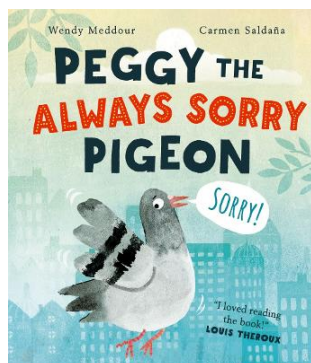


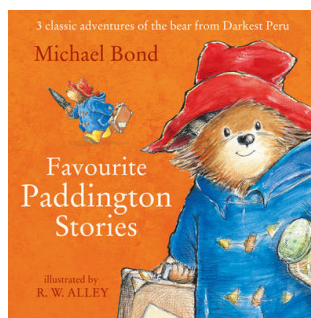
Our selection of books to read aloud to Key Stage 1 children, with lively storylines and great illustrations to draw young listeners in.



Peggy the Always Sorry Pigeon

Author: Wendy Meddour **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/07/2022

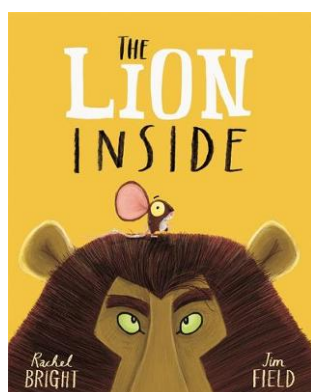
Peggy is a pigeon who always apologises – whether she has done something wrong or not! She lands in various places and then apologises when another character comes along and moves her along. She meets a feisty seagull who encourages her to stand up for herself by just being a bit louder – and saying the first thing that comes into her head! This has delightfully funny consequences as Peggy comes out with some very silly phrases – which are always repeated, giving great opportunities for children to join in. A gentle, humorous look at being a bit more assertive. Beautifully illustrated by Saldaña in a mix of water colour and pencil – but it is the textures that she introduces into the pictures which add an extra interest and depth to all the spreads.



Paddington - Favourite Paddington Stories

Author: Michael Bond **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 28/08/2014

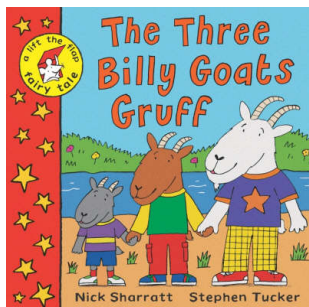
This special edition brings together three favourite classic adventures - Paddington in the Garden, Paddington at the Carnival and Paddington and the Grand Tour. Whether he is gardening, walking along the canal, or seeing the sights of London - as always - there is never a dull moment when Paddington is around!



The Lion Inside

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

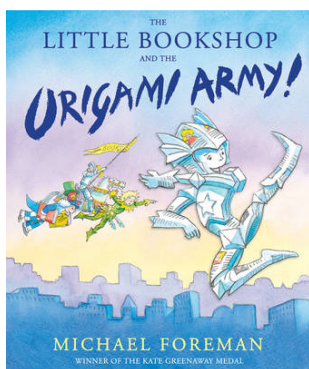
Shortlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award Fans of *The Gruffalo* and *Giraffes Can't Dance* will love this feelgood rhyming story portraying a positive message about overcoming your fears.



The Three Billy Goats Gruff (Lift-the-flap book & CD)

Author: Stephen Tucker **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2005

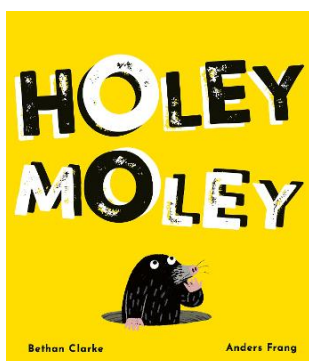
With flaps and pop-up surprises on every spread, this sturdy book is ideal for young children. It is now in a new enlarged format including a free audio CD with two tracks. Listen to the story alone, or follow along with the book by turning the pages when you hear the chime. A traditional fairy tale, retold in witty contemporary verse. With hilarious illustrations and flaps to lift on every page, this book will entertain and amuse readers of all ages.



The Little Bookshop and the Origami Army

Author: Michael Foreman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 22/06/2017

Award-winning author/illustrator Michael Foreman brilliantly releases everyone's favourite characters from a story and turns them into a powerful new army which can stop the building of a new superstore and so save a very special bookshop. Led by Origami Girl, Puss in Boots, Alice and the White Rabbit, the Tin Man and Toad of Toad Hall storm the Houses of Parliament to persuade them to stop plans. When that doesn't work, Origami Girl calls up reinforcements and soon Robin Hood, Long John Silver, Elmer the Patchwork Elephant and the Little Princess are squaring up to the bulldozers and diggers on the building site. Can the Origami army win? Michael Foreman celebrates the power of favourite characters to win over hearts and minds! ~ Julia Eccleshare

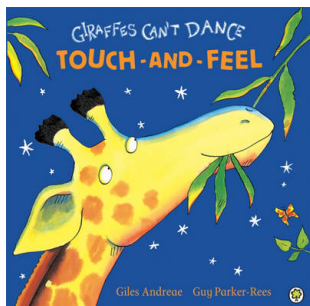


Holey Moley

Author: Bethan Clarke **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 11/05/2023

Gus the goat is excited to meet his new neighbour, Mavis Mole, and immediately launches into a guessing rhyming game that quickly irritates his new friend, but which will have little children giggling gleefully. Mavis must live in a hole, he suggests - a mole in a holey! Mavis tries to correct him, but he jumps in - again and again - with more rhymes. Does Mavis live in a bowl? On a pole (poley moley)? Or in a sausage roll? Mavis gets more exasperated as the guesses get more ridiculous, and finally reveals she lives in a - ah, you'll have to read the book to find out! Readers of all ages will laugh at Gus's rhymes but the littlest ones will love it best. They'll also love joining in, trying to guess what the next rhyme will be, and adding their own suggestions. It's a great way to encourage a delight in language, and a book that will stand repeated readings (watch out for all the other little animals in the

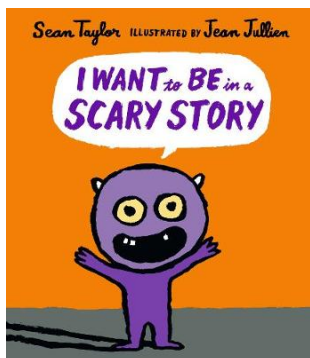
background and enjoy their reactions to Gus!).



