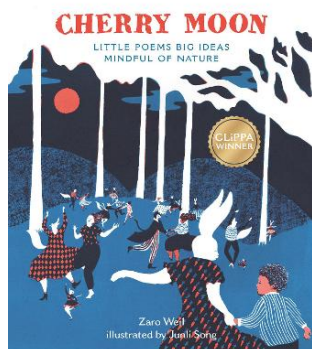


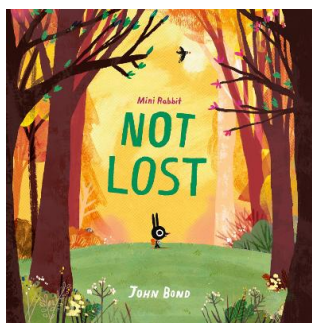
CLPE's Corebooks list helps primary schools choose the very best children's books for their school or classroom libraries. Selected by our dedicated Librarian, this database contains more than 700 quality books to suit readers of all ages and stages of reading development.



Cherry Moon Little Poems Big Ideas Mindful of Nature

Author: Zaro Weil **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/02/2023

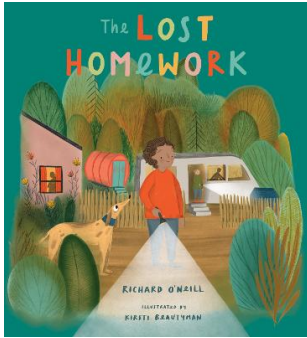
Winner of the CLPE Award for Children's Poetry 2020 At a time when children need nature more than they ever have, Cherry Moon is a book to treasure. It contains one hundred short poems – intense bursts of colour, sound and sensation, all inspired by the natural world – a plum tree coming into fruit, the moon in a rosy twilight sky, that noise your feet make walking through mud... Though they seem over in a moment, there's a thoughtfulness and depth to the poems that will make you pause and images that will stay with you, so that you'll find yourself returning to them again and again. It's a superb introduction to poetry for the very young and a wonderful book to share; beautiful to look at too, thanks to Junli Song's stunning screen print illustrations.



Mini Rabbit Not Lost

Author: John Bond **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2023

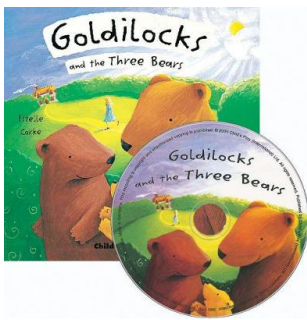
Mini Rabbit and her mother are making a cake. Calamity strikes when they run out of berries and cake production must cease. Without waiting to listen to her mother, Mini dashes off on a mission to gather the essential ingredient. On the way, she travels through a variety of terrains, refusing all help in her single-minded pursuit. Will Mini find the fruit and her way home? An authorial voice observes and comments on Mini's progress while dialogue, including the oft repeated 'cake' and 'berries' takes place within the illustrations, several of which are in comic strip style.



The Lost Homework

Author: Richard O'Neill **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/01/2023

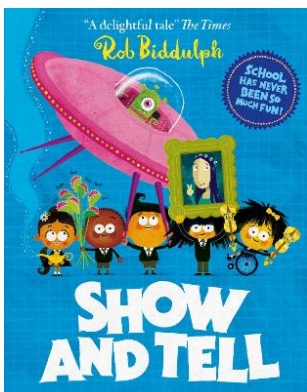
In this new addition to our 'Travellers' Tales' series, Sonny devotes his weekend to helping his neighbours and fellow Travellers with a variety of tasks. He uses many skills, from calculating the amount of fuel needed for a journey, to restoring a caravan. In fact, the only thing he doesn't do over the weekend is his homework - his workbook is missing! What will his teacher say? This new picture book by Richard O'Neill champions the idea that many skills learned at home are as important as those learned at school. Shortlisted for the Teach Early Years Awards 2020 (Picture Books Category)



Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Author: Estelle Corke **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/12/2022

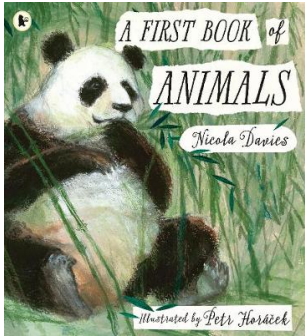
Step into the magical world of Child's Play fairy tales... Traditional tales are a well-established part of all cultures. Retold from the originals, these lively stories will captivate readers with their delightful illustrations and fun lift-up flaps which really add to the action. The 'flip-up' flaps encourage prediction and discussion, and well-known stories will give young readers confidence.



Show and Tell

Author: Rob Biddulph **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/11/2022

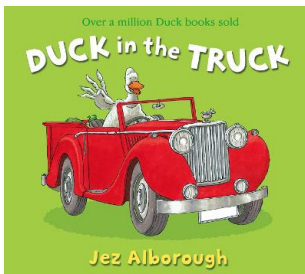
Packed to the brim with his trademark warm humour, life lessons and pitch-perfect rhyme, this is a story to read together, laugh out loud at, and enjoy over and over again. The perfect book for boys and girls of 4+, to share with their families or enjoy alone.



A First Book of Animals

Author: Nicola Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/11/2022

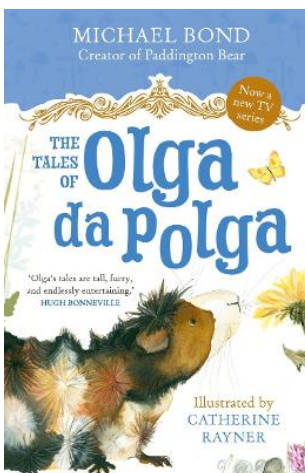
What a wonderful book to give to a child. It's one which will inspire a real interest in nature and the creatures that share our planet, as well as an appreciation of art and poetry. Nicola Davies shares her delight in animals in specially written poems, each of which is illustrated by Petr Horáček across dazzling double pages. Grouped by themes such as colours and shapes, or animals in action, creatures big and small are vividly brought to life, from the whale shark, 'like a piece of fallen starry sky' to a barn owl, 'quiet as the floating moon'. The images are breathtaking, full of movement and colour; the poems too are varied and memorable, sometimes precise, sometimes ethereal. It's a book that recipients will treasure into adulthood.



Duck in the Truck

Author: Jez Alborough **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 17/11/2022

Here comes Duck in his truck, the wonderful new character soon to be the focus of a whole new series. But watch out for that rock Duck! too late Duck's truck is stuck in the muck! The truck is well and truly stuck, but luckily help is at hand in the form of a Frog. When the Frog and the Duck fail to eject the truck, they enlist the help of a Sheep who just happens to be passing by in his green jeep. But even the might of the sheep can't move the truck. Fortunately, there is a nearby lake and at this very moment a clever goat floats by relaxing in his boat. He devises a cunning plan which does indeed set the truck free! but with unexpected and hilarious consequences.



Tales of Olga da Polga

Author: Michael Bond **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 17/11/2022

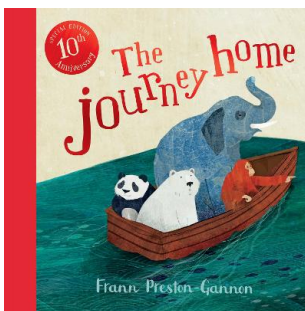
As well as Paddington, Michael Bond was also the creator of the inimitable Olga da Polga, guinea-pig, teller of tall tales and all-round irresistible character. With a new TV series coming to CBeebies, publisher Oxford has published the stories as lovely paperback collections. This is the first in the series and also features Catherine Rayner's gorgeous black and white illustrations. It describes how Olga comes to move in with the Sawdust family - as she calls them - and to meet her friends Noel the cat, Fangio the hedgehog and Graham the tortoise. There's excitement as she wins a rosette in a show, encounters the 'Surrey Puma' (almost), suffers an injury and recovers thanks to the Sugar Plum Fairy. Each story is a perfect adventure and, as life with Olga is anything but dull, each one is full of incident and drama. Indeed, thanks to their small star, these make hugely entertaining reading.



The Pet Potato

Author: Josh Lacey **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/06/2022

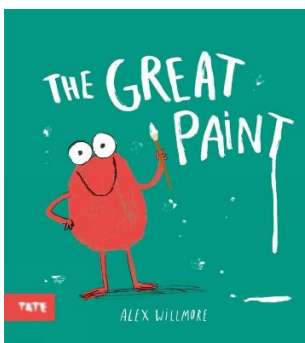
Albert is desperate for a pet, but his parents are adamant it's just not possible. Still Albert keeps asking until his dad finally hands over a present: a potato. It's a pet potato, he says (apparently this is the kind of joke Dad makes all the time). Albert puts the potato away, but its sad face catches his eye. Before you know it, Albert and his new pet are doing everything together, playing, visiting the park and library, sharing stories. Then Mum decides to throw the potato away (it is going mouldy). Albert insists on a proper burial at least and is delighted with the results – it grows a whole crop of pets, one for everyone in his neighbourhood! A surprising and surprisingly cheerful story demonstrating that you can grow your own happiness. Momoko Abe's illustrations in gorgeous warm ochre, green and russet are full of deadpan humour, a perfect match to the text.



The Journey Home 10th anniversary edition

Author: Frann Preston-Gannon **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 28/04/2022

A special 10th anniversary edition of The Journey Home, the debut book by the first-ever UK recipient of the amazing 'Sendak Fellowship' and created with input from the great Maurice Sendak himself. It's the story of a polar bear who heads off in a boat looking for somewhere new to live and on the way he picks up other endangered friends including an orangutan, an elephant and a panda to name just three. It's a beautiful book, full of things for parents to talk about with their children as they read it.



The Great Paint

Author: **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/03/2022

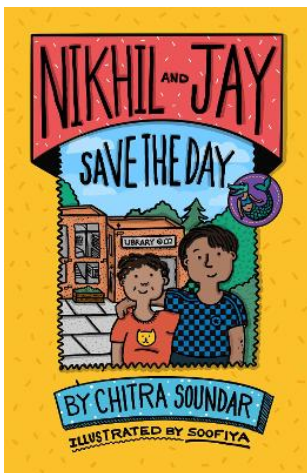
Frog thinks he's pretty artistic and that the rest of the forest could do with a little bit of inventive improvement. From painting to sculpture, to performance art and origami, Frog gets to work on beautifying everything around him... but will his friends appreciate his creativity? And how will Frog show them he's sorry and that true creative inspiration lies in the friendship of others?



Winter Sleep A Hibernation Story

Author: Sean Taylor, Alex Morss, Cinyee Chiu **Format:** Paperback
Release Date: 28/09/2021

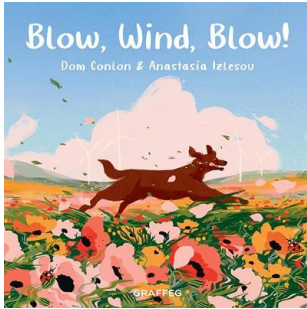
In this cozy bedtime story, follow a child and his grandma through a winter landscape to explore how the Earth goes to sleep for winter. Spot the sleeping animals as the tale unfolds, then learn about their hibernation habits from the information pages at the end. Co-authors Sean Taylor (picture book author) and Alex Morss (ecologist, journalist, and educator) offer a gentle introduction to the concept of hibernation. In the frosty, quiet forest, the snow blankets the ground and the trees have shed their leaves. Where have all the animals gone? Are they asleep too? In each cutaway scene, see what the child cannot - that underground below his feet are dens with sleeping creatures, and within the hollow trunks of trees, animals are nesting. After the story, annotated illustrations explain the hibernation facts for each animal and what they will do when they wake up for spring. Cozy up as you expand your and your child's knowledge of the natural world.



Nikhil and Jay Save the Day

Author: Chitra Soundar **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/08/2021

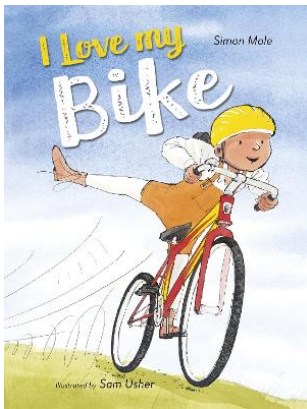
In these four interlinked stories about Nikhil and Jay and their family, there's always fun and mischief. Jay wants to do things by himself on his birthday, but sharing with Nikhil turns out to be more fun. They all go to visit Grandad and Nana, but where is the story dragon? Then it's Pancake Day, the day when Amma makes yummy dosa, Indian pancakes. And last but not least, Nikhil and Jay help to lead a campaign to save their local library from closing. The Nikhil and Jay stories are perfect for children moving on from picture books to longer stories, helped by Soofiya's lively and characterful illustrations.



Blow, Wind, Blow!

Author: Dom Conlon **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/06/2021

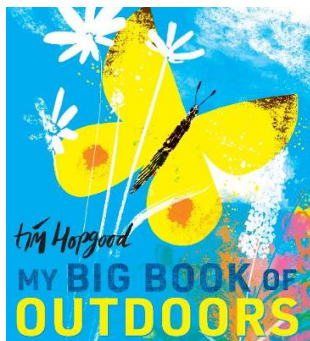
'Lawn-prowler, mist-parter' wind is small and weak at the beginning of this lyrical, gorgeously illustrated picture book. But, 'heat-snatcher, pressure-catcher', it borrows strength from the Earth and with a huff and a puff, grows big and strong, sweeping across the globe, snatching up a seed and helicoptering it far and wide, across oceans and deserts to eventually deposit it in the Amazon soil, 'like a flag on a newly found moon'. Dom Conlon's poet-perfect words whirl and fly as light and powerful as the wind, while Anastasia Izlesou's sumptuous, atmospheric illustrations slide in a page turn from the heat of a sandstorm in Chad to the darkness of an Atlantic storm and the uncontrolled wild beauty of a Florida hurricane. A page of Wind Facts delves into words and ideas that might be unfamiliar, and this is both informative and inspiring.



I Love My Bike

Author: Simon Mole **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 08/06/2021

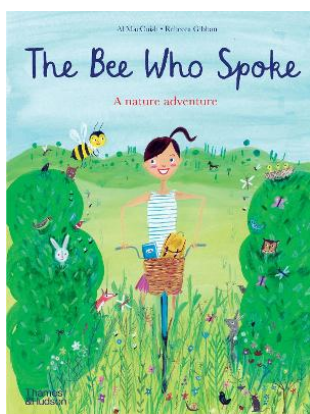
Well we all love our bikes. Don't we? This charming picture book tells the story of why this is. From the first push down on the pedal to the independence of making your own journey "I get to decide if I turn left or right. Not Dad. Just me." The travails of the young (and old) cyclist - the 'big huge hills' where the bike gets lazy and the inevitable tumble after which 'I'm never ever riding the stupid bike again' - are endured and overcome. The greater joys of achievement, scenery and connection with the landscape will be familiar to everyone who has ever turned a pedal. "This is my place now all because of my bike". Sam Usher's illustrations capture the exhilaration and occasional panic of self-propelled speed and the rhythm of the writing echoes the rotation of the pedals and the whirring of the wheels and makes it perfect for reading aloud. ~ Sam Huby, Bikemonger



My Big Book of Outdoors

Author: Tim Hopgood **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 20/05/2021

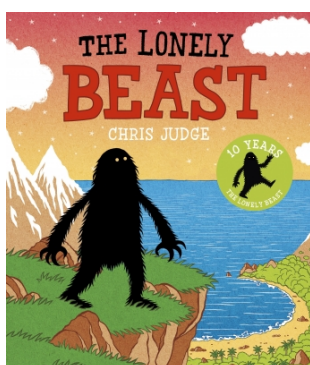
Discover the great outdoors with this beautifully illustrated treasury that celebrates the wonder of nature in four glorious seasons. From vibrant springtime flowers to sweet fruits on summer trees, the falling of autumn leaves and snowdrops in winter, this book of four seasons is the perfect introduction to the big outdoors. Discover why birds fly south in winter, find animal footprints in the snow and learn to make the perfect snowflake; grow a sunflower, find a feather and make a daisy chain. Full of activities, poetry and fun facts to explore, this bumper book is jam-packed with amazing things to see and do outdoors - the perfect gift for every season.



The Bee Who Spoke A nature adventure

Author: Al MacCuish, Rebecca Gibbon **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/04/2021

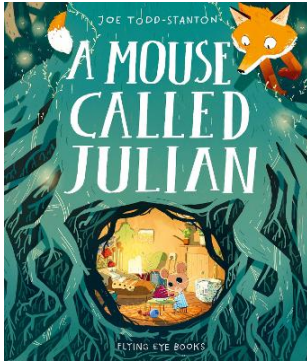
Parisian Belle holidays with her family in the countryside, which she explores on the bicycle that belonged to her mother when she was a girl. Following a minor accident, she feels lost as she realises that she doesn't know the countryside the way she does her home in the city. She is rescued by a talking bee. The two share a remarkable adventure discovering the plants and animals that surround them, and Belle is amazed to learn just how nature works in harmony, whether in the countryside or the city.



Lonely Beast

Author: Chris Judge **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/02/2021

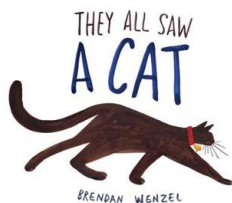
A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month February 2021 How the Beast overcomes his loneliness is a touching story about friendship of all kinds. Despite his name, the Beast, and all other Beasts, are gentle creatures who love gardening and cake baking. The Beast travels across the world to share his friendship with all those he meets: he is loved for his gentleness and kindness. But still the beast is lonely; what he wants most is to be friends with another Beast. Glorious illustrations of the Beast as he makes friends all over the world bring this story vividly to life.



