



MACMILLAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Non-Fiction Rights Guide
Spring 2025

Dear Publishers,

Welcome you to our non-fiction Rights guide, which features an engaging and accessible range of books for all curious young readers to help them learn and discover more about the world we are living in.

Our cover showcases *Could You Talk to an Alien?* by Dr Hannah Little, beautifully illustrated by Philip Cullen. This is an essential and information-packed guide to all kinds of communication and how it connects us all. We think it is an important book and one that you all will want to consider for your lists. *The Wonder of Life on Earth* is by award-winning writer and editor Henry Gee, and illustrated by Raxenne Maniquiz. It tells us everything we need to know about our story on our planet, with beautifully detailed illustrations that bring the story of evolution to life.

The Next Chapter of Me illustrated by Katie Abey is the book everyone needs to help them navigate puberty and the changes and challenges that this can bring both physically and mentally. This is a timely publication to help our young people start their adult lives with confidence.

You are never too young to learn about the natural world and even the youngest readers can get involved with Nature Heroes, illustrated by Moesha Kellaway and Tinna Guo, a great board book series introducing minibeasts and the big impact that these little creatures have on our world. Older readers can enjoy *The Tree of Life* by Nalini Nadkarni and Kendra Binny, to find out which animals choose to live in which kind of tree, and award-winning Dara McNulty looks at *Nature at Night* in his latest Wild Child's Guide, illustrated by Barry Falls.

Cluedle by Hartigan Browne is becoming a bestselling series for us around the world; it is a No. 1 non-fiction bestseller in the UK and rights have been sold in thirteen languages in little over a year. Join us in this perfect puzzling world!

Kate Mosse presents 366 great women from history and around the world in her new YA title *Feminist History for Every Day of the Year*. She showcases their individual stories and their fight for women to have a voice and a place in society. It is an inspiring read from this award-winning and globally bestselling author.

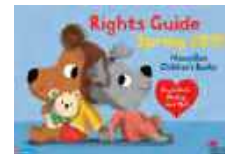
There really is a book in this guide for every age and interest. We hope you enjoy looking through our offering and do also look out for our two other Rights guides that feature the Macmillan Children's Books list overall, and also Priddy Books.

With all best wishes,



Alison Ruane

MD of Macmillan Children's Books



A
PERFECT GIFT
for future
astronauts

POP-UP AND PLAY SPACESHIP

WRITTEN BY JOALDA MORANCY • ILLUSTRATED BY PAUL BOSTON

A carousel book that unfurls
to create a 3D spaceship.

- Features four 3D scenes including the launch deck, a space walk and an alien planet
- Written by Joalda Morancy, a rocket scientist and author of Neon Squid's *How to Survive on the Moon*
- A unique introduction to space exploration and aliens for young readers with short, accessible text
- Bold, original illustrations by Paul Boston





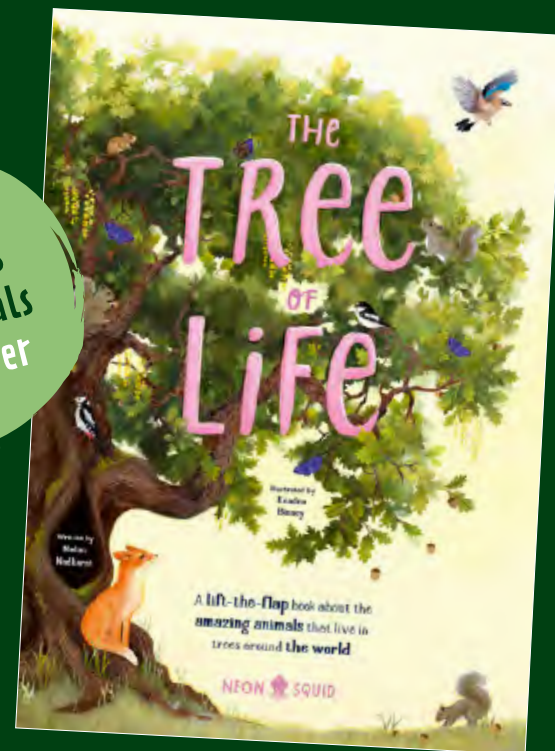
THE TREE OF LIFE

WRITTEN BY NALINI NADKARNI • ILLUSTRATED BY KENDRA BINNEY

A lift-the-flap book about the amazing animals that live in trees around the world.

More than
80 plants
and animals
to discover

- Beautiful illustrations hint at the animals that live in each tree, which are then revealed once readers lift the flaps
- Features trees from the dragon blood tree of Yemen, which look like upside-down umbrellas, to the baobabs of Africa, which store water that is later drunk by thirsty elephants
- Written by acclaimed ecologist and tree expert Nalini Nadkarni



A COMPENDIUM of CURIOUS CONTRAPTIONS

WRITTEN BY ANNA GOLDFIELD • ILLUSTRATED BY PAULA ZAMUDIO



Features
more than
25 UNUSUAL
CONTRAPTIONS

A guessing game about history's
most unusual artefacts.

- The clues and fold-out flaps make this a 2-in-1 reference book and fun guessing game for the whole family
- Presents history through the unique lens of unusual artefacts, focussing on funny, gross and obscure objects, including an Ancient Chinese earthquake detector and Inuit snow goggles
- Written by podcaster and archaeologist Anna Goldfield





IDEAL for
baby's first
library

nature heroes

ILLUSTRATED BY
MOESHA KELLAWAY & TINNA GUO

A board book series introducing young children to the mini heroes of nature.

