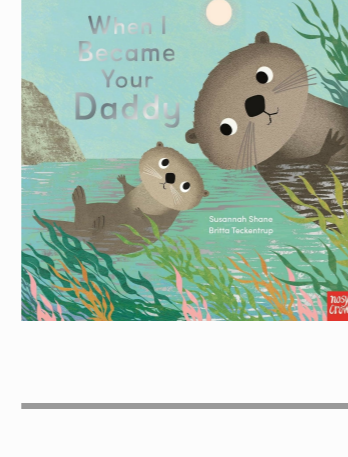
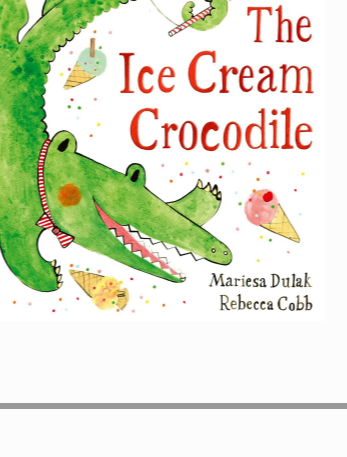
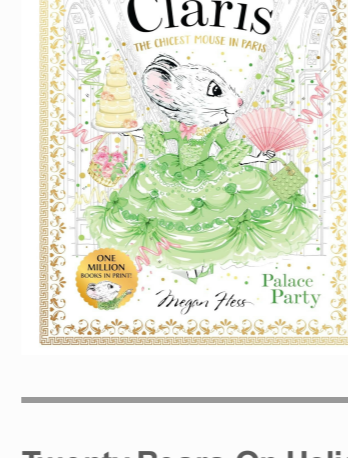


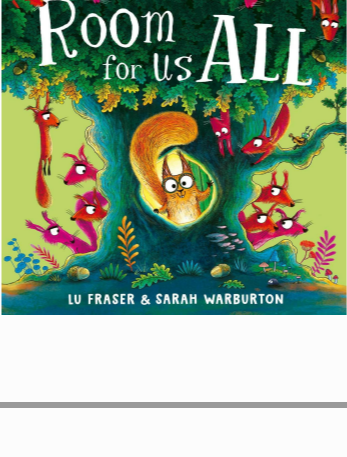
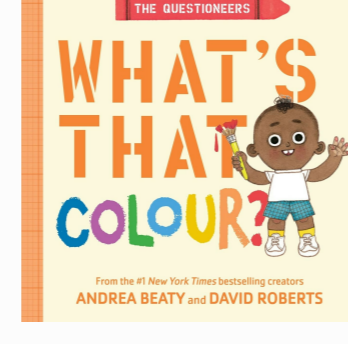





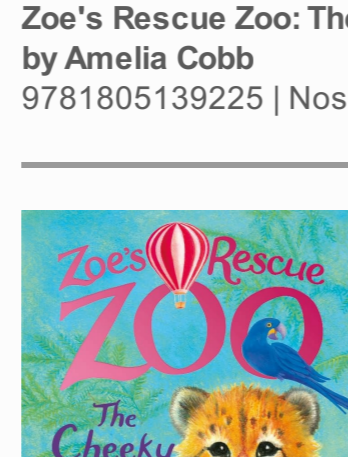
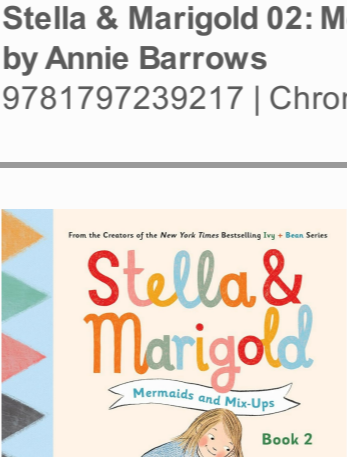
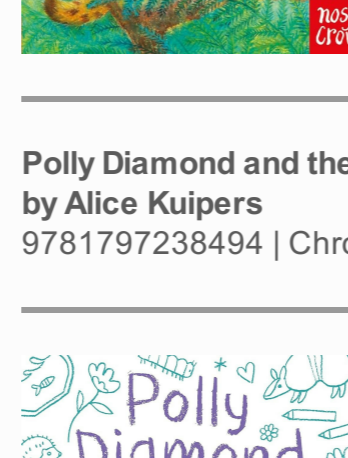

