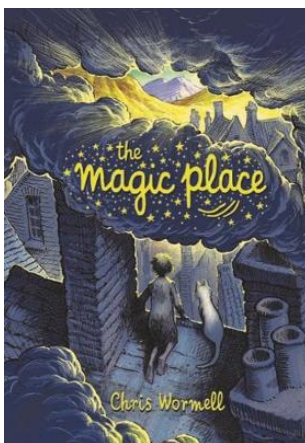


Anisha, Accidental Detective

Author: Serena Patel **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/03/2020
Year Groups: Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2

“Numbers are great, they make sense - unlike people. You’d think this if you lived with my family.” So Anisha sets the scene for the madcap mystery that unfolds in the chaotic run-up to her Aunty Bindi’s epic wedding. Anisha loves her “sparkly” Aunty Bindi, but it’s not easy being bridesmaid to such a flamboyant figure, especially when she’s on the verge of having a “mega meltdown”! Matters take a scarier turn when Anisha finds a ransom note announcing that Tony, Bindi’s fiancé, has been kidnapped and the wedding must be called off if they want to see him again. “Why did I have to be the one who found the note?” she laments. “I DON’T LIKE DRAMA!” But, in order to prevent her already frazzled family from spiraling into further chaos, Anisha decides to find Tony herself, with the help of her best friend Milo. A hilarious race against time ensues, with clues to pursue, undercover surveillance to be done and the involvement of some decidedly curious characters (among them a weeing lobster), and the menace of Anisha’s “evil” cousins-to-be. The story shimmers with the vibrant exuberance of an Indian wedding, the special warmth of family and friends, and action-packed amusement. Special mention must go to the informative (and funny) footnotes that explain Indian food, customs and language referred to in the story, and to Emma McCann’s energetic illustrations. April 2020 Debut of the Month Books in the Anisha, Accidental Detective Series: 1. Anisha, Accidental Detective 2. School's Cancelled

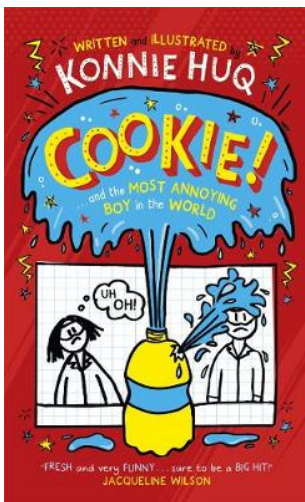


The Magic Place

Author: Chris Wormell **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 22/08/2019
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Clementine - though she is usually called Oiya (Oy, you) by her dreadful Aunt and Uncle - has dreams of a magic place she may have once known. Her only friend is the cat Gilbert (called Giblets by Aunt Vermillia and Uncle Rufus) as Clementine has a Cinderella-like existence working all day and then being locked away in the cellar at night. She glimpses the sky through looking up the chimney in her cellar, until one day she looks out of a window in the house and sees the magic place she has imagined... Then follows a great adventure through the Great Black City as Clementine miraculously escapes and tries to find her magic place. Clementine is a very determined little girl, many would have given up in her circumstances, but she knows she can find her magic place. The book is a very tactile object, a lovely size for smaller hands as they get involved in this wonderful adventure. Black and white illustrations on virtually every page - Wormell is famed for his wood cuts and lino cuts - with a nod to the style of Gustav Doré, give this an authentic Dickensian feel. The generous illustrations paired with the fast-paced story make this a book children will enjoy reading for

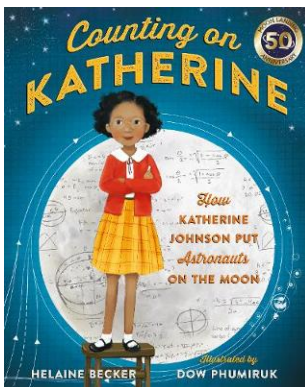
pleasure!



Cookie and the Most Annoying Boy in the World

Author: Konnie Huq **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 08/08/2019
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

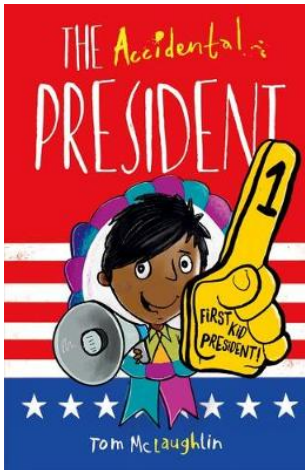
Well-known children's TV presenter Konnie Huq has created this delightful novel, illustrated throughout with small sketches and some very humorous footnotes! Cookie is a bright, bold character, who doesn't understand the word no, who leaps in with both feet – and so gets herself into trouble just a little too often. When her best friend announces her family plan to move away Cookie is bereft – not helped by the arrival of a very annoying boy – who moves in next door to Cookie. Cookie wants to represent her school on the Brainbusters TV quiz programme, but to do so she must win the Y5 science project – will she do it? The storytelling is funny and energetic – just like Cookie. There are some real laugh out loud moments, paired with explanations and methods on the science experiments described in the book – and hints on how to do them safely at home. A real pleasure to have a book encouraging scientific exploration in such a fun way – and such a strong young female character.



