



HCAT READING SPINE



A SUPPORTING DOCUMENT FOR THE TEACHING OF READING

The books on this list have been carefully selected to provide a rich and wholesome reading experience for pupils across HCAT.

These texts have been selected to ensure that learners are exposed to high quality literature at every stage of their education and that through the experience of reading a range of books they develop a love of reading. These texts have been selected to ensure that they are age appropriate for the relevant year group, Lexile scoring has been used as a tool to support the choice of texts alongside careful consideration for the content of each book.

The reading texts identified on this HCAT Reading Spine were collaboratively compiled by reading leaders drawing upon research and incorporating literature from others such as: the Pie Corbett Reading Spine, Literacy Tree and the Award-Winning Children’s Author list.

Lexile Scoring			
Standard Lexile Scoring		Split year groups	
EYFS – Y1	N/A	Y1	N/A
Y2 – Y3	450 – 790	Y2	420 – 620
Y4 – Y5	770 – 980	Y3	620 – 820
Y6-Y7	955 – 1100	Y4	740 – 875
		Y5	875 – 1010
		Y6	925 - 1150

* CCSS Lexile provide the standard Lexile scoring above however these are for mixed year groups – therefore an approximate measure has been generated for each individual year group.

How are texts selected?

Throughout year groups and across key stages children will be exposed to a broad range of age-appropriate texts, these are a sample of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

It is essential that children have the opportunity to explore texts with key themes and values, these have been selected and listed under the ‘wider reading’ section, this section may include texts with links to the wider curriculum or books addressing key themes such as diversity, significant people or understanding feelings and emotions.

How do we develop fluency?

When reading texts, whether for the teaching of comprehension or reading for pleasure, fluency is essential. Fluency is made up of three main components:

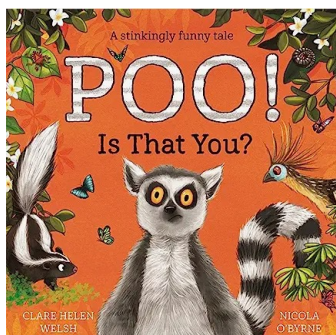
Accuracy – when words are read accurately with correct pronunciation with a high success rate.

Automaticity – rapid word recognition without conscious decoding.

Prosody – when pupils demonstrate appropriate intonation, rhythm and emphasis of words.

YEAR 1 SELECTED TEXTS

Below are a range of texts for year 1 to be shared and enjoyed with children to encourage a love of reading. These include fiction, poetry and non fiction.



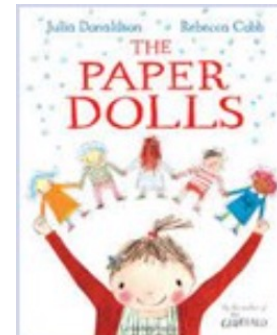
Pool! Is That You?



