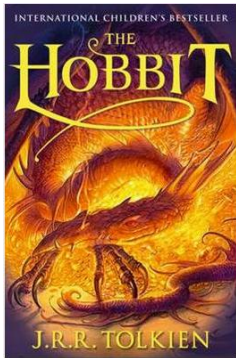


Recommended Reading List for Year 5

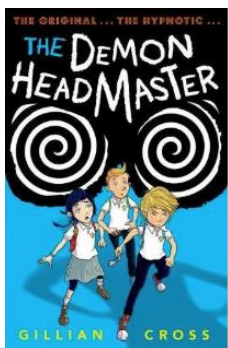
Classic & Modern Fiction



This is the classic story of Bilbo Baggins - a home-loving hobbit who enjoys a quiet and contented life in his cosy hobbit hole and has no desire to travel afar. But then the wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves arrive unexpectedly and enlist his services, and soon Bilbo finds himself part of an extraordinary expedition to raid the treasure-hoard of Smaug the Dragon - and on the way becomes the possessor of a very unusual ring.



James is fed up. His family has moved to a new cottage – with grounds that are great for excavations, and trees that are perfect for climbing – and stuff is happening. Stuff that is normally the kind of thing he does. Thomas Kempe the 17th century apothecary has returned and he wants James to be his apprentice. No one else believes in ghosts. It's up to James to get rid of him. Or he'll have no pocket money or pudding ever again.

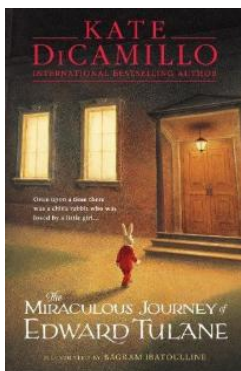


When Dinah is fostered by the Hunters she thinks her biggest problem will be fitting in with her foster-brothers, Lloyd and Harvey. However, once she starts at her new school it's clear that there's more to worry about. All the children, apart from a handful including Lloyd and Harvey, are too well-behaved - robotic almost - and oddly keen to please the creepy headmaster. Soon they uncover the headmaster's wicked plan.

Controlling the school is just a practice run. He has set his sights on dominating the entire nation!

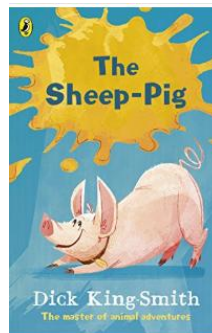


There is nothing to be found in Lemony Snicket's 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' but misery and despair. You still have time to choose another international best-selling series to read. But if you insist on discovering the unpleasant adventures of the Baudelaire orphans, then proceed with caution...

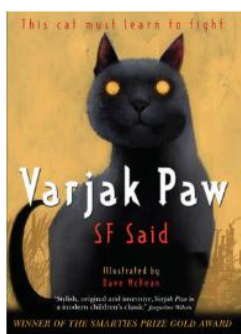


The magical story of the adventures of a lost toy rabbit from a *New York Times* bestselling author, twice winner of the Newbery Medal. Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. He travels with tramps, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child ... and finally learns what it is to truly

love.



When Babe, the little orphaned piglet, is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget, he is adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheep-dog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheep-dog. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.



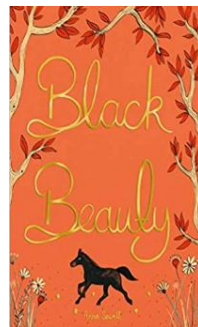
Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats. Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings.



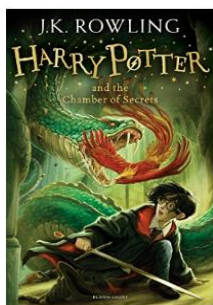
Barney is a solitary little boy, who falls into a chalk pit. Here he meets 'somebody with a lot of shaggy hair and two bright black eyes' wearing a rabbit skin and speaking in grunts. He names him Stig. Of course nobody believes Barney when he tells his family all about Stig, the cave-man. A story of friendship.



