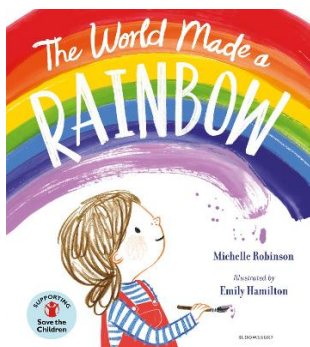


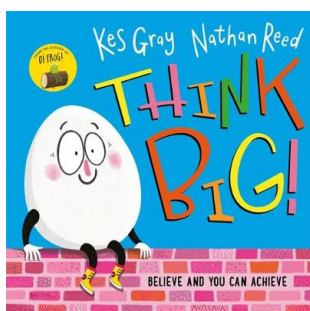
LoveReading4School's inspiring, motivational and engaging books for every reader



The World Made a Rainbow

Author: Michelle Robinson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 17/09/2020

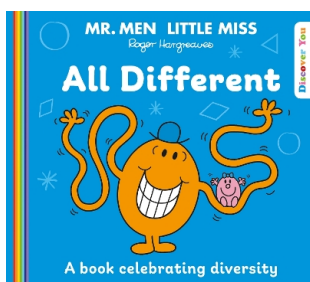
Children have been through a lot this year and this lovely book, bursting with hope and reasons to look forward, provides the comfort and reassurance they've been needing, plus a sense of the joy that's been missing for too long. It stars a young sister and brother, plus their sometimes frazzled parents, and describes the creation of a rainbow image for their window. Painting the rainbow brings back good memories as well as some sad ones, but ultimately reminds them of the really important things in life – family and friends – and that “we'll still have each other/when this rainstorm ends!” Michelle Robinson's rhyme is on the beat throughout, seamlessly mixing realism, understanding and optimism, while Emily Hamilton's illustrations have a sense of companionship and energy that makes everything feel better. A great book to read and to look at, and a really useful and important one to share with children.



Think Big

Author: Kes Gray **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/02/2019

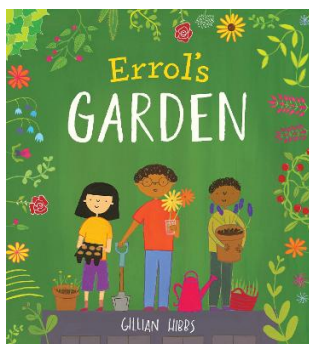
Humpty can be so much more than a boiled egg! A hilarious twist on many traditional tales with a lovely positive message about working hard.



Mr. Men Little Miss: All Different

Author: Roger Hargreaves **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/08/2022

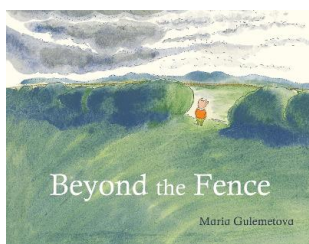
Who better than the Mr Men and Little Miss characters to demonstrate that the world is a better place, more balanced and interesting for having so many different kinds of people in it? A trip to the park with her friends for Little Miss Tiny easily shows that they are all uniquely brilliant in their own way, while also reassuring readers that they too should be comfortable in their own talents and abilities, and accepting of others. The characters pose regular questions to engage children and start all-important conversations between them and parents or adults. Useful notes for adults on the inside back cover provide more pointers on how to get the most from the book.



Errol's Garden

Author: Gillian Hibbs **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/05/2018

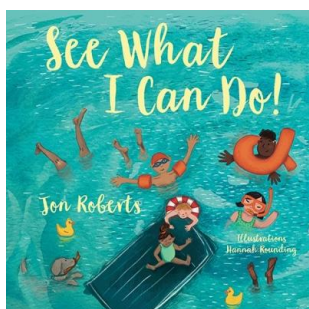
A green - fingered and resourceful young boy inspires community action to create a wonderful roof garden. Beautifully inclusive.



Beyond the Fence

Author: Maria Gulemetova **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2017

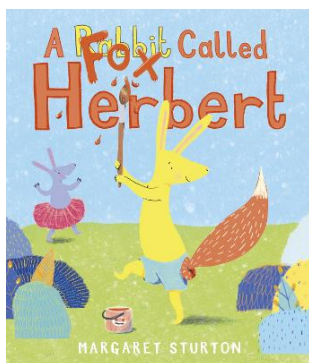
A very special delicately illustrated and empowering tale of freedom, bravery and independence.



See What I Can Do!

Author: Jon Roberts **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 22/06/2021

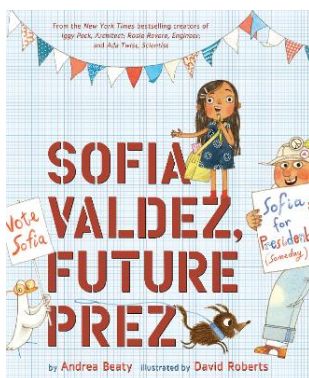
This is the third book from this author and illustrator partnership, after the acclaimed *Through the Eyes of Me* and *Through the Eyes of Us*, which focused specifically upon the world of the autistic child and were inspired by Jon's daughter. Here the scope has been broadened to look at all sorts of difference, both visible and invisible. Each spread is a delightful conversation with a child or children explaining what is different about them and what can be difficult, but most importantly focuses on the positives and what they enjoy and want to do. The text captures a very natural matter-of-fact voice and speaks directly to the innate and healthy curiosity of all children. The lively illustrations are not just brilliantly inclusive, they give a really joyous feel to the whole book. Covering a wide range of conditions including Autism, ADHD, cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy, Downs Syndrome, muscular dystrophy, asthma, dyslexia, dyspraxia, epilepsy, deafness and blindness makes this book a wonderful resource to prompt discussion and empathy, but is also valuable for the children who live with these daily challenges and may need to see them themselves reflected in such a positive way. An added bonus at the back of the book is an explanation of terms and useful web links. Altogether an essential book for the classroom, but also one that can be shared and enjoyed at home.



A Fox Called Herbert

Author: Margaret Sturton **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/04/2020

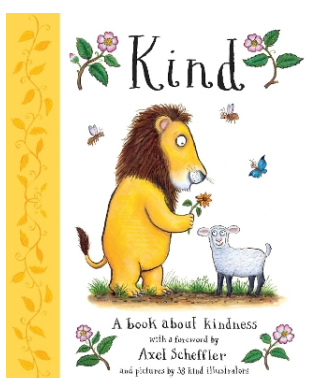
April 2020 Debut of the Month Margaret Sturton announces herself as a major picture book talent with her debut. Little rabbit Herbert loves foxes. Indeed, he loves them so much he wants to be one, making himself a pair of fox ears and a tail. At first his mummy is amused, then angry when he messes up the living room with red paint and cuts up her dress to make a tail. When she sees him out playing as a fox, despite her instruction to be a 'good little rabbit', she is cross again, until she suddenly realises how important it is to Herbert to be a fox. The story is full of comic moments and the little rabbit family will be recognisable to all readers. It's also a wonderful story about identity and love, delivered lightly but most effectively. Highly recommended.



Sofia Valdez, Future Prez

Author: Andrea Beaty **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 28/11/2019

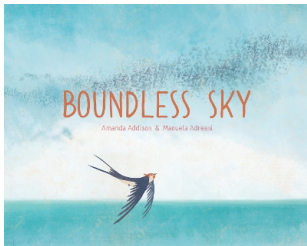
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 Most people like good, but Sofia likes better. When her Abuelo (Grandad) hurts himself on a mountain of rubbish outside their local landfill site, she determines to take action and turn 'Mount Trashmore' into a park. It's not easy, and she needs all her courage to enter City Hall and put her ideas to the grown-ups in charge. With the help of friends and neighbours, Sofia proves that everyone has the power to change their world. It's another uplifting and positive story in the thoroughly excellent The Questioners series, and go-getter Sofia is a wonderful role-model for us all. Credit to David Roberts for his typically stylish and action-packed illustrations too.



Kind

Author: Alison Green **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 04/04/2019

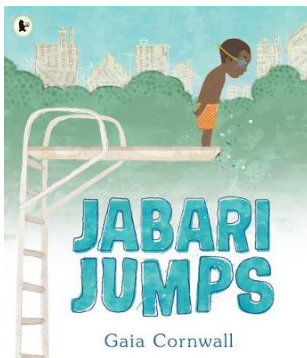
Featuring top artists illustrating a host of examples of how children can be kind this is both timely and a charitable purchase.



Boundless Sky

Author: Amanda Addison **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 28/02/2020

Very cleverly this gentle story links the astonishing tale of the migration of the tiny swift to find a safe nesting site in Africa, with the story of Leila, who also must travel thousands of miles to find a safe home. The parallel migrations mirror each other in the perils of the journey but also in the hope engendered by the welcome they receive in their new home. The passage of the brave bird and the places and people who mark the passing of the seasons by his journey is evocatively told and really highlights to young readers both the physical distance and the challenges of climate and geography. All of which subtly underscores the challenge for Leila and the physical and social challenges she will face. It is thought provoking but wonderfully hopeful too. As if the miracle of nature and the endeavours of the swift can act as an inspiration for human endurance and kindness as shown by the kindness of the welcome for Leila from other children. Manuela Adreani's gorgeous, stylish illustrations are the perfect foil for the simple yet powerful text. With many cross curricular uses for older children as well this is a very worthwhile purchase.



Jabari Jumps

Author: Gaia Cornwall **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/06/2018

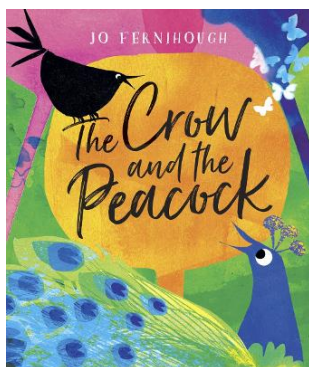
A beautifully illustrated story that reflects a reality we can all recognise. The need to overcome fears to achieve what you dream of.



