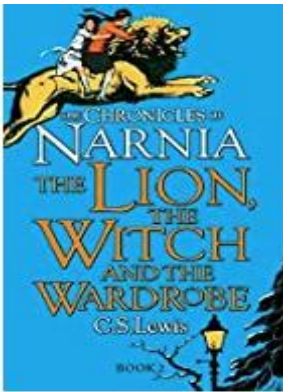


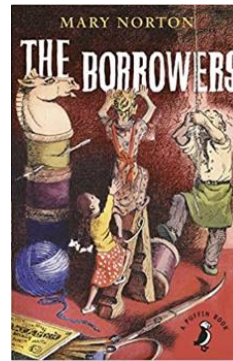
Recommended Reading List for Year 4

Classic & Modern Fiction



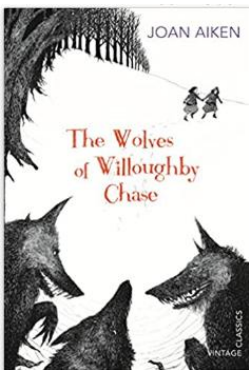
Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie— step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is the second book in C. S. Lewis’s

classic fantasy series Chronicles of Narnia.



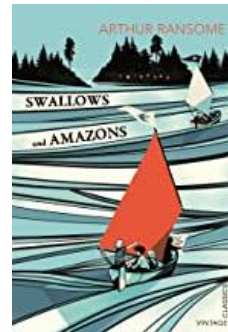
The Borrowers live in the secret places of quiet old houses; behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock. They own nothing, borrow everything, and think that human beings were invented just to do the dirty work. Girls weren't supposed to go borrowing but as Arrietty was an only child her father broke the rule, and then

something happened which changed their lives. She made friends with the human boy living in the house...



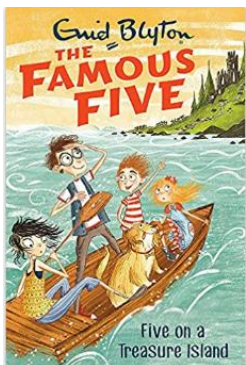
Long ago, at a time in history that never happened, England was overrun with wolves. But as Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia discover, real danger often lies closer to home. Their new governess, Miss Slighcarp, doesn't seem at all nice. She shuts Bonnie in a cupboard, fires the faithful servants and sends the cousins far away from Willoughby Chase to a place they will never be found. Can Bonnie and Sylvia outwit the wicked Miss Slighcarp and her network of criminals, forgers and snitches?

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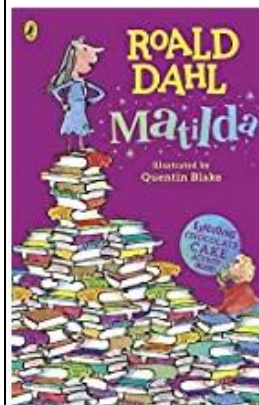
The Walker children - also known as Captain John, Mate Susan, Able-Seaman Titty, and Ship's Boy Roger - set sail on the *Swallow* and head for Wild Cat Island. There they camp under open skies, swim in clear water and go fishing for their dinner. But their days are disturbed by the Blackett sisters, the fierce Amazon

pirates. The Swallows and Amazons decide to battle it out, and so begins a summer of unforgettable discoveries and incredible adventures.



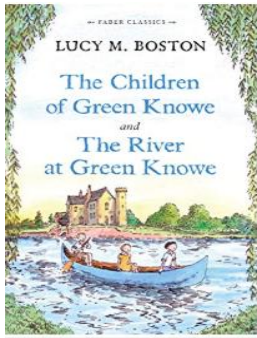
Meet Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timothy. Together they are THE FAMOUS FIVE - Enid Blyton's most popular adventure series. All 21 titles also available as audiobooks! 'There was something else out on the sea by the rocks - something dark that seemed to lurch out of the waves . . . What could it be?' Julian, Dick and Anne are spending the holidays with their tomboy cousin George and her dog, Timothy. One day, George takes

them to explore nearby Kirrin Island, with its rocky little coast and old ruined castle on the top. Over on the island, they make a thrilling discovery, which leads them deep into the dungeons of Kirrin Castle on a dangerous adventure. Who - and what - will they find there? Fantastic new cover art by Laura Ellen Anderson will draw young readers into this accessible timeless classic.

