention to her gorgeous twin sister, Daisy. But even though Lily loves her own fat body, she can't shake the idea that no one would ever choose her over Daisy...

- Bethany has a great online presence and is a smart and articulate spokesperson for body positivity

- With No Big Deal widely hailed as 'the book I wish I'd had as a teenager', Bethany's writing appeals to adults and teenagers alike

9781529041163
B Format Paperback
July 2020
£7.99
BURN OUR BODIES DOWN

Rory Power

Burn Our Bodies Down is a devastating and visceral horror-thriller about survival, family secrets and the consequences of the human condition from YA author Rory Power

- Keep a fire burning no matter the weather. Leave a line of salt across the apartment threshold. And never, ever look in a mirror
- Perfect for fans of One of Us is Lying and A Good Girl's Guide to Murder
- Rory Power’s debut novel Wilder Girls was an instant New York Times bestseller

9781529022872
B Format Paperback
July 2020
£7.99
Praise for *Wilder Girls*:

‘Celebrates the resilience of girls and the earthshaking power of their friendships. An eerie, unforgettable triumph.’

Claire Legrand

‘Groundbreaking . . . brutal and beautiful, raw and unflinching.’ Emily Suvada, author of *This Mortal Coil*

‘This thrilling saga . . . is sure to be one of the season’s most talked-about books, in any genre.’

*Entertainment Weekly*

‘Part survival thriller, part post-apocalyptic romance, and part ecocritical feminist manifesto, a staggering gut punch of a book.’

*Kirkus, Starred Review*

‘*Wilder Girls* is so sharp and packs so much emotion in such wise ways. I'm convinced we're about to witness the emergence of a major new literary star.’

Jeff VanderMeer, author of *Annihilation*
Umbrella Mouse to the Rescue
Anna Fargher, illustrated by Sam Usher

The stunning sequel to The Umbrella Mouse from Anna Fargher, beautifully illustrated by Sam Usher

- Pip’s adventure continues as she takes part in the liberation of Paris
- Based on real-life French Resistance group Noah’s Ark, and packed with historical detail for WWII study
- Sam Usher has been shortlisted for the Waterstones Prize and the Red House Children’s Book Award
- 'A spellbinding tale of bravery and hope, where courage is found in the smallest of heroes.' Gill Lewis, author of Sky Hawk on The Umbrella Mouse
The Great Blue Yonder
Alex Shearer

The Great Blue Yonder by Alex Shearer is the quirky, gentle journey of a boy stuck between looking back, and moving on

- This edition will feature bonus material from the author
- 'A sensitive, gentle exploration of the saddest thing that can ever happen... very moving indeed' The Times

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July 2020
£7.99
A Year of Scottish Poems
Gaby Morgan

A Scottish Poem for Every Day of the Year is a glorious collection of 366 poems compiled by Gaby Morgan

- An inspiring anthology of the best of Scottish poetry to keep you company for every day of your life
- This collection is bursting at the seams with the strongest voices in Scottish poetry: Robert Burns, George Mackay Brown and Sir Walter Scott sit alongside Liz Lochhead, Don Paterson and Jackie Kay to deliver magic on every page that lasts a whole year!
Enid Blyton's books have been among the world's bestsellers since the 1930s. They are still incredibly popular and have been translated into 90 languages.

All 8 books in the series will be publishing together in May, perfectly timed for the summer holidays.

B-format paperback, 9/7/2020, £6.99
A Judy Blume’s classic with a gorgeous new cover

- This is a 50th anniversary of Judy Blume’s bestselling classic teen novel, Are You There, God? It’s Me, Margaret featuring a fresh, contemporary cover look and a letter from the author

- More than 82 million copies of July Blume’s books have been sold around the world and her work has been translated into thirty-two languages

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Paperback
July 2020
£6.99

Ages 12+
August
Wayward Son
Rainbow Rowell

The exciting follow-up to Carry On by the number one New York Times bestselling author of Fangirl, Rainbow Rowell