Storm In A Jar

Author: Samuel Langley-Swain **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/09/2021

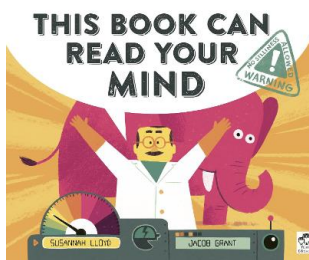
Perfectly child-centred, Storm in a Jar tells the moving, honest story of loveable Arlo's distress in the wake of his much-loved Nana passing away. After visiting her every Sunday, Nana's no longer there, the jar of sweets she used to top up for him will never be refilled. So, Arlo keeps the jar with him, as a reminder of Nana. In time, his sadness turns to clouds of anger - the "jar felt heavier and filled with a moody sea" as he lashes out, needing to unleash his grief. Talking helps and, with the support of his teacher and family, Arlo navigates his way through the storm, and a beautiful new tradition begins. The storm in a jar metaphor is wonderfully evoked in words and pictures that speak deeply to young children struggling with the most difficult of emotions. As such, it's a valuable practical tool for adults seeking to help children understand and manage loss and grief, and truly a support for children experiencing them.



The Crow and the Peacock

Author: Johanna Fernihough **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/04/2020

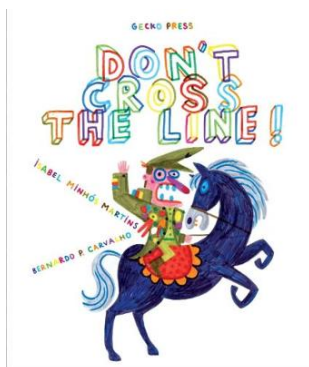
May 2020 Debut of the Month There have been many versions of the moral tale of the crow and the peacock and this one from debut picture-book artist Jo Fernihough is particularly attractive. The vibrant mixed media and collage images are full of movement and expression and immediately catch the reader's attention. Crow is living happily and contentedly until he starts to compare his feathers and his song with other birds. From the dove to the nightingale, to the cockerel to the swan, each bird seems more magnificent than the last and crow is sure each one must be the happiest bird alive, but each in turn direct him to a bird they are envious of. But when he finally reaches the magnificent peacock he learns that he himself is the subject of envy. He is free to sing and fly free compared to the caged peacock. Crow and the reader learn the lesson about what is really important in life and that one must count your own blessings. A strong message for the current situation and beautifully conveyed in nicely repetitive text and imaginative use of typography as well glorious colour. A really worthwhile addition to the library.



This Book Can Read Your Mind

Author: Susannah Lloyd **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/01/2020

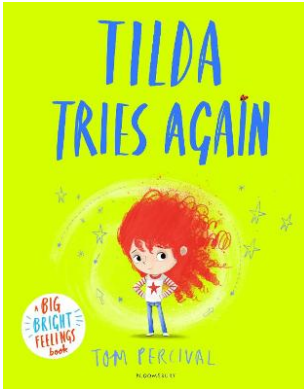
January 2020 Book of the Month With a concept based entirely upon the universal truth that as soon as somebody tells you not to think of something, you immediately do so and the quite philosophic concept of visualisation of language heard or read, this book will have young(and old) readers in stitches. Stamped with a No Silliness Allowed warning on the front cover, we can anticipate plenty of silliness ahead despite the firm instructions from the very serious scientist introducing the amazing book that has the power to show a picture of the reader's thoughts. Sadly, it all goes wrong for him as soon as he uses pink elephants as an example of what not to think about and quickly escalates as he thinks of more terrible scenarios involving elephants, mice, panties and their bottoms. The explosive finale causes him to order the reader to put the book down and "Don't even think about" picking it up again.....This is bound to be instantly disobeyed in every home and classroom! The zany illustrative style is perfectly suited to this story and the clever use of the only white space being within the speech bubbles immediately emphasises the instructional and increasingly shouty nature of the scientist's words. Both great fun and a creative inspiration, this is a must have purchase!



Don't Cross the Line!

Author: Isabel Minhos Martins **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/08/2017

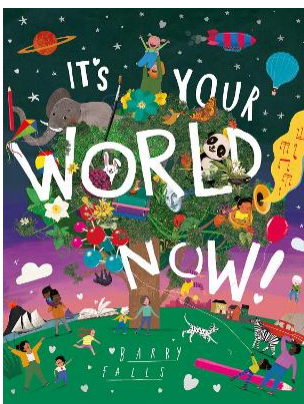
Never too young to learn the importance of political actions .This striking book is all about standing up to those in power and peacefully creating change.



Tilda Tries Again

Author: Tom Percival **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 05/08/2021

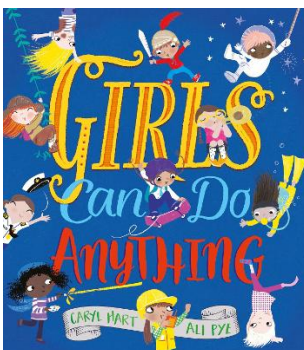
A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month August 2021 Tilda's life is just as she likes it until, suddenly, everything seems to be difficult. Nothing seems as it should be, everything is just upside down. How can Tilda get her life to turn the right side up again? Watching a ladybird struggle to get off its back gives Tilda a clue: if you want something, you just have to work at it! Slowly but surely she starts to put enjoyment back into her life and soon books are fun to read again and her friends welcome her back to play.



It's Your World Now!

Author: Barry Falls **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/05/2019

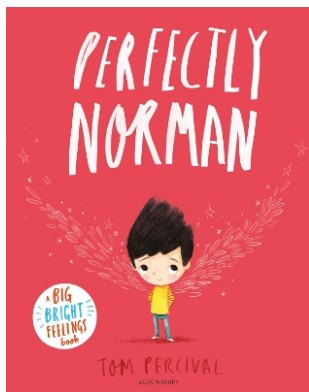
May 2019 Debut of the Month This bright, busy book – the text delivered via an irresistible bouncy rhyme – presents children with lots to look at, and lots to think about too. The story is told by a parent, who excitedly details all the world has to offer, and all the potential for children to find happiness and fulfilment as they grow up. There are warnings too that it's not always easy, but that's followed by the reassuring reminder that whatever happens, one thing won't change: from your head down to you toe, no matter what/ I love you so. The artwork is contemporary but the message is timeless and it's an excellent book for parent and child to share.



Girls Can Do Anything!

Author: Caryl Hart **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/08/2018

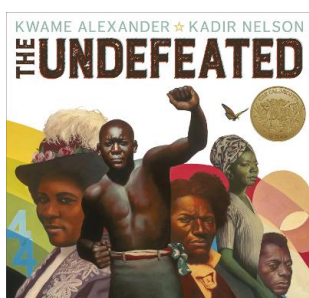
A gleeful, rhyming celebration of all things that are possible and potted herstories of those that made it!



Perfectly Norman

Author: Tom Percival **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 10/08/2017

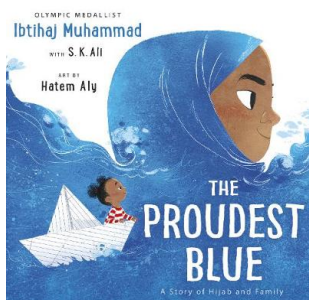
Strikingly illustrated this is a tale which inspires children to dare to be different and have the courage to stand out.



The Undefeated

Author: Kwame Alexander **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 20/02/2020

Winner of the UKLA Book Awards 2021 | Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2020 Written for and about “the swift and sweet ones/who hurdled history and opened a world of possible”, for those who “survived America by any means necessary. And the ones who didn’t,” this is an inspiring ode to the author’s forebears and to the world-changing feats of unforgettable Black American figures. Author Kwame Alexander’s initial inspiration for this book came in the year his second daughter was born, the same year Barack Obama became the first African American president of the USA. As a result, Alexander wanted his daughters “to know how we got to this historic moment”, which is exactly what this stirring book does. The chained slaves who kept faith, the elite Olympians, the innovative musicians, the seminal scientists, the courageous activists - people from all walks of life are celebrated in Alexander’s poetically poised words, and gloriously illustrated by Kadir Nelson, with much for young children to ponder and ask questions about. As well as being a wonderful way for parents to explore Black American history with their little ones on a one-to-one basis, this will also work well with older children in a classroom context. Indeed, this is one of those rare and wonderful picture books that defies age boundaries - a radiant, resonant unforgettable tour de force, as befits its theme.



The Proudest Blue

Author: Ibtihaj Muhammad, S. K. Ali **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/01/2020

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.



Almost Anything

Author: Sophy Henn **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/03/2018

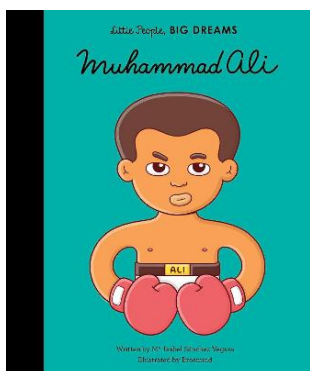
George the rabbit is the epitome of the timid child, but Bear cleverly empowers him to try. Wonderfully shows the the power of resilience and grit, the importance of self-belief and that we all have a bit of magic inside us if we give it a chance.



Dare

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

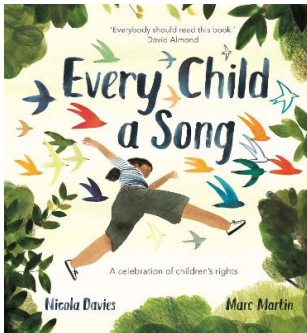
A rhyming text with the repetition of the phrase 'dare to' on each page encourages children to expand their outlook about what is possible for them to do in their own lives and how they could contribute to the wider world around them. The pictures complement the words by suggesting broadly ways they 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'.



Muhammad Ali

Author: Isabel Sanchez Vegara **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 04/02/2019

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.](#)



Every Child A Song

Author: Nicola Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 19/03/2020

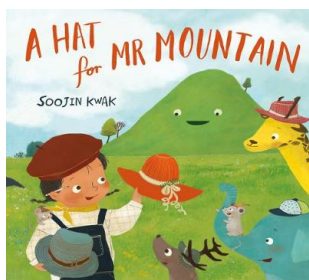
Nicola Davies celebrates the forthcoming 30th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in this beautifully illustrated picture book. Using the metaphor of each child being a song, she explores some of the 54 rights it sets out, from the right to education, to freedom of thought and expression, to the rights of child refugees. Short, lyrical sentences of text will start discussion and conversation and Marc Martin's rich water-colour illustrations, whether of children, scenes or vegetation, add movement and drama. A book to inspire children to think about the world and their place within it.



