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Highlights



THE FOREST OF MOON AND SWORD Amy Raphael Illustrated by August Ro

When Art's mother is accused of witchcraft, she is determined to get her back – at any cost. A lyrical adventure with folklore at its heart, for fans of THE HOUSE WITH CHICKEN LEGS.

Twelve-year-old Art lives in a small village in Scotland. Her mother has always made potions that cure the sick, but now the townspeople say she is a witch.

One cloudless night, Art's mother is accused of Witchcraft, arrested, and taken from Scotland to England. Art mounts her horse, taking a sword, a tightrope, and a herbal recipe book, and begins a journey through wild forests to find her mother before summer solstice, using nature's signs and symbols to guide her.

On her journey, Art will discover what sacrifices she will need to make to be reunited with her mother – and to alter the fate of women everywhere. *But will she reach her, before it's too late?*

ISBN: 9781510108356Format: Paperback

- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 288



THE HENNA WARS Adiba Jaigirdar

Nishat and Flávia are rivals at school, but Nishat can't help the secret crush burning in her heart - even though her parents disapprove of the fact she likes girls. Can she possibly find her happy ever after? Gorgeous and heartwarming, this is an amazing queer, YA love story for fans of Becky Albertalli.

When Nishat comes out to her parents, they say she can be anyone she wants - as long as she isn't herself. Because Muslim girls aren't lesbians. Nishat doesn't want to hide who she is, but she also doesn't want to lose her relationship with her family. And her life only gets harder once a childhood friend walks back into her life. Flávia is beautiful and charismatic and Nishat falls for her instantly. But when a school competition invites students to create their own businesses, both Flávia and Nishat choose to do henna, even though Flávia is appropriating Nishat's culture. Amidst sabotage and school stress, their lives get more tangled - and Nishat can't quite get rid of her crush...

This is warm, heartfelt own voices fiction from a talented Irish debut Adiba writes incredibly cute and authentic queer romance - her stories are uplifting, representative and accessible Adiba brings a fresh voice to our YA list with an Irish setting and Muslim, Bangladeshi perspective

Reviews

'The scenes between Flávia and Nishat simmer, and their mesmerizing relationship unfolds with just the right amount of complexity. Most satisfyingly, each character gets the ending she deserves. Impossible to put down.' - Kirkus

ISBN: 9781444962208 Format: Paperback Genre: Fiction Extent: 400



HERE THE WHOLE TIME Vitor Martins

'I love this book!' Rainbow Rowell

Felipe doesn't believe someone like Caio could ever fall for someone like him. But over the next fifteen days, everything will change ... If you love Rainbow Rowell and Heartstopper, you'll fall for this body-positive love story about the assumptions we make about each other, and the bravery we need to be yourself.

Felipe is fat. And he doesn't need anyone to remind him, which is, of course, what everyone does. That's why he's been waiting for summer: a break from school and the classmates who tease him incessantly. His plans include catching up on TV, finishing his TBR pile, and watching YouTube tutorials on skills he'll never actually put into practice.

But things get a little out of hand when Felipe's mom informs him that Caio, the neighbour kid from apartment 57, will be spending the next fifteen days with them while his parents are on vacation. Felipe is distraught because A) he's had a crush on Caio since, well, for ever, and B) Felipe has a list of body image insecurities and absolutely NO idea how he's going to entertain his neighbour for two full weeks.

Suddenly, the days ahead of him that once promised rest and relaxation (not to mention some epic Netflix bingeing) end up bringing a whirlwind of feelings, forcing Felipe to dive head-first into every unresolved issue he has had with himself – but maybe, just maybe, he'll manage to win over Caio, too.

A queer love story for anyone who's ever got into a pool with their shirt on.

- ISBN: 9781444958492
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 282



THIS BOOK WILL (HELP) MAKE YOU HAPPY Suzy Reading

Illustrated by <u>Alex Paterson</u>

Discover how you can cut the stress, catch up on sleep and breathe a little easier with **50 practical tips** to really make you feel happier!

The world is a pretty stressful place, and we all need some help reminding us to take care of ourselves. But the good news is that there are loads of easy tips and tricks to keep yourself feeling happy, from customising your own bedtime ritual to how to resolve arguments with your parents. Complete with simple breathing exercises, yoga poses and even advice on the best food to eat when you're feeling down, this is a one-stop guide to transform worried kids into happy, confident ones.

