

50 Examples of Children's Literature With Black and Minority Ethnic Representation



Children can't be what they can't see.

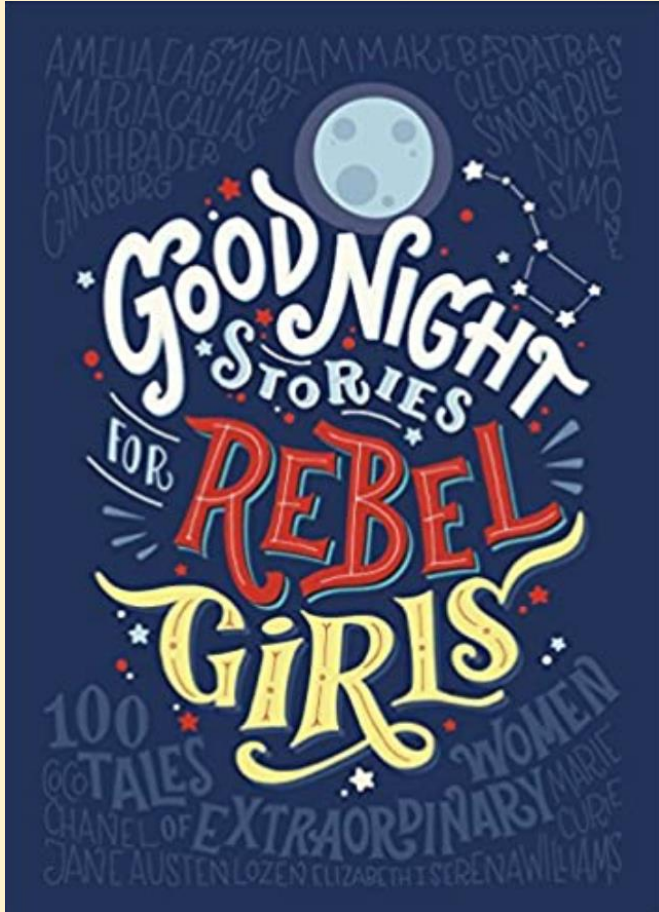
Please buy diverse and inclusive children's literature to ensure that BAME children know that they are valued and important.

These aren't all the books that are out there, there are plenty more, but this list is a great place to start!

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Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls

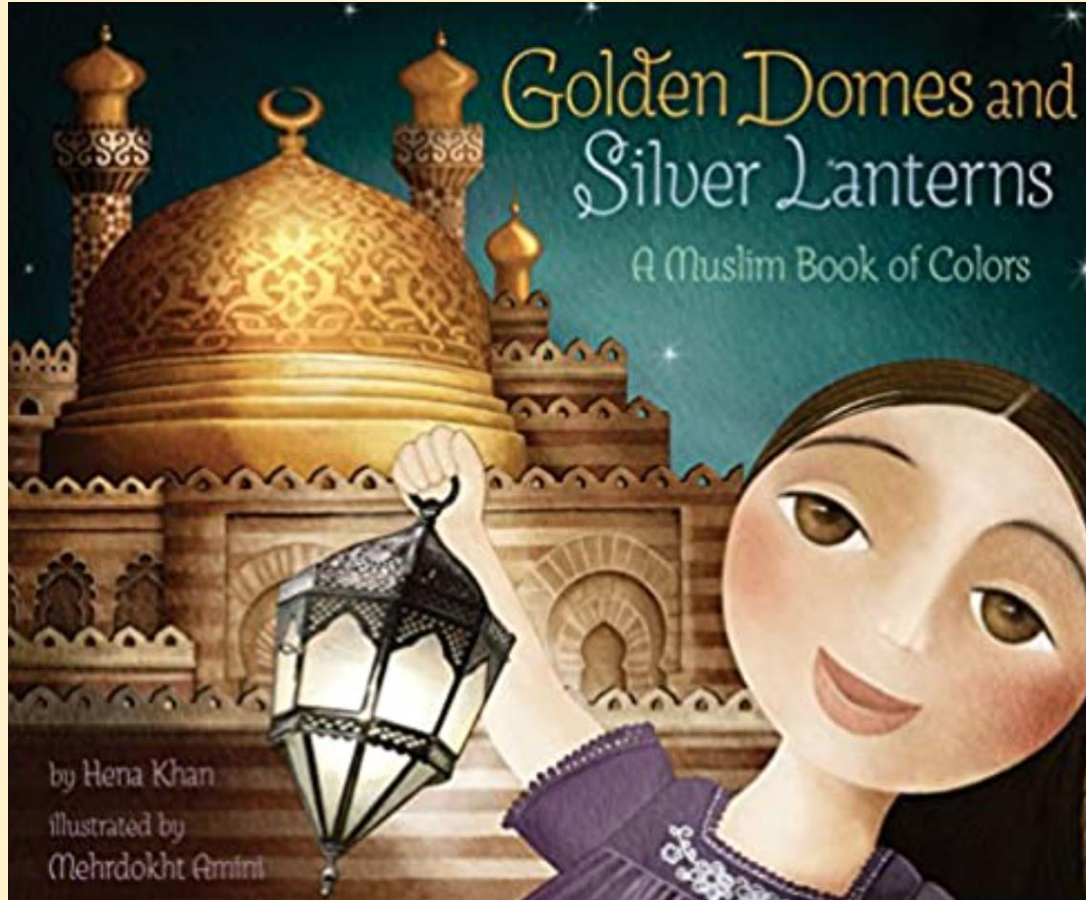
by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavalio



What if the princess didn't marry Prince Charming but instead went on to be an astronaut? What if the jealous step sisters were supportive and kind? And what if the queen was the one really in charge of the kingdom? Illustrated by sixty female artists from every corner of the globe, Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls introduces us to one hundred remarkable women and their extraordinary lives, from Ada Lovelace to Malala, Amelia Earhart to Michelle Obama. Empowering, moving and inspirational, these are true fairy tales for heroines who definitely don't need rescuing.

Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns

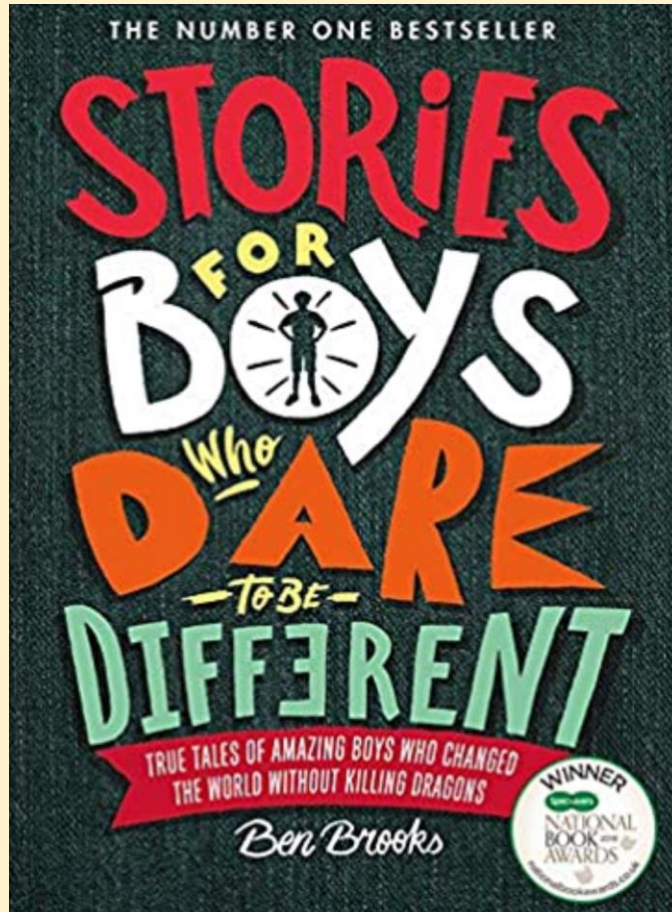
by Hena Khan



With breath taking illustrations and informative text, Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns magnificently captures the world of Islam, celebrating its beauty and traditions for even the youngest readers. From a red prayer rug to a blue hijab, readers will learn about a different colour of the Muslim world on each spread with a young Muslim girl and her family as a guide. Sure to inspire questions and observations about world religions and cultures, it is equally at home in a classroom reading circle as it is being read to a child on a parents lap.

Stories for Boys Who Dare To Be Different

by Ben Brooks



Daniel Radcliffe, Galileo Galilei, Nelson Mandela, Louis Armstrong, Grayson Perry, Louis Braille, Lionel Messi, King George VI, Jamie Oliver... all dared to be different.

Prince charming, dragon slayer, mischievous prankster... More often than not, these are the role-models boys encounter in the books they read at home and at school. As a boy, there is an assumption that you will conform to a stereotypical idea of masculinity.

But what if you're the introvert kind? What if you prefer to pick up a book rather than a sword? What if you want to cry when you're feeling sad or angry? What if you like the idea of wearing a dress?

There is an ongoing crisis with regards to young men and mental health, with unhelpful gender stereotypes contributing to this malaise. *Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different* offers a welcome alternative narrative. It is an extraordinary compilation of 100 stories of famous and not-so-famous men from the past to the present day, every single one of them a rule-breaker and innovator in his own way, and all going on to achieve amazing things. Entries include Frank Ocean, Salvador Dalí, Rimbaud, Beethoven, Barack Obama, Stormzy, Ai Weiwei and Jesse Owens - different sorts of heroes from all walks of life and from all over the world.

A beautiful and transporting book packed with stories of adventure and wonderment, it will appeal to those who need the courage to reject peer pressure and go against the grain. It is the must-have book for all those boys who worry about stuff and all those parents who worry about their boys who worry about stuff. It will educate and entertain, while also encourage and inspire.

Zaha Hadid – Little People, Big Dreams

by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

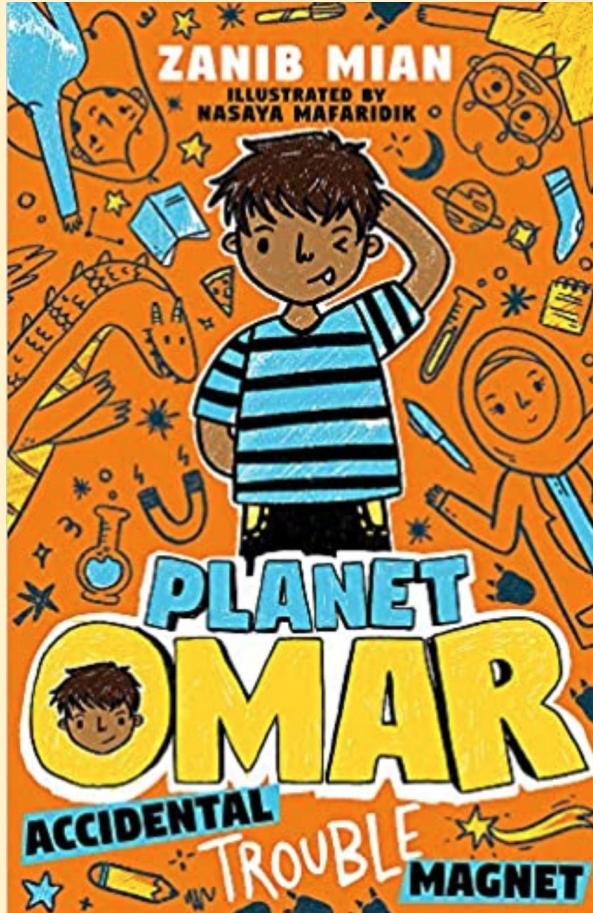


Part of the critically acclaimed Little People, BIG DREAMS series, *Zaha Hadid* tells the inspiring true story of the visionary Iraqi-British architect.

Zaha Hadid grew up in Baghdad, Iraq surrounded by music. She was a curious and confident child, who designed her own modernist bedroom at nine years old. As a young woman studying at University in Beirut, she was described as the most outstanding pupil the teacher had ever met. With her spectacular vision and belief in the power of architecture, she founded her own firm and designed some of the most outstanding buildings in the world – including the London 2012 Olympic Aquatic Centre. This inspiring book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the architect's life.

Planet Omar – Accidental Trouble Magnet

by Zanib Main



Welcome, readers, to the imaginative brain of Omar! You might not know me yet, but once you open the pages of this book you'll laugh so hard that snot will come out of your nose (plus you might meet a dragon and a zombie - what more could you want?).

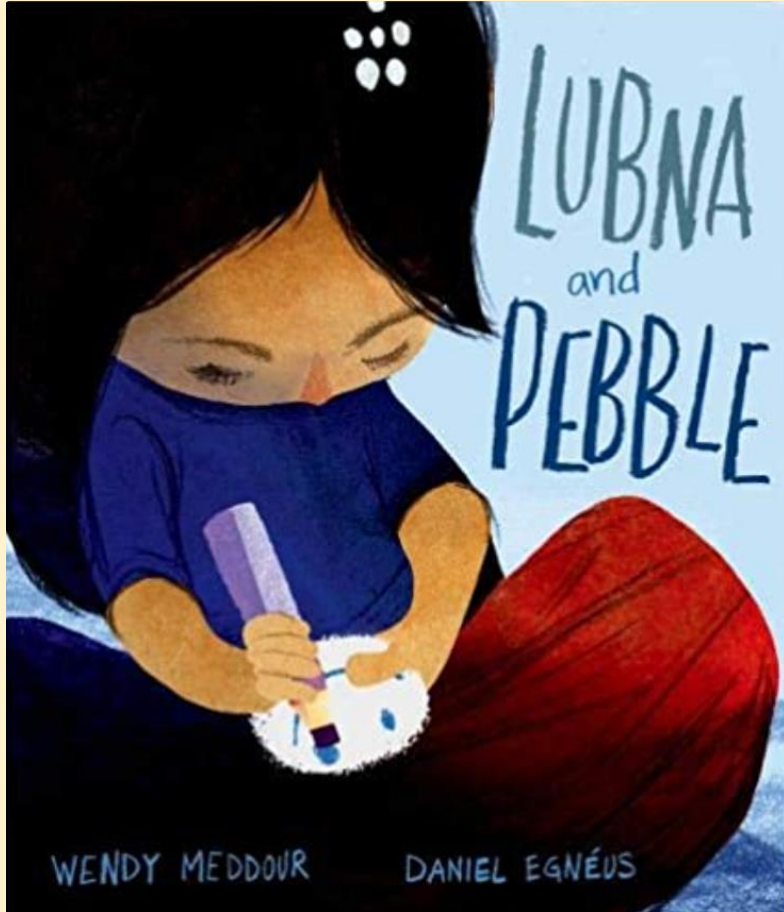
My parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move me to a new school at the same time. As if I didn't have a hard enough time staying out of trouble at home, now I've also got to try and make new friends. What's worse, the class bully seems to think I'm the perfect target.

