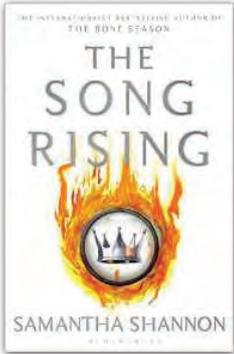


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## April & May 2017 Children's Highlights

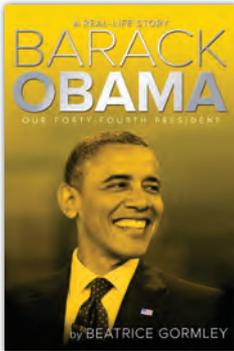
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### *Song Rising* by Samantha Shannon

9781408879726 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R280

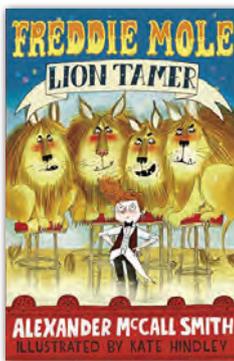
A rebel who becomes a queen. The hotly anticipated third book in the bestselling *Bone Season* series – a groundbreaking, dystopian fantasy of extraordinary imagination. Following a bloody battle against foes on every side, Paige Mahoney has risen to the dangerous position of Underqueen, ruling over London's criminal population. But, having turned her back on Jaxon Hall and with vengeful enemies still at large, the task of stabilising the fractured underworld has never seemed so challenging. Little does Paige know that her reign may be cut short by the introduction of Senshield, a deadly technology that spells doom for the clairvoyant community and the world as they know it...



### *Barack Obama* by Beatrice Gormley

9781481446495 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R170

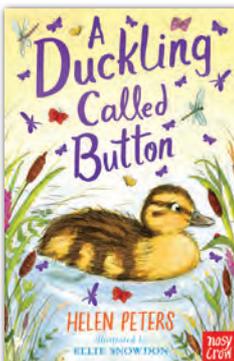
Learn all about the life of the 44th President of the United States in this updated biography of Barack Obama, specially written for a younger audience. University Professor. Nobel Peace Prize Winner. First African American President of the United States. President Obama was inaugurated on January 20, 2009. His many efforts in the first 100 days of his presidency earned him a Nobel Peace Prize and, in 2012, he was reelected for a second term. Originally published in 2012, this revised biography of the 44th President of the United States includes eight pages of photos as well as a timeline and index.



### *Freddie Mole Lion Tamer* by Alexander McCall Smith

9781408865835 | Bloomsbury | PB | R130

Roll up, roll up for a sensational circus story from the bestselling author of The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, Alexander McCall Smith, with fun, energetic illustrations by Kate Hindley throughout. Join Freddie Mole as he tumbles through the air, flies around the big tent and tames four growling lions! Freddie is an ordinary boy who joins the circus one day. He can't believe his luck as he is asked to understudy some of the acts. But is he brave enough to go into the lions' cage? A joyful, exciting tale of bravery and show business glamour by a much loved author.

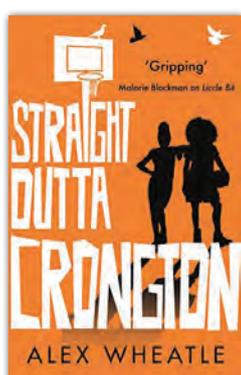


### *Duckling Called Button* by Helen Peters

9780857638366 | Nosy Crow | PB | R130

'From underneath the eggshell appeared the little wet face of a tiny duckling. Its shiny round black eyes looked straight at Jasmine. Jasmine felt as though she was about to burst with love and pride. "Hello, little duckling," she whispered. "Welcome to the world." Jasmine's dad is a farmer, and her mum is a large-animal vet, so Jasmine spends a lot of time caring for animals and keeping them out of trouble. Unfortunately, this often means she gets into hot water herself... When a nesting duck is killed in a terrible accident, Jasmine and her best friend Tom rescue the eggs and try to hatch them in an incubator. It's a risky business but soon Button is running around, getting into scrapes. Until the day he gets into a scrape with no escape...

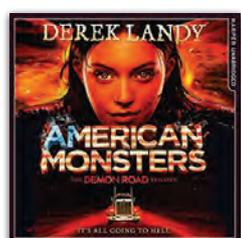




### *Straight Outta Crongton* by Alex Wheatle

9780349002880 | Atom | PB | R280

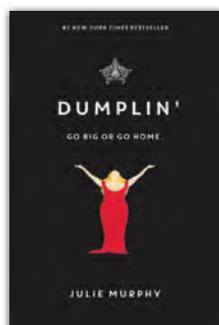
Round these ends, it's hard to hold on to your dreams. Life's a constant hustle for Mo. Her mum's boyfriend Lloyd is just another man who likes to beat down women; the South Crong streets are fraught with hazards and nasty G's; and when it comes to matters of the heart . . . she's still hung up on Sam. No wonder she's vexed so much of the time. Thank god she has her sistrens, Elaine and Naomi, on her side: if one of them falls then they all fall. But when badness goes down and a life is left hanging in the balance, Mo has to face her hot urge for revenge . . . and she might end up losing more than she wins.