Funny Bones



Lost and Found



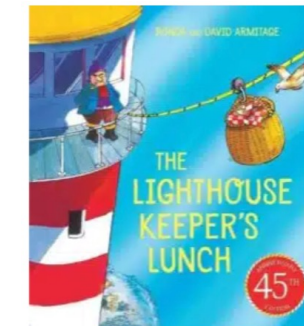
The Paper Dolls



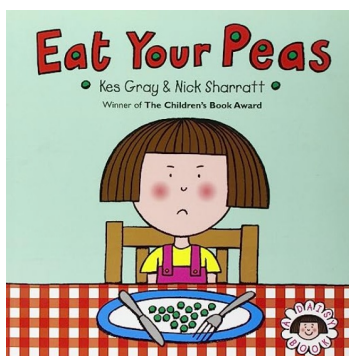
Meesha Makes Friends



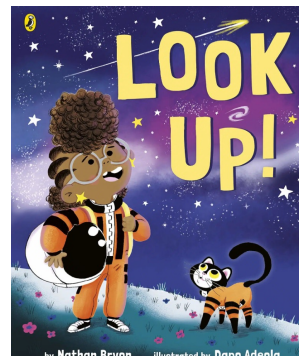
Man on the Moon



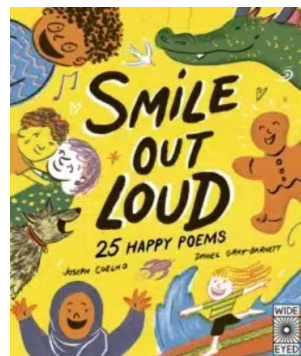
The Light house Keeper's Lunch



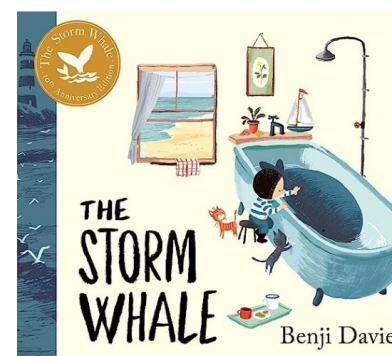
Eat Your Peas



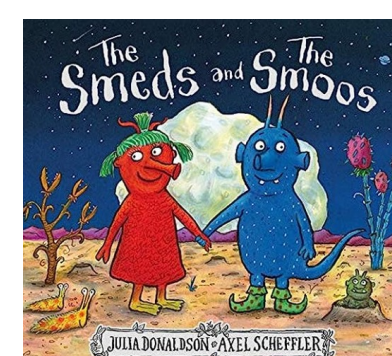
Look Up



Smile Out Loud



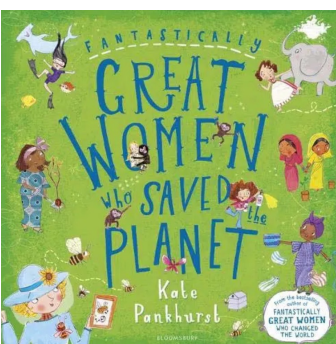
The Storm Whale



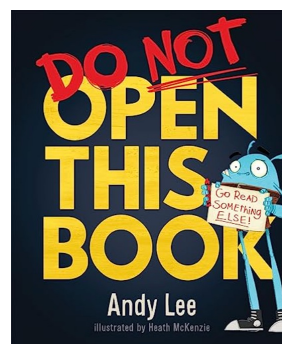
The Smeds and the Smoos



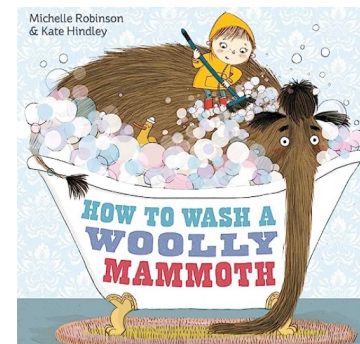
Supertato



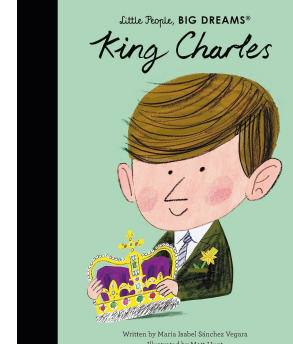
Great Women who saved the Planet



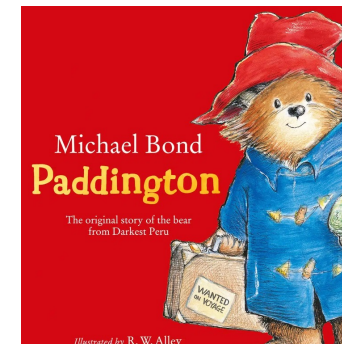
Do Not Open this Book



How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth



Little people Big Dreams: King Charles



Paddington

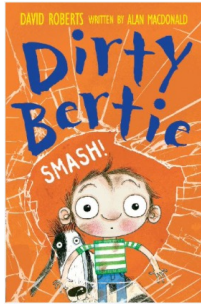


Deep – Sea Voyage

YEAR 2 SELECTED TEXTS (420-620)

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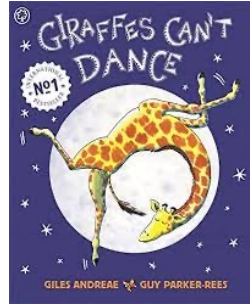
FICTION



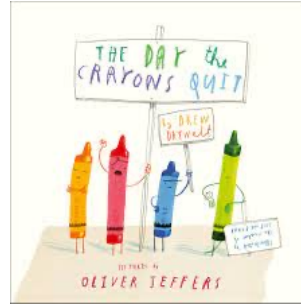
Dirty Bertie Series



Meerkat Mail



Giraffes Can't Dance



The Day The Crayons Quit



Rabbit & Bear Series



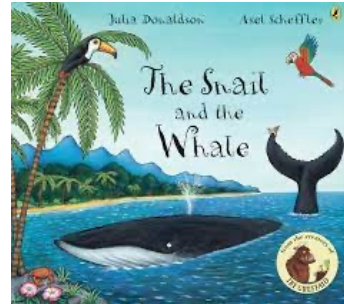
The Magic Finger



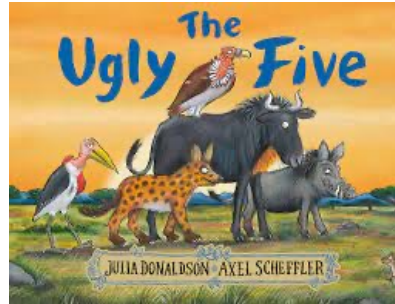
The Bear and the Piano



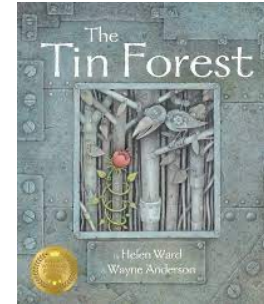
Katie in London



The Snail and the Whale



The Ugly Five



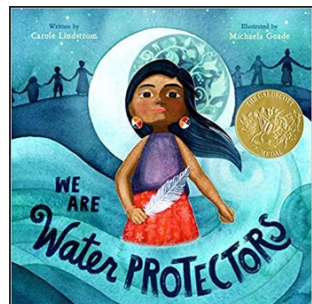
The Tin Forest



Traction Man Series



Toys in Space



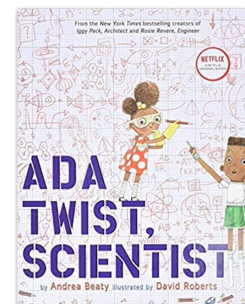
We Are Water Protectors



Ocean Meets Sky



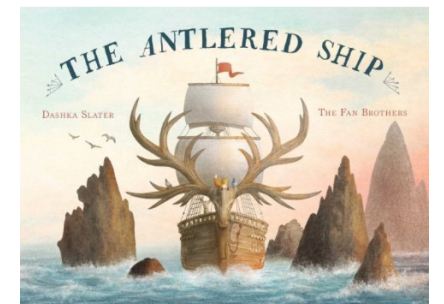
The Polar Express



Ada Twist, Scientist



STUCK



The Antlered Ship

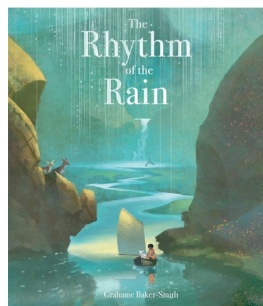
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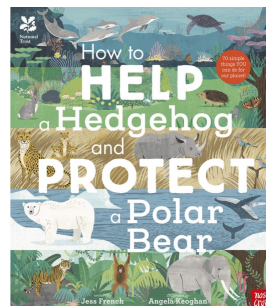
NON-FICTION



The Great Fire of London



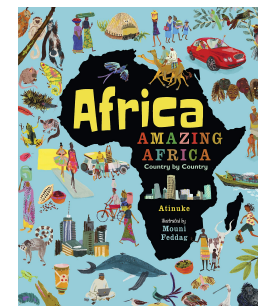
The Rhythm of the Rain



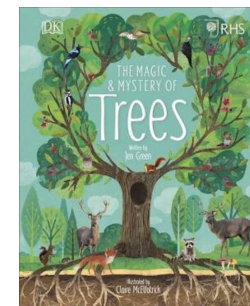
How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear



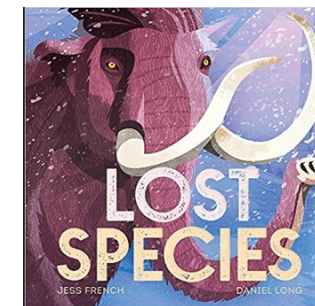
The Big Book of the UK



Africa Amazing Africa



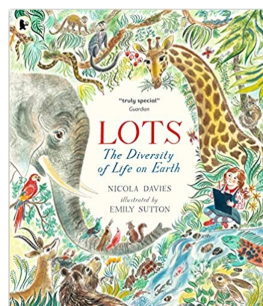
The Magic Mystery of Trees



Lost Species



Everything Under the Sun



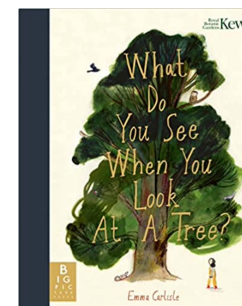
LOTS The Diversity of Life on Earth



This is how we do it



Welcome to our World



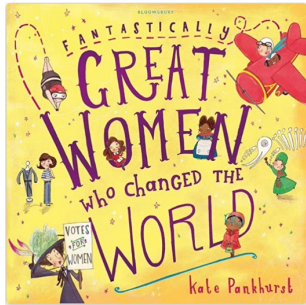
What Do You See When You Look At A Tree?



Marvellous Machines

Below are a range of age appropriate texts for KS1 with a focus on a range of themes such as poetry, significant people, topical issues or personal development.

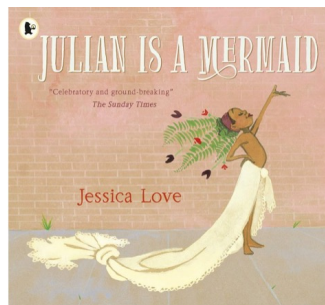
WIDER READING



Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World (People)



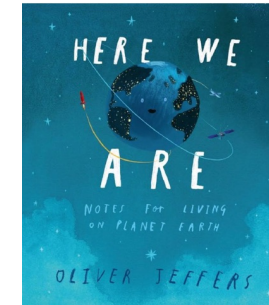
Grandad's Island (Loss)



Julian is a Mermaid (Individuality)



Truth Pixie (Fears)



Here we are (Exploration/ Kindness)



Greta & the Giants (Climate Change/People)



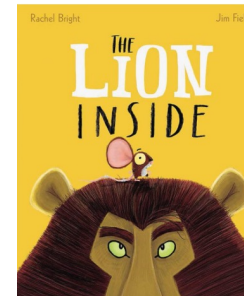
Ruby's Worry (Worries)



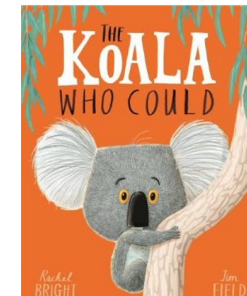
Somebody Swallowed Stanley (Pollution)



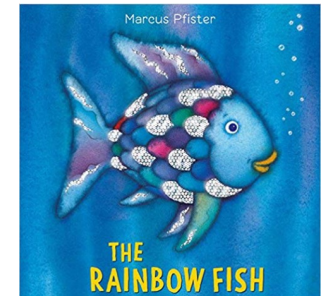
The Colour Monster (Feelings)



The Lion Inside (Fear/ Bravery)



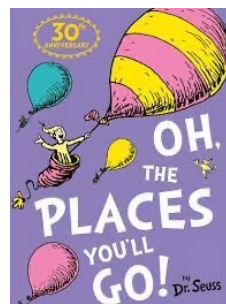
The Koala Who Could (Change)



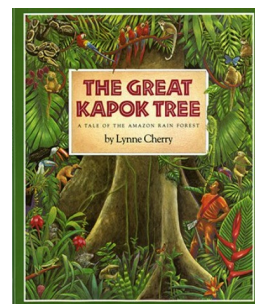
The Rainbow Fish (Individuality)



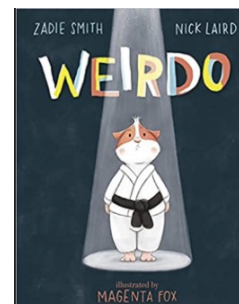
Tear Thief (Emotions)



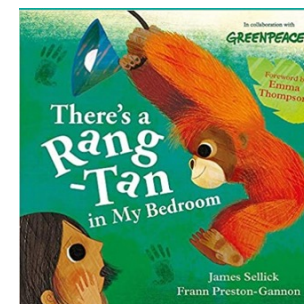
Oh the places you'll go (Poetry)



The Great Kapok Tree (Deforestation)



Weirdo (Differences)



There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom (Deforestation)



All The Ways to be Smart (Differences)



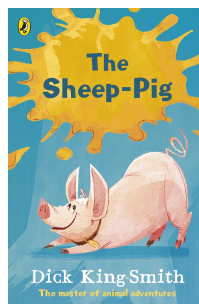
Building a Home (Jobs/ Roles)

YEAR 3 SELECTED TEXTS (620-820)

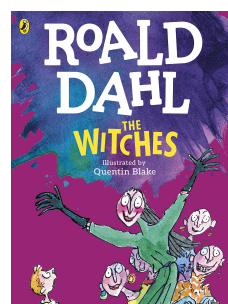
FICTION



Cat Tales



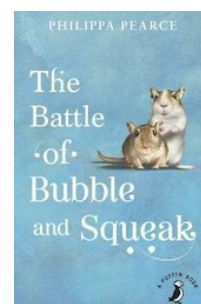
The Sheep Pig



The Witches



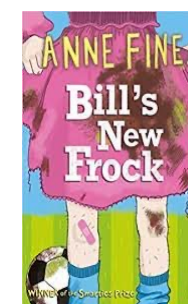
A Hat Full of Sky



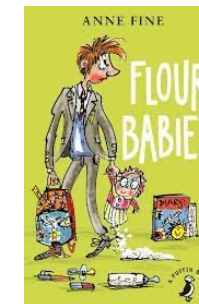
The Battle of Bubble & Squeak



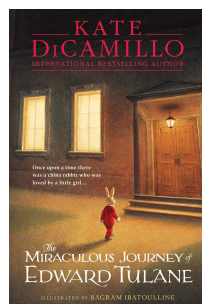
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Bill's New Frock



