

# PIXL Reading

## Reading Canon Selection Guide Year 7

Implementing a whole-school approach to reading



***“There is power in shared reading in the classroom – power that is generally underrated.”***

**Doug Lemov, *Reading Reconsidered***

To support schools and leaders of reading with finding a range of engaging texts with significant discounts, we have collated this selection guide, in collaboration with several publishers. We hope it will provide you with a starting point to creating your own canon, as well as to provide a guide for selecting texts for other areas of your provision, such as small group reading intervention, book clubs, the library etc. Read through the Reading Canon Leadership guide for more ideas and information.

It is worth pointing out that this is obviously not an exhaustive list, but it is a starting point. Each school has their own set of circumstances and contexts to bear in mind, and you know your students and context best and should select appropriate texts for this.

Indeed, although the selection has been divided into year groups – this may not work for your students and contexts. Publishers market their books at a range of ages and so applying these to year groups can be very tricky. You may well find that there are texts on the Year 7 canon selection guide that would work well for your Year 8 students and that texts from the Key Stage 4 canon selection guide that may work incredibly well for your Year 9 students. So do browse through the guides to get a feel for what may be best for your students and setting.

### **What about students who struggle with reading?**

If you have students who struggle with reading, please do explore the **texts by Barrington Stoke publishers, who specialise in publishing accessible, dyslexia-friendly texts**, using the discount detailed on the next page. In addition to the texts available in this guide, **you can also browse their full catalogue here: [https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Schools-Catalogue-2021\\_FINAL-SINGLE-PAGES-low-res.pdf](https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Schools-Catalogue-2021_FINAL-SINGLE-PAGES-low-res.pdf) which has books arranged by interest age and reading age** so that you can select the most appropriate texts for your students.

In addition to these, please do **explore the Super Readable Rollercoaster texts, all of which can be purchased with the 50% discount OUP are offering**, as detailed on the next page. You can also find out more here: <https://oup.pagetiger.com/super-readable-rollercoasters?region=uk>

## Information for purchasing texts

- **If you are ordering texts from Hachette**, you can place an order for more than 5 copies with a 40% discount. To place your order and pay via card, please ring our customer services team on +44 (0)1235 759555 or email [hukdcustomerservices@hachette.co.uk](mailto:hukdcustomerservices@hachette.co.uk) including your name, delivery address, contact telephone number along with the ISBNs that you would like to order (please do not include card details on email). Please quote the promotional code PIXLCANONGRID over the phone for 40% off your order.
- **If you are ordering texts from OUP**, you can place an order with a 50% discount by contacting: [secondary.enquiries@oup.com](mailto:secondary.enquiries@oup.com). Please use the subject line 'PiXL Reading Project 50%'.
- **If you are ordering texts from Usborne**, there are two ways for your school to save money:
  - Order via your local Independent Usborne Organiser to receive up to 60% off your order value in additional free books. You can find your nearest organiser by [entering your school location into our web search](#)
  - Alternatively, you can [email our head office team directly](#) and receive a discount of up to 30% off your total order value.
- **If you are ordering texts from Andersen Press**, you can place an order with a 50% discount by contacting [mhendle@penguinrandomhouse.co.uk](mailto:mhendle@penguinrandomhouse.co.uk). Please use the subject line 'PiXL Reading Project 50%'.
- **If you are ordering texts from Macmillan**, you can place an order with a 50% discount firm sale by contacting [tom.clancy@macmillan.com](mailto:tom.clancy@macmillan.com). Please use the subject line 'PiXL Reading'.
- **If you are ordering texts from Barrington Stoke**, you can place an order with a 30-40% discount, depending on the size of the order, by contacting [jane.mccauley@barringtonstoke.co.uk](mailto:jane.mccauley@barringtonstoke.co.uk). Please use the subject line 'PiXL Reading'.

## Modern Classics

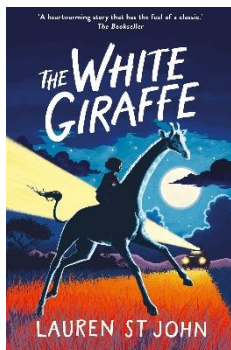


## Modern Classics – Andersen Press

	<p><b>When the Sky Falls, by Phil Earle – RRP £7.99</b>  ISBN: 9781783449651</p> <p>1941. War is raging. And one angry boy has been sent to the city, where bombers rule the skies.</p> <p>There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis.</p> <p>As the weeks pass, bonds deepen and secrets are revealed, but if the bombers set Adonis rampaging free, will either of them be able to end the life of the one thing they truly love?</p>
	<p><b>Treason, by Berlie Doherty – RRP £7.99</b>  ISBN: 9781849398961</p> <p>Will Montague is a page to Prince Edward, son of King Henry VIII. As the King's favourite, Will gains many enemies in Court. His enemies convince the King that Will's father has committed treason and he is thrown into Newgate Prison. Will flees Hampton Court and goes into hiding in the back streets of London. Lost and in mortal danger, he is rescued by a poor boy, Nick Drew. Together, they must brave imprisonment and death as they embark on a great adventure to set Will's father free.</p>



## Modern Classics – Hachette



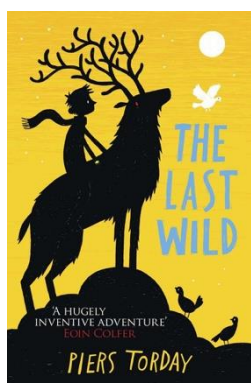
### **The White Giraffe, by Lauren St John – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781842555637

The first book in the heart-warming White Giraffe series by Lauren St John, featuring the African adventures of Martine and her magical white giraffe.

When tragedy strikes on a winter's night in England, Martine is sent to live with her grandmother on a game reserve in South Africa.

Her wild, beautiful new home is riddled with secrets, but lonely Martine finds comfort in the legend of a white giraffe and in mysterious Grace, who believes Martine has a powerful gift. Defying her grandmother by entering the reserve alone, Martine is plunged into a world of danger, mystery and adventure. Who can she trust? And how far will she go to save the only friend she has ever known?



### **The Last Wild, by Piers Torday – RRP £7.99**

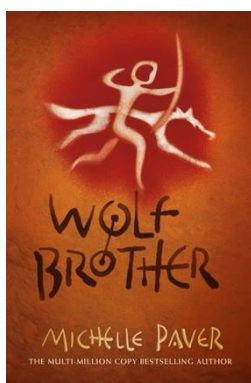
ISBN: 9781780878300

This is a story about a boy named Kester. He is extraordinary, but he doesn't know that yet. All he knows, at this very moment, is this:

1. There is a flock of excited pigeons in his bedroom.
2. They are talking to him.
3. His life will never be quite the same again...

Kester lives in a land in quarantine. A deadly virus has killed all the animals except pests and it's expected to be equally dangerous to humans. But when Kester realises he can talk to the pests, he finds they have great hope invested in him.

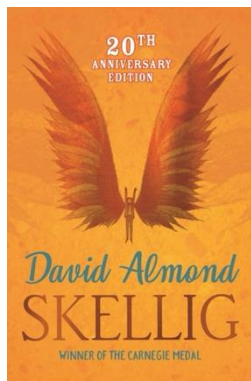
A captivating animal adventure destined to be loved by readers of all ages.



### **Wolf Brother, by Michelle Paver – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781842551318

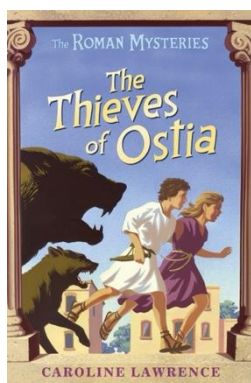
A boy. A wolf. A legend for all time. The first book in the internationally bestselling WOLF BROTHER (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness) series by renowned author Michelle Paver. Thousands of years ago, a powerful and malevolent force conjured a demon: a demon so evil that it could only be contained in the body of a ferocious bear, a demon determined to destroy the world. Only one boy can stop it ... Twelve-year-old Torak sees his father murdered by the bear. With his dying breath, he asks his son to make him a promise. Alone, wounded, terrified and on the run, Torak must now lead the bear to the Mountain of the World Spirit – a mountain that no one has ever found before. But can Torak keep his promise? A terrifying quest commences in a world of wolves, tree spirits and Hidden People, a world in which trusting a friend means risking your life.



## Skellig, by David Almond – RRP £7.99

ISBN: 9780340944950

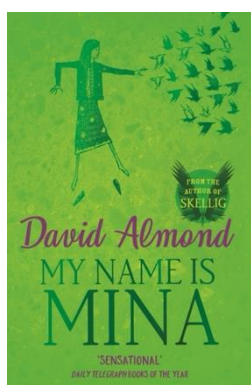
The beautiful and haunting novel that launched David Almond as one of the best children's writers of today. When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature – part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . . Skellig won the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award and is now a major Sky1 feature film, starring Tim Roth and John Simm. David Almond is also winner of the 2010 Hans Christian Andersen award.



## The Roman Mysteries: Thieves of Ostia, by Caroline Lawrence – RRP £6.99

ISBN: 9781842550205

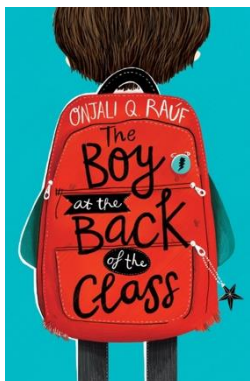
The first in Caroline Lawrence's internationally bestselling Roman Mysteries series, re-issued with a fantastic new cover look. Flavia Gemina is a natural at solving mysteries. The daughter of a ship's captain living in Ostia, the port of Rome, in AD79, she and her three friends, Jonathan, a Jewish boy (and secretly a Christian); Nubia, an African slave girl; and Lupus, a mute beggar boy, must work together to discover who is beheading the watchdogs that guard people's homes, and why.



## My Name is Mina, by David Almond – RRP £7.99

ISBN: 9780340997260

There's an empty notebook lying on the table in the moonlight. It's been there for an age. I keep on saying that I'll write a journal. So I'll start right here, right now. I open the book and write the very first words: My name is Mina and I love the night. Then what shall I write? I can't just write that this happened then this happened then this happened to boring infinitum. I'll let my journal grow just like the mind does, just like a tree or a beast does, just like life does. Why should a book tell a tale in a dull straight line? And so Mina writes and writes in her notebook, and here is her journal, Mina's life in Mina's own words: her stories and dreams, experiences and thoughts, her scribbles and nonsense, poems and songs. Her vivid account of her vivid life. In this stunning book, David Almond revisits Mina before she has met Michael, before she has met Skellig.

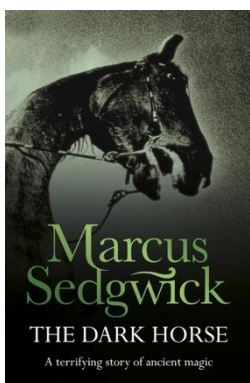


## **The Boy at the Back of the Class, by Onjali Q. Rauf – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781510105010

Told with heart and humour, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets – not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help. That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .



