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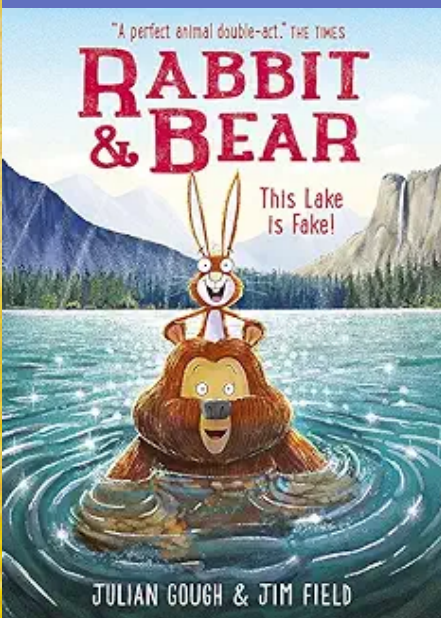
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An Ode to Rabbit and Bear

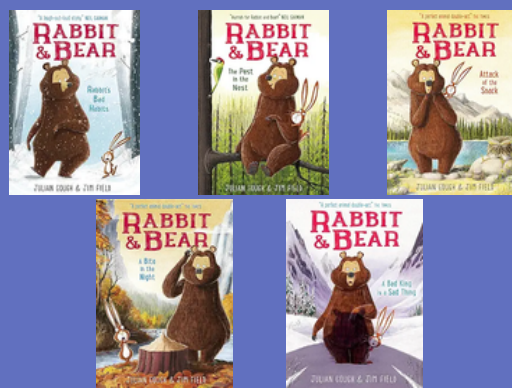
This month marks the end of (in my opinion) the greatest series for younger children EVER! Bluey gets all the plaudits about being the animal that teaches children the most about life while also being hugely entertaining, but I believe that it should be Julian Gough and Jim Field's creation that should be sitting pretty on the top of that mountain! The series has EVERYTHING! It teaches children about complex emotions, it teaches them about nature - I never knew that rabbits had to eat their own poo because they don't absorb the nutrients the first time! (Thanks, book 1) AND its hilariously funny!

One of my favourite things about the book is that over time I've perfected my read-aloud character voices. This is mainly due to practice. Every Key Stage One class I have ever had has been treated to the whole series as class books. I believe that the series fosters a love of listening to stories and is a perfect bridge from picture books to chapter books.

Additionally, as the books are so much fun, they are perfect for any children that lack reading stamina as a way to become more fluent. I've lent the series to Year Six children who have loved them too.



So if you haven't jumped into the world of Rabbit and Bear yet... This is your reminder to do it right away! If you work in TV or Film... start the bidding war for the rights to the books!





Astrid and the Space Cadets

Alex T. Smith

Macmillan Children's 5+

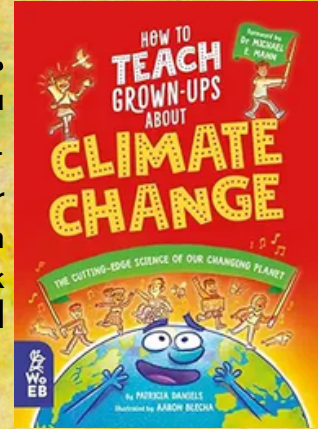
Anything with Alex's name on gets an instant thumbs up from us. Astrid honours our faith in him. A fantastically wacky adventure following Astrid as she attempts to tidy up the Milky Way and keep the Snailiens in check.

How to Teach Grown-ups about...

Patricia Daniels & Aaron Blecha

What On Earth Books 8+

The second book in this non-fiction series. After educating adults about Pluto, we now set our sights on teaching them about climate change! A superb book which will empower its readers to change the world (starting with their parents!).



Pirate Academy

Justin Somper

UCLan 8+

Transporting readers to a thrilling world where piracy meets mystery. Neo Spice's arrival disrupts Barracuda class, unraveling secrets and endangering friendships. With vivid characters and heart-pounding twists, Justin Somper crafts an adventure brimming with excitement, perfect for young readers craving high-seas escapades.