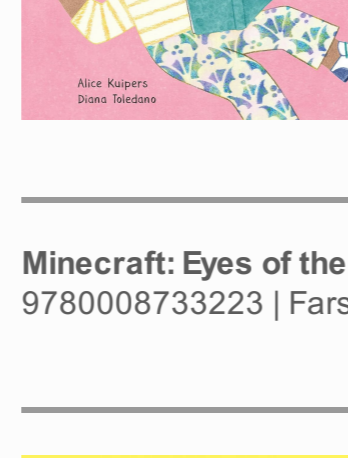
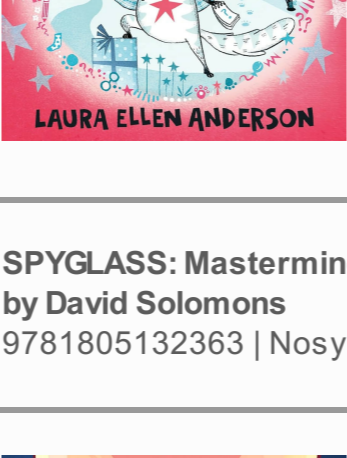
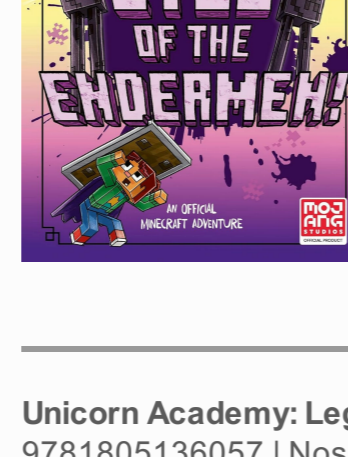
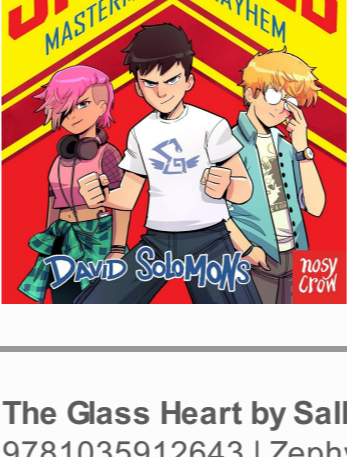
Here are our top children's book picks for June 2026!

0 – 5 YEARS | GRADE 0 – R



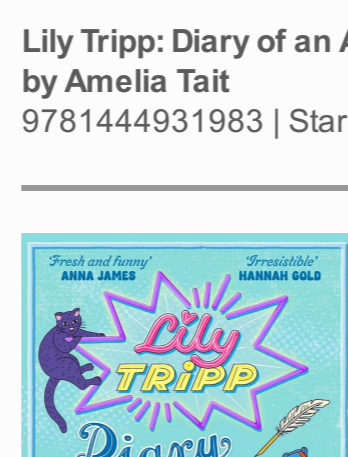
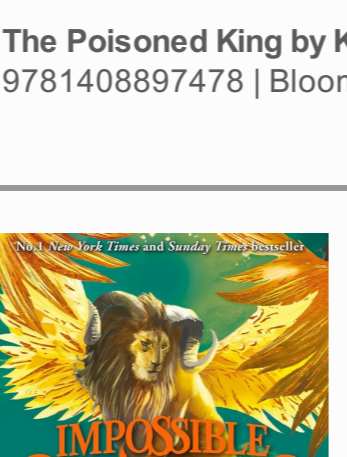
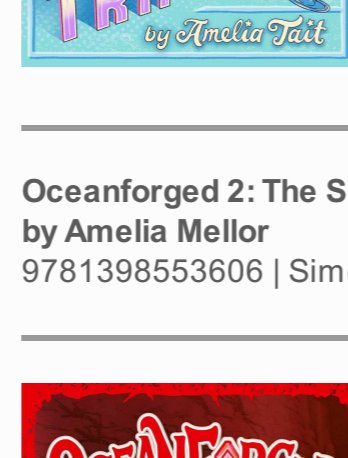
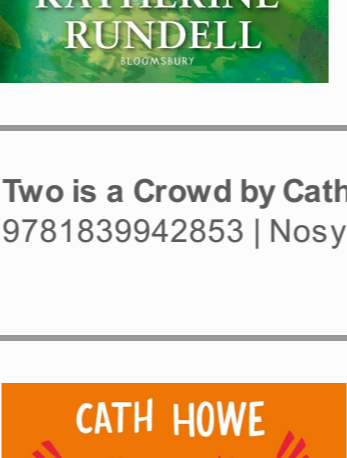
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| <p>When I Became Your Daddy by Susannah Shane
97811805135799 Nosy Crow RB R240</p>  <p>A heart-warming book celebrating the special bond between father and child, featuring flurries of silver foil on every page!</p> | <p>The Ice Cream Crocodile by Mariesa Dulak
9780571368389 Faber & Faber PB R230</p>  <p>Colour and charm pour out of every page of this stunningly illustrated and heartwarming story about a crocodile who will not be sidelined.</p> |
| <p>Claris 07: Palace Party by Megan Hess
9781761215759 Hardie Grant PB R195</p>  <p>Find out what happens when Claris gets lost in the Hall of Mirrors! She'll need to help a new friend overcome their fear!</p> | <p>Claris 08: The Secret Crown by Megan Hess
9781761215760 Hardie Grant PB R195</p>  <p>Claris and her best friend, Monsieur, are trying to find a secret club – in London! But what will they discover once they start searching?</p> |
| <p>Twenty Bears On Holiday by Kathryn Sammonds
9781526671448 Bloomsbury PB R240</p>  <p>Get ready for a shot of pure counting fun, as twenty very excited bears set off for a holiday on the beach.</p> | <p>Room for Us All by Lu Fraser
9781398525883 Simon & Schuster PB R240</p>  <p>A heartwarming, relatable story that reassures us that there's always a way to make room for us all!</p> |
| <p>The Questioners: Whats That Colour by Rachel Bright
9781419791192 Abrams Applesseed BB R240</p>  <p>A delightfully rhyming and vibrantly illustrated board book exploring colours and what happens when you mix them together!</p> | <p>The Turtle Who Turned the Tide by Rachel Bright
9781408366455 Orchard Books PB R220</p>  <p>An inspiring and funny rhyming story of how we ALL have the power to change things for the better. It's a of adventure, bravery and one baby turtle.</p> |

