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CHILDREN'S HIGHLIGHTS

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

0-5 YEARS OLD

Kiekeboe Hond deur Ingela P Arrhenius
9781776194834 | Bouncy Ball | BB | R240

'n Nuwe hondetema-titel in die gewilde reeks met verskeie skuifblaaine en 'n spieël, nou in Afrikaans!

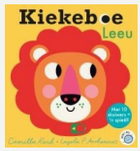
Kiekeboe Kuiken deur Ingela P Arrhenius
9781776194827 | Bouncy Ball | BB | R240

Maklik om te gebruik kiekeboe skuifblaaie, oulike gesigte en 'n verassingsspieël-einde, nou in Afrikaans!

Kiekeboe Dieretuin deur Ingela P Arrhenius
9781776194810 | Bouncy Ball | BB | R240

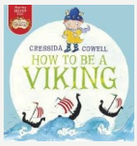
Neem 'n reis na die dieretuin in hierdie dieretema-titel in die gewilde reeks met verskeie skuifblaaie en 'n spieël, nou in Afrikaans!

Kiekeboe Leeu deur Ingela P Arrhenius
9781776194803 | Bouncy Ball | BB | R240



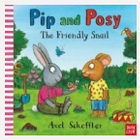
'n Nuwe titel in die gewilde reeks met verskeie skuifblaaie en 'n magdom safari-diere, nou in Afrikaans!

How to be a Viking by Cressida Cowell
9781444982084 | Hodder | PB | R220



The first *How to Train Your Dragon* book ever, and the inspiration for Cressida Cowell's best-selling fiction books.

Pip and Posy: The Friendly Snail by Axel Scheffler
9781839940897 | Nosy Crow | BB | R210



Join Pip and Posy for some quiet (or noisy!) garden games, in this heartwarming story.

The Very First You by Scott Stuart
9781761214981 | Hardie Grant | PB | R165

A book on embracing uniqueness and recognizing the joy that individuality brings to the world.

The Princes and the Pea by Peter Bently
9781526641953 | Bloomsbury | PB | R200

A hilarious rhyming retelling of the Hans Christian Andersen classic, *The Princess and the Pea*, with a modern twist!

My Dad is the Best! by Nic McPickle
9781761181962 | Murdoch | PB | R200

A hilarious and warm-hearted celebration of fatherhood, perfect for dads of all shapes, sizes and species.

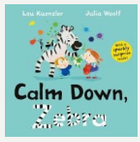
My Mum is the Best! by Nic McPickle
9781761181160 | Murdoch | HB | R350

A hilarious and warm-hearted picture book that's a richly deserved celebration of mothers everywhere. Told in energetic rhyme, with vibrant illustrations.

Not Yet, Zebra by Lou Kuenzler
9780571329762 | Faber | PB | R200

Annie wants to paint an alphabet using her animals, but Zebra simply can't wait until the end for his time to shine.

Calm Down, Zebra by Lou Kuenzler
9780571351718 | Faber | PB | R200

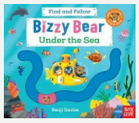


Everyone's favourite zebra helps Annie teach colours, bringing unexpected fun and brightness.

Bizzy Bear: Find and Follow at the Dinosaur Park by Benji Davies
9781805131700 | Nosy Crow | BB | R200

Join Bizzy Bear at the dinosaur park for a ROARSOME adventure in this chunky new board book with five sliding counters!

Bizzy Bear: Find and Follow Under the Sea by Benji Davies
9781805131717 | Nosy Crow | BB | R200

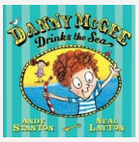


Join Bizzy Bear in his submarine for an underwater adventure in this chunky new board book with sliding counters!

My Big Playbook: Things that go by Ingela P Arrhenius
9781805134770 | Nosy Crow | BB | R300

Danny McGee Drinks the Sea by Andy Stanton
9780571384709 | Faber | PB | R230

A BIG book for sharing with a little person, introducing things that go, first words, colours, numbers and more – with felt flaps and a mirror!



