

**READ
15
MINUTES
A DAY**

TOPPSTA
30 DAY READING CHALLENGE
FUN BINGO GAME WITH PRIZES & MORE



WELCOME!

Toppsta was set up in 2014 to provide a place where children could share their book recommendations. Today we have over 60,000 reviews and we'd like to say a huge thank you to our reviewers for spreading the word about books they love.

During these extraordinary times, we think reading is more important than ever and we wanted to put together a pack of activities to keep children engaged.

15 Minute Challenge

We'd love to get everyone reading for just 15 minutes a day and have created a 30 Day Challenge for your child to complete, choosing their own rewards!

So whether they'd like a movie night, a picnic in the garden or a later bedtime, this is their opportunity to set their goals. To get started just download this pack, fill out the first reward and tick off the days!

Win a £25 Smyths Toys voucher in our Fun Bingo Game

Next, we have created a bingo game with some fun reading activities and book suggestions. We have 4 x £25 vouchers for Smyths Toys to be won.

To enter:

- Download and print the Bingo Card to discover the challenges
 - Read SIX books in the various categories
- Once you have checked off all the activities on the Bingo card, fill out the names of the books you have read and send a copy to info@toppsta.com

We have included some book recommendations too - these are books we think you'll really enjoy - but feel free to read any books which fit into these categories. Younger readers may also choose picture books in all categories.

Please see Terms & Conditions below.

Extra Resources

We have also included some useful resources for you including:

- Our tips on how to write a great book review + review templates for KS1/KS2
 - A reading certificate you can print out and fill in for your child/children
- A list of online resources including children's books with activity sheets, lessons plans, videos and more.

Bingo Ts&Cs. Once you have crossed off all the boxes, write down the name of each book your child has read and email it to us at info@toppsta.com. Every complete entry will be entered to win a £25 Smyths Toys voucher. We will pick one winner each month (May/June/July/Aug) who must be aged between 4 and 12 years old. Competition is open to residents in the UK & IE Only. No cash alternative and the judge's decision is final. All entries must be received by Monday 7th September. Winners will be emailed directly.

READ 15 MINUTES A DAY

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	REWARD 1 
DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8	DAY 9	DAY 10	REWARD 2 
DAY 11	DAY 12	DAY 13	DAY 14	DAY 15	REWARD 3 
DAY 16	DAY 17	DAY 18	DAY 19	DAY 20	REWARD 4 
DAY 21	DAY 22	DAY 23	DAY 24	DAY 25	REWARD 5 
DAY 26	DAY 27	DAY 28	DAY 29	DAY 30	REWARD 6 

Choose your own rewards!

Reward 1 Reward 4

Reward 2 Reward 5

Reward 3 Reward 6

READING BINGO

READ A PICTURE BOOK	READ IN A DEN	READ IN YOUR PYJAMAS	READ FOR 20 MINUTES AT A TIME	READ AN ILLUSTRATED BOOK
READ STANDING UP	READ IN THE DARK WITH A TORCH	READ WHILE EATING A SNACK	READ A BOOK ABOUT MAGIC OR ADVENTURE	ASK SOMEONE TO READ TO YOU
READ A GRIPPING STORY	READ A CHAPTER OUT LOUD	WRITE DOWN 5 NEW WORDS FROM YOUR BOOK	READ A NEWSPAPER OR A MAGAZINE	READ ON A WEEKDAY
DRAW A NEW FRONT COVER FOR A BOOK	WRITE A BOOK REVIEW	READ A FUNNY BOOK	READ ON A WEEKEND	READ WITHOUT BEING REMINDED
READ WHILST WEARING A HAT	READ A NON-FICTION OR REFERENCE BOOK	READ IN BED	READ IN A COMFY CHAIR	READ SITTING NEXT TO SOMEONE WHO IS ALSO READING

My first name is.....and I amyears old and I have read:

This picture book:

This book about magic and adventure.....

