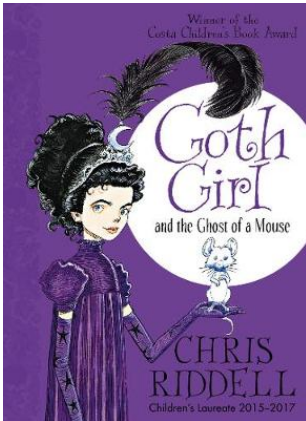


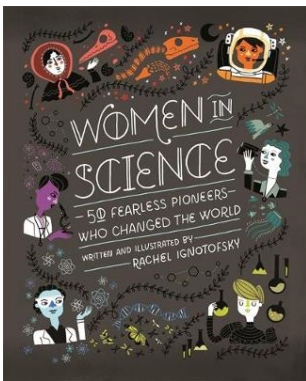
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## Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse

**Author:** Chris Riddell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/05/2017  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Bestselling author/illustrator Chris Riddell creates a fantastical world in which Ada Goth, daughter of the strange Lord Goth of Ghastly-Gorm Hall, is growing up. Ada's mother is dead and her father is very, very strange! Surrounded by a motley crew of servants and many ghosts, Ada's life is lonely until she meets Ishmael, a ghostly mouse. Soon Ada and Ishmael are off on some very special adventures! Magic and invention pour forth in this splendidly entertaining story which is also packed full of jokes. Chris Riddell's illustrations bring everything he imagines to life. Shortlisted for the 2015 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal - Winner of the Costa Children's Book Award 2013



## Women in Science

**Author:** Rachel Ignotofsky **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 09/03/2017  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

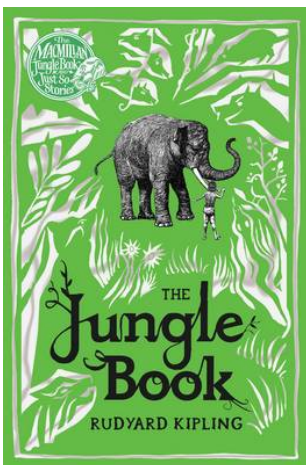
March 2017 Non Fiction Book of the Month | In a nutshell: an inspiring introduction to 50 pioneering women scientists | Hopefully everyone has heard of Marie Curie, Rosalind Franklin and Ada Lovelace, pioneers in science. But what about Grace Hopper, credited as the mother of computer programming, or Nobel Prize winners Rita Levi-Montalcini or Maria Goeppert-Mayer? Despite all the obstacles put in their way, women scientists have been getting to the head of their fields for thousands of years and this book celebrates 50 of them. There's a double page on each brilliant woman, full of information about their lives, backgrounds and achievements, and handsomely designed and illustrated too. There are timelines, plus statistics and, a really inspiring touch, quotes from the scientists on nearly every page. A book to excite and energize girls and boys alike. ~ Andrea Reece \*\*\*There is special activity pack with ideas to celebrate Science Week to download here! British Science Week is 10-19 March - find out more at [www.britishscienceweek.org](http://www.britishscienceweek.org)



## The Hunting of the Snark

**Author:** Lewis Carroll **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 30/06/2016  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

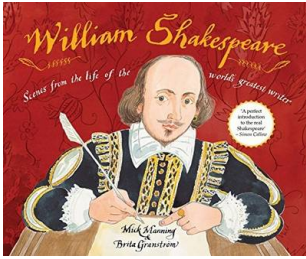
Julia Eccleshare's Pick of the Month July 2016 A perfect celebration of Alice Day 2016, this beautiful, fully illustrated edition of Lewis Carroll's great comic masterpiece which comes complete with gilt-edged pages and a ribbon for a marker, is the perfect gift book for all ages. The Hunting of the Snark, the riotous story of a motley crew's journey to find the elusive Snark, has a cast of amazing characters including some from Carroll's The Jabberwocky all of which Chris Riddell brings to life in glorious, brightly coloured caricatures. ~ Julia Eccleshare A message from Chris Riddell : This book is nonsense and, like all the best nonsense, it makes a special kind of sense. The hunting of a Snark is a very complicated business and I suspect that not even the Bellman himself really knows quite how to go about it. But that doesn't stop him and his crew from pursuing the strange, elusive creature with all the tools at their disposal. Thimbles, forks, railway-shares and soap are all used, along with a lot of care, hope, threats and smiles, but not even the lace-making Beaver, 'bounding along on the tip of its tail', can get close. Then, after seven poetic convulsions, in a final 'fit' of energy, one of the crew spots a Snark and . . . But no, beamish readers, I won't give away the ending at the beginning, that would be nonsense. Just let me say, beware of the Jubjub bird that sounds like 'a pencil that squeaks on a slate', the frume of the frumious Bandersnatch that can turn you black in the face and, most of all, hunt the Snark carefully, for it might be a Boojum, you see. Julia Eccleshare's Picks of the Month for July 2016 Melric and the Crown by David McKee The Hunting of the Snark by Lewis Carroll, illustrated by Chris Riddell Up, Up and Away by Tom McLaughlin Strange Star by Emma Carroll Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell Such Stuff: A Story-Maker's Inspiration by Michael Morpurgo



## The Jungle Book

**Author:** Rudyard Kipling **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 10/03/2016  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

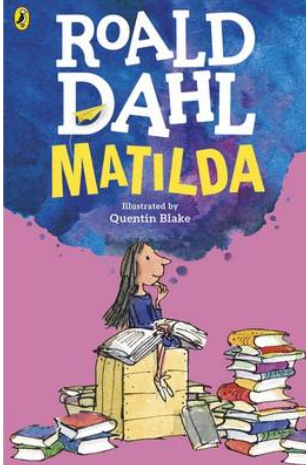
Mowgli, the little boy brought up in the jungle with the wolves, is one of the best-loved characters of fiction. His friends - and enemies - among the jungle animals include Baloo the sloth bear, Bagheera the panther, and Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, the mongoose are all wonderful characters too and Rudyard Kipling's imagining of the jungle provides a thoughtful insight into that very special habitat. ~ Julia Eccleshare



## William Shakespeare Scenes from the Life of the World's Greatest Writer

**Author:** Mick Manning **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/03/2016  
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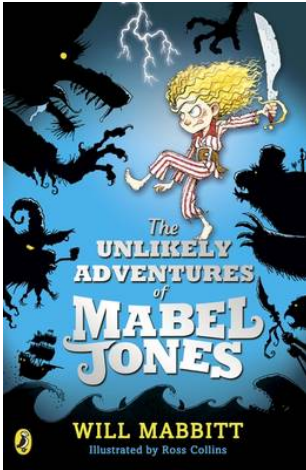
**Shortlisted for the English Picture Book Award 2016** Mick Manning and Brita Granström have developed a picture book approach to non-fiction that brings their subjects to vivid life. Beautifully illustrated throughout in coloured pencil and watercolour and with pen and ink for the hand lettering, this is beautiful to look at and packed with information. There is lots on Shakespeare's childhood – stories of the famous as children always catch the imagination of young readers – and the book provides a very clear impression of Tudor life. It explains the 'lost years', when no-one really knows what Shakespeare was up to, and cleverly puts the plays in the context of Shakespeare's life and times. There are retellings in a sort of comic-strip of some of the most important plays – Hamlet, Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream and Romeo and Juliet – while comic-strip style speech bubbles throughout let readers hear Shakespeare's words and world. Children can read this book in so many different ways, and Simon Callow, quoted on the cover, is right when he says this is a perfect introduction to the real Shakespeare.



