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November 2021 Children's Highlights

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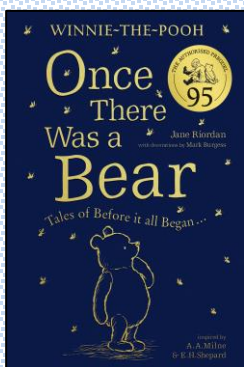
CoComelon Sing and Dance: Bath Song by CoComelon
9780755502011 / Egmont / PB / R155

With cute pics of JJ and his brother plus all the lyrics and actions from *Bath Song*, this is the perfect partner to CoComelon's most-watched video! Join JJ and his brother TomTom as they sing and dance their way through bath time! Follow the actions and sing along as they scrub their faces, wash their hair and play in the bubbles. CoComelon creates toe-tapping songs and videos about the everyday experiences of young children.



CoComelon Sing and Dance: Wheels on the Bus by CoComelon
9780755502028 / Egmont / PB / R155

JJ, his family and his friends are riding the bus in this cute board book. Sing along to the much-loved song *Wheels on the Bus*. The whole *CoComelon* family are riding the bus with their animal friends. Follow the actions and sing along with one of CoComelon's most-watched videos! Join in as the wheels on the bus go round and round, the doors go open and shut, and the horn on the bus goes beep!



Winnie-the-Pooh: Once There Was a Bear (The Official 95th Anniversary Prequel) by A.A. Milne
9780755500734 / Egmont / HB / R385

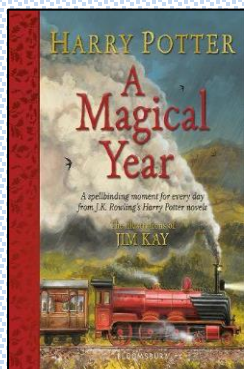
We all have a place in our hearts for the adventures of *Winnie-the-Pooh*, as told by A.A. Milne in *Winnie-the-Pooh and The House at Pooh Corner*. In honour of the 95th anniversary of *Winnie-the-Pooh*, highly talented author Jane Riordan has created a wonderful collection of stories, written in the style of A.A. Milne, that take us back to where it all began, when Winnie-the-Pooh was first purchased for baby Christopher Robin.

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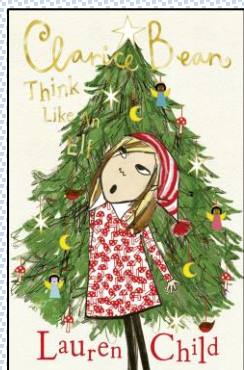


Harry Potter: A Magical Year by J. K. Rowling
9781526640871 / Bloomsbury / HB / R590

This is an irresistible gift book for anyone who has ever been captivated by the Boy Who Lived. Each day features a favourite anniversary or meaningful memory from the *Harry Potter* novels. All around, Jim Kay's scenic artwork and decorative painter's marks bring that moment to life in breathtaking detail. His unique interpretation is both captivating and transporting, picture frozen icicles glinting on the snowy towers of Hogwarts, the dancing eyes of Professor Albus Dumbledore, or the infectious hustle and bustle of Diagon Alley. Inside, a selection of his most iconic illustrations are joined by previously unseen pencil sketches and preparatory pieces, offering a unique and fascinating insight into the artist's sketchbook.

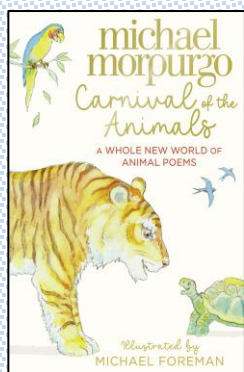
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Clarice Bean: Think Like an Elf by Lauren Child
9780008470845 / HarperCollins / PB / R320

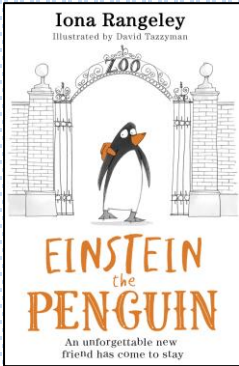
Clarice Bean usually looks forward to Christmas. Except this year it is going to be a quiet-ish Christmas in her house, which doesn't feel right because Christmas is all about noisiness and being full up and FAMILY. And without those things, she is going to have to try exceptionordinarly hard to stop the Christmas spirit completely floating away... But luckily, there is no one in the world like Clarice Bean, and she is going to THINK LIKE AN ELF, and that means everything will be A-OKAY. Won't it?



