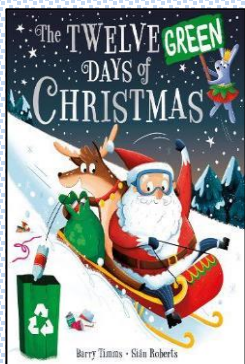


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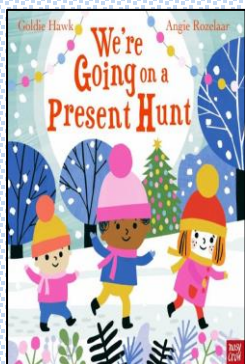
December  
0 – 5 years



**The Twelve Green Days of Christmas** by Barry Timms & Sian Roberts  
9780008498993 / Egmont / PB / R180

A fresh and uplifting animal picture book about recycling and reusing, even at Christmas!

On the first day of Christmas, what did Santa see? A star that had broken in three! Christmas spirit is in the air and all the animals are feeling the cheer. But in the excitement, what has happened to the forest? There is litter EVERYWHERE! Appalled by what he sees, Santa's writes a letter to his animal friends asking them to clear up. And over the course of twelve fun-filled days, they work together to do just that! A deliciously funny sing-along story, celebrating recycling, reusing and coming together to help protect our world!



**We're Going on a Present Hunt** by Goldie Hawk  
9781839941559 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

A fun and festive reimagining of the American folk song, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Three children are off on a hunt for the perfect Christmas present! But first they've got to get through the spiky Christmas trees, a herd of hungry reindeer, some noisy carol singers and a very busy toyshop! But there are SO MANY toys... Will they ever find the perfect present?



**The Smart Cookie** by Jory John & Pete Oswald  
9780063208360 / HarperCollins / HB / R140

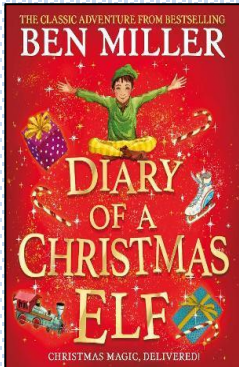
This cookie has never felt like a smart cookie no matter how hard she tries, especially in comparison to all the clever cupcakes and brilliant rolls in the bakery. Will a dash of creativity and a sprinkle of confidence be enough to help her learn that perfect scores and having all the answers aren't the only ingredients for intelligence?

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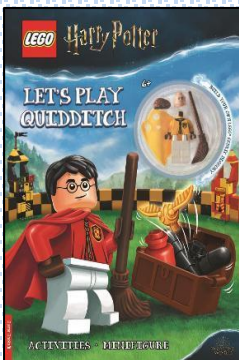
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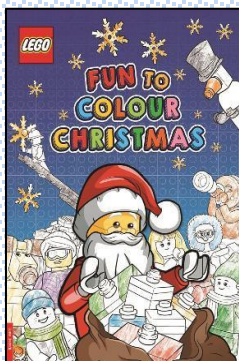
**Diary of a Christmas Elf** by Ben Miller  
9781398501836 / Simon & Schuster / HB / R255

All Tog wants to do is work in Santa's workshop and one wonderful day, the letter from Santa arrives: Tog has been selected as an apprentice elf! Making toys is a lot more technical and a lot less fun than Tog had imagined, and even though his new friend Holly tries to help him, he's quickly relegated to cleaning out the reindeer stables. But someone has been stealing the presents from the workshop and a case of mistaken identity finds Tog accused of being the culprit! Can Tog use his special Christmas magic to discover the real thief and save all the presents before Christmas Eve is over?



**LEGO® Harry Potter™: Let's Play Quidditch Activity Book** by Ameet  
9781780557908 / Michael O'Mara / PB / R205

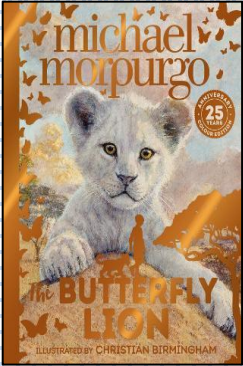
Join *Harry Potter* and his friends Ron Weasley, and Hermione Granger in this awesome activity book. It includes puzzles, games, comics and even a story to read.



**LEGO® Iconic: Fun to Colour Christmas** by Buster Books  
9781780557915 / Michael O'Mara / PB / R180

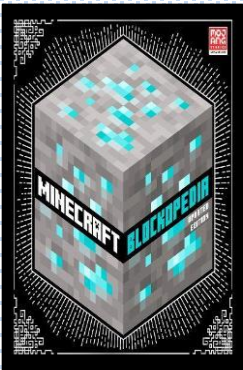
Ho ho ho! It's Christmas time, and the LEGO® minifigures are celebrating the season in this festive colouring book. Colour in Santa Claus and his reindeer, along with your other favourites as they enjoy the happiest time of the year. Also included among the colouring pages are fun puzzles to enjoy.

