

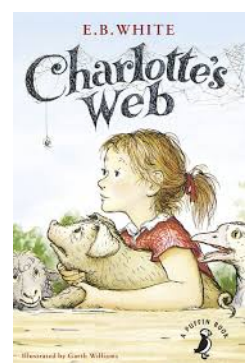
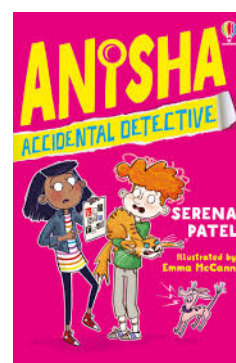
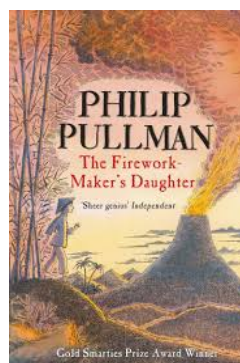
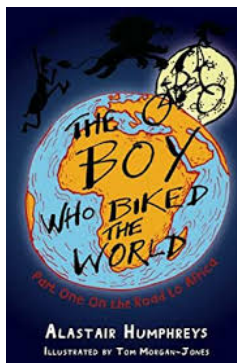


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brilliant books

(in no particular order)



1. The Girl Who Stole an Elephant

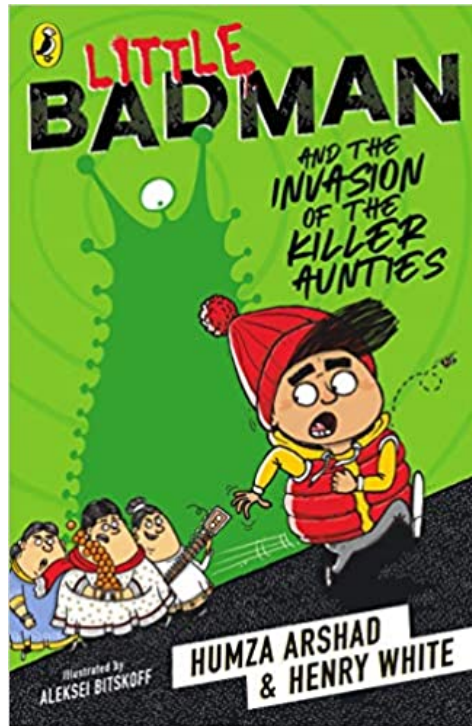
by Nizrana Farook



Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk.

2. Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties

by Humza Arshad and Henry White



A hilarious and fast-paced adventure, Humza Khan believes himself to be the greatest rapper Eggington has ever known. All of his teachers are disappearing and the aunties are taking over.

3. Lightning Girl

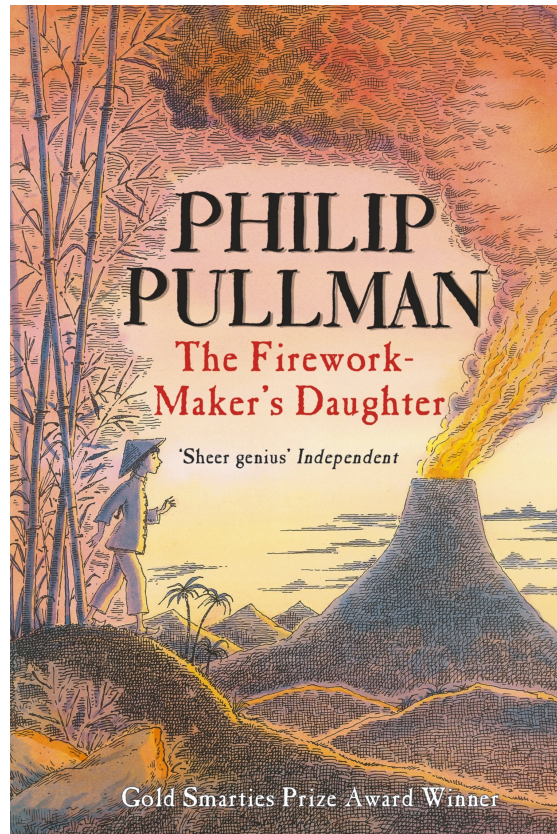
by Alesha Dixon



10-year-old Aurora Beam lives at home with her utterly unremarkable family... until the day she sees her little sister being picked on in the playground and suddenly beams of light shoot out of her fingers! As Aurora's own powers come into play, will she be able to balance her new super skills training with school?

4. The Firework Maker's Daughter

by Phillip Pullman



What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is . . . a Firework-Maker! But firework-making is not just about being able to make Crackle-Dragons and Golden Sneezes. There is also one special secret: every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend!

5. Stitch Head

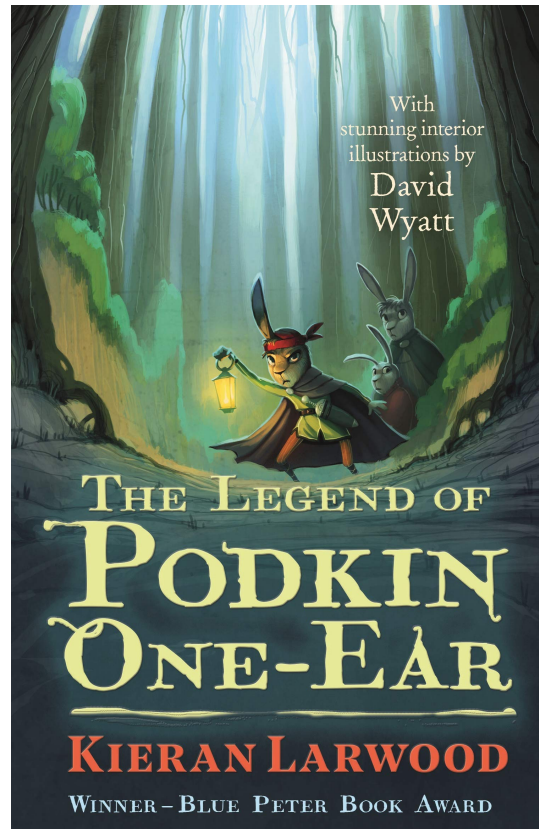
by Guy Bass



Enter the darkly funny world of Stitch Head, as he steps out of the shadows into the adventure of an almost-lifetime. It is dark monstrous fun.

6. The Legend of Podkin One Ear

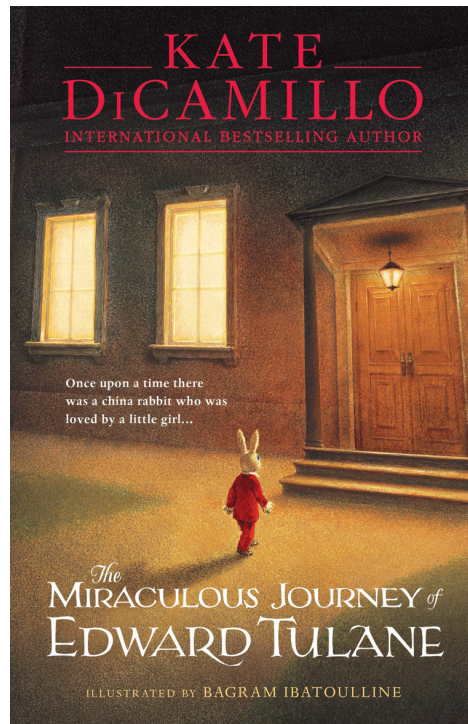
by Keiran Larwood



Podkin is a son of warrior chieftain, whose home is brutally attacked, and the young rabbits are forced to flee. The terrifying Gorm are on the rampage, and no one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny, and attempt to defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbitkind has ever known.

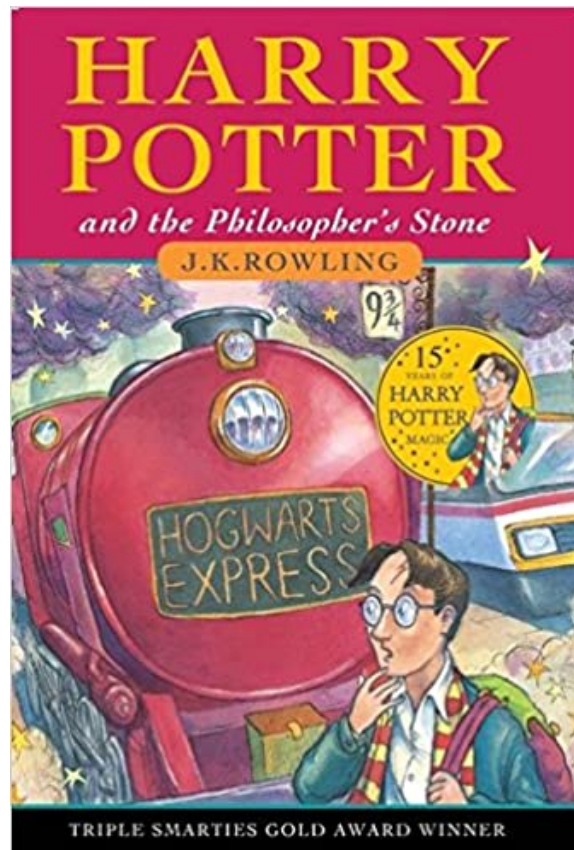
7. The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

by Kate DiCamillo



Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. He travels with tramps, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child ... and finally learns what it is to truly love.

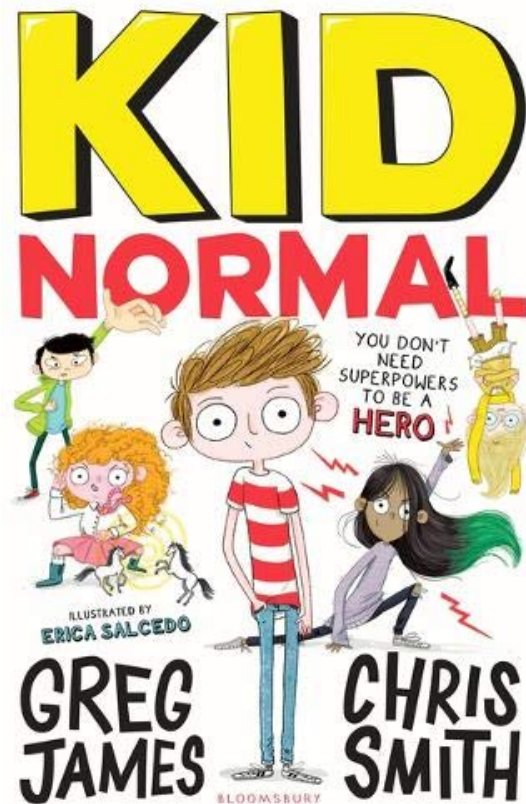
8. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by JK Rowling



Read and find out how Harry discovers his true heritage at Hogwarts School of Wizardry and Witchcraft, the reason behind his parent's mysterious death, who is out to kill him, and how he uncovers the most amazing secret of all time, the fabled Philosopher's Stone!

