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2013 Great Reads For Your Kids



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Welcome to

2013 Great Reads for Your Kids



Dear Parents,

School is out and children are having great fun enjoying the outdoors. The long summer holiday is also the best time to get your children into the habit of reading a bit each day - a joyful habit that will last for a lifetime. Browsing in bookshops and choosing books together can be one of the best activities for parents to bond with their children.

This booklet highlights some of **Blooming Club's most popular titles** and **the latest releases** for your reference. To help you maximise the effectiveness of your shared reading time, we have also included some pointers on how to read to your child.

The featured titles are for children of all ages – play books, picture books, chapter books, fiction and non-fiction. They are available at **The Commercial Press branches** in Causeway Bay, Tsimshatsui, Olympian City, Kornhill, Telford and Shatin as well as **the Hong Kong Book Fair 2013**, so please come and visit us there.

Since our inception in 2009, we have been promoting the importance of reading to children in Hong Kong.

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Happy
Summertime reading!

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Why Reading in English is Important

In modern society, there is always change, and it happens fast. In the 21st century we are faced with **globalization**. Being able to read and **communicate** in English, and to have excellent language skills from childhood, will make all the difference to our children's futures in a challenging global environment. **Reading enriches children's thinking and imagination**, as it introduces new ideas, places, feelings, cultures and information to them.



Baby and Toddler



Baby Touch: Rainbow

By Ladybird | Published April 2013

Enter a world of colour with *Ladybird Baby Touch: Rainbow!* Each bold, shaped page helps to teach a different rainbow colour, with friendly characters, gentle rhyming text and bright touch-and feels.

Also available:
Baby Touch: Hide and Seek Ribbon Book



Garden Animals

By Lucy Cousins
Published March 2013

There are fun and vivid images for each garden animal, and children will love to identify and name them one by one.

This touch and feel book is one to start a child's love of books.

Also available:
Country Animals, Farm Animals, Pet Animals

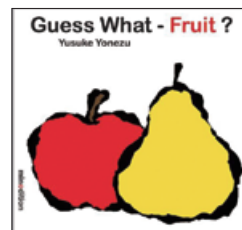


Guess What – Fruit?

By Yusuke Yonezu
Published September 2011

This is a lovely book for little ones. Everyone will enjoy the guessing game. There will be both surprise and amusement when the child lifts each flap and see how the picture cleverly transforms to another object.

Also available: *Guess What – Food?*



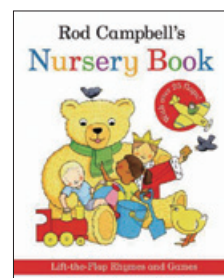
Rod Campbell's Nursery Book Lift-the-Flap Rhymes and Games

By Rod Campbell | Published July 2011

This very entertaining first introduction to traditional nursery rhymes as well as new verses and games is a must-have for every nursery.

Children will love to discover what's under the flap on every page! And very soon, they will be chanting their favourite nursery rhymes.

Also available: *Rod Campbell's Animal Book*

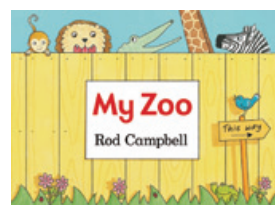


My Zoo

By Rod Campbell | Published May 2013

Come on in and meet all the animals! From the large grey elephant and the stripy zebra, to the bouncy kangaroo and the big friendly hippo, children can learn their names and then discover their different shapes and sizes.

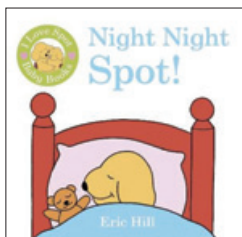
A classic theme in a new format by the creator of the bestselling lift-the-flap book *Dear Zoo*. It is the perfect way to introduce your children to the wonder and variety of wild animals!



Night Night Spot!

By Eric Hill
Published June 2013

Night Night Spot is a lovely bedtime padded board book featuring everyone's favourite puppy, Spot! Perfect for little hands to hold, babies will recognise and enjoy the routine of Spot's bedtime.

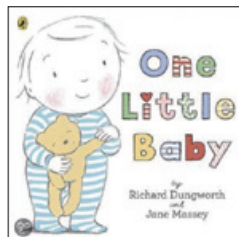


One Little Baby

By Richard Dungworth
Published January 2013

'One little baby in a cosy baby bed, one little baby with a busy day ahead.'

Here is a book for every baby about every baby's day. With a lilting, lyrical rhyme, this is a perfect book for sharing at bedtime.



Our Dog

By Helen Oxenbury | Published February 2013

A child and his mother take their dog out for her daily walk. She leaps into a smelly pond, rolls in the mud and then, when she gets home, jumps on the bed while she's soaking wet.

A warm and funny depiction of the mischief caused by a family's dog and a little boy's delight in walking, chasing and washing her.

This is part of Helen Oxenbury's classic *First Storybooks* series.

Also available: *The Birthday Party*, *The Dancing Class*, *Eating Out*



It's a Little Book

By Lane Smith
Published May 2013

A playful exchange between an uninformed young donkey and a book-loving young ape brings Lane Smith's bestselling *It's a Book* to an even younger audience.

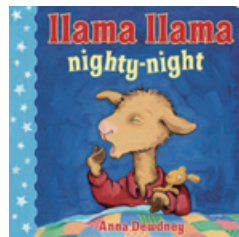
This fun and satisfying board book is perfect for small hands, so the message about the joy of reading can be shared with toddlers too.



Llama Llama Nighty-night

By Anna Dewdney
Published January 2012

Say nighty-night with Llama Llama and get ready for bed and sweet dreams. This board book edition of the popular *Llama Llama* series is ideal for bed time reading.



Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

By Mem Fox
Published September 2009

Beautifully illustrated by Helen Oxenbury, this book celebrates babies the world over. No matter where they are born, they have ten little fingers and ten little toes.

This is a perfect book to share with babies and toddlers, and a perfect gift for new mothers.

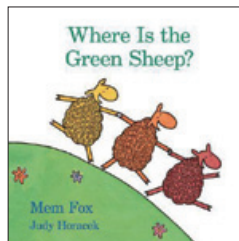


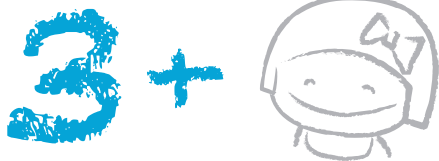
Where Is the Green Sheep?