Can a boy drink the sea? Surely it's impossible! But Danny McGee does just that. Soon he's swallowing trees, flies, fleas, peas, mountains ... where will it end?!

We're Going on a Treasure Hunt by Martha Mumford
9781526627384 | Bloomsbury | BB | R240

The Dinosaur Next Door by David Litchfield
9781917044967 | Abrams | PB | R265

Join the fun as four bunnies set off on a thrilling pirate adventure to find the hidden treasure chest.

Liz is sure that her next-door neighbour has a secret. He's got a very long neck, clumpy feet and a strange taste for green leaves... he's a dinosaur!

Mighty Dinosaurs Kaleidoscope by Mudpuppy
9780735384040 | Abrams | HB | R195

Under the Sea Kaleidoscope by Mudpuppy
9780735384033 | Abrams | HB | R195

Watch as colourful dinosaurs and prehistoric landscapes come to life in a kaleidoscope of vibrant patterns and shapes.

Each twist and turn of the kaleidoscope reveals a new and captivating view, filled with adorable ocean illustrations.

Moose on the Loose by Alex Willmore
9781849769273 | Tate | PB | R285

Brothers are Brothers Forever by Brooke Jorden
9781641708661 | Abrams | BB | R235

A reassuring tale about embracing change and the positive things that can come from stepping into the unknown.

A board book about sibling adventures, squabbles, and reconnection, following three different pairs of brothers.

Sisters are Sisters Forever by Brooke Jorden
9781641708678 | Abrams | BB | R235

Have You Seen Dinosaur? by David Barrow
9781776575145 | Gecko Press | PB | R235

Follow three cute sets of sisters as they play and explore together, argue, and ultimately reconnect.

Best friends boy, dog, and elephant are VERY good at hide-and-seek. There's a missing dinosaur in the city —who better to spot this elusive giant?

Abbie's True Colours by Claire Thompson
9781913339630 | Owlet Press | PB | R235

A Flower for Firefly by Monika Singh Gangotra
9781913339647 | Owlet Press | PB | R235

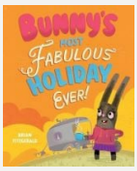
An inspiring book about the true meaning of pride, based on 12-year-old Abbie Jane, who wanted to create positive change in her community, in the face of bullying.

The cutest bedtime story, that shows how easy it can be, to do something for somebody else.

Good Golden Sun by Brendan Wenzel
9781836300304 | Scallywag Press | PB | R235

Bunny's Most Fabulous Holiday Ever! by Brian Fitzgerald
9781836300069 | Scallywag Press | PB | R265

A bold and playful exploration of how the sun touches all life on earth.



Bunny's plans for a perfect vacation are wrecked by an unwelcome surprise holidaymaker who changes her life in a most colourful way.

The Year We Learned to Fly by Jacqueline Woodson
9781408373590 | Orchard | PB | R220

If It's Pride and You Know It by Andy Passchier
9781805132639 | Nosy Crow | BB | R240

One rainy day, a bored brother and sister listen to their wise grandmother's advice: "Use those beautiful and brilliant minds of yours. Lift your arms, close your eyes, take a deep breath, and believe in a thing."

Bring this vibrant board book to life as the little children take part in four fun activities for Pride.

6-9 YEARS OLD

LEGO® NINJAGO®: Ninja's Journey Activity Book
9781837250790 | Buster Books | PB | R265

Build your Arin minifigure and arm him with his Spinjitzu accessories, before guiding him through a world of exciting challenges.

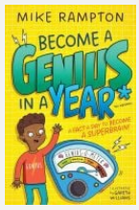
LEGO® Star Wars™: The Chosen One Activity Book
9781837250837 | Buster Books | PB | R265

Use the LEGO® pieces provided to build your Anakin minifigure, plus his pit droid and repair station, before playing along with the fun comics and puzzles.