At least Eid's around the corner which means a feast (YAY) and presents (DOUBLE YAY). Well, as long as I can stay in Mum and Dad's good books long enough...

The combination of Zanib Mian's hilarious text and Nasaya Mafaridik's fantastic cartoon-style illustrations make the PLANET OMAR series perfect for fans of Tom Gates and Wimpy Kid.

Lubna and the Pebble

by Wendy Meddour and Daniel Egnéus

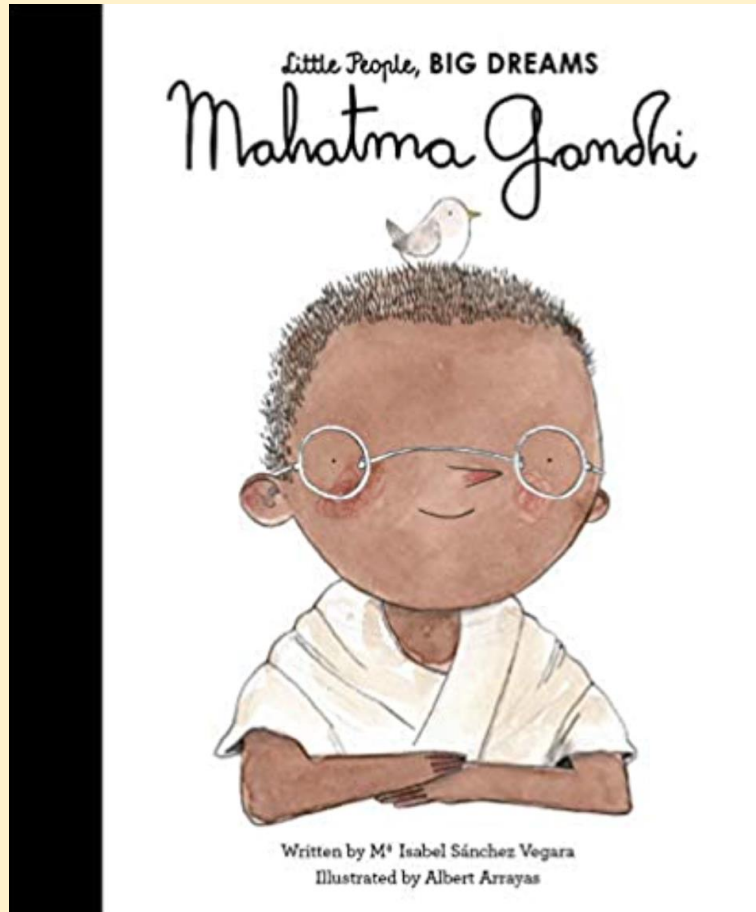


In an unforgettable story that subtly addresses the refugee crisis, a young girl must decide if friendship means giving up the one item that gives her comfort during a time of utter uncertainty.

Lubna's best friend is a pebble. She found it on the beach when they arrived in the night, then she fell asleep in Daddy's salty arms. Lubna tells Pebble everything. About home. About her brothers. About the war. Pebble always listens to her stories and smiles when she feels afraid. But when a lost little boy arrives in the World of Tents, Lubna understands that he needs Pebble even more than she does . . .

Mahatma Gandhi – Little People, Big Dreams

by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara



In this book from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy bestselling Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of Mohandas Gandhi, the father of India.

As a young teenager in India, Gandhi led a rebellious life and went against his parents' values. But as a young man, he started to form beliefs of his own that harked back to the Hindu principles of his childhood. Gandhi began to dream of unity for all peoples and religions. Inspired by this idea, he led peaceful protests to free India from British rule and unite the country – ending violence and unfair treatment. His bravery and free-thinking made him one of the most iconic people of peace in the world, known as Mahatma, meaning 'great soul'. This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the activist's life.

The Nothing To See Here Hotel

by Steven Butler



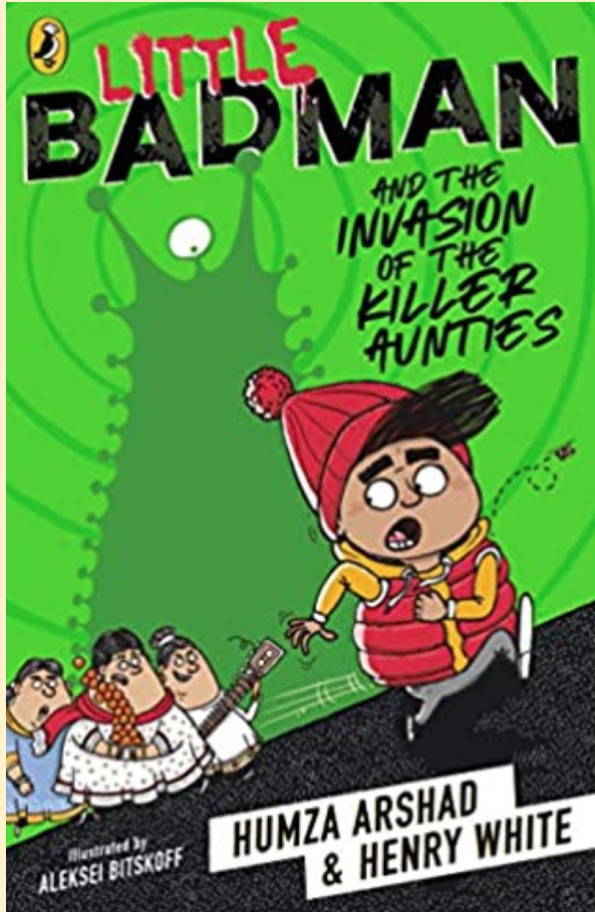
Welcome to The Nothing to See Here Hotel! A hotel for magical creatures, where weird is normal for Frankie Banister and his parents who run the hotel.

When a goblin messenger arrives at The Nothing to See Here Hotel, announcing the imminent arrival of the goblin prince Grogbah, Frankie and his family rush into action to get ready for their important guest. But it soon becomes obvious that the Banister family are going to have their work cut out with the demanding prince and his never-ending entourage, especially when it turns out the rude little prince is hiding a secret...

The first book in a fabulously funny series by bestselling author Steven Butler, with a host of whacky characters brought to life with illustration from the wonderful Steven Lenton!

Little Bad Man and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties

by Humza Arshad and Henry White



"You've probably heard of me, right? Little Badman. No? Oh. Well. . . Doesn't matter. You will do one day. I'm gonna be big."

I'm Humza Khan, the greatest eleven-year-old rapper Eggington has ever known; soon everyone will know my name.

Only problem is school has got *really* weird, man. All my teachers are disappearing and our *aunties* are taking over.

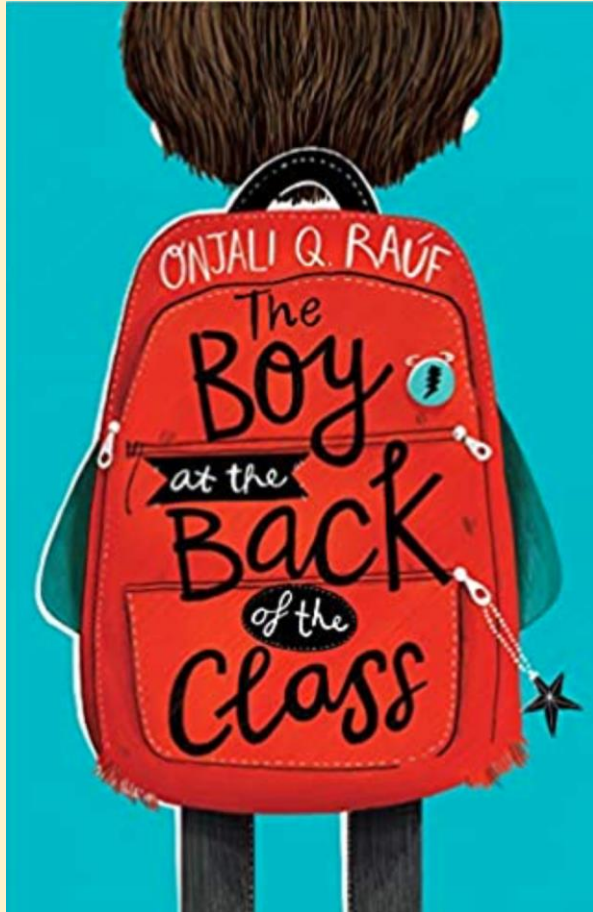
It wasn't too bad at the start, they keep feeding us delicious snacks. Like, all the time.

But now these aunties are trying to mess with my music, so me and my best friends Umer and Wendy are going to hunt for the truth. Cos something big and bad is going on and we won't let anything mess with my music... or you know, the world.

A hilarious and fast-paced adventure from comedian Humza Arshad and screen writer Henry White, perfect for fans of David Solomons and David Baddiel.

The Boy at the Back of the Class

by Onjali Q. Raúf



Told with heart and humour, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it.

He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!

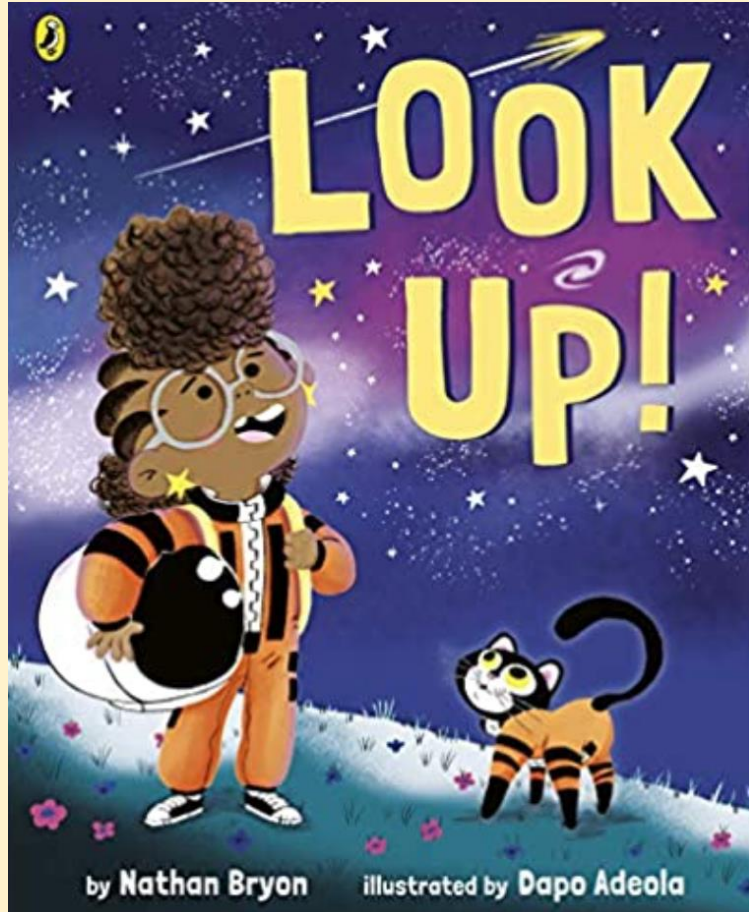
But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help.

That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .

With beautiful illustrations by Pippa Curnick

Look Up

by Nathan Bryon



Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived!

But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars?

Bursting with energy and passion about science and space, this heart-warming, inspirational picture book will have readers turning off their screens and switching on to the outside world.

Festival of Colours

by Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal



Learn all about Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors, in this lush picture book from bestselling mother/son duo Surishtha Sehgal and Kabir Sehgal. Spring is here, and it's almost time for Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors. Siblings Mintoo and Chintoo are busy gathering flowers to make into colorful powders to toss during the festival. And when at last the big day comes, they gather with their friends, family, and neighbors for a vibrant celebration of fresh starts, friendship, forgiveness, and, of course, fun!

