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January & February 2021 Children's Highlights

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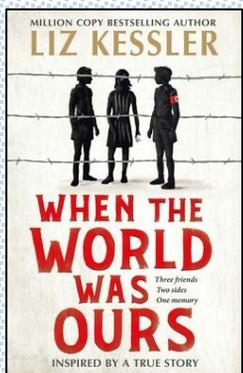
The Violet Veil Mysteries: A Case of Grave Danger by Sophie Cleverly
9780008297350 / HarperCollins / PB / R150

Violet Veil wants nothing more than to prove her worth and become her father's apprentice at Veil & Sons Undertakers. And one rain-soaked night she gets her chance when she meets a boy, Oliver, who is wandering around the graveyard. Only, the last time Violet saw Oliver, he was indoors and very much dead, waiting to be buried. Victoria has just found her first case, and it doesn't get bigger than this: can she, with the help of her dog, Bones, help Oliver solve his own 'murder'?



Enola Holmes: The Case of the Missing Marquess by Nancy Springer
9781471408960 / Hot Key Books / PB / R190

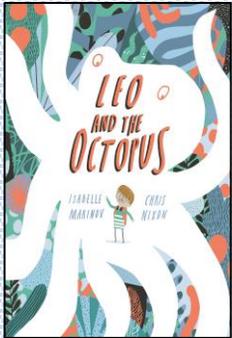
When Enola Holmes, sister to the detective Sherlock Holmes, discovers her mother has disappeared, she quickly embarks on a journey to London in search of her. But nothing can prepare her for what awaits. Because when she arrives, she finds herself involved in the kidnapping of a young marquess, fleeing murderous villains, and trying to elude her shrewd older brothers-all while attempting to piece together clues to her mother's strange disappearance. Amid all the mayhem, will Enola be able to decode the necessary clues and find her mother?



When The World Was Ours by Liz Kessler
9781471198298 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R280

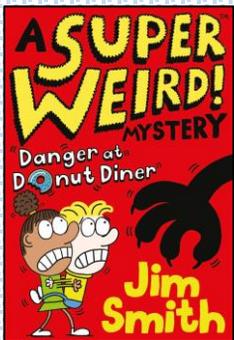
Vienna, 1936. Three young friends spend a perfect day together, unaware that around them Europe is descending into a growing darkness and that events will soon mean that they are ripped apart from each other as their lives take very different directions... Inspired by a true story, *When The World Was Ours* is an extraordinary novel that is as powerful as it is heartbreaking and shows the bonds of love, family and friendship allow glimmers of hope to flourish, even in the most hopeless of times.

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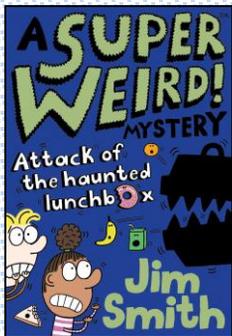
Leo and the Octopus by Isabelle Marinov
9781787416550 / Templar / PB / R180

The world was too bright for Leo. And too loud. "I must be living on the wrong planet," Leo thought. Leo struggles to make sense of the world. He doesn't understand the other children in his class, and they don't seem to understand him. But then one day, Leo meets Maya. Maya is an octopus, and the more Leo learns about her, the more he thinks that perhaps he isn't alone in this world, after all. "The sensitive descriptions throughout the book of what it is like to have autism are accurate and perceptive on so many levels" -Professor Tony Attwood.



A Super Weird! Mystery 1: Danger at Donut Diner by Jim Smith
9781405295451 / Egmont / PB / R180

When Melvin moves from the city to Donut (a perfectly round island with a hole in the middle), he thinks it's the most rubbish place ever. Then he meets Rhubarb. Rhubarb is OBSESSED with mysteries and has her own school newspaper to investigate the strange goings on in Donut. (Unfortunately nothing ever happens in Donut so she's never had anything to write about.) But then Melvin notices that the kids at school are acting very strangely. Could it be something to do with the Donut Hole Monsters that everyone is collecting? Soon Melvin and Rhubarb are on the trail of a mystery — one that is going to lead them right into the center of the donut hole... And Rhubarb might actually have something to write about in her newspaper, if they make it out alive.



