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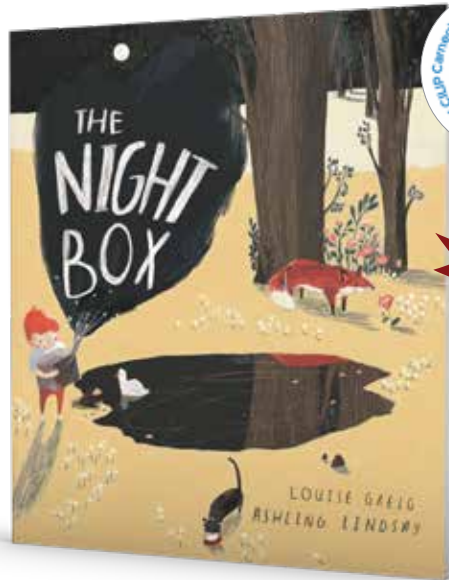
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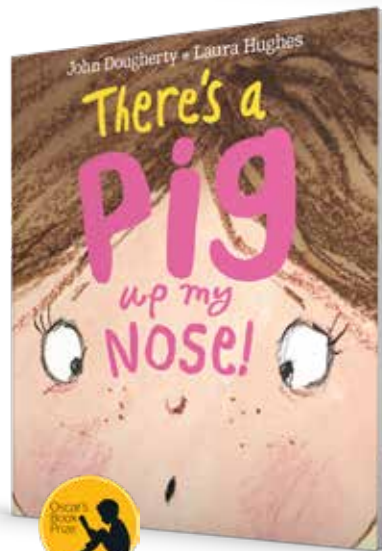


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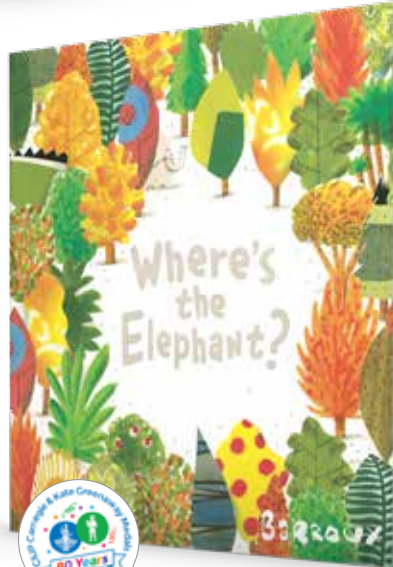
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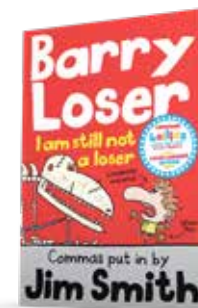


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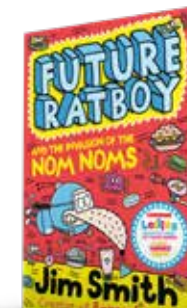
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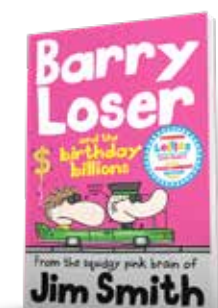
- Worcestershire Teen Book Award
- Amazing Book Award
- Cumbrian Book Award



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PICTURE BOOK & GIFT

PICTURE BOOK & GIFT

• Publication Date • Price • Age • Extent • Dimensions • Rights

Follow the Fox

Carolina Rabei



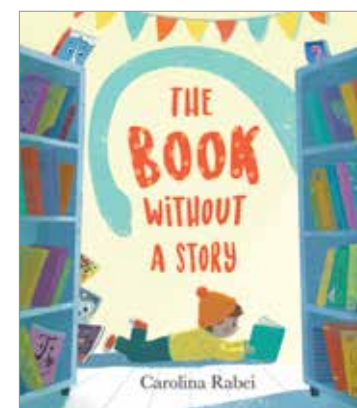
• Jan 2020 – Follow the Fox
• £10.99 / hb • 3yrs+ • 32pp • 275 x 245 mm
• All languages

An enchanting new picture book from the creator of *The Book Without a Story*

- A magical story about a little girl who helps a lost fox cub find his way home
- Explores the importance of home, friendship and the amazing world at the bottom of your own garden
- Carolina Rabei is Romanian and her books have sold all over the world
- Carolina Rabei was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal for her debut picture book, *Snow*

The Book Without a Story

Carolina Rabei



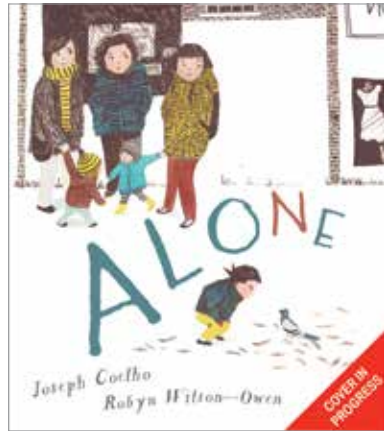
Did you know that all the books in the library come to life when everyone has gone home? Follow the adventure of Dusty as he finds his perfect reader and is borrowed for the very first time.

- Children and adults will adore the world Carolina has created – it's like *Toy Story* for books!
- The perfect story for promoting libraries and stories for reluctant readers

• February 2019 – The Book Without a Story
• £10.99 / hb • 3yrs+ • 32pp • 275 x 245 mm
• All languages (Sold: Dutch, French, US English)

Alone

Joseph Coelho • Robyn Wilson-Owen



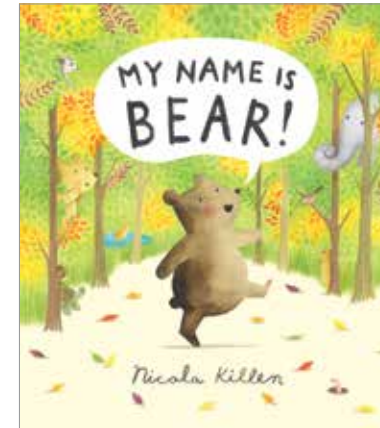
A sensitively crafted story about loss and the importance of being yourself.

- Told from the perspective of a child, this uplifting story deals with big themes and is a great way to engage children in discussions about their emotions
- Joseph's authentic voice offers a very insightful take on the way children perceive the world
- Gorgeous and emotive artwork from debut illustrator, Robyn Wilson-Owen
- Joseph Coelho won the CLIPPA Poetry Award 2015 for his debut poetry collection

- May 2019 – Alone
- £10.99 / hb • 3yrs+ • 32pp • 275 x 245 mm
- All languages

My Name is Bear

Nicola Killen



A hilarious story about a bad mannered little bear.

- A laugh-out-loud story exploring key themes such as manners, learning to share with others and being yourself
- Nicola Killen's charming art style is accessible and fun for young toddlers

- August 2019 – My Name is Bear
- £10.99 / hb • 3yrs+ • 32pp • 275 x 245 mm
- All languages



PICTURE BOOK & GIFT

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Little Cloud

Anne Booth • Sarah Massini



Once there was a dream of a cloud, waiting, hiding in a blue sky, which became a whisper of white and grew and grew . . .

