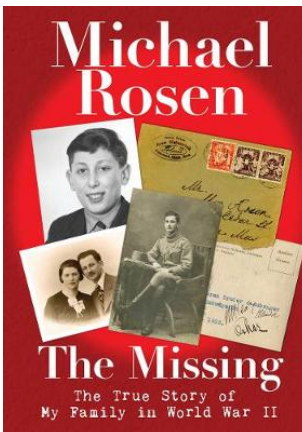


The Undeclared

Author: Kwame Alexander **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 20/02/2020 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2

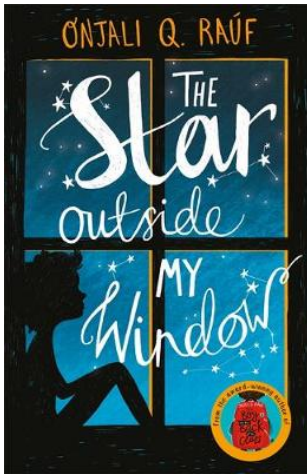
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 | Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2020 Written for and about “the swift and sweet ones/who hurdled history and opened a world of possible”, for those who “survived America by any means necessary. And the ones who didn’t,” this is an inspiring ode to the author’s forebears and to the world-changing feats of unforgettable Black American figures. Author Kwame Alexander’s initial inspiration for this book came in the year his second daughter was born, the same year Barack Obama became the first African American president of the USA. As a result, Alexander wanted his daughters “to know how we got to this historic moment”, which is exactly what this stirring book does. The chained slaves who kept faith, the elite Olympians, the innovative musicians, the seminal scientists, the courageous activists - people from all walks of life are celebrated in Alexander’s poetically poised words, and gloriously illustrated by Kadir Nelson, with much for young children to ponder and ask questions about. As well as being a wonderful way for parents to explore Black American history with their little ones on a one-to-one basis, this will also work well with older children in a classroom context. Indeed, this is one of those rare and wonderful picture books that defies age boundaries - a radiant, resonant unforgettable tour de force, as befits its theme.



The Missing

Author: Michael Rosen **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 12/12/2019 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

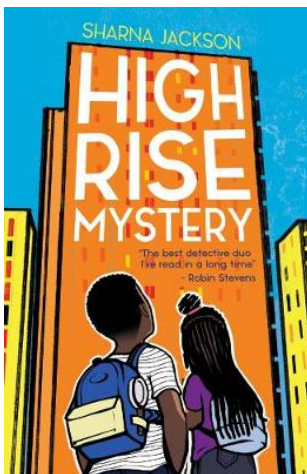
Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 A personal, powerful and resonant account of the Holocaust by one of this country's best-loved children's authors. By turns charming, shocking and heart-breaking, this is the true story of Michael Rosen's search for his relatives who went missing during the Second World War - told through prose, poetry, maps and pictures.



The Star Outside my Window

Author: Onjali Q. Rauf **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/10/2019
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2021 The children are once again front and centre of this author's second book. But like multi-award winning *The Boy at The Back of the Class*, the foundations of the story are very dark indeed. In this case domestic violence and the murder of Aniyah and Noah's beloved mother. But this is not a grim YA novel. It is a book from the perspective of ten-year-old Aniyah and written for children of the same age so you can be reassured that there is nothing gratuitous or explicit. Aniyah and Noah are in foster care with the remarkable Mrs Iwuchukwu, alongside the grumpy, manipulative teenage Sophie and Travis and Ben who are the same age as her. Aniya has always been fascinated by astrology and she believes that when special people die, they become shining stars in the heavens. When a new star is spotted and behaves in an unexpected way, she believes that this is her Mum and she makes it her mission to ensure that the public competition to name this amazing new star will recognise that truth. Even though Ben and Travis know what really happened to her Mum they are wonderful steadfast friends and they vow to help the mission and not let the awful Sophie ruin the plans. So the madcap adventure begins and every reader will be rooting for the children through one disaster and crisis after another. The children are beautifully depicted, and their relationship and their dialogue is natural and funny. The reader gets gradual hints from flashbacks of what really happened as realisation dawns on Aniya and the reader becomes all too aware of the emotional cost of living in a home soured by domestic violence. But this happens within a safe context. Aniya and Noah have found a haven and a future. Once again this author has given us a warm, funny and poignant read, with a thought provoking serious side, which is perfectly judged and accessible for its audience.

