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# Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good

Written and Illustrated by Louie Stowell

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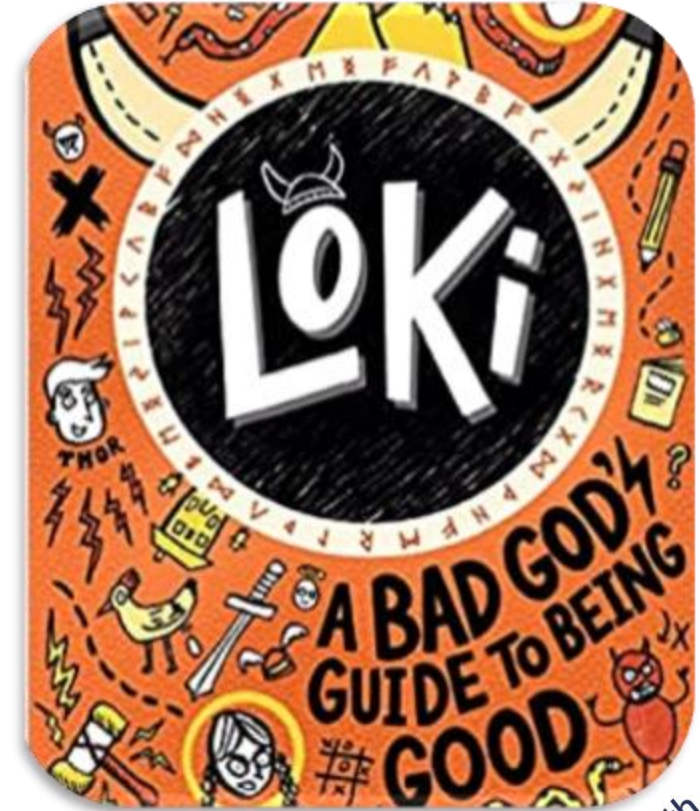
Odin has punished Loki by sending him to Midgard (Earth), where he must earn enough good deed points to return to Asgard. The only issue is that he is no longer a god, but an 11-year-old boy.

**This laugh out loud book is full with hilarious footnotes and illustrations.**

**It cleverly addresses the consequences of the character's actions in a creative way.**



Age 8+



Louie's second book in the series – Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Taking the Blame is out now.

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# The Queen's Wardrobe

Written by Julia Golding and Illustrated by Kate Hindley

## English Hubs

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A wonderful journey of discovery, following the clothes and fashion of Queen Elizabeth II throughout her life. The story delicately details the historical events that have occurred during her lifetime.

**A fascinating collection of beautifully accurate illustrations and intimate, historical facts that will captivate readers young and old.**



Age 7+



Julia has been the writer-in-residence at the Royal Institution



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# The Littlest Yak

Written by Lu Fraser and Illustrated by Kate Hindley

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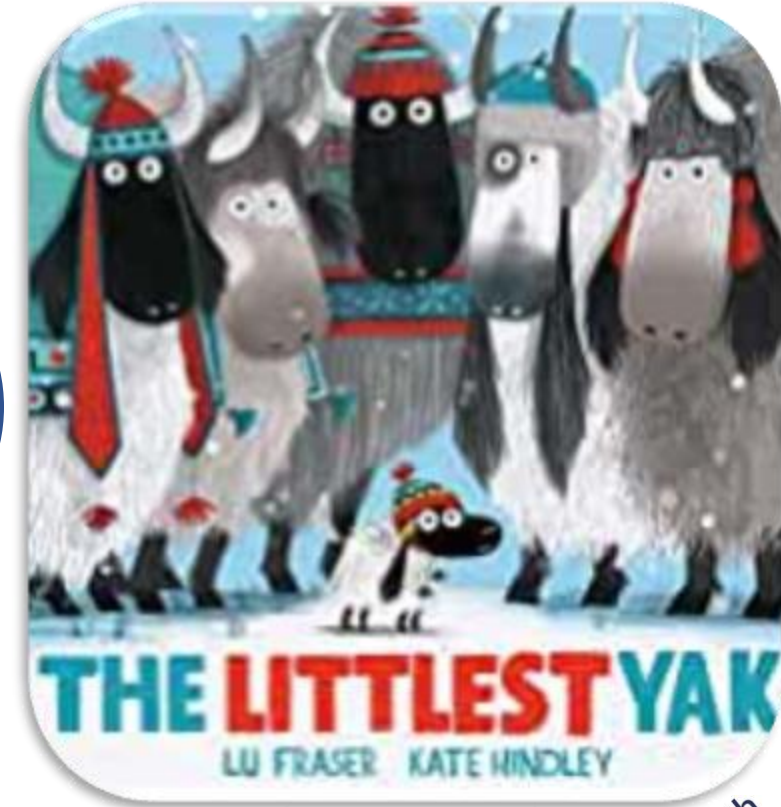
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Gertie is the littlest yak who is in such a hurry to grow up. She tries so many different ways she can think of to get big. Can Gertie learn BIGNESS comes in all sorts of disguises?

**Get swept along with the quick-paced, rhyming text, following Gertie on her journey for BIGNESS. A gentle story about accepting who you are. Despite being small, you can do something BIG, after all!**



Age 3+



Look out for Lu and Kate's second book – The Littlest Yak: The New Arrival.

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# Grandad's Camper

Written and Illustrated by Harry Woodgate

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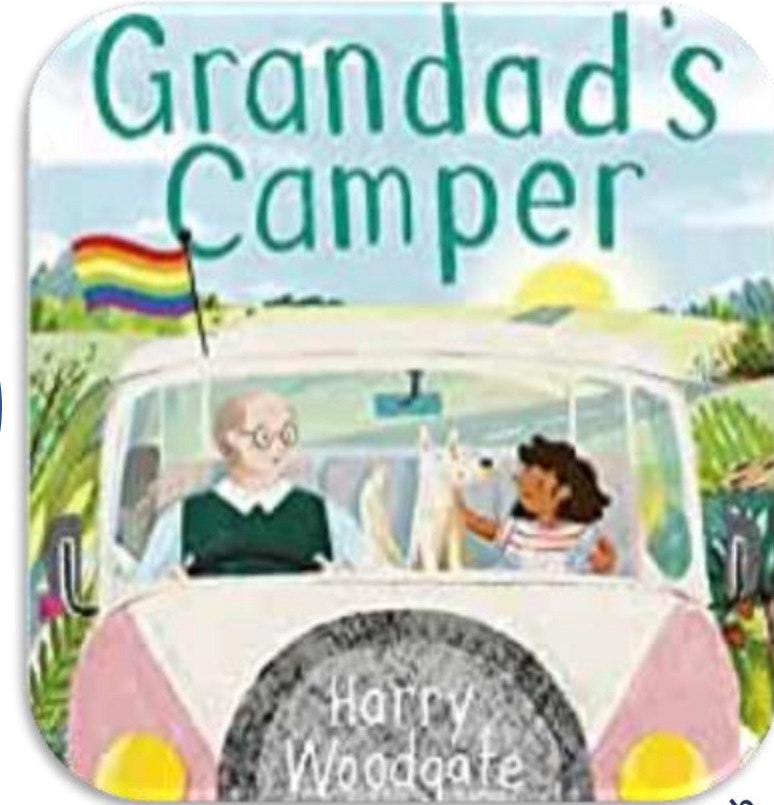
Witham St Hughs English Hub

Grandad's granddaughter loves listening to his stories about how he and Gramps travelled the world in their campervan. Grandad doesn't enjoy travelling anymore without Gramps, until his granddaughter suggests they travel together.

**A poignant, diverse, sensitive story about how children may rekindle the joy in things that have been lost to grief by sharing memories.**



Age 3+



Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Award.

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# What it's Like to be a Bird

Written by Tim Birkhead and Illustrated by Catherine Rayner

# English Hubs

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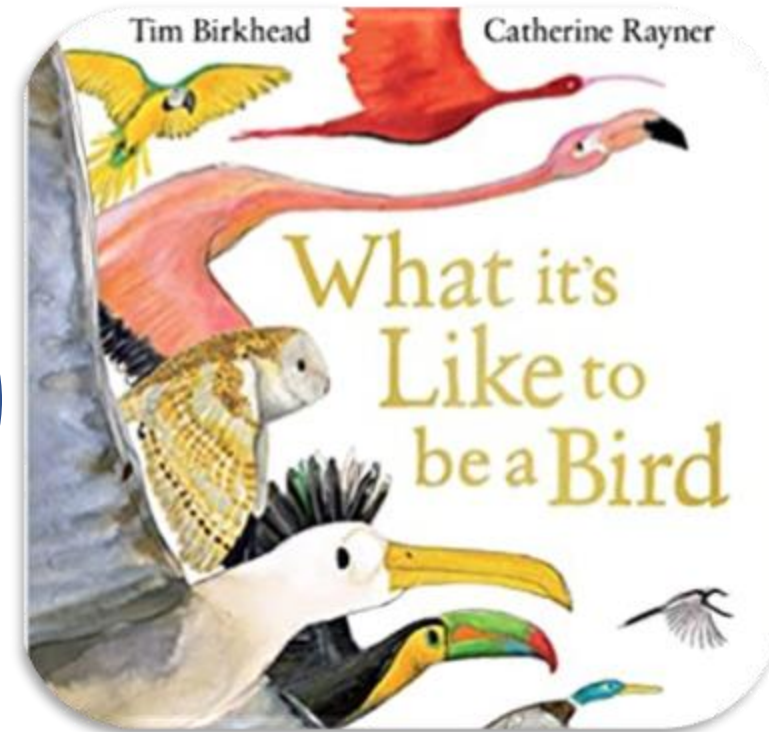
Have you ever wondered what it's  
like to fly?