### *Demon Road Trilogy 3 American Monsters* by Derek Landy

9780008157111 | HarperCollins | PB | R175

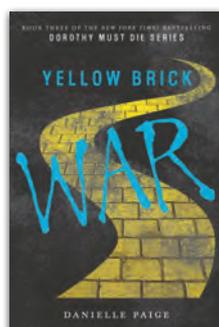
The epic conclusion in the mind-blowing supernatural thriller from bestselling author DEREK LANDY, creator of international sensation *Skulduggery Pleasant*. Bigger, meaner, stronger, Amber closes in on her murderous parents as they make one last desperate play for power. Her own last hopes of salvation, however, rest beyond vengeance, beyond the abominable killers – living and dead – that she and Milo will have to face. For Amber's future lies in her family's past, in the brother and sister she never knew, and the horrors beyond imagining that befell them.



### *Dumplin'* by Julie Murphy

9780062327192 | HarperCollins | PB | R165

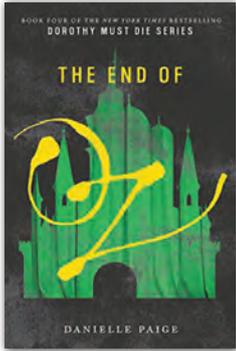
Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean Dickson (dubbed “Dumplin’” by her former beauty queen mom) has always been at home in her own skin. Her thoughts on having the ultimate bikini body? Put a bikini on your body. With her all-American-beauty best friend, Ellen, by her side, things have always worked...until Will takes a job at Harpy's, the local fast-food joint. There she meets Private School Bo, a hot former jock. Will isn't surprised to find herself attracted to Bo. But she is surprised when he seems to like her back. Instead of finding new heights of self-assurance in her relationship with Bo, Will starts to doubt herself. So she sets out to take back her confidence by doing the most horrifying thing she can imagine: entering the Miss Teen Blue Bonnet beauty pageant.



### *Yellow Brick War* by Danielle Paige

9780062280749 | HarperCollins | PB | R165

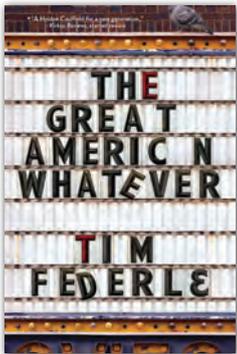
Amy Gumm's mission to take down Dorothy Gale is not going according to plan. Dorothy has found a way to bridge the worlds of Oz and Kansas, and Amy finds herself back where it all began: Dusty Acres Trailer Park. If Dorothy has her way, Kansas will be destroyed forever. Now Amy has to team up with the Revolutionary Order of the Wicked to save her home, restore the balance between the magic and nonmagic worlds, maybe get the guy—and kill that not-so-sweet Kansas farm girl once and for all. In the third installment of the New York Times bestselling *Dorothy Must Die* series, Danielle Paige's twisted versions of beloved Oz characters are back. Welcome to the other side of the rainbow. Here there's danger around every corner, and magic shoes won't be able to save you.



## *End of Oz* by Danielle Paige

9780062660237 | HarperCollins | PB | R200

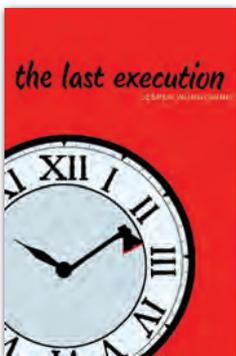
At the end of *Yellow Brick War*, Amy had finally defeated Dorothy. Just when she and the rest of the surviving members of the Revolutionary Order of the Wicked thought it was safe to start rebuilding the damaged land of Oz, they realized they've been betrayed—by one of their own. And Dorothy might not have been so easily defeated after all. In the fourth installment of the New York Times bestselling *Dorothy Must Die* series, the magical Road of Yellow Brick has come to the rescue, and whisked Amy away—but to where? Does the Road itself know where she needs to go to find the help that she needs? Welcome to the other side of the rainbow. Here there's danger around every corner, and magic shoes won't be able to save you.



## *Great American Whatever* by Tim Federie

9781481404105 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R235

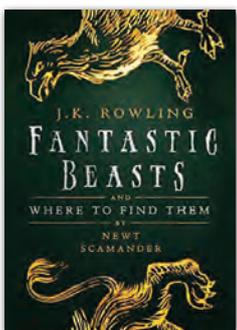
Quinn Roberts is a sixteen-year-old smart aleck and Hollywood hopeful whose only worry used to be writing convincing dialogue for the movies he made with his sister Annabeth. Of course, that was all before—before Quinn stopped going to school, before his mom started sleeping on the sofa...and before the car accident that changed everything. Enter: Geoff, Quinn's best friend who insists it's time that Quinn came out—at least from hibernation. One haircut later, Geoff drags Quinn to his first college party, where instead of nursing his pain, he meets a guy—okay, a hot guy—and falls, hard. What follows is an upside-down week in which Quinn begins imagining his future as a screenplay that might actually have a happily ever-after ending—if, that is, he can finally step back into the starring role of his own life story.