- The first four titles – *Fungi Friends*, *Busy Bees*, *Brilliant Bugs* and *Wiggly Worms* – show readers that even the smallest creatures can have a big impact on our environment
- Each spread features an adorable illustration alongside a simple rhyme, helping to encourage recognition and language development
- Peek-through holes in the pages and organically shaped edges invite young readers to engage with the book



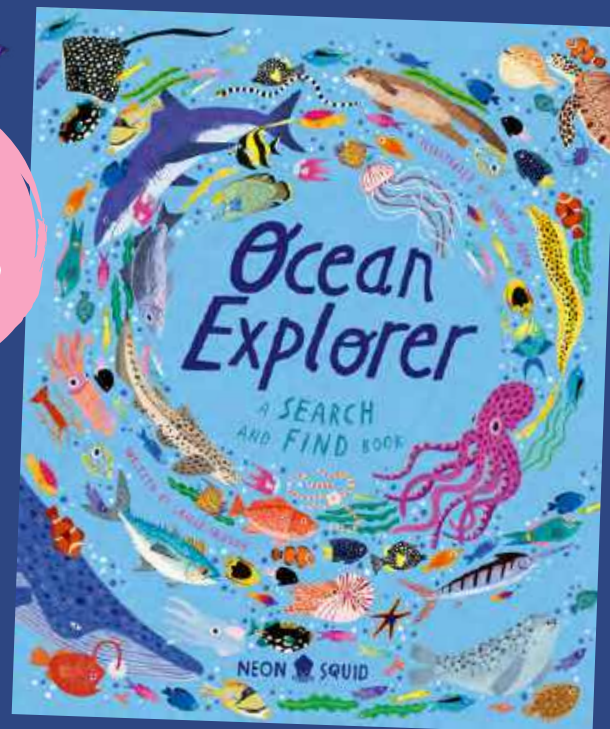
Ocean Explorer

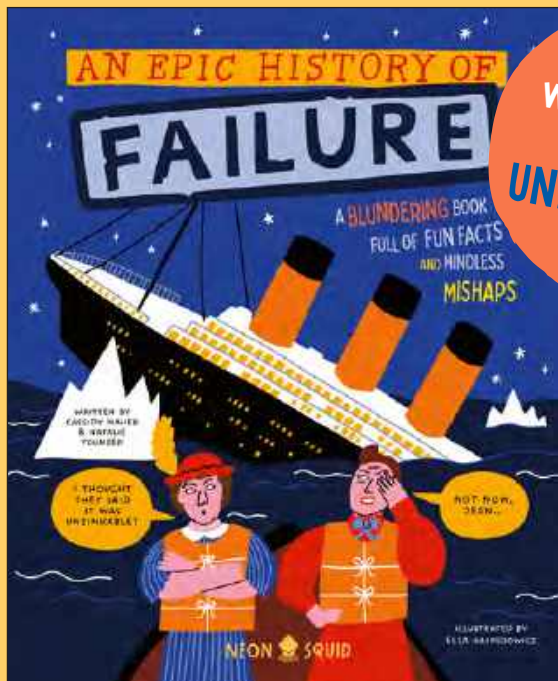
WRITTEN BY CARLEE JACKSON • ILLUSTRATED BY HANNAH ABBO

An illustrated search-and-find book
written by a marine biologist.

- Features 10 watery scenes to pore over, from calm mangroves to crumbling shipwrecks, with fascinating creatures to seek-and-find on every page
- Begin in the shallows before diving deeper to discover fascinating facts about each of the environments and the life within them
- An ideal screen-free activity that will also have readers learning by stealth

More than
150
CREATURES
to spot





Packed
with **WACKY**
tales and
UNBELIEVABLE
facts

AN EPIC HISTORY OF **FAILURE**

WRITTEN BY CASSIDY MAHER & NATALIE YOUNGER
ILLUSTRATED BY ELLA KASPEROWICZ

A hilarious tour of humankind's silliest mistakes and the lessons we've learned (or not!) from them.

- An alternative history book of epic fails that have changed our lives alongside mishaps that will have you wondering, 'What were they thinking?!'



ALSO IN THE SERIES



- Features fails from around the world, including the sinking of the *Titanic*, the plan to use bat bombs during WWII and the war Down Under that saw soldiers defeated by emus
- Written by Cassidy Maher and Natalie Younger, hosts of the history-comedy podcast *Shared History*, and features Ella Kasperowicz's silly illustrations



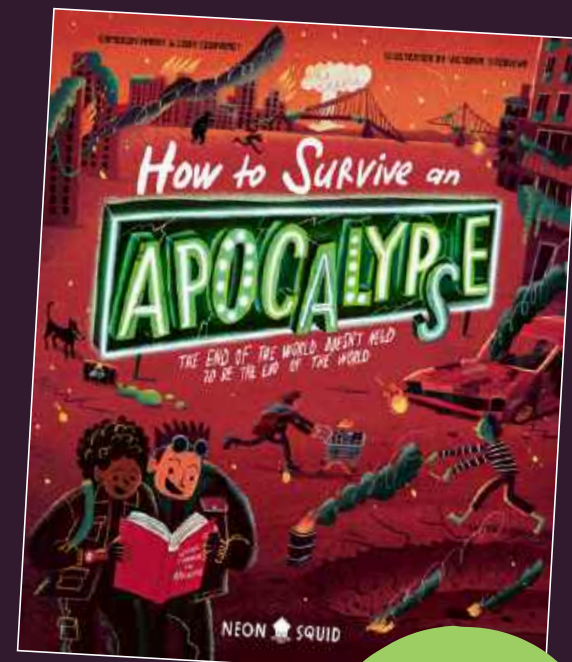
How to Survive an APOCALYPSE

WRITTEN BY CODY COONRADT & CAMERON HARDY
ILLUSTRATED BY VICTORIA STEBLEVA

A laugh-out-loud handbook full of tips and strategies that will have you hoping for the worst.

