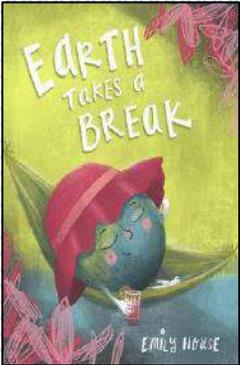


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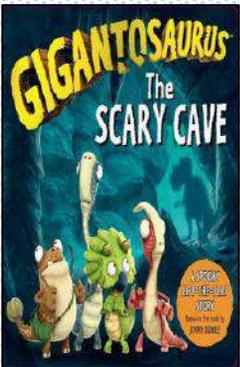
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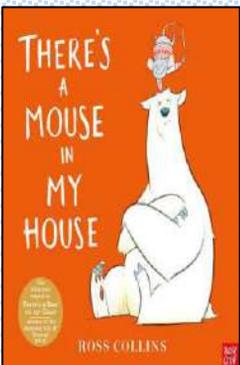
***Earth Takes a Break*** by Emily Child  
9780620881128 / Imaginary House / PB / R180

A wonderful story that re-connects us with our planet. A modern fable inspired by recent events, *Earth Takes a Break* is a touching picture book jam-packed with fun illustrations and woven together with a message of hope. When Earth feels unwell, she goes to the doctor to ask for help. What the doctor prescribes seems impossible to Earth, until she wakes the next day to find a surprising change!



***Gigantosaurus: The Scary Cave*** by Cyber Group Studios  
9781787419148 / Templar / PB / R180

Rocky dares Tiny, Bill and Mazu to spend the night in the spookiest place in all Cretacia, the Scary Cave. Eager to prove they aren't scaredy-saurs, the gang ventures deep into the gloomy tunnels. With a big lift-the-flap to open on each double page, discover what's HOWLING, GROWLING and SCREECHING in the dark. And when the little dinos hear a ROAR, they know there's only one thing to do — RUN!



***There's a Mouse in my House*** by Ross Collins  
9781788008266 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

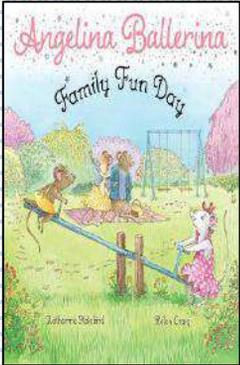
The tables have turned in this hilarious follow-up to *There's a Bear on My Chair*. This time it's Bear who has an unwelcome guest, and this cheeky mouse just won't leave! He's making a real commotion in Bear's house — eating all the food, listening to loud music and even spilling bathwater all over the floor! But when there's an unexpected knock at the door, Bear decides that perhaps mice aren't so bad after all.

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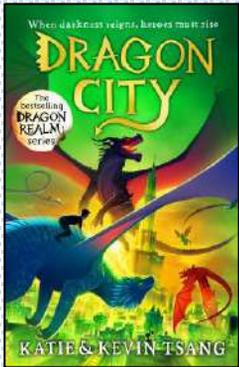
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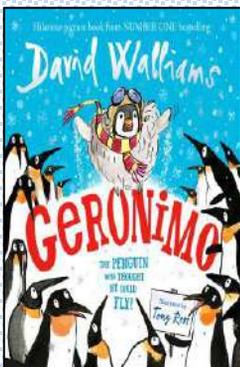
**Angelina Ballerina: Family Fun Day** by Katharine Holabird  
9781534495623 / Simon & Schuster / PB / RR115

It's a beautiful Saturday afternoon. Angelina's dad announces it's too nice out to stay indoors, so they take a family trip to the park! At first, Angelina and her sister, Polly, have a great time riding the carousel, flying a kite, and playing on the swings. But then Polly starts to feel sad that her big sister does everything better. If Angelina can convince her that someday soon she'll be able to do everything Angelina does, this can still be the best "family fun day" ever!



**Dragon City** by Katie & Kevin Tsang  
9781471193125 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

In an alternate reality, 5,000 years in the future, the evil Dragon of Death has become ruler of Dragon City. Humans now live to serve the dragon population and it's no different for Billy Chan and his friends. After losing contact with their own dragons, they're determined to track them down in this new city, even if it means putting their own lives at risk. But one dragon has turned to the dark side and has no plans to return. With the help of a new clan of dragon friends, can Billy, Dylan, Charlotte and Ling-Fei undo the Dragon of Death's villainous work, or will she triumph eternally?



