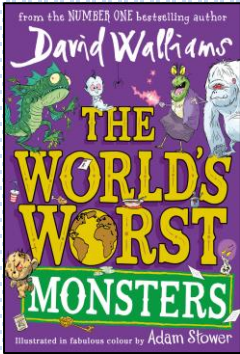


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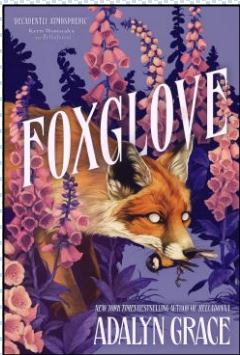
Top Titles



The World's Worst Monsters by David Walliams
9780008581633 / HarperCollins / PB / R295

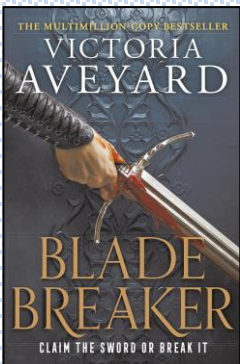
The beloved World's Worst series has captivated millions of readers. You've met the world's worst children, the world's worst parents, the world's worst teachers and the world's worst pets, but are you ready for the world's worst monsters?

If you don't like ghosts, ogres, zombies, vampires, aliens, werewolves or mummies, DO NOT READ THIS BOOK.



Foxglove by Adalyn Grace
9781399705158 / Hodder / TPB / R365

A duke has been murdered. The lord of Thorn Grove has been framed. And Fate, the elusive brother of Death, has taken up residence in a sumptuous estate nearby. He's hellbent on revenge after Death took the life of the woman, he loved many years ago...and now he's determined to have Signa for himself, no matter the cost. Signa and her cousin Blythe are certain that Fate can save Elijah Hawthorne from prison if they will entertain his presence. But the more time the girls spend with Fate, the more frightening their reality becomes as Signa exhibits dramatic new powers that link her to Fate's past.



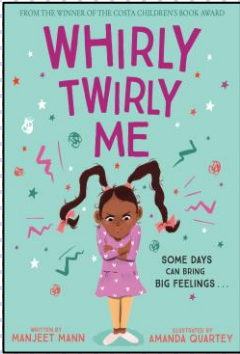
Blade Breaker by Victoria Aveyard
9781409194019 / Orion / BPB / R280

Andry, a former squire, fights for hope amid blood and chaos.
Dom, a grieving immortal, strives to fulfill a broken oath.
Sorasa, an outcast assassin, faces her past when it returns with sharpened teeth.
Valtik, an old sorceress, summons a mighty power.
And Corayne, a pirate's daughter with an ancient magic in her blood, steps closer to becoming the hero she's destined to be.
Together they must assemble an army to face Queen Erida and Taristan's wicked forces.

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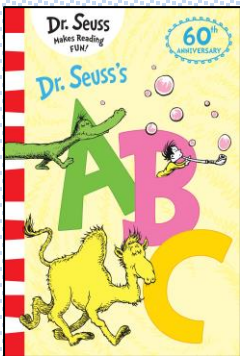
0 – 5 years



Whirly Twirly Me by Manjeet Mann
9780008501136 / HarperCollins / PB / R235

Some days are good days. Some days are bad days. And some days are whirly twirly days, where the strops have you in a flop and everything is TOO MUCH. But what if you weren't just angry? Written by award-winning author Manjeet Mann, this brilliant picture book helps young readers explore difficult feelings and identify their emotions.

Sensitively written and accompanied by beautiful artwork by Amanda Quartey, this book reassures little readers it's normal to feel a lot of things at once and helps them to embrace their own whirly twirly days.



Dr. Seuss's ABC (60th Anniversary Edition) by Dr Seuss
9780008619688 / HarperCollins / PB / R210

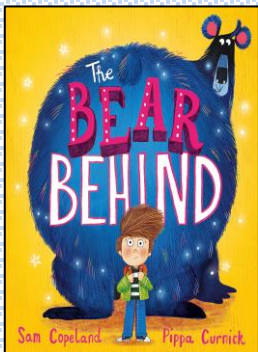
From Aunt Annie's alligator to the colourful Zizzer-Zazzer-Zuzz, Dr. Seuss's delightful book introduces early learners to the letters of the alphabet through an amazing array of crazy creatures.

