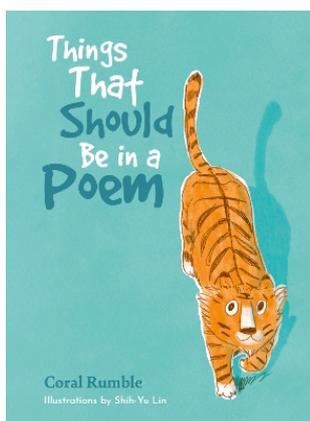


A selection of books especially selected for children in Year 5 (9 - 10 year olds) of average reading ability for the 2023/24 academic year.

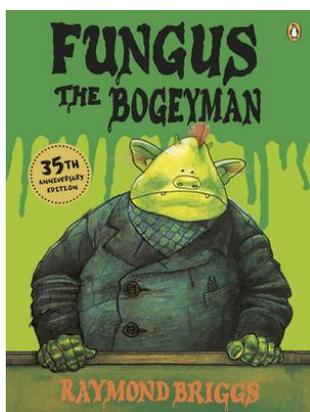
If your child is a competent reader or has read all these titles then try the books from the Year 6 list. Alternatively if these books are a little challenging try books from the Year 4 list. Our overall mission is to promote reading for pleasure with quality texts that are perfectly pitched for the age group and the curriculum. We have particularly avoided blockbusters, classic or set texts, known to everyone, so that we can include poetry, stunning information texts and inspirational books in which all children and young people can find themselves reflected.



Things That Should be in a Poem

Author: Coral Rumble **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/09/2022

'Did you know, you can bump into a poem anywhere? You find them in houses, fields, oceans, cities, trees...the list is endless! I've even found poems in people's faces, when they laugh or cry, or get excited. Of course, you have to write the poems you find, because poems can't hold a pen or type on a keyboard. This book is full of poems I found when I was looking out for them. I had to dig some out of my imagination - ouch! You'll discover in the pages some things that I think should be in a poem, but I'm sure you can think of more. Go hunting!' Coral Rumble's warm, vibrant, exciting world of poems is complemented by Shih-Yu Lin's expressive colour illustrations.



Fungus The Bogeyman

Author: Raymond Briggs **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/03/1990

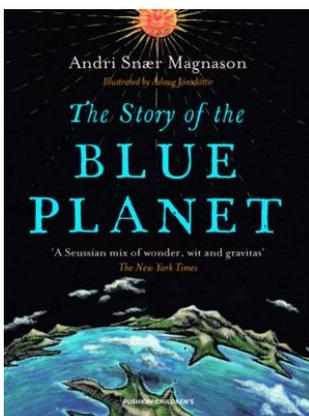
This is a book that is enduringly funny, wonderfully poignant and at times quite rude. Beautifully described through stunning illustrations and hand written text is the story of the bogey men - and in particular Fungus - who live underground and whose day starts as we all go to bed, is a story that will live long in the memory of all those who read it, or indeed dip into from time to time. Living long in my memory is the food eaten by them - Scab and matter Custard, Snot and Bogey Pie, Dead Dog's Giblets, Green Cat's Eyes - how can one ever forget names like this!!!



Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear

Author: Nguyen Thi Thu Trang **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 30/09/2021

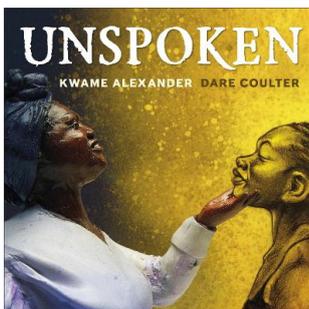
Winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration 2023 Written by scientist and environmental activist Trang Nguyen, Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear is an inspirational graphic-novel adventure, based on a true story about a young conservationist who overcomes the odds to save a sun bear.