## Matilda

**Author:** Roald Dahl **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 11/02/2016  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

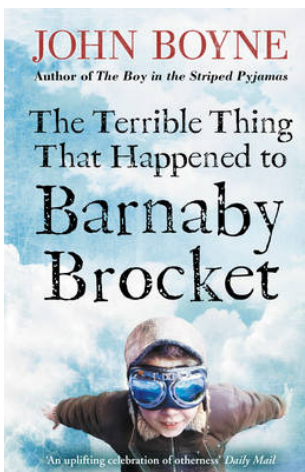
Matilda - Roald Dahl's best-loved story - though now over 25 years old, is as fresh, funny and poignant as when it was first published in 1988. The story of a child genius, it has been adapted into film and, most recently, a hugely successful, award-winning musical with music and lyrics by Tim Minchin.



## The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones

**Author:** Will Mabbitt **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/06/2015  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Shortlisted for The Branford Boase Award 2016. One of our Books of the Year 2015 - June 2015 Debut of the Month Mabel Jones is sleeping soundly when a sudden noise wakes her up. It's Omynus Hussh, silent loris and pirate, there to press gang her into service to the captain of the Feroshus Maggot, mad wolf (he really is a wolf) Idryss Ebenezer Split. Mabel will have lots of adventures before she can return to the 'hooman' world! Part Pirates of the Caribbean, and with a touch of Monty Python thrown in, this is a wildly inventive, hugely enjoyable adventure that must qualify as the year's best book to read aloud. Piracy, says the narrator, 'It's not all golden doubloons and swinging from chandeliers. It's not all drunken shanties and dancing on a dead man's chest. Not by a long plank.' Irresistible! ~ Andrea Reece



## The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket

**Author:** John Boyne **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 28/03/2013  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

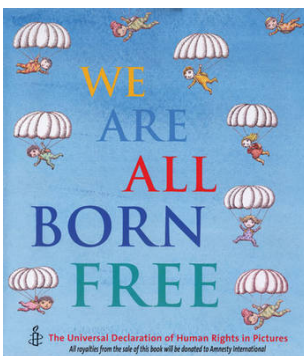
Shortlisted for the Little Rebel Children's Book Award 2013. In an entertaining adventure that is also full of charm and whimsy, best-selling author John Boyne champions the right of children to be different. Barnaby Brocket's parents want only thing - to lead an utterly normal life. But when Barnaby, their third child is born, they know at once that he is very far from normal. The problem is, Barnaby cannot stay on the ground; he floats ever upwards unless weighted down or restrained. Embarrassed by their problem son and the attention he may attract, Barnaby's parents let him go...Now a free spirit and travelling in many different ways, Barnaby's adventures take him across the world where he meets all kinds of people who, just because they are not exactly what their parents want them to be, have been similarly disowned by their parents. ~ Julia Eccleshare



## Dreams of Freedom

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

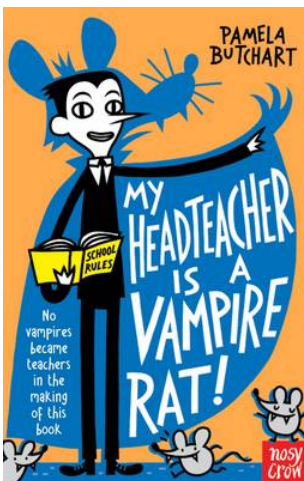
**Shortlisted for the English Picture Book Award 2016** Powerful and moving, this collection of some of the most famous quotes about freedom including the words of Aung San Suu Kyi and Nelson Mandela make thoughtful statements about the global fight for human rights. Illustrators including Chris Riddell,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



## We are All Born Free The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures

**Author:** Amnesty International **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/03/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

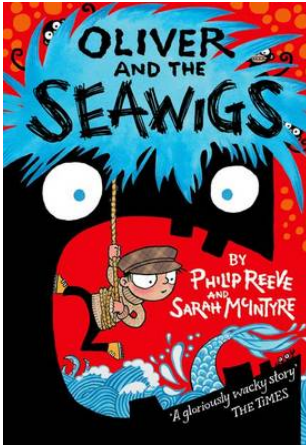
An arrestingly original way of informing children of their human rights, We Are All Born Free depicts each of the 30 Articles of Universal Declaration of Human Rights in wonderful illustrations by thirty best known illustrators. Each of the important statements is reinforced by the stunning artwork of the contributors who include John Burningham, Chris Riddell, Axel Scheffler, Polly Dunbar and Jane Ray. Both thought provoking and beautiful, this is an essential book. All royalties go to Amnesty international.



## My Head Teacher is a Vampire Rat

**Author:** Pamela Butchart **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 09/01/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

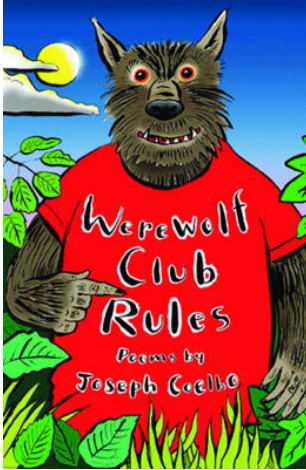
Winner of the Children's Book Award 2016, Books for Younger Readers category A third riotous adventure for Jodi, Maisie, Zach and all the rest in 4J including the fast-paced narrator, Izzy. This time, part of the school is suddenly put out-of-bounds. When 4J have to share a classroom with 6B, the gang discover that the reason that it is closed is ...Rats! Could this have anything to do with the new head teacher who keeps his curtains closed? As ever, the gang is quick to jump to conclusions. If the head is a vampire rat, they must do everything in their power to destroy him! The classroom goes wild in this witty no-holds-barred story. Kirsty from Nosy Crow says: "Lots of books are described as 'laugh out loud' but Pamela's are the real deal. They are beloved by all who read them. Pamela is a real star, and we're delighted to have found such a perfect match for her in Thomas Flintham."