- Learn how to prepare for serious – and not so serious – disaster scenarios, from surviving an AI takeover to defending yourself against zombies
- Practical survival skills blend with wacky scenarios for a fun and useful read
- Ideal for reluctant readers
- Written by Cody Coonradt and Cameron Hardy, hosts of *The Casual Preppers* podcast

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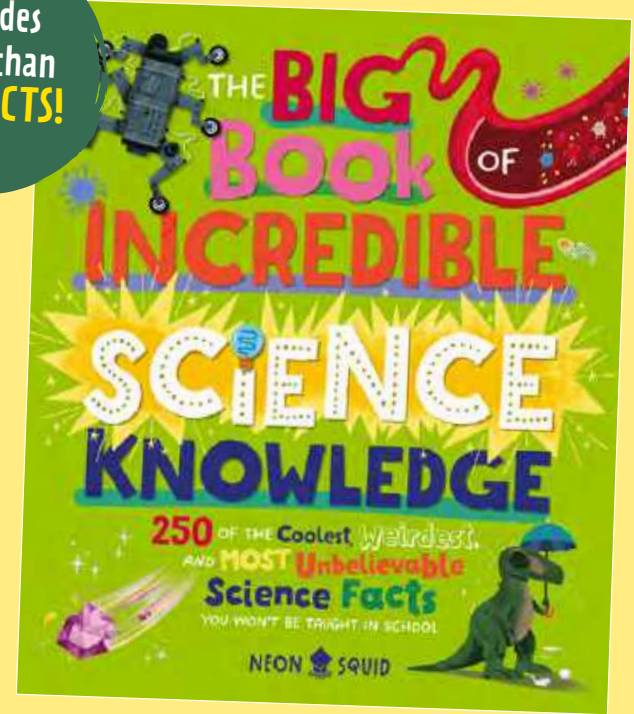
GREAT
for fans of
The Last Kids on Earth



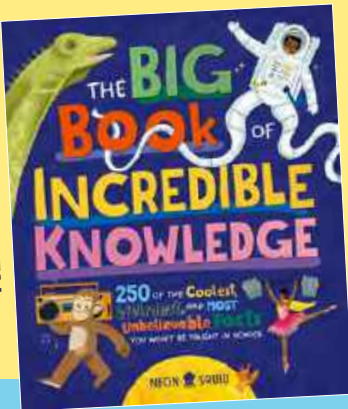
THE **BIG Book** OF **INCREDIBLE SCIENCE** **KNOWLEDGE**

Includes
more than
250 FACTS!

- In this compendium of obscure science facts, readers will be treated to baffling knowledge they would never learn at school
- Discover why astronauts bring teddy bears to space, read about the poisonous tree in the Amazon rainforest that grows exploding fruit and learn how manatees control their buoyancy with farts
- Written by a team of experts including science teacher/rapper Matt Green, geologist Saad Bhatti, and engineer Erin Winick Anthony, who worked at NASA



ALSO IN THE SERIES



Filled with
gross and
surprising facts!

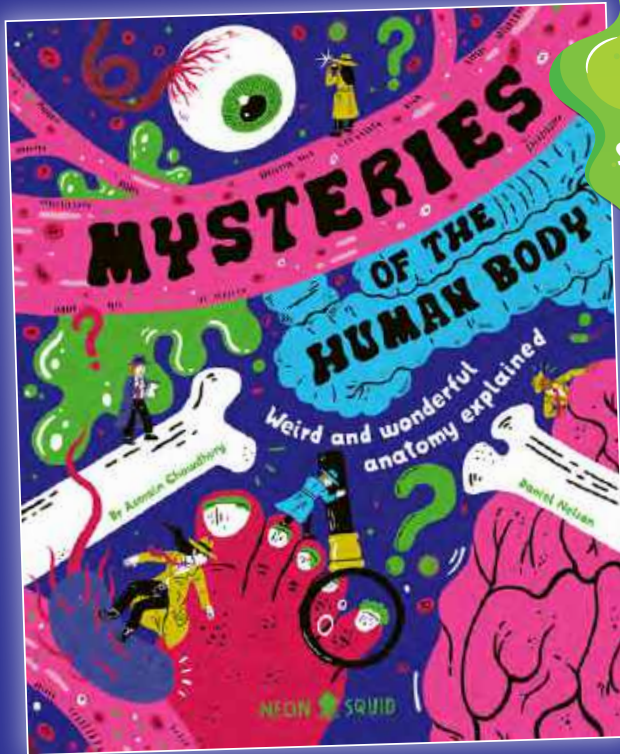
MYSTERIES OF THE HUMAN BODY

WRITTEN BY DR AZMAIN CHOWDHURY

ILLUSTRATED BY DANIEL NELSON

Discover the science behind the weird and
unusual stuff our bodies can do.

