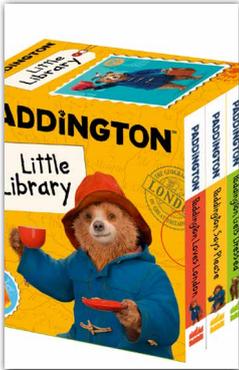


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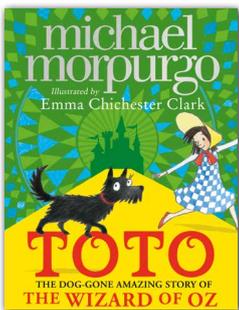
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Paddington Little Library Movie Tie-in by Michael Bond

9780008254438 | HarperCollins | HB | R110

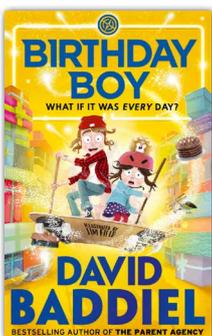
Four fantastic board books all about the world's favourite bear! Perfect for fans of the *Paddington* movie aged 1 year and up. This chunky slipcase set with simple text and images is the perfect introduction to *Paddington*, for the very smallest of fans. Includes: *Meet the Browns*, *Paddington Gets Dressed*, *Paddington Loves London* and *Paddington's Manners*. The first *Paddington* movie took \$280million at the worldwide box office and was the smash-hit family film of 2014. And now Paddington is back and he's even more loveable than ever. Join the Brown family and their adopted bear plus a whole new cast of heroes and villains in another heart-warming adventure full of mishaps and marmalade.



Toto The Dog - Gone Amazing Story of the Wizard of Oz by Michael Morpurgo

9780008134600 | HarperCollins | HB | R220

From master storyteller Michael Morpurgo, and illustrated in stunning colour by the award-winning Emma Chichester Clark, comes a surprising, charming and uplifting twist on *The Wizard of Oz*, told by a very special and unforgettable character: Dorothy's pet dog, Toto. A perfect, collectible gift for all children (and children at heart). "I was there," Papa Toto said, and those magic words sent shivers down my spine. It was going to be the Wizard story. "Dorothy and me were both there." We were all silent, snuggled up together, waiting, waiting. Then Papa Toto began... When a twister descends on their Kansas farm, Toto and his owner Dorothy hide in the house - only to be plucked into the air and whisked away! Beautifully illustrated throughout, this is an unforgettable telling of a classic story, and a must for every bookshelf.



Birthday Boy by David Baddiel

9780008200480 | HarperCollins | HB | R220

Birthday Boy is the new Baddiel Blockbuster: featuring David's inimitable and award-winning combination of wish-fulfilment, heart and hilarity, all brought to life by regular collaborator Jim Field's witty, stylish illustrations. What if it was every day? This is the story of Sam Green, who really, really, really loves birthdays. He loves the special breakfasts in bed. The presents. The themed parties. Blowing out the candles on his cake. Everything. He is so excited about his 11th birthday, in fact, that he wishes it was his birthday every day. So, at first, it's quite exciting when his birthday happens again the next morning. And again. And again. And again... But it's not long before things start to go wrong. Soon, disaster strikes, threatening something Sam loves even more than birthdays. Sometimes you have to be careful what you wish for...





Top 10 of Everything 2018 by Paul Terry

9780600635147 | Octopus | HB | R260

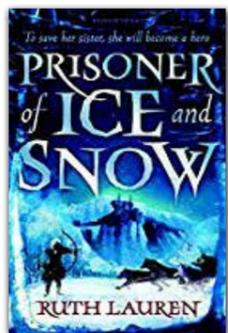
For over 27 years, Top 10s have been delighting readers with fascinating lists and mindboggling facts. Ever wondered in which country you would find the fastest rollercoaster in the world? Or wanted to know the terrifying size of the biggest shark known to man? Ever wondered who could be the biggest selling musical artist of all time? This is the book for you. *Top 10 of Everything 2018* is divided into genres including Epic Structures, Outer Space, Forces of Nature and Humankind, and includes lists, charts and tables to break down the details of each amazing fact. Packed full of photographs and incredible information, this is the perfect book for anyone with a curious mind and an insatiable appetite for facts, stats and trivia.



