



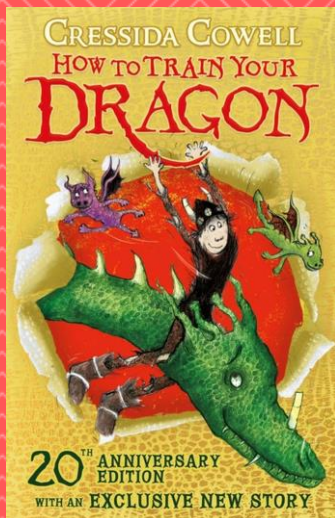
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Winter is in full swing, and we've got the perfect selection of books to keep you warm and sane! We hope you love and enjoy this month's selection as much as we do!

All the best,  
The Jonathan Ball Kids Team

## Spotlight



***How to Train Your Dragon*** by Cressida Cowell  
9781444973006 / Hodder / HB / R360

'The world will need a Hero, and it might as well be you ...' Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third is a smallish Viking with a longish name. The Hairy Hooligan tribe think he's totally useless, but Hiccup is about to face his destiny ... with one tiny dragon. Can he prove his worth and become a HERO or will he be banished from his tribe for ever? In celebration of 20 years of *How to Train Your Dragon*, this special commemorative edition features the original, now classic, *How to Train Your Dragon* story with exclusive content.



***You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight*** by Kalynn Bayron  
9781526658463 / Bloomsbury / PB / R275

Charity Curtis has the summer job of her dreams, playing the "final girl" at Camp Mirror Lake. Guests pay to be scared in this full-contact terror game, as Charity and her summer crew recreate scenes from a classic slasher film, *Curse of Camp Mirror Lake*. The more realistic the fear, the better for business. But in the last weekend of the season, Charity's co-workers begin disappearing. And when one ends up dead, Charity's role as the final girl suddenly becomes all too real. If Charity and her girlfriend Bezi hope to survive the night, they'll need to figure out what this killer is after. Is there more to the story of Mirror Lake and its dangerous past than Charity ever suspected?

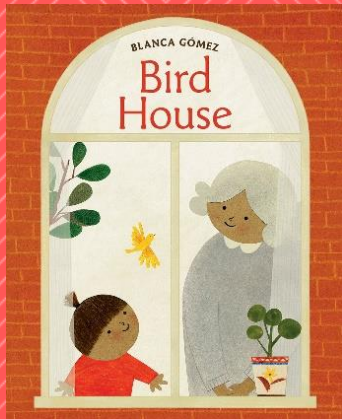




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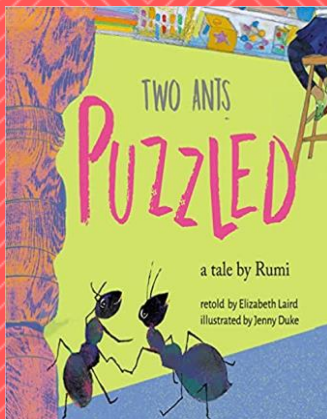


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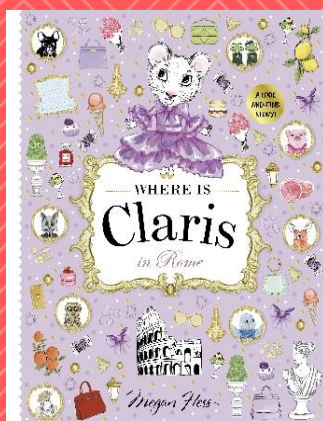
**Bird House** by Blanca Gomez  
9781419744099 / Abrams / BB / R245

A grandmother and grandchild nurse an injured bird together in this touching story about caring for all creatures, the wonder of nature, and letting go now in board book! On a snowy day, a grandmother and grandchild find an injured bird. They take it home and care for it until it can fly around the living room. It is fantastic, just like everything at Abuela's house! But a fantastic moment is also bittersweet, for the little bird's recovery means that it's time to let it fly free. Drawing inspiration from a formative childhood experience, Blanca Gómez crafts a deceptively simple story that is morally and emotionally resonant and brimming with love, wonder, and a deep respect for the natural world.



