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CHILDREN'S HIGHLIGHTS

JULY

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

0-5 YEARS OLD

Klein Verkenners in die Vrye Natuur: Oerwoud deur Anne-Kathrin Behl
9781776194896 | Bouncy Ball | BB | R220

Verken die groot buitelewe in hierdie aksiebelaaide dierebordboeke met skuifblaaie op elke bladsy.

Klein Verkenners in die Vrye Natuur: Safari deur Anne-Kathrin Behl
9781776194889 | Bouncy Ball | BB | R220

Helder, pragtige kunswerke saam met vriendelike rymende dierefeite sal 'n liefde vir die natuur van die vroegste ouderdom af inspireer.

Big Outdoors for Little Explorers: Safari by Anne-Kathrin Behl
9781805131991 | Nosy Crow | BB | R210

Explore the big outdoors in these action-packed animal board books with sliders on every page.

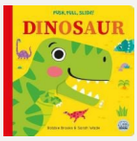
Oi Dinosaurs! by Kes Gray
9781444971828 | Hodder | PB | R220

Join Frog, Cat and Dog for oodles of prehistoric rhyming fun packed with dinosaurs, mammoths and - of course - prehistoric frogs!

Don't You Know It's Bedtime? by Lou Peacock
9781805135609 | Nosy Crow | PB | R240

Open the doors to meet Bear's friends in this sweet and simple story that helps everyone settle down at bedtime.

Push, Pull, Slide! Dinosaur by Bobbie Brooks
9781836160342 | Gemini | BB | R190

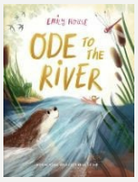


Explore and learn all about dinosaurs with this interactive book that's full of roar-some dinosaurs to move as you push, pull and slide the card tabs on the pages!

Push, Pull, Slide! Space by Bobbie Brooks
9781836160359 | Gemini | BB | R190

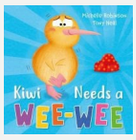
Explore and learn all about space with this interactive book that's full of out-of-this-world rockets, planets and astronauts to move as you push, pull and slide the card tabs on the pages!

Ode to the River by Emily House
9781037054402 | Imagnary House | PB | R285



High in the mountains where few people go, water is springing, beginning to flow. Join the river on a magical journey and uncover fascinating secrets hidden within its waters along the way.

Kiwi Needs a Wee-Wee by Michelle Robinson
9781444974164 | Hodder | PB | R220

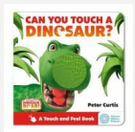


The perfect potty-training book for little ones – outrageously funny and gently reassuring in equal measure!

Poopicorn by Beach
9781398531956 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R235

The hilarious new story about having TOO much, problem-solving and truly magical bottoms!

Can You Touch a Dinosaur? by Peter Curtis
9781408373026 | Orchard | BB | R250



Can you touch a dinosaur? Read the rhyming text, touch the textured patches and learn fun facts about some of your favourite dinosaurs!

Make Tracks: Great Outdoors by Johnny Dyrander
9781805133858 | Nosy Crow | BB | R240

With five sliding counters to move and four habitats to explore, this is the perfect book for preschoolers who love to be in control of the story.

Toddler Talk: All Gone! by Carolina Buzio
9781805133391 | Nosy Crow | BB | R240

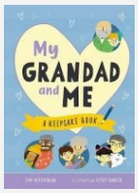
An exciting new series of first phrase board books to encourage communication with your toddler.

Toddler Talk: Let's Go! by Carolina Buzio
9781805133384 | Nosy Crow | BB | R240

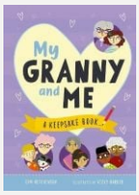
Have fun with this preschool board book series that meets children on their language learning journey.

My Grandad and Me by Sam Hutchinson
9781916851573 | BSmall | HB | R205

My Granny and Me by Sam Hutchinson
9781916851566 | BSmall | HB | R205



The perfect gift for children to share with their gramps, grandad or grandpa! From birthdays or Christmas to special holidays, this keepsake activity book is for you to fill in together and keep forever.