## Oliver and the Seawigs

**Author:** Philip Reeve **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/09/2014  
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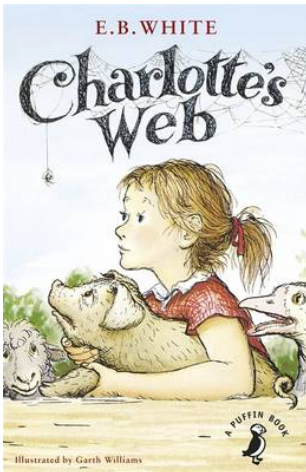
Winner of the UKLA Award 2015 in the 7 - 11 years category. Award-winning Philip Reeve spins a hugely original yarn encompassing moving islands, a short sighted mermaid, a stuck-up boy by the name of Stacey de Lacey and his private army of cheeky, smelly green sea monkeys and a charming hero Oliver whose search for his parents brings him into contact with all of the above. Sarah McIntyre's ebullient illustrations capture the quirky nature of this adventure perfectly. A Piece of Passion from Clare Whitston, Editor, Oxford University Press I love this book! Created by two inspirational voices in the Children's book world, Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre (pictured right), it is simply a joy to read. Full of humour and eccentricity - 'Oliver and the Seawigs' is beautifully written - read it out loud to revel in the language which flows off the page. The illustrations are stunning too - you could happily get lost for hours in one Sarah's pictures - of underwater worlds and amazing creatures. The book is a great adventure story about a boy called Oliver who is searching for his missing parents. An adventure story, with AWESOME seawigs. 'But what's a seawig?' I hear you cry. Well, it's a wig made up of things found in the sea. Rambling Isles collect old shipwrecks and the odd Narwhal to construct their wigs and then have a competition to judge whose is best - naturally. There's also a slightly overweight, short-sighted mermaid with a terrible singing voice. Her name is Iris and she's the best friend you could wish for. Then there's a little island called Cliff with self-esteem issues. What he needs is a really good seawig to cheer him up but also friends like Iris and Oliver. Oh, and there's also a grumpy Albatross called Mr. Culpeper (what good is an adventure without a grumpy old albatross along for the ride?) And that's not even all. I still haven't told you about the Sea Monkeys. They are my favourite characters in a children's book, possibly ever. But not everyone finds them as easy to love as I do, illustrated by the following conversation that Jo (the designer on the book) and I have had on many occasions: Me: 'EEP! I really, really want a Sea Monkey!' Jo: 'Are you insane? Sea Monkeys are pesky, greasy little critters. And you can't have just one Sea Monkey anyway. You'll have an army before you know it and then they'll destroy you.' Me: 'Ooooh, an army of Sea Monkeys . . . .' Not only will this book be a favourite of mine for many years to come, it has also changed the way I look at flotsam and jetsam washed up on the beach (great seawig potential) and seaweed fronds, ripe for popping (my chance for a Sea Monkey army of my very own). Please let me know what you think about this book by contacting me on twitter (@CWhitston) or you can send your comments direct to our Children's Books team (@oupchildrens). In addition to our Lovereading expert opinion for Oliver And The Seawigs a small number of children were lucky enough to be invited to review this title. Here's a taster....'An absolutely brilliant adventure. The myriad of weird and wonderful creatures were really funny and the illustrations fitted them perfectly. I tore through this in one sitting. Fantastic!.' Scroll down to read more reviews...



## Werewolf Club Rules! And Other Poems

**Author:** Joseph Coelho **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/08/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

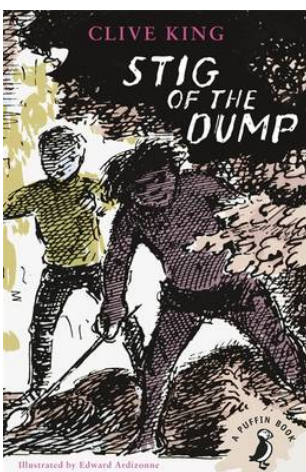
**Winner of 2015 CLPE Poetry Award - the only award in the UK for published children's poetry** An exciting debut poetry collection from an exciting new voice. The collection includes a wide range of poems, from funny and fantastical to spooky and spellbinding. Find out the mysterious rules of Werewolf Club, how to look like a rainbow, what happens when puppies fall in love - and how to fold up your gran! To see Joseph Coelho perform some of the poems go to his website.



## Charlotte's Web

**Author:** E B White **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 25/09/2003 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Magical, this timeless farmyard story tells of the power of friendship. When the runty little piglet is saved from an early death, he grows into a fine and handsome pig. And the farmer wants to kill him. Can Charlotte, the spider who has grown to love him, save his life? Perfect for Reluctant Readers as well as keen readers. To view other titles we think are suitable for reluctant readers please click [here](#).



## Stig Of The Dump

**Author:** Clive King **Format:** Paperback (a Format) **Release Date:** 24/09/1970 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

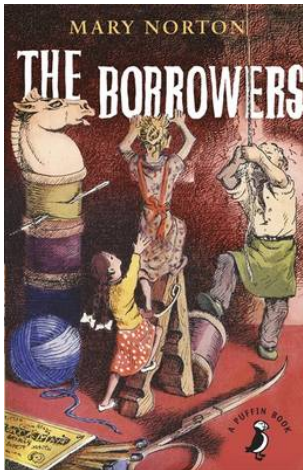
Published in the early 1960s and yet as relevant today as it was then, this is a book that will captivate the imagination of a 7 or 8 year old - in fact even the most reluctant reader will be hooked. When Barney falls into a disused quarry he's confronted by Stig, a caveman but none of Barney's friends believe the story of Stig. So Barney has the time of his life and the two of them get up to a whole heap of adventures. Just read it - we guarantee you'll enjoy it.



## Gobbolino the Witch's Cat

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

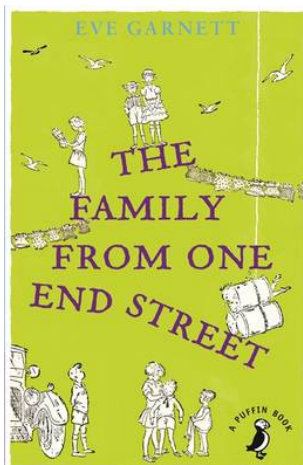
With his bright blue eyes and sparky magical whiskers, no one could mistake Gobbolino for a kitchen cat, but that's exactly what he longs to be. So, while his sister Sootica learns to turn mice into toads, Gobbolino sets off on a grand adventure to find a nice warm fire and a family to care for him.



