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## October 2020 Children's Highlights

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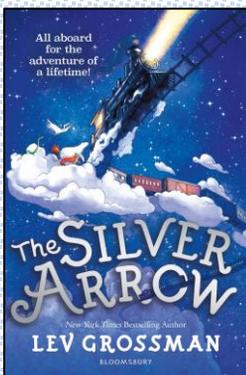
**Pizazz** by Sophy Henn  
9781471193989 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R180

HELLO! My name is Pizazz and I'm a superhero. You probably think that's really AWESOME and while it can be, it's also REEEAALLY annoying. Don't believe me? Well, I have to wear the same outfit ALL THE TIME?! I'm always dashing off to save the world right in the middle of fun stuff. Plus I have to be the good guy even when I might not want to be. And sometimes I just want to be, well, normal. You see, it's not easy being SUPER ... PS. DON'T even ask me about my super "POWER"



**The Black Kids** by Christina Hammonds Reed  
9781471188190 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R230

Los Angeles, 1992. Ashley Bennett and her friends are living the charmed life. It's the end of high school and they're spending more time at the beach than in the classroom. They can already feel the sunny days and endless possibilities of summer. Everything changes one afternoon in April, when four police officers are acquitted after beating a black man named Rodney King half to death. Suddenly, Ashley's not just one of the girls. She's one of the black kids. As violent protests engulf LA and the city burns, Ashley tries to continue on as if life were normal. Even as her self-destructive sister gets dangerously involved in the riots. Even as the model black family façade her wealthy and prominent parents have built starts to crumble. Even as her best friends help spread a rumor that could completely derail the future of her classmate and fellow black kid, LaShawn Johnson. With her world splintering around her, Ashley, along with the rest of LA, is left to question who is the *us*? And who is the *them*?



**The Silver Arrow** by Lev Grossman  
9781526629418 / Bloomsbury / PB / R180

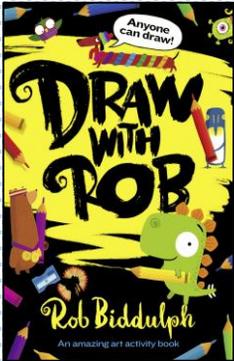
Kate wasn't expecting much when she wrote to her wealthy estranged uncle to ask for a birthday present. She certainly wasn't expecting a colossal steam train called the Silver Arrow to arrive on her doorstep. Despite parental misgivings, curiosity overwhelms Kate and her brother Tom and they climb aboard, only for the train's engine to roar into life. They soon reach a train station where an assortment of strange and beautiful creatures are waiting with tickets in their mouths, and Kate and Tom begin to understand that their job will be to see them safely home — if they can.

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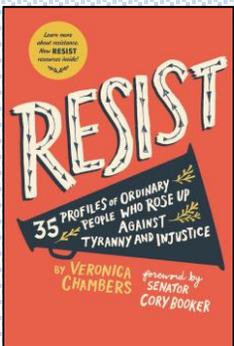
**Draw With Rob** by Rob Biddulph  
9780008419110 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

At home? Wondering what to do? Join thousands of children around the world and #DrawWithRob — staying at home has never been so much fun! *Draw With Rob* is now an incredible activity book for every family to share, so join Rob and learn to draw your favourite characters — from Penguin Blue to a very Hot Dog, and many more!



**Punching the Air** by Ibi Zoboi & Yusef Salaam  
9780008422141 / HarperCollins / PB / R160

One fateful night, an altercation in a gentrifying neighbourhood escalates into tragedy. ‘Boys just being boys’ turns out to be true only when those boys are white. Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal Shahid’s bright future is upended: he is convicted of a crime he didn’t commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. This never should have been his story. But can he change it? With spellbinding lyricism, award-winning author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam tell a moving and deeply profound story about how one boy is able to maintain his humanity and fight for the truth, in a system designed to strip him of both.



**Resist: 40 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice**  
by Veronica Chambers, Paul Ryding, Cory Booker  
9780062796264 / HarperCollins / PB / R155

You may only be one person, but you have the power to change the world. Before they were activists, they were just like you and me. From Frederick Douglass to Malala Yousafzai, Joan of Arc to John Lewis, Susan B. Anthony to Janet Mock — these forty profiles of remarkable figures show us what it means to take a stand and say no to injustice. *Resist* features an inspiring foreword by Senator Cory Booker and a powerful afterword from Parkland student survivor Samantha Fuentes, in addition to five brand-new profiles of prominent activists, featured exclusively in this paperback edition.

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***The Eldest Curses 2: The Lost Book of White*** by Cassandra Clare & Wesley Chu  
9781471162107 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R260

Magnus Bane and Alec Lightwood are settling into domestic life with their son Max when the warlocks Ragnor Fell and Shinyun Jung break into their loft and steal a powerful spell book. Realizing that Ragnor and Shinyun are being controlled by a more sinister force, Magnus and Alec set out to stop them and recover the book before they can cause any more harm. With the help of Clary Fairchild, Jace Herondale, Isabelle Lightwood, and Simon Lovelace, they track the warlocks to Shanghai. But nothing is as it seems. Ragnor and Shinyun are working at the behest of a Greater Demon. Their goal is to open a Portal from the demon realms to Earth, flooding the city of Shanghai with dangerous demons. When a violent encounter causes Magnus's magic to grow increasingly unstable, Alec and Magnus rally their friends to strike at the heart of the demon's power. But what they find there is far stranger and more nefarious than they ever could have expected.