## *Last Execution* by Jesper Wung-Sung

9781481429665 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R235

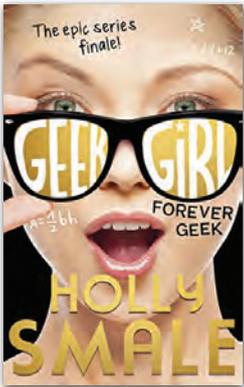
Called “brilliantly devastating” in a starred review from Kirkus Reviews, this award-winning, mesmerizing novel, based on the chilling true story of the last execution in Denmark's history, asks a question that plagues a small Danish town: does a fifteen-year-old boy deserve to be put to death? On February 22, 1853, a fifteen-year-old Niels Nelson is prepared to be executed on Gallows Hill. This remarkable, wrenching story is told with the alternating perspectives of eleven different bystanders—one per hour—as the clock ticks ever closer to the moment when the boy must face his fate. Niels Nielson, a young peasant, was sentenced to death by beheading on the dubious charges of arson and murder. Does he have the right to live despite what he is accused of? That is the question the townsfolk ask as the countdown begins. With strong social conscience, piercing intellect, and...



## *Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them* by J. K. Rowling

9781408880715 | Bloomsbury | HB | R285

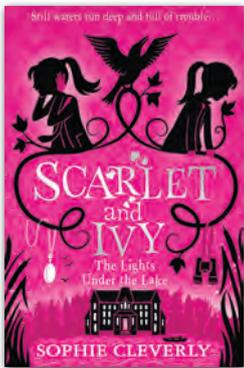
A brand new edition of this essential companion to the *Harry Potter* stories, with a new foreword from J.K. Rowling and an irresistible new jacket by Jonny Duddle. An approved textbook at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry since publication, *Newt Scamander's* masterpiece has entertained wizarding families through the generations. *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* is an indispensable introduction to the magical beasts of the wizarding world. Scamander's years of travel and research have created a tome of unparalleled importance. Some of the beasts will be familiar to readers of the *Harry Potter* books – the Hippogriff, the Basilisk, the Hungarian Horntail ... Others will surprise even the most ardent amateur magizoologist. Dip in to discover the curious habits of magical beasts across five continents ...



***Geek Girl 6 Forever Geek* by Holly Smale**

9780007574681 | HarperCollins | PB | R240

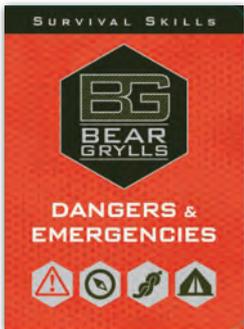
Harriet Manners knows almost every fact there is. Modelling isn't a sure-fire route to popularity. Neither is making endless lists. The people you love don't expect you to transform into someone else. Statistically you are more likely to not meet your Australian ex-boyfriend in Australia than bump into him there. So on the trip of a lifetime Down Under Harriet's to-do lists are gone and it's Nat's time to shine! Yet with nearly-not-quite-boyfriend Jasper back home, Harriet's completely unprepared to see supermodel ex Nick. Is the fashion world about to turn ugly for GEEK GIRL? It's time for Harriet to face the future. Time to work out where her heart lies. To learn how to let go...



***Scarlet and Ivy 4 The Lights Under The Lake* by Sophie Cleverly**

9780008218331 | HarperCollins | PB | R130

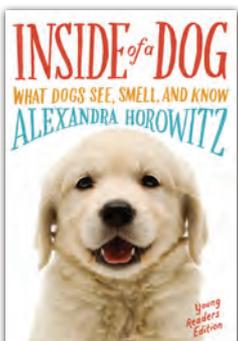
Scarlet and Ivy's school trip takes a turn for the worse as another mystery begins to unfold... The fourth book in the *Scarlet and Ivy* series is perfect for fans of *Murder Most Unladylike*. It's summer and as a special treat after the horrors of last term Mrs Knight announces a school trip to Shady Pines Hotel on the shores of Lake Seren. Scarlet and Ivy are thrilled to get away from Rookwood for a break! But the old hotel and the waters of the lake reservoir are covering up dark secrets. And when mysterious things start happening to hotel guests it seems that a malicious new threat is haunting the girls. Locals say that at night you can hear the ringing of the church bells and see lights under the lake, that troubled souls buried in the flooded graveyard no longer rest...



***Bear Grylls Survival Skills Dangers & Emergencies* by Bear Grylls**

9781783422999 | Hotkey | PB | R145

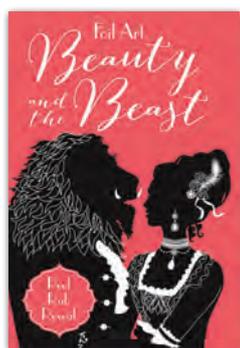
Ever wanted to be an adventurer like Bear Grylls? If you do, you will need to know all the skills required to stay safe while exploring! In this practical field guide, readers will learn how to signal for help, how to find water and how to safely gather food - and much more. With full-colour illustrations throughout, the title will appeal to scout groups, as the topic coincides with scout badges. It also includes tips and facts from Bear Grylls, chief scout, in the 'Bear Says' boxes.



***Inside Of A Dog Young Readers Edition* by Alexandra Horowitz**

9781481450942 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R170

Want to know what dogs are thinking? What they feel, and what they can smell with that great big nose of theirs? Here's your chance to experience the world nose first, from two feet off the ground. What do dogs know, and how do they think? The answers will surprise and delight you as dog owner and scientist Alexandra Horowitz explains how our four-legged friends perceive their daily worlds, each other, and us! This book is as close as you can get to knowing about dogs without being a dog yourself.



