

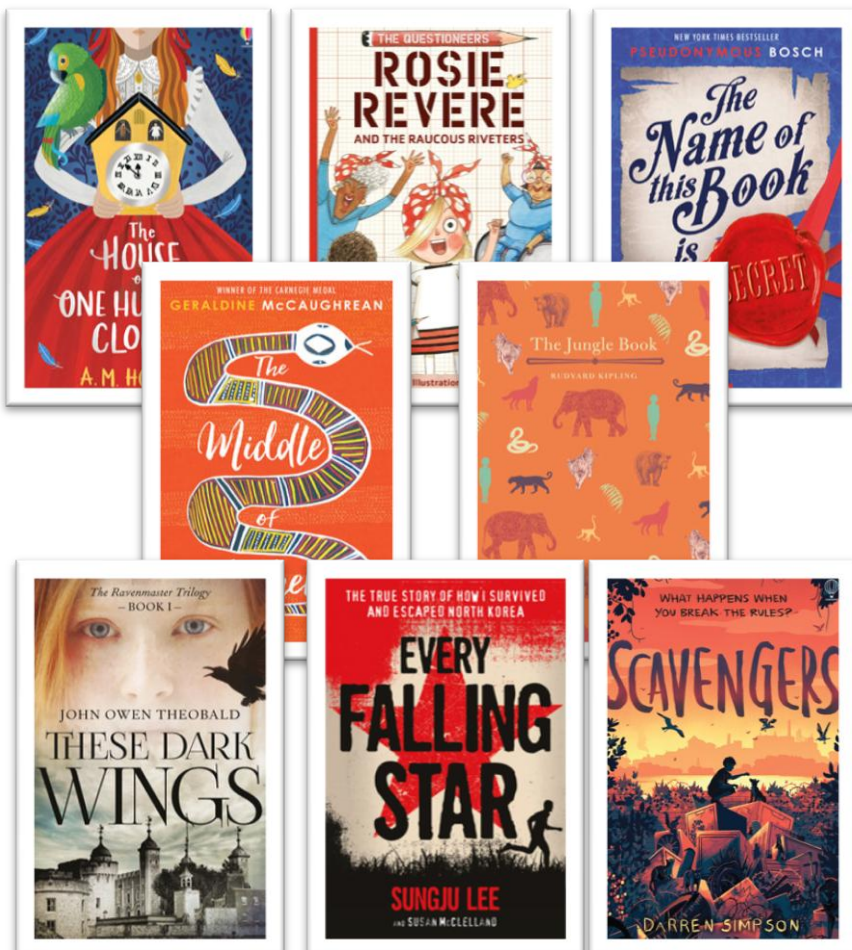


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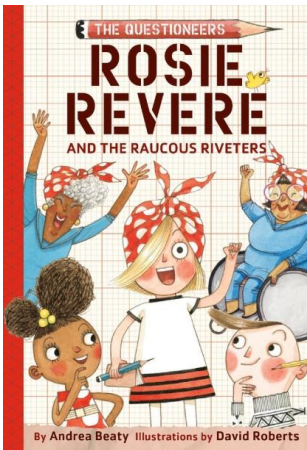
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# First and Second Class

Questioneers Series  Teaching Guides/Activities <https://questioneers.com/for-educators/>

## [Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters](#) by Author [Andrea Beaty](#)

Questioneers - Book 1



Rosie Revere is no stranger to flops and fails, kerfuffles and catastrophes. After all, engineering is all about perseverance! But this time, Rosie has a really important project to tackle—one that feels much bigger than herself. Rosie's beloved Aunt Rose and her friends, the Raucous Riveters—a group of fun-loving gals who built airplanes during World War II—need help inventing something new. And Rosie is just the engineer for the job! After one flop . . . then another . . . and another . . . Rosie starts to lose hope. But thanks to some help from her fellow Questioneers Iggy Peck and Ada Twist, Rosie gets the job done. And, along with the Riveters, she rediscovers the meaning of home.

 Teaching Guides/Activities <https://questioneers.com/for-educators/>  
<https://www.scribd.com/document/384840054/Rosie-Revere-Teaching-Guide>

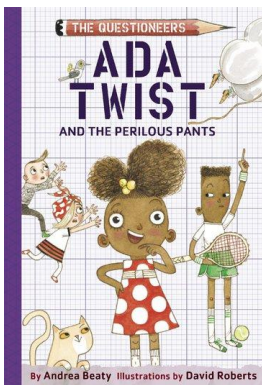
**Number of Pages:**144 – Illustrated, **Fiction/Non-Fiction:**Fiction

**Genre:**Education, Children > Humorous, Children's Fiction, Comedy, Humorous Fiction, Science Fiction

**Target Audience:**Children (8+)


## [Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants](#) by [Andrea Beaty](#)

The Questioneers, 2



In *Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants*, Ada must rely on her curious mind, her brave spirit, and her best pals Rosie Revere and Iggy Peck to solve a mystery in her own backyard.

Ada Twist is full of questions. A scientist to her very core, Ada asks why again and again. One question always leads to another until she's off on a journey of discovery! When Rosie Revere's Uncle Ned gets a little carried away wearing his famous helium pants, it's up to Ada and friends to chase him down. As Uncle Ned floats farther and farther away, Ada starts asking lots of questions: How high can a balloon float? Is it possible for Uncle Ned to float into outer space? And what's the best plan for getting him down?

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<https://www.scribd.com/document/318737501/ADA-TWIST-SCIENTIST-Teaching-Guide>

## [Iggy Peck and the Mysterious Mansion](#) by [Andrea Beaty](#)

The Questioneers, Book 3

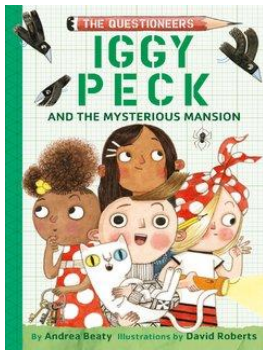
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- *The Questioners - Book 3*

[Andrea Beaty](#)



**Number of Pages:** 144 - Illustrated

**Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction

**Genre:** Education, Children's Fiction, Science Fiction, Visual Arts

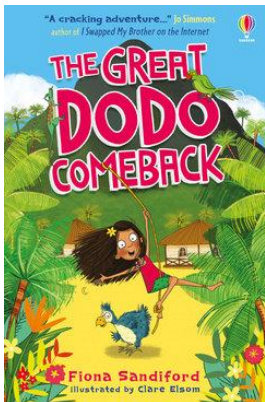
**Target Audience:** Children (8+)

Iggy Peck is an architect at his very core: When he's not making houses out of food, his head is up in the clouds, dreaming of design. So he's totally blown away when Ada Twist's Aunt Bernice inherits an old house from ice-cream mogul Herbert Sherbert that is filled with countless rooms from all his favorite architectural periods. But something's not quite right . . . Everyone says the house is haunted, and it seems that a number of priceless antiques—which were supposed to help Aunt Bernice pay for the house's upkeep—have gone missing. If they can't find those antiques, Aunt Bernice might lose the house forever. It will take all of Iggy's knowledge of architecture and the help of the other Questioners—Rosie Revere, Ada Twist, and Sofia Valdez—to solve the mystery and find the treasure!



Teaching Guides/Activities <https://questioners.com/for-educators/>  
<https://www.scribd.com/document/321271050/Iggy-Peck-Architect-Teaching-Guide>

## [The Great Dodo Comeback](#) by [Fiona Sandiford](#)



Leni loves birds. So when two feather-brained professors visit her island home on a mission to bring back the dodo, she jumps at the chance to help them. But the famous bird has been extinct for over 300 years - and Sugar King Benny Chouchou will stop at nothing to keep it that way. Can Leni and the squabbling professors achieve the impossible?

Topics/Themes for Exploration: Conservation, Extinction/Endangered Species



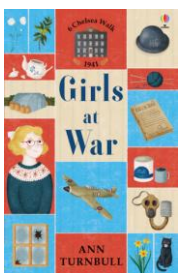
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Age 7 - 9

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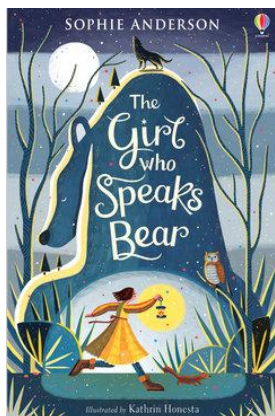


### [Girls at War](#) by [Ann Turnbull](#)

When Josie goes to stay with her cousin Edith, she's glad to be starting a new life away from the shame that has haunted her family since her brother chose not to fight in the war. But Edith's friends keep teasing a shy classmate, and when the bullying goes too far Josie faces a dilemma: if she takes a stand, will Edith tell everyone her secret? A deeply moving account of one girl's quiet courage set amidst of the terror of the Blitz during the Second World War. This book was previously published as Historical House: Josie Under Fire.