Carnival of the Animals by Michael Morpurgo
9780008459826 / HarperCollins / HB / R320

Collaborating once more with iconic artist, Michael Foreman, Morpurgo's poems are inspired by *The Carnival of the Animals*, a humorous musical by the French composer Camille Saint-Saëns. Building on this classic framework, Michael has added many more animals, they speak in their own voices, full of humour and brio, to tell of their lives and the impact of humanity on their habitats. With full colour illustrations throughout, this celebrated partnership has created a gift book with a strong ecological message that will also ignite a love of poetry in young readers and will appeal to fans of *The Lost Words*. Above all it is a celebration of the natural world in verse, a book to treasure and to inspire.

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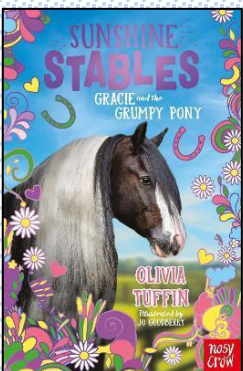
Einstein the Penguin by Iona Rangeley
9780008475963 / HarperCollins / HB / R255

When the Stewarts spend a sunny, frosty December day at London Zoo, they're enchanted by one small penguin. At the delight of young Imogen and Arthur, Mrs Stewart insists the penguin "must come and stay with them whenever he likes." But not one Stewart expects the penguin to turn up at their door that evening, rucksack labelled "Einstein" on his back. The family's new feathered friend helps Arthur to come out of his shell and makes massive demands on Imogen's amateur sleuthing. But together they must find out why Einstein came to them and they must keep away from the mysterious white-coat man. And Einstein can't stay forever, can he?



The Beast and the Bethany 2: Revenge of the Beast by Jack Meggitt-Phillips
9781405298919 / Egmont / PB / R180

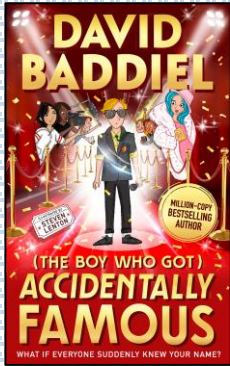
Once upon a very badly behaved time, 511-year-old Ebenezer kept a beast in his attic. He would feed the beast all manner of objects and creatures and in return the beast would vomit him up expensive presents. But then The Bethany arrived. Now notorious prankster Bethany, along with her new feathery friend Claudette, is determined that she and Ebenezer are going to DE-BEAST their lives and Do Good. But Bethany finds that being a notorious prankster makes it hard to get taken on for voluntary work. And Ebenezer is secretly missing the beast's vomity gifts. And neither of them are all that sure what 'good people' do anyway ... Then there's Claudette, who's not been feeling herself recently. Has she eaten something that has disagreed with her?



Sunshine Stables 3: Gracie & Grumpy Pony by Olivia Tuffin
9781788008242 / Nosy Crow / PB / R155

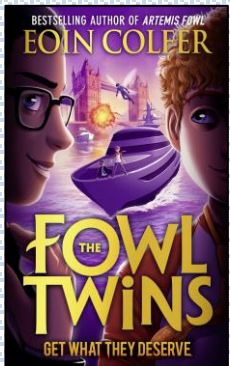
Gracie is so excited to be paired with Bobby at pony camp. He looks gorgeous and he rides like a dream! But there's a problem - nothing she does makes him happy and it's breaking her heart! Gracie won't give up. She'll find a way to win over her wonderful pony!

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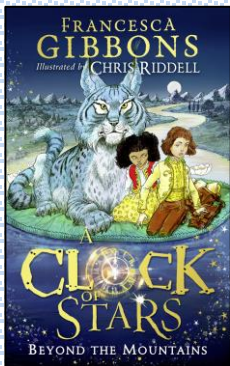
The Boy Who Got Accidentally Famous by My David Baddiel
9780008334260 / HarperCollins / PB / R255

Nothing extraordinary has ever happened to Billy Smith. In fact, every single thing about him is ordinary, including his name. But when a documentary crew turns up at Billy's school to film the new TV series *School Daze*, everything changes. Billy shouldn't stand out: all the other kids are much more interesting than him. But when remixes of his boring class presentation go viral, Billy finds himself accidentally an overnight star. With his friends Bo and Rinor by his side, his life turns into a whirlwind of red carpets, TV shows, albums and even the possibility of meeting Sunshine De Marto, the coolest girl on the planet. But as everyone knows, fame comes with a price.