- Eagerly anticipated sequel to Carry On
- A fabulous magical road trip across America, this is Rainbow at her warm, witty, romantic best
- Carry On has sold over 130k worldwide
- 'Rowell imbues her magic with awe and spectacle. It's a powerful, politically minded allegory about sexual, ethnic and class identity - with a heady shot of teenage lust.' New York Times

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B Format Paperback
August 2020
£7.99

Ages 12+
The Case of the Jitters
Tom Percival

The Case of the Jitters is the second book in Tom Percival’s funny and heartwarming Dream Team series, which explores anxiety in children and is full of gorgeous and engaging one-colour illustrations from the author.

- Inside Out meets The Incredibles in an adventure series exploring anxiety in kids.
- Explores aspects of anxiety in younger children in a fun and accessible way. Gap in the fiction market for this age group - non-fiction and picture books in this subject area are booming.
- Percival has produced covers and internal illustrations for the Skulduggery Pleasant series, written and illustrated the Little Legends Series, as well as five picture books for Bloomsbury, including the Carnegie-nominated Ruby’s Worries.
dollop of mustard from his beard, ‘but I’d better get the washing-up done.’

Erika’s heart sank; he always used to want to play football.

‘What about after that?’

Erika’s dad glanced up at the clock.

‘I don’t know...’ he said. ‘It’s getting late and Randall’s been up a lot in the night recently.’

‘Mm-hmm,’ mumbled Erika. It was pretty much her only response whenever her parents talked about Randall.

‘He gets terrible wind, you see,’ added her dad.

‘Mm-hmm,’ muttered Erika.

‘Of course, it might be a dairy intolerance...’

‘Mm-hmm,’ growled Erika.

‘Either that or a—’
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- The Netflix original movie of There's Someone Inside Your House is expected to debut in autumn 2002.
- Horror continues to be an unstoppable obsession for teens and adults alike. Audiences are as hungry as ever for heart-stopping thrillers.

Ages 12+
The Orphans of St Halibut's
Sophie Wills, illustrated by David Tazzyman

Lemony Snicket meets Roald Dahl in The Orphans of St Halibut's, a hilarious and quirky middle-grade about orphans, friendship and the power of the underdog

- Can dastardly deeds and treacherous trickery save their home?
- Unique concept and style to stand out for the aspirational parent buyer, but accessible child-focused 'support the underdog' concept and great cast of characters

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shiver down her back. She wrapped her arms closer about her and eyed the fog that had gathered over the woods below. It crouched over the uppermost branches of the trees, its misty fingers stretching out greedily, now stroking the very edge of Sad Sack. Soon the town would be almost invisible in its grip, which would improve the view from St Halibut’s no end.

The town of Sad Sack resembled nothing so much as a splodge of something unpleasant that should have been mopped up but, left to moulder, had eventually evolved its own life forms. The other local orphanage, St Cod’s Home for Ingrates and Wastrels, festered near its centre, its residents feeding off the unguarded pockets of townsfolk like leeches on a wound. The bakery, the library, the butcher’s, the pharmacy that sold incense and strange herbal medicines and smelt so thickly perfumed that the air inside the shop was almost solid in your throat – all were crammed into the winding cobbled streets in haphazard rows that looked like they might fall down if you laid a finger on one of them. But it was the huge Mending House next to St Cod’s that dominated everything. Its stone walls formed a square with one missing side; tall iron railings and gates joined the open section, making a courtyard at the front. It squatted fat and menacing, its bleak chimneys casting murky shadows
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Who knows, maybe you can't walk to the shops without tripping over a leg or an ear or a chin, but, I can assure you, that's not the kind of thing you see every day around here. Oh no! Around here people drop normal things, like pens, bus passes or ice creams.

Not an arm.

But there it was, on the pavement at my feet.

A complete left arm.
The man who'd dropped it was just walking away. He was pretty scruffy, but that's no excuse to go dropping arms all over the place, is it? For one thing, the council will probably fine you for littering.

