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CHILDREN'S HIGHLIGHTS

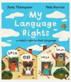
MARCH

Please find below our top children's titles for March 2025.

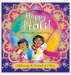
0-5 YEARS OLD

My Language Rights by Judy Thompson
9781915590732 | Faber | HB | R385

Happy Holi! by Chitra Soundar
9781526642257 | Bloomsbury | PB | R200



My Language Rights inspires readers to appreciate multilingualism and how it enriches our shared experiences and knowledge.



Discover the magical moments that make up Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colours, in this bright and joyful picture book.

Tummy Time: Park by Louise Lockhart
9781805134039 | Nosy Crow | BB | R240

Baby Faces: Little Bunny, Where Are You? by Ekaterina Trukhan
9781805132974 | Nosy Crow | BB | R240

Make tummy time extra fun for little ones with this fold-out concertina book with a mirror!

Find your baby's face in this delightful new lift-the-flap book with a mirror on every page!

Baby's First Cloth Book: Cuddly Sheep by Ingela P Arrhenius
9781805134077 | Nosy Crow | Cloth Book | R300

Little Shopper by Samara Hardy
9780008685898 | Red Shed | BB | R290

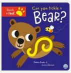
Cuddle up with baby's first cloth book featuring high-contrast images to help develop a newborn's eyesight.

This is the perfect introduction to money – supporting numeracy and helping develop fine motor skills.

Can You Tickle An Octopus? by Bobbie Brooks
9781917082488 | Gemini | BB | R240

Can You Tickle a Bear? by Bobbie Brooks
9781917082471 | Gemini | BB | R240

Giggle your way through this book with touch, feel and tickle fun!



Touch, feel and tickle the friendly bears in this interactive book that is full of bear-y playful fun!

Follow That Shark! by Georgie Taylor
9781917082549 | Gemini | BB | R190

Follow That Dinosaur! by Georgie Taylor
9781917082532 | Gemini | BB | R190

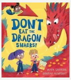
Discover finger-tracing fun as you trace the trails and follow the shark through the busy under-the-sea pictures!

Discover search-and-find finger-tracing fun as you trace the trails and follow the dinosaur through the busy prehistoric pictures!

I Was Born A Baby by Meg Fleming
9780063157231 | HarperCollins USA | PB | R190

Don't Eat the Dragon Snacks by Mark Sperring
9781444963465 | Hodder | PB | R220

Don't miss this irresistible read-aloud in the vein of *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*—with catchy rhymes and bold, silly art about baby animals and the names they share!

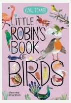


Jump on board with the loveably wacky Granny Chortle as she whisks Presley, Piper and Precious away in her high-speed, turbo-charged helicopter to Dragon Island.

Little Bee's Book of Blooms by Yuval Zommer
9780500653746 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R275

Little Robin's Book of Birds by Yuval Zommer
9780500653739 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R275

Follow Little Bee as she buzzes from garden to greenhouse to desert, visiting all kinds of different blooms, each one as beautiful and fascinating as the next.



Follow Little Robin on a flight from the city to the jungle, visiting ten different kinds of birds from around the world.

Down, Down, Under the Ground by Petit Collage
9781797234809 | Chronicle | BB | R275

High, High, Up in the Sky by Petit Collage
9781797234793 | Chronicle | BB | R275

DOWN, DOWN, UNDER THE GROUND

Join in with Owl's journey from the trees to the burrow!

HIGH, HIGH, UP IN THE SKY

Join in with Crab's journey from the sea to the sky!

Maymoona's Moon by Razeena Omar Gutta
9781761211898 | Hardie Grant | HB | R310

101 Dinosaur Bums by Sam Harper
9781444970685 | Hodder | PB | R220

Maymoona's Moon

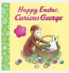
Maymoona's Moon is a heartwarming picture book about the end of Ramadan, and waiting for Eid to begin.

101 DINOSAUR BUMS

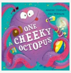
A hilariously silly rhyming picture book, featuring 101 roaring, stomping dino bums!