Counting on Katherine

Author: Helaine Becker **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 16/05/2019
Year Groups: Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2

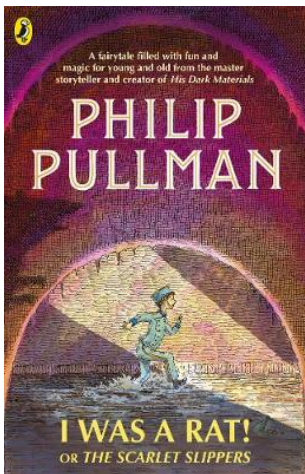
Winner of the UKLA Book Awards 2020 Told with crystalline clarity and verve, and fabulously enhanced by the stylish illustrations, this tells the remarkable against-the-odds tale of Katherine Johnson from her days as an exceptional African American schoolgirl whose “boundless curiosity turned her into a star student”. But despite her brightness, ten-year-old Katherine faced the terrible restraints of segregation – as an African American she wasn't permitted to study at her local high school. As she “burned with fury”, her family determined to get Katherine the education she deserved and so they moved to a town with a high school for black students. Her path to working on Project Apollo required incredible perseverance, but thanks to that, and to her outstanding mathematical skills, the world could count on Katherine to set the moon landings back on course. Shot-through with a rousing sense of Katherine's determination and dedication to her work, and with her shining mathematical brilliance, this beautiful book deserves to be on the shelves of every space-loving child.



The Accidental President

Author: Tom McLaughlin **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/07/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

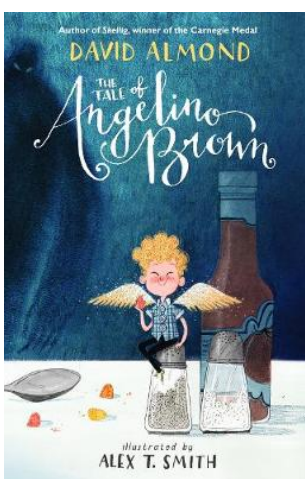
The latest in a justifiably popular and inventive series is highly topical and all the more enjoyable.



I Was a Rat! Or, The Scarlet Slippers

Author: Philip Pullman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/06/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

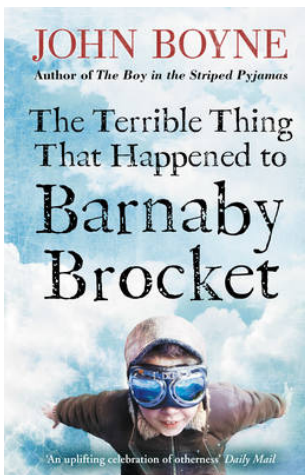
Acclaimed author Philip Pullman turns his hand to a stunning and original story for younger readers. Who is Roger? He says he was a rat - and some of the time he behaves like a rat. But, he is also a small boy. Or, he could be the Monster of the sewers...Everyone has a view - including The Daily Scourge - who tells their own version in screaming newspaper headlines. There is just one person who really knows who Roger is. And she's the princess...Cleverly, Pullman weaves together strands of story from different sources creating a fast-paced and multi-layered adventure.



The Tale of Angelino Brown

Author: David Almond **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/04/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

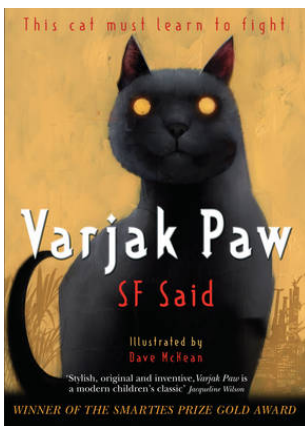
Longlisted for the UKLA 2018 Book Award A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month April 2018 | Award-winning David Almond's new story for younger reader is a delightfully lightly told, warm-hearted story perfect for all those who are willing believe in a little bit of something special. When a little angel turns up in Bert's pocket as he drives the bus all kinds of remarkable things begin to happen. Bert takes Angelino home to Betty and he brings great happiness into their lives. When Betty takes Angelino to school he delights the children too. Only the acting Head Teacher Mrs Mole, her horrible side-kick Professor Smellie and the imposter of a school inspector are untouched by his magical qualities. But who is Angelino? David Almond inspires readers' imagination and raises questions about definitions of good and bad. It is a Wonderful book.