By Mem Fox
Published March 2009

As children chant the repetitive rhymes, they learn basic vocabulary – colours, opposites, etc. Their curiosity is aroused as the question 'Where is the green sheep?' is repeated. They can't help wondering, if they were a green sheep, where would they be hiding?

Also available:
Time For Bed, *Hello Baby*, *Whoever You Are*, *Hattie the Fox*.





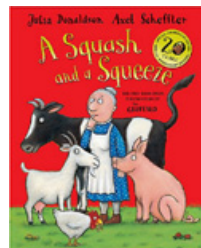
A Squash and a Squeeze

By Julia Donaldson | Published January 2013

A classic tale of a grumpy old woman who seeks help from a wise old man. He has a most curious way to help her fix her problem.

This is the special 20th anniversary edition of the first ever book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Also available: *The Gruffalo, The Snail and the Whale, The Room On the Broom, The Highway Rat, Zog*



Clifford's Big Red Box

By Norman Bridwell | Published January 2013

It's Clifford's 50th anniversary this year!

Through Clifford's heartwarming adventures with friends, children have learnt life lessons such as being kind, sharing, helping others and being a good friend.

This box set contains ten of Norman Bridwell's classic stories for young children, so they can join in Clifford's adventures.

Also available: *The Clifford Collection, Clifford's Birthday Party (50th Anniversary Edition)*



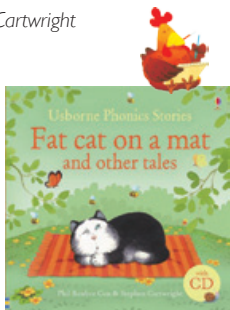
Fat Cat on a Mat and Other Tales

By Phil Roxbee Cox and Stephen Cartwright
Published January 2010

This collection of twelve lively stories is ideal for the very young.

The simple text encourages reading, helping children to sound out individual letters, then blend them together to make whole words.

Every child can learn phonics naturally by listening to the CD.



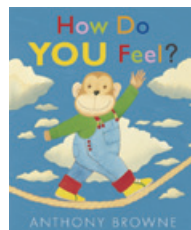
How Do You Feel?

By Anthony Browne
Published April 2013

How do you feel? Sometimes you feel happy, sometimes sad. Sometimes you even feel surprised!

Anthony Browne brings all his understanding and skill to bear in this exploration of emotion for very young children.

Also available:
My Dad, My Mum, Bear Hunt, A Walk in the Park



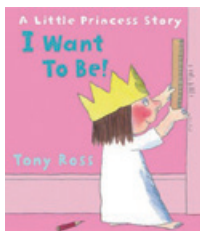
I Want To Be!

By Tony Ross
Published April 2013

What does the feisty little princess want to be when she grows up? Her family and friends are eager to give their advice, but the little princess has an unexpected idea of her own.

This story is part of the newly reissued edition of the *Little Princess* series which has been a favourite for two decades.

Also available:
I Want My Potty, I Want My Dummy, I Want a Party, I Don't Want to Wash My Hands, I Want to Win



King Jack and the Dragon

By Peter Bently
Published May 2013

Night is falling, bedtime is looming and playtime is nearly over...but brave King Jack is more than a match for dragons and terrible beasties.

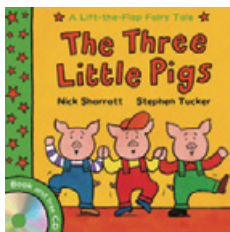
This magical make-believe adventure is illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. It is a wonderful bedtime tale for little boys and brave children everywhere.



Lift-the-flap Fairy Tale: The Three Little Pigs

By Stephen Tucker
Published May 2009

This is part of the *Lift-the-Flap Fairy Tale* series of classic stories retold for a younger readership. The glorious rhymes used throughout make it perfect for reading aloud. With flaps and surprises on every page, this sturdy book has been a bestseller since its publication.



Also available:

Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks, Cinderella, The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Lulu Loves Nursery

By Camilla Reid
Published May 2013

Today is Lulu's first day at nursery school, and she is worried. She doesn't want to leave her mummy, and what if she doesn't make any friends?

This sweet book about being a little bit brave is perfect to share with little ones.

Also available:

Lulu's Shoes, Lulu's Lunch, Lulu's Clothes, Lulu's Christmas, Lulu's Loo, This is Lulu



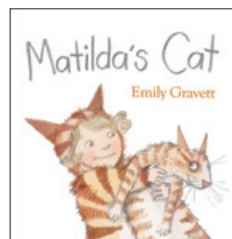
Matilda's Cat

By Emily Gravett | Published February 2013

Matilda is doing everything she is sure that her cat will love - climbing trees, playing with wool.... But what does Matilda's cat like?

An insightful, fond and funny look at the relationship between a little girl and her cat. It is sure to strike a chord with children.

Also available: *Wolf Won't Bite, Again, Monkey and Me, Blue Chameleon*



Richard Scarry's Funniest Storybook Ever

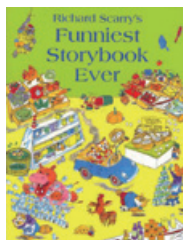
By Richard Scarry
Published March 2011

Welcome to the busy world of Richard Scarry! Every page in this picture book is packed with pictures and zany stories, with lots of details for children to spot.

With fifteen fabulous Scarry stories in this hilarious book, there is enough action here to satisfy the most demanding reader.

Also available:

Richard Scarry's Best, Bedtime Stories Ever



Stuck

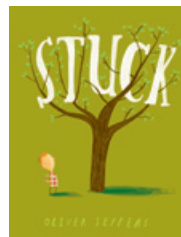
By Oliver Jeffers
Published April 2012

Floyd gets his kite stuck up in a tree. He throws up his shoe to shift it, but that gets stuck too. So he throws up his other shoe and that gets stuck, along with...a ladder, a pot of paint, the kitchen sink, an orangutan and a whale, amongst other things! Will Floyd ever get his kite back?

This is a hilarious book with a wonderful surprise ending.

Also available:

The Heart in a Bottle, How to Catch a Star, The Incredible Book-eating Boy, Lost and Found, Up and Down, The Way Back Home



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The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse

By Eric Carle | Published July 2013

This book is inspired by the great Expressionist painter Franz Marc, who painted abstract blue horses. Eric Carle begins his tribute to the creative life with 'I am an artist...' in his new book.

Filled with some of the most magnificently colourful animals of Eric Carle's career, this is a book that celebrates imagination and the artist within us all.

This is a great book to bring out the painter in your child.

