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**Ade's Amazing
Ade-ventures:
Battle of the Cyborg Cat**
Ade Adepitan, Illustrated
by David M Buisán



Studio Press
Nine-year-old Ade and his family move from Nigeria to London, where they encounter both hostility and kindness. Ade is self-conscious about his leg caliper, but with the support of his new friends, he embraces his individuality.

Written by the well-known Paralympian, this amusing childhood memoir is an uplifting tale of hope, friendship and determination.

Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball
Laura Ellen Anderson



Egmont
Prince Tangine always gets what he wants, so when he takes her pet pumpkin Squashy, vampire Amelia Fang is heartbroken. But when she embarks on a rescue mission, Amelia is shocked to discover some glittery secrets about her nemesis.

A ghoulishly funny chapter book about friendship, with fabulous gothic illustrations.

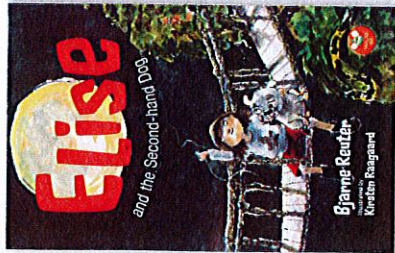
Bee Boy: Clash of the Killer Queens
Tony De Saulles



Oxford Children's Books
When Mel discovers he can transform into a honeybee, he enjoys an amazing bee's-eye view of life inside a hive. But then he must protect his buzzy friends, not only from predators, but also from bully Norman, who vandalises the hive and nicknames Mel 'Bee Boy'.

This funny illustrated chapter book incorporates fascinating facts about these invaluable insects.

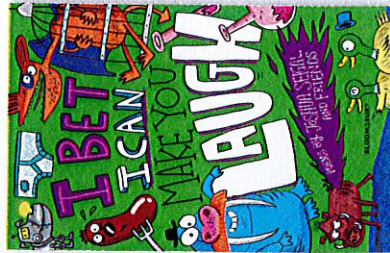
Elise and the Second-hand Dog
Bjarne Reuter, Illustrated by Kirsten Raagaard,
Translated by Siân Mackie



Wacky Bee
While her mother is away building a suspension bridge in the Amazon, Elise is lonely, so her father buys a dog to keep her company. Much to her surprise, the dog talks! Elise and McAddudi become best friends, and Elise's wild imagination takes them on many adventures.

Full of laughs and heart, this quirky book is one that readers won't forget.

I Bet I Can Make You Laugh
Joshua Seigal and Friends, Illustrated by Tim Wesson
Bloomsbury



This collection of very funny poems – from an acrostic poem that doesn't quite work, to a love letter to someone the poet doesn't really like – are, in many cases, hilariously uncomplimentary!

Featuring a range of children's poets and traditional verses from cultures around the world, this is a great collection for older primary kids.

Iguana Boy Saves the World with a Triple Cheese Pizza
James Bishop, Illustrated by Rikin Parekh



Hodder Children's Books
Dylan is desperate to be a superhero, just like his big brother and sister. But when he finally gets his superpower, it turns out to be a really rubbish one. Yet when Platypus Girl takes away all the other superheroes' superpowers, only Iguana Boy can save the world...

Packed full of comic-strip illustrations, this energetic, funny story is full of heart.

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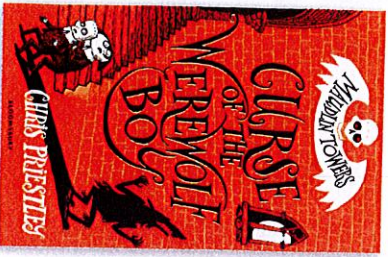


Corse Talk: Ground-Breaking Women
Adam & Lisa Murphy

David Fickling Books

In this comic book, chat show host Adam Murphy interviews 18 historical women, including Joan of Arc, Pocahontas and Anne Frank, all freshly dug up from the grave.

Unique, accessible and slightly macabre, with a snappy style and colourful comic-strip illustrations, this humorous series is packed full of fascinating facts.

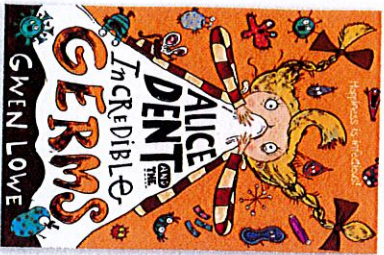


Curse of the Werewolf Boy
Chris Priestley

Bloomsbury

Best Friends Mildew and Sponge are not happy to be back at Maudlin Towers for a new term, until strange things begin to happen – from the theft of the prestigious School Spoon to the arrival of a potential ghost in the attic.

A tightly-plotted laugh-out-loud school story full of originality.



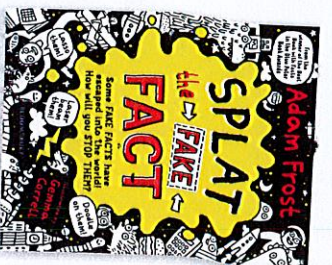
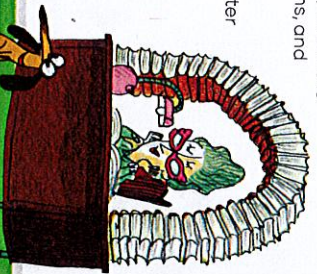
Alice Dent and the Incredible Germs
Gwen Lowe

Chicken House

Alice is used to her hygiene-obsessed parents thinking all children are health hazards, but it's worse at Tryton Mell School, where the food is frozen to eliminate germs, and having a cold is a crime.

