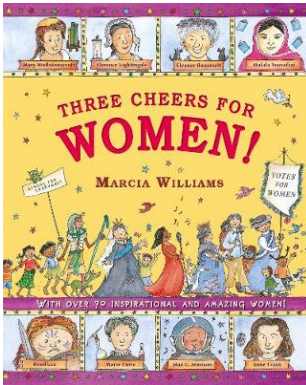


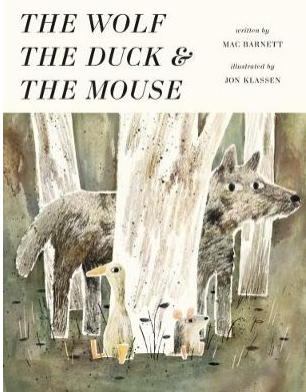
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Three Cheers for Women!

Author: Marcia Williams **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/11/2017 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

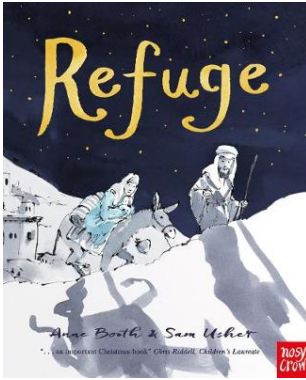
Three Cheers for Women is a hugely inspirational book for children. It is full of facts, quotes and jokes brought together in a really fun way to ensure you remember them. You may even feel having read about some of these women that one of them was you in an earlier life? Joan of Arc perhaps - the teenage warrior, Florence Nightingale or even Marie Curie - probably the most famous female scientist of the 19th & 20th century. This book could even be the catalyst to what you want to be when you grow up - a pioneer and adventurer, a leader and world-changer, a scientist that finds a cure for cancer or an environmentalist that stops global warming. Marcia Williams' much-loved comic-strip style will encourage even the most reluctant reader to enjoy this inspirational book packed with facts, quotes and jokes. So be inspired by these incredible women and think beyond the ordinary.



The Wolf, the Duck and the Mouse

Author: Mac Barnett **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 12/10/2017 **Year Groups:** Early Years

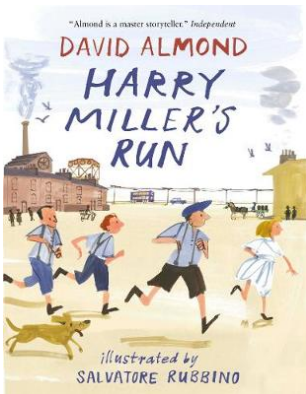
October 2017 Book of the Month | A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month
 October 2017 Award-winning duo, Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen are beloved for their trade mark dark humour in which nasty things happen and some unexpected results follow. Here, the Mouse is swallowed by the Wolf. But being swallowed by the Wolf turns out not to be such a bad thing after all. The Mouse finds the Duck is already comfortably at home in the Wolf's stomach and soon the pair are happy improving their dark but cosy home - with the unwitting help of the Wolf. After all, as the Duck says, "I live well. I may have been swallowed, but I have no intention of being eaten." As ever, Barnett and Klassen amusingly provoke readers to question apparent truths. ~ Julia Eccleshare
 Julia Eccleshare's Picks of the Month for October 2017
 A Skinful of Shadows by Frances Hardinge
 The Wolf, the Duck and the Mouse by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen
 Illegal by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin
 The Land of Neverendings by Kate Saunders
 The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell
 Pax by Sara Pennypacker and Jon Klassen
 Egyptomania by Emma Giuliani and Carole Saturno
 Father Christmas and Me by Matt Haig
 The Greatest Magician in the World by Matt Edmondson



Refuge

Author: Anne Booth **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/10/2016
Year Groups: Key Stage 1

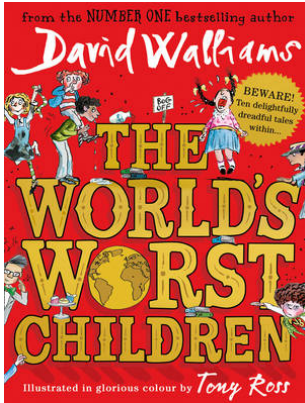
This beautiful picture book captures the absolute essence of Christmas, retelling the story of the Nativity through the eyes of the donkey, and presenting the Holy Family as refugees relying on the kindness of strangers for food and shelter. The text is gentle and reassuring for the youngest reader, and the illustrations, black and grey wash lit up by bold splashes of yellow, show the family as real people in a difficult and frightening situation. The final spread offers hope, and depicts the family gathered round a table with friends in Egypt, having found shelter. £1 from every sale will go to the charity War Child UK. ~ Andrea Reece Kate at Nosy Crow says: "I was watching the ongoing refugee crisis on the news a few weeks ago and desperately wanted to do something to help. Then Anne sent in her beautiful text. We read it, we cried and we knew we had found what we could do. I couldn't be more proud of everyone who is giving their time and skills for free to help us publish this beautiful book, to do what we can to help."



Harry Miller's Run

Author: David Almond **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/09/2016
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

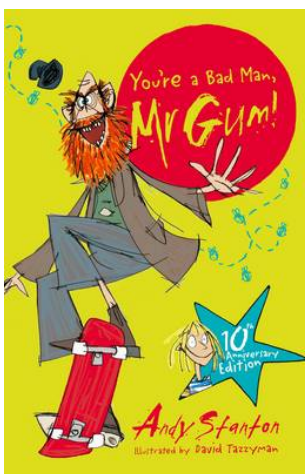
Longlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award Award-winning David Almond tells a lively story which captures the exuberance of a trio of lads and one girl who set off one hot summer morning to run from their homes in Newcastle to South Shields. There's no training, no special kit, no crowds – just the gang enjoying the freedom to run and the kindness of many who keep them fed and watered along the way. And it is a distance of thirteen miles so exactly half a marathon. Old Harry, now walking with a frame and on his way to a care home, tells young Liam, a boy in the present who has just got a place in the junior Great North Run, all about the trip and the magic of it. In doing so he shows a slice of a different kind of childhood set in David Almond's home ground of Newcastle and the surrounding area. In this beautifully produced new edition, Salvatore Rubbino's illustrations also capture the period and the sense of place brilliantly. ~ Julia Eccleshare