## [The Girl Who Speaks Bear](#) by [Sophie Anderson](#)



When she wakes up to find that her legs have become bear legs, she sets off into the forest to discover who she is, on a journey that takes her from icy rivers to smouldering mountains, with an ever-growing group of misfits alongside her... Interwoven with traditional stories of bears, princesses and dragons, Yanka's journey is a gorgeously lyrical adventure from the best-selling author of *The House With Chicken Legs*.

- Topics/Themes for Exploration: Re-telling/re-imagining Folk Tales



<https://sophieandersonauthor.com/resources/#Bear>



<https://usborne.com/browse-books/catalogue/product/1/14542/the-girl-who-speaks-bear/>

Published by: Usborne Publishing, Number of Pages: 350, Fiction

Genre: Children > Animals, Children > Fantasy, Children's Fiction, Fantasy Fiction, Fables & Fairytales, Literary Fiction > Magical Realism

Target Audience: Children (8+)

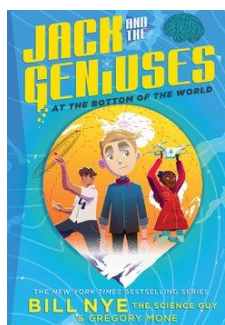
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## [At the Bottom of the World](#) by [Bill Nye](#) and [Gregory Mone](#)

Jack and the Geniuses



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Target Audience: Children (8+), Number of Pages: 256 - Illustrated

Fiction/Non-Fiction: Fiction, Genre: Science Fiction, Children > Adventure,

New York Times bestselling authors Bill Nye the Science Guy and Gregory Mone take middle-grade readers on a scientific adventure in the launch of an exciting new chapter book series, Jack and the Geniuses. The perfect combination to engage and entertain readers, the series features real-world science along with action and a mystery that will leave kids guessing until the end, making these books ideal for STEM education.

In the series opener, *Jack and the Geniuses: At The Bottom of The World*, readers meet Jack and his foster siblings, Ava and Matt, who are orphans. But they're not your typical kind of orphans—they're geniuses. Well, Ava and Matt are, which sometimes makes life difficult for twelve-year-old Jack. Ava speaks multiple languages and builds robots for fun, and Matt is into astronomy and a whiz at math. As for Jack, it's hard to stand out when he's surrounded by geniuses all the time.

When the kids try to spy on Dr. Hank Witherspoon, one of the world's leading scientists, they end up working for him in his incredible laboratory. Soon, Hank and the kids travel to Antarctica for a prestigious science competition, but they find that all is not as it seems: A fellow scientist has gone missing, and so has any trace of her research. Could someone be trying to use her findings to win the contest? It's up to Jack, Ava, and Matt to find the missing scientist

and discover who's behind it all—before it's too late.

Integrating real science facts with humor and suspense, and featuring an ensemble cast of loveable boy and girl characters, this uniquely engaging series is an irresistible chemical reaction for middle-grade readers. With easy-to-read language presented in a fun, motivating, and accessible way, this series opener is a great book for both inquisitive kids and reluctant readers. The book also includes information about the science discussed and used to solve the mystery, as well as a cool science project about density that kids can do at home or in the classroom.

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### [The House of One Hundred Clocks](#) by A.M. Howell



JUNE, 1905. Helena and her parrot, Orbit, are swept off to Cambridge when her father is appointed clock-winder to one of the wealthiest men in England. There is only one rule: the clocks must never stop.

But Helena discovers the house of one hundred clocks holds many mysteries; a ghostly figure, strange notes and disappearing winding keys...

The second book from an astonishing new voice in middle-grade historical fiction, A.M. Howell. Combines mystery and history, with an Edwardian backdrop of invention and change, perfect for fans of Emma Carroll and Hilary McKay.



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**Published by:** Usborne Publishing, **Number of Pages:** 300, **Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction

**Genre:** Crime & Thriller > Legal, Historical Fiction, Nature, Children's Fiction, Crime & Thriller > Mystery, Crime & Thriller > Detective

**Target Audience:** Children (9+)

**Themes/Topics for Exploration:** Edwardian women, Clocks and pocket watches, Flying machines and early cars, Cambridge and its famous university, Living in the Edwardian era



### [The Garden of Lost Secrets](#) by A.M. Howell

October, 1916. Clara is sent to stay with her formidable aunt and uncle in the grounds of a country estate. Clara soon discovers that her new surroundings hold secrets: a locked room and a hidden key, and a mysterious boy who only appears in the gardens at night... But can Clara face up to her own secrets, and a war she's desperate to forget?



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- **Published by:** Usborne Publishing
- **Number of Pages:** 350



- **Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction
- **Genre:** Children's Fiction, Nature, Historical Fiction
- **Target Audience:** Children (9+)

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### [The Peculiar Peggs of Riddling Woods](#) by Samuel J. Haplin



This is the story of a sleepy town called Suds. A place where stories fill the air of children who keep turning grey and disappearing without a trace...

Poppy and Erasmus are certain there's something peculiar going on in Suds, and they're determined to unravel its secrets. But when they discover the answers might lie in the darkening and twisting woods, can they find the courage to creep inside and solve this riddling mystery?



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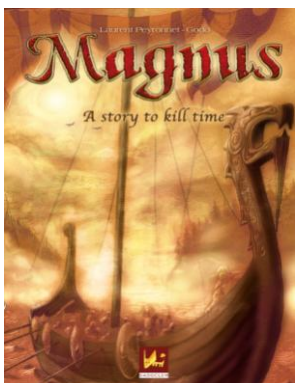
(The activities included have a literacy focus, looking in particular at fairytales and the different world-building techniques within this genre. The activities can be taught as whole units or as individual activities to be dipped in and out of. These notes include reading comprehension questions to support and elevate understanding of the text and to improve reading inference, retrieval and predictive skills, as well as suggestions for classroom activities to enjoy the book – from reading by torchlight, to drawing book covers for fairytales, creating suspense and mystery, and sending postcards from peculiar dreams!

Fiction, Genre: Children > Fantasy, Children's Fiction, Fables & Fairytales, Australian Fiction

Target Audience: Children (9+) Number of Pages: 336

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### [Magnus : A story to kill time](#) by Laurent Peyronnet



Magnus, a ten-year old Norwegian boy, discovers a magic bookcase which enables him to travel in time through Scandinavian history. In the company of Rognetide the troll, Magnus goes off to explore the life of the Vikings in the year 1000. He meets Erik the Red, whom he follows in his different trips across the world.

Discover the first volume of Magnus adventures and dive in the nordic culture and scandinavian mythology !

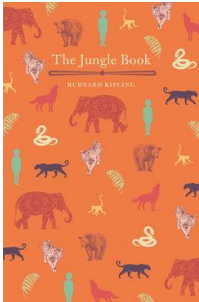


<https://www.lifeinnorway.net/norwegian-mythology-folk-tales/>



<https://www.biography.com/explorer/erik-the-red>

## [The Jungle Book](#) by [Rudyard Kipling](#)



Age Range: 9 – 12

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class

Join Mowgli the Man-cub as he embarks on a series of incredible adventures and meets a cast of unforgettable characters along the way, such as Baloo the bear, Bagheera the panther, and Shere Khan the tiger.

Rudyard Kipling's classic story of a young boy raised by wolves in the Indian jungle is sure to enchant young readers aged 8 and up. This edition also contains the original illustrations by John Lockwood Kipling, W. H. Drake, and Paul Frenzeny.



Related Printable Activities <https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/book/jungle-book>



Lesson Plan <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwGgmJ2R9WRlaGtseEY5dEpWU0/view>

(**The Jungle Book** Educator's Guide includes nearly 50 pages of lessons and activities targeted to grades 4 through 8. The complete Educator's Guide and additional educational resources are now available at [disney.com/junglebookguide](http://disney.com/junglebookguide).)