- A heart-warming story about a little rain cloud, written by Anne Booth who was nominated for the Waterstones Book Prize
- This charming story follows a rain cloud as it experiences many emotions – a great introduction to the water cycle for young children
- Sarah Massini is an award-winning illustrator who has been published in many languages

• April 2019 – Little Cloud
• £10.99 / hb • 3yrs+ • 32pp • 275 x 245 mm
• All languages (Sold: Dutch)



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Hugs and Kisses

Sam Hay • Emma Dodd



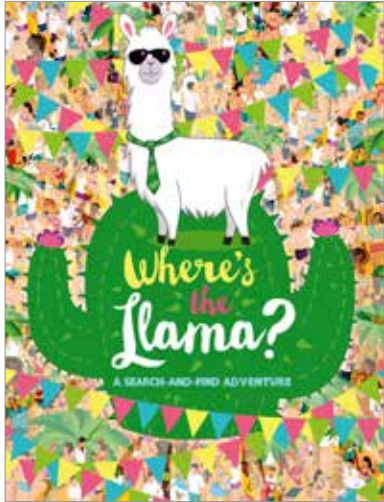
Finding Nemo meets *Guess How Much I Love You* in this enchanting pop-up story all about a whale and an octopus on their search for love.

- There are two sides to every story – flip the book to read each character's story
- The two stories meet in the middle in a huge pop-up surprise, making this an incredible gift offering
- The perfect gift for Valentine's Day and sharing with those you love

• January 2019 – Hugs and Kisses
• £12.99 / hb + pop-up • 3yrs+ • 32pp • 275 x 245 mm
• All languages



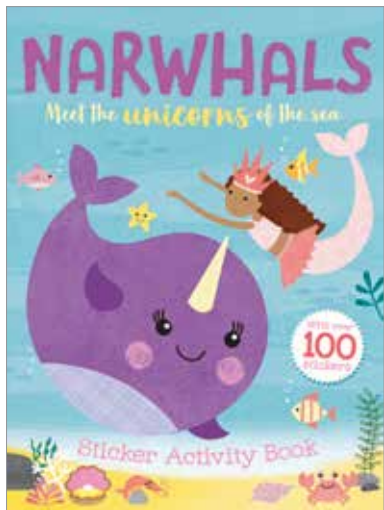
Where's the Llama? A Search-and-Find Adventure



From the publishers behind the chart-smashing sensation *Where's the Wookiee?* – a new search-and-find adventure based on the hottest trend of 2018.

- Alpaca your bags and join some cheeky llamas on this hilarious search-and-find adventure
- Tapping into the hottest trend of the year – llamas are the new unicorns!
- Mass crossover appeal: for girls, boys, trendy teens and young-at-heart adults
- September 2018 – Where's the Llama? A Search-and-Find Adventure
- £6.99 / pb • 7yrs+ • 40pp • 300 x 216 mm
- All languages

Narwhals: Sticker Activity Book



Dive into a magical underwater world and find out all about narwhals . . . the real life unicorns of the sea!

- Full of activities, mazes, colouring-in, jokes, quizzes and sticker scenes
- Crack the secret codes, help mermaids get ready for a party, learn how to draw your own narwhal and much, much more
- Plus 100 stickers for hours of fun
- October 2018 – Narwhals: Sticker Activity Book
- £5.99 / pb • 5yrs+ • 32pp • 285 x 216 mm
- All languages

RED SHED NON-FICTION



Human Journey

Professor Alice Roberts • Alexandra Gurtner

Reach back across the years and shake hands with your ancestors.

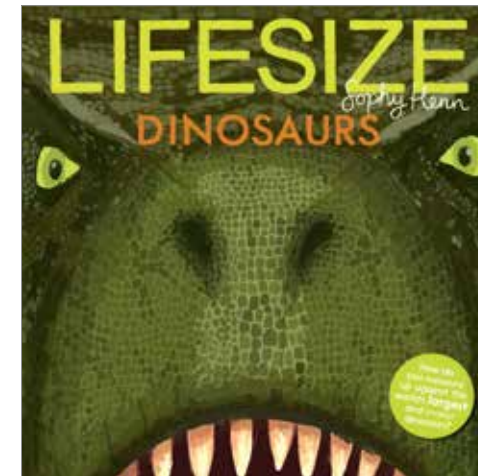
- Reimagine the routes our ancestors took out of Africa and across the world to Asia, America, Australia and Europe
- Atmospheric illustrations and powerful portraits convey the danger and drama of their adventures
- BBC TV presenter and expert, Professor Alice Roberts, brilliantly combines science and history in this epic retelling of human migration

- October 2020 – Human Journey
- £12.99 / hb • 8yrs+ • 48pp • 275 x 245mm
- All languages



Lifesize: Dinosaurs

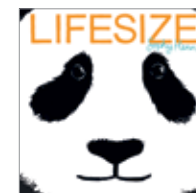
Sophy Henn



Come face to face with some LIFESIZE dinosaurs in this interactive journey into the past.

- Children can compare themselves to lifesize artwork of dinosaurs and other amazing prehistoric creatures in this giant book
- Sophy Henn's first *Lifesize* book has been translated into 8 languages
- The perfect interactive experience for Jurassic Park fans and young dinosaur enthusiasts
- Sophy Henn has been nominated for the Kate Greenaway Award and shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize

- March 2019 – Lifesize: Dinosaurs
- £12.99 / hb + double-gatefold • 3yrs+ • 32pp
- 300 x 300 mm • All languages (Sold: US English)



- Published – Lifesize
- £12.99 / hb • 3yrs+ • 32pp • 300 x 300 mm
- All languages (Sold: French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, US English)

Find, Fix, Go!

Chris Oxlade • Jez Tuya



From cars, planes and cranes to diggers, motorbikes and boats, and much more – discover how each one works!

- This interactive STEAM book is perfect for engaging children and introducing them to these essential subjects
- See inside each vehicle and see if you can spot all of the working parts
- Each vehicle needs your help to fix it – can you solve the problem?

- June 2020 – Find, Fix, Go!
- £10.99 / hb • 5yrs+ • 32pp • 275x245 mm
- All languages



How Colour Works

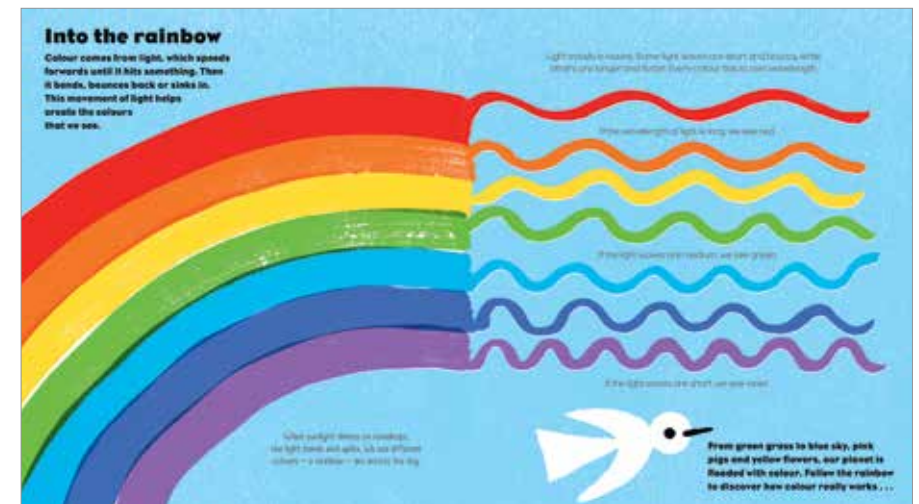
Catherine Barr • Yuliya Gwilym



Explore the world of colour in a whole new light in this fascinating and gorgeous science book.