## *Foil Art Beauty & the Beast* by Holly Brook-Piper

9781783706501 | Templar | PB | R205

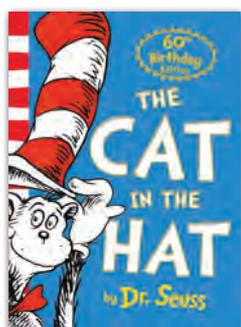
A stunning creative craft series, with beautiful pictures you can colour and embellish, and intricate Foil Art pictures you can decorate with the shiny foil sheet enclosed in the front cover pocket. Each book includes a large foil sheet and beautiful pictures to decorate. Simply peel back the pre-cut pictures or shapes to reveal a sticky surface, position the foil on top then rub and lift to reveal a shiny foil addition to your picture. Then colour and tear out to hang up and admire. The enchanting tale is told on the illustrated story pages, where you can add colour to bring the intricate illustrations to life – completing your very own picture book! Then on the special Foil Art sticker pages at the back, you can embellish 10 stunning illustrations that feature in the story by peeling away the sticker shapes, rubbing on the foil then revealing your special decorated pictures underneath.



## *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker

9780008158286 | HarperCollins | PB | R155

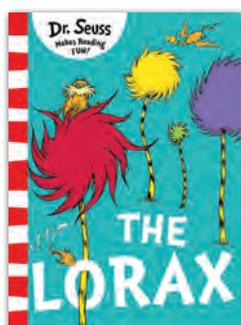
Now available in Paperback! Pax was only a kit when his family was killed and he was rescued by 'his boy', Peter. Now the country is at war and when his father enlists, Peter has no choice but to move in with his grandfather. Far worse than leaving home is the fact that he has to leave Pax behind. But before Peter spends even one night under his grandfather's roof he sneaks out into the night, determined to find his beloved friend. This is the story of Peter, Pax, and their journeys back to each other as war rages throughout the country. A profound and moving story with stunning illustrations by award-winning illustrator, Jon Klassen, *Pax* is destined to become a classic in the vein of 'Charlotte's Web' and 'Watership Down'.



## *The Cat In The Hat 60th Anniversary* by Dr. Seuss

9780008219611 | HarperCollins | PB | R130

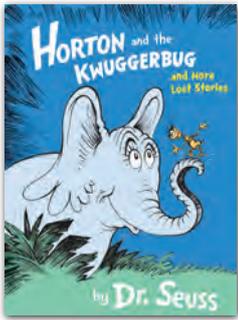
The one and only Cat in the Hat from the iconic Dr. Seuss gets a brand new look for his 60th birthday, introducing his roller-coaster ride of mayhem to a new generation of readers. When Sally and her brother are left alone, they think they're in for a dull day – until the Cat in the Hat steps in on the mat, bringing with him mayhem and madness! This is the classic book that every child should have the joy of reading. The wonderfully anarchic Cat in the Hat is one of the most popular characters in children's fiction, and this book is ideal for budding readers to tackle on their own.



## *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss

9780008203924 | HarperCollins | PB | R130

"Mister! He said with a sawdusty sneeze, I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees." *The Lorax* is a hilarious and timeless story with the trademark humour and silly rhymes of Dr. Seuss, that packs a punch with its ecological message without feeling heavy-handed or worthy. *The Lorax* is the original eco warrior as he tries to save the Truffula trees from the greedy once-ler's axe, and the Dr. Seuss blend of zany pictures and unique rhyme, rhythm and repetition mean that all ages will learn from and love this wonderful book. As part of a major rebrand programme, HarperCollins has relaunched 17 of Dr. Seuss's best-selling books, including such perennial favourites as *The Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham* and *Ham and Fox in Socks*.



***Horton and the Kwuggerbug And More Lost Stories* by Dr. Seuss**

9780008183523 | HarperCollins | PB | R130

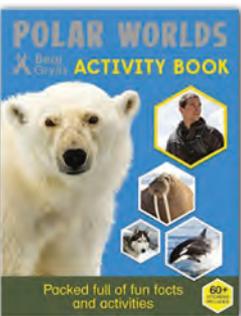
Experience the magic of Dr. Seuss with this brand new collection of newly discovered stories featuring old friends and new faces! Everyone loves Dr. Seuss, and this collection of four wonderful new stories will delight his fans of all ages. The collection contains four stories, originally published in magazines in the 1950s, and up till now, largely forgotten. Now collected together and with freshly-coloured artwork, and with characters from Horton the elephant to a Grinch, this really is a book to read again and again and to treasure forever. With his unique combination of hilarious stories, zany pictures and riotous rhymes, Dr. Seuss has been delighting young children and helping them learn to read for over fifty years



***Ship Beyond Time* by Heidi Heilig**

9781471406164 | Hotkey | PB | R165

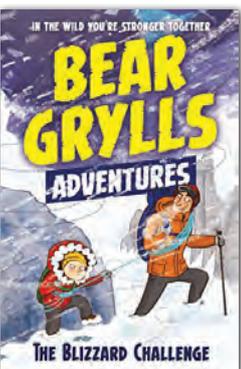
On a warm December day in 1884 the Temptation was leaving Hawaii, as well as the 19th century, on the hunt for its next adventure . . . Now that her father has stopped chasing the past, Nix finally has the chance to figure out her future. When she comes across a fanciful French map detailing the fabled city of Ker-Ys, in the South Pacific, she is curious. Could she Navigate to its mythical location? The city is a utopia and there, Nix finally meets her mother. But does this mean she can save her, or indeed, avoid her own fate? Just as she and Kash are becoming closer, Nix discovers that she's destined to lose the man she loves the most. But can she steer their romance away from this danger