This illustrated book:

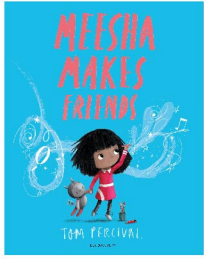
This gripping story:

This funny book:

This non-fiction or reference book:

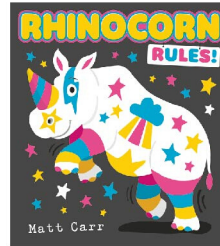
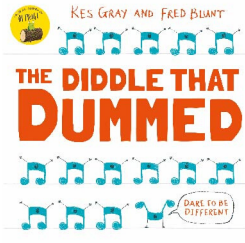
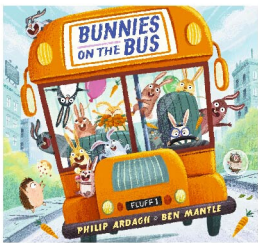
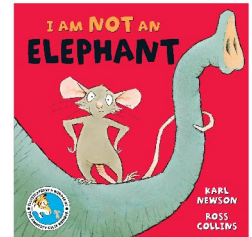
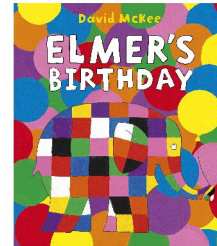
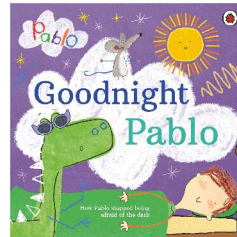
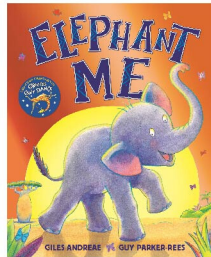
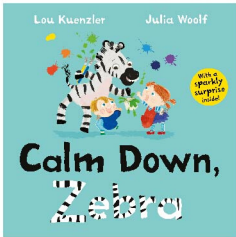
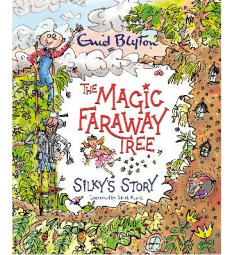
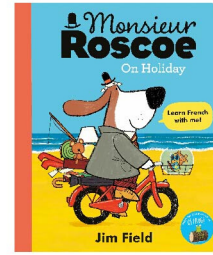
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PICTURE BOOKS



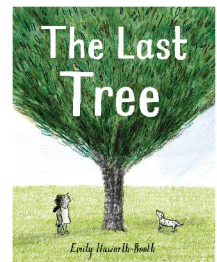
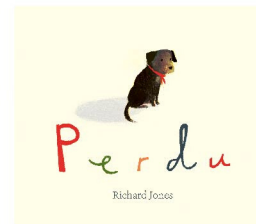
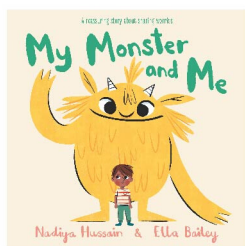
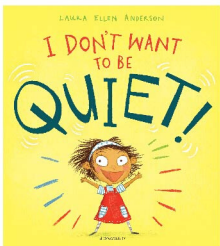
Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival (Bloomsbury Children's Books)

A warm and affectionate look at the joys and difficulties of making and keeping friends, relating to others, and finding your place in the world.



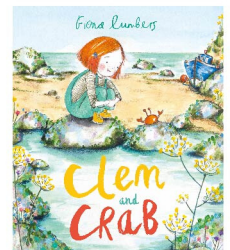
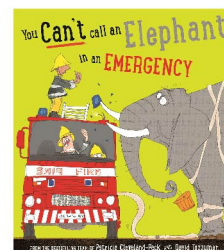
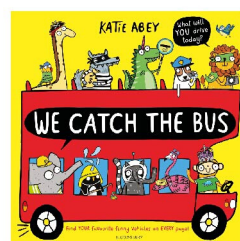
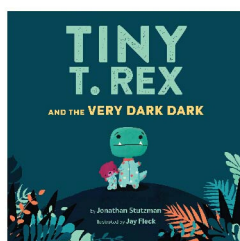
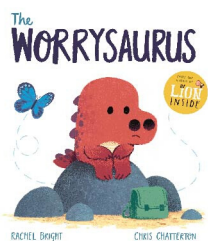
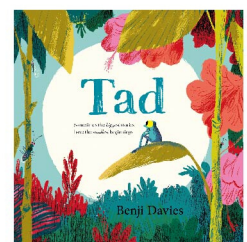
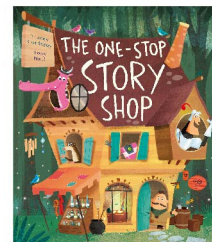
Rhinocorn Rules! by Matt Carr (Egmont)

This is an uplifting, funny and colourful new picture book that will teach three to five-year-olds to always be themselves and make new friends.