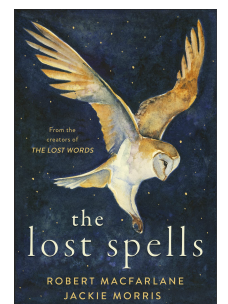
Flour Babies



The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane



The Nothing to See Here Hotel



The Lost Spells



Hotel Flamingo Series



The Last Kids On Earth Series



Beetle Boy



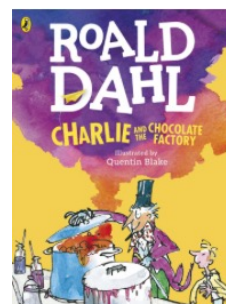
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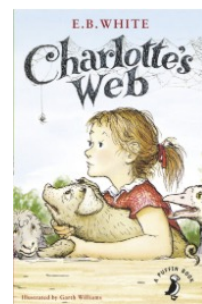
Brightstorm



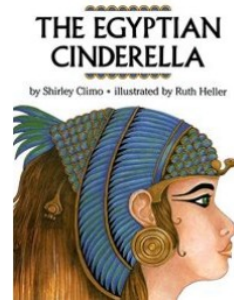
Billionaire Boy



Charlie & Chocolate Factory



Charlotte's Web



The Egyptian Cinderella



Farther



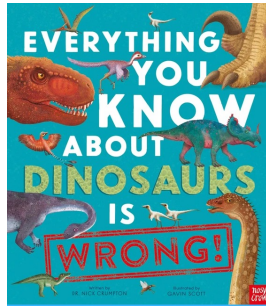
The Wild Robot



The Jolly-Rogers and the Pirate Piper

YEAR 3 SELECTED TEXTS (620-820)

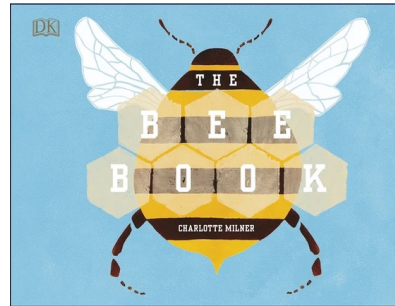
NON-FICTION



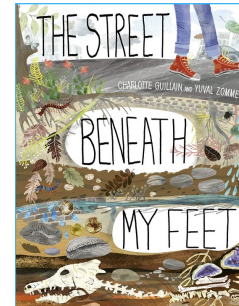
Everything you know about dinosaurs is wrong!



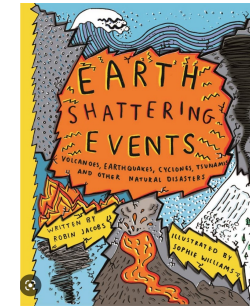
Wacky things pets do



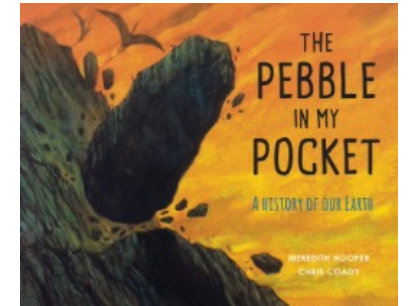
The Bee Book



The Street Beneath My Feet



Earth Shattering Events



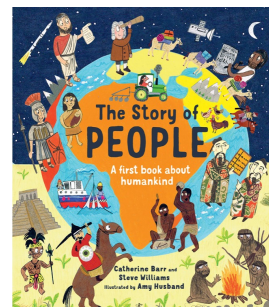
The Pebble In My Pocket



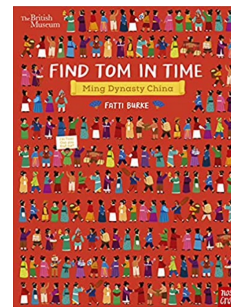
The Big Book of Blue



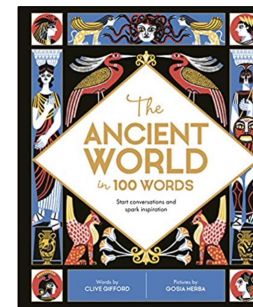
A Day In The Life of a Caveman, Queen and Everything In Between



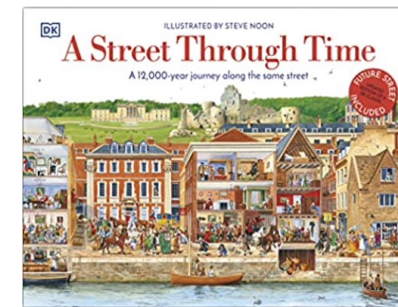
The Story of People



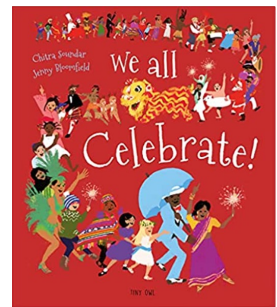
Find Tom in the Ming Dynasty China



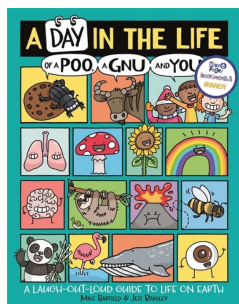
The Ancient World in 100 Words



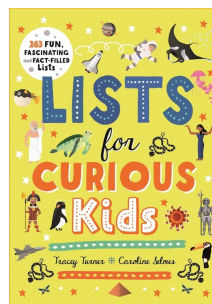
A Street Through Time



We All Celebrate



A Day In The Life



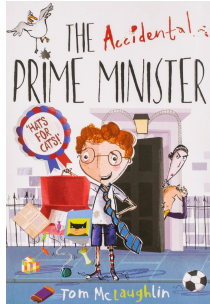
Lists for Curious Kids



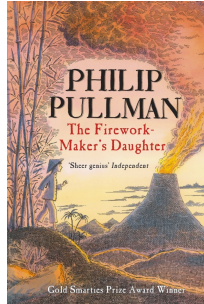
Nano – Science of very small

YEAR 4 SELECTED TEXTS (740-875)