A Mouse Called Julian

Author: Joe Todd-Stanton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/02/2021

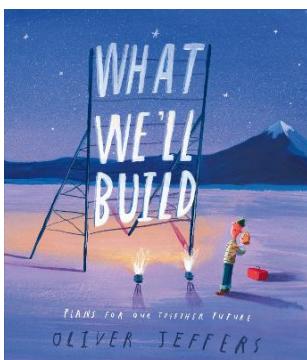
Julian is a mouse who is perfectly happy avoiding other animals. They seem to just get in the way, and sometimes even try to eat him! But one day, Julian has an unexpected dinner guest... When a fox tries to sneak into Julian's burrow for a tasty bite of mouse, it finds itself stuck headfirst in Julian's front door! At first alarmed and wary, they soon find themselves having a lovely dinner together, and it's not long before each realises that they have found a lifelong friend. Now for the first time in Paperback!



They All Saw a Cat

Author: Brendan Wenzel **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 30/11/2020

2017 Caldecott Medal and Honor Book A stylized, colourful picture book that highlights the power of perception and will gently introduce young readers to the concept that we all see the world a little differently. It harnesses not only the visual but also touches on the effect of spatial awareness and emotions such as fear to show how it can influence what we see and our reactions. The bold, vivid illustrations work together with simple, rhythmic prose to provide plenty of opportunities for discussion with your young readers as they embark on a new journey of exploration alongside the cat. Each animal's vision of the cat is informed by a combination of proximity, physiology and emotion, in a quietly brilliant demonstration of the power of perception.

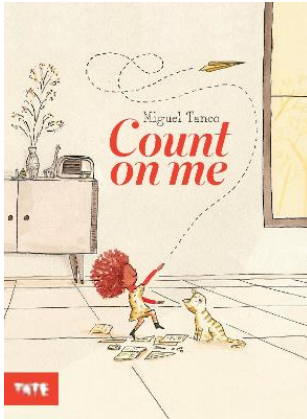


What We'll Build

Author: Oliver Jeffers **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 06/10/2020

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2022 ages 3-6 | October 2020 Book of the Month | A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month October 2020 Award-winning Oliver Jeffers will capture the hearts and minds of children and adults alike with this story of a father and daughter making plans to build a world that will keep them safe in the future. Brimming with hope but not ignoring the possibilities that the world and what happens next in it will present challenges, What We'll Build is founded in the mundane (almost!) as the father and his daughter assemble building tools including a hammer, saw and drill - and a pig! What they go on to build including a place to store love, a hole to hide in, a wall to keep enemies out and a gate to let them, a tunnel to anywhere, a road to the stars and much more and the reasons why they may need them it is summed up in the briefest of texts and

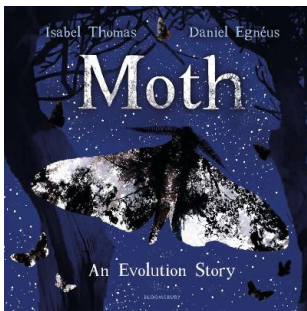
Jeffers magical, vividly coloured story- telling illustrations. Inspired by becoming a father, *What We'll Build* is a childhood classic that will be shared over and over again.



Count on Me

Author: Miguel Tanco **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 03/09/2020

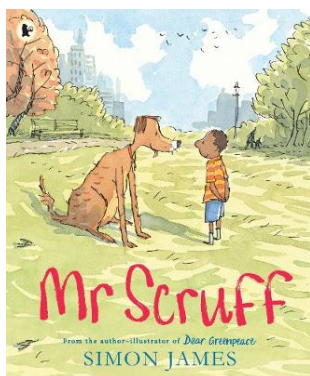
Katherine is from a dual heritage family where everyone has a passionate interest. Hers is for maths which she explores everywhere she goes, seeing pattern, shapes and numerical problems to be solved. A section of the book illustrates various mathematical concepts. A discreet note at the back says the girl is named after Katherine Johnson, the African American mathematician who helped send astronauts to the moon.



Moth

Author: Isabel Thomas **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 20/08/2020

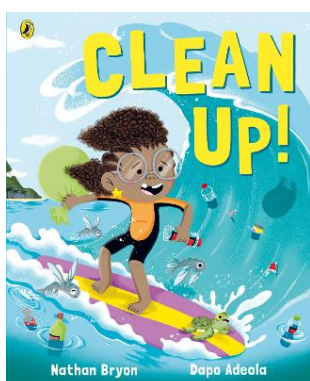
With a short, simple but often lyrical text, and through striking, beautiful illustrations, *Moth* tells the story of the peppered moth, and through that explains evolution and describes the changing landscapes of our world. The peppered moth provides a perfect example of natural selection: some moths are born with speckled wings, some are charcoal black. The speckled markings are most effective as camouflage when moths are resting on pale tree branches, but as the Industrial Revolution begins and trees are covered in sooty deposits from factories and chimneys, suddenly the black moths do better and their numbers rise. Then, as laws are passed to reduce pollution and the air clears, the situation is reversed again, and the number of speckled moths increases. Not only does this encapsulate natural evolution, it also reminds us of nature's resilience and offers hope for the future. The final line encourages children to go out and observe moths for themselves, something this book will surely inspire them to do.



Mr Scruff

Author: Simon James **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/08/2020

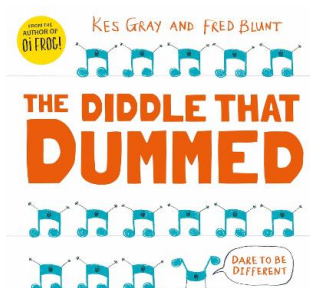
The humorous story of a little boy and a dog who are destined to be together! Polly belongs with Molly, Eric belongs with Derek, Perry belongs with Terry - everyone knows that owners and their dogs belong together in their own unique way. But for Poor Mr Scruff, alone in the dogs' home, there's no one - that is until a very special little boy arrives looking for a friend... A wonderful, witty and warm story about the true nature of friendship from award-winning author-illustrator Simon James.



Clean Up!

Author: Nathan Bryon **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/07/2020

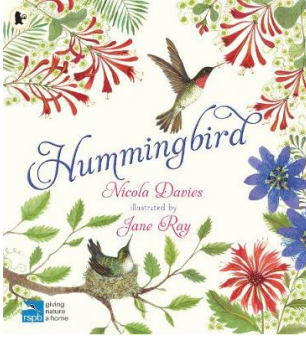
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Award ages 3-6 When Rocket goes for a holiday to visit her grandparents, she's shocked by the pollution that is spoiling their island home and putting the local sea life at risk. Can she think of a way to save the day?



The Diddle That Dumbled

Author: Kes Gray **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 25/06/2020

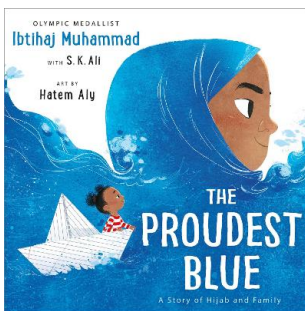
The Diddle that Dumbled is like your favourite pantomime distilled into 32 pages. Fiddler Flinty Bo Diddle is writing a tune for his fiddle - diddle diddle diddle diddle ... all is going well until - dum! Which diddle went dum? The culprit steps forward, shrugging: 'I'm not like the other diddles. Sometimes I like to go dum.' Flinty is beside himself, he wants all his diddles to diddle. They try again, and again - they try with the defiant diddle at the beginning and at the end, but every time the diddle goes dum. They swap things round, and try a dum dum dum sequence for Flinty's drum - you can probably guess what happens. By this point, everyone will be laughing out loud at the sheer silliness of it all, at the diddle's cheekiness, at Flinty's furious indignation - and then it gets sillier and more comic still. What seems a simple idea is full of surprises and cleverness and every one of us knows a diddle that dums. Sheer picture book brilliance.



Hummingbird

Author: Nicola Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/06/2020

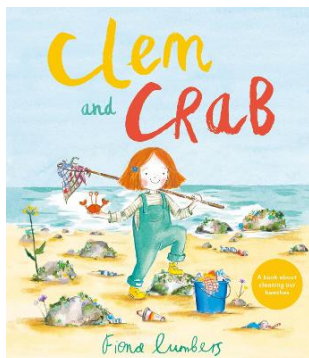
After revealing the amazing information that there are 300 different kinds of hummingbird, this book then focuses on one of them - the ruby-throated hummingbird - and makes connections with the paths of migration of these tiny creatures and of humans between Central and North America. Jane Ray's jewel-like illustrations encourage paying close attention to detail and interact with Nicola Davies's text which combines elements of intercultural family life with factual information about the hummingbird.



The Proudest Blue A Story of Hijab and Family

Author: Ibtihaj Muhammad, S. K. Ali **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/05/2020

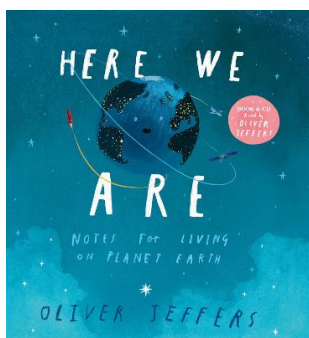
This collaboration, between the first American Olympic medallist to compete wearing a hijab and an award-winning Muslim YA author, is a beautiful story of sisterly love as well as a thoughtful depiction of the significance of wearing the hijab. Expressed in terms of family pride and self determination rather than in terms of faith, makes the message particularly accessible to all young readers regardless of their background. Faizah is excited for her first day of school, with her light up shoes and new backpack, but even more excited for her older sister, Asiya with her brand-new blue hijab. As Faizah walks to the school she admires her sister who looks like 'a princess' in her blue head scarf. Their mother has prepared the girls with wise words, which they remember as they encounter different reactions, and these are shown on dreamy spreads of Faiza's thoughts and their mother's words. When the kids in the school bully Asiya, she remembers her mother's advice to not carry hurtful words as "they are not yours to keep. They belong only to those who said them" The bullies are cleverly depicted as faceless, raceless, anonymous shadows thus avoiding apportioning blame to any one sector. The vivid colour and expressive illustration are just as powerful as words in conveying the passionate message of how to be proud of one's culture, individuality, and religion and how to stay strong protected by the armour of family love. This is an excellent book about identity and self-confidence for young readers who can see themselves in Asiya or know someone like her and essential for Empathy collections.



Clem and Crab

Author: Fiona Lumber **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/04/2020

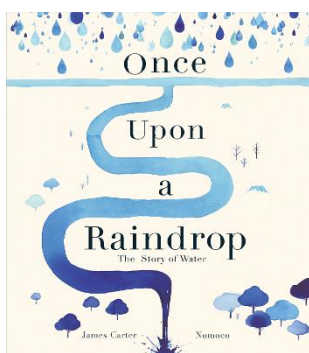
April 2020 Debut of the Month There's a classic painterly feel to this picture book but its message is very contemporary. Clem loves exploring along the seashore and collecting treasures in her bucket. These include shells and pebbles and pieces of glass, as well as brightly coloured plastic lids, bottles and netting. She befriends a little crab, caught up in a bit of netting and it hitches a ride home with her. Clem knows the crab belongs on the beach, but will he be safe there? Then a trip to the aquarium inspires her class to protect the ocean and together they clean up Clem and Crab's beach. It's a lovely story, and an important one, told so effectively in Fiona Lumber's carefully chosen words and beautiful illustrations.



Here We Are

Author: Oliver Jeffers **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 05/03/2020

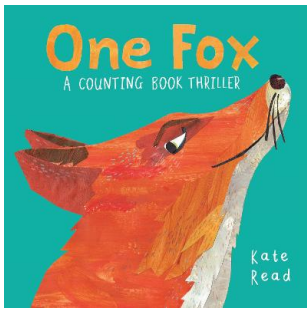
#1 New York Times Bestseller and #1 TIME Best Book of the Year for 2017. Audio Production Awards, Audio Performer of the Year - Gold Winner, 2018 Inspired by the birth of his son, award-winning Oliver Jeffers has created a deeply touching introduction to the world as a physical space and also as a place that needs to be treated with great care and respect. Subtitled 'Notes for Living on Planet Earth' Jeffers uses richly coloured double page spreads and only a few words of commentary to describe the obvious features of land, sea, night and day but also how time can move both slow and fast and should never be wasted! The perfect gift for all parents to share with their new babies – and each other. This is a book & cd edition.



Once Upon a Raindrop

Author: James Carter **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/03/2020

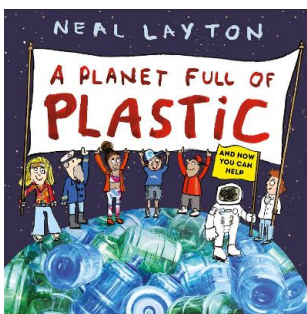
Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 Via simple but elegant illustrations, and a gentle sometimes playful rhyming text, this picture book passes on all sorts of information about water and its importance, while never losing the sense of the beauty of this essential element. Words and illustrations take us back in time to the beginning of life on Earth, up hills and deep below the surface to explain that "clouds, rain, river, sea, water cycles endlessly". Carefully placed splashes of colour underscore pages of different blues, the tinkling rhythm of the text bringing a sense of calm. It all concludes with five fascinating facts about the "world wide wet" and this is a book to savour on lots of different levels.



One Fox

Author: Kate Read **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/01/2020

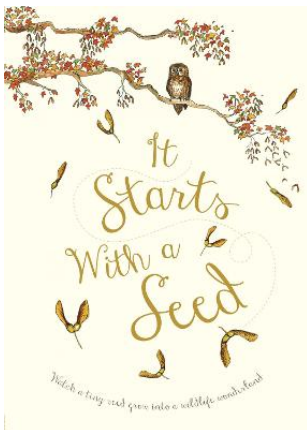
Shortlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize 2020 | Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 Kate Read uses bold colours, composition and collage to tell the story of one famished fox's encounter with some angry hens, making this counting book a real thriller. The Klaus Flugge judges said: 'Visually stunning. There's real drama here and the way the story is told is joyous. She's done a very clever thing and created a counting book while keeping within the beats of a story.'



A Planet Full of Plastic and how you can help

Author: Neal Layton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 19/09/2019

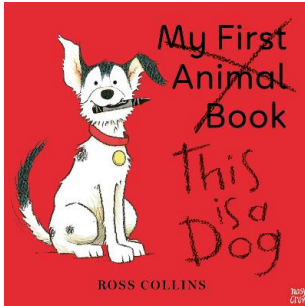
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 Award-winning author-illustrator Neal Layton is here to explain where plastic comes from, why it doesn't biodegrade, and why that's dangerous for animals and humans alike. But he's also FULL of ideas for how you can help! From giving up straws in juice cartons to recycling all we can and taking part in a beach clean, A Planet Full of Plastic will get young readers excited about how they can make a difference to keep Planet Earth happy.



It Starts With A Seed

Author: Laura Knowles **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/09/2019

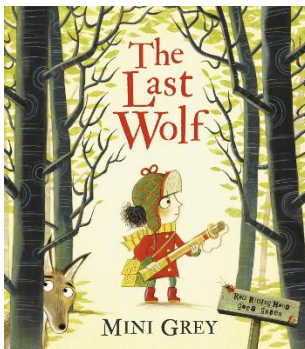
A narrative poem alongside exquisite illustrations describes all the different stages, from the moment a sycamore seed falls onto the earth, to its growth from seedling to sapling to mature tree distributing its own seeds. It shows too the changing seasons, and through words and pictures children will discover how the tree supports insects, birds and animals, who all make a life 'in their leaf-laden, bark-bound arboreal home'. It's full of information yet retains a sense of wonder: 'how can something so small turn into a tree which is such an incredibly BIG thing to be'. This is a book for readers of all ages, one to keep and return to again and again.



This is a Dog

Author: Ross Collins **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/08/2019

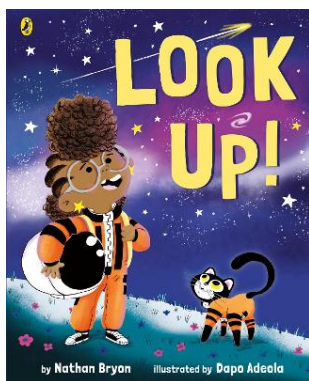
The distinctive Collins trademark bold colour backgrounds to each page serve to highlight the hugely characterful and expressive animals that should be the stars of The First Book of Animals except, as we the audience can blatantly see, a very excitable dog has decided that he is the only animal that counts. He has acquired a pencil (no doubt from the artist) which is going to come in very handy. Dog enjoys the first page This is a Dog. It certainly is - very perky and proud- but he doesn't want to lose the spotlight. He makes the cat very nervous as he peeks into her page, he frankly laughs at the poor rabbit and cannot resist chasing the squirrel(where the side of the page cleverly becomes a tree) Children will delight in what he does to the giraffe and I love the fact that we never see the giraffe's head- he is obviously too tall! But he pushes his luck with the bear, gorilla, crocodile and dares to try to dress up as an elephant so they all give chase and this is where his pencil comes in very handy! Minimal text allows a young audience to tell their own story and they will relish every scrap of humour. A laugh aloud treat for everyone to enjoy (and don't miss the authors dedication to his own dog 'Who taught me the meaning of irony by destroying some of the artwork from this book.'



The Last Wolf

Author: Mini Grey **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/08/2019

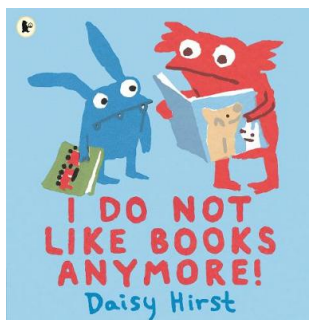
Shortlisted for the UKLA Shortlist Book Awards 2019 This empowering tale of a little girl who is nobody's victim has a surprising environmental twist in its tail. Award winning Mini Grey triumphs again!



Look Up!