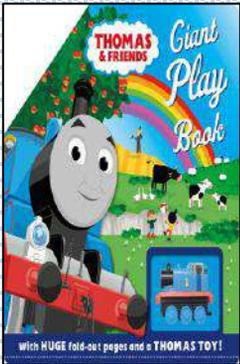
**Geronimo** by David Walliams  
9780008279790 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

Meet Geronimo, the baby penguin who has one dream and one dream only, and that is to fly! But everyone knows penguins can't fly... or can they? With a little help from his dad and friends, baby Geronimo discovers that even the wildest of dreams can come true.

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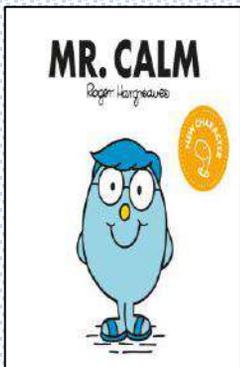
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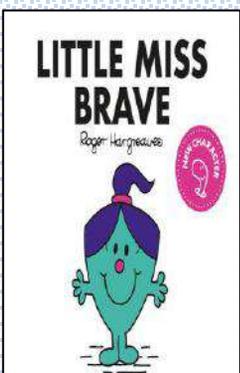
**Thomas & Friends: Giant Playbook** by W Awdry  
9780755500680 / Egmont / HB / R385

This book takes readers on a journey through the seasons. Each fold-out scene has a printed track for the Thomas toy to be driven along. Look out for lots of different animals, places and favourite characters that you'll pass along the way. There's also an amazing celebration scene, so the reader and their Thomas toy can join in all the fun of the fair! This GIANT fold-out Play Book is perfect for three-year-olds and up. It will keep all train fans entertained with the Thomas toy, printed tracks and word labels for key items, as well as lots of things to find and count on every page. The giant scenes fold out so there's plenty for young readers to explore and enjoy



**Mr. Calm** by Roger Hargreaves  
9781405299848 / Egmont / PB / R130

It's time to meet Mr. Calm, who is quite possibly the calmest person in the world. He appreciates the simple pleasures in life and nothing can upset or disturb him, which means he's a calm head in a crisis. But unfortunately not all his friends approach life in the same way. Can Mr. Calm help them to change their ways?



**Little Miss Brave** by Roger Hargreaves  
9781405299831 / Egmont / PB / R130

Sparkle the white pony has been magicked to be messy and can't stop rolling in mud. But can Olivia and Eliza help break the spell that is binding her and give her a magical makeover in time for the royal wedding?

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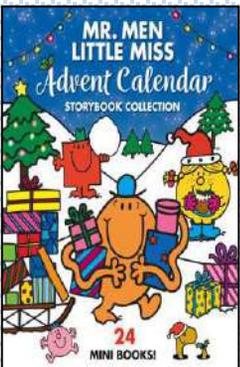
**My Little Pony : A New Adventure** by My Little Pony  
9781405299954 / Egmont / PB / R105

The pony world of Equestria has lost its magic (GASP!) Friendship & Harmony have been replaced by paranoia & mistrust, and Ponies now live separated by species. Sunny, a feisty and idealistic young Earth Pony, is convinced there's still hope for this divided world ... however, when she befriends a lost Unicorn named Izzy, who wanders innocently into the Earth Pony town of Maretime Bay, the town has had enough. Izzy and Sunny must embark on an epic adventure that will take them to faraway lands and force them to challenge the status quo by facing their fears and making new friends out of old enemies. The world Sunny has dreamed of her entire life could finally become a reality as Sunny and her newfound friends fight to prove that even LITTLE ponies can make a BIG difference.



**My Little Pony Movie Sticker Activity Book** by My Little Pony  
9781405299930 / Egmont / PB / R155

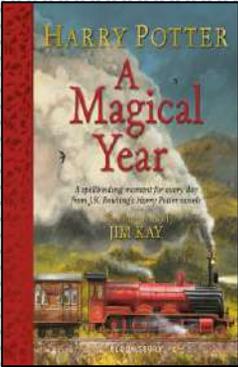
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**Mr. Men Little Miss** by Roger Hargreaves  
9780755504503 / Egmont / R510

Join your favourite Mr Men and Little Miss this Christmas for some storytime fun with this fantastic advent calendar featuring 24 individual stories. Reveal a special storybook every day during the Christmas countdown. The perfect gift for you to enjoy during the festive season and beyond.