The Fowl Twins (3) Get What They Deserve by Eoin Colfer
9780008475260 / HarperCollins / TPB / R155

For almost two years, Lord Teddy Bleedham-Drye has been plotting revenge against the Fowl Twins, who humiliated him in book one. Teddy plans to give them exactly what they deserve: permanent death. He threatens Myles with his weaponized jet and Beckett and Specialist Lazuli succeed in disarming the aircraft and causing an accident that kills Lord Teddy. But does it really?



A Clock of Stars 2: Beyond the Mountains by Roger Hargreaves
9780008355098 / HarperCollins / R245

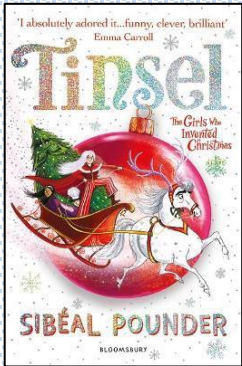
Miro is king, but hates it. Anneshka is no longer Queen, and hates it. When Anneshka hears a prophecy that she will rule the Greatest Kingdom, she seizes Marie, believing her to be key to fulfilling it, and heads over the mountains. Imogen and Miro chase after them, in hot pursuit. But what they find in the lands beyond will change everything again, and see them facing dangers they could never have imagined, both human and otherwise.

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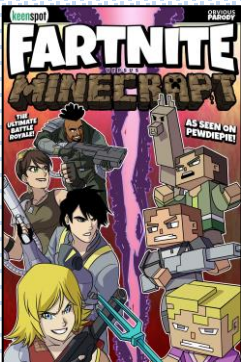
The Last Kids on Earth (7) and the Doomsday Race by Max Brallier
9780008491338 / Egmont / PB / R180

With his zombie-controlling powers growing stronger, Jack Sullivan and his buddies are road-tripping toward the mysterious Tower, where they must once and for all stop Rezzoch the Ancient, Destructor of Worlds, from descending upon our dimension. But their journey is sidetracked when they are swept up by the Mallusc, an enormous centipede monster carrying the world's largest shopping mall on its back. On board, the kids discover a thriving monster society: Mallusc City! There, they encounter old allies as well as old foes, who are ruling over Mallusc City with an iron fist. Beating these bad guys in battle is not an option but beating them in an election is, so Jack runs for mayor of Mallusc City! At first, proving his leadership skills just means shaking monster hands, kissing monster babies and promising to fill the water fountains with strawberry Nesquik. But when the Mallusc falls under attack, Jack must learn how to be a true leader before it's too late.



Tinsel: The Girls Who Invented Christmas by Sibéal Ponder
9781526619266 / Bloomsbury / PB / R180

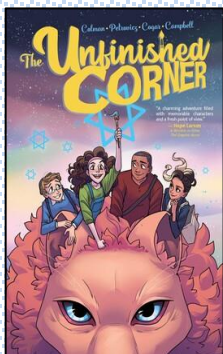
What if somewhere along the way we've all got the Santa story a bit wrong? Join Blanche Claus and her best friend Rinki for a funny festive sleigh ride you'll never forget! From Sibéal Ponder, bestselling author of the *Witch Wars* and *Bad Mermaids* series, this tale of friendship and mince-pie feasts is the perfect book to curl up with this winter. Funny, feminist and with a huge heart, it's a gloriously Christmassy adventure that will delight even the biggest Grinch.



Fartnite vs. Minecraft by Mike Rosenzweig
9781954366060 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R200

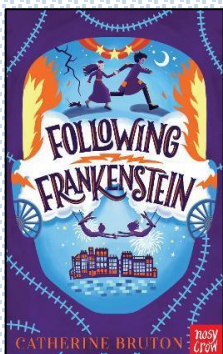
Prepare to enter the brown-eye of the crapstorm in this totally unauthorized parody graphic novel that's been fart-approved by PewDiePie and has induced unsafe levels of cringe across the internet at large. Experience the flatulent adventures of a motley crew of unknown soldiers forced into a *Fartnite* fight on Big Butt Island where all the weaponry is powered by their own super-charged farts, leading to an ultimate battle royale with the blockheaded heroes of *Minecraft*! Whether you're currently a grade-schooler or just a grade-schooler at heart, *Fartnite vs. Minecraft and Other Stinky Spoof Stories* is gonna be a gas!