LEGO® City: Time for Take-Off! Activity Book
9781837250820 | Buster Books | PB | R265

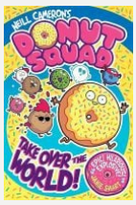
Build Freddie Flyer and his awesome toy remote-controlled plane before setting off across the city for a series of hilarious adventures.

Become a Genius in a Year* by Mike Rampton
9780008756185 | HarperCollins UK | PB | R240



This book will take you from a clever (but rather ordinary) kid to an absurdly intelligent, super-brained, hyper-genius capable of anything … in just twelve magnificent months.

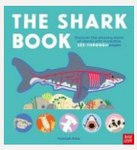
Donut Squad: Take Over the World! by Neill Cameron
9781788453400 | David Fickling | PB | R200



Ever wondered what donuts get up to when they're not being eaten?

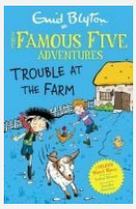
No, because that would be silly! But it turns out, donuts have BIG PLANS FOR WORLD DOMINATION!!!

The Shark Book by Hannah Alice
9781839949401 | Nosy Crow | HB | R315



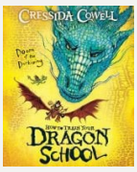
From pumping blood to making babies, *The Shark Book* is an exciting way to explore all the amazing things these creatures can do.

The Famous Five Adventures: Trouble at the Farm by Enid Blyton
9781444977967 | Hodder | PB | R220



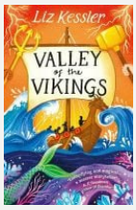
The Five are having fun planting vegetables on a farm. But when all of their hard work is ripped up out of the ground, it's up to the Five to find the thief before even more food is stolen!

How to Train Your Dragon School: Doom of the Darkwing by Cressida Cowell
9781444981926 | Hodder | PB | R220



Join Hiccup and his dragons in their hilarious, hair-raising adventures at the Isle of Berk's Training School for Vikings and Dragons.

Valley of the Vikings by Liz Kessler
9781035916955 | Head of Zeus | PB | R240

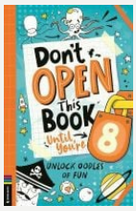


A rip-roaring adventure story of magic, myth and mermaids, featuring Liz Kessler's popular character Emily Windsnap.

University of Cambridge: Teeny Tiny Science: I See a Cloud by Saskia Gwinn
9781805133254 | Nosy Crow | PB | R240

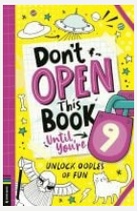
Unleash the wonders of nature with an enchanting picture book that brings the water cycle to life for young minds.

Don't Open This Book Until You're 8 by Lou Treleaven
9781837250189 | Buster Books | PB | R175



Eight is the number of tentacles on an octopus, the number of planets in our solar system ... and it's the number of years you need to be before you open this book!

Don't Open This Book Until You're 9 by Lou Treleaven
9781837250196 | Buster Books | PB | R175



Nine is the number of worlds in Norse mythology, if you multiply any number by 9, the digits will always add up to 9 ... and it's the number of years you need to be before you open this book!

Unicorn Academy: Under Starglow Lake
9781805136019 | Nosy Crow | PB | R240

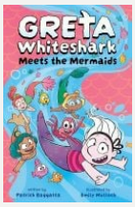
Read all about Sophia, Wildstar and their friends in Sapphire dorm in this highly illustrated first storybook for newly-independent readers.

Man-Man and the Tree of Memories by Yaba Badoe
9781035912605 | Head of Zeus | PB | R240

A beautifully illustrated story of dance, celebration, carnival and slavery, about a family understanding their past to change the future.