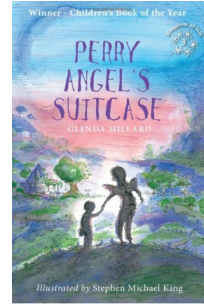
FICTION



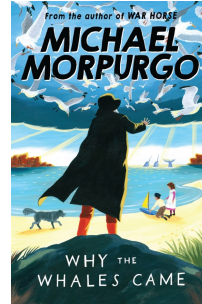
The Accidental Prime Minister



The Firework Maker's Daughter



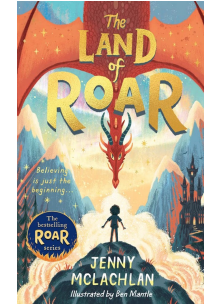
Perry Angel's Suitcase



Why the Whales Came



The Christmasaurus



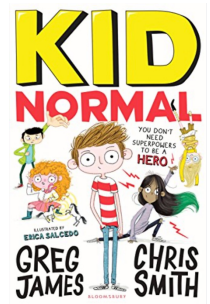
The Land of Roar



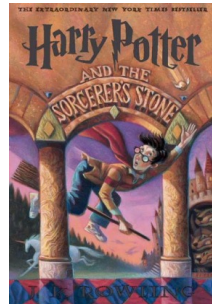
The Boy Who Grew Dragons



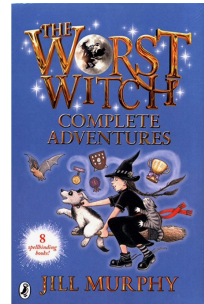
Nevermoor



Kid Normal



Harry Potter Series



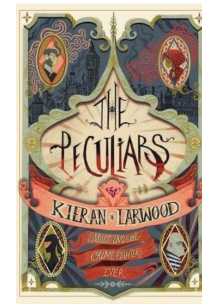
The Worst Witch Series



Tom's Midnight Garden



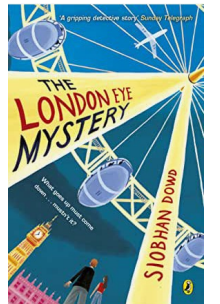
Street Child



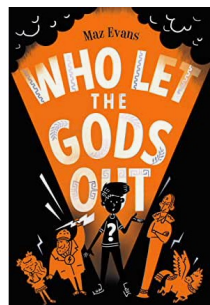
The Peculiars



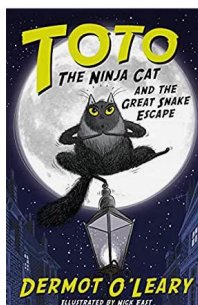
The 1000 Year Old Boy



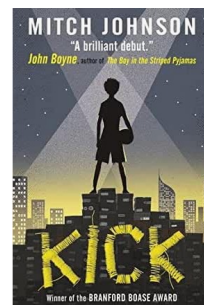
The London Eye Mystery



Who Let the Gods Out



Toto the Ninja Cat



Kick



The Island at the End of Everything



Malamander



The Ghost of Thomas Kempe



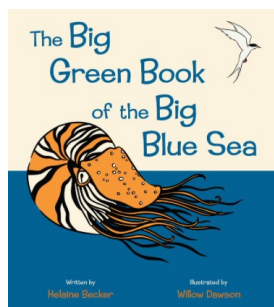
Friend or Foe



The Creakers

YEAR 4 SELECTED TEXTS (740-875)

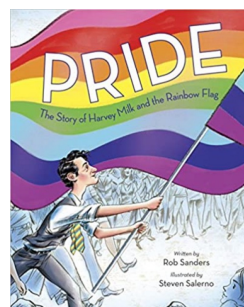
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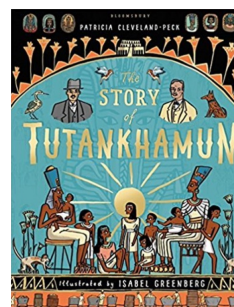
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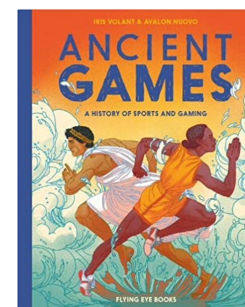
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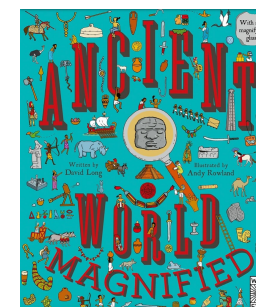
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The Story of Tutankhamun



Ancient Games



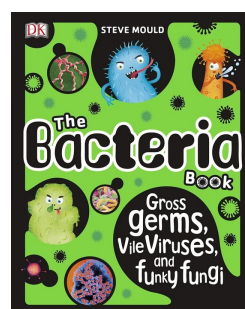
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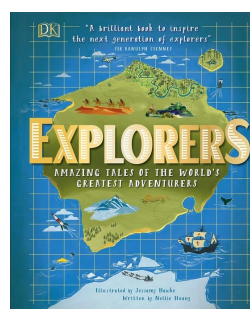
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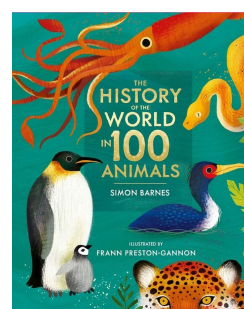
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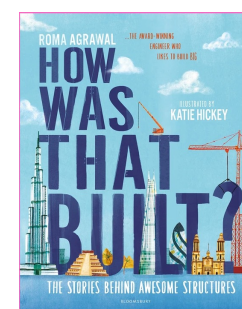
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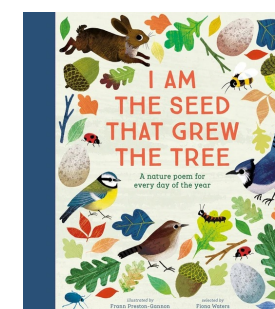
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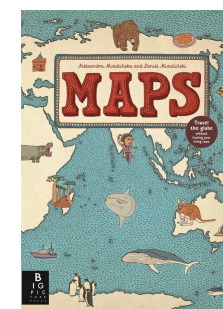
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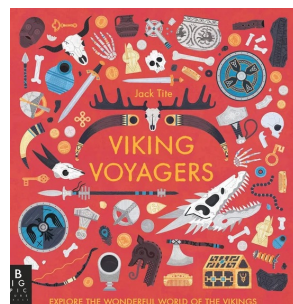
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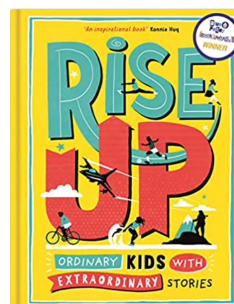
I am the seed that grew the tree