A Super Weird! Mystery 2: Attack of the Haunted Lunchbox by Jim Smith
9781405297516 / Egmont / HB / R180

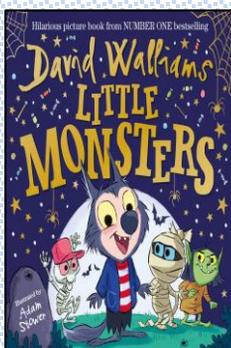
Melvin, Rhubarb and Yoshi are on the hunt for a new mystery to write about in the Daily Donut newspaper, but little do they know, it's right under their nose... there's something spooky in the sandwiches! Soon Rhubarb and co. are sure there's a ghost in her dad's cool old retro lunchbox, but when no one believes them — and the whole town is in danger — it's up to the detective duo to investigate the haunted lunchboxes all on their own... Things are about to get SUPER WEIRD again!

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Secrets of a Fortnite Fan by Eddie Robson
9781839350450 / Welbeck / PB / R135

Relive the past year on the most popular online gaming platform in the world! Discover everything there is to know about the newest blockbuster games, the latest updates and more in the 100% Unofficial *Roblox Annual 2021*. In addition to guides to the most popular games, there are also tips on how to start making your own game and loads of exciting activities. With so much to do, this annual is bound to keep *Roblox* fans busy for hours on end.



Little Monsters by David Walliams
9780008305741 / HarperCollins / HB / R330

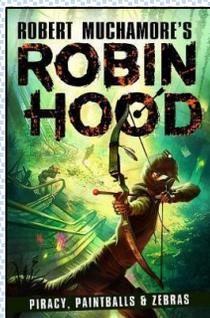
Howler is a SMALL werewolf with a BIG problem. He is just not SCARY! And that makes him the odd one out at Monster School... But when Howler finds some new friends, he discovers that being the ODD one out might just make him the COOLEST one of all... This hilarious new picture book is full of squeal appeal and has giggles on every page.



The Boy Who Met A Whale by Nizrana Farook
9781788009430 / Nosy Crow / PB / R205

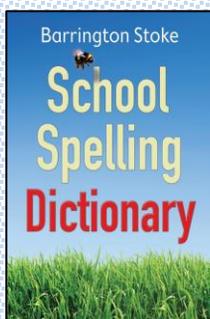
Razi, a local fisherboy, is watching turtle eggs hatch when he sees a boat bobbing into view. With a chill, he notices a small, still hand hanging over the side... Inside is Zheng, who's escaped a shipwreck and is full of tales of sea monsters and missing treasure. But the villains who are after Zheng are soon after Razi and his sister, Shifa, too. And so begins an exhilarating adventure in the shadow of the biggest sea monster of them all.

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Robin Hood 2: Piracy, Paintballs & Zebras by Robert Muchamore
9781471409479 / Hoy Key / PB / R175

When Clare Gisborne and Little John return to school after the Locksley Riot, there's rebellion in the air and Robin Hood's name graffitied on every wall. Power dynamics are shifting — now, instead of being a feared bully, the daughter of Locksley's most hated criminal finds herself shunned by classmates and pelted with yoghurt and rotting fruit. Meanwhile at Sherwood Designer Outlets, Robin has plans of his own. He is determined to hack Sheriff Marjorie's office so that the rebels know her every move — and to work with animal rights activists to end a cruel trophy hunt inside the grounds of Sherwood Castle.



School Spelling Dictionary by Christine Maxwell
9781781121511 / Barrington Stoke / PB / R330

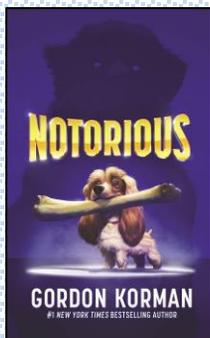
This book allows students to use phonic attack to find both regular and irregular spellings. Students can look up a word as it sounds – if they are correct, they will find it in black, if they are wrong they will find it in red, with the correct spelling in black alongside. Designed for use from Key Stages 1 to 3, the *School Spelling Dictionary* is ideal for improving spelling and writing.