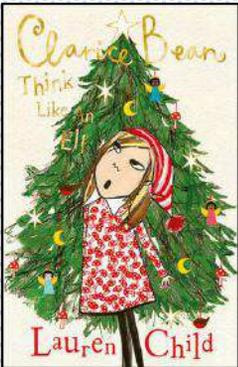
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**Harry Potter: A Magical Year** by J. K. Rowling  
9781526640871 / Bloomsbury / HB / R590

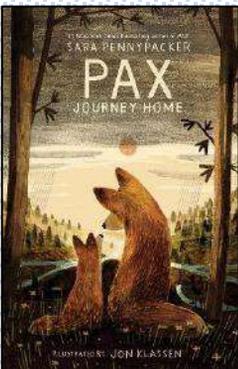
This is an irresistible gift book for anyone who has ever been captivated by the Boy Who Lived. Each day features a favourite anniversary or meaningful memory from the *Harry Potter* novels. All around, Jim Kay's scenic artwork and decorative painter's marks bring that moment to life in breath-taking detail. His unique interpretation is both captivating and transporting – picture frozen icicles glinting on the snowy towers of Hogwarts, the dancing eyes of Professor Albus Dumbledore, or the infectious hustle and bustle of Diagon Alley. Inside, a selection of his most iconic illustrations are joined by previously unseen pencil sketches and preparatory pieces, offering a unique and fascinating insight into the artist's sketchbook.

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**Clarice Bean: Think Like An Elf** by Lauren Child  
9780008470845 / HarperCollins / HB / R320

Clarice Bean usually looks forward to Christmas. Except this year it is going to be a quiet-ish Christmas in her house, which doesn't feel right because Christmas is all about noisiness and being full up and FAMILY. And without those things, she is going to have to try exceptionordinarly hard to stop the Christmas spirit completely floating away... But luckily, there is no one in the world like Clarice Bean, and she is going to THINK LIKE AN ELF, and that means everything will be A-OKAY. Won't it?



**Pax, Journey Home** by Sara Pennypacker  
9780008470289 / HarperCollins / HB / R275

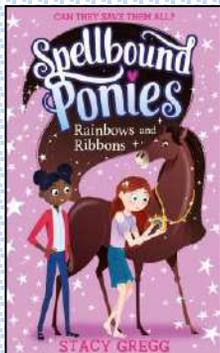
It's been a year since Peter and his pet fox, Pax, have seen each other. Once inseparable, they now lead very different lives. Pax must protect his litter of kits in a dangerous world. Meanwhile Peter, orphaned after the war, has left his adopted home and joined the Water Warriors, a group determined to heal the land from the scars of the war. When one of Pax's kits falls desperately ill, he turns to the one human he knows he can trust. And no matter how hard Peter tries to harden his broken heart, love keeps finding a way in. Now both boy and fox find themselves on journeys toward home, healing – and each other. A breathtaking novel about chosen families and the healing power of love.

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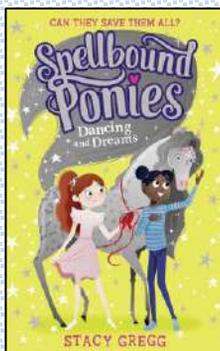
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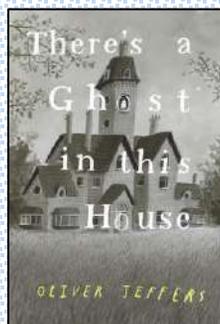
**Spellbound Ponies 5: Rainbows and Ribbons** by Stacy Gregg  
9780008402990 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

The ponies of Pemberley Stables have been bound by magic and each of them are trapped in time. Can two brave girls help get them back? Gus the riding school pony isn't having a very good day. But can Olivia and Eliza break the spell that is making him so grumpy and bring him back to the stables?



**Spellbound Ponies 6: Dancing and Dreams** by Stacy Gregg  
9780008403027 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

The ponies of Pemberley Stables have been bound by magic and each of them are trapped in time. Can two brave girls help get them back? Margot the dressage pony keeps getting all of her steps wrong. But can Olivia and Eliza help break the spell that is making her so clumsy and bring her back to the stables?