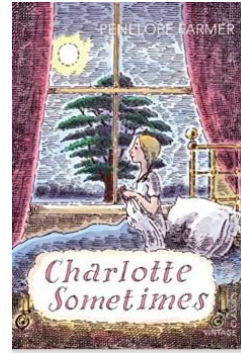


Matilda is the world's most famous bookworm, no thanks to her ghastly parents. Her father thinks she's a little scab. Her mother spends all afternoon playing bingo. And her headmistress, Miss Trunchbull? She's the worst of all. She's a big bully, who thinks all her pupils are rotten and locks them in the dreaded Chokey. Despite these beastly grownups trying to push her down, Matilda is

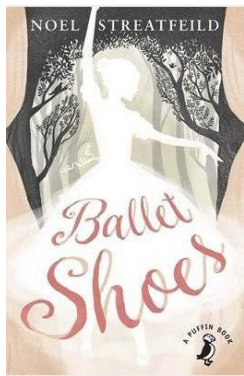
an extraordinary girl with a magical mind. And she's had enough. So all the terrible adults had better watch out, because she's going to teach them a lesson they'll never forget!



Tolly's great grandmother isn't a witch, but both she and her old house, Green Knowe, are full of a very special kind of magic. There are other children in the house - children who were happy there centuries before. Running around Green Knowe's moat, gardens and mysterious rooms, Tolly slowly discovers them, their toys and animals, and their wonderful stories . . .



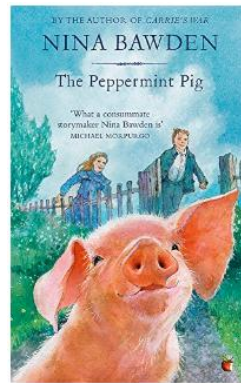
It is Charlotte's first night at boarding school. But when she wakes up, the girl in the next bed is not the person who was sleeping there the evening before. And the new building outside her window seems to have metamorphosed into a huge, dark cedar tree! Somehow, Charlotte has slipped back forty years.



I wonder . . . if other girls had to be one of us, which of us they'd choose to be?'

Pauline longs to be an actress. Petrova is happiest playing with cars and engines. And if she could . . . Posy would dance all day!

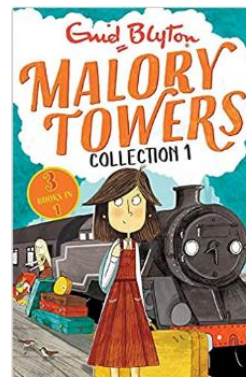
But when their benefactor Great-Uncle Matthew disappears, the Fossil girls share a future of a dazzling life on stage, where their dreams and fears will soon come true . . .



It is a difficult year for the Greengrasses. Poll's father has lost his job and gone overseas, the family are living off the charity of two aunts, and Poll and her brother Theo just can't seem to keep out of trouble. It takes a tiny, mischievous pig to bring laughter back into their lives.

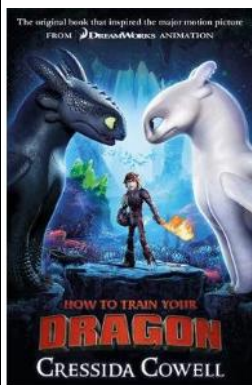


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Darrell Rivers is thrilled to start her first term at boarding school. She soon makes friends - and mischief! Another new girl, Gwendoline is beginning to get on everyone's nerves. Will Darrell be able to keep her fiery temper under control? There's more to life than lessons at Malory Towers, Enid Blyton's best-loved