My Pet Star

by Corrinne Averiss and Rosalind Beardshaw



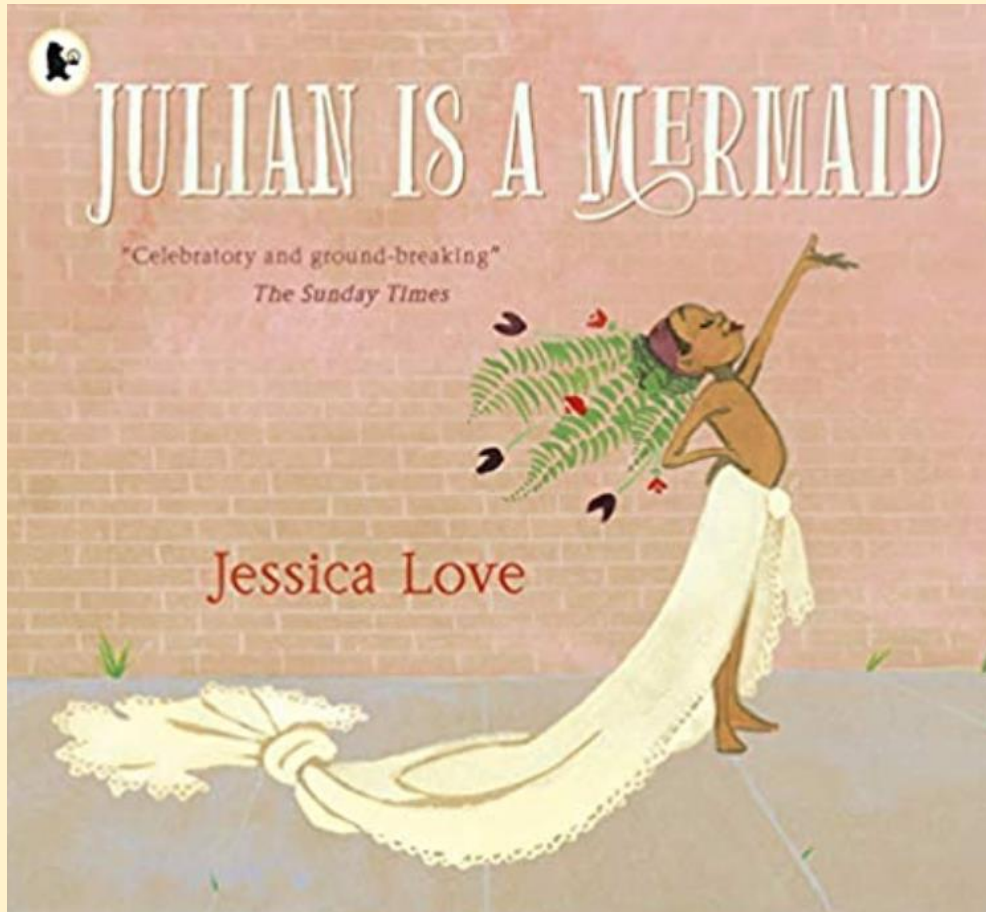
A magical story about the importance of kindness and friendship.

When a little girl finds a lost star, she takes it home and cares for it, just like a beloved pet. She reads it stories, makes it special snacks and tucks it into bed at night. The more she cares for the star, the brighter it glows. Until, one day, it's time to let go ...

A heartfelt story about caring for others and learning to let go, from BAFTA award-winning writer and CILIP Greenaway-nominated author Corrinne Averiss. Perfect for sharing at bedtime.

Julian is a Mermaid

by Jessica Love



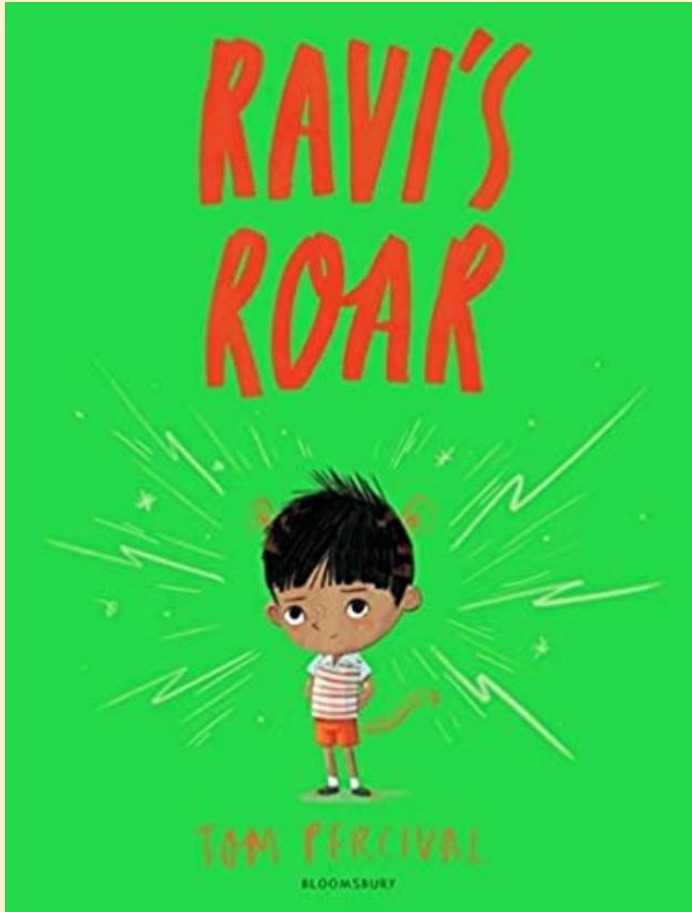
A glimpse of three women dressed as mermaids leaves one boy filled with wonder and ready to dazzle the world.

"Every choice Jessica Love makes imbues the story with charm, tenderness and humor" *New York Times Book Review*

While riding the subway home with his Nana one day, Julian notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train carriage. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies and making his own fabulous mermaid costume. But what will Nana think about the mess he makes - and even more importantly - what will she think about how Julian sees himself?

Ravi's Roar

by Tom Percival

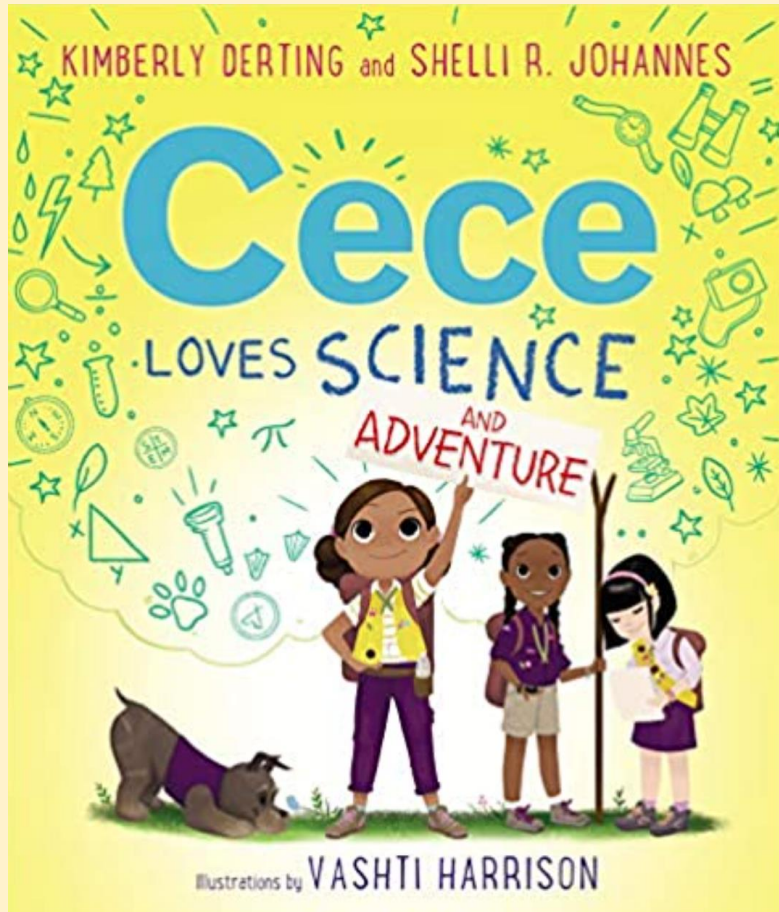


Most of the time Ravi can control his temper but, one day, he lets out the tiger within . Being a tiger is great fun at first - tigers can do ANYTHING they want! But who wants to play with a growling, roaring, noisy, wild tiger who won't share or play nicely? Ravi is about to discover something very important about expressing his feelings and making amends.

A clever and engaging book about temper tantrums, dealing with emotions and learning to express and understand your feelings. From Tom Percival's bestselling Big Bright Feelings series, this is the perfect book for helping with bad days and noisy outbursts.

Cece Loves Science and Adventure

by Kimberly Derting and Shelli R. Johannes



Cece loves science and adventure!

In this STEM-themed picture book, the second in a series, Cece and her Adventure Girls troop use science, technology, engineering, and math to solve problems and earn their camping pin.

Illustrated by *New York Times*–bestseller Vashti Harrison, the Cece Loves Science books are perfect for fans of *Ada Twist, Scientist* and anyone who enjoys asking questions and figuring out how things work. “A good introduction to observation, data, and trying again,” said *Kirkus Reviews* of the first book in the series.

Cece loves being an Adventure Girl almost as much as she loves science, which is why she can’t wait for her troop’s camping trip. Nature is full of science for Cece to explore!

Along with her friends, her mom, and her dog, Einstein, Cece learns how to pitch a tent, set up a campsite, and document landmarks on the trail. Then thunder booms in the distance! Working together, the girls use meteorology and math to determine the location of the storm; engineering to build a shelter; and technology and math to calculate the length of the trek back to the campsite. After all that teamwork, Cece’s mom gives them an Adventure Girl surprise!

The Magic Paintbrush

by Julia Donaldson



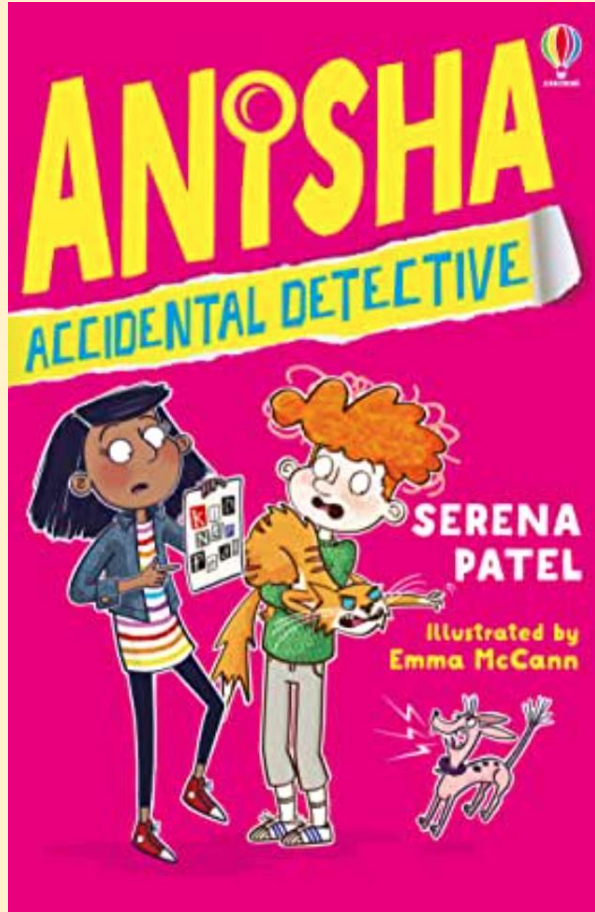
With her magic paintbrush, Shen can paint steaming pots full of fish and oysters to feed the hungry people in her village, but when the evil emperor hears of her gift he commands Shen to paint gold for him instead. She is determined to keep her promise to paint only for the poor, but how can she match the emperor's mighty power?

In *The Magic Paintbrush*, Julia Donaldson's brilliant verse combines with beautiful illustrations from Joel Stewart, creator of *The Adventures Abney and Teal*, to bring vibrant life to a traditional tale of how a little girl's integrity can withstand the corruption of power and greed.

This edition features a stunning redesigned cover, making it a must-have addition to the bookshelves of all Donaldson fans – big and small!

Anisha: Accidental Detective

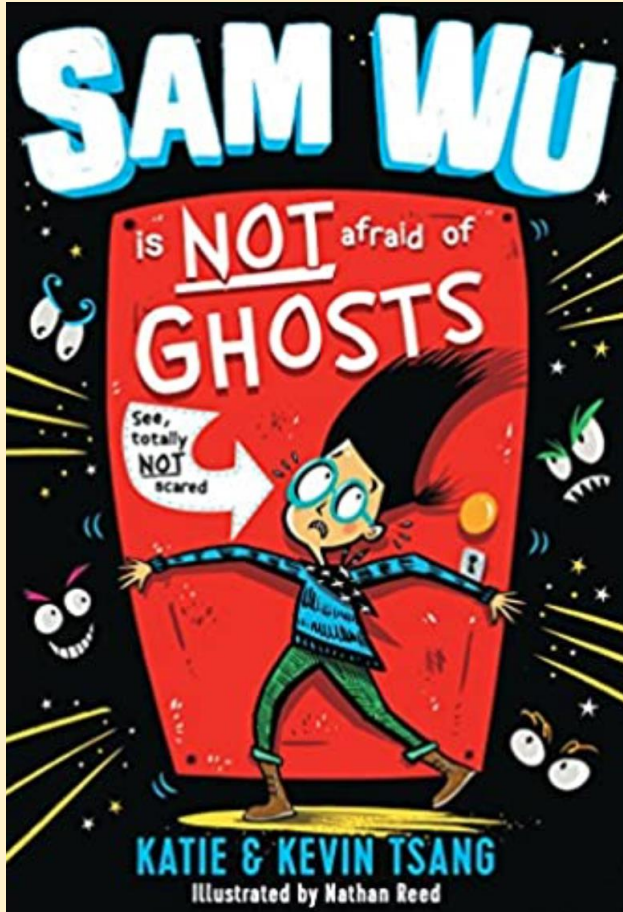
by Serena Patel



Anisha is all set to be a (reluctant) bridesmaid at Auntie Bindi's wedding...until a secret ransom note arrives. Bindi's groom has been kidnapped and will only be released IF THE WEDDING IS CALLED OFF! With best friend Milo, mischievous Granny Jas, a runaway lobster, a kitten-loving giant, and some super skills of logic and observation, it's up to Anisha Mistry to find her uncle, before the big family wedding of the year becomes a big disaster.

