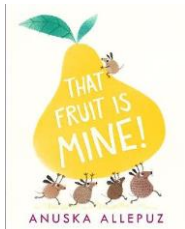


Read Aloud Booklist 2020



Allepuz, Aneka – That Fruit is Mine!

A story about teamwork. The elephants and the mice are trying to get the juicy fruit at the top of the tree. Make sure the children can all enjoy the illustrations.

EYS and KS1

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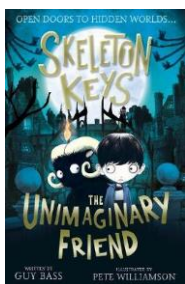


Arshad, Hamza – Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties

11 year old Humza dreams of being a rapper. When his music teacher is taken ill and an Auntie steps in everything changes. Then more of his teachers go missing. Find out what is really going on in this hilarious story.

Yrs 3/4

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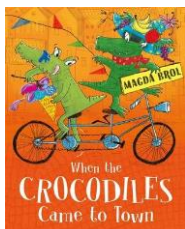


Bass, Guy – The Unimaginary Friend

A new series from this great author. A humorous spooky tale involving an imaginary friend. Illustrations add to the atmosphere.

Yrs 3/4

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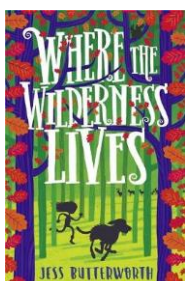


Brol, Magda – When the Crocodiles Came to Town

Welcome to Dullsville and all its rules and regulations. When the crocodiles arrive they do not fit in but when they help the inhabitants of Dullsville all that changes. Great fun with lots of detail in the illustrations.

KS1

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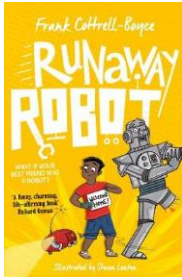


Butterworth, Jess – Where the Wilderness Lives

Cara loves living on her canal boat but when they discover a safe in the canal everything starts to unravel. Escaping kidnap, she sets off with her siblings and a friend to Wales, a journey which will test all their resilience. Page turning adventure. One of the characters is deaf and has a hearing dog.

Yr 4 up

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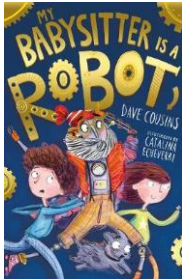


Cottrell-Boyce, Frank – Runaway Robot

CF

Set in the future, Alfie discovers a robot in the lost property at the airport called Eric. Both characters are trying to remember an incident in their pasts to explain their current plight. Alfie has a robotic arm he is struggling to use and Eric is missing parts of his robotic body. An emotional read.

Yrs 3/4/5



Cousins, Dave – My Babysitter is a Robot

CF

How cool is that – a robot babysitter. The children are very excited by granny’s invention until they realise she has programmed it with lots of rules. Can they get the robot to change? Great fun.

Yr3/4

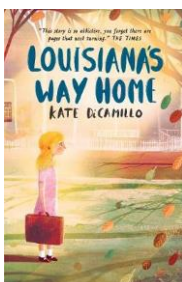


Coyle, Sarah – The Biggest Story

Y

Errol’s mum is too busy to read him a story, so he decides to make up his own, but where do you start? The animals all want to be included, even the dinosaurs. Great fun as the reader follows this epic tale.

KSI



DiCamillo, Kate - Louisiana’s Way Home

CF

Join Louisiana Elefante on a journey across the southern states of the U.S. as she tells you the story of how she discovered who she truly is. When her Granny announces in the middle of the night that they must leave Florida to flee an ancient family curse, Louisiana fears she will never find her way back home. KS2



Elphinstone, Abi - RumbleStar

CF

First in the Unmapped Chronicles series and in the vein of Narnia, going through a door into a fantasy land. Fantastic writing and great for children about to transition into secondary. The main character does not believe he is brave enough to be in an adventure, but this has all changed by the end. Yrs 5/6



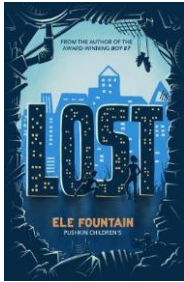


Farook, Nizrana - Girl who stole an elephant

Chaya is a rebel, but when she steals the Queen's jewels she realises she has gone too far and escapes. How can she save her village from the Kings' punishment?