Also available:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Busy Spider, A House for Hermit Crab, The Bad-Tempered Lady Bird, The Foolish Tortoise

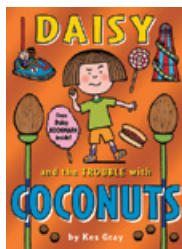




Daisy and the Trouble with Coconuts

By Kes Gray
Published September 2012

In Book 7 of the *Daisy* series, there is trouble with coconuts. For Daisy, they are the worst type of nuts in the world! They are too big and too hairy! Plus if you want to win one, they just get you into trouble! Get up to no good with Daisy as she heads to the funfair – for a whole lot more trouble!



Also available:
Double Daisy, Daisy and the Trouble with Life, Daisy and the Trouble with Giants, Daisy and the Trouble with Kittens, Daisy and the Trouble with Zoos, and more!

Fluff the Farting Fish

By Michael Rosen
Published January 2013

Elvie is desperate for a puppy that she can train up to do amazing tricks. However, she is given a fish instead! Determined to fulfill her dream, she trains up Fluff the fish.

Young readers will love this very funny story of becoming famous and its consequences.



Also available: *Burping Bertha*

Matilda (New Colour Edition)

By Roald Dahl
Published May 2013

Matilda's parents have called her some terrible things, but the truth is she's a genius and they're the stupid ones. Underestimating Matilda proves to be a big mistake.

Roald Dahl's much loved *Matilda* celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.



Also available in a colour edition:
James and the Giant Peach, George's Marvellous Medicine, The Enormous Crocodile, Fantastic Mr. Fox

The Fairy Bell Sisters: Silver and the Fairy Ball

By Margaret McNamara
Published April 2013

Before Tinker Bell flew to Never Land and met Peter Pan, she lived on Sheepskerry Island with her fairy sisters

The young fairies go to fairy school and love tea parties, dressing up and exciting adventures.

This brand-new series is inspired by J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan.



Also available: *Book 2 - Rosie and the Secret Friend*

Happy Mouse Day (Colour First Reader)

By Dick King-Smith
Published June 2012

'You are NOT keeping a mouse in this house!'

Every Saturday - or Mouseday, as Pete calls it - Pete asks his mum and dad if he can have a pet mouse. And every week, the answer is the same. No! Then Pete gets a terrific idea. He could secretly keep a mouse in his tree-house...



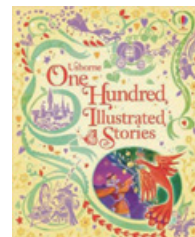
Also available:
The Monster Crisp-Guzzler, The Ghost Teacher, Too Big!, Invisible Winnie, Unusual Day, The Dinosaur's Packed Lunch, The Monster Story-Teller

One Hundred Illustrated Stories

Published November 2012

An enchanting collection of one hundred of the best-loved stories ever told, from elegant retellings of Grimm and Andersen fairy tales to lively folk tales from around the world.

Also available:
Usborne Illustrated story collections: Illustrated Nursery Rhymes, Illustrated Robin Hood, Illustrated Alice, Illustrated Stories from Shakespeare, Illustrated Stories for the Holidays, Illustrated Grimm's Fairy Tales, and many others!



Read It Yourself With Ladybird



The bestselling Read It Yourself with Ladybird series which has helped young children to develop and improve their reading skills for over 35 years has a brand new look. There are now 50 titles in the series.

The modern themes, favourite characters and traditional tales in each level of the **4 level series** are designed for early readers from about 4 to 7. There are many key, high-frequency words, limited number of story words, simple sentences and frequently repeated words and sentences to support children all the way from very first reading practice through to independent, fluent reading. **All titles in the relaunched series are available.*

Peppa Pig : Recycling Fun

Level 1: For children who are ready to take their first steps in reading

Published July 2013

Peppa Pig and her family are having fun sorting and recycling their rubbish. Miss Rabbit is having fun recycling, too, until she tries to recycle something she shouldn't!

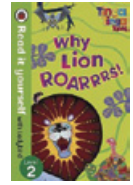


Why Lion ROARRRRS!

Level 2: For beginner readers who can read short, simple sentences with help.

Published July 2013

A Tinga Tinga tale inspired by traditional stories from Africa. Lion is king of Tinga Tinga but he can't roar! Can his friend Flea help Lion to find his roar and behave more like a king?



Charlie and Lola

Level 3: For more confident readers who can read simple stories with help.

Published July 2013

Peppa Pig and her family are having fun sorting and recycling their rubbish. Miss Rabbit is having fun recycling, too, until she tries to recycle something she shouldn't!

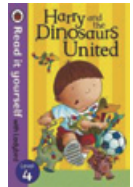


Harry and the Dinosaur United

Level 4: Longer stories for more independent fluent readers.

Published July 2013

When Harry is chosen to be class football captain, he's worried that his team will be rubbish during the football competition. Luckily, Mr Oakley and the dinosaurs are there to help!



RSPCA 1: Little Lost Hedgehog

By Jill Huckleby

Published January 2013

This is the first book in a new series based on real life animal rescues.

Grace has found a tiny hedgehog in her garden. It's lost and hungry. Grace and her family need to look after the hedgehog until the RSPCA arrives.

Also available:

RSPCA 2: Puppy Gets Stuck

RSPCA 3: Lamb All Alone

*The RSPCA is a charity organization that helps animals in England and Wales.



Schoolies My School Day

By Ellen Crimi-Trent

Published June 2013

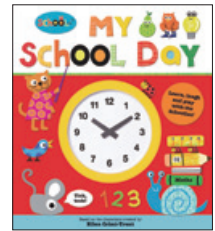
It's time for the Schoolies! Preschoolers will love the characters in this new series created by artist and designer Ellen Crimi-Trent.

From waking up to favourite lessons, kids will love learning to tell the time as they spend with the Schoolies.

Also available:

Schoolies School House, Schoolies Making Friends,

Schoolies Activity Flash Cards



Stick Man (Early Reader)

By Julia Donaldson

Published December 2012

The world is a dangerous place for Stick Man. A dog wants to play with him. A swan builds her nest with him. He even ends up on a fire! Will he ever get back to the family tree?

Also available:

Tiddler The Storytelling Fish



The Snail and The Whale

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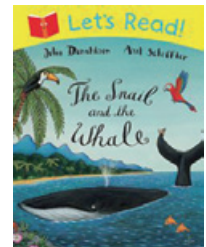
By Julia Donaldson

Published February 2013

This is the story of a tiny snail who longs to see the world. But how can she travel? By hitching a lift on the tail of a whale of course!