## The Borrowers

**Author:** Mary Norton **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 28/10/1993 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

An enchanting classic that will fire up a child's imagination as the storyline unfolds of little creatures living under the floorboards and borrowing everything they need from the humans above the boards. The author describes quite brilliantly what it would be like to be as small as a borrower and to go off on frightening and exciting adventures to borrow what they need. I'm ashamed to say I never read it as a child but have now and it's equally perfect for parent and child to read together as it is for a child to gain a great deal of enjoyment alone. (7-9) Carnegie Winner in 1952. If you enjoyed this then why not check out The Honourable Ratts or Tumtum and Nutmeg. To find out more about this book [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Carnegie Greenaway site



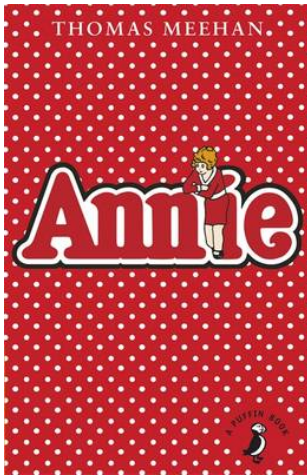
## Family From One End Street

**Author:** Eve Garnett **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 25/03/2004 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Chosen by Jacqueline Wilson. Carnegie winner in 1937. When I re-read this down-to-earth, charming adventure that's full of humour I felt more than a little sad for although the 1930s was a decade of hardship for most people in England, this family of 7 children had immense freedom and a fun-filled action-packed time despite being very poor; in fact, almost certainly a much more fun and enjoyable time than children of today. It was a time of innocence and trust but nowadays we deny our children freedom and protect our children because sadly that trust in other people and innocence has gone. This is a wonderful evocation of a now vanished world that all children should read and will thoroughly enjoy, not just because of the great adventures but also the heart-warming characters. It has been beautifully published by Puffin with



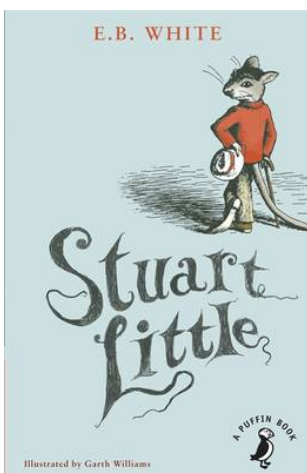
original illustrations. A timeless classic that may be from a different era but it's a book to cherish. (7-9) To find out more about this book [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Carnegie Greenaway site



## Annie

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

A timeless tale that despite its 1933 setting resonates so brilliantly with kids reading it today. Not only beautifully written but the characters are handled with great sensitivity and aplomb. [Puffin Fact!](#) The iconic character Annie first appeared as the eleven-year-old heroine of a comic strip called 'Little Orphan Annie'. [Download more Puffin Facts here!](#) [Dear readers, dreamers and adventurers, Ever wanted a friend who could take you to magical realms, talk to animals or help you survive a shipwreck? Well, you'll find them all in the PUFFIN BOOK collection. A PUFFIN BOOK will stay with you forever. Maybe you'll read it again and again, or perhaps years from now you'll suddenly remember the moment it made you laugh or cry or simply see things differently. Adventurers big and small, rebels out to change their world, even a mouse with a dream and a spider who can spell - these are the characters who make stories that last a lifetime. Whether you love animal tales, war stories or want to know what it was like growing up in a different time and place, the A PUFFIN BOOK collection has a story for you - you just need to decide where you want to go next... We want to know which is your favourite. Tell us or tweet a photo of your old beloved copy - and we might just send you a new A PUFFIN BOOK so you can pass the story on. Love - PUFFIN @puffinbooks #shareapuffinbook](#)



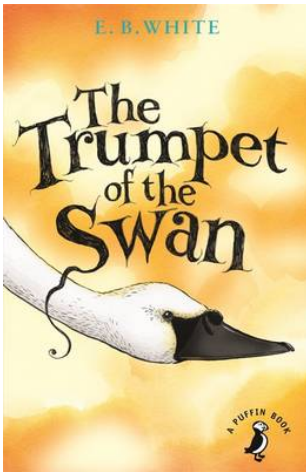
## Stuart Little

**Author:** E. B. White **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/07/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

This is the enchanting tale of no ordinary mouse, Stuart Little, who is small in size but enormous in spirit. Funny and touching, it is a story that can be read on many levels - aloud to a very small child, or alone by an older child. It covers themes from adventure, courage and reliability, independence, and first love, to acceptance of differences, family crisis, and the importance of education. No child's bookshelf is complete without it. Born to a family of humans Stuart Little lives in New York City with his parents, his older brother George and Snowball the cat. Though he's shy and thoughtful, he's an adventurous and heroic little mouse. A delightful book but not one to compare to the Stuart Little films which may have been inspired by this delightful mouse but are shallow by comparison. [Puffin Fact!](#) E. B. White received several letters from people also called Stuart Little - one such person claimed angrily that he was going to write a children's book

about a rat named E. B. White! Download more Puffin Facts here!

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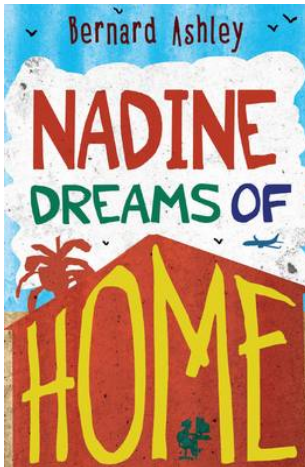


## The Trumpet of the Swan

**Author:** E. B. White **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/07/2014

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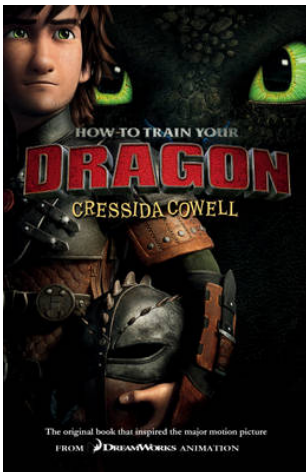
Louis the cygnet may be unable to utter a sound unlike her siblings and his parents but Louis is determined to overcome this impediment by learning to read and write. If at first you don't succeed then try again and so Louis does in this incredibly moving, uplifting and powerful story from the author of Stuart Little and Charlotte's Web, two books you may well have heard of but this one may well be new to you. Here at Lovereading4kids we urge you to read Louis's tender, humorous and unforgettable animal tale too. Puffin Fact! Male swans are cobs, female swans are pens and baby swans are cygnets. Download more Puffin Facts here! Dear readers, dreamers and adventurers, Ever wanted a friend who could take you to magical realms, talk to animals or help you survive a shipwreck? Well, you'll find them all in the PUFFIN BOOK collection. A PUFFIN BOOK will stay with you forever. Maybe you'll read it again and again, or perhaps years from now you'll suddenly remember the moment it made you laugh or cry or simply see things differently. Adventurers big and small, rebels out to change their world, even a mouse with a dream and a spider who can spell - these are the characters who make stories that last a lifetime. Whether you love animal tales, war stories or want to know what it was like growing up in a different time and place, the A PUFFIN BOOK collection has a story for you - you just need to decide where you want to go next... We want to know which is your favourite. Tell us or tweet a photo of your old beloved copy - and we might just send you a new A PUFFIN BOOK so you can pass the story on. Love - PUFFIN @puffinbooks #shareapuffinbook



