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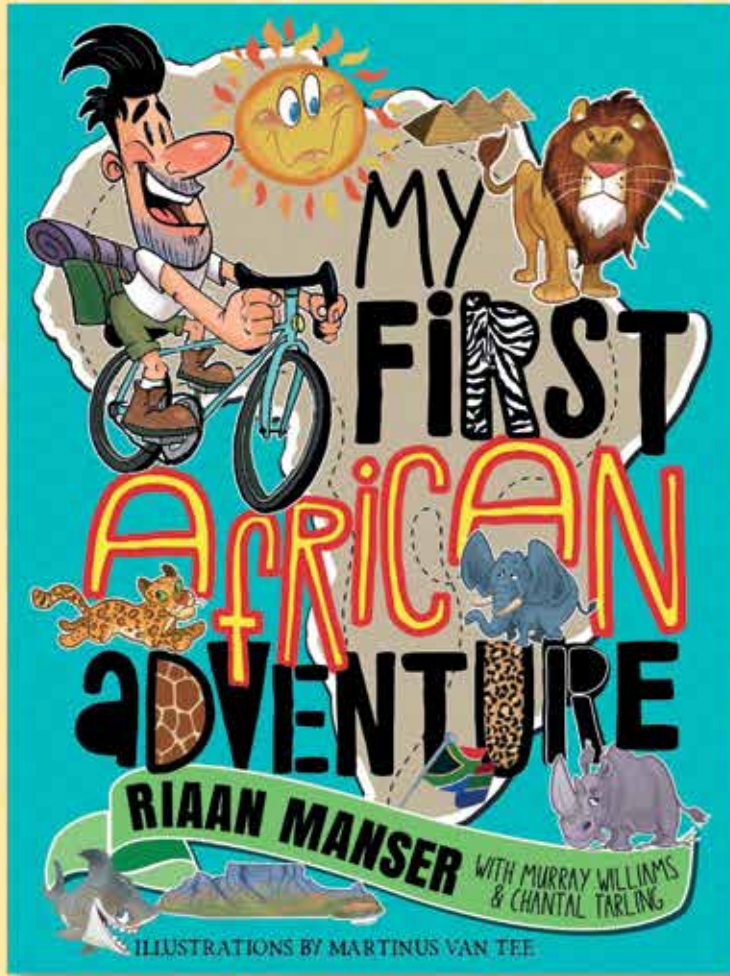
BEST
BOOKS
FOR
KIDS,
TWEENS,
TEENS
AND YOUNG
ADULTS
JANUARY-JUNE 2022



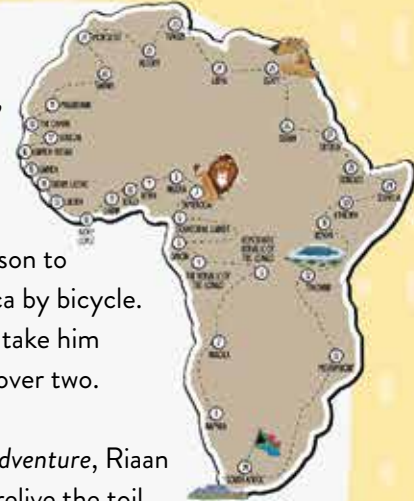
What
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IS a BOOK
THAT, WHEN YOU'RE ALL DONE
READING IT,
YOU WISH THE AUTHOR
THAT WROTE IT WAS A
TERRIFIC FRIEND
OF YOURS
AND YOU
COULD
CALL HIM UP
WHENEVER YOU FELT LIKE IT.

J.D. SALINGER





In September 2003, Riaan Manser rode out of Cape Town, determined to become the first person to circumnavigate Africa by bicycle. He thought it would take him a year – it took him over two.



In *My First African Adventure*, Riaan allows the reader to relive the toil, excitement and occasional terror of his journey.

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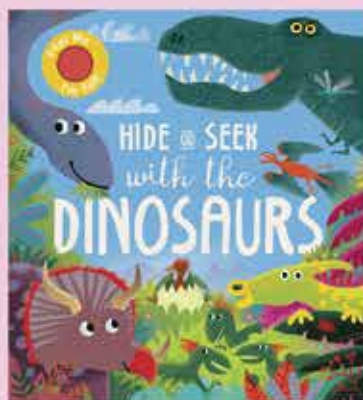
Ages 0-3



Peppa Pig: Peppa's Fantastic Unicorn Ladybird

9780241519257 • January

Peppa's unicorn is the most magical toy in the world! It's soft, cuddly and can take Peppa away on amazing adventures! This strong, sturdy board book has thick, cardboard pages for little hands, and is even in the shape of a unicorn.



Hide and Seek with the Dinosaurs

Rosamund Lloyd

9781788818841 • January

Look out, there's a T-rex about! Can you find the dinosaurs before they find you? Children will love searching for the different dinosaurs behind the large, soft printed felt flaps in this bright and engaging book.

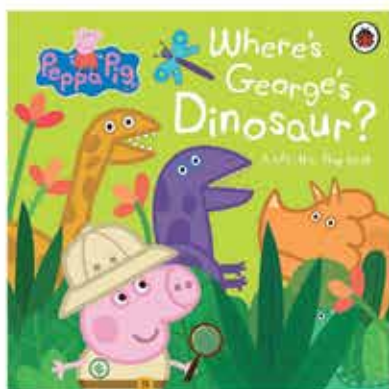


Hide and Seek Under the Sea

Rachel Elliot

9781912756742 • January

The playful sea creatures have swum away to hide. Where can they be? Children will love searching for the animals behind the large, soft printed felt flaps in this bright and engaging book.



Peppa Pig: Where's George's Dinosaur?

Ladybird

9780241543542 • February

George wants to play with Mr Dinosaur, but he can't find him anywhere! Is he at the zoo, on the train or at the castle? Read the story and lift the flaps to find out!



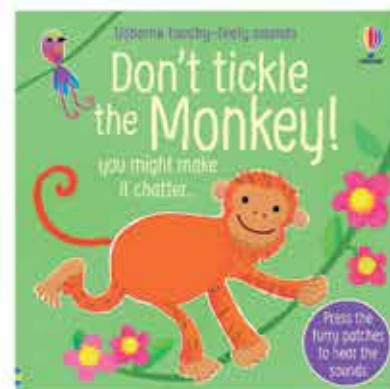
Hello!

Mary Cartwright

9781474998390 • February

This striking board book for babies is about the joy of saying hello in all kinds of ways – to friends and family and soft, fluffy toys. This is the perfect way to fascinate and stimulate developing minds, with high-contrast illustrations and sturdy holes to peep-through.

Baby's Black and White Books



Don't Tickle the Monkey!

Sam Taplin

9781474990684 • February

You'd better not tickle the monkey, because it just might chatter if you do! Little children won't be able to resist tickling the touchy-feely patches to hear the animal sounds in this unique and hilarious novelty book.



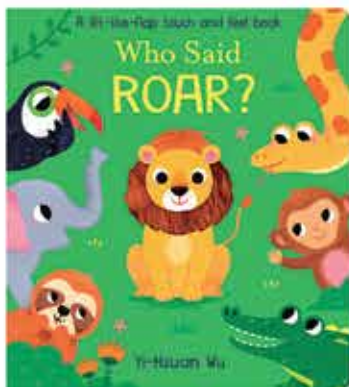
ABC of Love

Patricia Hegarty

9781838914196 • March

Discover all the ways we can say we love one another with this beautiful ABC board book. Gentle rhyming text and adorable animal characters introduce little learners to the concept of love and the many ways we can show it.





Who Said Roar?

Yi Hsuan-Wu

9781801042239 • March

This interactive board book will make children laugh with funny pairings, before helping them learn which noise matches which animal. With sturdy flaps to lift, tactile fabrics and a surprise mirror ending!

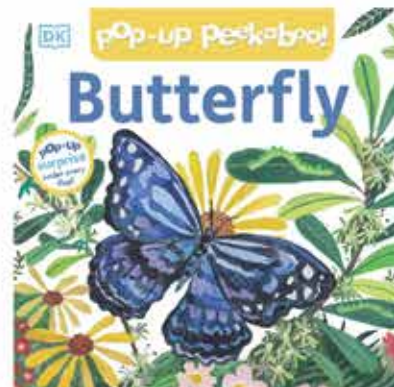


Baby's Very First Noisy Book Dinosaurs

Fiona Watt

9781474999113 • March

Baby's will discover different dinosaurs which stomp through the colourful pages of this book. Press the buttons to hear a noisy hungry diplodocus, squeaky dinosaur babies, a roaring T.rex as well as other dinosaurs.



Pop-Up Peekaboo! Butterfly

DK

9780241533512 • April

Watch a butterfly grow! Little ones will love lifting the big flaps to find five peekaboo surprises pop up from the pages showing the different stages of a butterfly's life cycle: a tiny egg on a leaf, a baby caterpillar hatching, a cosy chrysalis, the birth of a beautiful butterfly, and tiny eggs being laid all over again.