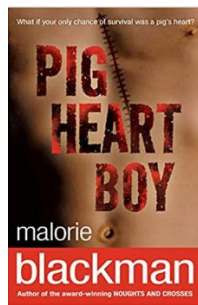
At the age of five, little orphan Heidi is sent to live with her grandfather in the Alps. Everyone in the village is afraid of him, but Heidi is fascinated by his long beard and bushy grey eyebrows. She loves her life in the mountains, playing in the sunshine and growing up amongst the goats and birds. But one terrible day, Heidi is collected by her aunt and is made to live with a new family in town. Heidi can't bear to be away from her grandfather; can she find a way back up the mountain, where she belongs?



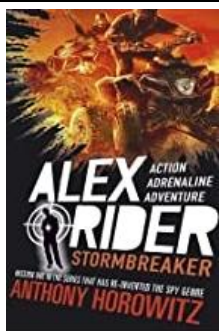
Black Beauty is a perennial children's favourite, one which has never been out of print since its publication in 1877. It is a moralistic tale of the life of the horse related in the form of an autobiography, describing the world through the eyes of the creature. In taking this anthropomorphic approach, the author Anna Sewell broke new literary ground and her effective storytelling ability makes it very easy for the reader to accept the premise that a horse is recounting the exploits in the narrative.



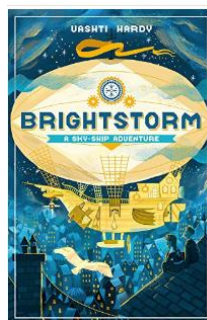
Harry Potter's summer has included the worst birthday ever, doomy warnings from a house-elf called Dobby, and rescue from the Dursleys by his friend Ron Weasley in a magical flying car! Back at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for his second year, Harry hears strange whispers echo through empty corridors - and then the attacks start. Students are found as though turned to stone. Dobby's sinister predictions seem to be coming true.



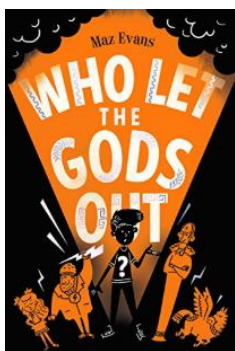
You're thirteen. All you want is a normal life. But most normal kids don't need heart transplants. So there's this doctor. He says there's a chance for you. But he also says it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before.



In the first book in the number one bestselling Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz, fourteen-year-old Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every school in the country. But the teenage spy soon finds himself in mortal danger.



Twins Arthur and Maudie Brightstorm receive word in Lontown that their famous explorer father has died in a failed attempt to reach the southernmost point in the world. Not only that, but he has been accused of stealing fuel before he died! The twins don't believe the news, and they answer an ad to join a new attempt to reach South Polaris. It's their only hope of **learning the truth** ... and salvaging their family's reputation.



Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world - and solving

Elliot's problems too?



No scheme is too dastardly, no plot too devious. And he's just discovered that fairies are real. Poor fairies. But these are not the cuddly creatures of bedtime stories. They are armed. They are dangerous. And when Artemis captures Captain Holly Short for her fairy gold, he messes with the wrong elf.

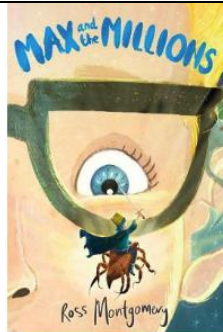


'I'm Tracy Beaker. This is a book all about me. I'd read it if I were you. It's the most incredible dynamic heart-rending story. Honest.'

Tracy is ten years old. She lives in a Children's Home but would like a real home one day, with a real family. Meet Tracy, follow her story and share her hopes for the future in this beautifully observed, touching and often very funny tale, all told in Tracy's own words.

