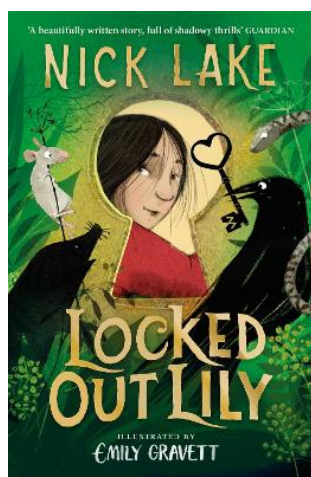


A selection of books especially selected for children in Year 6 (10 - 11 year olds) of average reading ability for the 2022/23 academic year.

If your child is a competent reader or has read all these titles then try the books from the Year 7 list. Alternatively if these books are a little challenging try books from the Year 5 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.



Locked Out Lily

Author: Nick Lake **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/08/2022
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

August 2022 Book of the Month Lily, our heroine, got sick a while ago, and now she just wants things to go back to how they were. This is complicated by the fact that Lily's parents are just about to have another baby, so Lily is sent to her grandmothers to live whilst the baby arrives. Lily will not stay – and runs back home to find her parents have been replaced. Lily has one night to defeat the replacements and find her parents again – and make everything 'right'. In this she is helped by some fascinating animal companions – Mouse, Mole, Crow and Snake have a wonderful humour, as well as providing the magic needed in every child's story. Written with reference to our folk tale past – where talking animals often represent elements of human character, this is a delightful story you want to devour again and again. The story is supported and enhanced with Gravett's dark illustrations; the writing is so visual the illustrations would be hugely missed. Gravett has used shadow and greyscale to create the wonderful characters, and an atmosphere that just oozes off the page as we read. This is the work of two masters of their arts – both can create wonderful reading experiences but joining them together makes for an unforgettable book that will find its way into many small hands now and long into the future.

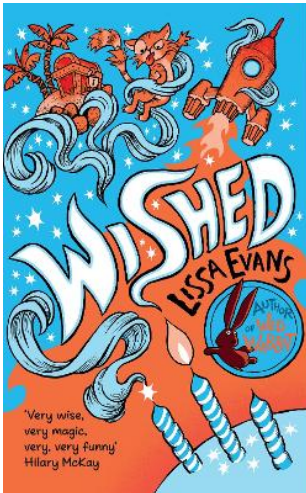


Resist: One Girl's Fight Back Against the Nazis

Author: Tom Palmer **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/08/2022
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

August 2022 Book of the Month | Interest Age 8+ Reading Age 8 It's 1943, Edda is 14 and living in Velp in the Netherlands under German occupation. Young as she is, she is already risking her life working for the resistance, delivering newsletters and, more dangerous still, helping US airmen stranded behind German lines. With typical economy and directness, Tom Palmer tells her story brilliantly, describing Edda's heroism plus the fear and misery experienced every day by all those trying to live their lives as war rages around them with the same eye-level detail and insight. As often in Palmer's books, this is

inspired by a real person and somehow the story of this courageous young girl is even more remarkable when he reveals in the concluding pages that Edda van Heemstra grew up to be Audrey Hepburn, one of the most famous of all the Hollywood stars, though also a longtime ambassador for UNICEF. Written for dyslexia specialist Barrington Stoke, the book is accessible to all readers and for many it is likely to prove unputdownable.



Wished

Author: Lissa Evans **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/04/2022
Year Groups: Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