The Story of the Blue Planet

Author: Andri Snaer Magnason **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/05/2015

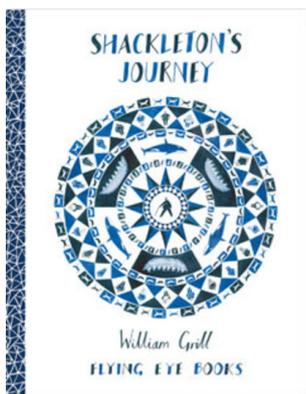
Winner of the UKLA Book Awards 7-11 category 2014 A whimsical fairy tale that will appeal to fans of Maurice Sendak, Dr Seuss and Hans Christian Andersen, The Story of the Blue Planet is a critically acclaimed global hit being published in the UK for the first time. It's the story of two children who live on a planet inhabited only by children who never grow old but in other ways it's a world not unlike our own. There's a powerful underlying message about caring for our environment whilst at the same time telling a wonderfully entertaining story that is combined with bright, magical illustrations.



Unspoken

Author: Kwame Alexander **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/02/2023

March 2023 Book of the Month Companion to the brilliant The Undeclared, Kwame Alexander's Unspoken achieves the seemingly impossible, beginning with the question: "How do you tell a story/that starts in Africa/ and ends in horror/An unbelievable story/about evil plans/and big guns/hiding in the night/waiting". Presented as a teacher talking to their pupils about slavery, this bold, poetic masterwork speaks to multiple ages. Add to that Dare Coulter's powerful illustrations — portraits and scenes that speak to the soul — and you have a tremendous book that will be appreciated and treasured for years as a testament to truth, bravery, struggle and survival. We learn of the "sly men from cold places" who shackled African people in their ships, and the unpaid, backbreaking labour Black children were forced to do while their white counterparts "ate their candy/and played tag/before school". We read of "families torn apart, sold like cattle". And we also bear witness to fighting back, standing up and speaking out, before the answer to that opening question is presented - the story is told "by being brave enough/to lift your voice".



Shackleton's Journey

Author: William Grill **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/01/2014

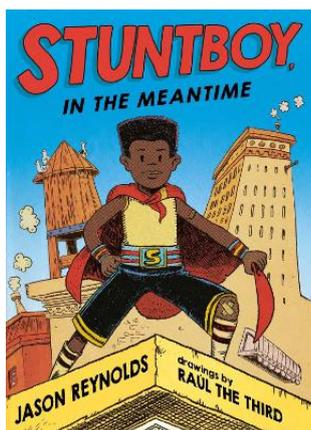
Winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal 2015 Greenaway Medal winning debut from William Grill whose images range from tiny vignettes to sweeping frozen vistas which, together with an absorbing narrative, tells the powerful story of the ill fated voyage.



Twitch

Author: M. G. Leonard **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/06/2021

Can a birdwatcher outwit an escaped convict? Twitch has three pet chickens, four pigeons, swallows nesting in his bedroom and a passion for birdwatching. On the first day of the summer holidays, he arrives at his secret hide to find police everywhere: a convicted robber has broken out of prison and is hiding in Aves Wood. Can Twitch use his talents for birdwatching to hunt for the dangerous prisoner and find the missing loot?

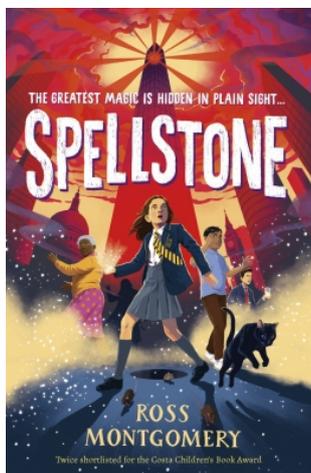


Stuntboy, In The Meantime

Author: Jason Reynolds **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/11/2021

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2023 ages 7-10 Jason Reynolds has a golden touch when it comes to creating thought-provoking fiction that will enthrall even the most reluctant of readers. In Stuntboy In the Meantime readers will feel well and truly understood by two golden touches, with Raul the Third's energetic illustrations ingeniously interwoven to the entertaining, empathetic tale. Portico Reeves is a one of a kind boy, with a one of a kind best friend in Zola. After a tough day dealing with the local bully, Herbert Singletary the Worst, followed by a bad case of The Frets (his evocative term for anxiety), with Zola's guidance Portico finds his superpower and Stuntboy is born, a superhero whose job it is to keep other superheroes safe, so they can get on with saving the world. But while Stuntboy performs several acts of superhero-dom around his Skylight Gardens apartment block (never blowing his own calamity-averting trumpet), he has to fend off further attacks of The Frets and figure out how to stop his parent's constant arguments (aka "the mean time"). Driven by first-