Black Hole Cinema Club

Christopher Edge

Nosy Crow 8+

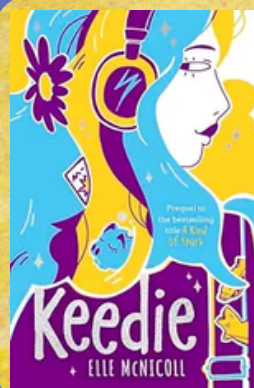
Lucas and his pals are catapulted into film worlds, facing perilous challenges and cryptic clues. From battling prehistoric monsters to navigating lost cities, each scene shift heightens suspense as they unravel a mysterious connection between films. The enthralling storytelling captivates readers, offering an immersive adventure packed with twists and excitement.



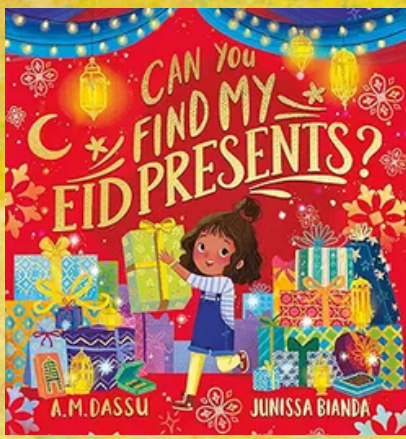
One To Wait for...

Keedie - Elle McNicoll

Knights Of - April 24



This is going to be one of the best books of the year. I've been lucky enough to grab an early copy and it is simply superb. The prequel to A Kind Of Spark.



Can You Find My Eid Presents?

A.M. Dassu & Junissa Bianda

Scholastic 3+

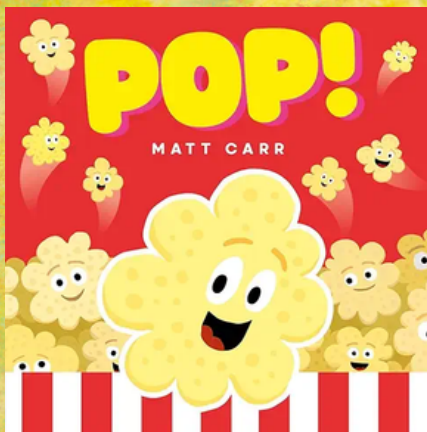
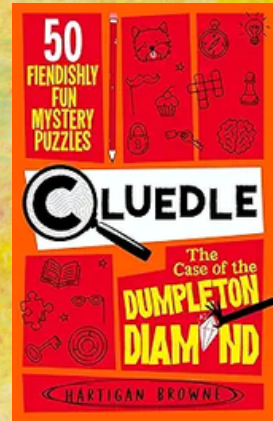
With charming illustrations and a heartwarming narrative, this picture book is a delightful Eid treat. As Hana prepares for the festivities, she embarks on a search for missing presents, engaging young readers in a captivating search-and-find adventure. A gentle story enriched with cultural traditions and vibrant artwork.

Cluedle

Hartigan Browne

Macmillan Children's 9+

Join private investigator Hartigan Browne to crack the curious case of the missing Dumpleton Diamond through 50 brain-busting challenges. With a humorous and intriguing storyline, unravel the mysteries of pup-napped Dave, The Flying Goat, and the elusive missing key. Packed with codes, clues, and maps, it's perfect for families seeking puzzling fun together.



Pop!

Matt Carr

Scholastic 3+

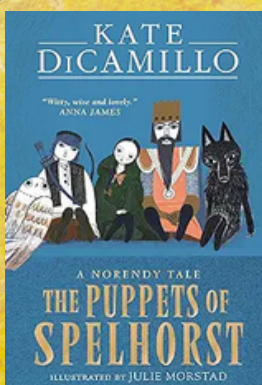
Join Dave and pals as they embark on a hilarious journey from kernel to popping glory. Matt Carr's vibrant illustrations and rollicking rhymes bring this explosive tale to life. But as they pop into the world, is reality as tasty as they imagined? Bursting with counting joy and endless laughter, I had to read this three times to a room of 60 children!