## Nadine Dreams of Home

**Author:** Bernard Ashley **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/07/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

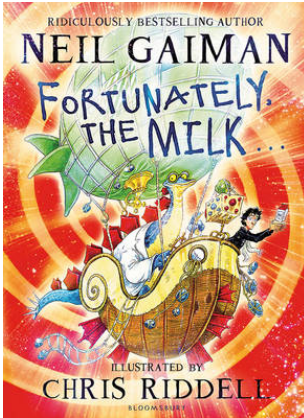
Shortlisted for the Little Rebels Book Award 2015 Interest Age 7-12 Reading Age 7+ A beautiful story which captures the dreams and hopes of Nadine, newly arrived in the UK from Goma and still traumatised by the terrors of the war from which her family has fled. And by the absence of her father who is still trapped in their home country. Nadine is confused by almost everything at school. In particular, she hates it when a teacher shouts as it reminds her of the terrifying shouts of the rebel soldiers who may still be holding her father prisoner. Nadine only finds peace when she is shown a picture of Goma on the computer. Looking at it she can dream of her father and their life before they fled. But will Nadine ever be reunited with the father she so longs for? Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 7+



## How to Train Your Dragon: How to Train Your Dragon

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

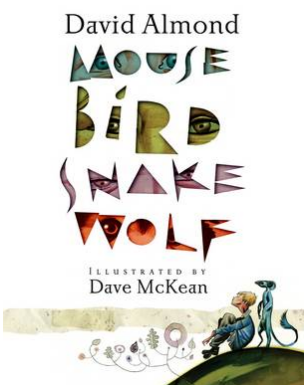
Jokes flow thick and fast from this most original and inventive Viking adventure, which launched the career of a Viking with a difference. Hiccup Horrendous Haddock grew up at a time of dragons but he was not always a hero. He had to learn to fight them. To do so he had to pass the Dragon Initiation Programme, an awesome schedule run by Gobber the Belch, idiot in charge of initiation on the Isle of Berk. Hiccup was by no means a natural high achiever when it came to dragon training but after many hilarious mishaps, he soon got the hang of it and was on the way to becoming a Hero.



## Fortunately, the Milk ...

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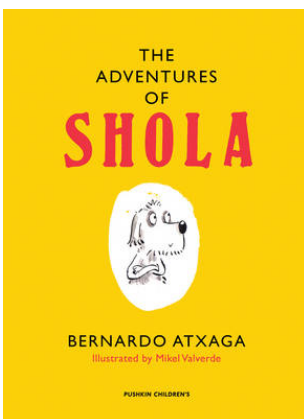
One of our Books of the Year 2014 Award-winning Neil Gaiman brilliantly weaves a spell-binding story taking readers up and away on a wild fantasy in which dinosaurs and space travel happily coexist. And all because...Dad has to go out and by the milk! Chris Riddell's line illustrations capture the invention perfectly. Children of all ages (and lots of childish grown-ups) will be swept along laughing with glee as Dad tries to get the milk home...and possibly save the universe along the way! In addition to our Lovereading expert opinion for Fortunately, The Milk... a small number of children were lucky enough to be invited to review this title. Here's a taster....'a brilliantly funny and strangely weird time travel adventure.' Scroll down to read more reviews...



## Mouse Bird Snake Wolf

**Author:** David Almond **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/01/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2014 Award-winning David Almond is at his most lyrical and imaginative in this story of how three children fill up the gaps the gods have left when creating their world. First they create a mouse, a soft squeaky thing, then a flying thing to fill up all the space above them. They are pleased with what they do. But are they brave enough to create a wolf? And what will happen when they do? Dave McKean's illustrations bring the children and the creatures they create vividly to life.

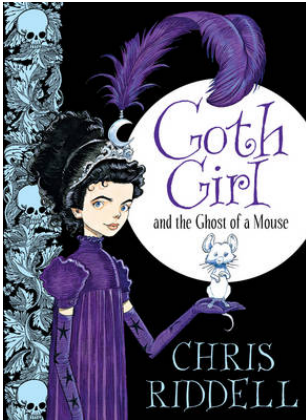


## The Adventures of Shola

**Author:** Bernardo Atxaga **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 10/10/2013  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

**Winner of the Marsh Award for Children's Literature in Translation, awarded biennially since 1996, was founded to celebrate the best translation of a children's book from a foreign language into English and published in the UK. It aims to spotlight the high quality and diversity of translated fiction for young readers.** Translated by Margaret Jull Costa. Shola is surely one of the most irresistible characters in children's books! The outside world sees a small, white dog but Shola thinks she is much more than that, nothing less than a highly cultivated creature, with the world at her feet. Her long-suffering companion (don't ever call him her owner) Senor Grogo puts up with this very patiently, for the most part anyway: Shola's refusal to admit to any mistake occasionally, and understandably,

provokes an outburst! The mismatch between Shola's staunch self-belief and reality produce all sorts of comic situations in the four different stories contained in this volume. Everyone will have their favourite Shola moment - maybe when she decides she's really a lion, or when she leads a pack of hunting dogs after wild boar in the mistaken belief that boar are just like sheep, only bigger. Her delight in language entertains too, there's nothing she likes more than using words like 'obligation' or 'discombobulate'. Thoroughly charming, Shola deserves to be much better known.

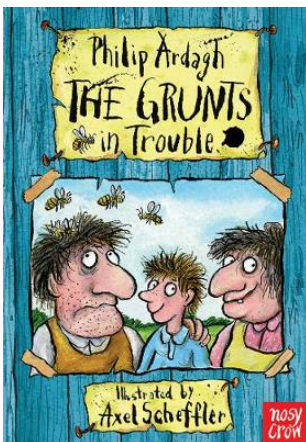


## Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse

**Author:** Chris Riddell **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 12/09/2013  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Shortlisted for the 2015 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal - Winner of the Costa Children's Book Award 2013 Bestselling author/illustrator Chris Riddell creates a fantastical world in which Ada Goth, daughter of the strange Lord Goth of Ghastly-Gorm Hall, is growing up. Ada's mother is dead and her father is very, very strange! Surrounded by a motley crew of servants and many ghosts, Ada's life is lonely until she meets Ishmael, a ghostly mouse. Soon Ada and Ishmael are off on some very special adventures! Magic and invention pour forth in this splendidly entertaining story which is also packed full of jokes. Chris Riddell's illustrations bring everything he imagines to life.