MAPS



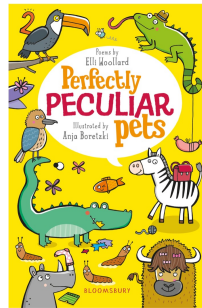
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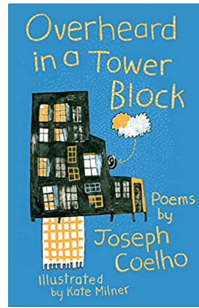
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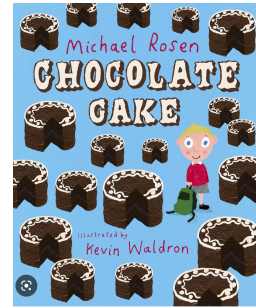
WIDER READING



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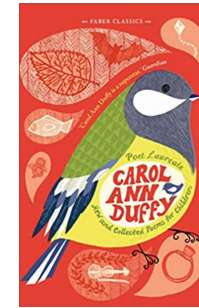
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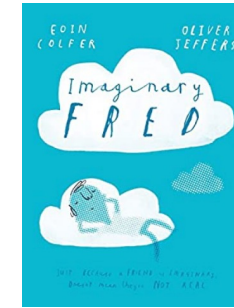
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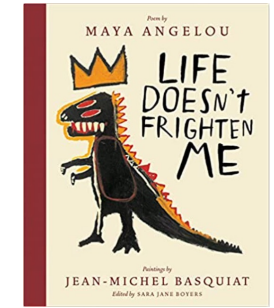
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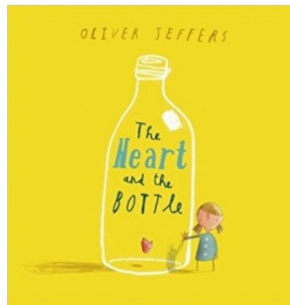
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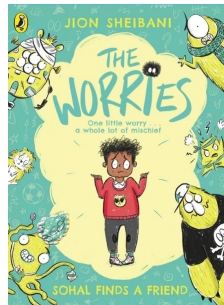
Imaginary Fred (Theme: Friendship)



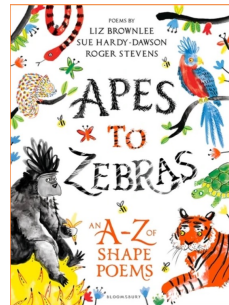
Life Doesn't Frighten Me (Poetry)



The Heart and the Bottle (Emotions/ Feelings)



The Worries (Worries)



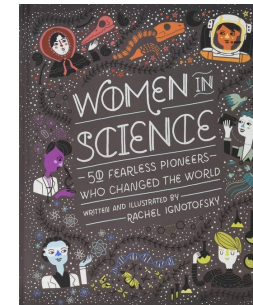
Apes to Zebras An A-Z of Shape Poems (Poetry)



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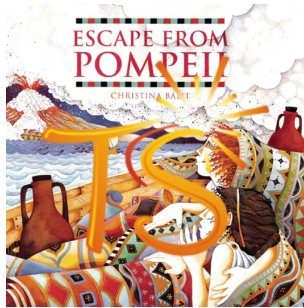
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Women In Science (People)

YEAR 5 SELECTED TEXTS (875-1010)

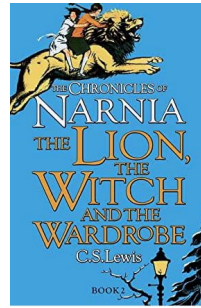
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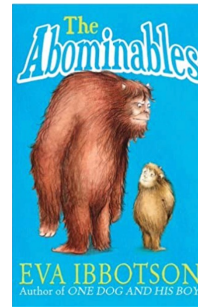
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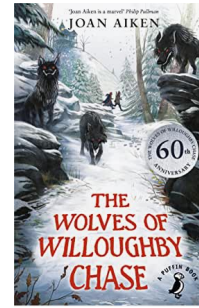
Arthur and the Golden Rope



The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe



The Abominables



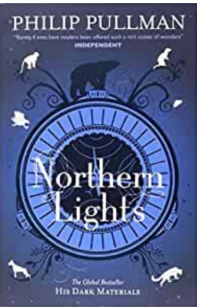
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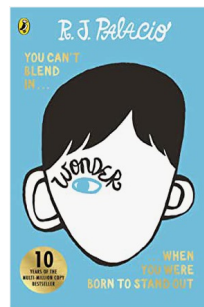
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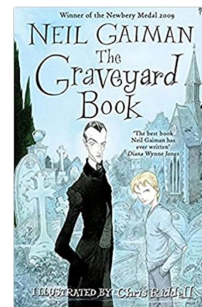
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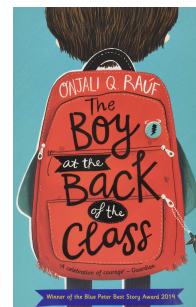
Wonder



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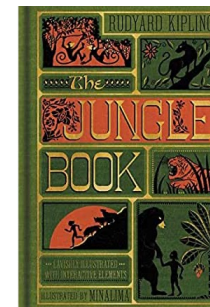
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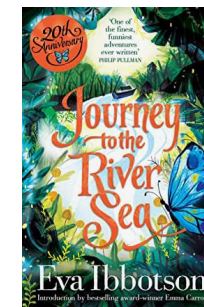
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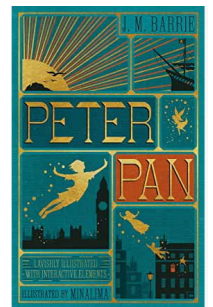
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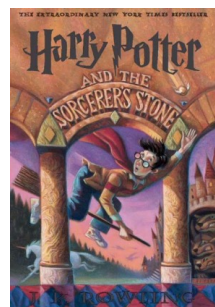
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Journey to the River Sea