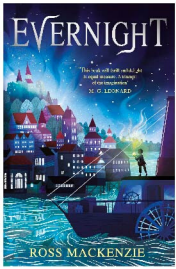


Mini Rabbit: Must Help by John Bond (HarperCollins Children's Books)

Another hilarious adventure featuring the irrepressibly enthusiastic Mini Rabbit. Wittily told and beautifully illustrated by new talent John Bond.

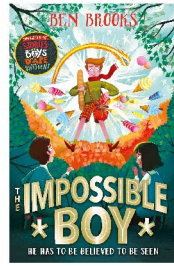
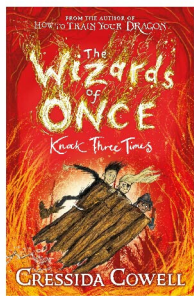
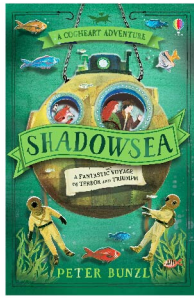


ADVENTURE & MAGIC



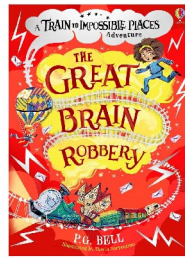
Evernight by Ross MacKenzie (Andersen Press)

Thousands of years ago, the Evernight came to the Silver Kingdom and turned everything to darkness and chaos. A gripping, magical, fantasy for ages 10.



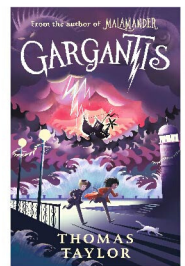
The Impossible Boy by Ben Brooks (Quercus Children's Books)

Believe in the impossible... A magical story celebrating the power of imagination, from the bestselling author of STORIES FOR BOYS WHO DARE TO BE DIFFERENT.



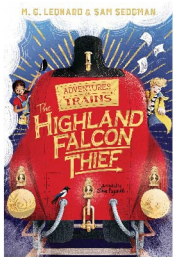
The Great Brain Robbery by P. G. Bell & Flavia Sorrentino (illus) (Usborne)

Join Suzy back on the Impossible Postal Express as she races from magical cloud-worlds to secret caverns to save Trollville from destruction.



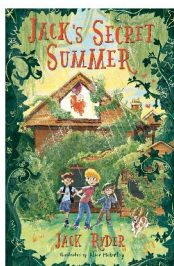
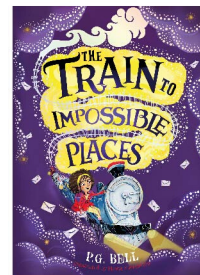
Gargantis by Thomas Taylor (Walker Books)

There's a storm raging in Eerie-on-Sea. Has the mighty Gargantis come back from the deep? The much anticipated sequel to the highly acclaimed Malamander.



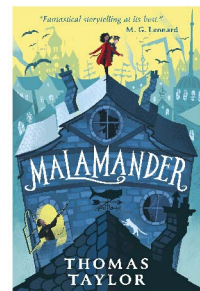
Adventures on Trains: The Highland Falcon Thief by MG Leonard & Sam Sedgman (Macmillan Children's Books)

All aboard for an incredible mystery adventure on the Highland Falcon, a breathless train journey full of deceptions, puzzles and clues to solve.



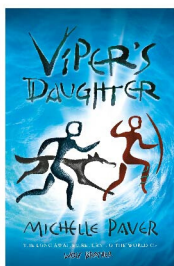
Jack's Secret Summer by Jack Ryder & Alice McKinley (illus) (Hachette Children's Group)

Are you brave enough to peek behind the ivy? Join the Secret Summer Gang on an unforgettable magical adventure, perfect for fans of The Famous Five.



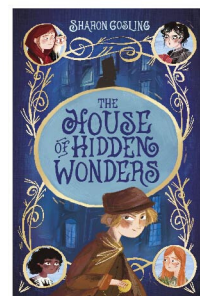
The Fowl Twins by Eoin Colfer (HarperCollins Children's Books)

Myles and Beckett Fowl - younger siblings to Artemis - are twins but the two boys couldn't be more different. The first book in a new adventure series.

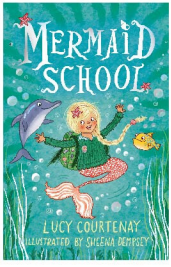


Viper's Daughter by Michelle Paver (Zephyr)

Step back into the Stone Age with Torak, Wolf and Renn: a world of demons and spirits and an exhilarating new adventure in the Wolf Brother series.