9. Kid Normal

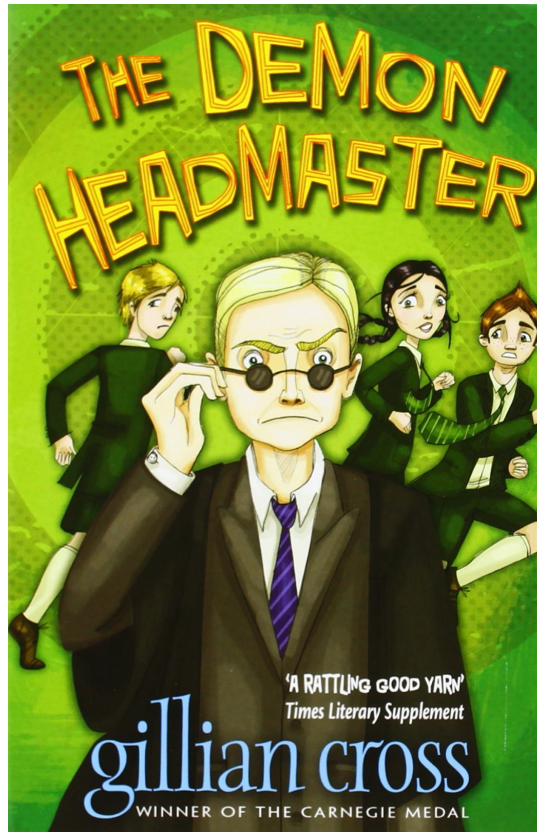
by Greg James and Chris Smith



Murph Cooper has a problem. His new school is top secret, and super weird. His classmates can all fly or control the weather or conjure tiny horses from thin air. And what's Murph's extraordinary skill? Um, oh yeah - he hasn't got one. Just as well there are no revolting supervillains lurking nearby, their minds abuzz with evil plans!

10. The Demon Headmaster

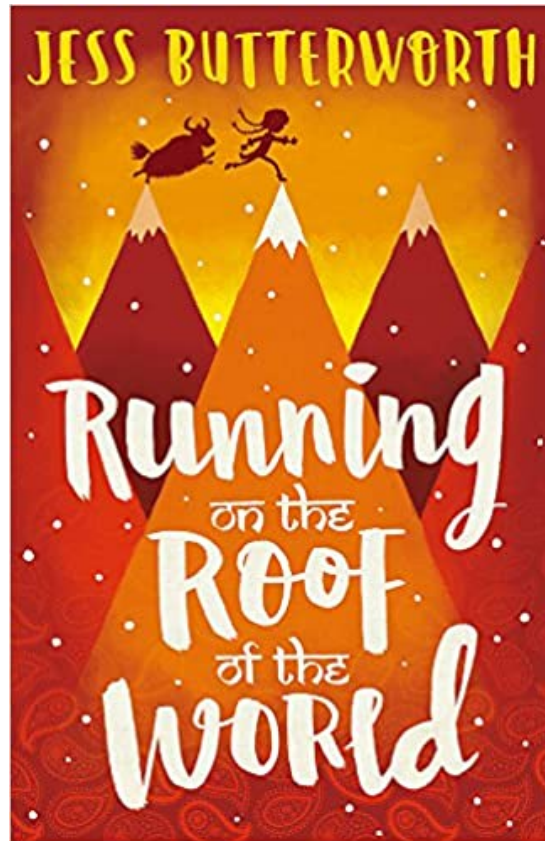
by Gillian Cross



Dinah and her foster-brothers, Lloyd and Harvey, uncover the headmaster's wicked plan. He has set his sights on dominating the entire nation! The children must foil him before he succeeds . . . but with Dinah under his spell they've got a challenge on their hands.

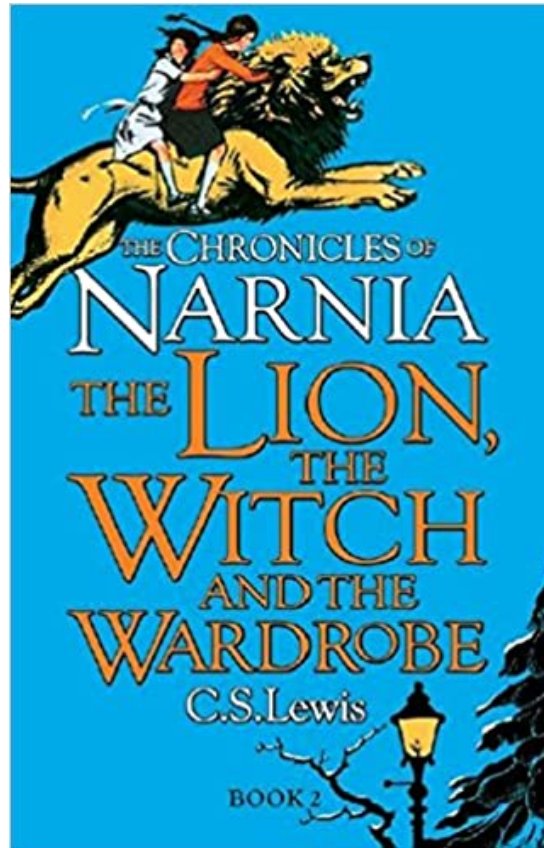
11. Running on the Roof of the World

by Jess Butterworth



Join 12-year-old Tash and her best friend Sam in a story of adventure, survival and hope, set in the vivid Himalayan landscape of Tibet and India. Filled with friendship, love and courage, this young girl's thrilling journey to save her parents.

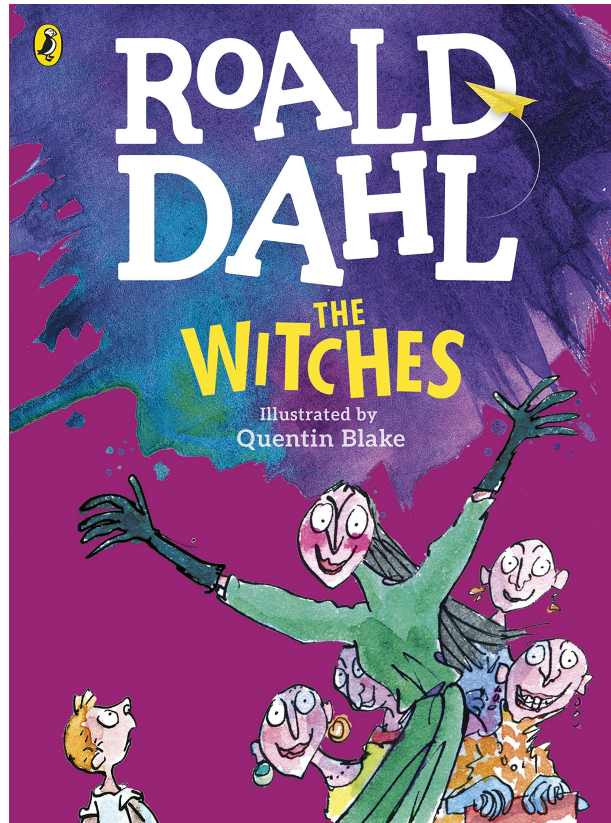
12. The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe *by CS Lewis*



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.

13. The Witches

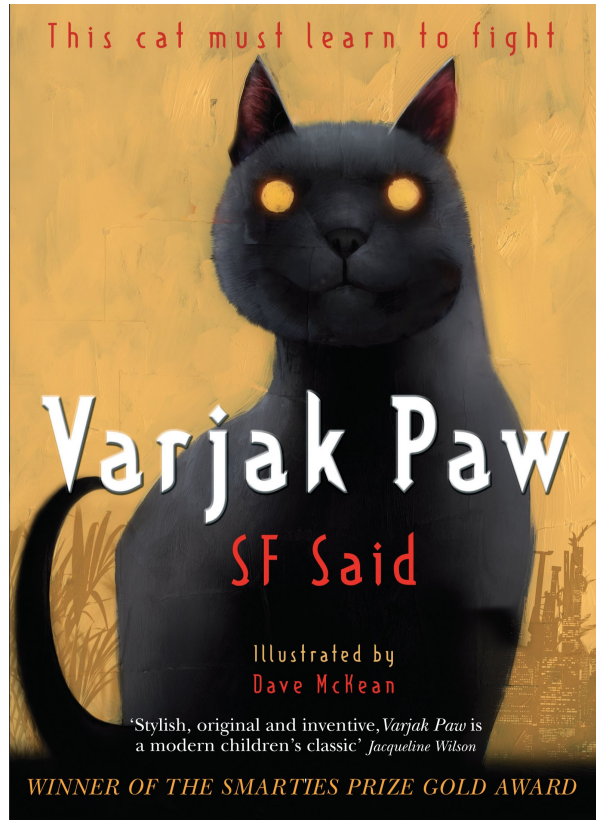
by Roald Dahl



Witches really are a detestable breed. They disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise. Luckily one boy and his grandmother know how to recognize these vile creatures, but can they get rid of them for good?