Big B, little B, what begins with B?

Baby, barber, bubbles and a bumblebee!

Children can have lots of fun that is funny learning about big and little letters.

With his unique combination of hilarious stories, zany pictures and riotous rhymes, Dr. Seuss has been delighting young children and helping them learn to read for over fifty years.



The Bear Behind by Jory John & Pete Oswald
9781444965612 / Hodder / PB / R220

Meet Ivor, a little boy in a big world, who absolutely, categorically, definitely does NOT like any sort of attention. So it's more than a minor catastrophe for Ivor to discover on his very first day of school that he has a great big . . .

BEAR BEHIND!

And as the bumbling bear begins to cause chaos and calamity, Ivor's hope for a normal first day at school quickly fades . . .

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0 – 6 years

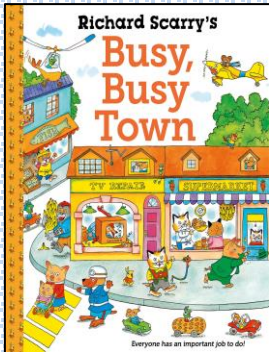


A Fairy-tastic Sleepover by Official Gabby's Dollhouse
9781408370544 / Orchard / PB / R195

Gabby, Pandy Paws and all their friends are getting ready for a magical sleepover in Kitty Fairy's garden.

But Pillow Cat is feeling nervous, she's never been to a sleepover before.

Luckily, Gabby and her magical friends know all the things they need to make sure that everyone has a fairy-tastic time, new pyjamas, delicious snacks and most importantly a special starry story. It's the best sleepover ever!

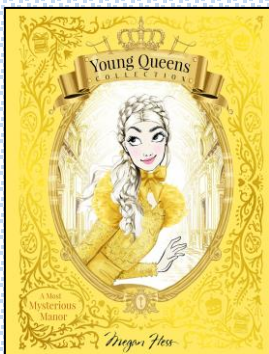


Richard Scarry's Busy Busy Town by Richard Scarry
9780571375097 / Faber & Faber / PB / R250

Join Lowly Worm, Huckle Cat, and other beloved characters for a day in Richard Scarry's Busy, Busy Town.

Visit the school, the farm, the post office, and many more fun and exciting places in this classic book that teaches little ones all about what goes on in their very own communities.

A beautifully produced Faber-Scarry publication.



A Most Mysterious Manor by Megan Hess
9781761212659 / Hardie Grant / HB / R365

Young Poppy Grace has been dreadfully bored since her best friend Bella went away.

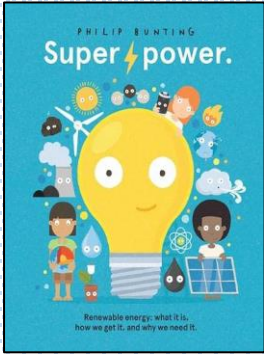
They used to do everything together! But Poppy's boredom turns to wonder when something strange happens in her manor ...

What will she discover?

A surprising and mischievous fairy tale about independence, with a twist!

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3 years & Up



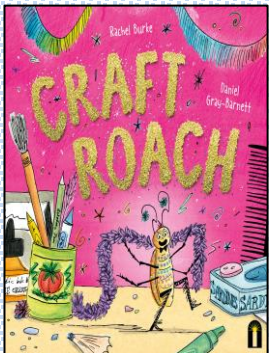
Superpower by Philip Bunting
9781760507930 / Hardie Grant / HB / R265

How does renewable energy work? Where does electricity come from? Why are fossil fuels bad for our environment? Renowned picture book creator Philip Bunting answers all these questions and more in this entertaining and enlightening look at the various ways we use energy to power the world around us. Superpower is packed with engaging and entertaining information for kids and their families, including helpful tips on easy ways to reduce energy consumption in our day-to-day lives. Learn the history of energy through time, discover how energy is produced and delve into the many forms of renewable energy available to us today.