Find out about the complex lives and  
behaviours of twenty fascinating  
birds from around the world. From  
owls with phenomenal hearing to  
parrots who use their beaks as a  
third foot.

**A fascinating and delightfully  
illustrated picture book which  
complement the wonderfully,  
expressive text perfectly.**



Age 7+



Winner of the Margaret Mallett Award for Children's Non-Fiction 2022.



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# Wolfboy

Written and Illustrated by Andy Harkness

## English Hubs

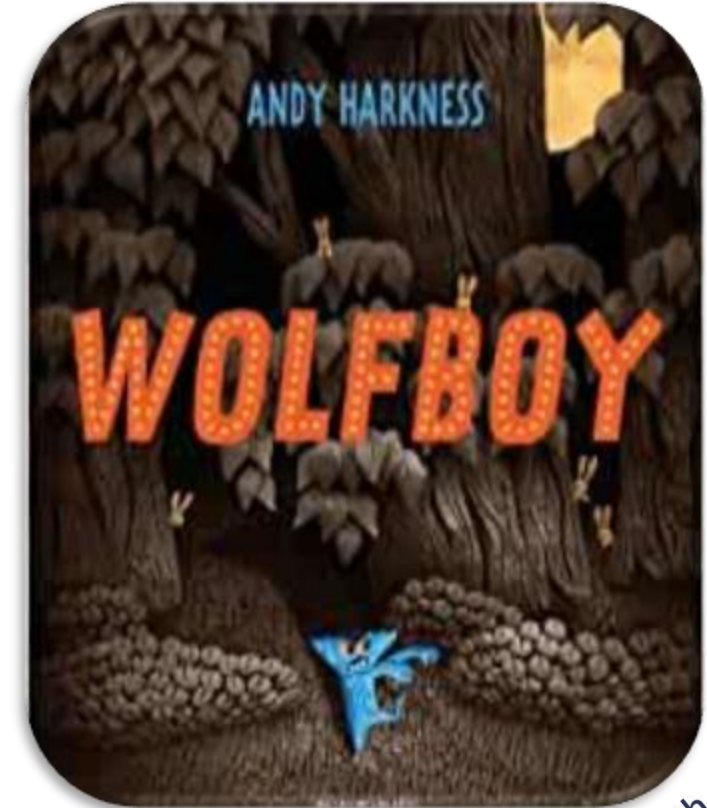
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How do you feel when you're hungry?  
Wolfboy is hungry and needs food now!  
Follow an extremely hungry Wolfboy on his long quest for food.

**A brilliantly, humorous picture book that perfectly explains how feeling hungry can turn us into little monsters. With wonderful illustrations that make you want to reach out and touch them.**



Age 3+



A super book to help young children communicate their feelings.

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# A New Green Day

Written and Illustrated by Antoinette Portis

A little girl wakes up and is invited to come and play. Follow her as she discovers nature's secrets on a summer's day.

Who scribbles on the path in glistening ink?

Who is a chorus of a million tiny voices?

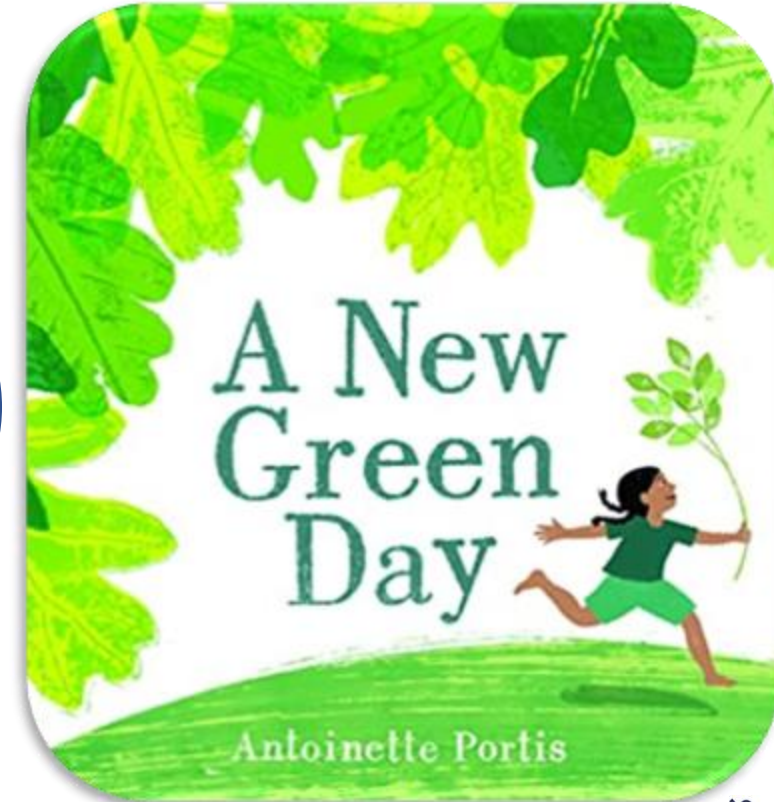
**A joy to read and a feast for the senses! Can you guess the answer to the wonderful, poetic riddles posed by Antoinette before turning the page?**



Age 4+

## English Hubs

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# Nen and the Lonely Fisherman

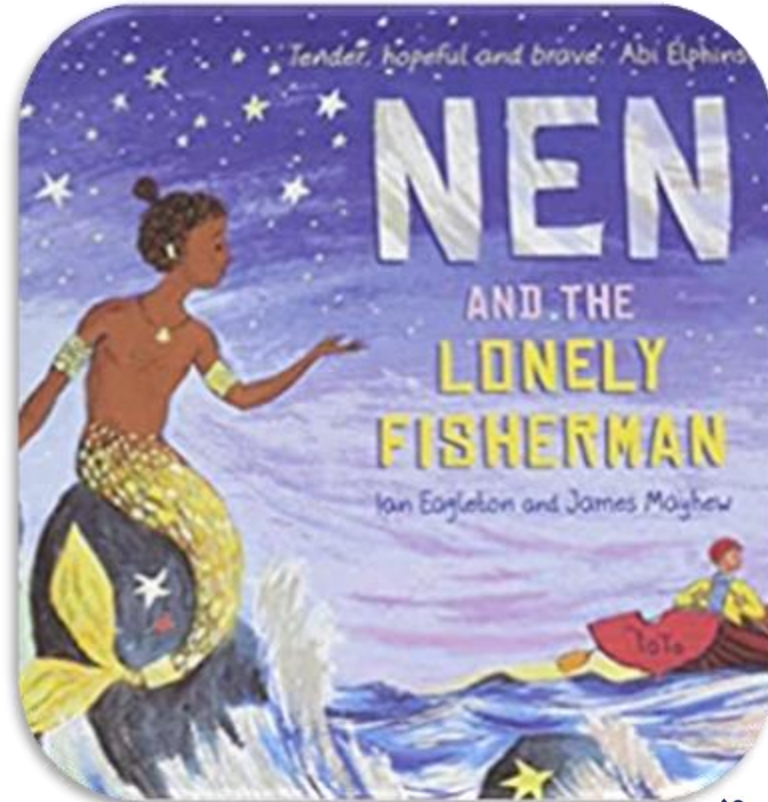
Written by Ian Eagleton and Illustrated by James Mayhew

Nen is a merman and Ernest a fisherman. These two lonely souls, from very different worlds, are drawn together by Nen's haunting Song. Can they survive the terrifying storm to come to find happiness together?

**A tender story of hope, courage, longing and love overcoming barriers. With a subtle message about the importance of protecting our oceans woven throughout.**



Age 6+



Ian's new book Glitter Boy is out in February 2023.