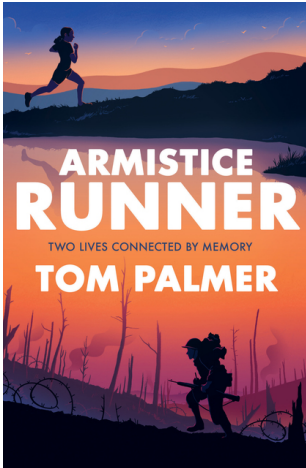


High-Rise Mystery

Author: Sharna Jackson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/04/2019
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Winner of the Younger Readers' category of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2020 | Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 | Longlisted for the Branford Boase Award 2020

Sisters Nik and Norva would agree that they are slightly obsessed with murder mystery series on the television so, when a body is discovered in their block of flats, they are sure they are the right people to discover the truth. Balancing jokey dialogue and insights into the reality of city life, Sharna Jackson has written a very likeable, fast-paced book. Books in the High-Rise Mystery Series: 1. High-Rise Mystery 2. Mic Drop



Armistice Runner

Author: Tom Palmer **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/09/2018
Year Groups: Key Stage 3

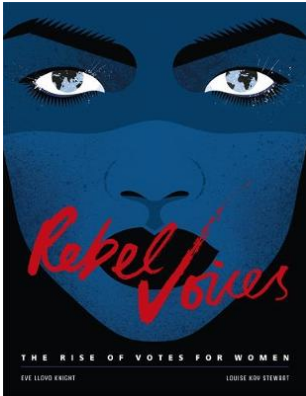
Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2020 | Shortlisted for the Children's Book Awards 2019, Books for Older Readers Category
Interest Age 8-10 Reading Age 8 | World War One remains a subject of fascination for readers of all ages, but Tom Palmer finds an original way in to the topic in this poignant new story. Lily is a keen fell runner, though she's fed up of coming in as runner up in races. A visit to her grandparents reveals a surprise: her great-grandfather ran on the fells too. His experiences are recounted vividly in his diary, both his runs in his beloved Cumbria and his experiences as a soldier, recruited to run between positions on the front line, carrying crucial information to the allies. Their shared experiences form a powerful connection, and help Lily to understand herself better, and also to help her grandma when she needs it most. Today and yesterday are seamlessly woven together in a story that will move readers in lots of different ways.



You Are Awesome

Author: Matthew Syed **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 19/04/2018
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

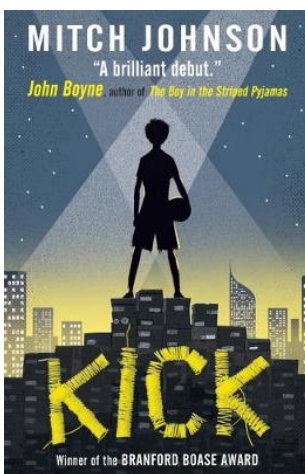
Table tennis champion Matthew Syed offers his very best advice on how all children can help themselves to become better at anything they put their hand to. Divided up into stories, visuals, charts and brief inspirational messages Matthew Syed is inspiring and uplifting as he address his readers. He stresses the importance of creating a confident mindset and argues that, armed with self-belief, anyone can achieve amazing things both mentally and physically. A book to browse and revisit again and again for the useful ways it exhorts and coaxes all readers to make the best of themselves.



Rebel Voices

Author: Louise K Stewart **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 11/01/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Visually stunning, brief but inspiring vignettes of campaigners for women's rights around the world.



Kick

Author: Mitch Johnson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/09/2017 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2019 | Winner of the Branford Boase Award 2018 Like lots of kids in this country, Budi lives for football, training with his friends whenever he can, following his team with a passion and dreaming about playing at the top level. But Budi lives in Jakarta and works ten hours a day making the football boots his sporting heroes wear, and earning just pennies for doing it. The descriptions of his working conditions will shock readers, but Budi's acceptance of them as inevitable is almost more upsetting. Lively, funny, always optimistic, Budi will win readers' hearts and his positivity ensures the book remains an accessible page-turner even as his life gets very bleak indeed. A vividly told story that has lots to say about the world, and the importance of hope and fate, represented here by Real Madrid.