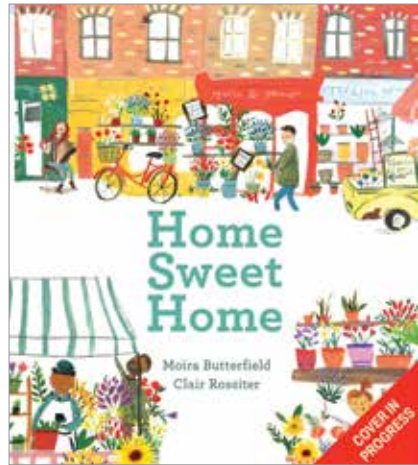
- Discover how we see colours, why the sky looks blue, why blood is red, and much more!
- Explains a complicated subject in a way that is accessible for young readers and budding scientists
- An engaging science book – perfect for building your STEAM library

- June 2019 – How Colour Works
- £10.99 / hb • 5yrs+ • 32pp • 275 x 245 mm
- All languages (Sold: Simplified Chinese)



Home Sweet Home

Moira Butterfield • Clair Rossiter



- July 2019 – Home Sweet Home
- £10.99 / hb • 5yrs+ • 32pp • 275 x 245 mm
- All languages (Sold: Simplified Chinese, US English)

If you think about your home – what is it like? Does it have walls and a roof? A front door and a kitchen?

But not all homes are the same.

- A unique mix of facts and true-life stories, carefully selected to inspire the imagination
- Explore facts from all over the world and throughout history – from King Louis XI's wallpaper to Turkey 9,000 years ago where no one had front doors!
- Follow families throughout the book in this wonderful celebration of culture
- A wonderful way to open up discussion about similarities and differences



We Are a Garden

Louise Greig • Suzanne Barton



Immerse yourself in the beautiful world of a garden in this interactive pre-school book.

- Peep through the die-cut pages on your journey as you meet trees, flowers, bees, butterflies, dragonflies, foxes and many other wonders of a garden
- A gentle, lyrical introduction to nature for young children
- Suzanne's book *The Dawn Chorus* has been translated into 7 languages

- March 2020 – We Are a Garden
- £10.99 / hb + die-cuts • 3yrs+ • 32pp • 275 x 245 mm
- All languages



Search and Find: Hidden Adventures

Lara Hawthorne



Use a magic lens to explore the world and hunt for hidden treasure.

- Explore scenes packed with details including a shipwreck, a jungle, outer space and much more!
- Combines learning and interesting facts with a fun quest to find hidden objects and animals
- Taps into the popularity of find-and-spot books
- Lara Hawthorne was shortlisted for the Lowry Children's Book Award

- September 2019 – Search and Find: Hidden Adventures
- £10.99 / hb + magic lens • 5yrs+ • 32pp
- 275 x 245 mm • All languages



Choose Your Own Journey: Under the Sea

Susie Brooks • Tracy Cottingham



You choose the journey in this interactive narrative book.

- Follow the lines and uncover the fold-out pages to choose your own journey
- Twist and turn through die-cut pages on fascinating and absorbing adventures
- Promotes kinetic learning by encouraging readers to participate in the visual journey by tracing their fingers along the pages

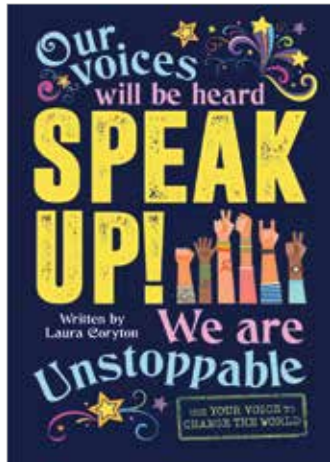
- April 2020 – Choose Your Own Journey: Under the Sea
- £10.99 / hb + die-cuts • 3yrs+ • 32pp • 245 x 275 mm
- All languages (Sold: US English, simplified Chinese)



- Published – Choose Your Own Journey
- £10.99 / hb + diecuts • 3yrs+ • 32pp • 245 x 275 mm
- All languages (Sold: Danish, French, Korean, Simplified Chinese, US English)

Speak Up!

Laura Coryton

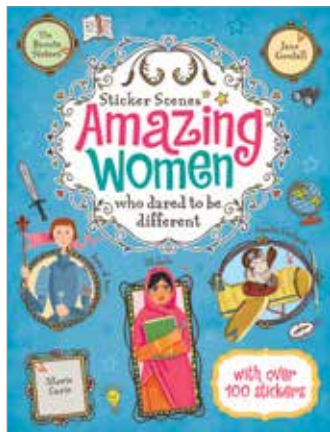


An empowering and big-sisterly guide encouraging young girls to speak up for what they believe in.

- *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls* meets *You Are Awesome!*
- Written by inspirational Laura Coryton, who led the international campaign against tampon tax and won the Guardian's New Radical Thinker Award
- Explores the generations of women who have spoken up and paved the way for the 21st century

- March 2019 – Speak Up!
- £7.99 / pb • 12yrs+ • 224pp • 198 x 129 mm
- All languages

Amazing Women: Sticker Scenes



An interactive activity and sticker scene format celebrating inspirational women from all around the world.

- The ultimate mash-up: empowering women trend combined with a bestselling sticker and activity format
- Featuring inspirational women such as Joan of Arc, Malala Yousafzai, Michelle Obama, Cleopatra, Emmeline Pankhurst and many, many more

- March 2019 – Amazing Women: Sticker Scenes
- £5.99 / pb • 5yrs+ • 32pp • 285 x 216 mm
- All languages

FICTION

The Land of Roar

Jenny McLachlan



- September 2019 – The Land of Roar
- Spring 2020 – The Land of Roar 2
- £6.99 / pb • 8yrs+ • 288pp • 129 x 198mm
- All languages

What if your imaginary world became real?

When Arthur and Rose were little, they were heroes in the Land of Roar, an imaginary world that they found by climbing through the folding bed in their grandad's attic. Roar was filled with things they loved – dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards and adventure – as well as things that scared them.

Now the twins are 11, Roar is just a memory. But when they help Grandad clean out the attic, Arthur is horrified when Grandad is pulled into the folding bed and vanishes. Is he playing a joke? Or is Roar... real?

- A warm, accessible, laugh-out-loud celebration of the power of imagination
- Strong hooks, child-friendly themes – and a really scary baddie!
- Reminiscent of *Peter Pan*, *The Neverending Story* and *Jumanji* – perfect for readers of *Nevermoor* and *The Wizards of Once*
- Jenny McLachlan is the acclaimed author of the Ladybirds series for teens. This is her middle-grade debut



AN EXTRACT

The Land of Roar

Jenny McLachlan

I pull my legs in behind me and crouch in the middle of the folded camp bed, just like before.