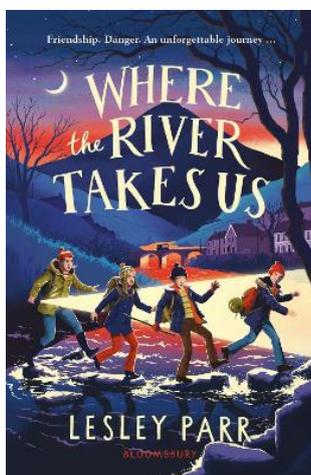
rate, funny dialogue and fast-paced action, and suffused in understanding, Stuntboy will speak to young readers dealing with anxiety, bullies and separating parents while keeping them upbeat and engaged.



Spellstone

Author: Ross Montgomery **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/05/2023

A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month May 2023 Evie is a bored, cross and very ordinary twelve year old when she is suddenly recruited into the Order of the Stone by Wainwright, a mysterious magician she meets by chance. With no idea as to how or why she has been chosen she is swept up in the Order's ancient battle to keep the forces of darkness at bay and to defeat Vale, the evil magician. Evie's companions in the fight look like a motley and unlikely crew, including a very bossy talking cat, but each of them has very special magic powers of their own. Vale's powers are huge and his team of henchmen, known as smoke-men, are deeply sinister. Has Evie the courage that is needed to lead her team and win the battle? The stakes are high and Ross Montgomery sensitively explores how Evie finds more courage than she knew she had in a roller-coaster read full of creative surprises.



Where The River Takes Us

Author: Lesley Parr **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 16/03/2023

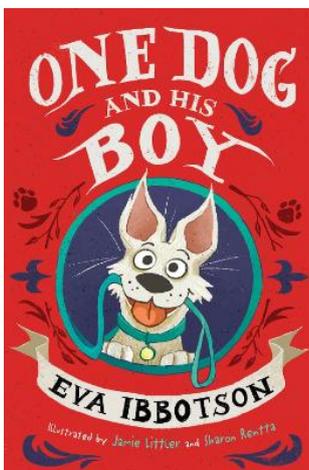
April 2023 Book of the Month Award-winning Lesley Parr's gripping adventure story is made luminous by the exploration and celebration of friendship that underpins it. Set in a tightknit Welsh community at the time of the miners' strike in 1974, four children set off on a mad quest to be the first to spot and photograph a mysterious big cat that is said to be a large in a neighbouring valley. The adventure has most importance for Jason, who narrates the story, as he and his brother desperately need the reward money that is on offer. Although they don't need the cash, his three friends are equally committed to the trip: they are Jason's friends and they want to be by his side as the best supports that they can be. Told with a lot of humour, the details of the two days of walking and the two nights of camping are full of mishaps as well as lucky breaks and moments of great kindness from strangers. For Jason, it is a hugely significant journey of self-discovery as he begins to come to terms with the recent death of his parents and learns how to share his sadness with his accept help from his friends and accept the help they so want to give.



Saving Neverland

Author: Abi Elphinstone **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 05/01/2023

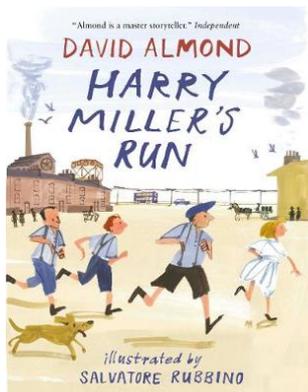
The reimagining of the classic story of Peter Pan could not have been in safer hands than with the multi award winning Abi Elphinstone. Wild magical adventures with real heart and a strong moral compass are her forté and she has crafted a wondrous tale which encapsulates all that is best of the original while removing some undeniably racist and sexist elements which are off-putting to modern generations. Martha Pennyworth and her younger brother Scruff have come to live in 14 Darlington Road, which once belonged to the Darling family, and discover the permanently open window and mysterious golden dust in a drawer. With a missing mother and a busy father, Martha, aged ten, is feeling that she must grow up and be more responsible for younger asthma-ridden brother Scruff, after a “Terrible Day” she won’t talk about. But Peter Pan entices her and her brother to go with him to save Neverland from an icy curse that was cast upon it by Captain Hook. The fairies and fairytale creatures are in danger of extinction and childhood itself is in danger. The initially reluctant but redoubtable Martha is only one of a fantastic cast of well-rounded and believable new characters, including new Lost Kids and a much more likeable new Fairy called Muddle. In Neverland she must battle frostbears, icesharks and snowtigers before a thrilling showdown with the truly dreadful pirates. The peril feels genuine and the bravery immense. Just as with the original Peter Pan this is a story about the transition from childhood to adulthood, but Martha comes to realise that a life full of adventures is far better than a life of worry. She can deal with her guilt about the ‘Terrible Day’ and find a way to embrace the wonder and hope of childhood again. Adventure laced with magic powered by genuine emotion, this is thrilling, heartwarming and utterly enthralling. A triumph!