***All This Time*** by Mikki Daughtry & Rachael Lippincott  
9781471192187 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

Can you find true love after losing everything? Kyle and Kimberly have been the perfect couple all through high school, but when Kimberly breaks up with him on the night of their graduation party, Kyle's entire world upends — literally. Their car crashes and when he awakes, he has a brain injury. Kimberly is dead. And no one in his life could possibly understand. Until Marley. Marley is suffering from her own loss, a loss she thinks was her fault. As Kyle and Marley work to heal each other's wounds, their feelings for each other grow stronger. But Kyle can't shake the sense that he's headed for another crashing moment that will blow up his life as soon as he's started to put it back together. And he's right.



***Pages & Co. 3: Tilly and the Map Of Stories*** by Anna James  
9780008229948 / HarperCollins / PB / R225

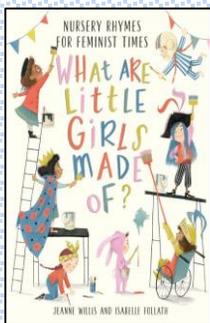
Strange things are happening. A man comes into Pages & Co looking for a book... then suddenly can't remember it. Tilly and her family feel like the world is changing — but can't quite put their finger on why. Meanwhile, the Underwoods are expanding their control over bookwandering — and they still have their sights set on Tilly. Leaving the safety of the bookshop, Tilly heads to America to find the legendary Archivists and save bookwandering, or at least that's the plan. Wandering in layers of story, Tilly and her friend Oskar come up against dangers they could never have expected, team up with an unexpectedly familiar face, and ultimately find themselves taking on the biggest threat to stories there has ever been — with only their courage and ingenuity to help them. As well as some of their dearest fictional friends.

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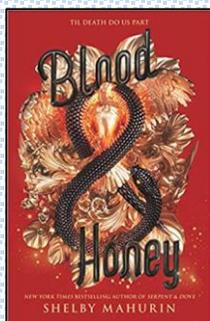
**Dragon Mountain** by Kevin Tsang  
9781788009324 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

When 12-year-old Billy Chan finds out his parents are sending him to a summer camp in middle-of-nowhere China he doesn't know what to expect. There he meets fellow campers Dylan, Charlotte and Ling-Fei and together they stumble upon an age-old secret: four powerful warrior dragons, hidden deep within the mountain behind the camp. They have been trapped since an epic battle with the Dragon of Death and need the children's help to set them free before terrible evil is unleashed on the earth. Billy and his friends must set off on a dangerous adventure that will take them to the heart of the Dragon Realm. But can they save the dragon and human worlds from destruction?



**What Are Little Girls Made Of?** by Jeanne Willis & Isabelle Follath  
9781788004466 / Nosy Crow / PB / R205

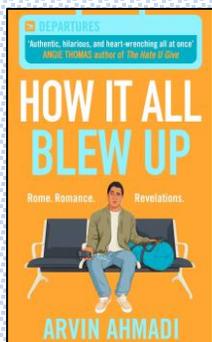
Think you know your favourite classic nursery rhymes? Read this picture book and think again! In this witty reworking of popular nursery rhymes, Georgie Porgie doesn't dare to make the girls cry, Little Bo-Peep's sheep are all present and correct, thank you, and it's the queen, OF COURSE, who fixes Humpty Dumpty. With the combination of Jeanne Willis's brilliantly funny poems and charming, witty illustrations from Isabelle Follath, these nursery rhymes prove that girls can be the heroes of any story.



**Blood and Honey** by Shelby Mauhurin  
9780063041172 / HarperCollins / PB / R230

Lou, Reid, Coco, and Ansel are on the run from coven, kingdom, and church — fugitives with nowhere to hide. To survive, they need allies. Strong ones. But as Lou becomes increasingly desperate to save those she loves, she turns to a darker side of magic that may cost Reid the one thing he can't bear to lose. Bound to her always, his vows were clear: where Lou goes, he will go; and where she stays, he will stay. Until death does them part.

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***How It All Blew Up*** by Arvin Ahmadi  
9781471409929 / Hot Key / PB / R190

Eighteen-year-old Amir Azadi always knew coming out to his Muslim family would be messy — he just didn't think it would end in an airport interrogation room. But when faced with a failed relationship, bullies, and blackmail, running away to Rome is his only option. Right? Soon, late nights with new friends and dates in the Sistine Chapel start to feel like second nature... until his old life comes knocking on his door. Now, Amir has to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth to a US Customs officer, or risk losing his hard-won freedom.



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