Only this time, I don't bother with any magic words. Instead, I do what Rose used to do: I close my eyes and I imagine Roar.

It's hard to begin with. Roar is buried deep at the back of my mind. Some details, like Win's trainers and Crowky's voice, are crystal clear, but most of it is hazy and muddled, like my memories of the first house we ever lived in and Nani.

Then Roar comes back to me.

I see me and Win standing on a ship – The Raven – and I feel the spray from the Bottomless Ocean stinging my eyes. Rose is feeding Pickle bits of doughnut and shouting, 'Get back, before he burns your hair off!' Then Crowky lands with a thump on the deck of The Raven. His black wings billow around him like a cloud, and he grips hold of my arm and hisses, 'I've got you now, Arthur Trout!'

Keeping my eyes squeezed shut and my mind stuffed full of Roar, I start to crawl further into the mattress. Left hand, right hand. I see Mitch – her blue hair trailing behind her and tattoos of bubbles floating up her arm. Left hand, right hand. I smell the bonfire and popcorn smell of Win's cave. Left hand, right hand. Somewhere at the back of my brain, I register that I should have fallen onto the attic floor by now, and that this is taking far too long, but I push the thought away and I see Roar's night sky crammed so full of stars it looks like rainbow glitter had been thrown across black velvet.

There were millions of stars in Roar – blue, green, pink, purple – and their light was as warm the sun. Those stars used to shine down on me and Rose when we floated in Mitch's lagoon. They made patterns on our skin.

I freeze, snapping back to where I am. Something has changed. I hold my breath and feel around. My hands aren't pressing into a soft and spongy mattress any more. They're touching something rough and hard.

The mattress has gone.

Icy fear rushes through me. This is what I wanted to happen, wasn't it? I wanted to crawl into the z-bed and for something magical to happen, but now cold rock is digging into my hands and knees I'm so scared my whole body is shaking.

I force myself to open my eyes...

Comic Classics

Jack Noel



- April 2020 – Great Expectations
- August 2020 – Treasure Island
- February 2021 – The Hound of the Baskervilles
- £6.99 / pb • 7yrs+ • 240pp • 148 X 210 mm
- All languages

OLD books get NEW doodles in this series of famous stories from rising star illustrator Jack Noel!

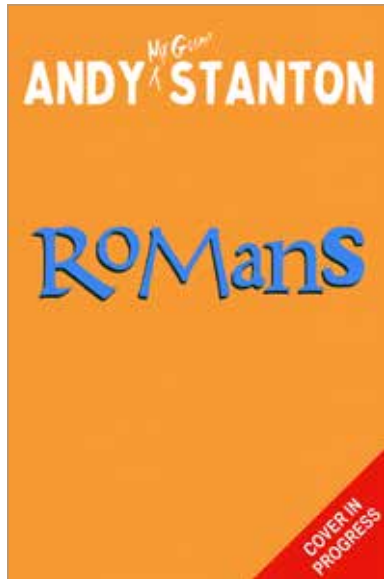
This series launches with *Treasure Island*, *Great Expectations* and *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, with abridged texts to focus on the most iconic and exciting scenes. The pages are packed full of hilarious illustrations, doodles and extra fun stuff to bring the classics to life in a whole new way for middle-grade readers.

- Jack's comic vision turns the classics into a middle grade comedy series that will appeal to fans of Tom Gates, Barry Loser and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*
- A standout package with bright neon colours and two-colour printing inside
- The stories are full of adventure and familiar characters told in a way that will particularly encourage reluctant readers
- An exciting new illustrator who was spotted when he shared spreads for this project on Twitter. We plan to keep sharing material, such as sneak peeks of characters and stop-motion drawing videos



The Paninis of Pompeii

Andy Stanton



- July 2019 – The Paninis of Pompeii
- £6.99 / pb • 7yrs+ • 240pp • 129x198 mm
- All languages



The first in a brand new series from the fevered imagination of the award-winning, bestselling author of Mr Gum.

Welcome to the last days of Pompeii as you've NEVER imagined them before! Join fart-trader Caecilius, his wife, Vesuvius, and their ten-year-old son, Filius, in a bizarre world of accidental gladiators, pizza-emitting volcanoes and *much*, much more. You'll meet the household servant, Slavius; thrill at the misadventures of Barkus Woofernicum, the family mutt; find out what really went on at the public baths; and generally have an uproariously hilarious time of it all.

Full of ludicrous characters, surreal escapades and outrageous wordplay – if you thought Mr Gum was weird, then get a load of the Ancient Pompeians!

- It's the Simpsons in Ancient Rome, with a pair of bonkers parents plus our relatable child characters in Filius and his friend Slavius
- Hilarious illustrations throughout
- Mr Gum has sold 3.6 millions copies in the UK and has won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, the Red House Children's Book Award and the Blue Peter Book Award (twice)
- The Mr Gum series is being reissued with a bold new look in 2019

The Paninis of Pompeii

Andy Stanton

Now, Filius had everything he could possibly want in life – a pencil with a rubber on the end, a bag of toy gladiators and something else. All sorts of things. He even had a dice and when you threw it, it controlled the weather. I was sunny, II was cloudy, III was storms, IV was rainbows you could eat, V was overcast and VI was all the weather at once.

But still Filius was bored, because children with everything often have nothing, in a way.

'I am bored, Barkus Woofernicum,' said Filius. 'Why don't you do that trick you like doing, to cheer me up?'

So Barkus Woofernicum did his trick but it didn't really cheer Filius up because the trick was just to carry on behaving normally.

'Drat and figs,' said Filius, who had learned this naughty expression from his father. 'I think I am going to go crazy with boredom, you know.'

But just then he heard someone else saying 'drat and figs' in the next room. His curiosity roused, Filius crept along the corridor and peered in to the front room, where Slavius the household slave was looking downcast, as if someone had rolled a V on his face.

'Drat and figs,' sighed Slavius. 'I am so bored being a slave. I wish I could be anyone else – yes, even that spoilt brat, Filius – just for one day. I bet if I were Filius, everything would be all right.'

Now, this gave Filius an extremely crafty idea. He ran into the room and smashed Slavius over the head with an enormous Roman vase.

'That's for calling me a spoilt brat,' said Filius. And then he had another crafty idea.

'Let us change places, you and I,' said Filius. 'For one day, you will be me and I will be you.'

'I see,' said Slavius. 'Your plan is a delight, for we look quite similar, you and I. So now let us change our togas. And a ho a ha! We each are the other one now! I am Filius!' said Slavius, clapping his hands in glee.

'And a ho a ha! I am Slavius!' announced Filius.