**There's a Ghost in this House** by Oliver Jeffers  
9780008298357 / HarperCollins / HB / R510

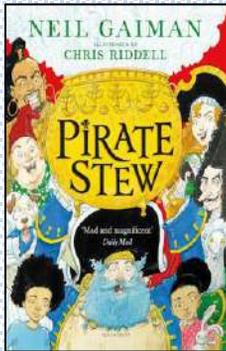
A young girl lives in a haunted house, but has never seen a ghost. Are they white with holes for eyes? Are they hard to see? She'd love to know! Step inside and turn the transparent pages to help her on an entertaining ghost hunt, from behind the sofa, right up to the attic. With lots of friendly ghost surprises and incredible mixed media illustrations, this unique and funny book will entertain young readers over and over again.

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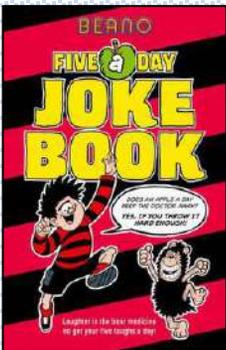
**What Jobs Could You Do?** by Catherine Barr  
9781405298100 / Egmont / PB / R180

Pick your perfect job by choosing from things you LOVE to do. Whether you want to make things, draw, write, be in charge, get messy, help people, solve mysteries, discover new things, be outside, work with animals, numbers or machines, or do something loud or quiet, there's something for everyone! So if you decide you want to be outside, then a surfing coach, conservation worker, photographer and tree surgeon are just some of the brilliant jobs you could choose. Or if you love working with numbers then perhaps a robot scientist or video games developer would suit you more? Whatever you enjoy, there's something for you!



**Pirate Stew** by Neil Gaiman  
9781526614711 / Bloomsbury / PB / R205

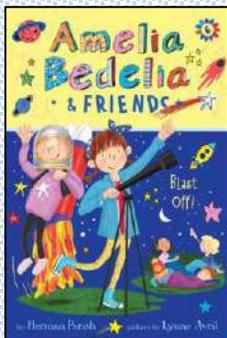
Long John has a whole crew of wild pirates in tow, and, for two intrepid children, he's about to transform a perfectly ordinary evening into a riotous adventure beneath a pirate moon. It's time to make some PIRATE STEW. Marvellously silly and gloriously entertaining, this tale of pirates, flying ships, donut feasts and some rather magical stew is perfect for all pirates, both young and old



**Beano: Five-A-Day Joke Book** by Beano  
9781800781177 / Templar / PB / R145

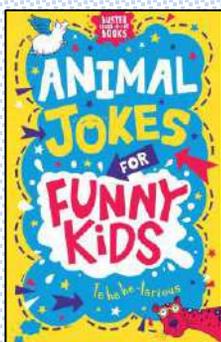
Jumping with jokes and loaded with laughs, this gaggle\* of gags contains riotous rib-ticklers for every day of the week, that's 100% of your recommended daily hilarity intake! And, unlike vitamins, you can share your jokes with as many people as you want! Does an apple a day keep the doctor away? Yes, if you throw it hard enough! Why did the teacher wear sunglasses? The pupils were so bright! What do you call a potato with right angles? A square root! All of the jokes are titter-tested and chuckle-challenged to make sure they meet the highest stand-up standard. Every Beano gag is guaranteed to get a giggle!

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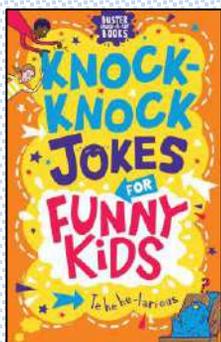
**Amelia Bedelia & Friends 6: Amelia Bedelia & Friends Blast Off** by Herman Parish  
9780062961921 / HarperCollins / PB / R100

Amelia Bedelia and her friends learn about outer space and their place in the universe in the sixth book in the Amelia Bedelia & Friends chapter book series. But with Amelia Bedelia involved, there are sure to be more than a few funny mix-ups along the way.



**Animal Jokes for Funny Kids** by Josephine Southon  
9781780557847 / Buster Books / PB / R130

Filled with over 300 hiss-terical and a-moo-sing animal jokes that will have ewe in stitches, including one-liners, ridiculous puns, tongue twisters and much more. Designed to be easy to read with wonderfully silly illustrations for extra laughs, this laugh-out-loud collection will keep jokers entertained for hours on end.