Sam Wu Is Not Afraid of Ghosts

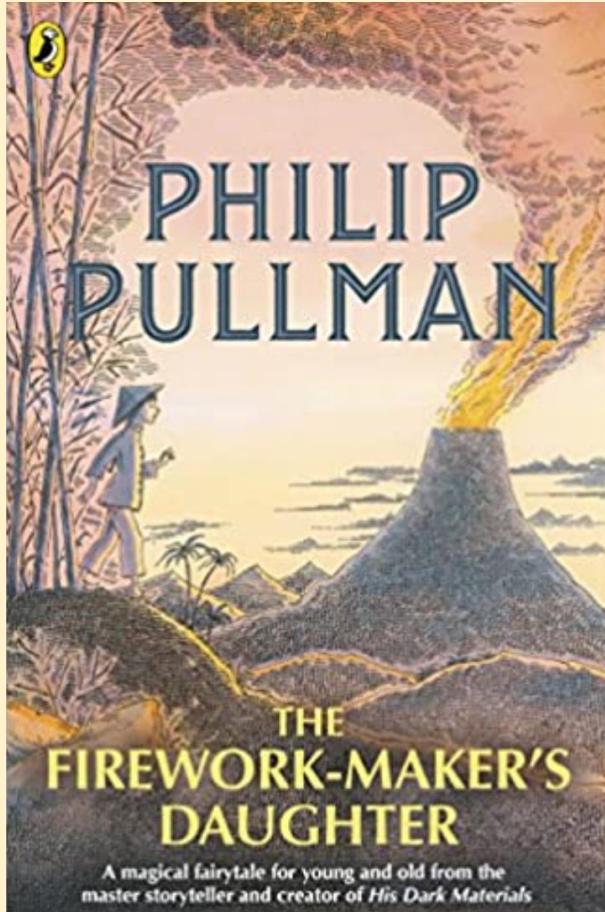
by Katie and Kevin Tsang



Sometimes the best ideas come from collaboration. The junior fiction *Sam Wu* series is a lively and fun introduction to chapter book fiction for newly emergent readers. Featuring a truly funny main character in Sam Wu, with a loveable and realistic family including younger, and more confident, little sister Lucy, and wise grandma NaNa, this depiction of a Chinese family is refreshing and comes from author experience. Katie and Kevin Tsang have developed their winning main character and his group of friends in three books now, as Sam and companions lurch from adventure to adventure

The Firework-Maker's Daughter

by Phillip Pullman



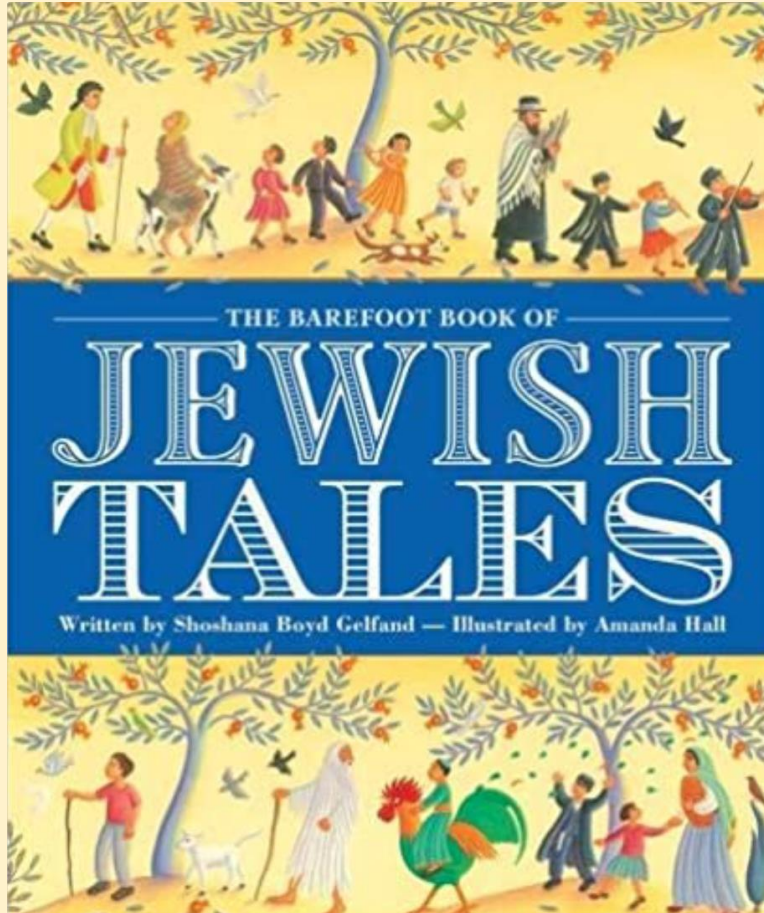
Featuring wonderful new illustrations from Peter Bailey this beautiful fairytale is perfect for readers young and old.

Lila doesn't just want to be a Firework-Maker's daughter, she wants to be a Firework Maker herself. But although she's learned a lot she still must get through the most difficult and dangerous part of her apprenticeship - and her father won't tell her what it is.

In search of this final Firework-Making secret, Lila heads off alone on a journey. It is a journey filled with dangers beyond anything she could have imagined, a journey on which she will learn so much more than the one secret she set out to find . . .

The Barefoot Book of Jewish Tales

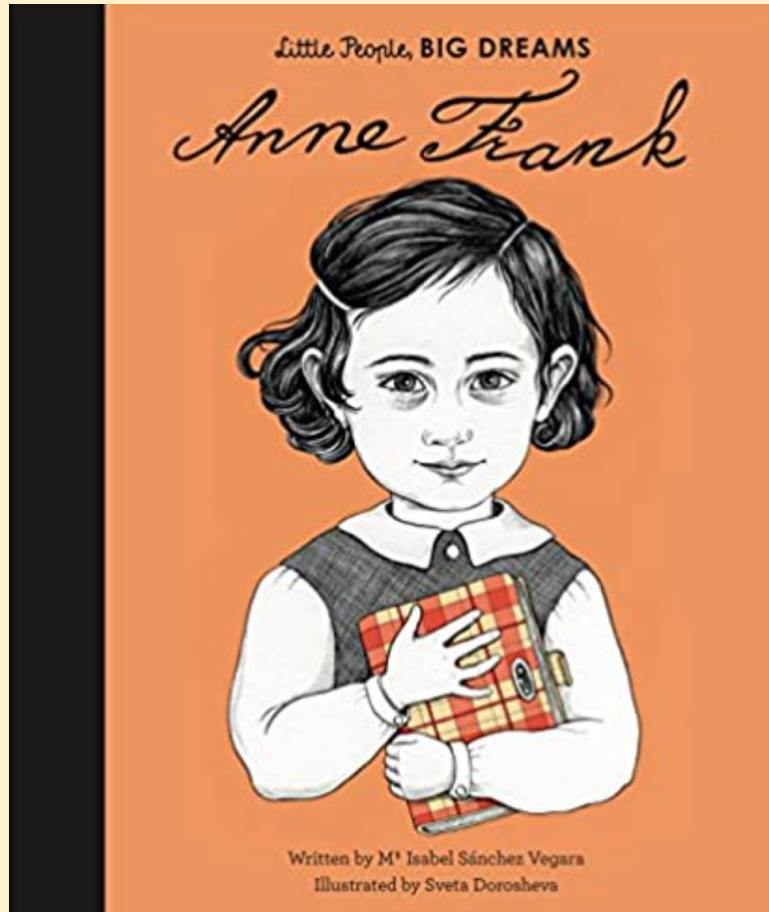
by Shoshana Boyd Gelfand



This timeless collection includes eight delightful tales from Jewish tradition. Each engaging story, accompanied by Amanda Hall's vivid artwork, delivers a simple yet powerful message. Retold by Rabbi Shoshana Boyd Gelfand, herself a mother of three, this set of stories is perfect for families to share.

Anne Frank – Little People, Big Dreams

by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

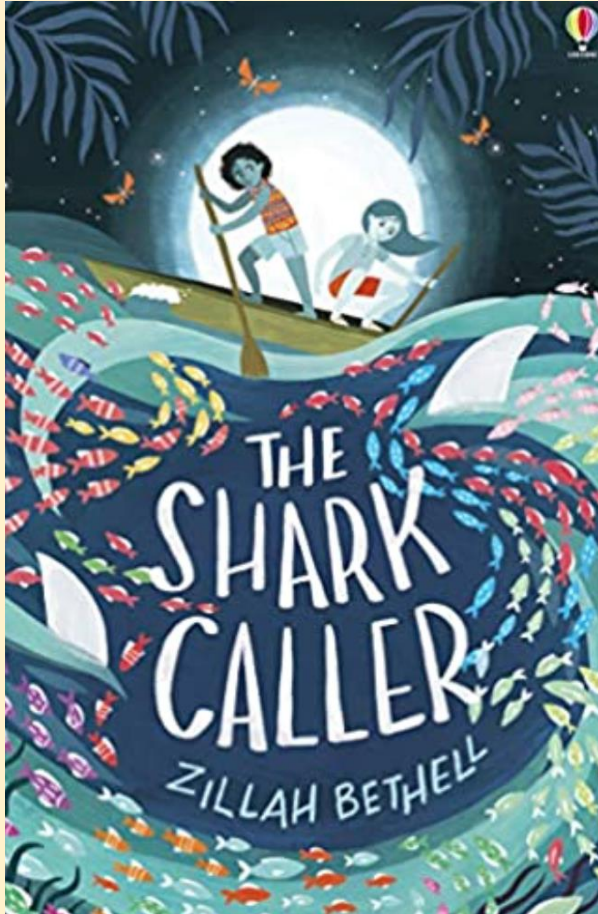


In this book from the critically acclaimed Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of Anne Frank, the writer whose diary captured the hearts of the public.

Anne Frank was born in Germany to a loving family. But when World War II broke out, Anne and her family had to hide in a secret annex in Amsterdam. Here, Anne wrote her famous diary, describing her belief in people's goodness and her hopes for peace. After the war, her diary captured the hearts of the public and she became one of the most important diarists of the 20th century. This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of Anne's life.

The Shark Caller

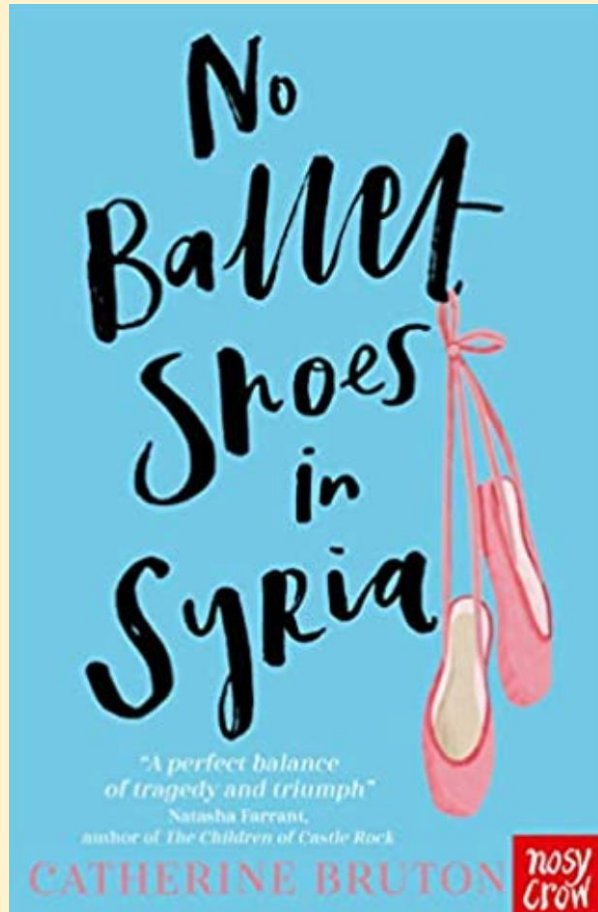
by Zillah Bethell



Desperate to become a shark caller to avenge the death of her parents, Blue Wing is instead charged with befriending infuriating newcomer Maple. At first, they are angry and out of sync with the island and each other. But when the tide breathes the promise of treasure, can they overcome their differences and brave the deadliest shark in the ocean? This book depicts life in Papa New Guinea and includes a glossary of Papuan Pidgin linguistic terms.

No Ballet Shoes in Syria

by Catherine Burton



Aya is eleven years old and has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves and to find Aya's father - separated from the rest of the family during the journey from Syria. With beautiful, captivating writing, wonderfully authentic ballet detail, and an important message championing the rights of refugees, this is classic storytelling - filled with warmth, hope and humanity.