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| <p>Lets Talk: About When Someone Dies by Molly Potter
9781801994354 Bloomsbury PB R240</p>  <p>A picture book for starting conversations with children about death, bereavement and what happens next.</p> | <p>Lets Talk: About the Birds & the Bees by Molly Potter
9781801994347 Bloomsbury PB R240</p>  <p>a picture book all about the birds and the bees and how to answer questions about their bodies and where they came from.</p> |
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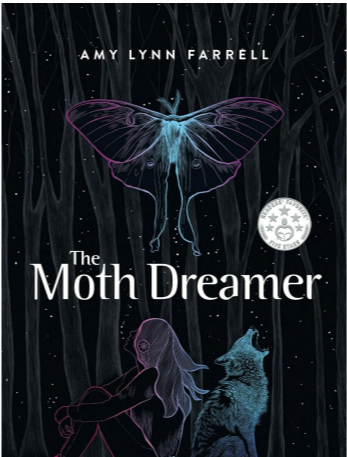
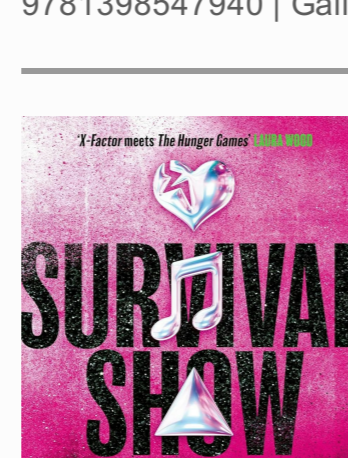
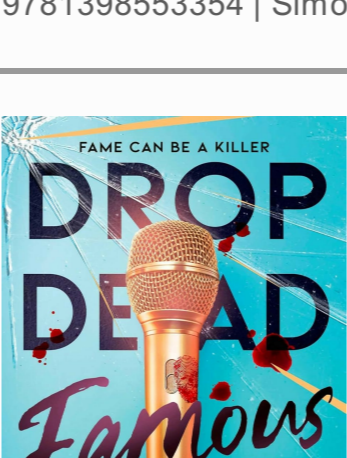
6 – 9 YEARS | GRADE 1 – 3