- Answers all the burning medical questions you've been wondering about: how long can you actually stay awake without dying? What happened to the man who couldn't stop hiccuping? Can your heart actually break?
- Dr Azmain Chowdhury is a doctor who explains the human body to hundreds of thousands of followers on social media
- Daniel Nelson's colourful illustrations capture the essence of this weird and wonderful book



Secrets of the Stars

WRITTEN BY ALICIA KLEPEIS • ILLUSTRATED BY JENNIFER FALKNER

A charming anthology of 5-minute bedtime stories about nocturnal animals.

- Spend the night with a stargazing dung beetle, a pineapplefish with a torch in its mouth and a cute wolf cub looking for its pack
- Each story is based on the real biology and behaviour of these amazing wild animals
- At the end of each tale, readers will find out more about the science that inspired the story



ALSO IN THE SERIES

Includes
15 BEDTIME
STORIES



TALES OF PIRATES

WRITTEN BY OLIVIA MEIKLE & KATIE NELSON
ILLUSTRATED BY GEORGE ERMOS

Gripping true stories of pirates
from throughout history.

- Includes Spartacus being tricked by pirates and the noblewoman who became a pirate to avenge her husband's murder
- Features pirates from all over the world with a strong focus on the female pirates often ignored by history
- Part of a series that has sold more than 90k copies worldwide

Full of
DARING deeds
and **DRAMATIC**
adventures



ALSO IN THE SERIES



A UNIQUE
BOOK THAT'S
OUT OF THIS
WORLD!

Could You TALK To An ALIEN?

Written by: Dr Hannah Little Illustrated by: Philip Cullen

**AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY, EXPLORING COMMUNICATION
ON OUR PLANET AND BEYOND**



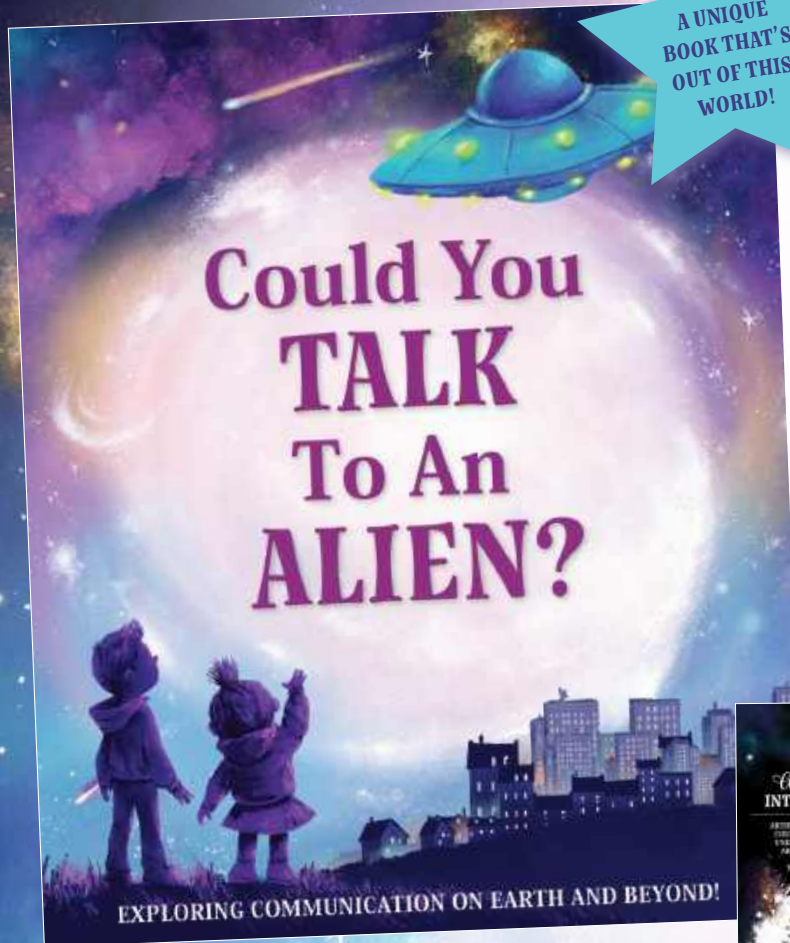
Discover how we could communicate with beings different
from ourselves by looking at language here on Earth

Learn about sign language, ancient runes and the latest
AI technology – includes fascinating insights on emerging topics

Dr Hannah Little is an expert linguist, lecturer
and researcher for the Search for Extraterrestrial
Intelligence Post-Detection Hub