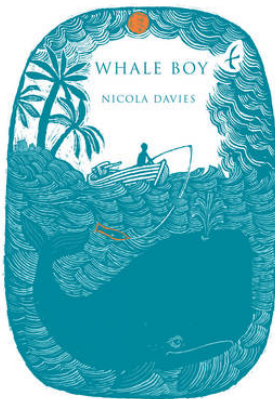
The Costa Book Awards honour some of the most outstanding books of the year written by authors based in the UK and Ireland. The full shortlist for the Children's Book Award is... Alex, the Dog and the Unopenable Door by Ross Montgomery. The Hanged Man Rises by Sarah Naughton Goth Girl: and the Ghost of a Mouse by Chris Riddell Rose Under Fire by Elizabeth Wein Keep up to date with the Costa Book Awards @CostaBookAwards



## The Grunts In Trouble

**Author:** Philip Ardagh **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/06/2013  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

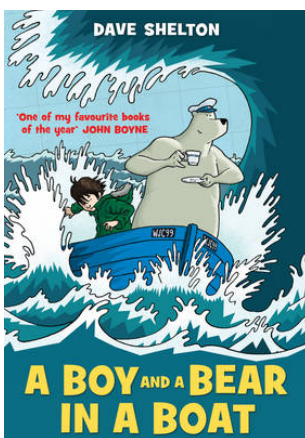
Meet the Grunts! Mr and Mrs, their cat Ginger Biscuit, two donkeys Clip and Clop and Sunny, a child Mr Grunt stole off a washing line as a present for Mrs Grunt. The Grunts roam the land in a ramshackle and unlikely looking home on wheels. Their adventures are as unsavoury, unlikely and entertaining as they are as Axel Scheffler's illustrations wittily show; fans of Andy Stanton's Mr Gum and Roald Dahl's The Twits will delight in this disgusting but amiable pair their terrible antics...



## Whale Boy

**Author:** Nicola Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/04/2013  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

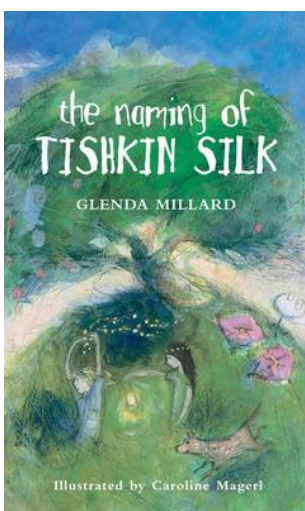
Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book of the Year 2014 - Best Story  
Michael, a young boy growing up on the tropical island of Rose Town, has been saving up for his own fishing boat for years. But when a terrible storm wrecks his home, Michael is forced to take a job working for a rich, mysterious newcomer named Spargo. Spargo asks Michael to search for one thing in the deep waters around Rose Town - whales...



## A Boy and a Bear in a Boat

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

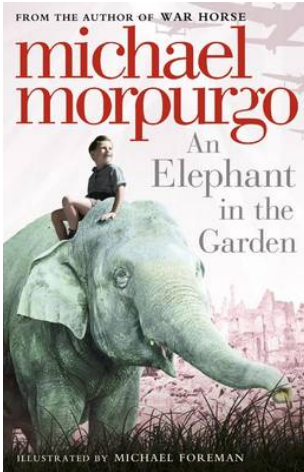
**Winner of the Branford Boase Award 2013, the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2013 & the Costa Children's Book Awards 2012** An amazing adventure follows when a boy takes what he thinks will be a short ride in a boat with a bear. But the ride is not a short one... Soon, the boat is in the middle of an empty sea 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.



## The Naming of Tishkin Silk

**Author:** Glenda Millard **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 18/02/2013  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

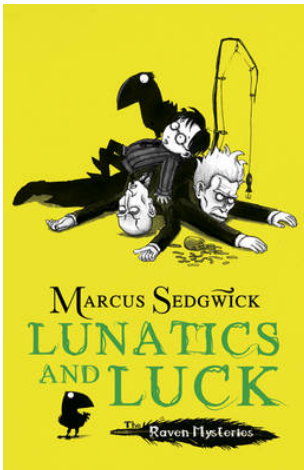
The first book in the Kingdom of Silk series. Griffin has a secret in his heart that nobody else knows - until he meets Layla., a princess with a daisy-chain crown. Once I had read the book, I was utterly smitten. I could not get hold of the rest of the series quickly enough PLAYING BY THE BOOK.



## An Elephant in the Garden

**Author:** Michael Morpurgo **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 09/06/2011 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

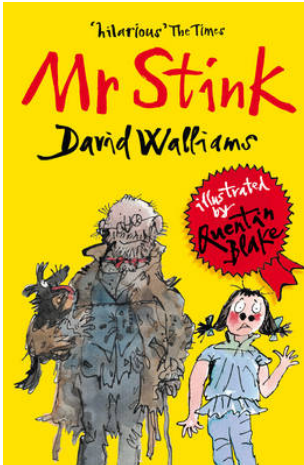
Once again the former Children's Laureate, Michael Morpurgo, weaves an intensely moving story about an extraordinary animal caught up in a very human war. It's World War Two in Germany, the animals in Dresden Zoo are to be killed because of the bombing but Elizabeth's mother who works there decides to save a young elephant and keep it in her garden. When her house is bombed she and her children and Marlene the elephant must escape the bombings and the Russians. It's utterly compelling and like Michael's other animal stories such as Adolphus Tips, Kaspar the Cat, The Butterfly Lion and Where the Whales Came, it is not to be missed.



## Raven Mysteries 3: Lunatics and Luck

**Author:** Marcus Sedgwick **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/03/2011 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

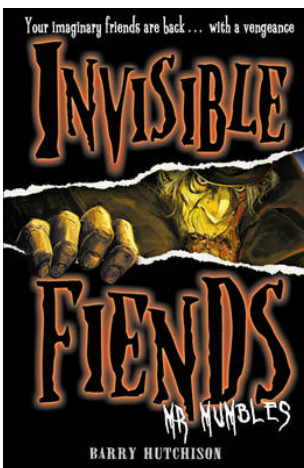
Winner of the Blue Peter Book Award 2011: Most Fun Story with Pictures\*. As told by a raven, this Gothic horror richly laced in humour is a delicious read - especially when the moon is full! Castle Otherhand is beset by problems. There are the usual ones of money troubles but this time there is a horrible new teacher who smells like a wet dog to contend with and Solstice and Cudweed are at his mercy. Enjoy all the usual - and decidedly unusual - happenings in this richly created world. Click here to see Marcus Sedgwick's other books, including the rest of the Raven Mysteries. Lovereading comment: If you've not yet entered the topsy-turvy world of The Raven Mysteries, then you're missing an absolute treat. Sedgwick's wonderful creation of a rather dysfunctional family is as original as it is weird and kids of 7+ will love the rather oddball humour and quirky characters including Edgar, the Raven who is also the Guardian of Otherland Castle and its secret weapon. \*Here is a list of all the shortlisted books for the Blue Peter Book Award 2011: Best Book with Facts: Do Igloos Have Loos? - Mitchell Symons How the World Works - Christiane Dorion What You Need To Know Now: The World in Facts, Stats, and Graphics - Joe Fullman, Ian Graham, Sally Regan and Isabel Thomas Most Fun Story with Pictures: Alienography - Chris Riddell Mr Gum and the Cherry Tree - Andy Stanton Lunatics and Luck (The Raven Mysteries) - Marcus Sedgwick Favourite Stories: Dead Man's Cove (A Laura Marlin Mystery) - Lauren St John A Web of Air (Mortal Engines) - Philip Reeve Tall Story - Candy Gourlay