**Knock-Knock Jokes for Funny Kids** by Josephine Southon  
9781780557854 / Buster Books / PB / R130

Part of the Buster Laugh-a-Lot series, this hilarious book is filled with over 200 seriously silly knock-knock gags. A laugh-out-loud collection that will keep jokers entertained for hours on end. Designed to be easy to read, there are also hilarious illustrations for extra laughs.

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***I Can Read 1 : Hello, Ninja. Goodbye, Tooth*** by N.D. Wilson  
9780063056206 / HarperCollins / PB / R80

Wes's first tooth just came out, and now he's lost it outside! The only way he and his best friend Georgie can find the tooth is if they imagine they're both ninjas. But a sneaky bird stands in their way!



***I Can Read 2: Hello, Ninja. Hello, Stage Fright*** by N.D. Wilson  
9780063056206 / HarperCollins / PB / R80

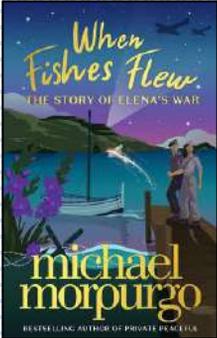
Wes promised Georgie he'd play the drums at her dance recital, but now he's too nervous. They pretend to be ninjas to help Wes find his courage, but when the audience is suddenly in danger, will they be able to save the day?



***LEGO® Harry Potter: Official Yearbook 2022*** by Buster Books  
9781780557861 / Buster Books / PB / R205

Fans of the Wizarding World will love this colourful collection of LEGO® *Harry Potter* puzzles, games and activities. Harry is joined by Ron Weasley, Hermione Granger, Dumbledore™ and all the other Hogwarts™ regulars in this awesome Official Yearbook. It's packed with mazes, dot-to-dots, spot-the-differences and loads of other fun puzzles.

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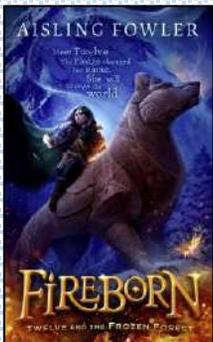
***When Fishes Flew: The Story of Elena's War*** by Michael Morpurgo  
9780008454654 / HarperCollins / TPB / R255

Australian-Greek girl Nandi travels to her ancestors' home in Ithaca, and discovers, through a friendship with an extremely unusual flying fish, the extraordinary story of her great-aunt Elena; of how she fell in love, in the hardest of times, and how of how she became an unsung hero of World War Two. But Elena has gone missing, and Nandi has to find her. In her search, she will discover that Elena was an even greater hero than she thought, and still is.



***Pages & Co. 4: The Book Smugglers*** by Anna James  
9780008410810 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

Milo lives on board the Sesquipedalian, or "Quip" – a magical train that uses the power of imagination to travel through both Story and the real world. The train is owned by Milo's uncle, Horatio, and Milo has witnessed many of his uncle's dodgy dealings as a book smuggler trading in rare books. When Horatio takes on a dangerous new job, he needs the help of Tilly Pages. And Tilly owes Horatio a favour. But when poisoned copies of *The Wizard of Oz* are sent to Horatio and Tilly's grandfather, sending them both into deep sleeps, Milo and Tilly find themselves racing against time to save them – and to figure out what is going on.



***Fireborn : Twelve and the Frozen Forest*** by Aisling Fowler  
9780008394288 / HarperCollins / PB / R255

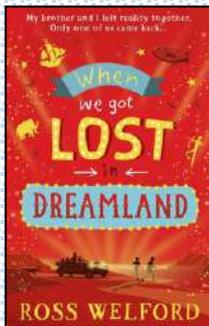
Twelve has spoken the Pledge and now she is a Huntling. She has given up her name to train in the art of fighting monsters and keeping the peace, and she won't get to choose a new one until she has earned it. But when the Lodge's walls are breached for the first time, and a little girl is taken, Twelve is the only one interested in going after a child. . . and ends up on a quest that will change her life, her name – and her entire world.