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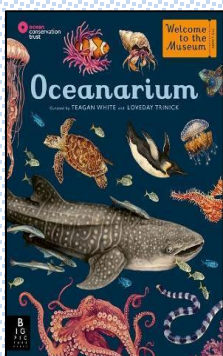
The Unfinished Corner by Dani Coleman
9781638490111 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R260

Jewish mythology has it that when God created the universe, one corner of it was left unfinished. Opinion is divided on why, but everyone agrees that the Unfinished Corner is a dangerous place full of monsters. Twelve-year-old Miriam neither knows nor cares about the Unfinished Corner. She's too busy preparing for her Bat Mitzvah, wrestling with whether she even wants to be Jewish, until a peculiar angel appears, whisking her, her two best friends, and her worst frenemy off to this monstrous land with one mission: finish the Unfinished Corner.



Following Frankenstein by Catherine Bruton
9781788008440 / Nosy Crow / PB / R205

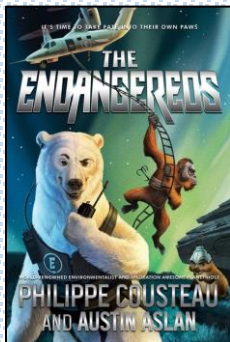
Maggie Walton's father has dedicated his life to a single pursuit: hunting down the monster created by Victor Frankenstein. It has cost Maggie and her family everything, and now her father is staking everything on one last voyage to the Arctic, with Maggie secretly in tow, where he hopes to find the monster at last. But there they make a shocking discovery: Frankenstein's monster has a son...



Oceanarium by Loveday Trinick
9781787416314 / Studio Press / HB / R530

Step inside the pages of *Oceanarium* to enjoy the experience of a museum from the comfort of your own home. This stunning offering from the *Welcome to the Museum* series guides readers around the world's oceans, from sandy shorelines to the deepest depths. Get up close and personal with giant whale sharks, tiny tropical fish, majestic manatees and so much more, travel the world from frozen Arctic seas to shimmering coral reefs, and learn why it is so important that we protect our oceans.

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The Endangered by Phillippe Cousteau
9780062894175 / HarperCollins / PB / R125

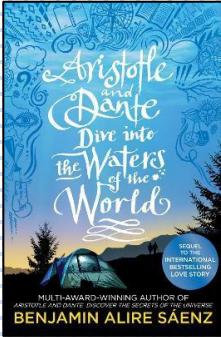
Humans had their chance to be in charge and look where that got us. Temperatures are rising, ice caps are melting, and innocent animals are in trouble. It's time for someone else to take over and fix this mess. It's time for *The Endangered*s. One superstrong polar bear. One pangolin with a genius for engineering. One extremely sarcastic narwhal. And one orangutan with a dream. What more do you need to save the world? Together, these four unlikely heroes are determined to save endangered species across the globe. But when two of their endangered friends get kidnapped by a villain with a dastardly agenda, the team find themselves up to their snouts in trouble. Can *The Endangered*s save the day? Or will this villain put humans and animals alike on the extinction list?



Maggie Blue and the Dark World by Anna Goodall
9781913101336 / Michael O' Mara / PB / R205

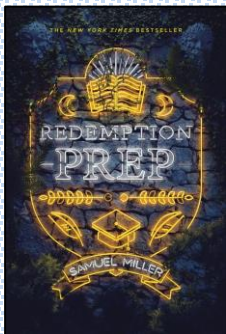
Maggie Blue, strongwilled and isolated, sees her enemy from school taken through a window to a parallel world by one of their teachers and determines to follow, whatever the cost. With the help of irascible cat, Hoagy, they discover a world where happiness is being stolen - and they must do everything they can not to be caught up in its web of destruction. Maggie Blue is an outsider, both at home and at school. She lives with her eccentric aunt Esme, and has no friends other than the irascible Hoagy, a stray cat who can talk to her. When Maggie sees Ida, her foe from school, being taken through a window to another world by one of their teachers who has transformed into a wolf, she is determined to save her, whatever the cost. But the dark world is full of danger, a place where happiness is valued above all else, and Maggie discovers that her role is far more important than anyone could have guessed. A thrilling and gripping tale of friendship, courage and the power of being yourself.