Author: Nathan Bryon **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 13/06/2019

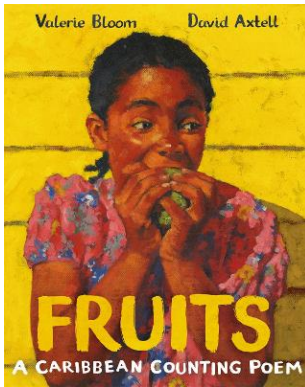
Winner of the UKLA Book Awards 2021 | Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2020 Actor and screen writer Nathan Byron has teamed with illustrator and character designer Dap Adeola to create a stunning and endearing new character called Rocket for their first venture into picturebooks. This is a little girl to inspire us all with her passion for space and the natural world just like she is inspired by her heroine Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman in space. But Rocket struggles to get people to pay attention particularly older brother Jamal who is hooked on his smart phone and notices nothing around him and she really does not want to miss the meteor shower and even makes an announcement in the local supermarket to make sure everyone gets a chance to see a natural wonder. Adeola's skill in inclusive characterisation shines from the pages and captures both Rocket's enthusiasm and passion and Jamal's sulky teen grump! Dotted with fascinating facts about meteors and space and with a very well realised and warm family relationship, this is a real treat and it is good to hear that Rocket will feature in two more books to come. Perfect for improving representation in your picture book collections.



I Do Not Like Books Anymore!

Author: Daisy Hirst **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/06/2019

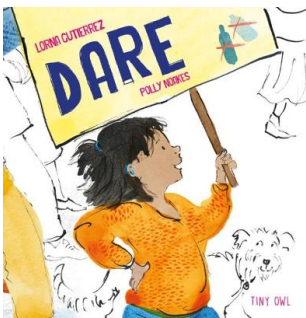
Natalie loves the books and stories her parents read aloud and she looks forward to being able to read to herself and her little brother Alphonse joyfully anticipates her reading to him too. But when she starts school she is disappointed to discover that letters and words look like 'prickles or birds' feet' and 'scuttling insects'. What's more, the reading books she's given don't seem to have stories in them... This picture book about how Natalie learns to love books again with the help of her family and her own imagination demonstrates with great humour that learning to read is about so much more than decoding print.



Fruits

Author: Valerie Bloom, David Axtell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 18/04/2019

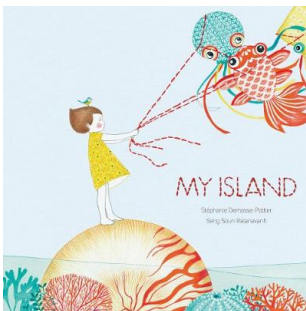
Winner of the Smarties Prize Bronze Award A rhythmic counting poem that describes all manner of delicious Caribbean fruits as a little girl tries to eat as many of these as she can in a single day.



Dare

Author: Lorna Gutierrez **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/04/2019

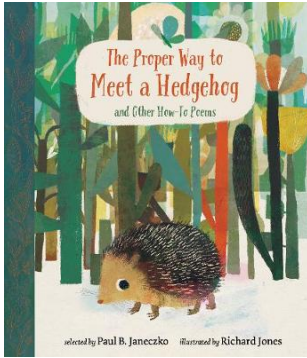
A rhyming text with the repetition of the phrase 'dare to' on each page encourages children to expand their outlook about what is possible for them to do in their own lives and how they could contribute to the wider world around them. The pictures complement the words by suggesting broadly ways they could be interpreted. For example, 'Dare to see when others don't' is accompanied by a child admiring flowers growing in an unexpected place while adults tower above and another child sleeps in a pushchair. And on the next spread a child designs what looks like a recycling or anti-plastics poster below the words 'Dare to speak when others won't'.



My Island

Author: Stephanie Demasse-Pottier **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/04/2019

A young girl imagines a lovely island populated by thousands of birds, where she picnics with her animals, plays games, reads, and collects flowers. You too are welcome on this island, if you know how to dream. Gorgeous, colorful illustrations accompany this gentle yet impactful story that celebrates the imagination of young readers.



The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and Other How-To Poems

Author: Paul B. Janeczko **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/04/2019

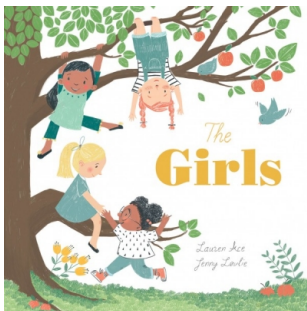
Shortlisted for 2020 CLiPPA There are over thirty poems in this beautiful, memorable treasury, each one illustrated with elegance and flair by picture-book talent Richard Jones. The poets featured are from around the world and through history, bringing together classic writers like Christina Rossetti and modern stars such as Kwame Alexander.



One Day on Our Blue Planet ...In the Savannah

Author: Ella Bailey **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/04/2019

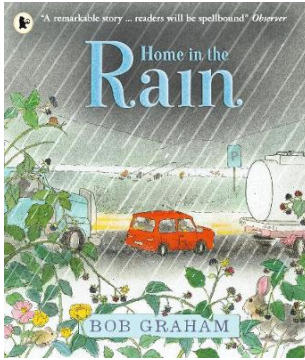
From breakfast to dinner, dusk to dawn, children will love spending the day with this curious lion cub. Now in paperback, this is the first in the acclaimed series of children's books focused on the way our young animal friends spend a day. Minding his mother and playing with his father, this curious little lion cub can't help chasing trouble and fun as he explores his corner of our big, blue planet.



The Girls

Author: Lauren Ace **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 10/01/2019

January 2019 Debut of the Month The Girls is a glorious and uplifting description of female friendship. It stars four girls and simply but beautifully describes in words and pictures their enduring friendship as they grow from little children into adults. In just 32 pages we get to know the girls really well: adventurous Lottie, practical Sasha, clever Leela and Alice, who can always make them laugh. As a result, we follow the ups and downs of their lives with real interest. The book's message about the comfort, joy and support friends provide is delivered with real charm and this is a story which will reassure all young readers about what they can achieve and which will inspire them for their futures.

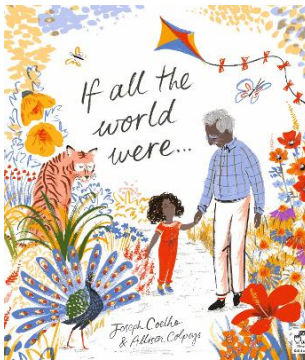


Home in the Rain

Author: Bob Graham **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/01/2019

The Winner of the Australian Prime Minister's Literary Award

2017 Bob Graham uses a drive through pouring rain to tell a tender story, one of those little dramas that are such an important part of ordinary life. Francie and her mum are driving back home from Grandma's, Francie's baby sister kicking inside her mum's tummy. Their little orange car shines like a beacon in between the huge trucks on the motorway, and when they pull off the road to eat their sandwiches. Later, while they are filling up at a petrol station, Francie splashes in the rainbows made by the oily puddles and, unnoticed by anyone, Mum suddenly finds the name for the new baby. There's lots for children to read in each of the illustrations, which are full of a wonderful warmth and humanity too.



If All the World Were...

Author: Joseph Coelho **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/01/2019

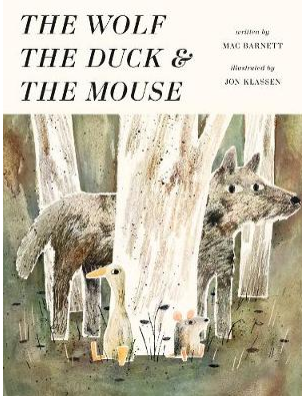
Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 Joseph Coelho dedicates this lovely picture book to 'everyone who misses someone' and it's particularly apposite for any child who has recently lost a grandparent. The story is narrated by a little girl who describes happy times with her grandad, ordinary everyday experiences interspersed with vivid metaphor, 'if all the world were deep space, I'd orbit my grandad like the moon and our laughs would be shooting stars'. As the story continues, it's clear Grandad has died, but writing down her memories ensures he will always be with her. Joseph Coelho is a fine poet and this is a joy to read aloud; Allison Colpo's illustrations make it beautiful to look at too and it deserves a place in every child's collection.



I Want My Hat Back

Author: Jon Klassen **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/11/2018

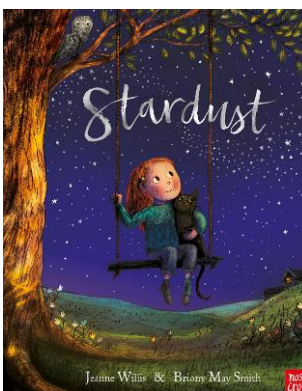
Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2013 A simply told story with a delicious and irresistible mischievous twist in its ending. Poor Bear! He has lost his hat. He asks everyone if they have seen it but no one can help. Where can it be? Just when Bear has given up all hope he spies it. And someone else is wearing it. Poor Rabbit! Where is he once Bear has his hat back? With its spare, building text and beautifully simple illustrations this tells its tale wittily.



The Wolf, the Duck and the Mouse

Author: Mac Barnett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/10/2018

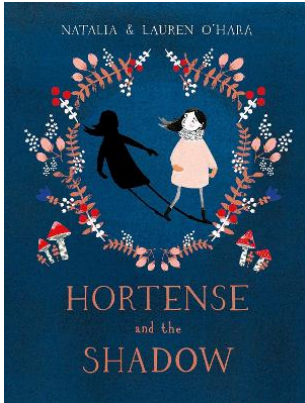
UKLA Longlist Book Awards - 2019 | Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2019 Award-winning duo, Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen are beloved for their trade mark dark humour in which nasty things happen and some unexpected results follow. Here, the Mouse is swallowed by the Wolf. But being swallowed by the Wolf turns out not to be such a bad thing after all. The Mouse finds the Duck is already comfortably at home in the Wolf's stomach and soon the pair are happy improving their dark but cosy home – with the unwitting help of the Wolf. After all, as the Duck says, "I live well. I may have been swallowed, but I have no intention of being eaten." As ever, Barnett and Klassen amusingly provoke readers to question apparent truths.



Stardust

Author: Jeanne Willis **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/08/2018

Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2019 | A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month May 2019 Finding out that everyone is individual.



Hortense and the Shadow

Author: Natalia O'Hara **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/08/2018

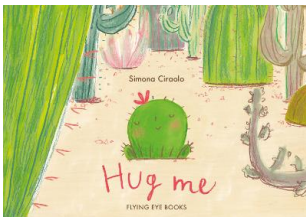
Hortense has an intense hatred for her shadow and the way in which it shifts and changes. She takes action to rid herself of its presence but, when danger threatens, finds out in an unexpected way how vital it is. The storytelling style and the setting portrayed in the pictures draw on the Polish heritage of the two sisters who created this picture book. A limited colour palette is used effectively to evoke 'the dark and wolfish woods' where Hortense appears to live alone. The illustrations are a combination of single page illustrations, double page spreads and perfectly placed vignettes.



Charlie and Lola: One Thing Board Book

Author: Lauren Child **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 09/08/2018

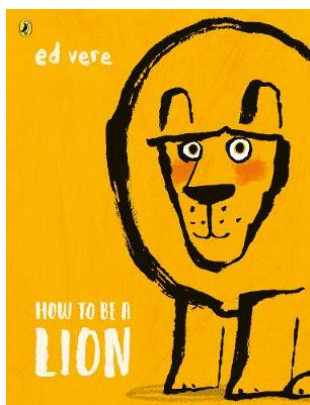
An outing to the shops provides Charlie and his little sister Lola with lots of opportunities to explore numbers in the context of their everyday environment. In addition to counting a range of things, including the different birds wading in the water meadow and singing on the wire, they encounter many other aspects of maths such as: estimating the number of leaves on a tree, telling the time and fractions. However, no matter how you divide things up, sharing is central to this warm sibling relationship.



Hug Me

Author: Simona Ciralo **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2018

Ever feel like you need a hug, a really big hug from someone? That's how Felipe the young cactus feels, but his family just isn't the touchy-feely kind. Cacti can be quite prickly sometimes you know... and so can Felipe. But he'll be darned if this one pointy issue will hold him back, so one day Felipe sets off on his own to find a friend and, just maybe, that long awaited hug.



How to be a Lion

Author: Ed Vere **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 28/06/2018

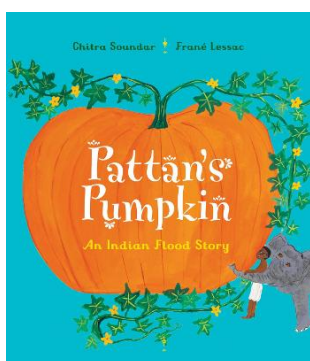
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 Leonard is not your average lion. He isn't interested in chomping and crunching other creatures. He likes to stroll, think deep thoughts and write poetry with his friend, Marianne the duck. The fierce lions can't accept this but Leonard, Marianne and the powerful words encourage them to think differently. This is a book for everyone who wants to live life their own way.



Secret Sky Garden

Author: Linda Sarah **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 28/06/2018

This beautiful story will touch the heart of anyone who reads it. Funni spends her Saturdays on the roof of the old airport car park. She loves the view and sense of calm, even though it hasn't been used for years and is 'greyer than a Monday sky'. Through the pictures we watch as she transforms the rooftop grey into a brightly coloured garden. Still, says the text, there's something missing, a hole to be filled. But someone has noticed the colours and a new friendship is about to blossom like the flowers. Linda Sarah's elegant text speaks directly to readers, drawing them right into the story while Fiona Lumbers' vibrant illustrations are its perfect match. A very special picture book.



Pattan's Pumpkin An Indian Flood Story

Author: Chitra Soundar **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 21/06/2018

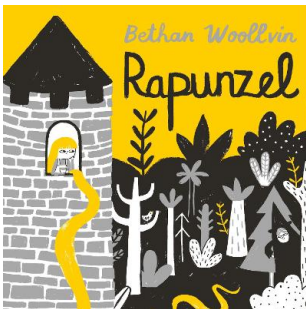
Storyteller Chitra Soundar has adapted this flood story from one told in Kerala in southern India. Pattan and his wife Kanni grow food which they share with all living creatures. An ailing plant that he nurtures becomes a huge and splendid pumpkin which provides rescue and shelter when dark clouds gather and a flood threatens human, animal and plant life. Frané Lessac's vibrant illustrations in a naïve art style complement this story relating to a seemingly simple lifestyle which has global as well as local implications.



Between Tick and Tock

Author: Louise Greig **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 31/05/2018

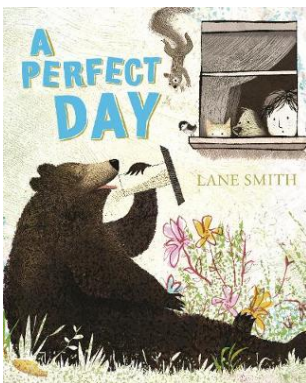
Louise Greig's lyrical storytelling highlights the magic in everyday experiences and is accompanied by Ashling Lindsay's warm, endearing illustrations. A wonderful picture book about the importance of kindness, looking out for others and taking time to appreciate the world around you.



Rapunzel

Author: Bethan Woollvin **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 31/05/2018

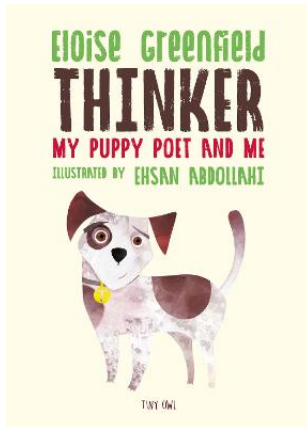
Bethan Woollvin follows up her eye-catching debut Little Red with another visually captivating and refreshing retelling of a much-loved fairy tale. With her swathe of bright yellow hair, Rapunzel stands out against the black, white and grey of Woollvin's palette, and our sense of her personality is just as vivid: was Rapunzel frightened by the witch, asks the text? 'Oh no, not she!' comes the repeated reply. Indeed, Rapunzel finds a way out of her tower prison and is soon planning a permanent escape from the witch. The text is short and the illustrations equally minimal, but both pack a real punch; Woollvin knows just how to tell a story.



A Perfect Day

Author: Lane Smith **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/05/2018

A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month May 2018 Longlisted for the UKLA 2018 Book Award Award winning Lane Smith celebrates the simple delights of Cat who loves the warmth of the sun, and Dog who loves the cool of the water, and Bird who loves birdseed. All are set for a perfect day...But then Bear turns up! Suddenly the day looks very different. With almost no words, Lane Smith's illustrations set the scene of the story brilliantly and then allow the reader to fill in exactly what happens in their own way.



Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me

Author: Eloise Greenfield **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 27/04/2018

Nominated for the 2019 Kate Greenaway Medal and shortlisted for the CLIPPA award 2019 Highly illustrated poetry - short listed for awards. A boy and his puppy try to make sense of the world in rhyme - joyful and engaging.



Leaf

Author: Sandra Dieckmann **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/04/2018

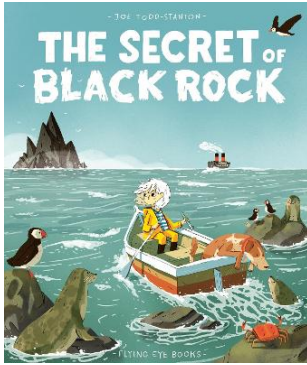
One day a large white creature floats to shore and tries to find shelter and safety in an old cave. The animals of the Wild Wood fear him at first and name him Leaf because they observe him gathering leaves and because they want him to leave. They are divided by what they regard as Leaf's strange behaviour but gradually come to understand that this bewildered polar bear (for that is what he is, although this is not stated until the story nears its close) just wants to get home. A picture book which draws on themes about the environment, prejudice against those who seem different and learning to communicate, illustrated in a manner which combines the naturalistic and the fantastic.



The New Neighbours

Author: Sarah McIntyre **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/03/2018

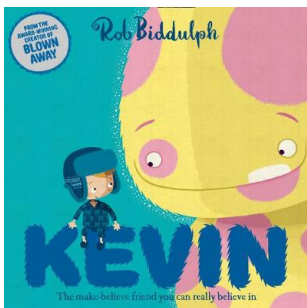
UKLA Longlist Book Awards - 2019 Recommended by Stephen L Holland, Guest Editor, June 2021: An exuberant bundle of wisdom which wittily wraps its warm heart around the welcoming of strangers, this is more a Young Readers picture book than a comic, but the narrative is so image-driven and those pictures are so cleverly controlled that it counts. New neighbours move into some flats; they're rats. That was succinct, wasn't it? I love this book so much that we made a film of me reading from (and reviewing) it which you can watch below.