## **The Dark Horse, by Marcus Sedgwick – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 9781858818849

A dark and powerful story of conflict, betrayal and magic from award-winning author Marcus Sedgwick. Shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, Carnegie Medal and Blue Peter Book Award. A boy destined to lead his clan. A girl raised by wolves. A stranger with a sealed box. One small community living in dread of the coming of the legendary warrior tribe, the Dark Horse . . . A rich and powerful novel, set on a rocky northern coast in a bewitching, distant time.



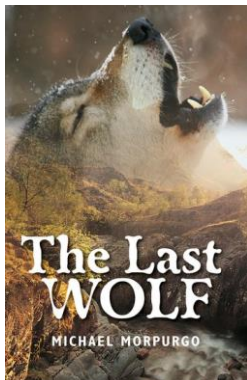
## Modern Classics - OUP



### **Wonder, by R. J. Palacio – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-839101-2

Educational edition of this warm and moving novel about an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face.



### **The Last Wolf, by Michael Morpurgo – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-832983-1

Orphaned Robbie was brought up by his cruel uncle, but everything changes when Bonnie Prince Charlie arrives to rally troops for a rebellion against the English. On the run from English redcoats, Robbie encounters a wild wolf cub and the two form a remarkable bond.



### **Room 13, by Robert Swindells – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-832893-3

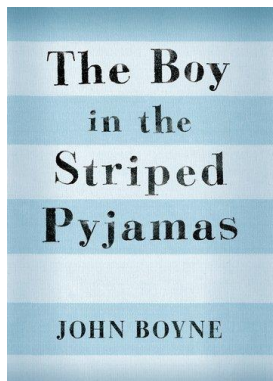
New educational edition of Robert Swindells' spooky classroom classic.



**King of Shadows, by Susan Cooper – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-832888-9

New educational edition of this exciting time travel thriller, set in Shakespeare's England.

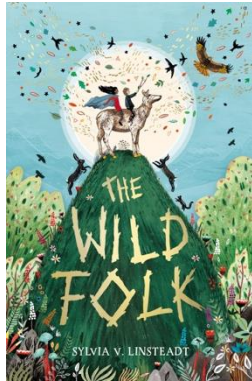


**The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, by John Boyne – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-832676-2

What is 'Outwith' and who is Bruno? How is he connected? Soon he will meet the boy in the striped pyjamas and befriend him. But why must the boy stay behind the wire?

## Modern Classics – Usborne



### **The Wild Folk, by Sylvia Linsteadt – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 9781474934985

In the land of Farallone, City boy Tin and Country girl Comfrey are guided on a quest by two young hares.

Their task is to save the mystical Wild Folk from destruction. But the Wild Folk don't trust humans, and the children face impossible challenges and meet extraordinary creatures as they battle to save the land they love.



### **Mockingbird, by Kathryn Erskine – RRP £6.99**

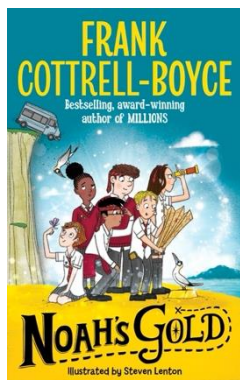
ISBN: 9781409538585

Caitlin misses her brother every day.

Since his death in a school shooting, she has no one to explain the world to her. And for Caitlin, the world is a confusing place. She hates it when colours get mixed up, prefers everything to be black-and-white, and needs to check her Facial Expressions Chart to understand emotions.

So when Caitlin reads the definition of “closure”, she decides that’s what she needs. And as she struggles to find it, a world of colour begins to enter her black-and-white life.

## Modern Classics – Macmillan



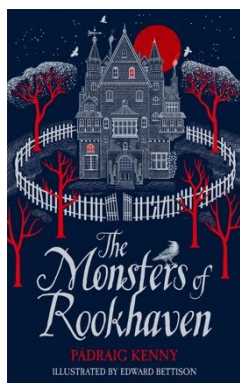
### **Noah's Gold, by Frank Cottrell-Boyce – RRP £12.99**

ISBN: 9781529048261

Eleven-year-old Noah sneaks long on his big sister's geography field trip. Everything goes wrong!

Six kids are marooned on an uninhabited island. Their teacher has vanished. They're hungry. Their phones don't work and Noah has broken the internet.

There's no way of contacting home... Disaster!



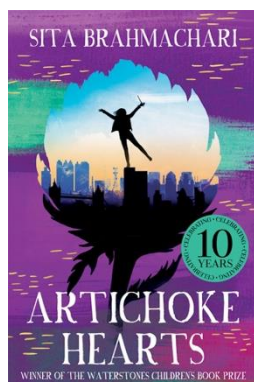
### **The Monsters of Rookhaven, by Padraic Kenny – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781529031485

Mirabelle has always known she is a monster. When the glamour protecting her unusual family from the human world is torn and an orphaned brother and sister stumble upon Rookhaven, Mirabelle soon discovers that friendship can be found in the outside world.

But as something far more sinister comes to threaten them all, it quickly becomes clear that the true monsters aren't necessarily the ones you can see.

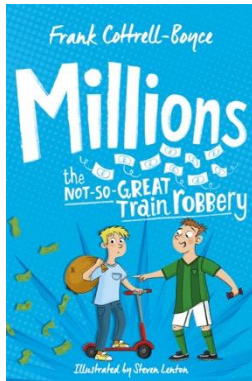
A though-provoking, chilling and beautifully written novel.



### **Artichoke Hearts, by Sita Brahmachari – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781529076394

Twelve-year-old Mira comes from a chaotic, artistic and outspoken family where it's not always easy to be heard. As her beloved Nana Josie's health declines, Mira begins to discover the secrets of those around her, and also starts to keep some of her own. She is drawn to mysterious Jide, a boy who is clearly hiding a troubled past and has grown hardened layers – like those of an artichoke – around his heart. As Mira is experiencing grief for the first time, she is also discovering the wondrous and often mystical world around her.



**Millions, by Frank Cottrell-Boyce – RRP £7.99**

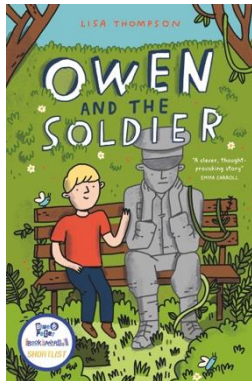
ISBN: 978152900876

Brothers Damian and Anthony didn't mean to get caught up in a botched train robbery. But what would you do if a massive bag of cash dropped from the sky and you had only a few days to spend it before it became worthless? Buy a million pizzas? End world poverty? Not such an easy decision, is it?

The boys soon find out that being rich is a mug's game. Not only is the clock ticking, the bank robbers want their money back...



## Modern Classics – Barrington Stoke



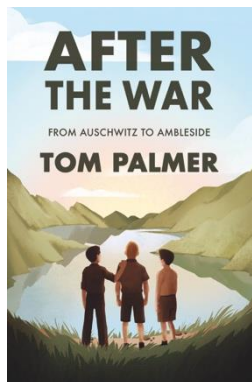
### **Owen and the Soldier, by Lisa Thompson – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 978-1781128657

A crumbling stone soldier sits on a bench in the park. Only Owen understands how important he is.

At home, Owen and his mum are struggling and there's nobody he can talk to. Hidden away in the park, Owen feels free to be himself. When the war-weary soldier is listening, his worries slip away.

But nobody else cares about the soldier, and the town council want to tear him down. Owen's the only one who can save him but can he find the courage to speak up before it's too late?



### **After the War, by Tom Palmer – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 978-1781129487

Summer 1975. The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can hopefully begin to recover.

But Yossi is haunted by thoughts of his missing father and disturbed by terrible nightmares. As he waits desperately for news from home, he fears that Mordecai and Leo – the closest thing to family he has left – will move on without him. Will life by the beautiful Lake Windermere be enough to bring hope back into all their lives?

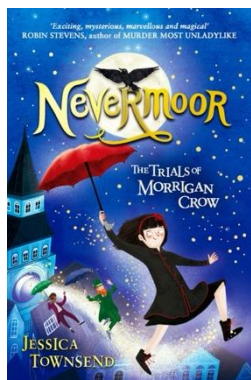
## Ours and Others' Worlds

<p>Can the wilderness heal what's broken?</p> <p><b>INTO THE VOLCANO</b></p> <p>JESS BUTTERWORTH</p>	<p>Twisting, mysterious, marvellous and magical ROBIN STEVEN, author of MURDER MOST UNLADYLIKE</p> <p><b>NEVERMOOR</b></p> <p>THE TRIALS OF MORRIGAN CROW</p> <p>JESSICA TOWNSEND</p>	<p><b>THE STRANGE WORLDS TRAVEL AGENCY</b></p> <p>L. D. LAPINSKI</p>	<p>WINNER OF THE GUARDIAN CHILDREN'S PICTURE PRIZE</p> <p>PIERS TORDAY</p> <p><b>THE LOST MAGICIAN</b></p> <p>A PHENOMENAL ADVENTURE STORY INDEPENDENT</p>
<p>Three friends will meet. Two worlds will collide. One moment will change everything.</p> <p><b>HALO MOON</b></p> <p>A prize-winning adaptation of the novel by PIERS TORDAY</p> <p>Sharon Cohen</p>	<p><b>WHERE THE WILDERNESS LIVES</b></p> <p>JESS BUTTERWORTH</p>	<p>ONE MAGICAL FRIENDSHIP ONE ROARING ADVENTURE</p> <p><b>Tiger Heart</b></p> <p>PENNY CHIMES</p>	<p>AN ECHO FROM THE PAST, A PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE</p> <p><b>WHEN SECRETS SET SAIL</b></p> <p>SITA BRAHMACHARI</p>
<p><b>LOOKING AT THE STARS</b></p> <p>JD COTERRILL</p>	<p><b>STORM CATCHERS</b></p> <p>TIM BOWLER</p>	<p>Deborah Ellis</p> <p><b>THE PRISON RUNNER</b></p>	<p><b>FROZEN IN TIME</b></p> <p>Ali Sparkes</p>
<p><b>WILD BOY</b></p> <p>Rob LLOYD JONES</p>	<p><i>Half a Creature from the Sea</i></p> <p>A LIFE IN STORIES</p> <p>DAVID ALMOND</p>	<p><b>THE ISLAND AT THE END OF EVERYTHING</b></p> <p>KIRAN MILLWOOD HARGRAVE</p>	<p>REVENGE IS ALWAYS SWEET, ISN'T IT?</p> <p><b>RAT</b></p> <p>PATRICE LAWRENCE</p> <p>THE PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR OF ORANGEBOY</p>
<p><b>EDGAR &amp; ADOLF</b></p> <p>A beautiful game. A terrible war. An unbreakable friendship</p> <p>PHIL EARLE &amp; MICHAEL WAGG</p>	<p><b>DARK PEAK</b></p> <p>MARCUS SEDGWICK</p>	<p>MITCH JOHNSON</p> <p>"A brilliant debut." John Boyne author of <i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i></p> <p><b>KICK</b></p> <p>Winner of the BRANFORD BOASE AWARD</p>	<p><b>A DARKNESS OF DRAGONS</b></p> <p>SA PATRICK</p>


