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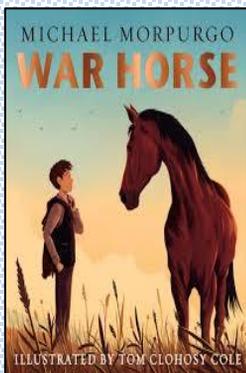
## November 2020 Children's Highlights

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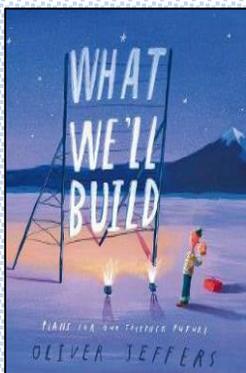
**Shine** by Jessica Jung  
9781783125067 / Egmont / PB / R205

What would you give for a chance to live your dreams? For seventeen-year-old Korean American Rachel Kim, the answer is almost everything. Six years ago, she was recruited by DB Entertainment - one of Seoul's largest K-pop labels, known for churning out some of the world's most popular stars. The rules are simple: Train 24/7. Be perfect. Don't date. Easy right? Not so much. As the dark scandals of an industry bent on controlling and commodifying beautiful girls begin to bubble up, Rachel wonders if she's strong enough to be a winner, or if she'll end up crushed... Especially when she begins to develop feelings for K-pop star and DB golden boy Jason Lee. It's not just that he's charming, sexy and ridiculously talented. He's also the first person who really understands how badly she wants her star to rise.



**War Horse** by Michael Morpurgo  
9781405292443 / Egmont / HB / R330

Master storyteller Michael Morpurgo has adapted his much-loved novel, *War Horse*, for a picture book audience. This powerful book for younger readers tells the enduring story of a friendship between a boy and his horse and is a gateway to help children understand the history and deadly chaos of the First World War. As we move beyond centenary commemorations and continue to strive for peace across the world, *War Horse* remains an important book for generations to come.



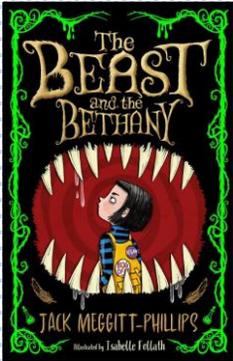
**What We'll Build** by Oliver Jeffers  
9780008382209 / HarperCollins / PB / R325

What shall we build, you and I? I'll build your future and you'll build mine. We'll build a watch to keep our time.

A father and daughter set about laying the foundations for their life together. Using their own special tools, they get to work; building memories to cherish, a home to keep them safe and love to keep them warm.

From renowned, internationally bestselling picture-book creator and visual artist, Oliver Jeffers, comes this rare and enduring story about a parent's boundless love, life's endless opportunities and all we need to build a together future.

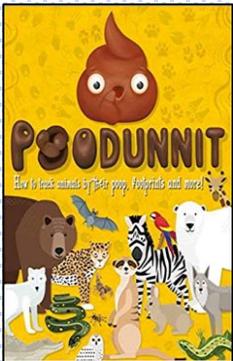
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**The Beast and Bethany** by Jack Meggitt-Phillips

9781405298889 / Egmont / PB / R180

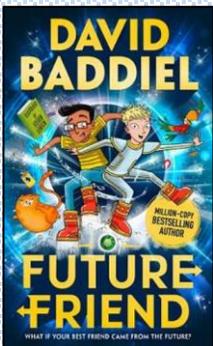
Ebenezer Tweezer is a youthful 511-year-old. He keeps a beast in the attic of his mansion, who he feeds all manner of things (including performing monkeys, his pet cat and the occasional cactus) and in return the beast vomits out presents for Ebenezer, as well as potions which keep him young and beautiful. But the beast grows ever greedier, and soon only a nice, juicy child will do. So when Ebenezer encounters orphan Bethany, it seems like (everlasting) life will go on as normal. But Bethany is not your average orphan.



**Poodunnit** by Carlton Books

9781783125067 / Welbeck Publishing / PB / R135

Get the scoop on poop — discover whodunnit with *Poodunnit!* Can you tell the difference between the delicate droppings of a deer and the smelly scat of a fox? Did you know that a whale's poo is orange — or which dung can be burnt for fuel? Can you identify which creatures have been in your backyard? Find out in the ultimate detective guide to animals around the world — camels in the desert, polar bears in the Arctic, jaguars in the Amazon rainforest, fish in the ocean, and so many more! Read the clues and guess which animal made what, then turn the page to find the answers — you may be surprised at the animals you discover. Fun illustrations and photos; clear, humorous text; and “scat stats” with essential facts, make this the perfect book for kids curious about the animals around them.