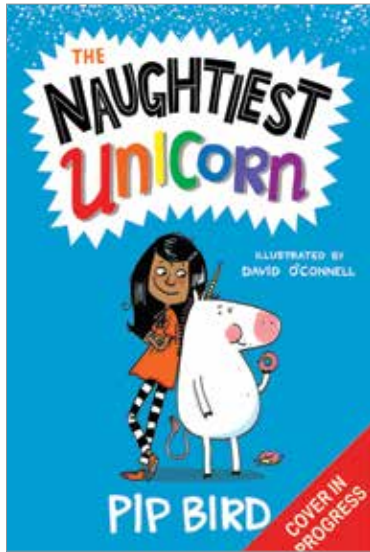
Then Slavius (dressed as Filius) smashed a massive vase over Filius' head.

'What was that for?' said Filius (dressed as Slavius).

'That's for calling me a spoilt brat,' laughed Slavius. 'For I am now you and you me, remember?'

The Naughtiest Unicorn

Pip Bird



- May 2019 – The Naughtiest Unicorn
- July 2019 – The Naughtiest Unicorn at Sports Day
- September 2019 – The Naughtiest Unicorn at the School Disco
- £5.99 / pb • 6yrs+ • 144pp • 129 x 186 mm
- All languages

Get into trouble with the world's naughtiest unicorn in this new hilarious series.

Mira CAN'T WAIT to start Unicorn School. But when Mira arrives on her first day, her name isn't on the list and all the unicorns are gone . . . Except Dave!

Dave isn't quite the sparkly unicorn Mira was expecting to find at the end of the rainbow. He's more grumpy than glittery, more interested in lunch than magical quests and he always runs off when Mira tries to ride him – but Mira's not going to let that get her down. Along with her new friends and their (much more glittery) unicorns, she is determined to be the best at quests and save the Rainbow Forest (and stop for lots of snacks!).

- Uniting the ever-popular, glittery world of unicorns and rainbows with a comedy voice – Pamela Butchart meets *The Worst Witch* meets UNICORNS
- The package has hilarious illustrations from David O'Connell giving it that comedy USP
- Strong series momentum with the first three books publishing in May, July, and September 2019

The Naughtiest Unicorn

Pip Bird

'My name's Mira. And I can't wait to meet my unicorn best friend,' said Mira. Miss Glitterhorn handed her the scroll. Mira's heart was hammering in her chest.

Mira
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Everyone in the crowd turned towards the door. There was no sign of her unicorn, yet. Mira looked back down at her scroll. She could see the word beginning to form. It wasn't long enough to be Princess Delilah Sparklehoof, but the first letter was a 'D' . . .

Dancer? Dasher? DESTINY?

Mira held her breath as the other letters appeared . . .

Mira
&

...Dave

A surprised gasp echoed around the hall. Mira peered closer at the scroll. It definitely said Dave. Everyone turned towards the door. No unicorn.

Madame de la Fee looked over at Miss Glitterhorn, who said, 'Just a sec' and jogged over to the double doors to the hall. A few moments later she appeared at the entrance again, tugging on some reins. But whatever was on the other end of the reins didn't seem to be moving. Eventually Madame de la Fee went over to help and between them they dragged the unicorn in.

Mira stared.

The unicorn was short and cross-looking, with a pot belly and a mane like straw that stuck up at all angles.

'Greet your unicorn,' said Madame de la Fee, sounding out of breath. Miss Glitterhorn was leaning against the mounting block and sweating heavily.

'Hi . . . Dave,' said Mira. The unicorn looked up her. Okay, so he was a bit small. And he wasn't very glittery. But . . . at least I finally have a unicorn of my very own! she thought.

Mira reached out to pat Dave's nose but he put his ears back and snorted loudly. She pulled her hand away.

'A round of applause for our final pair, Mira and Dave!' said Madame de la Fee, a slightly-forced grin on her face.

Uncertain applause rippled around the hall. Mira's sister was laughing so loudly that she had to be taken outside.

Mira looked back at her unicorn. There was a twinkle in Dave's eye. Perhaps he was friendly after all? Dave snorted again and lifted his tail. Then he unleashed a giant heap of poo onto Miss Glitterhorn's feet.

Things the Eyes Can't See

Penny Joelson



- February 2020 – Things the Eyes Can't See
- £7.99 / pb • 12yrs+ • 352pp • 128 x 198 mm
- All languages

A thrilling mystery from a unique perspective from the award-winning author of *I Have No Secrets*.

Libby is visually impaired but that doesn't stop her being a keen photographer. While out walking with her guide dog, Samson, and taking photos, Libby makes a horrifying discovery... a body in the undergrowth. To make things even more shocking, this is someone they know. The mystery seems impossible to solve – but does one of Libby's photographs hold a clue?

- Another compulsive and addictive mystery thriller from Penny, with an intriguing central concept to make it really stand out
- *I Have No Secrets* has had a brilliant critical reception, with 5 award wins so far (it is currently shortlisted for 2 more), including the FCBG Children's Book Award, which is the only national children's book award voted for entirely by young people
- *I Have No Secrets* was selected as one of only 5 World Book Day teen books in 2018
- The film rights for *I Have No Secrets* have been optioned by Century Films
- Penny was inspired to write the story after meeting a real-life guide-dog user who loves photography, and is working with a school for the visually impaired to research this aspect of the story

Things the Eyes Can't See

Penny Joelson

Samson's head is down as if he's sniffing something.

'What's up?' I ask, softly, touching his back.

He replies by sitting down and whimpering. I don't think I've ever heard him whimper. Is he hurt? Maybe he's cut a paw on some glass on the path. I crouch beside him, stroking his head.

The path is bordered by an area that is never mowed and has become a meadow of wild flowers. Beyond this is a fence and then the railway line. Mum doesn't like me coming here. She says it's creepy – but I've always liked it because there's no danger of traffic and it's a quick cut through to the station. And because of the flowers. The specks of colour stand out from the haze and draw me in – and when I get close enough, I can see the detail. I love the colours, the patterns and shapes and I take photographs of them, so close you can hardly see they are flowers anymore. It's my passion, photography.

I can hear what you're thinking – 'a blind photographer? No way!' OK. I can't see a lot – not enough to walk around safely, just vague blurry shapes – but close up, 2 cm from my eyes, I can see perfectly. And I love to take close ups of flowers.

Samson seems to be pushing my hand towards a red flower – a poppy, waving in the breeze. It's almost as if he's found me a perfect flower to photograph. I lean down, pulling the stem gently close to my eyes. Each delicate red petal overlaps and in the centre is a cluster of black stamens surrounding a dark pistil.

I want to pull out my camera from my bag but Samson nudges me with his nose. He seems upset. His body is tense, not relaxed. He nuzzles my hand again, pushing it forward and further down between the grasses and that's when I touch it – something like a finger.

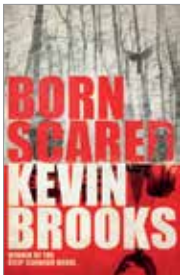
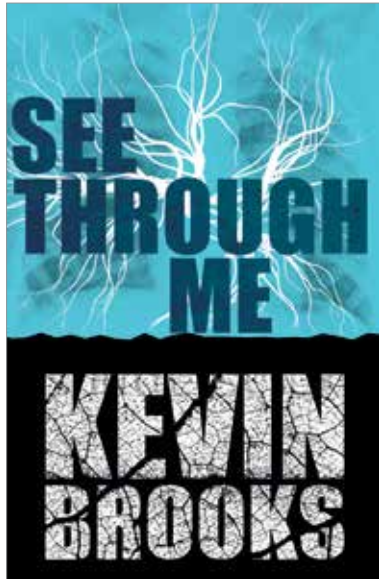
Then I feel the hand and the arm. Now I'm sure.