## Ours and Others' Worlds – Hachette

	<p><b>Into the Volcano, by Jess Butterworth – RRP £6.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781510108516</i></p> <p>From Jess Butterworth comes another beautifully written adventure set on top of a super volcano, about coming to terms with grief, letting go of anger at the world and finding hope and joy in the most unexpected of places. Vivi and Seb live halfway across the world from each other, living completely separate lives, until a terrible event unexpectedly makes their paths collide. Seb's best friend Clay was injured in a shooting, and Seb believes there's a rainbow pool in the heart of Yellowstone National Park that will help heal him heal. Meanwhile, Vivi is feeling lost, wishing she could find a way to honour her grandmother, who didn't survive the same shooting. When they meet at the memorial and Seb tells Vivi what he wants to do, Vivi is convinced that her grandmother would have wanted her to go with Seb to help his friend. But the park is filled with dangerous creatures, and when Seb is injured in one of the volcanic springs, it becomes a race for survival as they try and make their wish and find their way out of the wilderness. Told through multiple viewpoints and set between the US and the UK, this is another heartfelt middle grade adventure from award-winning author Jess Butterworth.</p>
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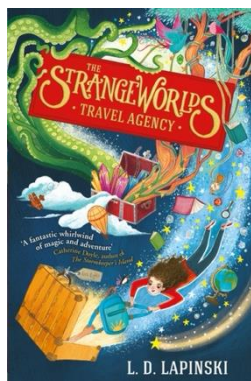




## Nevermoor, by Jessica Townsend – RRP £6.99

ISBN: 9781510103825

Morrigan Crow is cursed, destined to die on her eleventh birthday. But, as the clock strikes midnight, she's whisked away by a remarkable man called Jupiter North and taken to the secret city of Nevermoor. There she's invited to join the Wondrous Society. Mystery, magic and protection are hers – if only she can pass four impossible trials, using an exceptional talent. Which she doesn't have... Perfect for fans of the Harry Potter series and His Dark Materials, this series takes readers into an extraordinary world, setting hope and imagination alive.



## The Strangeworlds Travel Agency, by L. D. Lapinski – RRP £6.99

ISBN: 9781510105942

Pack your suitcase for a magical adventure! Perfect for fans of The Train to Impossible Places and Pages & Co. At the Strangeworlds Travel Agency, each suitcase transports you to a different world. All you have to do is step inside . . . When 12-year-old Flick Hudson accidentally ends up in the Strangeworlds Travel Agency, she uncovers a fantastic secret: there are hundreds of other worlds just steps away from ours. All you have to do to visit them is jump into the right suitcase. Then Flick gets the invitation of a lifetime: join Strangeworlds' magical travel society and explore other worlds. But, unknown to Flick, the world at the very centre of it all, a city called Five Lights, is in danger. Buildings and even streets are mysteriously disappearing. Once Flick realizes what's happening she must race against time, travelling through uncharted worlds, seeking a way to fix Five Lights before it collapses into nothingness – and takes our world with it.



## The Lost Magician, by Piers Torday – RRP £6.99

ISBN: 9781784294502

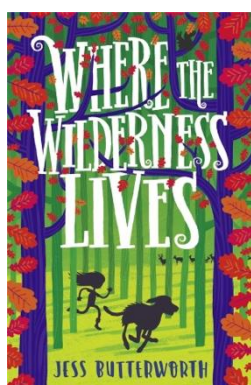
1945. They have survived the Blitz, but when Simon, Patricia, Evelyn and Larry step through a mysterious library door, it is the beginning of their most dangerous adventure yet. They discover the magical world of Folio, where an enchanted kingdom of fairy knights, bears and tree gods is under threat from a sinister robot army. The many stories of the Library are locked in eternal war, and the children's only hope is to find their creator – a magician who has been lost for centuries. What they find will change not just their own lives, but the fate of the world, for ever ... An ode to the world of Narnia, The Lost Magician is a classic in the making from one of the UK's most talented children's authors.



## **Halo Moon, by Sharon Cohen – RRP £6.99**

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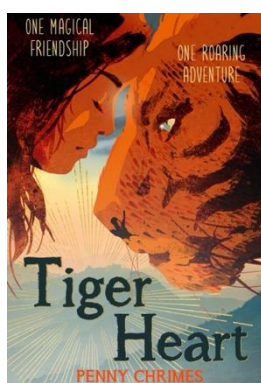
Bravery, friendship and the magic of an unknowable universe combine in this extraordinary adventure from the heart. Great for fans of Frank Cottrell Boyce and David Almond. In Ethiopia, Ageze has unearthed an ancient device that can make predictions. It tells him: there is a date, there is a place, there is a moment when it will happen. A disaster that will change everything. Halo Moon loves stars, and the night sky is full of them in her remote Yorkshire village. It's a place where nothing interesting ever happens, let alone a catastrophe. So when a stranger appears at the end of a near-impossible journey and tells her lives are at risk, she can barely believe it. But if she doesn't help Ageze, everything and everyone she knows might disappear for ever ... As Halo says: there's a hundred ways to start this story, a hundred ways to tell it. Each one is impossible. Each one, unbelievable. But it did all happen and I promise it's all true.



## **Where the Wilderness Lives, by Jess Butterworth – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 9781510105508

An epic race for survival that follows four children and their dog through treacherous waterways, dense forests and the deep, dark wilderness of Wales. From author Jess Butterworth comes a beautifully written adventure story in a vibrantly described setting – perfect for fans of Katherine Rundell. One day, as Cara and her siblings are trying to clean up the canal where they live, they pull out a mysterious locked safe. Though none of them can open it, they're sure it's something special. That night, a thief comes after the safe. The children flee, traveling with their boat as far as they can, before continuing into the forest on foot. But soon they're lost in the mountains with a snowstorm about to land and food supplies running low. Will Cara and her siblings be able to survive the wilderness with nothing but their wits, their bravery and one very large dog to help?



## **Tiger Heart, by Penny Chrimes – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781510107045

One magical friendship. One roaring adventure. The magical tale of a bold young chimney sweep and a remarkable tiger, a dangerously hypnotic ruby and a mystical land found across an ocean and through a storm. Perfect for fans of The Girl of Ink and Stars and Pax. Fly never meant to end up in a cage with a man-eating tiger. And though she's sure she's no princess, when the tiger addresses her as 'your majesty', she can't help but vow to free him and return him home. But the bird-filled jungles and cloud-topped mountains of the tiger's homeland are an ocean away. And not everyone wants the tiger – or Fly – to get there alive. With dark and dangerous forces working against them, will Fly be able to fulfil her promise and maybe – just maybe – become the queen her tiger knows her to be?



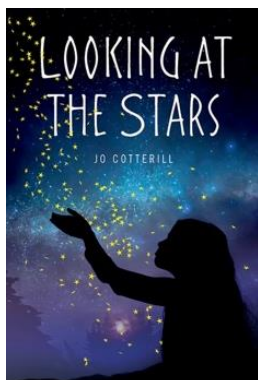


## **When Secrets Set Sail, by Sita Brahmachari – RRP £7.99**

*ISBN: 9781510105430*

Secrets from the past are the keys to the future...if two children can find them. Usha is devastated when her grandmother Kali Ma passes away. Then straight-talking Imtiaz arrives – her new adoptive sister – and the two girls clash instantly. They both feel lost. That is until Kali Ma's ghost appears...with a task for them. Immy's and Usha's home is full of history and secrets. Many years ago it was The House of the Ayahs – for those nannies who couldn't return to their Indian homeland – and Kali Ma made a promise she couldn't keep. She can't pass on to the other side until the girls fulfil it. Today, Usha and Immy's over-worked parents run the house as a home for refugees, but eviction threatens. The precious documents that could save them are lost. As the house slowly fills up with ghosts, that only Usha and Imtiaz can see, the girls realise they have more to save than just one grandmother's ghost. With help from their new friend Cosmo, Usha and Immy must set off on a quest through London, accompanied by two bickering ghosts, working together to find a series of objects that shine a magical light on their family's past and hold the clues to securing their future.

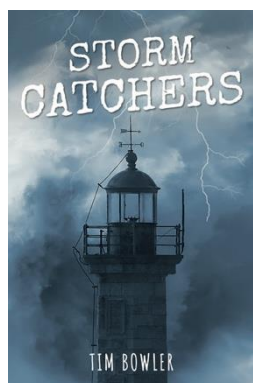
## Ours and Others' Worlds - OUP



### Looking at the Stars, by Jo Cotterill – RRP £9.99

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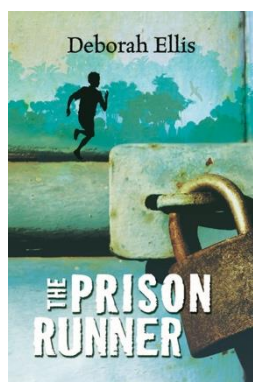
When Amina's village is suddenly struck by a civil war, her family is brutally torn apart and her dreams of freedom are shattered. As she begins her journey to safety at a refugee camp, Amina faces some of her most feared situations, with only her imagination to escape from reality.



### Storm Catchers, by Tim Bowler – RRP £7.99

ISBN: 978-0-19-275445-5

Fin is devastated by guilt when his sister, Ella, is kidnapped. She is snatched away from the house in the middle of a storm. As the kidnappers make their demands, Fin's guilt is replaced by a fierce determination to find his sister by whatever means he can, and bring the criminals to justice. But as the drama unfolds, a complex web of family secrets is revealed. It emerges that Ella's kidnapping is revenge for mistakes Fin's father made years before. The consequences will change all their lives forever.



### The Prison Runner, by Deborah Ellis – RRP £6.99

ISBN: 978-0-19-275548-3

A simple error of judgement hurls Diego into a nightmare. He's been living in prison with his mother and sister, looking after them and earning money whenever he can. Until the day he accidentally breaks the rules. Suddenly the family are in trouble and Diego needs money to save them.

So when one of his friends tells Diego that he knows a job that will make them both rich, Diego gives into temptation. But the job is far different from the one he imagined, and Diego soon finds himself in the heart of the Bolivian jungle and the clutches of men who produce drugs for a living...

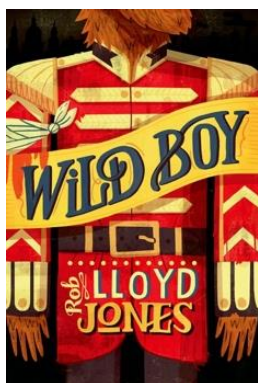


## **Frozen in Time, by Ali Sparkes – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-273400-6

Ben and Rachel can't believe their eyes when they find a hidden underground vault at the bottom of their garden. Inside are two frozen figures, a boy and a girl, whose scientist father left them there in cryonic suspension over fifty years ago.

Then Rachel accidentally presses a button, and something incredible happens...

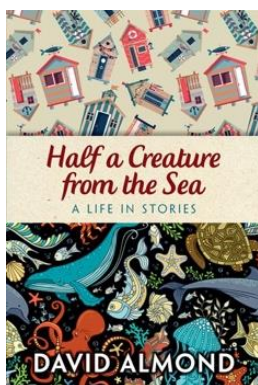


## **Wild Boy, by Rob Lloyd Jones – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-834088-1

Wild Boy has been covered in hair since birth and condemned to life in a travelling freak show. Excluded from society, he takes refuge in watching people at the fair – and develops a talent for observation and detection.