Happy Easter, Curious George by H.A. Rey
9780547379050 | HarperCollins USA | PB | R150

One Cheeky Octopus by Alastair Chisholm
9781444966671 | Hodder | PB | R220



Hop along with Curious George as he celebrates Easter with his friends and gets into a bit of monkey-sized mischief along the way.



Will this cheeky octopus ever learn to share? A hilarious counting tale

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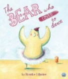
Felt Flaps: Where's Mrs Kangaroo by Ingela P Arrhenius
9781805135630 | Nosy Crow | Buggy Book | R180

The Bear Who Loved To Dance by Monika Flipina
9781917082525 | Gemini | HB | R310

Where's Mrs Kangaroo? buggy book

An adorable new buggy edition of this bestselling baby book - with felt flaps and a mirror!

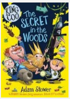


An inspiring and uplifting story about the values of perseverance and determination that will encourage children to chase their dreams

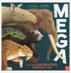
6-9 YEARS OLD

King Coo: The Secret in the Woods by Adam Stower
9781788453479 | David Fickling | PB | R200

Mega: The Most Enormous Animals Ever by Jules Howard
9781839943119 | Nosy Crow | HB | R400



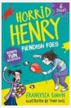
If Peter Pan had been a girl ... with a beard ... then she'd probably have been called KING COO.



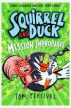
Discover the magnificent megafauna that have shaped our planet.

Horrid Henry: Fiendish Foes by Francesca Simon
9781510113596 | Orion | PB | R220

Squirrel and Duck: Mission Improbable by Tom Percival
9781526665638 | Bloomsbury | PB | R240



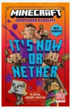
Number One for Fiendish Fun! Join Horrid Henry in another bumper book of mischief.



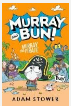
Hilarious illustrated fiction about unlikely friends Squirrel and Duck. Laugh as they outwit bungling burglars, with only the help of their pet cactus!

Minecraft Ironsword Academy: It's Now or Nether by Caleb Huett
9780008680688 | Farshore | PB | R240

Murray and Bun! Murray the Pirate by Adam Stower
9780008561307 | HarperCollins UK | PB | R210



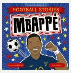
A group of friends go on an amazing Minecraft adventure to save a friend while also navigating the halls of their new school – the Ironsword Academy!



When Murray and Bun travel through the cat flap and find themselves in a land of PIRATES, they're quickly thrown into their biggest adventure yet!

Football Stories: Mbappé by Simon Mugford
9781804538036 | Welbeck | PB | R220

Football Stories: Kane by Simon Mugford
9781804538005 | Welbeck | PB | R220



With simple text and engaging art, this fully illustrated picture book is the ideal first read for little football fans.

FOOTBALL STORIES
KANE

Young readers will find out how Harry Kane went from a promising youngster to captain of the England football team

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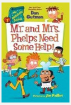
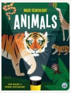
My Weirdtastic School: Mr. and Mrs. Phelps Need Some Help! by Dan Gutman
9780063373877 | HarperCollins USA| PB | R150

Magic Searchlight: Animals by Lydia Halliday
9781917082457 | Gemini | HB | R310



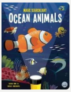
A.J. and his friends start taking shop class and home economics with Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, married teachers who just can't seem to get along!



Seek and find incredible animals by lifting the flaps and using the magic card searchlight to discover hidden pictures and learn hundreds of fascinating facts.

Magic Searchlight: Ocean Animals by Susie Rae
9781917082464 | Gemini | HB | R220

We Are The Smurfs: Our Brave Ways by Peyo
9781419771033 | Abrams Books | PB | R235



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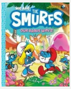
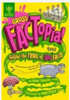


Featuring three original stories chock-full of Smurfy humor, fun, and heartfelt lessons, the Smurf-ventures continue in the fourth book of this early graphic novel series.

Gross FACTopia! by Paige Towler
9781804661659 | BSmall | PB | R265

Detective Stanley and the Mystery at the Museum by Hannah Tunnicliffe
9781838742119 | Flying Eye | PB | R295



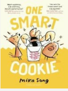
Welcome to Gross FACTopia!, a wonderland of fantastically foul facts, all of which are verified by Encyclopaedia Britannica!