Also available:

The Gruffalo, The Princess and the Wizard, Tyrannosaurus Drip, Hamilton's Hat, Wendel's Workshop



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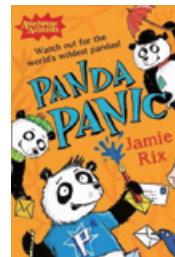
Awesome Animals: Panda Panic

By Jamie Rix | Published July 2012

Ping the panda does not want to sit around eating bamboo all day with his mum and twin sister in the Wolagong Nature Reserve. He craves adventure and excitement. When he overhears that one lucky panda will have a chance to go on an exchange programme to the London Zoo, he wants to make sure he gets chosen.

This is one of the fantastic titles in the *Awesome Animals* series – awesome adventures with the wildest wildlife, from award-winning authors including Jeanne Willis, Michael Broad and Rose Impey.

Also available: *Awesome Animals: Koala Calamity, Llama Drama, Otter Chaos!, Penguin Pandemonium, Raccoon Rampage, The Rescue, Penguin Pandemonium: The Wild Beast, Meerkat Madness, More Meerkat Madness, Panda Panic Running Wild*



Captain Underpants and the Revolting Revenge of the Radioactive Robo-Boxers

By Dav Pilkey | Published March 2013

When we last saw our heroes, George and Harold, they had been turned into evil zombie nerds doomed to roam a devastated, postapocalyptic planet for all eternity. Could this be the end for Captain Underpants?!!

Find out in the tenth epic novel by Dav Pilkey. This hilarious series is superb for children to start enjoying books.

Also available: *Book 1-9*



Cavemice: The Stone of Fire

By Geronimo Stilton
Published January 2013

The first book in the *Cavemice* series about Geronimo Stilton's ancient ancestor, Geronimo Stiltonoot, is sure to delight his fans and to get them interested in the prehistoric world.

Also available:
Book 2 - Cavemice: Watch Your Tail



Little Manfred

By Michael Morpurgo
Published January 2013

Little Manfred, a wooden Dachshund, seems more important to Charley's Mum, Grace, than anything else.

One day while Charley and her brother Alex are walking their real pet dog, Manfred, they learn of their mother's friendship with Walter prisoner of war just after World War II.

Will Walter and Grace ever meet again?



Magic Bone: Be Careful What You Sniff For

By Nancy Krulik
Published May 2013

Sparky, the narrator of the *Magic Bone* series, is a playful sheepdog puppy that travels the world, thanks to the magical powers of a very special - and tasty - bone!

In Book 1, Sparky is transported to London after he has a bite of the magic bone! Young readers can "Channel their inner puppy" by EmBarking on a magical journey with Sparky!

Also available: *Book 2 - Catch That Dog Wave*



My Funny Family on Holiday

By Chris Higgins
Published January 2013

It's the summer holidays and the Butterfield family is going away to Cornwall. As usual, Mattie has plenty to worry about. What if she loses the luggage she's been put in charge of? What if someone falls over a cliff? And worst of all... what if they've forgotten someone?

Also available:
Book 1 - My Funny Family,
Book 3 - My Funny Family Gets Bigger



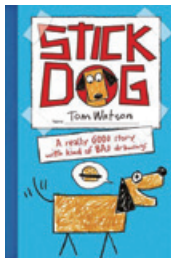
Stick Dog

By Tom Watson

Published January 2013

Meet Stick Dog - a new breed of hero! In his first adventure, Stick Dog and his friends embark on an epic quest to steal a hamburger. But it's not as easy as it sounds.

First published as a E-book in the US, this "really good story with kind of bad drawings" has been a huge success.

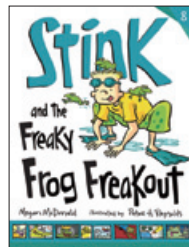


Stink and the Freaky Frog Freakout

By Megan McDonald

Published June 2013

Something weird is happening to Stink - he starts to see frogs everywhere - in the changing room, in his boot, in his bathtub - following his encounter with a mutant amphibian. Could it be that Stink is turning into...the amazing Stink-Frog, fighter of slime? Pree-eeep! Craw-awk!



With the relaunch of the *Stink* series this summer, a new generation of readers will love the many interesting happenings in Stink's life.

Also available:

Stink: Solar System Superhero

Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown

Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker

and more!

The Dragonsitter

By Josh Lacey

Published May 2012

It had sounded so easy: Edward was going to look after Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on holiday.

But soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are blazing, and the postman is fleeing down the garden path. It's because the pet is a dragon.

This first book in the series was shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize in 2012.

Also available:

Book 2 - The Dragonsitter Takes Off



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The Secret Seven

By Enid Blyton

Published May 2013

The Secret Seven are Peter and his sister Janet, Jack, Colin, George, Pam and Barbara. They meet every holiday and solve mysteries. They even have a secret password!

This classic 15-book series by best-loved author, Enid Blyton, has been given a brand-new look for today's readers.



Also available: *Book 2-15*

Time Hunters: Gladiator Clash

By Chris Blake

Published July 2013

The first book in a new time-travelling series - perfect for fans of *Beast Quest*

When ten-year-old Tom accidentally smashes a statue in a museum, he releases Isis, a young Egyptian princess who has been imprisoned for thousands of years, along with her mummified moggy, Cleo.

Join the trio on their action-packed journey as they track down six amulets on a thrilling treasure hunt through time.



Also available:

Time Hunters 2: Knight Quest,

Time Hunters 3: Viking Raiders,

Time Hunters 4: Greek Warriors

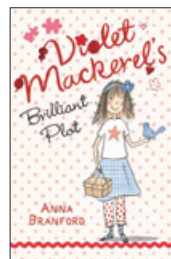
Violet Mackerel's Brilliant Plot

By Anna Branford

Published May 2012

This is a new series for ages 6-9 featuring the funny, quirky Violet Mackerel - a girl with a mission to think outside the box.

In Book 1, Violet is smitten with a blue china bird at the market, but she doesn't have any money to buy it. What she needs is a brilliant Violet Mackerel plot!



Also available:

Book 2 - Violet Mackerel's Remarkable Recovery and

Book 3 - Violet Mackerel's Natural Habitat



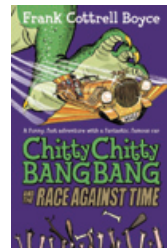
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and The Race Against Time

By Frank Cottrell Boyce | Published September 2012

Frank Cottrell Boyce breathed new life into Ian Fleming's classic story of a flying car, in the official sequel, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again*.