Ellie and the Cat

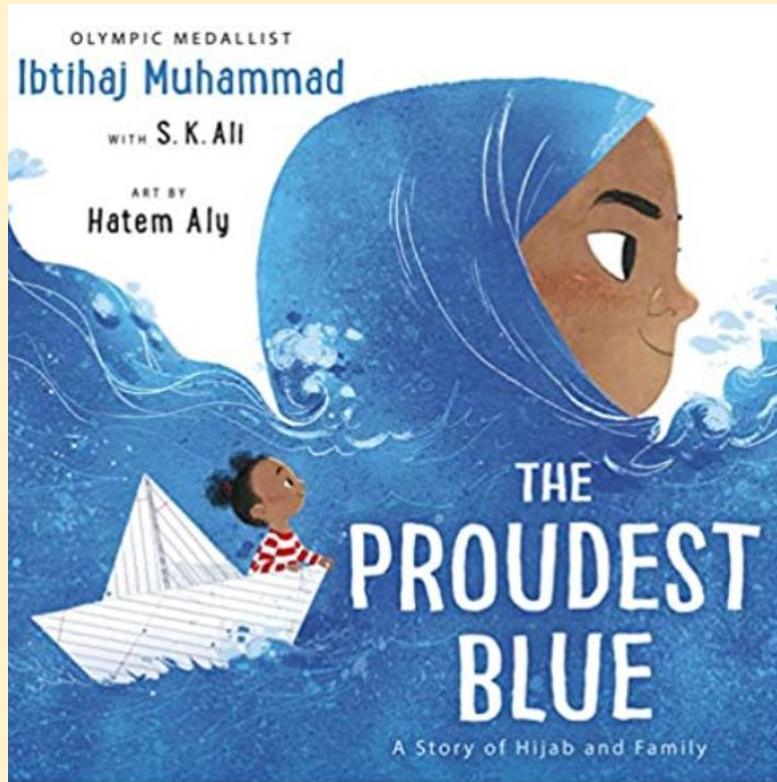
by Malorie Blackman



Ellie is the rudest, most spoilt child her grandma has ever met and it's time that she learnt a lesson! So with a little bit of magic and some help from Jolly the cat, Grandma's going to make sure that Ellie changes her ways. Can Ellie work hard to prove that she can be good? Or is she destined to spend the rest of her days trapped in the body of a mean old cat?

The Proudest Blue

by Ibtihaj Muhammad

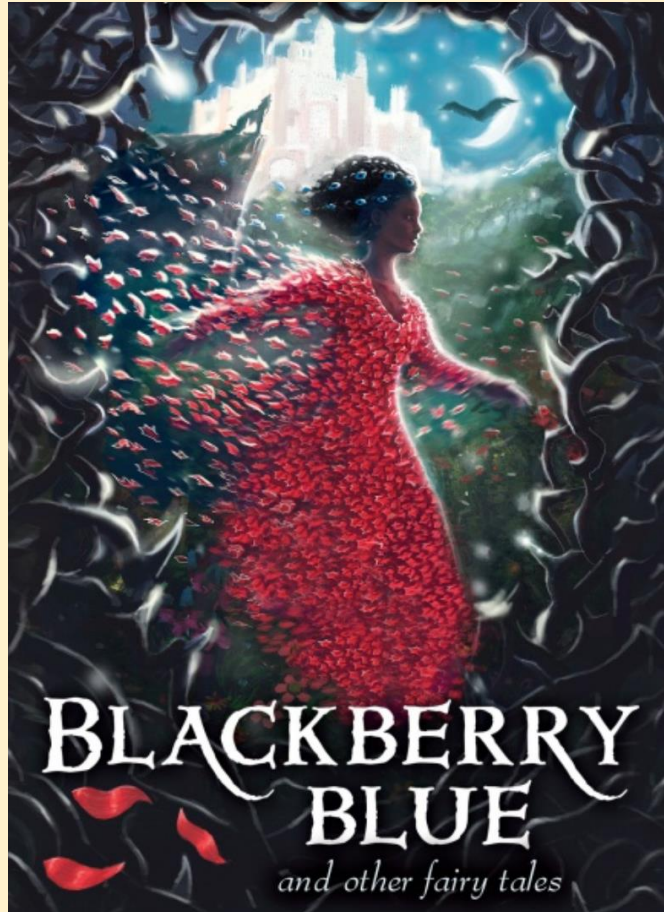


Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave.

It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of wearing hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

Blackberry Blue and Other Fairy Tales

by Jamila Gavin



“Her skin was as black as midnight, her lips like crushed damsons, and her tightly curled hair shone like threads of black gold. When the baby looked up into the woman’s face, her eyes glistened like blackberries.”

This collection of original, beautifully written stories – stunningly illustrated by Richard Collingridge – will lead you into a captivating world. You’ll encounter talking animals and wicked witches, magicians and enchanted forests as you watch Blackberry Blue rise from the bramble patch, follow Emeka the pathfinder on his mission to save a lost king and join Princess Desire as she gallops across the Milky Way on her jet-black horse... Perfect for readers of all ages, these magical tales will thrill and enchant again and again.

Fly Me Home

by Polly Ho-Yen

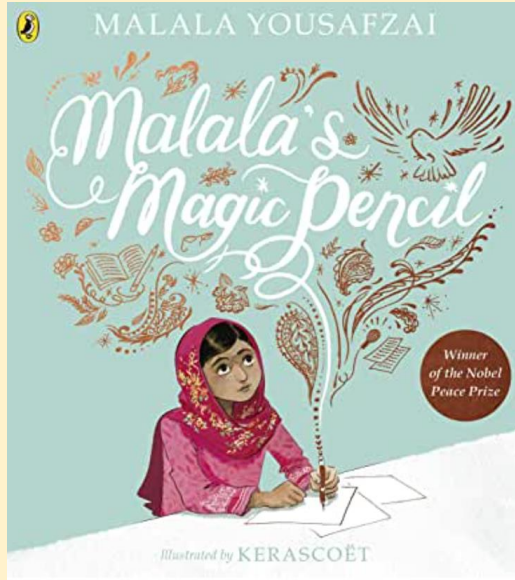


“As I turned to look for her, Dad let go of my hand, and when I looked back, he was striding away. Out of reach.”

As she struggles to adjust to life in a new country, Leelu dreams of flying back home to her father and the life she left behind. London is grey and cold, there's concrete everywhere; she doesn't want to be here. Leelu feels so lonely – but she's not alone. Soon she discovers someone is leaving gifts for her, wondrous gifts that bring her curious magical powers. Will they help her find her way home? Filled with magic, family and friendship, this is an unforgettable and moving tale of one family's battle to belong.

Malala's Magic Pencil

By Malala Yousafzai



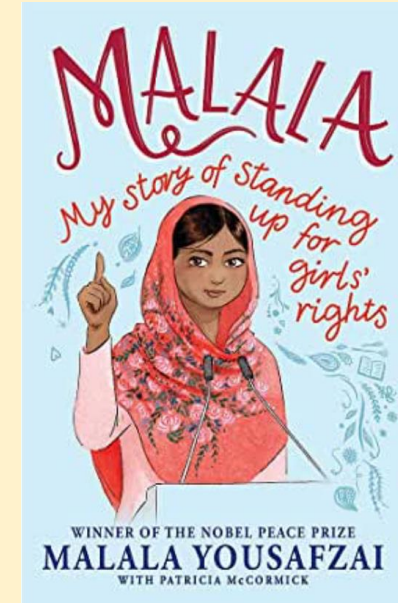
As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil that she could use to redraw reality. She would use it for good; to give gifts to her family, to erase the smell from the rubbish dump near her house. (And to sleep an extra hour in the morning.)

As she grew older, Malala wished for bigger and bigger things. She saw a world that needed fixing. And even if she never found a magic pencil, Malala realized that she could still work hard every day to make her wishes come true.

This beautifully illustrated picture book tells Malala's story, in her own words, for a younger audience and shows them the worldview that allowed her to hold on to hope and to make her voice heard even in the most difficult of times.

Malala: My Story of Standing Up For Girls Rights

By Malala Yousafzai



The extraordinary true story of a young girl's courage in the face of violence and extremism, and an incredible testament to what can be achieved when we stand up for what we believe in.

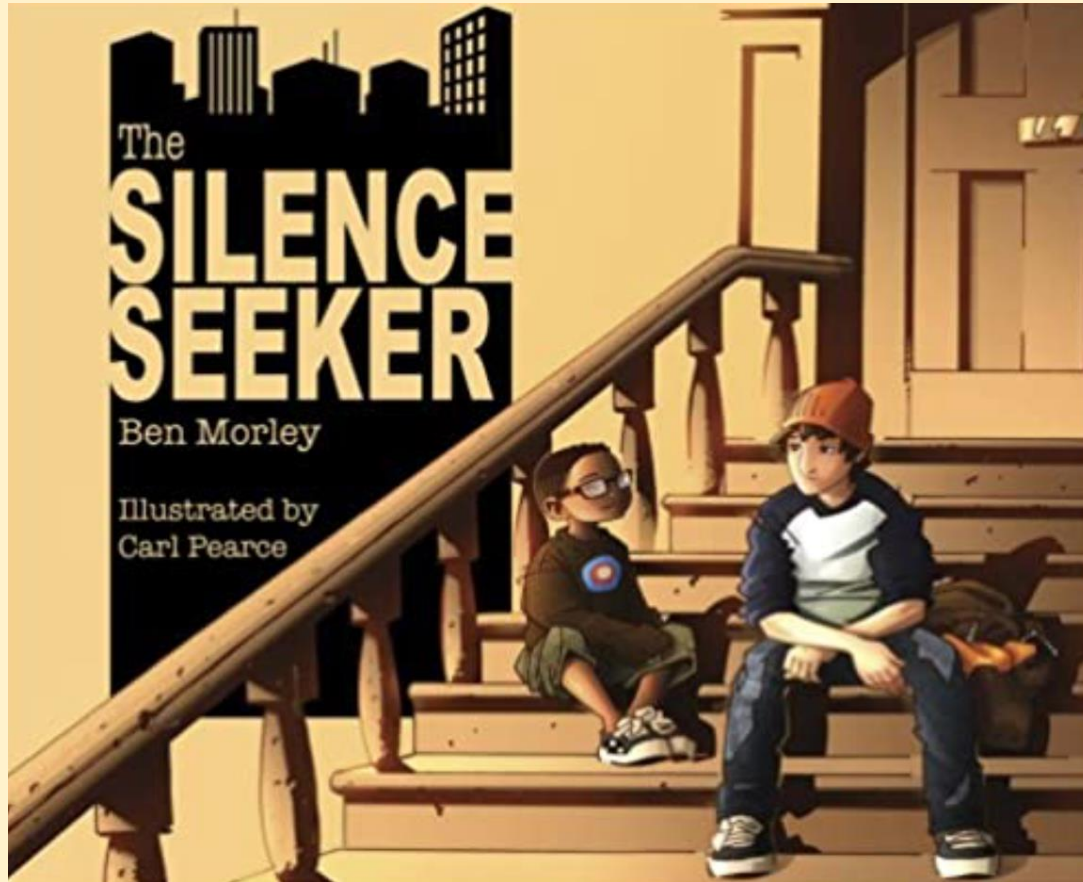
This illustrated adaptation of Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai's bestselling memoir, *I Am Malala*, introduces readers of 7+ to the remarkable story of a teenage girl who risked her life for the right to go to school.

Raised in a changing Pakistan by an enlightened father from a poor background and a beautiful, illiterate mother, Malala was taught to stand up for her beliefs. When terrorists took control of her region and declared that girls were forbidden from going to school, Malala refused to sacrifice her education. And on 9 October 2012, she nearly paid the ultimate price for her courage when she was shot on her way home from school.

The book follows Malala's incredible journey to recovery in the aftermath of the attack, from the life-saving surgery she receives in a Birmingham hospital to her reunion with her family and their eventual relocation to England. Today Malala is a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Her story of bravery and determination in the face of extremism is more timely now than ever.

The Silence Seeker

by Ben Morley

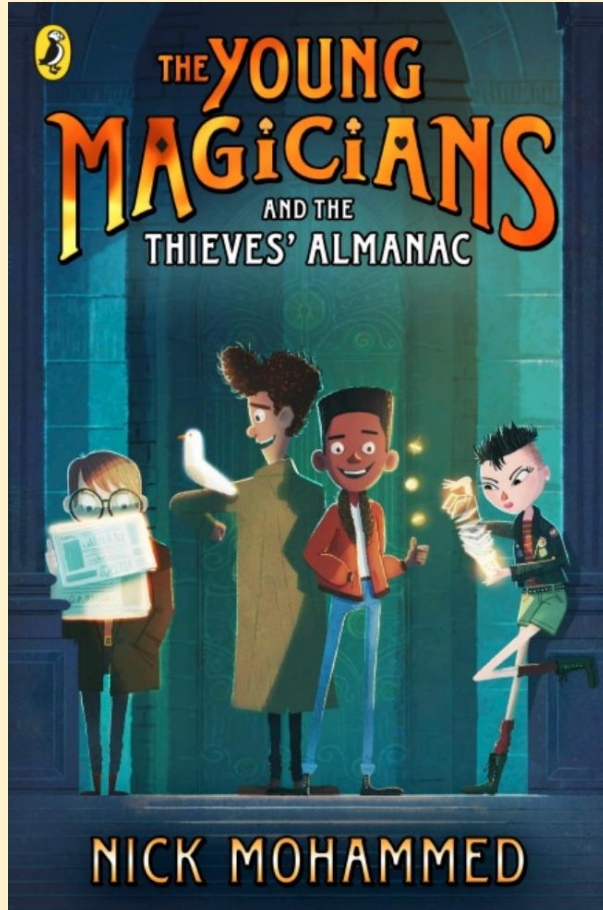


When a new family moves in next door, Joe's mum explains that they are asylum seekers. Joe hears that they are silence seekers, especially as Mum adds that they need peace and quiet. When he sees a young boy from the family sitting disconsolately on the steps, Joe decides to help him find a quiet place in the noisy and chaotic city.

A simple, moving story which is the perfect way to gently open discussion around the refugee crisis.

