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Dogs in Space: The Amazing True Story of Belka and Strelka by Vix Southgate



Meet Belka and Strelka, the two dogs who changed the face of space history and became international celebrities in the process!

In 1960, two stray dogs were plucked from the streets of Moscow to become space pioneers. This quirky and delightful picture book tells the incredible true story of these heroic strays. Selected from a number of potential canine cosmonauts, Belka and Strelka are put through their paces on the ground, as they practice rocket simulations and wearing spacesuits, before being launched into outer space as the first ever living creatures to successfully orbit the Earth.

Oof Makes an Ouch! By Duncan Beedie

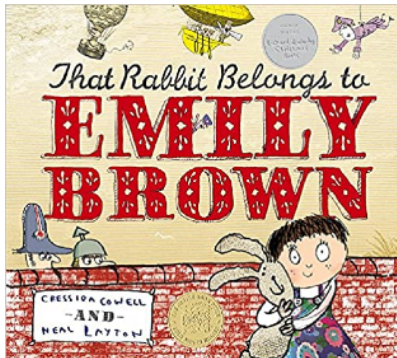


Oof and Pib come from an ancient tribe. They know hardly any words - in fact they only know how to say their own names - but it doesn't stop them from being the best of friends and doing everything together . . . Until Oof starts inventing all sorts of NEW words, and Pib feels so jealous that he does something to threaten their friendship forever.

Can Pib come up with a word of his own to make things right again?

A funny and poignant tale about friendship, forgiveness, and the discovery of new words . . . including one that can be the hardest of all to say . . .

That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown by Cressida Cowell



Emily Brown's rabbit, Stanley, is NOT FOR SALE.

Not even to her Most Royal Highness Queen Gloriana the Third.

Not even for all the toys Emily Brown could ever desire.

So when naughty Queen Gloriana steals "Bunnywunny" away, Emily Brown sets out to get him back. Along the way, she shows the queen how to love a special toy of her very own.

The popular author of *How to Train Your Dragon* teams up with the author/illustrator of *Oscar and Arabella* in this irresistible picture book.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

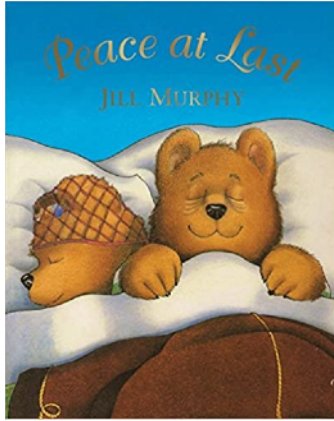


Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!

For brave hunters and bear-lovers, the classic chant-aloud by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury.

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Peace At Last by Jill Murphy



The hour was late and Mr Bear was tired. But he could not sleep - however he tried and wherever he tried.

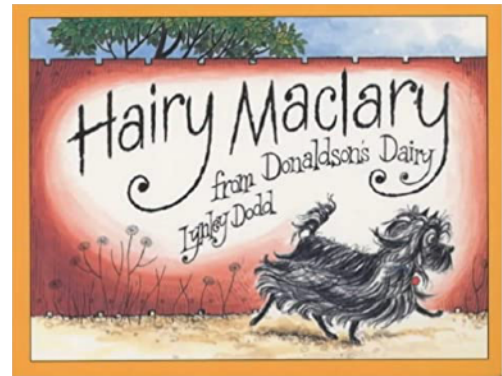
SNORE, SNORE went Mrs Bear.

TICK-TOCK, TICK-TOCK went the clock.

Would he never get to sleep?

The familiar noises, repetition and beautiful illustrations make this delightful picture book an all-time favourite with children and adults everywhere.

