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**"A good book is like a good friend. It will stay with you for the rest of your life"**

Charlie Lovett

Get ready to usher out the cold days with our latest reads! This month we celebrate Friendship Day (6 August) and what better way to celebrate than sharing a great read with a dear friend ☺

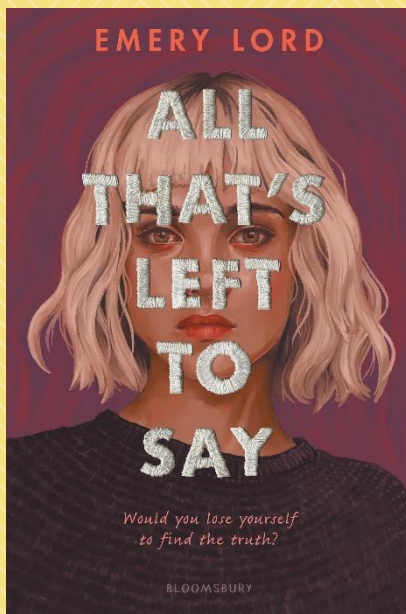
Books can be a child's best friend and we highly encourage you to share these reads with them!

All the best,  
The Jonathan Ball Kids Team

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## Spotlight

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***All That's Left to Say*** by Emery Lord  
9781526646033 / Bloomsbury / PB / R275

Hannah MacLaren has grown up between two worlds: scraping by happily with her single, working mum and avoiding the Maryland upper crust in the next town over, where her wealthy cousin and best friend Sophie lives. The plan is to get out: Hannah from paycheck-to-paycheck life, and Sophie from the cosseted world she doesn't fit into.

But just before junior year begins, something goes horribly wrong. Sophie overdoses at a party, leaving behind a shocked community and bereft best friends. As the haze of grief begins to clear, Hannah teams up with Sophie's other best friend, Gabi, to find out what happened that fateful night.

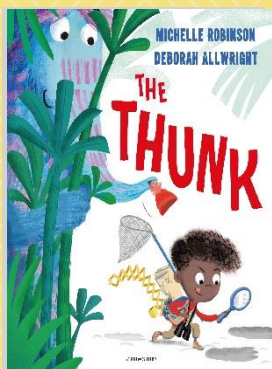
Someone gave Sophie oxycodone. Someone knew what was going on. And Hannah will not stop until she has uncovered the truth





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0 – 5 years



***The Thunk*** by Michelle Robinson  
9781408892855 / Bloomsbury / PB / R225

Meet Hector Voltaire: a young explorer who can't wait to discover all the wonders of the wide world. First up: a magical, mythical creature called the THUNK.

The Thunk has a trunk and its fur's blueish pink, and it's ever so slightly, completely . . . EXTINCT. Or at least, that's what everyone else thinks. Hector is determined to prove them wrong, and sets out with all his exploring equipment on a grand journey of discovery.



***Never Ever Ask Pirate to Party*** by Clare Helen Welsh  
9781839942181 / Nosy Crow / PB / R235

Get ready for a fantastical birthday party adventure featuring a dinosaur, dragon, unicorn, pirate . . . and a spaceship full of aliens! If you want the perfect party, never, ever, ever invite this crowd of chaotic guests! The unicorn will demand sparkles and bubbles, the dragon will set fire to your decorations and the fizzy drinks will send the aliens wild! But . . . never, ever, EVER send your guests home!

Because a party's only a party if you share it with your friends! Featuring hilarious, colourful scenes with plenty to spot, as well as a simple message about sharing good times with friends, little ones will want to go right back to the beginning and read the book again (and again)!



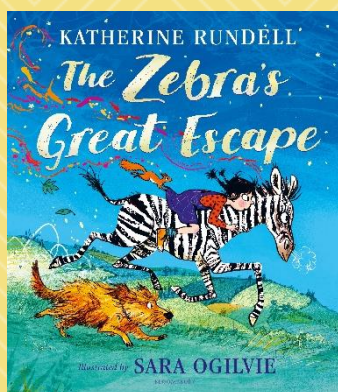
***Bedtime Boat*** by Sital Chapman  
9780008534318 / Farshore / PB / R235

Chandan has had an exciting day out with his mum – but now it's time for bed, and however hard he tries, he just can't sleep. Luckily, his mum has some calming mindfulness techniques at her fingertips. The bedtime boat sits on Chandan's tummy, rising and falling with his breath.