The World's Worst Children

Author: David Walliams **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 19/05/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

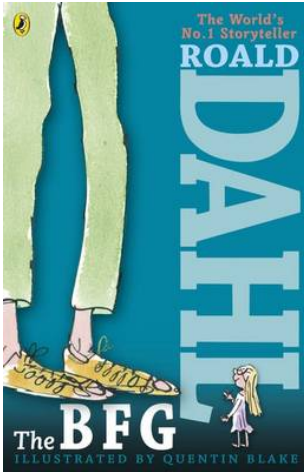
Julia Eccleshare's Book of the Month June 2016 Ten wickedly funny and wonderfully surreal stories of truly terrible children show best-selling David Walliams's amazing gift for spinning entertaining stories. Contained in a handsome edition and illustrated in colour throughout by Tony Ross, the worst children who are featured include Dribbling Drew, Peter Picker, Miss Petula Perpetual-Motion, Grubby Gertrude and Nigel Nit-Boy. Each child has an obvious revolting characteristic and each of their stories is hugely disgusting, richly inventive and cheerfully anarchic. Walliams has created a unique take on the classic cautionary tale. ~ Julia Eccleshare A message from David - "I loved writing this collection of stories, as I let my imagination run completely wild. There is a huge emphasis on surreal humour in this book. I hope children around the world will enjoy it, even the most reluctant reader." A Piece of Passion from Ann-Janine Murtagh, HarperCollins Children's Books Executive Publisher, "Children love surprises, and what a brilliant surprise to have a new and unexpected book from their hero: author David Walliams! A wonderfully Walliams twist on the classic cautionary tale, this is David's very first short story collection and demonstrates just what a genius storyteller he is, with every story fizzing with the power of his unique and incredible imagination. And, for the first time, we will publish Walliams' fiction in glorious colour with illustrations blazing throughout by Tony Ross. These stories are a joy and will have children everywhere reading all summer long. Only David Walliams could deliver such a wonderful book as such a terrific surprise." Julia Eccleshare's Picks of the Month for June 2016 The World's Worst Children by David Walliams Seacrow Island by Astrid Lindgren The Boy at the Top of the Mountain by John Boyne A Stitch in Time by Penelope Lively Street Child by Berlie Doherty Fenn Halflin and the Fearzero by Francesca Armour-Chelu The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster



You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!

Author: Andy Stanton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 25/02/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

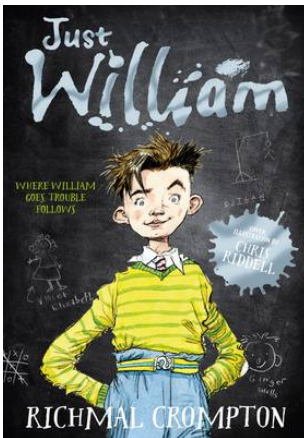
Winner of the Blue Peter Prize 2007 'Most Fun Story with Pictures.' **Shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award 2007 and Joint winner of the Richard and Judy "Developing" 7+ category** Mr Gum may well be a 'bad man' but rest assured the author Mr Stanton is a 'funny man'. There's a wonderful sense of humour throughout. Fans of Roald Dahl will love it. This special edition comes with lots of stickers, a brand new bonus story and an exclusive introduction from the author.



The BFG

Author: Roald Dahl **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/09/2007
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

This is a delightful, funny and exciting story about a special friendship between two people from different worlds – a giant and a child. As the story develops it shows how trust and love develops between them. It also shows that bullying must not be tolerated and Dahl is at his might best here by eventually ensuring the big bad giants get their comeuppance whilst the big friendly giant wins the day alongside the little girl Sophie. The text is perfectly complemented with illustrations by Quentin Blake. Unbelievably moving. [Click here to see our Favourite Top 10 Dahl Books Perfect for Reluctant Readers as well as keen readers.](#) To view other titles we think are suitable for reluctant readers please [click here](#).

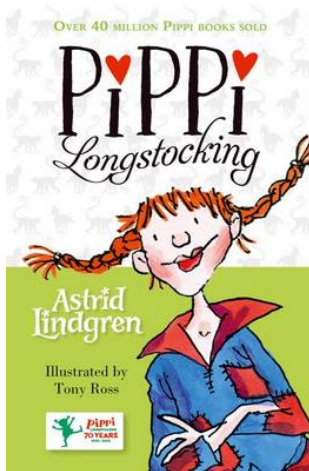


Just William

Author: Richmal Crompton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 13/08/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Everyone's favourite troublemaker, William Brown, is back. Now with a brand-new cover look illustrated by Chris Riddell this is a new edition of Just William, the very first collection of stories about a redoubtable boy who is always in one scrape or another, captures the spirit of the period in which it was originally published but also shows how timeless the hilarious collection of stories are too. Whether it's trying to arrange a marriage for his sister or taking a job as a boot boy as step one in his grand plan to run away, William manages to cause chaos wherever he goes. A Piece of Passion from the Editorial Director, Gaby Morgan - "I love William Brown, Richmal Crompton's scruffy, incorrigible hero. I want to join his gang, the Outlaws, and roam about with Ginger, Henry and Douglas. He is very, very funny, and ninety-six years after his first appearance William is still delighting fans with his well-meant plans that always go awry, and his endless optimism. If William wants something he will find a way to make it happen and when things go wrong, as they always do, he will think of a way, however unconventional, of 'sorting it out'. I am reassured and comforted by his long-suffering family. His forgiving mother and unimpressed father; his glamorous sister, Ethel, forever being courted by suitors; his uptight brother; his excellent dog, Jumble, and an endless supply of cousins and aunts. He has come to symbolize a particular vision of childhood – a scruffy, confident boy who spends his time outside planning and playing, leaving a trail of chaos and mayhem in his wake." In March 2010 our was Guest Editor Michael Foreman, he shares his memories of Just William: "When I was about eight years old I joined the Life Boys. The Life Boys were to the Boys' Brigade what the Wolf Cubs are to the Boy Scouts, only with better uniforms (little sailor suits.) One year, to raise funds, it was decided we should put on a production of Just William in the Church Hall. Unfortunately, I was given the role of Violet Elizabeth Bott! However, we