14. Varjak Paw

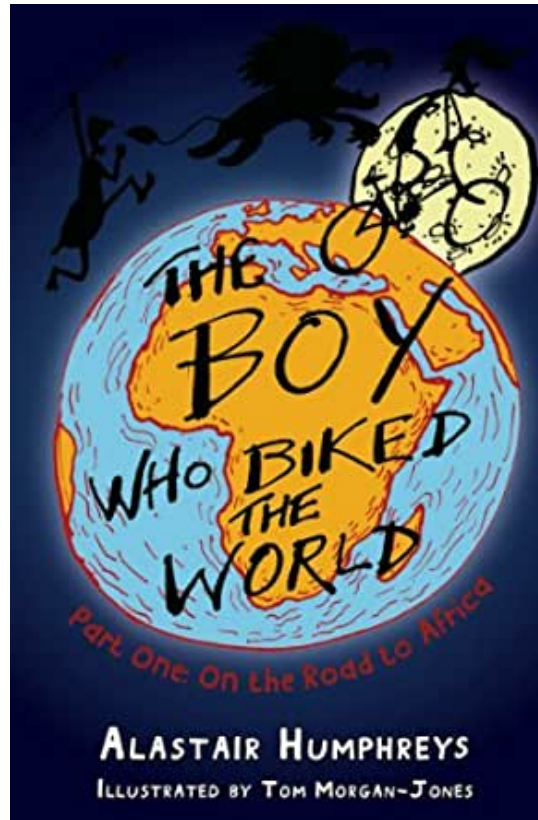
by SF Said



Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats. Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings.

15. The Boy Who Biked the World

by Alistair Chisholm



The Boy Who Biked the World follows Tom leaving England, cycling through Europe and all the way through Africa to the tip of South Africa. Along the way, Tom encounters various fascinating landscapes, and the various people who so happily embrace him. This book provides an immersive experience for any young adventurer.

16. The Kick Off

by Dan Freedman

"You'll read this and want to get out and play" – **STEVEN GERRARD**



Jamie's desperate to become Highwood School's star football player (and in his dreams, Hawkstone United's, too). But after he wrecks his chances at the trials, the pressure's on to prove himself.

17. The Journey

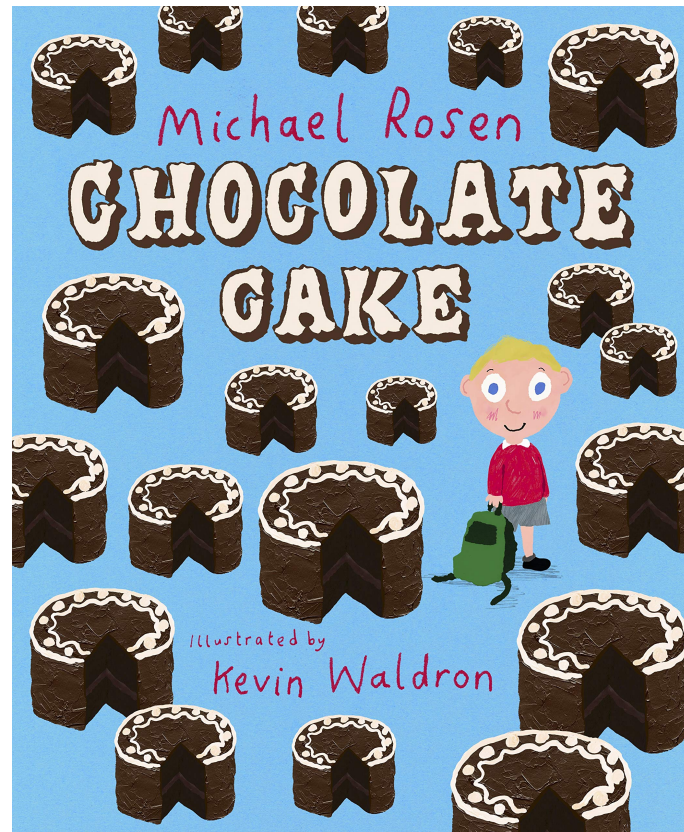
by Francesca Senna



With haunting echoes of current affairs this beautifully illustrated book explores the unimaginable decisions made as a family leave their home and everything they know to escape the turmoil and tragedy brought by war. This book will stay with you long after the last page is turned.

18. Chocolate Cake

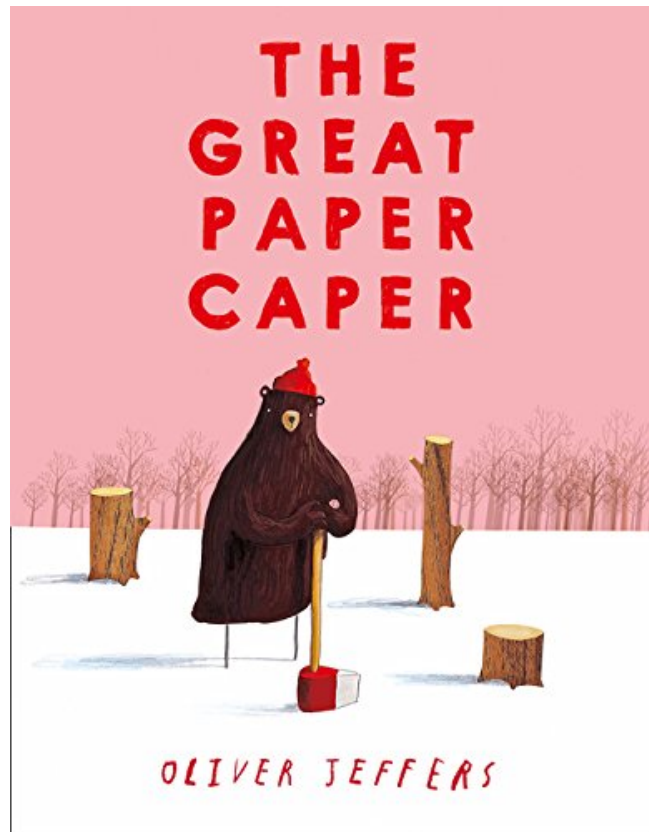
by Michael Rosen



Fantastically funny and full of silly noises, this is Michael Rosen's love letter to every child's favourite treat, chocolate cake.

19. The Great Paper Caper

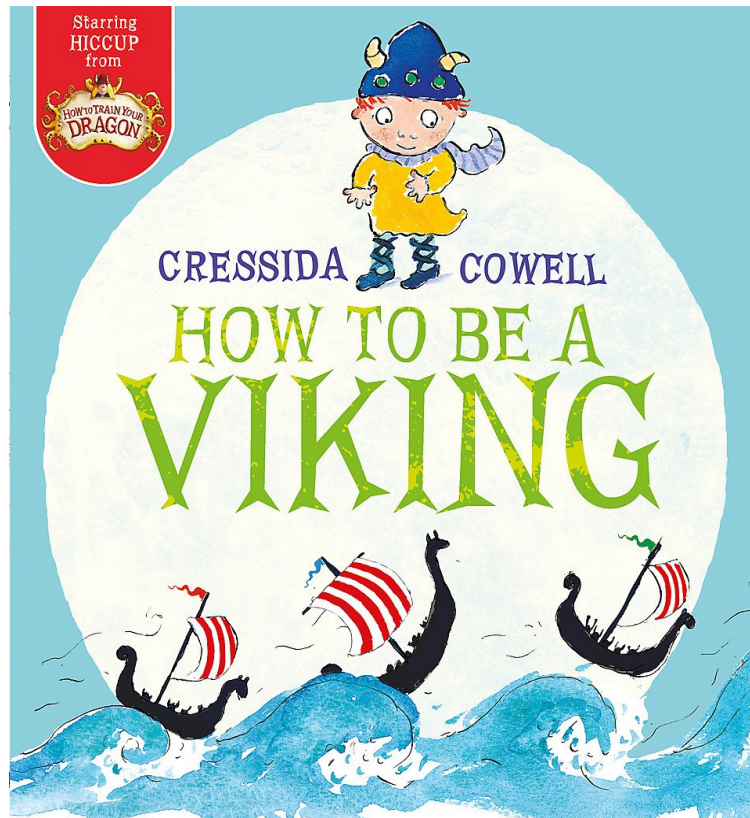
by Oliver Jeffers



When life in the forest begins to change; when trees mysteriously lose their branches, when whole tree trunks start to disappear, when homes are lost, the only course of action for the forest dwellers is to begin a full scale investigation. Alibis must be proved, clues must be sought but even so, blame is never far from anyone's thoughts.

20. How to be a Viking

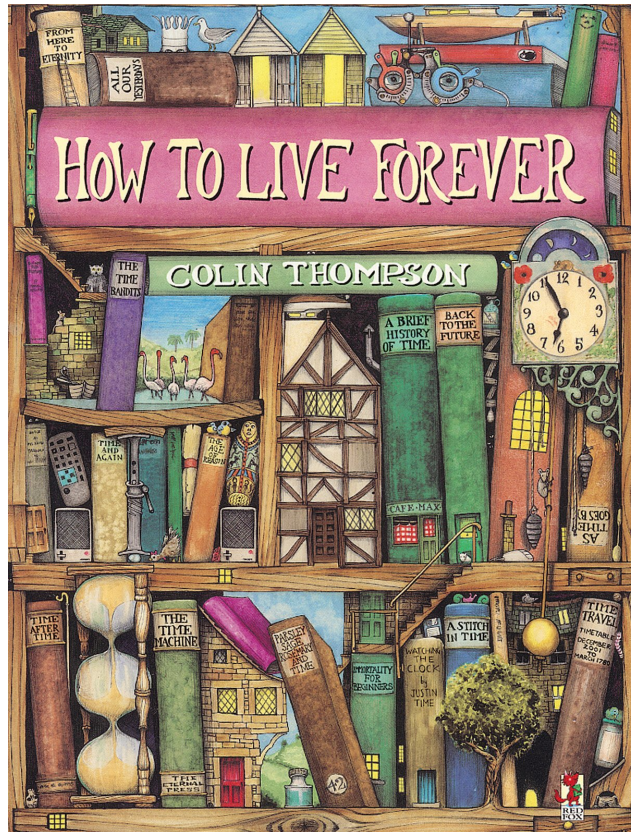
by Cressida Cowell



Unlike his dad, Stoick the Vast, Hiccup is tiny, thoughtful and polite and scared of almost everything - especially of going to sea for the very first time. But go he must... So who will save the day when everything goes wrong aboard ship and all the big Vikings lose their cool? This wonderfully witty fable will delight all those who have ever faced up to their worst fears.