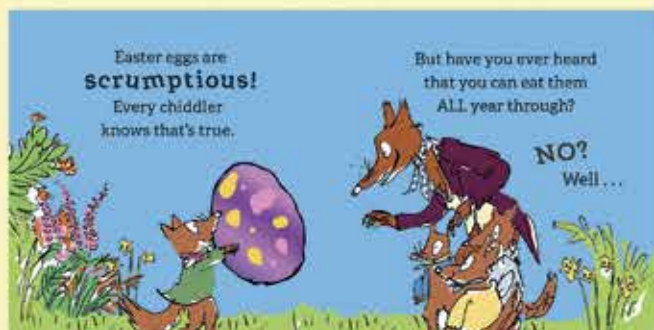
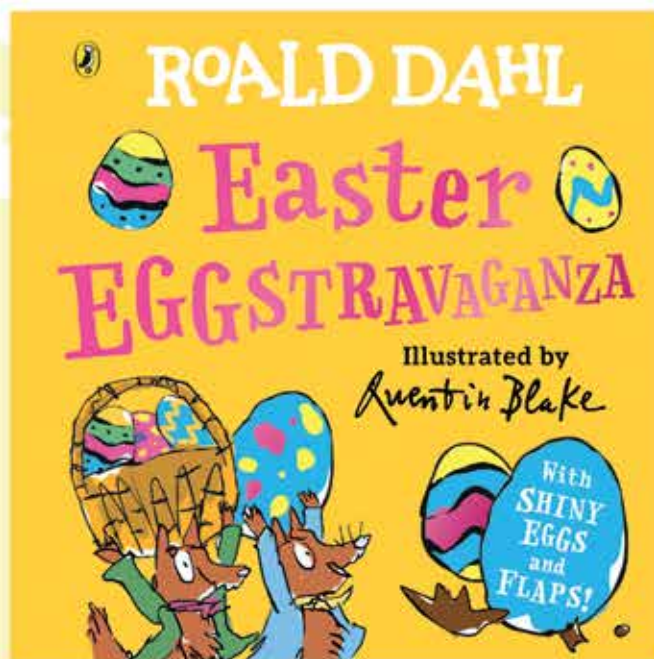
Roald Dahl: Easter EGGstravaganza

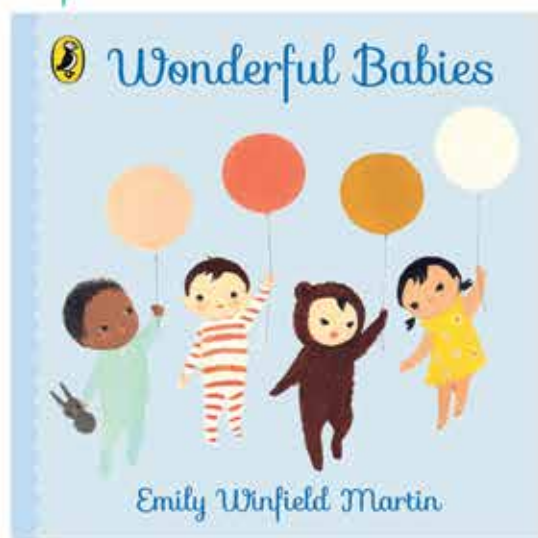
Roald Dahl

9780241554340 • April

*Easter Eggs are scrumptious!
Every chiddler knows that's true.
But have you ever heard
That you can eat them all year through...?*

Discover the delumptious fun to be had with your chocolate eggs in this licky, sticky celebration of Easter!





Wonderful Babies
Emily Winfield Martin
9780241566930 • April

From sweet baby to wild baby, from snuggly baby to grumpy baby, this book will capture every parent's heart as it features a diverse and adorable cast of babies in all their moods.

The perfect gift for new parents
and baby showers



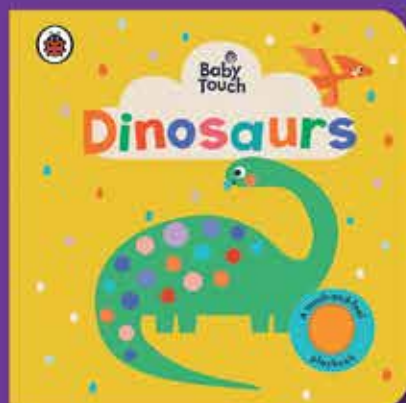
The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Bug Hunt
Eric Carle
9780241553503 • May

Look up, look down, look closely – which bugs can you find? A brilliant new lift-and-learn board book filled with beautiful wildlife scenes to explore and fascinating creatures to discover. This is a must-have for little hungry minds everywhere.

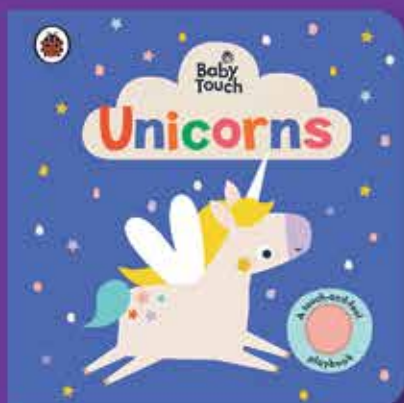
SERIES: Baby Touch

Ladybird
May

From tummy time to bath time, the bestselling *Baby Touch* series contains the perfect first books to support key milestones...



Baby Touch: Dinosaurs
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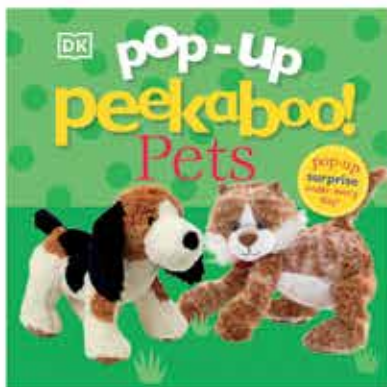


Baby Touch: Unicorns
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Baby Touch: Rainbow
9780241547410





Pop-Up Peekaboo! Pets DK

9780241538517 • June

Babies and toddlers can lift big flaps and see four favourite pets pop up from the pages, playing peekaboo: Jojo the Puppy with a bouncy ball, Bubbles Bunny in the vegetable patch, Frankie the Cat chasing butterflies, and Havi the Hamster on his hamster wheel.



Peppa Pig: Lotte Llama Starts Playgroup Ladybird

9780241543474 • June

It's Lotte Llama's first day at playgroup, and Peppa is going to make sure that she has a lovely time!



Welcome to the World Julia Donaldson & Helen Oxenbury

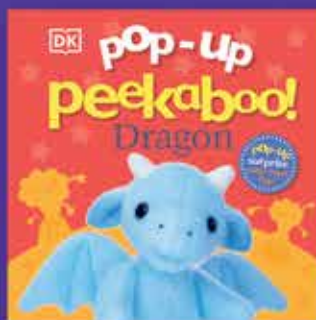
9780241456545 • June

From two bestselling and award-winning creators comes a magical, lyrical celebration of babies' first experiences. From the comfort of home to the adventure of the great outdoors, from family to first encounters with nature, *Welcome to the World* revels in the joy that comes with sharing this new world with children, and seeing it through their eyes.

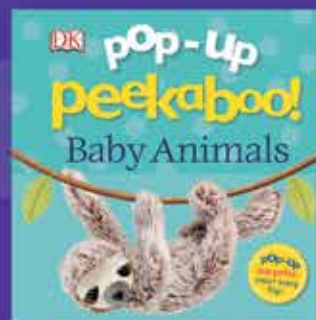
pop-up peekaboo!



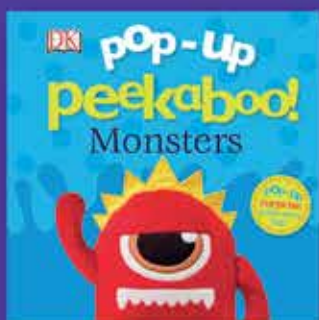
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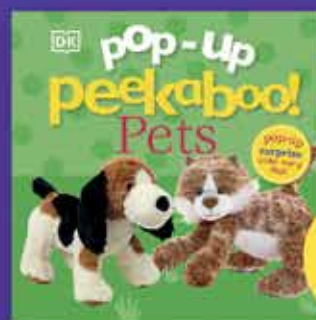
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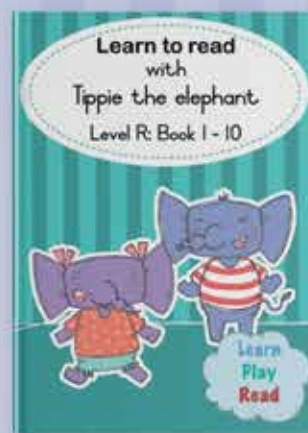
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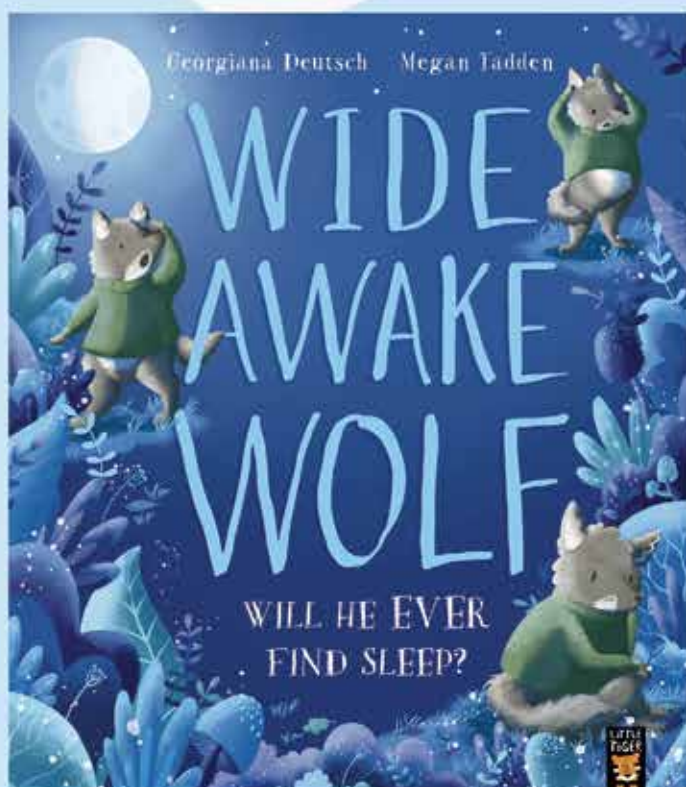
Available in all good bookstores and online: www.lapa.co.za



Tippie is proudly South African and aligned with all the CAPS requirements.