December  
10 – 12 years



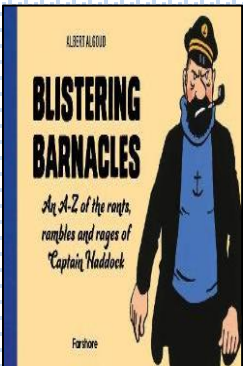
***The Butterfly Lion (illustrated edition)*** by Michael Morpurgo  
9780008459864 / HarperCollins / HB / R475

Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.



***Minecraft Blockopedia: Updated Edition*** by Mojang  
9780755500390 / Egmont / HB / R500

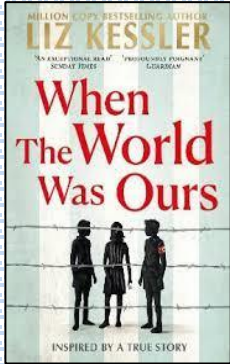
*Minecraft* continues to grow every year and *Minecraft Blockopedia: Updated Edition* catalogues every single block that has been added to the game up to the Caves & Cliffs update. Ever wanted to know how to make obsidian, or find out where you can mine for emeralds? Maybe you've wondered what you can use ancient debris or copper ore for? The answers are all contained in this comprehensive collection of blocks.



***Blistering Barnacles: An A-Z of The Rants, Rambles and Rages of Captain Haddock*** by Albert Algoud & Hergé  
9780008497354 / Egmont / HB / R295

Captain Haddock made his first appearance alongside *Tintin* in 1941, and in the course of the 80 years that followed, has gone on to become one of Hergé's best loved characters. Clumsy, accident-prone, frequently intoxicated and almost always enraged, the Captain is perhaps best known for his colourful exclamations. 'Blistering barnacles' and 'thundering typhoons' have passed effortlessly from the pages of Hergé's comics into the public consciousness. This brand-new book explores in joyful detail the Captain's legendary tirades, and is the perfect way to discover, or rediscover, this extraordinary character and his unforgettable adventures.

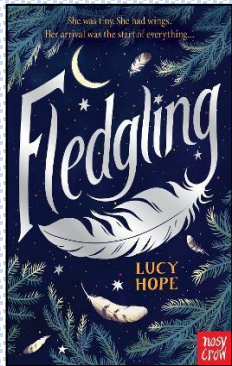
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***When the World was Ours*** by Liz Kessler  
9781471196812 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

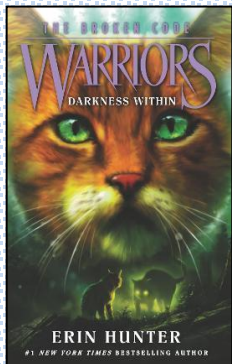
Vienna, 1936.

Three young friends, Leo, Elsa and Max, spend a perfect day together, unaware that around them Europe is descending into a growing darkness, and that events soon mean that they will be cruelly ripped apart from each other. With their lives taking them across Europe; to Germany, England, Prague and Poland, will they ever find their way back to each other? Will they want to? Inspired by a true story, *When the World was Ours* is an extraordinary novel that is as powerful as it is heartbreaking, and shows how the bonds of love, family and friendship allow glimmers of hope to flourish, even in the most hopeless of times.



***Fledgling*** by Lucy Hope  
9781839941887 / Nosy Crow / PB / R205

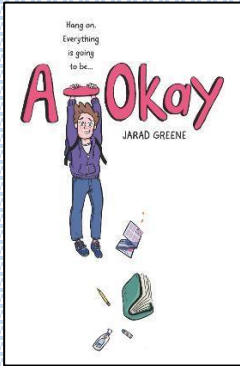
A cherub is blown into Cassie Engel's bedroom during a thunderstorm, triggering a series of terrifying events. Cassie must discover if its arrival was an accident or part of something more sinister. With a self-obsessed opera singer for a mother, a strange taxidermist father, and a best friend who isn't quite what he seems, Cassie is forced to unearth the secrets of her family's past. As the dark forces gather around them, can Cassie protect all that she holds dear?



***Warriors: The Broken Code 4: Darkness Within*** by Erin Hunter  
9780062823748 / HarperCollins / PB / R125

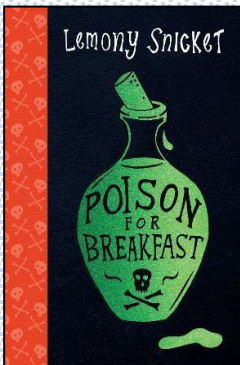
Exiled after a battle that left all five Clans devastated, ThunderClan's loyal deputy, Squirrelflight, must bring to light an earth-shattering truth: the identity of the cat ruling ThunderClan while wearing Bramblestar's face. With tensions among the Clans at a breaking point, another battle looms, and even Squirrelflight may not be able to ensure Bramblestar has a body to return to. If he returns at all.