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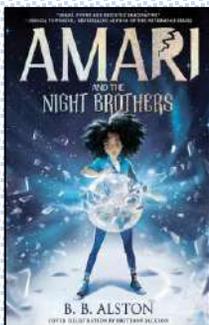
**Eddie Albert 1: The Amsterdam Adventure** by Paul O'Grady  
9780008470654 / HarperCollins / TPB / R280

Unbeknownst to anyone, somewhat-unhappy and never-quite-fitting in 10-year-old Eddie Albert can speak to animals, including his pet dog Butch, his hamster and his two goldfish (who claim they were once pirates). But when Eddie is sent to stay with his eccentric aunt in Amsterdam, he discovers that she too has this gift. So begins a breathless cosmopolitan comic crime adventure, as Eddie, Aunt Budge, his new friend Flo and a whole gang of amazing animals take on the most-dastardly villain Amsterdam has ever seen, in a desperate race against time to save one of their own.



**When We Got Lost in Dreamland** by Ross Welford  
9780008333812 / HarperCollins / PB / R150

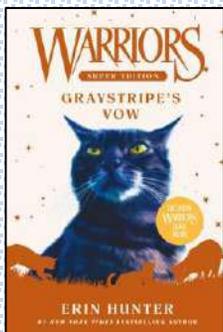
When eleven-year-old Malky and his younger brother Seb become the owners of a “Dreaminator”, they are thrust into worlds beyond their wildest imagination. From tree-top flights and Spanish galleons, to thrilling battles and sporting greatness, it seems like nothing is out of reach when you can share 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.



**Amari and the Night Brothers** by B. B. Alston  
9781405298193 / Egmont / PB / R180

Amari Peters knows three things: Her big brother Quinton has gone missing. No one will talk about it. His mysterious job holds the secret. So, when Amari gets an invitation to the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain this is her chance to find Quinton. But first she has to get her head around the new world of the Bureau, where mermaids, aliens and magicians are real, and her roommate is a weredragon. Amari must compete against kids who've known about the supernatural world their whole lives, and when each trainee is awarded a special supernatural talent, Amari is given an illegal talent, one that the Bureau views as dangerous. With an evil magician threatening the whole supernatural world, and her own classmates thinking she is the enemy, Amari has never felt more alone. But if she doesn't pass the three tryouts, she may never find out what happened to Quinton.

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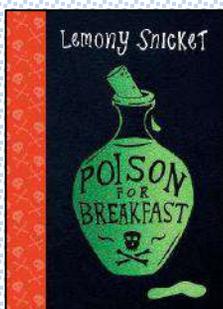
**Warriors Super Edition 13: Graystripe's Vow** by Erin Hunter  
9780062963048 / HarperCollins / PB / R140

Before Graystripe retired to the elders' den, he promised his old friend Firestar that he would never abandon their home. But that was many moons ago, and as new tensions strain ThunderClan, Graystripe begins to wonder if the time of the Clans has ended. Plagued by doubts, he leaves ThunderClan on a journey he hopes will lead him to the answers he seeks; a quest that will take him back to the Clans' old forest territories.



**Rules for Vampires** by Alex Foulkes  
9781471199554 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

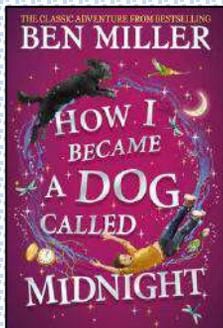
There are highs and lows to being a vampire. On one claw, you get cool powers like beastly strength and hypnotism and the ability to GRIMWALK. On the other claw, however, vampires are bound by the Vampiric Laws: rules to protect the balance between the worlds of the Living and the Undead. And unfortunately, 11-year-old Leo has just forgotten rule number one . . . The Rules for Vampires don't tell you what to do when you make a ghostly enemy, or accidentally restart an ancient war. But Leo and her very unusual family are more than up to the job.



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

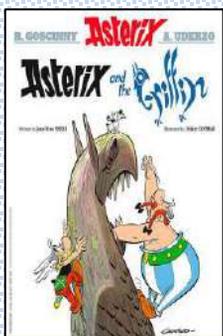
One day, Lemony Snicket finds a puzzling note pushed under his door and is forced to follow a winding trail of clues to solve the mystery of his imminent death. But this is so much more than just a mystery. Along the way, he tackles some of the key questions about life. Who was Korla Pandit – what did 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?