**Two Ants Puzzled!** by Elizabeth Laird  
9781910328477 / Thames and Hudson / PB / R310

Two little ants are excited to explore their surroundings. What can they see, taste and smell? When they end up in the little girl's house, they are fascinated by everything she does: the movement of her pencil and the colours drawn on her paper. These two ants are tired after their big day out, but soon realise they have made the little girl's day.



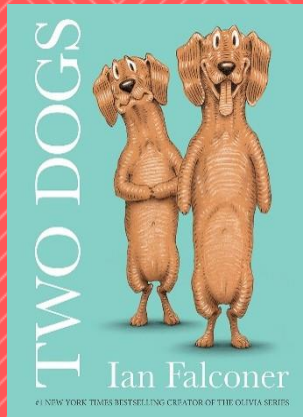
**Where Is Claris In Rome!** by Megan Hess  
9781760509521 / Hardie Grant / HB / R245

Claris, the chicest mouse in Paris, is setting off on an exciting adventure through Rome! Can you find Claris and her friends in historic places such as the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain and St Peter's Basilica? Look inside to find out! This is the fourth look-and-find Claris adventure from beloved children's author Megan Hess. The best-selling Claris series follows an adorable mouse who moves to Paris to follow her fashion dreams. Destined to delight fashion-obsessed readers of all ages.





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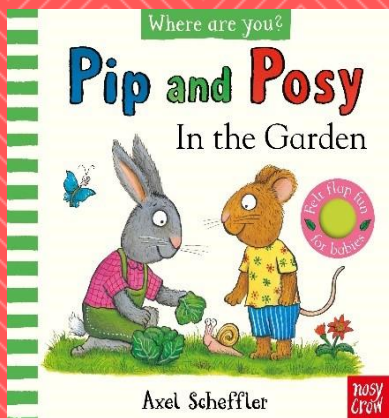
**Two Dogs** by Ian Falconer  
9780008561512 / HarperCollins / PB / R265

The brilliant story of two dachshunds and their escapades by Ian Falconer, the bestselling creator of the Olivia series!

One day, home alone, dachshund brothers Perry and Augie look longingly out the window, desperate to be outside.

Working together, the clever dogs finally manage to open the back door and soon they're diving into the swimming pool, digging an enormous hole in the lawn, and causing all kinds of chaos.

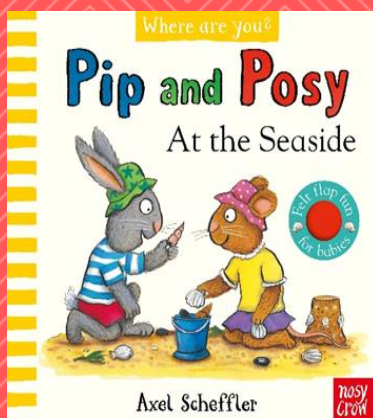
Will all return to normal before their owners come home?



**Pip and Posy, Where Are You? In the Garden** by Axel Scheffler  
9781839948718 / Nosy Crow / HB / R210

Babies and toddlers love to play hide and seek, and so do Pip and Posy. Posy is looking for Pip in the garden.

Where is he hiding? With bright felt flaps that are easy to lift and help develop fine motor skills, this sturdy board book is perfect for babies and toddler, little hands just won't want to let go.



**Pip and Posy: Where Are You? At the Seaside** by Axel Scheffler  
9781839948343 / Nosy Crow / BRD BK / R210

The book is designed with the littlest readers in mind. It is robust and light, so easy to hold, pull, twist and play with! It's simple text and friendly artwork from Axel Scheffler mean this first felt flap book will entertain little ones for hours.

With five colourful felt flaps and rich artwork from Axel Scheffler, toddlers will love Pip and Posy.