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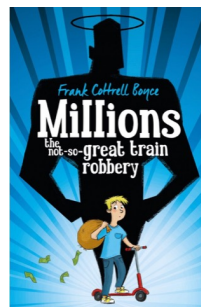
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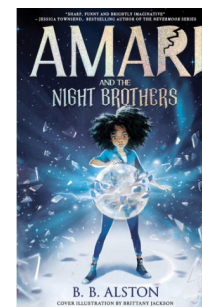
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Millions the not-so-great train robbery



Amari and the Night Brothers



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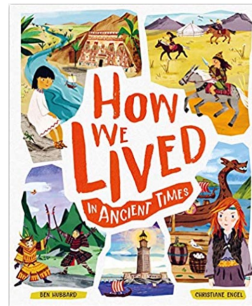
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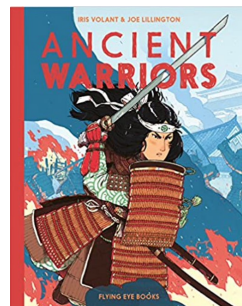
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The Humans: Ancient Civilisations and astonishing things they taught us



How we Lived in Ancient Times



Ancient Warriors



Politics for Beginners



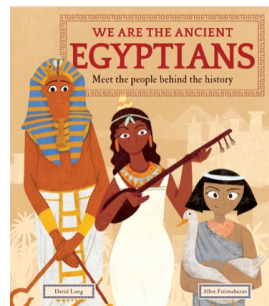
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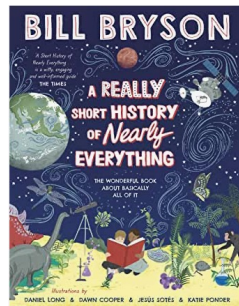
I Was There: Viking Invasion



We Are the Romans



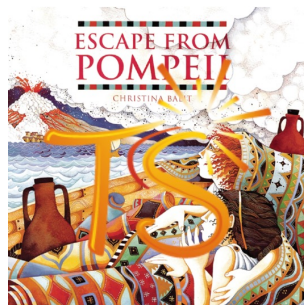
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A Really Short History of Almost Everything

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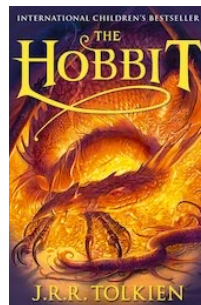
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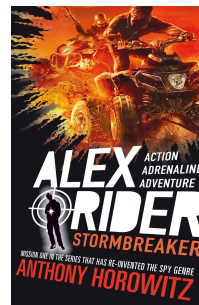
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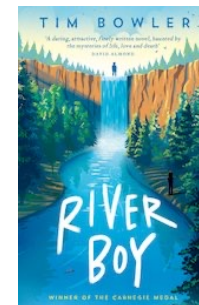
The Hobbit



Alex Rider



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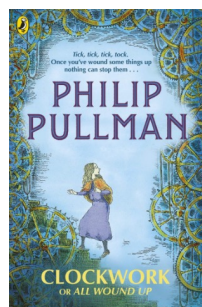
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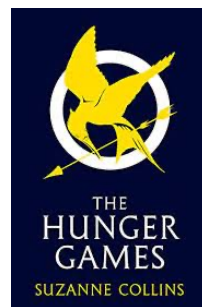
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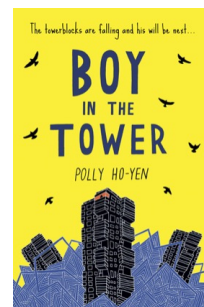
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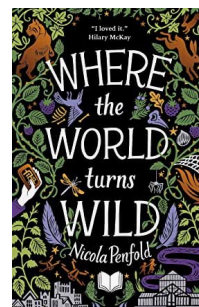
The Hunger Games



The Girl with Space in her Heart



The Boy in the Tower



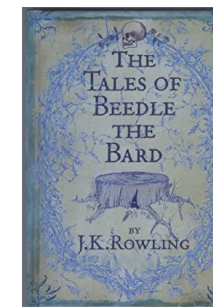
Where the World Turns Wild



Rumblestar



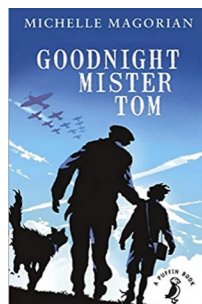
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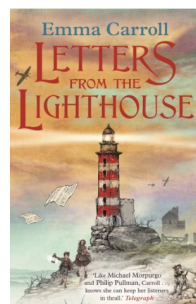
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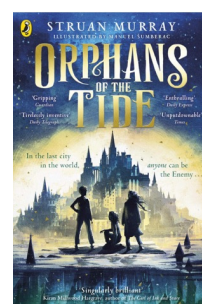
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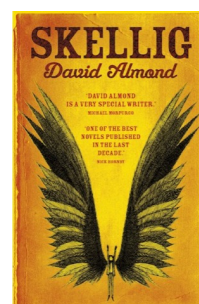
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Letters from the Lighthouse



