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Animals & Nature



AMAZING ANIMAL JOURNEYS

by Philippa Forrester and illustrated by Tim Smart DK

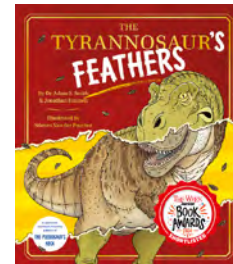
"Perfect for ages 5+, this beautiful book allows children to discover the wondrous journeys that animals make every day, no matter how big or small."



THE TYRANNOSAUR'S FEATHERS

by Jonathan Emmett, Dr Adam S. Smith and illustrated by Stieven Van der Poorten (UCLan Publishing)

"A roarsome new book from the authors of The Plesiosaur's Neck."



ANIMAL FACTOPIA!

by Julie Beer and illustrated by Andy Smith (Britannica Books / What on Earth Books)

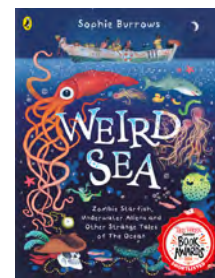
"Inquisitive minds will be bowled over by this brilliant animal compendium."



WEIRD SEA: ZOMBIE STARFISH, UNDERWATER ALIENS AND OTHER STRANGE TALES OF THE OCEAN

by Sophie Burrows (Penguin Random House)

"From the supernatural to the sublime, Weird Sea really is the weirdest of world tours and it is BRILLIANT!"



PLEASE DON'T BITE ME: INSECTS THAT BUZZ, BITE AND STING

by Nazzy Pakpour (Flying Eye Books Ltd)

"A brilliant non-fiction book filled with fascinating facts about insects that live with us in our daily life."



Audiobook

ANIMAL TALES FROM INDIA: TEN STORIES FROM THE PANCHATANTRA

by Nikita Gill and narrated by Nikita Gill (Nosy Crow)

"With vibrant, irresistible colour artwork on every page, this is a timeless gift book for every child to enjoy and treasure."



BILLY AND THE GIANT ADVENTURE

by Jamie Oliver and narrated by Jamie Oliver (Penguin Random House Group)

"Jamie Oliver delivers the perfect recipe for a page-turning children's fiction debut."



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IMPOSSIBLE CREATURES

by Katherine Rundell and narrated by Samuel West
(*Bloomsbury Children's Books*)

"A book stuffed full of fantastical, magical delight, and a world of richly imagined wonder."



LOKI: A BAD GOD'S GUIDE TO RULING THE WORLD

by Louie Stowell and narrated by Ben Willbond
(*F. Howes*)

"Hilarious, clever, addictive and so full of heart that I truly didn't want it to end."



ONYEKA AND THE RISE OF THE REBELS

by Tola Okogwu and narrated by Nneka Okoye Simon & Schuster

"An incredible story that reinvents the concept of a school for magical kids. So inspiring and creatively original."



STINK

by Jenny McLachlan and narrated by Caius Nicholas
(*Farshore*)

"A brilliant laugh-out-loud tale of magic spells and naughty fairies."



Breakthrough Book

DIGGING FOR VICTORY

by Cathy Faulkner
(*Firefly Press*)

"Adventure-filled with beautiful verse and a very satisfying ending. Perfect for middle-grade readers."



GREENWILD: THE WORLD BEHIND THE DOOR

by Pari Thomson and illustrated by Elisa Paganelli
(*Macmillan Children's Books*)

"Open the door to a spellbinding land where the wilderness is alive and a deep, dangerous magic rises from the earth itself..."



MY NAME IS SUNSHINE SIMPSON

by G.M. Linton and illustrated by Fuuji Takashi
(*Usborne*)

"Sunshine needs to find her voice, but can she break through the clouds to stand tall, stand proud and show the world she can shine?"



THE KINGDOM OVER THE SEA
by Zohra Nabi and illustrated by Tom Clohosy Cole
(*Simon & Schuster*)

"A spellbinding fantasy for intrepid young explorers blended with Middle Eastern culture."



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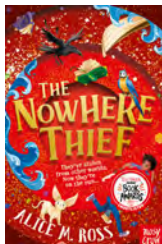
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THE NOWHERE THIEF

by Alice M. Ross
(Nosy Crow)

"A mind-bending multiverse adventure about theft family, and finding your home."



Cover of the Year

ANIMAL TALES FROM INDIA: TEN STORIES FROM THE PANCHATANTRA

by Nikita Gill, illustrated by
Chaaya Prabhat and cover
design by Manda Scott
(Nosy Crow)

"The bright and cheery
design is full of charm."