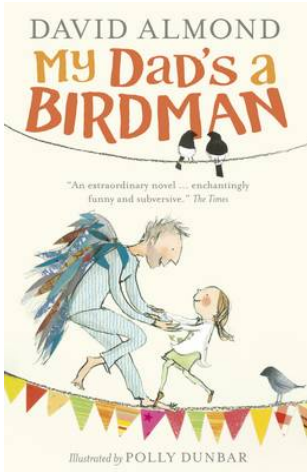
all became 'William' fans. We identified with him - even though he was posher than us. He was wild and fiercely loyal to his gang members and followed by any stray dogs. Just like us." and in October 2011 Guest Editor Roddy Doyle also chose Just William as a favourite book. "A rough boy in a posh house - it's a great combination. This book is both quietly and out-loud funny. William's adventures are very funny, but his philosophy and outlook are hilarious and consistently direct; the adult world just can't budge him. I loved William when I was a boy, and think I might like him even more today. All the world's leaders should read JUST WILLIAM - quick!" 'Sue Townsend learned to read with Just William: I learned to read during the three weeks I was away from school with a spectacular case of mumps. (Mumps were mumps in the 1950s.) My mother went to a rummage sale and came back with a pile of William books written by Richmal Crompton, a person I assumed to be a man. I looked at the illustrations and laughed, then I tried to read the captions underneath these delightful scratchy drawings. My mother helped me out, and slowly and mysteriously the black squiggles turned into words which turned into sentences, which turned into stories. I could read. There should have been a 100-gun salute. The Red Arrows should have flown overhead. The night sky should have blazed with fireworks. I joined the library thirsting after more William books. I read one a day and then two a day, then I ran out and fumbled along the library shelves pulling out books at random. Nothing was ever as good as William, but the die was cast, I was addicted to print.' The Guardian



Pippi Longstocking

Author: Astrid Lindgren **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 01/01/1970 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

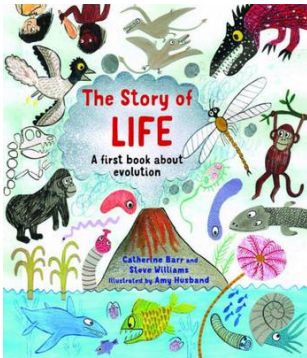
Not to be missed, this is a newly translated edition of this classic story about a wonderful little girl. Pippi Longstocking is nine years old; she lives alone with a horse and a monkey and spends her days having wonderfully imaginative adventures with her friends. Once hooked on Pippi, readers will find she's a character that will never be forgotten. Perfect for children just setting out on the wonderful experience of reading alone. Be sure to check out the lovely hardback gift edition of this title from Oxford University Press.



My Dad's a Birdman

Author: David Almond **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/04/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Join a father and daughter as they find their wings together and take to the skies in this funny, tender tale from the master of contemporary storytelling.



The Story of Life

Author: Catherine Barr, Steve Williams **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 05/03/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

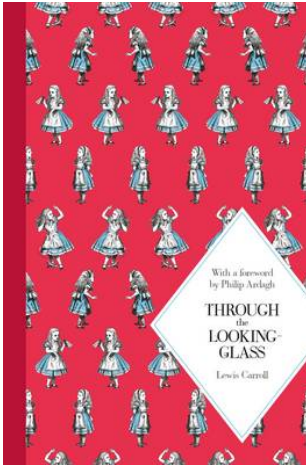
Shortlisted for the English Picture Book Award 2016 This is an exciting and dramatic story simply told in words and pictures about how life began and developed on Planet Earth, written especially for younger children. How the first living cell was created, how the cells multiplied, created simple living things which dragged themselves out of the water into swampy forests that eventually became dinosaurs and then us. With delightful illustrations including lots of detail and humour, all carefully researched and checked, this book shows the development of life on Earth in a truly accessible and simple way.



Dreams of Freedom

Author: Amnesty International **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 05/03/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

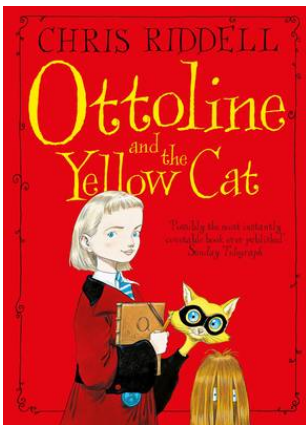
Shortlisted for the English Picture Book Award 2016 Powerful and moving, this collection of some of the most famous quotes about freedom including the words of Aung San Suu Kyi and Nelson Mandela make thoughtful statements about the global fight for human rights. Illustrators including Chris Riddell, Oliver Jeffers and Shane Evans have contributed stunning illustrations capturing the different ways of being free.



Through the Looking Glass: Macmillan Classics Edition

Author: Lewis Carroll **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/02/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

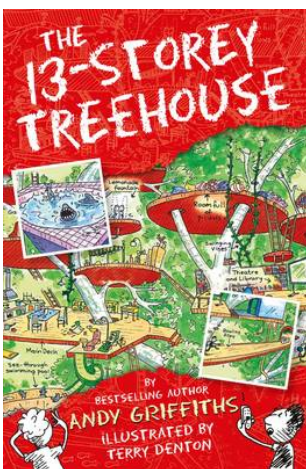
Celebrating 150 years of Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Alice's second adventure takes her through the looking-glass to a place even curiouser than Wonderland. She finds herself caught up in the great looking-glass chess game and sets off to become a queen. It isn't as easy as she expects: at every step she is hindered by nonsense characters who crop up and insist on reciting poems. Some of these poems, such as 'The Walrus and The Carpenter' and 'Jabberwocky', are as famous as the Alice stories themselves.