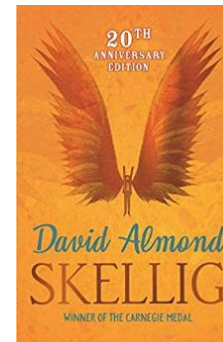


Prez is living with a temporary foster family when he opens the door to Sputnik. Prez sees an alien – in a kilt – everyone else sees a dog. Over the course of the summer Prez and Sputnik have some amazing adventures and break a lot of laws, including some of the laws of physics, but in the process they save the world, and reunite Prez with his grandfather. As wild as a cartoon strip, this wonderful story pinpoints all the best things about life on Earth.



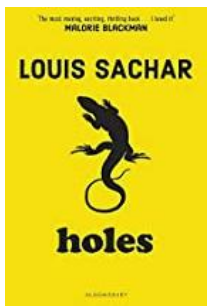
Max is used to spending time alone - it's difficult to make friends in a big, chaotic school when you're deaf. He prefers to give his attention to the little things in life... like making awesome, detailed replica models. Then Mr Darrow, the school caretaker and fellow modeller, goes missing. Max must follow his parting instruction: 'Go to my room. You'll know what to do.'

There on the floor he finds a pile of sand ... and in the sand is Mr Darrow's latest creation... a tiny boy, no bigger than a raisin, Luke, Prince of the Blues. And behind the tiny boy... millions of others - a thriving, bustling, sprawling civilization!



When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he

is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . .



Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it's character building, but this is a lie. It's up

to Stanley to dig up the truth.



From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him. As the plane

crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small.

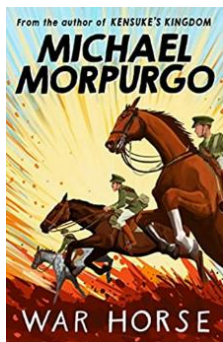


Meggie loves stories, but her father, Mo, hasn't read to her since her mother disappeared. When a stranger knocks at their door, Mo is forced to reveal an extraordinary secret - when he reads aloud, words come alive, and dangerous characters step out of the pages. Suddenly Meggie is living the kind of adventure she has only read about in books, but this one will change her life for ever ...

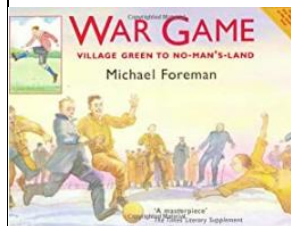


There is something strange about Coraline's new home. It's not the mist, or the cat that always seems to be watching her. It's the other house - the one behind the old door in the drawing room. Another mother and father with black-button eyes and papery skin are waiting for Coraline to join them there. And they want her to stay with them. For ever.

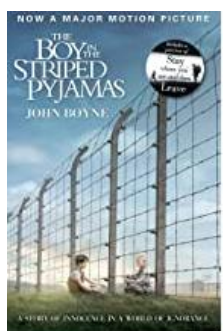
War & History



In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times. One horse has seen the best and the worst of humanity. The power of war and the beauty of peace. This is his story.

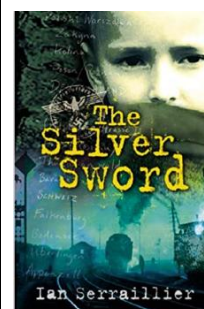


Far away, in a place called Sarajevo, an Archduke has been killed and a web of global events results in a call for all British men to do their duty 'for King and Country' and join the army to fight the Germans overseas. The boys sign up for what sounds like an adventure and a chance to see the world. After basic training the boys sail to France where they find themselves fighting on the front line.



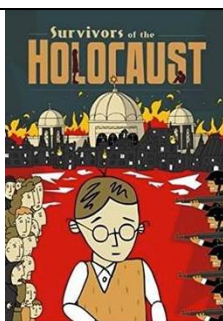
Nine-year-old Bruno knows nothing of the Final Solution and the Holocaust. He is oblivious to the appalling cruelties being inflicted on the people of Europe by his country. All he knows is that he has been moved from a comfortable home in Berlin to a house in a desolate area where there is nothing to do and no one to play with. Until he meets Shmuel, a boy who lives a strange parallel existence on the other side of the adjoining wire fence and

who, like the other people there, wears a uniform of striped pyjamas.



