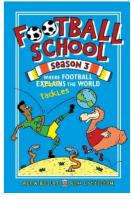
#### **Sporting Stories and Facts**



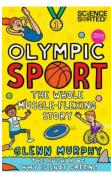
## Readers age 7+

There are so many great things about this book, but perhaps the greatest is the way in which the authors have found the story in each walk. Children love stories so what better way to get them into the car than with the promise of "The mystery of the four stones at Clent", "Beaches and battles at Bamburgh" or "Giants and glaciers on Cadair Idris"? This collection of 100 walks is spread out across the country which make it the ideal staycation companion for families.



## Readers age 9+

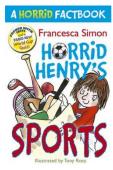
Packed full of facts, information and insight on a range of school topics, but all of them explained through football. Subjects covered include biology, via close-ups on footballers' feet (not nearly as nice as you'd think apparently); physics — why it pays to be small when you're dribbling (Lionel Messi anyone?); history, includes a look at the creation of the rules of football, something that took place in Sheffield in 1857; while the chapter on English is all about how to be a successful commentator. It's fascinating stuff, and really memorable too. Illustrated throughout with hilarious cartoons and filled with laugh-out-loud gags, this is the perfect book for anyone who loves football.



#### Readers age 7+

Are Olympic athletes born stronger and faster than the rest of us? Why do tennis rackets have strings? How do gymnasts balance on their hands? Why do hurdlers do the splits when they jump?

Glenn Murphy answers these and lots of other brilliant questions in this fascinating book about the science of sport. From running a marathon to beating your friends at basketball or being the bendiest gymnast around, find out everything you ever wanted to know about sports and games and what it is that makes athletes the best at what they do.

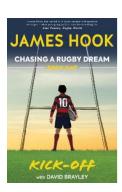


#### Readers age 5+

Packed with freaky facts and random trivia such as:

- Did you know that the Olympic gold medals are made mostly of silver?
- What is the world's most popular sport?
- Did the Romans really do athletics in the nude?
- And how do you win the World Gurning Championships?

This is the perfect guide to everything you ever wanted to know (and lots of things you might never have wanted to know) about the world of sport - Horrid Henry style!



# Readers age 9+

Small, skinny and short-sighted . . . and dazzlingly talented. Jimmy Joseph loves rugby. All he dreams about is one day playing for his country in a World Cup, or winning a Test series for the Lions with a last-minute drop-goal. But when he kicks an up-and-under in the schoolyard and accidentally hits the new head of PE, Mr Kane, on the head, he makes a powerful enemy.

Can Jimmy and his friends overcome the tyranny of Mr Kane and help Mike Green (team captain and well-known school bully) see the error of his ways? Or will the combination of bullying, pressure and dirty tactics derail the friends' rugby careers before they have even begun? An epic new rugby series begins here!



#### Readers age 9+

Molly is in her final year of primary school, with secret dreams of becoming an Olympic swimmer. Having always lived in the shadow of her manipulative friend, Chloe, Molly finally has the chance to compete in a regional swimming contest and define herself on her own terms. But with the pressure of fitting in, and the sudden arrival of her mysterious mum, will she give up on her dreams for a shot at popularity?

A classic underdog story with an important message of friendship, body positivity, and celebrating who you are.



## Readers age 5+

Our heroine is determined that she's going to win all the events at school sports day. The problem is that winning isn't as easy as it looks. She doesn't win the running race or the tug of war - and she can't even win a game of hide-and-seek. But maybe winning isn't really the point?

Resilience triumphs in this completely relatable story which will prompt useful discussion. An important life lesson told with great humour and vivacity.



### Readers age 9+

Castle Cranshaw (better known as Ghost) discovered his talent for running the night he and his mom fled his violent dad. "Running isn't anything I ever had to practice. It's just something I knew how to do", he explains. Hassled at school for his Mom-made haircuts, and constantly trying to avoid "altercations" that wind up making his school file bulge, Ghost's life takes an upward turn when he spontaneously races a budding elite sprinter at a training session and wins. The coach, a former Olympic gold medallist, immediately invites him to join the team. Coach is exactly the mentor Ghost and his diverse bunch of talented teammates need.



### Readers age 9+

Roller derby, a rough-and-tumble sport mostly played by girls; Astrid is hooked first game she sees, and signs up to train at summer camp. Her best friend can't understand this new passion and the two grow apart. In her efforts to become a real roller girl Astrid gets knocked down countless times, but she always gets up again. She makes a new friend, and over the course of this roller skating summer discovers lots about independence and working out who you are. In a nutshell: friendship, growing up and superheroes on skates!



### Readers age 5+

Mula the tiger is dozing, dreaming of being able to hop, tumble and stand on her head, when she's woken by a buzzing fly. Fly is determined to show Mula just what she's capable of, once she's learned to focus on her breathing and stretching. With Fly as yoga instructor, Mula is soon moving like she does in her dreams and keen to learn even more!

The fun characters and easy yoga poses promote mindfulness and a happy, healthy lifestyle while encouraging young readers to relax and unwind.



#### Readers age 5+

I Love My Bike is a picture book about a daughter learning to ride a bike with the help of her father. It's also about that exhilarating feeling you get when you succeed at something for the first time as a child. And, most importantly, it's about learning that when you fall off, the best thing to do is get back on again!

Celebrating both family relationships and being outdoors, this is the perfect read for families everywhere.