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The House With Chicken Legs



When We Were Warriors



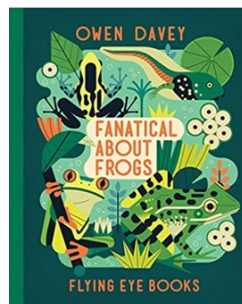
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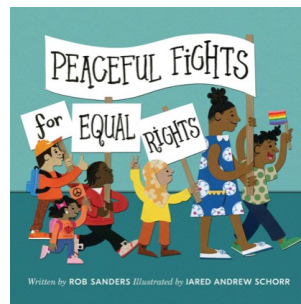
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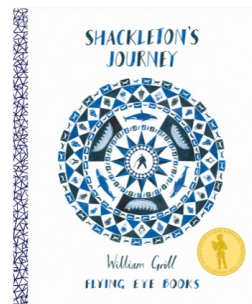
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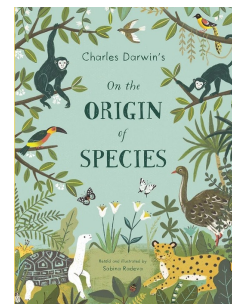
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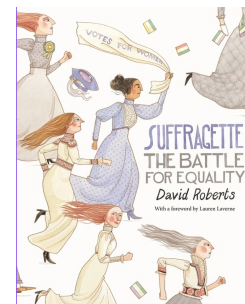
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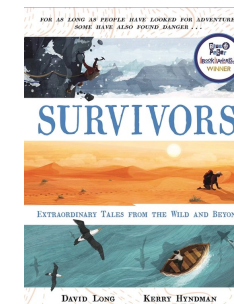
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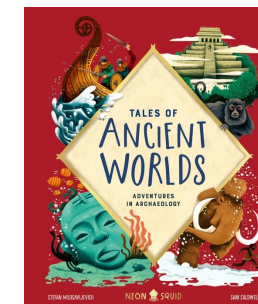
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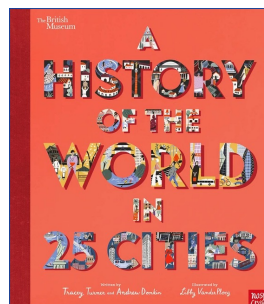
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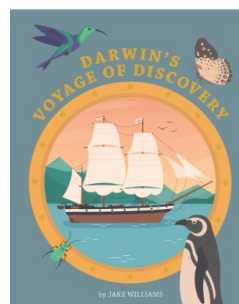
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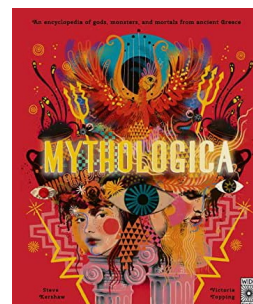
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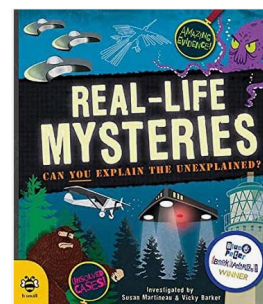
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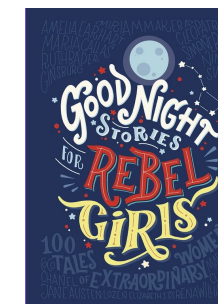
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Real Life Mysteries



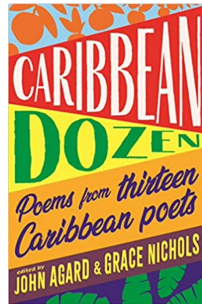
Children's Encyclopedia



Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls

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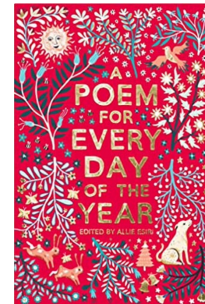
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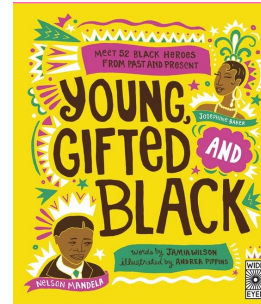
Caribbean Dozen (Poetry)



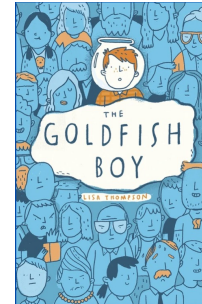
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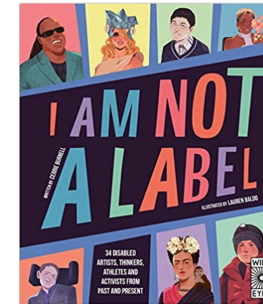
A Poem For Every Day of the Year (Poetry)



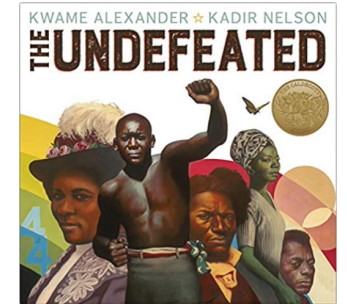
Young Black and Gifted (Society)



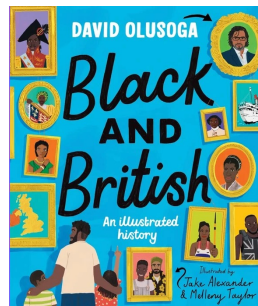
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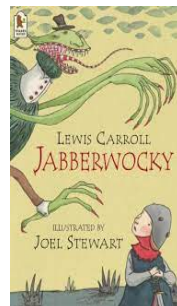
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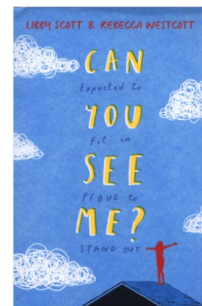
The Undefeated (Black History)



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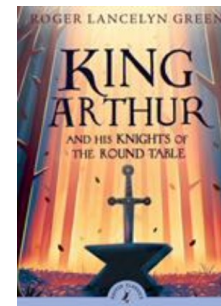
Jabberwocky (Poetry)



Can you see me? (Disability/ Equality)



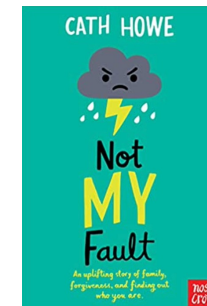
Ozymandias (Poetry)



King Arthur (Legends)



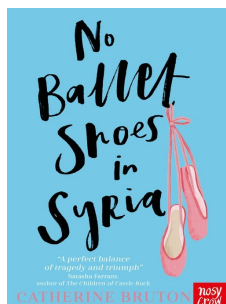
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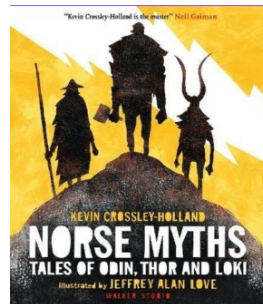
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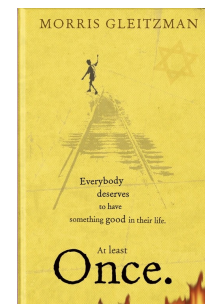
The Girl of Ink & Stars (Friendship)



No Ballet Shoes in Syria (Adversity)



Norse Myths (Myths)



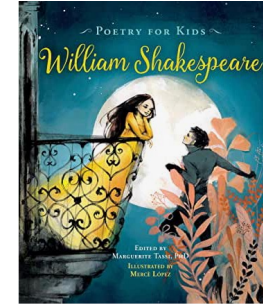
Once (WW2)



You Are Awesome (Unique)



Smile (Overcoming)



William Shakespeare: Poetry for Kids