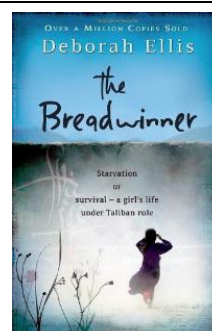
Alone and fending for themselves in a Poland devastated by World War Two, Jan and his three homeless friends cling to the silver sword as a symbol of hope. As they travel through Europe towards Switzerland, where they believe they will be reunited with their parents, they encounter many hardships and dangers. This

extraordinarily moving account of an epic journey gives a remarkable insight into the reality of a Europe laid waste by war.



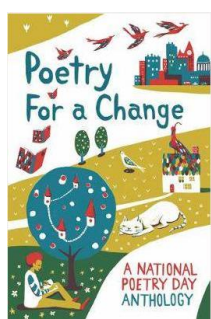
In this graphic novel-style book six people recount their experiences of the Holocaust during World War II. As Jews, they were each persecuted by the Nazi regime, even though they were only children at the time. They retell their stories here: of what it was like to be in Nazi-occupied countries, of being in hiding, of escape or internment, and of what happened next. Simple text is

complemented by compelling imagery to create a very powerful set of stories – the graphic novel approach is extremely effective at conveying the storytellers' feelings and the strange new world springing up around them.

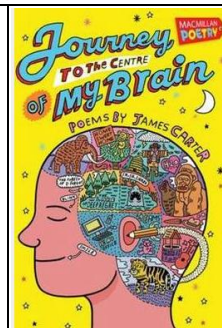


Afghanistan: Parvana's father is arrested and taken away by Taliban soldiers. Under Taliban law, women and girls are not allowed to leave the house on their own. Parvana, her mother, and sisters are prisoners in their own home. With no man to go out to buy food, they face starvation.

Poetry

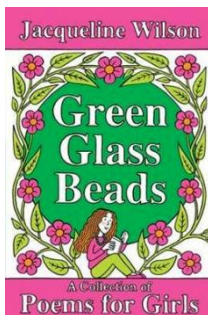


Poetry for a Change features original poems by the likes of Brian Moses, Joseph Coelho and Liz Brownlee. Alongside their own poem, each poet chooses their favourite rhyme to share. The poet gives a bit of explanation behind the two poems, usually linked by theme, which provides a fascinating bridge between past and contemporary poetry.



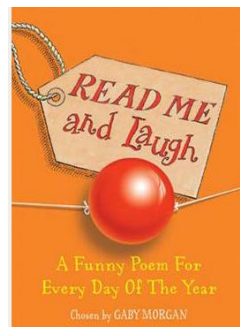
The 50 poems in the book are carefully chosen - James scrapped over a thousand poems in order to select the ones he wanted to include. Tackling subjects as varied as mosquitoes, the moon and the school staff room, Carter's poems range from rib-tickling to thought provoking.

Jacqueline Wilson



Green Glass Beads
A Collection of Poems for Girls

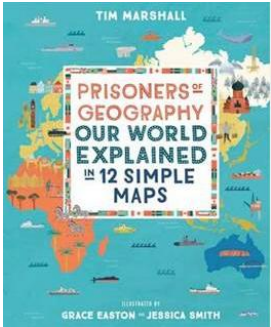
This mixture of the deeply familiar alongside delicious new discoveries contains some wonderful juxtapositions and striking pairings which bring you up short; it's a wisely, passionately compiled selection, ably demonstrating the different kinds of things poetry can do if you will allow it, constantly inviting you to try just one more ...