What . . . ?

The hand is cold – cold and stiff. The fingers don't bend.

See Through Me

Kevin Brooks



- September 2019 – See Through Me
- Published – Born Scared
- Published – Dogchild
- £7.99 / pb • 14yrs+ • 352pp • 129 x 198 mm
- All languages

A stunning new novel from award-winning Kevin Brooks.

When fifteen-year-old Kenzie wakes up in hospital in a darkened room, she's in the dark about what happened too. At first, no one will tell her what's wrong – but eventually doctors break the devastating news that she has been struck down by a rare genetic condition. The symptom of this condition is that her skin has become transparent, revealing everything inside of her. She feels repellent to look at. But when a medical photo of her is leaked and goes viral, the press attention is massive. How can Kenzie live like this, when she doesn't want to be seen at all? Maybe a boy who can't see her will help her to find the answers.

- Hooky, commercial concept and Kevin's stunning writing make this an unmissable read
- Kevin's awards include the Carnegie Medal, German Youth Literature Award, the Buxtehude Bulle, the Branford Boase Award and the Canongate Prize for New Writing
- Sits alongside Kevin's previous novels *Being* and *iBoy* in terms of readership and appeal

AN EXTRACT

See Through Me

Kevin Brooks

My name is Kenzie Clark. I'm nearly eighteen now (it's my birthday next month) and sometimes I forget that my last day of normality – the last day of my life as a relatively ordinary girl – was only two years ago. It doesn't feel like two years. It feels like a lifetime, like I've been this way forever. And sometimes, when I think back to the days before the horror, I find it almost impossible to remember the 'me' I used to be – the child, the teenager, the girl who wasn't like this. It's as if she never existed. I'll be lying awake at night, staring into the darkness, trying to picture her . . . trying to remember how she looked, how she was, how she felt about things . . . and nothing of her will come to me.

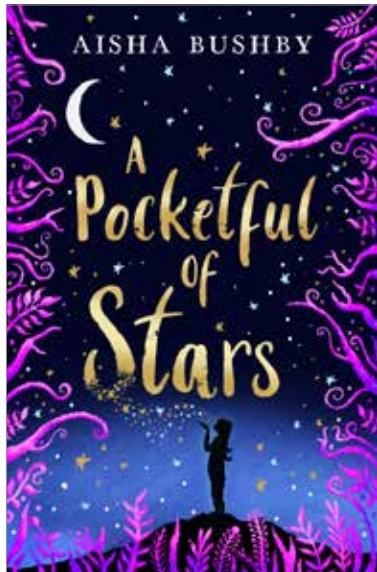
All I'll see is all I am.

A faceless face, encaved eyes, a skull, bones, blood . . .

All I am.

A Pocketful of Stars

Aisha Bushby



- June 2019 – A Pocketful of Stars
- June 2020 – Book 2
- £6.99 / pb • 9yrs+ • 288pp • 129 x 198 mm
- World English

A story of family, friendship and finding out who you are . . . with a sprinkling of magic.

Safiya and her mum have never seen eye to eye. Mum doesn't approve of Safiya's gaming and it feels like every day ends in an argument. But then her mum falls into a coma. And as Safiya waits anxiously by her mum's bedside, day and night, the dreams begin. Safiya finds herself in a strange alternative world that looks a bit like one of her games, and there's a rebellious teenage girl with a secret who looks suspiciously familiar . . .

- Contemporary middle-grade that's full of heart and with a magical twist that makes it stand out from competition
- Aisha was the breakout star of prize-winning BAME anthology *A Change is Gonna Come* and is a rising star of middle-grade fiction
- An exciting magical twist that takes readers from modern day to a game world based in 1980's Kuwait
- Perfect for fans of Jacqueline Wilson

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A Pocketful of Stars

Aisha Bushby

It takes me a full minute to look up at Mum once we're alone.

Slowly, I move my eyes up from the base of her bed, across the thin sheets that cover her legs, all the way up to her hands and the tubes attached to the back of them, and finally to her face.

The first thing I think is how great she looks. It sounds odd, but she does. Her skin is almost glowing. Right now, there aren't any dark circles to show the hours of working under lamplight; no frown lines to shape her concentration, or her upset; and her mouth isn't downturned in disappointment, the way it often is when we speak.

I'm sorry I was so horrible. I want to say, but I can't say it aloud.

Mum and I have this invisible scoring system. Every time we argue about one thing, three or four previous arguments get dragged into it. We've now battled out each of our issues so many times that they no longer make sense. We've never managed to resolve anything, either, so our problems just grow and grow, like a monster that feeds off our frustration with one another.

This last argument felt like he had grown so big that the monster had taken over her flat entirely. I remember feeling suffocated, right before I said those horrible words and bolted.

Mum looks relaxed, almost like she's smiling. Like she has a secret.

Her long, brown hair is fanned out across the pillow, her curls perfectly placed. She looks like an Arabian sleeping beauty, hands clasped over her chest, waiting for the kiss of life.

Without thinking, I stand up, lean over her, and stroke strands of hair away from her face. The smell of her musky perfume has somehow managed to linger on her skin, after all of these days. It makes my chest tighten.

She's had the same perfume since I can remember. It's surrounded every hug she's given me, all the way back to childhood. But, we haven't hugged in such a long time and I'd forgotten how much I missed it.

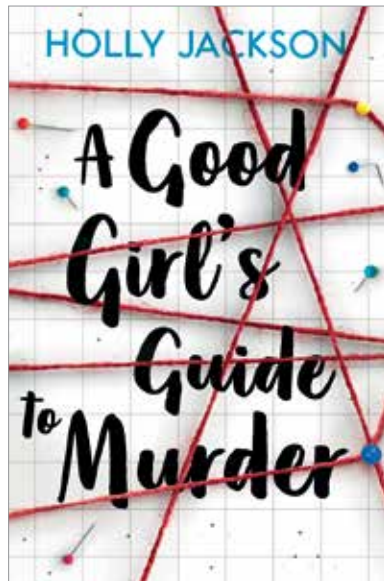
I kiss her on the forehead and my tears sink into her skin.

I sit back, and wait for the magic to happen.

But this isn't a fairytale, and princesses don't wake up after kisses.

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder

Holly Jackson



- May 2019 – A Good Girl's Guide to Murder
- £7.99 / pb • 14yrs+ • 432pp • 129 x 198 mm
- All languages (Sold: Catalan, Polish, Spanish, US English, UK Audio)

A debut YA crime thriller as addictive as *Serial* and as page-turning as *One of Us is Lying*.

The case is closed. Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. Almost everyone. Having grown up in the small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Amobi chooses the case as the topic for her final school project. But when Pip starts uncovering secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden, what started out as a project begins to become Pip's dangerous reality...