Enchanter's Child 1: Twilight Hauntings by Angie Sage
9780062875150 / HarperCollins / PB / R245

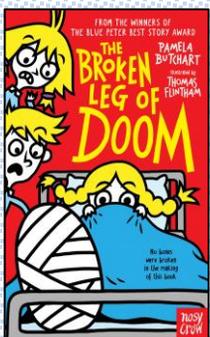
Alex has a set of Enchanted cards. When she flutters her fingers above them, something magical happens: the cards come alive and create moving pictures of what is now and what is yet to come. But Enchantment is illegal in the city of Luma, and those who practice it are imprisoned forever in the Vaults — dark dungeons deep below the city. When Alex is betrayed by her foster sister Zerra, she knows she is in great danger. With the help of her little foster brother, Louie, she makes a daring escape. But Alex discovers she is not safe outside Luma either. Here lurk deadly Hauntings that seek out those who practice magic: Enchanters and their children. The Hauntings take many forms and Alex is hunted by a giant bird of prey, the Hawke, a murderous Night Wraith called the Grey Walker, and the eerie Xin. But why do the Hauntings Haunt Alex?

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Notorious by Gordon Korman
9780062798879 / HarperCollins / PB / R155

Keenan has lived all over the world but nowhere quite as strange as Centerlight Island, which is split between the United States and Canada. The only thing weirder than Centerlight itself is his neighbour ZeeBee. ZeeBee is obsessed with the island's history as a Prohibition-era smuggling route. She's also convinced that her beloved dog, Barney, was murdered — something Keenan finds pretty hard to believe. Just about everyone on Centerlight is a suspect, because everyone hated Barney, a huge dog notorious for terrorizing the community. Accompanied by a mild-mannered new dog who is practically Barney's opposite, ZeeBee enlists Keenan's help to solve the mystery. As Keenan and ZeeBee start to unravel the clues, they uncover a shocking conspiracy that dates back to Centerlight's gangster past. The good news is that Keenan may have found the best friend he's ever had. The bad news is that the stakes are sky-high. And now someone is after them.



The Broken Leg of Doom by Pamela Butchart
9781788007870 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

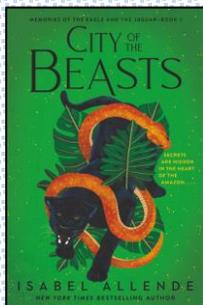
When a session of extreme dancing leaves Maisie in hospital with a broken leg, things take a turn for the weird! Strange noises in the ward at night, missing cuddly toys and a sandwich trolley that only ever has TUNA sandwiches. Could Maisie's leg be CURSED? If it is, and it DEFINITELY IS, then everything is DOOMED!



The Wizard in the Wood by Louie Stowell
9781788006323 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

Kit, Josh and Alita are heading back to school — and they're excited to discover that they're getting a brand-new library, which also means getting their own wizard librarian... and a dragon! But when something VERY BAD happens at the new library, it's up to Kit and her friends to save the world one more time. The third instalment in the funny, exciting, magical, and action-packed *Dragon in the Library* series, brilliantly illustrated throughout by Davide Ortu.

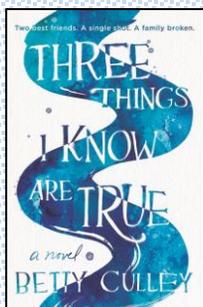
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Memories of the Eagle and the Jaguar 1: City of the Beasts by Isabel Allende

9780007146376 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

Fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold has the chance to take the trip of a lifetime. Parting from his family and ill mother, Alexander joins his fearless grandmother, a magazine reporter for International Geographic, on an expedition to the dangerous, remote world of the Amazon. Their mission, along with the others on their team — including a celebrated anthropologist, a local guide and his young daughter Nadia, and a doctor — is to document the legendary Yeti of the Amazon known as the Beast.



Three Thing I Know Are True by Betty Culley

9780062908032 / HarperCollins / PB / R210

Life changes forever for Liv when her older brother, Jonah, accidentally shoots himself with his best friend Clay's father's gun. Now Jonah needs round-the-clock care just to stay alive, and Liv feels like she's the only person who can see that her brother is still there inside his broken body. With Liv's mom suing Clay's family, there are divisions in the community that Liv knows she's not supposed to cross. But Clay is her friend, too, and she refuses to turn away from him — just like she refuses to give up on Jonah. This powerful novel is a stunning exploration of tragedy, grief, compassion, and forgiveness.



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