Moving Up

Christian Foley

Scholastic 11+

As a parent of a Year 6 child, I worry endlessly about the transition up to secondary school. Any help, advice or support that I can give to my daughter helps alleviate the anxiety slightly. I'm hoping that once she's finished this, she'll be ready to tackle anything that she come across next year!



One You Might Have Missed

The Puppets of Spelhorst - Kate DiCamillo

Walker- 8+ Nov 2023

I love Kate DiCamillo, but this completely passed me by. It wasn't until we were searching for a family audiobook for a long drive that we discovered it and took a punt on it! It is simply marvellous, you will feel a whole range of emotions as the story unfolds!

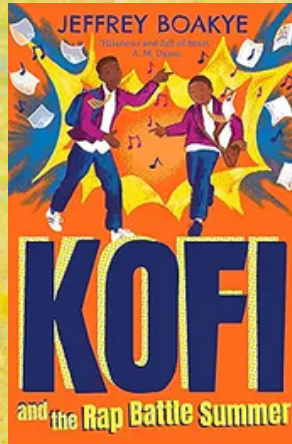
9 Books about... Music



Music and reading are two of my favourite past times. So why not combine them and create a playlist of 9 amazingly musical books.

1. Kofi

Jeffrey Boake



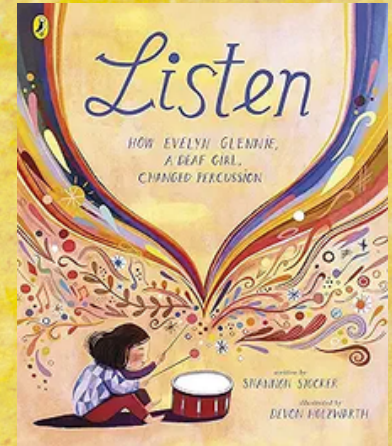
2. Song of the Far Isles

Nicholas Bowling



3. Listen

**Shannon Stocker &
Devon Holzwarth**



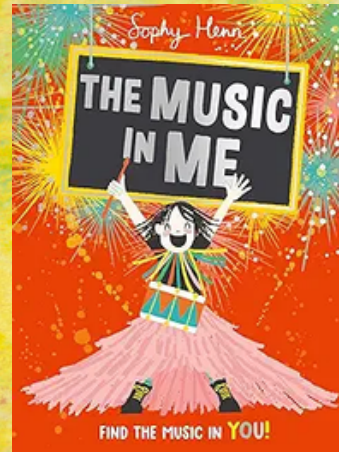
4. The Bear and the Piano

David Litchfield



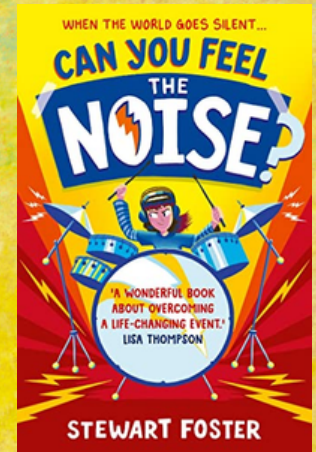
5. The Music in Me

Sophy Henn



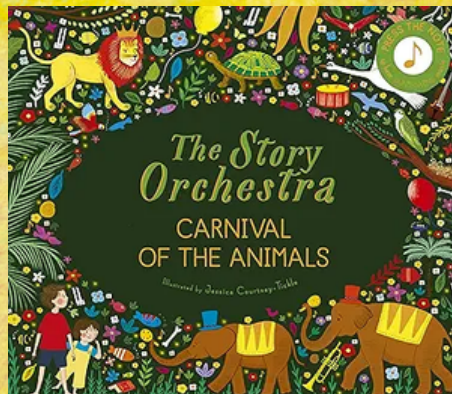
6. Can You Feel the Noise?

Stewart Foster



7. The Story Orchestra

**Katy Flint &
Jessica Courtney
Tickle**



8. Taylor Swift

**Maria Isabel Sanchez
Vegara &
Borghild Fallberg**



9. The Piano at the Station

Helen Rutter