The Secret of Black Rock

Author: Joe Todd-Stanton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/03/2018

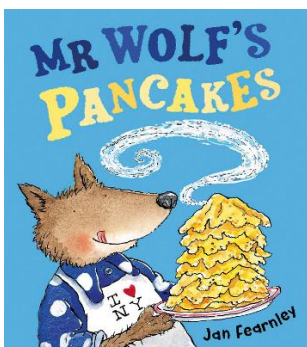
Winner of the 2018 Waterstones Children's Book Prize for Best Illustrated Book This surreal modern folk-tale tells the story of an adventurous young girl who must protect a peaceful living creature. Erin loves to lie on the jetty, looking for the weirdest fish in the sea -- the weirder, the better! And she knows the best ones must be further out, where her mum won't let her go ... Out there in the deepest sea lies the Black Rock: a huge, dark and spiky mass that is said to destroy any boats that come near it! Can Erin uncover the truth behind this mysterious legend?



Kevin

Author: Rob Biddulph **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 08/02/2018

A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month February 2018 Award-winning Rob Biddulph's warm-hearted story is both a celebration of imaginary friends and a cautionary tale about how best to manage them. When things go wrong around Sid there is always someone else to blame – his imaginary friend Kevin. But then Sid becomes Kevin's imaginary friend and he soon realises that friendship is better if everyone takes responsibility for their own actions. Rob Biddulph's rhyming text strikes as sure note in a story about the delights of imagination and the importance of taking responsibility. ~ Julia Eccleshare Julia Eccleshare's Picks of the Month for February 2018 Kevin by Rob Biddulph



Mr Wolf's Pancakes

Author: Jan Fearnley **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 30/11/2017

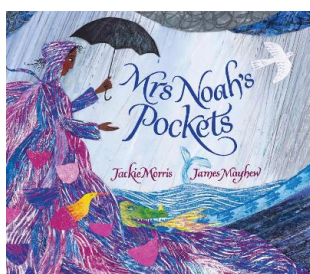
A welcome reissue of a favourite story for all young readers who like their food and who understand the importance of sharing! Mr Wolf loves pancakes. He's sure he can make himself a tasty batch but he is not certain of the recipe. Perhaps his neighbours can help? When no one offers to help him, Mr Wolf takes control and makes his own pancakes. They are delicious. And guess who wants to eat them? Gentle illustrations match the story perfectly.



We Travel So Far

Author: Laura Knowles **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 21/09/2017

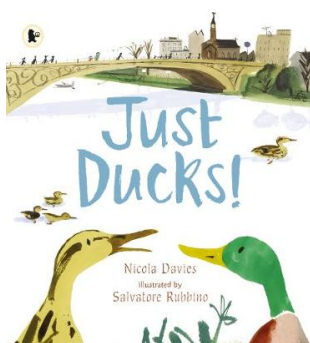
UKLA Longlist Book Awards - 2019 Some of the world's most extraordinary animal migrations are detailed in this beautiful book, in short lyrical passages of text and stylish illustrations. From garter snakes, to Emperor penguins and Bar-headed geese, their journeys are brought to life over stunning double-pages, additional notes at the end detailing the exact distances travelled. There's a map of the world so that you can trace their journeys across the globe and in an important final scene, people of different races are shown at an airport, a reminder that humans too travel many thousands of miles and for lots of different reasons.



Mrs Noah's Pockets

Author: Jackie Morris **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/09/2017

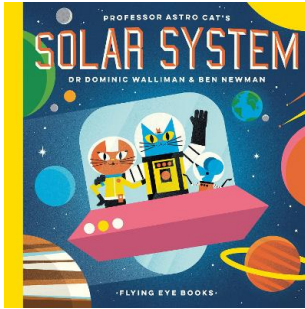
At last all were gathered inside the ark. It heaved with animals, large and small. Mrs Noah wore a brand-new coat, with a hood and a cape - and very deep pockets. Lots of pockets. When Mr Noah builds the ark, he makes two lists - one for all the animals who will come on board and one for those troublesome creatures he will leave behind. Meanwhile, Mrs Noah gets out her sewing machine and makes a coat with very deep pockets. Lots of pockets.



Just Ducks!

Author: Nicola Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/08/2017

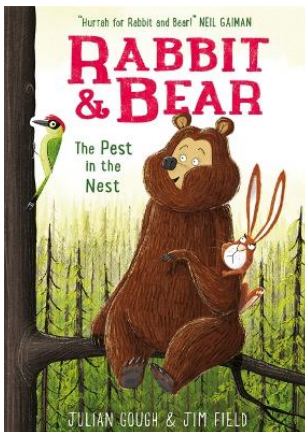
Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2013 All the information you could want for a young reader is beautifully on display in this attractive picture book. Lovely pictures show delightful ducks down by the river while the useful text explains why some ducks quack louder than others, what ducks eat and how you tell a male duck from a female duck.



Professor Astro Cat's Solar System

Author: Dr Dominic Walliman **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/08/2017

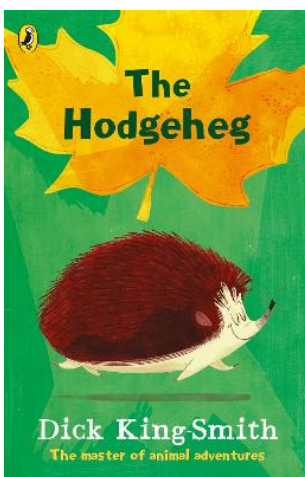
Professor Astro Cat takes us on a tour of the solar system, highlighting features of each planet. This book has been produced as a junior edition of Professor Astro Cat's Frontiers of Space which was written for an older child audience. The information is deliberately limited to facts contained in three speech bubbles per spread so as not to overwhelm younger readers with information. This element of interaction with the professor and his friends is inviting and accessible, and the selection of intriguing facts (e.g. 'There are over sixty moons orbiting Jupiter. One of them, Europa, is the most likely place in the solar system to have extraterrestrial life') will entice them to find out more.



The Pest in the Nest

Author: Julian Gough **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/07/2017

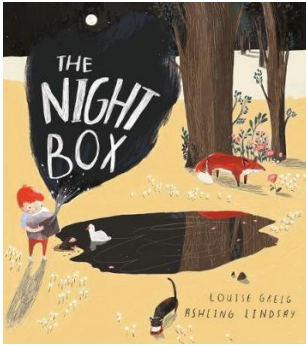
Rabbit and Bear: Book 2 PEACE AND QUIET,' shouts Rabbit. 'THAT'S ALL I WANT.' Owch. He's hurt his own ears again. What with Bear's snoring, and a BANG! BANG! BANG! noise from up in the tree, Rabbit knows that Something Simply Has To Be Done. But high in the branches, perhaps Bear can show Rabbit how to see the world from a different place ... From novelist and playwright Julian Gough, and the winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, Jim Field, this is a tale of friendship, wisdom, and how to be REALLY NOISY.



The Hodgeheg 35th Anniversary Edition

Author: Dick King-Smith **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/07/2017

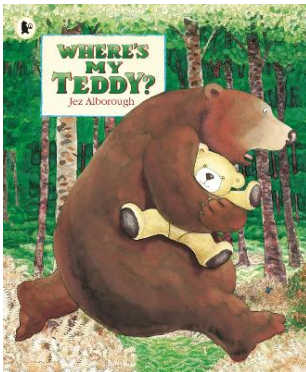
This is an absolutely charming modern classic from one of Britain's all-time favourite authors. There is no-one more impressive when it comes to animal stories than Dick King-Smith and this one is our favourite. The Hodgeheg has everything - humour, adventure, inspiration and plenty of advice for youngsters on the issue of safety when crossing roads! As fun for kids to read alone as for parents to read aloud with their children.



The Night Box

Author: Louise Greig **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/06/2017

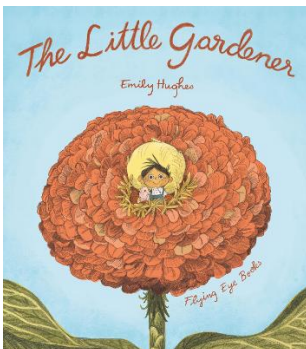
Shortlisted for the 2018 Klaus Flugge Prize | Max has a key and a box of midnight blue. When he turns the key in the lock - WHOOSH! Day slips inside as Night sweeps out. Darkness tumbles into the air. It dances and whirls around the room. It goes under the bed, under the chair - everywhere. Louise Greig's lyrical voice and Ashling Lindsay's warm, endearing illustrations hold a candle up to the magical nature of night-time in this soothing picture book. Perfect for cosying up to read and share before bedtime, *The Night Box* is an original bedtime tale that sits perfectly alongside classics such as *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* - great for reassuring little ones who have a fear of the dark and calming down lively children before bedtime!



Where's My Teddy?

Author: Jez Alborough **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/06/2017

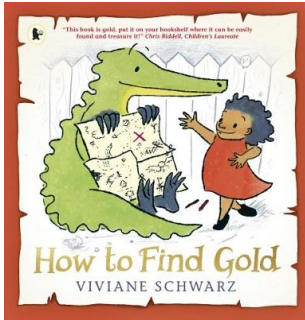
Celebratory 25th anniversary edition of the much-loved family favourite. A case of mistaken identity among teddy bears - and a phenomenal bestseller! Little Eddy loses his toy bear and has to go looking for him in the dark, horrible woods - where he's in for a gigantic surprise.



The Little Gardener

Author: Emily Hughes **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/02/2017

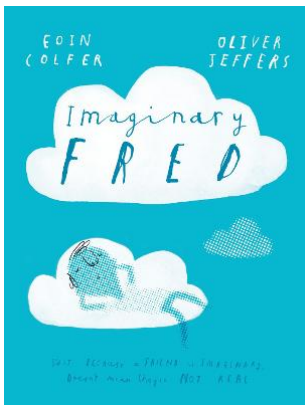
There was once a little gardener and his garden meant everything to him. He worked hard, very hard, but he was just too little (or at least he felt he was). In this gentle, beautiful tale, Emily Hughes, the celebrated author of *Wild*, departs from the larger than life Wild-girl of her debut to pursue a littler than life Gardener, in a story that teaches us just how important it is to persist and try, no matter what the odds. With delicately woven tapestries of illustrated magic, Hughes once again transports us to a world not unlike our own, while still brimming with fantasy and wonder.



How to Find Gold

Author: Viviane Schwarz **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/01/2017

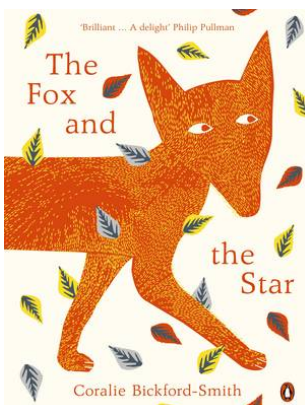
It has a publication date of January, yet How to Find Gold is already likely to top my list of picturebooks of 2016! Anna is a wonderful picturebook star: she's eager to find gold and when her friend Crocodile warns her that will be dangerous and difficult, she responds with a rousing, "Good! Let's go!" Their treasure hunt is successful and deep at the bottom of the sea, surrounded by impressive sea monsters, they find gold. It's the journey that matters though, not the gold, which they promptly bury again. Viviane Schwarz's bold illustrations brim with childlike glee, a perfect match for this story of friendship and wild adventure. Readers, like Anna, will finish the book with a happy face!



Imaginary Fred

Author: Eoin Colfer **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/10/2016

One of our Books of the Year 2016 | A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month October 2016 There are so many adjectives you could use to describe this book - extraordinary, dazzling, original, funny, irresistible, quirky, imaginative, clever, stunning - but none go far enough. A truly unique work of art, it combines the talents of two superstars of the children's book world into something so simple yet so clever. It is a must for every family to share and will bring a positive glow to each and every reader and listener for no sooner than it pulls at the heart strings it will have you chuckling out loud too. A truly special picture book and a classic in the making.

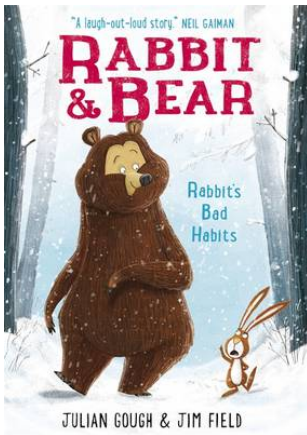


The Fox and the Star

Author: Coralie Bickford-Smith **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/10/2016

October 2016 Debut of the Month This is such a charming and gloriously delightful short tale, about friendship, facing your fears and looking beyond the obvious. The Fox and the Star is a visually stunning story book; the illustrations are fabulous, mostly black, grey and blue with splashes of a vibrant and rich orangey red and yellow. Each time you look there is something different to catch your eye, from a scurrying beetle to a hidden rabbit. The striking illustrations wrap around, through and under the text, becoming at one with the words. Coralie Bickford-Smith, an award-winning designer, encourages the story to become a living tangible thing, making this is a book for your forever shelf, it is quite simply, a book to love and cherish. PS: Make sure you see the short video clip in the synopsis as it reveals a tantalising glimpse of the

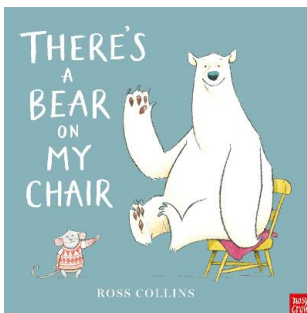
beauty of this book. ~ Liz Robinson



Rabbit's Bad Habits

Author: Julian Gough **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 08/09/2016

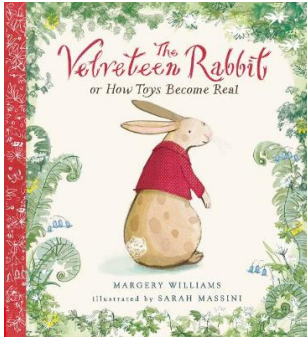
Rabbit and Bear: Book 1 There are lots of unusual friendships in children's books, very few quite like the one described in this story, and virtually none so comic. Rabbit is such a grouch he can hardly pronounce the word 'fun', but then maybe that's not surprising: he spends his days eating, pooing, then eating his poo. Bear on the other hand is the total opposite, she's generous, content, and always ready to give people the benefit of the doubt. The story of how their friendship develops over the course of one snowy day (and via a narrow escape from a wolf) is funny, uplifting and beautifully told. Word-perfect, picture-perfect, this is a small work of genius. Books in The Rabbit and Bear Series: 1. Rabbit's Bad Habits 2. The Pest in the Nest 3. Attack of the Snack 4. A Bite in the Night 5. A Bad King is a Sad Thing



There's a Bear on My Chair

Author: Ross Collins **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/09/2016

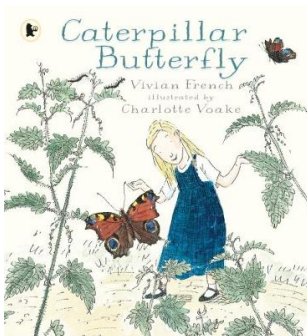
Winner of the UKLA 2017 Book Award | One of our Books of the Year 2016 | Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2016 | Shortlisted for the Bookbug Picture Book Prize 2016 Text, illustration and design all combine to make this an outstanding picture book. Mouse is cross, there's a bear – a polar bear – on his chair, he won't move and 'There isn't any room to spare. We do not make a happy pair'. The bear is apparently oblivious to Mouse and his growing rage, though readers will notice him take an occasional sly peek at his companion, deftly illustrated in just one line of eyebrow. Collins's illustrations also brilliantly capture Mouse's changing moods, from anger through to resignation. The text is a joy to read, a series of funny statements constructed – Dr Seuss-like – around words that rhyme with chair. A sequel – There's a Mouse in My House – must follow. This superb picture book is set to become a classic.



The Velveteen Rabbit Or How Toys Become Real

Author: Margery Williams **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/09/2016

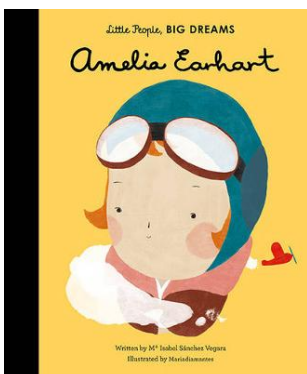
One of the best-loved stories about what makes a child's toy 'real' and how becoming real is the dearest wish of all toys in the nursery. When the handsome Velveteen Rabbit, with his spotted brown and white coat and ears lined with pink sateen, arrives in the Boy's stocking on Christmas morning he looks charming. But the Velveteen Rabbit soon discovers that looking good isn't what really matters. What matters is to be Real. How the Velveteen Rabbit learns what real is and how he becomes real himself is a lyrically told story of the importance of make believe for children. This lavishly illustrated version of Margery Williams' classic tale is the first in a series of Nosy Crow classics, created with high production values and beautiful art, to bring old favourites to a new generation.



Caterpillar Butterfly

Author: Vivian French **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/09/2016

Watch a caterpillar metamorphose into a butterfly in this fun, informative, award-winning picture book, part of the Nature Storybooks series. Watch a caterpillar metamorphose into a butterfly in this fun, informative, award-winning picture book, part of the Nature Storybooks series. Curious young minds will love discovering each stage in the journey, from wriggly green caterpillar to the beautiful butterfly, in this picture book which combines story with information.

