



THE MARCUS RASHFORD BOOK CLUB

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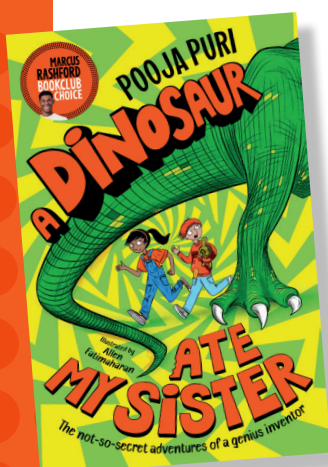
'No matter where you grow up, talent should be recognised and championed. Under the Marcus Rashford Book Club young writers, illustrators and creatives will be seen and they will be offered a platform to shine.'

– MARCUS RASHFORD, MBE

WHAT IS THE MARCUS RASHFORD BOOK CLUB?

Twice a year, Marcus Rashford and the Macmillan Children's Books team will select a book aimed at KS2 children, to be part of the Marcus Rashford Book Club.

The aim is to give children a new way to access and engage with books and reading, helping them develop literacy as a life skill and a love of reading for pleasure.



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A Dinosaur Ate My Sister by Pooja Puri
Illustrated by Allen Fatimaharan

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A Dinosaur Ate My Sister is a highly illustrated, laugh-out-loud, time travel adventure, perfect for every inventor-in-the-making.

MARCUS SAYS:

'The perfect story to escape into and find adventure. Pooja is super talented and I'm a big fan!'

When Esha's not-so-genius big sister steals her time machine and is lost in the age of the dinosaurs, she and her apprentice, Broccoli, face mysterious wormholes, malfunctioning inventions and terrifying T-rexes on a prehistoric rescue mission to get her back.

KEY THEMES:

Dinosaurs • Time travel
Inventions • STEM • Science





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Silas and the Marvellous Misfits
by Tom Percival

Silas and the Marvellous Misfits is an action-packed adventure that shows kids the joy of being themselves!

MARCUS SAYS:

'Encouraging children to find joy in, and celebrate, their differences is so powerful in today's society. I would have loved to read this book as a child.'

Erika has a BIG secret. She's a member of the Dream Defenders – a top-secret organisation that banishes your worries while you sleep! Tonight, they're on a mission to rescue Erika's best friend Silas from the clutches of the evil Glooms – creatures who want everyone in the dream world to look and think exactly the same way! Can the Dream Defenders save Silas and help him to see that being a misfit can be a truly marvellous thing?

KEY THEMES:

Adventure • Empathy
Compassion • Mental Health

CLASSROOM RESOURCES

Materials to accompany *Silas and the Marvellous Misfits* are available to download from the National Literacy Trust's website:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/marcus-rashford-book-club/>

Including:

- A children's activity pack
- A teacher's pack with three exciting lesson plans and an overview of the book with curriculum links
- Three videos from author Tom Percival to support the lessons



HOW CAN YOUR SCHOOL TAKE PART?

Request materials for your classroom, including activity packs, lesson plans and posters, by emailing marcusrashfordbookclub@macmillan.com

Book Breakfasts: host a Marcus Rashford Book Club themed book breakfast! Bring children together for a nutritious breakfast and reading session. You could read one of the books together as a group, or children can read their favourite parts of the books aloud.

Locate your local independent bookshop: buy a copy of *A Dinosaur Ate My Sister* or *Silas and the Marvellous Misfits* for your school library, and donate copies to your local community

Reading Champions: nominate ambassadors to become Book Club Reading Champions, sharing their love of reading and books with the class/school. This could be through a themed assembly, storytelling session etc.

Events: get in touch with us at marcusrashfordbookclub@macmillan.com if you would like to pitch your school for a virtual event with Pooja Puri, author of *A Dinosaur Ate My Sister*, or Tom Percival, author and illustrator of *Silas and the Marvellous Misfits*. Please note that we require a minimum number of attendees and books to be purchased to run such an event.

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We'd love to hear about all of the brilliant things you're doing at your school. Share images of children reading or participating in activities using **#MarcusRashfordBookClub**