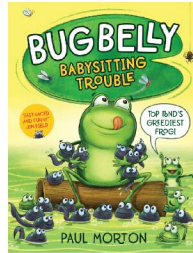
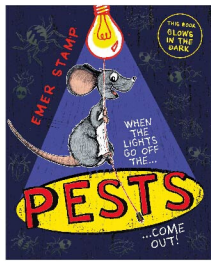
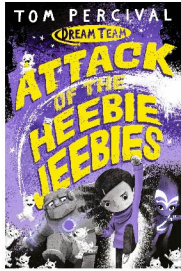
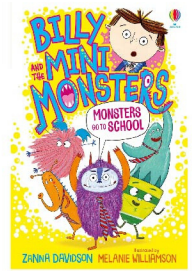
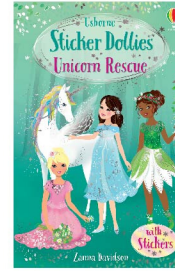


ILLUSTRATED FICTION



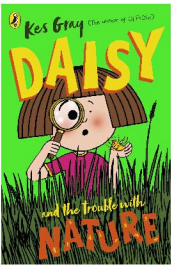
Mermaid School by Lucy Courtenay & Sheena Dempsey (illus)
(Andersen Press)

Welcome to Lady Sealia Foam's Mermaid School! Filled with fabulous fishy fun and with beautiful black and white illustrations, perfect for readers 6+.



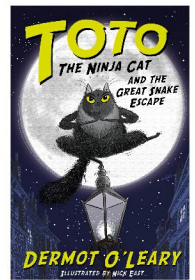
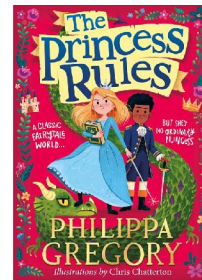
Bug Belly: Babysitting Trouble by Paul Morton
(Five Quills)

It's Uncle Bug Belly's turn to babysit, you can always rely on him for lots of Froggy Fun! A quirky new series with two tone illustrations for ages 5+.



Daisy and the Trouble with Nature by Kes Gray & Garry Parsons (illus)
(Puffin (Penguin Random House))

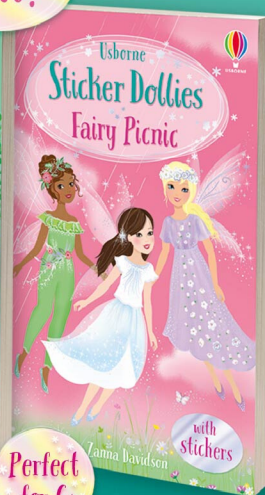
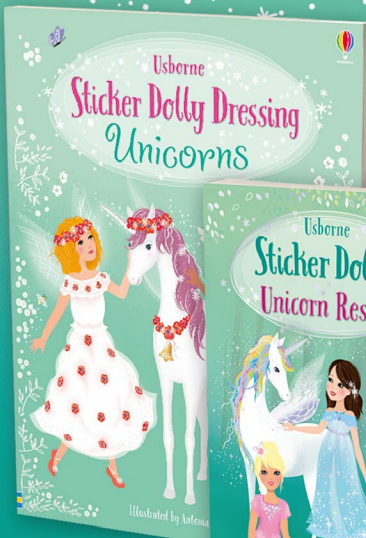
Daisy and her class are so excited when their new school nature garden is unveiled. Trouble is, there's not very much nature in it... Perfect for readers 5+.



Usborne Sticker Dollies Stories



New!



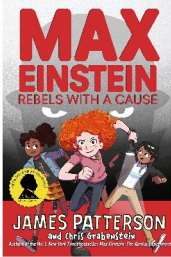
If you like Sticker Dolly Dressing you'll LOVE Sticker Dollies Stories

Meet the magic dolls: Grace, Lily and Holly.

They live in the magical Sticker Dolly World and they are always ready for adventure! Join them in these brilliant new story books, with stickers to dress the magic dolls.

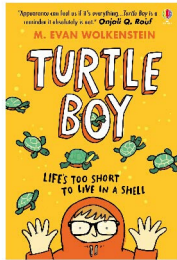
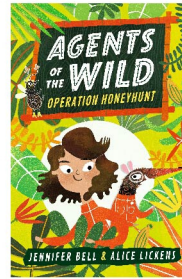
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GRIPPING STORIES



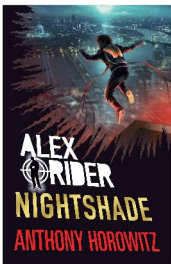
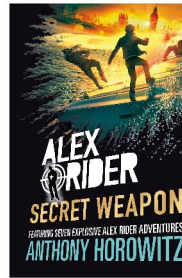
Max Einstein: Rebels with a Cause
by James Patterson & Chris Grabenstein (Arrow Young)

Can Max and her friends save a village in India from a life-threatening crisis and escape being kidnapped in this thrilling adventure for ages 9+?