One Dog and His Boy

Author: Eva Ibbotson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/01/2021

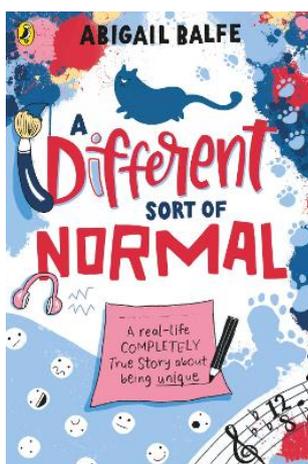
A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month January 2021 Award winning Eva Ibbotson’s poignant and beautiful last book celebrates a boy’s passion for a dog. All Hal has ever wanted is a dog but his parents refuse to contemplate the idea. A dog would mess up their beautiful house and disturb their busy routine. When they discover East Pets, they hire Hal a dog for a weekend thinking that will do the trick. But they don’t know Hal! Hal takes matters into his own hands. Soon Hal and all the dogs he has released from Easy Pets are out on the road – with a price on their head. How Hal makes his escape is both thrilling and moving as it marks his growth from sadness to great happiness.



Harry Miller's Run

Author: David Almond **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/09/2016

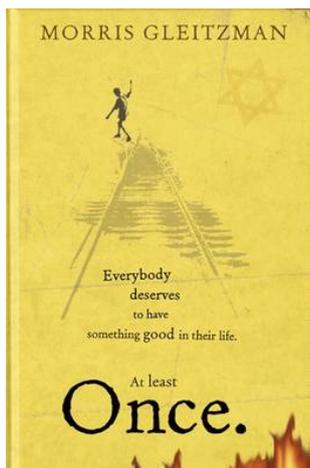
Longlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award Award-winning David Almond tells a lively story which captures the exuberance of a trio of lads and one girl who set off one hot summer morning to run from their homes in Newcastle to South Shields. There's no training, no special kit, no crowds – just the gang enjoying the freedom to run and the kindness of many who keep them fed and watered along the way. And it is a distance of thirteen miles so exactly half a marathon. Old Harry, now walking with a frame and on his way to a care home, tells young Liam, a boy in the present who has just got a place in the junior Great North Run, all about the trip and the magic of it. In doing so he shows a slice of a different kind of childhood set in David Almond's home ground of Newcastle and the surrounding area. In this beautifully produced new edition, Salvatore Rubbino's illustrations also capture the period and the sense of place brilliantly. ~ Julia Eccleshare



A Different Sort of Normal

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

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



Once.

Author: Morris Gleitzman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/02/2006

A moving and convincing child-eye view of what happened to the children of Poland after the Germans invaded. Felix has been placed by his parents in an orphanage for safe-keeping but, when the Germans come and burn the books in the orphanage library, Felix knows he must set out to return to his parents who are booksellers and make sure they are safe. Felix's journey is dangerous and desperate but also full of courage and hope in a world where friendships and loyalty are the glue that hold things together.