The Young Magicians and the Thieves' Almanac

by Nick Mohammed

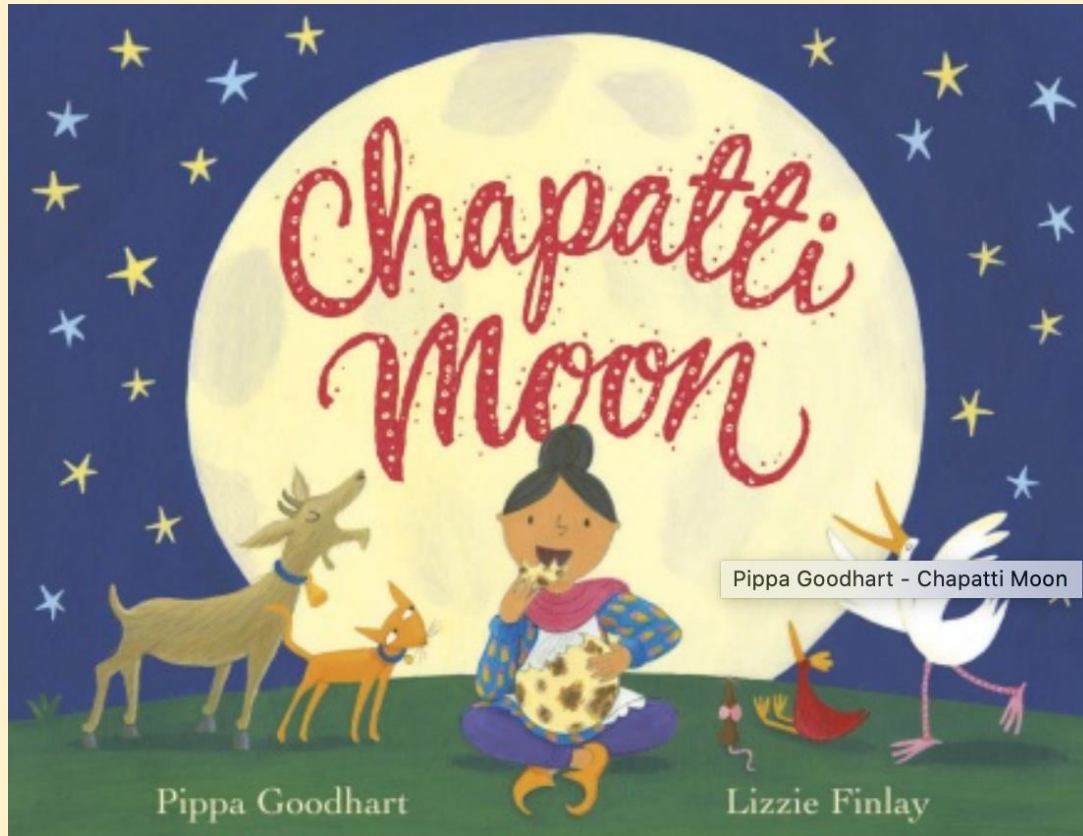


“Anyway, magic is different from everything else. And I suppose this is one of the many unique things that make it, quite literally, wonderful.”

Four unlikely friends. One world-famous conjuring club. And a set of impossible crimes... Meet Alex (doesn't say much), Zack (expert pickpocket), Sophie (the nifty hypnotist) and Jonny (very tall). Together they are The Young Magicians, ready to go beyond the blue door of the Magic Circle in search of a secret book and an adventure they'll never forget... Humorous and engaging, this is the perfect book for junior readers, filled with adventure, friendship and fun.

Chipatti Moon

by Pippa Goodheart and Lizzie Finlay

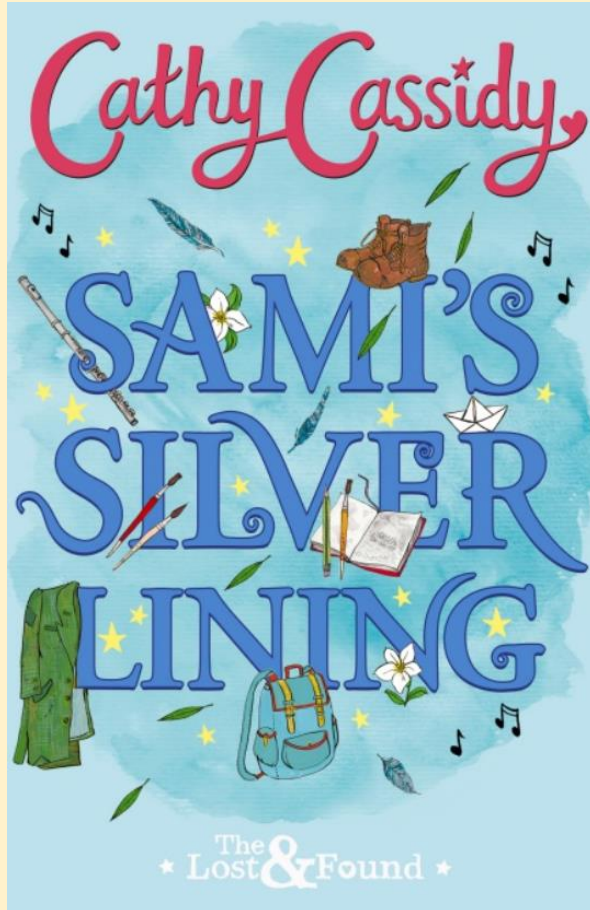


“She rolled a chapatti, flat and round, then put it into a big hot pan, where it began to puff and crisp and turn wonderfully golden. ‘Perfect,’ said Mrs Kapoor.”

In this hilarious modern take on the runaway pancake story, Mrs Kapoor and a host of animals and friends give chase to a cheeky chapatti! Little readers will love the excitement and fun as they follow the trail of the chapatti bouncing and bursting through the book – where will its adventure end?

Sami's Silver Lining

by Cathy Cassidy

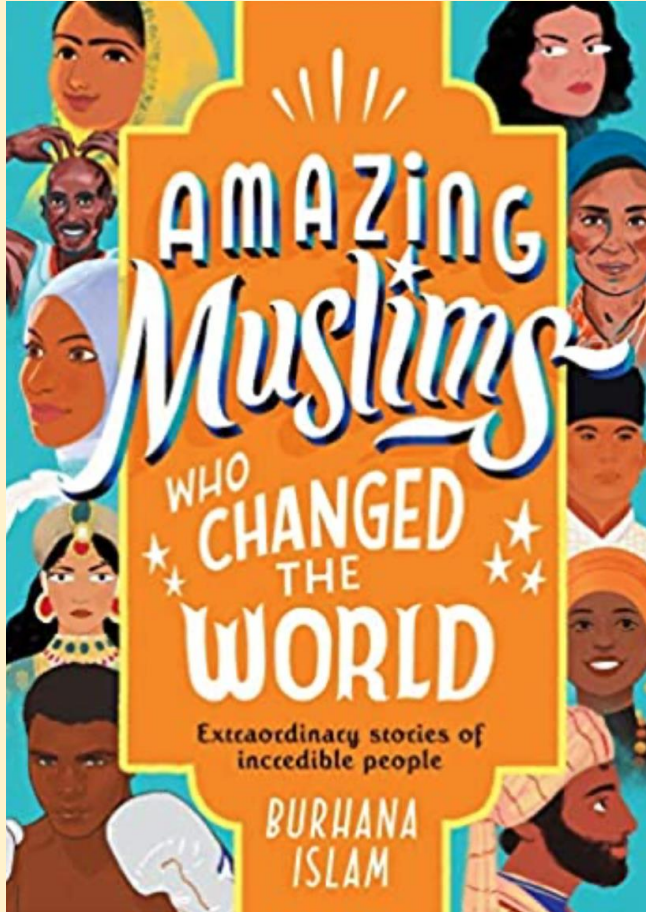


"I am lucky, lucky, lucky... or so they tell me. I didn't choose any of this, and new beginnings feel empty and hollow when you have nobody to share them with."

Syrian refugee Sami is doing his very best to start a new life in England, but he's haunted by his painful past. Even though he's made friends in the Lost and Found band, memories of his treacherous journey across icy waters are never far away. As romance blossoms with the girl of his dreams, can the promise of a brighter future help to thaw Sami's heart? This moving and heart-wrenching story is the next must-have book in Cathy Cassidy's brilliant *Lost and Found* series.

Amazing Muslims Who Changed The World

by Burhana Islam



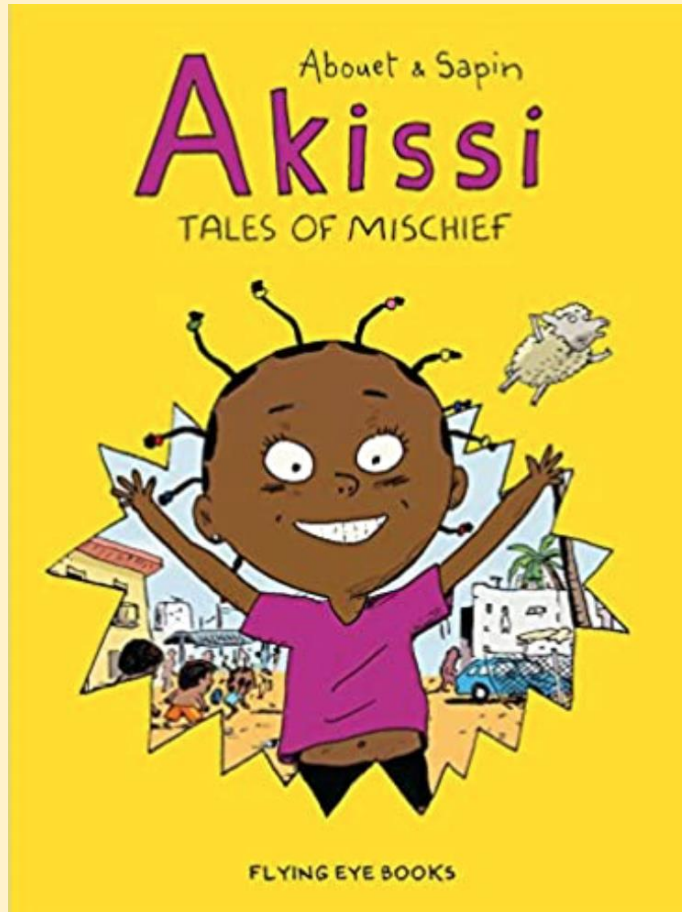
Do you think you know who first thought of the theory of evolution? Have you ever wondered who created the oldest university in the world?

Is Joan of Arc is the only rebel girl who led an army that you've heard of?

If so, then you need this stunningly illustrated treasure trove of iconic and hidden amazing Muslim heroes!

Akissi Tales of Mischief

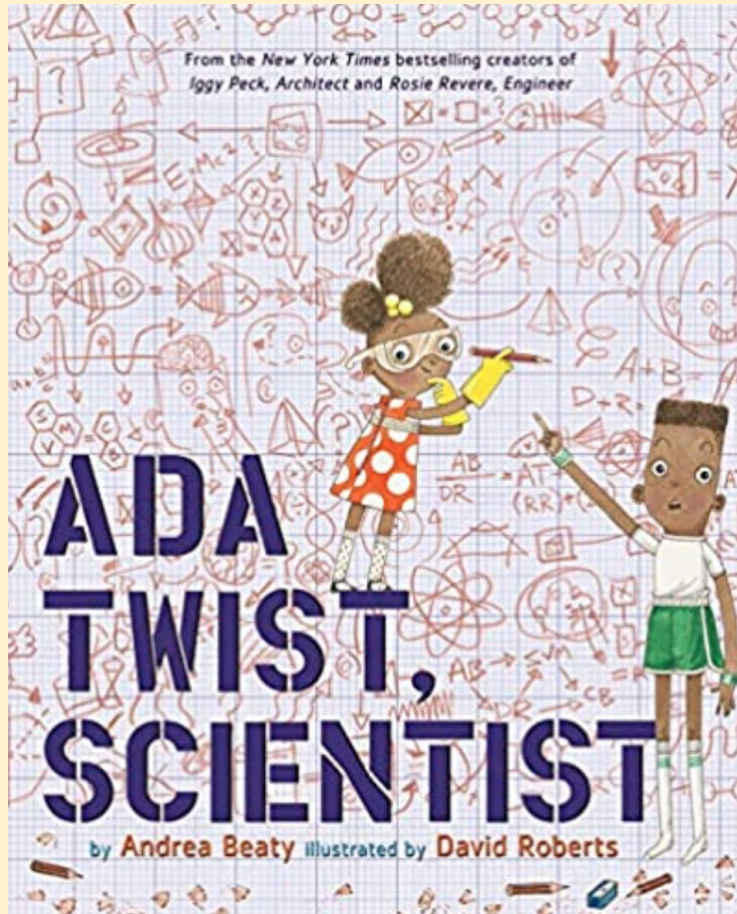
by Marguerite Abouet



The three volumes of the Akissi series by critically acclaimed author Marguerite Abouet are collected in this first English edition. Poor Akissi! The neighbourhood cats are trying to steal her fish, her little monkey Boubou almost ends up in a frying pan and she's nothing but a pest to her older brother Fofana... But Akissi is a true adventurer full of silliness and mischief, and nothing will scare her for long!