Greta Zargo and the Death Robots from Outer Space by A. F. Harrold

9781408869475 | Bloomsbury | PB | R155

Nobody knew it at that moment, but only three things stood in the way of the complete destruction of the Earth: one elderly parrot; one eight-year-old spelling mistake; and an intrepid young schoolgirl-turned-reporter in search of a story ... Greta Zargo needs a big scoop if she's going to win the PrilchardSpritzer Medal, the quite famous award for great reporting. But big scoops are in short supply in the quiet little town of Upper Lowerbridge, and all Greta's got to investigate is a couple of missing cakes. But then, with a whoosh of unknown energy, a mysterious silver robot descends from the sky ... A laugh-out-loud funny new series from the author of the critically acclaimed *The Imaginary*, perfect for fans of Mr Gum, Chris Riddell, and Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre's *Oliver* and *the Seawigs*.



Prisoner of Ice and Snow by Ruth Lauren

9781408872758 | Bloomsbury | PB | R155

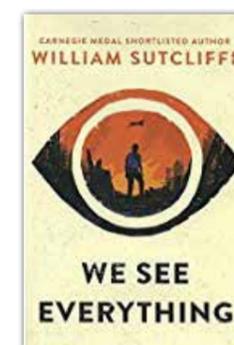
Valor is under arrest for the attempted murder of the crown prince. Her parents are outcasts from the royal court, her sister is banished for theft of a national treasure, and now Valor has been sentenced to life imprisonment at Demidova, a prison built from stone and ice. But that's exactly where she wants to be. For her sister was sent there too, and Valor embarks on an epic plan to break her out from the inside. No one has escaped from Demidova in over three hundred years, and if Valor is to succeed she will need all of her strength, courage and love. If the plan fails, she faces a chilling fate worse than any prison ... An unforgettable story of sisterhood, valour and rebellion, *Prisoner of Ice and Snow* will fire you up and melt your heart all at once. Perfect for fans of Katherine Rundell, Piers Torday and Cathryn Constable.



Moonrise by Sarah Crossan

9781408878439 | Bloomsbury | PB | R175

They think I hurt someone. But I didn't. You hear? Cos people are gonna be telling you all kinds of lies. I need you to know the truth. Joe hasn't seen his brother for ten years, and it's for the most brutal of reasons. Ed is on death row. But now Ed's execution date has been set, and Joe is determined to spend those last weeks with him, no matter what other people think ... From one-time winner and two-time Carnegie Medal shortlisted author Sarah Crossan, this poignant, stirring, huge-hearted novel asks big questions. What value do you place on life? What can you forgive? And just how do you say goodbye?



We See Everything by William Sutcliffe

9781408890196 | Bloomsbury | HB | R285

A gripping and powerfully relevant thriller set in a future London where constant surveillance is the norm, *We See Everything* simmers with tension and emotion. From internationally bestselling author William Sutcliffe, this is perfect for fans of Patrick Ness and Malorie Blackman. Lex lives on The Strip – the overcrowded, closedoff, bombedout shell of London. He's used to the watchful enemy drones that buzz in the air above him. Alan's talent as a gamer has landed him the job of his dreams. At a military base in a secret location, he is about to start work as a drone pilot. These two young men will never meet, but their lives are destined to collide. Because Alan has just been assigned a high-profile target. Alan knows him only as #K622. But Lex calls him Dad.

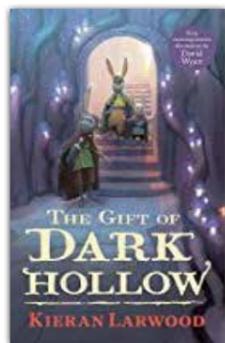


Jigsaw of Fire and Stars by Yaba Badoe

9781786695482 | Head of Zeus | HB | R210

A powerful, haunting, contemporary debut that steps seamlessly from the horrors of people-trafficking to the magic of African folklore, by an award-winning Ghanaian-British filmmaker. Sante was a baby when she was washed ashore in a sea-chest laden with treasure. It seems she is the sole survivor of the tragic sinking of a ship carrying migrants and refugees. Her people. Fourteen years on she's a member of Mama Rose's unique and dazzling circus. But, from their watery grave, the unquiet dead are calling Sante to avenge them: *A bamboo flute. A golden bangle. A ripening mango which must not fall... if Sante is to tell their story and her own.*

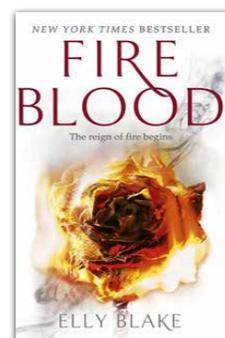
Rich in the rhythms and colours of Africa and glittering circus days. Unflinching in its dark revelations about life. Yaba Badoe's novel is beautiful and cruel and will linger long in the memory.