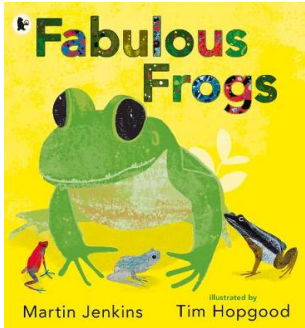


Amelia Earhart - Little People, Big Dreams

Author: Isabel Sanchez Vegara **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 24/08/2016

With stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, this empowering series celebrates the important life stories of wonderful people of the world. From designers and artists to scientists, all of them went on to achieve incredible things, yet all of them began life as a little child with a dream. These books make the lives of these role models accessible for children, providing a powerful message to inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world! Little People, Big Dreams series include: Ada Lovelace Agatha Christie Amelia Earhart Anne Frank Audrey Hepburn Coco Chanel Ella Fitzgerald Emmeline Pankhurst Frida Kahlo Georgia O'Keeffe Harriet Tubman Jane Austen Jane Goodall Josephine Baker Lucy Maud Montgomery Maria Montessori Marie Curie Maya Angelou Mother Teresa Muhammed Ali

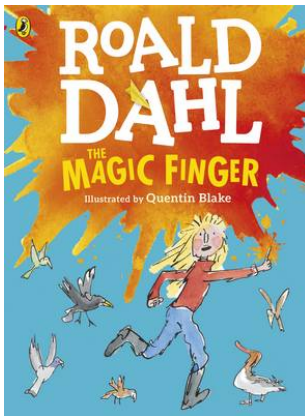
Rosa Parks Simone de Beauvoir Stephen Hawking Vivienne Westwood
We have a special category for the Little People, Big Dreams series.
[Click here to view them all.](#)



Fabulous Frogs

Author: Martin Jenkins **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/08/2016

Vivid illustrations, great design and layout and clear concise explanation show why this was a well deserved Information Book Awards winner.



The Magic Finger

Author: Roald Dahl **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/06/2016

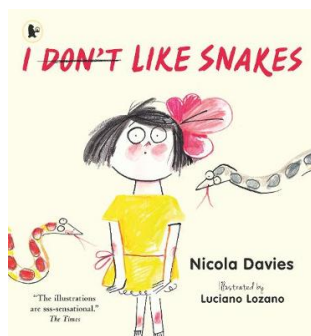
The story of an unusual little girl who has magical powers. When someone makes her angry, she zaps a punishment on them with her magic, flashing finger!



Ossiri and the Bala Mengro

Author: Richard O'Neill, Katharine Quarmby **Format:** Paperback
Release Date: 01/06/2016

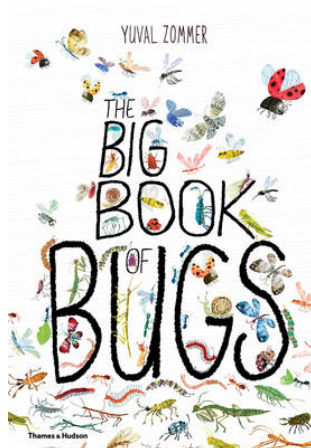
A Traveller girl creates her own musical instrument from a willow branch and lots of recycled objects. She plays it enthusiastically, but it sounds terrible! Ignoring warnings not to awaken the ogre in the hills, Ossiri goes there to practise playing her instrument. Will she wake the ogre, and will it appreciate her playing? Told by a Romani storyteller and a picture book author, this original tale offers a fascinating insight into Travelling lifestyles and cultures.



I (Don't) Like Snakes

Author: Nicola Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/05/2016

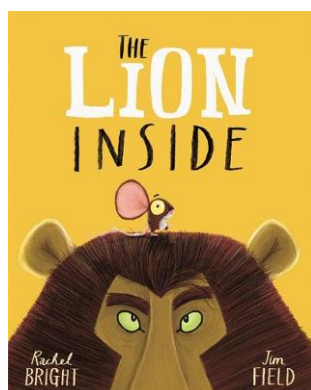
A girl is aghast because her family keeps snakes which she can't abide. She enumerates all her objections, such as the way they slither and the texture of their slimy, scaly skin. In return she receives fascinating detailed explanations of the features of snakes in all their international variety. Will she change her mind? The narrative in this picture book is cleverly combined with explanatory text which converts it into a very informative non-fiction book. The illustrations are by the same artist but he uses two distinct styles to accompany the story and the information text, at times skilfully interweaving them.



The Big Book of Bugs

Author: Yuval Zommer **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 21/03/2016

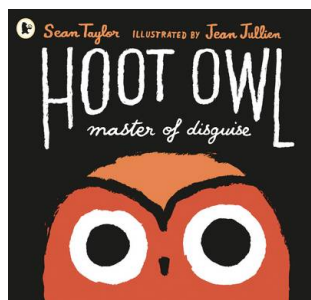
Explains that bugs live nearly everywhere on Earth and give tips on how to become a young bug spotter. This book is divided into key groups of bugs, including beetles, moths, butterflies, bees, snails, crickets, grasshoppers, worms and spiders, all illustrated with scenic compositions.



The Lion Inside

Author: Rachel Bright **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 10/03/2016

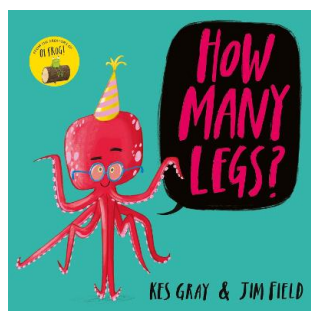
Shortlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award Fans of The Gruffalo and Giraffes Can't Dance will love this feelgood rhyming story portraying a positive message about overcoming your fears.



Hoot Owl, Master of Disguise

Author: Sean Taylor **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/03/2016

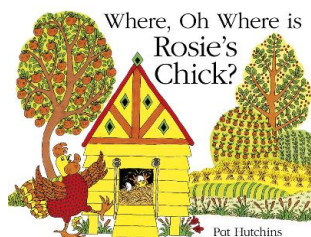
One of our Books of the Year 2016 | Shortlisted for the Laugh-Out-Loud Book Awards 2016 -Picture Book Category Hoot Owl flies through the midnight air quick as a shooting star, wingtip pointing like some kind of avian superhero. When he spots a tasty rabbit he prepares to gobble it up by slipping into disguise as - a carrot! Surprise, surprise, it doesn't work and the rabbit hops away. Still hungry, Hoot Owl tries some more clever disguises - first attempting fluffy sheep, then ornamental birdbath! At last, 'eyes glittering like sardines', he manages to successfully sneak up on a pizza and eats it with his 'deadly-dangerous beak'. Whether peeking out at his would-be victims, or swooping sideways through the shadows Hoot Owl cuts a very comic figure, and his extravagant similes are hilarious. He'll have children and adults alike laughing out loud.



How Many Legs?

Author: Kes Gray **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 11/02/2016

Maths in the surreal world. On each page, a question is posed in rhyming text about how many legs would be present if an increasing number of creatures joined in with a tea party. A comical picture book which encourages counting and addition and consideration of animal variety.



Where, Oh Where, is Rosie's Chick?

Author: Pat Hutchins **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 11/02/2016

Did you ever wonder whether the rather supercilious hen Rosie was ever captured by the fox who stalked her surreptitiously round the farmyard? We now have the answer, 47 years on from the publication of Pat Hutchins' classic picture book. Rosie has hatched her own chick and the narrative revolves around her search for her baby. As with the original book, reading the pictures is essential to understanding all the elements of the story. The reader can see baby chick and also a familiar figure - the fox who has also become a parent. The text is still minimal, although there are slightly more words than in *Rosie's Walk*, and there is plenty of repetition, supportive for beginner readers and suitable for enjoyable joining in when read aloud. Pat Hutchins has used the same colour palette with its strong focus on red, orange, yellow and green, transporting nostalgic adults back to where they were when they first encountered Rosie's farmyard perambulation.

I AM HENRY FINCH



I am Henry Finch

Author: Alexis Deacon, Viviane Schwarz **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/01/2016

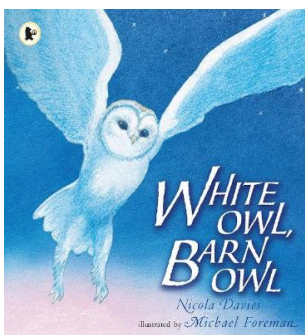
One of our Books of the Year 2016 | Winner of the English Association 4-11 Picture Book Awards 2016 - Fiction 4-7 category | Winner of Little Rebels 2016 | Shortlisted for the UKLA 2016 Book Award in the 3 - 6 year old category. All finches make a lot of noise! Henry Finch has grown up with a terrible racket all around him from morning until night. But he is sure that there could be more to life - if only he could have space to think! How one brave little finch becomes a hero and gives all the other finches the chance to do their own thing is beautifully realised in Viviane Schwarz's witty thumb print illustrations.



Is There a Dog in This Book?

Author: Viviane Schwarz **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/11/2015

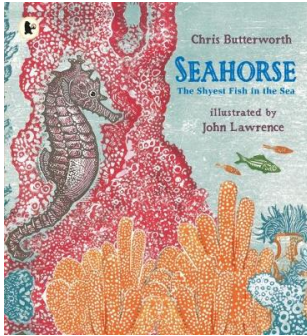
Winner of the Children's Book Award 2016, Books for Younger Children category With an irresistible story that directly involves the reader, this book's clever design and bright, gestural illustrations make for a LOT of fun for cat (and dog) lovers! It is a completely interactive book brimming over with all kinds of fantastic flaps and fabulous flips that reveal lots of little surprises and jokes for children to enjoy and even for parents to share with their toddlers too!



White Owl, Barn Owl

Author: Nicola Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/11/2015

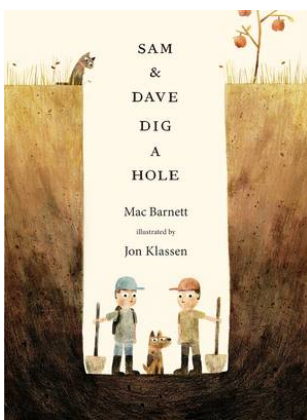
In this picture book in the Nature Storybooks series, a child and her grandfather watch a family of barn owls nesting in a box that they have placed in a tree to help protect them from predators, as the trees and barns where they usually make their homes have been destroyed. Their close relationship is evident in the way the grandfather gives explanations at the same time as encouraging the child to make her own observations. The central narrative is from the child's viewpoint. Additional facts about barn owls appear on each spread in a different font. The main text and some vignettes appear on a sepia background, while Michael Foreman's signature palette of shades of blue is perfect for the night time scenes portrayed in the larger illustrations.



Seahorse: The Shyest Fish in the Sea

Author: Chris Butterworth **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/11/2015

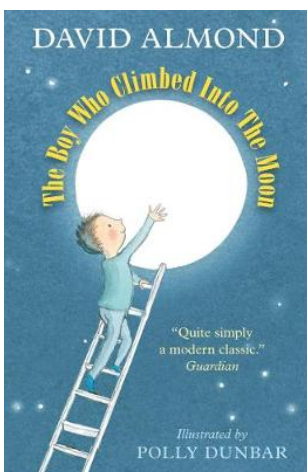
Few readers may know that there are many different kinds of seahorses, some of which are carefully delineated at both ends of this book. The narrative follows the life cycle of a Barbour's seahorse in prose which dances across the page integrated with John Lawrence's distinctive illustrations in verdant shades, in which he uses the technique of wood engraving. Interesting facts about seahorses are interspersed in a different and smaller font.



Sam & Dave Dig a Hole

Author: Mac Barnett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/09/2015

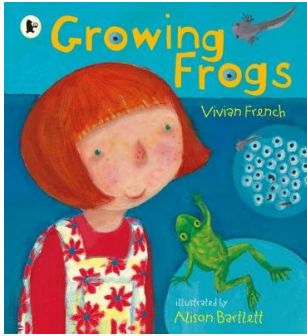
Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2016. Award-winning illustrator Jon Klassen has created a second delightful and surprising picture book with Mac Barnett, author of *The Dark*. Here two boys dig a hole. It doesn't seem to take them far so they try digging a bit on their own. They still make little progress. So they take a rest...What happens while they are asleep turns out to be most surprising of all! In simple illustrations, *Sam & Dave Dig a Hole* gives a host of opportunities for imagining and dreaming.



The Boy Who Climbed into the Moon

Author: David Almond **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/08/2015

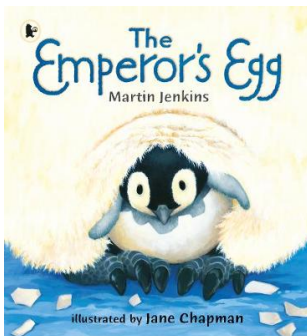
Author of the classic *Skellig*, and winner of the incredibly prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Award, David Almond is a wholly original writer of magical and unusual stories that make anything and everything seem possible. Packed full of wonder and magic, this story tells of a boy who believes that the moon is not a real thing but just a hole in the sky. Full of wonder and speculation and helped out by his friends, Paul sets off with a very long ladder to find out if he is right or not. Travelling with him is a joyful and entertaining experience.



Growing Frogs

Author: Vivian French **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/08/2015

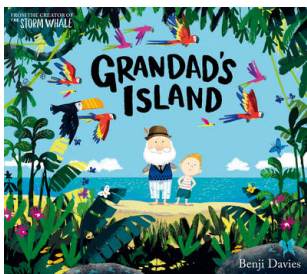
Learn about the transformation from frogspawn to frog with this fun, informative picture book, part of the Nature Storybooks series. What happens when you take an empty fish tank, add some pond water, scoop in some frogspawn ... and wait? Curious young minds will love learning about how frogs grow in this picture book which combines story with information.



The Emperor's Egg

Author: Martin Jenkins **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/08/2015

An award-winning picture book about the Emperor penguin's parenting. The Emperor penguin is the only large animal to remain on the Antarctic mainland throughout its bitterly inhospitable winter. Once the female has laid her egg, she heads back to the sea, leaving the male to incubate it. He then spends two months standing on the freezing cold ice with the egg on his feet! This is his story.

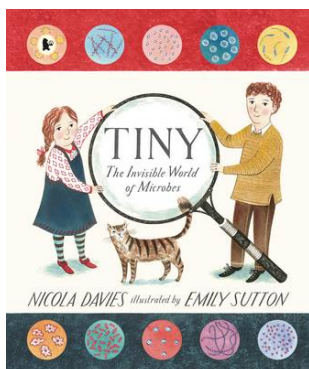


Grandad's Island

Author: Benji Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/07/2015

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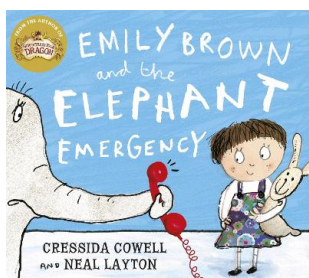
Syd and Grandad's tropical adventure tells a much bigger story and conveys an important message about loss and love. Grandad's house is at the bottom of Syd's garden and Syd can go round any time he wants. One day Grandad isn't in any of his usual places and Syd finds him in the attic. There's a big metal door at one end, and through it a ship, ready to take Grandad and Syd to a faraway island. Grandad doesn't need his stick on the island and is very much at home with the cheery parrots and bright flowers. He decides to stay behind, though he'll miss Syd very much. Simply told and beautifully illustrated this is a very special book.



Tiny The Invisible World of Microbes

Author: Nicola Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/06/2015

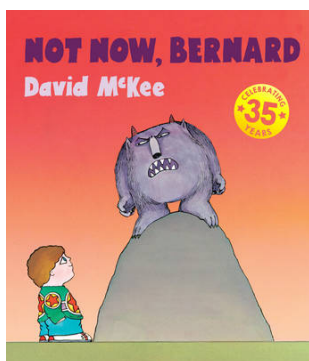
Longlisted for the 2015 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal This is simply an outstanding book. Nicola Davies and Emily Sutton explain the life and purpose of microbes clearly and lucidly for very young children, through simple language and beautiful illustrations. Using child-friendly examples, such as the fact that a teaspoon of soil can have as many microbes as the number of people in the whole of India, and striking visual images, they make this important and complex area clear for even pre-school children. Microbes, the book concludes, are the invisible transformers of our world. The tiniest lives doing the biggest jobs. Tiny makes these tiny things as beautiful and fascinating to children as a blue whale.



Emily Brown and the Elephant Emergency

Author: Cressida Cowell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/06/2015

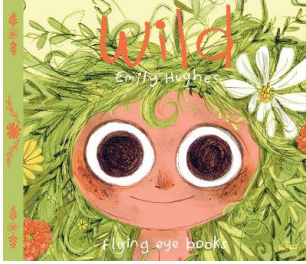
Emily Brown, Stanley the bunny and Matilda the elephant are busy going on adventures, but every time they get to a particularly exciting part . . . Ring! Ring! goes the Emergency Telephone and it's Matilda's mummy on the end worrying that Matilda isn't wearing her wellies, or eating properly or almost anything. How can Emily Brown persuade her that sometimes adventures are good?



Not Now, Bernard

Author: David McKee **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/04/2015

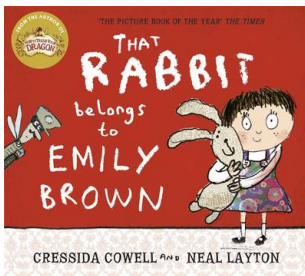
It's hard to believe that Not Now Bernard is 40 years old. It's as fresh and funny as the day it was first written and, best of all, just as shocking. In fact, it doesn't matter how many times you read it, the end is always an absolute thrill and if that's not genius, I don't know what is. In the story Bernard tries unsuccessfully to get his parents' attention, getting the same reply each time: 'Not now, Bernard'. Even when he's eaten by a monster, his parents don't notice! Parents have to feel uncomfortable, while children themselves are alive to the fact that the monster is probably Bernard (and that we've all got a bit of monster in us). One of the greatest books for children ever written.



Wild

Author: Emily Hughes **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/04/2015

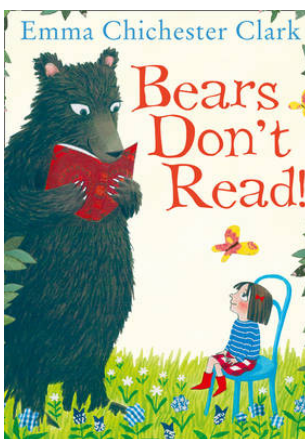
In this beautiful picture book by Emily Hughes, we meet a little girl who has known nothing but nature from birth-she was taught to talk by birds, to eat by bears, and to play by foxes. She is unashamedly, irrefutably, irrepressibly wild. That is, until she is snared by some very strange animals that look oddly like her, but they don't talk right, eat right, or play correctly. She's puzzled by their behavior and their insistence on living in these strange concrete structures: there's no green here, no animals, no trees, no rivers. Now she lives in the comfort of civilization. But will civilization get comfortable with her?