Ottoline and the Yellow Cat

Author: Chris Riddell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/02/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

The first book in Chris Riddell's much-loved Ottoline series. Now in paperback for the first time. A glorious adventure fantasy told in words and loads of Chris Riddell's fabulous pictures, this tells how Ottoline, who loves solving puzzles, and her friend Mr Munro, a cat with a distinct personality and a number of foibles, set out to resolve the mystery of the lapdogs who are being stolen from all over town. A beautiful book to read or even just to hold. Shortlisted for the prestigious 2008 Kate Greenaway Medal. Winner of the 2007 Nestle Children's Book Prize Gold Award (6-8 category)



13-Storey Treehouse

Author: Andy Griffiths **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/01/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Best-selling Australian author/illustrator Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton have created a fantastical treehouse which will tickle the imagination of all readers. It's a house with everything - and if there is something it lacks, it can easily be created! The guys are full of crazy and inventive ideas some of which have very unexpected and disastrous results. When Andy and Terry aren't having fun in their tree house doing terrible things like turning their neighbour's cat into a canary they are meant to be writing a book! The jokes about the book being created within a book are good.



My Life as a Goldfish And Other Poems

Author: Rachel Rooney **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/10/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

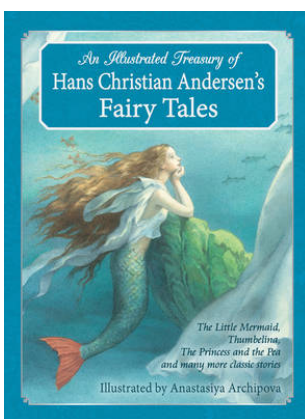
Shortlisted for 2015 CLPE Poetry Award - the only award in the UK for published children's poetry - Chosen as one of the Top Ten Best New Books for Children 2015 by Andrea Reece. A list of top books for children wouldn't be complete without a poetry book and I've chosen this new collection from Rachel Rooney, who won the 2012 CLPE Poetry Prize. Rooney is a very exciting new voice. There are poems here on a range of subjects and themes, including some about poetry itself. Mostly short, often rhyming, they play affectionate games with language. There are laugh out loud poems, and lots for sharing, but this is also collection to take into a quiet corner and relish. ~ Andrea Reece



The Arrival

Author: Shaun Tan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/10/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Selected by a distinguished independent panel of experts including our editorial expert, Julia Eccleshare, for Diverse Voices - 50 of the best Children's Books celebrating cultural diversity in the UK. The Arrival has become one of the most critically acclaimed books of recent years, a wordless masterpiece that describes a world beyond any familiar time or place.



An Illustrated Treasury of Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales The Little Mermaid, Thumbelina, the Princess and the Pea and Many More Classic Stories

Author: Hans Christian Andersen **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 18/09/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

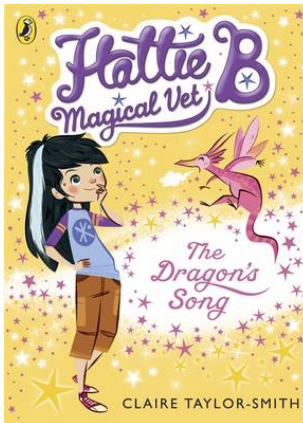
This beautiful collection of Andersen's best-loved fairy tales, sumptuously illustrated, is designed for little hands and will make a stunning addition to any bookshelf. Each story is brought to life with charming illustrations by acclaimed Russian artist Anastasiya Archipova, illustrator of dozens of children's books. With full colour illustrations integrated with the text on every page this is a great collection for parents to share with their youngsters at bedtime and for older kids to pore over in later years.



Gobbolino the Witch's Cat

Author: Ursula Moray Williams **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/07/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

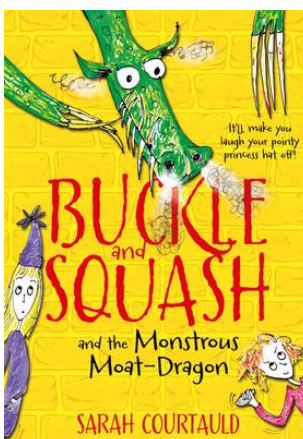
With his bright blue eyes and sparky magical whiskers, no one could mistake Gobbolino for a kitchen cat, but that's exactly what he longs to be. So, while his sister Sootica learns to turn mice into toads, Gobbolino sets off on a grand adventure to find a nice warm fire and a family to care for him.



Hattie B, Magical Vet: The Dragon's Song (Book 1)

Author: Claire Taylor-Smith **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/07/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

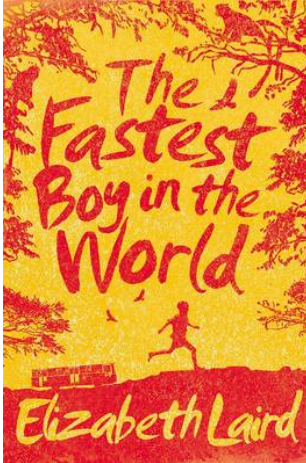
Hattie B, Magical Vet: The Dragon's Song (Book 1), is the first in a brand new magical series for girls. Discover a secret world of fairy-tale creatures! Hattie B is inspired by a little girl called Harriet, who once asked 'where do unicorns and dragons go when they're unwell?' Her mum, Lindsay Taylor, and their friend, Suzanne Smith thought long and hard and suddenly realised - a magical vet of course! With this twinkle of an idea they met the writer Claire Baker and together they created the Kingdom of Bellua - and the pen name Claire Taylor-Smith.



Buckle and Squash and the Monstrous Moat-dragon

Author: Sarah Courtauld **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/07/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

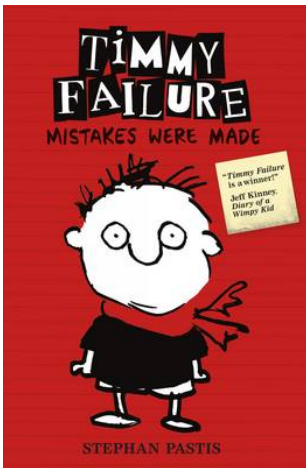
July 2014 Book of the Month Knights and princesses and swords and dragons all feature in this hugely entertaining story about two very different sisters, Eliza and Lavender. While Eliza dreams of being a hero, Lavender thinks only of being swept off her feet by a handsome prince. Since the girls live on a farm in The Middle of Nowhere in The Forgotten Corner of the Kingdom neither has much chance of their dreams coming true...Or do they? Many hilarious adventures later, the girls are older and a little bit wiser!