Ada Twist, Scientist

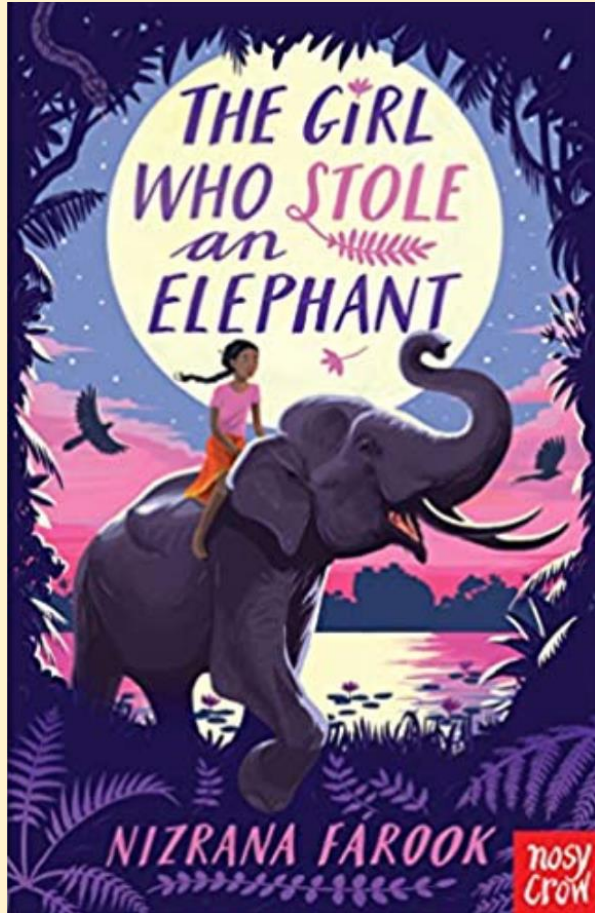
by Andrea Beaty



Iggy Peck and Rosie Revere have earned their places among the most beloved children's characters and have inspired countless kids and adults to follow their passions. Determined Ada Twist, with her boundless curiosity for science and love of the question Why?, is destined to join these two favourites. Like her classmates Iggy and Rosie, Ada has always been hopelessly curious. Why are there pointy things stuck to a rose? Why are there hairs growing inside your nose? She embarks on fact-finding missions and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. When her house fills with a horrific, toe-curling smell, Ada knows it's up to her to find the source. But, this time, her experiments lead to trouble.

The Girl Who Stole An Elephant

by Nizrana Farook



Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk. Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang? With cover illustration by David Dean.

Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn

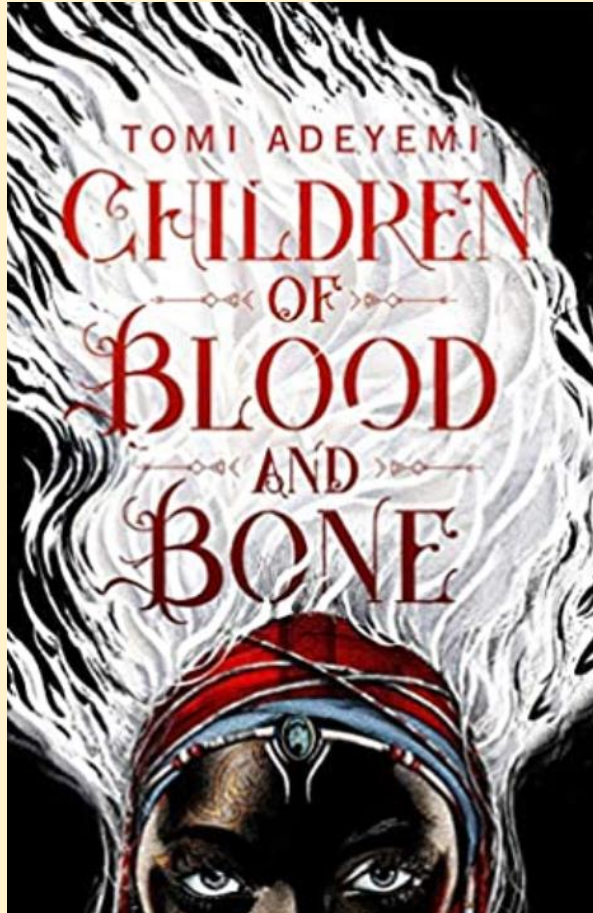
by Kenard Pak



As trees sway in the cool breeze, blue jays head south, and leaves change their colours, everyone knows - autumn is on its way! Join a young girl as she takes a walk through forest and town, greeting all the signs of the coming season. Glorious, evocative Illustrations portray this childlike conversation, saying goodbye to summer and welcoming autumn.

Children of Blood and Bone

by Tomi Adeyemi



Tomi Adeyemi conjures a stunning world of dark magic and danger in her West African-inspired fantasy debut *Children of Blood and Bone*.

*They killed my mother.
They took our magic.
They tried to bury us.
Now we rise.*

Zélie remembers when the soil of Orïsha hummed with magic. When different clans ruled – Burners igniting flames, Tiders beckoning waves, and Zélie’s Reaper mother summoning forth souls.

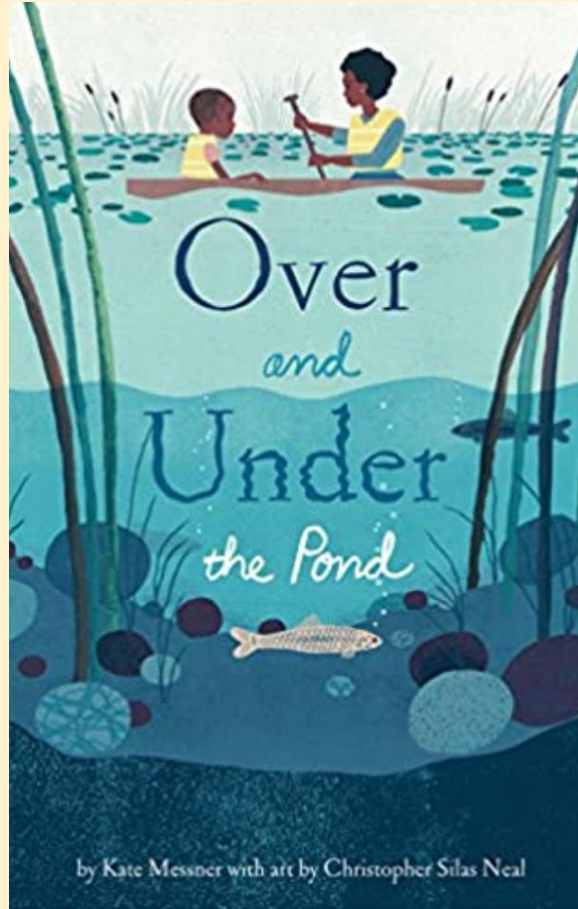
But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, anyone with powers was targeted and killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope. Only a few people remain with the power to use magic, and they must remain hidden.

Zélie is one such person. Now she has a chance to bring back magic to her people and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zélie must learn to harness her powers and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.

Danger lurks in Orïsha, where strange creatures prowl, and vengeful spirits wait in the waters. Yet the greatest danger may be Zélie herself as she struggles to come to terms with the strength of her magic – and her growing feelings for an enemy.

Over and Under the Pond

by Kate Messner



A follow up to *Over and Under the Snow* and *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt*, this time focusing on the rich, interconnected ecosystem of a mountain pond. As parent and child launch a canoe from the muddy shore and paddle through water lilies, they see frogs jump and painted turtles slide off logs, disappearing beneath the murky water. What's happening down there? Under the pond, leeches lurk, crayfish scuttle under rocks, nymphs build intricate shells, and microscopic animals break down fallen leaves to recharge the water with nutrients. Over the pond, fuzzy cattails sway in the breeze, and a pair of loons swim by, laughing in the dappled sunlight. An author's note discusses not only the different organisms featured, but also the truly remarkable balance of this wetland ecosystem, the way plants and animals create a chemical balance that sustains the lives of the pond.

Pelé – Little People, Big Dreams

by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara



In this book from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy bestselling Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of Pelé, Brazil's all-time King of Football.

With a sock full of rags for a ball, Pelé honed his skills in a poor neighbourhood in Brazil. He believed that, one day, he would lead his country to World Cup victory – and he was right! With Pelé and his super skills on the team, Brazil lifted the trophy three times. Today, he is widely regarded as the greatest footballer who ever lived – and a hero off the pitch, too, using his voice to help the people who need it most. This inspiring book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of The King's life.

My Friend Earth

by Patricia MacLachlan and Francesca Sanna



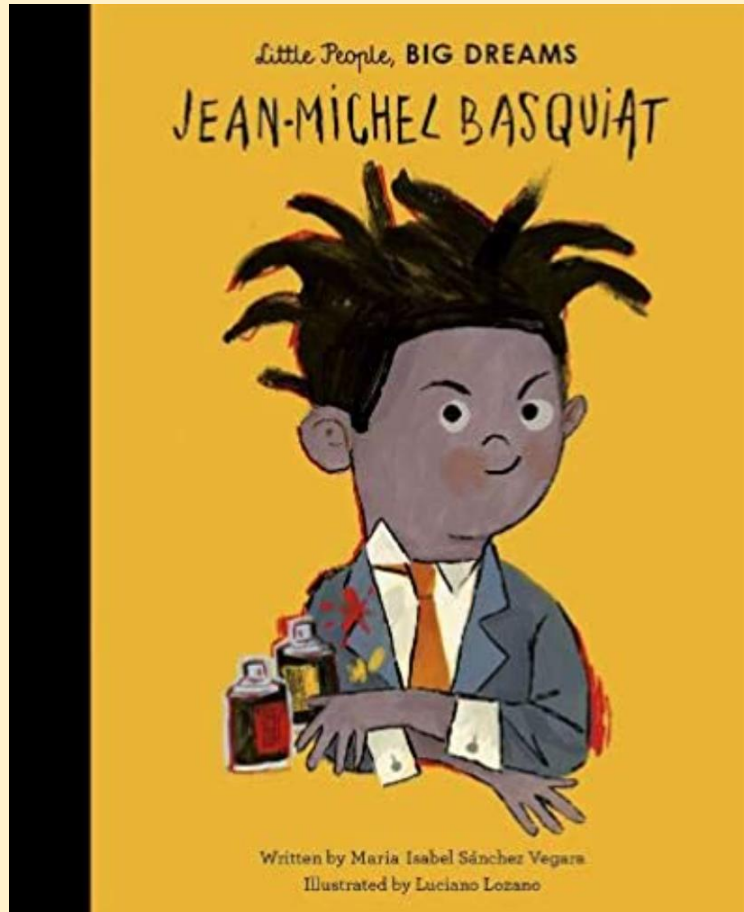
Our friend Earth does so many wonderful things! She tends to animals large and small. She pours down summer rain and autumn leaves. She sprinkles whisper-white snow and protects the tiny seeds waiting for spring.

Readers of all ages will pore over the pages of this spectacular book. Its enticing die-cut pages encourage exploration as its poetic text celebrates everything Earth does for us, all the while reminding us to be a good friend in return.

- Interactive format and kid-friendly art will engage both toddlers and young readers.
- A celebration of the natural world and rallying cry for positive action for Planet Earth
- Great opportunities to share life science concepts and amazing facts about the environment with children

Jean-Michel Basquiat – Little People, Big Dreams

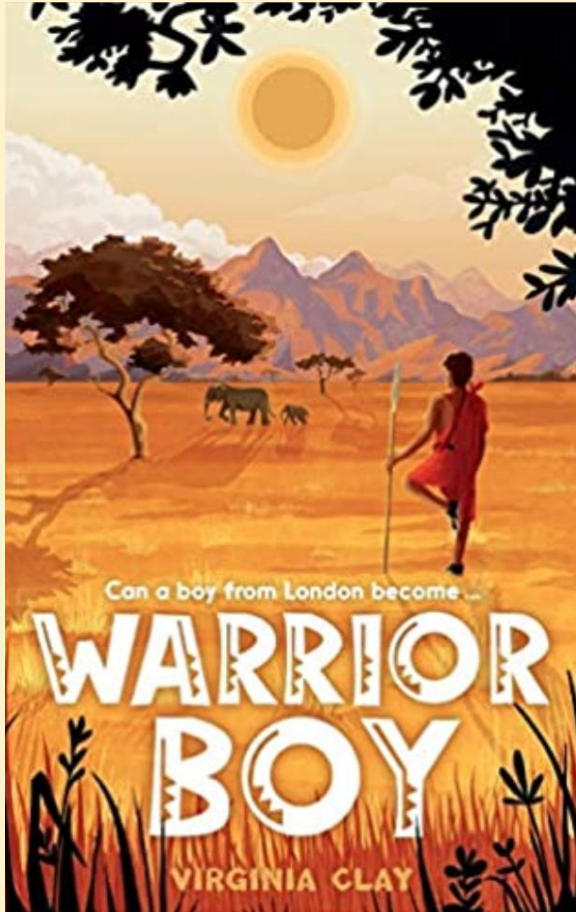
by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara



In this book from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy best-selling Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of Jean-Michel Basquiat, the graffiti street art movement pioneer. Jean-Michel was born in Brooklyn, New York, to a Puerto Rican mother and Haitian father. When he was eight and recovering from an accident in bed, his mother gave him a copy of Gray's Anatomy, which sparked his interest in the human form. As a teenager, he gained recognition as part of the graffiti duo SAMO that spray-painted cryptic messages and images around the landscape of Manhattan's Lower East Side. He eventually made his way to the New York gallery scene and on to international acclaim. This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the brilliant artist's life.