BITE RISK

by S. J. Wills,
cover design by Jose
Real Art
(Simon & Schuster)

"Bite Risk's cover is edgy
and eye-catching."



BOY UNDERGROUND

by Isabelle Marinov,
illustrated by Paula Zorite
and cover design by
Sophie Jones
(Sweet Cherry Publishing)

"An intriguing cover that
reveals details of the
adventure's underground
environment."



CLOUDLANDERS

by Christopher Mackie,
illustrated by Hoang Giang and
cover design by Leah McDowell
(Floris Books)

"This cover captures
the magic and mayhem
of this laugh-out-loud
fantasy adventure."



KYAN GREEN AND THE INFINITY RACERS

by David Wilkerson, cover
illustrated by David Wilkerson
and designed by Rose Gerrard
(Bloomsbury Children's Books)

"This high-energy cover gives
readers a glimpse of the wacky
characters within."



MY NAME IS SUNSHINE SIMPSON

by G.M. Linton, cover design
by Fuji Takashi
(Usborne)

"A striking, fresh and
friendly front cover."



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cover designed and illustrated
by Tom Clohosy Cole
(*Simon & Schuster*)
"The design portrays a
sense of magic, adventure
and journey."



Fiction Older

FINDING BEAR
by Hannah Gold and
illustrated by Levi Pinfold
(*HarperCollins Children's Books*)
"A beautifully written and
illustrated story of
determination, courage
and hope."



IMPOSSIBLE CREATURES
by Katherine Rundell and
illustrated by Tomislav Tomic,
Virginia Allyn and
Daniel Egneus
(*Bloomsbury Children's Books*)
"A book stuffed full of
fantastical, magical delight,
and a world of richly imagined
wonder."



KICKED OUT
by A.M. Dassu and
illustrated by
Daby Zainab Faidhi
(*Old Barn Books Ltd*)
"A powerful and
empowering portrayal
of hope against
adversity."



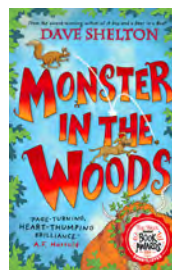
**KOFI AND THE RAP
BATTLE SUMMER**
by Jeffrey Boakye
(*Faber*)
"Fizzing with originality
and energy, this is a
perfect mix
of music, friendship
and humour."



**MAN-MAN AND THE TREE OF
MEMORIES**
by Yaba Badoe and
illustrated by Joelle Avelino
(*Head of Zeus*)
"A heart-speeding
celebration of life,
love and freedom."



MONSTER IN THE WOODS
by Dave Shelton
(*David Fickling Books*)
"Quirky and imaginative . . .
a warm and appealing
story about the nature
of friendship."



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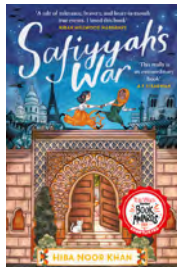
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SAFIYYAH'S WAR

by Hiba Noor Khan
(Andersen Press)

"A tale of tolerance, unthinkable bravery and heart-in-mouth true events. I loved this book."



Fiction Younger

ADVENTUREMICE: OTTER CHAOS

by Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre
(David Fickling Books)

"Otter Chaos is a stunning first book in a delightful series about adventure, family and friendship."



FAITH MUNTU AND THE LOST ELEPHANT

by Lela Burbridge and illustrated by Claire Pinfold
(The Lela Initiative)

"Join Faith Muntu on an epic adventure as she rescues an elephant from the hands of greedy poachers."



MICHAEL THE AMAZING MIND-READING SAUSAGE DOG

by Terrie Chilvers and illustrated by Tim Budgen
(Firefly Press)

"A tail-waggingly fun read. You're in for a doggie treat."



PIZZA PETE AND THE PERILOUS POTIONS

by Carrie Sellon and illustrated by Sarah Horne
(Catherine Alport PR/Guppy Books)

"A hilarious, madcap pizza adventure with a poignant message about homes and families at its heart."



YOMI AND THE FURY OF NINKI NANKA

by Davina Tijani and illustrated by Adam Douglas-Bagley
(Little Tiger)

A fun, fresh and fast-paced series based on African mythology, YOMI is an adventure full of heart and humour.



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Graphic novel



BUMBLE AND SNUG AND THE SHY GHOST

by Mark Bradley
(Hachette Children's Group)

"A story about being shy, friendship, magic tricks and a disaster or two!"



BUNNY VS MONKEY: MULTIVERSE MIX-UP

by Jamie Smart
(David Fickling Books)

"Wonderfully wacky, witty and wild!"