It's our Business to make a Better World

Author: Rebecca Hui **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 12/05/2022

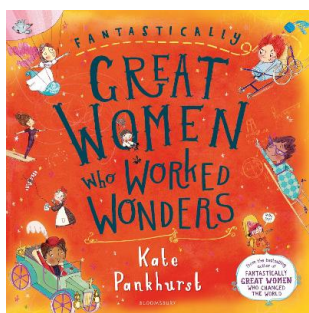
The latest title in the Changemakers series offers another inspirational collection of 12 real-life stories from across the globe. The author herself set up a company to build bridges between rural communities and the global fashion market and has selected some brilliantly diverse examples here of sustainable enterprises working to improve the world. As in the previous books, each story has a beautifully illustrated double page spread with lively images of busy young people. The layout guides your eyes to the fact boxes and nuggets of information that describe succinctly the problem and how the young person set about changing things. Covering genuinely global topics such as reducing paper waste, period poverty, sustainable farming and green energy through to fashion and healthcare, the examples show that children are making a difference to the future of our world with their resourceful actions. Inevitably the amount of information on each scheme is brief but, at the back of the book, the reader is directed to all the project websites that they can access 'with the help of an adult' for more information, which will be useful for teachers and older pupils. They can also find ten suggestions of how they could help to build a more sustainable world and ten ways to be a responsible consumer. This refreshingly positive series strikes just the right note to energise and engage young eco-warriors and will be a useful support to environmental studies.



A Hat for Mr Mountain

Author: Soojin Kwak **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 23/01/2020

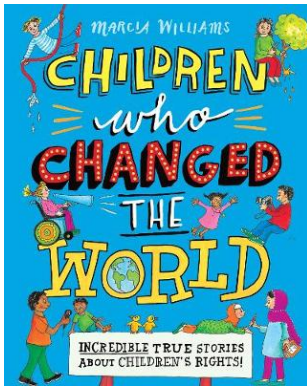
February 2020 Debut of the Month There's a lovely 'what if' challenge in this quirky and inspiring picture book. Little Nara is an expert hat maker, creating beautiful hats for the animals in her forest studio. One day she receives a letter from a new customer – can she make a hat for Mr Mountain no less? She rises to the challenge, trying out various different materials before finding exactly the right way to make a hat for a mountain. The story unfolds beautifully, and it makes a great tale of friendship, creativity and ingenuity. There's lots to discuss while reading and this could prompt interesting STEM conversations or projects too. This is Soojin Kwak's debut and she is definitely an illustrator to watch.



Fantastically Great Women Who Worked Wonders

Author: Kate Pankhurst **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/02/2019

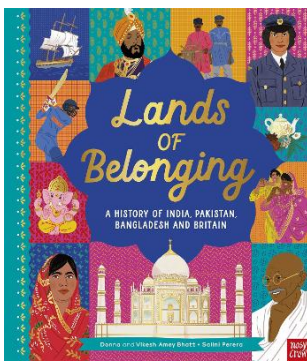
February 2019 Book of the Month Here's another inspiring, information-packed picture book in what's becoming something of a series (see also Great Women Who Made History and Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World). It tells the stories of pioneering women who achieved amazing things, often in the face of prejudice or downright hostility from society. There are familiar names – Rosalind Franklin is included – plus lots that are lesser known, but just as fascinating: balloonist Sophie Blanchard for example, and Sarah Breedlove, beauty entrepreneur. Their stories are told through lively, engaging text and pictures, it's a treat to read. Kate Pankhurst is something of a fantastically great woman herself, and there's lots for all readers to marvel at and enjoy in this book.



Children Who Changed the World

Author: Marcia Williams **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 05/09/2019

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Rights of the Child and the amazing children who have stood up for them all over the world.



Lands of Belonging

Author: Donna Amey Bhatt, Vikesh Amey Bhatt **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/07/2022

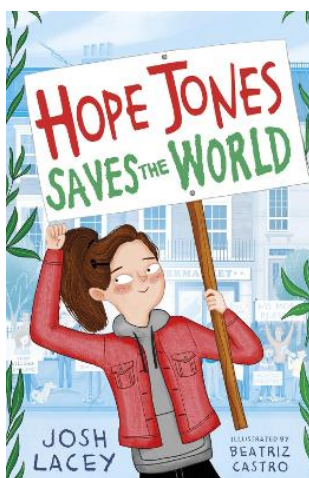
A History of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Britain Written by Donna and Vikesh Amey Bhatt, with expert consultancy input from by Rajbir Hazelwood, historian of South Asia and Modern Britain, *Lands of Belonging* is a sumptuous, lucidly-told book that will illuminate young readers on the complex histories of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Britain, and South Asian cultures. Published for the 75th anniversary of the Partition of India in August 2022, this stunningly illustrated book (kudos to illustrator Salini Perera) is framed in the context of there being multiple ways to tell a story, depending on your point of view and experiences. It also poses big questions – what does it mean to belong? What makes you, you? – with a relatable example taken from the life and family history of one of the authors. Through these beautifully laid-out pages, we learn of ancient India's innovations and inventions, its multi-faith society, its powerful empires, how the British East India Company ruled India by force, and the unfair deployment of Indian soldiers in WWI. We move then to learn about the partition of India, the birth of Pakistan, and India's independence, with the complexities of this history conveyed in a highly readable style. The book also relates the history of migration from South Asia from the 16th-century through to the 20th-century, with accounts of migrants' achievements and cultural contributions to Britain alongside information about the racism migrants experienced, and the uprisings against it. Finally, a joyous section on South Asian culture covers food, festivals, customs and language, plus profiles of amazing South Asians, a timeline of historic events, and a calendar of South Asian celebrations.



The People Awards

Author: Lily Murray **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 25/07/2018

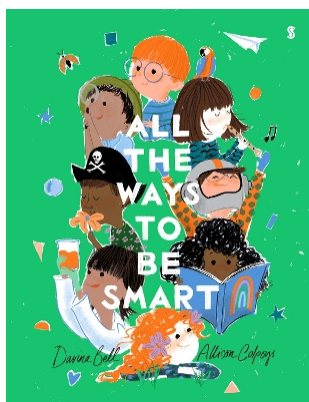
A diverting and stylish awards show format to present biographies of the great, the good and the quirky.



Hope Jones Saves the World

Author: Josh Lacey **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/05/2020

Shortlisted for the Little Rebels Award 2021 With the pizzazz and humour that make his Dragonsitter books so popular, Josh Lacey tells the story of one girl's efforts to save the planet. Like many ten-year olds Hope Jones is worried about the state of the environment, and about plastic pollution in particular. Her dad is always saying if you want something done, you have to do it yourself, so she sets about doing what she can. Her adventures are recounted via her lively blog and we get a ringside view of her peaceful protest outside the local supermarket, interactions with local businesses, and conversations with neighbours, friends and parents of friends. As her campaign reaches more and more people, Hope realises that we can all make a difference, if we're determined enough. There are great illustrations throughout, and it all makes for a fast, entertaining and positive read. Hooray for Hope Jones!



All the Ways to be Smart

Author: Davina Bell **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 14/01/2019

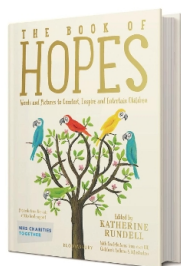
The third project from this dynamic partnership that celebrates the myriad talents that each child brings to the world.



Be The Change

Author: Liz Brownlee, Roger Stevens, Matt Goodfellow **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/09/2019

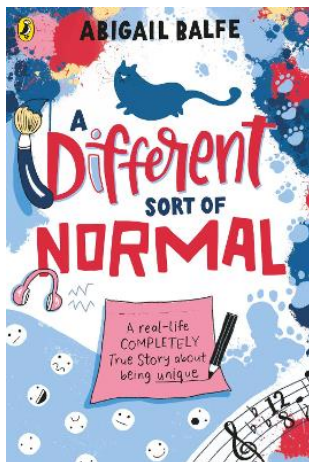
Poems to help you change the world Highlighted as a recommended read for National Poetry Day (3rd October), three of our best poets for children come together in this excellent new anthology with a challenge for their young audience: go out and help change the world. Alongside poems on the many threats to the environment and the natural world are poems that pose 'tricky questions' about how we choose to live. There are poems to make children laugh, to inspire them and inform them; above all here are poems that will provoke a reaction. It might be something practical, like deciding to change the contents of your lunchbox, or it might mean making a change to the way you understand the world. It ends with Liz Brownlee's quiet but powerful poem 'Snow', a beautiful example of how the smallest things can effect change.



The Book of Hopes

Author: Katherine Rundell **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/10/2020

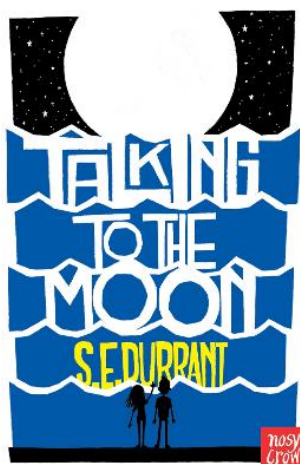
A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month October 2020 Katherine Rundell's brief introduction which explains why hope is so important and why we should look for it in stories and illustrations sets a context for the wonderful range of very short stories, poems, thoughts and illustrations which will certainly give hope as well as laughs and surprises to readers of all ages. Perfect for dipping into, the anthology is a treasure trove of story treats starting with Michael Morpurgo's uplifting 'A Song of Gladness' and ending with Rundell's own 'The Young Bird-Catcher'. Lauren Child, Axel Scheffler, Chris Riddell and Jackie Morris are just some of the wonderful artists whose black and white illustrations light up the pages of this hand this handsome volume. Dedicated to all the workers in the NHS and with proceeds going to NHS Charities Together, The Book of Hopes will certainly bring hope to all.



A Different Sort of Normal

Author: Abigail Balfe **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 22/07/2021

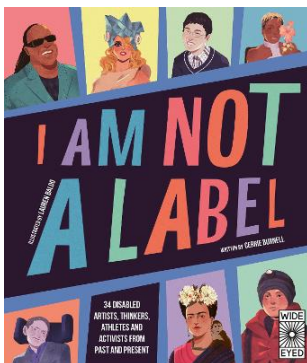
Abigail Balfe is autistic and has written this honest, amusing and very useful book about some of the things she was aware of as she was growing up. Balfe knew she was different all the way through her childhood and youth – and this book is full of observations on how she navigated her younger years. It was not until she was an adult that her diagnosis of autism was delivered – which suddenly explained a great deal of confusing issues from her youth. The book is full of all the milestones of a young life from changing schools to puberty to friendships to children’s birthday parties – and how someone who feels different coped with all those stages. Written with an honesty and openness that is refreshing – and full of quirky illustrations by the author - this is an information book one can sit and read like a novel, as well as using it to dip into for information on all sorts of topics to do with neurodiversity. It is packed full of useful descriptions and definitions, has a thorough glossary which doubles as an index in a very practical way whilst also signposting websites and information sources for further investigation. A book for everyone to read (adults too), not just for people with neurodiversity issues – this book is a great explainer, full of empathy for different situations, which explodes many misconceptions about autistic people along the way! I wish I had had this available many years ago when teaching an autistic child on a one-to-one basis.