Author Suzy Reading, a mum of two as well as being a chartered psychologist and yoga teacher, knows that the emotional wellbeing of children is just as important as their physical health. Good mental health allows children to develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-rounded, healthy adults. Funny, engaging and practical – and brought to life with illustrations by Alex Paterson – this is the ideal book to help readers cope with their emotions and face each day raring to go.

- ISBN: 9781526363152
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 192

1. Try this exercise with your family. Describe your feelings and then ask others to describe how they are feeling. You will notice that it isn't always easy even for grown ups! When someone mentions a feeling that you don't understand, look it up in the dictionary and add it to your list.

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When you're feeling down or upset, CHECK IN with your list to belp you name your emotions. Just identifying your emotions can help you feel more in control of them.

TOP 5 WAYS TO YOUR GET YOUR THINKING STRAIGHT

- You are not your thoughts. We all have a stack of thoughts that pulse through our brains. Some are useful, while others are unkind, or scary – and it's totally normal to have them all. You can have a nasty thought and it doesn't make you a nasty person.
- Don't believe everything you think! Thoughts are NOT FACTS and they don't predict the future.





There's no point trying to clear your mind. Even though those pesky thoughts are normal, we need ways to manage them, because they can make as unhappy. Have you ever tried to get rid of a particular thought? It's a tricky business! Your brain is a THINKING MACHENE – it's designed to think, just as your eyes are designed to see. Your eyes will see lovely things and not-so-nice things, but you don't get cross with your eyes for seeing. So, don't get cross with your brain for thinking, it's just doing its job!

Have you noticed that trying to get rid of a thought sometimes makes it even bigger and louder? It can start to feel like a cheeky monkey getting cheekier the more we try to push it away. Rather than trying to empty your mind or get rid of a thought, give your mind something helpful to think about instead.



THE DARE TO BE YOU JOURNAL Matthew Syed

Boys and girls everywhere have been finding their awesome and daring to be themselves thanks to bestselling author **Matthew Syed**. Now he's created an interactive journal full of **life hacks, challenges** and **activities** to give kids the **confidence** to come up with their own plan of action to be themselves, live happy and think differently.

Whether thinking about what's truly important to you, seeing your differences as ultimately your **greatest strengths**, working out how to speak up for yourself or keeping anxiety at bay with breathing exercises, readers will love the brilliant activities in the Dare to Be You Journal. This is the perfect toolkit for anyone who wants to discover their own **unique qualities** and **fearlessly** step into the world.

JANUARY 2021 COVER COMING SOON

- ISBN: 9781526363145
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 144





On the first night It was me, David, Tom, Stephen, Craig and Ash. And It was weird. All these new guys. In MY house.

It had all started when my dad applied for a new job. It was a big promotion. Working in the government department responsible for tea, coffee and bananas (yes, this is a thing). He bought a new sult for the interview and wore a tie with bananas on it that he had found in my grandad's wardrobe. I thought the tie was a bad idea, but it seemed to go down better than I expected and he came back from the interview with a brand-new job in banana management.

Which meant that the family had to move to London.

BUT. THIS WAS SERIOUSLY BAD TIMING FOR ME.

I was coming to the end of secondary school and my table tennis was just starting to get pretty serious. I had made the national team for the first time and had a brilliant coach who was really pushing me hard. I just couldn't leave for London. Not then. My whole LIFE was in Reading. I stopped eating benanas in protest, but it did no good. My dad decided to rent the house to students and a date was set for the big move.

DISASTER.

That was until I managed to get Pater Charters (my table tennis coach) to convince my mum to convince my dad (I know, stick with me ...) to let me stay at home in Reading. With Pater checking in on me now and again to make sure that I wasn't just living off Harloo and only having a shower every third Tuesday.

So, that is how I came to be living with David, Tom, Stephen, Craig and Ash. In my own house. Now, you are probably wondering by now whether there is a point to any of this. And I promise that there is. I am getting to it. Right now.

You see, this new arrangement with me living with five students was a big change. I didn't have my mum around anymore to cook my dinner and my dad wasn't around to talk to after I'd lost a big match. I even missed my brother (don't tell him that though). And I had to get used to this totally new set up while five total strangers moved into my house.

That first night, Kid Doubt was there. Enjoying every minute. Delighted to see how nervous I was. Wishing I would say stupid things when I introduced myself to these guys.