The guide introduces students to a variety of topics, including:

- Animal Behavior and Natural History • Creative Writing • Causes and Impacts of Drought • Habitat and Ecosystems • Encroachment • Human-Wildlife Coexistence • Filmmaking Techniques • Making a Positive Difference for Wildlife Worldwide

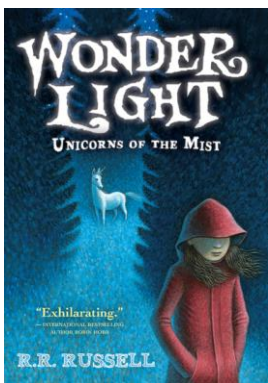
Content provided by education experts at Disney's Animals, Science and Environment

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## [Wonder Light](#) by [R.R. Russell](#)

Deep in the heart of a mist-shrouded island, an impossible secret is about to be discovered.

*Unicorns of the Mist - Book 1*



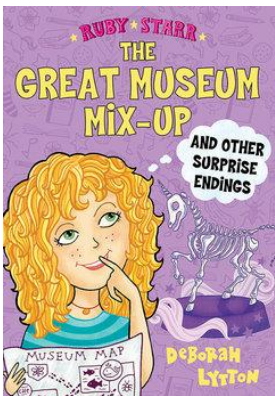
Twig is used to feeling unwanted. Sent to live on a pony ranch for "troubled" girls on a misty, haunted island, Twig is about to discover the impossible — someone who needs her.

Jolted awake from a bad dream, Twig follows the desperate whinny of a terrified horse out to the stables. There in the straw is a bleating little scrap of moonbeam; a silver-white filly with cloven hooves and a tiny, spiralling horn. A baby unicorn!

Now Twig knows what secret is hiding in the island's mist: the last free unicorn herd. And a mysterious boy named Ben who insists that this impossible creature is now Twig's to care for. That she needs Twig's love and protection. Because there's something out there in the deep, dense shadows that's hunting for them...

"R. R. Russell's *Wonder Light* dares to explore a world where unicorns are creatures of wonder and power, and girls can find both strength and courage to be themselves."—Robin Hobb, International bestselling author

## [The Great Museum Mix-Up and Other Surprise...](#) by [Deborah Lytton](#)



Discussion Questions <https://www.deborahlytton.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/GreatMuseumMixup-DiscussionQuestions.pdf>

**Target Audience:** Children 8- 10

The third book in this fun series that's perfect for younger fans of the Dork Diaries and Story Thieves series. Ruby Starr is an older Junie B. Jones with a big imagination and a love of reading.

Ruby Starr is feeling fabulous after helping save her school's library and creating the world's first (and best) pickle cupcake. And she's feeling extra stupendous when she's assigned a book report and finds the most perfect, meant-to-be book ever—one about unicorns!

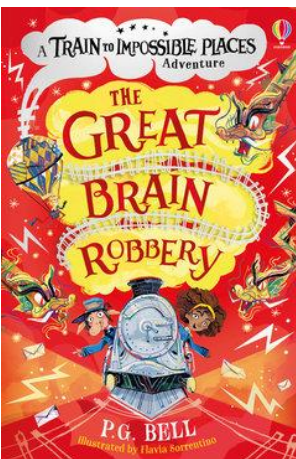
But when her bestie is not acting like herself, and a class field trip to a museum doesn't go the way Ruby imagines, Ruby's not sure she'll get the perfect end to the year she was hoping for.

Pages: 240, **Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction, **Genre:** Children's Fiction, Politics & Current Affairs

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## [The Great Brain Robbery](#) by [P.G. Bell](#)

Suzy can't wait to return to the Union of Impossible Places on the Impossible Postal Express. But when she arrives, she overhears a dastardly plan to destroy Trollville from a shadowy and unexpected villain. Suzy and her friends must race from magical cloud-worlds to secret caverns to catch the culprit, before Trollville comes crashing down...



Teaching Resources <https://usborne.com/browse-books/catalogue/product/1/14590/the-great-brain-robbery/>

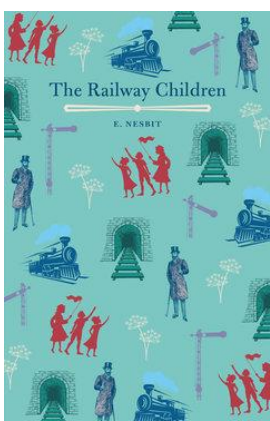
Ages 9-12

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## [The Railway Children](#) by [Edith Nesbit](#)



When their father is mysteriously imprisoned, Roberta, Peter, Phyllis, and their mother have to leave their happy life in London to live in a small cottage in the country. There they take comfort in the nearby railway station, and discover that the gentleman who takes the same train every day might be the key to proving their father's innocence...

An enormously popular story about the joy and excitement of being young, E. Nesbit's captivating classic will enchant readers of all ages.



Teaching Resources <https://westendinschools.org.uk/blog/the-railway-children-activities>

- **Number of Pages:** 100, **Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction
- **Genre:** Classics, Children's Fiction
- **Target Audience:** Children 9+

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### [The Snow Angel](#) by Lauren St John

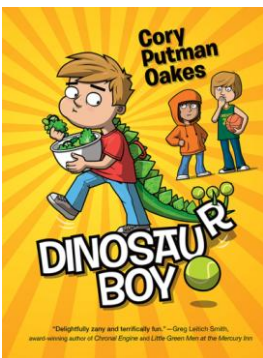


Lauren St John's story ranges from Africa to Scotland and successfully fuses magic with unflinching descriptions of life in one of the world's most dangerous slums. Makena's life changes when she loses her parents. She swaps her comfortable home in Nairobi for a cramped house shared with her cousins and abusive aunt but worse is to come when she flees back to the city ending up in the notorious Mathare slum. A girl nicknamed Snow and glimpses of a magical fox give her strength until at last she finds a new family. St John is so accomplished a storyteller that the different elements mesh together seamlessly, the darkness of Makena's situation always lightened by a sense of hope. Africa, its people and wild spaces are vividly described and this is a story to thrill and inspire young readers. ~ [Andrea Reece](#)

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Themes/Topics for Exploration: ebola, famine, child soldiers, war, refugees

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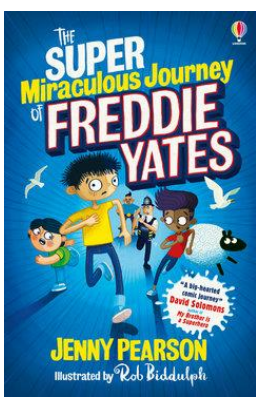
### [Dinosaur Boy](#) by Cory Putman Oakes

Everyone knows the dinosaur gene skips a generation. So it isn't a complete surprise when Sawyer sprouts spikes and a tail before the start of fifth grade. After all, his grandfather was part stegosaurus. Despite the Principal's Zero Tolerance Policy, Sawyer becomes a bully magnet, befriended only by Elliot aka "Gigantor" and the weird new girl. When the bullies start disappearing, Sawyer is relieved-until he discovers a secret about the principal that's more shocking than Dino DNA. The bullies are in for a galactically horrible fate...and it's up to Sawyer and his friends to rescue them. "With issues like bullying, not fitting in, and heroism,

this is a book that kids and adults will share and treasure. It's Wonder with dinosaurs and is sure to touch your heart." — P. J. Hoover, author of Tut: The Story of My Immortal Life "A wild and wacky adventure...with enough twists and turns to rival a roller coaster, DINOSAUR BOY is sure to appeal to wonderfully weird kids of every shape and size." —Kelly Milner Halls, award-winning author of Girl Meets Boy



Download Resources: [Discussion & Activity Guide](#)



### [The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates](#) by Jenny Pearson

Freddie Yates likes facts. Just not the one staring him in the face – that his secret plan is not, in fact, secret.

Because Freddie's journey wasn't meant to involve Big Trev and the onion-eating competition



or the loo-exploding pear-and-potato turnovers. And Freddie definitely didn't expect to end up, with his two best friends, on national television in a supergirl costume.

But journeys never take you where you think they will. And for Freddie, that fact might just have to be enough...

**The super funny, heart-warming adventure of three boys, one summer holiday, and a few miracles along the way.**

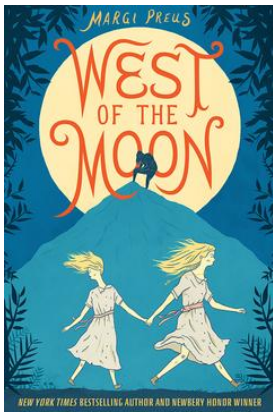


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### [West of the Moon](#) by Margi Preus



In *West of the Moon*, award-winning and New York Times bestselling author Margi Preus expertly weaves original fiction with myth and folktale to tell the story of Astri, a young Norwegian girl desperate to join her father in America.