Giraffes Can't Dance

Author: Giles Andreae **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 02/10/2014

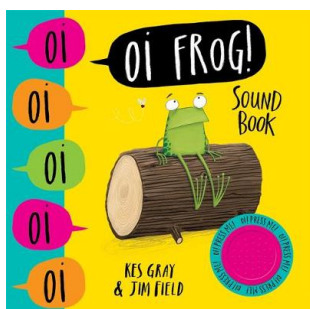
A little encouragement was all that was needed to make Gerald the Giraffe realise that he could, after all, dance as well as any other animal in the kingdom. So, for any child that suffers from a lack of confidence this is the perfect book to give them that confidence to do something they didn't think they could do. Stunning illustrations as ever from Guy Parker-Rees coupled with Giles Andreae's sublime rhyming poem that will delight every child and parent alike. A triumph of a book and made even more spectacular in this new irresistible touch-and-feel format.



I Want to Be in a Scary Story

Author: Sean Taylor **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/09/2017

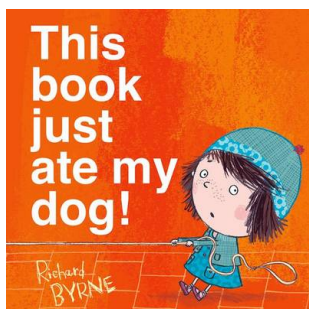
The stellar duo behind Hoot Owl: Master of Disguise reunites to create a book that will have children (and their parents!) roaring with laughter once again. From the team behind the acclaimed Hoot Owl, Master of Disguise comes a very scary read-aloud story ... or is it?



Oi Frog! Sound Book

Author: Kes Gray **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 05/04/2018

A hilarious sound book edition of the bestselling Oi Frog! A sound book of the bestselling Oi Frog! with brilliant rhyming read-aloud text, jam-packed with animals and silliness, from the award-winning Kes Gray and Jim Field. Oi! Who sits where? Find out in this fun and noisy book! The laughter never ends with Oi Frog and friends . . . Perfect for children and parents alike with an irresistible sound bite - 'Oi!' shouted by David Mitchell.

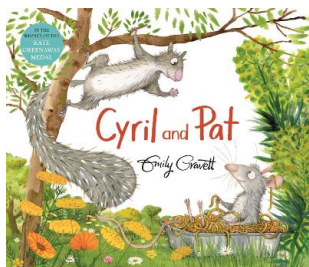


This Book Just Ate My Dog

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

Shortlisted for the UKLA 2016 Book Award in the 3 - 6 year old category. Shortlisted for Children's Book Award 2016, Books for Younger Children category - Shortlisted for Oscar's First Book Prize 2015 A little girl, a big dog, and a very badly-behaved book!

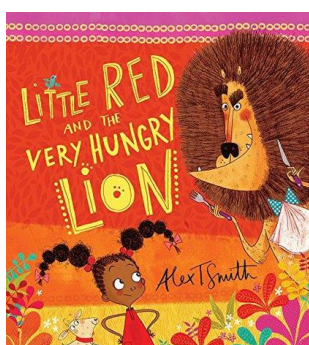
Bella is taking her dog for a stroll across the page when something odd happens. Her dog disappears and it becomes apparent to Bella, her friend Ben, and the rescue services that peril lurks in the pages of this book. But where the police and fire brigade fail, you - the reader - can help!



Cyril and Pat

Author: Emily Gravett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 30/05/2019

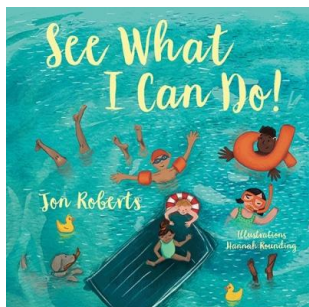
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 | A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month June 2019 Award-winning author/illustrator Emily Gravett explores the fun of being friends but different in this light-hearted and playful picture book. Sad Cyril the squirrel is all alone in the park until he finds a mouse named Pat. Together Cyril and Pat have a great time playing all kinds of games and making sure each other is safe - especially from the fierce dog Slim. Does it matter that they are different? Everyone else thinks so but Cyril and Pat know that they can be the best of friends come what may. Readers will love knowing the joke, and the point, before Cyril and Pat get it!



Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion

Author: Alex T. Smith **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/05/2015

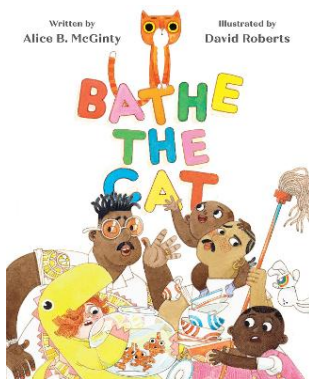
Winner of the UKLA 2016 Book Award in the 3 - 6 year old category. Little Red Riding Hood transposed to an African town setting where a lion is really no match for a clever small girl. The inventive layout of the text and its relationship to the witty, beautifully coloured illustrations really enhance the child friendly storytelling. The empowering portrayal of different cultures and a heroine who is not a naive victim ensure that this will become a classic for the classroom and the nursery. A wonderfully engaging classic fairy tale with a twist by the bestselling Alex T. Smith.



See What I Can Do!

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

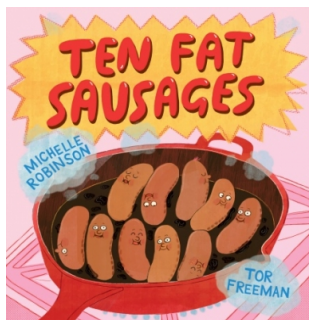
This is the third book from this author and illustrator partnership, after the acclaimed *Through the Eyes of Me* and *Through the Eyes of Us*, which focused specifically upon the world of the autistic child and were inspired by Jon's daughter. Here the scope has been broadened to look at all sorts of 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.



Bathe the Cat

Author: Alice B. McGinty **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 11/11/2021

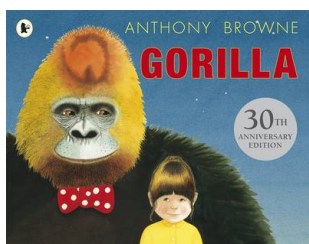
December 2021 Book of the Month Grandma is coming to visit so it's all hands on deck! Dad posts instructions on the fridge, spelled out in those lovely bright magnetic letters: Bobby has to mop the floor, Dad is to scrub the dishes (this is a two dad family), Sarah needs to feed the fishes, and 'I'll bathe the cat'. It's at this point, that the cat takes over - anything to avoid a bath - and, with a swish of its paw, rearranges the letters. As the family follow increasingly silly instructions, with very funny results, the chaotic scenes are illustrated by David Roberts in the brightest, most stylish oranges and pinks. Fortunately, by the time Grandma rings the bell, everything is somehow clean and tidy. For all the silliness, this is a joyful depiction of family life and will be an absolute delight to share with little children.