***Bear Grylls Activity Polar Worlds* by Bear Grylls**

9781786960078 | Hotkey | PB | R85

Have you ever wanted to be an adventurer like Bear Grylls? Get ready for an icy expedition through the world's coldest polar regions. Discover the amazing animals and wildlife that survive on the most frozen places on Earth, including mighty musk oxen and beastly bears, and magnificent whales and brilliant birds. Wrap up warm and dive into this exciting book bursting with fun facts, quizzes, word searches, and mazes. The perfect introduction to *Bear Grylls* for younger fans, packed full of fun illustrations, facts and over 60 stickers.



***Bear Grylls Adventure 1 Blizzard Challenge* by Bear Grylls**

9781786960122 | Hotkey | PB | R100

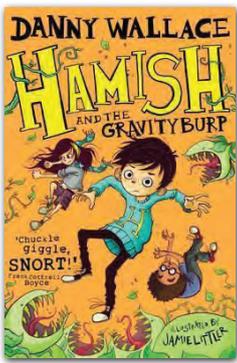
Olly hates activity camp and its pointless activities. Why should he bother building a stupid shelter or foraging for food with his teammates - he'd rather be at home in the warm and dry, where the sofa and the video games are. But then Olly gets given a compass with a mysterious fifth direction. When he follows it, he's magically transported to a high mountain range where he meets survival expert Bear Grylls. With his help, Olly must learn to survive in sub-zero temperatures, including what to do if the ice cracks when you're crossing a frozen lake, or a blizzard sets in . . . But can his adventure with Bear Grylls change Olly's mind about teamwork and perseverance? And who will Olly give the compass to next?



## *Royal Rabbits of London* by Santa Montefiore

9781471157882 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R155

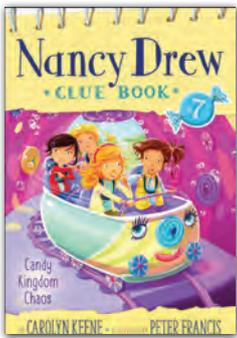
Life is an adventure. Anything in the world is possible – by will and by luck, with a moist carrot, a wet nose and a slice of mad courage! Shylo has always been the runt of the litter, the weakest and quietest of all of his family, But when Shylo stumbles across a band of ratzis and overhears their evil plan to take a photo of the Queen in her nightie, it's up to this unlikely hero to travel to London and inform the Royal Rabbits of London about the diabolical plot! The Royal Rabbits of London have a proud history of protecting the royal family and now the secret society need to leap into action to stop the ratzis... But can a rabbit as feeble and shy as Shylo convince them that Queen is in danger?



## *Hamish and GravityBurp* by Danny Wallace

9781471147128 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R145

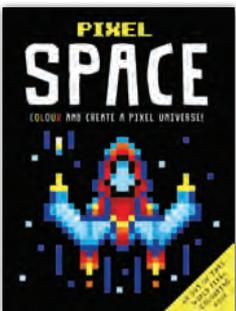
This may look like just a completely and utterly ordinary book. But it's not. This book knows something terrifying: that the people of Earth face their gravest, grimmest threat yet! When Hamish arrives home to find his mum and his brother lying flat on their backs ON THE CEILING, he knows there's something seriously wrong (again) in the town of Starkley. What is the strange burping noise he keeps hearing? Why are weird seeds suddenly falling from the sky? And should he be worried about the odd woman with a cone around her neck? All Hamish and his gang the PDF can be sure of is that an adventure is coming. And that means two things: 1.You have to be prepared 2.You have to prepare a sandwich.



## *Nancy Drew Clue Book 7 Candy Kingdom Chaos* by Carolyn Keene

9780008183523 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R130

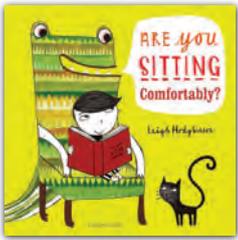
Help Nancy and her friends solve a sweet mystery at the new Candy Kingdom amusement park in the seventh book in the interactive *Nancy Drew Clue Book* mystery series. The new Candy Kingdom theme park is opening in River Heights and Nancy, Bess, and George can't wait! The park is supposed to have candy-themed rides, attractions, arcade games, and more, so when Bess wins four free passes to the park, she invites Nancy, George and their good friend, Nadine Nardo to check it out. But Nadine's wristband goes missing after the first ride! Nancy and her friends know that all of the wristbands were tied securely, so it couldn't have just fallen off. Can Nancy, Bess, and George track down the stolen wristband before their sweet day at Candy Kingdom turns sour?



## *Pixel Space*

9781783707751 | Templar | PB | R165

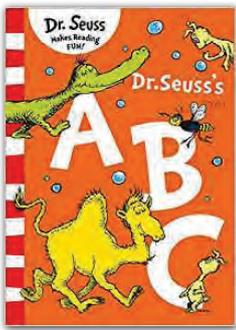
A space adventure pixel colouring book. Colour and create a pixel universe with this out of the world creative colouring book, where you can create pixel pictures simply by copying and colouring in the empty squares one block at a time. With hundreds of pixel squares to colour your creative skills will be tested as you colour in aliens and astronauts, build alien worlds, battle spacedroids and navigate galaxies as you create your own intergalactic pixel adventure. There are 15 different levels to test your pixellating skills. Plus there are lots of pages where you can be really creative and build your very own pixel space adventure.