That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown

Author: Cressida Cowell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/03/2015

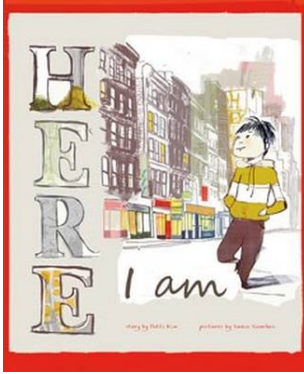
By the bestselling author of the How to Train Your Dragon series comes a reissue of the classic tale of Emily Brown and her old grey rabbit called Stanley. Emily Brown's toy rabbit is so charming that the queen decides that she wants it to! But, Emily isn't prepared to give her rabbit to anyone – even the Queen. She soon gets her rabbit back and teaches the queen a lesson about love and sharing into the bargain.



Bears Don't Read!

Author: Emma Chichester Clark **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/02/2015

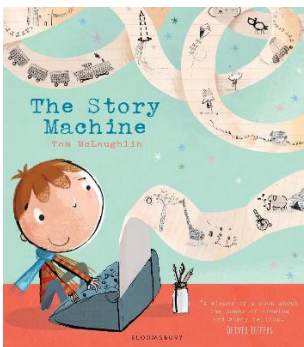
One of our Books of the Year 2014 George is sure there is more to life than fishing and chatting which is what the other bears do. When he finds a book he soon realises that it contains something very special. But how can he find out what? All George wants is someone to teach him how to read but who will ever help a bear to do that? Luckily, just as he is about to be arrested by the local police force, Clementine steps in and takes charge. Soon clever George is a reader after all.



Here I Am

Author: Patricia Hee Kim **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 12/02/2015

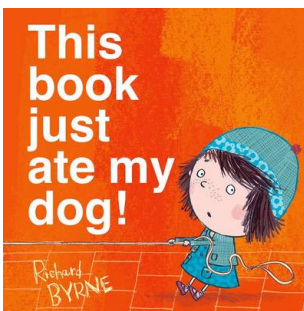
A young boy's experience of the initial alienation and confusion is eloquently expressed in pictures placed on pages carefully designed in terms of layout and colour. The only words are jumbled up on signs or heard as a wall of incomprehensible sound to a child who has just arrived in a new country with a different language and culture from what he is used to. Planting a seed brought from his country leads to the nurturing of friendship and feeling at ease with his identity in his new home. Based on the author's own experience of migrating from Korea to the USA.



The Story Machine

Author: Tom McLaughlin **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2015

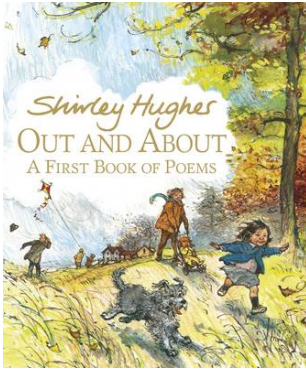
Elliott is a boy who likes to find things and, one day, he stumbles across a machine. At first, he can't work out what the machine is for - it doesn't beep or buzz like all his other machines and it doesn't have an ON/OFF button. Then, quite by accident, Elliott makes the machine work. The machine makes letters! Elliott thinks it must be a story machine but, sadly, Elliott isn't very good at letters and words. How can he make magical stories without them? But, wait, some of the letters look like pictures. Elliott is good at pictures and, as he discovers, pictures make stories. An inspiring, uplifting picture book about the simple joys of a typewriter in a world of hi-tech machines. Perfect for fans of Oliver Jeffers.



This Book Just Ate My Dog

Author: Richard Byrne **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/01/2015

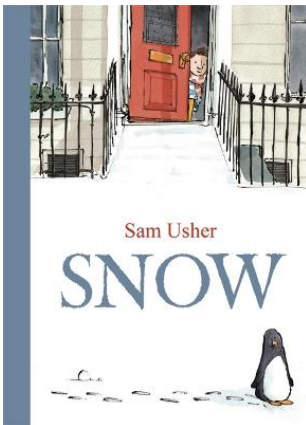
Shortlisted for the UKLA 2016 Book Award in the 3 - 6 year old category. Shortlisted for Children's Book Award 2016, Books for Younger Children category - Shortlisted for Oscar's First Book Prize 2015 A little girl, a big dog, and a very badly-behaved book! Bella is taking her dog for a stroll across the page when something odd happens. Her dog disappears and it becomes apparent to Bella, her friend Ben, and the rescue services that peril lurks in the pages of this book. But where the police and fire brigade fail, you - the reader - can help!



Out and About A First Book of Poems

Author: Shirley Hughes **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/10/2014

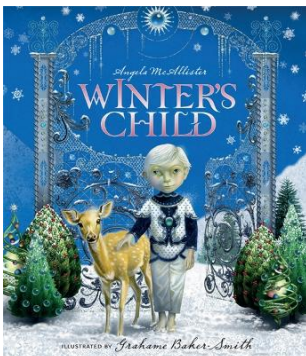
From the joys of the seaside to the miseries of the sickbed, this exuberant volume captures to perfection the world of childhood. It is a beautiful gift edition of the classic picture book, with a new introduction by Shirley Hughes.



Snow

Author: Sam Usher **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/10/2014

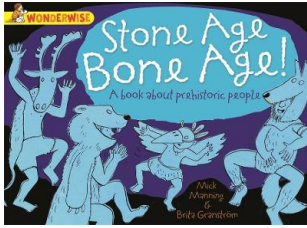
Sam Usher is not afraid of white space. He presents a picture of pristine white snow which gradually gets covered with more and more footprints and tracks as a boy urges his Grandad to get out there with him and enjoy it. Grandad takes his time, to the boy's frustration, but the eventual fun they have proves well worth the wait.



Winter's Child

Author: Angela McAllister **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/10/2014

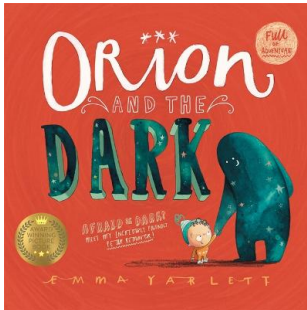
When Tom wishes winter would never end, he meets another boy who shares his love of snow and ice. Playing together every day, Tom hardly notices that spring doesn't come - until he realises the terrible effect of unending winter is having on the countryside and his sick grandma. His friend is Winter's child, and for the seasons to go on the friends must say goodbye until next year.



Stone Age Bone Age!: a book about prehistoric people

Author: Mick Manning **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 10/07/2014

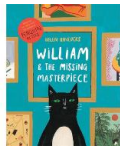
Travel back in time for an amazing stone age adventure! Learn to shape flints, carve bones and tickle trout; join in a mammoth hunt and wild dances in flickering torchlight. Discover for yourself just how clever our stone age ancestors were! Includes notes and activities to support the new primary curriculum. The Wonderwise series presents facts in a way that will inspire young children's imaginations about the world around them. Wonderwise is an award-winning series of information books, perfect for introducing younger children to non-fiction.



Orion and the Dark

Author: Emma Yarlett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/05/2014

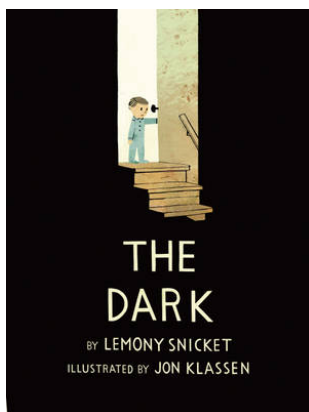
Orion is scared of A LOT of things, but most of all he's scared of the dark. So one night Dark decides to take Orion on an adventure. Emma Yarlett's second picture book combines incredible illustrations and spell-binding storytelling with inventive die-cut pages that make Dark come to life in the hands of the reader!



William and the Missing Masterpiece

Author: Helen Hancocks **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/05/2014

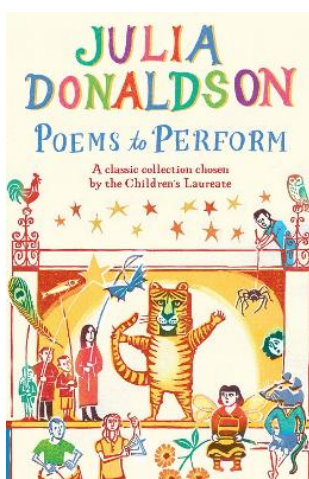
Handsome cat William finds himself at the centre of mysterious case when famous masterpiece The Mona Cheesa is stolen from a Parisian gallery. Who could be responsible for the theft? Can William put the mysterious clues together in time? Fans of Helen Hancocks' Penguin in Peril won't be disappointed with this hilarious tale of cat and mouse.



The Dark

Author: Lemony Snicket **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/04/2014

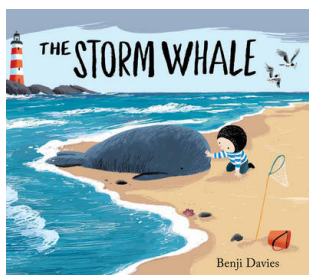
Shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2014 - One of our Books of the Year 2013 Possibly destined to be The Top Picture Book of 2013. Bestselling Lemony Snicket gives an original, delightful and empowering take on the familiar theme of being scared of the dark. Laszlo is afraid of the dark. He knows that the dark lives in the same house as him but luckily they don't usually share the same space in the house. One day, Laszlo goes looking for the dark. It's a scary journey of discovery. Down in the basement he and the Dark have an interesting conversation; the Dark explains why he is so necessary. It is a great explanation and Laszlo finds he never has to be frightened again. Jon Klassen's illustrations are a perfect match for this outstanding picture book. This is a stand-out picture book unlike any other this year.



Poems to Perform

Author: Julia Donaldson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 30/01/2014

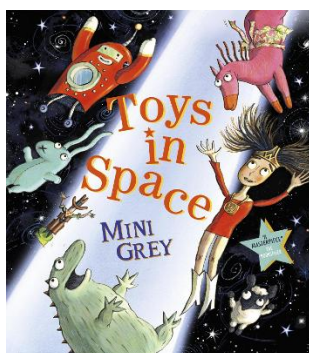
A Classic Collection Chosen by the Children's Laureate In Poems to Perform, Julia Donaldson has chosen poems with performance by children in mind, and her notes and ideas on performing them are included in a special section at the end of the book. Julia's passionate belief that performance can help children enjoy reading and grow in confidence is informed by her own experience both as a child and now, working with groups of children to bring stories, poems and songs to life. The poems range from classics by Edward Lear, W H Auden and Eleanor Farjeon to contemporary work by Michael Rosen, John Agard and Clare Bevan. Illustrated throughout with exquisite, expressive linocuts by Clare Melinsky, this is a book for teachers, parents, children: anyone who loves great poetry.



The Storm Whale

Author: Benji Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/08/2013

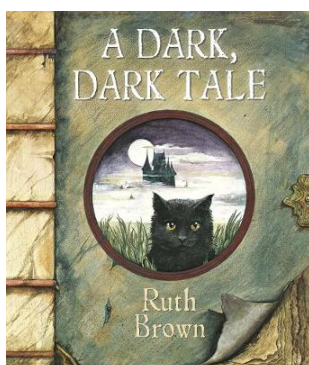
Noi lives a self-sufficient life with his dad by the sea in an isolated home reminiscent of the fishing huts at Hastings. One day he finds a little whale washed up on the sand and takes tender care of it until his dad persuades him that they need to return it to its aquatic home. The picture where they do this is especially striking. Two small figures are side by side clad in yellow coats and sou'westers in a tiny fishing boat on a wide and choppy sea, with the whale's tail seemingly waving farewell to them. Benji Davies' colour palette, with its emphasis on blue and yellow, is used to pleasing effect whether he is portraying the vistas of the sea and the shore, or the detail of the home environment shared with affectionate co-operation between Noi and his dad.



Toys in Space

Author: Mini Grey **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/07/2013

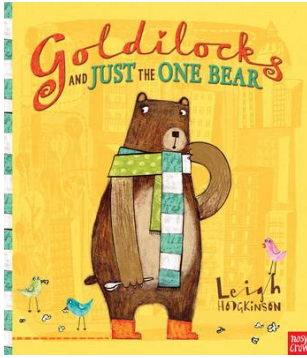
What happens when you leave your toys out in the garden at night? They get beamed into space - that's what! Join our plucky band as they explore the cosmos, and help out one lonely alien along the way...



A Dark, Dark Tale

Author: Ruth Brown **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/09/2012

This book gives certain proof that repetition can build excitement rather than be boring. This combination of a very simple text with Ruth Brown's sombre and enticing illustrations casts a mysterious spell and gives a wide range of readers access to the book. Beginning with the wide canvas of 'a dark, dark moor' we follow a trail which leads to more and more specific hiding places until the surprise in the 'dark, dark box' is revealed.



Goldilocks and Just the One Bear

Author: Leigh Hodgkinson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/06/2012

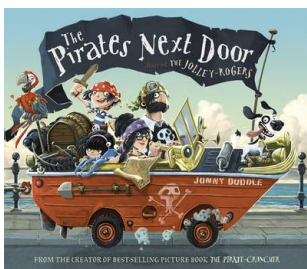
Goldilocks revisited! The tables are delightfully turned in this hugely entertaining story of how, on a visit to the city, one Bear finds the hustle and bustle of the streets too much. Seeing a beautiful, cool and quiet apartment, the Bear pops inside. It's an old favourite of a story given a fresh new look in awarding-winning artist and animator Leigh Hodgkinson's stylish illustrations.



The Man Who Wore All His Clothes

Author: Allan Ahlberg **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/05/2012

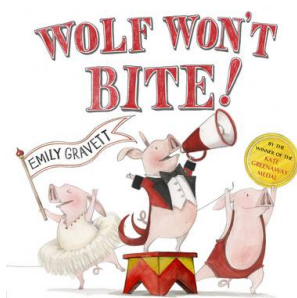
Mr Gaskitt does a strange thing one day; he puts on all his clothes right on top of each other. Going out dressed like that makes Mr Gaskitt look very different and it's lucky that he does when he meets a robber and has to be very brave! An exciting and easy to read story that is full of surprises.



The Pirates Next Door

Author: Jonny Duddle **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/03/2012

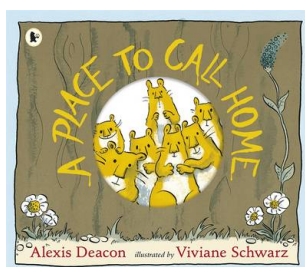
Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Award 2012 - Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2012 - Shortlisted for the National Book Tokens Children's Book of the Year 2012 When the Jolley Rogers arrive at Dull-on-sea, a quiet seaside town, the pirate family ruffle the feathers of their neighbours who instantly assume the worst of them. A message to parents from Jonny Duddle: I have been informed by my grown-up readers that the gatefold page in each of my picture books can be a bit cumbersome during bedtime reading. But kids say they love them, so you parents will just have to suffer for the children and remember it's still a lot easier than folding an ordnance survey map in high winds.



Wolf Won't Bite!

Author: Emily Gravett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/02/2012

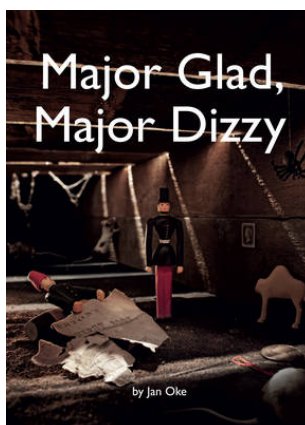
Shortlisted for the 2012 Kate Greenaway Medal Roll up! Roll up! Kate Greenaway medal winner Emily Gravett will make children laugh uproariously as the foolish pigs risk all. The three circus-owning pigs make the wolf the star of their show. They can make him stand on a stool, jump through a hoop, and be fired from a canon – and still he won't bite... Watching the wolf's expression, children will relish the power struggle and love the last laugh!



A Place to Call Home

Author: Alexis Deacon **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/01/2012

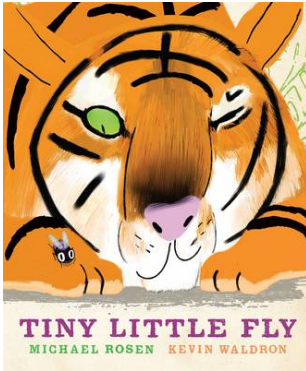
Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2011 This award-winning author and illustrator pair have created a brilliant book celebrating the bravery of leaving home. When their tiny hole of a home becomes too small for them, seven furry brothers set out on a great adventure. Boldly, they step into the outside world... It is full of all kinds of dangers – a huge lake, a mountain, the edge of the world and a terrifying monster. Sticking closely together and bolstering each other's morale, the brothers overcome all difficulties and find a new place of their own. The pictures tell a rather different story of the adventure! Young readers will love the joke and can have their own way of telling what happened.



Major Glad, Major Dizzy

Author: Jan Oke, Ian Nolan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/08/2011

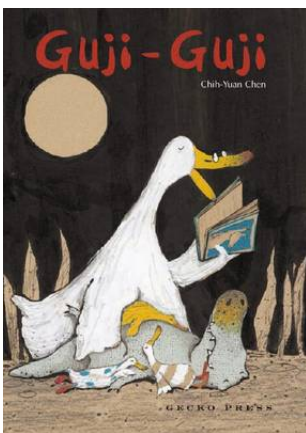
A few years ago, builders working in our house uncovered buried treasure beneath the floorboards. It was a little pile of Victorian toys, rather grubby and faded, and nibbled by generations of mice. Census records show that two children, Amelia and William, lived here with their parents and one servant, when the house was nearly new at the beginning of the 1870s, and it seems likely that the toys were theirs. The discovery was a fascinating and touching reminder of the family who lived here so many years ago and it was the inspiration for this story.