Ten Fat Sausages

Author: Michelle Robinson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/02/2019

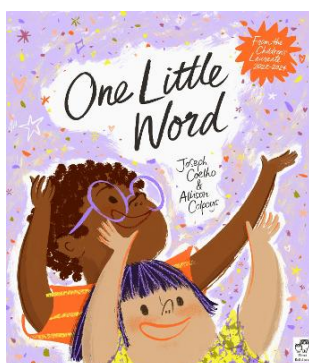
A tale of sausages and their fight for freedom, this rollicking picture book will have everyone laughing. We begin with ten sausages, of course, but as their friends go pop and bang, some of them decide to hop out of the pan, with varying degrees of success. Poor sausage number two ends up down the drain, while there's an even worse fate for sausage number four - the liquidizer. Sausage number eight is eaten by the cat but the silliest sausages of all are numbers nine and ten, who hide themselves in the hot dog roll! Michelle Robinson's energetic storytelling creates something funny or surprising on every page, and it's great fun to read aloud. Tor Freeman gives each sausage its own personality, no mean feat, and makes us sympathise with them even while we're laughing.



Gorilla

Author: Anthony Browne **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/10/2002

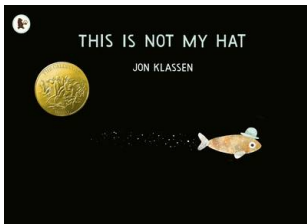
Greenaway winner in 1983. Wonderfully inventive story and almost tear-jerking at times but with a happy ending. The illustrations are both detailed and colourful and children will delight in them. I'm sure for some parents it really touches a nerve as one or other is often guilty of not spending enough time with a child. (3-7) To find out more about this book [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Carnegie Greenaway site



One Little Word

Author: Joseph Coelho **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 03/08/2023

One day a big, scary, hairy monster appears in playground, splitting up two best friends and ruining everybody's fun. Bad words are said, others are shouted, and the monster grows and grows. The monster is called Argument. As the monster's presence infects everyone else, the bad atmosphere increases and the monster continues to grow to gigantic proportions. There's only one thing that will stop, just one little word. But who will say it first? Told with a gentle, lyrical verse, this is a charming picture book about friendship, resilience and saying sorry. The message of knowing when to apologise is strong, but handled in a fun and non-didactic way. The colours and style of the illustrations perfectly suit the gentle text, whilst hilariously bringing the children's grumpiness and anger to life. I particularly enjoyed the little girl's furiously angled eyebrows! This is a lovely book to share and use to start conversations about navigating early friendships.

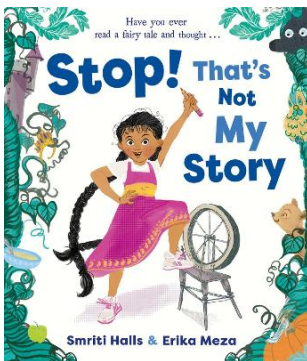


This is Not My Hat

Author: Jon Klassen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 16/06/2014

Winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal 2014 - Winner of the UKLA Book Awards 3-6yrs 2014 - Winner of the 2013 Caldecott Medal. One of Julia Eccleshare's Stand-out Children's Book of the Year 2012

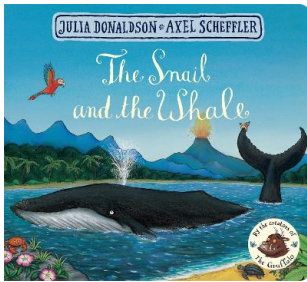
Best-selling illustrator Jon Klassen follows up his successful I Want My Hat Back in this witty, almost wordless picture book about a tiny fish who steals a hat from a very big fish – and hopes to get away with it. The eloquent but simple illustrations show the audacious behaviour of a hapless fish heading for disaster. Young children will love the joke...and the fact that they know what the little fish doesn't.



Stop! That's Not My Story!

Author: Smriti Halls **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 22/06/2023

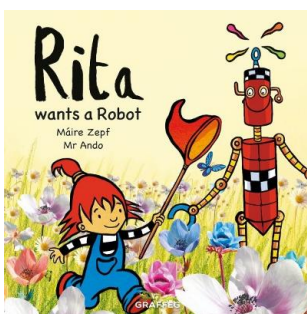
'A brilliant rhyming picture book that will help children see themselves at the centre of a story.' Joseph Coelho, Children's Laureate A joyful, empowering call to be the hero of your OWN story! A girl opens up a book looking for the story that's perfect for HER and tumbles inside. But Goldilocks is not her story, and nor is Jack and the Beanstalk or Little Red Riding Hood... There's only one thing for it: she's going to have to write her own story - and this time, SHE will be the hero. A celebration of the stories we ALL love and the stories we are yet to write, this vivid, irresistible picture book introduces the terrific new partnership of Smriti Halls (bestselling author of I'm Sticking with You illustrated by Steve Small and Rain Before Rainbows illustrated by David Litchfield) and Erika Meza (award-winning illustrator of My Two Border Towns written by David Bowles). Also by Smriti Halls and published by Simon & Schuster: I'm Sticking With You I'm Sticking With You Too Let's Stick Together



The Snail and the Whale

Author: Julia Donaldson **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 06/04/2017

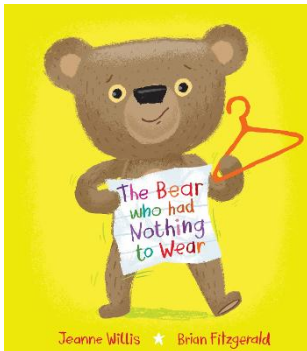
If bestsellers were decided upon by the number of prestigious awards a book had won then this one, with echoes of Edward Lear would be the blockbuster of all time. Julia really is a past-master of rhyme whilst Axel's illustrations complement the text quite brilliantly. For lots more information on the Gruffalo & Friends books, games and activities visit www.gruffalo.com



Rita wants a Robot

Author: Máire Zepf **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/11/2021

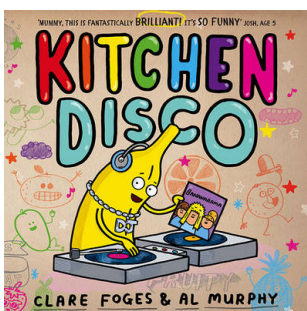
Part of the refreshing Rita Wants series that sees a relatable, imaginative little girl think through and figure out some of life's problems for herself, Rita Wants a Robot is wonderful to read-aloud, with Máire Zepf's story boasting fabulous pace, and Mr Ando's illustrations delivering a blast of boldness and textured detail. Facing with the problem of having a messy bedroom, Rita comes up with a solution. Surely having a "super-sorting robot" will fix things. Every time Rita makes a mess, mess, mess, the robot could simply sort, sort, sort! But then she gets to thinking - what if the robot didn't know when to leave well alone? And so Rita re-thinks her idea and realises she'd be better off handling things herself. Alongside taking readers on Rita's lively story journey, the book invites valuable interaction and discussion - would you like a robot? What do you think would happen if you had one? How would you handle a robot who didn't know when to stop? Fun and thought-provoking stuff. The series includes; Rita wants a Witch Rita wants a Robot Rita wants a Ninja Rita wants a Fairy Godmother Rita wants a Dragon Rita wants a Genie Find out more about the series from author Máire Zepf.