(Do body parts count as litter? I don't know. But I wouldn't Google that if I were you.)

Anyway, I'm quite a helpful person (and not very squeamish) so I picked up the arm and went after him. I resisted the temptation to wave at him with it - that would have been rude.

Luckily, the man hadn't got too far. In fact, he was shuffling so slowly down the pavement that catching up to him was really easy.

I tapped him on the shoulder. 'Excuse me,' I said, 'but I think you've dropped something!'
Now at this point most people would be thinking, **TURN ROUND AND RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN!** So this is probably a good moment to explain that the reason I didn’t is because of my family.

You see, my family are a bit **odd**. For a start my parents named me **Ozzy**, which is short for – Well, never mind that now. But the point is my family does things that other families don’t seem to. Like instead of two weeks on a sunny beach we go camping in Wales, in the rain, while wearing shorts.
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IT WAS THE White Rabbit, trotting slowly back again, and looking anxiously about as it went, as if it had lost something; and she heard it muttering to itself, "The Duchess! The Duchess! Oh my dear paws! Oh my fur and whiskers! She'll get me executed, as sure as ferrets are ferrets! Where can I have dropped them, I wonder?" Alice guessed in a moment that it was looking for the fan and the pair of white kid-gloves, and she very good-naturedly began hunting about for them, but they were nowhere to be seen—everything seemed to have changed since her swim in the pool; and the great hall, with the glass table and the little door, had vanished completely.

Very soon the Rabbit noticed Alice, as she went hunting about, and called out to her, in an angry tone, "Why, Mary Ann, what are you doing out here? Run home this moment, and fetch me a pair of gloves and a fan! Quick, now!" And Alice was so much frightened that she ran off at once in the direction it pointed to, without trying to explain the mistake that it had made.

"He took me for his housemaid," she said to herself as she ran. "How surprised he'll be when he finds out who I am! But I'd better take him his fan and gloves—that is, if I can find them." As she said this, she came upon a neat little house, on the door
She had not gone much farther before she came in sight of the house of the March Hare; she thought it must be the right house, because the chimneys were shaped like ears and the roof was thatched with fur. It was so large a house, that she did not like to go nearer till she had nibbled some more of the left-hand bit of mushroom, and raised herself to about two feet high; even then she walked up towards it rather timidly, saying to herself, "Suppose it should be raving mad after all! I almost wish I'd gone to see the Hatter instead!"
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Tracey Turner, illustrated by Asa Gilland

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Ages 7 - 9
My name is Hasima, and I live in the Sundarbans in Bangladesh, in a small village on an island where the jungle meets the sea. There are mangrove trees, sand dunes and mud flats, and creeks that come and go with the tides, winding through the jungle.

The jungle and the sea give us everything we need— we cut firewood from the forest, collect honey from beehives, and catch fish and crabs. But there are lots of dangers...

Fierce tigers prowl the jungle. People used to wear a backwoods-facing mask to fool the tigers—but they don’t work, at least not any more. Every year, people are killed.

There are also huge saltwater crocodiles and deadly snakes.

If someone is attacked, or gets sick, it’s not easy to get to a hospital, and treatment is expensive. There’s not much food or money to spare.

We pray to the goddess Bonbibh to protect us from danger, and promise her that we won’t take more than we need from the forest.

I live here with my family—my brothers Arjan and Debnath, and my mum and dad. I go to school every day in a nearby town. We get there in my dad’s boat.
My name is Esrin and I live in a town carved out of rock in the middle of Turkey. There’s nowhere else quite like it in the whole world!

The rock here is made from the ash of volcanoes that erupted millions of years ago. It formed caves, towers, and arches, and all sorts of other shapes. Hundreds of years ago, people started carving into the rock and adding stone to make buildings.

Not all buildings in the town are built into the rock. My school is just an ordinary building.

The most amazing buildings of all in Göreme are more than 30 Christian churches that were built into the rock over a thousand years ago, with beautiful artwork on the walls. Now, the churches are part of an open-air museum. Some churches have interesting names — Church of the Apple, Church of the Snake, Church of the Sandal and Nameless Church.