Your Planet Needs You! by Philip Bunting
9781760506803 / Hardie Grant / HB / R315

Nobody really likes to think about rubbish (pee-ew!). But whether you know it or not, waste is part of everyone's lives. Each year, a single person can create up to a tonne of waste. That's the equivalent weight of a small hippo! Where does waste come from? Where does it end up? And what can we do to help our planet? Learn how to start a compost bin, or how to use an old egg carton to sprout your very own seedlings. Get tips on cool things you can do with empty tin cans or an old pair of socks and discover how long different things take to decompose from an apple core to a gumbot to a plastic bag. You can be the change! Your planet needs you!

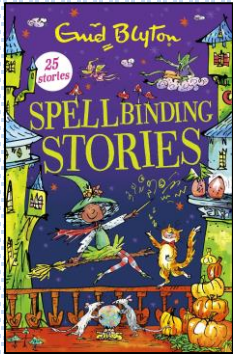


Craft Roach by Rachel Burke
9781761211959 / Hardie Grant / HB / R315

Craft Roach makes the other bugs feel very tense and stressed.
Standing out? Being seen?
They do not think it best.
But Craft Roach sees things differently,
has more than just an inkling –
that crawlies wouldn't be so feared,
if all of them were twinkling ...

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6 – 9 years

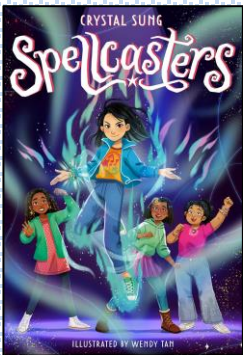


Spellbinding Stories by Enid Blyton
9781444969276 / Hodder / PB / R220

From witches and wizards to spells and enchantments, there's a spellbinding story for everyone in this short story collection by Enid Blyton!

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.

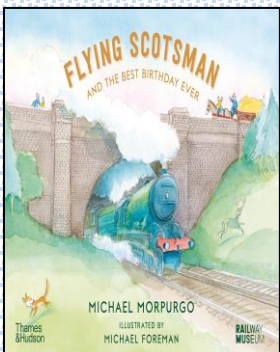


Spellcasters by Crystal Sung
9781408368695 / Orchard / PB / R195

New girl in town Jenny is thrilled to make three new friends who share her love of music. They form a band called THE SPELLCASTERS, but when an ancient evil spirit escapes from its underground lair, the girls discover that they have something even more special in common, they can all channel the magical powers of their ancestors!

Maya can shapeshift, Tamzin can control nature, and Ananya can read minds.

But to stop the evil Graydig from destroying their beloved community centre, Jenny must travel back in time to ancient China to master her own supernatural ability . . .



Flying Scotsman and the Best Birthday Ever by Michael Morpurgo
9780500660218 / Thames & Hudson / PB / R275

Iris knows everything there is to know about Flying Scotsman.

Her dad is the famous train's driver, and every year her favourite birthday treat is a trip to see him at work.

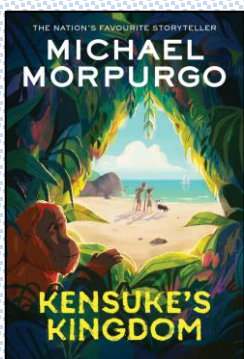
But each time Flying Scotsman pulls away, Iris wishes more than anything that she could be in the driver's cab, just like her dad.

Then again, who's to stop her...