## Mr Stink

**Author:** David Walliams **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/05/2010 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

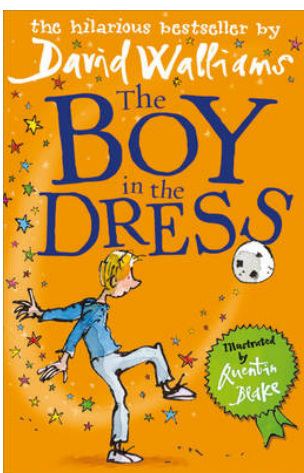
Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Best Book of the Decade. A World Book Day 'Recommended Read' for 2011. Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2010. Galaxy Children's Book Award shortlist 2010. The second original, touching, twisted, and most of all hilarious novel for children by David Walliams and beautifully illustrated by Quentin Blake. "Mr Stink stank. He also stunk. And if it was correct English to say he stinked, then he stinked as well..." It all starts when Chloe makes friends with Mr Stink, the local tramp. Yes, he smells a bit. But when it looks like he might be driven out of town, Chloe decides to hide him in the garden shed. Now Chloe's got to make sure no one finds out her secret. And speaking of secrets, there just might be more to Mr Stink than meets the eye... or the nose.



## Invisible Fiends: Mr Mumbles

**Author:** Barry Hutchison **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/02/2010 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Scottish Book Award 2010 winner - Young Readers (8-11) category. Not for the faint hearted, this is a chilling horror stories for all those who love to be scared. Kyle gave up his imaginary friend years ago, so many years ago that he has forgotten all about him. But, when something attracts his attention by scratching on the ceiling, Kyle has to investigate. Mr Mumbles is no longer imaginary and it seems he is no longer a friend. In fact, Kyle has to keep his wits about him just to stay alive!

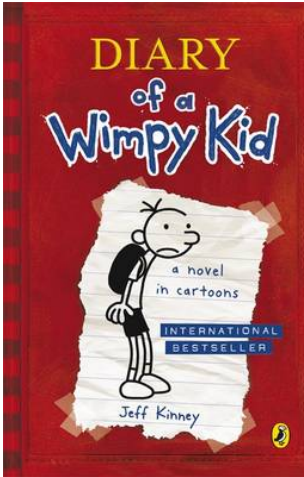


## The Boy in the Dress

**Author:** David Walliams **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 25/06/2009 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Shortlisted for Roald Dahl's Funny Prize 2009. Touching, funny and full of insight, this tender story tells how Dennis decides that everyone does not have to be the same. Bravely, he decides to do something completely different. Taking a risk he reinvents himself and begins to see the world in a whole new way. Quentin Blake's illustrations capture the exhilarating liberation that Dennis feels.

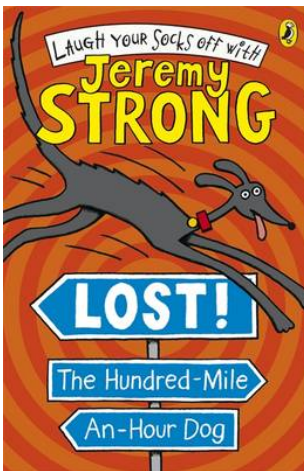




## Diary of a Wimpy Kid

**Author:** Jeff Kinney **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/07/2008  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Winner of the Blue Peter Best Book of the Decade. The 1st in the brilliant Wimpy Kid series that has taken the US, and now the UK by storm. The illustrations and story hilariously chart Greg's life at a new school.



## Lost! The Hundred mile an hour Dog

**Author:** Jeremy Strong **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/01/2008  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Already the heroine of many hilarious stories Streaker, so named for her exceptional speed, gives another hilarious dog's-eye view of the strange world of humans. When Streaker sees some pies unguarded in the back of a pie van, she is determined to protect them. But then the van takes off and soon Streaker is miles from home and completely lost. Will she ever get back to her adorable pups and to Trevor, her kind if hopeless two-legged owner? A fast paced thriller full of crazy moments. Other titles featuring Streaker include The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog and Return of the Hundred Mile an Hour Dog Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Award for 'the funniest story with pictures'. [Click here to see more hilarious Jeremy Strong titles...](#)

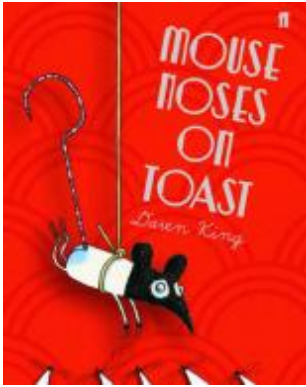
Armin Greder  
THE ISLAND



## The Island

**Author:** Armin Greder **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/08/2007  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

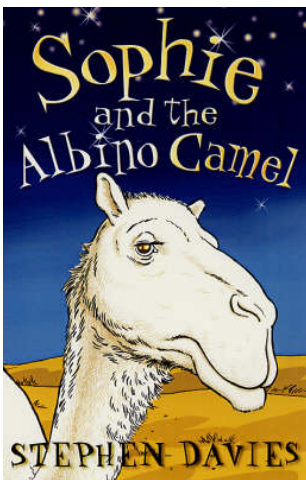
Selected by a distinguished independent panel of experts including our editorial expert, Julia Eccleshare, for Diverse Voices - 50 of the best Children's Books celebrating cultural diversity in the UK. The Island is an astonishing and powerful picture book about refugees, xenophobia, multiculturalism, social politics and human rights. It tackles big themes in subtle ways with a fable-like text and stunning artwork that will provoke discussion for upper primary and secondary school levels about issues that remain so much a part of our national discourse.