DOG MAN 11: TWENTY THOUSAND FLEAS UNDER THE SEA

by Dav Pilkey
(Scholastic)

"High-intensity, heartwarming and, above all, hysterically funny."



INVESTIGATORS: ALL TIDE UP

by John Patrick Green
(Macmillan Children's Books)

"Fast, fabulous and fantastically funny, the InvestiGators books are instant classics."



JUNIPER MAE: KNIGHT OF TYKOTECH CITY

by Sarah Soh
(Flying Eye Books Ltd)

"A sparkling debut from a fresh new voice in illustrated fiction."



MEXIKID

by Pedro Martin
(Catherine Alport PR/ Guppy Books)

"An unforgettable graphic memoir about a Mexican American boy's family and their adventure-filled road trip."



DRAWN TO CHANGE THE WORLD GRAPHIC NOVEL COLLECTION: 16 YOUTH CLIMATE ACTIVISTS, 16 ARTISTS

by Emma Reynolds and illustrated by Ann Maulina, Natasha Donovan, Teo DuVall, Devon Holzwarth, Erin Hunting, Margarita Kukhtina, Victoria Maderna, Federico Piatti, Shivana Sookdeo, Anoosha Syed, Jade Zhang, Derick Brooks, Gloria Félix, Natasha Nayo and Bill Masuku
(HarperCollins)

"A brilliant, powerful, must-read for anyone and everyone on Planet Earth."



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Hobbies & Interests

ART IS EVERYWHERE

by Joe Haddow and illustrated by Ellie Hawes
(UCLan Publishing)

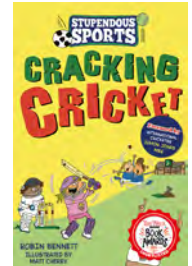
"Meet the incredible people making art of all kinds and follow the tips to make your own art."



CRACKING CRICKET

by Robin Bennett and illustrated by Matt Cherry
(Firefly Press)

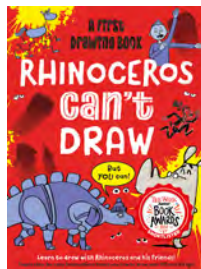
"Cracking Cricket aims to do for PE what Horrible Histories did for Year 7 History lessons."



RHINOCEROS CAN'T DRAW, BUT YOU CAN!

by Luke Newell and illustrated by Luke Newell and Mr Griff
(Noodle Juice Ltd)

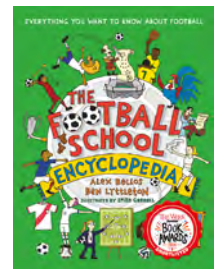
"With step-by-step instructions and colourful illustrations, this practical fill-in art activity book gives you the skills to unleash your inner artist."



THE FOOTBALL SCHOOL ENCYCLOPEDIA

by Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton and illustrated by Spike Gerrell
(Walker Books)

"A fun and essential guide to the world of football and an incredible gift for young fans."



THE HANDBOOK OF FORGOTTEN SKILLS

by Natalie Crowley and Elaine Batiste, illustrated by Chris Duriez
(Magic Cat Publishing)

"This lavishly illustrated and inspiring book will help readers step away from the frenzy of modern life and learn a new craft."



WHAT CAN I DO WITH A CARDBOARD BOX?

by James Maclaine and illustrated by Harriet Noble and Erin Wallace
(Usborne)

"Discover brilliant new uses for all sorts of cardboard boxes with this inspiring collection of things to make and do."



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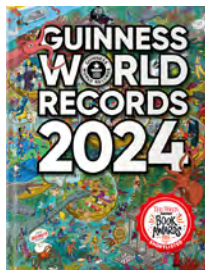


Non-Fiction

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS 2024

by Craig Glenday
(Editor-in-Chief)
(*Guinness World Records*)

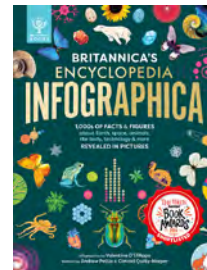
"Without ever leaving your house, Guinness World Records 2024 will take you on a tour of everything incredible, fun and remarkable."



INFOGRAPHICA

by Valentina D'Filippo,
Andrew Pettie and
Conrad Quilty-Harper
(*Britannica Books / What on Earth*)

"A groundbreaking new encyclopedia from Britannica, where the pictures do the talking."



LITTLE BOOK BIG IDEA: WHAT IS PHILOSOPHY?

by Sarah Walden and
illustrated by Katie Rewse
(*Noodle Juice Ltd*)

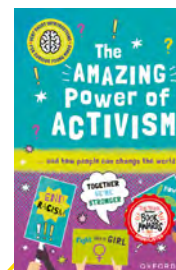
"This delightful series builds foundations for life-long learning by explaining big ideas to little people."