After being separated from her sister and sold to a cruel goat farmer, Astri makes a daring escape. She quickly retrieves her little sister, and, armed with a troll treasure, a book of spells and curses, and a possibly magic hairbrush, they set off for America. With a mysterious companion in tow and the malevolent “goatman” in pursuit, the girls head over the Norwegian mountains, through field and forest, and in and out of folktales and dreams as they steadily make their way east of the sun and west of the moon.



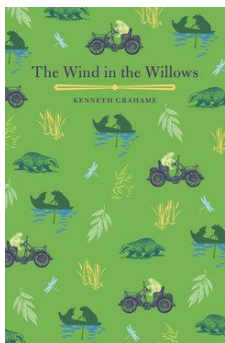
[Reader's Guide](#)

- **Number of Pages:** 240 **Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction **Genre:** Children's Fiction
- **Target Audience:** Children 9+

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### [The Wind in the Willows](#) by [Kenneth Grahame](#)

One sunny spring day, Mole decides to visit the river bank. There he meets and soon becomes firm friends with Ratty, Badger, and car-crazy Mr Toad. Life on the river couldn't be better, until Toad's reckless driving lands him in jail. When the nasty weasels and stoats decide to take over Toad Hall, it's up to the friends to save the day.



One of the greatest animal stories ever written, Kenneth Grahame's classic novel is guaranteed to delight all young readers aged 8 and up. This edition also contains Arthur Rackham's famous illustrations, which bring the world of the river bank to life.



[Lesson Plan](#)

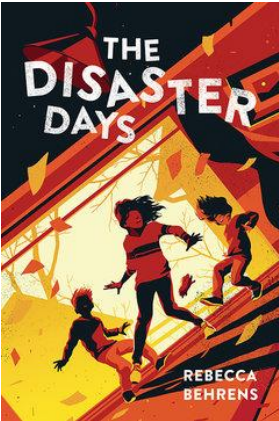
**Published by:**Arcturus, **Number of Pages:**100, **Fiction/Non-Fiction:**Fiction

**Genre:**Young Adult Fiction, Children's Fiction, Classics, Children > Animals

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## [The Disaster Days](#) by Rebecca Behrens



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Hatchet meets The Babysitters Club in this book for kids 9-12, that tells the epic and thrilling survival story about pushing oneself to the limit in the face of a crisis.

Hannah Steele loves living on Pelling, a tiny island near Seattle. It's a little disconnected from the outside world, but she's always felt completely safe there.

Which is why when she's asked one day to babysit after school, she thinks it's no big deal. Zoe and Oscar are her next-door neighbours, and Hannah just took a babysitting class that she's pretty sure makes her an expert. She isn't even worried that she left her inhaler at home.

Then the shaking begins.

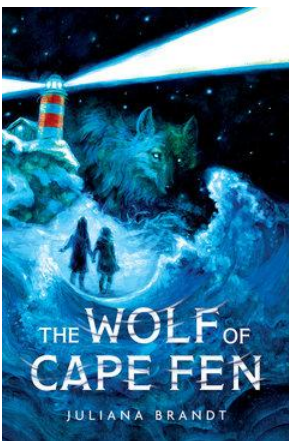
The terrifying earthquake only lasts four minutes but it changes everything, damaging the house, knocking out the power, and making cell service nonexistent. Even worse, the ferry and the bridge connecting the kids to help—and their parents—are both blocked. This means they're stranded and alone with Hannah in charge, as things go from bad to dangerous. The Disaster Days is a perfect middle grade chapter book for kids 9-12

**Number of Pages:** 304 **Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction **Genre:** Children's Fiction, Children > Adventure

**Target Audience:** Children (9-12)

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## [The Wolf of Cape Fen](#) by Juliana Brandt



Beyond the Bright Sea meets Echo in this story of a young girl who must break a magical bargain before an enchanted wolf steals her sister away.

First Frost has touched Cape Fen, and that means Baron Dire has returned. For as long as anyone can remember, Baron Dire has haunted the town come winter, striking magical bargains and demanding unjust payment in return. The Serling sisters know better than to bargain, lest they find themselves hunted by the Baron's companion, the Wolf.

And then the Wolf attacks Eliza's sister Winnie. They manage to escape, but they know the Wolf will be back. Because Winnie would never bargain, so that must mean that someone has struck a deal with Winnie as the price.

Eliza refuses to lose her sister and embarks on a journey to save her. If Eliza can learn the truth, she might be able to protect her sister, but the truth behind the bargain could put her own life in danger.



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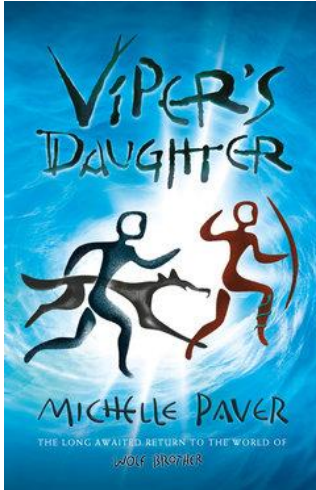
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Term Limit: 2 years

## [Viper's Daughter](#) by Michelle Paver

*A boy. A wolf. The legend lives on. Dazzling entertainment, seamless story-telling, book seven in the bestselling Wolf Brother series is set in a world of myth, menace, natural magic and exhilarating adventure.*

Viper's Daughter is the seventh book in the award-winning series that began with Wolf Brother, selling over 3 million copies in 36 territories. Like them it can be read as a standalone story.



For two summers Torak and Renn have been living in the Forest with their faithful pack-brother, Wolf. But their happiness is shattered when Renn realizes Torak is in danger – and she's the threat.

When she mysteriously disappears, Torak and Wolf brave the Far North to find her. At the mercy of the Sea Mother and haunted by ravenous ice bears, their quest leads them to the Edge of the World. There they must face an enemy more evil than any they've encountered.

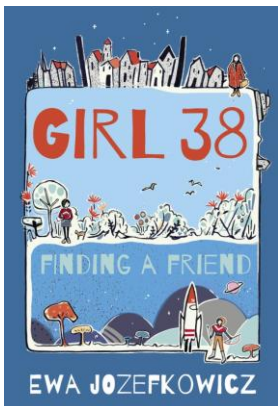
Viper's Daughter plunges you back into the Stone-Age world of Torak, Renn and Wolf: a world of demons, Hidden People and exhilarating adventure which has entranced millions of readers.



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## [Girl 38 Finding a Friend](#) by Ewa Jozefkowicz



*Past and present are woven into this novel set in contemporary times and WWII Poland. Based on a real life story about friendship and endurance in the darkest situation.*



[Teaching Guide](#)

**Number of Pages:** 144

**Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction

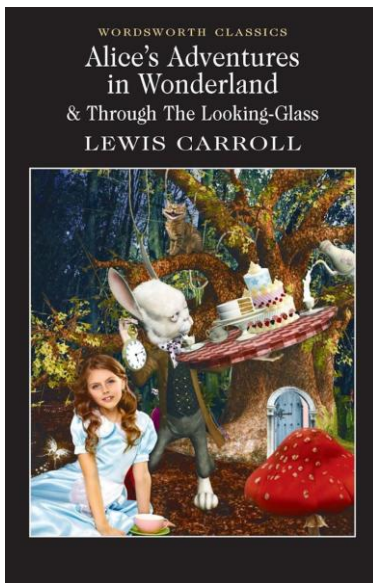
**Genre:** Children's Fiction

**Target Audience:** Children (9+)

Kat is a 12-year-old girl who loves working on her super-heroine comic, Girl 38 – the girl she longs to be like. But she's not brave, or fearless. At school, Gem is no longer her 'best friend'. And at home Kat is lonely while her parents are busy working long hours. She's even a bit afraid of her elderly neighbour, Ania. But when Ania has an accident Kat surprises herself by rushing to the rescue – just like Girl 38. Their unlikely friendship blossoms, and with it Kat's determination, as Ania reveals the haunting story behind the portrait of a girl she's left unfinished.

Inspired by Ania – her daring leap to freedom and her search for her lost friend, Mila, who was taken away by soldiers to a 'walled village' at the outbreak of WWII – Kat unravels the mystery of the girl in the painting and finds a happy ending for Girl 38.

## Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass



by Lewis Carroll

*"No greater books for children have ever been written"*

This selection of Carroll's works includes Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and its sequel, Through the Looking-Glass, both containing the famous illustrations by Sir John Tenniel. The simple language, dreamlike atmosphere, and fantastical characters are as appealing to young readers today as ever they were.