Five Realms 2: Gift of Darkhollow by Kieran Larwood

9780571328413 | Faber & Faber | HB | R210

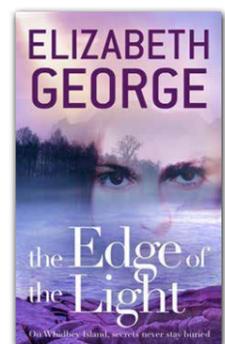
The bard tiptoes out of his room, the crow-dream still echoing in his head, making him twitch at imaginary creaks of iron wings. The bard must leave Thornbury. It is not safe for him to stay. Rue, his new apprentice, travels with him - keen to learn his trade - and hear the next installment in the legend of Podkin One-Ear . . . Podkin and his fellow rabbits have been sheltering in Dark Hollow after their battle with Scramashank. Paz tends to the rabbits with sleeping sickness; Crom meets with the war council . . . Podkin has nothing to do! Frustrated, Podkin goes exploring and discovers an abandoned underground chamber! Armed with the Gift of Dark Hollow, Podkin learns to moonstride, and Paz is rewarded with a magical gift of her own . . .



Fireblood by Elly Blake

9781473635203 | Hodder | TPB | R215

Ice and fire are still at war. Ruby has defeated the tyrannous Frost King, and Arcus, the exiled warrior who captured her heart, has taken his rightful place as ruler of the Frostblood kingdom. But Ruby is the only Fireblood in a castle of frost and ice, and the courtiers will not accept her. Even worse, the dark threat released from the Frost King's melted throne is stalking the land, bent on destruction - and as the one who set it free, only Ruby can stop it. To find the knowledge she needs, she must leave Arcus and journey south to the land of the Firebloods. But the homeland Ruby's never seen is treacherous, and friend and enemy wear the same face. If she's to save both kingdoms, Ruby must figure out who she can trust - and unleash a fire powerful enough to do battle with darkness . . .



Edge of the Light by Elizabeth George

9781444720136 | Hodder | PB | R175

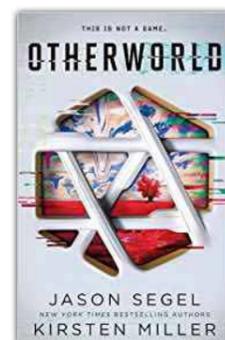
Becca's ability to hear the broken thoughts of others has not turned out to be a fabulous gift after all. It has got in the way of her being able to function in the world normally. More seriously, it makes her think she knows things that she doesn't know at all. Becca's friends are also dealing with stressful situations and coming to terms with troubling discoveries about themselves. Seth Darrow's learning disability makes him vulnerable. The girl he loves is not what she appears to be. His grandfather might lose his property and be thrust into care. Jenn has to come to terms with her sexuality, while Derric finds out that the cover-up he has engaged in for the last ten years was never necessary in the first place. Acclaimed author Elizabeth George brings her extraordinary talents to this intriguing story that blends mystery and myth. In this final book in the Edge of Nowhere series, Becca and her friends do their best to navigate a difficult world and come to a resolution - and acceptance - of their futures.



Snow Angel by Lauren St John

9781786695895 | Head of Zeus | HB | R210

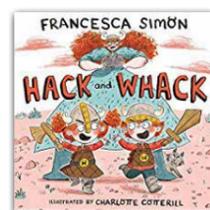
Lauren St John's stunning Christmas classic is about forgotten children, the power of nature to heal us and a girl who will climb mountains in search for a place to call home. Growing up in vibrant, crowded Nairobi, Makena has only one dream: to climb Mount Kenya like her hero, her mountain guide father. But when her beautiful world is shattered, she finds that in the city's dark places there are a thousand ways to fall, each more deadly than any crevasse. In a world of strangers, does she dare trust Snow, whose ballet dreams are haunted by a past she's still running from? And is the sparkling fox friend or foe? After a fresh start in the Scottish Highlands turns bad, Makena flees to the mountains. But will they betray her or be the making of her?