The perfect gift for children to share with their nan, gran, granny or grandma! From birthdays or Christmas to special holidays, this keepsake activity book is for you to fill in together and keep forever.

Octonauts Above & Beyond: The Ocean Rescue
9781408375341 | Orchard | PB | R220

Join Captain Barnacles, Kwazii and the Octonauts team in this exciting storybook adventure.

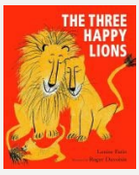
Marching Band by Kael Tudor
9781839948985 | Nosy Crow | PB | R240

Who wants to join the marching band? EVERYONE is welcome in this energetic, anarchic adventure!

There is No Giant in This Story by Lou Carter
9781526608208 | Bloomsbury | PB | R240

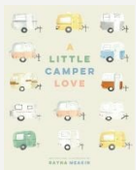
The big, scary giant has come down from his beanstalk, and he wants to play! But Jack, Cinderella, the Gingerbread Man and their friends are not so sure!

The Three Happy Lions by Louise Fatio
9781912650729 | Scallywag Press | PB | R235



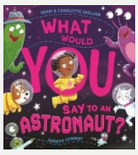
The proud parents are delighted with their new cub. But what profession could he have? How can they help launch him into the world?

Little Camper Love by Rayna Meakin
9781772035414 | PGW | PB | R425



A whimsical love letter to vintage camper vans that spreads positivity and kindness and celebrates individuality.

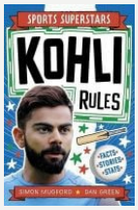
What Would You Say to an Astronaut? by Adam Guillain
9781444970661 | Hodder | PB | R220



Astronaut Grace and her dog Jojo race to Planet Woof through wild space adventures in this hilarious, action-packed picture book.

6-9 YEARS OLD

Sports Superstars: Kohli Rules by Simon Mugford
9781804538852 | Welbeck | PB | R195

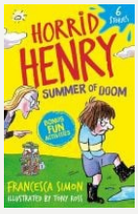


Discover how Virat Kohli's talent, dedication, and skill with the bat made him one of cricket's all-time greats.

Beast Quest Bind-Up: Fiery Beasts by Adam Blade
9781408374023 | Orchard | PB | R275

This bumper story collection contains three fantastic Beast Quest books. Join Tom and Elenna on their adventures as they battle three mighty Beasts and fight Evil on their mission to protect Avantia.

Horrid Henry: Summer of Doom by Francesca Simon
9781510113619 | Orion | PB | R220

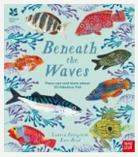


Horrid Henry loves the summer, but even the balmiest of summer days have a way of turning into chaos when he's around . . .

Escape Room: Game Zero by Christopher Edge
9781805135845 | Nosy Crow | PB | R240

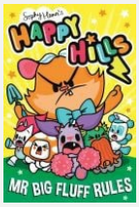
Discover an epic new world packed with puzzles, action, danger and bravery – a virtual escape room where anything is possible and nothing is as it seems…

Beneath the Waves by Lauren Fairgrieve
9781805131045 | Nosy Crow | HB | R385



Create your own 3D fish before discovering fascinating facts about each species, in this gorgeous gift book.

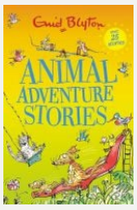
Happy Hills: Mr Big Fluff Rules by Sophy Henn
9781398524668 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R295



Welcome to HAPPY HILLS, where you'll find epic LOLS, dramatic ACTION scenes, a scattering of MILD PERIL, and MUCH MORE!

Animal Adventure Stories by Enid Blyton
9781444977592 | Hodder | PB | R220

The Time Machine Next Door: Artists and a Disappearing Dog by Iszi Lawrence
9781801997027 | Bloomsbury | PB | R240



These traditional tales are ideal for younger children being read to and for newly confident readers to read alone. Each story stands alone and is the perfect length for reading at bedtime or in the classroom.

When a runaway time machine scatters itself through famous artworks, Sunil and Alex race through history to piece it back together in this thrilling art adventure.