Turtle Boy by M. Evan Wolkenstein (Usborne)

Twelve-year-old Will has a facial difference that has earned him an unfortunate nickname. A powerful story of hope and friendship for fans of Wonder.



Nightshade by Anthony Horowitz (Walker Books)

Get ready for action, adrenaline and adventure in this explosive, brand new Alex Rider mission by bestselling author, Anthony Horowitz.



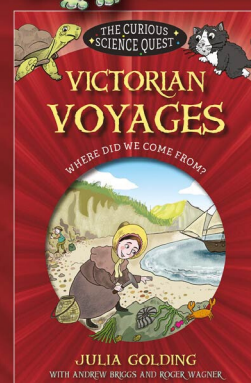
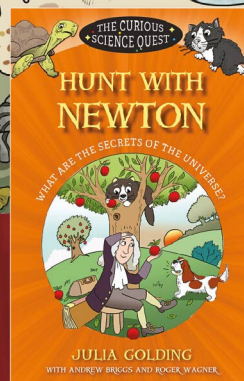
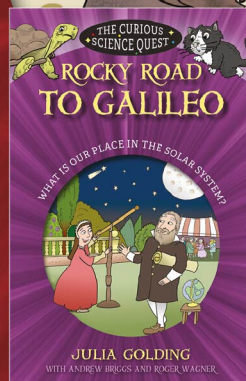
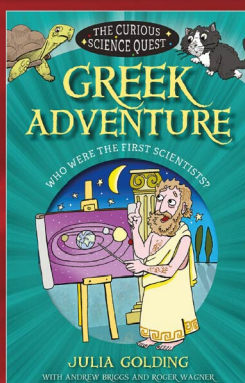
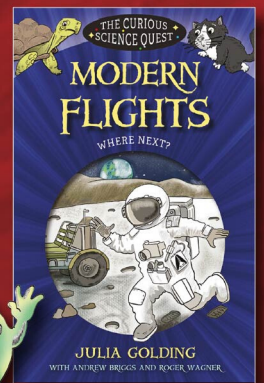
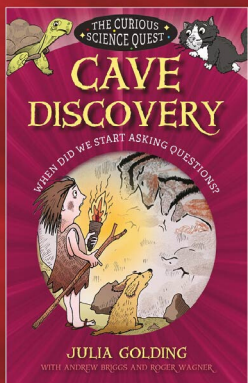
Victorian Voyages:
Where did we come from?

by Julia Golding, Andrew Briggs, Roger Wagner & Brett Hudson (illus) (Lion Hudson)

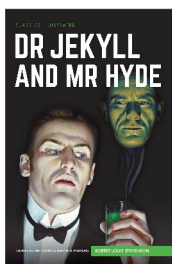
Meet the great Victorian scientists and voyage with Darwin as he works out his theory of evolution in this time-travelling quest of scientific discovery!

THE CURIOUS SCIENCE QUEST

BY WATERSTONES CHILDREN'S BOOK PRIZE WINNER, JULIA GOLDING

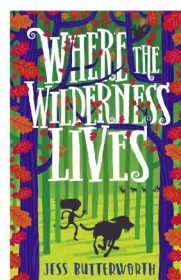


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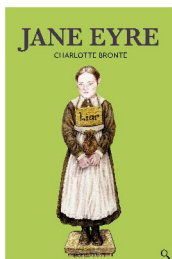
Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson & Lou Cameron (CCS Books)

A chilling tale of good and evil – Stevenson’s famous story told in comic-strip form! Will Dr Jekyll win out over the evil Mr Hyde?



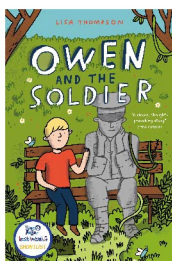
The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley (Bloomsbury Children’s Books)

An unforgettable adventure about courage and family that will plunge you back into the Stone Age... And then lead you back home. A truly unmissable debut.



Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte & Vanessa Lubach (Baker Street Press)

A splendid retelling of Bronte’s classic work. The story of Jane, a young girl whose future looks bleak, as she sets out on the road to independence.