READ ME and Laugh
A Funny Poem For Every Day Of The Year
Chosen by GABY MORGAN

This is a collection of funny poems from a wide range of poets from Spike Milligan to Valarie Bloom, and Lewes Carroll to Michael Rosen. With a title like *Read Me and Laugh*, you can't resist dipping into it for a giggle!

Non-Fiction

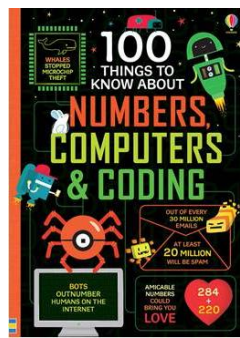


TIM MARSHALL

PRISONERS OF GEOGRAPHY
OUR WORLD EXPLAINED IN 12 SIMPLE MAPS

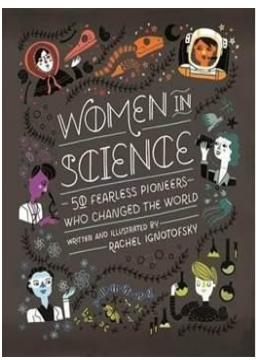
ILLUSTRATED BY GRACE EASTON & JESSICA SMITH

Geopolitics – the study of how physical landscapes affect international relations – may not seem an obvious subject for a children's book, but this new children's version of an adult Sunday Times bestseller is an absolutely fascinating read, pitched perfectly for eight to eleven-year-olds. Younger readers will look at maps in a whole new way as they begin making the connections between geography, power and politics.



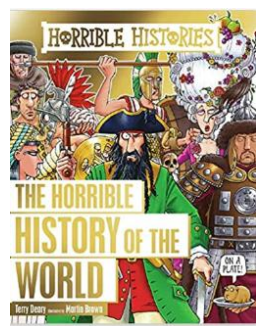
100 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT
NUMBERS, COMPUTERS & CODING

Did you know that scientists are developing ways to store data inside plant DNA? Or did you know that numbers are used to power the GPS on your smartphone? Have you ever wondered what a Googleplex is? Or piphilology? Or what the first computer game was? This excellent dip-in fact book looks at how numbers influence and determine everyday things within our lives.



WOMEN IN SCIENCE
50 FEARLESS PIONEERS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD
WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY RACHEL IGNOTOFSKY

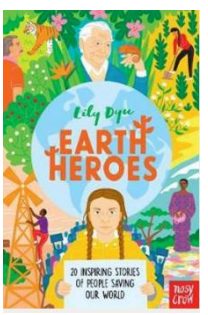
The 50 women profiled in this book are leaders in their fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The list includes environmentalist Rachel Carson who campaigned against US chemical companies' manufacture of DDT, Maryam Mirzakhani, the first winner of the Fields Medal for mathematics, to Patricia Bath, ophthalmic inventor of the Laserphaco Probe, which removes cataracts. This brilliant, attractively presented volume presents the often considerable detail of these women's achievements in accessible language and an engaging illustrated format that feels fun and stylishly mature at the same time.



HORRIBLE HISTORIES
THE HORRIBLE HISTORY OF THE WORLD
Martin Brown

The Horrible History of the World presents the foul but fascinating story of humans from brain-nibbling Neanderthals to terrified teenage soldiers in the twentieth century. You can discover why Alexander the Great banned beards, what smelly sport was played by samurai warriors and who tried to bump off her enemies with a cake made with poisoned bath-water.

It's all you ever need to know about the wicked world - all the gore and more!