The town is called Göreme. There are lots of houses built into the rock, and some of our house is in an underground cave. Inside are fire pits where people used to cook and storage in the walls that used to hold looms for weaving. The caves help keep us cool in the hot, dry summers, and warm in the cold, snowy winters.

Tourists come to see the town and the churches. Some ride in balloons to get a bird’s-eye view of the landscape.

CAPPADOCIA, a region of Turkey of around 50,000 square kilometres.

LANGUAGE: Turkish
POPULATION: around 2,000

TURKEY
Hello! My name is Nambok, and I am a Masai girl. I live in a village in Kenya on the Serengeti—a Masai word that means 'endless plains'.

From my house you can see elephants, giraffes, zebras, lions, hyenas and jackals. There is a big thorny fence around our houses to keep them out! There are eight houses altogether, and all of them were built by Masai women. The men build the fence around the outside. My mum built our house out of sticks, mud, grass, and dung from the cattle.

My favourite things to do outside of school are playing football, riding the donkeys, and listening to my mother and grandmother tell stories.

I really like my school and my teachers. I walk there most days with my brother and two sisters. I want to be a doctor when I grow up.

After school, I help my mum collect water. In the dry season, there isn’t very much of it and we have to be careful how much we use. The donkeys come with us to carry the water.

Masai lands are in northern Kenya and southern Tanzania, an area of about 400,000 km². Languages: Maa, Swahili, English.

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AFRICAN SAVANNAH

Castles are super important to the Masai. The boys look after the hens, cattle, and goats and bring them into a pen at night to keep them safe from lions and other predators. The cows have bell ropes, which all make a different sound so we know which cow is which without even looking. The women and girls milk the goats and cows. On special occasions, we drink the cow’s milk— it doesn’t harm the cows, and it gives us strength.

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Ages 7 - 9
**Sample spread**
SCAVENGERS

Drop bread or an apple core in the street and it won’t last long—hungry wildlife will soon tuck in. Animals that eat food we throw away are called scavengers. They feast on all kinds of scraps as well as on dead animals and plants. They can be as small as bugs or as big as bears. Without scavengers, our cities would end up knee-deep in waste.

POLAR BEAR

Seals are the favourite food of some mighty meat-eaters. But as sea ice in the Arctic is melting due to climate change, these bears are struggling to find enough food. Now scavenge, the polar bear takes over—busies in northern Russia and Canada in search of a meal. Some have to be taught to adapt.

MARAPOO STORK

An elegant bird sails through the skies of south-east Asia. It roosts and feeds on dead animals such as rabbits. Their massive beaks rip the birds open. Happy rufous Stork is outside cities across three continents from far and wide, sometimes leaving behind an empty shell.

HERRING GULLS

Herring gulls live worldwide. Many birds in “stagger” to ensure that nothing is wasted. They quickly learn that fast-food restaurants, litter and garbage are where people constantly drop food. Some even build nests on top of waste heaps near towns and cities.

RACCOON

If you leave your door open in a US city, a raccoon might sneak inside your house to check. These nimble monkeys leap from tree to tree, climb fences and raid bins. Excellent climbers, they take shelter under your beds. In 2017, one raccoon climbed a 26-story building.

SLOTHED NEPHE

Humans are powerful tumblers with bone-crushing jaws. At night in Chihuahua, some leave the gritty streets and slip into the city of Marfa. Here they visit named markets and rub both feet in trash and savor the scent of food. Many people even feed them by hand.

COCKROACH

Survivors from the time of the dinosaurs, these insects are easy to catch and can live anywhere on land. They eat virtually anything—except each other. Their disease-carrying habits constantly to pick up the smell of rotting food.

*Sample spread*
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Ages 7 – 9
A FEW THINGS ABOUT ME:

My name's Sam Quigley. This can be annoying because sometimes unbelievably immature people call me names like Squiggly, Wiggly or Jiggly. But it could be a lot worse. For example, there is someone in my class called Patrick Pratt.