## Mouse Noses on Toast

**Author:** Daren King **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/09/2006  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

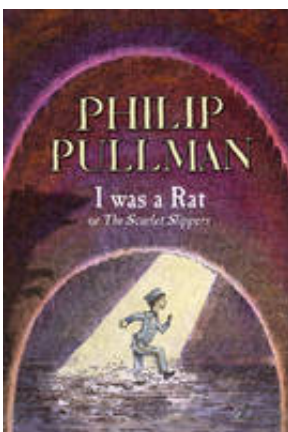
Shortlisted for the Nestle Children's Award 2006 in the 6-8 category. When you are a mouse hearing that mouse noses on toast is being served at a local restaurant can be quite disturbing. Perhaps it's a joke or a myth. So begins an adventure to find the truth involving mouse activists, the prime minister and cheese addicts. But will they survive with their whiskers intact? Warm, funny and unique - a delicious read!



## Sophie And The Albino Camel

**Author:** Stephen Davies **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/04/2006  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

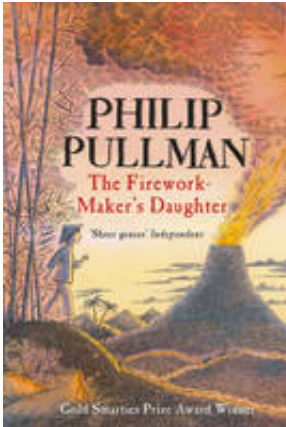
Winner of the Glen Dimplex Children's Book award 2006. Sophie is a wonderfully adventurous young girl who now lives with her father in a town in the Sahara desert. Her love of camels and a chance meeting with a young boy brings her into all manner of danger, fear and excitement all in one. Stephen Davies has a real talent for inspiring young children through the mixing of fact and fiction in his writing. Kids will be bubbling over with excitement, for before they even realise it they'll know more about life in the Sahara having read the book and had a great deal of fun along the way with both Sophie, Gidaado and the albino camel. Further adventures with Sophie will be published in March 2007, entitled Sophie and the Locust Curse. Rest-assured we will be promoting that one too as we really rate this author.



## I Was A Rat!

**Author:** Philip Pullman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/11/2004  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

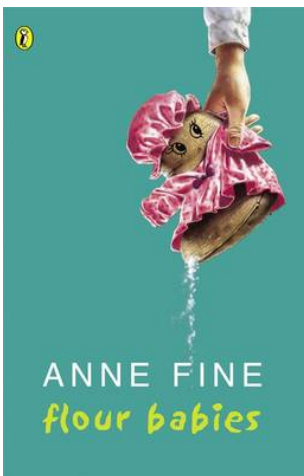
Acclaimed author Philip Pullman turns his hand to a stunning and original story for younger readers. Who is Roger? He says he was a rat - and some of the time he behaves like a rat. But, he is also a small boy. Or, he could be the Monster of the sewers...Everyone has a view - including The Daily Scourge - who tells their own version in screaming newspaper headlines. There is just one person who really knows who Roger is. And she's the princess...Cleverly, Pullman weaves together strands of story from different sources creating a fast-paced and multi-layered adventure. ~ Julia Eccleshare Perfect for Reluctant Readers as well as keen readers. To view other titles we think are suitable for reluctant readers please click [here](#).



## The Firework-maker's Daughter

**Author:** Philip Pullman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/11/2004  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

More than anything else in the world, Lila wants to be a Firework- Maker. But every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend! Can Lila possibly survive? Especially when she doesn't know she needs special protection to survive his flames...



## Flour Babies

**Author:** Anne Fine **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 07/04/1994  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

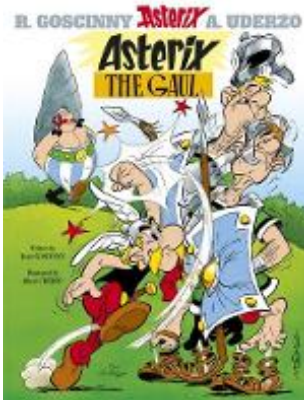
Anne Fine, prize-winning author and former Children's Laureate makes her deadly serious and emotionally powerful points about the responsibilities of having a baby lightly within this hugely entertaining story. When the teenagers in 4C are given the Flour Babies project they little know how it will change their lives. To keep a six-pound sack of flour clean, dry and within sight because it represents a baby is a challenge none of them is eager to take on. And they are right to be scared. It proves that having a baby is a responsibility they do not want. And for Simon, it leads to a painful but thoughtful reconsideration of the story of his own father's departure. ~ Julia Eccleshare Perfect for Reluctant Readers as well as keen readers. To view other titles we think are suitable for reluctant readers please click [here](#).



## When Jessie Came Across the Sea

**Author:** Amy Hest **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 01/09/1999

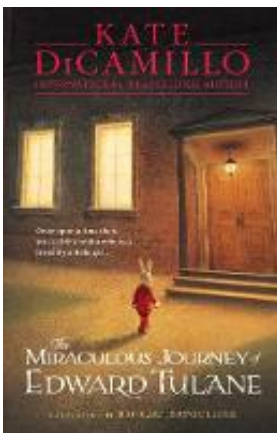
In an inspiring pairing, Amy Hest and P.J. Lynch create an unforgettable tribute to the immigrant experience. Jessie lives with her grandmother in a poor village in the valleys of eastern Europe. When, to everyone's surprise, young Jessie is chosen by the village rabbi to travel to America, and to leave her grandmother behind, they both feel their hearts will break. Award-winning author Amy Hest brings her sure and inspired touch to the story of our immigrant heritage as she follows Jessie across the ocean to a new life--and a new love--in America.



## Asterix: Asterix The Gaul Album 1

**Author:** René Goscinny **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 29/04/2004

The year is 50BC, and all Gaul is occupied. Only one small village of indomitable Gauls still holds out against the invaders. But how much longer can Asterix, Obelix and their friends resist the mighty Roman legions of Julius Caesar? Anything is possible, with a little cunning plus the druid Getafix's magic potions! Their effects can be truly hair-raising...



## The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

**Author:** Kate DiCamillo **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 05/03/2015

The Incredible Journey meets The Mouse and His Child, an enchanting tale that begs to be read aloud. The magical story of the adventures of a lost toy rabbit from a New York Times bestselling author, twice winner of the Newbery Medal. Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. He travels with tramps, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child ... and finally learns what it is to truly love.



## Christophe's Story

**Author:** Nicki Cornwell **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 03/11/2011

This is the story of a young Rwandan refugee now living in the UK. Christophe is having trouble getting used to his new school, new language and new life. Life has been very lonely for him. Most of all he misses his grandfather who they had to leave behind. His teacher persuades Christophe to share his story with his classmates - so he tells them of the terrifying day the soldiers came to his house and killed his baby brother. The spoken story fills the air and his classmates are spellbound. But when his teacher asks him to write it down and read it out in assembly, Christophe is horrified. You lose the fire from a story once you write it down! But with the help of his new friends, his family and the memory of his beloved grandfather, Christophe finds a way to break through the barriers - and share his story with everyone.



## The Day My Father Became a Bush

**Author:** Joke van Leeuwen **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 01/04/2013