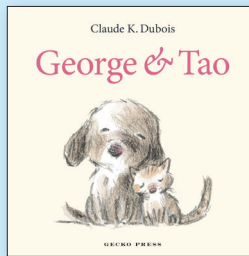


BOUNCE BOOKS OF THE YEAR

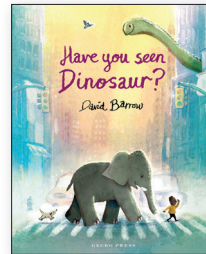


Song of the Birds
9781838914929
BB £12.99 Little Tiger
Sarah WN's Pick



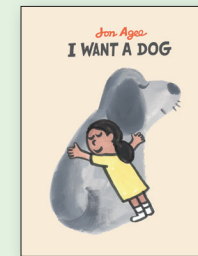
George & Tao
9781776575251
HB £9.99 Gecko
Katie's Pick

'This book is beyond adorable! Soft illustrations combine with a simply gorgeous story to tell the heart-warming tale of best friends George and Tao, who love playing together until one day Tao falls and hurts himself. The spreads showing a tiny George searching and waiting for his injured friend nearly broke my heart!' - Katie



Have you Seen Dinosaur?
9781776575138
HB £11.99 Gecko
Julie's Pick

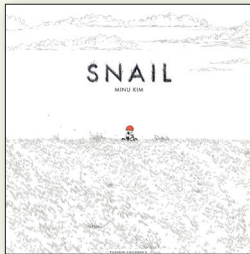
'The long awaited follow up to the magnificent Have you Seen Elephant does not disappoint. I really love David Barrow's textured artwork which cleverly guides us through another game of hide and seek in this interactive read together picture book. Great fun for small dinosaur lovers - surely everyone has one of those in their life?' - Julie



I Want A Dog
9781915252104
PB £7.99 Scallywag Press
Chloe and Emma's Pick

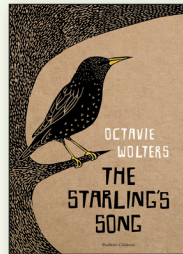
'I love this book! It's witty, subversive and great fun to read-aloud. By the end of the story you too will wish you had a pet seal just like Lucinda!' - Chloe

'I Want A Dog' is my favourite Jon Agee picture book and is perfect to read aloud. . The comic illustrations, facial expressions and range of absurd animals all build up to a satisfying conclusion.' - Emma



Snail
9781782694069
HB £12.99 Pushkin Children's
Michaela's Pick

'A beautiful hardback about a young boy who tries to keep up with his brother and his friends, but learns that it is ok to slow down and go at your own pace- something worth remembering in this busy world!' - Michaela



The Starling's Song
9781782694076
HB £12.99 Pushkin Children's
Yvonne and Sarah WN's Pick

'The striking linocut illustrations and heartwarming narrative by Octavie Wolters encourage readers to slow down, take a moment to observe the world around them and notice that beauty can be found in the smallest of details.' - Yvonne

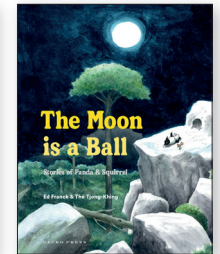


Hotel Didadoudou
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HB £12.99 Auzou
Sarah B's Pick

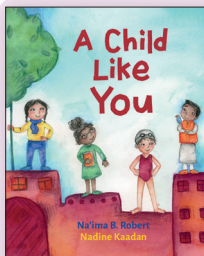
'A superb English translation of a quirky French picture book, Hotel Didadoudou is a Wes Anderson-esque rollick through Arthur the bellboy's days managing many guests and goings-on!' - Sarah B



Sea Change
9781913074180
HB £11.99 Otter-Barry
Steve's Pick

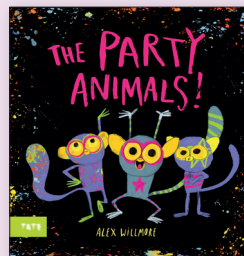


The Moon is a Ball
9781776574933
HB £12.99 Gecko Press
Alice (Tanya's Daughter)'s Pick



A Child Like You
9781913074173
HB £12.99 Otter-Barry
Books
Sarah W's Pick

'This beautiful picture book looks at the way 4 children have challenged and campaigned to make the world a better place for them and all children to grow up in.' - Sarah W



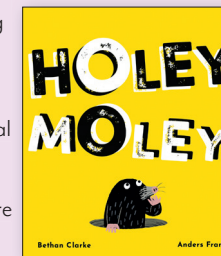
The Party Animals
9781849768757
HB £12.99 Tate
Publishing
Emilie's Pick