But when there's a murder, suspicion turns to Wild Boy, so he and the feisty acrobat Clarissa Everett find themselves on the run.



## **Half a Creature from the Sea, by David Almond – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-839625-3

An anthology of powerful, moving and reflective short stories from master storyteller, David Almond.

These captivating stories are inspired by Almond's childhood in the north-east of England and are interspersed with autobiographical memoirs.

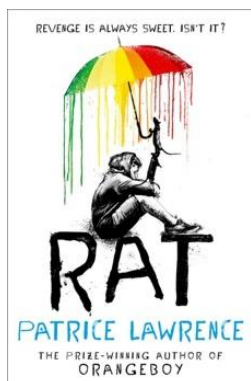


**The Island of Everything, by Kiran Millwood Hargrave – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-844486-2

Twelve-year-old Ami lives on Culion Island, the world's largest leper colony, with her mother who is 'touched'. Following the arrival of Mr Zamora, a sinister government official and the decree that all healthy children must leave the island, Ami is banished to an orphanage.

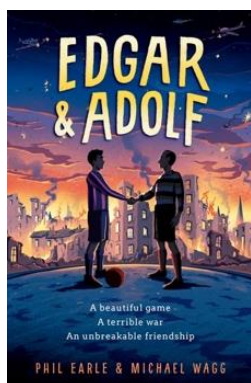
But can she find her way home before her mother dies?



**Rat, by Patrice Lawrence – RRP £7.99**

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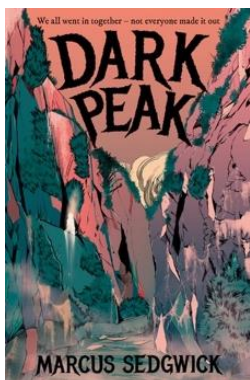
When his mum is sent back to prison, Al knows exactly who is to blame. Mr Brayker from downstairs has been making trouble for Al's mum ever since they moved in. Al is determined to get his revenge with a plan that involves the only two creatures he can rely on: his pet rats, Venom and Vulture. But things don't turn out exactly as he'd imagined...



**Edgar & Adolf, by Phil Earle and Michael Wagg – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-849491-1

Adi is on a mission set by his late grandfather, Adolf Jager. He must track down Edgar Kail, and return to him the simplest yet most prized of possessions. His quest soon becomes a journey of discovery as he learns of a friendship that survived decades, a great sporting rivalry and a war that shook the world.



**Dark Peak, by Marcus Sedgwick – RRP £7.99**

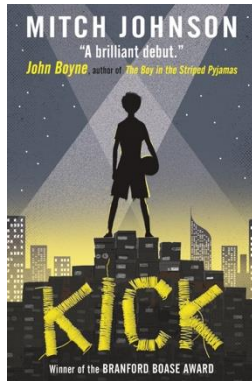
ISBN: 978-0-19-849497-3

One long, hot summer, two children disappear on a school trip. One child is eventually found, but Porter is worried that no one is even looking for the other, Stephen anymore.

Why can no one remember who Stephen is? What happened on the school trip? And why does Porter get the feeling that supernatural forces from deep in the past are at play?



## Ours and Others' Worlds - Usborne



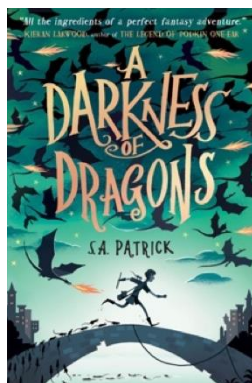
### Kick, by Mitch Johnson – RRP £6.99

ISBN: 9781474928151

Budi's plan is simple. He is going to be a star.

Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes.

But one unlucky kid brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life.



### A Darkness of Dragons, by S. A. Patrick – RRP £7.99

ISBN: 9781474945677

Patch Brightwater is in disgrace. Thrown in jail for playing a forbidden spell, he is no one's idea of a hero. But then he discovers a deadly truth – the evil Piper of Hamelyn is on the loose. With the help of Wren, a girl cursed to live as a rat, and Barver, a fire-breathing dracogridd, Patch must stop the Piper sparking the biggest battle of them all.

Three accidental heroes versus one legendary villain...an epic adventure is born.



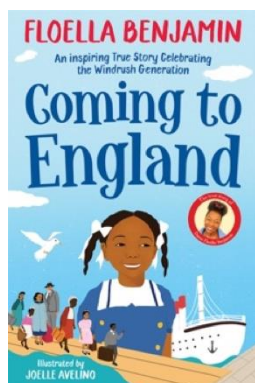
### A Glasshouse of Stars, by Shirley Marr – RRP £7.99

ISBN: 9781474991087

Meixing Lim and her family have arrived in the New Land to begin a New Life. Everything is scary and different. Their ever-changing house is confusing and she finds it hard to understand the other children at school. Yet in her magical glasshouse, with a strange black-and-white cat, Meixing finds a place to dream.

But then Meixing's life comes crashing down in unimaginable ways. Only her two new and unexpected friends can help. By being brave together, they will learn how to make the stars shine brighter.

## Ours and Others' Worlds – Macmillan



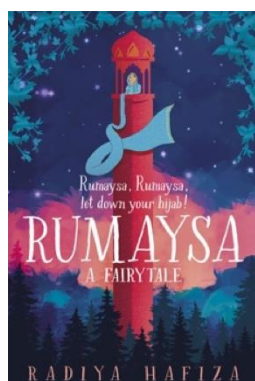
### Coming to England, by Floella Benjamin – RRP £6.99

ISBN: 9781529045444 (2) – 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition

Floella Benjamin was just a young girl when she, her sister and two brothers arrived in England in 1960 to join their parents, whom they had not seen for fifteen months. They had left the island paradise of Trinidad to make a new home in London – part of a whole generation of West Indians who were encouraged to move to Britain to help rebuild the country after the Second World War.

Reunited with her mother, Floella was too overwhelmed at first to care about the cold weather and the noise and dirt from the traffic. But as her new life began, she was shocked and distressed by the rejection she experienced. She soon realised that the only way to survive was to work twice as hard and be twice as good as anyone else.

This inspirational story is a powerful reminder of how courage and determination can overcome adversity.

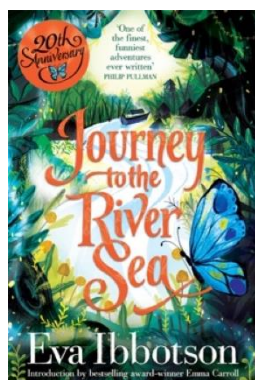


### Rumaysa: A Fairytale, by Radiya Hafiza – RRP £6.99

ISBN: 9781529038309

For as long as she can remember, Rumaysa has been locked away in her tower, forced to spin straw into gold for the evil Witch, unable to leave. Until one day, after dropping a hijab out of her small tower-window, Rumaysa realises how she might be able to escape...

Join Rumaysa as she adventures through enchanted forests and into dragon's lairs, discovers her own incredible magical powers and teams up with Cinderayla and Sleeping Sara!



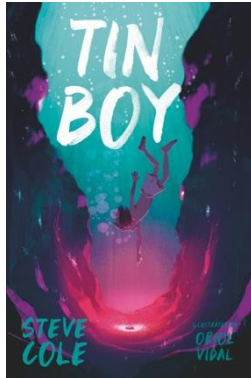
### Journey to the River Sea, by Eva Ibbotson – RRP £7.99

ISBN: 9781529066197

Maia, an orphan, can't wait to reach her distant relatives a thousand miles up the Amazon. She imagines a loving family with whom she will share great adventures. Instead, she finds two spiteful cousins who see the jungle as the enemy and refuse to go outdoors. But the wonders of the rainforest more than make up for the hideous twins and their parents.

And when Maia meets a mysterious boy who lives alone on the wild river shores, she begins a spectacular journey to the heart of an extraordinary and beautiful world.

## Ours and Others' Worlds – Barrington Stoke



### **Tin Boy, by Steve Cole – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 978-1781128725

Mining for tin in deep, dangerous trenches in the only life that Tono has ever known. Worked to the brink of exhaustion each day, his only escape is in the precious moments when he reads his dad's old comics. In a world of heroes and superpowers, he can forget the terrifying mining pits. But an underwater avalanche, a glimpse of something bright red in the sandy seabed, and a canny sidekick are about to transform Tono's life forever... Fate collides with a stark reality in this truly unforgettable story.

## Literary Heritage




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## Literary Heritage – Hachette

	<p><b>Awesomely Austen – Illustrated and Retold: Jane Austen’s Emma, by Katy Birchall – RRP £9.99</b>  <i>ISBN: 9781444950656</i></p> <p>A fresh, funny and accessible retelling of Jane Austen’s classic story, with witty black and white illustrations throughout. Emma Woodhouse is pretty, clever and rich, and sees no reason why she would ever need to get married. But she loves matchmaking for her neighbours, despite the advice of her friend Mr Knightley, who warns her against meddling. Her latest success – the wedding of her governess – makes her certain that she can find the right match for anyone. Can Emma’s lucky streak continue? Or will best laid plans unravel... as they always seem to do?</p>
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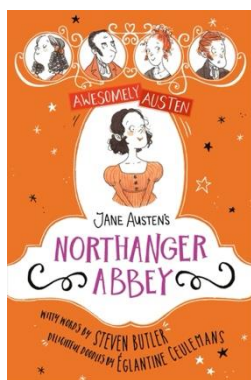




## **Awesomely Austen – Illustrated and Retold: Jane Austen’s Mansfield Park, by Ayisha Malik – RRP £9.99**

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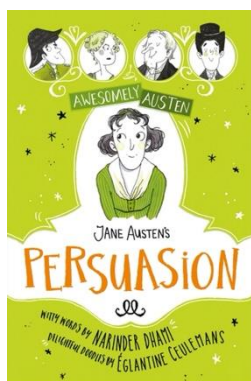
A fresh, funny and accessible retelling of Jane Austen’s classic story, with witty black and white illustrations throughout. Fanny Price is one of nine children, and her family are very poor. So when a distant relative offers to take her in – giving her the opportunity to grow up wealthy and comfortable – her parents jump at the chance. But money doesn’t always bring happiness, and Fanny struggles to settle into her new home, where the family are very cold towards her. Her only friend amongst them is Edmund, who tries his best to help her be happy. As she grows up, Fanny realises that Edmund is the most important person in her life. But will he ever see her as more than the timid little girl who arrived at his home so many years before?



## **Awesomely Austen – Illustrated and Retold: Jane Austen’s Northanger Abbey, by Steven Butler – RRP £9.99**

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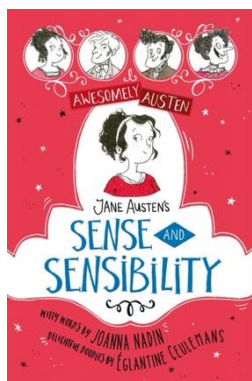
A fresh, funny and accessible retelling of Jane Austen’s classic story, with witty black and white illustrations throughout. Catherine Morland loves nothing more than reading a romantic novel, but as one of ten children she doesn’t have much time for reading or for romance. When she is seventeen, her wealthy neighbours invite her to spend the winter season with them in Bath – to experience balls, the theatre and other social delights for the first time. Catherine makes friends with the passionate Isabella, and dances with a handsome man called Henry, and it seems that all her dreams are coming true. But real life doesn’t always play out like a novel, and Catherine will have to overcome many obstacles before she can find her happy ending...