With an important message
about connection and
togetherness

A tie-in to the Artemis
Moon Landing Missions



THE NEXT CHAPTER OF ME

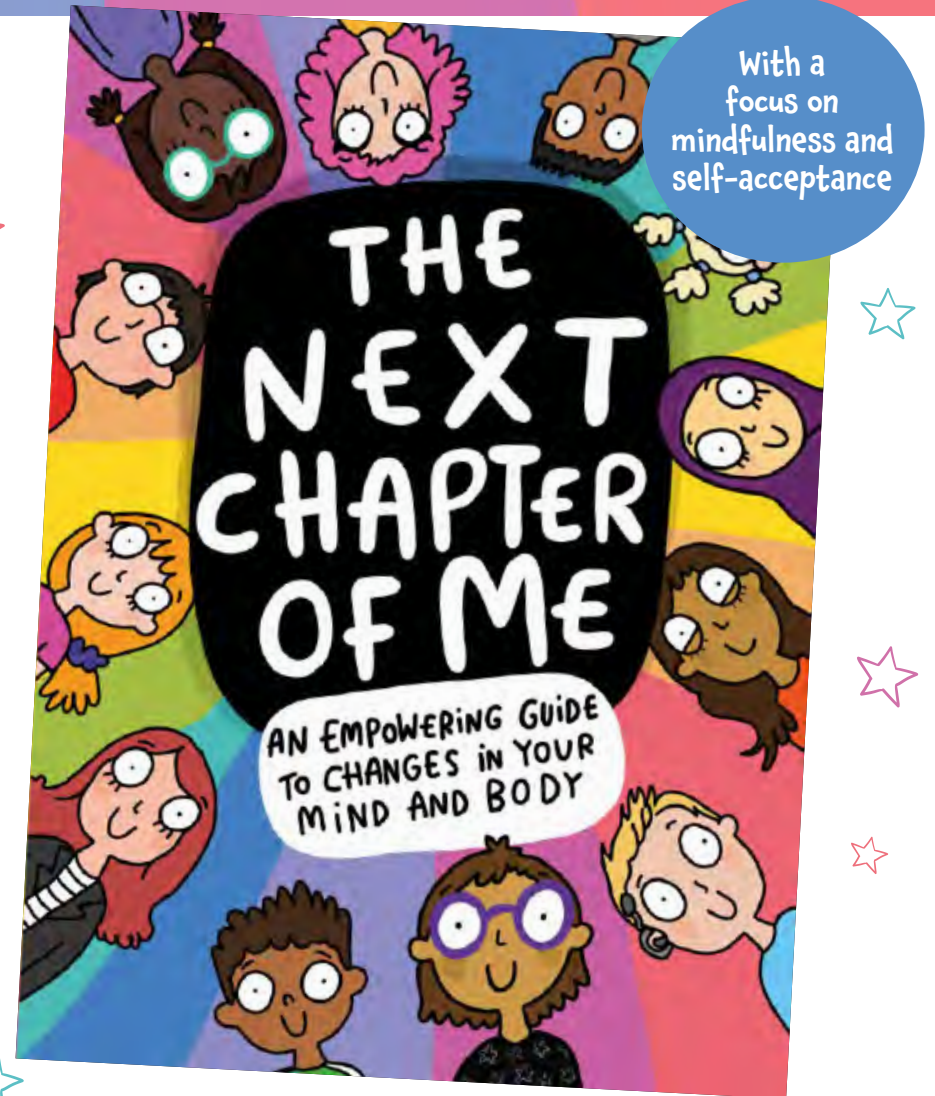
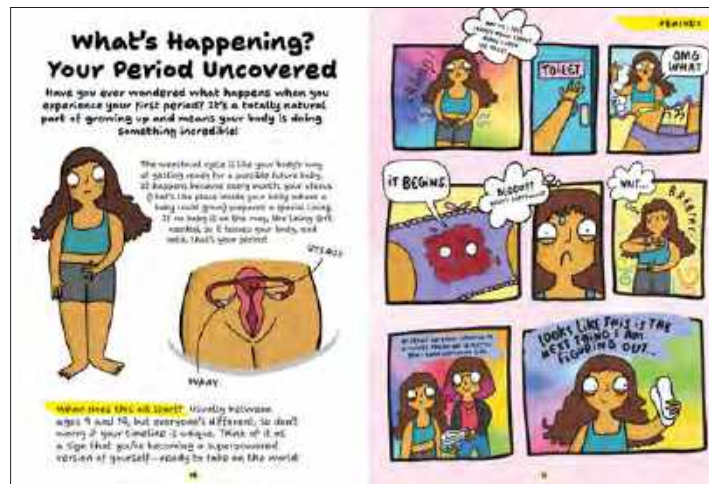
Illustrated by: Katie Abey

A supportive, accessible and upbeat guide to growing up

Explains puberty in a way that encourages confidence and inspires body positivity

Explores both physical and mental changes, with wellbeing front and centre

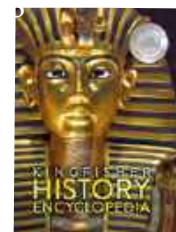
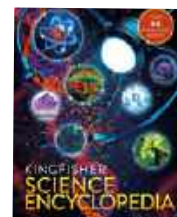
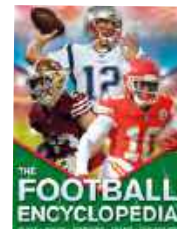
Fun comic-book style stories ensure the topic is immediate, engaging and approachable