The Time Machine Next Door: Rebellions and Super Boots by Iszi Lawrence
9781801997010 | Bloomsbury | PB | R240

Ariana Treasure: The Lucky Shoes by Jacqueline de Rose-Ahern
9781761111846 | PGW | PB | R225

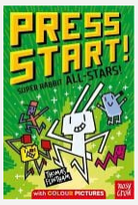
When a Monopoly dispute sparks a time-travel quest, Sunil and Alex visit famous inventors to discover how they really feel about their creations.

Ariana Treasure helps her friend Maya discover her unique talent just in time to impress her visiting grandfather at the school talent show.

Pluto Rocket: Full Blast! by Paul Gilligan
9781782695561 | Pushkin | PB | R265

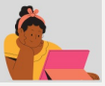
Press Start! Super Rabbit All-Stars! by Thomas Flintham
9781805134626 | Nosy Crow | PB | R210

Pluto Rocket and her all-knowing life coach Joe Pidge are back with a blast - and this time they are leaving the safety of their neighbourhood!



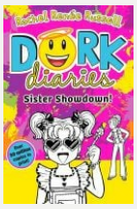
The eighth in a full-colour series of graphic novels about – and for – kids who love gaming! Join Sunny as he and Super Rabbit Boy take on the world, one move at a time!

10-12 YEARS OLD



Dork Diaries: Sister Showdown! by Rachel Renée Russell
9781398541207 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R240

Geomancer 2: The Storm and the Sea Hawk by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
9781510107861 | Orion | PB | R220



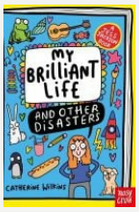
With just 72 hours to reinvent herself before Westchester Prep, Nikki must overcome her bratty sister's antics and an unexpected crisis to start the school year strong.

On the run with a rebellious princess and her sea wolf, Ysolda and her sea hawk Nara begin a quest to find a magic that could save—or destroy—the world.

Shadow Thieves by Peter Burns
9780008667818 | Farshore | PB | R235

My Brilliant Life and Other Disasters by Catherine Wilkins
9781805138099 | Nosy Crow | PB | R240

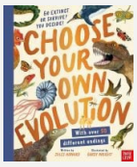
Heart-pounding adventure, thrilling heists, remote boarding schools full of ancient secrets waiting to be discovered and much much more…



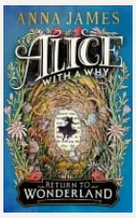
Best friends Jess and Nat face new challenges as Jess's rising comic fame strains their friendship and sparks a fierce rivalry with a new cartoonist. Perfect for fans of Lottie Brooks!

Choose Your Own Evolution by Jules Howard
9781839945533 | Nosy Crow | HB | R445

Alice With a Why by Anna James
9780008611477 | HarperCollins UK | HB | R320



Evolution as you've never seen it before! An incredible pick-your-own-path adventure through the story of life on Earth.



Enter an enchanting adventure through Wonderland. Starring new characters and old favourites, Alice With a Why is both a celebration of Lewis Carroll's beloved original story, and a modern masterpiece.

Transcendent 2: Dark Swarm by Patrick Gallagher
9781510112445 | Orion | PB | R220

Mayowa and the Sea of Words by Chibundu Onuzo
9781526661005 | Bloomsbury | PB | R240

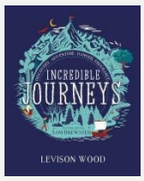
JOIN THE TEAM. SAVE THE WORLD. Join twin geniuses Jacob and Kira on an out-of-this-world mission to protect the planet in the second book in the Transcendent series.

The first title in a dazzlingly imaginative adventure trilogy about one girl's power to change the world through the magic of book-jumping.

Sandy Fin: Operation Splash Landing by Martin Stewart
9781035913855 | Head of Zeus | PB | R240

Meet ocean explorer Sandy Fin, silver-scaled diver of the deep, puzzler of puzzles and hero of a new madcap middle grade series from Martin Stewart, illustrated by Santy Gutierrez.

Incredible Journeys by Levison Wood
9781444982367 | Hodder | PB | R305



Join explorer Levison Wood on 20 epic adventures from ancient routes to modern missions, sharing what it's really like to follow history's greatest explorers.