Yrs 4/5/6

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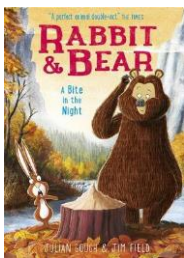


Fountain, Ele - Lost

Set in an Asian city this story shows how easy it is to move from a comfortable life to trying to survive on the streets. When dad does not return after a business trip, the children are forced onto the street. Hard hitting, moving story.

Yr 6

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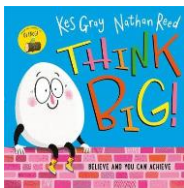


Gough, Julian – A Bite in the Night

Rabbit and Bear are back in another funny tale set in the woods. A beaver has arrived and plans to change their environment much to rabbit's horror. Wonderful humour and illustrations and would aid discussions on friendship.

Yr 2 up

CF



Gray, Kes – Think Big!

A retelling of the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty. The nursery rhyme characters are trying to get Humpty to think about his career prospects and widen them from a scrambled egg! Great fun and a laugh out loud ending.

EYS & KSI

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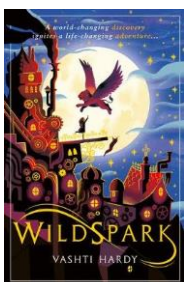


Griffiths, Alex G – The Bug Collector

George can't get enough of bugs and after a visit to the museum with his grandad, he decides to catch all the bugs in his garden. It is then he realises why the bugs are so important.

KSI

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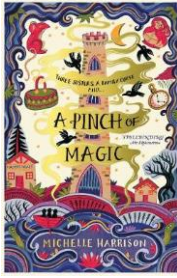


Hardy, Vashti – Wildspark

An author to watch. This is a multi-layered adventure story which is a gripping page turner. Prue still misses her brother who has died. His dream was to go to the Guild of Inventors in the city, so she decides to take his place. The consequence of her actions slowly unravels the whole of society.

Yrs 5/6

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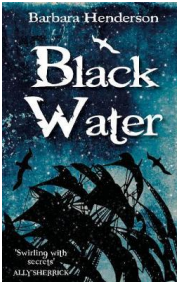


Harrison, Michelle - Pinch of Magic

Great setting and characters in this pacy adventure. Three sisters are trapped on an island by an ancient curse. Will they be able to use their newfound magic to escape? More in the series if you enjoyed this one.

Yr 6

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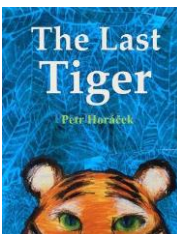


Henderson, Barbara – Black Water

1792 Dumfries, Scotland. Henry is following in his father's footsteps and learning how to be an Excise man. His real love though is poetry. This is a short story with powerful writing and full of adventure. It features Robert Burns and there is information about him and his poetry included in the back.

Yrs 5/6

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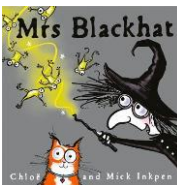


Horacek, Petr – The Last Tiger

Powerful use of illustrations as the colour reveals the mood of the story along with the use of perspective. A tiger is captured and taken to the city where he longs for his freedom. Great for discussion.

KS1

Y



Inkpen, Mick – Mrs Blackhat

A wonderful rhyming text. Mrs Blackhat is trying to turn her ginger cat black, but without much success. Great fun.

EYS & KS1

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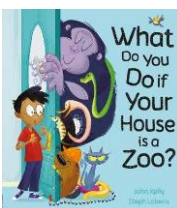


Jones, Stella – The Only Way is Badger

Badger is convinced that he does everything better than anyone else, so all the other animals should copy him or leave his side of the forest. Powerful message about friendship and celebrating difference accompanied by expressive illustrations.

KS1

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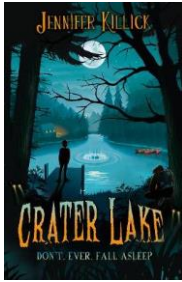


Kelly, John - What do you do if your house is a zoo?