Tiny Little Fly

Author: Michael Rosen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/07/2011

A Lovereading4kids 'Great Read' you may have missed 2011 selection Best-selling author of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen has a gift for playful humour for the very young. How Small, in this case a fly, can outsmart Big - an elephant, hippo and a great big tiger - is delightfully played out allowing the child reader to follow and wonder before being delighted by the surprise! Bold illustrations capture the drama perfectly.



Guji-Guji

Author: Chen Chih-Yuan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/01/2011

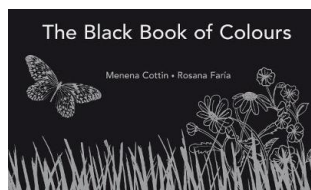
A brave 'crocoduck' saves his family from becoming duck dinner. Raised from an egg by Mother Duck, Guji Guji is quite content with his life as a duckling, despite the fact that he doesn't look anything like his brothers. Then he meets three nasty creatures who not only convince him that he is, like them, a crocodile, but also try to persuade him to deliver his duck relatives for their dinner. Chen's vivid characters - the exuberantly befuddled 'crocoduck' and his adopted family, the riotously creepy crocodiles that loom like shadows - are rendered with wit and warmth ...



The Great Big Book of Families

Author: Mary Hoffman **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/04/2010

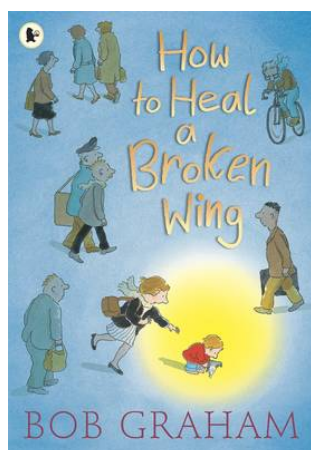
A celebration of families and the very many different things they do and the very many different ways they do them. Some families are big, some families are small; some parents work, some parents don't. Holidays, hobbies, school, clothes and food and the different ways that different families approach them are just some of the topics which Mary Hoffman thoughtfully explores and Ros Asquith joyfully illustrates.



The Black Book of Colours

Author: Menena Cottin **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/03/2010

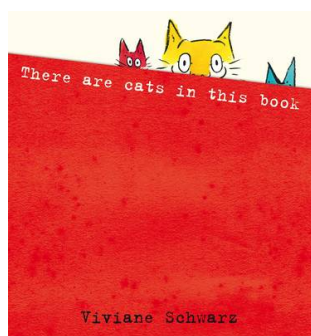
An award-winning, unforgettable black book about colour, which shows you how to see without your eyes. It can be hard for a sighted person to imagine what it is like to be blind. But in this breathtaking, ground-breaking and award-winning colour book, Menena Cottin and Rosana Faria try to convey the experience of a person who can see only through their sense of touch, taste, smell or hearing. With gorgeous textured art on black paper, accompanied by a beautifully written text translated into braille, this powerful book breaks down barriers and gives young readers the ability to experience the world in a whole new way.



How to Heal a Broken Wing

Author: Bob Graham **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/03/2010

Shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Award 2009. A story of hope and compassion in a big city - from Australian picture book master, Bob Graham. What the Kate Greenaway Award judges said: 'A beautifully understated book which makes fantastic use of perspective and of a simple but highly expressive line to convey the emotions of the story. Ideal for sharing with the non-reading child, it has a filmic quality as Graham pans in and out of this delightful tale.'



There are Cats in This Book

Author: Viviane Schwarz **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/11/2009

Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2010. It's time to play with the cats in this - Tiny, Moonpie and André. All you have to do is turn the pages. PS There are fish in this book too. CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal SHORTLIST 2010: Judges' comments An enticing book, which makes a real statement and holds a lovely conversation with the reader. The cats are very expressive, the flaps are varied and not too obvious, and the graphics are uncontrived and cleverly used. A charming book to use with young children. The LoveReading Comment: A glorious celebration of everything feline! Open the flaps and overlapping pictures to play with the wittily drawn, fast-talking cats who pop out ready for action. More of an experience than a simple story, this book is fun to play with! It really is a lift-the-flap book with a difference and really deserves to have made the shortlist for the prestigious Greenaway Medal.



RSPB: My First Book of Garden Bugs

Author: Mike Unwin **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/10/2009

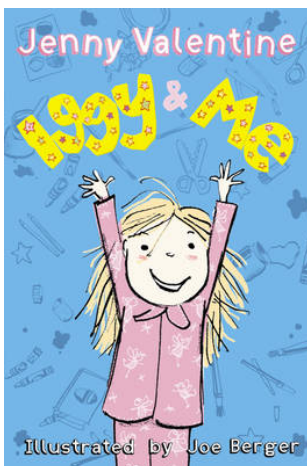
A wonderful introduction to 20 garden creepy crawlies. Perfect for young children to go hunting in the garden or the park for various bugs having discovered through the book where they are most likely to be hiding. Additional fact boxes ensure the kids will learn lots too. For more titles like this please see RSPB: My First Book of Garden Birds and RSPB: Nature Guide



Stick Man

Author: Julia Donaldson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/09/2009

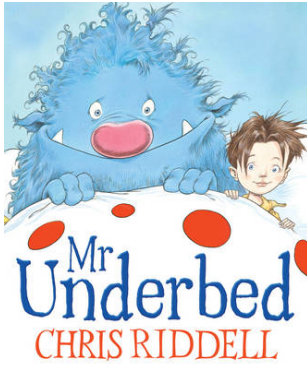
Creators of The Gruffalo, best selling author/ illustrator Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler are back with another bestseller on their hands. "Stick Man lives in the family tree/ with Stick Lady love/ And his children three". But one day Stick Man is pounced on by a dog. Help! This is not what Stick Man wants....While others find many ignominious uses for Stick Man – a bat, a pen, a bow and a boomerang among others – Stick Man does all he can to find his way back home...And, happily, he does! A brilliant visual treat. The Lovereading comment: This new picture book classic from the award-winning creators of The Gruffalo is dazzlingly original with a touching and witty rhyming story featuring an unforgettable hero with real sticking power.



Iggy & Me

Author: Jenny Valentine **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/09/2009

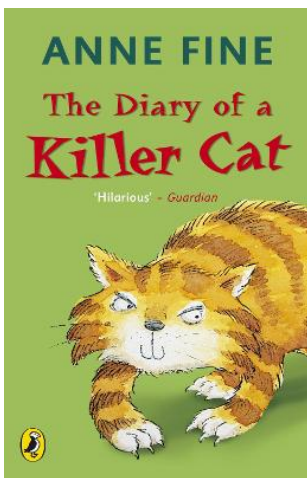
Funny and touching and with a brilliant understanding of the delicate balance within families, this captures the daily lives of two absolutely contemporary little sisters. Narrated by Flo, a very tolerant older sister, each of the eight stories relates a specific episode in the life of her younger sister who has renamed herself Iggy. This is the first novel from Jenny Valentine for younger readers. Her books for teens have won numerous awards.



Mr Underbed

Author: Chris Riddell **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 03/09/2009

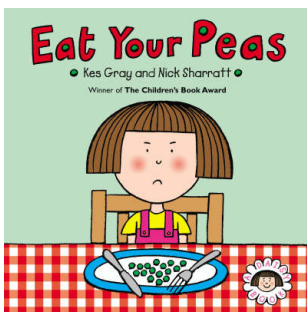
When Jim kindly allows Mr Underbed to sleep in his bed he is unprepared for all the other night-time visitors who want to share it too!



The Diary of a Killer Cat

Author: Anne Fine **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/05/2009

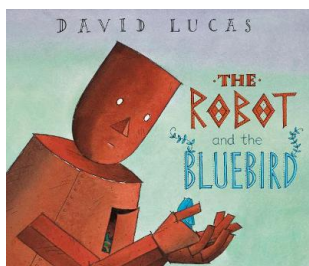
A cat's eye view of the world is not exactly the same as a humans! Tuffy's got no problems with the trail of delicious victims he brings into the house. A bird, a mouse - they are both delicious. In fact, he can't see why Ellie is so upset. How a cat can train an owner is hilariously told by Tuffy himself in this witty commentary on the strange behaviour of humans.



Eat Your Peas

Author: Kes Gray **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/01/2009

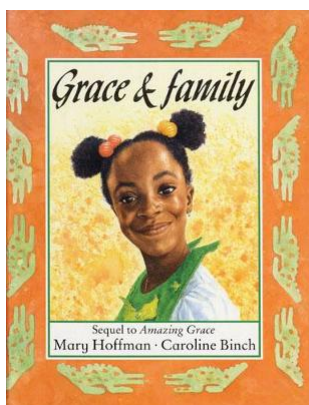
The familiar theme of picky eating is given a great twist. Mum wants Daisy to eat her peas. She wants her to eat her peas SO MUCH that she's willing to bribe her with a host of treats from special pudding to a new bike, a chocolate factory and an extra late bedtime. But Daisy won't budge. She'll only eat her peas on one condition... Can Mum fulfil it? You bet she can't!



The Robot and the Bluebird

Author: David Lucas **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/08/2008

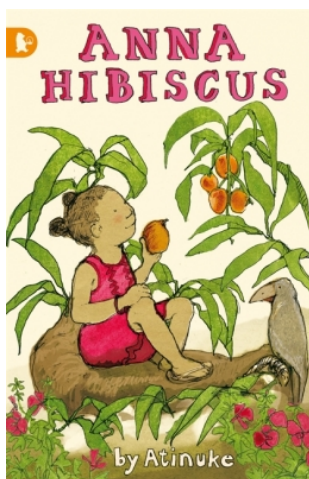
A broken-hearted robot is left on the scrapheap. Day turns into night, Autumn into Winter, as he lies there, and this is beautifully and simply portrayed in four consecutive pictures. It seems he will never move again until a Bluebird arrives who needs help to get to a warmer place. The theme of self-sacrifice and caring for other echoes that of Oscar Wilde's *The Happy Prince*.



Grace and Family

Author: Mary Hoffman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/10/2007

Amazing Grace is back! To Grace, family has always meant her Ma, her Nana and a cat called Paw-Paw. So when Papa invites her to visit him in The Gambia, she dreams of finding the kind of fairy-tale family she has read about in stories. But, as Nana reminds her, families are what you make them. This warm and delightful picture book is the follow-up to the much-loved international best-seller, *Amazing Grace*.



Anna Hibiscus

Author: Atinuke **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/10/2007

Shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award 2008. Original and understated, this charming depiction of modern-day family life in west Africa is the debut from a fresh, new storytelling voice. Pacy and engaging *Anna Hibiscus* is perfect for the newly independent reader and extensively illustrated to build reader confidence. Comments from the judges of this year's Branford Boase, Best Debut Novel of the Year Award: Nikki Gamble: "This year a large number of books were submitted for the awards and the judges noted an increase in established adult writers producing first novels for children. These trends reflect the increased profile of children's books in the press and media as well as the commercial success. The books selected for the shortlist are marked by their distinctive voices and authentic feeling for child or teenage readers. They are accessible but explore profound themes in the context of a story well told". Linda Buckley-Archer: "With its aim of recognising the author of the best debut novel for children and its editor(s), The Branford Boase Award continues to highlight and promote the next generation of children's fiction writers. The 2008 shortlist represents some fascinating new voices across a variety of genres which are sure to excite and challenge readers. The judges noted a tendency on this year's longlist away from fantasy and towards history and social realism." Trish Beswick: "We were delighted to find a

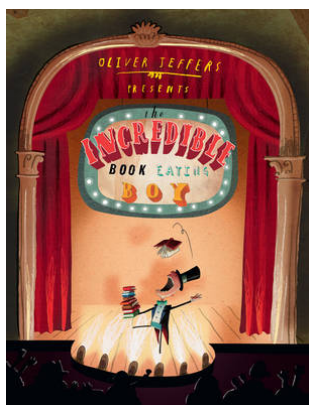
spread of intelligent fiction submitted, eliciting spirited discussion amid the good humour and agreements. One-size-fits-all cannot and does not belong in the world of writing for children, and the complacent and bland were quickly cast aside. My thanks to the other judges for a booky, sparky afternoon!" Ian Dodds: "The nominations for the 2008 Branford Boase Award yet again demonstrate the full range of new writing talent for children and young people. All the writers on this year's shortlist have distinct voices and all are adept at creating stories that will grip, excite and challenge young readers. Good writing for young people is vitally important and this shortlist proves that."



Meerkat Mail

Author: Emily Gravett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/08/2007

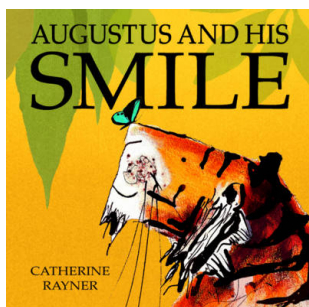
A Useful book about Families. A brilliant picture book from the winner of the Kate Greenway Medal. Meerkat Mail is a delightful tale of Sunny the Meerkat who lives in the Kalahari Desert. Bored with his life he goes off to seek adventure but things don't go quite to plan until... You must read it to find out.



The Incredible Book Eating Boy

Author: Oliver Jeffers **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/03/2007

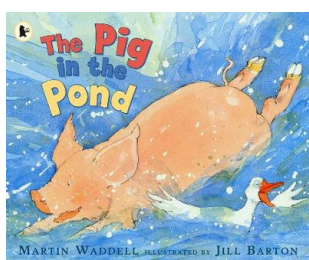
A brilliant picture book about a boy with an unusual attitude to books! Henry loves books but not in the same way as most people: Henry loves to eat books... He starts with just a word, then sentences until he's built up enough stamina to eat up a whole book. With every book Henry eats, he becomes just a little bit cleverer...But there's a moral, too. Oliver Jeffers sophisticated illustrations are witty and absorbing: the bite out of the corner of the book is a joke on its own! Rob Biddulph on The Incredible Book Eating Boy: One bedtime we were reading a new picture book that I'd bought her called The Incredible Book Eating Boy by Oliver Jeffers. The illustrations blew my mind. Each one was painted on an actual page or cover torn from a second-hand book, sometimes incorporating the original typography, and then photographed. It was just so clever. So beautiful. The whole package totally opened my eyes to the fact that a picture book can be a genuine work of art. So I started to look at the books we read each night in a different way. Maybe, I thought, this is something that I could do.



Augustus And His Smile

Author: Catherine Rayner **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/03/2007

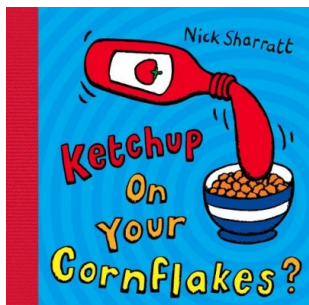
Catherine Rayner has been selected as one of The Big Picture campaign's Best New Illustrators in 2008. Shortlisted for the Greenaway Award 2007. An absolutely delightful picture book for parent and child to share from a very talented new author and illustrator who is also the well-deserved winner of the 'Early Years - Best New Illustrator Award' and now on the shortlist of the 2007 Greenaway Medal. The opposing emotions of happiness and sadness are conveyed quite beautifully throughout Augustus's story until at last his smile returns because he starts looking at the wonderful world around him. (0-5)Judges' comment:A very fresh and appealing book which makes good use of mixed media to convey the feel of a real tiger. Rayner's broad loose strokes reflect the beauty of the animal, and give him real expression and emotion: so much is conveyed in the flick of his tail. The whole has a Zen-like simplicity but it is also a very physical book which draws you in. There is real artistic skill here and great maturity of style.



The Pig in the Pond

Author: Martin Waddell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/07/2006

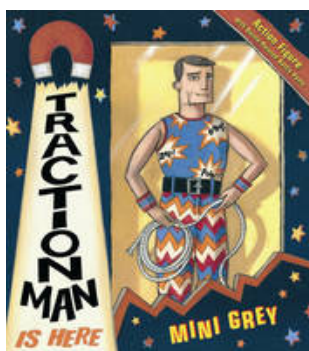
Pigs don't swim ... or so it's said. A classic, much-loved picture book following the exploits of a hot and bothered pig. In this Kate Greenaway Commended picture book favourite, Owl Babies author Martin Waddell tells the story of Neligan's pig - who's feeling very hot and bothered! It's one of the most sizzling days of the summer, and the pig sits by the pond watching the ducks and geese playing on the cool water. The pig gets warmer and warmer, the ducks and the geese get louder and louder. Neligan's pig knows that pigs don't swim - but she just has to take a dive! And she's not the only one on the farm who's sweltering... A riotous read-aloud to be shared over and over again.



Ketchup on Your Cornflakes?

Author: Nick Sharratt **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 20/06/2006

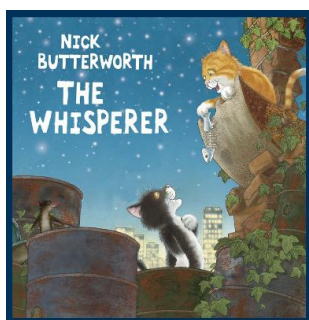
A great reissuing of a perennially popular split-page book inviting children to howl with laughter at the fantastic and fantastical food concoctions they create. Do you like ketchup on your cornflakes? Tying in with Nick Sharratt's position as official illustrator for World Book Day 2006, this edition, with its best cover yet, will ensure KETCHUP's continuing longevity.



Traction Man is Here

Author: Mini Grey **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/04/2006

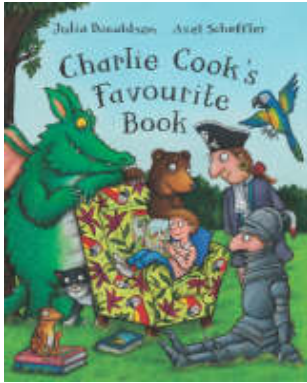
Mini Grey has been selected as one of The Big Picture campaign's Best New Illustrators in 2008. Short listed for the Blue Peter Book Awards - Best Illustrated book to read aloud 2006. A very original tale told from a real child's eye perspective, through illustrations which give vivid personification to inanimate objects like a scrubbing brush and a piece of toast. The whole thing is very well controlled, and has a subtle sophistication which means you see more things each time you look at it.