21. How to Live Forever

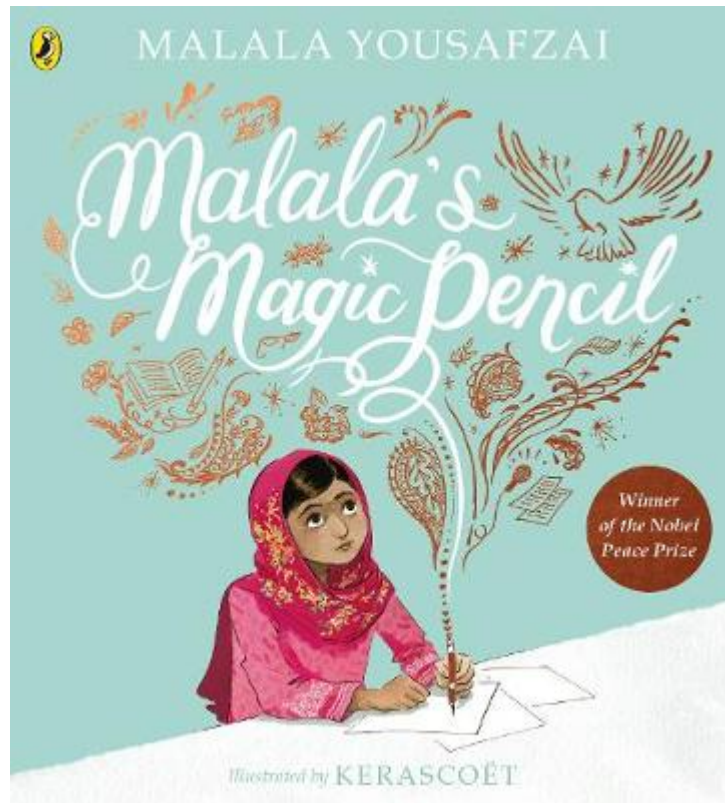
by Colin Thompson



Peter and his family live among the Quinces in the cookery section of a mystical library, and at night, when the library comes to life, Peter ventures out of his home to find a missing volume: How To Live Forever

22. Malala's Magic Pencil

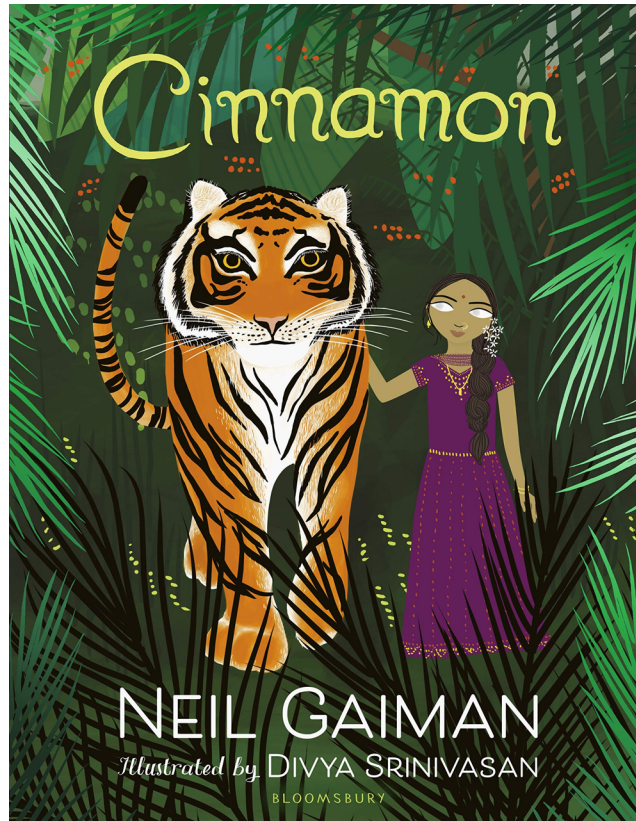
by Malala Yousafzai



As a child, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil that she could use to redraw reality. As she grew older, Malala wished for bigger and bigger things. She saw a world that needed fixing. And even if she never found a magic pencil, Malala realized that she could still work hard every day to make her wishes come true.

23. Cinammon

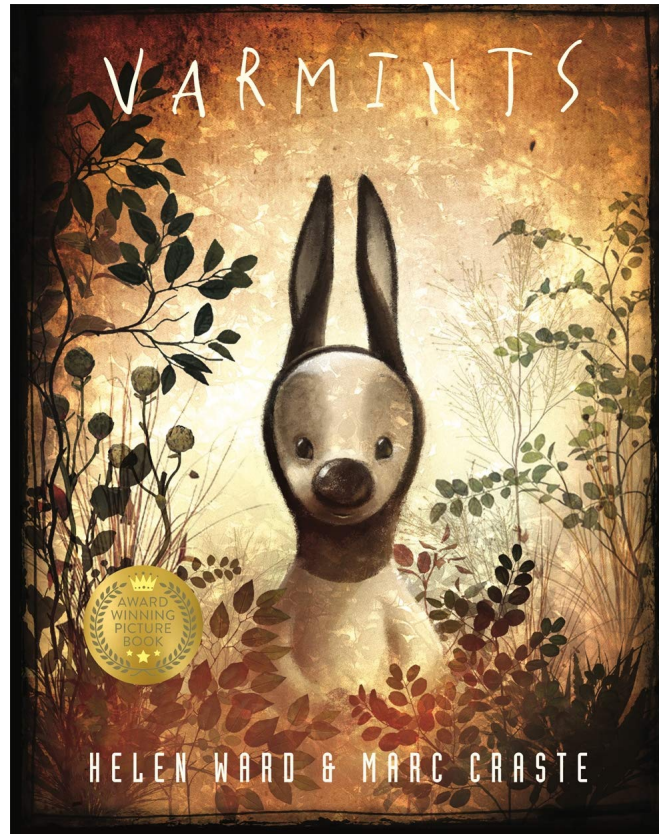
by Neil Gaiman



Princess Cinnamon is blind and will not talk. Her parents offer a reward to anyone who can teach Cinnamon to speak. People travel from far and wide to attempt it, but nothing works. Until a mighty tiger, huge and fierce, prowls into their palace and announces that he is here to teach the girl-cub to talk ...

24. Varmints

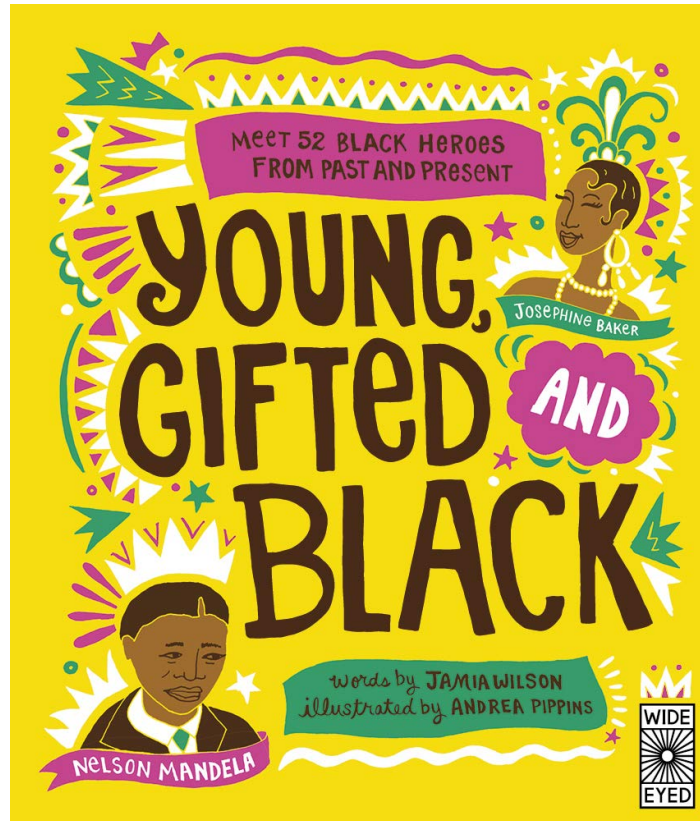
by Helen Ward



Varmints tells of a pastoral world in need of protection and of the souls who love it enough to ensure its regeneration.

25. Young, Gifted and Black

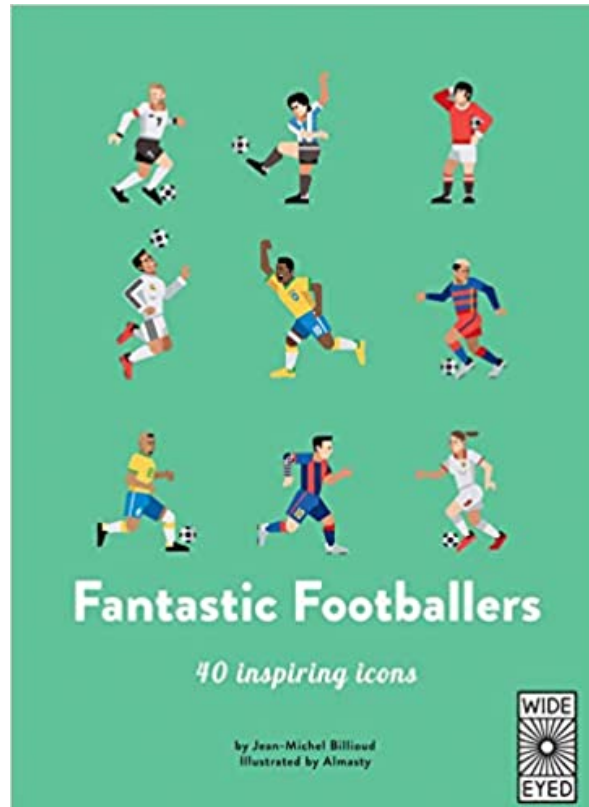
by Jamia Wilson



Highlighting the talent and contributions of black leaders and changemakers from around the world, readers of all backgrounds will be empowered to discover what they too can achieve. Strong, courageous, talented and diverse, these extraordinary men and women's achievements will inspire a new generation to chase their dream... whatever it may be.

26. Fantastic Footballers

by Jean Michel Billioud



The greatest goals... The most spectacular saves... Meet the top 40 footballers of all time! Relive Ronaldo's most memorable moments, learn about Messi's legendary left foot, meet the youngest-ever World Cup goal scorer, Pelé, and see some of the most spectacular saves in history. Every player is a winner in their own way, but who will you choose as your hero?