Warrior Boy

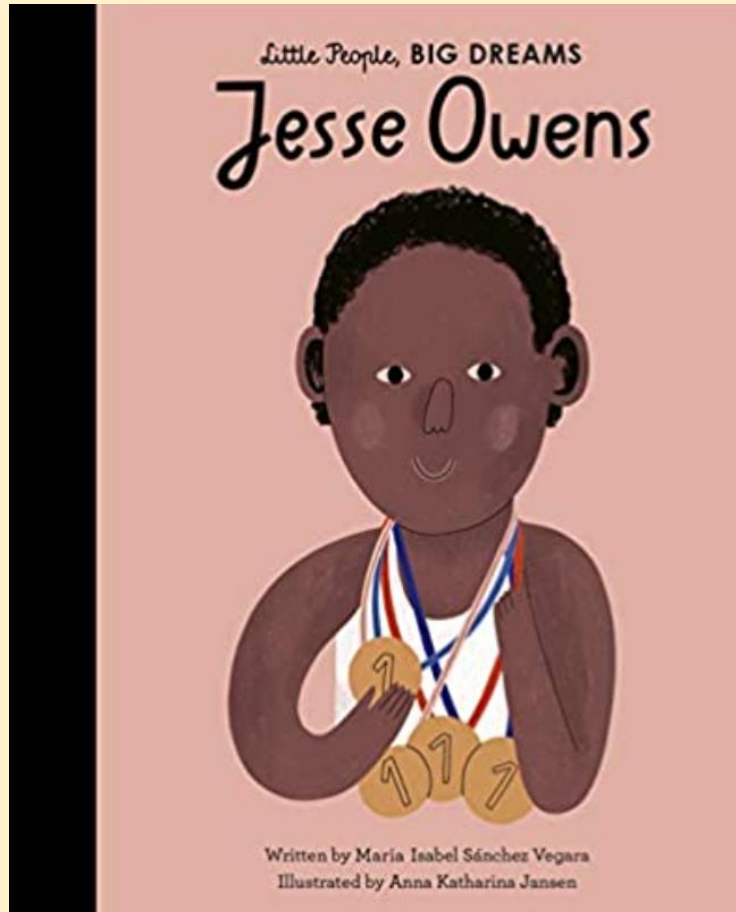
by Virginia Clay



Ben and his mother, a documentary film-maker, are embarking on a trip to his father's homeland of Kenya. Ben is terrified he won't be accepted by his estranged Maasai family, particularly as he has a crippling and shameful fear of blood. But when he arrives, he finds there is a lot more at stake than his pride ... In a stunning, atmospheric adventure, Ben embarks on a journey of self-discovery as he sets out to claim his true place in the world.

Jesse Owens – Little People, Big Dreams

by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

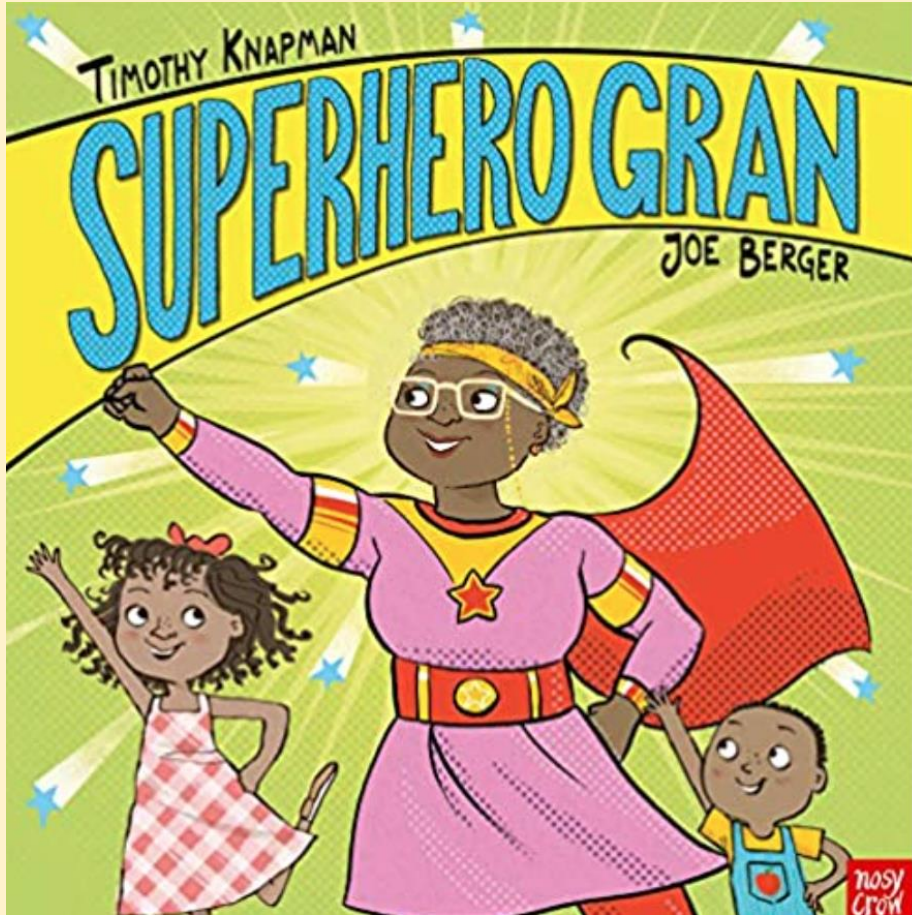


In this book from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy bestselling Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of Jesse Owens, the great track and field star.

The youngest of ten children, Jesse grew up working in the cotton fields of Alabama. Discovered by his high school track and field coach, Jesse quickly rose to fame as an athlete. He went on to challenge racism on the world stage at the 1936 Berlin Olympics and made new world records. This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the athlete and activist's life.

Superhero Gran

by Timothy Knapman and Joe Berger



All grandmothers are wonderful and the gran in this story is no exception. She might not lift buildings or go whooshing through the sky, but she can plan super sleepovers, tell super-funny stories and even put together super disguises. This gran really does have superpowers!

When A Dragon Comes To Stay

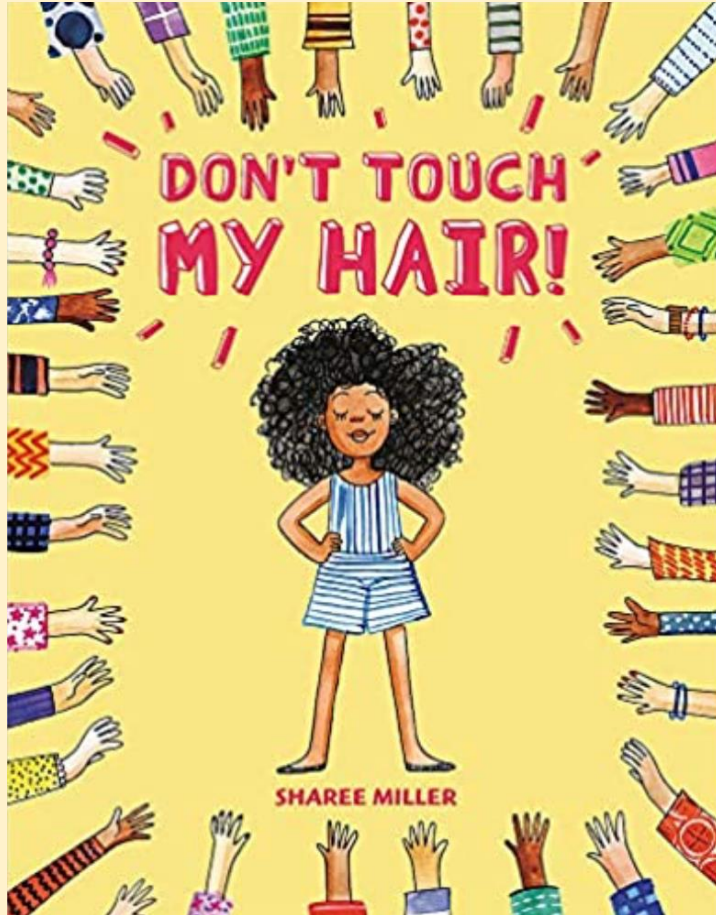
by Caryl Hart and Rosalind Beardshaw



When a dragon comes to stay, will she behave herself? Why, of course she will. Obviously, she knows she must share her toys, eat daintily and skip happily upstairs at bathtime. Well . . . not quite. Like all toddlers, this little dragon finds good manners a tiny bit tricky. It's lucky she has some friends to help her.

Don't Touch My Hair

by Sharee Miller



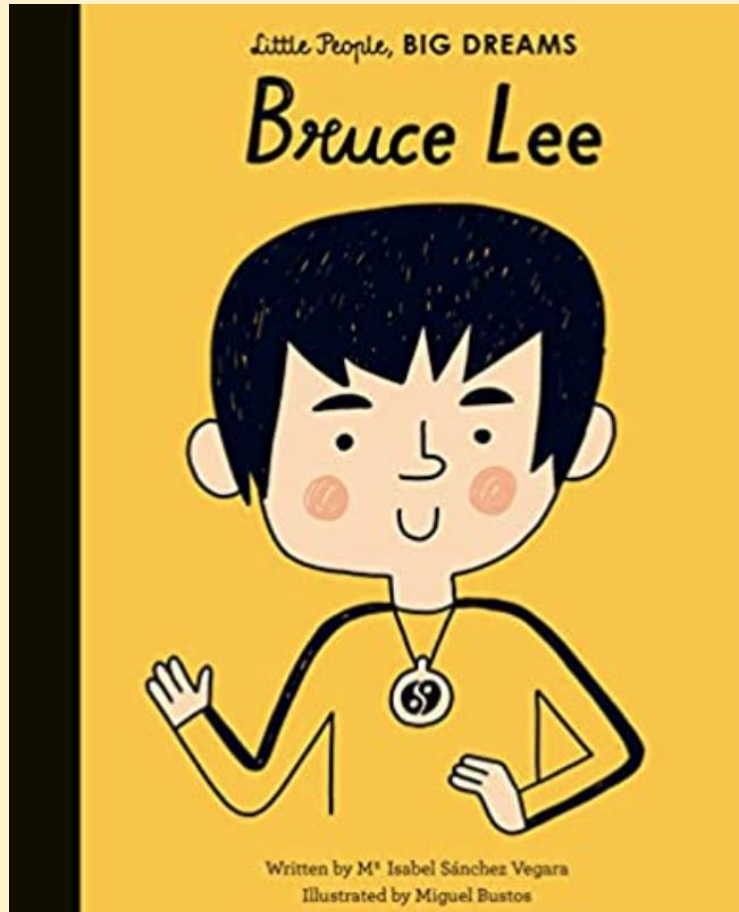
It seems that wherever Aria goes, someone wants to touch her hair. In the street, strangers reach for her fluffy curls; and even under the sea, in the jungle and in space, she's chased by a mermaid, monkeys and poked by aliens... until, finally, Aria has had enough!

This humorous picture book speaks to a national conversation on strangers touching black hair, and sparks an important conversation on personal boundaries for children as Aria explains that her hair should not be touched without asking for permission first. Commercial, imaginative and fun, *Don't Touch My Hair!* can be used to teach young readers about personal boundaries and asking for permission - and that it's all right to be told "no" as well.

Author-illustrator Sharee Miller takes the tradition of appreciation of black hair to a fresh, commercial level, as she doesn't seek to convince or remind young readers that their curls are beautiful - she simply acknowledges black beauty while telling a fun, imaginative story.

Bruce Lee – Little People, Big Dreams

by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

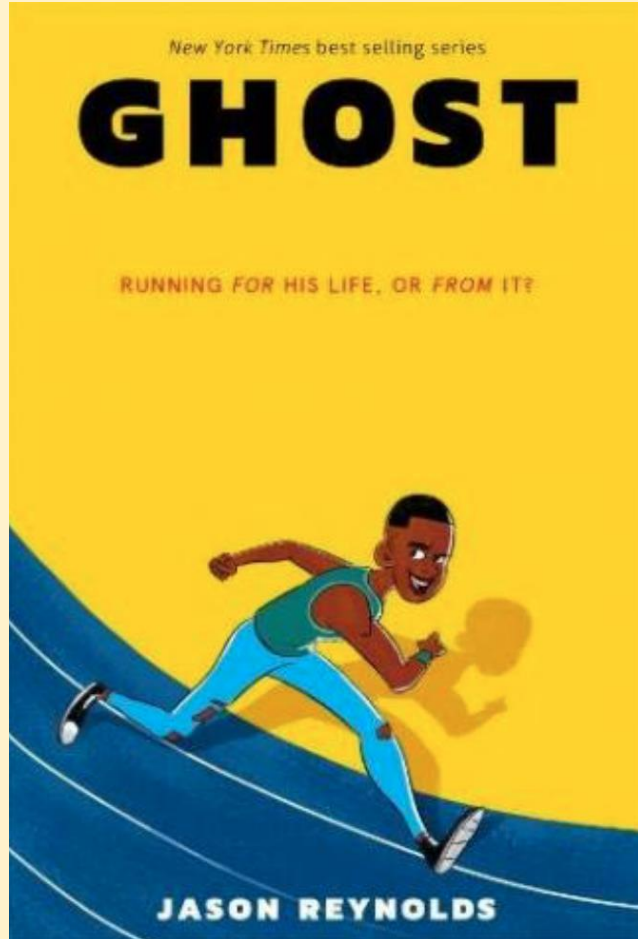


In this book from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy bestselling Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of Bruce Lee, the martial artist and Hollywood film star.

Born in San Francisco but raised in Hong Kong, Bruce Lee was the child star of Hong Kong cinema. But, after getting into trouble as a teenager, his father sent him to live in America. Starring roles were hard to come by for Asian-American actors in Hollywood, but Bruce went on to act in blockbuster hits, featuring his skill as a martial artist. This inspiring book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the great actor's life.

Ghost

By Jason Reynolds



Even though he has been running his whole life, Ghost has never thought of athletics as a sporting option – basketball is his thing. But when Ghost challenges a sprinter to a race and wins, his life starts to change.