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd

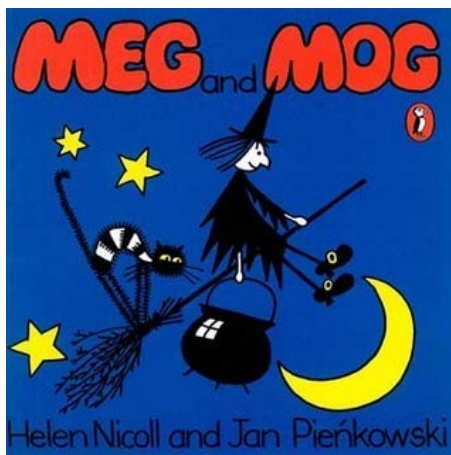


Hairy Maclary goes off for a walk in town, followed by a few friends - and comes up against a nasty surprise in the shape of Scarface Claw!

Discover the lovable rogue, Hairy Maclary, and his four-footed friends in this hilarious classic tale. With unforgettable illustrations and a brilliant rhyming text, it's a true delight to read aloud again and again.

The first in a series of books called 'Hairy Maclary and Friends'

Meg and Mog by Helen Nicoll



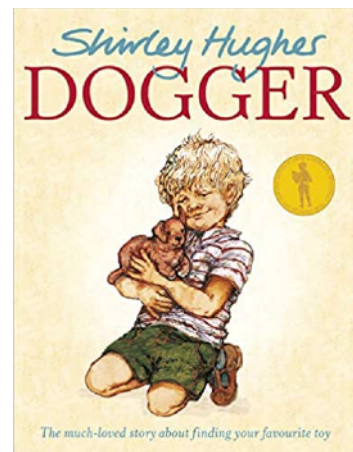
Meg and Mog are off to a wild Hallowe'en party with all the other witches!

But when they cast their Hallowe'en spell, something goes a bit wrong, and the spell goes off with a BANG!

Meg and Mog is the perfect story for sharing or reading alone, and children love exploring the colours, sounds and shapes.

This is the first in the long-standing series about a witch (Meg) and her cat (Mog). Meg is a cute well-meaning witch who lives with Mog and her owl.

Dogger by Shirley Hughes



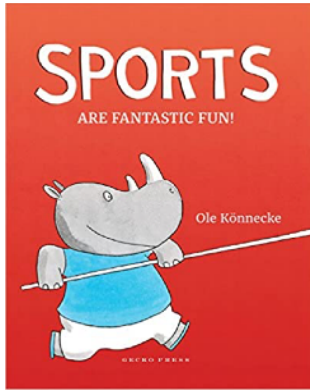
Once there was a soft brown toy called Dogger. One of his ears pointer upwards and the other flopped over. His fur was worn in places because he was quite old. He belonged to Dave.

But then one terrible day, Dave loses Dogger... Will Dogger ever be found?

An enduring classic about how a little boy's stuffed dog is lost and found again, first published in the United States as 'David and Dog'.

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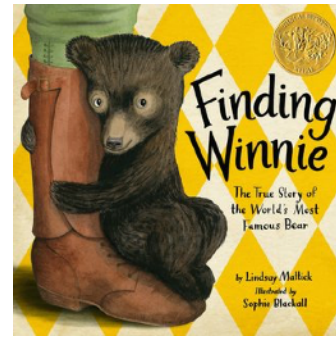
Sports Are Fantastic Fun! By Ole Könnecke



Cycling, ice hockey, athletics, tennis . . . There are so many sports and they're all fabulous! Soccer is great, except when your team keeps shooting and missing. Horse-riding is wonderful--so long as the horse does what the rider wants. Running, cycling, and swimming require agility and endurance. Other sports like ballet are not about speed but strength and style.

Sports lovers small and big will find the one they love best--and some surprises--in this witty picture book, presented with charming characters and laconic commentary.

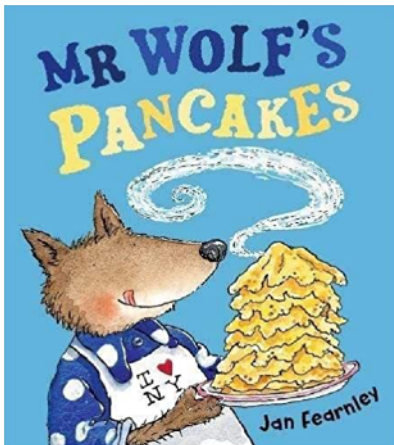
Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear by Lindsay Mattick



A woman tells her young son the true story of how his great-great-grandfather, Captain Harry Colebourn, rescued and learned to love a bear cub in 1914 as he was on his way to take care of soldiers' horses during World War I, and the bear became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.