*Are You Sitting Comfortably?* by Leigh Hodgkinson

9781408864838 | Bloomsbury | PB | R155

Hello there! Are you sitting comfortably? Are you sure? Have you found the perfect snuggle-up-and-loose-yourself-in-a-book place? Somewhere comfy, NOT itchy-fuzzy? Somewhere quiet, NOT buzz-buzzy? You have? Great! Unfortunately the little chap in this book isn't having quite as much luck as you are ... Join one small book lover's search for the perfect place to sit (just for a bit!) in this beautifully illustrated and designed picture book by the talented Leigh Hodgkinson.



*ABC Blue Back Book* by Dr. Seuss

9780008203917 | HarperCollins | PB | R130

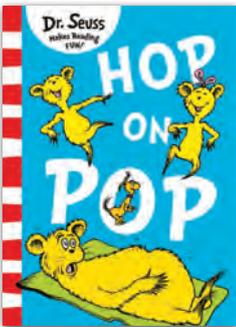
From Aunt Annie's alligator to the colourful Zizzer-Zazzer-Zuzz, Dr. Seuss's delightful book introduces early learners to the letters of the alphabet through an amazing array of crazy creatures.

Big B, little B, what begins with B?

Baby, barber, bubbles and a bumblebee!

Children can have lots of fun that is funny learning about big and little letters.

With his unique combination of hilarious stories, zany pictures and riotous rhymes, Dr. Seuss has been delighting young children and helping them learn to read for over fifty years.



*Hop On Pop* by Dr. Seuss

9780008203900 | HarperCollins | PB | R130

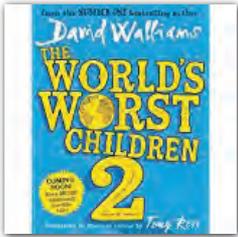
This charming book introduces young children to words that rhyme, with classic Dr. Seuss fun! House, Mouse! Hop, Pop! Cup, Pup! Learning about words that rhyme has never been more fun – simply change the first letter and the whole word changes! With his unique combination of hilarious stories, zany pictures and riotous rhymes, Dr. Seuss has been delighting young children and helping them learn to read for over fifty years.



*River Rose and Magical Lullaby* by Kelly Clarkson

9780008215347 | HarperCollins | PB | R155

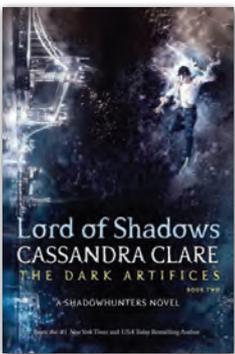
It's bedtime for River Rose in this brilliant debut picture book from superstar mum, Grammy Award-winner Kelly Clarkson, with beautiful illustrations by Laura Hughes. River Rose is going to the zoo tomorrow! The only problem is she's FAR too excited to go to sleep. That is, until her mummy comes and sings her a special lullaby and she drifts off on a magical adventure. The perfect bedtime story, featuring an original lullaby written and performed by Grammy Award-winner, Kelly Clarkson, for you to download.



## *The World's Worst Children 2* by David Walliams

9780008259679 | HarperCollins | TPB | Price TBA

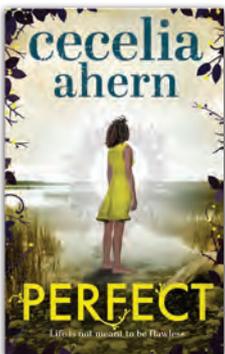
If you thought you had read about the World's Worst Children already, you're in for a rather nasty shock. The beastly boys and gruesome girls in this book are even ruder, even more disgusting and WORSE than you could ever imagine! This gorgeous collection of ten stories from the master himself, David Walliams, will make you snort with laughter and thank your lucky stars that you don't know anyone like Gruesome Griselda or Fussy Frankie in real life. It also features a special appearance from fan-favourite Raj! Gloriously illustrated in full colour throughout by artistic genius Tony Ross, *The World's Worst Children 2* is a side-splitting companion to David's blockbuster hit, *The World's Worst Children*, and the perfect gift for kids aged 9 and up.



## *Lord of Shadows* by Cassandra Clare

9781471116650 | Simon & Schister | HB | R220 | Int Pub - 23 May 2017

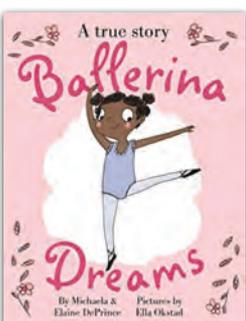
Sunny Los Angeles can be a dark place indeed in Cassandra Clare's *Lord of Shadows*, the sequel to the #1 New York Times and USA TODAY bestselling *Lady Midnight*. *Lord of Shadows* is a *Shadowhunters* novel. Emma Carstairs has finally avenged her parents. She thought she'd be at peace. But she is anything but calm. Torn between her desire for her parabatai Julian and her desire to protect him from the brutal consequences of parabatai relationships, she has begun dating his brother, Mark. But Mark has spent the past five years trapped in Faerie; can he ever truly be a Shadowhunter again? And the faerie courts are not silent. The Unseelie King is tired of the Cold Peace, and will no longer concede to the Shadowhunters' demands. Caught between the demands of faerie and the laws of the Clave, Emma, Julian, and Mark must find a way to come together to defend everything they hold dear—before it's too late.