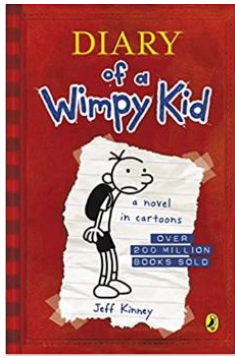
boarding school series



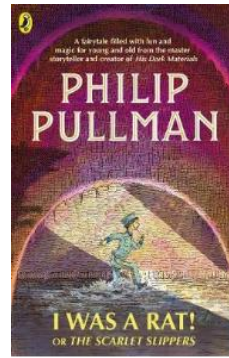
Jokes flow thick and fast from this most original and inventive Viking adventure, which launched the career of a Viking with a difference. Hiccup Horrendous Haddock grew up at a time of dragons but he was not always a hero. He had to learn to fight them. To do so he had to pass the Dragon Initiation Programme, an awesome schedule run by Gobber the Belch, idiot in charge of initiation on the Isle of Berk. Hiccup was by no means a natural high achiever when it came to dragon training but after many hilarious mishaps, he soon got the hang of it and was on the way to becoming a Hero.



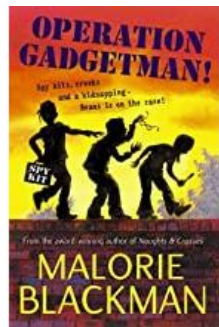
Ada Goth is the only child of Lord Goth. The two live together in the enormous Ghastly-Gorm Hall. Lord Goth believes that children should be heard and not seen, so Ada has to wear large clumpy boots so that he can always hear her coming. This makes it hard for her to make friends and, if she's honest, she's rather lonely. Then one day William and Emily Cabbage come to stay at the house and, together with a ghostly mouse called Ishmael, the three children begin to unravel a dastardly plot that Maltravers, the mysterious indoor gamekeeper, is hatching. Ada and her friends must work together to foil Maltravers before it's too late!



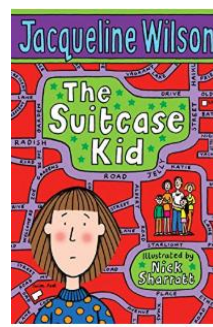
Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into a new year and a new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. Desperate to prove his new found maturity, which only going up a grade can bring, Greg is happy to have his not-quite-so-cool sidekick, Rowley, along for the ride. But when Rowley's star starts to rise, Greg tries to use his best friend's popularity to his own advantage. Recorded in his diary with comic pictures and his very own words, this test of Greg and Rowley's friendship unfolds with hilarious results.



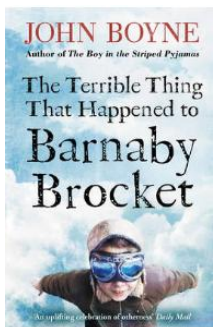
Acclaimed author Philip Pullman turns his hand to a stunning and original story for younger readers. Who is Roger? He says he was a rat - and some of the time he behaves like a rat. But, he is also a small boy. Or, he could be the Monster of the sewers...Everyone has a view – including The Daily Scourge – who tells their own version in screaming newspaper headlines. There is just one person who really knows who Roger is. And she's the princess...



Beans calls her dad 'Gadgetman' because of the weird and wonderful gadgets he comes up with - everything from exploding biscuits to Spy Kits. But when Gadgetman accidentally invents a device that could be used to steal millions of pounds, the wrong people find out and Gadgetman is kidnapped! With the help of her friends - and her special Gadgetman Spy Kit - Beans is determined to track down the kidnappers and rescue her dad. But can she find Gadgetman before he is forced to hand over the details of his invention...?



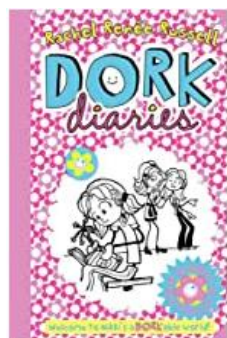
When my parents split up they didn't know what to do with me . . . My family always lived at Mulberry Cottage. Mum, Dad, me - and Radish, my Sylvanian rabbit. But now Mum lives with Bill the Baboon and his three kids. Dad lives with Carrie and her twins. And where do I live? I live out of a suitcase. One week with Mum's new family, one week with Dad's. It's as easy as A B C. That's what everyone says. But all I want is to go home - back to Mulberry Cottage...