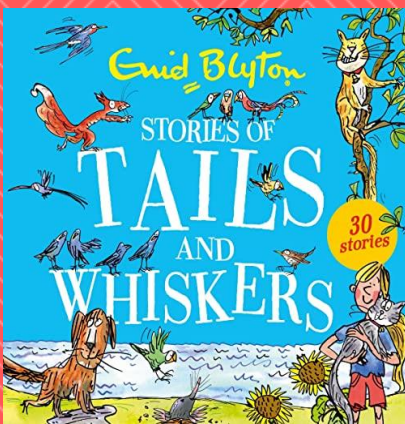




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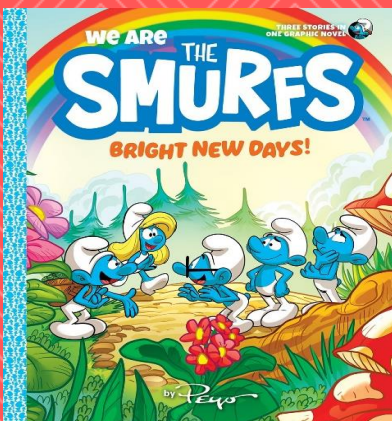


6 – 9 years



**Stories of Tails and Whiskers** by Enid Blyton  
9781444969245 / Hodder / PB / R220

There's a story for every animal-lover inside, from a dog with a long tail and a squirrel with a secret, to a rabbit looking for new whiskers and a cat in a doll's house. Look out for tails and whiskers, and feathers and fur! These traditional tales are ideal for younger children being read to and for newly confident readers to read alone. Each story stands alone and is the perfect length for reading at bedtime or in the classroom. Enid Blyton remains one of Britain's favourite children's authors and her bumper short story collections are perfect for introducing her to the latest generation of readers.



**We Are the Smurfs: Bright New Days!** by Peyo  
9781419755415 / Abrams / HB / R345

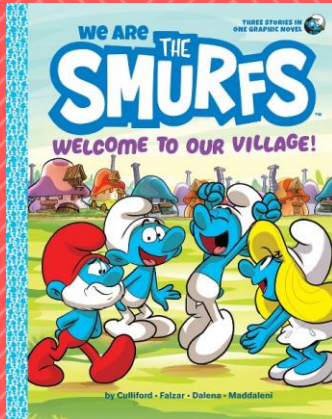
With the help of Papa Smurf, Smurfette, Hefty Smurf, and Brainy Smurf, young readers will learn how to process big feelings such as impatience, rejection, and grief, while learning how to take better care of themselves, their communities, and the Earth around them. With three all-new, full-color stories, and back matter dedicated to helping children explore and better understand their emotions, this book is the perfect option for newly independent and reluctant readers alike. And with its zany humor and familiar blue faces, this new volume is perfect for Peyo comic fans old and new!





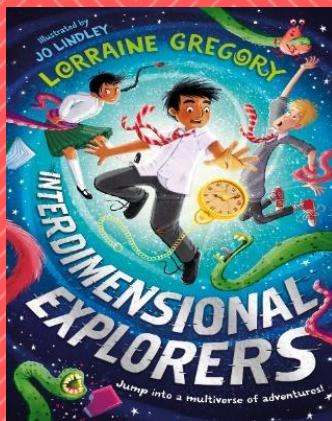


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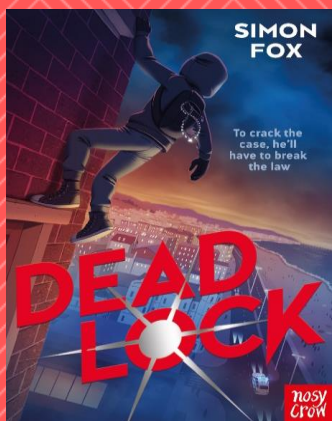
***We Are the Smurfs: Welcome to Our Village!*** by Peyo  
9781419755385 / Abrams / HB/ R245

Join Papa Smurf, Brainy Smurf, Smurfette, and all the others as they tackle day-to-day problems and get into wacky hijinks! Except for Scaredy Smurf, who is too afraid of everything to have fun. And Clumsy Smurf, whose two left feet get him into more troubles than he can count. And Greedy Smurf, whose love for food causes Gargamel to capture everyone in the village. But no matter the problem, you can always count on the Smurfs to figure out a solution! Now in paperback, this full-color early-reader graphic novel features three complete stories and back matter dedicated to helping children explore and better understand their emotions. A great option for newly independent readers and comics fans everywhere!