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| <p>Zoe's Rescue Zoo: The Cheeky Cheetah by Amelia Cobb
9781805139225 Nosy Crow PB R240</p>  <p>When four playful cheetah cub brothers come to stay at the zoo, Zoe comes up with a brilliant idea to help them feel more at home at the zoo.</p> | <p>Stella & Marigold 02: Mermaids and Mix-Ups by Annie Barrows
9781797239217 Chronicle Books PB R155</p>  <p>This charming and critically acclaimed early chapter book series follows the everyday adventures of siblings Stella and Marigold. In this book, they need to make more friends!</p> |
| <p>Polly Diamond and the Topsy-Turvy Day by Alice Kuberski
9781797239494 Chronicle Books PB R135</p>  <p>Polly and her magic book, Spell, have all kinds of adventures together because whatever Polly writes in Spell comes true! Can Polly come up with the right words to save the day?</p> | <p>Star Kitties 01: Detective Kitty's on the Case by Laura Ellen Fanshore
9780008678906 Fanshore PB R240</p>  <p>An a-PAW-rable two-colour, highly-illustrated young fiction series from best-selling author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, purr-fect for fans of Isadora Moon.</p> |
| <p>Minecraft: Eyes of the Endermen by David Salomons
9780008732223 Fanshore PB R240</p>  <p>The chance to be in a local TV advert has Po Chen stressed out. But that's nothing compared to having to go on an adventure into Minecraft to save the world.</p> | <p>SPYCLASS: Mastermind of Mayhem by David Salomons
9781805132963 Nosy Crow PB R240</p>  <p>The first book in a new series of action-packed spy adventures! When Adam and his friends accidentally reveal the secret location of ex-M6 quartermaster, things start going wrong.</p> |
| <p>Unicorn Academy: Legacies and other stories by Amelia Cobb
9781805136057 Nosy Crow PB R240</p>  <p>Read all about Sophia, Wildstar and her friends in Sapphire dorm in this highly illustrated first storybook for newly-independent readers.</p> | <p>The Glass Heart by Sally Gardner
9781035912643 Zephyr PB R240</p>  <p>An enchanting fairy tale about three princesses with hearts made of glass.</p> |

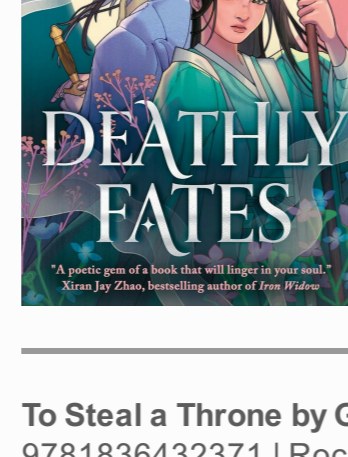
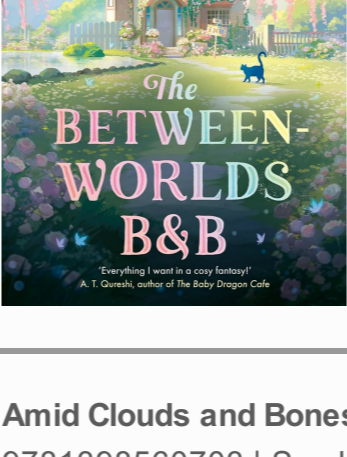