The Fastest Boy in the World

Author: Elizabeth Laird **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/06/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

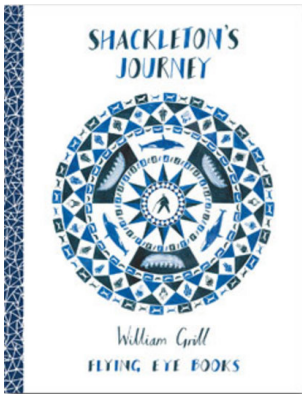
Shortlisted for the 2015 CILIP Carnegie Medal - Shortlisted for the Scottish Children's Book Awards 2015 8-11 age category In a beautifully told story packed with emotion and action, Elizabeth Laird tells how eleven-year-old Solomon turns his dreams of becoming an International runner into reality. Solomon runs everywhere – and always especially fast to school. He knows he is good and is convinced that he could join the roster of the great Ethiopian runners but he also knows that growing up in a small village, he'll never have the chance to train as an elite athlete. When Solomon's grandfather insists that he accompanies him on a trip to Addis Ababa, everything in his life changes. Solomon's story is funny, touching and inspiring.



Timmy Failure Mistakes Were Made

Author: Stephan Pastis **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/06/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

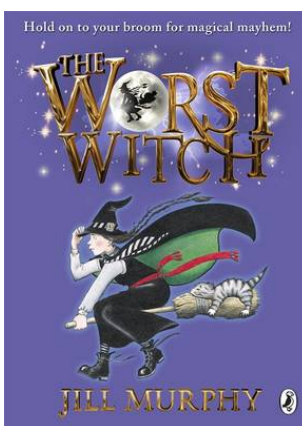
Wimpy Kid fans will love this new boy-diary with a difference. Saddled with the name Timmy Failure, our narrator has clearly been dealt a tough hand. Luckily, he has a perky temperament and is not easily deflected from his ambitions. Timmy founds Total Failure Inc, the best detective agency in town. Or is it??? Young readers will enjoy spotting Timmy's rookie errors which are wittily conveyed in both the words and the engaging illustrations. In addition to our Lovereading expert opinion for Timmy Failure a small number of children were lucky enough to be invited to review this title. Here's a taster....'This is one of the best books I've read in a long time. It is really funny... Anyone who likes 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' or 'Mr Gum' will like this book, I think it is even better.'.... Scroll down to read more reviews... [CLICK HERE](#) to download a Schools Reading Guide for this book.



Shackleton's Journey

Author: William Grill **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/01/2014
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

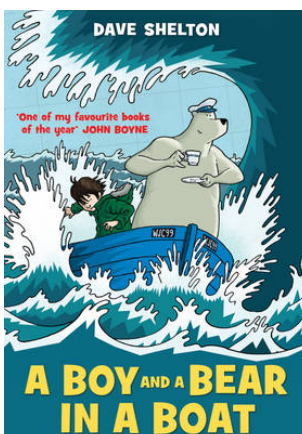
Winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal 2015 Greenaway Medal winning debut from William Grill whose images range from tiny vignettes to sweeping frozen vistas which, together with an absorbing narrative, tells the powerful story of the ill fated voyage.



The Worst Witch

Author: Jill Murphy **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/09/2013
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

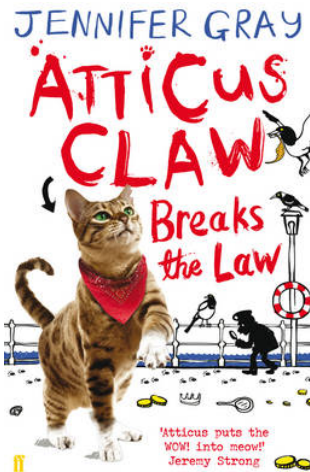
The trials and tribulations of a disastrous new girl at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches a gloriously witchy boarding school, The Worst Witch has magic galore. Unfortunately for Mildred Hubble, most of it has a habit of going badly wrong. Her broomstick won't fly straight, her cat is tabby not black and she manages to turn her arch-enemy into a toad. Nice short chapters with stunning illustrations also by Jill Murphy make this a perfect first reader. In addition to our Lovereading expert opinion for The Worst Witch a small number of children were lucky enough to be invited to review this title. Here's a taster... 'Mildred Hubble chews on her plaits, wears her hat back to front and her shoe laces trail on the floor. She is worst witch in her school but it isn't her fault.' - Jemima Foyster. Scroll down to read the full review...



A Boy and a Bear in a Boat

Author: Dave Shelton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 14/03/2013
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

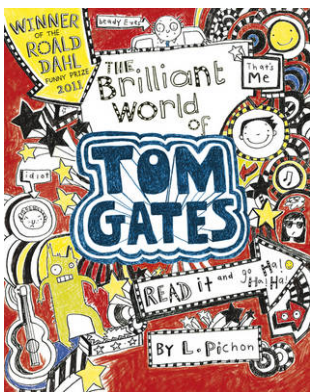
Winner of the Branford Boase Award 2013, the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2013 & the Costa Children's Book Awards 2012 An amazing adventure follows when a boy takes what he thinks will be a short ride in a boat with a bear. But the ride is not a short one... Soon, the boat is in the middle of an empty sea and the bear is struggling with a map and searching the horizon with a telescope. Luckily the boy has brought some food with him as together, the boy and the bear deal with impenetrable mist, a terrifying sea monster and even the remains of a disgusting sandwich in this humorous and gentle journey of survival and self-discovery.