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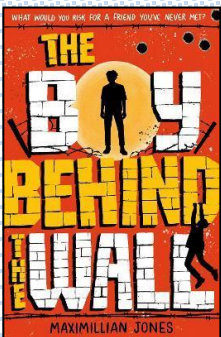
Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
9781398505278 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

Ari has spent all of high school hiding who he really is, staying silent and invisible. He expected his senior year to be the same. But something in him cracked open when he fell in love with Dante, and he can't go back. Suddenly he finds himself reaching out to new friends, standing up to bullies and making his voice heard. And, always, there is Dante – dreamy, witty Dante – who can get on Ari's nerves and fill him with desire all at once. The boys are determined to forge a path for themselves in a world that doesn't understand them. But when Ari is faced with a shocking loss, he'll have to fight like never before to create a life that is truthfully, joyfully his own.



Redemption Prep by Samuel Miller
9780062662040 / HarperCollins / PB / R175

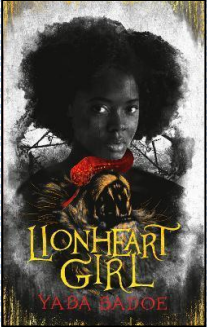
Everyone knows Emma. Neesha's her best friend. Aiden's her basketball star boyfriend, and Evan's her shadow, following Emma's every move. She stands out, which is hard to do at Redemption Prep, a school where every student has been handpicked to attend its remote campus in the forest of Utah. So when she goes missing in plain sight, everyone notices. And everyone becomes a suspect, especially at a school with strict rules: Don't skip mass. Don't break curfew. Don't go into the woods. Emma's disappearance ignites an investigation, and Neesha, Aiden, and Evan all want to find her—for different reasons. But they each have their own secrets to hide, and not everyone wants Emma to be found. As the search continues, the students realize that they're not the only ones trying to hide something. Redemption Prep has secrets, too, secrets bigger than any of the students could have imagined, and Emma could be the key to finding out the truth, if anyone can find her.



The Boy Behind Wall by Maximilian Jones
9781801300001 / Welbeck / PB / R145

Berlin, 1967. Three weeks after moving to West Berlin for his diplomat father's work, American Harry Rogers witnesses the shooting of a boy trying to escape into the West over the Wall. In East Berlin, Jakob is the adopted son of a high up Stasi officer, Hans Eberhardt. When Harry floats a helium filled balloon with a message attached, Jakob chances upon it and sees an opportunity. The boys begin a correspondence. On the surface their letters appear to be those of two normal pen friends, but beneath these they use lemon juice as invisible ink to share messages that would not make it past the authorities. They soon realise that a hidden tunnel is their only way out as Harry and Jakob race time and test their wits against the watchful eyes of the Stasi.

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Lionheart Girl by Yaba Badoe
9781789540857 / Head of Zeus / PB / R320

Born into a family of West African witches, Sheba's terrified of her mother who can turn into a crow. But like mother, like daughter, magic runs through her blood and Sheba discovers powers of her own. Her touch can unravel people's innermost thoughts; their hopes, their fears, their secrets. Sheba too can shape-shift. Through the communion of ancient magic, blood and friendship, she slowly uncovers the murderous truth about her stolen childhood and steels herself for the future. She must protect the hunted from the hunter – her mother.

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Young Adult*



Bright by Jessica Jung
9780755500291 / Egmont / PB / R205

Couture gowns, press parties, international travel. Rachel Kim is at the top of her game. Girls Forever is now the number-one K-pop group in the world, and her fame skyrockets after her viral airport styling attracts the attention of fashion's biggest names. Her life's a swirl of technicolour glamour and adoring fans. Rachel can't imagine shining any brighter. The only thing that's missing is love, but Rachel's determined to follow the rules. In her world, falling in love can cost you everything. Enter Alex. When Rachel literally falls head over designer heels into his lap on a crowded metro, she's tempted to give up her anti-love vows. Alex is more than just heart-stopping dimples and adorably quirky banter. He believes in Rachel's future, both in music and in fashion. But the higher you rise, the harder you fall. And when a shocking act of betrayal shatters her world, Rachel must finally listen to her heart.



Iron Widow by Xiran Jay Zhao
9780861542420 / One World / PB / R320

The boys of Huaxia dream of the celebrity status that comes with piloting Chrysalises, giant transforming robots that battle the aliens beyond the Great Wall. No one cares that their female co-pilots must serve as concubines and sacrifice their lives. When 18-year-old Zetian offers herself up as a concubine-pilot, her plan is to assassinate the man responsible for her sister's death. But on miraculously emerging from the cockpit unscathed after her first battle, she has a new plan. The time has come to overturn the entire patriarchal military system.



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