There's nothing unusual about the Brockets. Normal, respectable and proud of it, they turn up their noses at anyone different. But from the moment Barnaby Brocket comes into the world, it's clear he's anything but ordinary. To his parents' horror, Barnaby defies the laws of gravity - and floats. Barnaby tries to keep both feet on the ground, but he just can't do it. One fateful day, the Brockets decide enough is enough. They never asked for a weird, abnormal, floating child. Barnaby has to go...Betrayed, frightened and alone, Barnaby floats into the path of a very special hot air balloon - and so begins a magical journey around the world, with a cast of extraordinary new friends.



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 Prilchard-Spritzer 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 ...

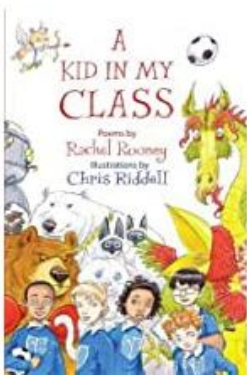


Meet Nikki Maxwell (aka Queen of the Dorks!) in the first book in the mega-selling *Dork Diaries* series – now with over 45 million copies in print worldwide! *New school. New Crush. New mean girl. New diary, so Nikki can spill all about it!* Nikki Maxwell has *never* been popular but now she's started at a new school, she's hoping to leave her old dorky ways behind!



London! The Future! Alex and Freddy are just like any other brothers. They squabble. They drive their parents crazy. There's only one difference...they're the most powerful robots on earth! But Alex and Freddy will soon discover that they're not the only super-powered robots around. An evil robotic mind is making sinister plans. And their lives won't stay peaceful for much longer...

Poetry



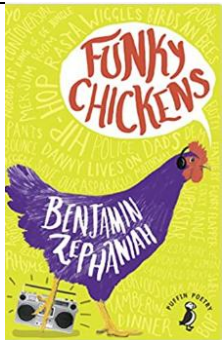
"He's not scared of nothing. Nobody. Never. Nah. Which means that he is. Tough Kid. Not tough enough. I know - I once met his dad." They're all here...every kid in the class has their own poem. The pushy one, the shy one. The whizz kid and the daydreamer. The best friender and the kid who runs in his wheelchair. The tough kid, the poet. And not forgetting the class hamster. This eagerly awaited new collection from

an outstanding poet, winner of the CLIPPA Award, is perfectly matched by the amazing wit and inventiveness of the former UK Children's Laureate.



A collection of the very best poems for children, edited by Roger McGough

A wonderful collection of contemporary and classic poems chosen by children from schools around the UK. Roger McGough made the final selection and wrote the introduction.



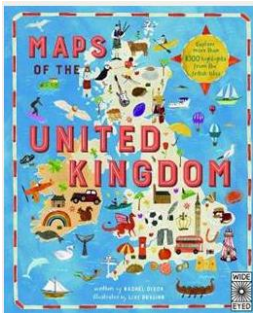
Enter the crazy world of rap poet Benjamin Zephaniah! A reissue of the wonderfully irreverent collection of poetry for young people, touching on anything from vegetables to the Queen and from sewage to the sun. There's plenty of humour as well as poems on racism, pollution and the murder of a cat.



Well what would you say if your brother kept whacking you with a spoon, or the spider made it all the way up the toilet bowl or your mum made you wear that horrible shirt?

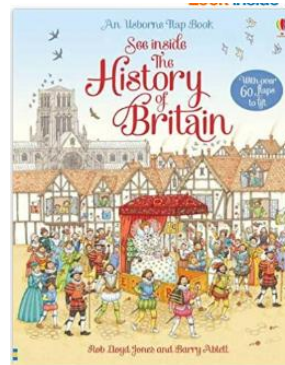
Find out in this fantastically funny collection of poems all about growing up from the brilliant Michael Rosen, Children's Laureate 2007 - 2009.

Non-Fiction

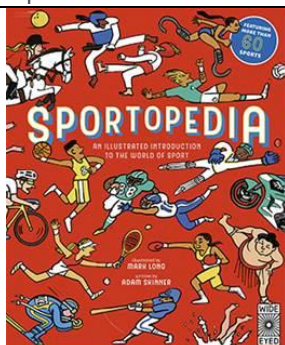


This comprehensive hardback guide to the UK is full of illustrated maps, facts and historical tidbits. Your child will probably turn straightaway to the county you live in, to discover lots of local information. Where are the highlights to go visit? Which famous people, from now and the past, are from your area? Although this is a natural place to start, the joy of the

book is that very soon you will be flitting through and discovering all sorts of things about places you have never been to. It's a great way to get children excited about exploring – or perhaps what their interest about any planned holidays or day trips.

