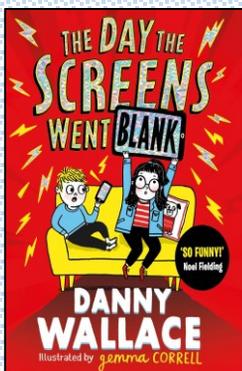


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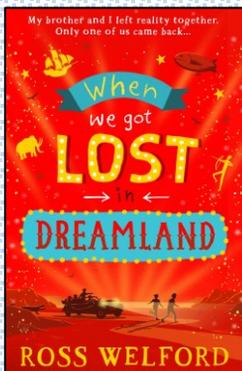
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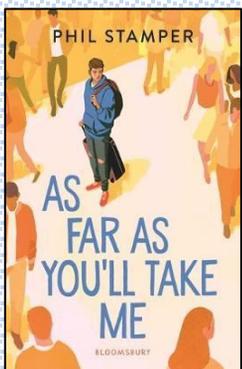
The Day the Screens Went Blank by Danny Wallace & Gemma Correll
9781471196881 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

When ten-year-old Stella wakes up to discover a world full of BLANK screens, her family, town, and in fact the whole world seems to have been thrown into chaos. And what about poor Grandma who is stranded at the other end of the country? Cue a rollicking madcap road trip, full of driving disasters and family fallouts, as they set off on a rescue mission. And along the way Stella and her family discover that being away from screens might not be the Worst Thing Ever, and even though they might not be able to rely on technology anymore, they can rely on each other instead.



When We Got Lost in Dreamland by Ross Welford
9780008451905 / HarperCollins / TPB / R280

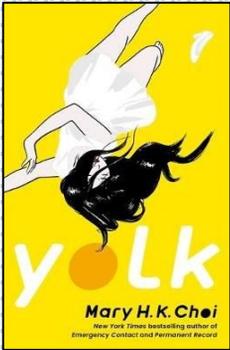
When eleven-year-old Malky and his younger brother Seb become the owners of a “Dreaminator”, they are thrust into worlds beyond their wildest imagination. From tree-top flights and Spanish galleons, to thrilling battles and sporting greatness — it seems like nothing is out of reach when you can share a dream with someone else. But... impossible dreams come with incredible risks, and when Seb won't wake up and is taken to hospital in a coma, Malky is forced to leave reality behind and undertake a final, terrifying journey to the stone-age to wake his brother.



As Far As You'll Take Me by Phil Stamper
9781526630728 / Bloomsbury / PB / R205

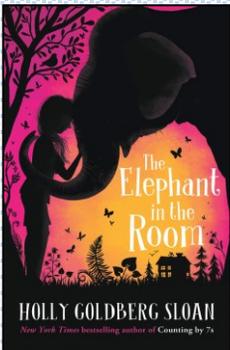
Marty arrives in London with nothing but his oboe and some savings from his summer job, but he's excited to start his new life — where he's no longer the closeted, shy kid who slips under the radar and is free to explore his sexuality without his parents' disapproval. From the outside, Marty's life looks like a perfect fantasy: in the span of a few weeks, he's made new friends, he's getting closer with his first ever boyfriend, and he's even traveling around Europe. But Marty knows he can't keep up the facade. He hasn't spoken to his parents since he arrived, he's tearing through his meager savings, his homesickness and anxiety are getting worse and worse, and he hasn't even come close to landing the job of his dreams. Will Marty be able to find a place that feels like home?

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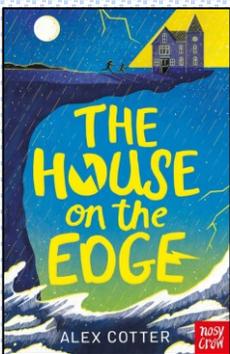
Yolk by Mary H. K. Choi
9780349003696 / Atom / BPB / R190

Jayne and June Baek are nothing alike. June's three years older, a classic first-born, know-it-all narc with a problematic finance job and an equally soulless apartment (according to Jayne). Jayne is an emotionally stunted, self-obsessed basket case who lives in squalor, has egregious taste in men, and needs to get to class and stop wasting Mom and Dad's money (if you ask June). Once thick as thieves, these sisters who moved from Seoul to San Antonio to New York together now don't want anything to do with each other. That is, until June gets cancer. And Jayne becomes the only one who can help her. Flung together by circumstance, housing woes, and family secrets, will the sisters learn more about each other than they're willing to confront? And what if while helping June, Jayne has to confront the fact that maybe she's sick, too?



The Elephant in the Room by Holly Goldberg Sloan
9781800780002 / Hot Key / PB / R170

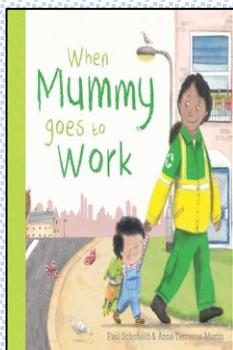
It's been almost a year since Sila's mum travelled halfway around the world to Turkey, hoping to secure the immigration paperwork that would allow her to return to her family in the United States. The long separation is almost impossible for Sila to bear. But things change when Sila accompanies her father (who is a mechanic) outside their Oregon town to fix a truck. There, behind an enormous stone wall, she meets a grandfatherly man who only months before won the state lottery. Their new alliance leads to the rescue of a circus elephant named Veda, and then to a friendship with a unique boy named Mateo, proving that comfort and hope come in the most unlikely of places.