Ages 3-6



Wide Awake Wolf

Georgiana Deutsch

9781788818681 • February

It's bedtime in the forest, but Wolf is WIDE AWAKE. No matter what he tries, he just can't get to sleep! There's only one explanation: sleep must be hiding! But where could it be? And will Wolf EVER find it?



Peppa Pig: Peppa is Kind

Ladybird

9780241476215 • January

It's Well-Being Week at playgroup and the children are talking about their feelings, and how they know when their friends are happy and sad. Peppa comes up with a brilliant idea to spread kindness everywhere!



Peppa Pig: Peppa's Royal Party

Ladybird

9780241543429 • February

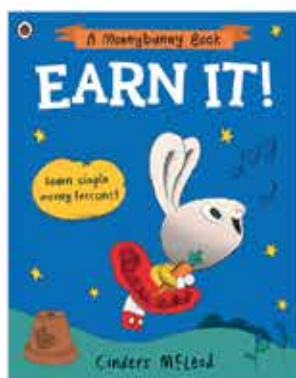
Peppa and her friends have been invited to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee garden party, but when they get there things start going wrong! Can Peppa save the day?

SERIES: A Moneybunny Book: Learn simple money lessons!

Cinders McLeod

February

A charming picture book for young children to learn simple facts about earning money. Collect the series!



Earn It!

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Save It!

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Give It!

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Spend It!

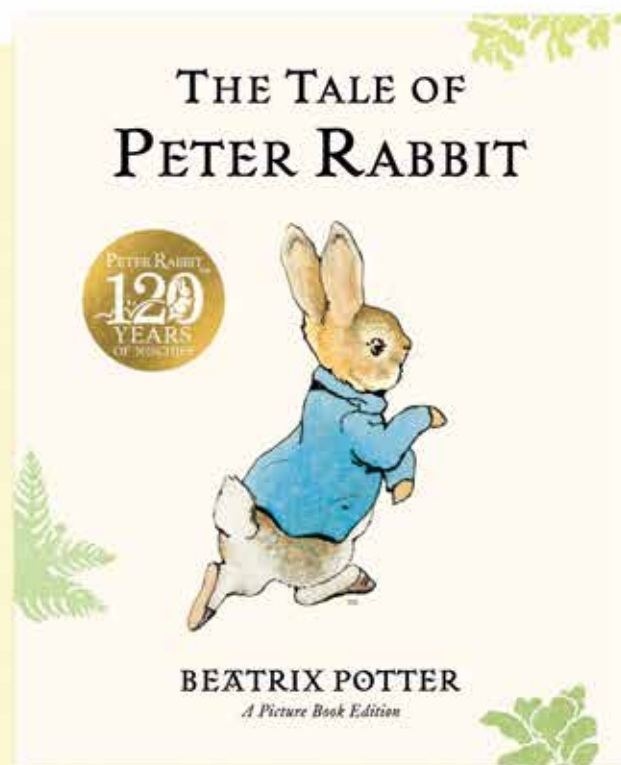
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The Tale of Peter Rabbit

Beatrix Potter

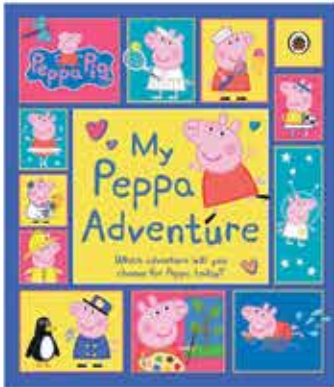
9780241523575 • May

This birthday edition has been re-originated to match Beatrix Potter's first published work with a celebratory new cover. Peter Rabbit loves the yummy vegetables he finds in Mr McGregor's garden, the only problem is: Mr McGregor doesn't want Peter to get his paws on his crops!



Celebrating 120 years of mischief!





Peppa Pig: My Peppa Adventure
Ladybird

9780241543498 • March

Imagine you could choose any story for Peppa! What would she do? Who would she meet? What would she wear? There's everything in Peppa's world here, so readers can pick different things for Peppa on every page.



Bluey: Grannies
Ladybird

9780241551837 • March

Bluey and Bingo are playing Grannies. While playing, they get stuck on a question: can grannies dance? Bluey thinks they can but Bingo doesn't. There's only one way to find out – call Nana and ask!



Bluey: Mum School
Ladybird

9780241550663 • April

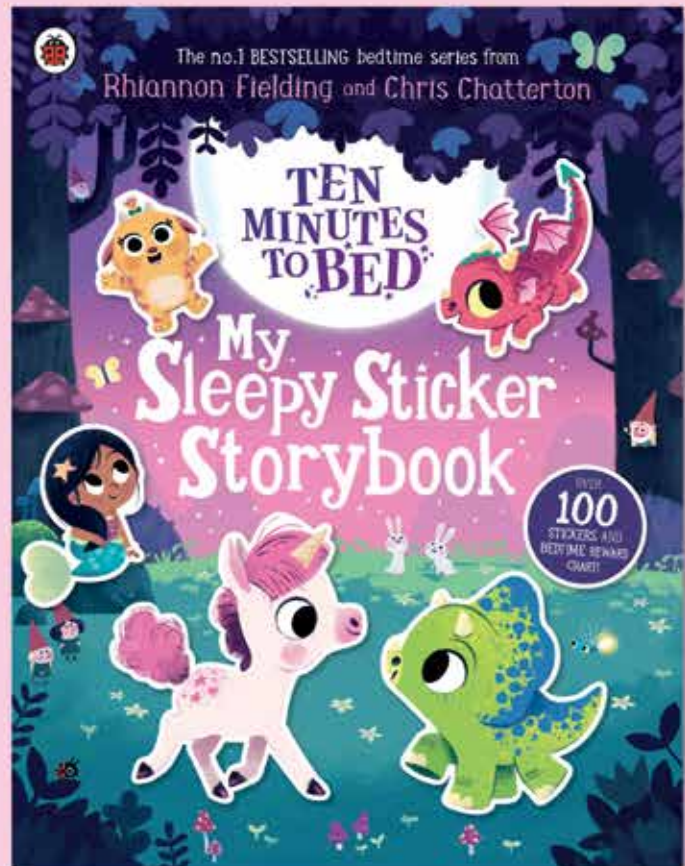
Bluey wants to play Mum School instead of having her bath. But will the kids listen to her?



Ten Minutes to Bed: My Sleepy Sticker Storybook
Rhiannon Fielding

9780241554234 • April

Get little ones ready for bed with this simple sticker book, specially designed to be a calming activity for children before bedtime. Create gorgeous sticker scenes with Twinkle the Unicorn, Rumble the Dinosaur and all your favourite characters from the Land of Nod, all while gently counting down to bed.