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# Rain Before Rainbows

Written by Smriti Halls and Illustrated by David Litchfield

## English Hubs

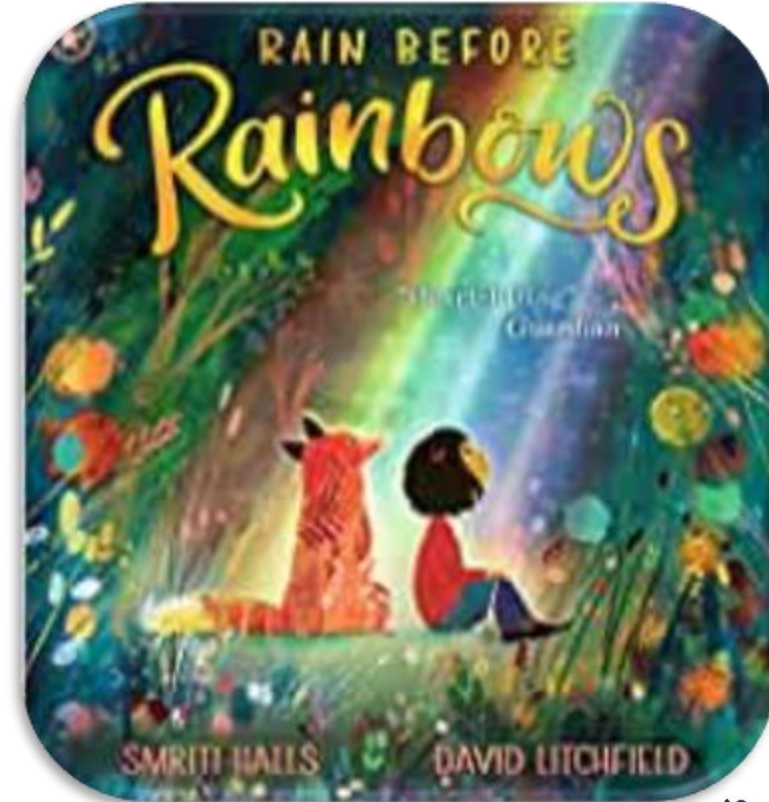
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A little girl and a fox journey through turbulent times and intense emotions. They persevere through the rain and darkness to reach the rainbows with the help and support of their friends along the way.

**A beautiful, poignant tale of hope and resilience. Despite dark days, brighter times are ahead. With stunning illustrations that help bring the narrative to life.**



Age 3+



Smriti's other books include I Love You Night and Day and Don't Call Me Sweet.

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# Timelines of Everything: From Woolly Mammoths to World Wars

Written by DK

Fully immerse yourself in the history of everything that has ever existed! Have you ever wondered when the first humans originated, when Pompei was destroyed by Mount Vesuvius, or how music has evolved over time?

**With a timeline for each topic, you can find out all you've ever wanted to know right here. This fascinating book contains so many interesting facts that you'll want to keep flipping the pages.**



Age 9+

## English Hubs

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If you liked this you may also like: Timelines of Everyone: From Cleopatra and Confucius to Mozart and Malala.





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# The Midnight Fair

Written by Gideon Sterer and Illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio

## English Hubs

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The woodland creatures watch longingly as people enjoy the fair's attractions. They watch with patience as the fair closes and is secured for the night. The midnight fair's magic now starts to take effect. Follow the woodland creatures as they experience the thrills and excitement of the rides and stalls.

**A wonderfully illustrated and clever picture book. Enjoy creating your own story to go with the images. Such an imaginative way to share the joy of storytelling.**



Age 3+



Why not try another of Gideon's books co-written with Ellen Kalish – The Christmas Owl.



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# If I Had a Vampire Bat

Written by Gabby Dawnay and Illustrated by Alex Barrow

## English Hubs

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If you could have any pet you wanted, what would you have? This little boy wants a vampire bat. His imagine runs wild as he describes his perfect pet and the adventures he can have with it.

**A delightful book containing laugh out loud illustrations which complement the amusing rhyming text. Such a relatable book, especially if you have ever wondered what owning an exotic pet would be like!**



Age 3+



If you enjoyed this book, why not try: If I Had a Unicorn or If I Had a Dinosaur.



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# A Different Sort of Normal

Written and Illustrated by Abigail Balfe

## English Hubs

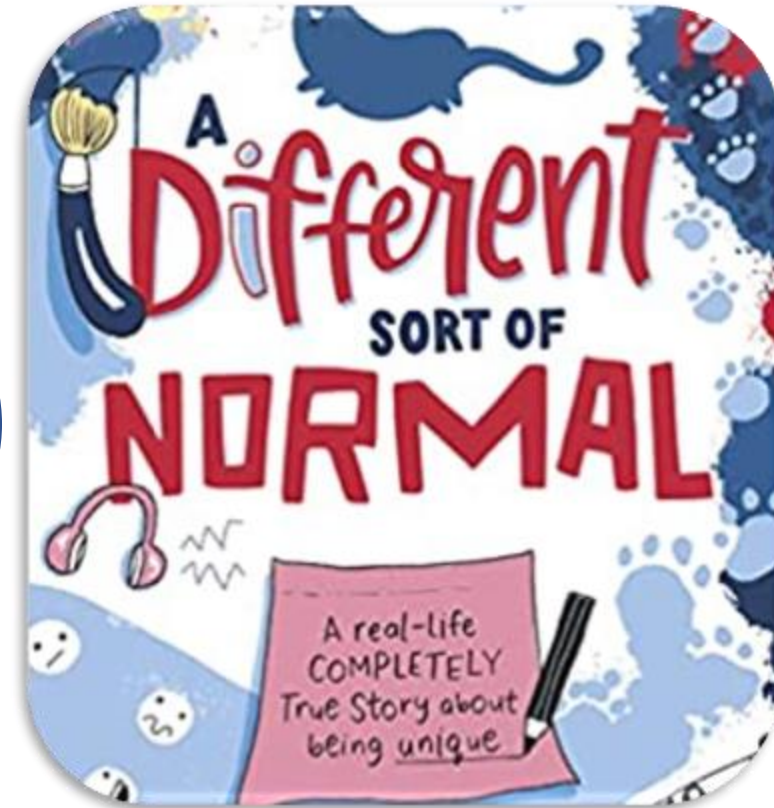
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Abigail invites you to be part of her extremely personal journey about growing up feeling different. Learning about being autistic and all the obstacles and magical things she has encountered and embraced along the way.

Such an insightful, authentic and humorous biography that helps explain many facets of autism. Written in such a creative and heartfelt way with quirky, detailed illustrations, which really supports Abigail's story.



Age 9+



For further information visit Abigail's website: [www.abigailbalfe.com](http://www.abigailbalfe.com)



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# Play Like Your Football Heroes

Written by Seth Burkett and Matt Oldfield  
and Illustrated by Tom Jennings and Dan Leydon

Learn not only how to play football like your role models, but also how their tenacity, optimism and other qualities propelled them to the top. To become a top footballer, you'll need more than just talent!

**With the World Cup in full swing, this is a superb book to further inspire and motivate budding future footballers. Full of hints, tips and real-life stories.**



Age 8+

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Witham St Hughs English Hub



Fun fact - Seth Burkett lives in Lincolnshire.





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# My Thoughts are Clouds

Written by Georgia Heard and Illustrated by Isabel Roxas

## English Hubs

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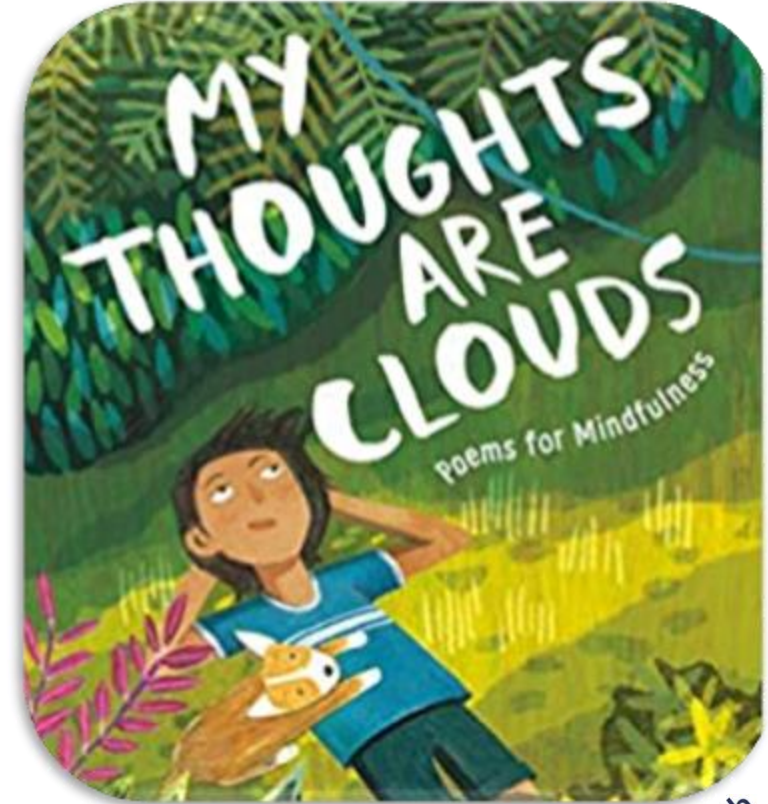
Have you ever reached your destination and not realised how you got there or read a page in a book and are unable to recall what you read? A collection of poems encouraging and guiding you in the practice of mindfulness exercises.

