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CHILDREN'S HIGHLIGHTS

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

0 - 5 YEARS | GRADE 0 - R

I'll Love You Till the Stalks Stop Growing
by Kathryn Cristaldi
9780063375818 | HarperCollins | BB | R180

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION... but where are the sloths? Are these sleepy animals for their lessons or right on time?

Trucks on Trucks by Sorcha Narbeth
9780008284207 | Greenwillow Books | BB | R180

Trucks on Trucks hits the highways while exploring basic concepts such as size, shape, color, numbers, etc.

Nik Nik Bunny: Footballer by Cerys Bevington
9781788420266 | Alba Simon | BB | R225

Today, Nik Nik is a footballer! Can you help Nik Nik get changed into her kit, defend the goal and win the match?

Ready for My Potty Amanda Jenner
9781398507524 | Alba Simon | BB | R225

Ben's not sure about his brand-new potty, but that's OK – Mary the potty knows just how to help! Terry's Tree Bear tries the potty, he will get a shining star!

Magic Faraway Tree: Where's Teddy?
by Enid Blyton
9781444931495 | Hachette | BB | R210

Silky the fairy loves playing games with her friends in the Magic Faraway Tree, but she can't find her pet Teddy! Help Silky to find her pet in this Land of Lost Things and search for Teddy!

My BIG Playbook: Animals
by Ingela P Arrhenius
9781803120329 | Grey Dog | BB | R260

A BIG book for sharing with a little person, introducing animals, their sounds and movements and more – with fun flaps and a mirror!

When I Grow Up It's Like To Be by Nick Biddulph
9780008527744 | HarperCollins | PB | R225

Dream big in this wonderful book of jobs and the world of work! From manicurist, teacher, vet – explore all the many things you can be when you're older.

Day the Crayons Made Friends by Oliver Jeffers
9780008527665 | HarperCollins | PB | R250

The team behind the international Crayons sensation reunite once again to create another clever and hilarious tale!

Dinofeedings Mesozaurus by Rachel Bright
978140837579 | Orchard | PB | R240

Mesozaurus LOVES scattering crumbs and leaving a mess! But when his precious teddy gets lost in mounds of clutter, Messy feels jumbled up inside.

Unicorn Academy: Lulu's Magical Summer
9781803180698 | Nosy Crow | PB | R225

Follow Lulu and Cloudy on a magical summer adventure at Unicorn Academy in this magical storybook!

6 - 9 YEARS | GRADE 1 - 3

How To Train Your Dragon: School Of: Flight of the Night Fury by Cressida Cowell
9781444938167 | Barnard | PB | R210

Join Hiccup and his dragons in their hilarious, hair-raising adventures at the Isle of Berk's Training School for Young Dragons.

Kid Potato: Kit Pu and Stop Me by Neil Cockett
9781444932287 | Barnard | PB | R240

Kid Potato and his pals are back with five new totally hilarious and utterly ridiculous adventures. With illustrations on every page, this series is ideal for visual kids!

Ira & Luna 63: Super Sweet Birthday by Jessica Townsend
9780316415897 | Farshore | PB | R195

Join Ira and Luna on their third adventure at Abracadabra School as they train to be magical baby animal sitters for the super-cute chapter book series.

Perfect Pet Stories by Enid Blyton
9781444931418 | Hachette | PB | R210

From the dog who found a way back to the missing basket filled with kittens, this collection of Enid Blyton tales celebrates favourite pets, whether they have fur, scales, feathers or shells.

Riley Wright Is Always Wrong
by Mel Taylor-Bennett
9780008519751 | Farshore | PB | R225

Riley Wright has to prove to his big sister, Lyn, she is cut for the talent show, look out for her unpredictable new BFF Emma and face down super mean girl Harper...

Football Superstars: Manchester United Rule
by Simon Mugford
9781804139972 | Welbeck | PB | R180

Get ready to meet the legends of Manchester United in this action-packed, fun-filled guide for young fans 6 years and upwards to learn about the club's incredible history.

10 - 12 YEARS | GRADE 4 - 6

Dork Diaries: OMG All About Me Diary by Rachel Renee Russell
9781398526136 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R225

Ever wanted your very own Dork Diary? Grab this cute Dork Diary and get ready! Use the questions that Nikki Maxwell has created just for you to help you write your very own daily diary.

K-Pop Academy 5/6: Guardians Glow
9781398561458 | Nosy Crow | PB | R225

Hana and her K-pop crew are back, and this time they've got to prove their singing and dancing skills in an inter-school showcase against its fiercest rivals: spirit guardians.