Lily Dyu

EARTH HEROES
20 INSPIRING STORIES OF PEOPLE SAVING OUR WORLD
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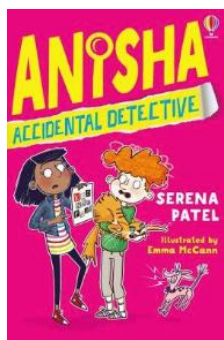
When faced with climate change, the biggest threat that our planet has ever confronted, it's easy to feel as if there is nothing you can do. Luckily, Lily Dyu's *Earth Heroes* is here to tell us different. From the introduction to the conclusion, and the profiles of 20 "earth heroes" inbetween, this book fizzes with energy and a call to arms that every child (and adult) truly can fight to make a difference, no matter how small the act. The 20 inspirational people profiled range from the obvious (Sir David Attenborough) and well known (Stella McCartney) to people like young William Kamkwamba, who built windmills in Malawi to give energy to his village and more.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
TREASURY OF GREEK MYTHOLOGY
CLASSIC STORIES OF GODS, GODDESSES, HEROES, & MONSTERS
BY DONNA JO NAPOLI • ILLUSTRATIONS BY CRISTINA BALIT

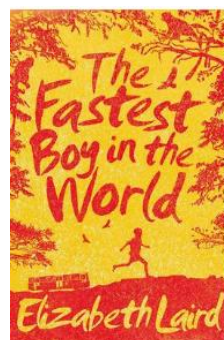
The new National Geographic Treasury of Greek Mythology offers timeless stories of Greek myths in a beautiful new volume. Brought to life with lyrical text by award-winning author Donna Jo Napoli and stunning artwork by award-winning illustrator Christina Balit, the tales of gods and goddesses such as Zeus, Aphrodite, Apollo, and Athena and heroes and monsters such as Helen of Troy, Perseus, and Medusa will fascinate and engage children's imaginations.

Diversity



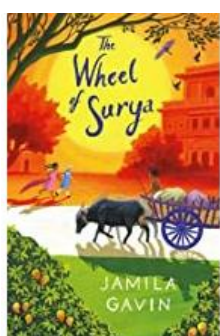
Anisha loves her “sparkly” Aunt Bindi, but it’s not easy being bridesmaid to such a flamboyant figure, especially when she’s on the verge of having a “mega meltdown”! Matters take a scarier turn when Anisha finds a ransom note announcing that Tony, Bindi’s fiancé, has been kidnapped and the wedding must be called off if they want to see him again. But, in order to prevent her already frazzled family from spiraling into further chaos, Anisha decides to find Tony herself, with the help of her best friend Milo.

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Solomon runs everywhere – and always especially fast to school. He knows he is good and is convinced that he could join the roster of the great Ethiopian runners but he also knows that growing up in a small village, he’ll never have the chance to train as an elite athlete. When Solomon’s grandfather insists that he accompanies him on a trip to Addis Ababa, everything in his life changes. Solomon’s story is funny, touching and inspiring.

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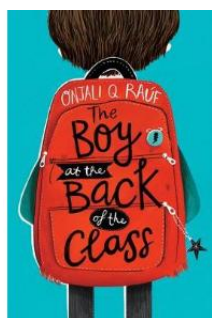


India, August 1947: Fleeing from their burnt-out village as civil war rages in the Punjab, Marvinder and Jaspal are separated from their mother, Jhoti. Marvinder has already saved her brother's life once, but now they both face a daily fight for survival. Together they escape across India and nearly halfway around the world to England, to find a father they hardly know in a new, hostile culture...



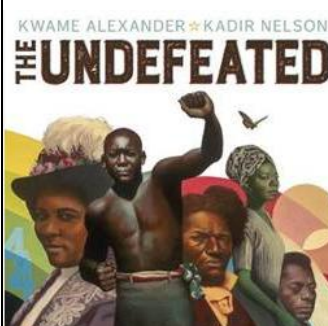
The local youth club are putting an under-elevens squad together - and Dal, Chris, Abs and Jason are determined to be picked. They know they're the best players in their school - but what if that isn't good enough and they don't make the team? Dal knows he'd be gutted if his mates made it and he didn't. Then once the team is picked, they have to do the business on the pitch - go out and win! And their coach has a couple of surprise new players to help the team . . .

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There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I

find out about him, the more I want to help. That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .



The Undefeated remembers unforgettable, unafraid and unbowed, famous and overlooked figures from black history: from Jesse Owens, whose Olympic victories helped shatter the myth of white supremacy in the 1930s

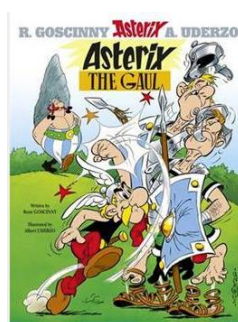
and first billionaire in NBA history Michael Jordan, to Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson and Carole Denise McNair, killed in a racially motivated bombing in 1963 - and to the hundreds of thousands of black soldiers that fought in the American Civil War.

Graphic Fiction



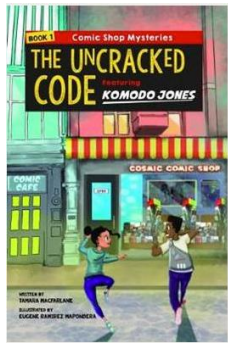
Resourceful junior reporter Tintin embarks on a series of exciting international adventures, accompanied by his faithful dog Snowy, in this favourite series. Be sure to look out for other familiar characters such as Captain Haddock, the disaster-prone Thomson twins, and inventor Professor Calculus. Told in zippy comic strip-style, these entertaining, action-packed stories

offer much to appeal to young readers



In a tiny corner of Brittany, one small village of indomitable Gauls hold out against the almighty, all-conquering Romans. The Gauls are mighty fighters, but none more so than Asterix, a dauntless and cunning warrior who gets his tremendous strength from drinking a magic potion supplied to him by Druid Getafix. Together with his companion Obelix, he

embarks on a series of adventures.

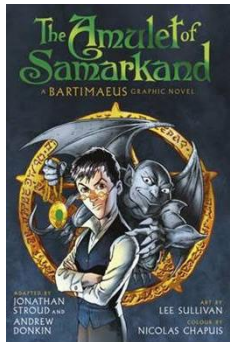


Coco and Zac are faced with a challenge that would puzzle any superhero. The Cosmic Comic Shop and Café is threatened with closure by property developers and all that can save them is the priceless first edition of Komodo Jones, a famous comic book. But then the comic goes missing. Who is the thief and can Coco and Zac recover the comic in time?



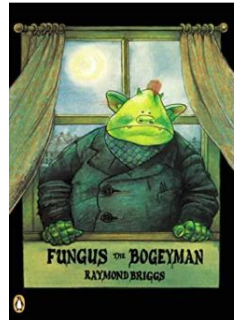
When the evil Galaxico aliens steal the game of football from planet Earth, it's up to Jez and Billy (and the help of their trusty time machines) to assemble the greatest team to have ever played the beautiful game in the hope of stealing it back! From the 1958 World Cup Final to the year 3000, The F2 travel through time and call upon some of heroes of football's past, present and future

to help in their quest to reinstate the joys of playing the game.



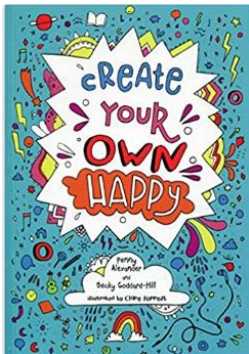
When the 5,000-year-old djinni Bartimaeus is summoned by Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, he expects to have to do nothing more taxing than a little levitation or a few simple illusions. But Nathaniel is a precocious talent and has something rather more dangerous in mind: revenge. Against his will, Bartimaeus is packed off to steal the powerful

Amulet of Samarkand from Simon Lovelace, a master magician of unrivalled ruthlessness and ambition. Before long, both djinni and apprentice are caught up in a terrifying flood of magical intrigue, murder and rebellion.

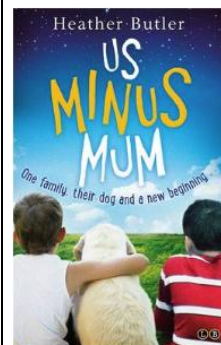


Life in Bogeydom is full of snot, smells, slime, scum and other unspeakable things, and Bogeymen live under the ground revelling in all the nastiness imaginable. Briggs has created a whole new world in this sophisticated cartoon-strip picture book for older children which will entice the most reluctant of readers into books.