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DAY AND NIGHT

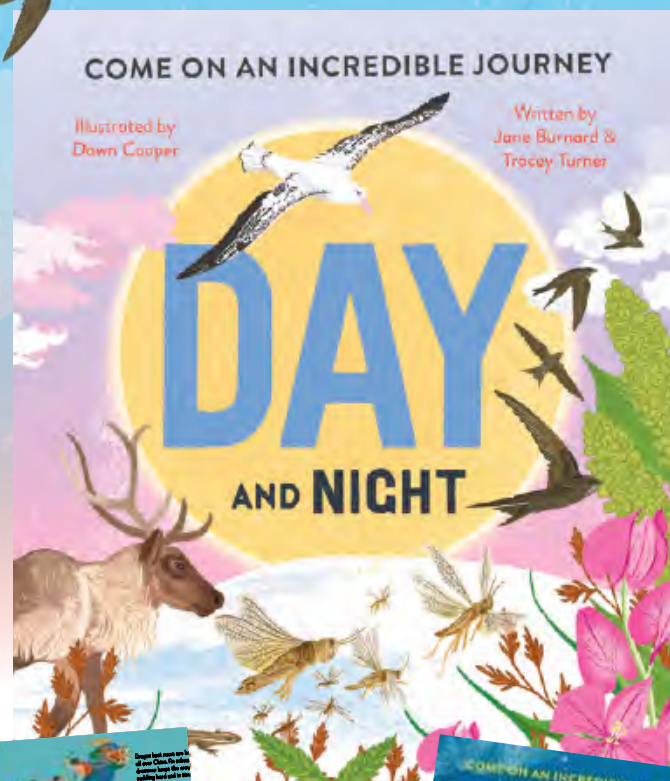
Written by: Jane Burnard and Tracey Turner • Illustrated by: Dawn Cooper

TWO BOOKS IN ONE, ABSOLUTELY PACKED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PLANET

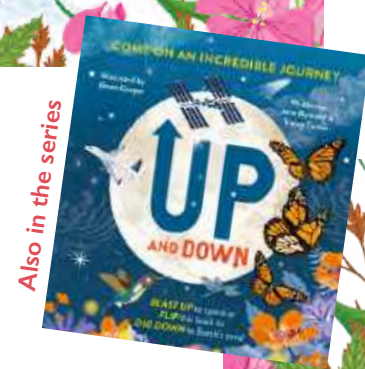
The second book in a high-end illustrated series with a novel twist

Covers a wide range of topics from animals and nature to geology, astronomy and the seasons

One high-interest topic per spread makes this a brilliant series for reluctant readers



**READ THE
BOOK ONE WAY.
THEN, FLIP IT
AND READ THE
OTHER SIDE!**



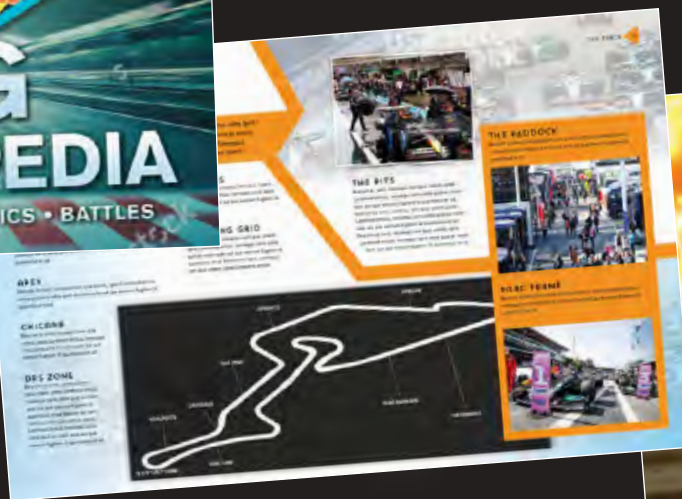
Also in the series

THE
RACING
ENCYCLOPEDIA
 DRIVERS • TEAMS • TRACKS • TACTICS • BATTLES

**SPEED
AHEAD IN
YOUR F1
KNOWLEDGE!**

A mega encyclopedia, with stats about top racers, team tactics and much more!

The popularity of FI continues to soar, and this encyclopedia will be the perfect companion for new fans as well as established enthusiasts





Updated in
time for the
Women's World
Cup 2023

WITH A
FOREWORD
By Steph
Houghton

Illustrated by
Sarah Long

CATRIONA CLARKE

SHE SHOOTS, SHE SCORES!

A CELEBRATION of WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

SHE SHOOTS, SHE SCORES!

Written by: Catriona Clarke Illustrated by: Sarah Long

A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL AROUND THE WORLD

This exciting guide is the perfect companion for new sports fans,
long-time supporters or budding football stars

Author Cat Clarke is an enthusiastic fan of women's football, as well
as an award-winning writer of children's fiction and non-fiction

Packed with up-to-date facts, top players and fascinating
insight into this super popular, and ever-growing sport



ILLUSTRATED BY
ASA
GILLAND

THIS IS OUR
WORLD

WRITTEN BY
VALERIE
WILDING

OUR FAVOURITE FOOD

AN EXCITING CULINARY JOURNEY ACROSS THE WORLD

- Discover traditional meals and feasts from 20 countries around the world, and how families celebrate their culture
- Each location is introduced by a child character who shares why their food is unique and important
- Beautiful picture-book style illustrations by Swedish illustrator Åsa Gilland with fascinating details to pore over



ALSO IN THE SERIES



HEISTS, CONS AND CAPERS

Written by: Claire Baker • Illustrated by: Jenny Taylor

A NON-FICTION GRAPHIC NOVEL ABOUT THE WORLD'S FUNNIEST HEISTS

Laugh out loud at some of history's most unusual heists and bungled burglaries – discover how crime never pays!