Can Alice outwit the Best Minister for Everything Nicely Perfect's evil plans? Find out in this brilliantly original tale of friendship and adventure.

Illustration from *The Truth About My Unbelievable School...*
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Splat the Fake Fact
Adam Frost, illustrated by Gemma Correll

Bloomsbury

These days it's very important to be able to identify fake facts. With a series of interactive activities, this book not only allows children to find out what is and isn't true, but also gets them to doodle, lasso and deface the fake facts. Hurray!

Fabulously original and interactive non-fiction.



Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present
Jamia Wilson, illustrated by Andrea Pippins

Wide Eyed Editions

This beautiful book celebrates a selection of black icons from history and the present day to inspire all children to discover what they can achieve. In the wake of the #BlackLivesMatter movement, this collection's focus is very timely and necessary.

An ideal book to share with children who have questions about what's happening in the world today.



Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure
Alex T. Smith

Hodder Children's Books

Mr. Penguin, an adventurer somewhere between Indiana Jones and Hercule Poirot, is asked to locate missing treasure located somewhere in the Museum of Extraordinary Objects.

With the help of Colin (a spider), Mr. Penguin battles ferocious beasts and makes his way into a hidden jungle underneath the museum with exciting (and often hilarious) results.



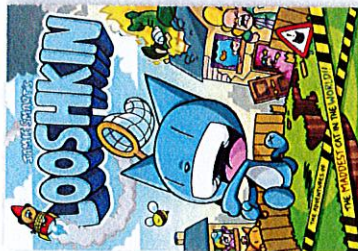
Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Ghosts
Katie & Kevin Tsang, illustrated by Nathan Reed

Egmont

Sam Wu is scared of many things, though he's determined not to let anyone find out. However, after an unfortunate incident on a school trip, he becomes a target for the class bully, Ralph. Sam decides the best way to stop Ralph's teasing is to acquire a fearsome sidekick: Fang the snake.

A fast-paced chapter book full of humour and heart.

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Looshkin: The Adventures of the Maddest Cat in the World!!

Jamie Smart

David Fickling Books

In an attempt to make her family a bit more normal, Mrs Johnson gets a cat. Little does she know that she's just brought home Looshkin, who is anything but.

An outrageously fun graphic novel in a class of its own for silliness and hilarious absurdity – young readers will just love it.



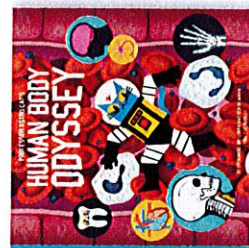
Alastair Humphreys' Great Adventurers

Alastair Humphreys, illustrated by Kevin Ward

Big Picture Press

An inspiring introduction to 20 adventurers and explorers from the last 700 years, all of whom inspired the author to go adventuring himself, including four years cycling around the world.

This book will encourage readers to live more adventurously, think a little more boldly and go a little further themselves.



Professor Astro Cat's Human Body Odyssey

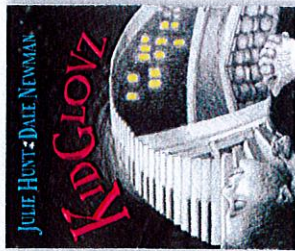
Dr. Dominic Walliman, illustrated by Ben Newman

Flying Eye Books

Everyone's favourite cat-astronaut investigates the human body in this beautiful, graphically illustrated look at everything from eyes to muscles, genetics to reproduction and the immune, endocrine and lymphatic systems.

The Professor and his chums conduct a jolly and exciting journey through the human body that's fascinating for all.

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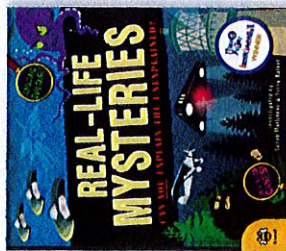
KidGlovz

Julie Hunt & Dale Newman

Allen & Unwin

Nine-year-old KidGlovz is a musical prodigy, but his corrupt manager keeps him shut up in hotel rooms, hungry and alone – except from his music teacher, Madame Lovegrove.

Readers young and old will be rooting for KidGlovz, and this poignant story will be remembered for a long time.



Real-Life Mysteries: Can You Explain the Unexplained?

Susan Martineau, illustrated by Vicky Barker

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Did aliens visit Earth thousands of years ago and leave behind secret messages and amazing feats of engineering, like Stonehenge? Do UFOs exist or are they optical illusions?

This fascinating collection of case files covers everything from crop circles to monsters, with a view to examining and evaluating all the evidence.



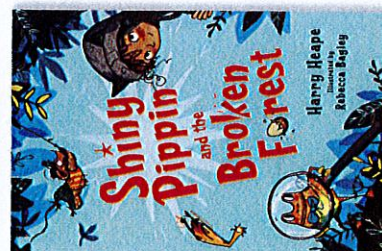
Pony on the Twelfth Floor

Polly Faber, illustrated by Sarah Jennings

Walker Books

Kizzy dreams of becoming a champion showjumper (even though she's never ridden a horse), so she can't believe her luck when she finds a pony in the supermarket. But how can she keep him hidden from mum when they live on the twelfth floor of a tower block?

A delightfully funny chapter book with lovely illustrations.



Shiny Pippin and the Broken Forest

Harry Heape, illustrated by Rebecca Bagley

Faber & Faber

When Pippin discovers she possesses magical powers, she uses her newfound skills to investigate the mysterious water shortage in Funsprings – which leads her to the sinister Old Laboratory, deep within the forest.

This hilarious fantasy adventure, with wacky characters and a zany plot, will have readers rolling around with laughter.