Owen and the Soldier by Lisa Thompson & Mike Lowery (illus) (Barrington Stoke)

Owen’s unlikely confidant is the only one who will listen in this moving story of loss and remembrance, shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award.

GOT A RELUCTANT READER? TRY

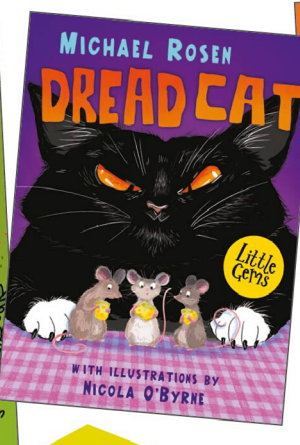
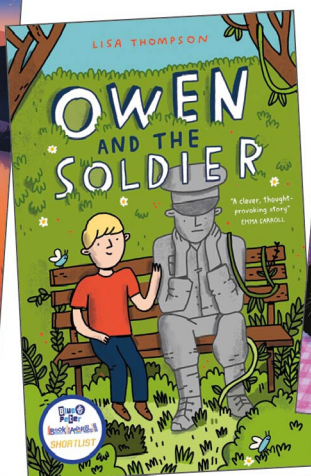
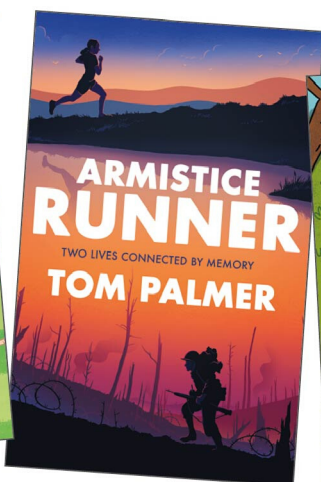
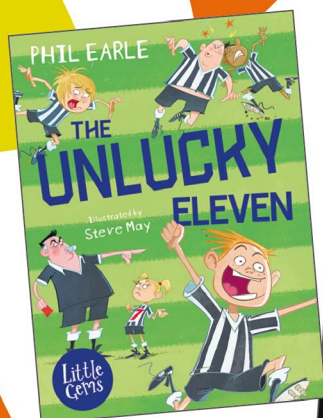
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AWARD-WINNING PUBLISHER WITH 20+ YEARS’ EXPERIENCE

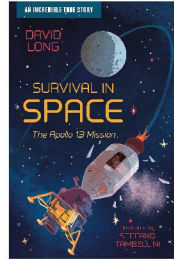
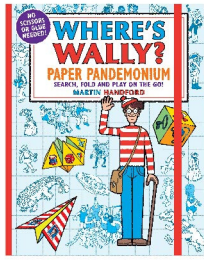
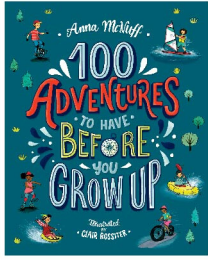
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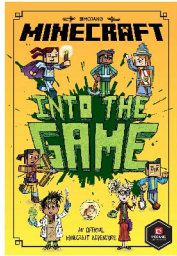
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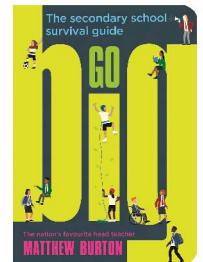
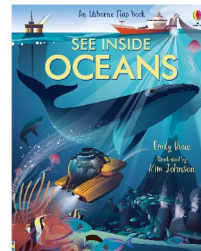
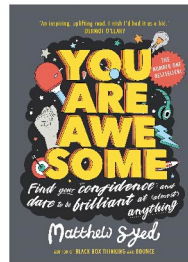
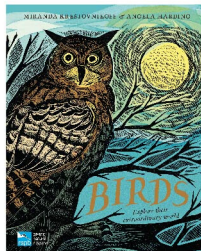
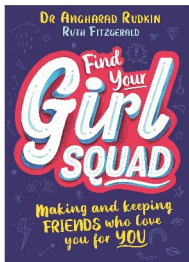
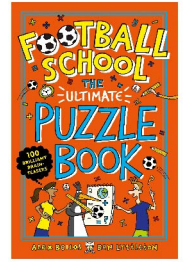
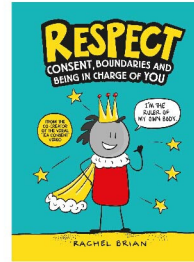
NON-FICTION & REFERENCE



Survival in Space: The Apollo 13 Mission by David Long & Stefano Tambellini (illus) (Barrington Stoke)
Blue Peter Book Award-winner David Long brings the thrilling Apollo 13 mission to life in this fascinating retelling. Perfect for budding astronauts!