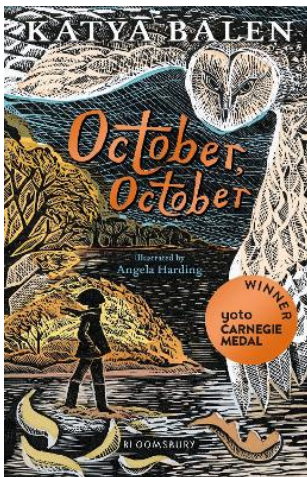
Ed and his sister Roo face an awful half term break when they unexpectedly must be looked after by their neighbour Miss Filey and her extremely smelly old cat! Nothing, it appears can save their break until they find some very old birthday candles which they and their new friend Willard decide to light and make wishes – like everyone does on birthday cakes! It turns out, though, that the wishes they get are not entirely their own and they must work together – including the smelly cat Attlee – who it turns out can talk – to solve the situations they find themselves in! All the elements are here for a series of adventures where our trio discover a huge amount about themselves – and Miss Filey – whilst surviving amazing escapades. Each person discovers a great deal about themselves, and about their friends as they explore, but have fun and laughter along the way. I was particularly pleased to see the way Evans writes the fact Ed is in a wheelchair as he has a condition which makes it hard for him to walk – the way this is handled makes a refreshing change. Ed is fiercely independent, and hates being discussed by others – which feels very authentic. All the characters are well drawn – even the adults, who in some books end up more like ciphers than people. This should most definitely be an instant classic – an overused term but one that is truly meant here. Buy it, read it – you will love it!



Spark

Author: Mitch Johnson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/02/2022
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

A grim vision of a future world starved of water, where humanity has descended into a mediaeval hand to mouth existence and with a warped belief system extolling the Ancestors who had in fact created this awful world through selfish excess. Ash lives with the Priestess of Last Village since his father left. After a storm, Ash wakes to find that the village's water and all the other villagers have disappeared and the Priestess left dead. Together with fellow outcast Bronwyn, he heads North with hope they might find water, villagers or even the fabled 'Kingdom' where life is rumoured to still flourish. After many dangers and tribulations, they do indeed find all of this. But the villagers are brutally enslaved building the huge Wall which holds back all the stolen water to enable the inhabitants of the Kingdom to continue their privileged lives. Corruption and greed still rule the world. But the Spark of the title is not just the means to cleverly set off the explosive climax but the revolutionary spark for change and rebellion which Ash delivers to empower the enslaved villagers to action. This is a thrilling adventure with a strong message about working together to bring about change and about fighting for justice and the natural world. Ash and Bronwyn are great characters and their spiky relationship is thoroughly entertaining and convincing. An empowering read for young activists everywhere and a successful foray into dystopian fiction for the Branford Boase winning author.

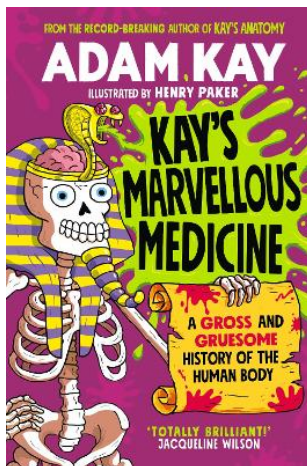


October, October

Author: Katya Balen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 30/09/2021
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal 2022 | Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2022 ages 7-10 Raw, lingering and stirringly lyrical, *October, October* had me hooked from opening to end. Conjured in language that crackles and smoulders like an autumn bonfire, this is a book of bones and bark, of frost and flame, captivating in the manner of Skellig or Stig of the Dump as it undulates towards a wondrous homecoming of the heart. "We live in the woods and we are wild... Just us. A pocket of people in a pocket of the world that's small as a marble. We are tiny and we are everything and we are wild." October has everything she wants living in the woods in the house her father built. Her mother left when October was four and she's adamant that, "I don't want her. She's not wild like we are." This year October's euphoria at the onset of autumn is sullied when she discovers a dead owl and a motherless baby owl: "my heart won't stop bruising my ribs." So, she rescues the baby, names it Stig and declares it her first ever friend. Calamity strikes when the woman "who calls herself my mother" arrives as a birthday surprise - her beloved dad breaks his spine after falling from a tree and October must stay with this woman - her mother - in

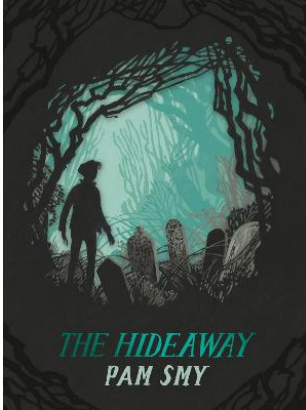
London while he recuperates. In the chaotic city, October is a bird with clipped wings. Torn from her wild world, she implodes, becomes a “firework of fury”, until she strikes up a bond with a boy named Yusef and discovers mudlarking, which makes her once more “a wild animal skulking and prowling for food”, “a pirate hunting for treasure.” An unforgettable story, an unforgettable heroine – it’s no exaggeration to hail this a future classic.