Atticus Claw Breaks the Law

Author: Jennifer Gray **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/09/2012
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

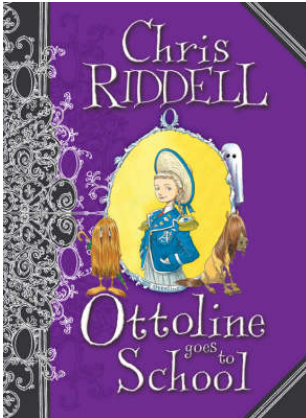
Winner of the 2014 Red House Children's Book Awards Best Book for Younger Readers - Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2013 Atticus Claw is a cat with a background. And not in a good way... Atticus Claw is the world's leading cat burglar and, when he's approached by the equally criminal Jimmy Magpie to steal all the sparkling gems in Littleton-on-Sea, the pair looks set for a life of crime. But then Atticus Claw meets Inspector Cheddar and his family and soon he sees there is more to life than crime... Told with a light touch, this is an attractively witty story with great animal characters. Perfect for fans of Humphrey the Hamster and other madcap animal adventures, the hilarious but loveable rogue Atticus will keep readers guessing as he tries to decide whether his cat burglar days are over for good!



The Brilliant World of Tom Gates

Author: Liz Pichon **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/04/2011
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

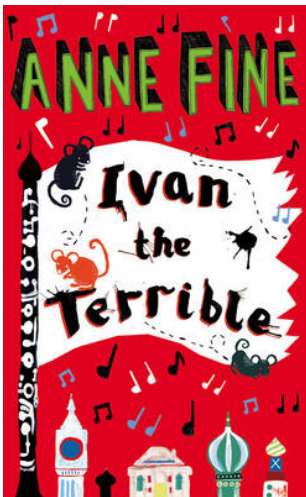
Winner of the Red House Children's Book Award 2012 (Younger Readers Category). Winner of 7 - 14 category of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2011. A LoveReading4kids 'Great Read' you may have missed 2011 selection. "These two books are master classes in how to write and how to draw funny," said Roald Dahl Funny Prize chair of judges, author Michael Rosen. Click here to see the winner of the 6 and under category. Fans of the Wimpy Kid will delight in the hilarious adventures of Tom Gates! Fantastic fun told in words and pictures, Tom Gates, a master of excuses, expert doodler, comic story writer extraordinaire - introduces his life including his sister Delia whom he torments mercilessly, his best-friend Derek, the problems he has at school - and much, much more. It is a delight of a reading experience with all the fun of decoding the pictures as well as reading the words. There's a special Tom Gates blog too, which you can visit by clicking here.



Ottoline Goes To School

Author: Chris Riddell **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/02/2008
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

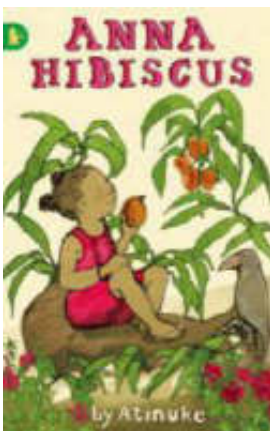
Shortlisted for the prestigious Sheffield Children's Book Award 2009 A wonderful quirky mystery adventure that follows the story of Miss Ottoline Brown, the inquisitive Mistress of Disguise, and her partner in crime, her hairy and helpful friend, Mr Munroe, first introduced in Ottoline and the Yellow Cat. No secret is ever too scary (eventhough the school is more than a bit scary for Munroe) for the two of them to discover together as well as puzzles to solve. Riddell's sumptuous illustrations interspersed throughout the text make this ideal for 7-9 year olds as well as younger children whose parents want to read it with their child. It really is a beautiful production of a book – something to truly treasure and return to in years to come. A classic is born.



Ivan The Terrible

Author: Anne Fine **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/01/2008
Year Groups: Key Stage 1

Winner of the 6-8 Nestle Silver Award 2007. As with all Anne Fine novels for whatever age, this one would be good for anyone of 6 or 7 upwards, you get great writing coupled with a great storyline. When Boris is landed with the job of being the new boy's interpreter, he little realises just how much trouble he is in for. Ivan may speak no English but that's not going to stop him from making his mark. Can Boris keep Ivan under control especially when he threatens to make his classmates slaves?

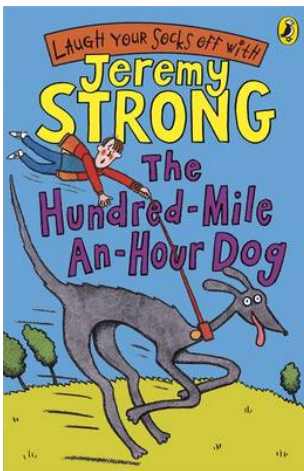


Anna Hibiscus

Author: Atinuke **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/10/2007 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award 2008. Original and understated, this charming depiction of modern-day family life in west Africa is the debut from a fresh, new storytelling voice. Pacy and engaging Anna Hibiscus is perfect for the newly independent reader and extensively illustrated to build reader confidence. Comments from the judges of this year's Branford Boase, Best Debut Novel of the Year Award: Nikki Gamble: "This year a large number of books were submitted for the awards and the judges noted an increase in established adult writers producing first novels for children. These trends reflect the increased profile of children's books in the press and media as well as the commercial success. The books selected for the

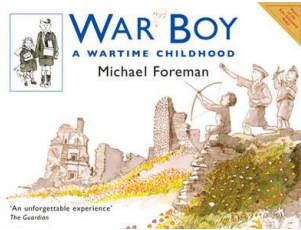
shortlist are marked by their distinctive voices and authentic feeling for child or teenage readers. They are accessible but explore profound themes in the context of a story well told". Linda Buckley-Archer: "With its aim of recognising the author of the best debut novel for children and its editor(s), The Branford Boase Award continues to highlight and promote the next generation of children's fiction writers. The 2008 shortlist represents some fascinating new voices across a variety of genres which are sure to excite and challenge readers. The judges noted a tendency on this year's longlist away from fantasy and towards history and social realism." Trish Beswick: "We were delighted to find a spread of intelligent fiction submitted, eliciting spirited discussion amid the good humour and agreements. One-size-fits-all cannot and does not belong in the world of writing for children, and the complacent and bland were quickly cast aside. My thanks to the other judges for a booky, sparky afternoon!" Ian Dodds: "The nominations for the 2008 Branford Boase Award yet again demonstrate the full range of new writing talent for children and young people. All the writers on this year's shortlist have distinct voices and all are adept at creating stories that will grip, excite and challenge young readers. Good writing for young people is vitally important and this shortlist proves that."