27. The Magic Faraway Tree: The Enchanted Wood

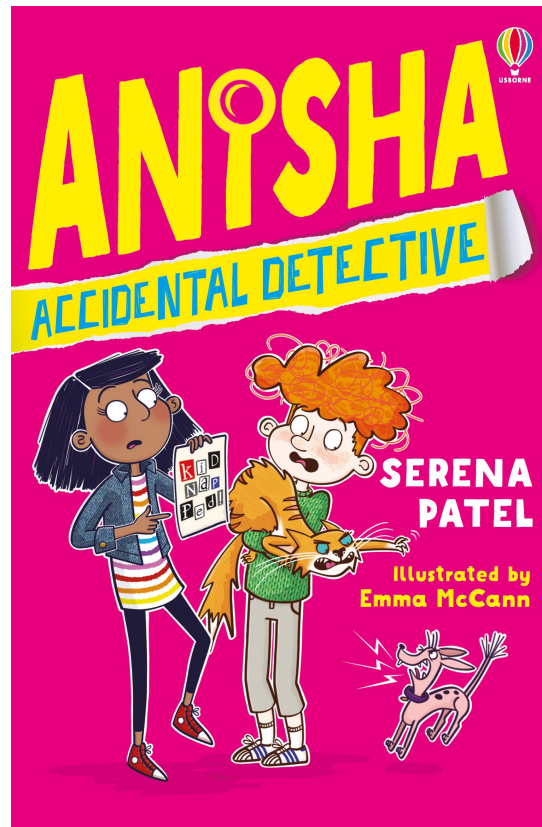
by Enid Blyton



Join Joe, Beth and Frannie as they take their cousin Rick on a an adventure he'll never forget - up the Magic Faraway Tree! Along with their friends Moon-Face, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy, the children tumble from the fun of the Land of Toys to the thrill of trying to escape the Land of Dreams. Will they ever make it home for tea?

28. Anisha: Accidental Detective

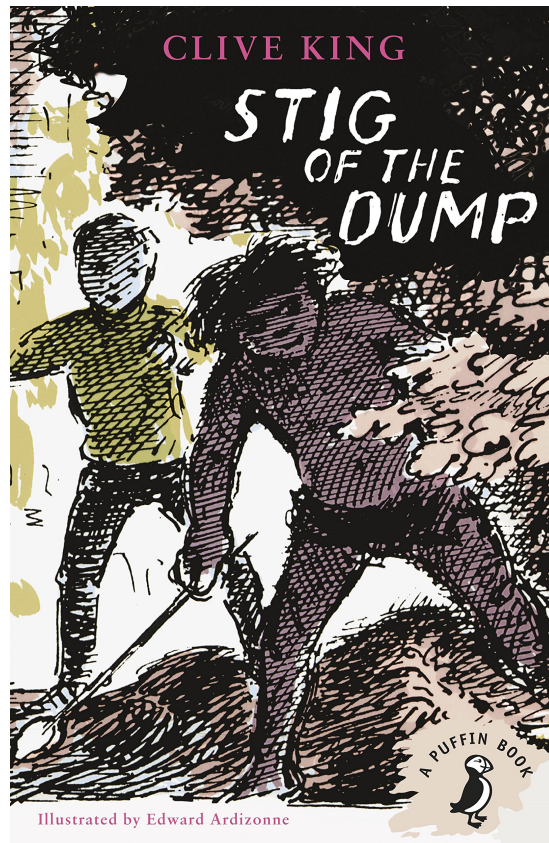
by Serena Patel



Anisha is all set to be a (reluctant) bridesmaid at Aunty Bindi's wedding...until a secret ransom note arrives. Bindi's groom has been kidnapped and will only be released IF THE WEDDING IS CALLED OFF! With best friend Milo, mischievous Granny Jas, a runaway lobster, a kitten-loving giant, and some super skills of logic and observation, it's up to Anisha Mistry to find her uncle, before the big family wedding of the year becomes a big disaster.

29. Stig of the Dump

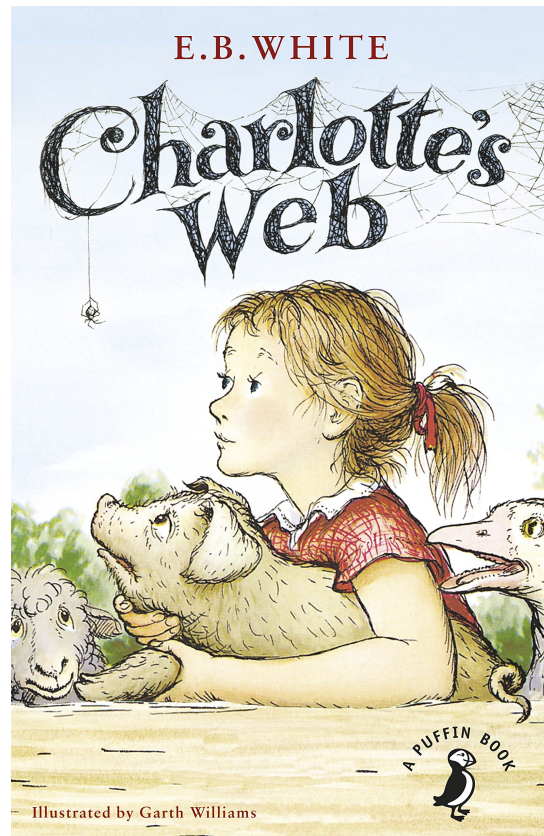
by Clive King



Barney is a solitary little boy, given to wandering off by himself. One day he is lying on the edge of a disused chalk-pit when it gives way and he lands in a cave. Here he meets 'somebody with a lot of shaggy hair and two bright black eyes' wearing a rabbit skin and speaking in grunts. He names him Stig. Of course nobody believes Barney when he tells his family all about Stig, but for Barney cave-man Stig is totally real.

30. Charlotte's Web

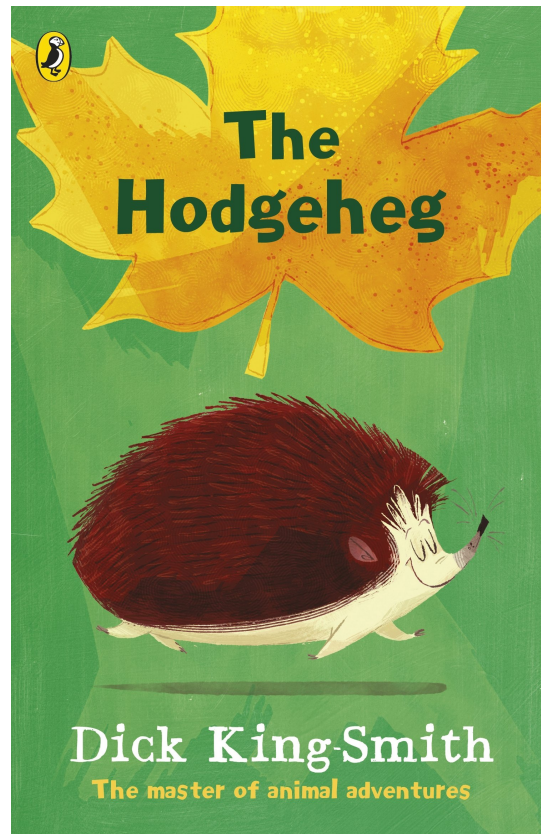
by EB White



Wilbur the pig's life has already been saved by Fern, but when he is sold to her uncle, he realises his life is in even more danger. Enter Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider. Charlotte is determined to keep Wilbur from the chopping block, and comes up with an ingenious way to do just that.

31. The Hodgeheg

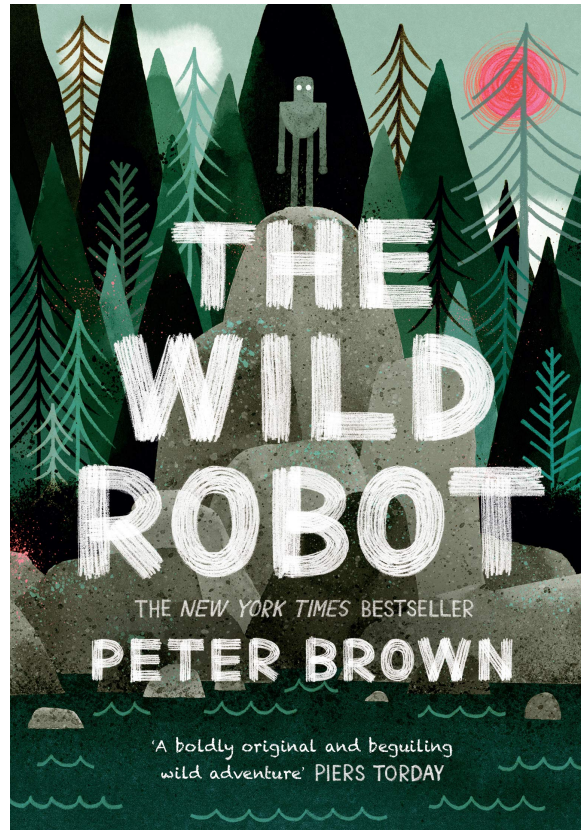
by Dick King Smith



Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. Max discovers the best way to cross the road - with the help of the lollipop lady and some careful detective work . . .

