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CHILDREN'S HIGHLIGHTS

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Please find below our top children's titles for April 2025.

## 0-5 YEARS OLD

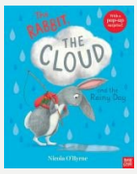
**Pop-Up And Play: Farm by Corina Fletcher**
9781805134237 | Nosy Crow | BB | R450

A six-spread pop-up storybook, which unfolds into a 3D farmyard playmat with press-out play pieces for total fun on the farm!

**The Girl and the Mermaid by Hollie Hughes**
9781526628091 | Bloomsbury | PB | R175

When Alina's granny begins to forget her beloved stories, Alina meets a mermaid who takes her on a magical deep-sea adventure that will change everything.

**The Rabbit, the Cloud and the Rainy Day by Nicola O'Byrne**
9781839943263 | Nosy Crow | PB | R200




Rainy days are lots of fun when you have a friend to show you how to play fair – a story for toddlers about empathy and the environment.

**Magic Pet Shop: Dinocorn by Matilda Rose**
9781444971279 | Hodder | PB | R220

A sparkling adventure about a little princess and her magical baby pet dinosaur.

**Heidi by Jeanne Willis**
9781839948947 | Nosy Crow | PB | R300

This favourite childhood classic is reimagined for young children in an enchanting, illustrated edition with a glittering foil cover.

**Alice in Wonderland by Karen Saunders**
9781803381015 | Welbeck | PB | R250

A beautifully illustrated picture book, based on the beloved classic story by Lewis Carroll.

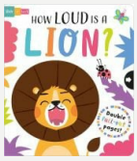
**I Woof You! by Mudpuppy**
9780735382329 | Abrams Books | BB | R240

A celebration of puppy love for babies and toddlers!
Each page is filled with vibrant colours and charming illustrations.

**Baby's First Easter by Cheryl Orsini**
9781761213328 | Hardie Grant | BB | R190

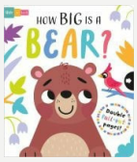
Share in the delight of baby's very first Easter in this gorgeous board book.

**How Loud is a Lion? by Lisa Regan**
9781917082594 | Gemini | BB | R240




Slide and seek the double pull-out pages to discover first wild African animal facts!

**How Big is a Bear? by Lisa Regan**
9781917082587 | Gemini | BB | R240




This Slide & Seek book features double pull-out pages with first facts about wild animals, from big bears to wild wolves.

**If I Had a Crocodile by Gabby Dawnay**
9780500653593 | Thames & Hudson | BB | R275

A charming and imaginative story in the bestselling 'If I had a...' series, which imagines life with a crocodile as a pet.

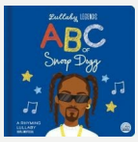
**Lift the Flap: Explorers by Joshua George**
9781917082556 | Gemini | HB | R310

Don't just read about the explorers... meet them! With 50 flaps to lift, learning is made engaging and interactive.

**Lullaby Legends: ABC of Dolly Parton by Susie Linn**
9781836160366 | Gemini | BB | R215

Join Dolly Parton on an alphabet journey from her Tennessee beginnings to country music star and cultural icon.

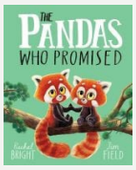
**Lullaby Legends: ABC of Snoop Dogg by Amber Lily**
9781836160700 | Gemini | BB | R215



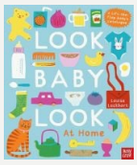

Join Snoop Dogg on an alphabet journey from his early days rapping with Dre to global stardom.

**The Pandas Who Promised by Rachel Bright**
9781408373385 | Orchard | BB | R220

**Look, Baby, Look! At Home by Louise Lockhart**
9781805131670 | Nosy Crow | BB | R350



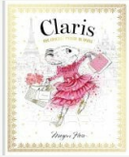

An action-packed, heart-warming tale of being true to your word and true to yourself, from the creators of the international bestseller *The Lion Inside*.



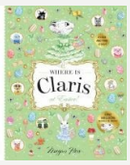

A large-format, lift-the-flap gift book, featuring hundreds of everyday objects for babies to look at and talk about – with bright, beautiful illustrations.

**Claris: The Chicest Mouse in Paris by Megan Hess**
9781761214851 | Hardie Grant | PB | R165

**Where is Claris at Easter by Megan Hess**
9781761215247 | Hardie Grant | HB | R240




An infectious rhyming tale about courage, compassion and a stylish little mouse, from international fashion illustrator Megan Hess.