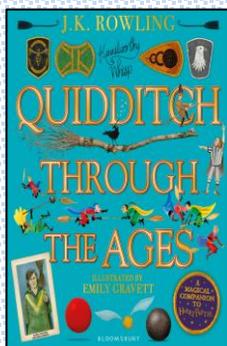


**Future Friend** by David Baddiel

9780008334215 / HarperCollins / PB / R235

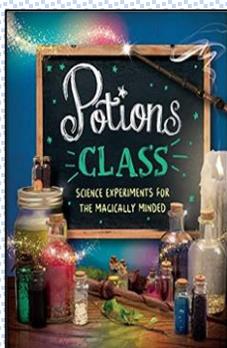
The year is 3020. Pip@256X#YY.3\_7 is lonely and bored: she goes to virtual school on her G-Glasses, she only has a talking cat and parrot to hang out with, and she can't even leave her LivingSpace due to the extreme heat and floods outside. Until the day that Pip explores a glowing ring in a lab and finds herself in a warehouse, in 2019. Where she meets boy-inventor Rahul — who is also lonely and bored. Together, Rahul and Pip are no longer lonely. But they have a whole load of new problems, including hiding talking animals from Rahul's parents, and finding a way back to the future.

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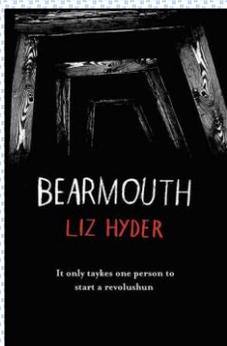
**Quidditch Through the Ages** by J.K. Rowling  
9781526608123 / Bloomsbury / HB / R595

Devoured by Harry Potter in his first year, *Quidditch Through the Ages* is consulted on a daily basis by the young witches and wizards at Hogwarts. Kennilworthy Whisp's sporting bible whisks readers through a whistle-stop tour of the wizarding world's favourite sport. Packed with trivia, tales of on-pitch antics, and Quidditch stars past and present, the sports almanac also contains comprehensive profiles of Quidditch teams loved by readers of the Harry Potter novels — Chudley Cannons, Puddlemere United, Vratsa Vultures and many more.



**Potions Class** by Eddie Robson  
9781783125494 / Welbeck Publishing / PB / R180

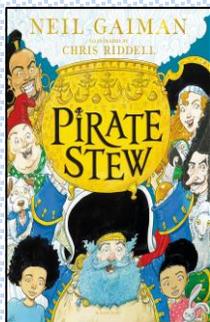
Can you whip up a potion to control the weather, or cast a spell to bewitch a werewolf? In *Potions Class*, children will discover the magic of science, without any intimidating potions masters looming over them! Young pupils can experiment and learn about chemical reactions, non-Newtonian fluids and other scientific principles, as well as making messy magic. Each project is explained simply and clearly, with step-by-step photography that makes each activity easy to follow.



**Bearthmouth** by Liz Hyder  
9781782692430 / Faber & Faber / PB / R215

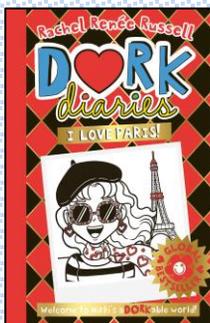
Life in Bearmouth is one of hard labour, the sunlit world above the mine a distant memory. Reward will come in the next life with the benevolence of the Mayker. Newt accepts everything - that is, until the mysterious Devlin arrives. Suddenly, Newt starts to look at Bearmouth with a fresh perspective, questioning the system, and setting in motion a chain of events that could destroy their entire world.

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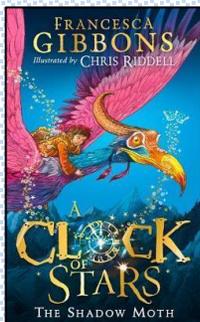
**Pirate Stew** by Neil Gaiman  
9781526614728 / Bloomsbury / HB / R275

Meet Long John McRon, Ship's cook... and the most unusual babysitter you've ever seen. 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.