32. The Wild Robot

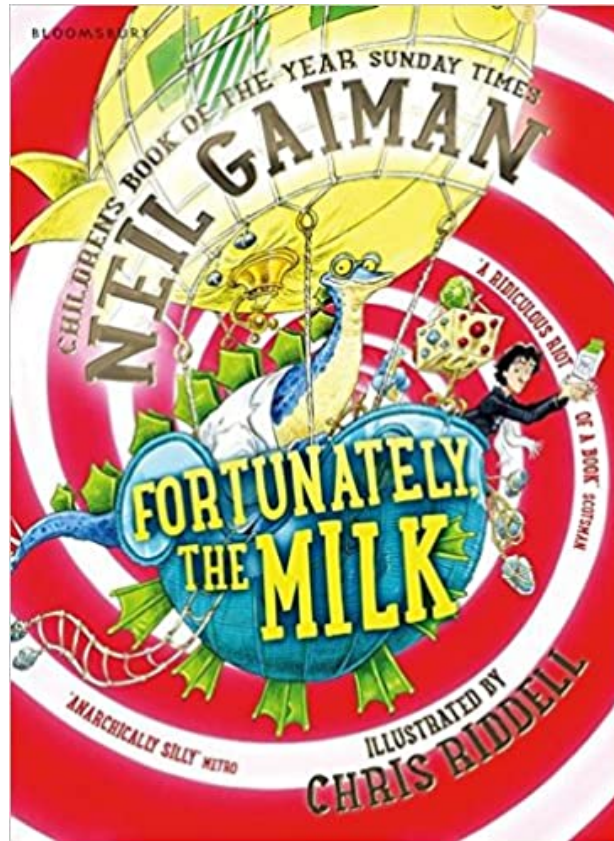
by Peter Brown



When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a bear attack, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home - until her mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

33. Fortunately, The Milk

by Neil Gaiman

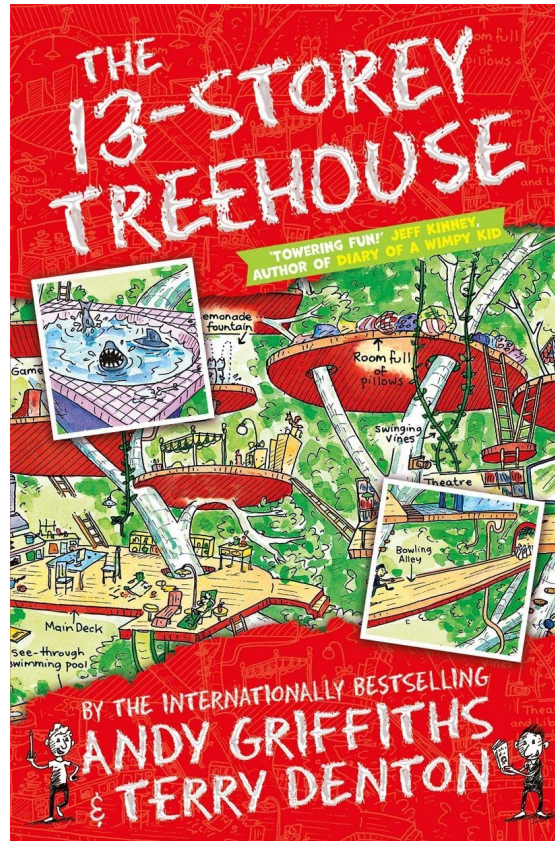


Mum's away. Dad's in charge. There's no milk. So Dad saves the day by going to buy some. Really, that's all that happens. Very boring. YAAAAAANNN. There are absolutely none of the following inside: GLOBBY GREEN ALIENS! INTERGALACTIC POLICE! PIRATES! And most definitely NOT a time-travelling hot-air balloon piloted by the brilliant Professor Steg ...

Don't miss this gloriously entertaining novel about time-travel, dinosaurs, milk, and dads.

34. The 13 Storey Treehouse

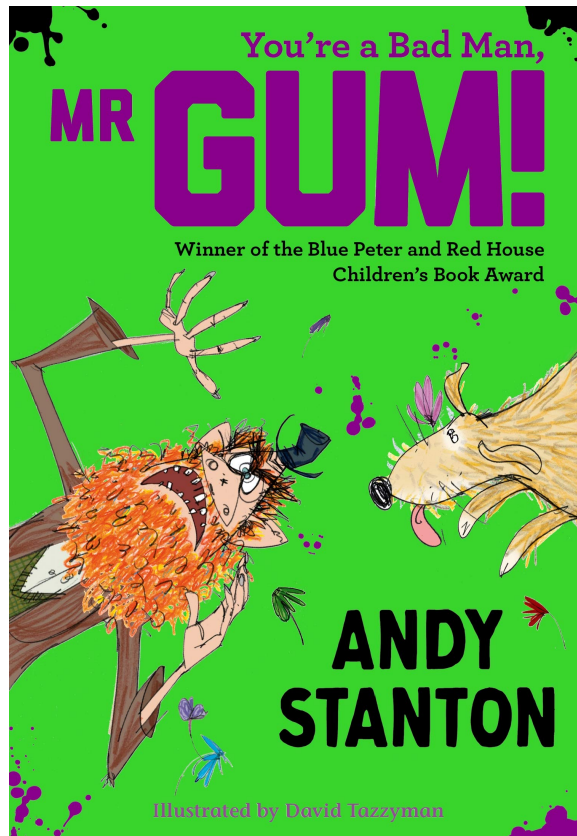
By Andy Griffiths



Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry! Just watch out for the sea monkeys, and the monkeys pretending to be sea monkeys, and the giant mutant mermaid sea monster . . . Oh, and, whatever you do, don't get trapped in a burp-gas-filled bubble . . . !

35. You're a Bad Man Mr Gum!

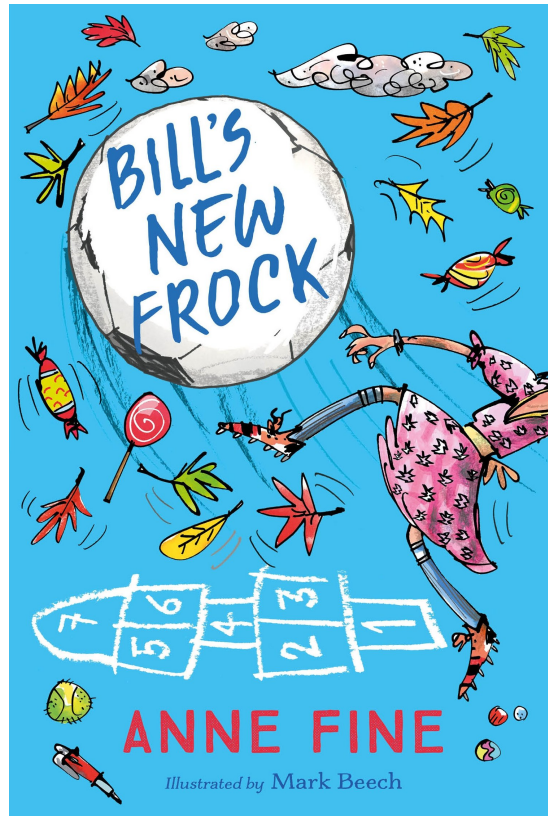
by Andy Stanton



Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him. And an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub. And Jake the dog, and a little girl called Polly. And there's heroes and sweets and adventures and EVERYTHING.

36. Bill's New Frock

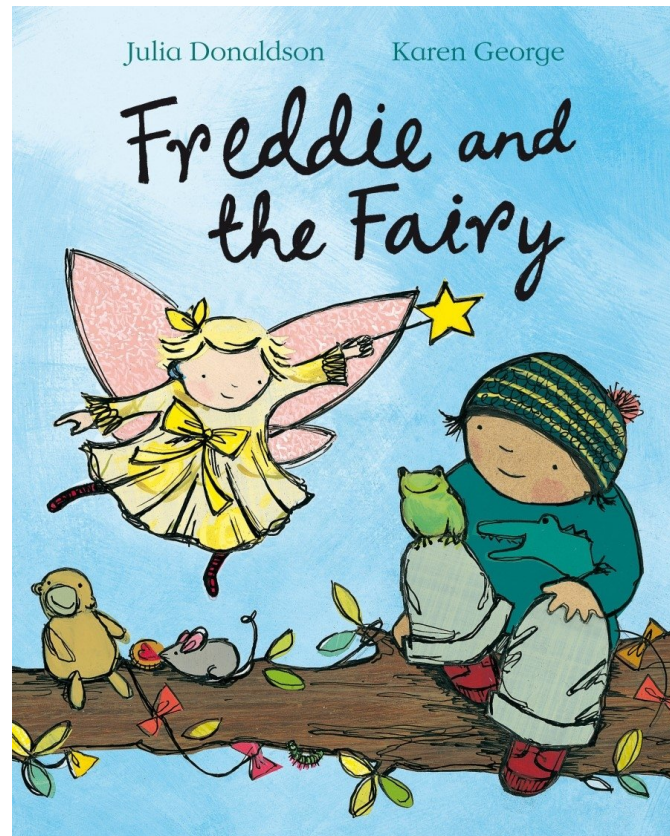
by Anne Fine



Bill Simpson wakes up to find he's a girl, and worse, his mother makes him wear a frilly pink dress to school. How on earth is he going to survive a whole day like this? Everything just seems to be different for girls . . .

37. Freddie and the Fairy

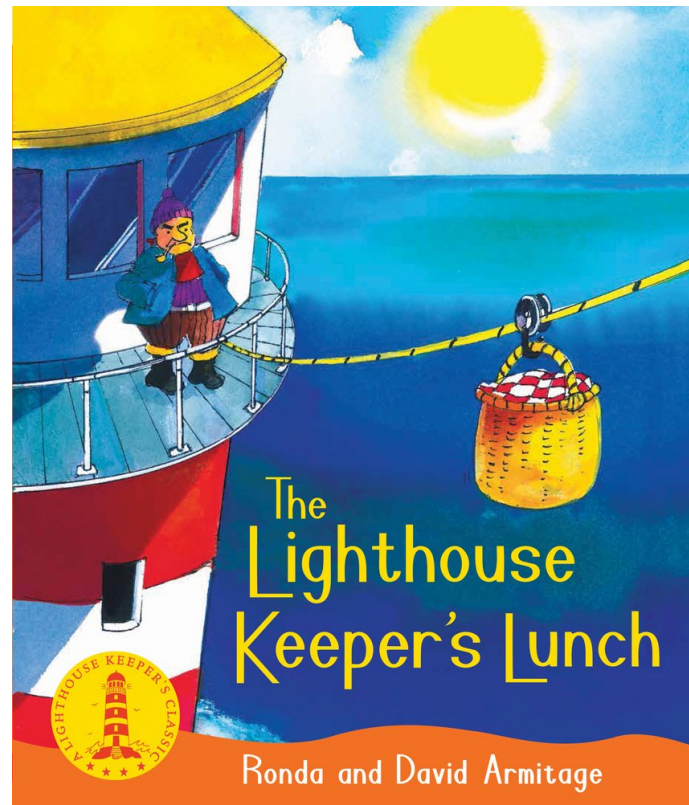
by Julia Donaldson



Freddie is desperate for a pet, so when he rescues Bessie-Belle and she offers to grant his wishes he knows just what to ask for. The only problem is that Bessie-Belle can't hear very well, and Freddie tends to mumble. Whatever can they do? Luckily the Fairy Queen is on hand to explain.