The Lucky House Detective Agency by Scarlett Li
9781915820051 | Knights Of | PB | R235

At Lucky House takeaway, Felix, Isaac, and Nina launch their detective agency to solve the mystery of a broken money plant and a secret ancient coin.

The Dragonslayers by Bruce Coville
9781665971010 | Simon & Schuster USA| PB | R215

A brave squire, an earnest page, and a strong-willed princess set out on their own missions to slay the dragon—putting a fresh twist on classic tropes.

The Cronus Chronicles: The Shadow Thieves by Anne Ursu
9781665969734 | Simon & Schuster USA| PB | R270

Two cousins venture into the Underworld to save their classmates from a mysterious illness in this first book in the middle grade *Cronus Chronicles* series inspired by Greek mythology.

The Cronus Chronicles: The Siren Song by Anne Ursu
9781665969710 | Simon & Schuster USA| PB | R270

Charlotte and Zee get caught up in Poseidon's plan to avenge his progeny's defeat in this second book in the middle grade *Cronus Chronicles* series.

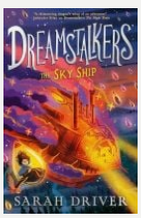
The Cronus Chronicles: The Immortal Fire by Anne Ursu
9781665969758 | Simon & Schuster USA | PB | R270

Charlotte and Zee get entangled in a conspiracy to take down Zeus in this thrilling third and final book in the middle grade *Cronus Chronicles* series.

What if You Fall for Me First? by G.F. Miller
9781665966443 | Simon & Schuster USA| PB | R240

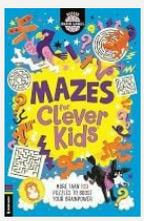
A girl determined to ditch her goody-two-shoes image and the cool guy classmate she enlists to help her get more than they bargained for in this relatable and swoon-worthy middle grade rom-com.

Dreamstalkers 2: The Sky Ship by Sarah Driver
9780008595050 | Farshore | PB | R235



The second novel in a brilliant fantasy adventure series from the best-selling author of *The Huntress* trilogy. Perfect for readers 8-12 and fans of Philip Pullman, Abi Elphinstone and Katherine Rundell.

Mazes for Clever Kids by Dr Gareth Moore
9781837250226 | Buster Books | PB | R180



There are all sorts of fun puzzles to help kids sharpen their cognitive, reasoning and memory skills – from shaped and themed mazes to warp, bridge and multi-floor mazes.

TEENS & YA

The Hero Complex by Helen Comerford
9781526667632 | Bloomsbury | PB | R270

Expect even more swoon, outrageous humour and epic battles in *The Hero Complex*, the sequel to Helen Comerford's Carnegie-nominated YA debut *The Love Interest*.

The Heart of the World by Amie Kaufman
9780861548118 | Oneworld | PB | R290

Magic and sacrifice collide as lovers and gods, enemies and allies vie for the fate of the world in this heart pounding sequel to *The Isles of the Gods*.

Good Luck and Other Lies by Catriona McKeown
9781761111969 | PGW | PB | R425

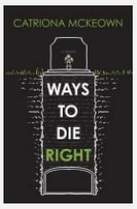
Game, Set, Matched by Ivy Bailey
9781398546882 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R265

Six high schoolers suddenly rich from a $50 million win must navigate a dangerous web of lies and deceit as they uncover the true cost of their fortune.

When Billie's twin collapses before a tennis qualifier, she reluctantly teams up with her rival Harley to chase their Wimbledon dreams —and sparks fly amidst the tension.

Ways to Die Right by Catriona McKeown
9781761112515 | PGW | PB | R300

Kickflip Vol. 1 by L.D. Lapinski
9781510112537 | Orion | TPB | R360

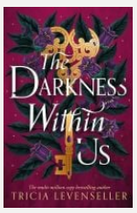


As Joel copes with his mom's cancer and grief over his sister's grave, he champions green burials in a school project—sparking conflict, self-discovery, and a fight for what he believes in.