The Bear who had Nothing to Wear

Author: Jeanne Willis **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/06/2023

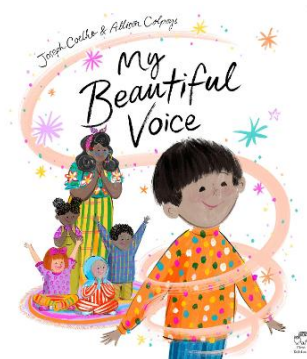
June 2023 Book of the Month Albie is not a bear who likes to be told what to wear. While most teddy bears might be happy to leave outfit choices to their owners, Albie has very definite ideas about his fashion style. But he also changes his mind – A LOT. From fairy king to cowboy, seasick pirate to city gent, Albie has an outfit for every occasion, but none feel quite right. Can he find one that perfectly represents him? This is a lovely book with a great message about finding your own identity and choosing for yourself how you present to the world. Young readers will particularly enjoy Albie's various different outfits and moods. Jeanne Willis' charming rhyme makes this a wonderful book to share and read aloud, whilst Brian Fitzgerald's colourful illustrations perfectly capture Albie's changeable personality.



Kitchen Disco

Author: Clare Foges **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/08/2015

One of our Books of the Year 2015 - A Reader Review Panel Pick of the Year 2015 - Julia Eccleshare's Debut of the Month, August 2015 A laugh-out-loud story told in a bouncing, rhyming text about the very unexpected things that can happen while you are sleeping...There are rapping lemons, partying pears, wriggling apples, grapes doing the conga and a very cool pineapple. And they are all dancing to the disco beat. Whoever would have thought that the fruit bowl would come alive in the dead of night? Or that they could have so much fun!

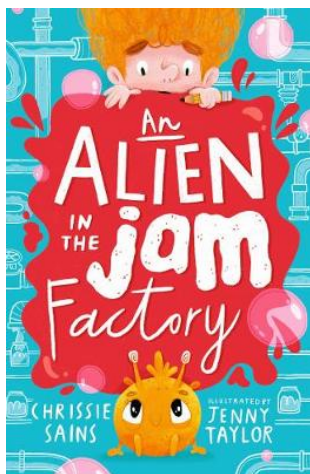


My Beautiful Voice

Author: Joseph Coelho **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 03/08/2021

From the team which brought you the critically acclaimed *If All the World Were...* we have an inspirational story about finding your voice, both literally and metaphorically. The lyrical text and expressive images capture the intense anxiety of the shy protagonist who never speaks in school and also the transformative power of a good teacher. The illustrations show us the colour, vivacity and joy which Miss Flotsam brings to the classroom and the creativity which she inspires. Getting the child engaged in responding to poetry is the first step into unlocking her feelings and revealing what she needs to say. Gradually and cleverly building confidence and ensuring a nurturing atmosphere in the classroom, Miss Flotsam supports the child until she is ready to read her words aloud. The visual representation of creativity is so well done and is a perfect match for the carefully considered words. This lovely story

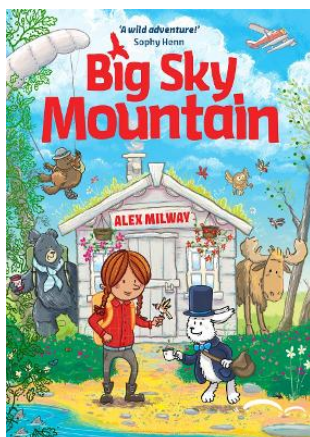
has a powerful message of resilience, courage and determination and will encourage all children to unlock their potential.



An Alien in the Jam Factory

Author: Chrissie Sains **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/04/2021

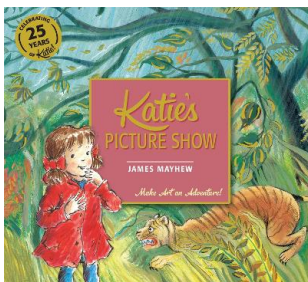
April 2021 Debut of the Month - A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month April 2021 Scooter McLay is a kid to be reckoned with who has a passion for clever inventions. As his parents own and run the very best jam factory, his inventions are to do with jam-making. And, to make sure no one can compete with them he has to keep the family's special jam-making recipes as top-secret as possible. Working alone, Scooter is pretty good at keeping his inventions well-hidden but when Fizzbee the friendly alien arrives through the factory window it gives the audacious Daffy Dodgy the chance she has long waited for. She slips into the jam factory and steals Scooter's secret files....How Scooter and Fizzbee see off the danger is a warm-hearted and madcap adventure. Find more books with Positive Images of Disability.



Big Sky Mountain

Author: Alex Milway **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 10/06/2021

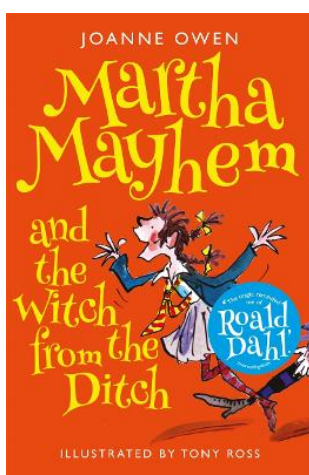
August 2021 Book of the Month Young readers who like animals and dream of exciting outdoor adventures with just a touch of magic, will love Alex Milway's new series. Rosa doesn't know what to expect when the tiny plane drops her off at her Grandma Nan's house on Big Sky Mountain. It's deep in the wilderness, about 200 miles from the shops, and the nearest neighbour is a moose called Albert. Albert is a talking moose in fact and Rosa quickly makes friends with a whole host of other animals, all perfectly able to have a chat. Adventures come thick and fast, and Rosa finds herself relying for help on these capable animals. It's great wish-fulfilment stuff, who wouldn't want to live with animal friends and an unflappable grandma in the middle of such beautiful countryside. The animal characters provide lots of humorous moments and beneath it all there are important messages about the environment too. Wild, and gently wonderful.



Katie's Picture Show

Author: James Mayhew **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 24/06/2014

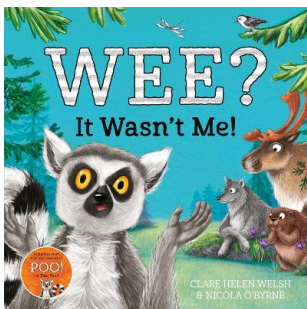
When Katie visits an art gallery for the first time with Grandma, she discovers that art is wonderfully exciting, especially when five famous paintings come alive for her . . . Expect a little bit of mischief, a lot of cream cakes and even a friendly tiger!