Now in the second book, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and the Race Against Time*, uh-oh! Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is stuck in reverse. Little Harry has pressed a button that means she's reversing through time - with the Tootings family aboard. How are the Tootings - and Chitty - going to get out of this one? More fun, fast, feel-good adventure with the world's greatest car...driven by the world's most hapless family.

Also available: *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* by Ian Fleming, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again*



Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel

By Jeff Kinney
Published June 2013

Love is in the air, but what does that mean for Greg Heffley?

The hilarious adventures of everyone's favourite wimpy kid, Greg Heffley, continue to keep children reading, even the most reluctant readers.

Also available:
Book 2: Rodrick Rules,
Book 3: The Last Straw, Book 4: Dog Days,
Book 5: Ugly Truth and Book 6: Cabin Fever



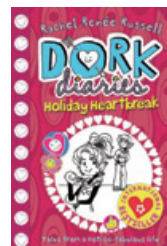
Dork Diaries 6: Holiday Heartbreak

By Rachel Renee Russell
Published June 2013

It's the biggest dance of the year and Nikki Maxwell is hoping her crush, Brandon, wants to be her date. But what if he doesn't want to go with her? Or worse - what if he ends up going with Mackenzie?!!

In the sixth book in the blockbuster *Dork Diaries* series, join Nikki, Chloe and Zoey as they tackle the topic of love, Dork Diaries style!

Also available: *Dork Diaries 1-5*



Four Children and It

By Jacqueline Wilson | Published May 2013

Rosalind and Robbie don't want to spend the summer stuck in their dad's new house with their irritating stepsister, Smash, and her glamorous mum. Little do they realize that their weeks of rows and bickering will change to the best holiday ever.

Bestselling author Jacqueline Wilson pays tribute to her favourite classic, E. Nesbit's *Five Children and It*, in this funny, and heartwarming modern day story of four children who discover a way to make wishes come true. Readers will be gripped by the relationship between stepsisters Rosalind and Smash.

Also available: *The Worst Thing About My Sister, Lily Alone, Hetty Feather, Sapphire Battersea, The Tracy Beaker Trilogy, Five Children and It* by E. Nesbit



Gangsta Granny

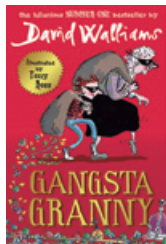
By David Walliams
Published February 2013

Ben thinks that his grandma is a real bore, until he finds out that she was once the most wanted jewel thief in the world!

The two work together on the most daring robbery the world has ever known - the Crown Jewels at the Tower of London!

This is a hilarious story, but it also conveys an emotional message of prejudice and acceptance which is truly touching.

Also available: *The Boy In the Dress, Mr Stink, Billionaire Boy, the boxed set of all four bestselling titles*



2012
The Red House
Children's
Book Award
Winner

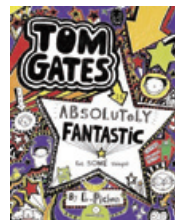
Tom Gates Is Absolutely Fantastic (At Some Things)

By Lis Pichon
Published April 2013

In the fifth book in the multi-award winning Tom Gates series, Tom Gates continues to cram his homework diary with his doddles and stories. Exciting news! Mr. Fullerman announces that class 5F is going on an "Activity Break!" Which should be fun. Find out what's going to happen.

This is a fantastic series for to get children who don't read to start reading. The pictures, cartoon doodles through out are very appealing,

Also available: *The Brilliant World of Tom Gates, Tom Gates Genius Ideas (Mostly) (Winner of Blue Peter Award 2013), Tom Gates: Everything is Amazing (Sort Of), Excellent Excuses*



House of Secrets

By Chris Columbus and Ned Vizzini | Published April 2013

The *House of Secrets* is the first book in a new series by Chris Columbus, director and producer of many box-office hits including *Harry Potter* and the *Philosopher's Stone*.

It follows three siblings and their family as they are forced to move to a mysterious new house in San Francisco and end up embarking on a journey to retrieve a dark book of untold power.

"A breakneck, jam-packed roller coaster of an adventure about the secret power of books, *House of Secrets* comes complete with three resourceful sibling heroes, a seriously creepy villainess, and barrel loads of fantasy and fear." – J.K. Rowling, author of the *Harry Potter* series.



Operation Bunny

By Sally Gardner

Published October 2012

Orphaned Emily Vole's neighbour Mrs String leaves her a mysterious inheritance: an old shop, a small bunch of golden keys and a cat called Fidget. It's the beginning of an adventure of a lifetime as the old Fairy Detective Agency comes back to life.

This is the first in a quirky, funny, exciting mystery series – Wings & Co. It is a brilliant read that delights both children and the young at heart. David Roberts' spooky illustrations add to the enjoyment of the story.

Also available: *Maggot Moon*



The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas

By David Almond

Published September 2012

Stanley Potts is just an ordinary boy, but when all the jobs in Fish Quay disappear, his Uncle Ernie develops an extraordinary fascination with canning fish.

Stan, however, has his own destiny, which leads him to Pancho Pirelli, the blue-caped madman who swims with piranhas.

This is a joyfully life-affirming and fabulously fishy tale about one boy's journey from anguish to joy.

Also available: *Skelling*, *My Name is Mina*, *Slog's Dad*, *The True Story of Monster Billy Dean*



The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket

By John Boyce

Published March 2013

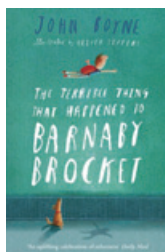
To his very normal parents' horror, Barnaby Brocket is born to defy the laws of gravity – he floats.

One fateful day, Barnaby has to go...and so begins Barnaby's magical journey around the world.

This is a warm, funny and imaginative tale. It is complemented by Oliver Jeffers' lovely black and white illustrations.

Also available:

The Boy in Striped Pyjamas, *Noah Barleywater Runs Away*



Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made

By Stephan Pastis

Published January 2013

Meet Timmy Failure, founder of the "best" detective agency in town – Total Failure, Inc. The hilarious and ever-optimistic Timmy Failure, and his sidekick polar bear, Total, create chaos as they attempt to make sense of the world. With the help of Total, the clueless, comically self-confident Timmy already has plans for world domination. Plans that will make his mother rich and unpaid bills a thing of the past.

Riotously funny, Timmy Failure is sure to have readers in stitches.



To Be a Cat

By Matt Haig | Published May 2013

What if you wake up as a cat? Yes, a cat! Whiskers, fur, four paws, a tail – the real deal.