**Such inspiring and therapeutic poems.**

**The use of different types of poem format and calming illustrations capture your senses. The mindfulness experience can be enhanced by reading the poetry out loud, to yourself or even in front of a mirror.**



Age 7+



A perfect book to share with children and adults alike.

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# The Christmasaurus

Written by Tom Fletcher and Illustrated by Shane Devries

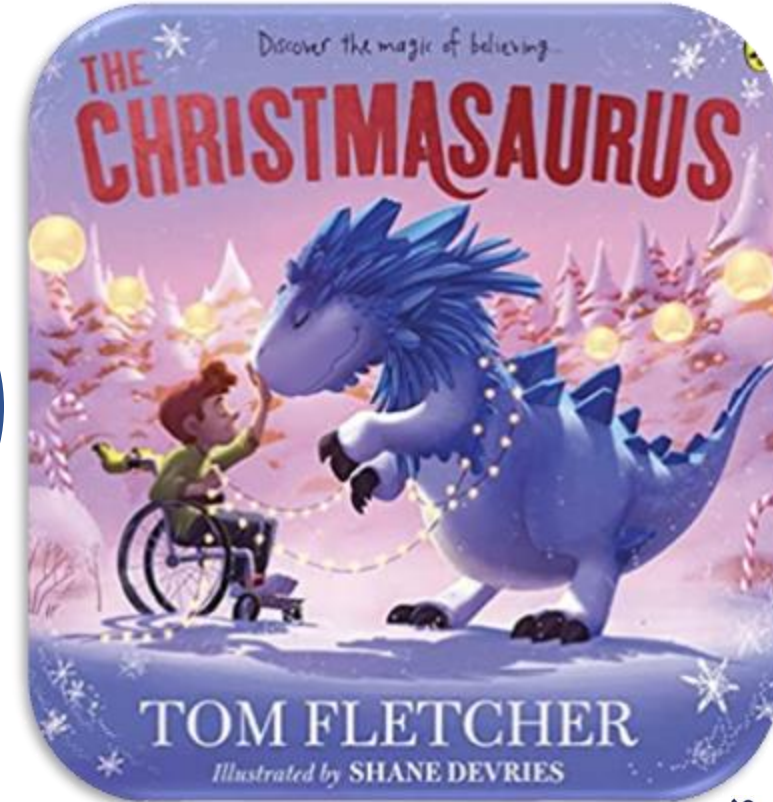
A dinosaur named the Christmasaurus longs to fly and accompany Santa on Christmas Eve. After many failed attempts to help the Christmasaurus to fly, Santa takes him along on his sleigh. Can a chance encounter with a boy provide the Christmas magic needed for the Christmasaurus to fly?

**This beautifully illustrated picture book version of the well-loved story subtly tells the importance of persevering and having belief in yourself and others. A wonderfully festive book for the whole family to enjoy.**



Age 3+

**English Hubs**  
Witham St Hughs English Hub



Follow more of the Christmasaurus' adventures in Tom's other books.





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# The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish

Written by and illustrated by Chloe Savage

Dr Morley has waited her whole life to find the elusive giant Arctic jellyfish. This is the story of Dr Morley, as her crews search for the jellyfish while encountering many other magnificent Arctic Sea creatures.

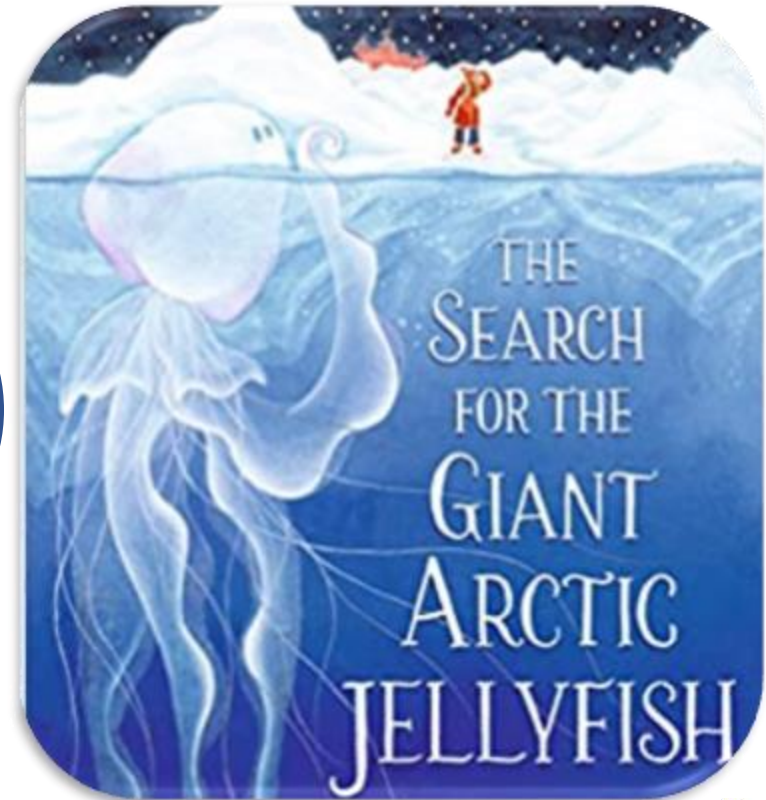
**So much to discover in these stunning illustrations. The exciting 'will they or won't they find the jellyfish' text, along with the witty theme of the shy jellyfish playing hide and seek amongst the pages, keeps the reader captivated from one page to the next.**



Age 4+

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# An Atlas of Lost Kingdoms

Written by Emily Hawkins and Illustrated by Lauren Baldo

## English Hubs

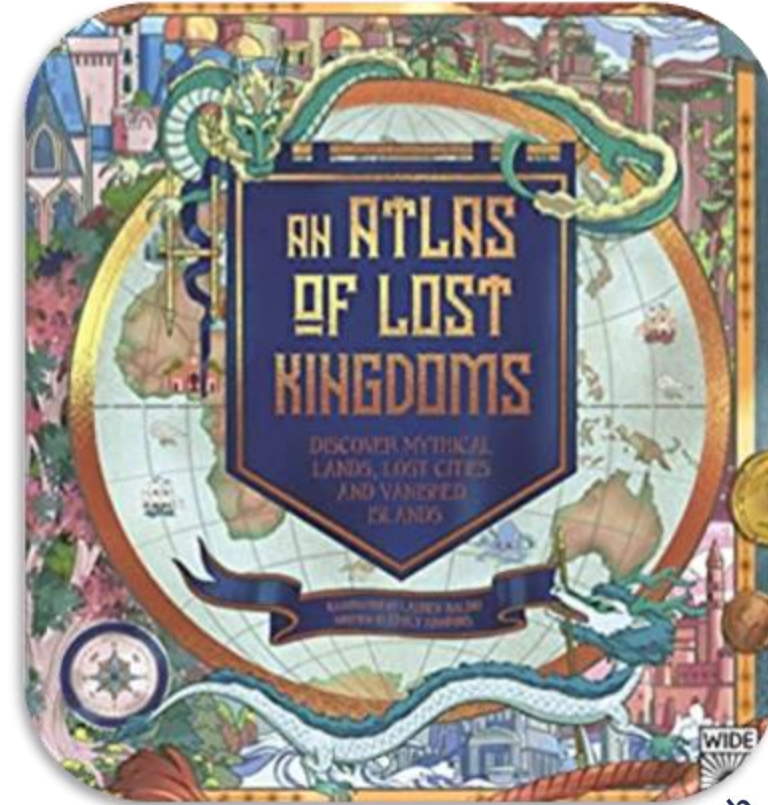
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Have you ever wondered where the Lost City of Atlantis or El Dorado are located? This atlas not only reveals where these lost kingdoms and mythical lands are, but also the numerous stories and facts associated with them.

**Get lost amongst the pages whilst exploring the beguiling stories about these lost kingdoms. Enchanting, vivid illustrations that jump out of the page bringing the stories to life. Cleverly split into sections by continent to help the reader navigate the atlas.**



Age 7+



A must for lovers of history and myths and legends.