Into the Game by Nick Eliopoulos & Luke Flowers (illus) (Egmont)
Four skilled Minecraft players have a secret - their science teacher's homemade virtual reality goggles can transport them into the game! For readers 7+



MY AWESOME CHALLENGE

Inspired by Matthew Syed's *You Are Awesome*, we're encouraging kids and families to use their time at home to learn a new skill or hobby.

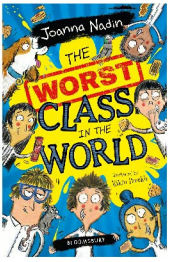
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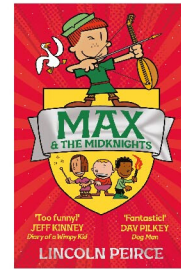


FUNNY BOOKS



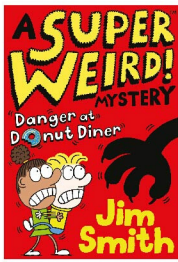
The Worst Class in the World by Joanna Nadin & Rikin Parekh (illus) (Bloomsbury Children's Books)

With two highly-illustrated, hilarious madcap adventures in one book, Joanna Nadin's laugh-out-loud new series is perfect for fans of Horrid Henry.



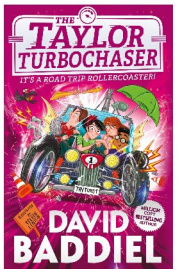
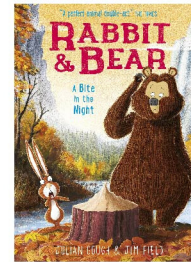
Do Not Disturb the Dragons by Michelle Robinson & Sharon Davey (illus) (Bloomsbury Children's Books)

Two intrepid girls become knights-in-action when they rip up the rule book in search of adventure! Fabulous middle-grade fiction from Michelle Robinson.



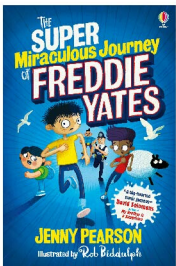
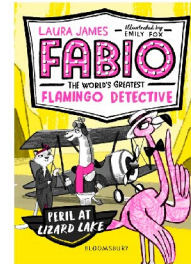
A Super Weird! Mystery: Danger at Donut Diner by Jim Smith (Egmont)

Super Weird Mysteries is a hilarious new detective series, perfect for readers aged 7+, from the genius behind the bestselling Barry Loser books.



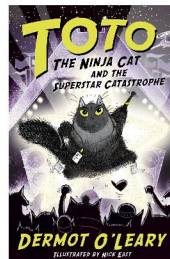
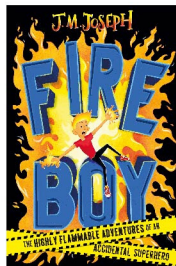
The Taylor Turbochaser by David Baddiel & Steven Lenton (illus) (HarperCollins Children's Books)

The latest adventure with plenty of laughs for readers 8+, from highly acclaimed British comedian, presenter and bestselling author, David Baddiel.



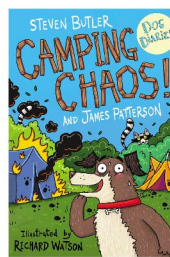
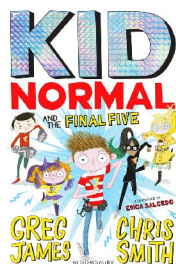
The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates by Jenny Pearson & Rob Biddulph (illus) (Usborne)

The super funny, heart-warming adventure of three boys, one summer holiday, and a few miracles along the way has been a huge hit with Toppsta reviewers.



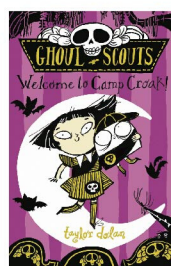
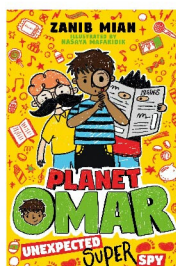
Toto the Ninja Cat and the Superstar Catastrophe by Dermot O'Leary & Nick East (illus) (Hodder Children's Books)

When disaster strikes at CATstonbury, Toto must save the day before the evil villain triumphs! The third purrfectly pawsome book from Dermot O'Leary.