Meanwhile, however, these apparently simple stories have become recognised as adult masterpieces, and extraordinary experiments, years ahead of their time, in Modernism and Surrealism. Through wordplay, parody and logical and philosophical puzzles, Carroll engenders a variety of sub-texts, teasing, ominous or melancholy. For all the surface playfulness there is meaning everywhere. The author reveals himself in glimpses.



[Teaching Resources & Activities](#)

## [The Battle for Perfect](#) by Helena Duggan (A Place Called Perfect - Book 3)

Things have quietened down in the town that used to be Perfect. But stories reach Violet and Boy of five missing scientists. And then they discover something odd in the forest outside Town – a mirror maze hiding a huge castle. Creeping inside, they overhear a terrible plan – a zombie army is about march on Town. Can Violet and Boy save their friends?



**Published by:** Usborne Publishing

**Number of Pages:** 350

**Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction

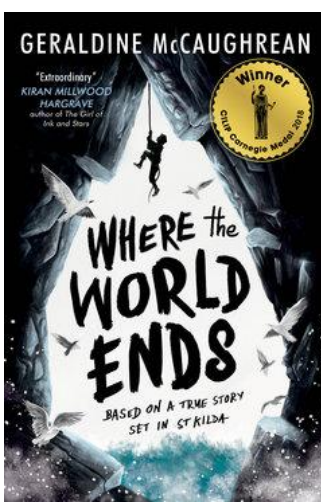
**Genre:** Fantasy Fiction, Children > Adventure, Children's Fiction, Crime & Thriller > Detective, Literary Fiction > Magical Realism, Children > Fantasy

**Target Audience:** Children (9+)



**Resources for this book**

- [See a map of Town from The Battle for Perfect \(pdf\)](#)
- [The story so far – in case you'd forgotten! \(pdf\)](#)



## [Fifth and Sixth Class](#)

### [Where the World Ends](#) by [Geraldine McCaughrean](#)



[Teaching Resources](#)

Every time a lad came fowling on the St Kilda stacs, he went home less of a boy and more of a man. If he went home at all, that is...

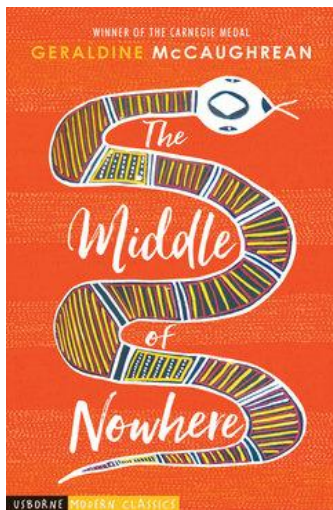
In the summer of 1727, a group of men and boys are put ashore on a remote sea stack to harvest birds for food. No one returns to collect them. Why? Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they have been abandoned to endure storms, starvation and terror. And how can they survive, housed in stone and imprisoned on every side by the ocean?

One of the most immersive and compelling works of fiction we've read in quite some time... Suffice it to say that the novel is rounded off with consummate skill and the result is an outstanding example of the storyteller's art. —

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### [The Middle of Nowhere](#) by Geraldine McCaughrean

*Usborne Modern Classics*, Target Audience: Children 11+



Award-winning Geraldine McCaughrean captures a far off landscape and a far off time in her fabulously dramatic nineteenth century story interwoven with the magic of the mysterious and stories of the Aboriginal Dreamtime. With its large and flamboyant cast, McCaughrean proves yet again what a dazzling story teller she is. When Comity's mother dies after she is bitten by a tiger snake, Comity is left with her father who is the operator of the remote telegraph station. Apart from the two of them there are a few labourers and Fred, an Aboriginal boy who helps around the station. He is her only friend and, as her father sinks into despair leaving her to do everything – including keeping her mother's relatives at bay - she turns to Fred for support. To comfort her he offers her the stories and magic of his long dead ancestors. When an assistant arrives to help run the station disaster looms. Comity has long held all the threads

together but can she continue to do so? Geraldine McCaughrean handles a vast landscape and a varied cast with her usual aplomb. ~ [Julia Eccleshare](#) This is a gripping tale with an explosive climax from award-winning storyteller, Geraldine McCaughrean.



Author Website <http://www.geraldinemccaughrean.co.uk/>



Links to more resources <https://usborne.com/browse-books/catalogue/product/1/7506/the-middle-of-nowhere/>



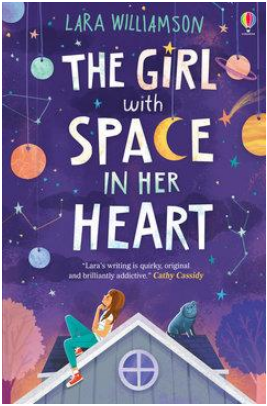
<http://booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/202/childrens-books/articles/the-middle-of-nowhere-%E2%80%93-an-interview-with-geraldine-mccaughrean>

**Winner - Young Quills Historical Fiction Award**

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### [The Girl with Space in Her Heart](#) by [Lara Williamson](#)



Mabel has a suitcase full of worries – it turned up just after her dad disappeared and before her mum started dating Gavin.



[Teaching Resources](#) (Suitable for: Ages 10+ Includes: Extracts from the text + corresponding discussion questions and activities Themes: Worrying and Anxiety; Myths; Mystery; Magic; Space; Change)

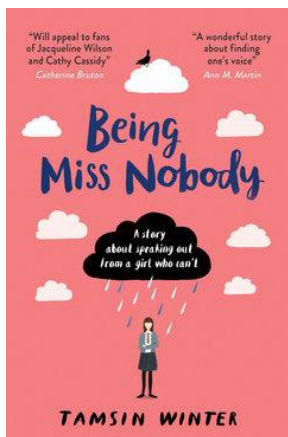


Author's website <https://larawilliamson.com/about.html>

- **Published by:** Usborne Publishing
- **Number of Pages:** 320, **Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction
- **Genre:** Social Science, Children's Fiction, Children > Humorous, Humorous Fiction
- **Target Audience:** Children (10+)

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### [Being Miss Nobody](#) by [Tamsin Winter](#)



Rosalind hates her new secondary school. She's the weird girl who doesn't talk. The Mute-ant. And it's easy to pick on someone who can't fight back. So Rosalind starts a blog - Miss Nobody; a place to speak up, a place where she has a voice. But there's a problem... Is Miss Nobody becoming a bully herself?

Will appeal to fans of Jacqueline Wilson and Cathy Cassidy. — *Catherine Bruton*

A wonderful story about finding one's own voice. — *Ann M. Martin*

**Number of Pages:** 336, **Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction, **Genre:** Children's Fiction

**Target Audience:** Children (10+)



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### [These Dark Wings](#) by [John Owen Theobald](#)

Ravenmaster Trilogy 1



After her mother is killed in the Blitz and her father in the North Sea, 12-year-old Anna Cooper is sent to live with an uncle she has never met – the Ravenmaster at the Tower of London. Amid the Tower's old secrets and hidden ghosts, the ravens begin to disappear and Anna must brave the war-torn city to find them.

With Nazi forces massing on the other side of the Channel, the fate of Britain might be at stake, for an ancient legend foretells that Britain will fall if the ravens ever leave the Tower.

**Number of Pages:** 320, **Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction

**Genre:** Literary Fiction, Young Adult Fiction

**Target Audience:** Children (10+)

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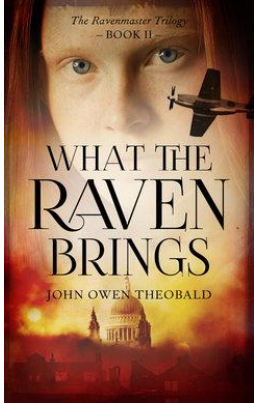


## **What the Raven Brings**

**John Owen Theobald**

Ravenmaster Trilogy, 2

*In the sequel to These Dark Wings Anna Cooper, now 14, bluffs her way into the air force. Her friend Timothy Squire is working at the docks as a bomb expert and soon finds himself at the centre of a powerful secret that could win or lose the war.*



Anna Cooper, now 14, bluffs her way into the Air Force and becomes entangled in the glamorous—and dangerous—world of female war pilots. But the secret of her past threatens both her and her fellow airwomen.