'The Party Animals is such a great addition to this series of picture books from Alex Willmore. It has all the friendly faces from previous titles with some gorgeously fluorescent funky monkeys thrown in for good measure!' - Emilie



Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf
9781801045001
HB £12.99 Little Tiger
Julie's Pick

'A very inclusive and entertaining retelling of Little Red Riding Hood, starring the indomitable Gina who has identified 3 BIG plot problems with this traditional tale, and sets off to fix them. Her autism assists her to rewrite the story in a very different (and more logical) way - look out for the brilliant use of face emojis when Gina is narrating the story.' - Julie



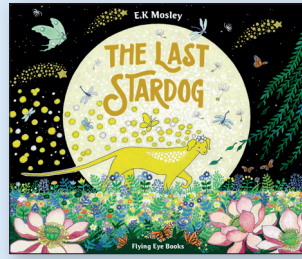
Holey Moley
9781801044134
HB £12.99 Little Tiger
Kathleen's Pick

'This is my picture book of the year. Holey Moley is the hilarious tale of Gus the Goat and Mavis the Mole. It is a brilliant read-aloud with fun, playful language which turns into a bit of a tongue-twister. This has been a real hit with my independent bookshops!' - Kathleen



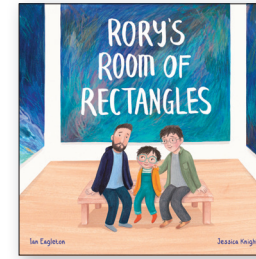
**Mildred the
Gallery Cat**
9781849768719
PB £7.99 Tate
Emma M's Pick

'A lovely and playful picture book inspired by the real Mildred the gallery cat who lived in the Tate Modern. My absolute favourite thing about the book is Mildred's face. There is so much personality and mischief captured in her little face. Her cheeky expression is instantly recognisable to any cat owner.' - Emma M

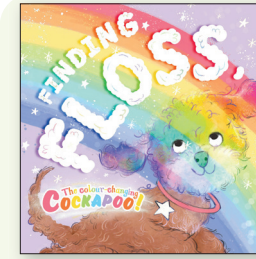


The Last Stardog
9781838741068
HB £15.99 Flying Eye Books
Emma M's Pick

'Not only does this picture book have a lovely message, but it is also without doubt the most beautiful picture book I have ever seen. Every illustration is a work of art, taking the reader on a journey through starry skies, white-crested waves, and lush meadows. It is such a special and timeless book.' - Emma M

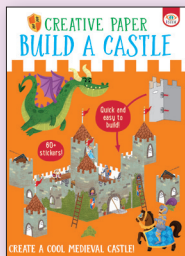


**Rory's Room
of Rectangles**
9781913339487
PB £7.99 Owlet Press
Sarah WN's Pick



**Finding Floss: The
colour-changing
Cockapoo!**
9781913339425
PB £7.99 Owlet Press
Cassie's Pick

'What could be better than a book that ends with a super sausage stack?! I love all of Floss' fun disguises and I'd quite like to hide in some ice cream toppings myself! I hope one day I can save the day like Floss – and maybe we'll even bump into each other on a walk' - Cassie (Yvonne's Cockapoo)



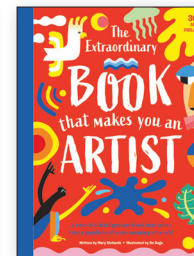
Build a Castle
9781915458933
PB £8.99 iSeek
Katie's Pick

'This neatly packed wallet contains much more than first meets the eye - not only do you have all the instructions and materials needed to make your very own 3D medieval castle (complete with working catapult!) but there are stickers, movable turrets and a book to learn all about castle life.

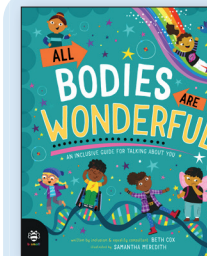
The model itself is cleverly illustrated with really fun little characters on the stickers. Charming yet practical!' - Katie



**The Extraordinary
Book That Invents
Itself**
9781915588098
FLEXI £10.99 Weldon
Owen Children's
Steve's Pick



**The Extraordinary
Book That Makes
You An Artist**
9781915588173
FLEXI £12.99 Weldon
Owen Children's
Robert's Pick



**All Bodies Are
Wonderful**
9781913918583
HB £9.99 b small
Sarah B's Pick

'A VERY wonderful book about celebrating the differences within ourselves and our bodies.