As he travels on a voyage of imagination over the seas, the bedtime boat is always there to keep him grounded, eventually lulling him gently into a relaxed and peaceful sleep. With stunning illustrations by award-winning illustrator Anastasia Suvorova, this lyrical rhyming picture book is the perfect way to help restless little ones drift off to sleep.



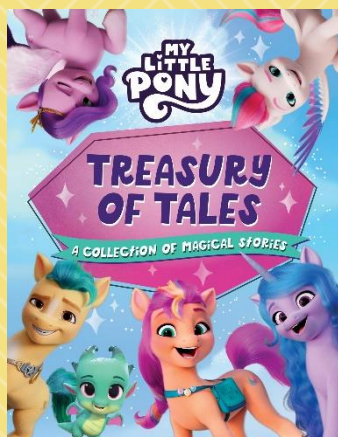
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***The Zebra's Great Escape*** by Katherine Rundell  
9781526652263 / Bloomsbury / PB / R275

Mink doesn't believe in rules. She loves running wild and free. So, when a zebra appears in the square where she lives and she finds out that his parents have been captured by the evil Mr Spit, she knows that it's up to her to help.

So begins a grand adventure to rescue a whole menagerie of animals – an adventure that will take all of Mink's courage and determination. Written with generous helpings of warmth and humour, this is a timeless picture book about bravery, friendship and the importance of taking action.



***My Little Pony 5 Minute Stories*** by My Little Pony  
9781526652263 / Farshore / PB / R275

A collection of magical stories from Equestria!

Join Sunny Starscout and her friends on their adventures in Equestria in this collection of five magical stories, perfect for bedtime. With colourful pictures from favourite episodes of the Netflix show, every page is sure to delight young fans of My Little Pony.



***Little Book of Safari Animal Sounds*** by Caz Buckingham & Andrea Pinnington  
9781776193035 / Jonathan Ball Publishers / BRD BK / R315

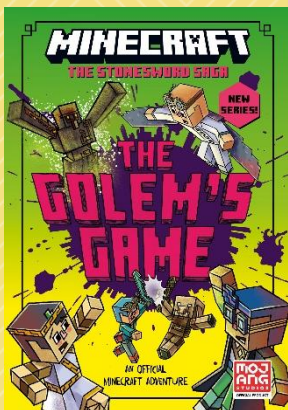
Be transported to the breathtaking African landscape with this gorgeous board book for children (aged 3 and up) featuring real-life, high-quality sounds of African bush animals, from the roaring lion, laughing hyenas and trumpeting elephants. Coupled with the sounds are unique and fascinating facts, stunning photographs that appeal to both young and old alike.

The Little Book of Safari Animal Sounds is the perfect gift for anyone who loves nature and provides a wonderful new way of recognising wild animals in their habitats.



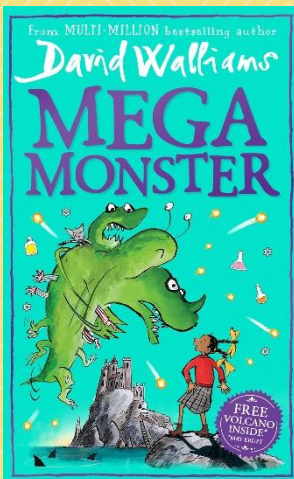
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6 – 9 years



**Minecraft Stoneword 5: Golem's Game** by Mojang  
9780008534226 / Farshore / PB / R210

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**Megamonster** by David Walliams  
9780008499761 / HarperCollins / PB / R200

On a volcanic island, in the middle of shark-infested waters, stands The Cruel School. The lessons are ludicrous, the school dinners are disgusting and the teachers are terrifying.

When Larker is sent to the school, she quickly realises that VERY odd things are going on involving sinister Science teacher Doctor Doktor, a secret cave and a 'Monsterfication Machine'. Can Larker unravel the teacher's wicked plot?