If your life is miserable like 12-year-old Barney Willow, whose Dad has disappeared, whose head teacher takes pleasure in tormenting him, and whose birthday is spent alone eating lettuce on his own and doing homework, things might be so much easier if you become a cat – a quiet, lazy cat.

Readers will love this funny, dark and exciting story about what it's like to wake up as a cat and the life lessons Barney learns during the experience.



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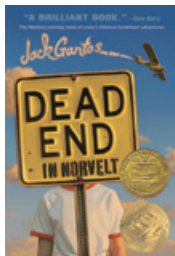
Dead End in Norvelt

By Jack Gantos
Published May 2013

A kid named Jack Gantos is 'grounded for life' by his feuding parents.

But plenty of excitement is coming Jack's way once his mom loans him out to help a feisty old neighbor with a most unusual chore-typewriting obituaries filled with stories about the people who founded his utopian town.

As one obituary leads to another, Jack is launched on a strange adventure.



2012
Newbery
Medal
Winner

Down the Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery

By Peter Abrahams
Published February 2012

This book is a *New York Times* bestseller. It is the first in a three-part series about Ingrid Levin-Hill, junior detective. When Ingrid accidentally leaves her favourite football sneakers at a murder scene, she is sucked into a mysterious case.

This is just one walloping good suspense yarn. I couldn't put it down and go to bed until I'd finished the last fifty pages. – Stephen King



Also available: *Behind the Curtain, Into the Dark*

Far Rockaway

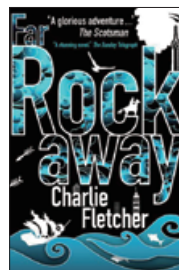
By Charlie Fletcher | Published January 2013

Cat is knocked down by a speeding fire truck whilst crossing 55th St and 3rd Ave in Central Manhattan. She wakes in a world made from all the books her grandfather used to read to her, peopled by some of the most memorable heroes of classic adventure fiction, brought vividly to life.

Cat must earn their friendship and help as she begins an odyssey and epic quest to find the mythic Castle at the World's End. And the name of that distant, mythic, wave-tumbled castle? It is, of course, the castle of Far Rockaway.

If you enjoy reading swashbuckling adventures with sword fights and pirates - then *Far Rockaway* is the book for you. Join Cat as she embarks on the journey of a lifetime.

2013
Carnegie
Book
Award
Longlisted



Fearless

By Cornelia Funke
Published April 2013

In the second of the *Mirrorworld* series, Jacob Reckless has only a few months left to live. He's tried everything to shake the Fairy curse that traded his life for his brother's. And yet hope after hope is extinguished.

The last possibility is a crossbow that can kill thousands, or heal one, when shot through the heart. Jacob must find it before another treasure hunter.

Also available: *Reckless, Inkheart, Inkspell, Inkdeath, Ghost Knight*



Gods and Warriors the Outsiders

By Michelle Paver
Published August 2012

From a time of myths and ancient magic comes the legend of the lost city of Atlantis, tales of gods and warriors and the rise of a hero.

High in the Greek mountains, Hylas is running for his life.

The mysterious black warriors want Hylas dead. Why are they hunting Hylas - and how will he survive?

The first book in a brand new series for fans of epic, action-packed adventures.

Paper Back to be published in August 2013

Also available: *The Chronicles of Darkness series*



A Greyhound of a Girl

By Roddy Doyle | Published July 2012

Four generations of women set off on a car journey. One is dead, one is dying - and one is a twelve-year-old girl preparing to say a last goodbye. Mary O'Hara's beloved, joke-cracking grandmother is near the end of her life. Letting go is hard... until a mysterious young woman appears at Mary's door.

From one of Ireland's greatest writers, Roddy Doyle, this quirky ghost story is tender, funny and totally unique.

2013
CILIP
Carnegie
Medal
Shortlisted

2012
Guardian
Children's
Fiction Prize
Shortlisted



Hero on a Bicycle

By Shirley Hughes
Published November 2012

In extraordinary circumstances, people are capable of extraordinary things. It is 1944 and Florence, Italy is occupied by Nazi forces.

The Italian resistance movement has not given up hope, though, and neither have Paolo and his sister, Constanza. Both are desperate to help fight the occupation, but what can two children do against a whole army with only a bicycle to help them?



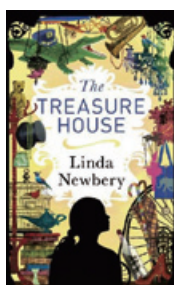
2013
Blue Peter
Book Awards

Shortlisted

The Treasure House

Linda Newbery
Published May 2013

Nina lives with her two eccentric aunts who run a charity shop in town. Nina soon discovers that working in the shop can be fun as she starts to make new friends and uncovers strange secrets. But there is one mystery that she has to solve – her mother's disappearance!



W.A.R.P.: The Reluctant Assassin

By Eoin Colfer
Published April 2013

In Eoin Colfer's own words, his brand-new series is for lovers of time travel, adventure, intrigue, conspiracy, swashbuckling and magic with a few chuckles thrown into the mix.

Riley has been pulled into the FBI's covert W.A.R.P. operation (Witness Anonymous Relocation Program). He and young FBI Agent Chevie Savano are forced to flee terrifying assassin-for-hire Albert Garrick, who pursues Riley through time and will not stop until he has hunted him down. Barely staying one step ahead, Riley and Chevie must stay alive and stop Garrick returning to his own time with knowledge and power that could change the world forever.

Also available: *The Artemis Fowl series*.



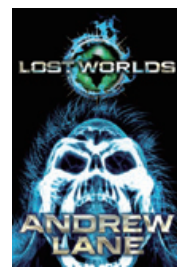
Lost Worlds

By Andrew Lane
Published April 2013

This is the first in a new series from the bestselling author of the *Young Sherlock Holmes* series.

Calum Challenger is a boy with a mission: to track down supposedly mythological creatures and capture their DNA. But while Calum and his friends want to save these beings, an aggressive pharmaceutical company wants to wipe them out. How are they going to stay one step ahead of their enemy?

Also available: *Young Sherlock Holmes series*



The Unforgotten Coat

By Frank Cottrell Boyce
Published October 2012

Two refugee brothers from Mongolia are determined to fit in with their Liverpool schoolmates.

Told with the humour, warmth and brilliance of detail which characterizes Frank Cottrell Boyce's writing. This magical and compelling story is enriched by stunning Polaroid photos.

A stunning magical story of a summer of friendship with darker undertones of the plight of refugees.