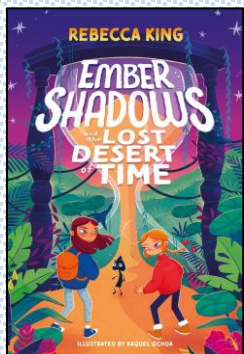
Ghost Rescue by Jenny McLachlan
9780755503353 / Farshore / PB / R325

Sid Jones has always known she is different, but after accidentally freeing a 300-year-old pirate ghost (using a gel pen and a chocolate bar), Sid realises that she has actual MAGIC! Sid starts to use her magic to free more ghosts, who have all been trapped by the sinister innkeeper. But then a mysterious sickness strikes the people of Fathom. Can Sid and best friend Zen solve the mystery, save the town and free the ghosts?



Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
9780008640729 / Farshore / PB / R200

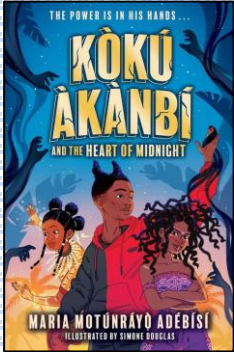
Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up and closes his eyes ready for the end. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone ... Kensuke's Kingdom is a gripping adventure of survival and true friendship from the author of War Horse.



Ember Shadows and the Lost Desert of Time: Book 2 by Rebecca King
9781510110038 / Orion / PB / R220

Having taken down the Fate-Weaver and freed the future, Ember thought things in Everspring would be easier. But not everyone is happy. People don't know how to live their lives without the Fate Cards telling them what to do. Then, Ember discovers something terrible on Mount Never. Someone has been cutting people's Fate Threads. Convinced it's her fault and determined to do something to stop the Thread-Cutter, Ember heads off to look for clues with Hans, eventually discovering that her only chance at preventing the Thread-Cutter from harming anyone is to go back in time to stop them. But to do that, Ember and Hans will have to travel through new and mysterious magical landscapes in search of the realm that controls time.

9 – 12 years

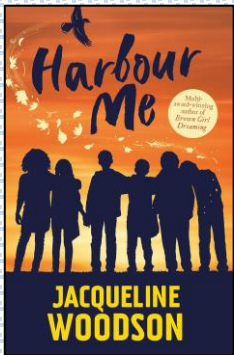


Koku Akanbi and the Heart of Midnight by Maria Motunrayo Adebisi

9781510111431 / Orion / PB / R220

Koku has always felt like he was cursed with a weird name and an illness to match. He thinks life can't get any worse, until he unleashes a demon on a school trip. He expects detention, but instead he's hurled into an impossible quest filled with Magical Tribes, Man-Eating Monsters And Vengeful Mermaids.

When an assassin is sent to hunt him down, Koku's only hope is to team up with a clumsy shapeshifter and a moody warrior-in-training. Together they enter the Jujuland Jungle, a place filled with Dangerous Secrets. Can Koku discover his own power, before it's too late?



Harbour Me by Jacqueline Woodson

9781510111752 / Orion / PB / R220

Six children from different backgrounds meet for a weekly chat with no adults to listen in.

This special time and place soon becomes a harbour, a safe place where they can express the feelings and fears that they have to hide from the rest of the world.

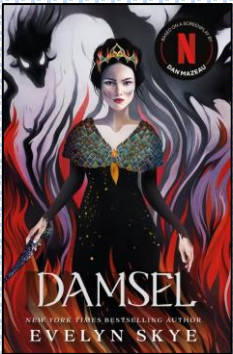
From parents and privilege to racism and deportation, the kids give each other the strength to discuss these tough topics, grow braver and face the rest of their lives.

Young Adults



Every Exquisite Thing by Laura Steven
9780008627355 / Farshore / PB / R220

Penny Paxton is the daughter of an icon. Her supermodel mother has legions of adoring fans around the world, and Penny is ready to begin her journey to international adoration, starting with joining the elite Dorian Drama School. When Penny's new mentor offers her an opportunity she cannot refuse, to have a portrait painted by a mysterious artist who can grant immortal beauty to all his subjects, Penny happily follows in the footsteps of Dorian's most glittering alumni, knowing that stardom is sure to soon be hers. But when her trusted mentor is found murdered, Penny realises she's made a terrible mistake.