Claris is setting off on an exciting Easter adventure! Can you find Claris, her friends, a very special bunny and of course, lots and lots of eggs?

**The Easter Bunny Hop by Toni D'Alia**
9781761212376 | Hardie Grant | HB | R265

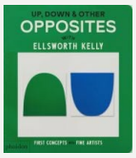
**I Hate Everything! by Sophy Henn**
9781398526792 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R200

Watch as the Easter Bunny and her friends plié and glissé their way through town, while they hunt for Easter eggs. Then learn the steps and dance along!

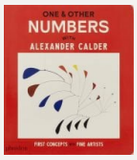
A funny and uplifting picture book all about finding the positives when the day seems completely rubbish.

**Up, Down & Other Opposites with Elsworth Kelly by Phaidon Editors**
9781838669621 | Phaidon | BB | R330

**One & Other Numbers with Alexander Calder by Phaidon Editors**
9781838669614 | Phaidon | BB | R330




*Up, Down & Other Opposites* uses Ellsworth Kelly's art to introduce young readers to opposites.




*One & Other Numbers* showcases Alexander Calder's playful sculptures to introduce young readers to the concept of quantity.

**Squares & Other Shapes with Josef Albers by Phaidon Editors**
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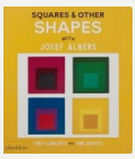
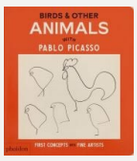
**Birds & Other Animals with Pablo Picasso by Phaidon Editors**
9781838669591 | Phaidon | BB | R330




*Squares & Other Shapes* uses the vivid artworks of Josef Albers to guide children through a wide range of geometrics, one artwork per page.

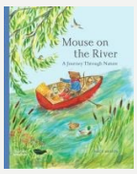



The masterful drawings of Pablo Picasso teach animal recognition to the youngest readers in this artful, read-aloud board book.

**Blue & Other Colors with Henri Matisse by Phaidon Editors**
9781838669584 | Phaidon | BB | R330

**Mouse on the River by Alice Melvin**
9780500660362 | Thames & Hudson | PB | R275

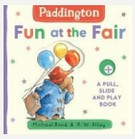
*Blue & Other Colors* takes children through Henri Matisse's color palette, one artwork per page.




In this exquisitely illustrated novelty picture book with die-cut flaps, we follow Mouse from woods to estuary to visit an old friend by the seaside.

**Paddington: Fun at the Fair by Michael Bond**
9780008726904 | HarperCollins UK | BB | R240

**Eighteen Summers by Penny Harrison**
9781761212505 | Hardie Grant | HB | R265



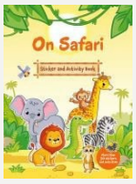

Move the sliders in this interactive toddler board book to enjoy all the fun of the fair with everyone's favourite bear, Paddington.

This tender lullaby captures a mother's eternal bond with her child and the fleeting nature of childhood.

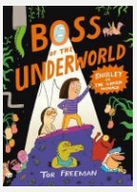
## 6-9 YEARS OLD

**On Safari: Sticker and Activity Book**
9781776194544 | Bouncy Ball | PB | R120

**Boss at the Underworld: Shirley vs the Green Menace by Tor Freeman**
9781444976397 | Hodder | PB | R220



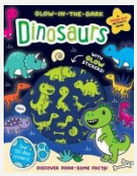

This activity and sticker book offers a fun and educational way to keep children entertained at home or even better, on a holiday in the bush!




Join Shirley and her giant cockroach friend, George, on a strange adventure through the Underworld. Fast-paced, funny and accessible, this graphic novel series is fizzing with charm and energy.

**Glow-in-the-Dark Dinosaurs Sticker Activity Book by Lisa Regan**
9781917082563 | Gemini | PB | R170

**Glow-in-the-Dark Space Sticker Activity book by Lisa Regan**
9781917082570 | Gemini | PB | R170




Attention dino experts everywhere! Discover roar-some dinosaur-themed activities in this sticker activity and press-out book that includes novelty dino stickers that glow in the dark!

Attention future astronauts everywhere! Discover amazing space activities in this sticker activity and press-out book that includes novelty space stickers that glow in the dark!