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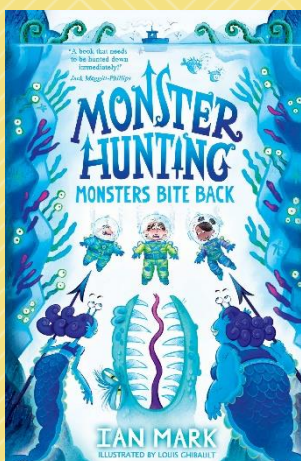


***Worst Week Ever Wednesday*** by Eva Amores & Matt Cosgrove  
9781398521971 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R210

Have YOU ever had a bad week? The hilarious new series taking the world by storm.

Justin Chase is having the WORST WEEK EVER! His cat is still missing, he's an unintentional internet sensation, and right now the sharks are circling as he's stranded in a heart-stopping, skin-crawling, jaw-dropping, seriously shocking S.O.S situation with his unbelievably annoying arch-enemy! Monday was messy, Tuesday was an embarrassment, but now it's... WEDNESDAY!

The third book in the hilarious new seven-part highly-illustrated series for fans of the globally bestselling Treehouse series.



***Monster Hunting 2 Monsters Bite Back*** by Ian Mark  
9780755504374 / Farshore / PB / R235

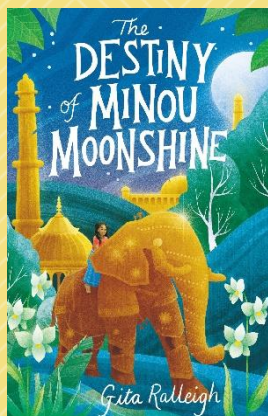
The second seriously silly adventure in the hilarious series that turns everything you thought you knew about monsters upside down!

When the monsters start misbehaving it's a monster hunter's job to sort them out! In their second adventure Jack, his best friend Nancy and Stoop (a grumpy, 200-year-old monster hunter) head up to Scotland after reports of some mysterious monsters causing chaos in an ancient abbey. And maybe they'll even get a glimpse of Nessie! But when they get there they find some obstacles in their path – whether that's the fog goblins, disgruntled ghosts, some very odd loch monsters and even a rival monster hunting agency. Oh and there's also an ancient curse that spells THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT! A monster hunter's work is never done.

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10 – 12 years

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***Desiny of Minou Moonshine*** by Gita Ralleigh  
9781804545782 / Head of Zeus / TPB / R300

Fierce orphan girl, Minou Moonshine, lives with her grandmother on a makeshift barge in the shadow of the General's palace. Under the tyrant's rule, life in Moonlally is hard: the monsoons have failed and worship of their goddess, the Dark Lady, is forbidden.

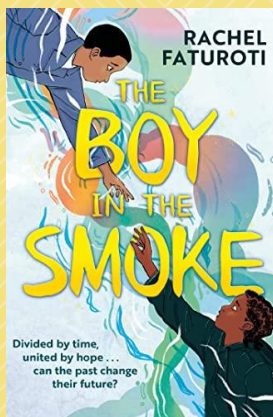
When Minou's beloved Dima is murdered, she joins the secretive Green Orchids, rebels plotting to overthrow the General.

Amid the lush jungles, mountain villages and treetop temples of Indica, Minou begins a winding journey with her two friends and a mechanical elephant, on the adventure of a lifetime.





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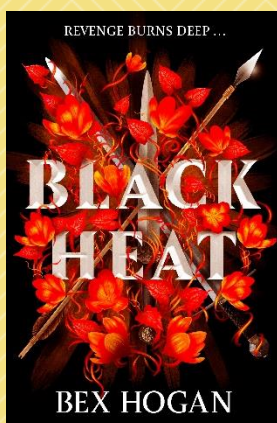


***Boy in the Smoke*** by Rachel Faturoti  
9781444963588 / Hodder / PB / R220

Isaiah and his dad have recently moved to a new flat, but now his dad is struggling to pay rent due to illness. Soon, the landlord threatens eviction.

In history class, Isaiah is intrigued to discover that in the Victorian period, his school used to be a hospital and his flat block was once a workhouse.

In the basement of the flats, Isaiah discovers an old fireplace. When he lights it, a boy called Jacob appears. He tells Isaiah he's been sent to the workhouse after his dad disappeared. But he wants to escape. Can Isaiah help Jacob even though he's from the past ... and will Jacob help Isaiah to find a way to save his home?