The House on the Edge by Alex Cotter
9781788008624 / Nosy Crow / PB / R205

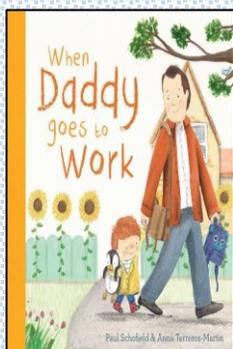
Where has Faith's dad gone? Why has he left his family living in an old house perched on a crumbling cliff top? A crack has appeared in the cliff and Faith watches anxiously as it gets bigger and bigger each day... Her brother is obsessed with the sea ghosts he claims live in the basement, and when he disappears as well, Faith starts to believe in the ghosts too. Can she find her brother and bring her father back before everything she cares about falls into the pitiless sea below?

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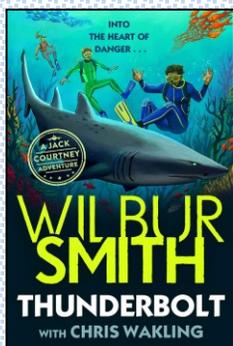
When Mummy Goes to Work by Paul Schofield
9781787417649 / Templar / BPB / R180

When Mummy Goes to Work introduces the concept of work to babies and toddlers through rhyming text. It also offers parents the ideal talking point for conveying their own feelings about going to work and routine in a reassuring and nurturing manner.



When Daddy Goes to Work by Paul Schofield
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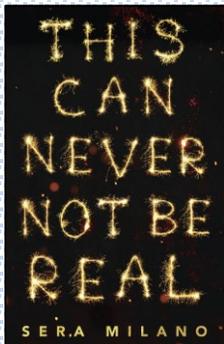
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Jack Courtney Adventure 2: Thunderbolt by Wilbur Smith
9781848128552 / Hot Key / PB / R170

Jack and his friends Amelia and Xander are in Zanzibar diving for lost treasure to support Jack's mother's coral protection project. Going further than usual on their last day, their dive boat is lured into a trap and captured by Somali pirates. Determined that his mother shouldn't pay a ransom for their release, Jack won't give up his attempts to escape. Transferred to a militia training camp for boy soldiers, the trio's only hope is the resourceful Somali boy Mo who befriends them. Can they outwit the ruthless General Sir and his merciless troops in the second gripping adventure from the authors of *Cloudburst*?

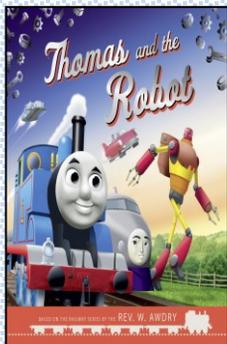
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This Can Never Not Be Real by Sera Milano
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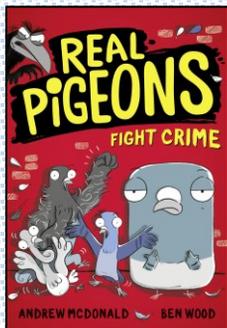
In the unremarkable town of Amberside, the unthinkable has happened: Terrorists have attacked a local festival. No one knows why, and no one knows who the attackers are, but that doesn't matter. What matters first is survival. And what matters after that is survival, too.

In this brilliantly written account of hope, humour and humanity, five ordinary teenagers are caught up in a truly extraordinary situation. It's a heart-pounding and gripping account of the fight for survival as the attackers prowl the festival grounds, told from multiple perspectives.



Thomas & Friends: Thomas and the Robot by Steven Lenton
9780755500499 / Egmont / PB / R180

Thomas can't wait to see all the marvellous inventions at the fair! With a flying car, giant robot people and the fastest train in the world, the fair amazes all the people and engines of Sodor. But Thomas is worried he and the other steam engines will not be needed anymore. When thieves arrive at the fair, can Thomas show everyone just how useful a steam engine can be?



Real Pigeons Fight Crime 1 by Andrew McDonald
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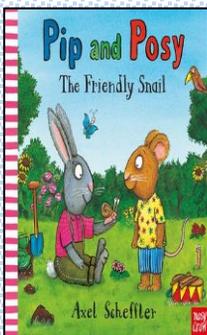
Ever wonder why pigeons always act so weird? It's because they're out there chasing the bad guys and saving your butts! Did you know your city is protected by a secret squad of crime-fighting pigeons? It's true! With master of disguise Rock Pigeon, bendy Tumbler, strong Frillback and super-finder Homey, the *Real Pigeons* will solve any mystery and fight any bad guy to keep the city safe! In their first adventure, Rock and his mystery-solving friends will tackle their first caseload: Why have all the breadcrumbs disappeared? Who on earth is kidnapping bats? And can the pigeons avert a dinner disaster?

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A Girl Called Joy by Jenny Valentine
9781471196492 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R180

Meet ten-year-old Joy Applebloom, a girl with a knack for finding the silver lining in even the darkest of rainclouds. After years of travelling the world with her parents and older sister, Claude (Claude rhymes with bored, which is just about right), Joy and her family move to suburbia — back to school, back to her grumpy, rule-obsessed grandad and back to normality. Joy soon finds her usual irrepressible positivity and zest for life waning, but when the powers that be threaten to pull down a mighty oak tree, Joy decides to fight back, and realizes that not all magic requires wands and spells, and perhaps the most important sort of magic is the power, resilience and courage that was there all along.



Pip and Posy: The Friendly Snail by Hannah Gold
9780008411282 / HarperCollins / PB / R255

Pip and Posy are spending a lovely afternoon outside, but Pip wants to do some gardening quietly and Posy wants to have fun playing noisy games. Posy's racket even frightens Pip's new snail friend back into its shell... Oh dear! But when a big, greedy bird tries to take Pip's snail, it turns out Posy's loud voice can be quite useful after all! A heart-warming, relatable story about how sometimes it's good to be quiet and other times you have to be a little LOUD.



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