**Unicorn Academy: Legendary Summer**
9781805135975 | Nosy Crow | PB | R240

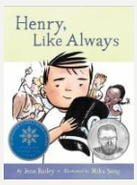
**Bunny vs Monkey: The Whopping World of Puzzles by Jamie Smart**
9781788453509 | David Fickling | PB | R200

Layla's quest for discovery at Unicorn Academy leads her to a powerful flower that unleashes an evil plant monster—now she must stop it before it drains all the magic, including her unicorn's!

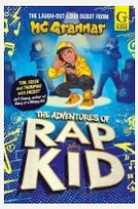
The bestselling *Bunny vs Monkey* series continues, with a magnificent activity book brimming with interactive fun!

**Henry, Like Always by Jenn Bailey**
9781797234113 | Chronicle | PB | R165

**Adventures of Rap Kid by MC Grammar**
9781398537613 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R240




Based on the beloved picture book *A Friend for Henry*, the Henry series shares relatable, reassuring stories that are just right for beginning readers.

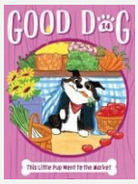



Z never speaks at school because he only talks in rhyme—until the Royal Rap Rumble inspires him to embrace his talent and become RAP KID.

**Wild Magic: Legend of the Black Lion by Abiola Bello**
9781398520486 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R210

**Good Dog: This Little Pup Went to Market by Cam Higgins**
9781665960458 | Simon & Schuster USA| PB | R215

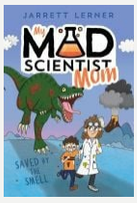
Discover your wild side! Join twins Misha and Ziggy as they put their extraordinary animal powers to the test in this new illustrated wildlife adventure series for readers 6+.




In this adorable fourteenth book of the Good Dog series, Bo and his family visit the farmer's market!

**My Mad Scientist Mom: Saved by the Smell by Jarrett Lerner**
9781665942980 | Simon & Schuster USA| PB | R215

**Pixie Magic: Pearl and the Woolly Hug by Daisy Meadows**
9781408367605 | Orchard | PB | R195

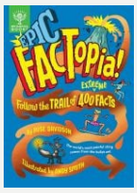



A boy gets buried in dirty laundry and pulled into time travel shenanigans after his mom's latest experiment in this first book in the *My Mad Scientist Mom* chapter book series.

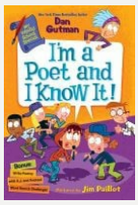
This magical new series is tailor-made to appeal to young readers including existing Daisy Meadows fans, with a winning combination of magic, friendship and crafts.

**Epic Factopia by Rose Davidson**
9781804661376 | What on Earth | PB | R325

**My Weird School Special: I'm a Poet and I Know It by Dan Gutman**
9780063290198 | HarperCollins USA| PB | R150




Follow an ingenious trail of 400 facts about daredevils, death-defying stunts, world records, wacky weather, extreme sports, unusual animals and so much more.




Dan Gutman's signature kid-friendly sense of humour and Jim Paillot's fun illustrations are perfectly blended in this weird poetry special you won't want to miss.

## 10-12 YEARS OLD

**Hidden Treasure by Jessie Burton**
9781526662897 | Bloomsbury| PB | R270

**The Mizzy Mysteries: Skeleton in the Closet by Claire Hatcher-Smith**
9780008645571 | Farshore | PB | R240

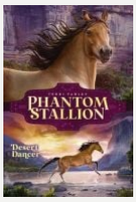
*Hidden Treasure* is the phenomenal page-turning story of two children whose lives collide when they find an ancient treasure with the power to return to them the most precious thing they have ever lost.

Twelve-year-old Mizzy, determined to be a detective, seizes the chance to solve a family mystery when she uncovers Great Aunt Jane's suspicious death in an old diary.

**The First Kid in Space by Tom Mitchell**
9780008597276 | HarperCollins UK | PB | R240

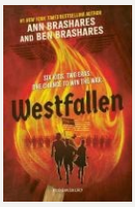
Twelve-year-old Franklin Wilson becomes an accidental viral sensation and is invited by billionaire Xavier Drake to compete for the chance to be the first kid in space.

**Phantom Stallion: Desert Dancer by Terri Farley**
9781665916493 | Simon & Schuster USA | PB | R245




The seventh book in the beloved middle grade *Phantom Stallion* series about a girl, her horse, and the beauty of the American West returns with a brand-new, stunning cover and bonus material!