*December*  
10 – 12 years



**A-Okay** by Jarad Greene  
9780063032842 / HarperCollins / PB / R205

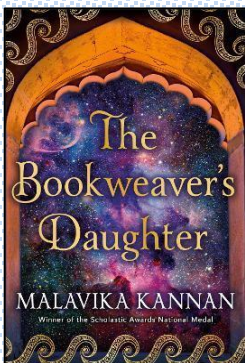
When Jay's acne goes from bad to worse, he is prescribed a powerful medication that comes with some serious side effects. Regardless, he's convinced it'll all be worth it if clear skin is on the horizon. Meanwhile, eighth grade isn't going exactly as planned. All of Jay's friends are in different classes; he has no one to sit with at lunch. His best friend, Brace, is avoiding him and, to top it off, Jay doesn't understand why he doesn't share the same feelings two of his fellow classmates, a boy named Mark and a girl named Amy, have for him. Don't worry, though, everything is going to be a-okay. Right?



**Poison for Breakfast** by Lemony Snicket  
9780861542611 / One World / PB / R270

One day, Lemony Snicket finds a puzzling note pushed under his door and is forced to follow a winding trail of clues to solve the mystery of his imminent death. But this is so much more than just a mystery. Along the way, he tackles some of the key questions about life. Who was Korla Pandit; what did he do and what was his real name? What are the three absolute rules for writing a book? Why should you never judge a goat by the way it looks? And why does being clumsy have its benefits?

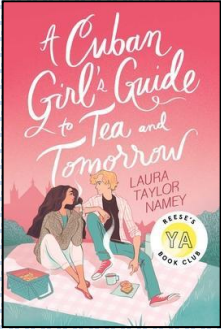
*December*  
Teen Fiction



**The Bookweaver's Daughter** by Malavika Kannan  
9781939100566 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R190

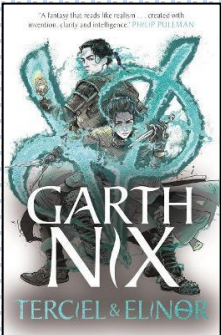
In the ancient Indian kingdom of Kasmira, stories don't begin with "once upon a time." Instead, they start a woman's story with those who came before her. Fourteen-year-old Reya Kandhari's story always starts the same: with the fabled line of Bookweavers. As a result, Reya's entire life has been shaped by words. Mythical words of magic that allow her father, the Bookweaver, to bring his stories to life. Words of power that make him the target of tyrants who will stop at nothing to destroy magic in Kasmira. Living in disguise, Reya's sole focus is protecting the Bookweaver's secret. When her father is taken, Reya must flee deep into the jungle with her best friend and one ancient book. Grappling with Reya's newfound magic, the two girls find themselves in the center of a war of liberation where magic reigns unchecked, and destiny takes a dark turn. As the stakes get higher, Reya realizes that her father's legacy contains more power than she ever imagined. In a tale of magic, Indian lore, and radical female friendship, Reya must pass the final test: the Bookweaver's daughter must weave her own destiny. The fate of Kasmira depends on it.

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***A Cuban Girl's Guide to Tea and Tomorrow*** by Laura Taylor Namey  
9781534471252 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R250

For Lila Reyes, a summer in England was never part of the plan. The plan was 1) take over her abuela's role as head baker at their panadería, 2) move in with her best friend after graduation, and 3) live happily ever after with her boyfriend. But then the Trifecta happened, and everything, including Lila herself, fell apart. Worried about Lila's mental health, her parents make a new plan for her: spend three months with family friends in Winchester, England, to relax and reset. But with the lack of sun, a grumpy inn cook, and a small town lacking Miami flavor, what would be a dream trip for some feels more like a nightmare to Lila, until she meets Orion Maxwell. A teashop clerk with troubles of his own, Orion is determined to help Lila out of her funk, and appoints himself as her personal tour guide. From Winchester's drama-filled music scene to the sweeping English countryside, it isn't long before Lila is not only charmed by Orion, but England itself. Soon a new future is beginning to form in Lila's mind, one that would mean leaving everything she ever planned behind.



***Terciel & Elinor*** by Garth Nix  
9781471410895 / Hot Key / TPB / R335

In a land where the dead will not stay dead, eighteen-year-old orphan Terciel is learning to wield a mighty and terrible power: necromancy. For he is the Abhorsen-in-Waiting, the latest in an ancient line of necromancers tasked with protecting the Old Kingdom and preventing the Dead from crossing over to the realm of the living. Across the Wall in Ancelstierre, where magic does not usually work, Elinor lives a secluded life. But when destiny intervenes, she finds herself on a path to love, danger, and an adventure into the dominion of the dead. She does not know that she is deeply connected to the Old Kingdom until destiny places her on a path of magic, romance and a fight against the Dead who will not stay dead. The Old Kingdom awaits in *Terciel & Elinor*, the eagerly awaited prequel to Garth Nix's iconic fantasy classic *Sabriel*.



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