## **Awesomely Austen – Illustrated and Retold: Jane Austen’s Persuasion, by Narinder Dhani – RRP £9.99**

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A fresh, funny and accessible retelling of Jane Austen’s classic story, with witty black and white illustrations throughout. When she was just nineteen, Anne Elliot followed the wishes of her father and turned down the proposal of the man she loved – a naval officer called Frederick Wentworth. Years later, Captain Wentworth returns from his time at sea, and Anne dares to hope that their paths might cross once more. But the course of true love is bumpy at best – will Anne and Frederick ever be reunited?



## **Awesomely Austen – Illustrated and Retold: Jane Austen’s Sense and Sensibility, by Joanna Nadin – RRP £9.99**

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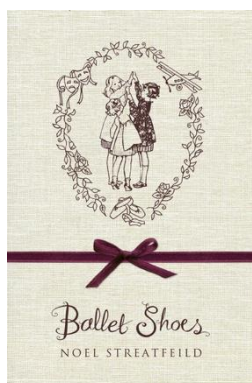
A fresh, funny and accessible retelling of Jane Austen’s classic story, with witty black and white illustrations throughout. When Elinor and Marianne Dashwood’s father dies, they are forced to leave their home behind and move far away to a tiny cottage. Their lives look set to change for ever, in ways neither had expected. Elinor must leave behind the man she loves, whereas Marianne falls for their charming – but entirely unsuitable – new neighbour. The sisters will need each other’s support if they are to find happiness, but will they ever find the right balance of sense and sensibility?



## **Bedknobs and Broomsticks, by Mary Norton – RRP £6.99**

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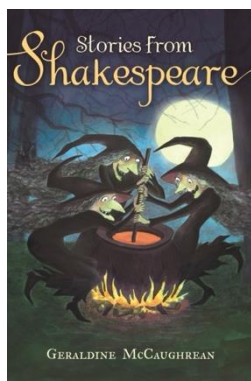
A brand new paperback edition of BEDKNOBS AND BROOMSTICKS, comprised of the two favourite magical classics THE MAGIC BEDKNOB and BONFIRES AND BROOMSTICKS. When prim and proper Miss Price from next door falls off her broomstick, Carey, Charles and Paul discover that she’s actually a witch. In order to keep them quiet, Miss Price gives the three children a gift – an enchanted bedknob that will whisk them off anywhere they want, for as long as they keep her secret. And so their adventures begin... Discover The Magic Bedknob and Bonfires and Broomsticks, two stories full of magic from much-loved author Mary Norton, and the inspiration behind the classic film.



## **Ballet Shoes, by Noel Streatfeild – RRP £12.99**

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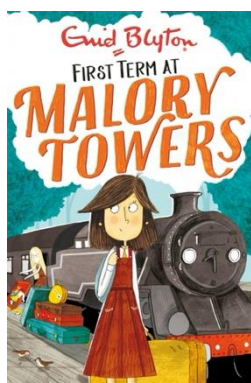
BALLET SHOES is the story of Pauline, Petrova and Posy Fossil, three very different girls who were each adopted as an orphaned baby by the eccentric explorer, Gum. After leaving the children in the care of his niece Sylvia in London, he returns to exploring, promising to come back in five years’ time. At first, the girls lead privileged and sheltered lives in the comfort of wealth. But after five years go by and Gum fails to return, Sylvia’s money starts to run out. Things begin to look bleak for Sylvia and the Fossil girls until they hit on an inspired idea: Pauline, Petrova and Posy will take to the stage. But it’s not long before the Fossils learn that there’s more to being a star than they thought. Originally published in 1936, Noel Streatfeild’s BALLET SHOES is a story of family, friendship and growing up that stands the test of time and is loved by generations.



## **Stories from Shakespeare, by Geraldine McCaughrean – RRP £6.99**

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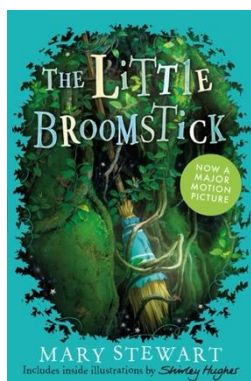
Ten of Shakespeare's greatest plays, retold for children by multi-award winning author Geraldine McCaughrean. From love, jealousy, greed and betrayal to mad kings, magic and murder, Geraldine McCaughrean retells some of Shakespeare's best-known stories, including Romeo and Juliet, Henry the Fifth, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Julius Caesar, Hamlet, Twelfth Night, Othello, King Lear, Macbeth and The Tempest. With easy to follow prose punctuated with well-known quotations and featuring a cast list for each play, this accessible collection will delight and entertain readers of all ages.



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## **The Little Broomstick, by Mary Stewart – RRP £6.99**

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Mary's been exiled to her great-aunt, deep in the English countryside. Miserable and lonely, she befriends strange black cat Tib who leads her deep into the forest to an ordinary looking broomstick. Before Mary can gather her wits, the broomstick jumps into action, whisking her over the treetops, above the clouds, and to the grounds of Endor College, school of witchcraft. But something is terribly wrong at Endor. Students are taught spells that are petty and ill-wishing, and when Mary discovers evidence of a terrible and cruel experiment in transformation, she decides to leave. But the moment her broomstick takes off, she realises that Tib the cat has been captured...

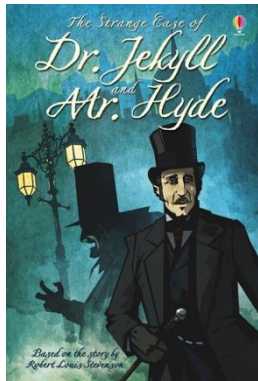


## **When the Siren Wailed, by Noel Streatfeild – RRP £9.99**

*ISBN: 9781510109896*

A thrilling and moving adventure story about evacuees in World War Two, perfect for readers of *Goodnight Mister Tom*. When war breaks out in September 1939, Laura, Andy and Tim Clark are evacuated to the countryside. The Colonel's comfortable home in Dorset is a huge contrast to their cramped terraced house in London, where their loving parents struggle to put the next meal on the table. Though unused to having children around, the Colonel proves to be a kind and generous, if gruff, guardian until a terrible turn of events means the kids must move on. When they discover they are to live with Miss Justworthy, who is rumoured to feed her evacuees on cat food, Andy insists they can't risk staying. He persuades his sensible older sister and their little brother that they must run away, back to London and their mum. The children are shocked to see London now pitted with craters and ruined buildings. And no sooner have they stepped off the train than the skies are lit by searchlights and filled with the crack of bombs and the glow of fires. How will they be able to find their mum in the middle of an air raid? A brilliantly page-turning read from the author of *Ballet Shoes*, based on her own real-life experience in the Second World War. Perfect for any child interested in wartime and classic adventure stories.

## Literary Heritage – Usborne

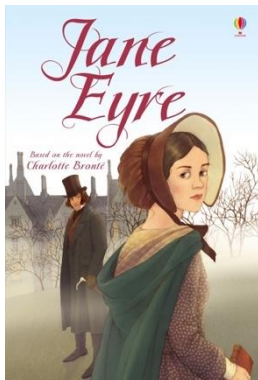


### **The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde – Based on the story by Robert Louis Stevenson – RRP £6.99**

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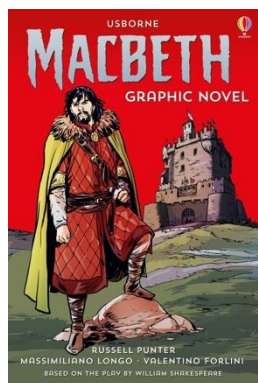


### **Jane Eyre – Based on the story by Charlotte Bronte – RRP £5.99**

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When Jane Eyre becomes a governess at the rambling mansion of Thornfield Hall, she falls in love with her mysterious employer, Mr Rochester. But he hides a terrible secret that threatens to drive them apart...

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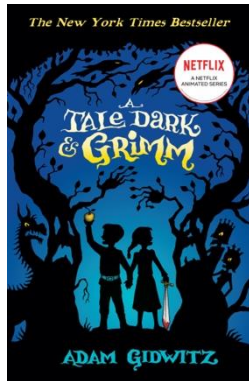


### **Macbeth Graphic Novel – Based on the play by William Shakespeare – RRP £9.99**

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Shakespeare's plays are part of our cultural heritage – every child is sure to come across several during their school life, one of which will no doubt be Macbeth. This accessible version of the story is told in picture strip to help children unravel the complexities of Shakespeare's language and plot. A well-crafted book which provides a solid base for watching or studying the full play.

## Literary Heritage – Andersen Press



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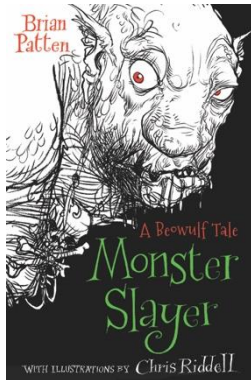
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Read: beware. Warlocks with dark spells, hunters with deadly aim, and bakers with ovens retrofitted for cooking children lurk within these pages. But if you dare, turn the page and learn the true story of Hansel and Gretel – the story behind (and beyond) the bread crumbs, edible houses and outwitted witches.

Come on in. It may be frightening, it's certainly bloody, and it's definitely not for the faint of heart.



## Literary Heritage – Barrington Stoke



### **Monster Slayer: A Beowulf Tale, by Brian Patten – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 978-1781129326

One dark night, the music and singing wake a monster from a swamp... Warrior after warrior comes to slay the monster, but no one can outwit Grendel. Only the great hero Beowulf stands a chance – but even he is not prepared for the horror that lies in wait. A stunning prose re-telling of a Beowulf tale.