Emotions, Confidence & Relationships

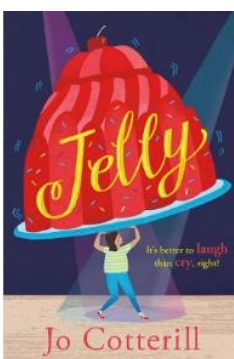


Discover everything happy with this interactive, fun activity book! From speaking in front of your class to standing up for others; planting a seed bomb outdoors or making your own happy playlist, making a recycling monster to paying kindness forward, learn how to Create Your Own Happy!



George and Theo's mum is brilliant. She tells great stories, can wave the fastest of anyone on the planet and, most importantly, she was the one who suggested they adopt a scruffy dog called Goffo. The boys think she's invincible. But they're wrong. Because Mum is ill. Really ill. It's up to George and Theo to keep Mum smiling. Which will

almost probably definitely involve wellies, shepherd's pie and Goffo's victory at the pet talent show ...



Jelly, aged 11, is the life and soul of the classroom. She's popular and great at doing impressions. She's also overweight. She's learned to deal with the put-downs by brushing them off and pretending she finds it all very funny - while making up poems and writing her private worries in a notebook. Then Lennon arrives, Mum's new boyfriend. He's nice. He treats her mum well, buys her flowers, doesn't let her down. He's the first person to have noticed that

Jelly is playing a part.



Ella is the new girl at school. She doesn't know anyone and she doesn't have any friends.

And she has a terrible secret.

Ella can't believe her luck when Lydia, the most popular girl in school, decides to be her new best friend - but what does Lydia really want? And what does it all

have to do with Molly, the quiet, shy girl who won't talk to anyone? *A gripping story of secrets, lies and friendship...*

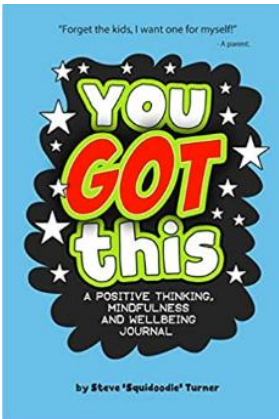
ROSEMARY STONES



Bullying encompasses many things: being called names, being beaten up, having your bus fare stolen, being made to feel stupid... It's always horrible. Almost everyone gets bullied at some point in their life; often it happens at school. But you don't have to accept being bullied, and if you're a bully, you can learn to stop. This book explores why some people bully, why others are bullied and what you can do to change things.



Mabel Mynt knows a lot about space... like how we feel connected to the stars because we are all made of stardust. And that Mum's new boyfriend, Galactic Gavin, has eyes that twinkle like Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky. And that sometimes the perfect place for her sister, Terrible Topaz, would be a black hole. But Mabel doesn't know how to fill the space in her heart that Dad left when he walked out. And so she sets out on a mission of discovery...



You Got This is a unique journal for kids and teenagers, allowing them the time to record their feelings each day. Over ONE HUNDRED attractively designed spreads encouraging children and young adults to record good things on a daily basis – lists such as “Three Amazing Things That Happened Today” and “The Good Things Checklist” will remind kids of the good things they have experienced, encouraging growth mindset. Gratitude tasks have been

scientifically proven to promote happiness.



I'm no good at sport ... I can't do maths ... I really struggle with exams ... Sound familiar? If you believe you *can't* do something, the chances are you won't try. But what if you really *could* get better at maths, or sport or exams? In fact, what if you could excel at anything you put your mind to? Matthew Syed, it uses examples of successful people from Mozart to Serena Williams to demonstrate that success really is earned rather than given, and that talent can be acquired. With hard work and determination, practice and self-belief, and, most importantly, a Growth Mindset, there's no reason why anyone can't achieve anything.