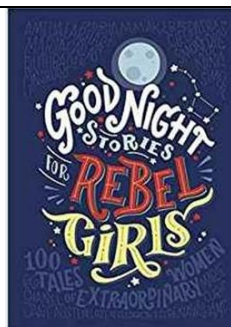


Britain is a country rich with history, and this lift-the-flap book for older children covers life in Britain from Anglo-Saxon invasions to the 21st Century.



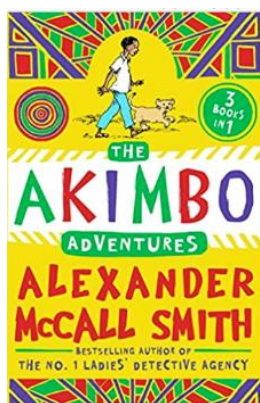
.From Volleyball to UFC, Darts to Formula 1 and Gymnastics to Table Tennis, there's something for everyone in this luxuriously large nonfiction compendium of all things sporty. Split into nine useful sections - ball sports, combat sports, water sports, motor sports, and so on - each sport is outlined in fascinating variety, from kit to rules and pitch diagrams to interesting

facts about the game.



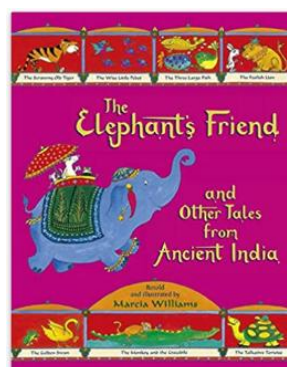
If you're worried that your children experience a lack of female role models in the worlds of science, politics, the arts, history, sport and technology, worry no more! Featuring a brief summary of the work and lives of 100 historical and contemporary great women, as well as many unknowns, the breadth and diversity - not to mention stunning and varied illustration - of this hefty hardback is admirable.

Diversity



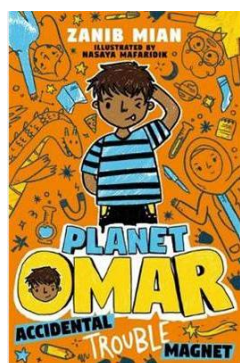
man from a crocodile!

Imagine living in the heart of Africa. Imagine living in a place where the sun rises every morning over blue mountains. Akimbo and his parents live on the edge of an African game reserve. It's his father's task to protect the thousands of amazing animals who make it their home, and wildlife-loving Akimbo dreams of helping him. In these three adventures, Akimbo protects elephants from poachers, saves a lion cub from a trap, and rescues a



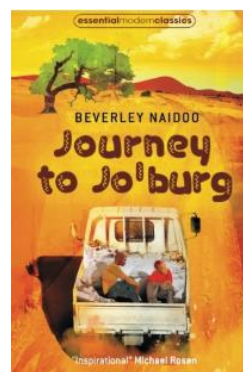
stories are beautifully illustrated and packed with humour and warmth.

A treasure trove of Indian animal stories for children to enjoy again and again. These eight individual stories form a magical collection of India's best-loved animal folk tales. Taken from the three books of Indian folk tales – Hitopadesha Tales, Jataka Tales and Panchantra Tales – the



Understandably worried, Omar asks his cousin if that's true, and both hope it isn't, because there's a distinct lack of good pizza there.

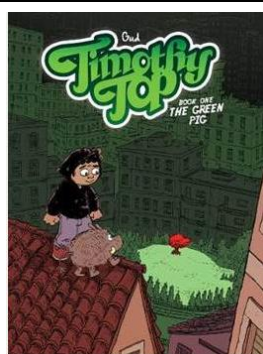
Omar has just moved into a new house with his family: sticky-fingered little brother Esa, snooty older sister Maryam and his scientist parents. Going to a new school turns out to be okay, apart from the fact that class bully Daniel tells Omar that because he's a Muslim, he's going to be kicked out of the country and will have to go and live in Pakistan.



at every turn the grim realities of apartheid - the pass laws, bantustans, racism, the breakdown of family life. The opulence of the white "Madam's" house contrasts starkly with the reality that Naledi and Tiro face - that their baby sister is suffering from starvation, not an incurable disease.