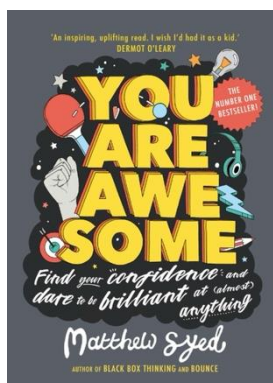
### **The Evil Within: How Young Henry Jekyll Became Mr Hyde, by Catherine McPhail – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 978-1781125878

What transforms an ordinary Edinburgh boy into the most infamous split personality of all time? This vividly imagined diary of the young Henry Jekyll examines the contradictions with us all and teases out one possible backstory for the character in Robert Louis Stevenson's The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

## Non-fiction

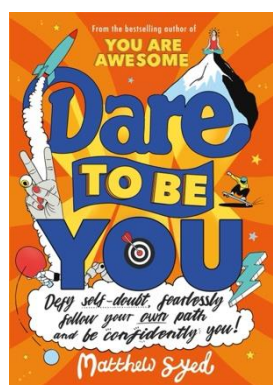

## Non-fiction - Hachette



### **You Are Awesome, by Matthew Syed – RRP £9.99**

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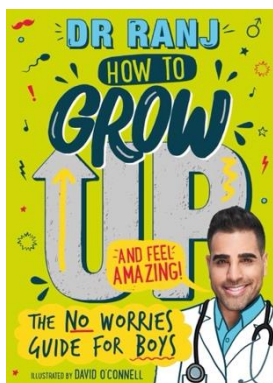
This positive and empowering guide, by bestselling mindset author Matthew Syed, will help boys and girls build resilience, fulfil their potential and become successful, happy, awesome adults. I'm no good at sport ... I can't do maths ... I really struggle with exams ... Sound familiar? If you believe you can't do something, the chances are you won't try. But what if you really could get better at maths, or sport or exams? In fact, what if you could excel at anything you put your mind to? You Are Awesome can help you do just that, inspiring and empowering young readers to find the confidence to realise their potential. The first children's book from Times journalist, two-time Olympian and best-selling mindset author Matthew Syed, it uses examples of successful people from Mozart to Serena Williams to demonstrate that success really is earned rather than given, and that talent can be acquired. With hard work and determination, practice and self-belief, and, most importantly, a Growth Mindset, there's no reason why anyone can't achieve anything. Practical, insightful and positive, this is the book to help children build resilience, embrace their mistakes and grow into successful, happy adults.



### **Dare to be You, by Matthew Syed – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 9781526362377

What would you dare to try if you stopped worrying about fitting in? If you're the kind of person who thinks: I don't like standing out from the crowd ... I wish I could be more like the cool kids ... There's no point trying to change things ... then this book is for you. Because guess what? There's no such thing as normal. Drawing examples from sport, science and even business, Dare to Be You empowers young readers to follow their own path, love what makes them different and question the world around them. With You Are Awesome's trademark mix of hilarious text, stylish illustration, personal insights and inspiring real-life examples, including Greta Thunberg and Malala Yousafzai, Matthew Syed introduces children to the power of diverse thinking. When you stop doubting yourself, embrace change and let your kindness loose, you become your own action hero. This groundbreaking, practical and positive book will help kids develop the inner confidence to grow into happy adults who know – and, more importantly, LIKE – themselves.

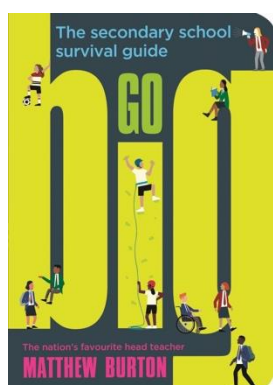


## How to Grow Up and Feel Amazing, by Dr Ranj – RRP £9.99

ISBN: 9781526362957

The nation's favourite doctor, Dr Ranj, is here to explain everything you ever wanted to know about puberty – plus lots more. What does it mean to be a boy? And I'm not just talking about what you have between your legs, but what life is really like for boys. Growing up is a real minefield! So I've put everything I've learned both from my career as an NHS doctor and my own life experiences into this twenty-first century guide to being a boy.

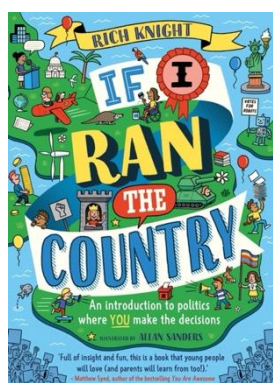
It covers the obvious things like the physical changes you'll go through during puberty and adolescence (hello, pubic hair and voice breaking!), but also helps you to figure out how to manage your emotions, deal with friends and family and learn about healthy relationships. Filled with easy-to-understand explanations, down-to-earth advice and cheeky illustrations, this growing-up guide by trusted paediatrician Dr Ranj is perfect for readers aged 10+ who want to discover the confidence to be the very best version of themselves.



## Go Big, by Matthew Burton – RRP £7.99

ISBN: 9781526362353

Secondary school can seem scary. Corridors are wide, older students look terrifying and there's homework, messy friendships and stressful exams to deal with. But, whether you're about to land at secondary school or you're still settling in, Mr Burton is here to guide you through your journey – worry-free. From your first day to your final exams, this handbook will have you achieving, succeeding and being the best you can be. Find great friends, boost your confidence and start building toward your brilliant future. Written by head teacher and star of Educating Yorkshire, Mr Matthew Burton, this is the ultimate secondary school survival guide.

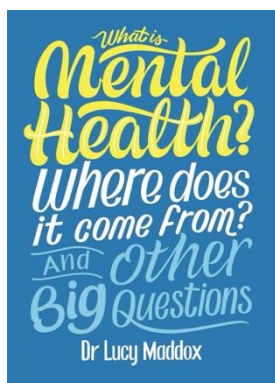


## If I Ran the Country, by Rich Knight – RRP £8.99

ISBN: 9781526363725

Congratulations! You've just become the leader of your own country! There are a lot of decisions to be made, and not long to make them. The good news is you've got your hands on this funny, fact-packed book, covering everything you need to know to rule effectively – no matter where in the world you are. But it's not just about political systems, elections, climate change, justice and all those other things we hear politicians talking about. You also need to learn how to lead. With essential life and leadership skills and tips – from teamwork, confidence and compassion to discovering who you are and what you believe in – If I Ran The Country answers all the questions most often posed by first-time top dogs like you. You'll be ruling like a pro in no time!



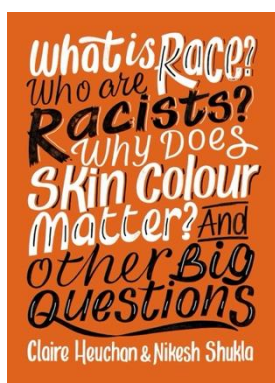


## What is Mental Health? Where Does it Come From? And Other Big Questions?, by Lucy Maddox – RRP £13.99

ISBN: 9781526311139

Exploring and explaining the range of mental health, from wellbeing through to mental health problems, in a non-stigmatising, accessible and accurate way. Mental health gets talked about a lot, but what is it? And where does it come from? This book explains what mental health is, considering how it relates to lots of different experiences, from how we manage really big feelings, to how we get on with each other, how we make choices and how we handle stressful situations. The book thoughtfully examines the things that can help us look after our mental health and the things that might make it feel worse. It has suggestions for the support on offer if we feel we're struggling.

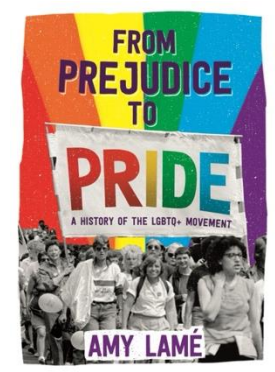
It includes specially-written contributions from Chamique Holdsclaw, US gold medallist basketballer, academics Dr Suzi Gage and Professor Marianne Van Den Bree, poet Fisky, artists Christine Rai and Liz Atkin, mental health advocate Chineye Njoku and Dr Alan Cooklin, psychiatrist and founder of the charity Our Time which helps children whose parents experience mental health problems. Aimed at young people aged 10 and upwards.



## What is Race? Who are Racists? Why Does Skin Colour Matter? And Other Big Questions?, by Claire Heuchan and Nikesh Shukla

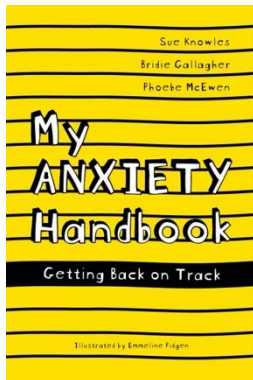
– RRP £9.99 ISBN: 9781526303998

Talk about race is often discouraged, but this book aims to bring everyone into the conversation. It explores the history of race and society, giving context to how racist attitudes come into being. It looks at belonging and identity, the damaging effects of stereotyping and the benefits of positive representation. The authors talk sensitively about how to identify and challenge racism, and how to protect against and stop racist behaviour.



## From Prejudice to Pride: A History of LGBTQ+ Movement, by Amy Lamé – RRP £9.99 ISBN: 9781526301918

From Prejudice to Pride looks at the rise and achievements of the LGBTQ+ movement and the different communities, pioneers and stories of heartbreak and courage that have marched alongside it. Perfect for readers aged 11 and upwards, this book will inspire courage and pride in young LGBTQ+ people and help answer questions for all readers interested in gender and identity. Follow LGBTQ+ history from ancient civilisations to the present-day, and learn about key events including the trial of Oscar Wilde, the Stonewall riots, the AIDS crisis, same-sex marriage and changing laws that have impacted on LGBTQ+ life. Gain insight into the shifting attitudes that have challenged lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and the experiences that help us understand what it means to be LGBTQ+ today.



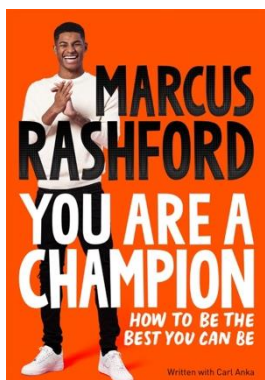
**My Anxiety Handbook, by Bridie Gallagher and Phoebe McEwan and Sue Knowles – RRP £12.99** ISBN: 9781785924408

Helping young people with anxiety learn to recognise and manage their symptoms, this anxiety survival guide teaches young people aged 10+ how they can overcome their biggest worries.

Showing that anxiety is a normal human emotion that many people face, this book helps young people understand the ins and outs of their own anxiety and helps them to challenge the difficult patterns they may get into. Co-written with a college student who has experienced anxiety herself, it is a relatable and straightforward guide. As well as providing tried-and-tested advice and exercises that are proven to reduce feelings of anxiety, it includes recovery stories from young people who have managed their symptoms successfully. With practical chapters on sleep, exam stress, transitions, and seeking extra help, this is a go-to guide for any tween, teen or young person living with anxiety.



## Non-fiction – Macmillan



### **You Are a Champion, by Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka – RRP £9.99**

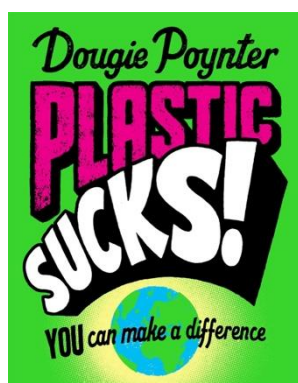
ISBN: 9781529068177

Marcus Rashford MBE is famous worldwide for his skills both on and off the pitch – but before he was a Manchester United and England footballer, and long before he started his inspiring campaign to end child food poverty, he was just an average kid from Wythenshawe, South Manchester. Now the nation's favourite footballer wants to show YOU how to achieve your dreams, in this positive and inspiring guide for life.

*You are a Champion* is packed full of stories from Marcus' own life, brilliant advice and top-tips from performance psychologist Katie Warriner. It will show you how to be the very BEST that you can be.