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# You Be You

Written by and illustrated by Linda Kranz

Follow Adri on his grand journey home through the ocean waves. During his journey, he notices other fish of all shapes and sizes, different colours, those that swim in different directions or formations. But most of all he notices that **everyone** has something special.

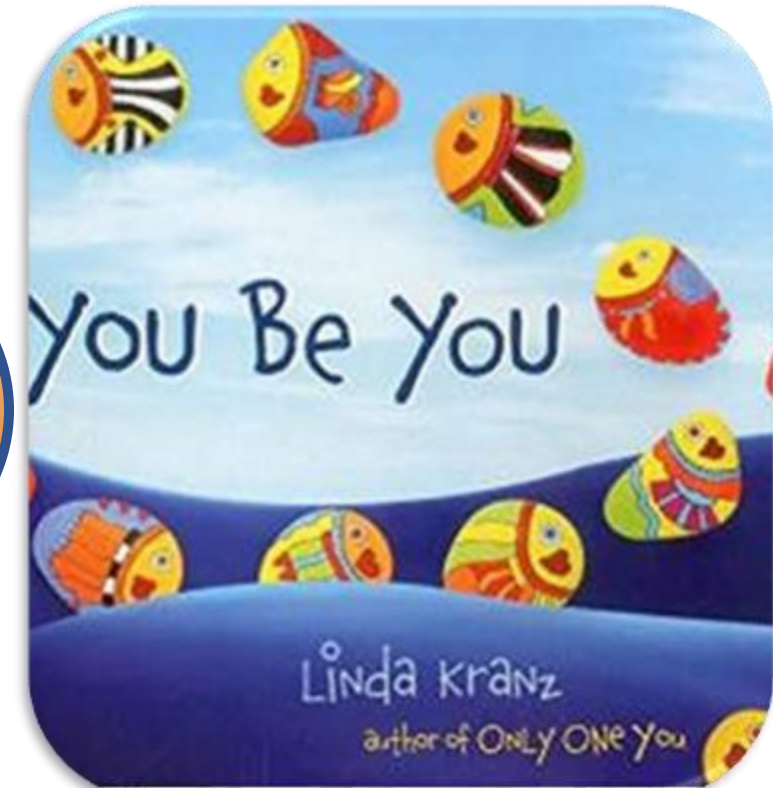
**With vivid illustrations and such a powerful positive message about how we should celebrate both similarities and differences, this book will resonate with readers of all ages. Also, you can't help being inspired by the affirmations that envelop the inside covers.**



Age 4+

## English Hubs

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If you enjoyed this book, why not read Linda's other book – Love You.





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# Take a Bite

Written by Aleksandra Mizieliński and Illustrated by  
Daniel Mizieliński

Did you know that sugar originally originated in India, before making its way around the world. Find out the history of various food and learn how to cook dishes from 26 different countries from around the world.

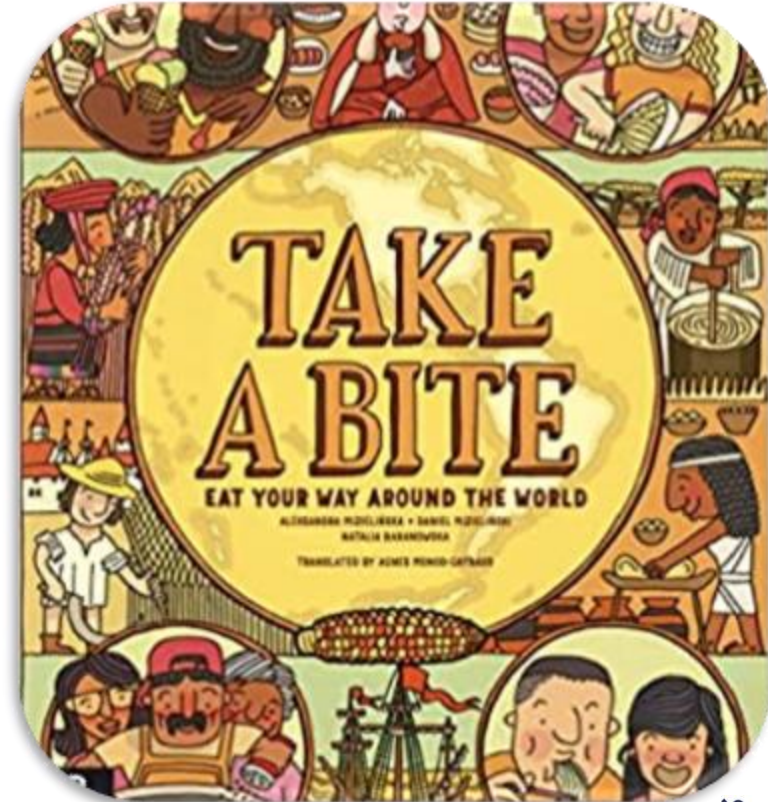
**A thoroughly entertaining food journey around the world. Jam packed full of history, delicious recipes and equally mouth-watering illustrations.**



Age 7+

## English Hubs

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Aleksandra and Daniel are also the author and illustrator of their bestselling Maps series.



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# The Pet

Written by Catherine Emmett and Illustrated by  
David Tazzyman

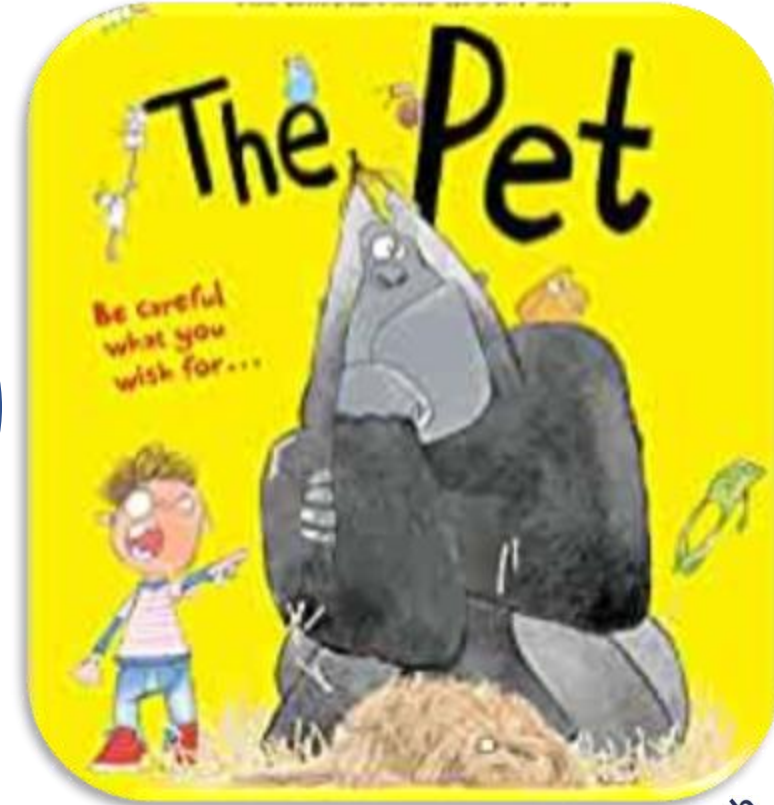
Digby wants a pet, so Daddy gets him a guinea pig. Digby soon grows bored of it, so Daddy buys him a bigger pet, but he soon gets bored of that one too. This pattern continues until one day he gets Gus, a gorilla. Gus isn't the type of pet to be pushed around and teaches Digby a lesson about caring for animals!

**Such a clever, humorous tale with rhythm, rhyme and repetition. A lovely way of teaching children the value of caring for animals, rather than discarding them when they get bored. The hilarious text is complimented by fabulously funny illustrations too.**



Age 4+

**English Hubs**  
Witham St Hughs English Hub



If you enjoyed this story, why not try – King of the Swamp or Mr Gum

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# World-Whizzing Facts

Written by Dr Emily Grossman and Illustrated by  
Alice Bowsher

Did you know that queen bees can quack and that you share 50% of your DNA with a banana?

Find out the incredible, mind-blowing answers to some strange questions in this brilliant book.

Filled with thought-provoking questions and equally captivating explanations. Everyone will love how each question leads from one fact to another. Emily thoroughly engages her audience whilst sensitively interspersing information about the effects of climate change on plants, animals and humans.



Age 7+

## English Hubs

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Why not try Brain-Fizzing Facts for more of Dr Emily's fascinating facts!

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# The Garden of Inside-Outside

Written by Chiara Mezzalama and Illustrated by Regis Lejonc

Set in the Summer of 1981, in Tehran, Iran Chiara joins their father in a beautiful palace in the centre of the war-torn city. They feel safe inside the palace and its garden, but the outside world is filled with rage, darkness, and explosions. Masoud scales the wall and Chiara and him become friends. They create their secret kingdoms of Outside-Inside and Inside-Outside, despite their language barrier.