**Dork Diaries: I love Paris!** by Rachel Renée Russell  
9781471196836 / Simon & Schuster / HB / R330

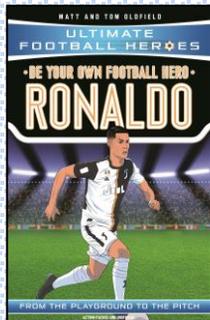
OMG, oh la la! Join Nikki Maxwell and her BFFs as they jet off to Paris in the fifteenth book in the bestselling *Dork Diaries* series!



**Clock of Stars** by Francesca Gibbons  
9780008355043 / HarperCollins / PB / R255

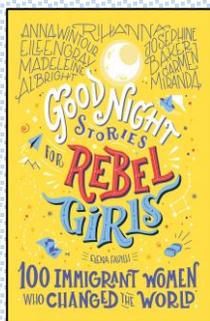
Imogen should be nice to her little sister Marie. She should be nice to her mum's boyfriend too. And she certainly shouldn't follow a strange silver moth through a door in a tree. But then... who does what they're told? Followed by Marie, Imogen finds herself falling into a magical kingdom where the two sisters are swept up in a thrilling race against time — helped by the spoiled prince of the kingdom, a dancing bear, a very grumpy hunter... and even the stars above them.

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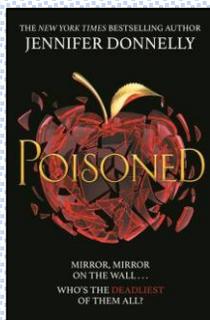
**Choose Your Own Ultimate Football Heroes Adventure: Ronaldo** by Matt Oldfield  
9781526614728 / Bloomsbury / HB / R275

Step into the shoes of one of the greatest footballers in the world, Ronaldo, in this action-packed 'pick your own path' book. With many possible endings, you must try to navigate your way through the professional world of football and make the right choices at every turn. Will you follow the path of fame and glory, or will you struggle to keep up with the competition?



**Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Immigrant Women Who Changed the World**  
by Elena Favilli  
9781733329293 / Simon & Schuster / HB / R635

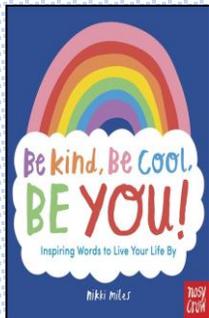
*Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Immigrant Women Who Changed the World* is the third book in the New York Times bestselling series for children. Packed with 100 all-new bedtime stories about the lives of incredible female figures from the past and the present, this volume recognizes women who left their birth countries for a multitude of reasons: some for new opportunities, some out of necessity.



**Poisoned** by Jennifer Donnelly  
9781471408144 / Hot Key / PB / R190

Beautiful Sophie, with lips as red as blood, skin as pale as snow, and hair as dark as night, is about to come of age and inherit her father's throne. But Sophie's stepmother wants to rid of her — beautiful she may be, but too weak and foolish to reign. And Sophie believes her, as she believes all the things that have been said about her — all the poisonous words people use to keep girls like her from becoming too powerful, too strong. When the huntsman carries out his orders of killing Sophie, she finds a fire burning inside her that will not be extinguished, and sets off to reclaim what was taken from her.

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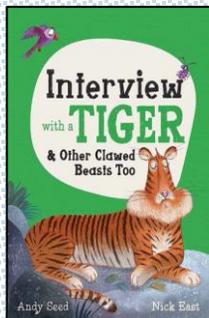
**Be Kind, Be Cool, Be You** by Nikki Miles  
9781839940910 / Nosy Crow / PB / R245

This is the little book of happiness that everybody needs in their life! Positively packed with pick-me-up messages and wise words to remember, this bright, chunky gift book is the perfect package for anyone who needs to feel uplifted and empowered. Designed to build confidence, boost resilience and spark mindfulness and joy, there are over 150 inspirational messages with cheerful artwork from illustrator Nikki Miles that encourages everyone to be kind, be cool, be you!