It shows kids how to:

- Be comfortable with who you are – you can't be a champion until you're happy being you!
- Dream big
- Practise like a champion
- Get out of your comfort zone and learn from your mistakes
- Navigate adversity in a positive way
- Find your team
- Use your voice and stand up for others
- Never stop learning



### **Plastic Sucks!, by Dougie Poynter – RRP £9.99**

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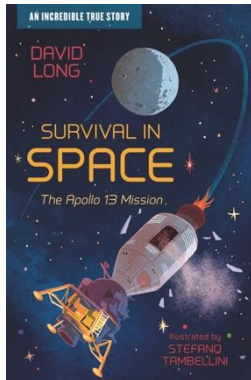
In this awesome and inspiring guide, McFly bassist and environmental activist Dougie Poynter shows you how to get involved in the mission to cut out single-use plastic.

Plastic is everywhere, and it sucks. It fills up our oceans, endangers our wildlife and never goes away. So it's time to take action, find ways to cut down our plastic use and help protect our environment. As a life-long supporter of environmental causes, Dougie is always on the hunt for ways to reduce and replace plastic.

This book draws on his own experiences in the fight against plastic waste – the problems he's encountered and the solutions he's found. It covers the history of plastic, introduces us to some key campaigners and eco entrepreneurs and is full of top tips.

The clear and easy steps in this book show us how we can all make small changes and become champions for our planet.

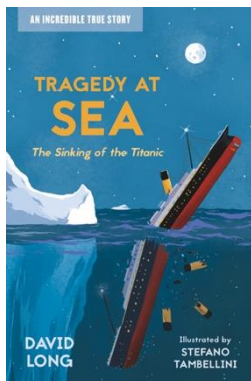
## Non-fiction – Barrington Stoke



### **Survival in Space: The Apollo 13 Mission, by David Long – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 978-1781129388

April 1970: Apollo 13 was launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. It should have been the third manned Apollo mission to land on the moon. But when an explosion on board damaged the spacecraft, it became a perilous and near-impossible fight for survival. The crew on board travelled further into space than any other humans before them... In this gripping retelling of the astonishing Apollo 13 mission, David Long shows how courage, determination and teamwork succeeded in beating all odds to bring the spacecraft home.

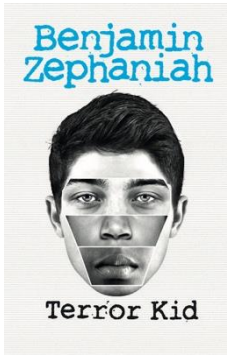
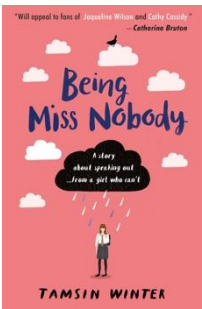

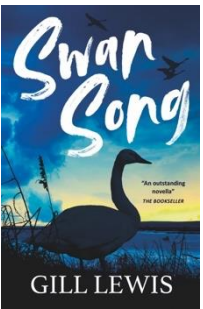
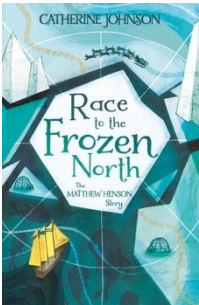

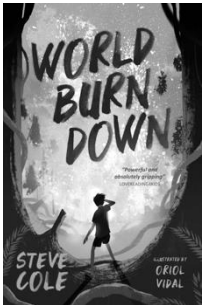

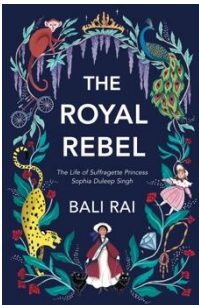


### **Tragedy at Sea, by David Long – RRP £6.99**

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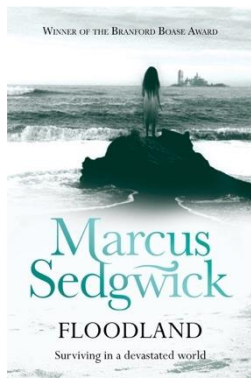
On 10 April 1912, RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton on her maiden voyage to New York. This 'Ship of Dreams' was the largest and most luxurious ocean liner in the world. It was claimed she was unsinkable. But four days later, when the ship struck an iceberg, the loss of Titanic and over 1,500 passengers would become one of the most infamous maritime disasters in history.

## Key Issues and Concepts



## Key Issues and Concepts – Hachette

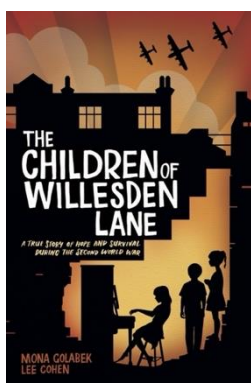


### **Floodland, by Marcus Sedgwick – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 9781858817637

A gripping, prizewinning novel about a girl surviving in a devastated world.

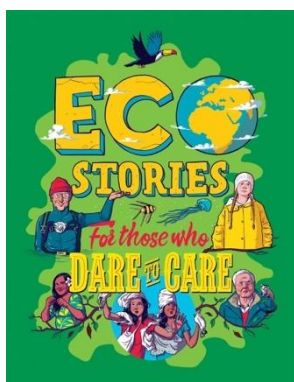
Imagine that a few years from now England is covered by water, and Norwich is an island. Zoe, left behind in the confusion when her parents escaped, survives there as best she can. Alone and desperate among marauding gangs, she manages to dig a derelict boat out of the mud and gets away to Eels Island. But Eels Island, whose raggle-taggle inhabitants are dominated by the strange boy Dooby, is full of danger too. The belief that she will one day find her parents spurs Zoe on to a dramatic escape in a story of courage and determination that is handled with warmth and humanity.



### **The Children of Willesden Lane, by Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781445161303

Fourteen-year-old Lisa Jura was a musical prodigy who hoped to become a concert pianist. But when Hitler's armies advanced on pre-war Vienna, Lisa's parents were forced to make a difficult decision. Able to secure passage for only one of their three daughters through the Kindertransport, they chose to send gifted Lisa to London for safety. As she yearned to be reunited with her family while she lived in a home for refugee children on Willesden Lane, Lisa's music became a beacon of hope. A memoir of courage, survival, and the power of music to uplift the human spirit, this compelling tribute to one special young woman and the lives she touched will both educate and inspire young readers. Based on a true story of a 14 year old girl Lisa Jura, who had to flee her home in Vienna and rebuild her life in London, the story brings home the reality of the Holocaust to readers aged 12 and up.



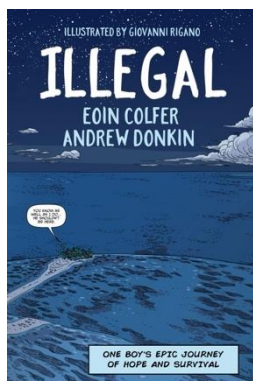
### **Eco Stories for Those Who Dare to Care, by Ben Hubbard – RRP £12.99**

ISBN: 9781445171241

Eco Stories for those who Dare to Care is the perfect introduction to environmentalism and the world-changing lives that have fought for our planet's future. From Greta Thunberg to David Attenborough, Rachel Carson to Wangari Maathai, activists of all ages, from all corners of the planet, will inspire readers to think and take action on the most important issues of our era.

Beautiful and characterful portraits help bring to life these important activists and their contributions to our world. Clear, concise text presents the stand-out biographical information from these inspirational figures, and acts as a perfect primer for conversations about activism and environmentalism. This is the perfect book for eco-warriors aged 9 and up.





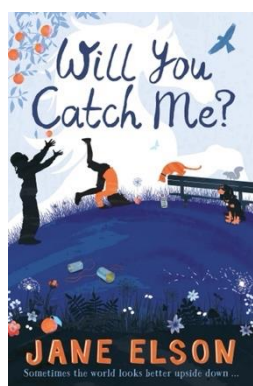
## **Illegal, by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin – RRP £10.99**

ISBN: 9781444931686

This is a powerful and timely story about one boy's epic journey across Africa to Europe, a graphic novel for all children with glorious colour artwork throughout. From Eoin Colfer, previously Irish Children's Laureate, and the team behind his bestselling Artemis Fowl graphic novels.

Ebo: alone.

His sister left months ago. Now his brother has disappeared too, and Ebo knows it can only be to make the hazardous journey to Europe. Ebo's epic journey takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his sister.



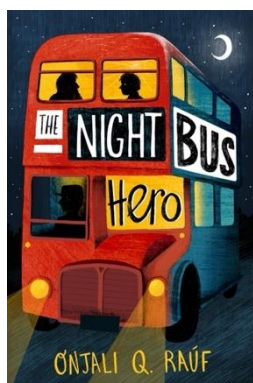
## **Will You Catch Me?, by Jane Elson – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 9781444927788

From the author of A Room Full of Chocolate comes a heartwarming story about identity and courage, and a tremendous young girl who cares for her alcoholic mother. For fans of Jacqueline Wilson and Sarah Lean.

Nell Hobson lives with a tortoise called Bob Marley, guinea pigs Asbo and Chaos, goldfish Beyoncé and Destiny, gerbils Fizz and Tyrone, Aunt Lou the Hamster ... and her mum, who drinks too much. Nell does everything she can to be a good daughter so that her mum will stop. But when things get really hard, Nell stands on her head. Everything looks better upside down, don't you know?

Nell wishes she knew her dad was. When new teacher Mr Samuels makes history come alive and tells the class the story of Nell Gwynn, the Orange Girl who became one of the first actresses on the London stage, Nell is captivated and is determined to dress up as an Orange Girl for the Costume Parade. She hatches a plan with her best friend Michael: a way to make her dad step forward and claim her. Will she succeed?



## **The Night Bus Hero, by Onjali Q. Rauf – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 9781510106772

I've been getting into trouble for as long I can remember. Usually I don't mind 'cos some of my best, most brilliant ideas have come from sitting in detention. But recently it feels like no one believes me about anything – even when I'm telling the truth! And it's only gotten worse since I played a prank on the old man who lives in the park. Everyone thinks I'm just a bully. They don't believe I could be a hero. But I'm going to prove them all wrong...

Told from the perspective of a bully, this book explores themes of bullying and homelessness, while celebrating kindness, friendship and the potential everyone has to change for the good.



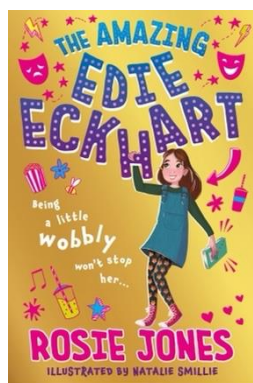
## **Moon Dog, by Jane Elson – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 9781444955705

A heart-warming animal tale of bravery and friendship between a lost boy, a daring girl and the dog next door – from an author celebrated for her honest, heartfelt and inclusive stories.

Marcus and Delilah couldn't be more different. He is as big as she is tiny. As angry and lost as she is tremendous and brave. But they share a dream: to own a dog of their own. So when a mystery pup turns up in the empty house next door, Marcus can't believe his luck. He visits him every night and names him Moon Dog. But it's soon clear that Moon Dog is in danger, and when Marcus and Delilah discover a dark secret it will test their bravery and their friendship.

Can they work together to save their dream dog?



