



Bounce Books of the Year

Looking back at some of our 2022 favourites!



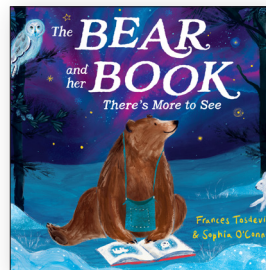
The Christmas Department Store

9781801040129

PB £7.99 Little Tiger

Katie's pick

"In this story we follow Benji and his magical polar bear guide around the Christmas Department Store, visiting departments full of silly sounds and imaginary gifts, as he searches for the perfect presents to make his family feel loved and special. This enchanting book is packed full of wonder, heart and the excitement of Christmas: I'll be re-reading it many times this December!" - Katie



The Bear and her Book: There's More to See

9781912979608

PB £7.99 UCLan

A pick for Tanya and her family



Mildred The Gallery Cat

9781849767873

HB £12.99 Tate

Kathleen's pick



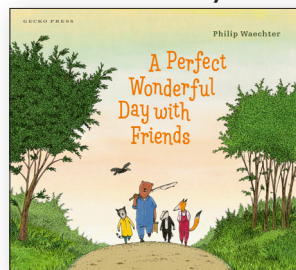
A Day That's Ours

9781838740757

HB £12.99 Flying Eye

Emilie's pick

"A very special book that is bursting with heart and perfectly captures the emotions that come with watching your child grow up. So stunning... a must read for every parent." - Emilie



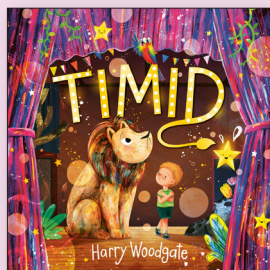
A Perfect Wonderful Day With Friends

9781776574667

HB £11.99 Gecko Press

Chloe's pick

"I think this is a perfect wonderful picture book. It's about celebrating the simple happy things in life with the people (or smartly dressed animals) you love." - Chloe



Timid

9781838915117

PB £7.99 Little Tiger

A pick for Julie and Emma

"Hurrah for the introvert!
The illustration is just beautiful." - Julie



When Mino Took the Bus

9781838740887

HB £12.99 Flying Eye Books

"This is a gorgeous picture book by Simona Ciraolo about a little chipmunk who is setting off into the world, but must first take a very important journey. On the bus he meets lots of new passengers and they swap stories and gifts and make the most of their time together. All of the woodland characters that he meets on the way are adorable and the soft colour palette adds to the heart warming message that teaches us about appreciating the small moments in life." - Emma

Emma's pick



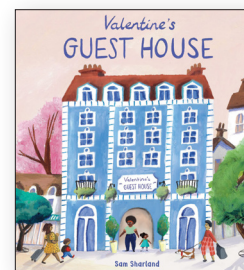
No Home for a Ghost

9781913339456

PB £7.99 Owllet Press

"A wonderfully unique Halloween title, this gorgeous picture book will not only reassure children that ghosts don't have to be scary – and they (like everyone) deserve a place to call home." - Sarah B

Sarah B's pick

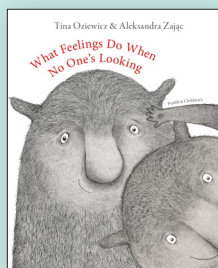


Valentine's Guest House

9781786285621

PB £7.99 Child's Play

Michaela's pick



What Feelings Do When No One's Looking

9781782693598

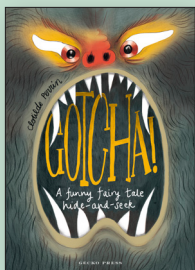
HB £12.99 Pushkin
Press

A pick for Robert, Sarah WN, Sarah W and Katie

"Making booksellers and *ahem* sales reps up and down the country cry. This book is touching, funny and painful. In fact it's ALL the feelings and experienced with every turn of the page." - Sarah WN

"I LOVE this book. Each page is a mini work of art with illustrations and words perfectly married. I want to give this to everyone I love. "Delight runs to show a friend a newly discovered book" - Sarah W

"This gorgeous book is as clever as it is emotional. With beautiful illustrations and simple text, it's sure to tug on the heartstrings of even the most cynical reader. A definite must-read!" - Katie



Gotcha!