**Inspired by Chiara's own childhood. A poignant narrative with striking illustrations immerse the reader in Chiara's world. This graphic novel tenderly explores friendship amidst the disruption of war.**



Age 7+

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# Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea!

Written and Illustrated by Ben Clanton

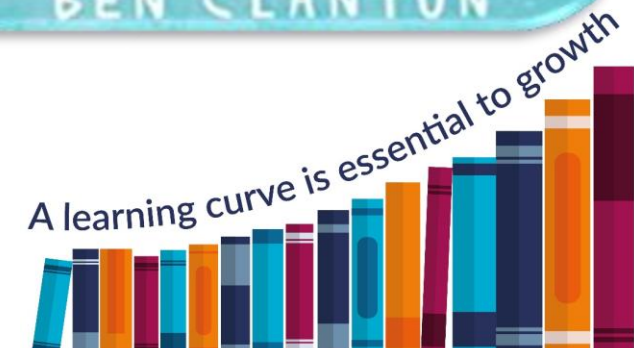
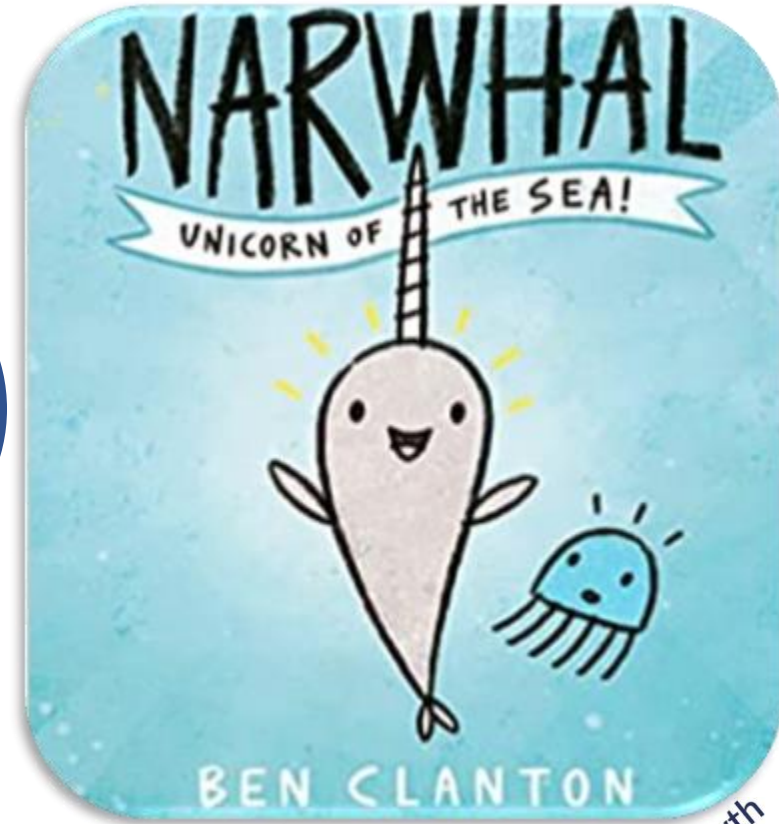
Three short stories introduce the unlikely duo of Narwhal and Jelly, who have a shared love of waffles. Follow them on their ocean adventures, as they find new friends and learn how much fun they can have using their imaginations.

**Ben's incredible imagination and playfulness comes alive in this laugh out loud collection of short stories, peppered with jokes and fun facts. A fantastic book to encourage reluctant readers.**



Age 5+

**English Hubs**  
Witham St Hughs English Hub



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# This is not a Book

Written and illustrated by Jean Jullien

This is a book that isn't a book! Instead, this thoroughly engaging board book can be a beautiful butterfly, a comfy armchair to get cosy in or even a suitcase where you could imagine your next holiday or even take an adventure to a far-off land.

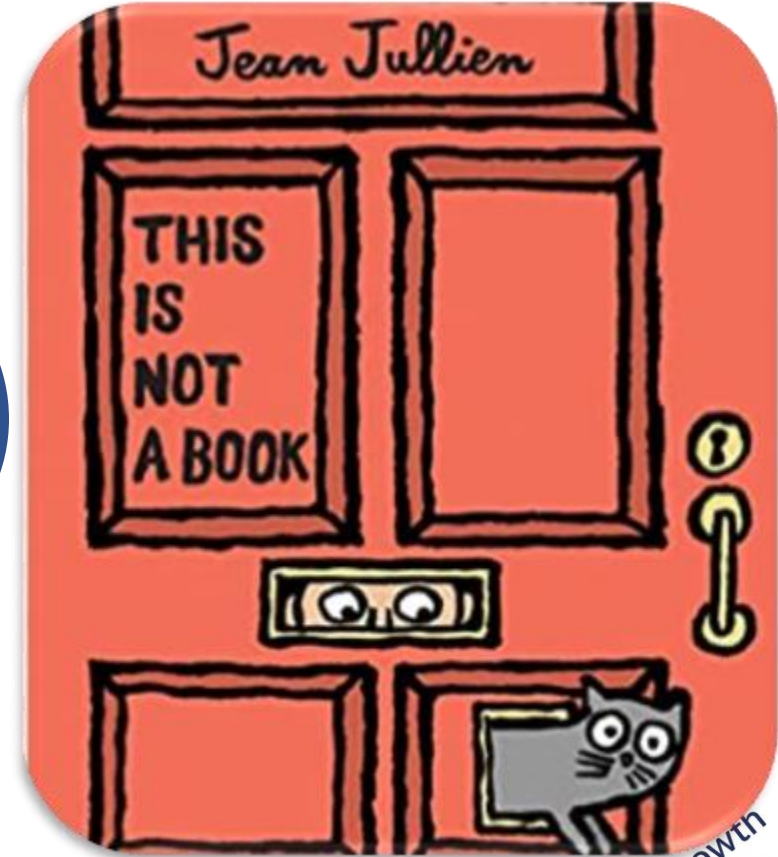
Such an ingenious book which encourages children to use their imaginations in so many ways. Each page can conjure up infinite scenarios due to the simplicity of the vibrant illustrations.



Age 4+

## English Hubs

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If you enjoyed this book, you may also enjoy Before and After, also by Jean Jullien.

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# All Are Welcome

Written by Alexandra Penfold and Illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman

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Join diverse groups of children from around the world as they go through their school day. Discover how everyone is welcome as they spend their busy school day playing, learning, eating, sharing tales, and having fun together.

**A wonderfully inclusive book celebrating that no matter your race, religion or background all are welcome. Melodic language and bright colourful illustrations provide a glimpse of how diverse groups of children enjoy their school day together.**



Age 3+



A great book to calm children's concerns if they worry about fitting in at school.



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# Super Silly Museums

Written and Illustrated by Nick Sharratt

Open the pages to explore eight super silly museums and find out plenty of fun facts. Visit the Q-seum and find out about everything Q, from quack through to quiff. There's even a special all-about-YOU-seum, where you can fill in everything that makes you awesome.

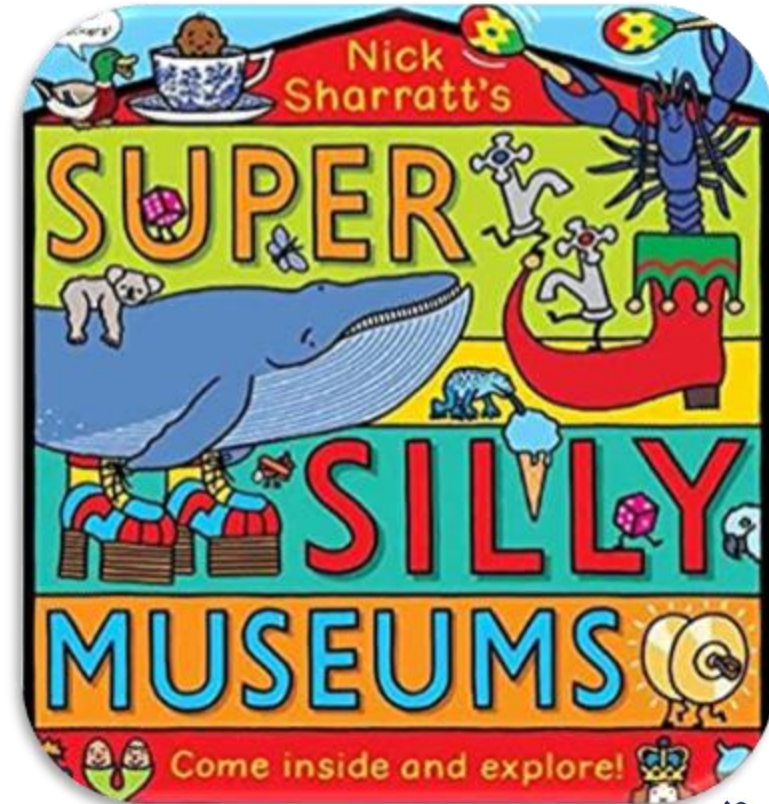
**With Nick's unmistakably recognisable and side-splitting illustrations, get lost in the hilarious pages of eight very different but similarly silly museums. Jam-packed full of fascinating facts and witty puns that will delight every age group.**



Age 4+

## English Hubs

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# Fantastically Great Women who Worked Wonders

Written and illustrated by Kate Pankhurst

Beautifully uplifting accounts of  
13 historical women who paved the way  
for present-day girls and women to  
pursue their aspirations.