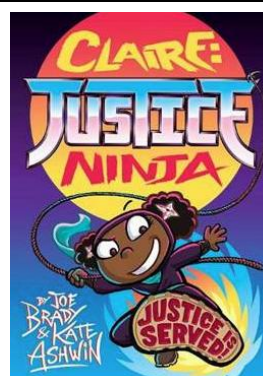
This is the story of love, commitment and the flowering of the human spirit against the background of South Africa's apartheid. Frightened that their baby sister Dineo will die, thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother Tiro run away from their grandmother to Johannesburg to find their mother, who works there as a maid. Their journey illustrates

Graphic Fiction



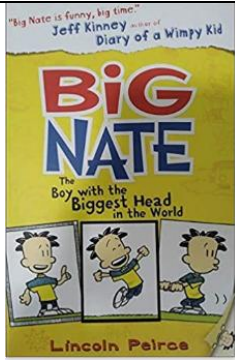
constantly arguing and his baby sister never stops crying. When he learns that a local park is to be demolished and replaced by a landscape of concrete and rubber, Timothy is devastated. He knows he must try to save the park, and realises that real heroes stand up for what is right, even when the task seems impossibly daunting.

Eight-year-old Timothy Top is a devotee of comics, superheroes and wildlife. He often immerses himself in a fantasy world where he and his sidekick, the Green Pig, save the universe from total disaster. However, real life is more challenging. He is anxious about getting things wrong at school, as he's ridiculed by his teacher and laughed at by his classmates. There is no respite at home, as his parents are



featuring a young hero who doesn't take no – or injustice – for an answer. Her superpowers are tenacity, determination and a belief in equality, and no crime is too big or too small for a Justice Ninja like Claire and her trusty apprentice Nigel.

Claire: Justice Ninja intends to right the world of wrongs. Fed up with people spitting their gum out on the street? The corrupt politician paving over the playground? Your mum eating all the pepperoni off the top of the pizza? Not to worry: Claire is on the case. This fun graphic novel has 12 short stories for young readers to enjoy,



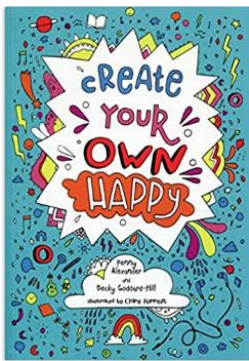
Big-head Nate Wright truly believes he is destined for greatness! He's a table tennis champ, a genius comic book artist and the self-proclaimed king of his class. One school morning, Nate barely survives his Dad's toxic porridge before rushing off to school, forgetting his lunch. He thinks he has a test and he hasn't studied for it! Nate's class notes are full of doodles but sadly lacking any useful information... On the way to school he accidentally body slams his head teacher, then, during his first lesson of the day, he manages to insult his least favourite teacher, Mrs. Godfrey (aka Godzilla).

But a little thing like having-the-worst-day-ever won't hold back The Boy with the Biggest Head in the World!



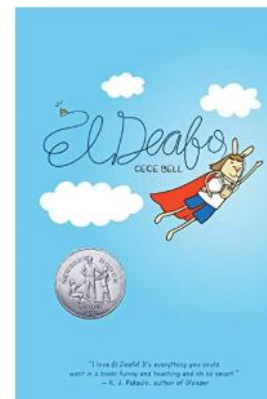
The Planet is in danger! A fleet of alien space ships is on a mission - to steal the Earth's water. Boffin Boy must stop them. Will he use force, or can he find a clever way to save Earth? Featuring our familiar heroes Boffin Boy and Wu Pee, this is another in the hugely popular series of 'Boffin Boy' graphic-format stories.