**Emily Lime 2: Librarian Detective** by Dave Shelton  
9781788451031 / David Fickling Books / HB / R280

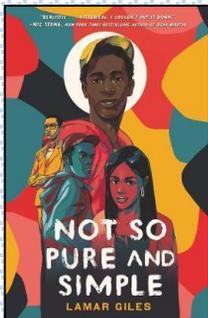
It's a new term at St Rita's School for Spirited Girls, and there are new mysteries for Emily, Daphne and George to solve! Who has stolen a painting from Pilkington Art Gallery? (And why? It's not even a very good one!) How can they get rid of a new headmistress who threatens the very future of the library? And why are there cows all over the sports field? Expect the unexpected as Emily Lime investigates!



**Interview with a Tiger** by Andy Seed  
9781783125661 / Welbeck Children's Books / HB / R225

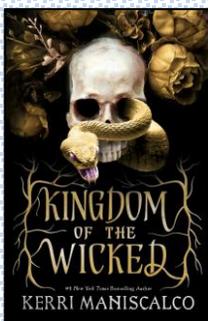
Get familiar with 10 fierce and furry beasts as they step up to the mic and share their habits, behaviour, likes and dislikes, favourite foods, and more. Each animal has its own story to tell... and its own attitude! In this fun and fact-filled book, bite-sized text in a question-and-answer format is paired with colourful and engaging illustrations throughout, perfect for emerging or reluctant readers, or any young animal enthusiast who enjoys a bit of humour!

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**Not so Pure and Simple** by Lamar Giles  
9780062349200 / HarperCollins / PB / R210

Del has had a crush on Kiera Westing since kindergarten. And now, during their junior year, she's finally available. So when Kiera volunteers for an opportunity at their church, Del's right behind her. Though he quickly realizes he's inadvertently signed up for a Purity Pledge. His dad thinks his wires are crossed, and his best friend, Qwan, doesn't believe any girl is worth the long game. But Del's not about to lose his dream girl, and that's where fellow pledger Jameer comes in. He can put in the good word. In exchange, Del just has to get answers to the Pledgers' questions... about sex ed. With other boys circling Kiera like sharks, Del needs to make his move fast. But as he plots and plans, he neglects to ask the most important question: What does Kiera want? He can't think about that too much, though, because once he gets the girl, it'll all sort itself out. Right?



**Kingdom of the Wicked** by Kerri Maniscalco  
9781529350456 / Hodder / HB / R355

Emilia and her twin sister Vittoria are streghe — witches who live secretly among humans, avoiding notice and persecution. One night, Vittoria misses dinner service at the family's renowned Sicilian restaurant. Emilia soon finds the body of her beloved twin... desecrated beyond belief. Devastated, Emilia sets out to find her sister's killer and to seek vengeance at any cost—even if it means using dark magic that's been long forbidden. Then Emilia meets Wrath, one of the Wicked-princes of Hell she has been warned against in tales since she was a child. Wrath claims to be on Emilia's side, tasked by his master with solving the series of women's murders on the island. But when it comes to the Wicked, nothing is as it seems.



**Nancy Drew: The Curse- Movie Tie-In** by Micol Ostow  
9781534470750 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R290

Nancy Drew isn't one for ghost stories. So when the annual Horseshoe Bay Naming Day celebration is threatened by eerie warnings of an old curse, Nancy is sure someone — someone human — is behind them. And no way is she letting this person stand in the way of her best friend, Daisy, finally getting her day in the spotlight as the lead in the much-anticipated Naming Day reenactment. But as Nancy begins investigating, the so-called marks of the curse become bolder and more sinister. A vandalized locker and ominous notes are one thing, but soon enough lives — including Nancy's own — are at stake. Though the dreams and eerie visions plaguing Nancy are certainly just products of her own mind...right? All old towns have their traditions and histories, but as Nancy will soon discover, they don't always tell the whole story.

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***When Life Gives You Mangoes*** by Kereen Getten  
9781782692645 / Faber Factory Plus / PB / R200

Nothing much happens in Sycamore, the small village where Clara lives — at least, that's how it looks. She loves eating ripe mangoes fallen from trees, running outside in the rainy season and escaping to her secret hideout with her best friend Gaynah. There's only one problem — she can't remember anything that happened last summer. When a quirky girl called Rudy arrives from England, everything starts to change. Gaynah stops acting like a best friend, while Rudy and Clara roam across the island and uncover an old family secret. As the summer reaches its peak and the island storms begin, Clara's memory starts to return and she must finally face the truth of what happened last year.



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