Now I should probably check here that you know Kid Doubt? You must do? You've read Dare to Be You, right? Great. You are awesome. (No, wait ...that's the other book). SKIP THIS IF YOU HAVE READ DARE TO BE YOU. WHAAAAAT? You haven't read It yet? I'll get over it (probably) but I'll just need to give you a little spoller about what is in it. You see, I introduce you to Kid Doubt in Dare to Be You. He (or she, everyone has their own Kid Doubt) is that voice in your head that holds you back. The one who creates the nagging doubts in your mind that you are not quite good enough. Kid Doubt can make you feel insecure. Make you do things you are not proud of. And most importantly, stop you doing some of the things that you would really like to do. Dare to Be You is about ignoring Kid Doubt and sliencing that voice in your head.

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OI DOG! BOARD BOOK

Kes Gray

Illustrated by Jim Field

The laughter never ends with Oi Frog and Friends!

The board book edition of the hilarious rhyming story. The absurdly funny sequel to the bestselling *Oi Frog,* this will have children rolling around with laughter!

Winner of the Laugh Out Loud Picture Book Award *Shortlisted for the Sainsbury's Book Award*

Cat is a stickler for rules: cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs and, however irritating, dogs *must* sit on frogs.

That's until Frog decides to change the status quo ...

But will Cat want to sit on gnats instead of cushy mats? Will spiders like sitting on gliders? Will whales like sitting on nails? And, most importantly, where is FROG going to sit?

"This is a gigglingly delightful book, a perfect match of words and pictures to entertain again and again." *Daily Mail*

Can't get enough? Look out for: Oi Frog, Oi Cat, Oi Duck-billed Platypus, Oi Puppies

Oi Frog and Friends is a top ten bestselling series. Loved by children and parents, the books have won numerous awards, including the **Laugh Out Loud Picture Book Award**, and been shortlisted for many more!

- ISBN: 9781444938395
- Format: Board Book
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 24

BACKLIST COVERS



KES & CLAIRE GRAY and JIM FIELD







"What will **crabs** sit on?" asked the dog.

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"Crabs will sit on kebabs," said the frog. "Crabs will sit on kebabs,

poodles will sit on noodles,

hornets will sit on cornets, skunks will sit on trunks, and elephants will sit on smelly pants!"

"Elephants aren't going to sit on smelly pants!" gasped the dog.

"They are now." smiled the frog.



"Whales will sit on nails," said the frog.

"I'm not sure the whales will like that," said the dog. "They don't have to like it," said the frog, "they just have to do it."

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Picture Books



BOOKS MAKE GOOD PETS John Agard Illustrated by Momoko Abe

Books make good pets and don't need going to the vet. You don't have to keep them on a lead or throw them a stick. They'll wag their words whenever you flick their dog-eared pages. Even howl an ancient tale for the inward-listening ear.

Did you know that a book can take you *anywhere*? You only need to turn the pages of a story, and in a moment, you and your book could be crossing the waves in a pirate ship... or diving with mermaids... or even snoozing with a dragon.

Books really DO make good pets! Why don't you peep inside this one, and take your mind on an adventure?

This delightful original picture book poem is the perfect gift for anyone who delights in the magic of a good book. Agard's evocative, lyrical style is perfectly complemented with illustrations by Momoko Abe, whose colourful visuals add character, transporting the reader into an enchanting world of imagination.

- ISBN: 9781408359884
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32

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Pat-a-Cake



SPACE BABY: LIFT OFF! Pat-a-Cake Illustrated by Kat Uno

Perfect to share with babies, this board book follows three little astronauts on an adventure. With a sparkly cover and fun tabs to pull.

The bright artwork and dynamic text make this a great playtime book, and the double pull-tabs are fun and help children with their developing eyesight and coordination. The story focuses on friendship and play – in space!

The super space story and lots of sounds to make – whoosh! – make the book easy to use and encourage carer and child interaction.

- ISBN: 978144495001400
- Format: Board Books
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 10







SPACE BABY: STARGAZING Pat-a-Cake Illustrated by Kat Uno

This very first lift-the-flap book of constellations brings space to young children in a fun, interactive way. Perfect to share with babies!

Go on an adventure and meet the Great Bear, the Unicorn and the big growly Lion in this sweet lift-the-flap book that brings constellations to life. Great for bringing big ideas to little ones.