Martha Mayhem and the Witch from the Ditch

Author: Joanne Owen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/07/2017

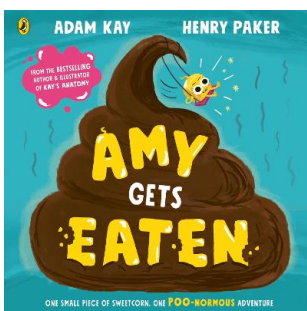
A deliciously, wonderful read that highlights how courage, team work and a little bit of sparkle can help you overcome any difficulties. One day on her way to school Martha unwittingly releases a ghoul trapped inside a gate and meets a rather grumpy (but fabulously dressed) witch in a ditch. As the ghoul escapes and the witch runs off leaving warnings of impending doom, Martha is left scared but excited. A real, actual ghoul in Cherry Hillsbottom! But things become rather worrisome when the ghoul chases Martha and her friend Jack home from school. It isn't long before the ghoul is causing havoc in Cherry Hillsbottom and it's up to Martha to sort out the mess and come up with a daring plan to trap the ghastly ghoul back in the gate. But will her plan work or will the villagers believe that it's just Martha causing more Mayhem? The magic and feel within Joanne's writing rather reminded me of Roald Dahl. Martha is a super character with a slightly eccentric and loveable Professor Gramps who has the best pet names for her. And to top it all there are 'paranormal polka-dot pants'! The start of what promises to be a fantastically exciting series for young readers. Books in The Martha Mayhem Series: 1. Martha Mayhem and the Witch from the Ditch 2. Martha Mayhem Goes Nuts! 3. Martha Mayhem and the Barmy Birthday



Wee? It Wasn't Me!

Author: Clare Helen Welsh **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/04/2021

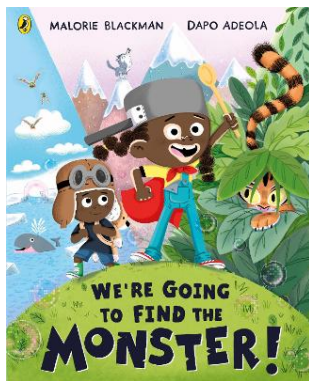
A funny story, all about wee, packed full of animal facts! The follow-up to the hilarious Poo! Is That You? Lenny the lemur is on holiday in Alaska. He's skipping across the snow, when he slips in a puddle. It's wet, yellow and smelly... WEE! But whose wee could it be? Lenny is on a quest to find out. Along the way, he meets various animals and learns all about their weeing habits! But the real question is: will he find that pesky puddle-piddler? Learn about caribou, turtles, wolves and more in the piddle-tastic Wee? It Wasn't Me! written by Clare Helen Welsh and illustrated by Nicola O'Byrne. Cleverly interweaving facts throughout, it also contains an information page at the back of the book, with a photo of each animal.



Amy Gets Eaten

Author: Adam Kay **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/04/2023

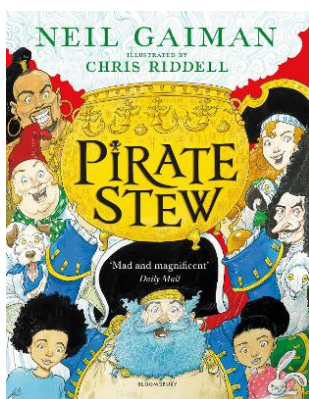
From the duo behind the award winning and best-selling Kay's Anatomy and Kay's Marvellous Medicine we have a debut picturebook that proves they are just as successful at communicating biological facts accurately for three-to five-year-olds, as they are for older readers. Paker's vibrant and zany illustrations, here in full colour glory, are the perfect foil for Kay's nerdy enthusiasm for explaining how bodies work. Young children are completely fascinated by everything toilet related and immediately recognising the emoji style poo on the cover, will find the book irresistible. The action speeds along just as quickly as sweetcorn through the digestive tract and the use of cartoon strips and speech bubbles help inform the reader about the processes along Amy's anatomically correct journey and hand out healthy eating tips on the way. The non digestion of sweetcorn is legendary and to pick the only vegetable that could tell the full sticky story is a stroke of genius. Even adults may learn something. The only slightly disconcerting but undeniably topical note is the final image of Amy and her poo ship sailing out to sea! We can't be quite as cheery about this as Amy is! I do hope more human body explanations for this age group are planned - they are just what the doctor ordered!



We're Going to Find the Monster

Author: Malorie Blackman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/09/2021

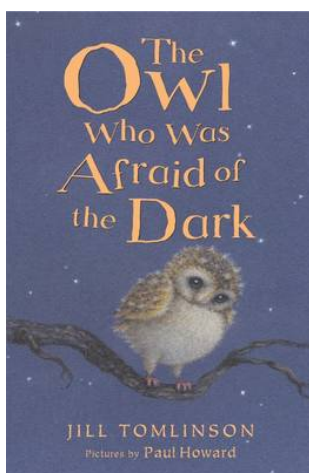
Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2023 ages 3-6 Over the shimmering ocean, up the huge, high mountain, through the deep, dark forest . . . WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE MONSTER! Join two intrepid adventurers as their imaginations transform their house into a wild wonderland - and their big brother becomes a mighty monster. A joy to read-aloud with its cumulative refrain, and full of funny, relatable characters, this is a contemporary celebration of creativity, fantasy and family.



Pirate Stew

Author: Neil Gaiman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/09/2021

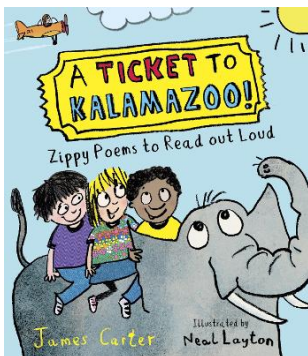
What a witty feast of sing-song verse and visuals this is. Chris Riddell's vibrant characters wish and whoosh in rhythm with Neil Gaiman's rambunctious rhymes to create a hearty banquet befitting a pirate crew. The swaggering story begins when a brother and sister are introduced to their babysitter, a certain scar-faced, grey-haired, peg-legged ship's cook called Long John Mc Ron. Moments after their parents have left, Long John opens the door to an entire crew of hungry pirates, and so he does what any respectable ship's cook would do - he cooks up "Pirate Stew! Pirate Stew! Eat it and you won't be blue. You can be a pirate too!" With a rib-tickling twist that will send readers into fits of giggles, Pirate Stew is buccaneering blast of a book that demands to be read aloud, acted out and treasured like ill-gotten gains!