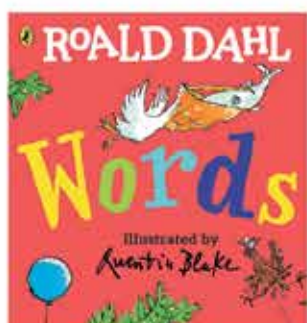




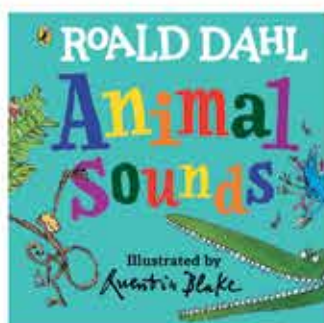
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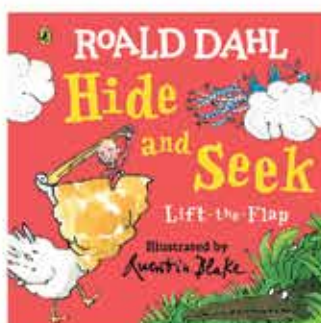
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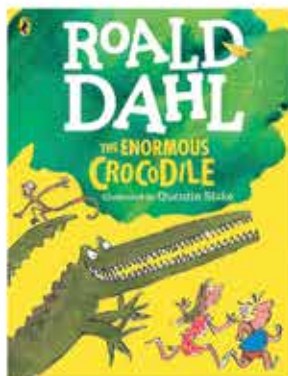


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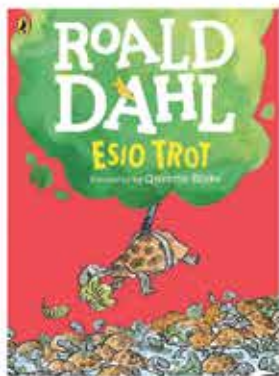


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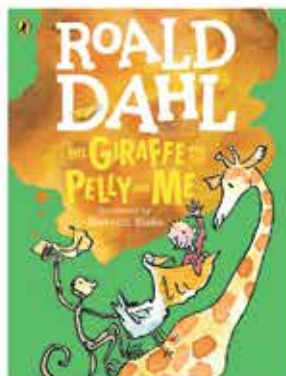
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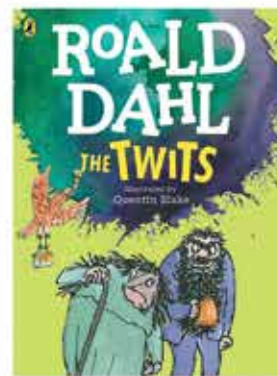
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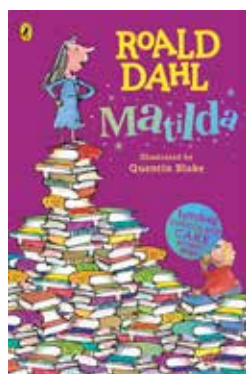


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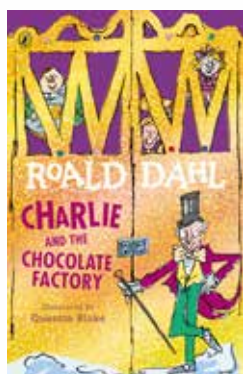


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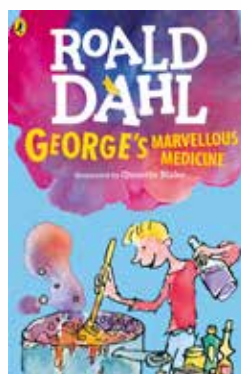
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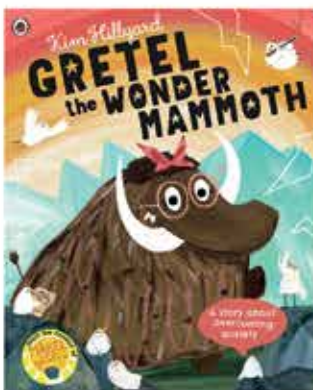
Flap! Rattle! Stomp!

Irene Berman

9781776353613 • May

Buffalo Clyde has a really bad temper! When his hooves go stomp! and his teeth go chomp! everyone knows to stay out of his way. But before long, Clyde has no friends left. How will he ever learn to control his temper?

Meet a guinea fowl mom looking for her chicks, a porcupine rock star and a bad-tempered young buffalo in this beautifully illustrated collection of South African animal stories.



Gretel the Wonder Mammoth

Kim Hillyard

9780241488560 • April

One peaceful Tuesday morning, a loud CRACK could be heard as the last mammoth on earth broke free from her icy shell – here comes Gretel the Wonder Mammoth! Everyone is so excited to meet her but as she settles into her new life, Gretel starts to feel a little overwhelmed and even a bit lonely...

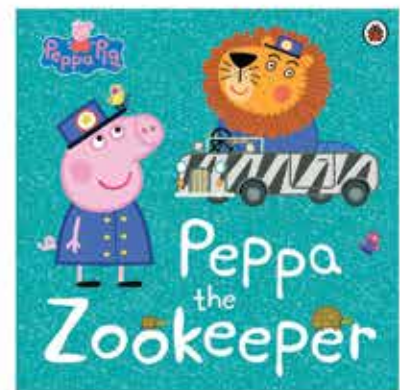


The Bok who Lost his Spring

Marleen Lammers

9781776353637 • May

The poor springbok has lost his spring and he can't find it! Does this mean he is now just a plain bok? All his animal friends try their best to get his spring back, with hilarious consequences.



Peppa Pig: Peppa the Zookeeper

Ladybird

9780241543412 • June

Peppa can't wait for her special adventure – she gets to be a zookeeper for the day! Peppa will wear a zookeeper's outfit, feed the guinea pigs and find out what makes the zoo such a magical place.



Ten Minutes to Bed: Little Fairy
Ladybird
9780241545591 • June

Poppy the fairy wishes she could fly as high as all of her friends, but there's just one thing – her wings are very small! When Poppy spots a lost gnome far from his glade, she is determined to use her wings and get him to safety. But can this little fairy fly to the rescue and still get back home before bedtime?



The Beastly Bunch
Leisa Stewart-Sharpe
9780241476864 • June

Flamingo Flo is throwing the most FABULOUS, most PERFECT pool party. And her spitty, smelly, bitey neighbours the Beastly Bunch are definitely NOT invited. But when Flo's true colours shine through, her guests leave and her perfect party is... a flop. Will Flo realise what friendship is REALLY all about before it's too late?



Peppa Pig: Granny and Grandpa Pig's Day Out
Ladybird
9780241543382 • June

Peppa and George are visiting Granny and Grandpa Pig when they decide to go on a camping adventure. It's time to dust off the old motorbike and sidecar and head to the beach!



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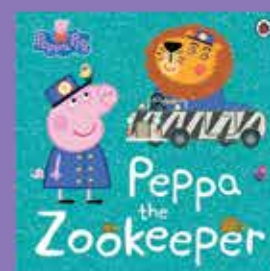
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Ages 6-9

NUWE
REEKS!



Kattemaal: Die bure se nuwe dogter

Betsie Vos

9781776353187 • Februarie

Die bure het 'n nuwe dogter. Waar kom sy vandaan, en hoekom lyk sy so baie na Annabel, die kat wat weggeraak het? Boonop is hierdie buurmeisie se naam óók Annabel... Mila besluit om ondersoek in te stel. Maar haar boetie Jannus spring haar voor en steel Annabel se mens-word-middel. Hy voer dit vir sy aaklige troeteldier, Rottes, net om te kyk wat gebeur. Katastrofe!

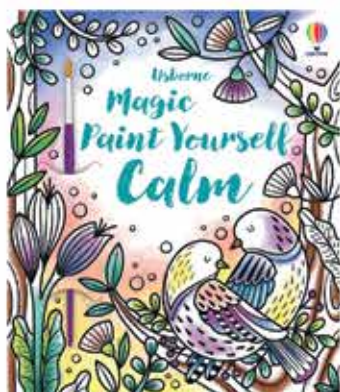


Kattemaal: Annabel gaan skool toe

Betsie Vos

9781776353200 • Februarie

Mila se nuwe maat moet skool toe gaan. Maar sal sy weet hoe om haar soos 'n regte dogtertjie te gedra? Juffrou Kadawer jaag Annabel sommer dadelik uit die klas oor haar vreemde kat-maniere. Maar waar kom hierdie nuwe juffrou vandaan, en hoekom is sy op Rottes se spoor? Die toorpolisie keer die maats vas, en dan laat val Jannus 'n vuurhoutjie op die verkeerde plek...



Magic Paint Yourself Calm

Abigail Wheatley

9781474995559 • January

Filled with exquisite scenes from the natural world to help you focus on the here and now and let go of worries. Simply brush water over the tranquil black and white designs to reveal an inspiring array of beautiful colours.

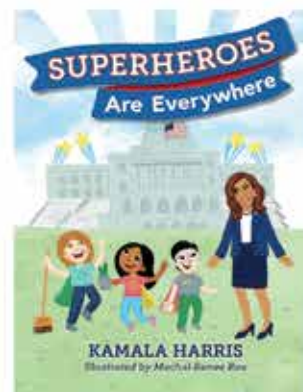


Mermaids Rock 06: The Secret Wreck

Linda Chapman

9781788954143 • March

On a trip to the Red Sea, Kai and his friends explore a shipwreck. Kai is intrigued by the human artefacts they find there but Coralie is worried about being discovered. Her fears become reality when a group of divers arrive. Will the friends be able to get back to Mermaids Rock without getting caught?