***Interdimensional Explorers Book 1*** by Lorraine Gregory  
9780008508234 / Farshore / HB / R235

Nothing exciting ever happens on twelve-year-old Danny's estate. That is until he falls through a locker in his grandad's workshop and finds himself in an Interdimensional Lost Property Office! And, even weirder – his new boss is a giant purple squid on a segway! Now Danny, best mate Modge and annoying cousin Inaaya find themselves in charge of returning alien items to all corners of the universe. But someone – or something – is determined to stop them. And there's NOTHING these evil aliens won't stop at to achieve complete multi-dimensional domination . . . even trapping Danny and his friends on a planet a million light years away from Earth. If the fate of the entire multiverse was in your hands, what would YOU do?



***Deadlock*** by Simon Fox  
9781839944420 / Nosy Crow / PB / R235

Archie Blake thought his policeman father teaching him how to pick locks and open safes was just a bit of fun. But when a diamond necklace is stolen and his dad is arrested, Archie realises the only way to prove Dad's innocence is to go on the run and use everything he's learned to uncover the truth. But Archie soon finds himself deeply tangled in the criminal underworld, where it's hard to know who to trust and even harder to see what's right or wrong. Will Archie be able to find a way out before it's too late?





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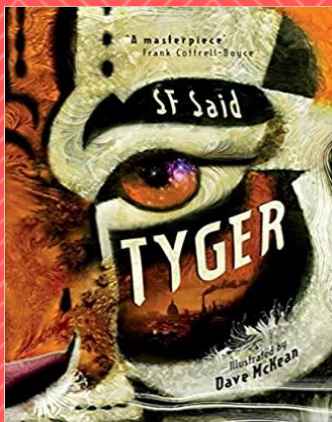
10 – 12 years



**He-Man and the Masters of the Universe: The Hunt for Moss Man** by Gregory Mone  
9781419754500 / Abrams / HB / R195

A mysterious toxic gas is spreading across Eternia, ravaging farmlands and endangering citizens. The planet's only hope lies with Adam, a lost prince with cosmic abilities. When he wields the mystical Sword of Power, he transforms from a scrawny teen into He-Man, the most powerful man in the universe. With his friends Teela, Cringer, Duncan, and Krass by his side, Adam embarks on a dangerous journey, facing pirates, dragons, and perils at every turn in search of Moss Man, a legendary figure who might hold the key to stopping the devastating stench.

Yet the sinister Skeletor and his Dark Masters will stop at nothing to thwart the unlikely heroes. The fate of all Eternia rests with He-Man and his friends.



**TYGER** by SF Said  
9781788452915 / David Fickling / PB / R245

Adam has found something incredible in a rubbish dump in London. A mysterious, mythical, magical animal.

A TYGER. And the tyger is in danger.

Adam and his friend Zadie are determined to help, but it isn't just the tyger's life at stake. Their whole world is on the verge of destruction.

Can they learn to use their powers before it's too late?



**Erik VS. Everything** by Christina Uss  
9780063290822 / HarperCollins/ PB / R225

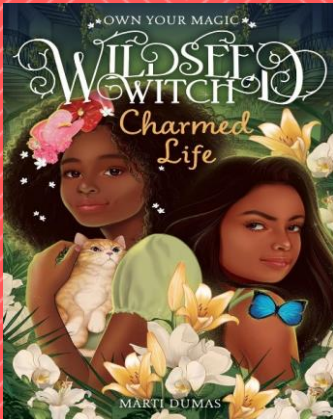
Meet Erik Sheepflattener. Each member of his modern-day Viking-heritage family has a motto to live by. His parents have Family and Pride. His sisters have Conquer and Win. His grandfather has Turnip. But Erik is developing a motto he can truly believe in: Avoid Stuff. Mostly, Erik's fierce family ignores or discounts him, especially when he tries to say no. But while spending the summer with his rough-and-tumble cousins and older sister Brunhilde in Minnesota, axe-wielding Bru gets the idea to name and Conquer all of Erik's fears. Will anyone hear him say no before it's too late? And will Erik end up defined by his fears, or by his fearless family?