38. The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch

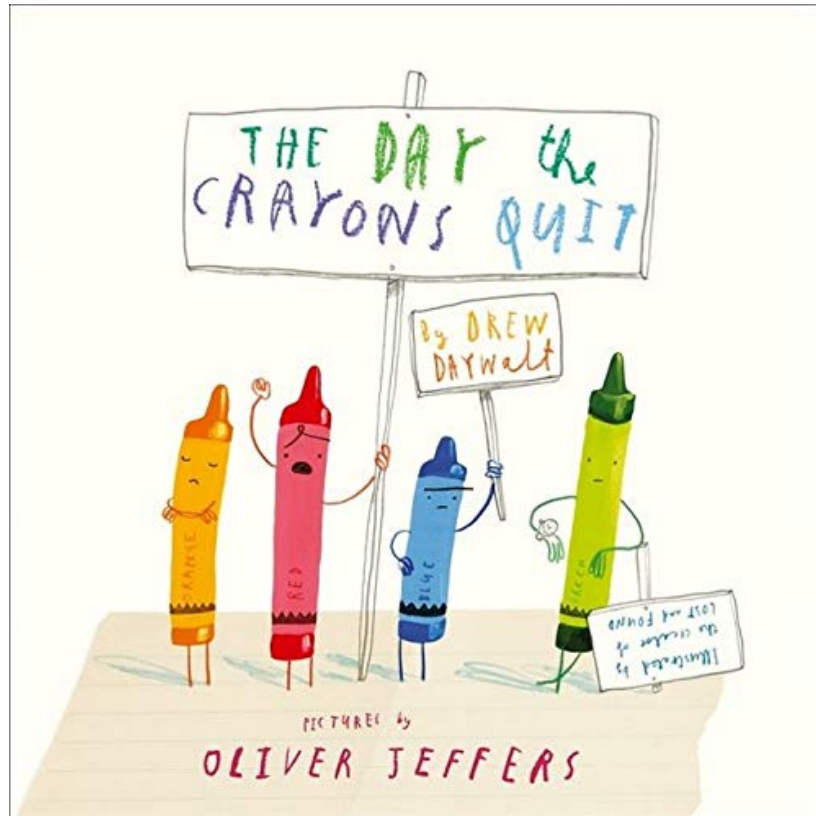
by David and Rhonda Armitage



Once there was a lighthouse keeper called Mr. Grinling. At night time he lived in a small white cottage perched high on the cliffs, and in the daytime he rowed out to his lighthouse to clean and polish the light. Every day Mr Grinling tucks into delicious lunch, prepared by his wife.. But Mr Grinling isn't the only one who enjoys the tasty food, so Mrs Grinling has to think of a way to stop the greedy seagulls from stealing the lighthouse keeper's lunch.

39. The Day the Crayon's Quit

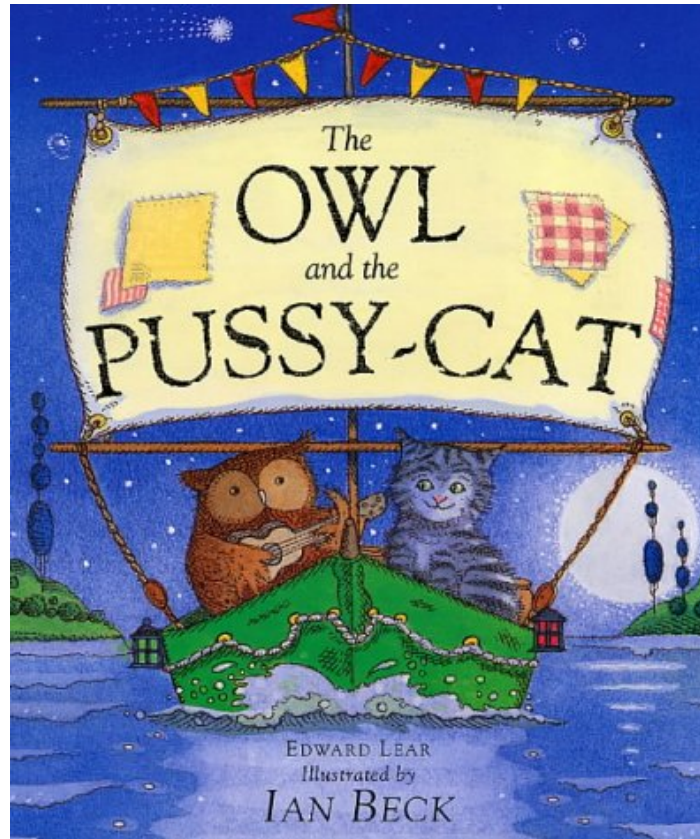
by Drew Daywalt



Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit! Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. Green has no complaints, but Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking to each other. What should Duncan do?

40. The Owl and the Pussycat

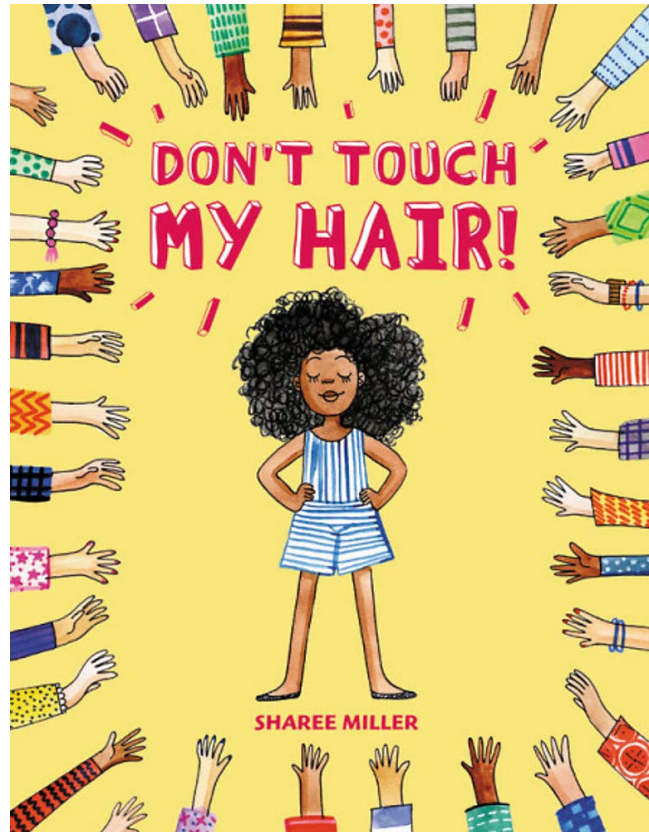
by Edward Lear



Join the Owl and the Pussy Cat on a magical adventure as they go to sea in a beautiful pea green boat. Edward Lear's much-loved nonsense rhyme is wonderfully brought to life by Victoria Ball's charming illustration.

41. Don't Touch My Hair

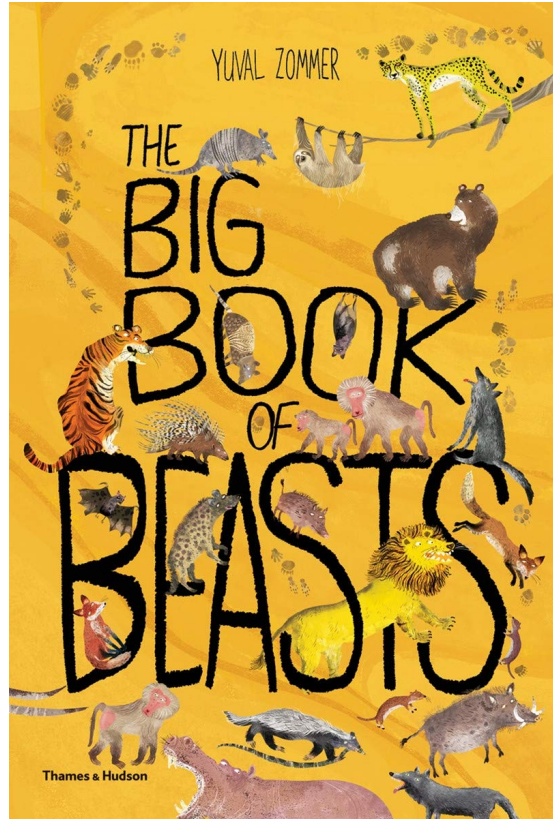
by Sharee Miller



This humorous picture book speaks to a national conversation on strangers touching black hair, and sparks an important conversation on personal boundaries for children as Aria explains that her hair should not be touched without asking for permission first.

42. The Big Book of Beasts

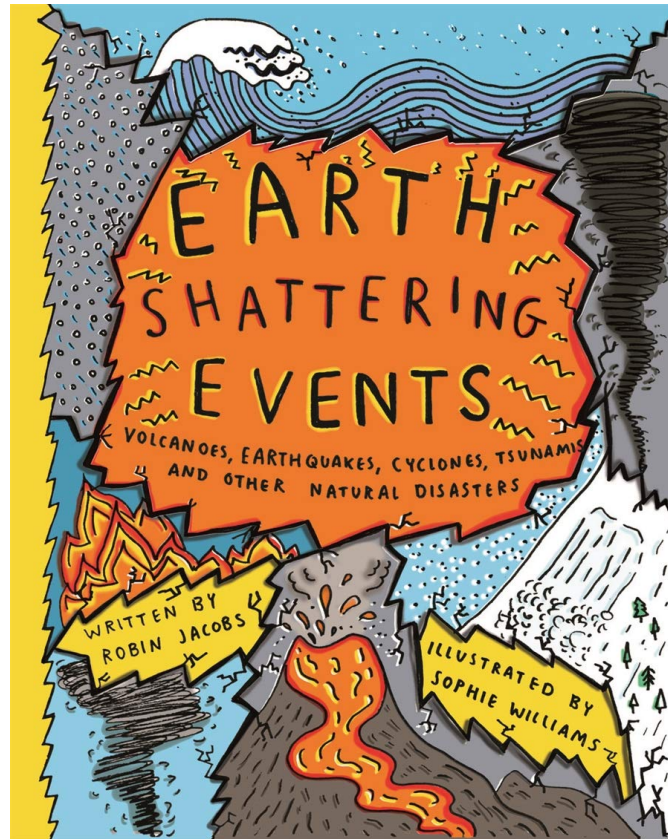
by Yuval Zommer



This book contains spreads that approach the world of beasts thematically, looking at mythical beasts, Ice-Age beasts, beasts on your street and how to save beasts in danger. The text is chatty, funny and full of amazing facts.