Did you know Maria Merian, a German  
naturalist, had to sell part of her art to  
fund her trip to Suriname to research the  
region's wide variety of unusual species?

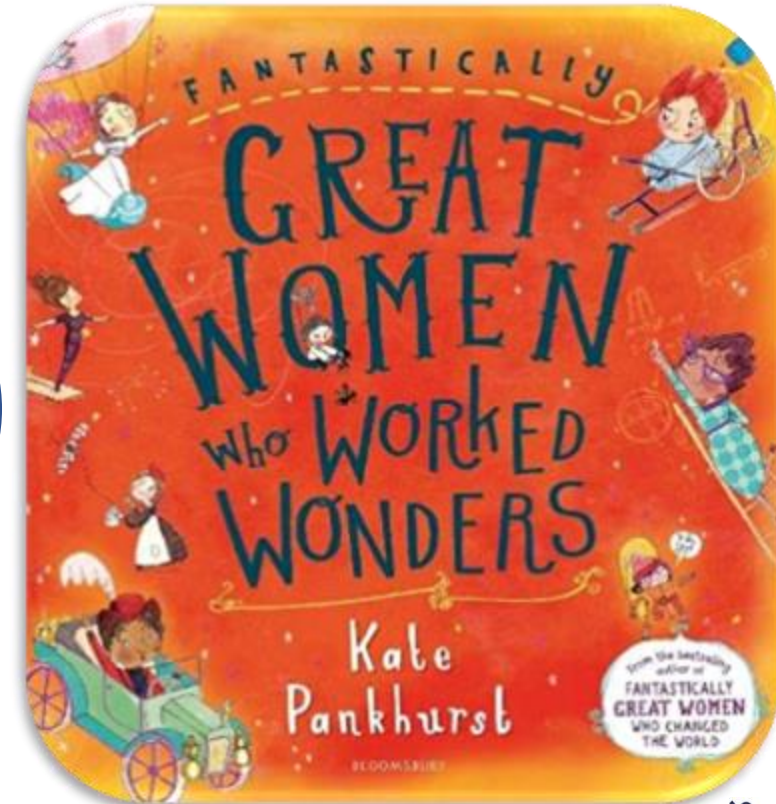
**This book is a fascinating read thanks to  
its striking and potent illustrations and  
highly in-depth facts.**



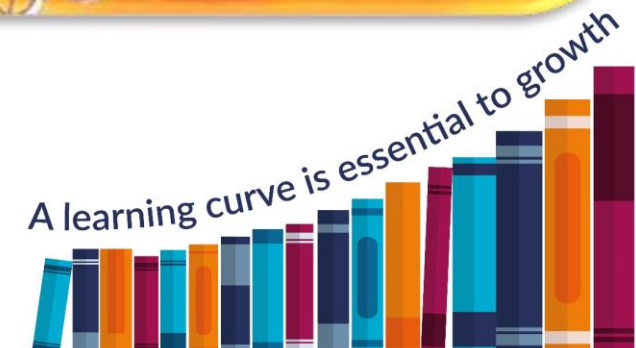
Age 5+

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More titles in this series include: Great Women who Saved the Planet and Great Women who made History.



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# We Found a Hat

Written and illustrated by Jon Klassen

A hat is found by two turtles. They both think the hat looks nice on them after trying it on. There is only one hat and two turtles, which presents a problem. They have a big decision to make, who keeps the hat?

**A clever tale of friendship and longing is split into three parts, each telling the thought process of each turtle. The subtle, yet amusing, change of eye direction gives a hint as to each turtle's true intentions.**



Age 3+

## English Hubs

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If you enjoyed this, you will love 'I Want my Hat Back'.



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# Escape Room

Written by Christopher Edge and illustrated by David Dean

Abi loves puzzles so her dad bought her an escape room for her birthday. The perfect present, until Abi and four other strangers discover their first task takes a perilous and sinister turn. They are tasked by the Host to find the 'Answer'. Can Abi and her team mates uncover the 'Answer' and make their escape before it's too late?

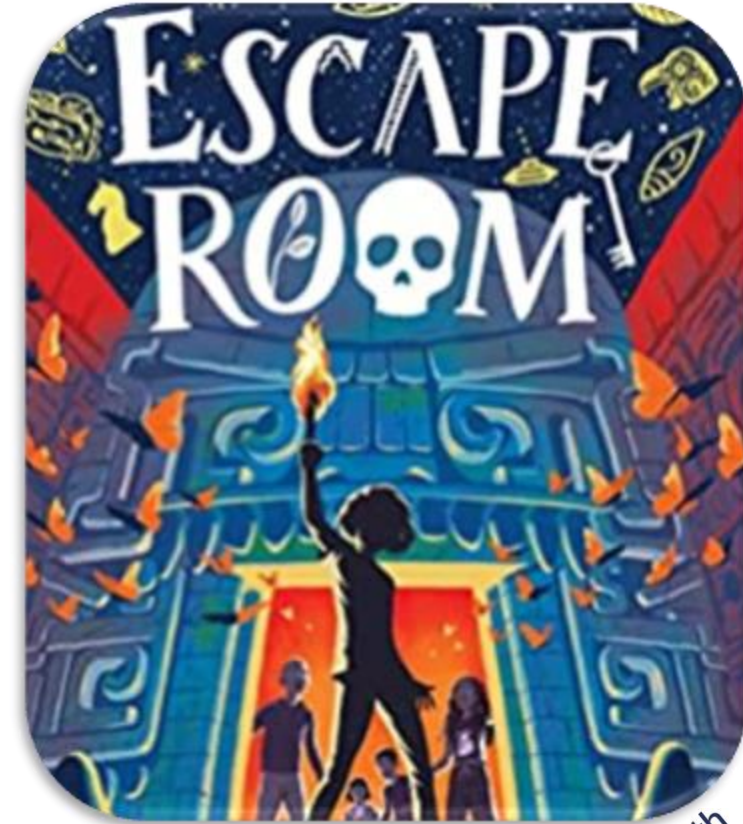
**A thrilling, nail-biting, plot-twisting read from beginning to end! You can't help but become swept along in the tension with them and urge them on in their quest to find the 'Answer'.**



Age 10+

## English Hubs

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An ideal introduction for those who enjoy danger and excitement. And a smattering of terror, too!

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# Elmer

Written and illustrated by David McKee

Elmer the elephant is loved by all the other grey elephants. Elmer isn't grey like all the others. Instead, he is a colourful patchwork elephant who wants to be like everyone else. He disguises himself as a grey elephant to fit in but soon discovers that the other elephants love him for his differences.