## *Perfect* by Cecelia Ahern

9780008126377 | HarperCollins | HB | R285

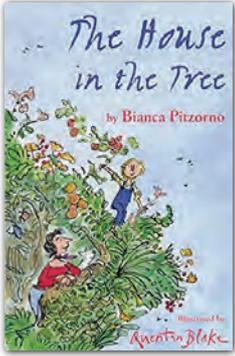
Celestine North lives in a society that demands perfection. After she was branded Flawed by a morality court, Celestine's life has completely fractured – all her freedoms gone. Since Judge Crevan has declared her the number one threat to the public, she has been a ghost, on the run with the complicated, powerfully attractive Carrick, the only person she can trust. But Celestine has a secret – one that could bring the entire Flawed system crumbling to the ground. Judge Crevan is gaining the upper hand, and time is running out for Celestine. With tensions building, Celestine must make a choice: save only herself, or risk her life to save all the Flawed. And, most important of all, can she prove that to be human in itself is to be Flawed...?



## *Ballerina Dreams* by Michaela DePrince

9780571329731 | Faber & Faber | PB | R120

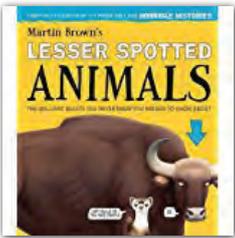
At the age of three, Michaela DePrince found a photo of a ballerina that changed her life. She was living in an orphanage in Sierra Leone at the time, but was soon adopted by a family and brought to America. Michaela never forgot the photo of the dancer she once saw, and decided to make her dream of becoming a ballerina come true. She has been dancing ever since, and after a spell as a principal dancer in New York, now dances for the Dutch National Ballet in Amsterdam. Beautifully and gently illustrated by Ella Okstad, *Ballerina Dreams* is the younger-reader edition of Michaela DePrince's highly moving memoir, *Hope in a Ballet Shoe*. Jonathan Ball Publishers is proud to be publishing *Ballerina Dreams* in three languages: Afrikaans, Xhosa and Zulu.



*The House in the Tree* by Bianca Pizorno

9781846884108 | Alma Books | PB | R175

One of the most popular books written by bestselling Italian children’s writer Bianca Pizorno. It describes the adventures of Aglaia and her friend Bianca, who live in a house in a magic tree. All children dream of having a secret house where they can live on their own, far from any rules and regulations. But not all of them are as lucky as Aglaia, who lives at the top of a magical tree together with her friend Bianca and an incredible host of flying dogs, talking cats, carnivorous flowers and children who speak in verse. Inventively illustrated by Quentin Blake, Aglaia’s adventures – and her battles with the gruff Signor Brullo and the woodmen who want to cut down the tree – are sure to enchant and inspire the imagination of every child.



*Lesser Spotted Animals* by Martin Brown

9781910989562 | David Fickling Books | PB | R200

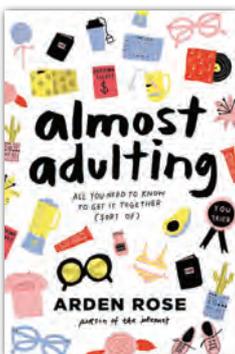
Find out all about the brilliant beasts you never even knew existed. From Martin Brown, illustrator of the mega-selling *Horrible Histories*, David Fickling Books presents *Lesser Spotted Animals*! Bison are banned and tigers are taboo! Say goodbye to the gnu, cheerio to the cheetah and poo poo to the panda. The world of *Lesser Spotted Animals* starts HERE! A fantastic, funny non-fiction series for readers from 7 and up, which puts the spotlight on lesser-known things. Forget dry, dusty old tomes and forget those pesky A-listers of the non-fiction world – it’s time they shared the limelight. Discover all sorts of things you never knew you needed to know in Martin Brown’s first fabulous foray into writing and illustrating.



*Ned's Circus of Marvels 2 Gold Thief* by Justin Fisher

9780008124557 | HarperCollins | PB | R155

Ned and his family are trying to be ordinary except for the small fact that they AREN'T. AT ALL. Because on the run up to Christmas everything is ruined when all the world’s gold goes missing, along with its leading scientists. Which doesn’t really have anything to do with Ned... until it does. When an oily thief and his pet monster turn up at Ned’s door, Ned finds himself on the run again... and racing to find out what this new villain wants. Meanwhile, in the shadows, a machine with a mind of its own vies for power, and mysterious men in grey suits are watching the Circus of Marvels’ every move. Together with his best friend Lucy, his clockwork mouse and his shadow, Ned must use his growing magical powers to try to uncover a secret that could end them all...