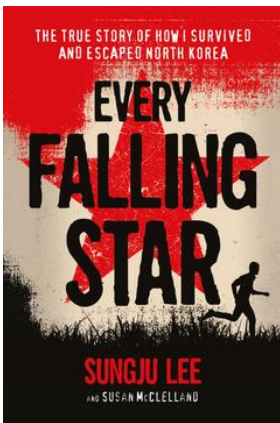
Fighting to earn her wings and prove herself, unsought help arrives from a dashing young pilot from Bomber Command. Timothy Squire takes charge of the Tower ravens, "the heroes of the Blitz," displaying them to an adoring public, including Anna's great friend Flo, recently returned from evacuation. But Flo's interest is not with the ravens alone.

Reeling from Anna's departure, Timothy Squire throws himself into work at the docks as a Royal Engineer. Promoted to bomb expert, he soon finds himself at the center of a powerful secret of his own: one that could win or lose Anna—and the war itself.

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## **Every Falling Star by Sungju Lee and Susan Elizabeth McClelland**

*The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea*



Every Falling Star, the first book to portray contemporary North Korea to a young audience, is the intense memoir of a North Korean boy named Sungju who is forced at age twelve to live on the streets and fend for himself. To survive, Sungju creates a gang and lives by thieving, fighting, begging, and stealing rides on cargo trains. Sungju richly re-creates his scabrous story, depicting what it was like for a boy alone to create a new family with his gang, his "brothers"; to be hungry and to fear arrest, imprisonment, and even execution.



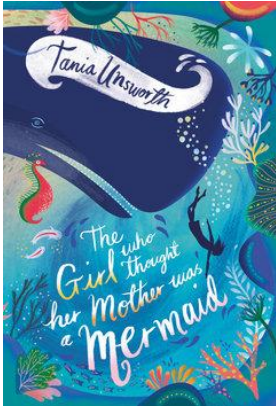
**Teaching Resources:** (from <http://nctasia.org/every-falling-star/>)

- [Every Falling Star video with the author Sungju Lee](#)
- [North Korea in the World](#) from East-West Center and National Committee on North Korea
- [Korea Society in New York City lesson plans](#)
- [Conflict on the Korean Peninsula: North Korea and the Nuclear Threat](#) (Choices Program, Brown University)
- Archived Book Group [Every Falling Star](#). (Once you have created a login for yourself at [asiaforeducators.org](http://asiaforeducators.org), you are able to view and access all current and archived offerings from the main page. One (free) login suffices for all).

Themes/Topics: Social Justice, Emigration/Immigration, Freedoms/Society, Politics, Democracy, Autocracy.

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## **The Girl Who Thought Her Mother Was a Mermaid by Tania Unsworth**



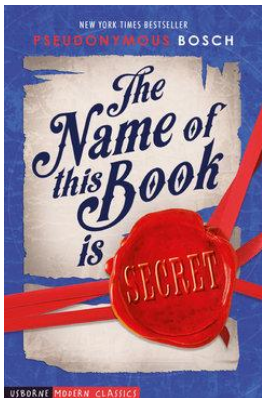
Even though she's terrified of the sea, a girl who believes her mum might have been a mermaid runs away to the ocean to solve the mystery of who she really is. Stella is the odd one out. She sleepwalks, is terrified of water, yet obsessed by the ocean. Her mum who died when Stella was eight remains the biggest mystery of all. Who was she and why did she give Stella a necklace called 'the word of the sea' before she died? Nobody can give her any answers. Her father is consumed by grief and her grandmother's memories are fading with dementia.

When Stella's only friend in the world, Cam, moves house, Stella runs away. She's determined to find out who her mum was and who she is too. She ends up in the Crystal Cove, a run-down aquarium with a mermaid show. There she meets Pearl who reveals disturbing secrets. It's only by facing her fear of the ocean that Stella will truly uncover the truth.

This is an exquisitely imagined story about a girl on an adventure above and below the waves.

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### ***The Name of This Book Is Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch**



I don't know how you got here but this page isn't for you. This is an extremely dangerous book with a very deadly secret. It is an alarming account of two extraordinary adventurers, a missing magician's diary, a symphony of smells and a deadly secret... If you're both curious and brave, visit [www.thenameofthisbookissecret.co.uk](http://www.thenameofthisbookissecret.co.uk) - but remember - I warned you.

"Many different types of readers will thoroughly enjoy this tale including fans of Anthony Horowitz and Lemony Snicket. The book is an interesting read where many types of emotions overwhelm you such as horror, grief, mystery, anxiety the lot; mixed with a hint of sweet satisfaction that you have finally read the story. I honestly do not know how I lived without reading the book - it baffles me." - Guardian Children's Books



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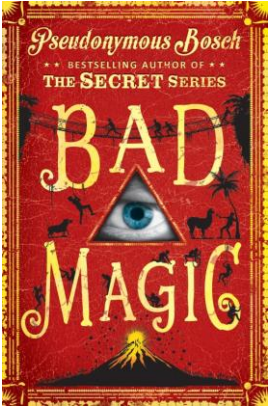
Author Interview <http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/author/1797/Pseudonymous-Bosch.html>

- **Number of Pages:** 402, **Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction,
- **Genre:** Humorous Fiction, Children's Fiction, Children > Humorous, Children > Adventure
- **Target Audience:** Children (10+)

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## **[Bad Magic by Pseudonymous Bosch](#)**

*The Bad Books - Book 1*



This book is incredibly BAD. It does not contain MAGIC. Or a strange ghost girl. Or spontaneous combustion. Or Spanish-speaking llamas.

It's just an ordinary tale of a boy going to summer camp on a desert island. Nothing EXCITING or WEIRD happens and there are no SECRETS or MYSTERIES at all. (Or maybe there are. You'd better read it to find out.)

**Published by:**Usborne Publishing Ltd

**Number of Pages:**384. **Fiction/Non-Fiction:**Fiction

**Genre:**Children > Adventure, Children > Fantasy, Children's Fiction, Children > Humorous

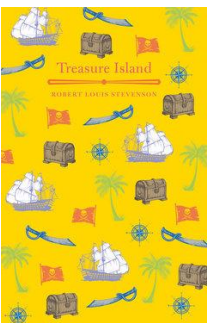
**Target Audience:**Children (10+)



Resources : [The Bad Books Event Kit](#)

## **[Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson](#)**

When young Jim Hawkins discovers a mysterious map in a dead man's sea-chest, he sets off on a thrilling adventure of pirates, treasure, and villainy. Hired as a cabin boy on the Hispaniola, Jim finds himself in the company of a frightening crew of seamen, and is soon taken under the wing of the charismatic but dangerous Long John Silver...



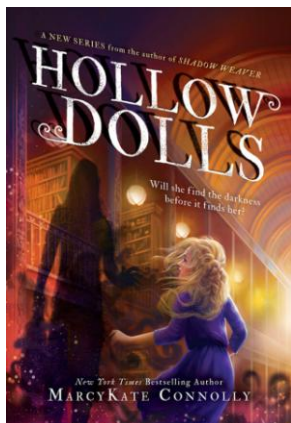
One of the most famous adventure stories ever written, Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale with delight young readers aged 8 and up. This edition also contains illustrations by the artist Walter Paget.



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## **[Hollow Dolls by MarcyKate Connolly](#)**



From the author of the Shadow Weaver duology comes a tale of secrets, power, magic, and the long path to home.

Simone is a mind-reader. She knows a great many things, but she can't seem to remember anything about her past. So when she gets the chance to search for her family, she sets off to finally find her home.

When she stumbles across a man with two minds inside him—the real one, shoved deep down, and one of a body walker, someone who can take over a person's body against their will—Simone is even more eager to leave her old life behind.

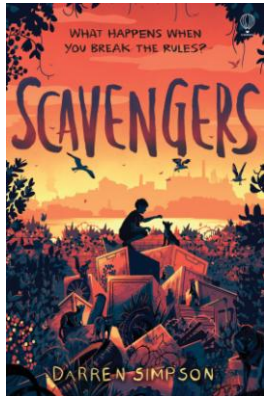
As Simone dives deeper into her history, she learns truths she never could have imagined. But as those she loves start disappearing around her, Simone knows only she can stop the evil, before it's too late.

*"Connolly... introduces new characters and a gripping plot with a twist-all sure to captivate readers. " – Booklist*



[Discussion Guide](#)

## [Scavengers](#) by Darren Simpson



\*\*Recommended by [UNESCO](#) as one of seven books that help bring the UN's sustainable development goals to life.