The Rescue of Ravenwood

Author: Natasha Farrant **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/02/2023

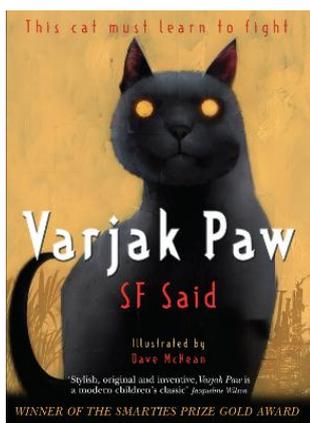
Ravenwood is an eccentric house, surrounded by old trees – in fact it has a collapsed tree taking up a great deal of the kitchen! But to Bea and Raffy it is their home, their refuge and their strength. They form a family with Raffy's mother, Bea's uncle and the wonderful countryside around them – full of memories and magical natural places. Bea struggles with the apparent rejection she faces from her own parents – but whenever she visits them something always seems to go wrong and her mother cries until Bea is back at Ravenwood. But she is bold, creative and adventurous and she and Raffy have the sort of relationship that many siblings would envy. Until Noa arrives – having a third person around changes the dynamic in their relationship and seems to cause a difficulty in communication for the pair. As they all try to have a summer to remember events conspire against them until they have to fight for what they believe in, and to save their home. Natasha Farrant writes books that instantly feel like classics – and this is no exception. It is a book rejoicing in celebrating the environment in your own area, as well as exploring the dynamics of families, friendships and courage. I read it from cover to cover and really didn't want to put it down – it grabs you by the heartstrings and lives on after you have finished it. We should all make sure we protect our Ravenwood's. A vital message for today wrapped in a warm and enthralling story.



The Good Turn

Author: Sharna Jackson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 12/05/2022

A thrilling, pacy adventure about friendship, bravery and real-life injustice from the award-winning author of High Rise Mystery. Josephine Williams is definitely a leader - and her teachers know it! What other eleven-year-old is desperate for MORE schoolwork? Looking for more challenging tasks, Josie enlists her friends Wesley and Margot into her very own Scout troop, the Copseys, named after the street they all live on. Together they start their quest for their camping badge by sleeping out near to the abandoned factory behind their houses. But that night they stumble across something strange. Someone seems to be living in the derelict building! The Copseys have to solve the mystery... and perhaps earn their bravery and activism badges along the way... Perfect for readers who love Robin Stevens and Katherine Woodfine, and full of fast-paced adventure, brilliant characters and snappy dialogue with themes of real-life activism and how to help others.



Varjak Paw

Author: S F Said **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 13/03/2014

Beguiling and mysterious, thought provoking and as wise as the feline hero, this is becoming a modern classic.

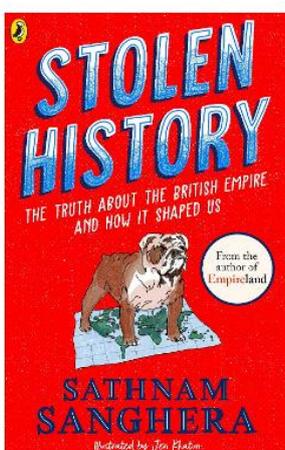


The Lion Above the Door

Author: Onjali Q. Raúf **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 14/10/2021

Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2023 ages 7-10 On a school trip to Rochester Cathedral, Leo is astonished to see a World War II memorial to a man with exactly the same name as him, Leo Kai Lim. Who was the Leo commemorated with a golden lion in the cathedral, and could there be a family connection? Determined to find out more, Leo suggests forgotten heroes as the theme for the class project on WWII, and it's chosen alongside family histories. The project takes on even more significance when the class learn it will be put forward for a national Remembrance Day competition. In his endeavour to find out more about his namesake, Leo is helped by his best friend Sangeeta, who is tracking down information on the part played by Indian soldiers

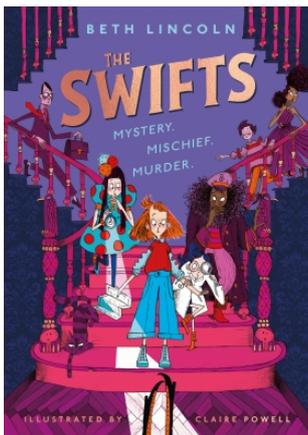
in the war, and thrilled to discover more about the role played by women too. He's also helped, to his surprise, by Olivia Morris, universally regarded as the coolest kid in school. Leo's efforts get him into trouble with his parents (a midnight phone call to his Auntie Su in Singapore) and his school (a disastrous, but very funny secret trip to the RAF Museum), but Leo's determination is overwhelming. When a nasty racist bit of sabotage threatens the project, Leo suddenly finds everyone is on his side, and there are more surprises to come. Onjali Raúf writes superb adventure stories for children, full of excitement and incident, and has a great ear for the way they speak. This story will intrigue and entertain young readers while also helping them understand racism, past and present. It's not just a really good read, it's a really important read.