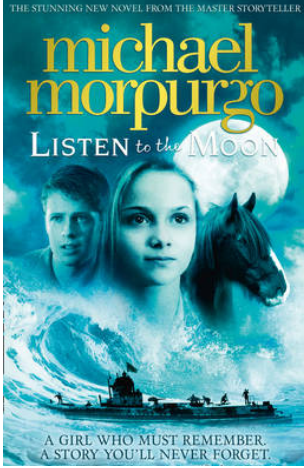


Beetle Boy

Author: M.G. Leonard **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/03/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Winner of the Branford Boase Award 2017 | One of our Books of the Year 2016 | Shortlisted for the Children's category of the Books are My Bag Readers Awards 2016 | Longlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award and March 2016 Julia Eccleshare's Debut of the Month A rollicking adventure spiced up with fascinating information about beetles, this debut novel fuses science, survival and sleuthing! Darkus's life is turned upside down when his father goes missing. Darkus refuses to accept that his father is dead and he is determined to find out what happened for himself. Sent to stay with his uncle, he discovers the strange neighbours have a yard full of junk – and beetles. Darkus is befriended by a handsome, giant beetle who seems to understand Darkus and is also connected to his dad's disappearance.

What is going on? And who is Lucretia Cutter, one of the best villainess since Cruella de Vil? Books in The Battle of the Beetles Series: 1. Beetle Boy 2. Beetle Queen 3. Battle of the Beetles



Listen to the Moon

Author: Michael Morpurgo **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/08/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

Shortlisted for Children's Book Award 2016, Books for Older Readers category Shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award 2014 The Costa Judges described Morpurgo's novel, which begins in May 1915, as "a captivating, utterly transporting war novel that lives on powerfully in the memory". A beautiful and captivating tour de force of family, love, war and forgiveness, this is a major new novel from the author of War Horse and Private Peaceful, Michael Morpurgo and is set in World War One on the Isles of Scilly. A tale in which things that were lost may still wash up, once again, on the shore. As ever with Michael it is always a story of family and stories.

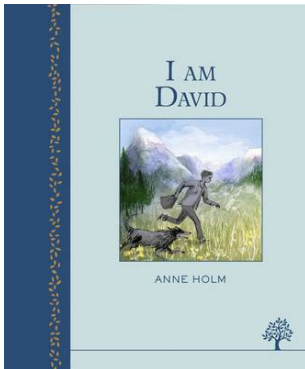


Goodnight Mister Tom

Author: Michelle Magorian **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 04/06/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

A heart breaking and heart warming story of a special friendship that grows between Willie Beech, evacuated to the country to avoid the Blitz on London, and Tom Oakley, the reserved old man who takes him in. Willie has been lonely and neglected all his life as his mother lacks the ability to care for him. Under Mister Tom's patient and kind guidance Willie grows emotionally and physically to become the boy he should have been. But then his mother wants him back home in London. Must Willie loose everything that has made him happy? Be sure to check out other books by this author. Just Henry, A Spoonful of Jam, A little Love Song, Cuckoo In The Nest. Puffin Fact! The beech tree's slim trunk gave Michelle Magorian the idea for her skinny evacuee's name - William Beech. Download more Puffin Facts here! _____ Dear readers, dreamers and adventurers, Ever wanted a friend who could take you to magical realms, talk to animals or help you survive a shipwreck? Well, you'll find them all in the PUFFIN BOOK collection. A PUFFIN BOOK will stay with you forever. Maybe you'll read it again and again, or perhaps years from now you'll suddenly remember the moment it made you laugh or cry or simply see things differently. Adventurers big and small, rebels out to change their world, even a mouse with a dream and a spider who can spell - these are the characters who make stories that last a lifetime. Whether you love animal tales, war stories or want to know what it was like growing up in a different time and place, the A PUFFIN BOOK collection has a story for you - you just need to decide where you want to go next... We want to know which is your favourite.