Gentle yet haunting illustrations by acclaimed illustrator Sophie Blackall bring the wartime era to life. Here is the remarkable true story of the bear who inspired Winnie-the-Pooh.

Mr Wolf's Pancakes by Jan Fearnley



Mr Wolf fancies some tasty pancakes but he doesn't know how to make them! Asking his neighbours is of no use they're a mean and horrible lot who refuse to help. Poor Mr Wolf! He has to work it out all by himself. But what happens when those nasty neighbours want to help Mr Wolf eat his delicious pancakes?

A brilliantly funny twist on well-loved fairytale classics such as The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood, this children's picture book is packed full of fun and humour and will have young readers howling with laughter.

Look out for Mr Wolf's other adventures: 'Mr Wolf and the Three Bears' and 'Mr Wolf and the Enormous Turnip'

Clean up! by Nathan Bryon

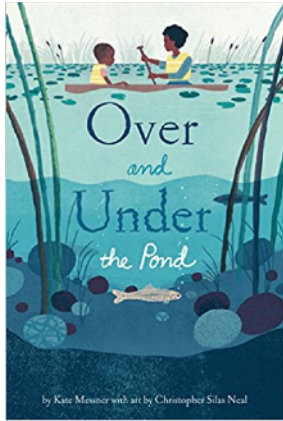


Rocket is off to the islands to visit her grandparents. Her family loves nothing better than to beach comb and surf together...but the beach is clogged with trash! When she finds a turtle tangled in a net, Rocket decides that something must be done!

Like a mini Greta Thunberg, our young activist's enthusiasm brings everyone together...to clean up the beach and prevent plastics from spoiling nature. Perfect for fans of 'Look Up!' and 'Ada Twist, Scientist', this book is for any youngster concerned about our environment. 'Clean Up!' will inspire readers of all ages to dream big and tackle problems head-on.

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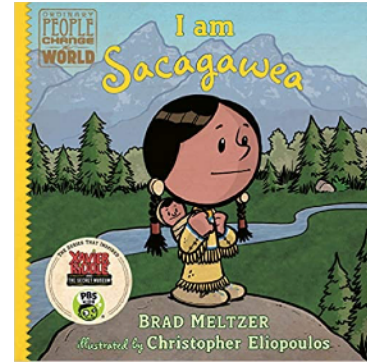
Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner



As parent and child launch a canoe from the muddy shore and paddle through water lilies, they see frogs jump and painted turtles slide off logs, disappearing beneath the murky water. What's happening down there? Under the pond, leeches lurk, crayfish scuttle under rocks, nymphs build intricate shells, and microscopic animals break down fallen leaves to recharge the water with nutrients. Over the pond, fuzzy cattails sway in the breeze, and a pair of loons swim by, laughing in the dappled sunlight.

A follow up to 'Over and Under the Snow' and 'Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt', this time focusing on the rich, interconnected ecosystem of a mountain pond.

I am Sacagawea by Brad Meltzer



Sacagawea was the only girl, and the only Native American, to join Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery, which explored the United States from the Mississippi River all the way to the Pacific Ocean in the early 1800s. As a translator, she helped the team communicate with members of the Shoshone tribe across the continent, carrying her child on her back the whole way. By the time the expedition arrived at the west coast, Sacagawea had proved that she truly was a trailblazer.