The Hundred mile an hour Dog

Author: Jeremy Strong **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 04/01/2007 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Chosen as the Puffin Modern Classic 1990 - 1999. A World Book Day 'Recommended Read' for 2011 Featuring a boy, an extremely fast family pet dog and a bet, this is very definitely laugh-out-loud funny and chock full of action and adventure during what might otherwise have been a rather boring summer holiday. Reading this will certainly bring more than just a smile to those who read it. Fantastic. And, don't forget if you enjoy this one the super-fast dog and his friend return in a further adventure, The Return of the Hundred Mile An Hour Dog. [Click here to see more hilarious Jeremy Strong titles...](#)



War Boy A Wartime Childhood

Author: Michael Foreman **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 28/10/2004 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

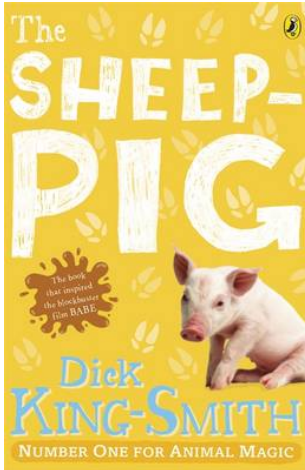
Brilliantly observed in words and pictures, War Boy is a first hand, eye-witness view of growing up in World War Two. Michael Foreman grew up in Lowestoft where bombing raids causing terrible damage were common as planes flew in over the North Sea. But amid the real dangers, Foreman and his friends made the best of their extraordinary circumstances enjoying a childhood with many familiar ingredients such as playing loads of football and belonging to different gangs and many unfamiliar ones including spotting and identifying enemy planes, playing ping pong on Morrison shelters and making rude noises with their gas masks. Perfect for Reluctant Readers as well as keen readers. To view other titles we think are suitable for reluctant readers please click [here](#). Love Reading adds: War Boy is a modern classic that combines a touching personal story with factual information and wonderful illustrations. Wartime is brought vividly to life and interweaved with plenty of Michael Foreman's personal childhood memories including when the bomb came through the roof. Reading this is an unforgettable experience. Winner of the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal. Other titles in this series of books set in, around and after the two world wars of the 20th century by Michael Foreman include, After the War was Over, War Game, War Boy, Farm Boy and Billy the Kid.



Please Mrs. Butler Verses

Author: Allan Ahlberg, Julia Eccleshare **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/03/2003

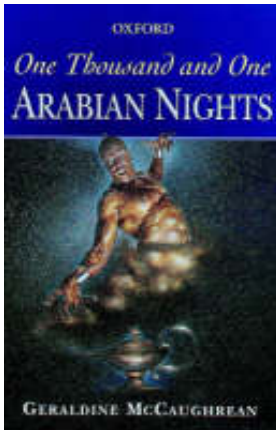
Age 7+. This funny collection of poems for the 8-11 age group is all about one school. The verses cover such things as playtime, the school outing, the school nurse, French lessons, the three R's, nicknames, best friends - and a host of other topics all familiar within the school context.



The Sheep-Pig

Author: Dick King-Smith **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 06/02/2003 **Year Groups:** Early Years

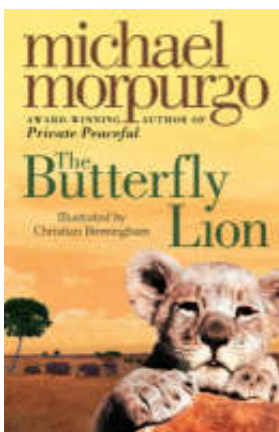
The magic of a special animal is perfectly captured in the heroic antics of Babe, a piglet with a difference. The runt of a litter, Babe arrives on the farm where he is trained by the sheep dog along with her own puppies. And Babe turns out to be a genius at it. His secret? Babe treats the sheep with courtesy and respect. A farmyard story with a difference, The Sheep-Pig is an exciting and unexpected adventure.



One Thousand And One Arabian Nights

Author: Geraldine McCaughrean **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 15/07/1999 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

A completely original version of the Arabian Nights Stories by award-winning author Geraldine McCaughrean. In order to delay her inevitable execution, Queen Shaharazad tells her murdering husband, King Shahryar, an exciting story every night. She tells her wonderful stories until the King realizes that he won't be able to live without them...

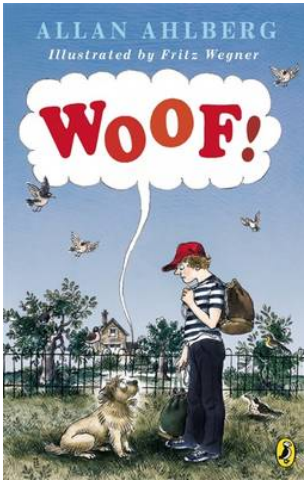


The Butterfly Lion

Author: Michael Morpurgo **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 07/05/1996 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

The inspiring magic of a white lion brings friendship and hope to a lonely ten year old. Miserable at his boarding school, Bertie runs away. He is rescued by a kind old lady who tells him of how another Bertie, a little boy from a long time before, saved an orphaned lion cub in Africa. The symbol of the white lion becomes an emblem of hope as well as a link across generations. Michael Morpurgo is skilful in weaving together magical and real stories. ~ Julia Eccleshare The Lovereading view: One of our 'Must Reads'. We're told by the author that The Butterfly Lion grew from several magical roots: the memories of a small boy who tried to run away from school a long time ago; a book about a pride of white lions discovered by Chris McBride; a chance meeting in a lift with Virginia McKenna, actress and champion of lions and all creatures born free; a true story of a soldier of the First World War who rescued some circus animals in France from certain death; and the sighting from a train of a white horse carved out on a chalky hillside near Westbury in Wiltshire. A book to savour and to read and re-read time and time again.