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**How I Became A Dog Called Midnight** by Ben Miller  
9781398509160 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R180

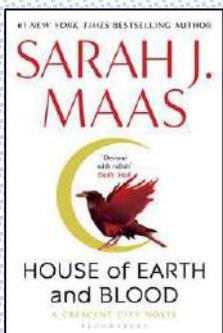
George and his father live next door to a family who have a very sappy dog. One night, George chases an escaped Midnight into the garden and they both fall into a fountain, magically lit by moonlight. Suddenly, the two have swapped places: George is now a dog, and Midnight is a ten year old boy! Finding out what it's like to be a dog is completely amazing, until George uncovers an evil plan that could threaten his home and needs to switch back again. Can the two save the day before the clock strikes twelve again, or will they be stuck in each other's bodies forever?



**Asterix and the Griffin** by Jean- Yves Ferri  
9780751583984 / Sphere / HB / R250

Follow Asterix and Obelix as they set out on their 39th adventure on a long journey in search of a strange and terrifying creature. Half-eagle, half-lion, and idolised and feared by ancient peoples, this creature is the griffin.

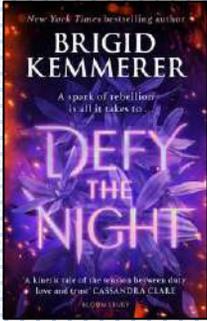
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**House of Earth and Blood** by Sarah J. Maas  
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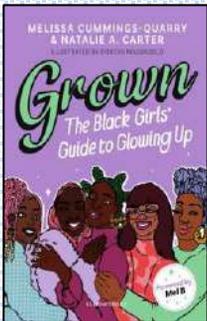
Half-Fae, half-human Bryce Quinlan loves her life. Every night is a party and Bryce is going to savour all the pleasures Lunathion, also known as Crescent City, has to offer. But then a brutal murder shakes the very foundations of the city and brings Bryce's world crashing down. Two years later, Bryce still haunts the city's most notorious nightclubs, but seeking only oblivion now. Then the murderer attacks again. And when an infamous Fallen angel, Hunt Athalar, is assigned to watch her every footstep, Bryce knows she can't forget any longer. As Bryce and Hunt fight to unravel the mystery, and their own dark pasts, the threads they tug ripple through the underbelly of the city, across warring continents, and down to the deepest levels of Hel, where things that have been sleeping for millennia are beginning to stir.

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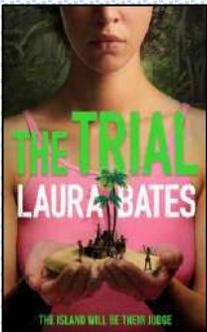
**Defy The Night** by Brigid Kemmerer  
9781526632807 / Bloomsbury / PB / R205

In a kingdom where sickness stalks the streets and only the richest can afford a cure, King Harristan and his brother Prince Corrick are forced to rule with an iron fist. Tessa Cade is a masked outlaw marked for death, but she likes it that way. Together with the mysterious, handsome Weston, she robs from the rich to help the poor, distributing food and medicine to those who need it most. As it becomes clear that the only way to save her people is to assassinate the King, Tessa must face a deadly mission that will take her to the dark heart of the kingdom ... and force her to work with the very people she intended to destroy.



**Grown: The Black Girls' Guide to Glowing Up** by Melissa Cummings-Quarry  
9781526623713 / Bloomsbury / PB / R330

Being a teenager and trying to understand who you are and what you stand for is hard. Period. But if you're a Black girl and don't always see yourself represented in the books you read, the films you watch, the adverts you see or the history you're taught, it can be even tougher. *Grown: The Black Girls' Guide to Glowing Up* was written with one thing in mind sis. You. From understanding identity to the politics of hair to maintaining squad goals to dealing with microaggressions to consent to figuring out what career you might want, *Grown* has got your back. Natalie A. Carter and Melissa Cummings-Quarry share stories – the wins and the Ls – and offer honest, practical advice that will show you how to own your choices. To live your truth without fear. To be grown on your own terms without limits or apologies.



**The Trial** by Laura Bates  
9781471187575 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

After a plane crash sees a group of teens washed up on a desert island, their first thought is survival. But a terrible secret has followed them ashore – one of them has been the victim of an assault. As danger and lies begin to take over, can the island uncover the truth about what really happened at that fateful party?



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