Landfill has lived his whole life as a scavenger, running with wooflers, swimming with turtles and feasting on fresh gull. Old Babagoo has always looked after him, on one condition – follow his rules. Never come looking Outside. Never rise above the wall. But despite the dangers, Landfill longs to see Outside. And some rules are made to be broken.

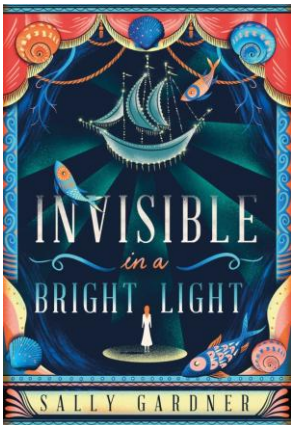


[Teacher's Guide](#)

*Topics/Themes include sustainability, prejudice and control (rules in society)*

- **Number of Pages:**288, **Fiction/Non-Fiction:**Fiction, **Genre:**Children > Adventure, Children's Fiction, Crime & Thriller
- **Target Audience:**Children (11+)

## [Invisible in a Bright Light](#) by Sally Gardner



[Teacher's Notes](#)

A pitch perfect, haunting middle grade novel from Sally Gardner which soars with the imagination of a master storyteller. About a crystal chandelier shaped like a galleon that splinters into a thousand pieces, a girl abandoned as a baby on the steps of an opera house and a dangerous game called the Reckoning.

From *I, Coriander* to *Invisible in a Bright Light*, Sally Gardner's first middle grade novel in 14 years soars with the imagination of a master story-teller. A pitch-perfect story about a

crystal chandelier that splinters into a thousand pieces, a girl abandoned as a baby on the steps of an opera house and a dangerous game called the Reckoning.

It is 1870: opening night at the Royal Opera House in a freezing city by the sea, where a huge, crystal chandelier in the shape of a galleon sparkles magically with the light of 750 candles.

Celeste, a theatre rat, wakes up in a costume basket from what she hopes is a bad dream, to find that everyone at the theatre where she works thinks she is someone else.

When the chandelier falls, she is haunted by a strange girl who claims to know Celeste's past and why she must risk playing a game called the Reckoning to try to save the people she loves.

## [Jemima Small Versus the Universe](#) by Tamsin Winter



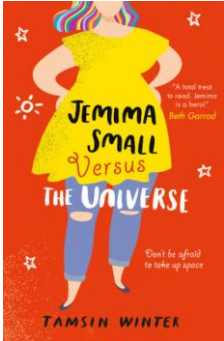
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**Number of Pages:** 384 **Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction

**Genre:** Lifestyle - Wellbeing, Children's Fiction, Politics & Current Affairs, Education, Social Science

**Target Audience:** Children (11+)



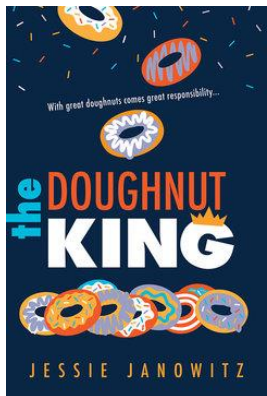
Jemima Small is funny and super smart. She knows a lot of things. Like the fact that she's made of 206 bones, over 600 muscles and trillions of cells. What she doesn't know is how that can be true and yet she can still feel like nothing... or how being made to join the school's "special" healthy lifestyle group - A.K.A Fat Club - could feel any less special, and make her question her dream of applying for her favourite TV quiz show. But she also knows that the biggest stars in the universe are the brightest. And maybe it's her time to shine... A brilliantly funny and touching new novel exploring bullying, body confidence and, most importantly, learning how to be happy with who you are.

### [The Doughnut King](#) by Jessie Janowitz



Download [Discussion Guide](#) for this book.

**Activity ideas:** • Create a marketing campaign for your town or neighborhood. What would be your slogans, projects, and events to attract attention and visitors?



- Develop (and cook!) your own recipe for a One-Ingredient Wonder.

Doesn't everyone love a good baking competition? When Tris tries to save his doughnut business and town by competing on a cooking show, will he have what it takes to win, or will he lose it all?

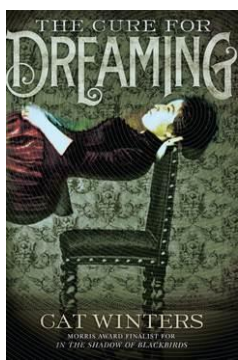
Tris Levin thought moving from New York City to middle-of-nowhere Petersville meant life would definitely get worse...only it actually got better. But just when things are looking up, problems start rolling in.

His doughnut business has a major supply issue. And that's not the worst part, Petersville has its own supply problem—it doesn't have enough people. Folks keep moving away and if they can't get people to stay, Petersville may disappear.

Petersville needs to become a tourist destination, and his shop could be a big part of it, if Tris can keep up with demand. There's only one solution: The Belshaw Donut Robot. If Tris can win "Can You Cut It," the cutthroat competitive kids' cooking show, he can get the cash to buy the machine. But even with the whole town training and supporting him, Tris isn't sure he can live with what it takes to win.

This sequel to The Doughnut Fix is about growing up, family, change, and as always, doughnuts. Kids with the spirit of an entrepreneur will relate to the ups and downs Tris experiences in this book. Parents and teachers, your middle school kids will love this story!

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### [The Cure for Dreaming](#) by Cat Winters

**Number of Pages:** 368

**Fiction/Non-Fiction:** Fiction

**Genre:** Historical Fiction, Children's Fiction

**Target Audience:** Children (11+)





Book Trailer: <https://youtu.be/73P-6ECJCV0>



[The Music of \*The Cure for Dreaming\*](#) (with excerpts from the novel)



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Olivia Mead is a headstrong, independent girl—a suffragist—in an age that prefers its females to be docile. It's 1900 in Oregon, and Olivia's father, concerned that she's headed for trouble, convinces a stage mesmerist to try to hypnotize the rebellion out of her. But the hypnotist, an intriguing young man named Henri Reverie, gives her a terrible gift instead: she's able to see people's true natures, manifesting as visions of darkness and goodness, while also unable to speak her true thoughts out loud. These supernatural challenges only make Olivia more determined to speak her mind, and so she's drawn into a dangerous relationship with the hypnotist and his mysterious motives, all while secretly fighting for the rights of women.

*Winters breathes new life into history once again with an atmospheric, vividly real story that includes archival photos and art from the period.*

**Published by:**Amulet Books, **Number of Pages:**352, **Fiction/Non-Fiction:**Fiction

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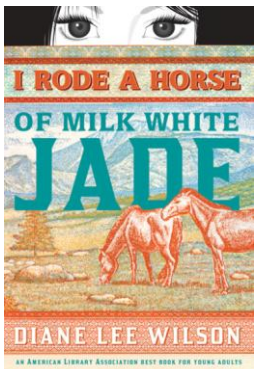
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## [\*I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade\* by Diane Wilson](#)



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[Author's Website](#)



When Oyuna was a baby, a horse accidentally crushed her foot, cursing her family with bad luck. Oyuna vows to restore good fortune to her family...but how? One fateful day, soldiers from the great Khan's army invade her village to steal horses and gather new soldiers. In hopes of bringing honor to her family, Oyuna courageously disguises herself as a boy and joins the soldiers on their quest. With only her horse and her cat to keep her company, Oyuna sets off on an amazing journey across deserts and mountains—a journey that will change her life forever.

"Full of period detail, with a glossary of Mongolian words used in the text, the tale will appeal to those who love historical fantasy or horse stories" - Booklist

"No ordinary horse story...Horse lovers or not, readers will be riveted." -Publishers Weekly Starred Review

"Ambitious and fast-moving." -New York Times

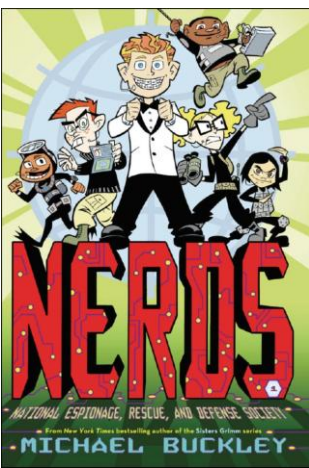
## [\*Nerds : National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society\* by Michael Buckley](#)

For AGES 10+

Curricular Connections/Themes: Earth science, geography, and technology, bullying, teamwork and acceptance, and the value in being a social "outsider."