Approaching this popular yet sometimes controversial topic through a scientific lens helps children make sense of a difficult but important topic, and gives adults the vocabulary to talk to them about stereotypes and discrimination.' - Sarah B



The Observologist
9781776575190
HB £16.99 Gecko Press - Tim
**Emma R
and Tim's Pick**

'The Observologist' is a unique and brilliant reference book for kids (and adults) who are curious about observing the world around them. I love the humour mixed in with the facts, and the invaluable 'How To' sections, including 'How To Get a Fly To Go Outside' and 'How to Help an Exhausted Bee'. Essential life skills everyone should learn.' - Emma R

'The type of book which makes you long to be a child again. Chock-full of fascinating facts, incredible illustrations and a bags of witty asides, this is a non-fiction book like no other. The attention to detail is outstanding. On top of all of that, this book is a testament to slowing down, then looking down and taking the time to appreciate the little things in life.'



Over The Rainbow
9781838740870
HB £14.99 Flying Eye
Books
Chloe's Pick

'Beautiful, happy, book alert! This fascinating guide to rainbows is a total joy to behold. Bright and cheerful illustrations take us on a tour through the colourful spectrum of rainbow science, mythology and cultural significance. A delightful addition to any bookshelf.' - Chloe



**Greeking Out
(Podcast Tie-In)**
9781426375965
HB £12.99 National
Geographic Kids
Robert's Pick



**Donut Feed
The Squirrels**
9781782694526
PB £8.99 Pushkin
Tim (& Nate)'s Pick

'I read this book in one go (which is a bit rare for me) but I did and it's brilliant! I love the artwork and the pages aren't cluttered so you get to see all the crazy things Norma and Belly get up to (I want to ride a donut machine). By the way, Gramps is hilarious!' - Nate

'Reading this book made me want to make a comic book of my own. A wonderfully illustrated and hilariously written book about hungry squirrels, exploding dough, runaway roller skates and a donut party. It's not hard to see why this unique, charming, graphic novel has already won awards.' - Tim



**Juniper Mae: Knight
of Tykotech City**
9781912497454
PB £9.99 Flying Eye Books
Michaela and Lee's Pick

'Juniper Mae: Knight of Tykotech City – "I really loved this book, Juniper is so clever and likeable, graphic novels don't get any better!" - Lee



**Michael the Amazing Mind-
Reading Sausage Dog**
9781915444134
PB £6.99 Firefly Press
**Tanya
(and her Family)'s Pick**



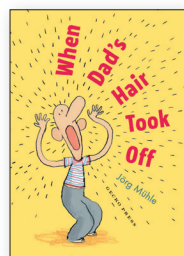
**Ivy Newt and
the Storm Witch**
9781915252180
PB £7.99 Scallywag Press
Michaela's Pick

'My new favourite witch! We all love Ivy! The new series is great for newly independent readers!' - Michaela



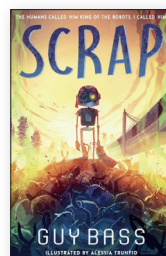
**Wildsmith:
Into the Dark Forest**
9781915235046
PB £7.99 UCLan
Louise's Pick

'The first in a younger middle-grade series from Liz Flanagan, Into the Dark Forest introduces us to Rowan, an adventurous young girl sent to live with her estranged grandfather when war comes to her city. Here she learns that she's inherited the ability to speak to animals...including a family of dragons in danger from bandits. With illustrations from Joe Todd-Stanton throughout, this is a charming read.' - Louise



**When Dad's Hair
Took Off**
9781776575213
PB £7.99 Gecko Press
Lee's Pick

'Gecko have discovered another gem, a joy from start to finish!' - Lee



Scrap
9781788955973
PB £7.99 Little Tiger
Steve's Pick



**The Wrath of the
Woolington Wymr**
9781782694137
PB £7.99 Pushkin
Katie and Immy's Pick

'This nostalgic, wholesome adventure took me right back to my childhood, devouring Enid Blyton mysteries before bed. With beautiful illustrations, fast-paced plot and a quaint village setting, there's so much to love about this book!' - Katie

'I loved this charming fantasy adventure story for its enchanting depiction of fantasy in a very real world, for its delightful black and white illustrations and for its wonderful heroine, Mary-Kate, who manages and overcomes her tendency to over-worry by throwing herself into adventure' - Immy