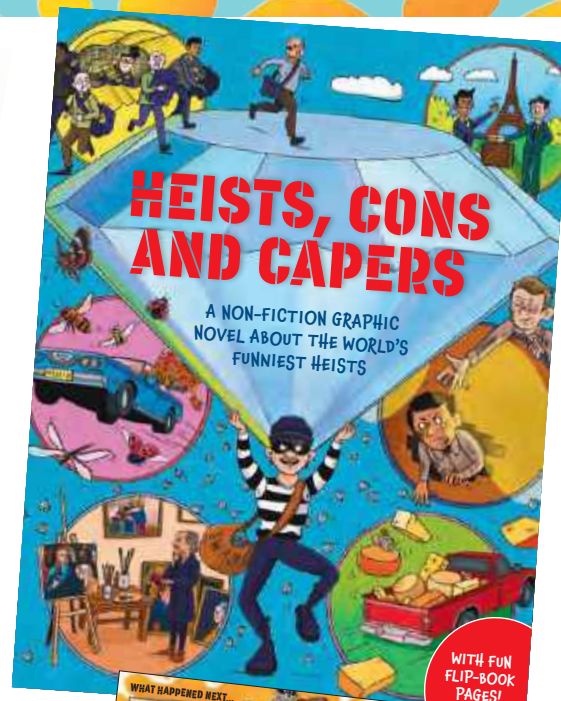
Jaw-dropping examples of non-violent crimes from stolen syrup to missing beetles

Entertaining and accessible stories, perfect for reluctant readers

A clear moral message

Includes STEM topics such as carbon-dating and forensics

CARTOON FLICK-BOOK RUNNING ALONG THE CORNER OF EACH PAGE



A Love Letter to My Daddy

With a
heart cut
through on
the cover

With a
pull-out letter
to fill in and
share!

A Love Letter to My Daddy

Illustrated by: Ashley Evans

**A timeless gift for families
to keep and treasure**

Also available:
A Love Letter
To My
Mummy

Perfect for sharing and reading aloud together

Supports bonding and close familial ties

Filled with loving affirmations from a parent and their child

Ideal gift for Father's Day, Mother's Day,
Valentine's Day and also all year round

Includes a precious
keepsake letter for
you to fill in

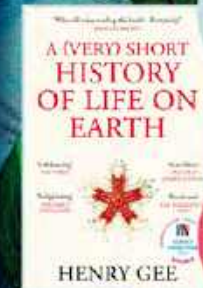
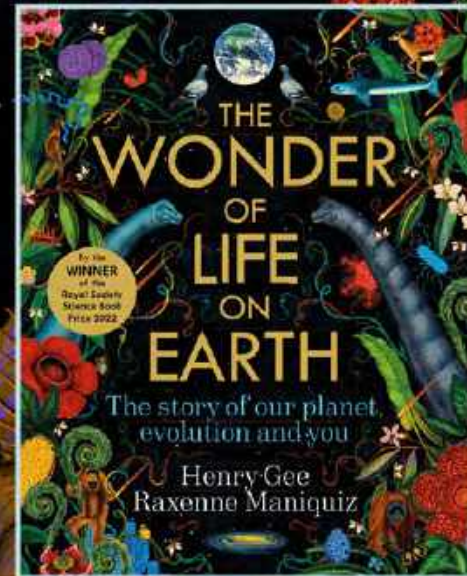
HENRY GEE • RAXENNE MANQUIZ

THE WONDER OF LIFE ON EARTH

The story of our planet, evolution and you

**Discover the story of life on Earth as
you have never seen it before.**

- A nonfiction gift book showcasing the most pivotal moments in the unlikely story of life on Earth from the beginning to the present day, with a view into the future
- Expert voice: Henry Gee is a highly respected science writer and an editor for the internationally-renowned journal *Nature*
- Illustrator Raxenne Maniquiz is known for her exquisitely detailed botanical illustrations inspired by her home in the Philippines



WINNER
Royal Society
Science Book
Prize 2022

Sold in 25+
languages

DARA McANULTY

A WILD CHILD'S GUIDE TO

NATURE

AT NIGHT

Join brilliant young naturalist Dara McNulty – winner of the 2020 Wainwright Prize for his book *Diary of a Young Naturalist* and author of *Wild Child* and *A Wild Child's Book of Birds* – on a journey through nature at night. This fantastic new book is illustrated in full colour by Barry Falls.

This beautiful, informative book takes you through nature at night in five different habitats in Europe – meet hedgehogs and moths in the garden; bats, owls, foxes and badgers in the woodland; glow worms on the coast; Manx Shearwater in the sky and corncrakes, dormice and woodcock on the farm. Learn about circadian rhythms, hibernation, echolocation, biofluorescence, murmurations, the dawn chorus and how to use the stars for orientation.



- Dara is a young naturalist with a big international following on social media
- He is only twenty years old and has published four books, all of which have been shortlisted for major prizes for nature writing
- This book is very timely, with the current focus on protecting the environment and reconnecting with nature
- Illustrated in full colour by Barry Falls
- Sold in 6 languages

FEMINIST HISTORY FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR

Internationally bestselling author and feminist champion Kate Mosse tells the story of women's history, sweeping across the world and through the ages. From Simone de Beauvoir to the Spice Girls, Ruth Bader Ginsberg to Pharaoh Hatshepsut, Malala Yousafzai, Rosalía, Michelle Yeoh and beyond ...