Kay's Marvellous Medicine

Author: Adam Kay **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 30/09/2021
Year Groups: Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

Following the enormous success of Kay's Anatomy, this is another tour-de force of informational writing. Children will be rolling around with laughter at all the gags, including a scribbled commentary from Great Aunt Prunella, who does not approve of the author's obsession with farting and poo, and the hilarious comic strips and copious illustrations from the talented Mr Paker. But don't be fooled – they will be learning an enormous amount about how humans came to understand the workings of the human body and how to fix it when it went wrong. Kay obviously relishes the ridiculous theories that abounded from ancient times through to relatively recent history and the frankly bizarre and terrifying treatments that were developed, as well as having a sincere respect for the pioneers who took the science forward. There is a great Doctorography section at the end to remind readers of all the stories they have read in the course of chapters which look at different parts of the body as well as individual sections on Surgery, Infections and Genetics. Each chapter ends with a look at the Future and Adam's Answers where he explains facts and fallacies too good to miss out! The pioneers of medicine generally have a little feature Five Facts and A Lie about them, so the author is actively encouraging critical reading as he does with True or Poo fact boxes about some familiar misconceptions. He is also at pains to highlight the women who, despite being banned from medicine throughout most of its history nevertheless managed to innovate and discover. In a hugely enjoyable, page-turning read, this librarian particularly enjoyed the fact that the excellent index also contained jokes. Do see if you can spot them!

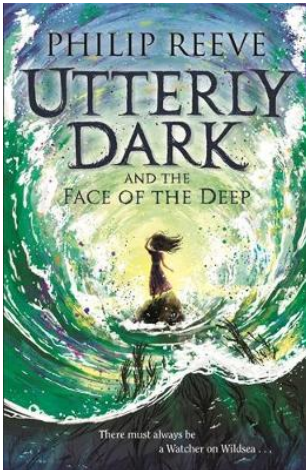


The Hideaway

Author: Pam Smy **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 09/09/2021 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month September 2021 |

September 2021 Book of the Month Billy is desperate to make things change at home. Her father disappeared before he was born: he and mum had been ok when they had been alone together but now his mother's new partner has spoilt everything. Billy is frightened for himself and he is frightened for his mum. To make a point he runs away for a few days hiding in a semi-ruined pill-box in a local graveyard. Cleverly telling the story in two narratives, from Billy's perspective and his mum's and interweaving other characters and their experience from whom they can learn, Pam Smy explores a range of complex emotions thrown up by a difficult situation.

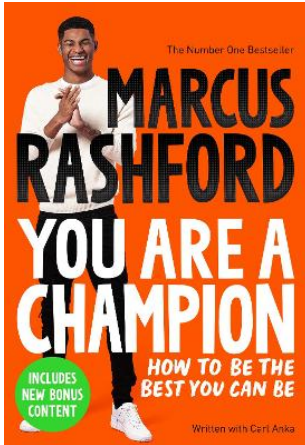


Utterly Dark and the Face of the Deep

Author: Philip Reeve **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/09/2021 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