The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

Author: Jill Tomlinson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/01/2014

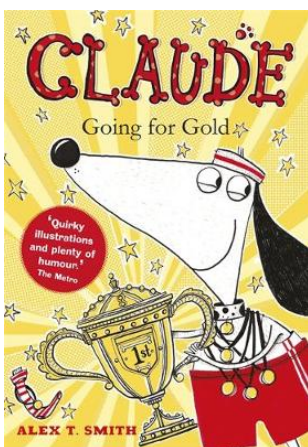
How can Plop, the baby owl who is afraid of the dark, overcome his problems? Luckily, everyone has a story to tell him about the very special things that happen after dark and soon Plop is as happy in the dark as any other baby owl. This classic picture book in a new edition will reassure and delight a new generation of readers. ~ Julia Eccleshare



A Ticket to Kalamazoo! Zippy Poems To Read Out Loud

Author: James Carter **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 19/01/2023

All aboard for Kalamazoo! One ticket will let you... ride on an elephant, stay in a bug hotel, travel by train boat and plane, mingle with bears and minibeasts - and even meet an alien! All this and more, in 19 zippy poems to read aloud. This is a fantastic and eagerly awaited poetry collection for young children, from the author of bestselling Zim Zam Zoom!, which was shortlisted for the CLiPPA Award and longlisted for the UKLA Award



Claude Going for Gold!

Author: Alex T. Smith **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/02/2017

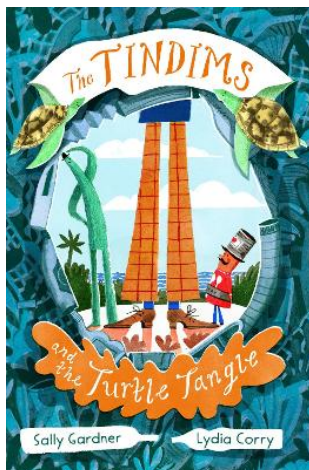
From the World Book Day Illustrator 2014 comes a brand-new tale about Claude, the bestselling beret-clad canine hero.



After the Fall

Author: Dan Santat **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/11/2018

Highly Commended in the UKLA Book Awards 2019 Anyone familiar with the story of poor old Humpty Dumpty will be intrigued by Dan Santat's story of what happens after that fall. In his version the king's men do manage to put Humpty together again but the cracks are still there, and not just on the outside: a shadow of his former self, Humpty is too afraid to climb back up onto the wall where he used to love to sit and watch the birds. At last though he finds a way to enjoy the skies again and in a surprise ending flies away himself. A powerful story of recovery and overcoming fear this will resonate with all readers. The illustrations are full of clever jokes but portray Humpty's emotional state perfectly while the sequence that sees him soar away on golden wings is glorious.



The Tindims and the Turtle Tangle

Author: Sally Gardner **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/02/2021

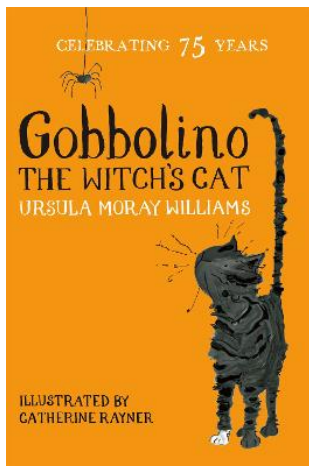
Interest Age 5+ Reading Age 5 | Selected for The Book Box by LoveReading4Kids Something like nautical Borrowers, the Tindims live on a floating island, gathering, reusing and recycling what people throw away. When Bottle Mountain gets too big and slides off the island, it knocks Granny Gull's house into the sea and with it Captain Spoons and Broom. With typical ingenuity, the Tindims prepare a rescue mission even as the captain and Broom are being lifted out of the ocean by Long Legs (ie adult humans). While the rescue doesn't go quite according to plan, everything works out, in particular the meeting with the Long Legs and their Little Long Legs. Children will love the Tindims and their world. These little people are both wise and innocent, delighting in poetry, song and jam-making as well as their recycling. Printed in an easy-to-read dyslexia-friendly font and with Lydia Corry's gorgeous illustrations on every page, the stories are perfect for newly independent readers. Printed in dyslexia-friendly font with pictures on every page and perfect for the reluctant reader.



We Want Our Books

Author: Jake Alexander **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 10/06/2021

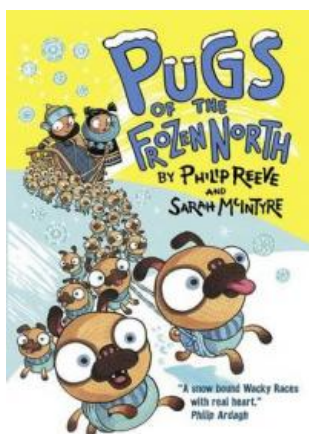
June 2021 Debut of the Month | Longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize 2022 From the 2019 Macmillan prize-winner this is a powerful, dramatic and inspirational story about the difference even a child can make if they take action and get their voice heard. The delightfully curious Rosa needs a book but her library is closed for redevelopment but Rosa and her sister decide to protest and not give up, gradually bringing everyone onboard. The vibrant richly coloured pages create a filmic sense of an inclusive community and very real people. It makes a powerful statement about the place that libraries have in a community and the vital necessity that all children can have access to the books that they need. Unfortunately, it is a book with a very current and timely message. Libraries have suffered greatly in the pandemic and the future looks bleak as more budget cutting looms. This book empowers young children to demand their rights and to recognise that they matter too. It should prompt some very interesting discussions and debate and naturally should be stocked in every library.



Gobbolino the Witch's Cat

Author: Ursula Moray Williams **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/09/2017

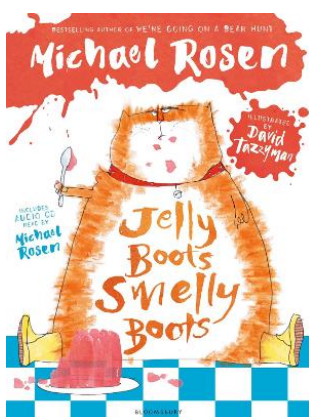
A timeless and always appealing tale getting a well deserved new lease of life with delightful illustrations from award winning Catherine Rayner.