Greta Whiteshark Meets the Mermaids by Patrick Baggatta
9781962447270 | PGW | PB | R300

Stella & Marigold by Annie Barrows
9781797233819 | Chronicle | PB | R185



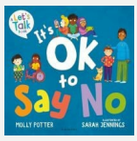
When Greta the shark-maid moves to live with mermaids, she hides her true self to fit in, until a crisis shows being herself is exactly what's needed.

From the creators of the *New York Times*–bestselling *Ivy + Bean* comes a fun and funny new series about two small sisters with very big imaginations.

Under the Sea Painting Kit by Mudpuppy
9780735383883 | Abrams | HB | R340

It's OK to Say No by Molly Potter
9781801995382 | Bloomsbury UK | HB | R310

The *Under The Sea Painting Kit* includes 10 sea-themed cards with built-in watercolour palettes, a brush, and perforated edges for easy painting and display.

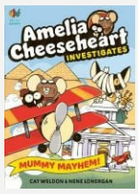


An important and reassuring picture book, perfect for starting conversations with young children about consent.

Amazing Facts for Curious Kids by Steve Martin
9781837250301 | Buster Books | PB | R175

Amelia Cheeseheart Investigates: Mummy Mayhem! by Cat Weldon
9781916558359 | Buster Books | PB | R240

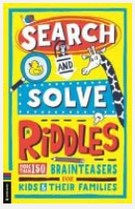
With tons of awesome things to discover and read about, this hilarious, info-packed book will keep kids laughing and learning for hours on end.



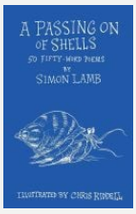
Each night after the museum closes, Amelia Cheeseheart and her friend Webster explore, until mysterious thefts in the Egyptian Room lead them to suspect Cleo the Cat Mummy!

Search and Solve Riddles by Gary Panton
9781837250479 | Buster Books | PB | R175

A Passing On of Shells by Simon Lamb
9781915252777 | Scallywag Press | PB | R265



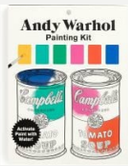
Filled with over 150 of the best riddlesaround, this fun and challenging puzzle book is designed to give kids' brains a workout.



Simon Lamb's dazzling debut collection of poetry, featuring fifty luminous poems, each written in exactly fifty words, fully-illustrated throughout by Chris Riddell.

Andy Wharhol Painting Kit by Mudpuppy
9780735383524 | Abrams | HB | R395

Frank Lloyd Wright Painting Kit by Mudpuppy
9780735383586 | Abrams | HB | R395



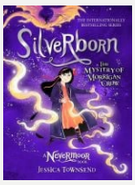
The *Andy Warhol Painting Kit* includes 10 cards featuring iconic Warhol prints, each with a built-in watercolour palette, brush, and perforated edges for easy painting and display.

The *Frank Lloyd Wright Painting Kit* includes 10 cards with geometric designs, built-in watercolour palettes, a brush, and perforated edges for easy painting and display.

10-12 YEARS OLD

Nevermoor 4: Silverborn by Jessica Townsend
9781510107373 | Orion | TPB | R360

How to Train Your Dragon Film Tie-In by Cressida Cowell
9781444980011 | Hodder | PB | R220



Enter the fantastically Wundrous world of Nevermoor - perfect for all adventurous young readers. Morrigan Crow has a dangerous choice to make in the fourth of this bestselling, award-winning series ...

Read the book that inspired the new DreamWorks live-action film *How to Train Your Dragon*, coming in 2025!

The House at the Edge of the World by Nadine Aisha Jassat
9781510111639 | Orion | PB | R250

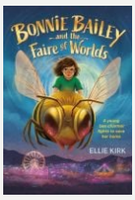
Spongebob Squarepants Mysteries: Find a Missing Star by David Lewman
9781419757730 | Abrams Books | PB | R235

A page-turning, lyrical mystery with a magical twist, perfect for fans of Matt Goodfellow, Onjali Q. Raúf and Disney"s *Encanto*. Featuring accessible text in verse and beautiful illustrations throughout.