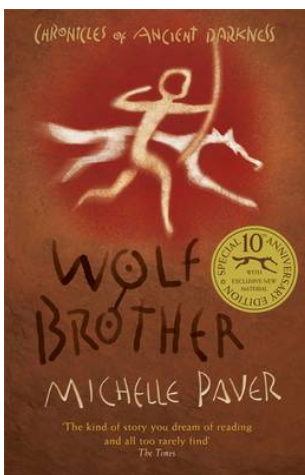
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I am David

Author: Anne Holm **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 29/01/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Anne Holm's novel, first published in the UK in 1965, is one of the most honest and searing accounts for children of man's inhumanity to man. It's also one of the most hopeful. It tells the haunting story of a 12-year-old boy who is helped to escape from a concentration camp in Eastern Europe by an otherwise hateful guard. Convinced this is a trap to kill him, David nevertheless sets off by way of Greece, Italy, Switzerland and Germany in order to get to Denmark, where his former captor had told him he would find ultimate safety. His journey is full of incident, this is a tense and exciting story. Brought up in the camp, David knows nothing of the outside world, but he knows who he is. No matter what happens, he has decided he will not give in to men who love violence and he won't let them change him. Holm felt that children need 'real, valuable literature' and I Am David is a masterpiece. This new edition is an attractive little hardback, its clear layout matches David's voice. ~ Andrea Reece



Wolf Brother

Author: Michelle Paver **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/09/2014
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

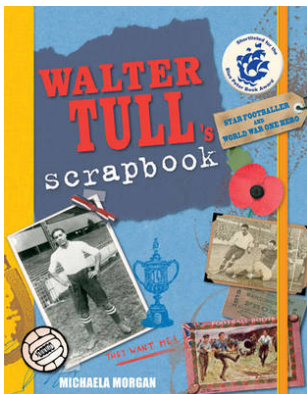
One of THE top children's books of the last decade is none other than WOLF BROTHER, which is the first in a brilliant series called The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness. Perfect for a new generation of children to enjoy this edition is a gorgeous 10th anniversary edition which is not to be missed. Rich in detail which brings the past to life and makes the forest background vivid to all readers, Wolf Brother tells how orphaned Torak must set out on a terrible mission. Tricked, trapped and betrayed at almost every turn, it's a lonely quest but Torak finds comfort in the support of a wolf cub. Relying on their quick wits, the two journey through danger until Torak must make the final sacrifice. Books in The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness Series: 1. Wolf Brother 2. Spirit Walker 3. Soul Eater 4. Outcast 5. Oathbreaker 6. Ghost Hunter 7. Viper's Daughter



A Wrinkle in Time

Author: Madeleine L'Engle **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/07/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

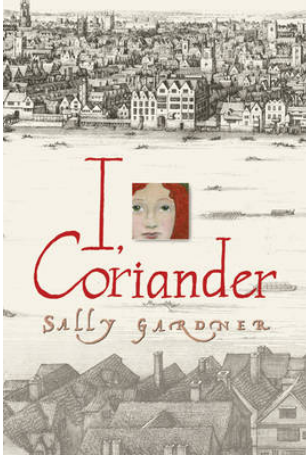
Caroline Lawrence, July 2012 Guest Editor: "When I was in fourth grade, (Year 4), our teacher Mrs. Eckhardt would give us each a eucalyptus drop (hard candy) and read us this existential sci-fi classic out loud for the last fifteen minutes of the day. This is a story where the fate of the galaxy rests in the hands of a few geeky kids. I remember being enthralled, terrified, amazed and transported. What a teacher! What a book!" Also chosen by November 2011 Guest Editor Steve Cole: "A year before 'Doctor Who' first aired on our screens this lively and satisfying fantasy gave us Mrs Who, the original mysterious alien to travel the universe with a clutch of humans. She's one of three immortal entities (together with Mrs Which and Mrs Whatsit) embroiled in a long struggle against the evil Black Thing, a cosmic cloud of darkness. Three human children are recruited to join the battle, traversing the universe via wrinkles in space-time. Compelling and profound, the aliens and strange worlds they encounter still evoke awe and wonder in this reader." Books in The Wrinkle in Time Series: 1. A Wrinkle in Time 2. A Wind in the Door 3. A Swiftly Tilting Planet 4. Many Waters 5. An Acceptable Time