Damsel (TV Tie-In) by Evelyn Skye
9781399616409 / Orion / BPB / R250

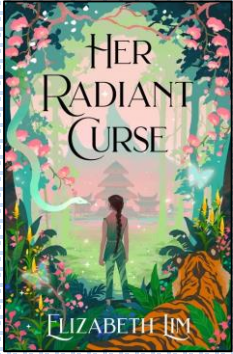
Elodie never dreamed of a lavish palace or a handsome prince. Growing up in the famine-stricken realm of Inophe, her deepest wish was to help her people survive each winter. So, when a representative from a rich, reclusive kingdom offers her family enough wealth to save Inophe in exchange for Elodie's hand in marriage, she accepts without hesitation. But as Elodie undertakes the rituals to become an Aurean princess, doubts prick at her mind as cracks in the kingdom's perfect veneer begin to show. This ancient arrangement has persisted for centuries, leading hundreds of women to their deaths. But the women who came before Elodie did not go quietly.



Shelter (TV Tie-In) by Evelyn Skye
9781398721005 / Orion / BPB / R280

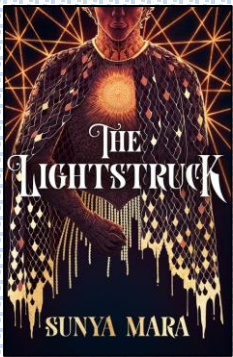
When tragic events tear him away from his parents, 15-year-old Mickey Bolitar is sent to live with his estranged uncle, Myron. For a while, it seems his train wreck of a life is finally improving - until his girlfriend, Ashley, goes missing without a trace. Unwilling to let another person he cares about walk out of his life, Mickey follows Ashley's trail into a seedy underworld, revealing a conspiracy so shocking it will leave him questioning everything about the life he thought he knew.

Young Adults



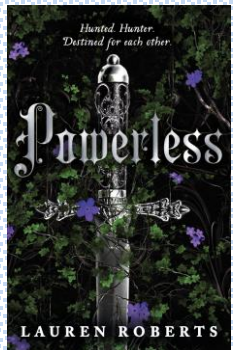
Her Radiant Curse by Elizabeth Lim
9781399714785 / Hodder / TPB / R385

Channi was not born a monster. But when her own father offers her in sacrifice to the Demon Witch, she is forever changed. Cursed with a serpent's face, Channi is the exact opposite of her beautiful sister, Vanna—the only person in the village who looks at Channi and doesn't see a monster. The only person she loves and trusts. Now seventeen, Vanna is to be married off in a vulgar contest that will enrich the coffers of the village leaders. Only Channi, who's had to rely on her strength and cunning all these years, can defend her sister against the cruelest of the suitors. But in doing so, she becomes the target of his wrath, launching a grisly battle royale, a quest over land and sea, a romance between sworn enemies, and a choice that will strain Channi's heart to its breaking point.



The Lightstruck by Sunya Mara
9781529355512 / Hodder / TPB / R385

Vesper Vale sacrificed everything to save her city from the cursed storm. But when she awakens from three years of slumber as a vessel of The Great Queen, she finds her home beset by sinister forces. The Great King and his army of lightstruck, once regular citizens who are now controlled by an ominous light, have besieged the city. And the people are looking to Vesper, revered as a goddess after her sacrifice, as their only hope. But in order to save her city from the light, Vesper must face the power most outside of her control, the goddess within.



Powerless by Lauren Roberts
9781398529489 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R295

Only the extraordinary belong in the kingdom of Ilya... The exceptional. The Elites. The Elites have possessed powers for decades, gifted to them by the Plague, while those born Ordinary are just that, banished from the kingdom and shunned from society. No one knows this better than Paedyn Gray, an Ordinary posing as an Elite. When she unsuspectingly saves one of Ilya's princes, Kai Azer, she's thrown into the Purging Trials, a brutal competition to showcase her Elite powers. If the Trials and the opponents don't kill her, the prince she's fighting feelings for will if he discovers what Paedyn really is... completely Ordinary.



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