Talking to the Moon

Author: S. E. Durrant **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/03/2020

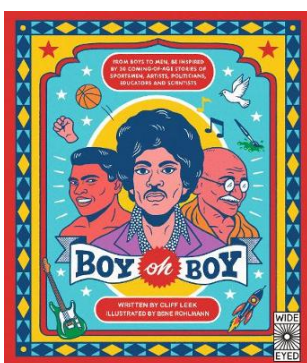
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 | March 2020 Book of the Month Iris takes refuge with her grandma, Mimi, to escape the chaos at home, caused by her two-year old twin siblings and her dad’s DIY repairs. There’s a different kind of disorder in Mimi’s house which is chock full of items collected over the years, chiefly boxes of photos she’s taken and developed. Among the photographs of other people’s weddings are family portraits and its one of these that sets Iris on a hunt to unravel an old mystery, even as Mimi’s memories are fading. The story is beautifully told, as much about Iris and her search for order and happiness as it is about Mimi and her struggle with dementia. A poignant, thoughtful examination of family relationships, memory and loss, that ends on a note of hope and renewal.



I Am Not a Label

Author: Cerrie Burnell **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/07/2020

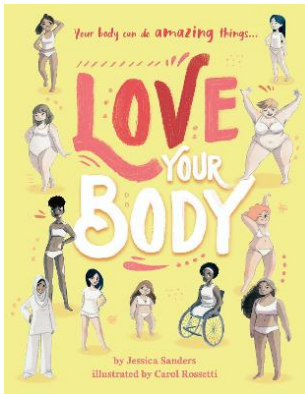
July 2020 Non-Fiction Book of the Month In this important new resource, author Cerrie Burnell has put together a fascinating collection of inspiring stories. As she says in her introduction when she was growing up as a child born with just one hand “there just weren’t enough books with a disabled protagonist” and “Everyone deserves to see someone like them in a story and achieving something great” Her own achievements are themselves inspirational and she has long been a disability rights campaigner as well as much loved CBeebies presenter and children’s author and so the whole book is infused with authenticity and passion. A double page spread for each of the 34 role models and two special sections on mental health and “invisible disabilities” are all evocatively illustrated by comic artist and graphic designer, Lauren Baldo capturing the time and spirit of the featured individual and giving real context to the highly readable and fascinating life stories. Starting in 1770 with Beethoven and finishing in 2001 with the birth of black, transgender disabled model superstar Aaron Philip, the life stories are commendably international and wide ranging, challenging our preconceived ideas of what is possible. From the familiar Helen Keller and Stevie Wonder to the less well known like break dancer Redouan Ait Chit, mountaineer Arunima Sinha, lawyer Catalina Devandas to celebrities like Lady Gaga, whose disability was a complete surprise to me, these stories will open eyes and minds. A comprehensive glossary and helpful discussion of language choices around disability and representation throughout add even more usefulness to this essential and attractive resource.



Boy oh Boy

Author: Cliff Leek, Bene Rohlmann **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/04/2019

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 This book tells the positive and inspiring stories of men, across age, race, culture and experience, who have fought conventional stereotypes to prove that modern-day masculinity can be defined freely. A stylish, colourful and groovy delight.



Love Your Body

Author: Jessica Sanders **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 03/03/2020

March 2020 Book of the Month 'My body is strong. My body can do amazing things. My body is my own.' That's the message for young girls to take from this comforting, uplifting and much-needed self-help guide. Our bodies are unique and amazing, it says, all of them, and there's no one size, shape or colour that's perfect. The message is demonstrated via colour illustrations featuring a range of young women happy with the way they look and who they are. The accompanying text reinforces this and also provides self-help tips for those times when you're feeling down or insecure. There's a really useful 'Now What?' section too full of self-care practices, while the jacket doubles as a poster for your wall, a self-care list for everyday life. It's been carefully thought out from beginning to end, while illustrator Carol Rossetti's young women feel like a group of friends cheering you on. "When girls are worried about how their bodies look, 8 out of 10 of them will opt out of important life lessons such as engaging with friends and loved ones. This is a feminist issue." - Jessica Sanders You can find more books with a strong feminist message in our collection; Work It Girl - Inspiring and Informative Books on Feminism for All Ages



You Are Awesome

Author: Matthew Syed **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 19/04/2018

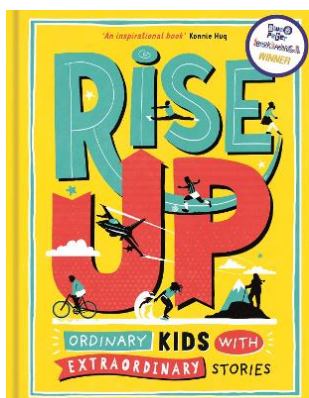
Table tennis champion Matthew Syed offers his very best advice on how all children can help themselves to become better at anything they put their hand to. Divided up into stories, visuals, charts and brief inspirational messages Matthew Syed is inspiring and uplifting as he address his readers. He stresses the importance of creating a confident mindset and argues that, armed with self-belief, anyone can achieve amazing things both mentally and physically. A book to browse and revisit again and again for the useful ways it exhorts and coaxes all readers to make the best of themselves.



The Good Guys 50 Heroes Who Changed the World with Kindness

Author: Rob Kemp **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 20/09/2018

Full of well known names but avoiding macho stereotypes Instead it celebrates qualities of the individuals that make them worthy of respect, such as kindness and compassion. Well written, and very positive throughout.



Rise Up

Author: Amanda Li **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 19/09/2019

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 | Winner of the Blue Peter Book Awards 2020, Best Book with Facts Young people looking for inspiration will find it in the true stories told in this book. In punchy, direct text and eye-catching illustrations it introduces 29 young people who have each done something extraordinary and overcome the challenges facing them. Some of them are famous already, their names known across the world: Malala Yousafzai, Greta Thunberg. Other names are less well known but their stories are just as inspirational: Ayesha Farooq, Pakistan's first female fighter pilot; young Malawian inventor William Kamkwamba. Alongside their stories are tips for readers on how to get your voice heard or, accompanying stories of amazing physical feats, how to push yourself beyond what you think is possible. It's a book to show just how much can be achieved with courage and determination.

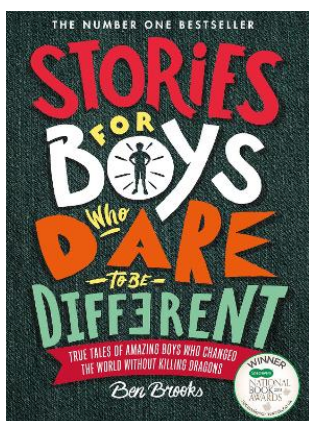


When Stars are Scattered

Author: Victoria Jamieson, Omar Mohamed **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/07/2020

Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2022 ages 7-10 Omar Mohammed spent his childhood at the enormous Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya after fleeing the war in Sudan with his younger brother, having seen their father killed and becoming separated from their mother. Eventually resettled to America, he was already working on his memoir for adults when he met the Newbery Honor winning author who persuaded him to turn his story into a graphic novel. This accessible format and the first-person narration create an intimate picture of a very real boy and what life in a refugee camp is really like. It importantly puts a face and a personality to the refugee crisis. We feel the hunger, the physical drudgery, the monotony and the frustrations, but also the sense of community, the love and support of friends and neighbours and the moments of joy and the passion for learning. Omar and his friends

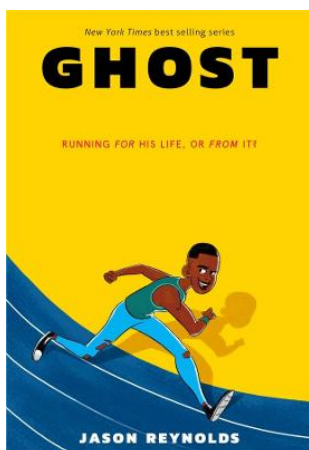
Jeri, Nima and Maryam all want to learn and aspire to escape to the West. The injustice of the lack of spaces for older children, of girls who are not allowed to study and of who gets selected for resettlement are unforgettably conveyed. The relationships between Omar and Hassan, his mute and damaged brother, and with Fatima who lost all her sons in Sudan but cares for them is beautifully and movingly portrayed. They never lose hope that they might find their mother and in the afterword we discover how that story turned out. Readers cannot help but develop empathy and compassion for people like Omar. This is an outstanding book that is truly engaging, educative and heart-breaking but ultimately a story of hope and doing the best you can. An essential purchase for schools.



Stories for Boys Who Dare to be Different

Author: Ben Brooks **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 03/04/2018

WINNER OF THE CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR AT THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARDS 2018 & THE SUNDAY TIMES NUMBER 1 BESTSELLER Inspiring and entirely non- stereotypical mini-biographies.

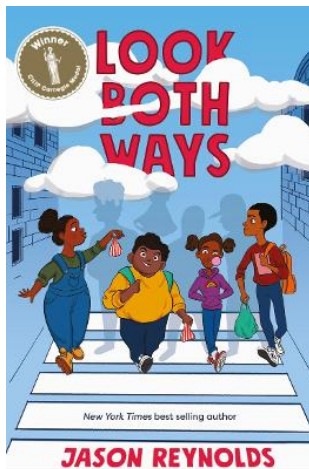


Ghost

Author: Jason Reynolds **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/02/2019

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 | Pitch perfect characterisation in a powerful story that shows how talent and support can turn a life around. This first book in the four part Run series is a world class middle grade story with all the witty tenderness of Louis Sachar and a whole lot of heart, humour and edge-of-your-seat action. Castle Cranshaw (better known as Ghost) discovered his talent for running the night he and his mom fled his violent dad. "Running isn't anything I ever had to practice. It's just something I knew how to do", he explains. Hassled at school for his Mom-made haircuts, and constantly trying to avoid "altercations" that wind up making his school file bulge, Ghost's life takes an upward turn when he spontaneously races a budding elite sprinter at a training session and wins. The coach, a former Olympic gold medalist, immediately invites him to join the team and they form a heart-melting bond fuelled by friendly sparring. Coach is exactly the mentor Ghost and his diverse bunch of talented teammates need. Ghost's voice is endearingly authentic, honest and funny - pitch-perfect for his age and the novel's readership. His "No! Don't do it!" decisions and ensuing scrapes are evoked with intensity and humour (just wait for the "silver bullet" incident). Truly I cannot wait

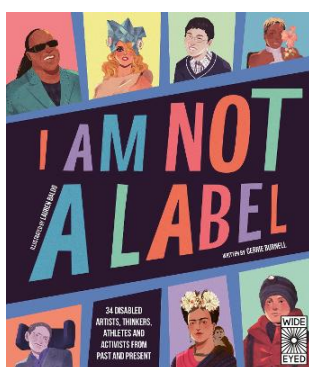
to spend more time in the company of Coach, Ghost and his teammates, each of whom will feature in future books in the series.