* I have pets. They are:
  Two stick insects called

Twiggy

and

Wiggy

* I really like interesting facts. Things like the tallest building in the world is the Burj Khalifa in Dubai and it's 828 metres tall are quite interesting, but what I really like are things like

there's a type of lizard that can walk on water

the fourth duke of Northumberland invented a wasp gun - like, for killing wasps

flamingos keep cool by weeing down their legs

* I have a sister and brother who are quite a bit older than me. They can be annoying and sometimes try to stop me from keeping toads in the bath and things like that. But they're all right really.
Have you ever heard of **bombardier beetles**? They are some of the coolest insects in the world because—and I am honestly not joking—they fire **poisonous chemicals** from their **burs** at attackers. They are like living **toxic water pistols**.

**Here's how it works:**

There are **two different chemicals** in separate parts of the beetle’s body. When it's threatened by a predator, the beetle can mix the chemicals together. The chemicals react and reach boiling point. Then the beetle takes aim with its bum and fires the hot, toxic spray at the attacker.

**Ready, aim, FIRE...**

It even makes a **POP!** sound.

It's enough to kill some kinds of predator.

If a bombardier beetle does get eaten by, say, a toad, it can **survive in the toad’s stomach** for up to two hours. Sometimes the toad is irritated by the beetle’s chemicals inside its stomach and is **sick**, and the beetle comes out alive and well, ready to explode another day.

There are hundreds of different types of bombardier beetle—I've drawn some of them scuttling about this page.
Lists for Curious Kids: Animals
Tracey Turner, illustrated by Caroline Selmes

A mind-blowing and informative book of lists about the animal kingdom

- Filled with details on topics from the most shudder-inducing bugs to the animals that have more than one nose to the five mice that orbited the Moon in Apollo 17 - and everything in between!

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- Stylish, eye-catching illustrations on every page

- @carolineselmes

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6 of the World's Smelliest Cheeses

1. VIEUX BOULOGNE
From northern France, this was judged by an 'electronic nose' to be the smelliest cheese in the world. The cheese's rind is soaked in beer for several weeks to give it its unique smell.

2. EPOISSES DE BOURGOGNE
This cheese is banned on the French public transport system because of its pong.

3. LIMBURGER
Popular in Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Bacteria on the rind accounts for its smell.

4. STINKING BISHOP
The rind of this English cheese is washed in fermented pear juice. It is thought to be Britain's smelliest cheese.

5. ALEON
From northern Spain, this blue cheese is wrapped in leaves for two or three months.

6. HUNSTER D'ALSACE
The rind of this cheese is washed in wine, and the cheese is aged in humid caves in the Alsace region of northern France.

28 Roman Numerals
Roman numbers can get really complicated. For example, 399 is CCCIXCIX. Work out the year you were born using these Roman numerals.

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13 Flowers You Can Eat

1. Alpine pinks (Dianthus)
2. Chrysanthemum (Chrysanthemum)
3. Daisy (Bellis perennis)
4. Elderflower (Sambucus nigra)
5. Hibiscus (Hibiscus rosa-sinensis)
6. Lavender (Lavandula angustifolia)
7. Nasturtium (Tropaeolum majus)
8. Pot marigold (Calendula officinalis)
9. Primrose (Primula vulgaris)
10. Rose (Rosa)
11. Sunflower (Helianthus annuus)
12. Sweet violet (Viola odorata)
13. Tiger lily (Lilium lancifolium variety tigrinum)

Most Common Surnames

1. Argentina - Fernandez
2. Brazil - Silva
3. Chile - Gonzalez
4. China - Wong or Wang
5. Denmark - Nielsen
6. Egypt - Mohamed
7. France - Martin
8. Italy - Rossi or Russo
9. India - Singh
10. Ireland - Murphy
11. Japan - Sato
12. Morocco - Alaoui
13. The Netherlands - De Jong
14. Italy - Rossi or Russo
15. Poland - Nowak
16. Portugal - Silva
17. South Africa - Naidoo
18. Spain - Garcia
19. Sweden - Andersson
20. Turkey - Yilmaz
21. UAE and Saudi Arabia - Khan
22. UK - Smith
23. USA - Smith