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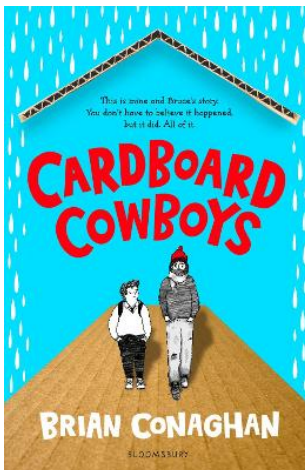
September 2021 Book of the Month Award-winning author Philip Reeve is gifted at creating alternative worlds which feel both comfortingly familiar and thrillingly new and original. The watery landscape of the Autumn Isles does just that providing the backdrop for a gutsy and gusty story of powerful old magic, new-fangled science and the perennial battle for the critical balance of power between land and the sea. It is the setting for a roller coaster of a story with the survival of orphaned Utterly Dark, one of the most charming and feisty young heroines, at its heart. Washed up on the shore of the Autumn Isles, Utterly is rescued and adopted by Andrew Dark, the Watcher of Wildsea, whose job it is to keep the islands safe from the many dangers forces that threaten the land, in particular, the terrifying Gorm, a fearful sea dwelling creature who threatens the life of the Islanders. When her guardian drowns in curious circumstances, Utterly must maintain the watch until a new Watcher arrives. But the new Watcher is sceptical of the old magic until his rash actions reveal the full power of the Gorm with almost fatal results. Can Utterly set the watery world of her home to rights?



You Are a Champion

Author: Marcus Rashford, Carl Anka **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/05/2021 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

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

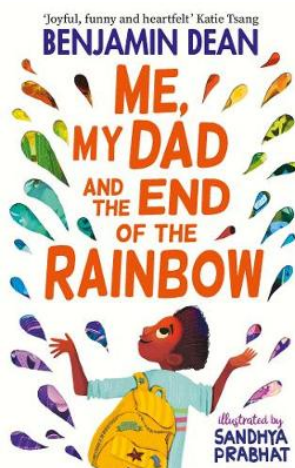


Cardboard Cowboys

Author: Brian Conaghan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/04/2021 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2022 ages 11-14 | May 2021 Book of the Month Multi-award-winning Brian Conaghan specialises in misfits, characters on the edge looking in, and he has a wonderful ear for authentic dialogue and for giving us male protagonists with emotional depth. He creates characters that rapidly find a place in your heart and who will make you laugh out loud and shed a few tears. This is the first time that he has written for a younger audience and does so without losing any of his trademark authenticity or sharp, wisecracking dialogue. Brian's older teen fans will also find this an enjoyable read. Lenny blames himself and his size for everything. He believes his Mum and Dad blame him too. His beloved older brother is in a Young Offenders Institute as a result of defending Lenny against some thugs beating him up. His coping strategy is to hide and his favourite bunking off school place is a canal side bench. Tossing his IrnBru can into the canal introduces him to Bruce- another outsider- living in a cardboard home hidden away on the bank. Despite this traumatic start the pair strike up a life-changing friendship. The reader will gradually get to hear their stories as Lenny is able to talk to Bruce, unlike his

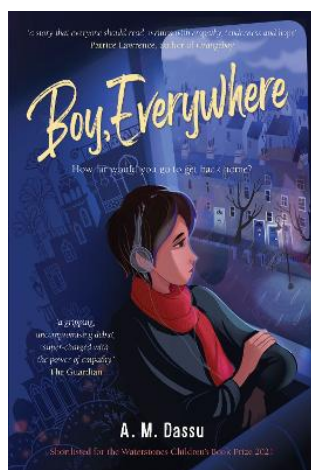
parents or teachers and inveigles him into helping to avoid a school dilemma and then to accompany him on an epic journey to see his brother. But Bruce is no pushover and Lenny has to face up to some stiff challenges in return and in so doing discovers courage, resilience and talents that he would not have believed he had. We eventually learn Bruce's heart-breaking story too, but without any saccharine ending we feel there is hope and a future for both. Warm hearted and memorable this should go to the top of your wishlist for school libraries and every child's bookshelf. Find more books with Positive Images of Disability. The LoveReading LitFest invited Brian Conaghan to the festival to talk about Cardboard Cowboys, his first book for younger readers. The digitally native, all year round, online literature and books festival, with new content released every week is a free-for-all-users festival. What are you waiting for? Check out a preview of the event and sign up to become a member.



Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow

Author: Benjamin Dean **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/02/2021 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

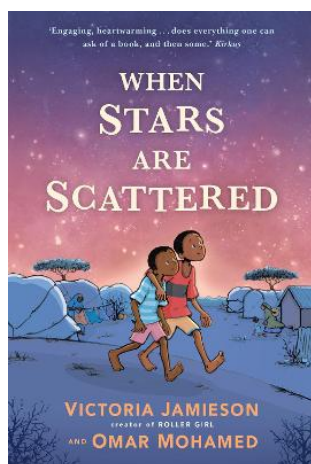
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2022 ages 7-10 | March 2021 Debut of the Month | Selected for The Book Box by LoveReading4Kids 12-year-old Archie Albright is a character who instantly grabs the reader's attention with his natural, chatty narrative voice. His family is splitting up, he doesn't know why, and he knows there is something they are not telling him. After a disastrous parents evening and an overheard conversation, Dad has to finally confess to Archie that he is gay. Archie just wants everyone to be happy again. He desperately wants to understand and to help. His Dad drops a leaflet about the PRIDE march and Archie decides he will find all his answers there and luckily, he has two staunch friends who see all the pitfalls of this expedition but decide to help him anyway. Needless to say everything goes wrong! There are so many things to love about this splendid book. Every character, including the joyous cast of LGBTQ+ characters that they meet and are helped by on their adventure, rings authentically true. The dialogue is witty, but realistic, not played just for cheap laughs. But there is a lot of genuine humour in the situations the children find themselves embroiled in and a fair bit of nail-biting tension too! It is also so refreshing that this is not a story about overcoming homophobia- all the main characters are totally accepting of Archie's Dad's right to determine his sexuality, while not denying the pain that comes from family break up. It deals honestly with difficult emotions and conveys a strong message about empathy and tolerance. This is such a rewarding, positive and inclusive read that it deserves a place in every school and in every home.



Boy, Everywhere

Author: A. M. Dassu **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 22/10/2020
Year Groups: Key Stage 3

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2022 ages 11-14 | Winner of the Little Rebels Award 2021 | November 2020 Debut of the Month Sami is a very ordinary 13-year-old boy, attending school, playing football, PlayStation and has his own iPad – the only thing different about Sami is that he lives in Damascus. As the war in Syria creeps closer, until a bombing of a local mall affects his family, everything has been good. Now Sami and his family have to leave their home, their friends and their beloved Jadda (grandmother) – not just to move to another town but to start a long and perilous journey to the safety of the other side of the world – to England. The journey, and therefore the story, are not for the fainthearted – Dassau tells the story of the journey, the fear and the privations authentically and we vividly share Sami's upset, anger and fear throughout every page. The portrait drawn of the family in such a stressed and frightening situation has the reader on the edge of their seat and pulling at our hearts all the way through. Written with a deep understanding and meticulous research into similar journeys this is a book that will not leave you for a very long time. The switches from adversity to hope to despair in Sami keep your heart in your mouth and is so realistic I was raging at the government for its inhuman treatment of desperate refugees. Read this book – it's needs to be in classrooms and on bookshelves everywhere – it will change you and stay with you.

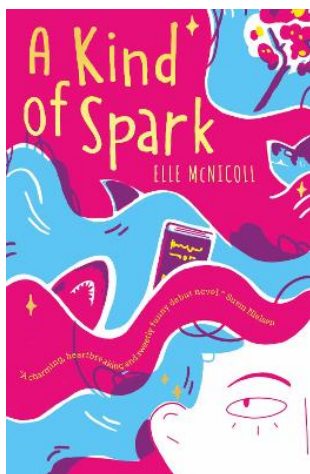


When Stars are Scattered

Author: Victoria Jamieson, Omar Mohamed **Format:** Paperback
Release Date: 02/07/2020 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2022 ages 7-10 Omar Mohammed spent his childhood at the enormous Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya after fleeing the war in Sudan with his younger brother, having seen their father killed and becoming separated from their mother. Eventually resettled to America, he was already working on his memoir for adults when he met the Newbery Honor winning author who persuaded him to turn his story into a graphic novel. This accessible format and the first-person narration create an intimate picture of a very real boy and what life in a refugee camp is really like. It importantly puts a face and a personality to the refugee crisis. We feel the hunger, the physical drudgery, the monotony and the frustrations, but also the sense of community, the love and support of friends and neighbours and the moments of joy and the passion for learning. Omar and his friends Jeri, Nima and Maryam all want to learn and aspire to escape to the West. The injustice of the lack of spaces for older children, of girls who are not allowed to study and of who gets selected for resettlement are unforgettably conveyed. The relationships between Omar and Hassan, his mute and damaged brother, and with Fatima who lost all her sons in