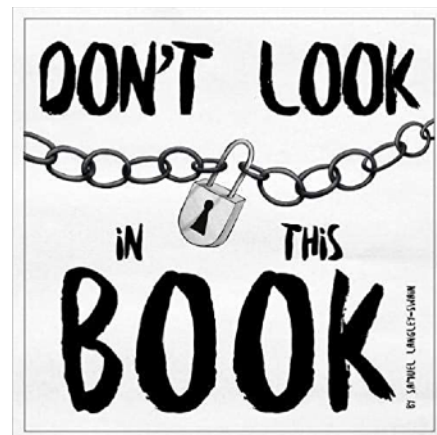
Part of the Ordinary People Change the World series, each featuring the biography of a significant historical figure. The heroes are depicted as children throughout, telling their life stories in first-person present tense, which keeps the books playful and accessible to young children.

Search and Find: Alphabet of Alphabets by Mike Jolley



Take a ride through 26 fully-illustrated alphabets, each one an A to Z of things to spot. From an A to Z of Birds (A is for Albatross, B is for Bluebird), to an A to Z of Zoo (A is for Aardvark, B is for Baboon), this is an alphabet of alphabets. Jam-packed full of funny things to spot and plenty of Where's Wally-style humour, this the best way to learn your ABCs and lots of new words as well!

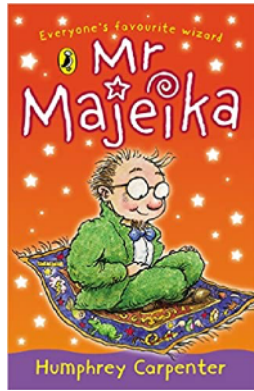
Don't Look In This Book by Samuel Langley-Swain



This unusual rhyming journey through a world of dynamic story starters, was created in collaboration with twelve illustrators, to excite and engage everyone from avid book lovers, to the most reluctant readers. Children at home will ask for the book again and again, reliving their adventure across every contrasting page. This book is a great tool for anyone who wants to reignite the imaginative wonder in the mind of their child/student.

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Mr Majeika by Humphrey Carpenter



As a rule, magic carpets don't turn up in schools, but this is exactly what happens when Class Three's new teacher flies in through the classroom window and lands on the floor with a bump.

Mr Majeika can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish Bigmore, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog. And to everyone's delight it looks as if Hamish will have to remain a frog because Mr Majeika can't remember the spell to turn him back again! With Mr Majeika in charge, suddenly life at school become much more exciting – there's even a magic-carpet ride to Buckingham Palace!

The first book in the series 'Mr Majeika' series.

The Adventures of Harry Stevenson by Ali Pye



Meet Harry Stevenson. He doesn't live in a castle, or a witch's cottage, or anywhere exciting like that. His home is in a flat with seven-year-old Billy and his mum and dad. And at first glance, Harry doesn't seem any different from your average guinea pig. He has ginger fur and sparkly black eyes and likes nothing more than snacking on a piece of broccoli.

But don't be fooled! Harry may just want to sleep and eat (and then eat some more) but somehow he always manages to get swept up in adventures: whether it's surfing the Pacific on a picnic plate or accidentally attaching himself to a helium balloon.

This book has a sequel- 'Guinea Pig Superstar'.

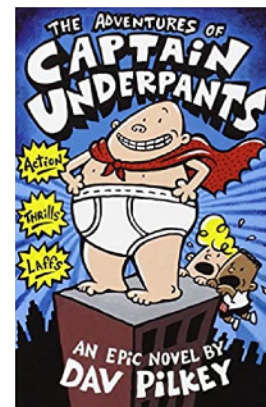
The Lost Homework by Richard O'Neill



Sonny devotes his weekend to helping his neighbours and fellow Travellers with a variety of tasks. He uses many skills, from calculating the amount of fuel needed for a journey, to restoring a caravan. In fact, the only thing he doesn't do over the weekend is his homework – his workbook is missing! What will his teacher say?

This new picture book by Richard O'Neill champions the idea that many skills learned at home are as important as those learned at school.