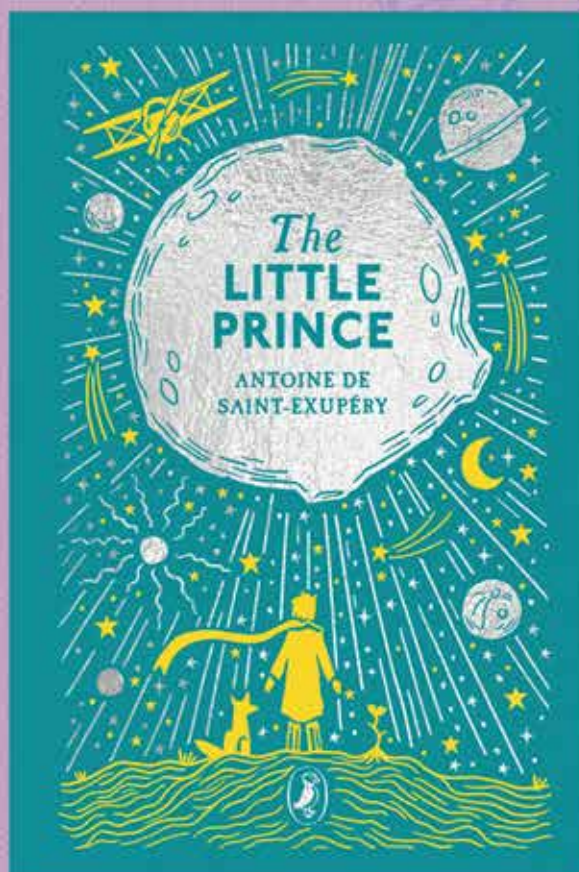


Superheroes Are Everywhere

Kamala Harris

9780241528129 • March

From US Vice President Kamala Harris comes a picture book with an empowering message – superheroes are all around us, and if we try, we can all be heroes too – including you!



The Little Prince

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

9780241444313 • March

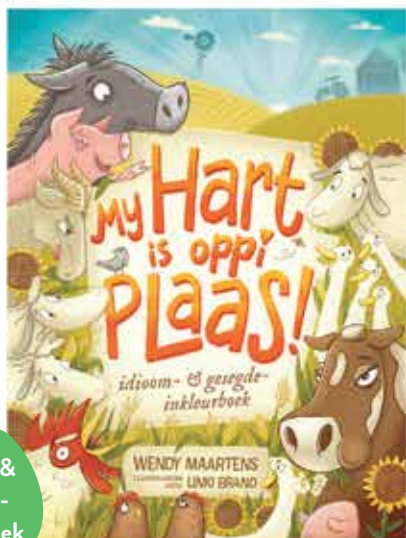
The timeless, enchanting story of the little prince who lives on a tiny planet with three volcanoes and a haughty flower, which he must protect from the baobabs, the bad seeds.

Have you read these Clothbound Classics?



A Puffin
Clothbound Classic

Idioom- &
gesegde-
inkleurboek



My Hart is Oppi Plaas!

Wendy Maartens

9781776353460 • April

Maak die potlode skerp. Skiet daai doppies van die merkpenne af. Lê op 'n baal, sit agterstevoor op 'n trekker, klim op na die solder in die skuur, of gooi 'n kombersie oop onder 'n boom. Die tyd het aangebreek. Kom ons kleur in!

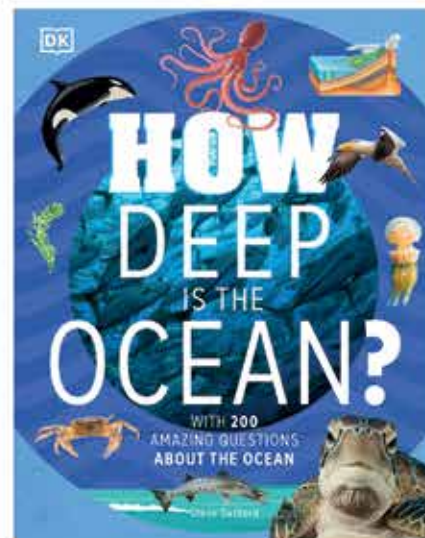


The Homesick Kitten

Holly Webb

9781788953870 • April

Harper loves spending time with her gorgeous new kitten, Sammy. He likes sitting in the window, exploring their flat and playing in the garden. But then Harper and her family have to move in with her gran after she has a bad fall, and everything changes.



How Deep is the Ocean?

Steve Setford

9780241526569 • April

What is an ocean? How do waves form? What lives at the bottom of the sea? This children's book helps inquisitive minds find out the answers to all the questions they may have about seas and oceans, and some they hadn't thought of!

Have you read The Huddle?

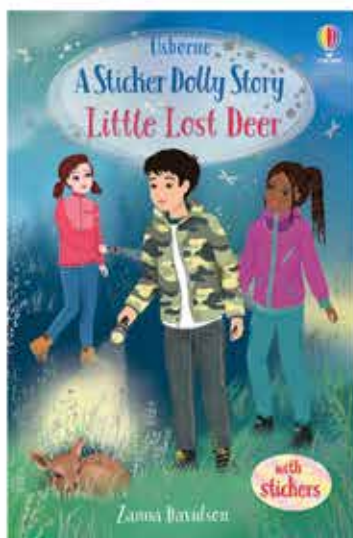


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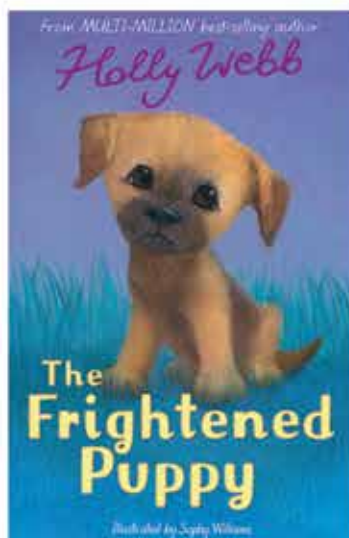


A Sticker Dolly Story: Little Lost Deer

Zanna Davidson

9781474974783 • May

The Animal Rescue Dolls are hard at work at the Animal Sanctuary when they receive a mission call – a baby deer has gone missing after a forest fire. Can the Dolls try and find it?

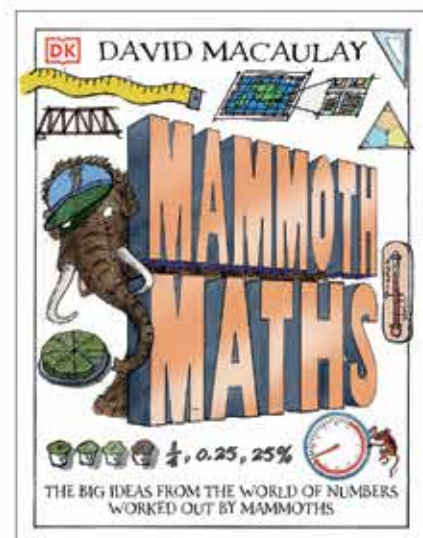


The Frightened Puppy

Holly Webb

9781788953887 • May

Avery is excited to be on holiday with her family. They're staying in a gorgeous cottage right by the river and have lots of fun activities planned. The only thing that would make the trip even better is if she had a dog to enjoy it with.



Mammoth Maths

DK

9780241515297 • June

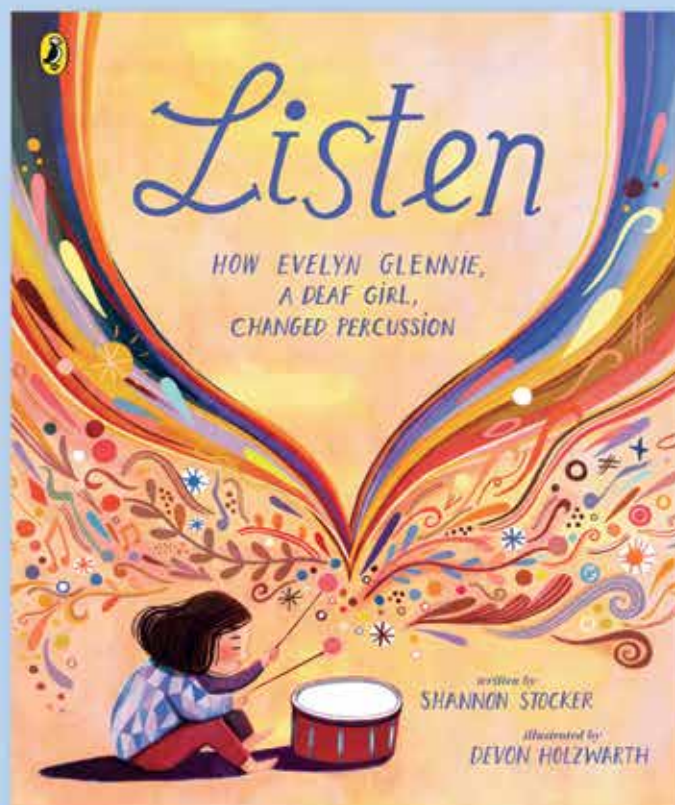
David Macaulay's troupe of curious mammoths lead you through the basics of numbers, calculation, geometry, measurement, and much more in this unconventional and highly original guide to maths.

Listen

Shannon Stocker

9780241547687 • June

As a child, Evelyn Glennie's ears began to hurt. Voices became distant whispers. But when she was told that she would need to wear hearing aids for the rest of her life, Evelyn was determined that this would never stop her from playing music. Instead of giving up, Evelyn found new ways to listen...



BOOKS for Tweens

Katt Loves Dogg

James Patterson

9781529120073 • January

Molly and Oscar must outsmart the rule-makers when they discover that their katt and dogg cousins have run away together – for reasons only Molly and Oscar will understand. Now the clever pair must find and warn their cousins before all four of them are in need of a serious rescue mission.

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF James PATTERSON?

James Patterson is the world's bestselling author. His enduring fictional characters and series include Alex Cross, the Women's Murder Club, Michael Bennett, Maximum Ride, Middle School and Ali Cross.