Stolen History

Author: Sathnam Sanghera **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 08/06/2023

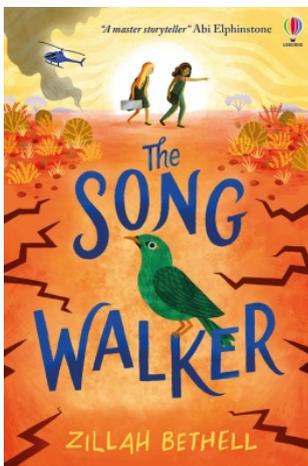
June 2023 Non-Fiction Book of the Month Accessible and enlightening, with complex, vital history explained with clarity, Sathnam Sanghera's *Stolen History* is, quite simply, a powerful, transformative must-read for all British youngsters. The honest, personal style of the introduction is a smart way to encourage young readers to understand the relevance of history: "History bored me to tears at school. I couldn't see how spending a whole term learning about the Stone Age was going to help me live my life." From this, Sanghera moves to explain how learning about the British Empire is eminently relevant to all contemporary Britons. And the reason? "It explains so much about Britain as a nation, including where our money comes from, the stuff we find in our museums, the reason the country is home to citizens of all different backgrounds, the food we eat, the words we use and so much more." Throughout, Sanghera presents case studies readers will really relate to, from the reason cricket is played around the world, and why tea became seen as the quintessential English drink, to the role the Empire played in Sunday roasts, and its connection to Wembley Stadium. Always honest and wise, the final "What can I do?" chapter arms youngsters with vital questions they can ask of teachers and museum staff, along with comebacks they can present to adults who don't fully address issues around the British Empire.



The Swifts

Author: Beth Lincoln **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/02/2023

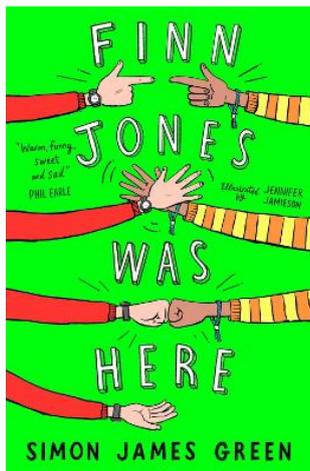
February 2023 Debut of the Month In scenes and a setting that would have Benoit Blanc nodding with approval, young Shenanigan Swift is presented with a murder mystery to solve in her own (rather grand) house and surrounded by all members of her large and decidedly eccentric extended family. Who caused Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude to fall down the stairs at the regular Swift family reunion? Is it linked to the family's periodic search for Vile Swift's missing treasure trove? With so many suspects and so many hiding places, Shenanigan needs all the help she can get, even if that means turning to her sisters, science-obsessed Phenomena and goody-goody Felicity. As country house murder mysteries go, this is top notch, with a fabulous cast of characters and perfectly placed red herrings. It's also extremely funny, full of jokes, situation comedy and gloriously idiosyncratic narration. If you're wondering why Shenanigan and her family have such unusual names, it was decided in the 'tights-and-doublets' days of the Swift family, to name children using the Family Dictionary; after all, 'People often overlook a Mary or a John, but they seldom forget a person named Meretricious or Flinch.' In a sub-plot, Shenanigan puzzles over whether her name found her, or if she is somehow choosing to grow into her name. Clever, original and hugely enjoyable, this is a don't miss.



The Song Walker

Author: Zillah Bethell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/02/2023