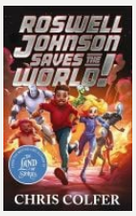
Uncover the mysteries of Bikini Bottom in an all-new middle-grade series featuring SpongeBob SquarePants and his friends—now in paperback!

Bonnie Bailey and the Faire of Worlds by Ellie Kirk
9781546007951 | Worthy Kids | HB | R195

Roswell Johnson Saves the World! by Chris Colfer
9781510202641 | Little Brown Books for Young Readers | PB | R170



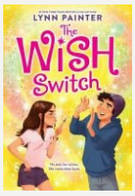
Join Bonnie Bailey as she enters a magical, world-traveling Faire in this epic middle-grade fantasy about finding your own strength.



The bestselling author of *The Land of Stories* and *A Tale of Magic* returns with a funny, heartfelt, action-packed adventure to save the world! Perfect for fans of *Guardians of the Galaxy*.

The Wish Switch by Lynn Painter
9780316578578 | Hachette USA | TPB | R195

How to Train Your Dragon Deluxe Edition by Cressida Cowell
9780316587235 | Hachette USA| HB | R425



Magic and mayhem collide in beloved #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lynn Painter's hilarious children's book debut, perfect for fans of Sarah Mlynowski and Wendy Mass.

How to Train Your Dragon is a beloved modern classic with millions of fans across the globe. Journey into the adventure that started it all for Hiccup and Toothless!

The Callers by Kiah Thomas
9781797228617 | Chronicle | PB | R210

The Battle of Farrowfell by Ravena Guron
9780571371242 | Faber | PB | R230

A riveting middle-grade novel that explores the amazing power of summoning objects into being that will capture fantasy and sci-fi lovers alike.

Jude Ripon must fight to defend Farrowfell in its darkest hour. The thrilling finale to the epic fantasy series from bestselling and award-winning author, Ravena Guron.

Vivi Conway and the Lost Hero by Lizzie Huxley-Jones
9781915820044 | Knights Of | PB | R235

Miss Mary-Kate Martin's Guide to Monsters: The Bother with the Bonkillyknock Beast by Karen Foxlee
9781782695608 | Pushkin | PB | R265

When Vivi Conway vanishes, her friends must unite, journey beyond the Unlands, and confront an ancient enemy to save her, and the world.

During a trip to a quiet Scottish castle for the Monster Hunters' Conference, Mary-Kate must investigate a mysterious attack that points to the local loch monster, but she suspects something even stranger is at play.

The Brightest Star by Meg Grehan
9781915071804 | Little Island Books | PB | R265

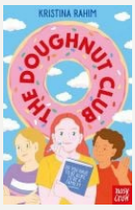
Ghost Town by Eric Colossal
9781419745850 | Abrams Books | PB | R375

As Stevie navigates the excitement and challenges of junior high with her best friends, everything changes when Andrew begins to pull away, unsure of who he is and how to share it with those who seem to have it all figured out.

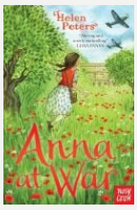
From author Eric Colossal comes an exciting new middle-grade graphic novel about friendship, growing up, and catching ghosts.

The Doughnut Club by Kristina Rahim
9781805133667 | Nosy Crow | PB | R240

Anna at War by Helen Peters
9781805136996 | Nosy Crow | PB | R240



A fresh take on family and what it means to fit in. Hugely commercial and filled with heart, this book is for every reader who needs help being true to themselves. Perfect for fans of Sarah Hagger-Holt and Benjamin Dean.



As war closes in, Anna flees to England only to be caught in a web of secrecy and betrayal, where proving her loyalty means risking everything for a daring plan.