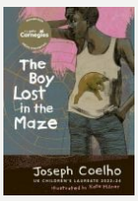
School girl. Skater boy. What if neither label fits? A poignant LGBTQ+ graphic novel about self-discovery, skateboarding and finding your true community of friends, perfect for fans of *Heartstopper*.

The Darkness Within Us by Tricia Levenseller
9781805331698 | Pushkin | PB | R295

The Boy Lost in the Maze by Joseph Coelho
9781915659750 | Otter-Barry Books | PB | R295



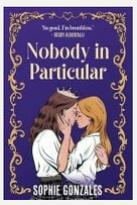
Chrysantha Stathos returns in the sequel to *The Shadows Between Us*, as a frustratingly handsome stranger claiming to be the grandson of her late husband arrives to make off with her inheritance.



A spellbinding novel told in poems, blending the ancient legend of Theseus and the Minotaur with the quest of a modern-day teenage boy to find his biological father.

Nobody in Particular by Sophie Gonzales
9781444982671 | Hodder | PB | R275

The Unexpected Consequence of Bleeding on a Tuesday by Kelsey B. Toney
9781444983388 | Hodder | PB | R275

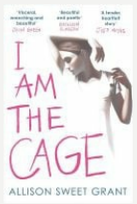


Rose is a disgraced princess. Danni is a scholarship student. They're also secretly in love. A scandalous sapphic royal romance, from the bestselling co-author of *If This Gets Out*.

Delia dreams of becoming the empathetic doctor she never had for her own period pain, but one mistake puts everything at risk in this funny, period-positive novel.

I Am The Cage by Allison Sweet Grant
9781836430896 | Oneworld | PB | R260

Skin by Deborah Kelly
9781761112454 | PGW | PB | R300



Humming with the possibility of new love and nostalgia for simpler times, *I Am the Cage* is a stunning portrait of a young woman's journey to find herself.

A relatable and easy read for teenagers and young adults about overcoming obstacles, navigating friendships and finding out that our worth is far more than just skin deep.

PUZZLES & ACTIVITIES

Minecraft Master Builder: Challenges
9781804538104 | Welbeck | PB | R275

Pandora in Puzzlevale: The Secret Town by Paul Duffield
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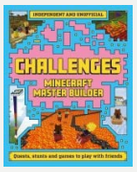

If you're playing Minecraft online with friends, you need this cool new collection of amazing Minecraft challenges!

Lost in the mysterious town of Puzzlevale, mystery-mad Pandora will need to solve riddles, puzzles and brain-bending clues to be reunited with her parents. Can she and Detective Crow triumph ...?

Baby's First Cloth Book: Cuddly Lion by Ingela P Arrhenius
9781805134930 | Nosy Crow | Cloth Book | R300

Unicorn Academy: Colouring Book
9781805135692 | Nosy Crow | PB | R180

A stand-out series of beautifully soft, black-and-white cloth books – with a crinkly page, buggy handle, felt flaps and a mirror!

Grab your glitter pens, saddle-up your unicorn, and bring your own rainbow magic to Unicorn Island with the official *Unicorn Academy Colouring Book*!

Stickerverse My First Sticker Book: Animals
9781917082624 | Gemini | PB | R120

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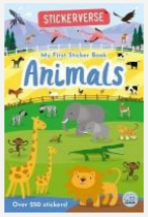
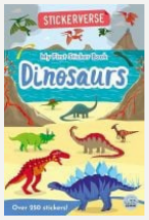


This fun-filled activity book features over 250 colourful animal stickers! Perfect for day-bags, vacations, travel, and sticker fun on the go.



From Triceratops and T. rex to Brachiosaurus and raptors, this informative dinosaur sticker book will keep children entertained for hours as they create their own Stickerverse.

Stickerverse My First Sticker Book: Farm
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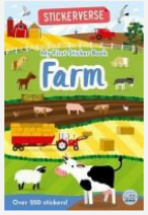

From cows and pigs to ploughing fields and harvest, this informative farm fun sticker book will keep children entertained for hours as they create their own Stickerverse.

From cars and trains to ships and planes, this informative things that go sticker book will keep children entertained for hours as they create their own Stickerverse.

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Until next time, happy reading.
René Erasmus