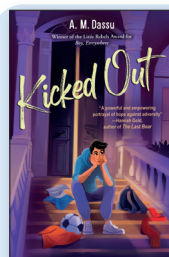


**Wings of Fire:
The Dragonet Prophecy**
9780545349239
PB £7.99 Scholastic
**Jonathon
(Tanya's son)'s Pick**



Nightjar
9781800901667
PB £7.99
Barrington Stoke
Emilie's Pick

'Katya Balen's writing is complex, yet effortless and the way she can build a world in such a short story is seriously impressive. A stunning addition to the Barrington Stoke list.' - Emilie



Kicked Out
9781910646892
PB £7.99
Old Barn Books
Immy's Pick

'As well as being an empathy-inspiring and necessary book that confronts its reader with the difficulties and discrimination that refugees face in our society, this is a wonderful story about friendship and family that shows how friends come together to support each other, and how family relationships can be repaired' - Immy



Play
9781915444318
PB £8.99 Firefly Press
Immy's Pick



**A Calamity of
Mannerings**
9781915235091
PB £8.99
UCLan Publishing
Michaela's Pick



The Lonely Book
9781915071446
PB £8.99 Little Island
Yvonne's Pick

'A touching story about a non-binary person who comes to understand and accept themselves with the help of a magical bookshop. Meg Grehan skilfully conveys complex emotions and the charm of independent bookshops in accessible lines of verse.' - Yvonne



The Agency for Scandal

9780702303241
PB £8.99
Scholastic Children's
Louise and Sarah W's Pick

'Another one-sitting read, The Agency for Scandal is the latest historical romance from Laura Wood. Warmly-written with a modern feminist sensibility, this was a treat.' - Louise

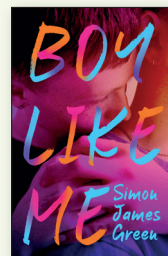
'I loved this book so much. It was the perfect read for darker, colder days. It is romantic, feminist, scandalous and smart. I saw a description of this book as "Bridgerton meets Charlie's Angels" and that is not wrong. I am so excited for the sequel. Netflix?????' - Sarah W



Only this Beautiful Moment

9781788957045
PB £8.99
Little Tiger
Emma's Pick

'This book is outstanding. It masterfully navigates themes such as queerness, intergenerational trauma, and the importance of community. Abdi Nazemian is an excellent storyteller and I felt so connected to each family member's emotional journey.' - Emma M



Boy Like Me
9780702313653
PB £8.99 Scholastic
Julie and Sarah W's Pick

'Definitely one of those devour in one sitting books. A brilliantly funny, nostalgic, political older teen read that reminds us that Section 28 was alive and well until just 20 years ago. Moved me to tears on several occasions, also reminds us of the importance of great librarians in shaping and guiding children's lives. There are even footnotes! What's not to like!' - Julie

'Section 28 became law in the UK in 1988 and was in force in parts of the UK in 2003...I would urge everyone to read this so that they can understand how easy these things can be introduced as law and how it can impact on people's lives. Usual brilliant writing from Simon James Green. A subject he clearly feels passionate about.' - Sarah W



The Girl Who Grew Wings
9781912626540
PB £8.99
Chicken House
CJ's Pick

'This was a wonderfully magical story about family, loyalty and admitting to mistakes. I loved the strength of each character within this book, both human and Nephilim (is there are better word for Angels and Demons as a group?).' - CJ

BOUNCE BOOK OF THE YEAR!



The Final Year
9781915659040
PB £8.99 Otter-Barry Books

'So many people who have read this have come back to me to say they see themselves and their lives in this book and wish they had a book like this as a child. That includes me. There was no book that reflected growing up on a council estate in a confused blended family when I was 10.

I have been selling children's books for 27 years and nothing has had the impact or the reaction that this book has had. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to sell and talk about The Final Year.'
- Sarah W

'Without a doubt, my book of the year!

This is a moving, accessible, middle-grade novel written in free verse by Matt Goodfellow, complete with perfect illustrations by Joe Todd-Stanton. I knew this was special as soon as I read the manuscript and I am delighted that so many booksellers and teachers seem to agree.

This is a book which stays with you long after you have finished reading it. This book has prize-winner written all over it!' - Kathleen

'The Final Year is that all too rare thing; a story written by a northern author in a northern dialect and set in a working class northern family.

It's so incredibly important for children to see themselves represented on the page, and Matt Goodfellow's latest does just that. Written lyrically in verse, this middle grade novel follows Nate through his final year at primary school; through ups and downs in friendships and family illness with the support of inspirational teacher Mr Joshua.

A love letter to David Almond's classic Skellig, the novel is beautifully illustrated throughout by Joe Todd-Stanton. A onesitting read which had me fighting back tears throughout, this is a special, special book.' - Louise

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