9781776574698

HB £20.00 Gecko Press

A pick for Chloe, Sheila, Emma and Louise

"This book is a treasure! Clotilde's illustrations are witty and devilishly funny and will have readers looking inside the Three Little Pigs' kitchen cupboards time and time again." - Chloe

"Clotilde Perrin's latest is another gem; an adventure through the homes of three fairytale baddies, featuring her now traditional clever use of layers upon layers of flaps. With a nod to Maurice Sendak's classic Where the Wild Things Are, this is perfect for children and adults alike." - Louise



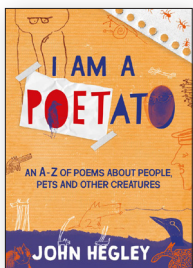
Birdsong

9781800900981

PB £6.99 B'Stokes

Michaela's pick

"This had me crying on the way home from work. Katya Balen's novella is a sensitive exploration of trauma and grief, wrapped up in a powerful evocation of the power of nature, friendship and music. So beautiful."

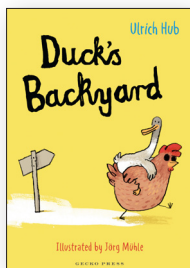


I Am A Poetato

9781913074340

PB £9.99 Otter-Barry

Steve's pick



Duck's Backyard

9781776574728

PB £7.99 Gecko Press

Kathleen's pick

"A humorous and philosophical tale about the friendship between a lame duck and blind hen. A very funny text paired with equally witty illustrations." - Kathleen

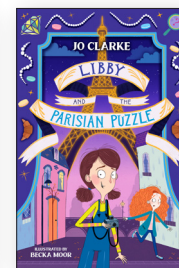


The Aquanaut

9780545497619

PB £10.99 Scholastic

Steve's pick



Libby and the Parisian Puzzle

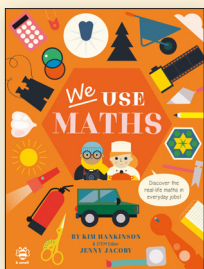
9781913102708

PB £7.99

Firefly Press

Lee's pick

"A fresh and exciting debut novel, an instant hit with booksellers!" - Lee



We Use Maths

9781913918231

PB £7.99 b small Publishing

Sarah B's pick

"With simple explanations and colourful illustrations, this title – and the accompanying We Use Science – will ensure children can no longer moan that they'll never use school subjects in real life! It also has the potential to surprise them with everyday examples of using maths, that they won't have thought about!" - Sarah B



Needle

9781800901018

PB £7.99 Barrington Stoke

CJ's pick

"An amazingly important story about the pressures of society on the young generation and how constantly they are failed by those meant to save them" - CJ



Like a Charm

9781913311278

PB £6.99 Knights Of

Sarah W's pick

"Elle McNicoll never disappoints in her writing. I have lived in Edinburgh for 30 years and this reaffirmed my love for this amazing city. I love how Elle's characters and their relationships develop through her stories and I cannot wait to see what Ramia does in Like A Curse." - Sarah W

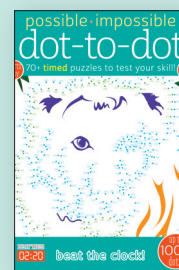


The Shadow Order

9781913102951

PB £7.99 Firefly Press

Kathleen's pick



Possible Impossible Dot to Dot

9781915458049

PB £9.99 iSeek



The Dragon Princess: Bloodmoon Huntress

9781338769951

PB £7.99 Scholastic

Picks for Tanya and her family



Resist

9781800901063

PB £7.99 B'Stokes

A pick for Julie and Sheila

"Possibly the best Tom Palmer yet! Brilliant combination of history and tension filled adventure" - Julie

"I love Audrey Hepburn and have always been fascinated by her life. Resist deserves so much more attention" - Sheila



Chloe and Immy's pick

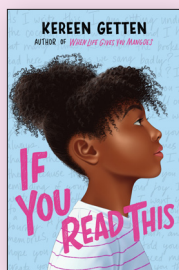
Hazel Hill is Gonna Win This One

9781913102975

PB £7.99 Firefly Press

"Hazel Hill is my favourite fictional heroine of 2022. She's clever, funny and brave. I loved the warmth of this story and the way that it tackled the tricky subject of sexism at school in a way that ultimately felt hopeful. Go Hazel!" - Chloe

"I absolutely loved Hazel; she's fiery but not afraid to show her vulnerable sides, and she's fully committed to standing up against bullying and sexual harassment. This is a book I wish had been available when I was entering my teenage years." - Immy