- For all YA and adult crime fans of *Serial*, *One of Us is Lying*, *Gone Girl*, *The Girl on the Train* and *The Hazel Wood*
- A cold-case thriller written in the original format of a college report, complete with interviews, logs and murder maps
- A deftly-woven cold-case plot with themes of race, privilege, family and justice at its heart
- An incredibly commercial, thrilling and darkly humorous debut voice in YA crime fiction from a young author who is one to watch

AN EXTRACT

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder

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She lay under her duvet, arrow-straight and shivering. She closed her eyes and focused her ears. There was a scraping sound somewhere in the house. Was someone trying to get inside? Or was it just the willow tree that sometimes scuffed against her parents' window?

A thud from the front. Pip jumped. A neighbour's car door slamming or someone trying to break in?

She got out of bed for the sixteenth time and went to the window. She moved a corner of the curtain and peeked through. It was dark. The cars on the front drive were dusted with pale silver moon-streaks but the navy blush of night hid everything else. Was someone out there, in the darkness? Watching her? She watched back, waiting for a sign of movement, for a ripple of darkness to shift and become a person.

Pip let the curtain fall again and got back into bed. The duvet had betrayed her and lost all the body heat she'd filled it with. She shivered under it again, watching the clock on her phone tick from 02:59 into the 3s and onward.

When the wind howled and rattled her window and Pip's heart jumped to her throat, she threw the duvet off and climbed out again. But this time she tiptoed across the landing and pushed open the door into Josh's room. He was sound asleep, his peaceful face lit up by his cool blue star nightlight.

Pip crept over to the foot of his bed. She climbed up and crawled over to the pillow-end, avoiding the sleeping lump of her brother. He didn't wake but moaned a little when she flicked his duvet over herself. It was so warm inside. And Josh would be safe, if she was here to watch him.

She lay there, listening to his deep breaths, letting her brother's sleep-heat thaw her. Her eyes crossed and tripped over each other as she stared ahead, transfixed by the soft blue light of spinning stars.

Amelia Fang and the Half Moon Holiday

Laura Ellen Anderson



A brand new title in the bestselling, gorgeously gothic and wickedly funny Amelia Fang series.

It's the school half moon holidays in gloomy Nocturnia and Amelia is going to spend it with her Rainbow Rangers troop on Sugar Plum Island!

But whilst exploring, Amelia and her friends accidentally invoke an ancient curse – and are shrunk to the size of bugs! How will they make the BIG journey to break the curse when they are all so very TINY?

- *Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball* was the number one non-celebrity children's debut at launch
- The series has sold over 70,000 copies in the English language since October 2017
- 20 rights deals and counting...
- An incredibly promotable author who does fantastic interactive and art-based events

- Published – *Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball*
- Published – *Amelia Fang and the Unicorn Lords*
- October 2018 – *Amelia Fang and the Memory Thief*
- March 2019 – *Amelia Fang and the Half Moon Holiday*
- October 2019 – *Amelia Fang and the Great Yeti Mystery*
- £6.99 / pb • 7yrs+ • 288pp • 129 x 186 mm
- All languages (Sold: Catalan, Czech, Dutch, French (Canadian), French, Galician, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish, US English)



Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Spiders

Katie and Kevin Tsang



The fourth book in this brilliantly funny young series about the bravest scaredy-cat in the world.

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- Diverse characters and cultural details. One of the very few young fiction series featuring an Asian protagonist
- Commercial and highly-illustrated package from the very talented Nathan Reed
- Each book deals with a common childhood fear in a charming, funny and accessible way
- Katie Tsang is an acclaimed YA author who writes under the name of Katherine Webber

- Published – *Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Ghosts*
- Published – *Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Sharks*
- February 2019 – *Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of the Dark*
- July 2019 – *Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Spiders*
- £5.99 / pb • 6 yrs+ • 224pp • 129 x 198 mm
- All languages (Sold: Georgian, Hebrew, Turkish, US English)



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The first OFFICIAL Minecraft novels for young readers 7+

Follow Mason, Ash, Harper, Poe & Jodi as they're pulled into the world of Minecraft in this brand new series!



• April 2019 – Minecraft Fiction 1
• £5.99 / pb • 7-9yrs • 144pp • 198 x 128 mm



• April 2019 – Minecraft Fiction 2
• £5.99 / pb • 7-9yrs • 144pp • 198 x 128 mm



• July 2019 – Minecraft Fiction 3
• £5.99 / pb • 7-9yrs • 144pp • 198 x 128 mm



Minecraft

The official publishing programme for the second bestselling PC game of all time offers something for every player, however they like to play.



The first title in the new range of building books for younger Minecrafters. Build your very own theme park to enjoy with your friends!

- May 2019 – Let's Build: Theme Park Adventure
- £7.99 / pb + flaps • 6yrs+ • 64pp • 210 x 148 mm



The second title in the new range of building books for younger Minecrafters.

- September 2019 – Let's Build: Land of Zombies
- £7.99 / pb + flaps • 6yrs+ • 64pp • 210 x 148 mm



The perfect introduction to Minecraft for true beginners. Learn how to break blocks, make tools and find food.

- May 2019 – Minecraft for Beginners
- £9.99 / hb • 6yrs+ • 64pp • 285 x 216 mm



Have fun exploring Minecraft's new ocean life by completing the sticker activities.

- February 2019 – Aquatic Adventure Sticker Book
- £7.99 / pb • 6yrs+ • 32pp • 285 x 216 mm



The first ever Minecraft search and find adventure, *Catch the Creeper* is the perfect gift for any Minecraft player!

- September 2020 – Catch the Creeper
- £9.99 / hb • 6yrs+ • 40pp • 300 x 216 mm



Explore each of Minecraft's biomes in this fully-illustrated book of maps.

- October 2019 – Maps
- £14.99 / hb • 8yrs+ • 80pp • 297 x 216 mm



Learn how to survive underwater in Minecraft's new and improved ocean biomes.

- September 2019 – Guide to Ocean Survival
- £9.99 / hb • 8yrs+ • 72pp • 285 x 216 mm

The new *Minecraft Gift Box* contains 3 books, a poster and 2 press-out models.

- September 2019 – Gift Box
- £14.99 / novelty • 8yrs+ • 72pp • 285 x 216 mm



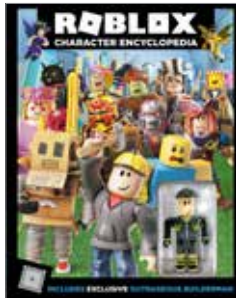
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Roblox

Brand new range of books based on the world's largest entertainment platform for play!



Discover over 100 cool characters from the Roblox universe, including famous developers, iconic characters and even YouTube stars!

- October 2018 – Character Encyclopedia
- £12.99 / hb • 9yrs+ • 144pp • 255 x 210 mm



Assemble your avatar for a range of different games with this creative sticker book, which includes over 200 accessory stickers.

- April 2019 – Ultimate Avatar Sticker Book
- £6.99 / pb • 9yrs+ • 32pp w/ 24pp stickers
- 285 x 216 mm



Enter a world of fantasy and fiction with Roblox's guide to role-playing, featuring over 40 games that allow you to assume an assortment of roles.