MYSTERY AT THE MUSEUM

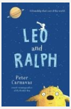
This funny and colorful graphic novel mystery about a plucky detective dog and an art theft case is perfect for early and reluctant readers

One Smart Cookie by Mika Song
9781782695240 | Pushkin | PB | R265

Leo & Ralph by Peter Carnavas
9781782695233 | Pushkin | PB | R260



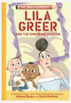
Norma and Belly have a new master plan, and this time it involves cookies – lots and lots of cookies. In fact, they've found THE cookie factory. Now all that's left is to get inside…



A stellar novel about space, starting over and the best friend you could ever imagine.

The Questioneers: Lila Greer and the Shrieking Shadow by Andrea Beaty
9781419775727 | Abrams | HB | R340

Alan, King of the Universe by Tom McLaughlin
9781444976847 | Hodder | HB | R360

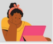


The seventh Questioneers chapter-book adventure in the popular series.

ALAN, KING of the UNIVERSE

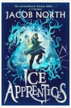
An orange cat blessed with opposable thumbs, Alan is convinced he was born to rule and spends his days scheming up brilliant plans to fulfil his destiny.

10-12 YEARS OLD

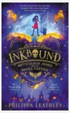


Ice Apprentices by Jacob North
9781398533936 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R240

Inkbound: Meticulous Jones and the Skull Tattoo by Philippa Leathley
9780008661014 | HarperCollins UK | PB | R295



The first in a spellbinding trilogy set in ice-covered Tundra which follows a boy determined to protect the enchanted land as terrible beasts start to strike.



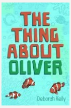
Enter an extraordinary magical adventure about family, fate and finding the courage to be truly yourself – perfect for fans of Nevermoor, Lemony Snicket and The Swifts.

Last Dragon on Mars by Scott Reintgen
9780861549993 | One World | PB | R230

The Thing About Oliver by Deborah Kelly
9781925563818 | PGW | PB | R275

SCOTT REINTGEN
THE LAST DRAGON ON MARS
A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

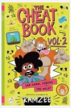
A boy living on Mars unexpectedly becomes a dragon rider in this "rip-roaring" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) first book in the sci-fi and fantasy mash-up The Dragonships series.



A twelve-year-old aspiring marine scientist struggles with feeling invisible as her family moves to the coast, facing the challenges of her autistic brother's needs and the upheaval of change.

Cheat Book Vol. 2 by Ramzee
9781444973419 | Hodder | PB | R220

Pinch Perkins and the Nightmare Tree by Cathy Fitzgerald
9780008603410 | Farshore | PB | R240

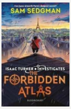


NOT FOR GROWN-UPS! Join Kamal on his hilarious new adventure, from brilliant author-illustrator RAMZEE. Perfect for 8+ readers of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Loki*.

CATHY FITZGERALD
PINCH PERKINS AND THE NIGHTMARE TREE

Pinch's magic has arrived … and it's causing a whole lot of trouble! A magical, action-packed adventure, for 9+ fans of *Enola Holmes* and Terry Pratchett!

Forbidden Atlas by Sam Sedgman
9781526665430 | Bloomsbury | PB | R240



The exhilarating sequel to *The Clockwork Conspiracy*, Isaac Turner is back for another action-packed mystery adventure.

Finding Bear by Hannah Gold
9780008582043 | HarperCollins UK | PB | R240

FINDING BEAR
HANNAH GOLD

A stunning story of survival and a heartwarming tale of love that shows us how hope is born from the smallest of beginnings

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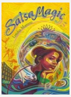
Salsa Magic by Letisha Marrero
9781646145195 | Chronicle | PB | R255



A magical debut middle-grade novel filled with loud but loving family members, santería, and powerful orishas, set in New York City.

Maggie Blue and The Lost Child by Anna Goodall
9781916558205 | Buster Books | PB | R235

MAGGIE BLUE and THE LOST CHILD
ANNA GOODALL

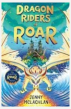
In the final part of this thrilling trilogy, Maggie Blue finds herself in the Dark World alone and marooned with a strange and unknown baby that refuses to be parted from her.