The sparkly cover, simple text and recognisable, friendly creatures make the book fun to use and encourage carer and child interaction.

- ISBN: 9781526382818
- Format: Board Books
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 10





PEEK-A-BOO BABY: I LOVE YOU Pat-a-Cake Illustrated by Zoe Waring

Peek-a-Boo Baj

Lift the

flap

Peek-a-Boo, the game that every baby loves to play, is brought to life in this fun, bright, lift-the-flap board book.

Young children learn best through interactive play and *Peek-a-Boo Baby: I Love You* helps parents and carers with this as they share this book with their baby sitting on their lap. Simple questions and adorable pictures of new baby friends hiding under the flaps will have babies squealing with delight as they play, point, laugh, blow a kiss and play peek-a-boo!

- ISBN: 9781526383129
- Format: Board Books
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 10







Illustrated & Young Fiction



A FARAWAY TREE ADVENTURE: THE LAND OF BIRTHDAYS Enid Blyton

A full-colour short story taken from the world of the Magic Faraway Tree. Perfect for new readers. Discover the magic!

It's Beth's birthday, so everyone is delighted when the Land of Birthdays arrives at the top of the Faraway Tree. It's time for the most magical party they've ever had!

The stories about the Magic Faraway Tree have been entertaining children for more than 80 years. Now these colour short stories offer a great way for young new readers to discover the adventures of Silky, Moon-Face, the Saucepan Man and all of their friends in the Enchanted Wood.

- ISBN: 9781444959833
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 80



A FARAWAY TREE ADVENTURE: THE LAND OF GOODIES Enid Blyton

A full-colour short story taken from the world of the Magic Faraway Tree. Perfect for new readers. Discover the magic!

The Land of Goodies has come to the top of the Faraway Tree, and it is the tastiest place that Joe, Beth, Frannie and Rick have ever been. There are icecream trees, lollipop bushes and fences made of marshmallow!

The stories about the Magic Faraway Tree have been entertaining children for more than 80 years. Now these colour short stories offer a great way for young new readers to discover the adventures of Silky, Moon-Face, the Saucepan Man and all of their friends in the Enchanted Wood.

- ISBN: 9781444959840
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 80



A FARAWAY TREE ADVENTURE: THE LAND OF MAGIC MEDICINES

Enid Blyton

A full-colour short story taken from the world of the Magic Faraway Tree. Perfect for new readers. Discover the magic!

The Land of Magic Medicines has come to the top of the Faraway Tree, and it's full of curious bottles and sparkling potions. It's the perfect place to find something to make Mother feel better...

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- ISBN: 9781444959857
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 80



RAINBOW MAGIC: MARYAM THE NURSE FAIRY Daisy Meadows Illustrated by Georgie Ripper

Join Rachel and Kirsty as they meet Maryam the Nurse Fairy and help her to support Nurses all over the world.

Maryam the Nurse Fairy helps nurses in Fairyland and the real world to care for their patients. But when her magical fob watch is stolen, nurses everywhere become forgetful and unorganised. Can Rachel and Kirsty help Maryam to restore order to the hospitals before the nurses forget their patients?

Rainbow Magic is the perfect stepping stone for children to become independent readers. With black and white illustrations, short chapters and lots of books to collect, these books are really accessible for children aged 5+.

'These stories are magic; they turn children into readers!' ReadingZone.com

- ISBN: 9781408364666
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 80


UNICORN MAGIC: FAIRTAIL AND THE PERFECT PUZZLE Daisy Meadows

Welcome to a secret world full of magic, unicorns and friendship! A wonderful series from the bestselling Daisy Meadows, author of RAINBOW MAGIC and MAGIC ANIMAL FRIENDS, and the most-borrowed author in UK libraries.

Best friends Emily and Aisha are thrilled when they're whisked away on a new series of adventures in the magical Enchanted Valley, where good Queen Aurora rules kindly over the unicorns and other magical creatures. The unicorns are getting ready for a special festival of sports and games. But when the wicked unicorn Selena steals Fairtail's sportsmanship locket, everyone forgets how to play fair. Now all the games are being spoiled by players cheating! Can Emily, Aisha and their unicorn friends find the locket and save the day?

• ISBN: 9781408361948

- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 80



UNICORN MAGIC: SPIRITMANE AND THE HIDDEN MAGIC Daisy Meadows

A secret world full of magic, unicorns and friendship! The brand-new series from the bestselling Daisy Meadows, author of RAINBOW MAGIC and MAGIC ANIMAL FRIENDS, and the most-borrowed author in UK libraries.