- May 2019 – Top Role-Playing Games
- £9.99 / hb • 9yrs+ • 96pp • 210 x 148 mm

ROBLOX

BRANDS & LICENSING

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Another compilation of over 100 colourful characters from the world's largest interactive platform for play, packed full of stats, game profiles and avatar fashions.

- October 2019 – Character Encyclopedia Vol.2
- £12.99 / hb • 9yrs+ • 144pp
- 255 x 200 mm



Join Builderman and co. on a quest to stop the chaos-causing Classic Noob from wreaking havoc across the most popular games on the platform. With over a dozen intricate artworks and hundreds of things to find, *Where's the Noob?* is hours of fun.

- October 2019 – Where's the Noob?
- £9.99 / hb • 9yrs+ • 40pp • 300 x 216 mm



Get the lowdown on the last 12 months on the world's biggest interactive platform, including the best games, the coolest devs and behind-the-scenes info from the Roblox team.

- August 2019 – Annual 2020
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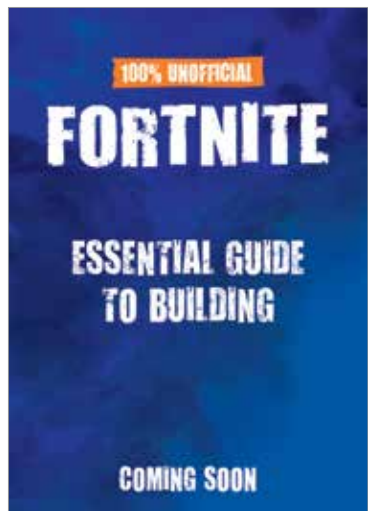
Fornite

Fortnite is the 100-player Battle Royale game with over 45 million players, and rising. Our 100% unofficial essential guides feature all the latest updates and tips for Fortnite fans.



A gamer's guide to the phenomenally successful Fortnite Battle Royale, this full colour illustrated unofficial handbook guides novice players from the basics through to more advanced gameplay.

- November 2018 – 100% Unofficial Fortnite Essential Guide
- £7.99 / hb • 12yrs+ • 64pp • 210 x 148 mm

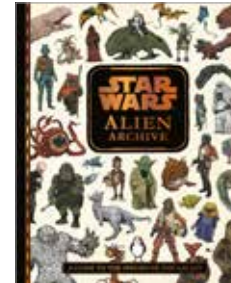


The 100% Unofficial Fortnite Essential Guide to Building will teach you everything you need to know about the most important skill to master in the world's biggest video game: building.

- April 2019 – 100% Unofficial Fortnite Essential Guide to Building
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Star Wars

Star Wars has a fanbase of all ages, growing with every new movie. Each year introduces a wealth of new characters, locations and storylines for all to enjoy!



This is the ultimate guide to over 200 aliens from the Star Wars galaxy. With full colour artwork from Tim McDonagh, illustrator of the *Galactic Atlas*.

- October 2018 – Star Wars Alien Archive
- £20 / hb • 8yrs+ • 160pp • 300 x 245 mm



Chewie is back for another search and find adventure! Featuring new locations to explore and characters to find as you resume your hunt for the hairy hero!

- September 2019 – Star Wars Where's the Wookiee? 3
- £9.99 / hb • 6yrs+ • 40pp • 300 x 216 mm



This bumper box set contains two *Where's the Wookiee?* search-and-find books, a colouring book, a full-colour *Where's the Wookiee?* wall poster, and two cardboard models to press-out and make. It's the perfect gift for fans of all ages!

- September 2018 – Star Wars Where's the Wookiee? Collection
- £14.99 / Novelty • 6yrs+ • 72pp • 285 x 216 mm





MY LITTLE PONY

Twilight Sparkle and the Mane 6 are ready for more adventures in the land of Equestria. Join them on their quest to prove the magic of friendship.



This friendship box contains colouring, activities and a poster, plus an extra special pony gift.

- September 2019 – MY LITTLE PONY: Friendship Collection
- £14.99 / novelty • 3yrs+ • 72 pp • 285 x 216 mm



A playful, interactive friendship journal featuring all your favourite pony friends. Find out what type of friend you are, doodle your own cutie mark and create your own animal sidekick. With lots of games, activities and quizzes to complete.

- July 2019 – MY LITTLE PONY: Friendship Journal
- £7.99 / hb • 5yrs+ • 96pp • 230 x 180 mm



Find out everything you need to know of the magical world of Equestria. With fun facts and stories, this is the ultimate guide for every pony. Also featuring brand new content from series eight and nine of Friendship is Magic.

- September 2019 – MY LITTLE PONY: Encyclopedia
- £9.99 / flexi-back • 4yrs+ • 208 pp
- 235 x 162 mm



Explore your favourite locations in the land of Equestria with Twilight Sparkle and her friends. This 1001 sticker book is full of activities and games, perfect for pony fans.

- July 2019 – MY LITTLE PONY: 1001 Stickers
- £7.99 / pb • 4yrs+ • 48pp + 32pp stickers • 297 x 210 mm



Filled with magical stories, pony profiles, activities, puzzles and colouring.

- August 2019 – MY LITTLE PONY Annual 2020
- £7.99 / hb • 5yrs+ • 72 pp • 285 x 216 mm





Fireman Sam™

Fireman Sam and the Fire Crew are always ready to jump into action. With new vehicles, locations and characters for little heroes to enjoy.



With 12 different scenes and lots of stickers, little heroes can join the team and help to save the day.

- April 2019 – Fireman Sam: Let's Go, Team! Sticker Scenes
- £4.99 / pb • 3yrs+ • 24pp + 8pp stickers • 285 x 216 mm



Meet the rescue vehicles and help the Fire Crew save the day in this chunky board book.

- May 2019 – Fireman Sam: Ready to Rescue Tabbed Board
- £6.99 / novelty • 3yrs+ • 10pp • 210 x 210 mm



Thomas & Friends™

Thomas the Tank Engine™ continues to delight children and adults alike and with brand new locations and characters it's more fun than ever before!



Meet Thomas and the Steam Team with all your favourite engines, alongside new friends, Nia and Rebecca, in this chunky board book with 8 tabs.

- March 2019 – Thomas & Friends: The Steam Team
- £7.99 / novelty • 2yrs+ • 16 pp • 210 x 210 mm



Get creative with 14 favourite scenes of Sodor with Thomas and his friends in this fun-filled sticker scenes book! Includes brand-new steam team characters, Nia and Rebecca.

- March 2019 – Thomas & Friends: Sticker Scenes
- £4.99 / pb • 3yrs+ • 24pp • 285 x 216 mm



Thomas and his friends are playing hide and seek around Sodor. Peep behind the flaps to find all the engines!

- July 2019 – Thomas & Friends: Hide & Seek Lift-the-Flap Book
- £6.99 / novelty • 3yrs+ • 10 pp • 170 x 170 mm



The all-new Thomas Pocket Library is updated to feature the new Steam Team – perfect for young children to enjoy on the move!

- January 2019 – Thomas & Friends: Pocket Library
- £4.99 / novelty • 3yrs+ • 48pp • 90 x 90mm





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