Look Both Ways

Author: Jason Reynolds **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/11/2019

Winner of CILIP Carnegie Medal 2021 | Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 Smart, incisive, brimming with the breath of human experience and written with engaging age-appropriate verve, this clever concept (“a tale told in ten blocks”) is perfectly executed. For the chorus of kids whose lives play out on these impeccably-written pages, the walk home from school represents a rare time of freedom; a period of limbo between being under the watchful eyes of teachers and parents. Unsupervised, the kids reveal their true selves, most of them dealing with hidden heartache and anxieties alongside goofing around, self-reflecting and navigating their way through Middle School. As always with Jason Reynolds, the characterisation is ingeniously vivid, with deep insights expressed through, for example, the different ways kids open their lockers. Many of the stories are intensely poignant, such as that of the Low Cuts crew whose bad behaviour is fuelled by a desperate love for their sick parents. The moment it turns out that Bit the hustler is a “son who was scared. A son who loved his mum” is shatteringly powerful. There’s much humour too, such as the laugh-out-loud scene in which smelly Gregory is slathered in VaporRub by friends seeking to beautify him before he visits a girl he’s keen on. Bittersweet, hard-hitting and powerfully perceptive, these pitch-perfect reader-centric stories shine a light on oft-overlooked lives and ring with empathy and authenticity.



I Am Not a Label

Author: Cerrie Burnell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/05/2021

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2022 Information Books 3-14 In this important new resource, author Cerrie Burnell has put together a fascinating collection of inspiring stories. As she says in her introduction when she was growing up as a child born with just one hand “there just weren’t enough books with a disabled protagonist” and “Everyone deserves to see someone like them in a story and achieving something great” Her own achievements are themselves inspirational and she has long been a disability rights campaigner as well as much loved CBeebies presenter and children’s author and so the whole book is infused with authenticity and passion. A double page spread for each of the 34 role models and two special sections on mental health and “invisible disabilities” are all evocatively illustrated by comic artist and graphic designer, Lauren Baldo capturing the time and spirit of the featured individual and giving real context to the highly readable and fascinating life stories. Starting in 1770 with

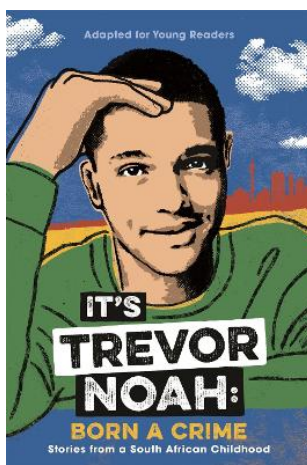
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The Invisible Boy

Author: Alyssa Hollingsworth **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 17/09/2020

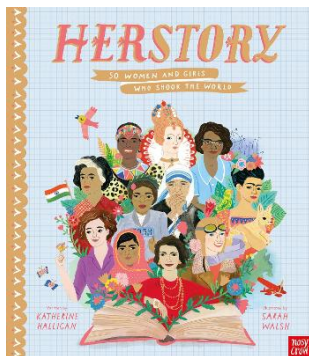
A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month September 2020 Cleverly blending an upbeat story of a girl who loves Superman comics and is determined to be a super sleuth in the style of Lois Lane and a contemporary story of a child being trafficked and held in slavery, *The Invisible Boy* is a fast-paced read with a strong message. When Nadia's dog is rescued by a boy she has never seen in the neighbourhood before, she immediately labels him 'The Invisible Boy' and is determined to find out who he is. Influenced by the comics she reads Nadia is used to making up dramas, often jumping to the wrong conclusions! How Nadia pieces together the real story of her new friend is a well-crafted drama. Nadia's shock and horror is powerfully conveyed.



It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime

Author: Trevor Noah **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/04/2019

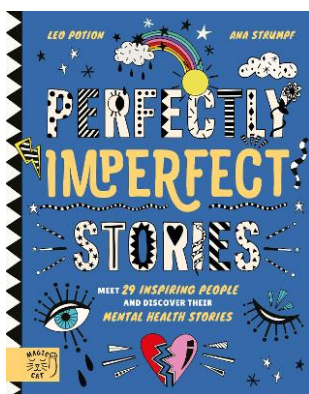
An unforgettable, inspiring and powerful memoir of surviving apartheid that is fast paced, accessible and funny too!



HerStory: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook the World

Author: Katherine Halligan **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/03/2018

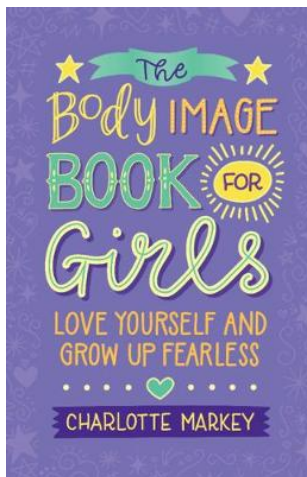
Impressive, beautiful book which actually provides lots of information about genuine game changers.



Perfectly Imperfect Stories

Author: Leo Potion **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 14/05/2020

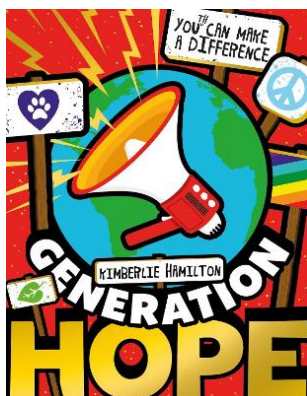
Meet 29 inspiring people and discover their mental health stories The book is a bright and, at first glance, light-hearted look at mental health issues and some of the famous people who live with them and overcome them in various ways. But, as Professor Peter Fonagy states in the introduction, the graphics are intended as a 'help to see the lighter side of ourselves'. Twenty-nine differing famous people – from current singers and songwriters to famous historical figures are all examined - with a double page spread each - giving a brief outline of their issue and how they, as individuals, found ways to deal with it. Each spread has a number of related quotations from the individual picked out and emphasized – helping readers pinpoint the issues being discussed. The problems cover a huge range of problems - PTSD, Anxiety, OCD, Panic Attacks, Sexuality issues - to name a very few. Many have some form of depression as a symptom or result – but as something like 350 million people suffer with depression worldwide it is not as surprising as you might think. The fact that all the illness details are taken from publicly available sources just shows how much better we are becoming at talking about mental health issues generally. There are some straightforward messages that come from all the cases – that talking helps, that taking time for oneself is vital and that coping skills will be different for different people. The main message I took from the book is that it is important to be honest about your condition and that it's OK not to be OK! This last phrase is actually the heading for the list of useful and important organisations – vital in a book of this sort as young people may well browse the title, recognise their own feelings and want to get some help. An ideal book to have in classrooms and libraries, very accessible and browsable.



The Body Image Book for Girls

Author: Charlotte Markey **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 30/09/2020

Love Yourself and Grow Up Fearless The Body Image Book for Girls, published by Cambridge University Press, is certainly worth a place in any school library. Authored by a Professor in Psychology, whose research specialises in body image issues, the reader can have every confidence that the contents are backed up by authoritative evidence, but this is no dry academic tome. As she states in her introduction, Dr Markey is a mother of teenagers, a boy and a girl, and she really cares about girls having the information they need to make the right decisions and to develop healthy habits. When young girls are bombarded with images of airbrushed celebrities and social media pressures it is no wonder that most girls are dissatisfied with some aspect of their bodies and this can lead to anxiety, depression and worse. With an estimated 1.25 million people in the UK having an eating disorder there can be no doubt that there is a real need for a book like this to counter the misinformation out there. The ten chapters cover very clearly and concisely an enormous amount of information ranging from puberty and body changes to self-care, mental health, basic nutritional science, healthy eating habits and making food fun, physical activity and loving our bodies for what they do (not how they look) and how to handle social media and challenging fat shaming language. Each chapter has My Story sections with real life experiences, myth busting boxes, Q&A and a valuable concluding summary of the key points. Combined with an excellent glossary and helpful illustrations the reader can quickly find the information that they need at any given time. But the unpatronizing and non-didactic tone also makes this an enjoyable and engaging read likely to be read from cover to cover. Highly recommended for age nine upwards to the many adults who would benefit from its wisdom too! For more books with a strong, feminist theme, visit our Girl Power feature.

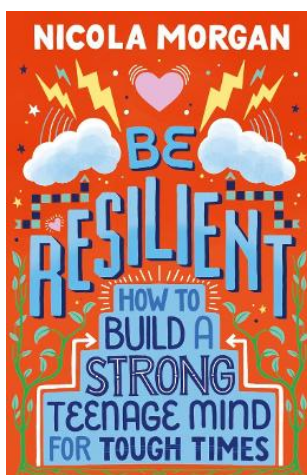


Generation Hope: You(th) Can Make a Difference!