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- ISBN: 9781408361962
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 80





BEAST QUEST: TEKNOS THE OCEAN CRAWLER Adam Blade

Free the Beasts. Live the Adventure.

Battle Beasts and fight Evil with Tom and Elenna in the bestselling adventure series for boys and girls aged 7 and up!

Tom and Elenna are celebrating the safe return of Prince Rotu after their successful Quest to rescue him from the Evil Wizard Zargon ... but Evil never rests, and news soon reaches them that Zargon has disappeared and the tombs of the legendary Four Masters have been ransacked. It's time for a new Quest, and this time they must tackle four ancient Beasts in the places they were originally killed. First on the list is Teknos, an armoured turtle-Beast with a razor-sharp beak!

There are FOUR thrilling adventures to collect in The Four Masters series – don't miss out! *Teknos the Ocean Crawler, Mallix the Silent Stalker, Silexa the Stone Cat* and *Kyron, Lord of Fire.*

If you like Beast Quest, check out Adam Blade's other series: Team Hero, Sea Quest and Beast Quest: New Blood!

- ISBN: 9781408362143
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 144



BEAST QUEST: MALLIX THE SILENT STALKER Adam Blade

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• ISBN: 9781408362174

- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 144

-NICK EAST-

COVER COMING SOON

THE ROBBER KING

AGENT WEASEL AND THE ROBBER KING

<u>Nick East</u>

Meet Agent Weasel: woodland super-spy. In his greatest challenge yet, Agent Weasel must confront the villainous Rook King. Perfect for reading alone or sharing together, for fans of *The Bolds* and Mr Gum.

'I always call Agent Weasel in a crisis! I love this brilliant, funny new series.' Dermot O'Leary

Spring has sprung in the United Woodlands, and the animals of Woodland Intelligence (WI6) are celebrating with a barbecue. But when a mysterious attack from the skies bursts Beaver Dam wide open, the woodland is flooded! The head of WI6 suspects foul play.

It's time to call Agent Weasel, woodland super-spy. Can he manage a daring underwater rescue? Will he notice the clues leading high into the treetops? Will he ever get over the drowning of his precious biscuit collection? Find out in this wild and watery tale, with glorious illustrations throughout.

This is the third Agent Weasel adventure: have you checked out *Agent Weasel and the Fiendish Fox Gang*?

- ISBN: 9781444945324
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 224





Middle Grade & YA

MARIE CURIORUS GIRL GENIUS

MARIE CURIOUS, GIRL GENIUS: RESCUES A ROCK STAR Chris Edison

50% Girl + 50% Genius = 100% Awesome!

A brilliant new series with a heroine who uses her smarts – and her girl squad – to save the world from evil, one invention at a time.

Marie is reunited with her geek girl friends when Sterling Vance invites them to present their winning invention at a big tech fair in London. There, the four young female scientists befriend a young pop star, whose tour Vance is sponsoring. She's unhappy with the way her management is making her try to be someone she's not. When the pop star disappears on the eve of her high-tech world tour, it's up to Marie and her friends to track her down so the show can go on.

- ISBN: 9781408360071
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Fiction
- Extent: 256

RESCUES

BY CHRIS EDISO





Wren & Rook



SAY HELLO TO BABY Smriti Prasadam-Halls Illustrated by Britta Teckentrup

When a new baby sibling comes along, it can be hard adjusting to sharing your toys (and your parents!).

This handy guide is the perfect book to reassure older siblings when the family has a new arrival, letting them know that they will always have a special place in their parents' hearts.

Covering the first 18 months of Baby's life, this book helps readers bond with the new arrival and explains some of the key developmental milestones to look out for. From smiling to crawling to talking and more, this fact-filled guide is packed with fun and safe suggestions for how siblings can interact and play with Baby.

- ISBN: 9781526361950
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 32



Watching someone grow up is **amazing**. You will see your little brother or sister change a lot over time, and you'll get to know each other better and better each day.

It's going to be a journey filled with **fun**. Are you ready to begin?

Give Baby a gentle hug and kiss to say hello.

Having a baby at home might feel exciting...



It may seem like a lot has changed, but one thing that hasn't changed at all is how much you are loved. Your parents may have their hands full but, no matter what, they are still full of **love** for you. Bables need to do lots of **sleeping** and **feeding** at first, so you may not be able to play together right away. But don't worry, very soon they'll be ready for action!