**Westfallen by Ann Brashares and Ben Brashares**
9781526685490 | Bloomsbury | PB | R240




A stunning 'what if?' story by a bestselling author about two groups of 12-year-olds – one in World War Two, one in the present day.

**The Dubious Pranks of Shaindy Goodman by Mari Lowe**
9781646145201 | Chronicle | PB | R255

Shaindy is initially intrigued when her neighbour Gayil invites her into a secret world of pranks, but soon discovers that the pranks are turning cruel, and she fears she may be next if she can't stop them.

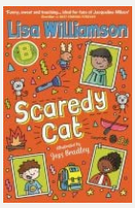
**Finding Hope by Nicola Baker**
9781398538238 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R240

Ten-year-old Ava moves to Whistledown Farm and, amidst one mishap after another, learns to find hope in nature with the help of a special little lamb.

**The Beast, the Queen, and the Lost Knight by Alexandria Rogers**
9780316523608 | Hachette USA | TPB | R190

Knights in training Ellie and Caedmon must complete three quests that put them on opposing sides or risk losing their Knighthood and magic forever.

**Bigg School: Scaredy Cat by Lisa Williamson**
9781916558397 | Buster Books | PB | R235




Ajay isn't too sure how he feels about going on the Year 7 trip to an activity centre - but he discovers that he's braver than he thinks...

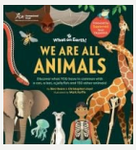
**Knutz + Boltz and the Cosmic Code by Tim Collins**
9781780559414 | Buster Books | PB | R235

The second book in a new puzzle adventure series takes readers on a thrilling space adventure in the company of Knutz, a STEAM whizz-kid, and canine super-inventor Boltz.

**The Greatest Stuff on Earth by Steve Tomecek**
9781804661413 | What On Earth | PB | R440

A quirky romp through the stuff of our world, from atoms and elements and light, to water, soil and DNA, to buildings and books and smartphones.

**We Are All Animals by Chris Lloyd**
9781804661451 | What On Earth | PB | R440




*We Are All Animals* celebrates our connection to all animals, showing we're not so different from our furry, scaly, and even jellyfish relatives.

## TEENS & YA

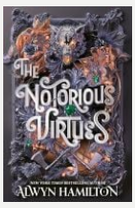
**Skulduggery Pleasant: A Heart Full of Hatred by Derek Landy**
9780008585914 | HarperCollins UK | TPB | R320

A killer stalks an island full of sorcerers gathered for a very special ceremony and only Skulduggery and Valkyrie can thwart their evil plot in this heart-pounding instalment of Derek Landy's bestselling series.

**Fearless by Lauren Roberts**
9781398531277 | Simon & Schuster UK | HB | R500

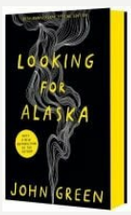
Paedyn Gray and Kai Azer return to the Kingdom of Ilya... And Paedyn has a life-altering choice to make. Whatever she decides will determine her fate – and the fate of those around her – forever.

**The Notorious Virtues by Alwyn Hamilton**
9780571342150 | Faber | PB | R260




The bestselling *Rebel of the Sands* author is back with a glittering fantasy thriller duology, featuring a family obsessed with money, power, fame – and magic.

**Looking for Alaska (20th Anniversary Edition) by John Green**
9780008664800 | Harper Fire | HB | R440




The stunning 20th anniversary edition of the unmissable first novel from bestselling and award-winning author of *The Fault in Our Stars* and *Turtles All The Way Down*.

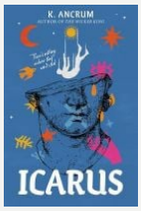
**The Dandelion Riots by Kim Smejkal**
9781782695257 | Pushkin | PB | R295

Spunky witches, terrible curses, and queer enemies to lovers romance—a swoon-worthy young adult fantasy about the power of girls, love, and friendship.

**The Hallow Hunt by Margie Fuston**
9781398534674 | Simon & Schuster UK | PB | R295

Bly has nothing left to lose in her quest to save her sister in this thrilling sequel to *The Revenant Games* that's perfect for fans of *All of Us Villains* meets *Kingdom of the Wicked*.

**Icarus by K. Ancrum**
9780063285798 | HarperCollins USA| PB | R260

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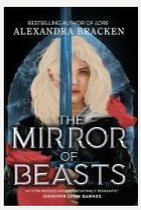


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