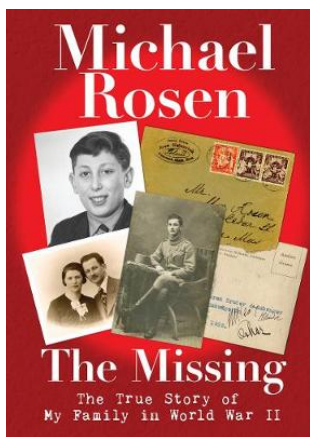
Sudan but cares for them is beautifully and movingly portrayed. They never lose hope that they might find their mother and in the afterword we discover how that story turned out. Readers cannot help but develop empathy and compassion for people like Omar. This is an outstanding book that is truly engaging, educative and heart-breaking but ultimately a story of hope and doing the best you can. An essential purchase for schools.



A Kind of Spark

Author: Elle McNicoll **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/06/2020
Year Groups: Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

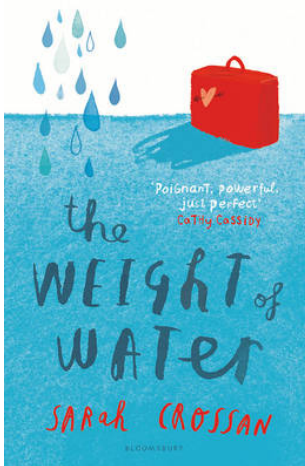
Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Award 2022 ages 7-10 | Winner of the Blue Peter Book Awards 2021, Best Story | Shortlisted for the 2021 Branford Boase | Award Shortlisted for the Little Rebels Award 2021 When 11 year old Addie, who is autistic, learns about the 16th century women who were persecuted for witchcraft, she starts to lobby for a local memorial in her small Scottish village. With the help of a new girl at school, she fights valiantly against injustice and oppression. The Branford Boase Award Judges said: 'Phenomenal'; 'I loved it'; 'brings a brand new voice into children's books'; 'deals with ideas of difference without being heavy handed'. Find out more about the Branford Boase Awards [here](#).



The Missing

Author: Michael Rosen **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 12/12/2019
Year Groups: Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

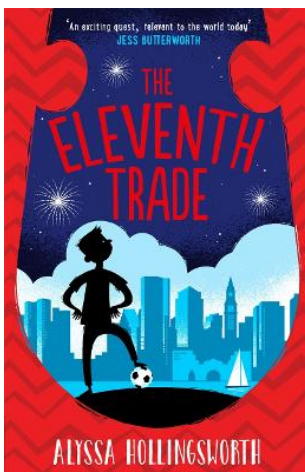
Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 A personal, powerful and resonant account of the Holocaust by one of this country's best-loved children's authors. By turns charming, shocking and heart-breaking, this is the true story of Michael Rosen's search for his relatives who went missing during the Second World War - told through prose, poetry, maps and pictures.



The Weight of Water

Author: Sarah Crossan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/01/2013 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2013 The Weight of Water is a startlingly original piece of fiction written in verse; most simply a brilliant coming of age story. First love, friendship and quiet courage combine in this spare and beautiful story that will leave you sad, happy and wanting more from this fantastic new voice in children's fiction. It tackles the alienation experienced by many young immigrants. Moving, unsentimental and utterly page-turning, we meet and share the experiences of a remarkable 12 year old girl who shows us how quiet courage prevails. A truly special and remarkable read that should not be missed and, Bloomsbury the publisher has done a wonderful job on the book itself - the best things come in small packages - and this is absolutely no exception, so buy the physical book and not the ebook.