> Until then, ask a grown-up to help you choose a toy for Baby. Or why not draw a picture to welcome them home?



AN ENGINEER LIKE ME Shini Somara Illustrated by Nadja Sarell

Inventive illustrations and an empowering story combine to introduce young readers to the world of engineering, creative thinking and problem-solving.

Zara is curious about everything! Travelling around the city with her gran, she sees all kinds of fascinating things. How do roller coasters do loop-the-loops? How do planes stay up? As she marvels about how they work, Zara learns about some of the brilliant engineers who have shaped the world around her. Soon she can't wait to start creating her own amazing inventions and become an engineer too!

With pages encouraging kids to try out their very own engineering experiments such as constructing the perfect paper aeroplane and safely dropping an egg from a height, this brilliant picture book written by engineer and TV presenter Dr Shini Somara unlocks a love of engineering and celebrates women in STEM.

- ISBN: 9781526362018
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Non-Fiction
- Extent: 32



and it flies all the Way across Zara's bedroom!

"Why do we take the lift?" asks Zara as they get in. "Because it's tiring going up and down stairs!" Gran says. "Lifts get us to where we want to be without using up much of our energy."

"How did you do that?" Zara asks.

"I'll show you later," says Gran. "Right now, we've got things to do!"

"But how does a lift work, Gran?"



Indent



Picture Books



TOGETHER Charles Fuge

Join a polar bear and a young cub as they explore the magical snowy world around them. Playing, learning, laughing, dreaming . . . every day is special when they spend it **together**.

Snuggle up with this glorious celebration of love, caring and kindness – perfect for bedtime or cuddletime.

Charles Fuge is the bestselling creator of the Little Wombat books and *A Home Full* of Friends.

- ISBN: 9781444948134
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32



SHARKY MCSHARK AND THE TEENSY WEE CRAB

Alison Murray

Sharky McShark is the biggest bully in the deep blue sea. When she's around, the clownfish clear out, the flatfish flee – even the rocks get out of the way. Sharky has no friends and she doesn't want any!

But one day, a teensy wee crab tumbles into Sharky's life . . .

A fantastically fishy adaptation of the classic fable *The Lion and the Mouse*, with a strong message about friendship and giving others a second chance.

ISBN: 9781408358290

- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32

THE STORY OF EVOLUTION USED TO BE STORY OF EVOLUTION A STORY OF EVOLUTION



BY TOM SULLIVAN

I USED TO BE A FISH Tom Sullivan

Where do we come from?

Well, millions and millions of years ago, we were all fish (sort of). Travel back in time for a whistle-stop tour through our *long* journey from fish, to monkeys, to cavemen, to... YOU!

Discover the incredible journey of human evolution with this accessible, fun-filled picture book introduction.

Bold, witty and playful, with striking John Klassen style illustrations, this delightfully funny tale is perfect for curious young readers.

- ISBN: 9781444946550
- Format: Paperback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 48



FLEA SEEKS DOG Will Mabbitt Illustrated by Nathan Reed

Flea's got itchy feet! It's time to find a new dog to call home. But, try as he might, none of the dogs he meets are quite right. From the too loud and too cheeky to the too-frequently-leaky, Flea soon realises that finding the perfect companion can be tricky.

Will Flea ever find the perfect match?

A hilarious rhyming romp from the creator of *I Can Only Draw Worms*, brilliantly illustrated by Nathan Reed.

- ISBN: 9781444950779
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Book
- Extent: 32



THE BIG FREEZE Pippa Curnick

Shama and Bahama Llama can't wait for winter – skating, snowballs, hot chocolate . . . and best of all, the Winter Woolly Party! But when The Big Freeze suddenly arrives they discover that their jumpers are in a sorry state! Cue a MAJOR PANIC as everyone sets out on a wild race to Granny Brock's Jumper Shop to nab the perfect woolly jumpers. Will they make it to the top of the queue before she sells out? Or will they learn that sometimes the only way to get what you want is to work together?

A laugh-out-loud funny, gloriously illustrated tale with a gentle message about learning to work as a team, from the creator of *Chatterbox Bear*.

- ISBN: 9781444948790
- Format: Hardback
- Genre: Picture Book
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CHEEKY MONKEY Zehra Hicks

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