2013
Guardian
Children's
Fiction Prize
Winner

Wonder

By R.J. Palacio
Published January 2013

Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

Wonder is a funny, frank, and moving book to read, pass on to others, and remember long after the final page.

The author shows good values such as acceptance, courage, kindness in a brilliant way.



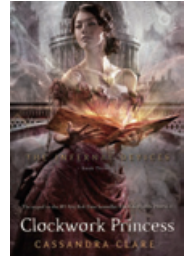
2013
Waterstones
Children's
Best Book Award
Fiction for 5-12s
Winner

2013
CILIP
Carnegie
Medal
Shortlisted

Clockwork Princess *By Cassandra Clare | Published March 2013*

When orphaned shapechanger Tessa Gray is kidnapped by the villainous Mortmain in his final bid for power, the London Institute rallies to save her, but is beset by danger and betrayal at every turn. Tessa realizes that the only person who can save her is herself. But can a single girl, even one who can command the power of angels, face down an entire army?

Danger and betrayal, secrets and enchantment, and the tangled threads of love and loss intertwine as the Shadowhunters are pushed to the very brink of destruction in the breathtaking conclusion to the *Infernal Devices* trilogy.



Code Name Verity

*By Elizabeth Wein
Published June 2013*

Two young women, one a stalwart lass from Manchester and the other a Scottish aristocrat, become unlikely best friends during WWII.

But they find their friendship tested while fighting to save themselves and their secrets when caught behind enemy lines in occupied France during the war.



2013
CILIP
Carnegie
Medal
Shortlisted

Finale

*By Becca Fitzpatrick
Published April 2013*

Teens who like fantasy and enjoy a love story that breaks all boundaries will find this story enthralling.

Nora is more certain than ever that she is in love with Patch. But now they face their biggest challenge. Can their love survive a seemingly insurmountable divide - and, in the end, will there be enough trust left to rebuild what has been broken? The lines are drawn - but which sides are they on?

This final installment in the bestselling *Hush Hush*, *Crescendo* and *Silence* series will not disappoint.



Flip

*By Martyn Bedford
Published March 2013*

Imagine waking up one morning in someone else's body.

When 14-year-old Alex wakes up one morning, he finds himself in the wrong bedroom, in an unfamiliar house, in a different part of the country.

And when he looks in the mirror, he gets the shock of his life. He is living in a boy called Flip's body.

Readers will be gripped by Alex' quest to regain his self. This original story shows what life is all about through a teenager's eyes and what really matters.



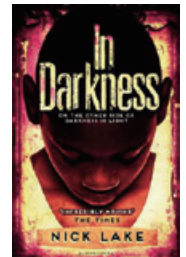
2011
Costa
Children's
Book Award
Shortlisted

In Darkness

*Nick Lake
Published January 2012*

In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, Shorty, a 15-year-old boy trapped beneath the rubble of a ruined hospital, is thirsty, terrified and alone.

But Shorty has a secret: a flame of revenge that blazes inside him and a burning wish to find the twin sister he lost seven years ago.



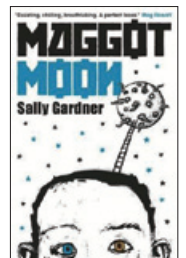
2013
CILIP
Carnegie
Medal
Shortlisted

Maggot Moon

By Sally Gardner | Published January 2013

Hector and Standish are friends. They live together in Zone Seven where the Motherland can keep them, and others like them, under surveillance. When the friends find out something about the Motherland's plans for a moon landing, Standish finds he really does have to make a stand.

"Truly outstanding with a unique voice, it's a magnificent book." – Costa Book Award judges.



2012
Costa
Children's
Book Award
Winner

Midwinterblood

By Marcus Sedgwick
Published May 2012

Have you ever had the feeling that you've lived another life? Been somewhere that has felt totally familiar even when you've never been there before, or felt that you've known someone even though you are meeting them for the first time?

Beautifully imagined, intricately and cleverly structured, this is a heart-wrenching and breathtaking love story, but it also has the hallmark Sedgwick gothic touch with plenty of blood-spilling, a vampire and sacrifice.

Also available: *Revolver*



2013
CILIP
Carnegie
Medal
Shortlisted

Missing Me

By Sophie McKenzie
Published February 2013

Six years have passed since the *Sister, Missing*, Madison is now a teenager. During a visit to older sister Lauren, she learns that their biological father was an anonymous sperm donor and sets out to track him down. Her search bears fruit sooner than she expects, but is the father she discovers all he seems? As Madison gets drawn into a mysterious investigation involving missing girls and secret hideaways, she finds herself in more and more danger...

Best-selling and multi-award winning teen author Sophie McKenzie's sequel to thriller, *Girl, Missing* and *Sister Missing* is another page turner that hooks readers right from the start with its action.



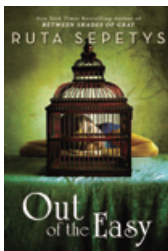
Out of the Easy

By Ruta Sepetys
Published March 2013

Set against the vivid backdrop of 1950s New Orleans, *Out of the Easy* has something for everyone: love, mystery, murder, blackmail and warmth.

Josie Moraine wants out of The Big Easy. She dreams of life at an elite college, far away from here. But then a mysterious death in the Quarter leaves Josie caught between her ambition and a clandestine underworld.

Also available: *Between Shades of Grey*



The 5th Wave

By Rick Yancey
Published April 2013

Cassie is the girl who lost it all. Her world was ripped apart. Her mother and father are dead. Her little brother is captured.

On a lonely stretch of highway, she runs from them, the beings that only look human, who roam the countryside killing anyone they see.

To stay alone is to stay alive, until she meets Evan Walker. Now, she must choose: between trust and despair, between defiance and surrender, between life and death, to give up or to get up.

In this gripping young adult epic, the most dangerous lie is the one that gives us hope.



The Fault In Our Stars

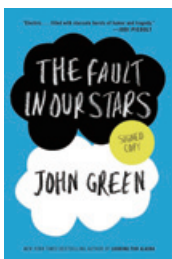
By John Green
Published January 2013

Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has brought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

Insightful, bold, irreverent, and raw, this is award-winning author John Green's most ambitious and heartbreaking work yet, brilliantly exploring the funny, thrilling, and tragic business of being alive and in love.

Also available:

Looking for Alaska, Paper Town, An Abundance of Katherines



2012
Time
Magazine's
Fiction Book
of the Year
Winner

The Sacrifice

By Charlie Higson
Published April 2013

The sickness destroyed everyone over the age of fourteen. All across London diseased adults are waiting, hungry predators with rotten flesh and ravaged minds.