Walter Tull's Scrapbook

Author: Michaela Morgan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/11/2013 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

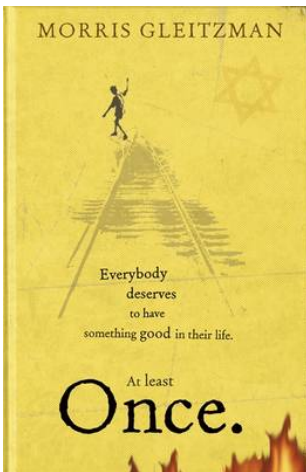
Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Awards 2013 - Best Book with Facts In personal jottings, photos and pictures, this scrapbook brings alive a pioneering black footballer and British officer in the First World War who lived outside the limitations of his age - from Walter's childhood in an orphanage through his footballing years at Spurs and Northampton to the Western Front, highlighting the Christmas Day Truce of 1914, Walter's officer training - pipe, moustache and all! - ending with his death on the Somme, his memorials and his legacy.



I, Coriander

Author: Sally Gardner **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 05/06/2006 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Sally Gardner is a formidable talent as she manages so successfully to entrance, engage and grip the reader in a historical setting and in the originality of the storyline. The richness of the prose will delight adult and child alike leaving you gasping for breath and clamoring for more.



Once.

Author: Morris Gleitzman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/02/2006 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

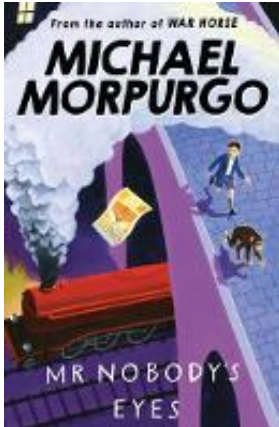
A moving and convincing child-eye view of what happened to the children of Poland after the Germans invaded. Felix has been placed by his parents in an orphanage for safe-keeping but, when the Germans come and burn the books in the orphanage library, Felix knows he must set out to return to his parents who are booksellers and make sure they are safe. Felix's journey is dangerous and desperate but also full of courage and hope in a world where friendships and loyalty are the glue that hold things together.



Talking Turkeys

Author: Benjamin Zephaniah **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/08/1995 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Selected by a distinguished independent panel of experts including our editorial expert, Julia Eccleshare, for Diverse Voices - 50 of the best Children's Books celebrating cultural diversity in the UK. A thought provoking and wide reaching collection of poetry for children that explodes from the page begging to be read aloud.



Mr Nobody's Eyes

Author: Michael Morpurgo **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 04/09/2006

A tale of fun and friendship from former Children's Laureate and author of War Horse, Michael Morpurgo. Harry heard the key turn in the lock. He had already made up his mind to run. Harry is in trouble at school, and doesn't like his stepfather or the new baby. Then he befriends Ocky, a chimpanzee from the circus. Ocky's owner won't mind if Harry borrows her for a bit, will he? But then Harry's stepfather and the police find out. Harry and the chimp are soon on the run! A gripping and poignant animal adventure from the master storyteller of An Eagle in the Snow, Listen to the Moon, Shadow, and An Elephant in the Garden. Michael Morpurgo has written more than a hundred books and won the Whitbread Award, the Smarties Award, the Circle of Gold Award, the Children's Book Award and has been short-listed for the Carnegie Medal four times.



The Arrival

Author: Shaun Tan **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 28/07/2014

What drives so many to leave everything behind and journey alone to a mysterious country, a place without family or friends, where everything is nameless and the future is unknown. This silent graphic novel is the story of every migrant, every refugee, every displaced person, and a tribute to all those who have made the journey. THE ARRIVAL has become one of the most critically acclaimed books of recent years, a wordless masterpiece that describes a world beyond any familiar time or place. Sited as No 35 in The Times 100 Best Books of all time. An imaginative triumph. Every home should have one. - The Times It will fascinate and occupy adults and children alike. - The Observer Read more about The Arrival at www.thearrival.com.au Find out more about Shaun Tan at <http://www.shauntan.net>