Discover the stories of 366 incredible women throughout history, with bold and beautiful illustrations by Sophie Bass. Within these pages you'll find well-known figures and unsung heroes, key cultural moments and forgotten stories, spanning from ancient times to the modern day. With a piece of history for every day of the year, this is the perfect book to dip into time and time again. Full of quotes, poems, illustrations and pictures, *Feminist History for Every Day of the Year* is for all ages, celebrating and championing an inspiring history that is relevant to us all.

- Written by no. 1 bestselling author Kate Mosse, for a YA / adult crossover audience
- Kate's books have sold over 3 million copies through UK TCM, and have been translated into 38 languages
- International and inclusive, sweeping across the world and through the ages
- The perennially popular 'Every Day of the Year' format is the perfect way to bring history to life, in an accessible and easily digestible way



THE CASE OF THE SILVER CIPHER

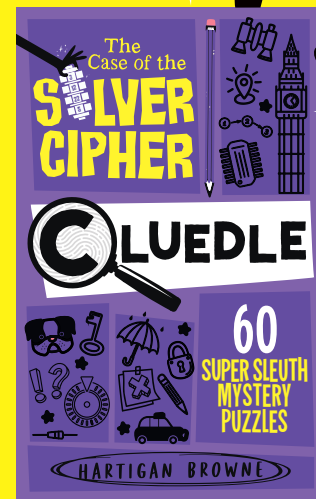
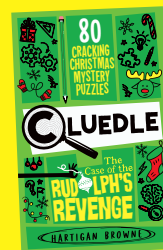
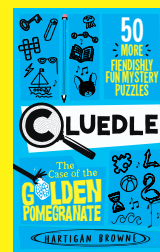
CAN YOU WORK OUT CLUEDUNNIT?

CLUEDLE IS A BESTSELLING SERIES OF FUNNY INTERACTIVE MYSTERIES PACKED WITH BRILLIANT BRAIN-BUSTING PUZZLES FOR CODE-CRACKING FAMILIES AND SKILFUL YOUNG SUPER SLEUTHS. THEY ARE PERFECT FOR FANS OF COSY CRIME.

- The Case of the **DUMPLETON DIAMOND** - HARTIGAN BROWNE recruits you to solve 50 puzzles to find out who pup-napped Dave the dog and what that has to do with the missing Dimpleton Diamond
- The Case of the **GOLDEN POMEGRANATE** - Join opera singer, Alotta Vibrato, on her yacht sailing around the Greek islands and solve 50 summery puzzles to find the Pegasus scroll
- The Case of **RUDOLPH'S REVENGE** - HARTIGAN BROWNE sends you to Mistlehurst Hall to solve 80 cracking Christmas puzzles, complete the festive treasure hunt and find a priceless family heirloom
- The Case of the **SILVER CIPHER** - The Secret, Secret Service needs you to locate a missing agent who was in possession of a top-secret object known only as the Silver Cipher. Journey through London and solve 60 puzzles leading you through famous landmarks such as the London Eye, Trafalgar Square, the Natural History Museum and Buckingham Palace

PACKED FULL OF CODES TO CRACK, EVIDENCE TO EVALUATE, CLUES TO UNRAVEL AND MAPS TO NAVIGATE, CLUEDLE IS PUZZLING FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

HARTIGAN BROWNE



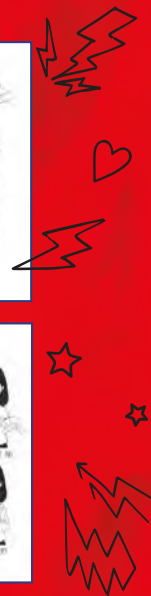
- *Cluedle: The Case of the Dimpleton Diamond* was a UK Children's Non-Fiction no. 1 bestseller for three weeks and has remained in the top ten since publication
- Cluedle brings together all the best elements of the mystery puzzle trend popularized by *Murdle* and the cosy crime wave
- Won in a hotly contested eight-publisher auction
- Sold in 14 languages

RACING LEGENDS

Race through fun facts, stats and stories about your favourite drivers and the sport itself with F1 expert Maurice Hamilton, illustrated throughout by Cat Sims.

- *Cars and racing are perennially popular topics for this age group, but there is a gap in the market for a series on F1 drivers*
- *With six books published and more to come, the Racing Legends series is great for collectors or those wanting to find out more about F1*
- *Following the success of Netflix's Drive to Survive, which was Top 10 viewing in 56 countries, there has been a significant year-on-year increase in fans and social media presence worldwide*





Be strong, be brave, be confident and keep smashing it with the nation's favourite Gladiator – Fury!

In her debut book, *Gladiator*, rugby star and champion of the deaf community **Jodie Ounsley** wants to show **YOU** that you can do anything you put your mind to – you just have to believe you can. It will show you how to:

- Jodie is a fan favourite on the reboot of ITV's *Gladiators* – an average of 8 million viewers tuned in each week, and 8 in 10 children in the UK have watched *Gladiators*
- Jodie is a dedicated champion of deaf and disabled representation in sports, being the world's first-ever deaf rugby player to compete internationally, and she's the Honorary President of UK Deaf Sport
- Publication will be supported by a major comms campaign

- Discover your dream
- Be comfortable living outside of the box
- Learn that our differences are our superpowers
- Smash the barriers that the world has put up
- Speak up for what you believe in
- Pick yourself up and try again

Are you ready?