43. Earth Shattering Events

by Robin Jacobs



This book explores nature at its most destructive. Clear, explanations break down the science behind hurricanes, tornadoes, avalanches, earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes, alongside fascinating facts about the biggest and the worst.

44. What a Waste

by Jess French



In this informative book on recycling, you will find everything you need to know about our environment. The good, the bad, and the incredibly innovative. From pollution and litter to renewable energy and plastic recycling.

45. Greta's Story

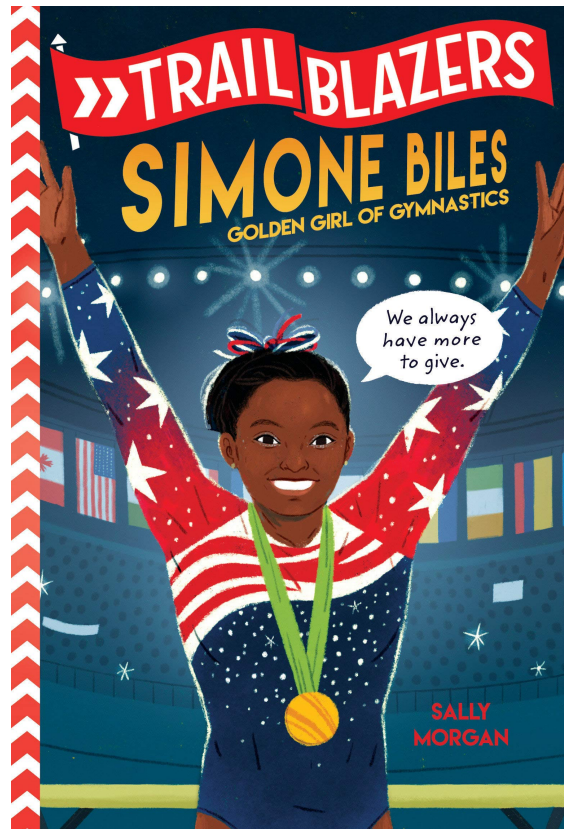
by Valentina Camerini



The story of Greta Thunberg, the schoolgirl who inspired a worldwide climate change movement.

46. Trailblazers: Simone Biles

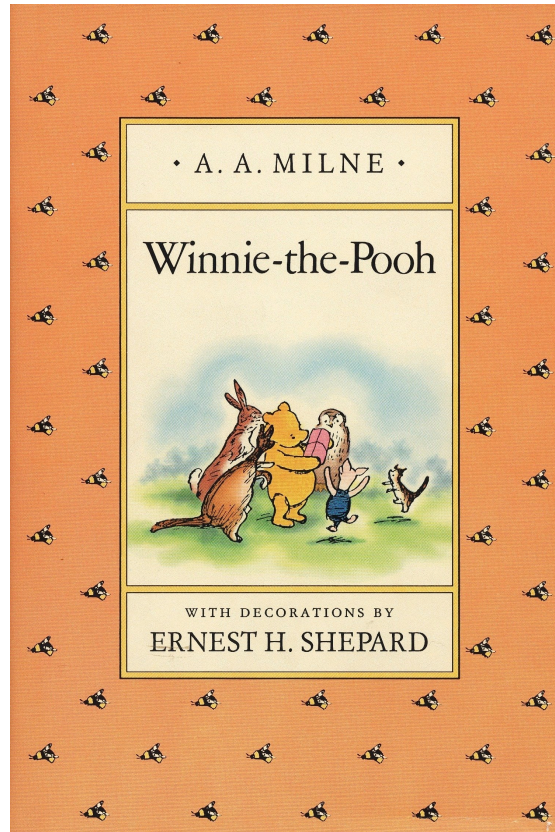
by Sally J Morgan



In August 2016, American gymnast Simone Biles won four Olympic gold medals! Her irresistible smile, fierce determination, and unbeatable strength have made her a favourite around the world. Find out how the girl who taught herself to flip on her backyard trampoline blazed a trail in gymnastics.

47. Winnie the Pooh

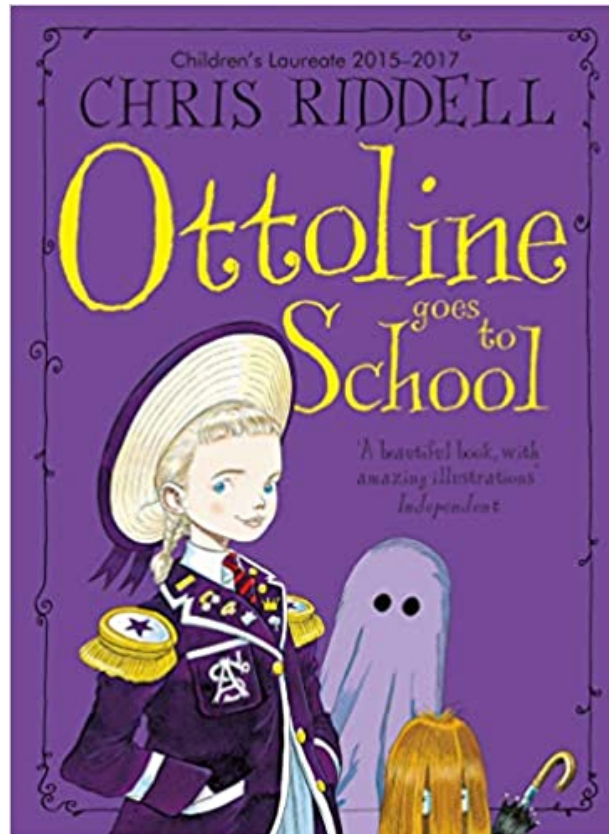
by AA Milne



Since 1926, Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends—Piglet, Owl, Tigger, and the ever doleful Eeyore—have endured as the unforgettable creations of A.A. Milne. The characters and their stories are timeless treasures of childhood that continue to speak to all of us with the kind of freshness and heart that distinguishes true storytelling.

48. Ottoline Goes to School

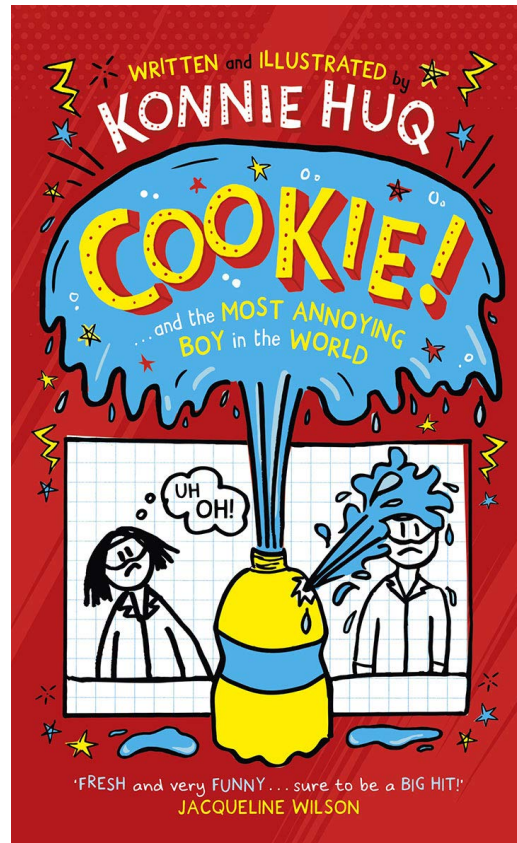
by Chris Riddell



Ottoline is off to the Alice B. Smith School for the Differently Gifted, but she is rather worried that she doesn't have a special gift. Mr. Munroe is more worried about the ghost who is said to haunt the school halls at night. Does Ottoline discover her hidden talent and can they expose the spook?

49. Cookie

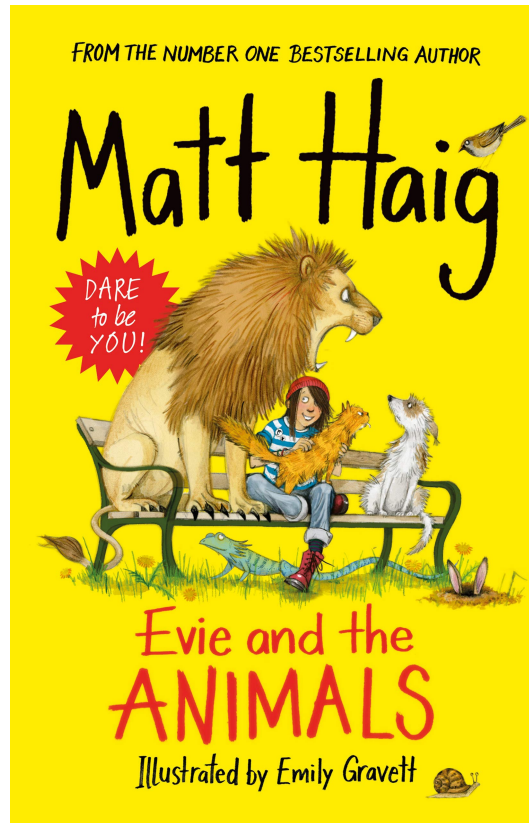
by Konnie Huq



Cookie gets the chance to go on her favourite TV show, Brainbusters. It's only a chance though - she'll have to win the school science competition first. It shouldn't be too hard . . . all she has to do is keep her head down, and not get too over-excited. Unfortunately that's not Cookie's strong point . . .

50. Evie and the Animals

by Matt Haig



Eleven-year-old Evie has a talent. A SUPERTALENT. A talent that can let her HEAR the thoughts of an elephant, and make friends with a dog and a sparrow.