VERY SHORT INTRODUCTIONS FOR CURIOUS YOUNG MINDS: THE AMAZING POWER OF ACTIVISM

by Lily Dyu
(*Oxford University Press*)

"The perfect way for young readers to get to grips with the principles of activism and its terminology."



WELCOME TO OUR TABLE: A CELEBRATION OF WHAT CHILDREN EAT EVERYWHERE

by Ed Smith and Laura Mucha,
illustrated by Harriet Lynas
(*Nosy Crow*)

"Find out what delicious dishes children from all around the world are eating in this beautifully illustrated book."

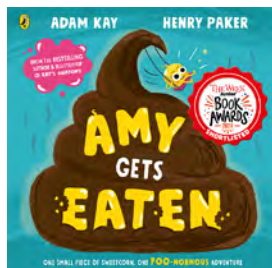


Picture Book

AMY GETS EATEN

by Adam Kay and
illustrated by Henry Paker
(*Penguin Random House Children's*)

"An enjoyably gross look at the human body. Hours of gruesome fun guaranteed."



CAN I COME TOO?

by Owen Davey
(*Rocket Bird Books*)

"This relatable book brilliantly explores the older-younger sibling dynamics."



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GIGANTIC

by Rob Biddulph
(HarperCollins Children's Books)

"A swimmingly good story about little fins and big hearts from bestselling author and illustrator, Rob Biddulph."



THE BOWERBIRD

by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Catherine Rayner
(Macmillan Children's Books)

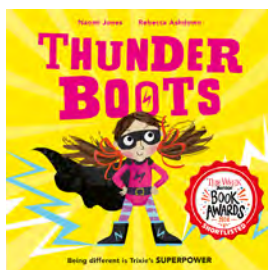
"A stunningly illustrated book with a wonderful rhyming tale for little ones, from the creators of The Go-Away Bird."



THUNDERBOOTS

by Naomi Jones and illustrated by Rebecca Ashdown
(Oxford University Press)

"An empowering story about starting school with dyslexia that celebrates everyone's differences."



WEE UNICORN

by Meg McLaren
(Hachette Children's Group)

"A fun-filled adventure about being yourself and finding friendship in the most unexpected places."

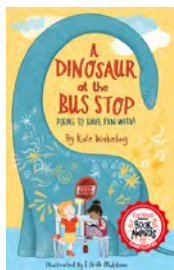


Poetry

A DINOSAUR AT THE BUS STOP - POEMS TO HAVE FUN WITH!

by Kate Wakeling and illustrated by Eilidh Muldoon
(Otter-Barry Books)

"Funny, gentle, thoughtful, magical - this is an outstanding collection for younger readers, from an award-winning poet."



A WHALE OF A TIME

by Lou Peacock, illustrated by Matt Hunt
(Nosy Crow)

"A brilliantly illustrated collection of 366 hilarious poems to keep you laughing all year round."



BALAM & LLUVIA'S HOUSE

by Julio Serrano Echeverría and illustrated by Yolanda Mosquera
(The Emma Press)

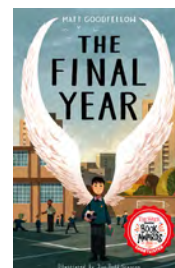
"A sweet reflection on the playfulness and richness in everyday life."



THE FINAL YEAR

by Matt Goodfellow and illustrated by Joe Todd Stanton
(Otter-Barry Book)

"A beautiful story of friendship, family, grief, falling apart and putting yourself back together again."



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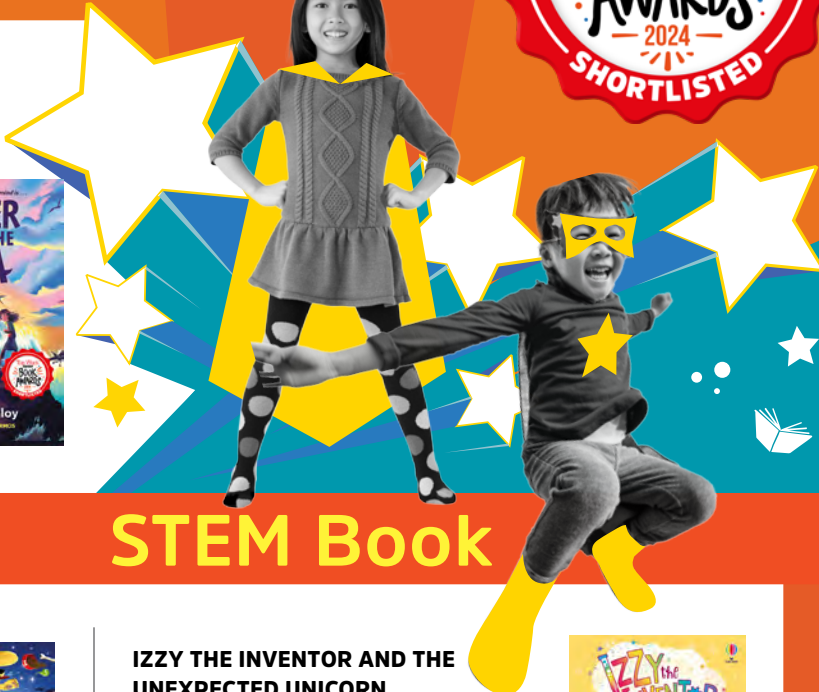
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WIDER THAN THE SEA