Author: Kimberlie Hamilton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/04/2020

Dynamic and visually appealing, this book inspires young people to think, not only about the planet and the impact that humanity is having upon it, but also about the ways in which we treat each other. Covering a wide range of the sort of issues that young people are likely to be most concerned about, such as climate change, pollution, animal welfare, gender equality, social justice, homelessness and hunger. Each graphically striking double spread introduces a topic and the issues of concern in a lively and accessible way. Then it introduces the young activists that are making a difference around the world. Greta Thunberg is obviously there in several sections, but over 80 young change-makers from all around the globe are featured. Then there are the pages which

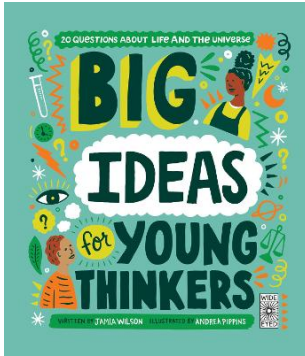
suggest ways in which the reader can get involved right now. How they can change their own behaviour and how they can impact upon their home and school. It even has ideas for potential eco-businesses. At the end of the book there is a really comprehensive listing of where to find these featured activists as well as organisations, books, media and websites. There is also very welcome advice on maintaining your own safety and wellbeing – the “Don’t feed the trolls” page of advice for example. A comprehensive index and glossary of terms completes this no-nonsense, non-patronising call to arms. Full of useful information and fascinating life stories this will undoubtedly be regularly picked up by the young readers it is aimed at.



Be Resilient: How to Build a Strong Teenage Mind for Tough Times

Author: Nicola Morgan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2021

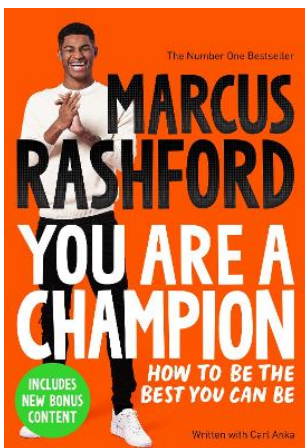
This is a book that was inspired by the issues teens were facing as a result of the lockdowns and lack of contact with peers and school. Nicola Morgan, known for her no-nonsense very approachable way with incredibly difficult and important subjects for teenagers set herself the task of writing this very readable guide to growing their own resilience. The pandemic was not a situation any one person could control – but this book sets out lots of strategies for dealing with whatever the world throws at you – be it pandemic, personal crisis, or just navigating that difficult time we call teenage! The book is arranged into five specific areas that will work in different combinations for individuals. Not every reader will need every section, but there is definitely something in here for everyone. Reading this book will give everyone a set of tools – whether to build your personal network, or in coping strategies or other areas with an approach that uses character studies, simple activities, as well as giving lots of space and time for reflection on what has been read. Knowing Nicola is an expert on the teenage brain and mental health you know the subject is well researched and based on the latest scientific research. The topic I had not encountered before in any other book was the idea of ‘heartsong’ and knowing what your heartsong is. Heartsong is defined by Nicola as a feeling of joy, of satisfaction, of fulfilment, of happiness – different from well-being – a positive emotion just for the individual. It’s the ‘I’m glad I did that’ of life. I’m glad I read this – and I know just the right person who will value this, too. Meanwhile, every school with teenagers in it should have this book available in multiple copies for their students – so many will get benefit from it.



Big Ideas For Young Thinkers

Author: Jamia Wilson **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 03/03/2020

Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 This book was designed with bright, curious readers in mind and serves them really well. Author Jamia Wilson was just such a child, never happier than when asking questions about the hows and whys of the world (one of them being why most of the big thinkers in her schoolbooks were white European men). She sets out here to get young people thinking and debating too, posing big questions like 'is God real?' and 'what is the imagination?'. She outlines the beliefs of different thinkers to provide a history of thought – often including quotes and short biographies – but emphasises that everyone picking up the book is a philosopher with equally meaningful, important views. Bursting with ideas, this will start all sorts of conversations and discussions, and open up a world of debate.



You Are a Champion

Author: Marcus Rashford, Carl Anka **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/05/2021

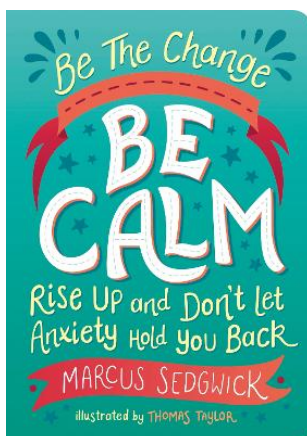
Winner of the British Book Awards 2022 Non-Fiction category Dedicated to every young person who is trying to find their way and his mum for helping him to believe that dreams can come true, this is a motivational book by the man of the moment, the inspirational Marcus Rashford, and co-writer Carl Anka. It's a positive and inspiring guide for life, packed full of stories from Marcus's own life and calling for the readers to be their OWN champion, and that if they believe in themselves, incredible things can happen. With engaging black and white illustrations and infographics, it's a great book to inspire any child to be the best they can be. Marcus Rashford MBE is Manchester United's iconic number 10 and an England international footballer. His lobbying of the UK government during the pandemic made Marcus a household name, outside of sports fans, as he successfully lobbied a u-turn of their policy around free school meals. Before he became a global star, Marcus was just a young boy, an average kid from Wythenshawe in South Manchester – with a dream. This book gives every child the tools they need to reach their full potential. With chapters covering everything from building your confidence to navigating adversity, finding your team, using your voice and stand up for other. And never stopping learning. With action points at the end of each chapter featuring brilliant advice and top tips from performance psychologist Katie Warriner, this is a practical guide for every child to believe that their dreams can come true.



Reaching the Stars

Author: Liz Brownlee, Jan Dean, Michaela Morgan **Format:** Paperback
Release Date: 09/03/2017

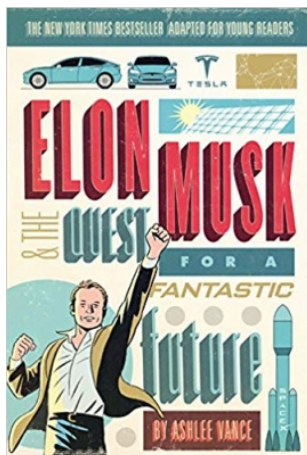
A collection with poetry as varied and extraordinary as the women it celebrates. New poems by three of our brightest and liveliest poets are gathered together in this anthology which celebrates women and girls, lots of them. The lives of the really famous – Malala, Frida Kahlo, Amy Johnson, Hillary Rodham Clinton – are discussed, the roles of women in fairy tales debated, and the achievements of women whose names we'll never learn acknowledged too. The poem styles are as varied as the book's subjects, and there are poems to make you laugh, to make you angry, to make you think. It's a sparkling collection, inspiring and empowering. Buy copies for all the young people in your life.



Be The Change - Be Calm

Author: Marcus Sedgwick **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 11/08/2022

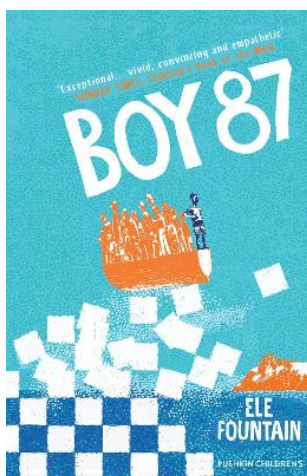
Multi-award-winning writer Marcus Sedgwick is esteemed for his thought-provoking novels, and he's here applied his talents to create a wise, supportive toolkit that will help readers cope with anxiety. The book's subtitle says it all - "Rise up and don't let anxiety hold you back". Beginning with a personal note from the author, in which he explains that worrying is a habit that can be broken - "I'm someone who used to worry a lot. I did it for much, much longer than you, so you might think the habit would have been too hard to break after all those decades of "practice" at it. But I did, and to do it, I used a lot of the ideas in this book" - he goes on to explain what anxiety is. Readers are invited to jot down their own worries in the book, and to observe the physical symptoms of anxiety. Sedgwick shares scores of techniques to help young readers alleviate these symptoms, before explaining why we feel anxious. Exploring how storytelling and magical thinking can alleviate anxiety, the writing is lively, witty and relatable, making this book a practical, informative, fascinating friend. See also Be the Change - Be Kind in the same series.



Elon Musk and the Quest for a Fantastic Future

Author: Ashlee Vance **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 24/01/2017

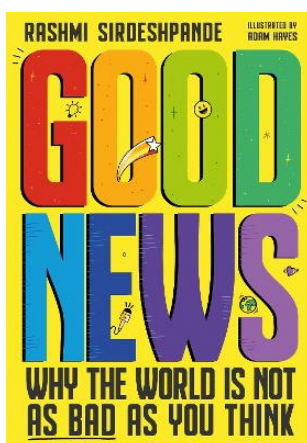
A must read for aspiring entrepreneurs and technocrats who want to save the world (and a refreshing change from pop biographies).



Boy 87

Author: Ele Fountain **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 28/03/2018

UKLA Longlist Book Awards - 2019 Moving, gripping and important novel about a journey to survival for a resilient, inspirational young boy driven from his home.



Good News

Author: Rashmi Sirdeshpande **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 24/06/2021

Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Awards 2022 Best Books with Facts From the same stable as the very excellent Dosh: How to Earn It, Save It, Spend It, Grow It we have a clear, accessible, fact packed analysis of the crises facing the world, charting the progress that has been made and the grounds for hope. I think everyone has recognised that this generation of young people may feel completely overwhelmed by what they have experienced and be suffering serious mental health issues as a result. This book aims to help re-set their view of the world. The fascinating introduction explains psychologically the human fascination for bad news and how media focuses on the memorable story, which is inevitably horrific. There is an excellent summation of what fake news is and the difference between disinformation and misinformation and then some brilliant tips on how to fact check and spot fake news. But this is by no means a recipe for complacency since every section: Humans, Politics, Planet, Health, Society and Arts, begins

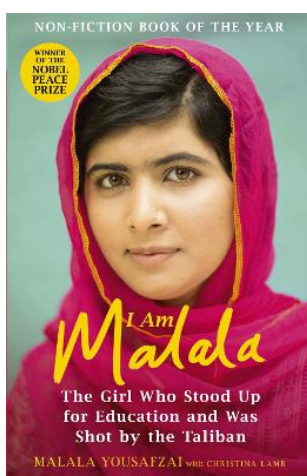
by outlining the problems, before the mix of quotes, anecdotes and fact boxes and case studies shows exactly what has been achieved already and what is in progress. This includes many projects that I certainly had never heard of, such as the Great Green Wall of Trees being built across the whole of Africa. Every section also includes Challenges - empowering ways in which an individual can contribute to solving and not being the problem. It is highly admirable that this book goes beyond the obvious environmental issues to include politics and society and it is salutary to remind ourselves of the progress made on human rights, education and equality. Also admirable and entirely fitting with the concept is a list of information sources and the origins of all the quotes used. An invaluable and much needed resource from an author with a real facility for straight talking and not talking down to young people. The LoveReading LitFest invited Rashmi to the festival to talk about Good News with 13 year old Jack - find out why every child should read this book! The digitally native, all year round, online literature and books festival, with new content released every week is a free-for-all-users festival. What are you waiting for? Check out a preview of the event and sign up to become a member.