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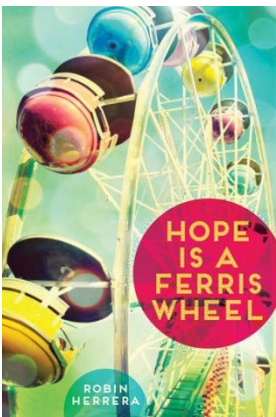


Michael Buckley is at his comic best in this madcap new series sure to appeal to kids looking for a quick, exciting read.

Combining all the excitement of international espionage and all the awkwardness of elementary school, *NERDS*, featuring a group of unpopular students who run a spy network from inside their school, hits the mark. With the help of cutting-edge science, their nerdy qualities are enhanced and transformed into incredible abilities! They battle the Hyena, a former junior beauty pageant contestant turned assassin, and an array of James Bond–style villains, each with an evil plan more diabolical and more ridiculous than the last.

Praise for *NERDS* “An action-packed, tongue-in-cheek take on the world of superheroes and villains. The pacing is quick and the action is plentiful—kids will almost hear the sound effects as they read. *NERDS* brings a worthy message to the fore—that uncool kids can grow up to be anything but. Funny, clever, and thoroughly entertaining, this title should be popular.” —School Library Journal

### [Hope Is a Ferris Wheel](#) by Robin Herrera



*Ten-year-old Star Mackie lives in a trailer park with her flaky mom and her melancholy older sister, Winter, whom Star idolizes.*

Moving to a new town has made it difficult for Star to make friends, when her classmates tease her because of where she lives and because of her layered blue hair. But when Star starts a poetry club, she develops a love of Emily Dickinson and, through Dickinson’s poetry, learns some important lessons about herself and comes to terms with her hopes for the future. With an unforgettable voice with a lot of heart, *Hope Is a Ferris Wheel* is the story of a young girl who learns to accept her family and herself while trying to make sense of the world around her.



[Student/Teacher Guide to Starting a Poetry Club](#)

*Praise for Hope is a Ferris Wheel* **STARRED REVIEW** “Herrera’s first novel is quite accomplished, with plenty of heart and humor, especially apparent in the spelling assignments Star has to complete but refuses to turn in, as she uses them as a sort of journal. Star is a unique, determined, and loving child making the best of a bad situation; readers cannot help but root for her.” --School Library Journal, starred review

### [The Star Shepherd](#) by MarcyKate Connolly, Dan Haring



For fans of Neil Gaiman and *How to Train Your Dragon* comes a beautifully illustrated, fast-paced adventure about eleven year old Kyro, his best friend Andra, his trusted dog Cypher, and their race to save the stars.

When the world first formed, the night was black and filled with dark creatures. The Elders knew their people couldn't survive under such a threat. So they made the ultimate sacrifice: they gave their hearts to the sky in the form of brightly shining stars to keep evil away.

Now, eleven year old Kyro is a Star Shepherd like his father. He's spent his life tucked away in the outskirts of the small town of Drenn. There they watch the night sky for falling stars—and rush to rescue them when they do.

Then one night, too many stars fall at once, and terrible dark creatures start to appear in the forest by their home. Kyro's father journeys to the Star Shepherd Council to report the threat. But when he doesn't return Kyro must figure out how to save them himself before enough stars fall for the dark creatures to make their return.

Kyro, along with his trusty dog, Cypher, and his friend, Andra, must find the cause of the threat before it's too late. Perfect for 5th graders and boys 10-14, young readers will devour this fun, fantasy adventure if they love stories with:

- Drawings and illustrations
- Trusty sidekicks (especially the furry kind)
- Evil, mythical creatures
- Ancient robots

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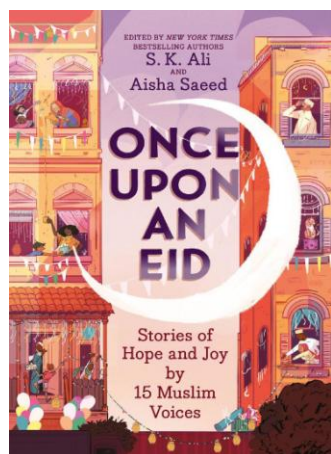


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### [Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices](#)



*Edited by Aisha Saeed and S. K. Ali*

Once Upon an Eid is a collection of short stories that showcases the most brilliant Muslim voices writing today, all about the most joyful holiday of the year: Eid! Eid: The short, single-syllable word conjures up a variety of feelings and memories for Muslims. Maybe it's waking up to the sound of frying samosas or the comfort of bean pie, maybe it's the pleasure of putting on a new outfit for Eid prayers, or maybe it's the gift giving and holiday parties to come that day. Whatever it may be, for those who cherish this day of celebration, the emotional responses may be summed up in another short and sweet word: joy. The anthology also includes a poem, graphic-novel chapter, and spot illustrations.



[Background & Panel Discussion about the Book](#)

The full list of *Once Upon an Eid* contributors include: G. Willow Wilson (*Alif the Unseen*, *Ms. Marvel*), Hena Khan (*Amina's Voice*, *Under My Hijab*), N. H. Senzai (*Shooting Kabul*, *Escape from Aleppo*), Hanna Alkaf (*The Weight of Our Sky*), Rukhsana Khan (*Big Red Lollipop*), Randa Abdel-Fattah (*Does My Head Look Big in This?*), Ashley Franklin (*Not Quite Snow White*), Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow (*Mommy's Khimar*), Candice Montgomery (*Home and Away*, *By Any Means Necessary*), Huda Al-Marashi (*First Comes Marriage*), Ayesha Mattu, Asmaa Hussein, and Sara Alfageeh.

### [A Bird on Water Street by Elizabeth O. Dulemba](#)



"Elizabeth Dulemba seamlessly melds a coming-of-age story to the reality of life in a single-industry town. This is a book that sings." - Betsy Bird, School Library Journal blog A Fuse #8 Production

Living in Coppertown is like living on the moon. Everything is bare-there are no trees, no birds, no signs of nature at all. And while Jack loves his town, he hates the dangerous mines that have ruined the land with years of pollution. When the miners go on strike and the mines are forced to close, Jack's life-long wish comes true: the land has the chance to heal.

But not everyone in town is happy about the change. Without the mines, Jack's dad is out of work and the family might have to leave Coppertown. Just when new life begins to creep back into town, Jack might lose his friends, his home, and everything he's ever known.

Dulemba paints a vivid picture of life in the Appalachia in this beautiful story about a boy looking for new beginnings while struggling to hold on to the things he loves most.



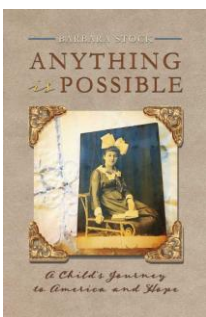
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### **[Anything Is Possible A Child's Journey to America and Hope](#) by Barbara Stock**

*Sara's family isn't safe. In Russia in 1909, the country's leaders encourage soldiers and even neighbors to attack and exploit Jewish people—people like Sara and her family.*



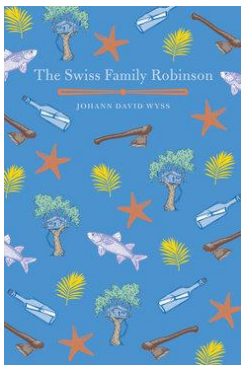
They leave their home country for a new life in America, but will they find the peace they're looking for?

It's strange at first, and Sara wonders if she'll ever feel like she belongs in America. But as she learns English and makes friends at her new school, things begin to look up—until tragedy hits. Her family is grief-stricken. Sara must look within herself for the courage and determination to help her family move forward.

### **[The Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss](#)**



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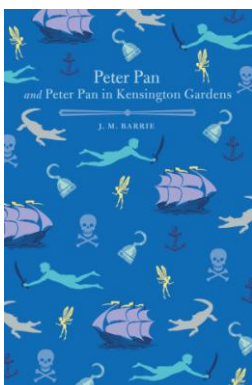


When a Swiss family find themselves shipwrecked on a tropical island they have to build a new life from scratch. Follow their thrilling adventures as they tame an ostrich, fight a giant snake, and construct an incredible tree-house home.

### **[Peter Pan and Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens](#) by J.M. Barrie**



[Lesson Plans](#)



*When Peter Pan flies through the nursery window and invites Wendy, John and Michael to come to Never-Never-Land, they set off on the adventure of a lifetime.*

*Prepare to be enchanted by J.M. Barrie's much-loved tale of Lost Boys, mermaids, pirates, and a boy who will never grow up. This edition also contains another Peter Pan story, Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens, and features original illustrations by Francis D. Bedford and Arthur Rackham.*