The Eleventh Trade

Author: Alyssa Hollingsworth **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 18/09/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Winner of the UKLA Book Awards 2020 Sami gets by in Boston on the money his grandfather makes on the street playing his rehab. When the instrument is stolen, Sami needs to find \$700 to get it back. All he has is a man United key ring. It's only going to be possible if Sami is prepared to accept help. This is a great book for readers not quite ready for YA fiction. It is raw, relevant but full of hope.



The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents

Author: Terry Pratchett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/04/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

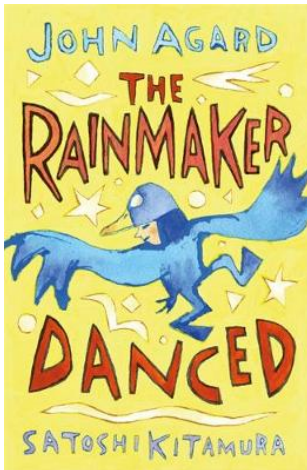
A Carnegie Medal winner that is the perfect introduction into the comic, yet thought-provoking, Discworld created by the late lamented Sir Terry Pratchett.



The Explorer

Author: Katherine Rundell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/01/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

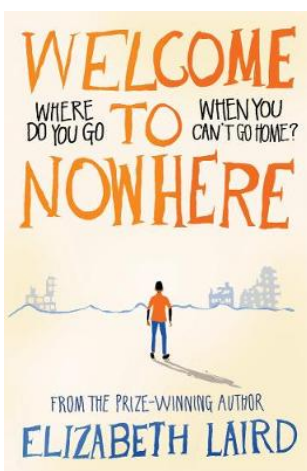
Winner of the UKLA Book Awards 2019 | Winner of The Costa Children's Book Award 2017 After crashing hundreds of miles from civilisation in the Amazon rainforest, Fred, Con, Lila and Max are utterly alone and in grave danger. They have no food, no water and no chance of being rescued. But they are alive and they have hope. As they negotiate the wild jungle they begin to find signs that something - someone - has been there before them. Could there possibly be a way out after all?



The Rainmaker Danced

Author: John Agard **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 21/09/2017 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

This collection from John Agard, winner of the Queens Medal and the Eleanor Farjeon Award, explores the wonders of the world - inviting your child to ponder life's questions with lots of fun along the way!



Welcome to Nowhere

Author: Elizabeth Laird **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 12/01/2017 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

In a nutshell: the lives of a Syrian family brought vividly and sympathetically to life for young readers | This is an excellent book for young people who want to know what is happening in Syria and why - serious, thoughtful, sympathetic to the ordinary people caught up in the war; in a highly readable story it gives a real insight into their lives, and how quickly they have changed from something very similar to our own, to something incomprehensible. Readers meet Laird's fictional Syrian family at the beginning of the civil war when life is good, particularly for her central character Omar, a young boy already dreaming of running his own business. But as protests against the government spiral into war, the family are forced from their house, then their country. Omar stays upbeat, even in their refugee camp where hope is in very short supply, a lively, reassuring narrator. Unlike his older brother, he's not interested in the protests, just wants things to be back the way they

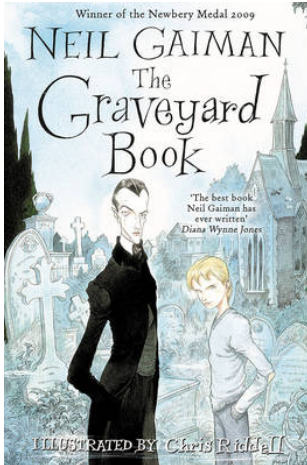
were; though the book ends with Omar, his mother and sisters escaping the refugee camp, we know that their lives have changed forever. ~ Andrea Reece Elizabeth Laird says, "We in the west, in the comfort of our homes, with our NHS, our free schools, our benefits and all our privileges, find it hard to grasp the fear and desperation of people who have lost everything, including their hope for the future. These people are people like us, with professions, lifestyles and families like ours. Unfortunately we are often encouraged by some of our politicians and our media to see them only as potential terrorists, as scroungers, as threats to our way of life. I wanted to show a family behind the statistics, parents and children caught up in a desperate civil war, coping in impossible circumstances in the best way they can. I wove into Welcome to Nowhere the accounts of many different people who told me about their own experiences, and urged me to write their story." Belinda Rasmussen, Publisher, Macmillan Children's Books says: "Elizabeth Laird has succeeded again in writing an incredibly powerful novel, this time about one of the biggest humanitarian crises of our age. We are extremely proud to be publishing this book to help foster understanding, empathy and support for those who have lost everything and can't go home."