Dog Diaries: Camping Chaos by James Patterson, Steven Butler & Richard Watson (illus) (Arrow Young)

Our reviewers love this funny, illustrated series told from a dog's perspective. This time Junior is going camping, what could possibly go wrong...



Ghoul Scouts: Welcome to Camp Croak by Taylor Dolan (Guppy Books)

A wickedly fun and hilarious new illustrated series about friendship and daring to be different. Perfect for solo reading or reading aloud together.

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BOOK REVIEW TIPS

1 FIRST THOUGHTS

What made you pick this book to read? Was it the cover? Or the title? Or something else? Did a friend recommend it or did you see it somewhere?

2 AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Had you heard of the author or illustrator before you choose this book? Have you read any of their other books? Are those books similar to this one?

3 GENRE

How would you describe the story? Is it an adventure? A mystery? A love story? Are there illustrations or pictures?

4 CHARACTERS

Who are the main characters and how would you describe them? Can you see them clearly in your imagination? Did you identify with any of the characters?

5 STORY

Think about what happened in the story and can you summarise the action without ruining the story for anyone who hasn't read it yet?

6 WHEN

Is the book set in today's world, or sometime in the future or past? Does that make a difference to the story and your enjoyment of it?

7 WHERE

Where does the story take place? Is it a familiar place or somewhere really different? If you close your eyes, can you see it in your imagination?

8 WRITING STYLE

How would you describe the writing style? Simple? Elaborate? Modern? Old-fashioned? Did you understand all the words? Did you learn any new words?

9 EMOTIONS

How did this book make you feel? And did it make you feel one emotion or lots of different emotions? How did you feel at the end of the book?

10 OPINION

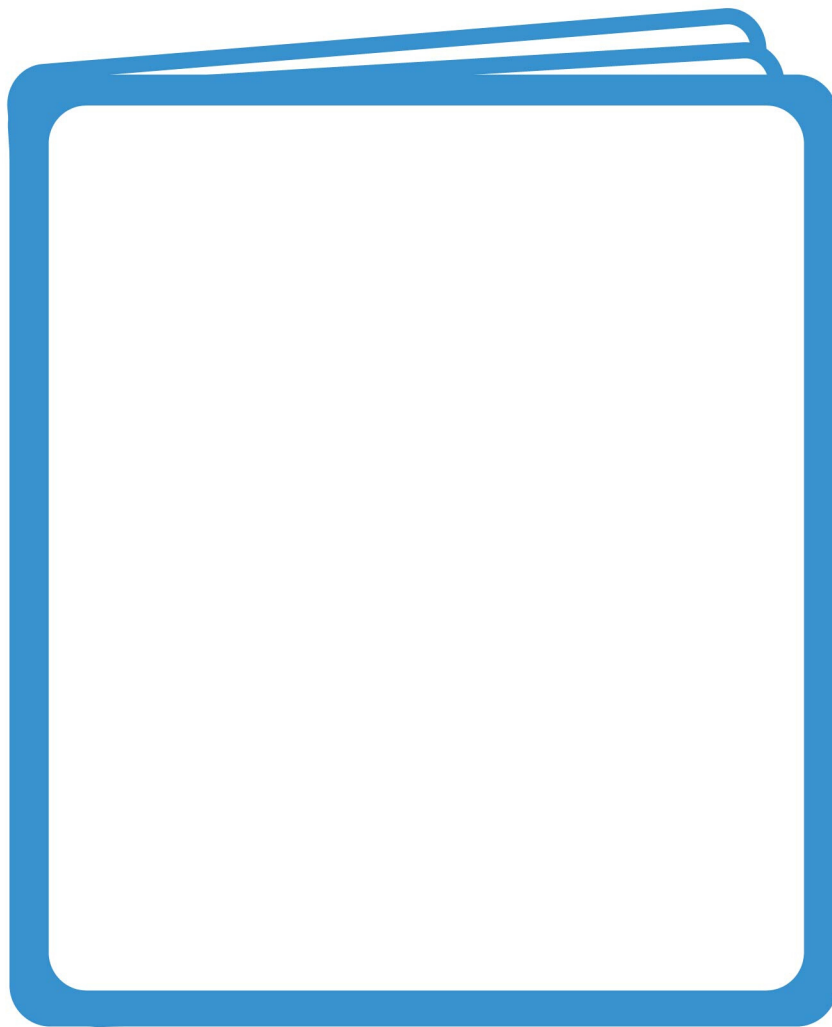
Did you like the book and can you tell us why you did or didn't? Is it similar to anything else you've read? Would you recommend it and if so, to who?

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