4 Facts About PENGUINS

1. The biggest penguin is the emperor penguin, which can be 130 cm tall and weigh 45 kg.
2. At the other end of the scale, four little blue penguins would have to stand on one another's shoulders to be as tall as an emperor penguin.
3. Macaroni penguins are one of six types of crested penguins, which all have striking yellow crests. The show-offs!
4. Not all penguins live in cold places: African penguins have to cope with high temperatures on the coasts of Namibia and South Africa.
8 RULERS with Unflattering Nicknames

- Sancho the Fat, King of León
- Ordoño the Wicked, King of León
- Alfonso the Stuberer, King of León
- Iñigo the Cabbage, Tsar of Bulgaria
- Charles the Bald, King of France
- Louis Do-Nothing, King of France
- Joanna the Mad, Queen of Spain
- Charles the Mad, King of France

7 Creepy-crawly FACTS About COCKROACHES

1. Cockroaches have white blood.
2. There are more than 50,000 different kinds.
3. They can run about as fast as you can walk.
4. They eat anything - soap, glue, their own cast-off skin, and sometimes each other.
5. The Madagascan Giant Hissing Cockroach is often kept as a pet.
6. The giant burrowing cockroach, which lives in Australia, is the world’s heaviest cockroach. It weighs 35 g and measures up to 8 cm long.
7. The world’s largest cockroach, Megaloblatta longipennis, lives in South America. It measures up to 9.7 cm long and 4.5 cm across, with a wingspan of up to 20 cm.

12 Popular Breeds of Cat

1. Abyssinian
2. American Bobtail
3. Bengal
4. Burmese
5. Egyptian Mau
6. Maine Coon
7. Manx
8. Norwegian Forest
9. Persian
10. Ragdoll
11. Scottish Fold
12. Tonkinese

8 Types of BEAR

There are only eight types of bear in the world today, or nine if you include grizzly-polar bear hybrids.

1. AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
   - the most common bear species in the world.
2. ASIAN BLACK BEAR
   - also known as moon bears or white-cheested bears.
3. BROWN BEAR
   - this species includes grizzly bears.
4. GIANT PANDA
   - possibly the cutest kind of bear.
5. SLOTH BEAR
   - eats insects and lives in South Asia.
6. SUN BEAR
   - lives in tropical rainforests in Southeast Asia and is sometimes called the honey bear, after its favourite food.
7. POLAR BEAR
   - along with a type of brown bear called the Kodiak bear, the polar bear is the largest land predator in the world (although it is sometimes classified as a marine mammal as it spends a lot of time on sea ice).
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Speak truth instead of lie,
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Cos an eye for an eye,
Will make us all blind.
Isaac Newton
Kate Williams

When a red apple fell on his head, this young thinker sat up and said: Gravity caused that fruit to fall! (The bump didn’t hurt the fellow at all.) Everyone knows, you know and I, that apples will fall – not rise to the sky! But when this one dropped down from the tree, it proved his theory of gravity.

Sir Isaac Newton 1642 – 1727, First Described the Force of Gravity

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FAMOUS FOR: There is a story about how Isaac Newton came up with his theory about gravity. He saw an apple fall from a tree, and wondered why it fell to the ground, and didn’t go upwards or sideways. His theory was there must be a force in everything, that pulls towards Earth. The bigger the object, the bigger the force would be. So the tiny apple with a tiny force would be overcome by the Earth’s large force. He named this force gravity.

Among other accomplishments, he explained the nature of light and colour. He invented a telescope on which today’s Newton telescopes are based.

FASCINATING FACTS: Isaac Newton never married. The world’s most valuable tooth is thought to have belonged to him – it was sold in 1816 for £730, which nowadays would be more than £25,000.

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