*Almost Adulting* by Arden Rose

9780062574107 | HarperCollins | HB | R320

In *Almost Adulting*—perfect for budding adults, failing adults, and eaters of microwave mug brownies—Arden tells you how to survive your future adulthood. Topics include: Making internet friends who are cool and not murderers Flirting with someone in a way to make them think you are cool and not a murderer Being in an actual relationship where you talk about your feelings in a healthy manner??? To the other person????????? Eating enough protein Assembling a somewhat acceptable adult wardrobe when you have zero dollars Going on adventures without starting to smell How sex is supposed to feel, but, like, actually though By the end of the book—a mash-up of essays, lists, and artwork—you’ll have learned not only how to dress yourself, how to travel alone, how to talk to strangers online, and how to date strangers (in PERSON!), but also how to pas...

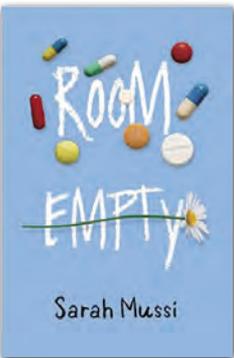




*Street Song* by Sheena Wilkinson

9781785300899 | Black and White | PB | R165

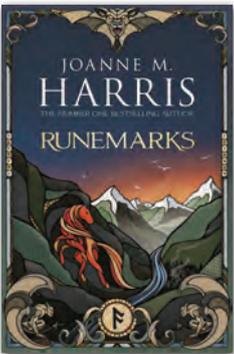
When life goes off-key, change your tune. RyLee’s career is over. After winning a national TV talent show and becoming a teen pop sensation, his fame and success has quickly been followed by addiction, media scrutiny, and career suicide. After a brief spell in rehab, 18-year-old Ryan has some rethinking to do. His stepdad – music promoter and self-appointed creator of ‘RyLee’ – wants him at home and in school, and under his thumb. But after an argument descends into violence, Ryan decides to run away from his old life, his failed career, and his dysfunctional family. When he meets the stunningly witty but distinctly average guitar-player Toni almost directly outside his front door, the opportunity to start afresh seems too good to pass up. For the first time in his life Ryan is finally happy.



*Room Empty* by Sarah Mussi

9781780749747 | Oneworld | PB | R165

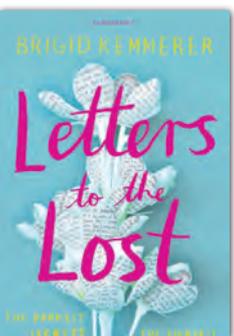
Fletcher and Dani are fighting their own inner demons just to stay alive. Dani is ravaged by anorexia and hasn’t eaten for days. Fletcher is fighting to stay off the streets and to stay off drugs. Will their attraction to each other save or destroy them? Both patients at the Daisy Bank Rehab Centre, Fletcher wants to help Dani find out about the Room Empty at the heart of her pain: What happened to Dani in that room when she was four? Whose is the dead body that lies across the door? Why won’t her mind let her remember? As Dani and Fletcher begin to learn how to love, Sarah Mussi weaves an intoxicating story of pain, fear and redemption.



*Runemarks* by Joanne M. Harris

9781473217065 | Orion | PB | R195

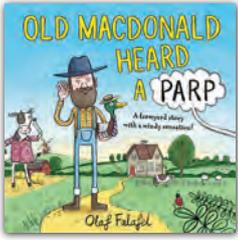
It’s been five hundred years since the end of the world and society has rebuilt itself anew. The old Norse gods are no longer revered. Their tales have been banned. Magic is outlawed, and a new religion - the Order - has taken its place. In a remote valley in the north, fourteen-year-old Maddy Smith is shunned for the ruinmark on her hand - a sign associated with the Bad Old Days. But what the villagers don’t know is that Maddy has skills. According to One-Eye, the secretive Outlander who is Maddy’s only real friend, her ruinmark - or runemark, as he calls it - is a sign of Chaos blood, magical powers and gods know what else... Now, as the Order moves further north, threatening all the Worlds with conquest and Cleansing, Maddy must finally learn the truth to some unanswered questions about herself, her parentage, and her powers.



*Letters to the Lost* by Brigid Kemmerer

9781408883525 | Bloomsbury | PB | R155

Juliet Young always writes letters to her mother, a world-traveling photojournalist. Even after her mother’s death, she leaves letters at her grave. It’s the only way Juliet can cope. Declan Murphy isn’t the sort of guy you want to cross. In the midst of his courtordered community service at the local cemetery, he’s trying to escape the demons of his past. When Declan reads a haunting letter left beside a grave, he can’t resist writing back. Soon, he’s opening up to a perfect stranger, and their connection is immediate. But neither Declan nor Juliet knows that they’re not actually strangers. When life at school interferes with their secret life of letters, sparks will fly as Juliet and Declan discover truths that might tear them apart.



## *Old MacDonald Heard a Parp* by Olaf Falafel

9780008241483 | HarperCollins | PB | R155

“Old Macdonald heard a parp ... E-I-E-I-O!” Sing along to this side-splitting adaptation of everyone’s favourite nursery rhyme from a brilliant new picture book talent. Old Macdonald’s busy day on the farm keeps getting interrupted by some VERY rude noises ... but who could they be coming from?! A hilarious and irreverent take on the classic nursery song from debut author/illustrator, Olaf Falafel, with helpful do-it-yourself instructions so you can parp along to your heart’s content! A unique mixture of one-liners and Scandinavian-tinged stories has earned Olaf the purely fictitious title of ‘Sweden’s eighth funniest comedian’.