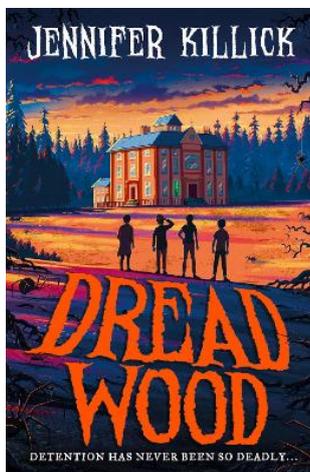
Readers will be immediately hooked by the intriguing opening to this novel. A girl wakes up in the middle of the Australian desert with no idea of who she is or how she got there or why she is carrying a strange heavy case. Her life is saved when she meets Tarni, a First Country girl from the Alaywarre community. Tarni is on a mysterious quest of her own and together they set off on a trek through the ever changing Outback. The location is as beautifully evoked as these intriguing characters and as their stories unfold and memories are awakened, a strong bond is formed between the girls despite their cultural and economic differences. Music is a strong theme throughout the book, not just because of what the case contains, but through the ancient song lines which Tarni uses to navigate their route. Respect for ancient traditions and the powerful connections between people and places is an important aspect of this remarkable and beautifully written story. We also confront the imbalance of power between the First Country and the white community reflected in the importance put on the life of a white girl but not on that of a First Country girl. This book has a powerful message of equality and empathy, spirituality and identity. An intense and rewarding reading experience that fans of her debut novel *The Shark Caller* will absolutely devour.



Finn Jones Was Here

Author: Simon James Green **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 11/05/2023

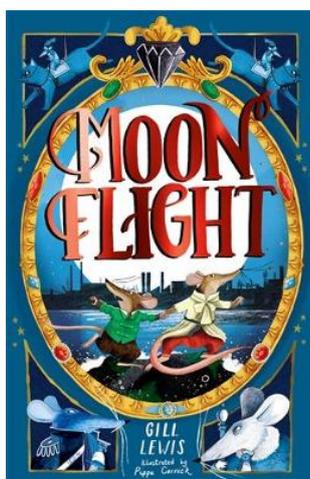
A funny, heartbreaking story about life and loss, and making every second count. Eric's best friend, Finn Jones, was the world's biggest prankster. Now Eric can't believe Finn's not here anymore. ...Or is he? Eric seems to be getting messages from beyond the grave, and as he follows Finn's wild, cryptic instructions, his hope grows that he'll find Finn laughing at the end. The journey also brings memories - and a truth that seems impossible to accept. Hilarious illustrations throughout by Jennifer Jamieson



Dread Wood

Author: Jennifer Killick **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 31/03/2022

April 2022 Book of the Month | Winner of the Children's Book Award 2023 - Older Readers category Four young people, who know but don't like one another; a Saturday detention in their creepy old school; and the sudden, terrifying disappearance of their teacher... The stage is set for a fabulously scary horror story in which Jennifer Killick gleefully plays the genre for everything it's got: shocks, surprises, black humour, and a growing understanding between our bunch of unlikely heroes that if they're going to get out alive, they'll need to work together. Killick knows just the right amount of gory detail to include and has a great line in teenage banter too. Readers, especially those new to this kind of story are in for a treat!



Moonflight

Author: Gill Lewis **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/03/2023

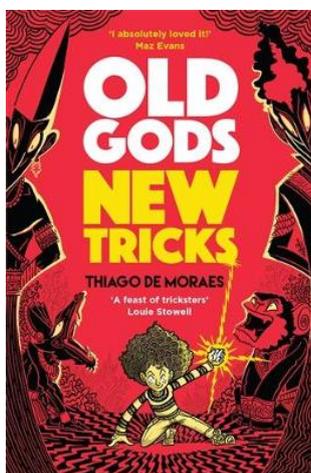
March 2023 Book of the Month This tale of daring adventure, a quest to return a stolen jewel and thereby end a generations' old curse, is even more epic in feel because our heroes are two young rats, Tilbury Twitch-Whiskers and his sister Nimble-Quick. Together, they set out from home to journey over sea and land, taking on fierce cats and even a tiger, facing terrible dangers and shocking betrayal from those they thought they could trust. Gill Lewis is best known for her superb animal stories but proves herself equally talented at fantasy adventure, the world she creates here completely convincing and full of wonderful, memorable scenes, details and characters. And, as in books such as Sky Hawk, Moon Bear or Scarlet Ibis, she shows us that big hearts and determination are powerful things, no matter how great the enemy you're up against. A thrilling read!