Small Sam and his unlikely ally, The Kid, have survived but Sam is desperate to find his sister.

In the fourth of *The Enemy* series, Charlie Higson continues to conjure up fear and terror in the search in a dystopian world.

Also available:

The Enemy, The Dead, The Fear, The Young Bond series



Non-fiction



13 Art Inventions Children Should Know (8+)

By Florian Heine
Published October 2011

These 13 examples of some of the most important breakthroughs in artistic technology offer kids an exciting new perspective on the world of art.

This unique introduction to art history filled with accessible facts shows young readers how art is made as well as how to enjoy it.

Also available: *13 Photos Children Should know*,
13 Art Illusions Children Should Know,
13 Artists Children Should Know



100 Most Disgusting Things on the Planet (7+)

Published January 2010

100 Most Disgusting Things on the Planet has disgusting animals, plants, and other creatures, disgusting inventions, a selection of revolting human body bits, and more!

Even the most reluctant readers will enjoy the Revoltingness Rating, along with the stunning photographs and diagrams.

Also available: *100 Most Dangerous Things on the Planet*



How the Weather Works (6+)

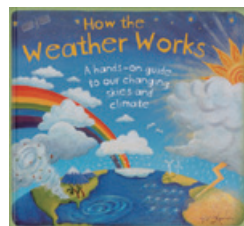
Christiane Dorion and Beverley Young | Published January 2011

Why do hurricanes happen? What is a tornado? Why does it snow?

Answering these questions and many more, this science book is an entertaining exploration of the world's weather and climate.

This is a part of the *How It Works* series.

Also available: *How the World Works*, *How we Make Stuff*,
How Animals Live (to be published in August 2013)

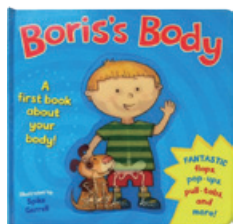


Boris's Body (4+)

By Spike Gerrell
Published August 2012

A body book with a difference! Boris and his little sister Clara are having a busy day. But what needs to go on inside their bodies to help them run, play and eat?

With a giant pull-down skeleton to finish, it is the perfect interactive and informative experience.

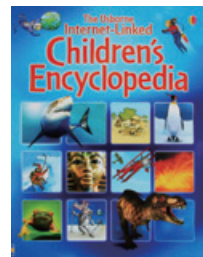


Children's Encyclopedia (New ed.) (7+)

By Felicity Brooks
Published January 2013

This is an ideal reference for fact-hungry children!

Fully Internet-linked, children can access over 150 recommended websites via Usborne Quicklinks, reinforcing their learning with additional information, activities, quizzes, games, video clips and virtual tours.



I Am...Readers (10 Book Box Set) (4+)

By Jean Marzollo | Published January 2013

Level 1 of the *Hello Reader! Science* series. The author's easy text and Judith Moffatt's illustrations bring the stories about nature closer to young children.

Included in this set: *I Am Snow*, *I Am Water*, *I'm a Seed*, *I Am a Planet Earth*, *I Am An Apple*, *I'm a Caterpillar*, *I Am Fire*, *I Am a Leaf*, *I Am a Rock* and *I Am a Star*, plus audio CD.



Lift-the-flap Picture Atlas (5+)

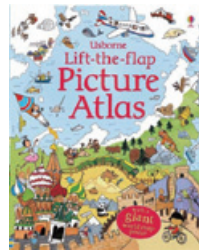
By Alex Frith | Published February 2008

This is an original and interactive atlas for children ages 5 and above to learn about the world. It is full of flaps to lift on every page, revealing beautiful buildings, and exotic animals, in different countries. It also includes a giant world map poster.

Also available:

Lift-the-flap Questions and Answers (2012), *See Inside The First World War* (2013), *See Inside Trains* (2013), *See Inside Inventions* (2011; Award Winner), *See Inside Planet Earth* (2008; Award Winner), *Usborne Lift-the-flap Art* (2010)

2010
Blue Peter
Best Book
with Fact
Awards
Shortlisted



The Comic Strip Book of Dinosaurs (7+)

By Sally Kindberg and Tracey Turner
Published July 2012

Since fossils first revealed a prehistoric world filled with Terrible Lizards, humans have been fascinated by dinosaurs.

This fantastic volume packs in every dinosaur fact, from evolution to extinction – with pictures.

Also available:

The Comic Strip Greatest Greek Myths,
The Comic Strip Big Fat Book of Knowledge,
The Comic Strip History of the World,
The Comic Strip History of Space



Tony Robinson's Weird World of Wonders: World War II (7+)

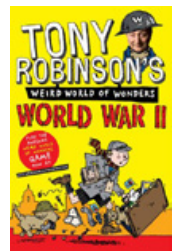
By Tony Robinson
Published March 2013

Tony Robinson takes the reader through time, pointing out all the important, funny, strange, amazing, entertaining, smelly and disgusting bits about World War II!

This brilliant, action-packed, fact-filled book makes learning history a lot more fun.

Also available:

Tony Robinson's Weird World: Greeks, Romans, Egyptians



Wild Things! Monkey in the Garden (5+)

By Lisa Regan | Published January 2013

What would happen if a monkey came to stay? How would you look after it? Each book in the *Wild Things* series has a fact spread about each animal's environment, and how we can help.

Also available: *Elephant in the Attic*, *Penguin in the Post*, *Tiger at the Door*, *Emu on the Loose*, *Lion Who Came To Lunch*, and more!



Parent's Specials

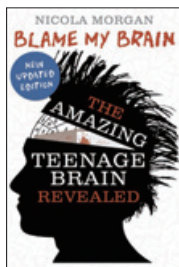
Blame My Brain: The Amazing Teenage Brain Revealed (Revised edition)

By Nicola Morgan

Published May 2013

This is a carefully researched guide to the ups and down of teenage behaviour. It has chapters dealing with powerful emotions, the need for more sleep, the urge to take risks, the difference between genders and the reasons behind addiction or depression.

The revised edition of this classic book contains important new research, including information about the discovery of mirror neurons and their effect on the teenage brain.



2006
Royal Society's
Avenis Prize for
Science Books
Shortlisted

Reading Magic (Updated and revised edition)

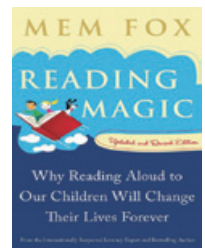
By Mem Fox

Published July 2008

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