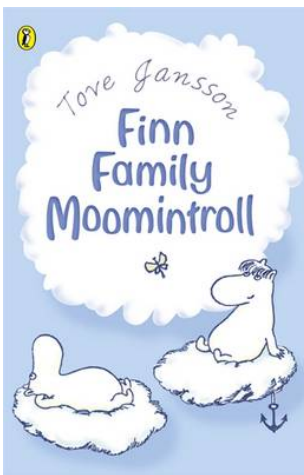
The whole family will be enthralled by its powerful and gripping story and will weep and cheer by turns.



Woof!

Author: Fritz, Ahlberg, Allan Wegner **Format:** Paperback (b Format)
Release Date: 24/09/1987 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

When ten-year-old Eric Banks is suddenly transformed into a playful Norfolk terrier, he must discover the reasons for the change and adapt to life as a dog.



Finn Family Moomintroll

Author: Tove Jansson **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 26/11/1970 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

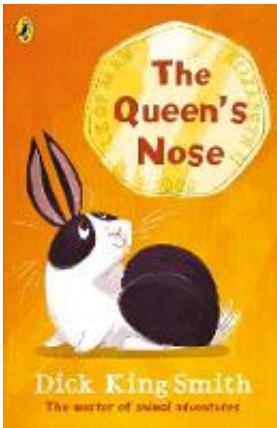
Although they're small, fat and shy creatures, Moomins have the most amazing adventures. It all begins when Moominpappa tries on a magic hat that makes exciting and funny things happen. Katy Guest, literary editor for The Independent on Sunday on the Moomin books: "A fantasy series for small children that introduces bigger ones to ideas of adventure, dealing with fear, understanding character and tolerating difference."



The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

Author: Jon Scieszka **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 31/10/1991

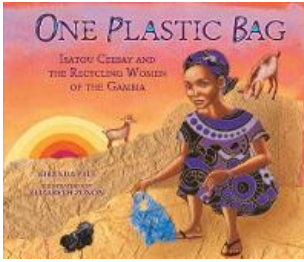
A hilarious retelling of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka. You may think you know the story of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf - but only one person knows the real story. And that person is A. Wolf. His tale starts with a birthday cake for his dear old granny, a bad head cold and a bad reputation. The rest (as they say) is history. A hilariously inventive retelling of the popular story which Publishers Weekly called the 'Funniest book of the year'. Jon Scieszka began to train as a doctor but left to take a course in fiction writing at Columbia University and to become a teacher. He lives in Brooklyn and spends his time writing and talking about books. Lane Smith, an acclaimed author/illustrator, has achieved major success in his collaborations with Jon Scieszka. He also provided the original concept and illustrations for the hit film James and the Giant Peach. He lives in New York. Also by Jon Scieszka: The True Story of the Three Little Pigs; The Frog Prince, COntinued; The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales; The Book that Jack Wrote; Math Curse; Squids will be Squids; Baloney; Science Verse; Seen Art?; Cowboy and Octopus; Walt Disney's Alice in Wonderland; Robot Zot; Knights of the Kitchen Table; The Not-so-Jolly Roger; The Good, the Bad, and the Goofy; Your Mother was a Neanderthal; 2095; Tut Tut; Summer Reading s Killing Me; It's all Greek to Me; See You Later, Gladiator; Sam Samurai; Hey Kid, Want to Buy a Bridge?; Viking it and Liking it; Me oh Maya; Da Wild, Da Crazy, Da Vinci; Marco? Polo!



The Queen's Nose

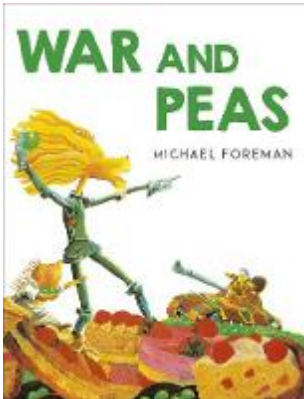
Author: Dick King-Smith **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 06/07/2017

Harmony's uncle sends her on a treasure trail - which disappointingly ends in her finding a 50p piece. But the coin is a magic one, and when you rub the queen's nose, your wishes will come true! From the number one author for animal magic comes this wonderful new edition of a much-loved classic.



One Plastic Bag Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia

Author: Miranda Paul **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/01/2015



War And Peas

Author: Michael Foreman **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 28/03/2002

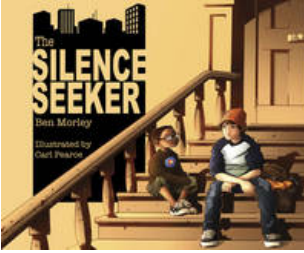
King Lion is sad because it has not rained in his country for too long, and now not only will nothing grow, but also the land is too hard to dig. He decides to ask his rich (fat) neighbour for help. But he is mistaken for a beggar and a robber, and is pursued home by Fat King and his army ...and his supply trucks. The soldiers in their trucks are so heavy, that they leave deep ruts in the land, and when it finally rains the land is well prepared for seeds. It's War, but not as we know it - or should that be Peace? Or even peas?!!



Azzi In Between

Author: Sarah Garland **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 07/05/2015

Azzi and her parents are in danger. They have to leave their home and escape to another country on a frightening journey by car and boat. In the new country they must learn to speak a new language, find a new home and Azzi must start a new school. With a kind helper at the school, Azzi begins to learn English and understand that she is not the only one who has had to flee her home. She makes a new friend, and with courage and resourcefulness, begins to adapt to her new life. But Grandma has been left behind and Azzi misses her more than anything. Will Azzi ever see her grandma again? Drawing on her own experience of working among refugee families, renowned author and illustrator Sarah Garland tells, with tenderness and humour, an exciting adventure story to be enjoyed by readers of all ages. Endorsed by Amnesty International.



The Silence Seeker

Author: Ben Morley **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 03/09/2009

When a new family moves in next door, Joe's mum explains that they are asylum seekers. Joe hears that they are silence seekers, especially as Mum adds that they need peace and quiet. When he sees a young boy from the family sitting disconsolately on the steps, Joe decides to help him find a quiet place in the noisy and chaotic city. A simple, moving story which is the perfect way to gently open discussion around the refugee crisis.