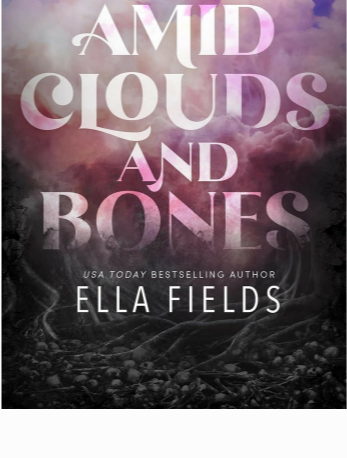

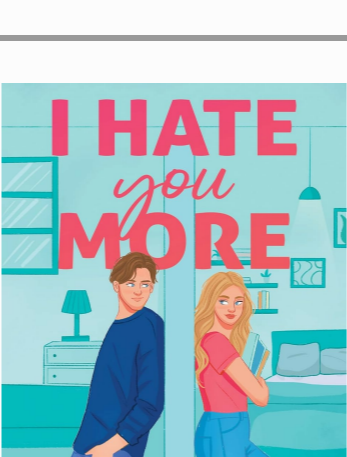
10 – 12 YEARS | GRADE 4 – 6

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| <p>K-Pop Spirit Academy by Joheun Lee
9780008822477 Fanshore PB R240</p>  <p>The young action-packed, funny, accessible and highly-illustrated K-Pop chapter book! Full of friendship, monster-fighting and being true to yourself.</p> | <p>Birdlands by Anthony McGowan
9781836431800 Rock the Boat PB R230</p>  <p>Life is tough for Beaky, Herman and Pidge. With the young jockey's twisted beak, the crow's broken wing and the pigeon's fear of flying, survival seems impossible. Until they band together.</p> |
| <p>Lily Tripp: Diary of an Accidental Time Traveller by Amelia Talk
9781444931983 Starboard PB R250</p>  <p>My name is Lily and I have a big secret: every New Year's Eve, I time travel to a totally different era. Luckily my cat, my best friend, and my not-so-secret crush always turn up, too.</p> | <p>The Poisoned King by Katherine Rundell
9781408897478 Bloomsbury PB R220</p>  <p>When Christopher Forrester is woken by a miniature dragon chewing on his face, his heart leaps for joy. For months he's dreamed of returning to the Archipelago!</p> |
| <p>Oceanforged 2: The Silent Island by Amelia Mellor
9781398535066 Simon & Schuster PB R240</p>  <p>The second book in the sensational, swashbuckling middle-grade fantasy series full of action, adventure and ancient legends from bestselling author Amelia Mellor.</p> | <p>Two is a Crowd by Cath Howe
9781835994263 Nosy Crow PB R240</p>  <p>Hattie's life is already complicated enough. So when her mum's goddaughter, Seren, arrives and gets special treatment, Hattie feels pushed out.</p> |






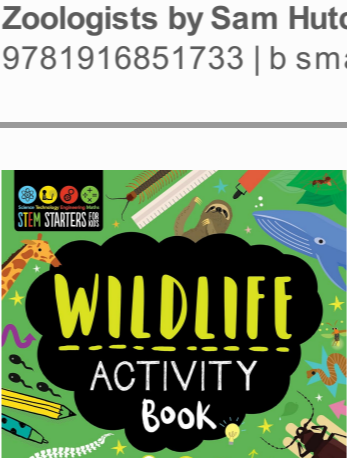
13 – 16 YEARS | GRADE 7 – 10 (TEEN)

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| <p>Crow: Magic by Fiona Dixon
9780008717360 HarperCollins PB R240</p>  <p>Twelve-year-old Crow is a thief. Scrapping a living on the winding streets of Slargard, Crow works for the leader of the criminal underworld, stealing from the city's wealthy ruling class.</p> | <p>Skulduggery Pleasant: A Small Matter of Impending Catastrophe by Derek Landy
9780008776701 HarperCollins PB R265</p>  <p>The book version of the thrilling and innovative second Skulduggery Pleasant podcast. And when the end of the world comes knocking, our first line of defence must always be sarcasm.</p> |
| <p>The Summer After the Night Before by Lisa Williamson
9781786451871 David Fickling PB R270</p>  <p>Ben's been in love with Molly for ever and after they share a kiss at a party, he thinks his dream will come true. Right? Doubts, lies and mixed-up memories make it a thorny summer after the potent night before.</p> | <p>The Moth Dreamer by Amy Lynn Farrell
9781774921616 HighWater Press PB R365</p>  <p>Sixteen-year-old Aubrey is horrified when a vision about her cousin's death comes true. Overcome with grief, Aubrey begins to see more troubling visions about the futures of those around her.</p> |
| <p>The Moth Dreamer by Amy Lynn Farrell
9781398547940 Gallery YA PB R315</p>  <p>10 contestants. 1 killer stage. SING FOR YOUR LIFE! Tune in for Starmaker, the most watched reality TV show in the world. But there's a catch: eliminated contestants are literally eliminated.</p> | <p>Drop Dead Famous by Jennifer Pearson
978139855354 Simon & Schuster PB R295</p>  <p>Global superstar Blair Baker rises high above the stage for the opening number of her hometown show. The crowd erupts in applause. Then come the screams.</p> |




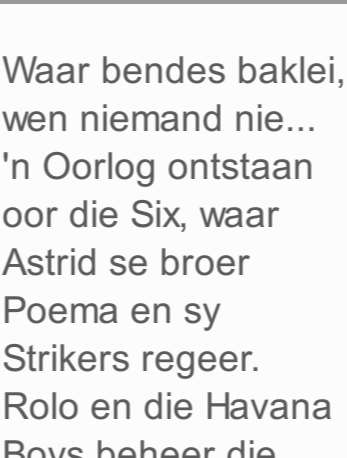
17+ YEARS | GRADE 11+ (YOUNG ADULT)