Beetle Boy

Author: M.G. Leonard **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/03/2016
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

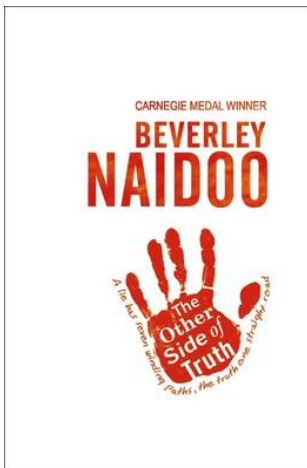
Winner of the Branford Boase Award 2017 | One of our Books of the Year 2016 | Shortlisted for the Children's category of the Books are My Bag Readers Awards 2016 | Longlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award and March 2016 Julia Eccleshare's Debut of the Month A rollicking adventure spiced up with fascinating information about beetles, this debut novel fuses science, survival and sleuthing! Darkus's life is turned upside down when his father goes missing. Darkus refuses to accept that his father is dead and he is determined to find out what happened for himself. Sent to stay with his uncle, he discovers the strange neighbours have a yard full of junk - and beetles. Darkus is befriended by a handsome, giant beetle who seems to understand Darkus and is also connected to his dad's disappearance. What is going on? And who is Lucretia Cutter, one of the best villainess since Cruella de Vil? Books in The Battle of the Beetles Series: 1. Beetle Boy 2. Beetle Queen 3. Battle of the Beetles



The Graveyard Book (illustrated by Chris Riddell)

Author: Neil Gaiman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/10/2009
Year Groups: Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

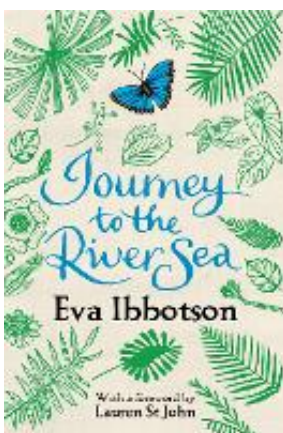
11+. Winner of the Carnegie Medal in 2010, shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal in 2010, winner of Best Novel at the Hugo Awards 2009 and of the prestigious Newbery Medal. Spooks galore in this brilliant and fantastic story of life in the graveyard. When Baby Bod escapes a murderer intent on killing his whole family, he is taken in by the graveyard ghosts. In eight chapters, each of which depicts every other year of Bod's life, a separate story of Bod's life unfolds and always in the background there is the sinister, haunting presence of a killer. Bod's curious tale is a masterpiece of original, absorbing and unstoppable storytelling.



The Other Side of Truth

Author: Beverley Naidoo **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/04/2000 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4

This is the story of 12 year-old Sade and her brother Femi who flee to Britain from Nigeria. Their father is a political journalist who refuses to stop criticising the military rulers in Nigeria. Their mother is killed and they are sent to London, with their father promising to follow. Abandoned at Victoria Station by the woman paid to bring them to England as her children, Sade and Femi find themselves alone in a new, often hostile, environment. Seen through the eyes of Sade, the novel explores what it means to be classified as 'illegal' and the difficulties which come with being a refugee.



Journey to the River Sea

Author: Eva Ibbotson **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 25/08/2016

An Amazon adventure set in the wilderness of Brazil, Journey to the River Sea is filled with mystery and memorable characters. It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences in Journey to the River Sea, Eva Ibbotson's highly colourful, joyous adventure. This 15th anniversary edition includes a forward by Lauren St John, author of The White Giraffe. Winner of the Smarties Gold Medal. Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Award.