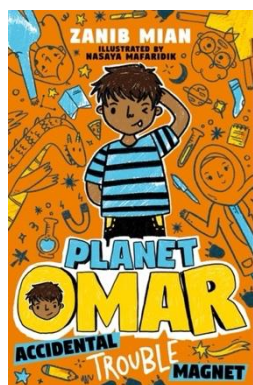
## **The Amazing Edie Eckhart, by Rosie Jones – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 9781444958348

Hello! My name is Edie Eckhart and I'm eleven years old. I'm a little bit different. I have a disability called cerebral palsy, so I talk slowly and fall over a lot. It's never really bothered me because I've never known anything else.

Edie Eckhart is Excited with a capital E to start secondary school with her best friend Oscar – the fish to her chips, the bananas to her custard. But when she and Oscar are put into different tutor groups on their first day, Edie is devastated. Who will play secret hangman with her in class? Who will she eat sausage rolls with?

But while she's plotting her reunion with Oscar, she accidentally gets cast as the lead in the school play. As Edie discovers a passion for performance, she also finds new friendships, talents, and dreams. After all, it's easy to shine on and off the stage when you're Amazing with a capital A.



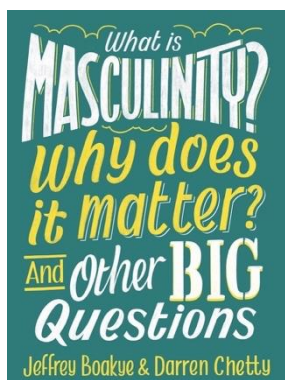
## **Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet, by Zanib Mian – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 9781444951226

Welcome, readers, to the imaginative brain of Omar! You might not know me yet, but once you open the pages of this book you'll laugh so hard that snot will come out of your nose (plus you might meet a dragon and a zombie – what more could you want?).

My parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move me to a new school at the same time. As if I didn't have a hard enough time staying out of trouble at home, now I've also got to try and make new friends. What's worse, the class bully seems to think I'm the perfect target.

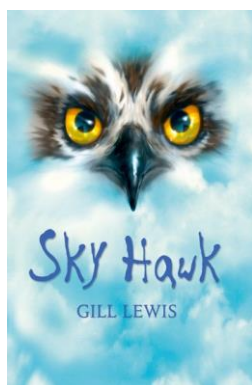
At least Eid's around the corner which means a feast (YAY) and presents (DOUBLE YAY). Well, as long as I can stay in Mum and Dad's good books long enough...



## **What is Masculinity? Why Does It Matter? And Other Big Questions, by Jeffrey Boakye and Darren Chetty – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 9781526308153

Masculinity is being discussed more than ever before, in a range of contexts. People talk about 'toxic masculinity', claim that there is a crisis in masculinity or argue that we need to 'reclaim masculinity'. There have always been many ways of being a man, and many people who have claimed that there are correct and incorrect ways of being a man. This important and timely book looks at the big questions surrounding definitions of masculinity, and discusses where ideas of masculinity have come from and the effects of gender stereotyping. The authors and contributors share their experiences of and perspectives on masculinity and invite readers to think for themselves about the issues involved.



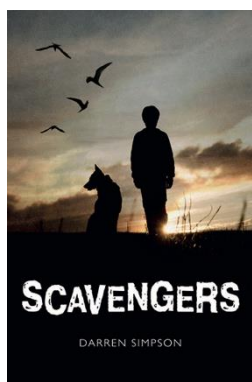
## **Sky Hawk, by Gill Lewis – RRP £6.99**

ISBN: 978-0-19-275624-4

Something lives deep within the forest... something that has not been seen on Callum's farm for over a hundred years.

Callum and Iona make a promise to keep their amazing discovery secret, but can they keep it safe from harm?

The pact they make will change lives forever.

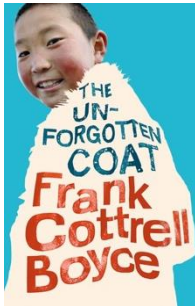


## **Scavengers, by Darren Simpson – RRP £7.99**

ISBN: 978-1382008525

Landfill has lived his whole life in Hinterland, an industrial landscape overrun with weeds and wild flowers. His guardian, Babagoo, protects him from the horrors of Outside, on one condition: Landfill must follow the rules.

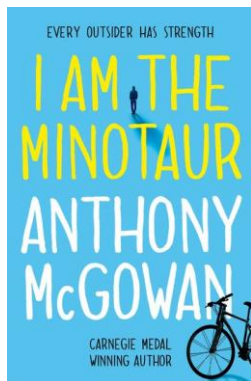
But Landfill is curious and starting to question whether Babagoo really does know best...



## **The Unforgotten Coat, by Frank Cottrell Boyce – RRP £9.99**

ISBN: 978-00190830512-5

Two refugee brothers from Mongolia are determined to fit in with their Liverpool schoolmates, but bring so much of Mongolia to Bootle that their new friend and guide, Julie, is hard-pressed to know truth from fantasy.



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Matthew wants to fit in, but it's hard when you're avoiding the bullies and trying to impress your dream girl, Ari. When Ari's bike is stolen, he tries to make a good impression by getting it back.

Will it lead to trouble or will he learn that heroes are found in unlikely places?

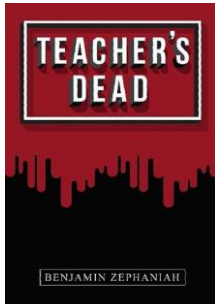
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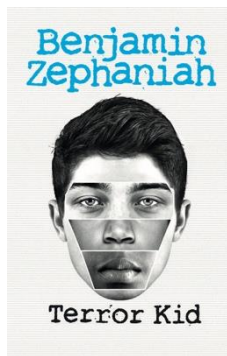
Summer 1888 and Eliza is angry. Angry that her family never seems to have enough. Angry that conditions at the factory where she works are so harsh. Angry that no one seems to care. When Eliza speaks out, her words spark fury among the other workers and the flame of rebellion is lit. Can one girl inspire an uprising that will change her world?



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A teacher is stabbed outside school by a student, in front of an audience of school children. Jackson, who witnesses the crime, suspects there is more going on than straightforward murder and he sets out to uncover the truth behind what happened.



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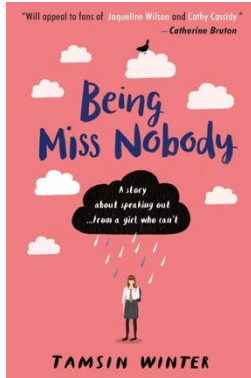
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Rice Frederico knows what trouble is, and he knows to stay away from it. If there's one thing he's learnt, it's that he will always be the suspect. He sees injustice happening all around him and wants to speak out. But how?

Then a stranger gives him the perfect opportunity, and everything starts to go wrong.



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Rosalind hates her new secondary school. She's the weird girl who doesn't talk. The Mute-ant. And it's easy to pick on someone who can't fight back. So Rosalind starts a blog – Miss Nobody; a place to speak up, a place where she has a voice. But there's a problem... is Miss Nobody becoming a bully herself?



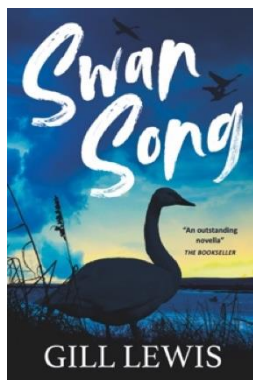
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*I wonder what people would think if they could take the front off our house, like a doll's house, and watch us. All in the same house, but everyone separate. No one talking, but everyone thinking the same thing. Will we ever be a normal family again?*

Izzy's family is under the spotlight when her dad comes out as Danielle, a trans woman. Now shy Izzy must face her fears, find her voice, confront the bullies and stand up for her family.

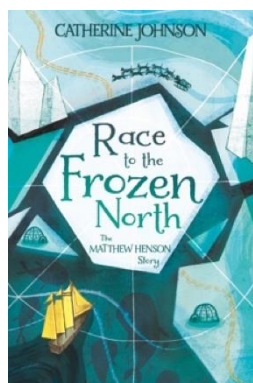
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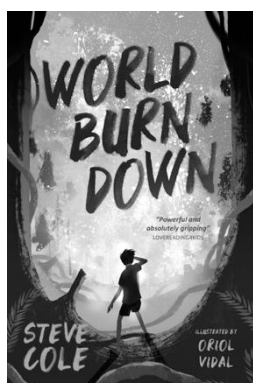
Dylan is struggling. Since he started high school, everything has become too much to handle. Now he's been expelled and is forced to move to the tiny village in Wales where his grandad lives. But when Grandad invites Dylan out on his boat to watch the Whooper swans return to their winter feeding ground, things begin to change. Grandad doesn't judge or question; he just lets Dylan be. Out on the water, with no distractions or pressure, Dylan begins to feel like himself again. But when the swans and their home are threatened, and tragedy strikes at home, can Dylan keep going when it feels like everything is slipping out of control again?



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Matthew Henson was simply an ordinary man. That was, until Commander Robert E Peary entered his life and offered him a chance at a true adventure. Henson would become navigator, craftsman, translator, and right-hand man on a treacherous journey to the North Pole. Defying the odds and the many prejudices that faced him to become a true pioneer, this is his incredible and often untold story.



### **World Burn Down, by Steve Cole – RRP £6.99**

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Carlos' mother works for IBAMA, Brazil's Environmental Authority. As head of a specially trained task force, her role is to protect the Amazon from the farmers, loggers and miners who are illegally destroying the precious rainforest. It's a dangerous role and when she upsets some of these land-grabbers, they decide to teach her a lesson by kidnapping her son, Carlos.

Taken deep into the Amazon, Carlos manages to escape his captors only to find himself trapped by the fast-moving fires. Will he be able to outrun the flames as the world around him burns to the ground?

The terrifying reality of illegal deforestation and the destruction of rainforest is revealed in this powerful and gripping adventure.

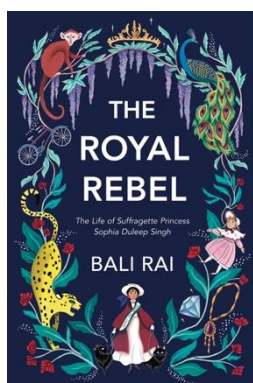


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Theo lives and works in Agbogbloshie in Ghana, a vast dumping ground for the world's broken electronics. He spends his days scouring the trash for scraps of metal to sell for cash, while dreaming of going to school and escaping this harsh life. The money Theo makes is barely enough to pay for lessons, so when Emmanuel turns up with talk of buried treasure, Theo sees a chance to get out of Trashland.

But Emmanuel's presence draws the attention of a local gang, and Theo starts to wonder if his new friend is keeping dangerous secrets...



## **The Royal Rebel: The Life of Suffragette Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, by Bali Rai – RRP £6.99**

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Born in 1876, Princess Sophia Duleep Singh was the daughter of the last Sikh ruler of the Punjab, and goddaughter of Queen Victoria. After her father lost control of his empire and was exiled to England, Sophie had a privileged but troubled upbringing that left her unsure about where she belonged – in India or England. Sensitive to. Injustice, she became a suffragette and fought hard to win the vote for women. This is the extraordinary story of her life.

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