The Adventures of Captain Underpants by Day Pilkey



When naughty George and Harold hypnotise their headteacher, they accidentally create the greatest superhero in the history of their school -- Captain Underpants! His true identity is so secret that even HE doesn't know who he is... but he's fighting for truth, justice, and all things pre-shrunk and cottony!! If you're a naughty villain like the diabolical Dr Diaper, watch out! Captain Underpants has wedgie-power on his side, and he's coming your way

The first book in the 'Captain Underpants' series.

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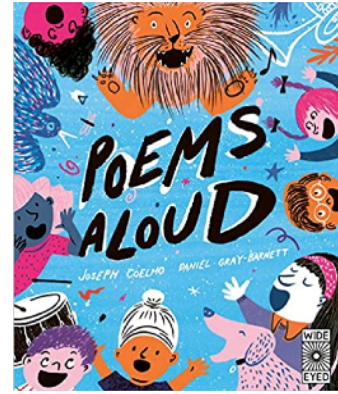
Sofia Valdez, Future Prez by Andrea Beaty



Every morning, Abuelo walks Sofia to school . . . until one day, when Abuelo hurts his ankle at a local landfill and he can no longer do so. Sofia misses her Abuelo and wonders what she can do about the dangerous Mount Trashmore. Then she gets an idea—the town can turn the slimy mess into a park! She brainstorms and plans and finally works up the courage to go to City Hall—only to be told by a clerk that she can't build a park because she's just a kid! Sofia is down but not out, and she sets out to prove what one kid can do.

This book is part of the 'Questioners' series.

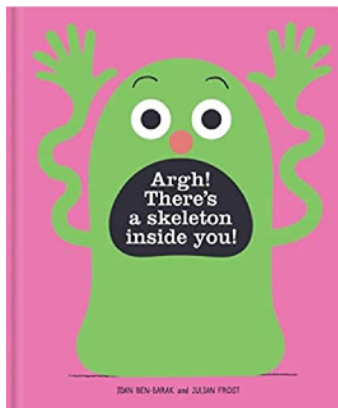
Poems Aloud by Joseph Coelho



A wittily illustrated anthology of poems, designed to be read aloud. 20 poems by the award winning Joseph Coelho will arm children with techniques for lifting poetry off the page and performing with confidence.

Perfect for confident children and shy readers alike, this book teaches all sorts of clever ways to performing poetry. Children will learn 20 techniques for reading aloud by trying out 20 funny and thoughtful original poems by the much loved and award-winning performance poet, Joseph Coelho. There are tongue twisters, poems to project, poems to whisper, poems to make you laugh. There are poems to perform to a whole class and others to whisper in somebody's ear. Richly textured, warm and stylish illustrations by Daniel Gray-Barnett bring each page to life.

Argh! There's a Skeleton Inside You! by Idan Ben-Barak

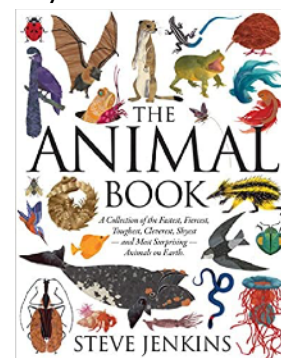


Quog and Oort are on their way to Kevin's birthday party. Unfortunately, their spaceship has crashed. Pick up this book to lend them a hand!

An interstellar exploration of hands and what's inside them, from the award-winning creators of the internationally successful *Do Not Lick This Book*.

Animal Book, The: A Collection of the Fastest, Fiercest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shyest--And Most Surprising--Animals on Earth

by Steve Jenkins



Animals smooth and spiky, fast and slow, hop and waddle through the two hundred plus pages of the Caldecott Honor artist Steve Jenkins's most impressive nonfiction offering yet. Sections such as Animal Senses, Animal Extremes, and The Story of Life burst with fascinating facts and infographics that will have trivia buffs breathlessly asking, Do you know a termite queen can produce up to 30,000 eggs a day? Jenkins's colour-rich cut- and torn-paper artwork is as strikingly vivid as ever. Rounding out this bountiful browsers' almanac of more than three hundred animals is a discussion of the artist's bookmaking process, an animal index, a glossary, and a bibliography.