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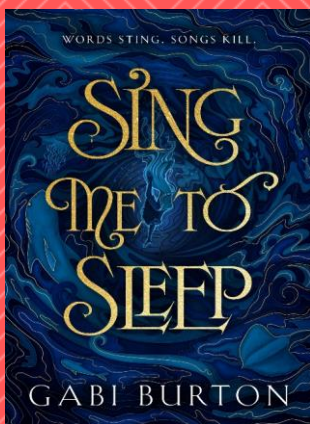
***Charmed Life (Wildseed Witch Book 2)*** by Marti Dumas  
9781419755637 / Abrams / HB / R485

After a summer of being the worst witch at a fancy witch school, Hasani can't wait to get back to the peace and normalcy of Riverbend Middle where she knows all the rules and is destined to be captain of the Mathletes. There are a few little hiccups to work out like how she's going to tell her best friend that she's a witch but even though the other two members of Hasani's coven have joined her friend group and her school, there's no reason to think that eighth grade won't be smooth sailing. That is until her former friend (and fellow witch) LaToya shows up. LaToya starts trying to take her friends and make Hasani seem like the bad guy. To make matters worse, strange things begin happening around the school and Hasani is so sure that LaToya is to blame. However, when Miss Lafleur comes to visit to help deal with the termites and investigate ...

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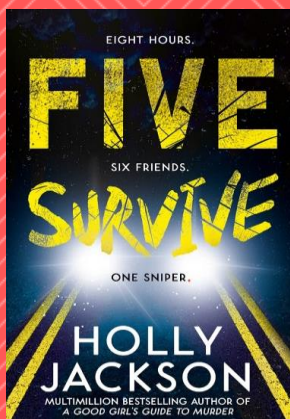
## Young Adult

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***Sing Me to Sleep*** by Gabi Burton  
9781399718424 / Hodder / HB / R390

Saoirse Sorkova survives on secrets. As the last siren in her kingdom, she can sing any man to an early grave - but her very existence is illegal, and if her true identity were ever discovered, it would be her life on the line. By day, Saoirse disguises herself as a fae, pretending to be the perfect soldier-in-training. By night, she satisfies her darker urges working as an assassin for dangerous mercenaries. And all the while, she keeps the biggest secret of all: that she is not always in control of her Siren powers, or her desire to kill. Then a blackmailer threatens her sister, and Saoirse's investigation takes her to the royal palace, and her most dangerous job yet: personal bodyguard to the Crown Prince. Saoirse expects to despise Prince Hayes. But he is kind, thoughtful, and charming, and she finds herself increasingly drawn to him . . . until he tasks her with investigating a killer plaguing the kingdom. The problem: the killer is Saoirse.



***Five Survive*** by Holly Jackson  
9780008507237 / Farshore / PB/ R265

It's a long drive but spirits are high. Until the RV breaks down in the middle of nowhere. And as the wheels are shot out, one by one, the friends realise that this is no accident. There's a sniper out there. He's watching them and he knows exactly who they are. One of the group has a secret that the sniper is willing to kill for. As a game of cat-and-mouse plays out, the group desperately tries to get help. Buried secrets are forced to light and tensions within the group reach deadly levels. Only one thing is for sure. Not everyone will survive the night.







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**Scare Me** by Teri Terry  
9781444962727 / Hodder / PB / R220

Liv can't get on with her own life, not as long as the ghost of her twin sister, Molly, who died at birth, has been her constant companion: she is always there, a part of her that no one else can see or hear. Liv meets a boy called Echo, who is searching for the truth about his mother's death, and despite Molly's concerns, Liv is drawn to him. Echo believes that if he can just speak to his mother's ghost, he will finally learn the truth about what happened to her and be able to move on with his life. But he believes the way to reach her is through fear: to scare himself enough to lift the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead. Echo and Liv begin an increasingly dangerous game that tests their greatest fears: but how far is Echo willing to go to uncover the truth? And will Liv trust her senses ... before it's too late?



**SH!T BAG** by Xena Knox  
9781444972054 / Hodder / PB / R250

When Freya collapses and wakes up with a temporary ileostomy bag on her stomach, her dreams of the perfect summer go down the toilet. Instead of partying in the Algarve, she's packed off to 'Poo Camp' - a place for kids with bowel disease to 'bond'. And things can only get worse. Someone has started calling her 'Sh!t Bag' . . . and it's catching on. Freya decides to live up to the nickname, raging at her friends, her ex and the world. Only her campmate Chris seems to see past her new attitude . . . Can Freya get her sh!t together or will she end up with just her bag by her side?







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Wednesday 21 June 2023

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**Thank You.**