Warriors Graphic Novel: The New Prophecy
by Erin Hunter
9780063400992 | HarperKidz | PB | R280

The wild cats of the forest have lived in peace for many moons—but when the prophecies receive a new prophecy he must rally the fiercest warriors from all the Clans.

The Ocean and the Bones by Genevieve Carver
9781804419180 | Rock the Boat | PB | R275

Friendship is tough in the Stone Age, especially when your best friend is a pain Wise Spirit... Follow Ayla and Ebble as they set out on a journey across the wild sea, to a place that only exists in legends.

The Children of Wolf Rock by Natasha Ferrant
9780571365251 | Faber & Faber | PB | R275

Stormy Loch Academy is about to change the lives of three children: Ailsa, living in the mountains of western Scotland, there is a lush, and on its shores there is a castle, and in that castle there is a school.

Mayana and the Fire of Speech
by Nnedimma Okorafor
9780310771819 | Bloomsbury | PB | R225

The second title in a dazzling's imaginative adventure trilogy about a young power to change the world through the magic of book-jumping and the strength of words.

13 - 16 YEARS | GRADE 7 - 10 (YA)

Murder Academy 02: Camp Murder
by Angela Mitchell
9781398541696 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R250

With summer camp ahead this August for Georgia, Ilhwa and Billy, the students of Murder Academy are looking forward to it. But then someone at camp suffers a fatal accident...

This Dream Will Devour Us by Emma Clansey
9781471415228 | Nosy Crow | PB | R465

The Inheritance Games meets Carousel in this contemporary fantasy debut about a girl thrust into the glamorous and dangerous world of magical high society. Sometimes you have to kill a dream to escape a nightmare...

17+ YEARS | GRADE 11+ (YOUNG ADULT)

Six of Crows: Darker Shore by Leigh Bardugo
9781510102737 | Tempest | HB | R465

From No. 1 New York Times bestselling author Leigh Bardugo comes a new Grishaverse short story: a mystery told through found documents.

The Ocean Would Paint Me Blue
by Zoella Kalauh
9781526646897 | Bloomsbury | PB | R250

What if you felt like could cried at the colours away? The heart-wrenching new story of freedom, love and identity from the author of international bestseller Long As The Lemon Trees Grow.

A Promise Bound in Mist by Elle Hughes
9780008577867 | Harper Fire | TPB | R290

Rose has spent her life being told cautionary tales about faeries and those who stray on their paths and dark. But she can't resist the call of the Crag's wild beauty, and anyway, she doesn't believe in magic.

Coterie of Liars by Kate Weston
9780008736990 | Electric Monkey | PB | R290

As Evie and her friends graduate from their elite private school, they prepare to host one last unforgettable party at Eve's family mansion, O'Gobelle, where parties are notorious and reclusive.

A Prince Among Pirates by Katie Abdou
9780008579487 | Harper Fire | TPB | R290

Kit Davenport is in trouble – not that this would surprise anyone who knows him. Headstrong, reckless and utterly unsuitable, he is the ninety-fifth House of Lords. Kit has spent years dodging his father's stern disapproval.

Wilded Dreams Bookshop 03: Movie Magic
by Lucy Parker
9780008561529 | Harper Fire | PB | R250

Hollywood romance comes to a cosy small town in this picture-perfect romantic comedy. Meet Ashleigh Mks is ready for drama behind the scenes and in front of the camera.

PUZZLES & ACTIVITIES

Animals Galore: Sticker Activity Book
9780008577224 | HarperCollins | PB | R195

Enjoy the meal spiteriffence animals from Dr. Seuss's stories in this brilliant sticker activity book. Grab your pens and pencils and get stuck into the fun.

Colourful Creatures: Sticker Activity Book
9780008772017 | HarperCollins | PB | R195

Stick, colour and puzzle your way through an array of Seuss's spectacular creatures! Meet the Many-feathered Fifer-Father-Feff to the pink-striped Zizer-Zazer-Zuzz.

The Cat in the Hat: Search and Find
9780008770050 | HarperCollins | PB | R260

Step into the world of the Cat in the Hat and embark on a search and find! With the Cat hiding on every page, join the fun as you hunt him out from the busy scenes and find all other items as you go!

Tesa Beca Sticker Book
9780000784441 | Pavilion | PB | R195

Journey through the day in the life of a Tesa Beca tween. From grabbing a drink at Sin-Mo Mart before school, to catching up with friends at the arcade.

Something magical is brewing...

Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday
with us on the 31st of July!
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