Pugs of the Frozen North

Author: Philip Reeve **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/09/2016

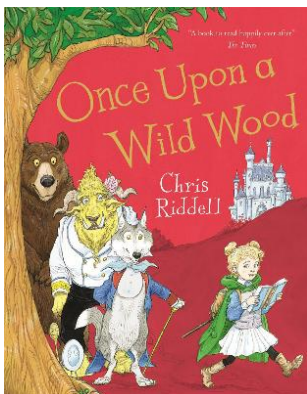
Shortlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award Award winning author partners Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre head north for their latest adventure. When the cabin boy is abandoned by his shipmates when their ship is stranded in the ice. He's completely alone, except for 64 little pugs, part of the ship's cargo! He soon teams up with Shika, a girl desperately seeking dogs to pull her grandpa's sled in the Race to the Top of the World, a once in a lifetime contest to win your heart's desire. The eccentric competitors mean there's something of the Wacky Races about all of this, but amongst the crazy - and very entertaining - scenes there are surprising notes of poignancy, as well as some lovely descriptions of the True Winter, fifty types of snow and all.



Jelly Boots, Smelly Boots

Author: Michael Rosen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/09/2018

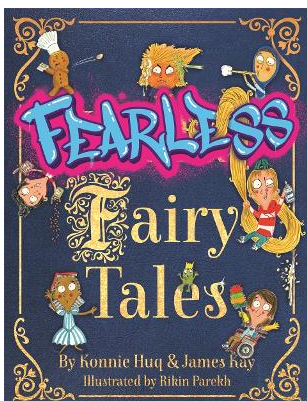
Shortlisted for the CLPE Children's Poetry Award (CLIPPA) 2017
A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month September 2018 | Michael Rosen is the bestselling author of We're Going on a Bear Hunt, along with many other picture books and collections of poetry. Packed with silly rhymes, witty wordplay and thought-provoking story poems, this new collection of poems will delight children of all ages.



Once Upon a Wild Wood

Author: Chris Riddell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/09/2019

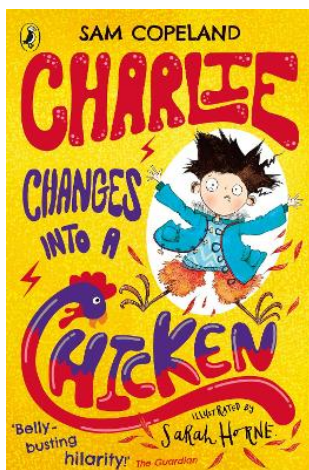
A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month September 2018 Former Children's Laureate Chris Riddell weaves a wonderful fantasy adventure around some of the best loved fairy story characters in this hugely attractive and thoroughly entertaining picture story book. Little Green Cape sets out with a handful of useful things including a strong straight stick, comfortable clumpy boots and an invitation to a party. Once in the wild woods she is in a magical world where even the trees have faces, full of surprising characters. There's a Beast looking for his Beauty, three Bears who are mistrustful of strangers, a talking harp, three little pigs, seven dwarves and many more. Young readers will love both feeling they know the stories being surprised by some of the turns of events.



Fearless Fairy Tales

Author: Konnie Huq, James Kay **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 11/11/2020

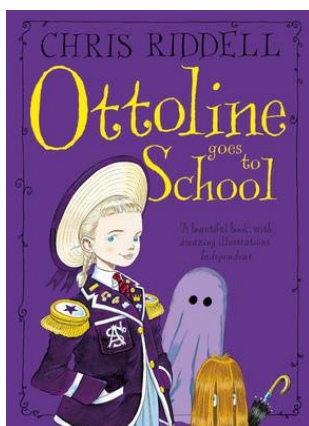
Shortlisted for the Little Rebels Award | 2021 December 2020 Book of the Month Congratulations to Konnie Huq and co-author James Kay who with illustrator Rikin Parekh have taken the best-loved fairy tales, shaken them up, and brought them uproariously into the 21st century. All your favourites are here, recognisable, but turned into something fresh, new and very funny (often with a pointed message or moral). Thus Sleeping Beauty is now Sleeping Brainy, a maths-mad princess who grows up to be the most successful Chancellor of the Exchequer in history, while simultaneously inventing the computer, the internet and Wikipedia ('all in a good nine thousand six hundred and eighteen days' work' she concludes, happily). Pity the three bears who here have to put up with Mouldysocks, a boy too busy playing computer games to tidy up or wash, but cheer for The Pickled Mermaid, who puts her blog out on Placebook, Finstagram and Snapperchat, thereby reaching millions of readers and effecting real change on pollution in the oceans. Then there's Robin Hoodlum and his boss, the Baron of Bottybum; Spinocchio, a TV news anchor; and a surprisingly familiar looking, bad-tempered little orange man called Trumplestiltskin ... The stories are told with real dash and energy and will have children and parents alike roaring with laughter.



Charlie Changes Into a Chicken

Author: Sam Copeland **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/02/2019

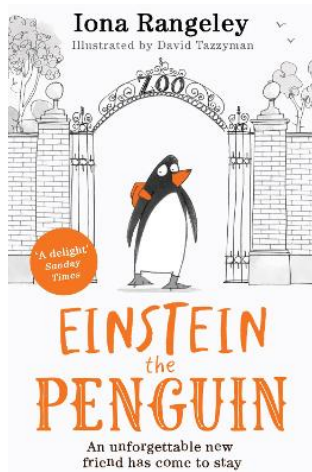
The first book in a hilarious new series for fans of Roald Dahl and David Walliams. Charlie McGuffin has an incredible secret . . . He can change into animals. All sorts of animals: a flea, a pigeon, even a rhino. Trouble is, he can't decide when - it only happens when he gets worried. And right now, Charlie has quite a lot to worry about: * His brother (who is in hospital) * His parents (who are panicking about it) * And the school bully (who has Charlie in his sights) And even though every kid wants a superhero power, Charlie isn't keen on changing into a chicken in the middle of the school play. So with the help of his three best friends, Charlie needs to find a way of dealing with his crazy new power - and fast!



Ottoline Goes to School

Author: Chris Riddell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/02/2015

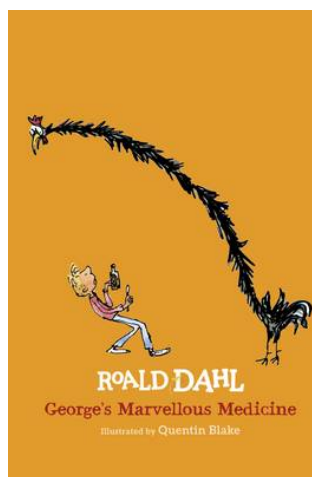
A wonderful quirky mystery adventure that follows the story of Miss Ottoline Brown, the inquisitive Mistress of Disguise, and her partner in crime, her hairy and helpful friend, Mr Munroe, first introduced in Ottoline and the Yellow Cat. No secret is ever too scary (eventhough the school is more than a bit scary for Munroe) for the two of them to discover together as well as puzzles to solve. Riddell's sumptuous illustrations interspersed throughout the text make this ideal for 7-9 year olds as well as younger children whose parents want to read it with their child. It really is a beautiful production of a book - something to truly treasure and return to in years to come. A classic is born. Now available in paperback for the first time. Shortlisted for the prestigious Sheffield Children's Book Award 2009