School for Fireflies by Erica Gomez
9781913311735 | Knights Of | PB | R230

School for Fireflies
ERICA GOMEZ

When best friends Siddy and Zadie start the year at the magical School for Fireflies, they discover they are anything but normal.

Dragon Riders of Roar by Jenny McLachlan
9780755503377 | Farshore | PB | R240



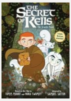
The epic and funny new magical fantasy series set in the world of the bestselling Land of Roar. Perfect for fans of *Skandar*, *Percy Jackson* and *How to Train Your Dragon*.

Drawing Deena by Hena Khan
9781534459922 | Simon & Schuster USA | PB | R245

Drawing Deena
HENA KHAN

A tenderhearted middle grade novel about a young Pakistani American artist determined to manage her anxiety and forge her own creative path.

The Secret of Kells by Tomm Moore
9780316439213 | Hachette USA | HB | R320



This stunning conclusion to the Irish Folklore Trilogy is about a brave boy, his mystical new friend, and the power of imagination against even the darkest of forces.

Jayben and the Dragon Stone by Thomas Leeds
9781444968699 | Hodder | PB | R250

JAYBEN AND THE DRAGON STONE
THOMAS LEEDS

The third book in an incredible immersive fantasy series about a boy with no memories and a world that only he can save. Perfect for fans of Francesca Gibbons and *The Land of Roar*.

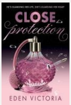
The Falling Boy by David Almond
9781444970616 | Hodder | PB | R250

DAVID ALMOND
The Falling Boy

The Falling Boy. He could be anyone. He could be you. From the bestselling, award-winning author of Skellig comes a heartfelt, unforgettable story.

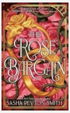
TEENS & YA

Close Protection by Eden Victoria
9781398539686 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R295



The thrilling fake-dating, bodyguard romance YA debut from the original BookTok content creator of the year, Eden Victoria

The Rose Bargain by Sasha Peyton Smith
9780008729424 | Electric Monkey | TPB | R320

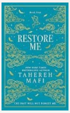


The Cruel Prince meets *Bridgerton* in this captivating fantasy brimming with heart-pounding romance, vicious competition and beautiful, cruel fae.

Needy Little Things by Channelle Desamours
9781526675064 | Bloomsbury | PB | R220

Restore Me Collectors Edition by Tahereh Mafi
9780008731229 | Electric Monkey | HB | R590

A brilliantly page-turning thriller with an unusual psychological twist, which fans of *One of Us is Lying*, *Ace of Spades* and *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* will love.

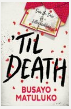


Now available in a gorgeous hardback collector's edition, the fourth instalment of Shatter Me series finds Juliette Ferrars in position as Supreme Commander of Sector 45 but with danger and darkness lurking all around.

Where the Heart Should Be by Sarah Crossan
9781526666574 | Bloomsbury | PB | R265

Til Death by Busayo Matuluko
9781398536548 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R265

The outstanding novel from Sarah Crossan; thought-provoking and moving, it explores love and family during The Great Hunger.



A slick and addictive YA mystery thriller that celebrates the nuances and dramas of Nigerian family and culture, perfect for fans of Holly Jackson and Karen M. McManus.

We Used To Be Magic by Bea Ingalls
9781510113350 | Orion | PB | R275

Skulduggery Pleasant: A Mind Full of Murder by Derek Landy
9780008601270 | HarperCollins UK | PB | R265

What if the universe wants two people to be together, but they"re too messed up to notice? This is perfect for fans of *Normal People* and aspirational cinematic romance.

A bone-shaking new trilogy begins – the latest adventure in the bestselling *Skulduggery Pleasant* series

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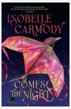
Comes the Night by Isobelle Carmody
9781760294762 | Murdoch | PB | R275

Dark Fable by Katherine Harbour
9781547616848 | Bloomsbury | PB | R320



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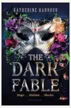

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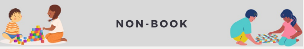

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