Super Scientists

Author: Anne Blanchard **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 04/02/2019

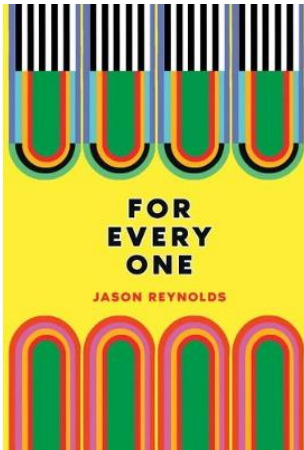
40 Icons is great series introducing role models across different themes with attractively illustrated very readable vignettes.



I Am Malala The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban

Author: Malala Yousafzai, Christina Lamb **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 09/10/2014

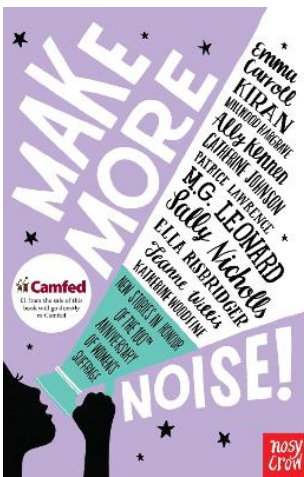
Adapted for younger readers the astonishing and inspiring story of the youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.



For Every One

Author: Jason Reynolds, Yinka Ilori **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/10/2018

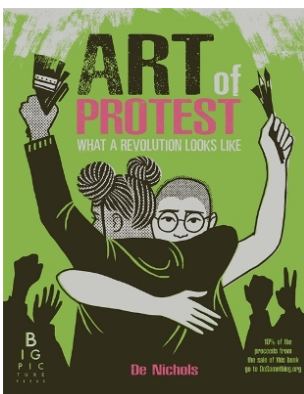
Short, accessible, wonderfully empowering poems to remind you to keep fighting for your dreams



Make More Noise! New stories in honour of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage

Author: Emma Carroll, Kiran Millwood Hargrave, Catherine Johnson, Ally Kennen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/02/2018

Some of the best female writers have produced fabulously entertaining short stories to inspire and motivate the next generation of female activists.

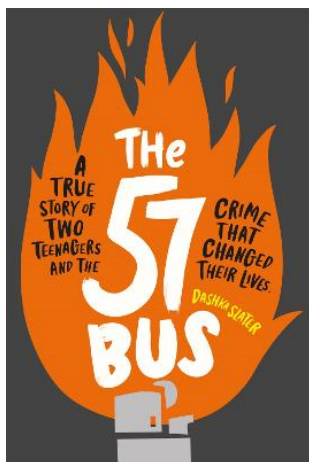


Art of Protest

Author: De Nichols **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 18/11/2021

Exhilaratingly informative, compellingly personal, and outright inspirational (thanks to its practical “try this” activities and “over to you” calls to action), De Nichols’ Art of Protest is a must-read compendium for a new generation of change-makers. Exploring the history and transformative impact of protest art through the compelling lens of the author’s own activism experiences, this book about making a difference sure does things differently itself. Clearly framed in the context of why art matters to social movements, readers are presented with an overview of the history of protest art (from the anti-WWI activism of early-twentieth-century Dadaists, through the women’s suffrage movement, to current BLM actions), before embarking on a dazzling visual journey through key facets of design. We learn about symbolism, typography, the power and meanings of colours, and the role of tech, including memes, social media filters, and videos. With a feature on young contemporary climate activists, and tonnes of easy-to-follow suggestions for how to make your own change in the world, the

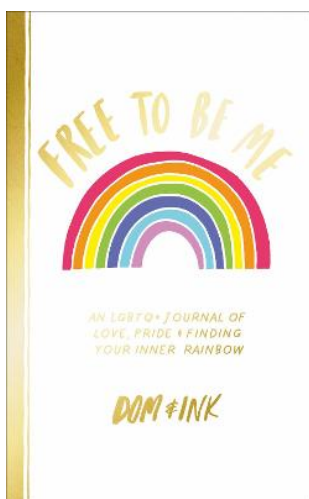
book's aims are perfectly précised by its final page: "Start making. Start creating the change that's needed for a better world".



The 57 Bus

Author: Dashka Slater **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 28/05/2018

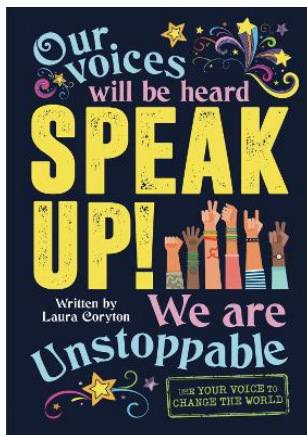
Winner of the Stonewall Young Adult Literature Award A book that touches on many topics of interest today - and how one moment's action can result in a society struggling to deal with the aftermath - a gripping read.



Free To Be Me

Author: Dom&Ink **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 30/05/2019

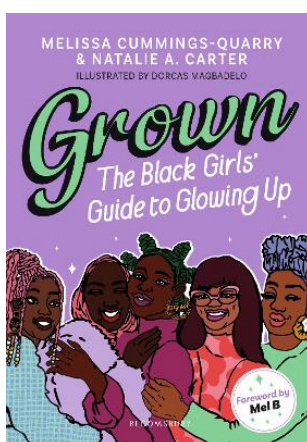
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 Free to Be Me is a LGBTQ+ journal that joyfully celebrates the power of being yourself and loving who you are. It is written and illustrated by Dom & Ink, whose passion, voice and experience make this such a welcome addition to the genre of journaling.



Speak Up!

Author: Laura Coryton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/03/2019

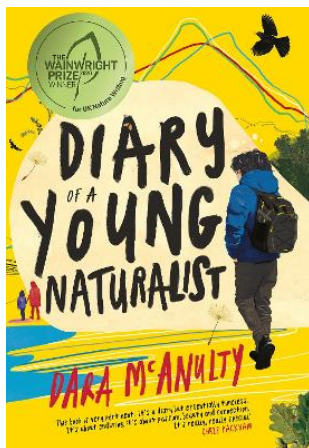
A step-by step practical toolkit for campaigning that is fun and accessible as well as empowering. The author is very upfront about what it takes to speak out and how to deal with your views being challenged.



Grown: The Black Girls' Guide to Glowing Up

Author: Melissa Cummings-Quarry & Natalie A Carter **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 30/09/2021

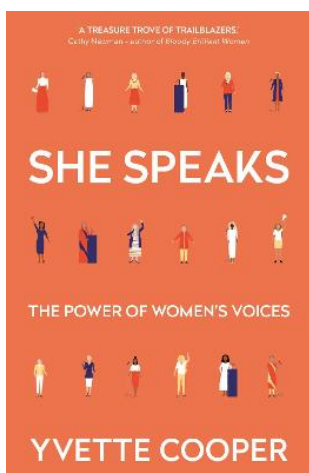
The authors of this excellent book have been friends since school and the book grew out of their own experiences of life as teenagers, the things they wish they'd known or been told. They write as if they are addressing younger sisters, recognising the extra challenges their readers will face growing up as Black girls, and that makes this an extraordinarily direct, authentic and empowering guide. There are chapters on subjects such as identity, friendship and understanding your body, as well as on hair, make-up and feeling your best, plus an excellent section on managing your finances. Quotes, anecdotes and advice from other influential Black women is included too, making the book even more effective and inspiring, and establishing a wider sense of community. "My wish is that this book can be the safe space you turn to when you need inspiration or comfort" says Natalie A. Carter in her introduction and the book is all that, and more.



Diary of a Young Naturalist

Author: Dara McAnulty **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 21/05/2020

October 2020 Debut of the Month | Winner of the Wainwright Prize for UK Nature Writing 2020 Diary of a Young Naturalist recounts a year in the life of an autistic and highly gifted 15 year old, struggling with school, bullies, moving house and fearing the decline of the natural world whilst rejoicing in it. Dara McAnulty is clearly an extraordinary person and a beautiful and mature writer. His descriptions of his adventures in nature are inspiring for children, but also sure to brighten the souls of many an adult too. The intensity with which nature presents itself to the author is overwhelming, and his ability to share this with the reader is enthralling. It's a rollercoaster ride being in the head of this young man, but the book has the magic to open our eyes and ears to what beauty is around us each and every day - if only we looked! McAnulty's knowledge of wildlife and nature is simply extraordinary. His autism is a burden but also a super-power, providing him with piercing insight to a world that simply cannot be ignored with all its truth, tragedy and hope pouring out of every hedgerow, pond and dry stone wall. This is a diary which highlights our essential connection with the natural world, the landscape and our history embedded within it - but more importantly, it is also about our futures. Dara McAnulty is on a mission, and if the quality of this book is anything to go by, he will have a huge impact. For many children, this book will be the beginning of a wondrous journey. ~ Greg Hackett Greg Hackett is the Founder & Director of the London Mountain Film Festival



She Speaks

Author: Yvette Cooper **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 14/11/2019

The Power of Women's Voices International in scope and sweeping in history, Yvette Cooper's She Speaks compendium gives voice to a dazzlingly diversity of powerful speeches selected on the basis of them being delivered by "women who believe in using words to build a better world, and persuading others to join them as they do so." The introduction is both inspirational and edifying, with Cooper surveying the hostile landscape women have traversed - and still traverse - while making their voices heard, integrated with personal insights from her career as a Labour MP, Cabinet Minister and Secretary of State. Throughout it's a joy to savour the words and wisdom of dozens of seminal female figures, from Boudica's stirring two thousand year-old polemic against violations of women, to Diane Abbott's powerful 2019 House of Commons speech on the brutally unjust Windrush scandal. Other British women with political pedigree include the fabulously fierce Barbara Castle (her speech here is an exquisite example of sharp, scathing, socialist-minded oratory), Jo Cox, with her poignant maiden speech as an MP, Yvette Cooper herself, and former Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. While it might seem out of place for Cooper to re-amplify the Iron Lady's inflammatory

“ideological assault on the public sector” by including her “the lady’s not for turning” speech, she frames the decision by referring to Thatcher’s mould-breaking persona and indestructible self-belief. Thatcher’s inclusion is also testament to the gracious spirit that runs through the anthology. Indeed, Theresa May’s speech on modernising the Conservative party is also included. Beyond Britain we hear from Audre Lorde, Benazir Bhutto and Michelle Obama; from razor-witted US Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Nigerian novelist and feminist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, and young education campaigner Malala Yousafzai. I was especially stirred by the 1851 speech of Sojourner Truth, a former slave turned activist whose work saw her campaign against slavery and champion women’s rights, and whose words sang for the oppressed. The last words are given to Greta Thunberg because “no one speaks about the future with more clarity or urgency than Greta Thunberg”. “She Speaks, I must listen”, Cooper writes in her introduction and this finely-curated anthology will certainly inspire readers of all ages to pay close attention to the women’s words it shares.