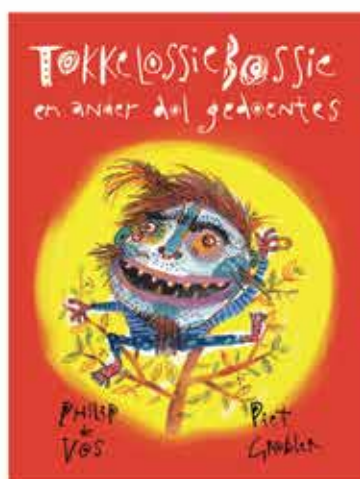




Knowledge Encyclopedia: Space! DK

9780241446676 • January

Did you know that the moon was once a piece of the Earth, and that a day on Venus is longer than one year? First published in 2015, *Knowledge Encyclopedia: Space!* has been completely revised and updated, with new images and information on all things space-related to send you rocketing to the furthest reaches of the cosmos.

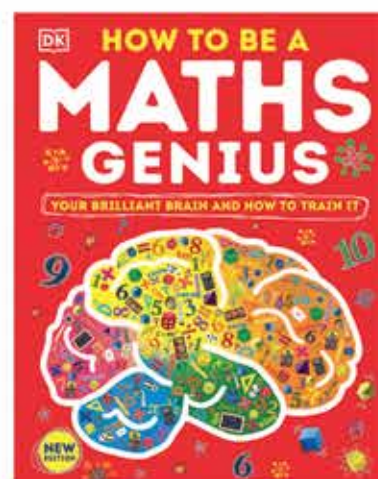


Tokkelossiebossie en ander dol gedoentes

Philip de Vos

9781776353224 • Februarie

In hierdie wonderlike boek, is daar allerhande dinge wat tussen die bladsye wegkruip: rooikop-tokkelossies in tokkelossiebossies, miere met voorname en Aspoestertjie met haar stink tekkies. Daar is dinge wat jou sal laat lag en dinge wat jou sal laat dink: spinnekoppies met pieplein hartekloppies, vissies in blikkies en duisendpote met liddorings!



How to be a Maths Genius DK

9780241515242 • February

Did you realize how much maths you are already using when playing computer games, planning a journey, or baking a cake? This book shows how to expand the knowledge you've already got, how your brain works things out, and how you can get even better at all sorts of maths.



ZAK: Die geheime van Zenkion

Theresa van Baalen

9781776353248 • Februarie

Die lang reis na die planeet Zenkion is uiteindelik verby, maar vir Mitch Wilson is dit 'n antiklimaks omdat sy beste vriend, Lionel, dit nie saam met hom tot op Zenkion gemaak het nie. Min weet hy dat hy nog nie die laaste van Lionel gesien het nie... Beleef die avontuur saam met die drie vriende en vind uit hoe die laaste stukkies van die legkaart inmeekaarpas.

Theresa van Baalen

Theresa van Baalen se eerste twee prentboekpublikasies, *Aspris-krokkedis* en *Karla Krullebol*, is albei met ATKV-Kinderboek-toekennings bekroon. *Aspris-krokkedis* het ook in 2012 die Tienie Hollowaymedalje vir Kleuterliteratuur ontvang. Theresa is veral bekend as skrywer van die gewilde Sanri Steyn-reeks. Sy het al in ander genres ook geskryf, maar kinderstories sal altyd haar eerste liefde wees.

My First African Adventure

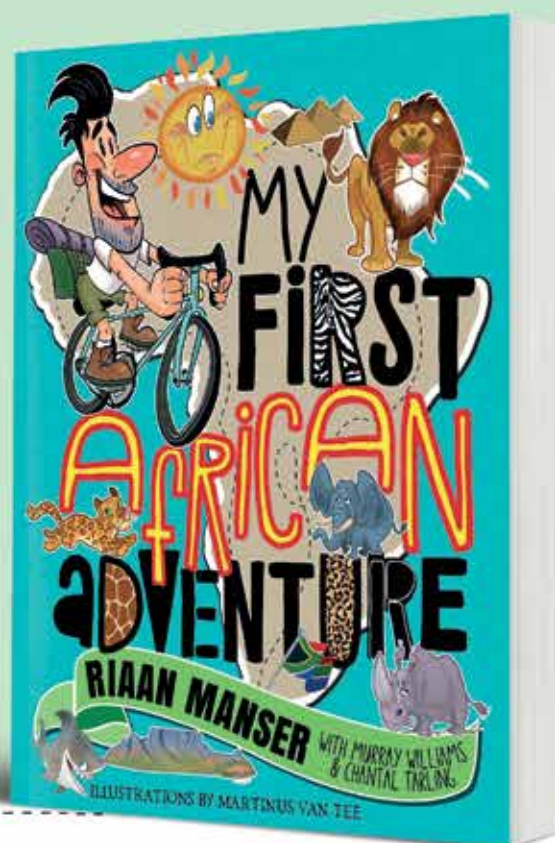
Riaan Manser, with Murray Williams and Chantal Tarling

9781776353729 • May

In September 2003, Riaan Manser rode out of Cape Town, determined to become the first person to circumnavigate Africa by bicycle. He thought it would take him a year – it took him over two. At the end of 2005, he cycled back into Cape Town, 14kg lighter and having covered 36,500 km through thirty-four countries.

In *My First African Adventure*, Riaan allows the reader to relive the toil, excitement and occasional terror of his journey – negotiating the Sahara and Libyan deserts, learning French, Portuguese and Arabic, eating monkey, rat and bat, standing in front of the pyramids, being awarded the freedom of the Red Sea in Egypt, feeding hyenas mouth to mouth, and standing on the highest, as well as at the lowest, points in Africa. Riaan arrived safely in Cape Town on 25 November 2005.

For more information on Riaan's adventures, check out his website: www.riaanmanser.com

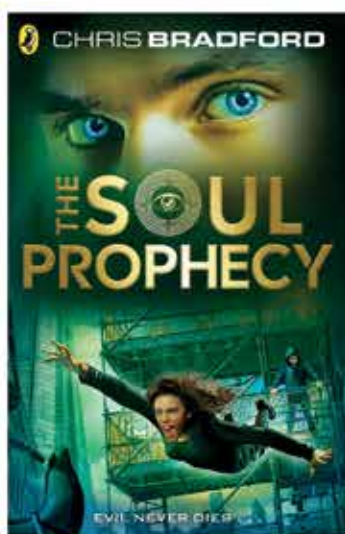


The Worst Restaurant in the Universe

Jaco Jacobs

9781776353422 • March

Dine at the Worst Restaurant in the Universe! Find out what happens when you are stuck with Monster Glue to the prettiest girl in school. Meet the boy who ate Arnold Schwarzenegger's popcorn. Give Aunt Bridgette a kiss – if you're brave enough! Learn how to make brilliant toe jam. And discover how a blob of chewing gum can save the Earth from an alien invasion.



The Soul Prophecy

Chris Bradford

9780241326725 • March

When Genna's parents are murdered, the police put the tragedy down to a burglary gone wrong. But Genna knows the truth: the Soul Hunters are back and her nightmare is far from over.



The Boy who hated Insects

Dianne Stewart

9781776353408 • March

Joshua Finkelstein Bade does not want to go on his school camp to the nature reserve. He squirms when he sees creepy crawlies and hates to touch slimy scum-bags, called slugs. YUCK! When all attempts to avoid the camp fail, Joshua has no choice but to tag along. Luckily, Josh discovers that the camp is not THAT horrible. He even learns to tolerate some of the many-legged critters...



Ben gaan skool toe
Zuléka Smit & Johann Strauss
9781776351213 • Februarie

Ben hou nie van skool toe gaan nie. Die ander kinders is lelik met hom en hy het glad nie maatjies nie! Maar sy mamma vertel hom dat Jesus vir hom lief is. Die volgende dag kondig juffrou aan dat hulle konsert gaan hou! Dalk sal hy uiteindelik kans kry om maats te maak...



Toe ons in Ghrieshuis was
Maretha Maartens
9781776351435 • Maart

Gaan Kayla se lewe ooit weer oukei wees na Die Ramp? Die Ramp waarin hulle geliefde huis, Miernes, heeltemal afgebrand het en nou moet haar hele groot gesin in haar pa se ou werkswinkel, Ghrieshuis, gaan bly. Die Ramp waarin haar pa, motorwerktuigkundige en kranige fotograaf, sy sig verloor het en nou nie meer kan werk nie. Die Ramp wat alles verander het.

MARETHA MAARTENS

Maretha Maartens verwerf veral bekendheid met haar kinder- en jeugverhale en verower verskeie pryse in hierdie genre, onder meer: die M.E.R.-prys, die Sanlamprys Goud vir Jeuglektuur, die Credo-prys, die De Jager-HAUM-prys, en die JP van der Walt-prys. Sy is ook in 2020 as naaswenner in LAPA se jeugromankompetisie aangewys met *Bethel se berg*. Benewens haar kinder- en jeugskryfwerk is sy ook bekend vir die groot aantal geestelike en didaktiese boeke wat sy tot dusvêr gepubliseer het.