The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket

Author: John Boyne **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 28/03/2013
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

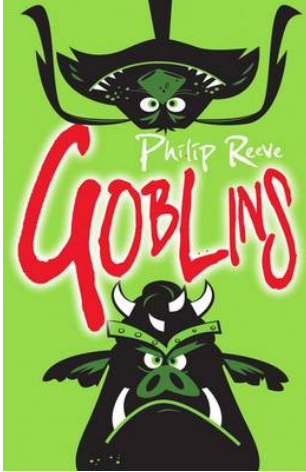
Shortlisted for the Little Rebel Children's Book Award 2013. In an entertaining adventure that is also full of charm and whimsy, best-selling author John Boyne champions the right of children to be different. Barnaby Brocket's parents want only thing - to lead an utterly normal life. But when Barnaby, their third child is born, they know at once that he is very far from normal. The problem is, Barnaby cannot stay on the ground; he floats ever upwards unless weighted down or restrained. Embarrassed by their problem son and the attention he may attract, Barnaby's parents let him go...Now a free spirit and travelling in many different ways, Barnaby's adventures take him across the world where he meets all kinds of people who, just because they are not exactly what their parents want them to be, have been similarly disowned by their parents. ~ Julia Eccleshare



Varjak Paw

Author: S. F. Said **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 13/03/2014
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

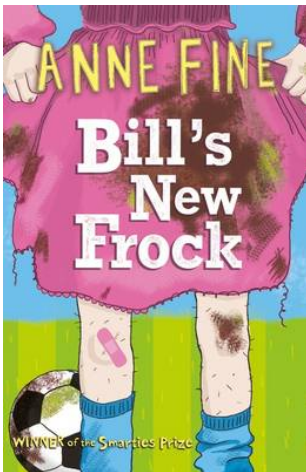
Beguiling and mysterious, thought provoking and as wise as the feline hero, this is becoming a modern classic.



Goblins

Author: Philip Reeve **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/04/2012
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2012. Fans of Mortal Engines will devour Philip Reeves's richly detailed goblin extravaganza. The dank and dark towers and stairways of Clovenstone Keep are packed full of dirty, smelly, squabbling goblins. As a breed, they all love fighting; none more so than King Knobler, their ferocious leader who takes a secret delight in soft pink pants. But one day Skarper hatches out of an eggstone. Skarper is different and his differences are bound to lead him into trouble. Sent to the Bumwipe Heaps to keep him out of mischief, Skarper looks beyond the decaying residue and begins to make sense of the 'lettuce' and the 'worms'. Learning to read is a dangerous business and soon Scarper finds himself bratapulted off the battlements and falling headlong into an incredible adventure. It's worth keeping track of the cloud maidens, trolls, softlings and the rest as they all hurtle through the headlong action as this glorious adventure is full of hidden jokes and meanings.



Bill's New Frock

Author: Anne Fine **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/06/2007
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

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. Stylishly written and thought-provoking it's a book that's not to be missed by both girls and boys aged around 7+. Anne Fine has a rare genius for building a funny, enriching and moving story around the nuts and bolts of school life. Many of Anne Fine's books are ideal for reluctant readers as they tend to be quite short and also because of the great warmth and humour in her writing. These include The Angel of Nitshill Road, Ivan the Terrible, How to write really Badly, Saving Miss Mirabelle, The Chicken Gave it to me and Anneli the Art Hater. Anne also writes for older readers, the most know of which is probably Madame Doubtfire. [Click here to view all titles by Anne Fine.](#)



Two Weeks with the Queen

Author: Morris Gleitzman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/03/1999 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

A favourite of August 2011 Guest Editor Julie Hearn. To writing a moving and funny book, especially for children, about as serious a subject as cancer is a remarkable achievement. *Two Weeks with the Queen* is a remarkable example of such a thing. Sent away from his home in Australia to stay with his aunt and uncle in London while his parents nurse his brother Luke through the final stages of cancer, Colin sets out on a mission. If only he can reach the Queen, he reasons, she'll be able to put him in touch with the best cancer doctor in the world and Luke will be made well. But nothing is so straightforward. Instead, Colin meets some remarkable people and, through them, he is able to share some of the universal grief of losing a person you love. Profoundly moving, deeply serious but also wickedly funny. [Click here to see other Morris Gleitzman titles.](#)