Winner of the HPBA 2020, this is great for everyone who loves doing voices. An advertisement for a pet produces a wide range of replies. Which one would you choose?

KS1

Y



Killick, Jennifer - Crater Lake

Year 6 are off on their residential trip, but things go awry right from the start. This is a scary story full of suspense. Fast paced this is all about teamwork, survival and friendship.

Yrs 5/6

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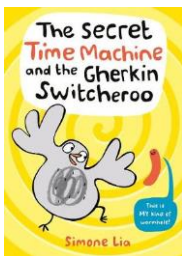


Leonard, M G – The Highland Falcon Thief

Start of a new series about train journeys. This is a rip-roaring adventure aboard a Royal train where items are being stolen but who can be the culprit? Page turner as the train travels the length of the UK.

Yrs 3/4

CF



Lia, Simone – The Secret Time Machine and the Gherkin Switcheroo

Marcus the worm and Laurence the bird are the very best of friends but Marcus is tired of having stay-at-home days with Laurence every day. To get his friend out of the house Marcus lies and says his Aunt has a time machine! Join these two friends on a crazy, laugh-out-loud adventure as they make their way down the wormhole of time travel! Yr 3

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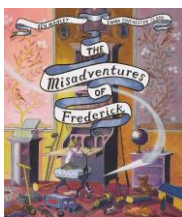


Littler, Jamie – Frostheart

A gripping adventure with more to follow for this hero. Ash has always felt different to everyone else in his snow bound community. When the chance to find his parents arrives, he grabs it. A fast-paced adventure that will keep you gripped to the end.

Yrs 4/5/6

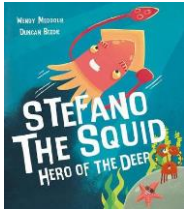
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Manley, Ben – The Misadventures of Frederick

Told completely by letters, this is the story of 2 children hoping to get together and play outside. One writes very formal letters and the other is in complete contrast and very informal. KSI

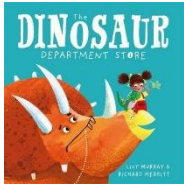
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Meddour, Wendy – Stefano the Squid : Hero of the Deep

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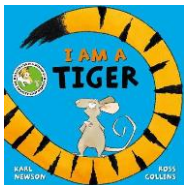
A TV crew are coming to film under the sea. Stefano lacks confidence, all the other sea creatures are so much more interesting than him. But when the diver gets into trouble it is Stefano who saves the day. EYs & KS1



Murray, Lily – Dinosaur Department Store

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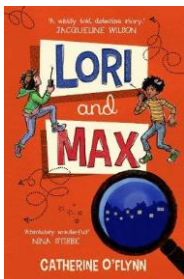
For all dinosaur enthusiasts! Eliza Jane wants a pet dinosaur but when she visits the dinosaur department store nothing seems good enough or is it? This rhyming text will have all the children laughing at the ending. EYS & KS1



Newson, Karl – I am a Tiger

Y

Perfect for anyone who likes doing voices. This mouse is convinced he is a tiger and even convinces the tiger in the story, that is until he visits the river and then he discovers he is actually..... EYS & KS1



O'Flynn, Catherine – Lori and Max

CF

Great mystery. Lori wants to be a detective but there never seems to be any mysteries to solve until the charity money at school goes missing. Will she be able to solve the mystery and save her friend before it is too late?

Yr5/6



Read, Kate – One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller

Y

Sparse text but so much inference and deduction in this simple counting text. Gorgeous illustrations.

EYS

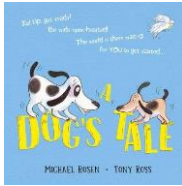


Robertson, Fiona – Ready Rabbit?

Y

Rabbit wants to go to his friend's party and have fun but he is also worried that the party might be too loud etc. Will he be brave enough to go?

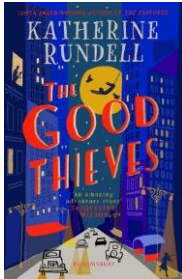
EYS & KS1



Rosen, Michael – A Dog's Tale

A rhyming text in which an old dog gives great advice to a pup about making the most of life. Good to open a discussion. EYS & KSI

Y



Rundell, Katherine – The Good Thieves

Set in New York during Prohibition, this has all the hallmarks of a Rundell with wonderful turns of phrase. Vita is determined to help her grandfather restore his fortune, taken by a conman. Gripping inclusive adventure featuring many memorable characters.