by Serena Molloy and
illustrated by George Ermos
(Hachette Children's Group)

"A gentle and moving story of friendship, hope and self-discovery ... celebrates neurodiversity and the power to change."

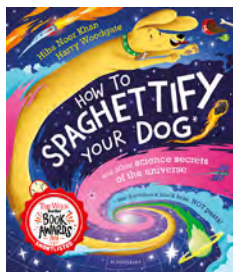


STEM Book

HOW TO SPAGHETTIFY YOUR DOG

by Hiba Noor Khan and
illustrated by Harry Woodgate
(Bloomsbury Children's Books)

"This book is bursting with fascinating physics facts that will explain everything you want to know, and more, about the curiosities of our cosmos."



IZZY THE INVENTOR AND THE UNEXPECTED UNICORN

by Zanna Davidson and
illustrated by Elissa Elwick
(Usborne)

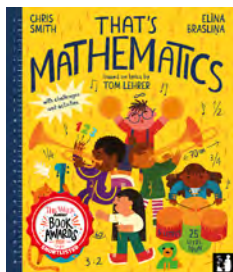
"Meet Izzy the Inventor in the first of a laugh-out-loud series that brings together science, magic and a very lovable unicorn."



THAT'S MATHEMATICS

by Chris Smith based on lyrics
by Tom Lehrer and illustrated
by Elina Brasliņa
(Mama Makes Books)

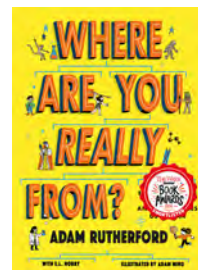
"That's Mathematics is a fun, vibrant exploration of everyday maths showing that maths is useful, interesting and EVERYWHERE."



WHERE ARE YOU REALLY FROM?

by Adam Rutherford, with
Emma Norry and illustrated
by Adam Ming
(Hachette Children's Group)

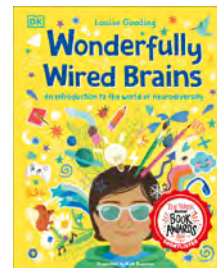
"Mind-boggling, entertaining and illuminating, this is the epic story of you and everyone who has ever lived."



WONDERFULLY WIRED BRAINS

by Louise Gooding and
illustrated by Ruth Burrows
(DK)

"This colourful and engaging book explains that no two brains function in the same way and that everyone's different brains should be celebrated."



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Wellbeing



FRIENDSHIP SURVIVAL GUIDE

by Caroline Young
(Usborne)

(*Guinness World Records*)

"Packed with entertaining illustrations, quizzes, tips on making friends and being a good friend yourself."



GROWING UP: AN INCLUSIVE GUIDE TO PUBERTY AND YOUR CHANGING BODY

by Rachel Greener and illustrated by Clare Owen
(Nosy Crow)

"A modern and inclusive guide to help every child understand their unique journey through puberty."



MY FAMILY, YOUR FAMILY: LET'S TALK ABOUT RELATIVES, LOVE AND BELONGING

by Laura Henry-Allain MBE and illustrated by Giovana Medeiros
(Penguin Random House)

"My Family, Your Family aims to help children and adults have meaningful discussions on family and belonging in an accessible and approachable way."



ROOTS OF HAPPINESS

by Susie Dent and illustrated by Harriet Hobday
(Penguin Random House)

"This joyous collection of 100 positive words and their origins will show readers young and old just how wonderful language can be."



THE BEDTIME BOAT

by Sital Gorasia Chapman and illustrated by Anastasia Suvorova
(Farshore)

"A visually stunning, thoughtful and calming bedtime tale, featuring tried-and-tested mindfulness techniques."



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