Otherworld by Jason Segel

9781786073716 | Oneworld | TPB | R225

There are no screens. There are no controls. You don't just see and hear it--you taste, smell, and touch it too. In this new reality, there are no laws to break or rules to obey. You can live your best life. Indulge every desire. It's a game so addictive you'll never want it to end. Until you realize that you're the one being played. Welcome to Otherworld, where reality is dead. Step into the future. Leave your body behind. The frightening future that Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller have imagined is not far away. *Otherworld* asks the question we'll all soon be asking: if technology can deliver everything we want, how much are we willing to pay?

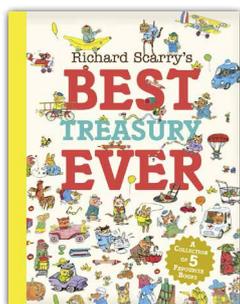


Hack and Whack by Francesca Simon

9780571328727 | Faber & Faber | PB | R150

Hack and Whack - two angelic looking Viking toddler twins - are on the attack! As they go marauding around their village, upsetting the apple carts, little do they know there is a force far more powerful than they: their mum! The story ends on the terrible two being plunged into a cold bath! Gloriously funny, slapstick, fast paced action from the queen of funny

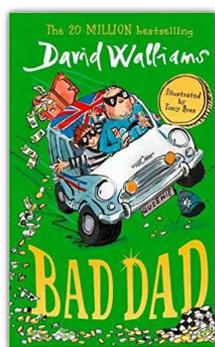




Best Treasury Ever by Richard Scarry

9780008253264 | HarperCollins | HB | R365

A stunning hardback treasury of five of Richard Scarry's best-loved stories – the perfect gift for Scarry fans, young and old! It's another fun-filled day in Richard Scarry's Busytown! Pay a visit to Lowly Worm and all your favourite characters in this fabulous collection of Scarry's best-loved stories. Packed full of cars and trucks, planes and trains, houses, shops and busy streets, it will keep curious minds occupied for hours on end. Richard Scarry's fun-filled stories have been delighting children the world over for more than 50 years. This beautiful hardback book is the perfect bedtime companion and a must for Scarry fans aged three and up. Includes: *Great Big Mystery Book*, *Busiest People Ever*, *Great Big Schoolhouse*, *Cars and Trucks* and *Things that Go* and *Best Lowly Worm Book Ever*.



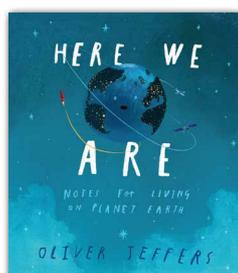
Bad Dad by David Walliams

9780008254339 | HarperCollins | HB | R220

Dads come in all sorts of shapes and sizes.

*There are fat ones and thin ones, tall ones and short ones.
There are young ones and old ones, clever ones and stupid ones.
There are silly ones and serious ones, loud ones and quiet ones.
Of course, there are good dads, and bad dads . . .*

A high-speed cops and robbers adventure with heart and soul about a father and son taking on the villainous Mr Big – and winning! This riches-to-rags story will have you on the edge of your seat and howling with laughter! *Bad Dad* is a fast and furious, heart-warming story of a father and son on an adventure – and a thrilling mission to break an innocent man into prison!



Here We Are Notes for Living on Planet Earth by Jeffers Oliver

9780008266165 | HarperCollins | HB | R220

Well, hello. And welcome to this Planet. We call it Earth. Our world can be a bewildering place, especially if you've only just got here. Your head will be filled with questions, so let's explore what makes our planet and how we live on it. From land and sky, to people and time, these notes can be your guide and start you on your journey. And you'll figure lots of things out for yourself. Just remember to leave notes for everyone else... Some things about our planet are pretty complicated, but things can be simple, too: you've just got to be kind. *Here We Are* is the utterly heartfelt new book from Oliver Jeffers. We're glad you found it.



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

9781408885260 | Bloomsbury | HB | R510

Famed Magizoologist Newt Scamander's years of adventure and exploration have yielded a work of unparalleled importance, admired by scholars, devoured by young witches and wizards, and even made available to Muggles in the early years of this century. With this dazzling illustrated edition, readers can explore the magical fauna of five continents from the comfort of their own armchairs. *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* is essential reading at Hogwarts. This new edition features the fully updated 2017 text – which includes new profiles of six magnificent beasts that inhabit North America and a new foreword by J.K. Rowling, writing as Newt Scamander.