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| <p>Deathly Fates by Tesia Tsai
9780008740733 Electric Monkey PB R295</p>  <p>This action-packed and gripping YA fantasy is about a daughter trying to save her father by any means necessary – and the boy she rescues from behind enemy lines in a dangerous deal.</p> | <p>The Between-Worlds B&B by Amy Mae Baxter
9780008793890 Harper Fine PB R265</p>  <p>Have you ever wanted to experience magic? Have you ever wanted to get away from everyone and everything? Do you enjoy baked goods? Then come and stay at the Between-Worlds B&B!</p> |
| <p>To Steal a Throne by Gabi Burton
9781836432371 Rock the Boat PB R290</p>  <p>A darkly seductive YA fantasy full of betrayal, female rage, ambition and magic about a girl used to serving others who decides to take power for herself.</p> | <p>Amid Clouds and Bones by Ella Fields
9781398560703 Scarlett Press PB R295</p>  <p>A new, epic enemies-to-lovers romantasy stand-alone. Mildred, the half-fae daughter of a human king, has been promised to Atakan, the self-proclaimed 'heartless' Seelle prince.</p> |
| <p>Waybridge Academy 01: Sweet Heartbreak by Alexandra Moody
9780008830113 Electric Monkey PB R295</p>  <p>A swoon-worthy and angst-filled forbidden romance about star-crossed lovers at an elite boarding school. Sweet Heartbreak is the first part of a three-book series.</p> | <p>I Hate You More by Alexandra Moody
9780008834588 Electric Monkey PB R295</p>  <p>A feel-good high school YA rom com from the queen of heartstopping low spice romance. This enemies-to-lovers story is perfect for fans of Jenny Han, Kasie West and Lynn Painter.</p> |

PUZZLES & ACTIVITIES

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| <p>Unicorn Academy: Sticker Scenes
9781805136033 Nosy Crow PB R180</p>  <p>Bring Unicorn Island to life in this magical sticker activity book filled with over 10 SPARKY scenes and more than 150 stickers!</p> | <p>FIFA World Cup 2026 Kids' Handbook
9781804539903 Welbeck PB R275</p>  <p>The official kids' companion guide to the FIFA men's World Cup 2026 – filled with tournament facts, team profiles, top players, stats, on-the-page activities and fill-in chart.</p> |
| <p>LEGO® Star Wars™: Grogu's Adventure
9781837251780 Buster Books PB R265</p>  <p>Build your awesome Grogu LEGO® minifigure and hover Prader mini-boat, before using both to help you with the activities and adventures in this fun-packed puzzle book.</p> | <p>Unicorn Academy: Sticker Scenes
9781837251780 Buster Books PB R265</p>  <p>Build your awesome Ender Knight minifigure and arm him with his sword before leading him through the LEGO® Minecraft™ world.</p> |
| <p>Insects Activity Book: Activities for Little Entomologists by Sam Hutchinson
9781916851726 (is small) PB R205</p>  <p>This beautifully illustrated activity book is packed with facts that bring insects to life. It includes mazes, drawing prompts, and more.</p> | <p>Wildlife Activity Book: Activities for Little Zoologists by Sam Hutchinson
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LOCAL CHILDREN'S HIGHLIGHTS

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| <p>Die avonture van Wilde Willemientjie deur Riana Scheepers
9780624096382 Tafelberg PB R250 9 - 9 jaar</p>  <p>Voor die verskyning van haar eerste tand is Willemientjie se wildheid wêreldbekend. Met al die diere van die diereyik wat sy om haar pinkie kan draai, reis sy die wêreld in.</p> | <p>Vreesvanger deur Brigitte Labuschagne
9780798185905 Human & Rousseau PB R220 9 - 12 jaar</p>  <p>Wie sal J'f bel as jou grootste vrees bewaarheid word? Henri dink dit spook in Skillepark. Ligte fikker, goed verduim, en vreemde geluide hou hom snags wakker. . .</p> |
| <p>Staan op vir die Six deur Celeste Slabber-Loriston
9780624096030 Tafelberg PB R220 14+ jaar</p>  <p>Waar bendes bakkei, wen niemand nie... 'n Oorlog ontstaan oor die Six, waar Astrid se broer Poema en sy Strikers regeer. Roio en die Havana Boys beheer die ander buurte.</p> | <p>Staan op vir die Six deur Celeste Slabber-Loriston
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