A Change Is Gonna Come

Author: Various **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 10/08/2017

WINNER OF THE YA BOOK PRIZE SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2018 Not only exciting, consistently good short stories on the theme of change but authored by established and debut BAME authors, allowing every young adult to see themselves as writers.

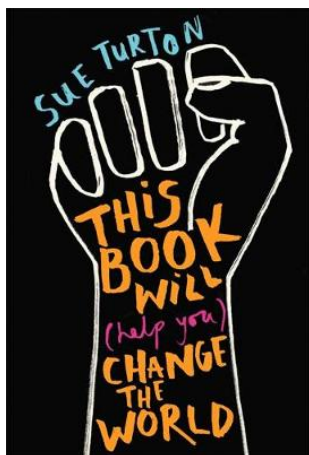


The Poet X

Author: Elizabeth Acevedo **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/05/2018

Winner for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2019 | Highly Commended in the UKLA Book Awards 2019 | Winner of the 2018 National Book Award Xiomara Batista is a Harlem teenager whose parents moved to the US from the Dominican Republic. She has plenty of thoughts, plenty to say, but she’s been rendered voiceless by her domineering mother, by religion, and by the boys and men who objectify her body. She gets “all this attention from guys/but it’s like a sancocho of emotions... partly flattered they think I’m attractive, partly scared they’re only interested in my ass and boobs”. Such is the experience of many young women, but for Xiomara this is exacerbated by racism and her judgmental religious community, and powerfully

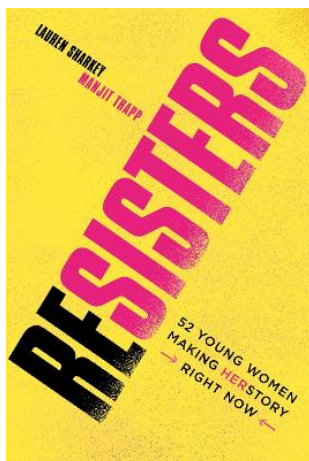
expressed in her inimitable narrative voice. Talking of which, through the sexual insults, and despite her mother's meting of cruel punishments, Xiomara does find her voice. She keeps a secret notebook of poems, and dreams of joining a slam poetry club. And she finds love too, with Trinidad-born Aman, a compassionate young man with family heartache of his own. Xiomara's descriptions of their burgeoning relationship are stunning, evoking first love and passion in all its visceral beauty. Somehow, Xiomara pulls herself free from a mire of obstacles. She stands tall, she burns bright - a wondrously authentic character who finds her own faith through writing poetry. Highly recommended for fans of Nicola Yoon, Angie Thomas and Sarah Crossan, this is a dazzlingly affecting feat.



This Book Will (Help You) Change the World

Author: Sue Turton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 21/09/2017

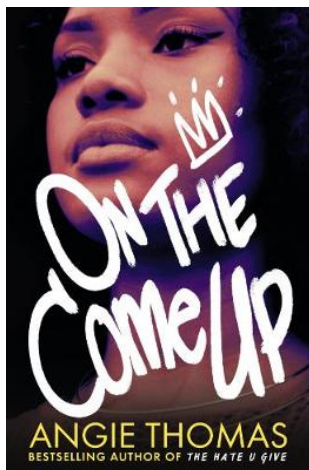
A fantastic witty and wise resource for politically-minded teens who want to improve the world for themselves and others.



Resisters 52 Young Women Making Herstory Right Now

Author: Lauren Sharkey **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 21/02/2019

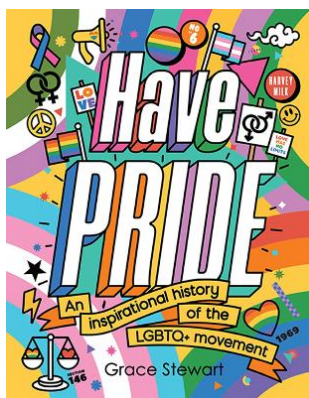
Featuring the stories and achievements of 52 women and girls across the world currently fighting to improve the lives of others.



On the Come Up

Author: Angie Thomas **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/02/2019

Winner of the Books for Older Readers category of the Children's Book Award 2020 | Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2020 | February 2019 Book of the Month | Under-your-skin powerful novel about a talented young black woman who refuses to be silenced. Bri is a smart hip-hop writer from rough, tough Garden Heights, the same housing project that provided the setting for Thomas's remarkable debut, *The Hate U Give*. Her underground rap legend dad was murdered twelve years ago, leading to her (now clean) mom seeking solace in drugs. Bri's dad's legacy means she has a hell of a lot of baggage when she performs at a big open mic event. While she chokes the first round after being goaded by her opponent in a scene that will have you desperately urging her on, Bri's powerful lyrics and performance mark her out as something special. But as her hip-hop reputation is on the rise, so other aspects of her life take a downturn. There's serious money trouble at home, and at school she's unjustly suspended, the latter of which leads to her writing the track that further rockets her reputation, "On the Come Up". But this brings further struggle. There's the racism of black women being labeled "aggressive" for merely expressing their views. There's a painful falling out with "tight since womb days" friend Malik. And there's a cruel conflict between self-preservation (shutting up and putting up to avoid being wrongly locked up, or worse) in a racist society, and the heightened need to speak out precisely because of this situation. Impeccably plotted, with a multiple storylines woven to a pulse-pounding conclusion, this is an astoundingly affecting novel that shines a light on the struggles of young black women, and celebrates freedom of speech and making noise about who you are, as seen through unforgettable Bri, a 100% authentic character whom readers will root for, cry for, yell out loud for, and grin for joy with.

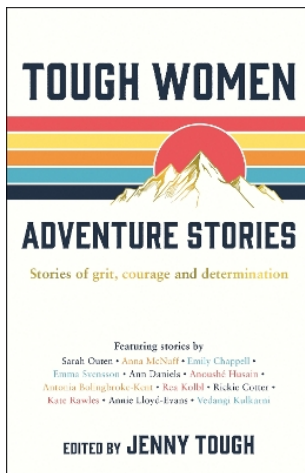


Have Pride

Author: Stella Caldwell **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 09/07/2020

An inspirational history of the LGBTQ+ movement With activist and founder of LGBT History Month and Schools OUT UK, Susan Sanders, as consultant, you can be confident that the information in this essential resource is reliable as well as being engaging and highly readable. The foreword by celebrity actor Layton Williams and the Why I Have Pride vignettes interspersed throughout the book, featuring young people from across the whole spectrum of the LGBTQ+ community, will ensure a high level of interest from young people and provide empowering messages for them to read. Starting from the evidence of acceptance in ancient history through the growth of persecution as Christianity flourishes in Europe, the brutality of the Inquisition, the recurrence of the death penalty for homosexuality around the world and the disaster of the Aids epidemic, this book does not hide the darker side of the

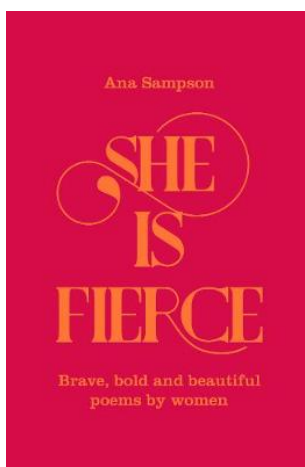
history of the LGBTQ+ movement, but the emphasis is very much on the brave people who took on the fight against discrimination, prejudice and injustice. So, although agonising setbacks occurred, the overall progress has been upwards and the overall impact of the book is to inspire and celebrate. Helped, no doubt, by the rainbow coloured cover and vibrant illustrations. The timeline of milestones, comprehensive index and glossary and guide to sources of further information add value as a reference tool, but this is very much a book that will be read with pleasure and I hope with pride!



Tough Women

Author: Jenny Tough **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 13/08/2020

As Tough Women's subtitle declares, these are "stories of grit, courage and determination". True tales from twenty-two tough women who undertake awe-inspiring adventures across the globe, from canoeing the Canadian wilderness, to hiking Pakistan, to cycling South America. Its editor is the intrepid Jenny Tough, a Canadian mountaineering expert who notes in her introduction that "the outdoor industry is actually fully of women, but when it comes to the highest level of media...the demographic dwindles to one". Fortunately, this sexist state of affairs could be on the verge of changing - through giving voice to the "badass outdoorswomen" who here tell their extraordinary stories, this book might just change that narrow narrative and inspire new generations of female adventurers. Each account enthrals like the best kind of travel writing. There are dazzling evocations of, for example, rugged Himalayan mountain-scapes, lush South American jungles, and howling Norwegian glacial valleys. Many of the women's stories reveal monumental physical and emotional challenges - challenges tackled and overcome with super-human strength and resilience - and all of them underpinned by a joyously life-affirming spirit of curiosity. For more books with a strong, feminist theme, visit our Girl Power feature.



She is Fierce Brave, Bold and Beautiful Poems by Women

Author: Ana Sampson **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 06/09/2018

Encompassing works from ancient sages, classic poets, well-known thinkers and emerging contemporary innovators from all walks of life, this involving, inclusive collection inspires, entertains, enthrals and emboldens. Alongside enjoying the work of widely-esteemed names (including Sappho, George Eliot, Sylvia Plath, Carol Ann Duffy, Jackie Kay, Christina Rossetti, Maya Angelou, Emily Dickinson and Margaret Atwood), it was a pleasure to discover contemporary poets whose work I shall seek out, among them Ruth Awola and Remi Graves, and lesser-known names from the past, for example Edith Södergran and Astrid Hjertenaes Andersen. If the diversity of voices is rich, so too are the

themes, with growing up, friendship, love, nature, body image and protest covered in staggering depth and diversity. This varied chorus of bold, incisive voices makes for a collection to be savoured and shared.