The Secret of Haven Point
Lisette Auton

9780241522035 • March

When Alpha was a baby, she washed up by the lighthouse at Haven Point, a remote beach alive with wild magic. Alpha was the first foundling – and now the lighthouse at Haven Point has become a ramshackle home for any disabled child or adult who has ever felt excluded from society.

They call themselves the Wrecklings, looting from passing ships with the help of the mermaids who live in their waters, and whispering superstitions to the wind and the waves. Alpha and her gang spend their days adventuring on the shore – and getting into trouble with the grown-ups.

Then one day, everything changes. When Alpha spots a strange light up on the headland and realises that her beloved family are in danger of being discovered by Outsiders, it sets in motion a chain of events that will change Haven Point forever.

With their home under threat, the Wrecklings must decide what kind of future they want... and what they're willing to do to get it.

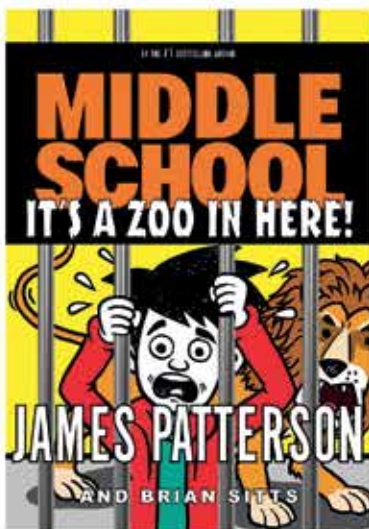


The Lion Tamer's Assistant

Solet Scheeres

9781776354351 • April

Nothing exciting ever happens in the town of Kraaipan. Especially not to Martjie, who lives on a farm nearby. But when Bertus Botha dares Martjie to climb on the Mafikeng train and peep inside one of the crates to see what's inside, it's the beginning of a huge adventure.

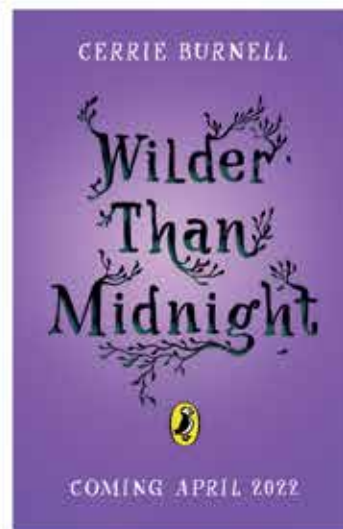


Middle School: It's a Zoo in Here

James Patterson

9781529120080 • May

Rafe is days away from sweet, summer freedom – but his bad grades have other plans for him. He can't fail a summer job, right? Working in a zoo sounds great but Rafe is stuck polishing his boss's car, digging oven pits and scrubbing... toilets. He's destined for the Failed Jobs Hall of Fame until an encounter with an endangered lion puts his wildlife knowledge to the test. This time, it's more than just his grades on the line.



Wilder than Midnight

Cerrie Burnell

9780241457160 • June

Silverthorne is a place of secrets. A forest of twisting paths and tangled thorns. A castle with locked towers and whispers of tragedy. A village trapped between terrors known and unknown. But something is stirring in the leaves...

Dreamers

Fanie Viljoen

9781776353705 • May

Dancing is Byron Carelse's life. It's his energy, his passion, his happy place... his spark. When the rhythm takes hold of his body, he forgets about all the troubles waiting for him at home. One day, somebody spots Byron's talent and he gets the opportunity to take part in a show at a big arts festival. But what are you supposed to do when life tries to steal your dream from you?



FANIE VILJOEN on:

INSPIRATION 'It often comes from the everyday – music, something someone does or says in a shopping center, a school visit where you see a child that seems out of the ordinary.'

FAVOURITE GENRE 'I especially enjoy writing for 8 to 10-year-olds. These readers have fantastic imaginations.'

WINDING DOWN 'I work out in the gym. It helps to clear my mind.'

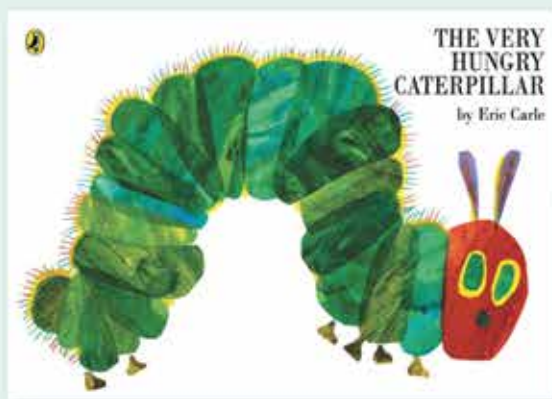
CAREER CHANGE 'I love my job and would not want to do anything else. Words and stories are my life.'



THE TOP TEN BOOKS TO READ BEFORE YOU GROW UP

According to us anyway!

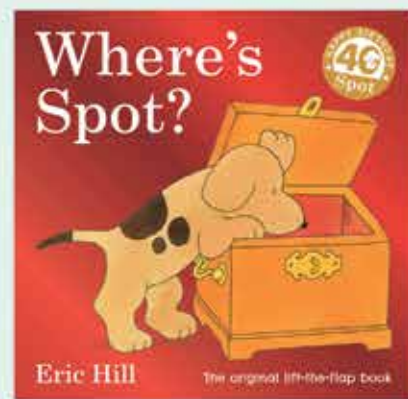
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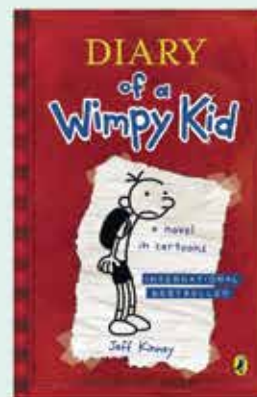
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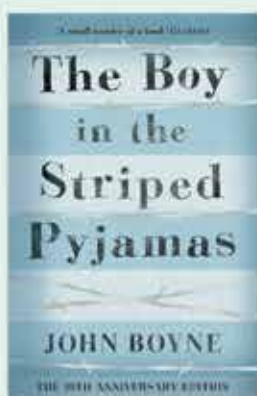
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BOOKS FOR Young ADULTS



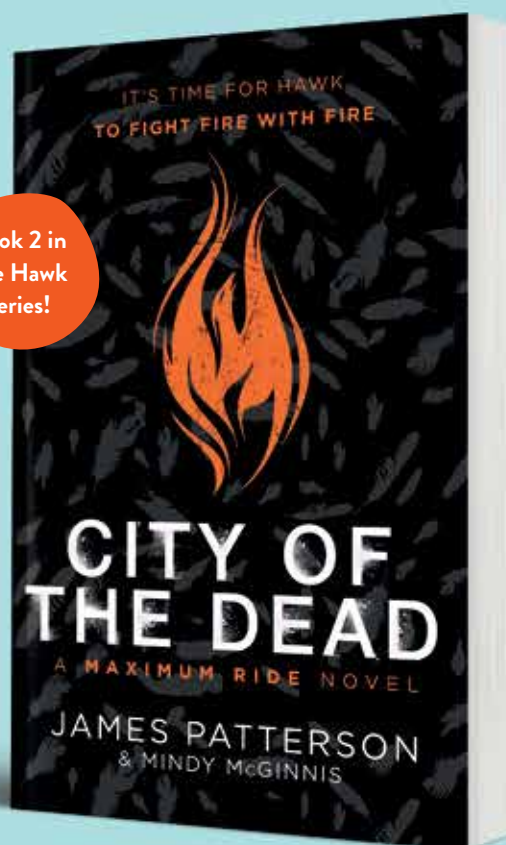
City of the Dead

James Patterson

9781529120110 • January

In the City of the Dead, life happens in the shadows. That's why a war is brewing against an enemy no one can see. Hawk and Maximum Ride never back down from a conflict, or from each other, and they argue more than they agree. But as the dead begin to outnumber the living, a mother's experience and a daughter's instinct can make one powerful arsenal.

Book 2 in
the Hawk
series!



Halley's Comet

Hannes Barnard

9781776354801 • February

Pete de Lange must survive as a teenager in a small Natal town during the 1980s, together with his new-found friends, Sarita and Petrus. In a country marked by turmoil and racial conflict, this is not as easy as it seems.

HAVE YOU READ THEM ALL?



**The Shattered Crown****Maxym M. Martineau**

9781728232287 • February

When Leena Edenfrell swore herself to the Frozen Prince, Noc Feyreigner, she never dreamed she'd ignite the flames of war. And yet as their enemies combine forces against them, Leena and Noc have no choice but to gather their allies and fight.

**Killer Content****Kiley Roache**

9780593427491 • February

Knives Out meets *One of Us is Lying*... In this twisty thriller a group of famous TikTokers begin turning on each other when one member is found dead at their beachfront Malibu mansion.

**Coming Up for Air****Nicole B. Tyndall**

9780593127117 • March

For fans of Nina LaCour and *The Spectacular Now*, a powerful coming-of-age story about a girl with creative aspirations and the boy who charms his way into her life, centering on themes of addiction, loss, and the tumultuousness of first love – and how to find strength when everything falls apart.