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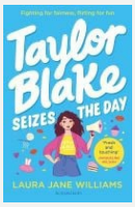
The Thrashers by Julie Soto
9780008707767 | Harper Fire | PB | R270

Somadina by Akwaeke Emezi
9780571383030 | Faber | PB | R260

When outsider Jodi is drawn into the glamorous world of the Thrashers, a classmate's death and rising suspicions force her to choose between loyalty and self-preservation.

A sweeping YA fantasy inspired by indigenous Igbo culture from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author – dibias, deities, magic and a twin hunting down her kidnapped brother.

Taylor Blake Seizes the Day by Laura Jane Williams
9781526668202 | Bloomsbury UK | PB | R245

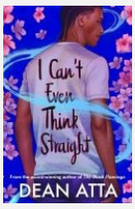


When a classmate falls seriously ill, Taylor sets out to make herself unforgettable—diving into bold new ventures and causes—while secretly hoping for a second chance at a kiss with Duncan.

Twin Crowns: Captain of Fates by Katherine Webber
9780008688523 | Electric Monkey | PB | R295

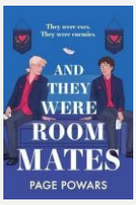
When Captain Marino Pegasi sets sail to find a cure for his ailing sister, he discovers far more than he expected, perhaps even his fate, in the depths beyond the horizon and the eyes of a mysterious mermaid.

I Can't Even Think Straight by Dean Atta
9781444960969 | Hodder | HB | R250



Big decisions and messy relationships. It's all part of life for Kai. A must-read queer coming of age story for fans of Sarah Crossan and *Sex Education*, written in verse.

And They Were Roommates by Page Powars
9781444968378 | Hodder | HB | R275



Young Royals meets *To All The Boys I've Loved Before* in this heartwarming and hilarious queer exes-to-lovers boarding school romance about two roommates, one secret and a lot of love letters.

Blades of Furry Volume 1 by Deya Muniz
9780316459938 | Hachette USA| TPB | R470

Enter the high-stakes world of battle skating in this rivals-to-lovers romance based on the spectacularly popular webcomic—now with an exclusive new bonus story!

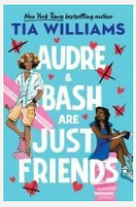
Leviathan Volume 3 by Shiro Kuroi
9781419778322 | Abrams | PB | R235

In the depths of space, a group of students is pitted against each other in a brutal battle for survival—a gripping sci-fi survival horror from rising star manga artist Shiro Kuroi.

Manhole Volume 3 by Tetsuya Tsutsui
9781419778346 | Abrams | PB | R580

A three-volume horror-thriller following two detectives as they untangle a string of mysterious deaths and come face to face with a much larger conspiracy.

Audre & Bash Are Just Friends by Tia Williams
9780316511087 | Hachette USA| HB | R425



Scorching-hot summer. Scorching-hot chemistry. Two teens can't forget they're just friends in this sweet, funny, electrifying romance from *New York Times* bestselling author Tia Williams.

Stay Dead by April Henry
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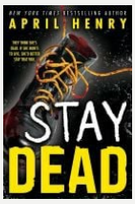

April Henry delivers a thrilling murder mystery featuring a teen with an assassin on her trail fighting to uncover the truth behind a government cover up, perfect for fans of Karen McManus.

You Are An Artist by Yinka Ilori
9781849769129 | Tate | HB | R355

With original, full-colour designs and 11 affirmations from the artist himself, this compact gift book offers guidance, clarity, and support for fulfilling your creative potential.

The Blind Bowman: Wildwood Rising by T.K. Hall
9781788453318 | David Fickling | PB | R300

T.K. Hall's epic fantasy reimagining of Robin Hood concludes in this heart-racing extravaganza of powerful storytelling brilliance.

When Love Gives You Lemons by Steven Salvatore
9781547615278 | Bloomsbury USA| HB | R470

In this exuberant YA romance from the critically acclaimed author of *And They Lived...*, a budding social media influencer sets out to win back his first love at a family wedding in an Italian lemon grove.

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