Einstein the Penguin

Author: Iona Rangeley **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/06/2022

Richly rewarding for 7-year-olds to enjoy by themselves, and a joy to read aloud to 5+ year-olds, Iona Rangeley's *Einstein the Penguin* debut is packed with comic capers, compassion and relatable family dynamics as it tells a wonderfully whimsical tale of an attempt to reunite a pair of flightless feathered friends. The adventure begins when the Stewart family decide to stave off December chills with a visit to London Zoo and find themselves drawn to a little penguin. Later that evening, said penguin (who turns out to be called Einstein) turns up at their front door with a rucksack. Naturally the Stewarts take him in, pending returning him to his rightful home. The question is, where is Einstein's home? The initial investigations of would-be detective Imogen reveal that he wasn't supposed to be in London Zoo at all. As Imogen ups her sleuthing game, her younger brother Arthur finds confidence and friendship through Einstein, and the family embark on an exhilarating quest. With charming, witty illustrations from David Tazzyman (he of *Mr Gum* fame), this delightful adventure makes a magnificent modern-day alternative to *Paddington*, and is perfect for sharing as a family.



George's Marvellous Medicine

Author: Roald Dahl **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/09/2016

A splendiferous new hardback of *George's Marvellous Medicine*, part of a collection of truly delumptious classic Roald Dahl titles with stylish jackets over surprise printed colour cases, and exquisite endpaper designs. George's grandma is a grizzly, grumpy, selfish woman with pale brown teeth and a small puckered-up mouth like a dog's bottom. Four times a day she takes a large spoonful of thick brown medicine, but it doesn't seem to do her any good. She's always just as horrid after she's taken it as she was before. So when George is left alone to look after her one morning, it's just the chance he needs...



The Great (Food) Bank Heist

Author: Onjali Q. Raúf **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2021

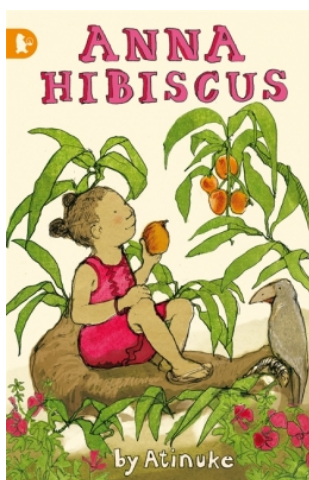
Interest Age 7-10 Reading Age 8 Written with great empathy and Rauf's trademark humour, The Great (Food) Bank Heist is a moving story that gives a child's-eye view of the increasing problem of food poverty. A percentage of all royalties earned from the sale of this book will be going towards Trussell Trust Food Banks, the Greggs Foundation Breakfast Club Programme and selected grassroots food bank charities.



Mango & Bambang: Tiny Tapir Trouble

Author: Polly Faber **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/09/2016

September 2016 Book of the Month Polly Faber and Clara Vulliamy's Mango and Bambang stories are perfect for newly independent readers. There are four funny, entertaining stories in each collection, short enough to be read easily in one go and full of lively two colour illustrations. Tapir Bambang is a character that children will understand and immediately love: well-meaning if frequently baffled by the human world around him, he tries his best to do the right thing. Meanwhile, his best friend Mango is always there to love and take care of him because, as the stories in this volume explain, they're real family now. Warm, reassuring, with a true innocence and charm, these are very special little stories indeed. ~ Andrea Reece Bambang is following in the footsteps of Paddington Bear and readers will also enjoy the Harper stories by Cerrie Burnell.

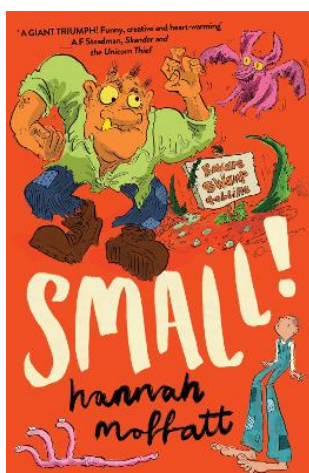


Anna Hibiscus

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

Shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award 2008. Original and understated, this charming depiction of modern-day family life in west Africa is the debut from a fresh, new storytelling voice. Pacy and engaging Anna Hibiscus is perfect for the newly independent reader and extensively illustrated to build reader confidence. Comments from the judges of this year's Branford Boase, Best Debut Novel of the Year Award: Nikki Gamble: "This year a large number of books were submitted for the awards and the judges noted an increase in established adult writers producing first novels for children. These trends reflect the increased profile of children's books in the press and media as well as the commercial success. The books selected for the shortlist are marked by their distinctive voices and authentic feeling for

child or teenage readers. They are accessible but explore profound themes in the context of a story well told". Linda Buckley-Archer: "With its aim of recognising the author of the best debut novel for children and its editor(s), The Branford Boase Award continues to highlight and promote the next generation of children's fiction writers. The 2008 shortlist represents some fascinating new voices across a variety of genres which are sure to excite and challenge readers. The judges noted a tendency on this year's longlist away from fantasy and towards history and social realism." Trish Beswick: "We were delighted to find a spread of intelligent fiction submitted, eliciting spirited discussion amid the good humour and agreements. One-size-fits-all cannot and does not belong in the world of writing for children, and the complacent and bland were quickly cast aside. My thanks to the other judges for a booky, sparky afternoon!" Ian Dodds: "The nominations for the 2008 Branford Boase Award yet again demonstrate the full range of new writing talent for children and young people. All the writers on this year's shortlist have distinct voices and all are adept at creating stories that will grip, excite and challenge young readers. Good writing for young people is vitally important and this shortlist proves that."



Small!

Author: Hannah Moffatt **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 16/06/2022

June 2022 Debut of the Month Driven by 10-year-old Harvey Small's entertaining tendency to get into strange scrapes, Hannah Moffatt's delightful debut is Small in name and big on zany antics, with Rory Walker's detailed illustrations adding to the wacky fun. Harvey's tenth birthday sees him gifted a pair of stilts, a pair of oversized "sludge-brown dungarees", a huge green velvet hat, and "absolutely NO football boots". But, as it turns out, the stilts are going to come in handier than expected. As a result of Harvey getting into a series of unfortunate scrapes - among them accidentally killing the school hamster, and setting fire to the headmaster's trousers - his mum has been struggling to find him a new school. Until now - thanks to the stilts giving a small boy the appearance of someone much bigger, Harvey has been accepted into Madame Bogbrush's School for Gifted Giants. But the trouble is, the giants have a habit of bashing Smalls (AKA humans), so it's imperative for him to keep his true identity secret. Cue much mayhem and pacey peril...