Emotions & Relationships



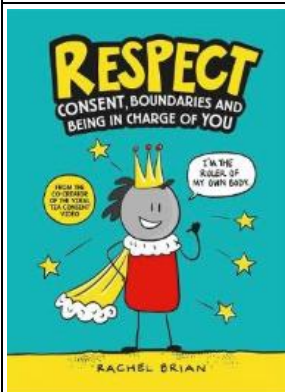
Discover everything happy with this interactive, fun activity book! From speaking in front of your class to standing up for others; planting a seed bomb outdoors or making your own happy playlist, making a recycling monster to paying kindness forward, learn how to Create Your Own Happy!

For increasingly independent thinkers and proactive young people, this book gives them a handle on their own emotional wellbeing to best equip them with confidence for the everyday challenges of life and school. They'll learn about the inspiring and surprising science behind emotions along the way, carry out activities with family or independently, and most importantly, find smile-tastic ideas for expressing themselves!



El Deafo is a funny, deeply honest graphic novel memoir for middle graders. It chronicles the author's hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with a powerful and very awkward hearing aid called the Phonic Ear. It gives her the ability to hear--sometimes things she shouldn't--but also isolates her from her classmates.

She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her, Phonic Ear and all.



Your body belongs to you, and you get to set your own rules." At once inspiring, informative and entertaining, this perfectly-pitched consent primer covers the concept of consent, setting boundaries, having control over your personal space and body, and being self-aware.



Narrated in verse, *Cloud Busting*, which was shortlisted for the 2004 Nestlé Smarties Book Prize (age 6-8 category), is an exploration of an unlikely friendship between two very different boys. Sam is the Class Bully and he makes Davey, who is imaginative, instinctive - a born poet, in fact - the Class Idiot. But gradually a close relationship develops between them as Davey opens Sam's eyes to a whole new world: one that is alive with words, rhythm, music and colour, and the boys become Best Friends - but only in secret.

ROSEMARY STONES



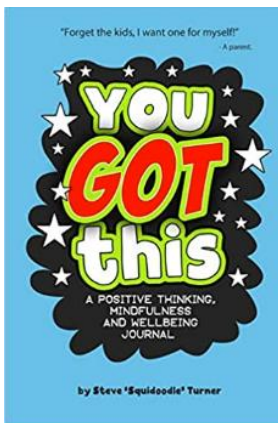
HOW TO HANDLE BULLYING

Bullying encompasses many things: being called names, being beaten up, having your bus fare stolen, being made to feel stupid... It's always horrible. Almost everyone gets bullied at some point in their life; often it happens at school. But you don't have to accept being bullied, and if you're a bully, you can learn to stop. This book explores why some people bully, why others are bullied and what you can do to change things.



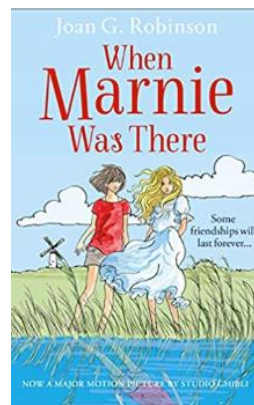
surely relate.

Bitterly unhappy and fed up with being teased at school, Mandy White is in need of a friend. However, with her spiky orange hair, strappy stilettos and tendency to shoplift, the colourful Tanya isn't exactly what Mandy's parents would have wished for. *Bad Girls* effortlessly depicts the sort of insecurities and concerns to which many young readers will



scientifically proven to promote happiness.

You Got This is a unique journal for kids and teenagers, allowing them the time to record their feelings each day. Over ONE HUNDRED attractively designed spreads encouraging children and young adults to record good things on a daily basis – lists such as ‘Three Amazing Things That Happened Today’ and ‘The Good Things Checklist’ will remind kids of the good things they have experienced, encouraging growth mindset. Gratitude tasks have been



Anna for being ordinary and not-even-trying. But no sooner has Anna learned the loveliness of friendship than Marnie vanishes...

Anna hasn't a friend in the world – until she meets Marnie among the sand dunes. But Marnie isn't all she seems... Sent away from her foster home one long, hot summer to a sleepy Norfolk village by the sea, Anna dreams her days away among the sandhills and marshes. She never expected to meet a friend like Marnie, someone who doesn't judge