If You Read This

9781782692812

PB £7.99 Puskin Press

A pick for Julie and Sarah W

"I love Kereen Getten's writing, this is often a pass me a tissue read, but is also ultimately positive and hopeful. She is brilliant at unpicking complicated family situations and showing that it's possible to change and grow." - Julie

"Brie receives a present from her mother on her 12th birthday. Brie's mother died 3 years ago. The letters in the box lead Brie on one last treasure hunt around her home town. A beautiful book with a lovely cast of characters that I could have stayed with a lot longer." - Sarah W



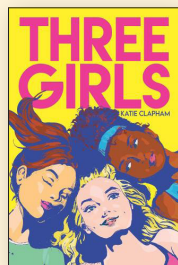
Immy's pick

The Bones of Me

9781914343032

PB £8.99 Flying Eye

"I couldn't put this book down during my commute to and from work. The dynamic mixture of verse and prose fully immerses the reader in the world of Molly: a bold East London teenage girl who dreams of being a boxer." - Immy



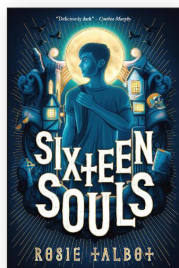
Louise's pick

Three Girls

9781912979806

PB £7.99 UCLan

"The YA debut from independent bookseller Katie Clapham, Three Girls is an utterly joyful read for younger teens. Following three very different girls as they form genuine friendships after being thrown together for a school photograph, it's a love letter to running and to learning to be yourself." - Louise



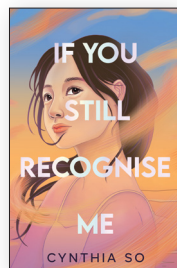
Sixteen Souls

9780702325328

PB £8.99 Scholastic

CJ's pick

"A story of courage and integrity in the face of terror and pain, this book was a moving story about humanity and the evils within us/it." - CJ



If You Still Recognise Me

9781788953443

PB £8.99 Little Tiger

Louise's pick

"I LOVED THIS. A brilliant debut, and one of the most warmly-written books I've read this year. An LGBTQ+ coming of age story, with wonderfully-drawn, engaging characters, which models healthy relationships of all kinds. Can't wait to see what Cynthia So does next." - Louise



Daughter of the Pirate King

9781782693680

PB £8.99 Pushkin Press

A pick for CJ and Lee

"Since women are constantly be dismissed as "Damsels in Distress", this thrilling read took that narrative to the next level, showing just how courageous and cutthroat a Princess can be." - CJ

"I loved this book, a terrific story which moves at a great pace and impossible to put down." - Lee



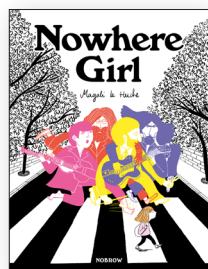
Thieves

9781838741198

PB £14.99 NoBrow

Michaela's pick

"This graphic novel warms by heart! Two teenage girls meet at a party and end up on a romantic adventure, returning stolen trinkets. All the love for this book." - Michaela



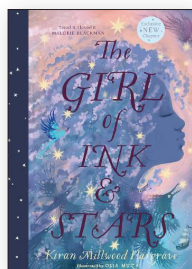
Nowhere Girl

9781913123192

PB £14.99 NoBrow

Lee's pick

"This graphic novel stands head and shoulders above others, wonderfully original with stunning illustrations." - Lee



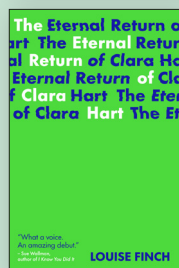
The Girl of Ink and Stars Illustrated Edition

9781913696313

HB £25.00 Chicken House

Sarah WN's pick

"The beauty and poetry of Kiran Millwood Hargrave's debut novel meets the sublime and heart-wrenching illustrations of Ukrainian illustrator Olia Muza – a simply stunning edition." - Sarah WN



The Eternal Return of Clara Hart

9781915071026 PB £8.99 Little Island

A pick for Steve and Beth

"With shades of Jenny Downham's You Against Me and Keith Gray's Ostrich Boys, The Eternal Return of Clara Hart's searingly incisive narrative takes toxic masculinity apart on a scalpel edge, captures the fragility and fraying of teenage loyalties and masterfully dismantles 'the boys club' word by word. A rousing call for accountability, perfectly executed." - Beth

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