***Black Heat*** by Bex Hogan  
9781510110960 / Orion / PB / R250

Each young woman wants peace for their country, but in times of war, not everyone fights by the same rules. As their countries burn around them, and the stakes of victory rise, each woman will have to decide how far she is willing to go for peace.

But the desire for revenge also burns deep...

A dark and thrilling new fantasy from the author of *The Isles of Storm and Sorrow* trilogy.



***Lovely Dark*** by Matthew Fox  
9781444964745 / Hodder / PB / R220

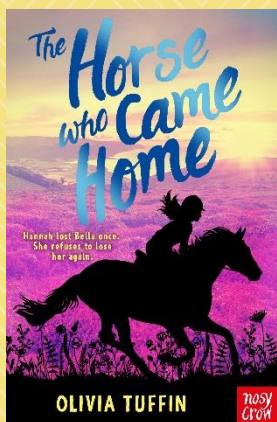
When 12-year-old Eleanor Newton dies in an accident, she finds herself journeying down a mysterious river that takes her to The Underworld. She apprehensively embarks on her "afterlife" at Eventide House, a boarding school of sorts for children who have died.

The Underworld is captivating: always sunny and warm but also fractured. Strange things have been happening to Ellie since she arrived: she knows something isn't right, and she doesn't want to be there. She desperately wants to get back to the world of The Living to meet her new baby brother, even if it means being a ghost.

Can Ellie find a way out of the Underworld? And who - or what - will she be if she does?



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***The Horse Who Came Home*** by Olivia Tuffin  
9781839946431 / Nosy Crow/ PB / R235

Hannah's dad, a former Olympic show jumper, runs a highly respected stables where they buy, train and sell ponies on for huge sums of money.

The whole family helps, especially Hannah's older sister, Millie – a social media star on the rise. But when Hannah rescues Bella, a beautiful Connemara pony, and begins to piece together her tragic history, she discovers that not everything at Heartwood stables is as perfect as it seems. Love of ponies, or loyalty to family? Now that Hannah knows the truth, she faces an impossible choice.

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## Young Adult

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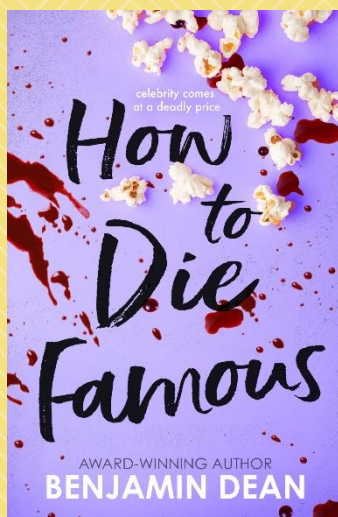


***Bellegarde*** by Jamie Lilac  
9780349125282 / Hodder / BPB / R250

A charming historical romance debut, *Bellegarde* is *She's All That* meets *Bridgerton* reimagined in 18th Century France.

Second born sons aren't promised an inheritance in 1784 France. Despite this, seventeen-year-old Beau Bellegarde is the big man on campus at his school in Paris. With his good looks and distinguished last name, Beau appears to have it all. But when he gets dumped by girlfriend Rachelle, Beau is thrown into a scramble for his future. Without the promised job from Rachelle's father and without an inheritance, Beau is forced to enter a bet with his brother: if he can turn Evie Clement, the unapproachable baker's daughter, into the winner of the Court Ball, he inherits the family fortune.

There's just one small problem - she hates him, and for good reason. But as she befriends Beau, entering a world of high-status parties and even a nomination to win Rose at the Court Ball, she has to ask herself one question... why?



***How to Die Famous*** by Benjamin Dean  
9781398512573 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R265

London-born Abel has landed the role of a lifetime for an upcoming blockbuster. On the face of it he's Hollywood's latest teen star, but below the surface he's an undercover journalist on a mission to expose the 'squeaky clean' entertainment industry and the part they played in his brother's 'accidental' death.

As Abel steps into the spotlight alongside fellow actors Lucky, Ryan and Ella, he soon discovers that beneath the glittering surface of fame and riches lies a darker world of secrecy, scandal and murder. Nobody is who they seem when the cameras are off, and everybody has something to hide. But who's next in line to die famous?







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NB! Deadline for requests:

Wednesday 12 July 2023

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Thank You.