The Whisperer

Author: Nick Butterworth **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/10/2005

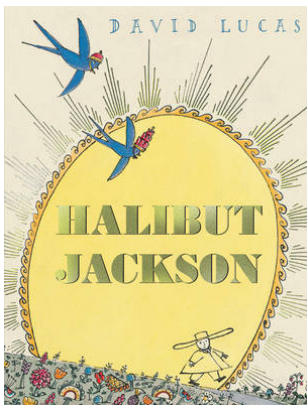
From the renowned creator of Percy the Park Keeper. Featuring an exciting new style of illustration and a thought-provoking plot, this stunning picture book is set to become a firm favourite. Two gangs of cats live in a scrap yard on the edge of the city. When they're not eating or sleeping, they're fighting, and that's just how The Whisperer likes it. He's a rat, and if he can keep the cats going after each other, they'll leave him and his kind alone. But just maybe, things in the scrap yard are about to change for the better. Or as The Whisperer sees it...for the worse...



Charlie Cook's Favourite Book

Author: Julia Donaldson **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/09/2005

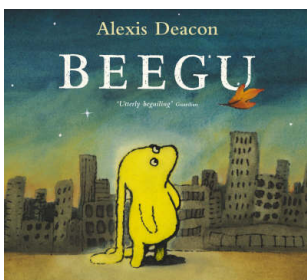
Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Prize 2007 'Most Fun Story with Pictures.' Another gem from the prize-winning creators of *The Gruffalo*. There are lots of reading jokes in this book within a book, within a book: pirates and robbers settle down with their favourite stories and the Three Bears discover Goldilocks reading their favourite book (after having eaten their porridge, of course). It's all written in bubbly rhyming verse matched with vigorous illustrations which make extensive play of the central joke.



Halibut Jackson

Author: David Lucas **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/06/2005

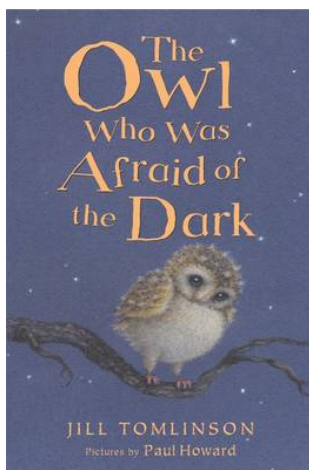
David Lucas has been selected as one of The Big Picture campaign's Best New Illustrators in 2008. See if you can spot the shy and retiring Halibut Jackson in this beautiful picture book from an extraordinary and innovative artist. Halibut likes to blend into the background, so he makes his clothing to match his surroundings. However, things don't go to plan when he prepares a silver and gold suit for a party at the palace, only to discover it's a garden party!



Beegu

Author: Alexis Deacon **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2004

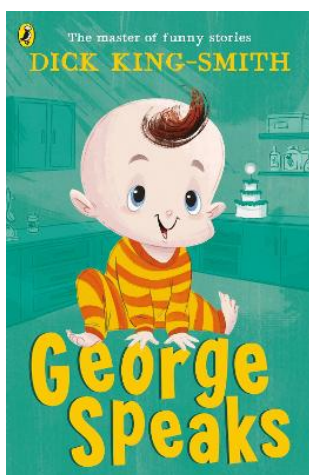
Beegu isn't supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the 'big' ones. The little ones are a different matter.



The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark

Author: Jill Tomlinson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/03/2004

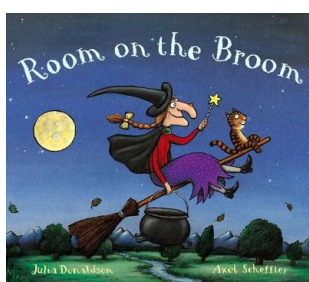
Plop is a baby owl. Perfect in every way - except for one. He's afraid of the dark! But he soon discovers, through a variety of new friends, that dark can be fun and exciting and magical! This is a story for very young readers.



George Speaks

Author: Dick King-Smith **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/01/2004

A very funny family story written by one of the nation's most beloved writers for children. Laura is amazed when her baby brother George starts talking to her when he's only four weeks old, particularly as he sounds like a grown-up! It's a big secret to keep from their parents and the rest of the family and leads to all sorts of comic confusion until George's first birthday - when he makes a speech to his startled family.

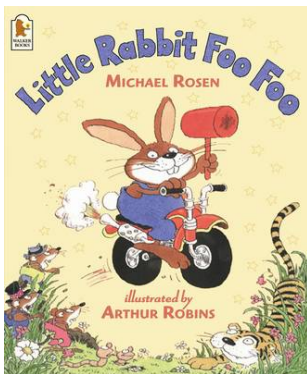


Room on the Broom Big Book

Author: Julia Donaldson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/08/2003

Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's marvellous story of the scatty witch and her animal friends deserves a place on every child's bookshelf. Julia Donaldson based the witch on herself - apparently she's always dropping and losing things! This story is as much of a joy today as on publication, Donaldson's jolly rhyming text perfectly paired with Scheffler's equally lively illustrations. A Note from the Author The idea for Room on the Broom came about when I started to think about witches and cats. Witches in storybooks, you see, are almost always accompanied by cats and, of course, the cats often ride with the witches on the backs of their broomsticks. What would happen, I wondered, if a witch didn't just have a cat but lots of animals? Would they all travel with her? How would they all fit onto a broomstick? And how much weight can one broom carry? And that's where the basic storyline came from. There wasn't a dragon in the original story, but once the broom

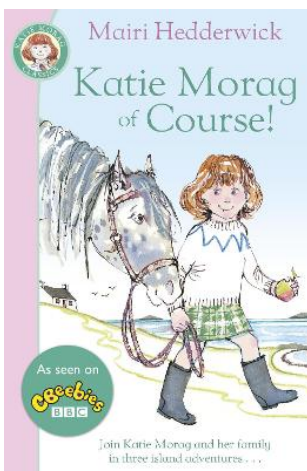
had broken and everyone had tumbled to the ground I created him to add some more excitement and drama. And as to the trick that the animals play on the dragon to save the witch? Well, I think I must have been inspired by the story of "The Musicians of Bremen". "The Musicians of Bremen" is a German folktale about four old animals – a donkey, a dog, a cat and a rooster – who come across a band of robbers in a cottage in some woods. They climb on one another's backs and make a fearful din. The robbers are convinced that there must be a terrible creature outside and run away, leaving the animals to settle in for the evening. It's a wonderful story and I am indebted to it because, although it was unconscious at the time, I think it must have been an inspiration. The witch herself though, is definitely based on me! I am quite scatty. When I was a child I was always dropping and losing things, just like the witch in Room on the Broom. In fact, I still do. I can remember seeing the first sketches that Axel drew of the witch and asking my editor if she could be made a bit younger and less tidy, and if her nose might be a bit smaller. She looked older, wartier and much neater than I'd thought of her when I was writing the story. But now, of course, I am extremely fond of the witch and couldn't imagine her looking any other way. ~ Julia Donaldson



Little Rabbit Foo Foo

Author: Michael Rosen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/04/2003

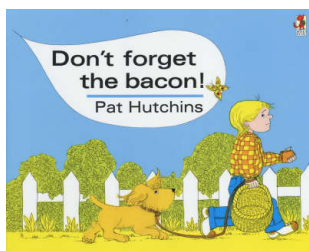
He's wild, he's wicked, he's Little Rabbit Foo-Foo! The bully-boy bunny likes nothing better than to ride through the forest bopping everyone on the head. Wiggly worms, tigers, no one is safe. But here comes the Good Fairy - and she is not amused!



Katie Morag Of Course!

Author: Mairi Hedderwick **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/04/2003

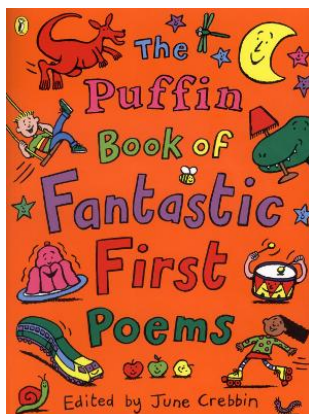
Those who have loved the Katie Morag picture books will be delighted to see that Struay's endearing heroine is back in this collection of three illustrated stories for older children - ideal for building reading confidence.



Don't Forget the Bacon

Author: Pat Hutchins **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/01/2002

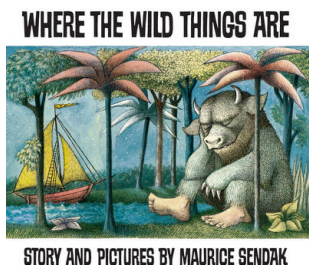
"Six farm eggs, a cake for tea, a pound of pears and don't forget the bacon". A young boy sets out to do the shopping, determined to remember this simple list, but as the sights and sounds of town distract him, he finds himself in a terrible muddle.



The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems

Author: June Crebbin **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/08/2000

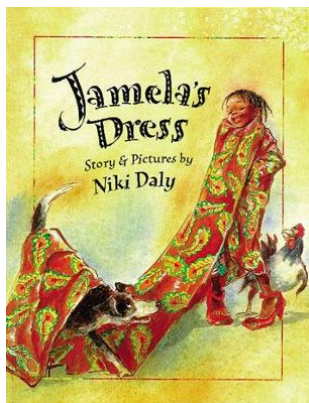
The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems edited by June Crebbin will absorb and delight girls and boys aged 5+. A great first poetry book; the poems span time, from Robert Louis Stevenson and Walter de la Mare right up to date with Roger McGough and Michael Rosen. Themes covered, such as mealtimes, playtime, animals, family and bedtime, really appeal to youngreaders. A truly lovely collection of all-time favourite poems.



Where the Wild Things are

Author: Maurice Sendak **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/05/2000

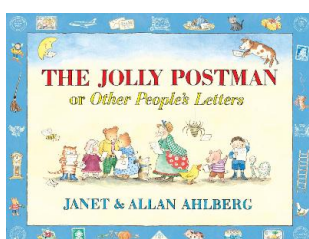
Jacqueline Wilson, February 2012 Guest Editor: "The text is very minimal but perfect - and the illustrations are glorious. This isn't a scary book in the slightest, though the monsters are grotesque, equipped with very sharp teeth and pointy claws. Little Max in his wolf suit tames them instantly and they declare him king of all wild things. But Max is still a little boy and although he has uproarious fun in the land of the wild things he's clearly glad to be back home where his supper is waiting for him. I've read this story to countless children and they've all loved it, especially when they join in, roaring their terrible roars, gnashing their terrible teeth, rolling their terrible eyes and showing their terrible claws." Julia Eccleshare: A classic story of the power of a childhood tantrum.



Jamela's Dress

Author: Niki Daly **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/03/2000

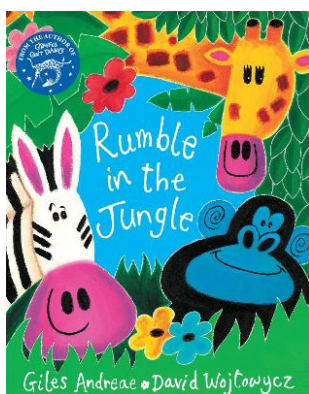
Mama is very pleased with the dress material she has bought for Thelma's wedding. Jamela can't resist wrapping the material around her and dancing down the road, proud as a peacock, to show Thelma her beautiful dress! When things go wrong, Mama is very sad indeed, but there's a happy ending just in time for Thelma's wedding day - and guess who has the biggest smile...Kwela Jamela, African Queen, that's who!



The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters

Author: Allan Ahlberg, Janet Ahlberg **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 30/09/1999

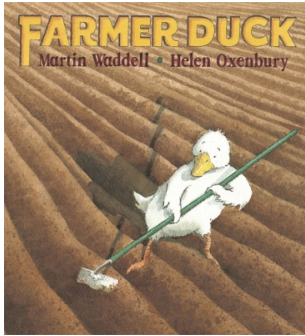
Sub-titled 'Other People's Letters', this is a stupendous and original picture book. As the Postman delivers his letters to the Wicked Witch, the giant (Mr. V. Bigg in Beanstalk Gardens) and B(ig) B(ad) Wolf, Esq., c/o Grandma's Cottage, Horner's Corner, the child reader can actually open the envelopes, take out the letters or cards and read them. The rhyming text, the witty pictures, the references to nursery rhymes and stories make this picture book a treasure trove. Not to be missed - worth all the trouble of keeping track of the little missives.



Rumble in the Jungle

Author: Giles Andreae **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 16/04/1998

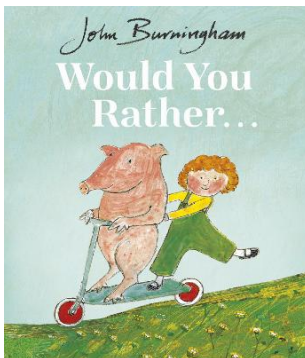
This wonderful collection of animal poems gives toddlers and young children the chance to be introduced to poetry via the world of jungle. Written by Giles Andreae, one of Britain's bestselling modern poets Rumble in the Jungle is cleverly illustrated by David Wojtowycz using vividly colourful and appealing sketches, making the whole book an amazing combination of words and colour and fun.



Farmer Duck

Author: Martin Waddell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/09/1995

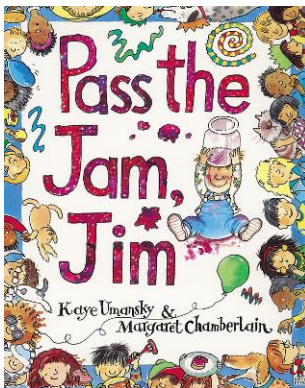
A hugely enjoyable read. Farmer duck toils hard all day while his lazy farmer does nothing. So the duck's many friends decide to club together to get their own back on the lazy farmer and in so doing the duck gets a wonderful surprise. Lavish illustrations complement the simply text very well.



Would You Rather?

Author: John Burningham **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 20/01/1994

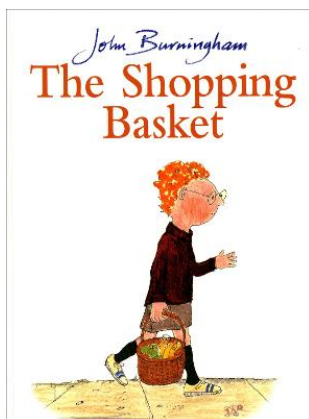
Would you rather drink snail squash or eat mashed worms? Help a witch make stew? Tickle a monkey? Or maybe - if you could really be anyone or do anything in the world - would you rather just be...you?



Pass The Jam, Jim

Author: Kaye Umansky **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 18/11/1993

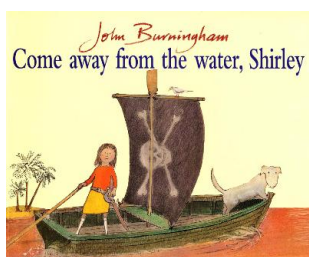
A rhyming picture book in which a group of children prepare for a party. The bright, action-packed illustrations feature all kinds of delicious food. 'While a group of children prepares for a party, Jim has just one job. He must pass the jam. As the pages fill with piles and piles of food, the jam is still missing. Gradually, it becomes apparent that Jim will not be able to pass the jam - some has been eaten, some has been spilled and quite a lot is covering the walls, floor and Jim...



The Shopping Basket

Author: John Burningham **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/10/1992

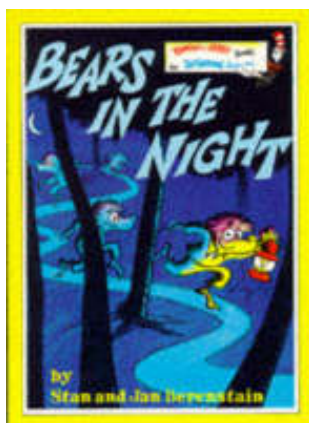
Steven is sent out for groceries on to the mean street of the city with only a shopping basket for protection. There are several shady characters about who are offering to lighten the load of the basket by helping themselves to his provisions! Stephen's having none of it and with the help of some of the city's less attractive sights he outsmarts all of them and makes it home in time for tea. With the pictures telling as much of the story as the text, children and adults alike will appreciate the humour and observations from this well known children's author.



Come Away From The Water, Shirley

Author: John Burningham **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/10/1992

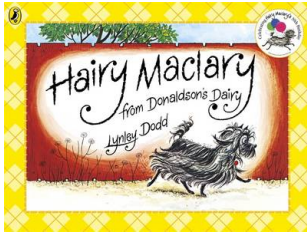
A picture book that broke the bounds of convention by telling two stories simultaneously - on pages opposite one another. Confusing? Not to children who at once grasp that on the left-hand pages you see the parents suffering a cold and windy day on an English beach - whilst on the right their daughter Shirley (constantly warned by them about tar and about dogs) goes off on a daydream adventure with pirates and hidden treasure.



Bears In The Night

Author: Stan Berenstain, Jan Berenstain **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 08/08/1991

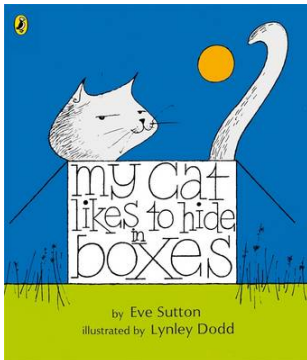
One of our 'Must Reads'. Lively pictures, charming characters and the fact that the story only uses 24 words, but to beautiful effect, make this a brilliant book for beginner readers. The bears are running through the woods in the dark and up the hills and finally getting spooked 'up spook hill' and returning home.



Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

Author: Lynley Dodd **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/08/1985

First published in 1983 and still as good today. Written by Lynley Dodd, who is a New Zealander, this is the first in a series of books about the adventures of a scruffy dog 'Hairy McClary'. Rhyming, catchy and comical with brilliant characters and plots. And just so you know a 'dairy' in New Zealand is a corner shop.



My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes

Author: Eve Sutton, Lynley Dodd **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/04/1978

Cats from many different countries may like to do all kinds of strange and exotic things, but my cat, an ordinary round-the-house cat, likes to hide in boxes. A rhyming text.