When Secrets Set Sail

Author: Sita Brahmachari **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 20/08/2020

Set in a perfectly realised East London, the story begins as newly adopted Imtiaz arrives in Usha's home. Initially misunderstandings abound between the two girls. Sadly, Usha's beloved gran, Kali Ma has recently passed away. But when first Kali Ma and then other ghosts appear and task the girls to right a past wrong and reveal the hidden secrets of their house, which is also a refugee community centre and under imminent threat of closure, they and their new Roma friend Cosmo must work together. There is rich historical detail in this complex but very rewarding and thought-provoking story crafted in delicate and thoughtful prose. We learn about the fate of Indian Ayahs travelling to care for children of the British Raj on the long voyages back to the UK and then being abandoned here and also about the first female Asian GP's and the struggles of the Windrush generation. In an interview the author reveals that there has been a recent campaign for a Blue Plaque to commemorate the real-life House of the Ayahs. This is a skilfully woven narrative with a shameful look at just some of the racist colonial attitudes of Britain both past and present and real tension and adventure as the children race to unravel the mystery and save the refuge and a beloved family home.



Old Gods New Tricks

Author: Thiago de Moraes **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/07/2023

July 2023 Book of the Month This highly talented author/illustrator, perhaps best known for his Myth Atlas, translated into 18 languages, puts his depth of knowledge of mythology around the world to very good use in this fresh and original take on a story about gods and humans. Indeed, each chapter starts with a quote from a genuine encyclopaedia of mythology, but this does not overwhelm, just adds another layer to the storytelling and actually visually represents our heroine's research. Trixie is well named and has quite a reputation for trickery herself. She is the fiercely intelligent and independent daughter of two anthropologists, and she uses her passion for studying myths to work out that it is the Gods who have taken power (electricity) from the world threatening total disaster for humans. Not only that, but she plots to enlist (trick) the most famous trickster gods from different cultures to help her steal it back and to save the world. The concept of all the deities knowing each other and squabbling, like all families do, is highly entertaining. Trixie really has to pit her wits against a variety of challenges to get each god on her team, but she will need them all to face the rip-roaring conclusion on Olympus. Although there is a lot of humour and obviously lots of magical adventures, this is a story with depth, wisdom and pathos which reminded me of Terry Pratchett

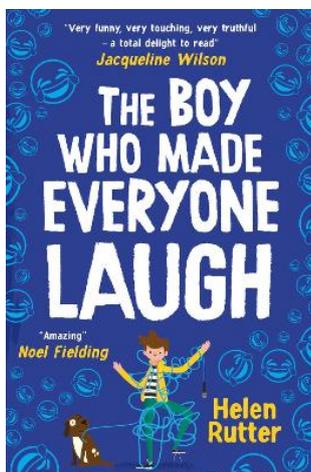
because the world created is treated with utter seriousness and belief. One almost suspects that Mr De Moreas has met many of these gods himself! The brilliant illustrations only add to the wide-ranging appeal of, what I hope will be, the first of many adventures with the redoubtable Trixie.



The Boy Who Saved a Bear

Author: Nizrana Farook **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/04/2023

A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month April 2023 Nuwan loves adventures! As a younger brother, he is always trying to prove to his family and friends that he is not only brave but also sensible and trustworthy. When he sees the opportunity to take on his older brother's job he is determined to do it. But while the job itself isn't too difficult, Nuwan had not bargained on getting caught up in a dramatic plot to steal the Key of Nissanka and a run in with a bear! Luckily, Nuwan really is resourceful. In a hugely dramatic story with a host of twists and turns he somehow he manages to outsmart all of those who are determined to stop him. And, in doing so, to show everyone who doubted him, that he is a winner.



The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh

Author: Helen Rutter **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/02/2021

Shortlisted for The Branford Boase Award 2022 | Shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award 2021 | Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Awards 2022 Best Story | A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month February 2021 | February 2021 Debut of the Month Both touching and funny this is a brilliant story about being brave, being different and learning that being you is what really matters. Billy likes nothing more than making and performing jokes and dreams that one day he will be a famous stand-up comedian. But Billy has a stammer and it can be hard for him even to get a joke out quickly enough. Just now, Billy has a problem which will strike a chord with many: he is about to start secondary school and knows that it will be all too easy for him to become a target for bullies. Especially because of his stammer. Billy thinks of all kinds of schemes to avoiding speaking while also knowing that staying silent goes right against who he really is. How can Billy show his tremendous inner strength and especially his great sense of humour if he never dares to speak? Luckily Billy makes some good friends, meets a great teacher and, drawing on the support of his family and the work of his speech and language therapist, manages not only to survive but also to succeed! Find more books with Positive Images of Disability.