**Just Our Luck****Julia Walton**

9780399550959 • March

Anxiety has Leo tangled up, but a twist of fate can change everything. From the author of *Words on Bathroom Walls* – now a major motion picture – comes a romance in the spirit of *Dear Evan Hansen* about overcoming anxiety – and about finding love and friendship in unlikely places.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT JULIA WALTON?

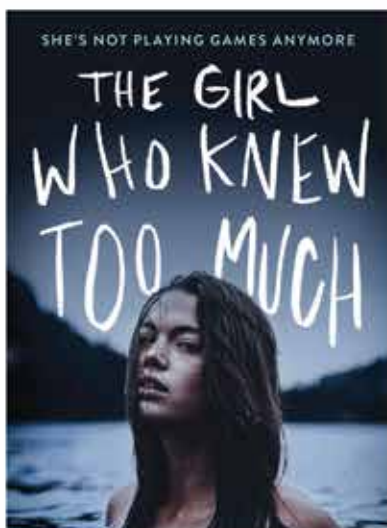
Julia Walton was miserable in insurance. She wrote quite a bit of *Words on Bathroom Walls* on a notepad near her work phone while she was supposed to be, you know, working... So clearly she was a stellar employee and the company was lucky to have her.

Julia talks to herself a lot and cannot pass a reflective surface without checking out her hair. Spoiler... it's usually a disaster.

She eats candy (Cadbury please) and the occasional, generous scoop of Nutella (Costco size only) in her pantry while her kids are distracted.

She will not put any effort into her ensemble unless her hair is also under control.

She cannot dance. Or read a map. Or wear high heels. BLAM!



The Girl Who Knew Too Much
Tiffany Brooks

9781728222325 • March

Survivor meets *Lord of the Flies* in this fast-paced adventure with fascinating characters and pulse-pounding tension. You think it's a game? Think again.



The New Girl
Jesse Q. Sutanto

9781728215198 • April

Lia Setiawan has never really fit in. And when she wins a full ride to the prestigious Draycott Academy on a track scholarship, she's determined to make it work even though she's never felt more out of place...



We Are the Ashes, We Are the Fire
Joy McCullough

9780525556060 • April

From the author of the acclaimed *Blood Water Paint*, a new contemporary YA novel in prose and verse about a girl struggling with guilt and a desire for revenge after her sister's rapist escapes with no prison time.

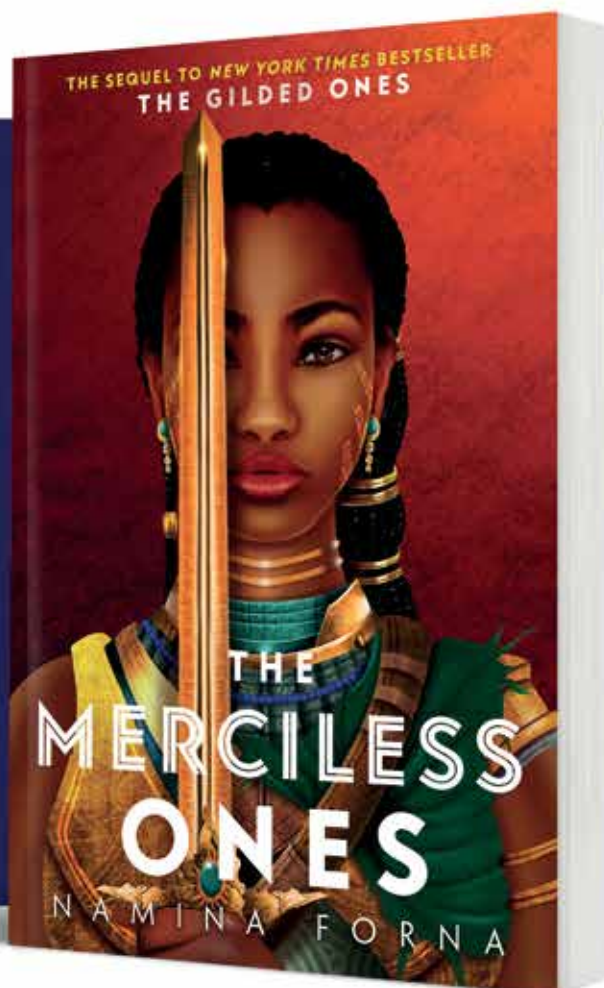
The Merciless Ones

Namina Forna

9781474959582 • May

Discover the gripping sequel to Namina Forna's *New York Times* bestselling YA fantasy, *The Gilded Ones*...

It's been six months since Deka freed the goddesses in the ancient kingdom of Otera, and discovered who she really is. But war is waging across the kingdom, and the real battle has only just begun. For there is a dark force growing in Otera – a merciless power that Deka and her army must stop.





Jy handle dit net
Eleanor Lombard

9781776351336 • April

Drikus voel soos God se afskeepkind. Hy kan nie rugby speel nie. Hy het nie veel maats nie. Hy verloor die skaaktoernooi. En dan is hy in 'n fietsongeluk en daar is nie geld om dit reg te maak nie.

Wat nou? Hy besluit om worsbroodjies te begin verkoop om geld te maak, en toe ontmoet hy vir Donovan, 'n straatkind met 'n unieke uitkyk op die lewe. So begin 'n ongewone vriendskap wat al twee seuns se lewens onherroeplik verander.



Ghosted
Emily Barr

9780241481875 • June

What if you do meet that perfect stranger again – and again...

An emotional love story with a thrilling twist from the globally bestselling author of *The One Memory of Flora Banks*.



Nate Plus One
Kevin van Whye

9780241567807 • June

The gorgeous new feelgood LGBTQ+ romantic comedy from the author of *Date Me*, Bryson Keller!

Mixtape van die liefde

Saamgestel deur Antjie Krog

9781776353590 • Mei

Hierdie bundel gedigte verken die verskillende dimensies van die liefde:

Verlieftheid ('n rimpelvel hardloop),
Wat is liefde? (my hart het in jou verdwaal),
Liefde in gesinsverband (wie is die stil kind?),
Liefde en pyn (ek volg net my hartseer),
Liefde en woede (ek haat en ek het lief) en
Liefde wat verder reik (o's celebrate).

Die hele spraakgemeenskap van Afrikaans is verteenwoordig in die bundel: Van ons ouer digters soos Totius, Boerneef, Eybers, Opperman, Van Wyk Louw tot opwindende nuwe stemme soos Ashwin Arendse, Bibi Slippers, Nathan Trantraal, Pieter Odendaal, Lynthia Julies en Ryan Pedro. Ronelda S. Kamfer lewer die grootste bydrae met ses gedigte.

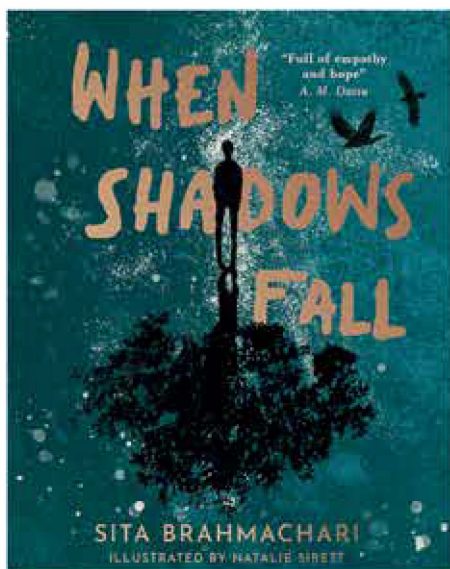


Vrydag is ek verlief

Cecilia Steyn

9781776353767 • Mei

Ella se eerstejaar op die PUK begin nie goed nie. 'n Ongelukkige insident veroorsaak dat sy 'n viral meme word, en dis alles omdat dit op 'n Vrydag gebeur – want sy glo niks goed gebeur ooit op 'n Vrydag nie. Tot sy (op 'n Vrydag) die nuus kry dat haar aansoek om medies te gaan studeer by Kovies op die nippertjie goedgekeur is! Dit klink te goed om waar te wees... Dan besef sy die arrogante en aantreklike hoofseer van die musiekgroep, Vuurvreter, gaan saam met haar studeer. Gaan hierdie jaar haar geloof oor Vrydae maak of breek?



When Shadows Fall

Sita Brahmachari

9781788953160 • June

Kai, Orla and Zak grew up together, their days spent on the patch of wilderness in between their homes, a small green space in a sprawling grey city. Music, laughter and friendship bind them together and they have big plans for their future – until Kai's family suffers a huge loss.

A heart-breaking and poignant novel from award-winning author Sita Brahmachari, for fans of *The Black Flamingo*, *The Stars Were Burning Brightly* and *Poet X*.

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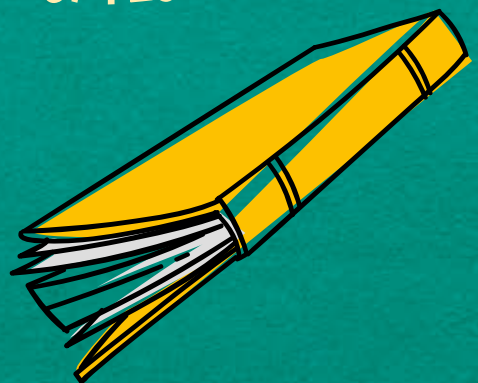
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