Yr 6

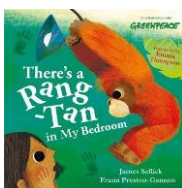
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Sami, Annabelle – The Missing Diamonds

Ever wanted to be a detective? Zaiba does and her chance comes at her cousin's Mehndi party. Secret passages, stolen dogs and missing diamonds keep her, and her friends busy in this modern day secret seven style story. Yrs 3/4

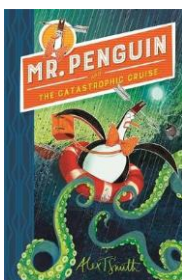
CF



Sellick, James - There's a Rang-tan in my Bedroom

This book is also available on YouTube read by Emma Thompson. It is a rhyming text which cleverly relays about the importance of rainforest destruction. Includes relevant information at the back of the book about palm oil production etc. KSI

Y



Smith, Alex T – Mr Penguin and the Catastrophic Cruise

Mr Penguin and his famous team are back and this time on a hapless cruise. Wonderful illustrations and slapstick style humour which will have wide age appeal as the gang accidentally solve yet another mystery.

Yr 2 up

CF



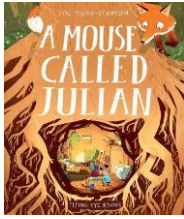
Taylor, Thomas – Malamander

Captivating from the first page and it has a great chapter about a book shop where the books choose their readers! Great tension and suspense which will grip the reader and keep the children wanting more. Sequel is out.

Yrs 4/5/6

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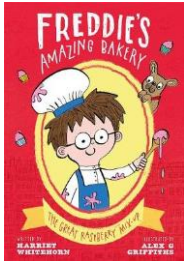


Todd-Stanton, Joe – A Mouse Called Julian

Y

Wonderful humorous tale about the unlikely friendship that develops between the fox and the mouse. Mouse likes to be on his own with his routine but when fox digs into his burrow he realises that he has been missing out on friendship.

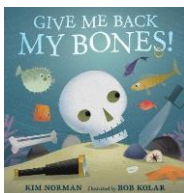
KS1



Whitehorn, Harriet – The Great Raspberry Mix-up

CF

Everyone in Belville knows Freddie is the best baker. When the town announces a competition will Freddie be confident to enter even when things start to go wrong? First in a series and perfect to read aloud from Year 1.



Norman, Kim – Give me back My Bones!

612

A dispersed pirate skeleton is trying to build itself back together! Great rhyming text for when pupils are looking at the skeleton in science.

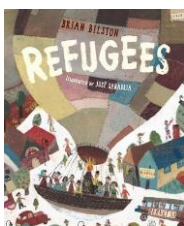
KS1 & 2



Poems Out Loud!

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Perfect for performing and this collection is accompanied by a CD. Good for KS1 and introducing a range of poetry.

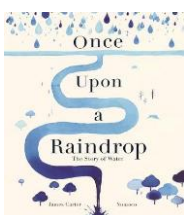


Bilston, Brian – Refugees

821 BIL

This very cleverly crafted poem about refugees will prompt class discussion. It shows how negative opinions can be changed.

KS2

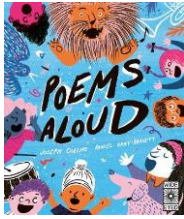


Carter, James – Once Upon a Raindrop

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Beautifully illustrated poem about all aspects of water. Uses great language and is a useful opener for class discussion.

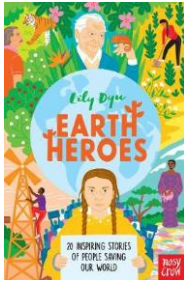
Yr 2 up



Coehlo, Joseph – Poems Aloud

821COE

Great illustrations accompany a range of poetry styles along with tips on how to perform them.
KSI & 2



Dyu, Lily – Earth Heroes

920

This book includes 20 short stories about global activists and their fight to save the environment. Great to dip into.
Yrs 3/4/5



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