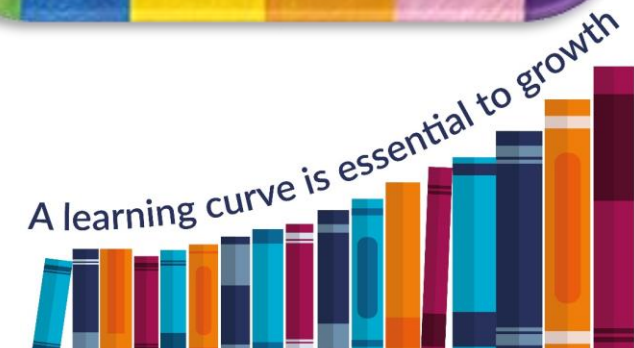
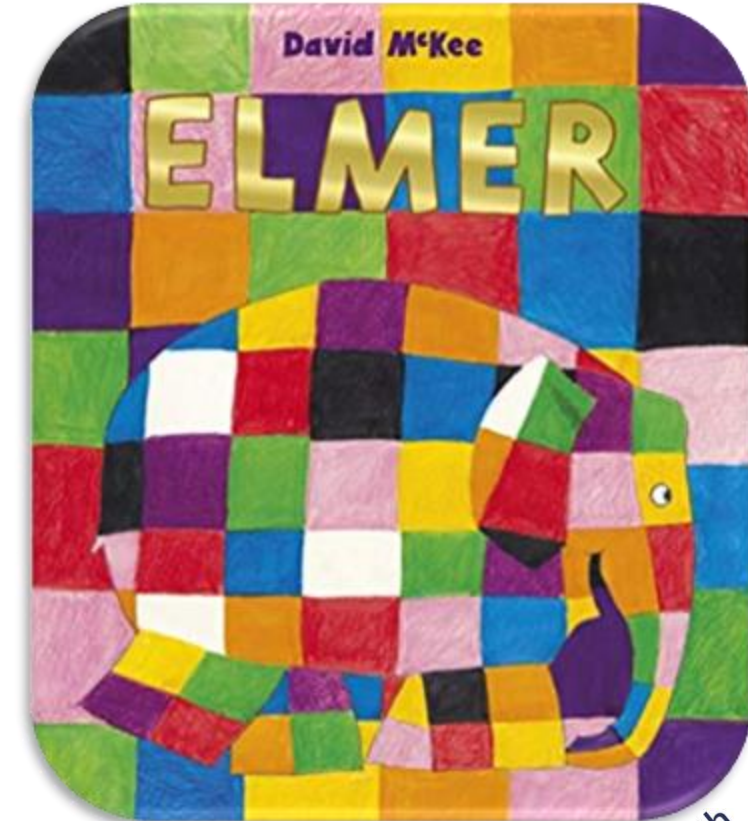
**A stirring, heartwarming story that will touch everyone who reads it. Your attention and senses are captured by vivid illustrations. A wonderful, modern celebration of diversity and individuality.**



Age 1+

## English Hubs

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# Hey You!

Written and illustrated by Dapo Adeola and 18 other illustrators

## English Hubs

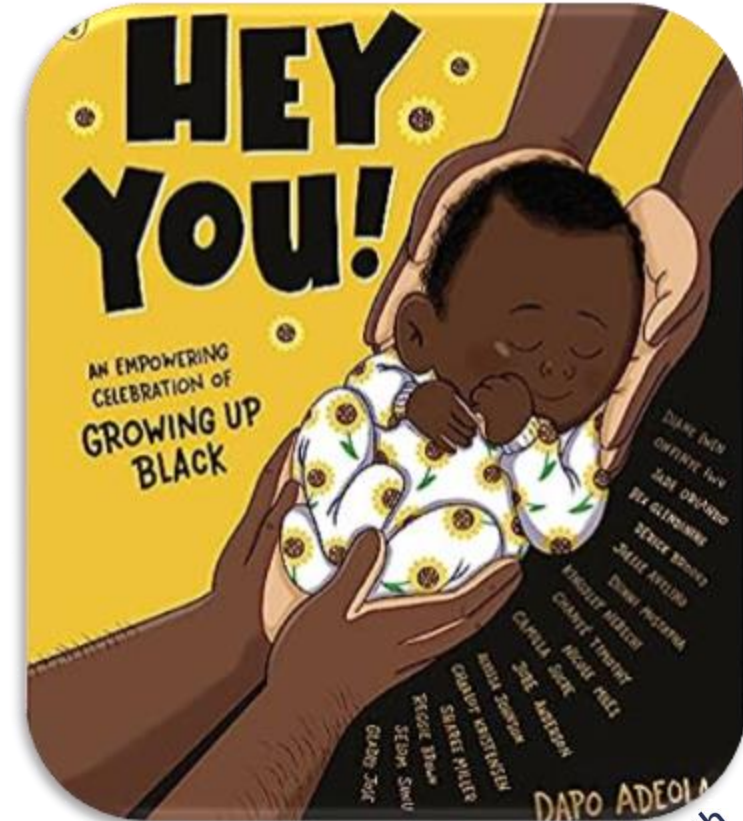
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In a letter to his past self and to his future child, author Dapo discusses the hardship that black children have encountered in the past and regrettably continue to experience now. The future is also given hope in this book. A reminder that you can accomplish anything, be proud of your Black ancestry, and stand together.

**This book is brought to life by an uplifting partnership of voices and illustrators. Arising from the tragic events in 2020 and the ensuing demonstrations. A book that will serve to motivate and mould the next generation. A truly empowering read.**



Age 1+



Why not read these other books illustrated by Dapo - Look Up! And Clean Up!.





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# Knock Knock Alien

Written by Caryl Hart and illustrated by Nick East

Gran has fallen fast asleep, when there's a knock at the door...

What seems like a lonely, lost, blue alien is waiting there. Follow their adventure as they meet more mischievous alien friends and fly around space in Gran's house. Can they make it back to Earth before Gran wakes up?

**A fantastical, fast paced, lyrical space adventure. A comical way of introducing counting to young children. The vibrant, comical illustrations introduce counting to young children and encourage them in many different ways.**



Age 1+

## English Hubs

Witham St Hughs English Hub



The perfect read for lovers of the 'My Dinosaur Pooped' book series.

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# Great Adventurers

Written by Alastair Humphreys and illustrated by Kevin Ward

'You do not need to be extraordinary or a genius to go on an adventure. You simply have to go.'

Go on a journey of discovery with 20 explorers. Some well-known, some not so much. Discover their motivation for starting the journey, as well as challenges and obstacles they face along the way.

**A compilation of inspirational journeys.**

**This book is filled with an engaging variety of texts and illustrations which captivate the reader. Are you tempted to plan your very own adventure?**



Age 7+

## English Hubs

Witham St Hughs English Hub



Winner of the Ordinance Survey Children's Travel Book of the Year.





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# The Wizard of Oz Graphic Novel

Written by Russell Punter and illustrated by Simona Bursi

After a terrible tornado lifts Dorothy's house and carries it to the far-off Land of Oz, she and her dog Toto are desperate to get home to Kansas. On their quest to find the Wizard of Oz, who can help Dorothy get back home, they meet many strange creatures along the way.

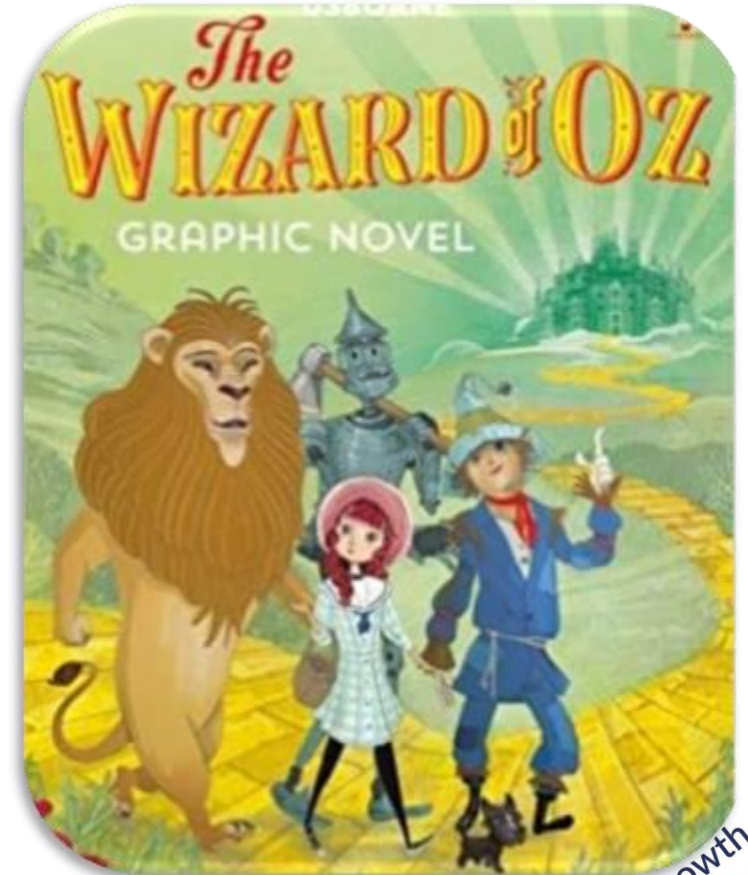
**A beautifully illustrated graphic novel that reimagines the original L. Frank Baum version wonderfully. A fantastic book to bring the magic of Oz to a whole new reading audience.**



Age 8+

# English Hubs

Witham St Hughs English Hub



Other reimagined graphic novels in this series are: The Three Musketeers, Macbeth, The Wind in the Willows and Thor.



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# The Fire Fox

Written by Alexandra Page and illustrated by Steff Murphy

Following their loss, Freya and her mum stay in the log cabin her dad adored. All Freya felt was cold and lonely, until she discovered the magical Fire Fox. Playing and sledging through the snow and forest, Freya began to feel warm and happy again.

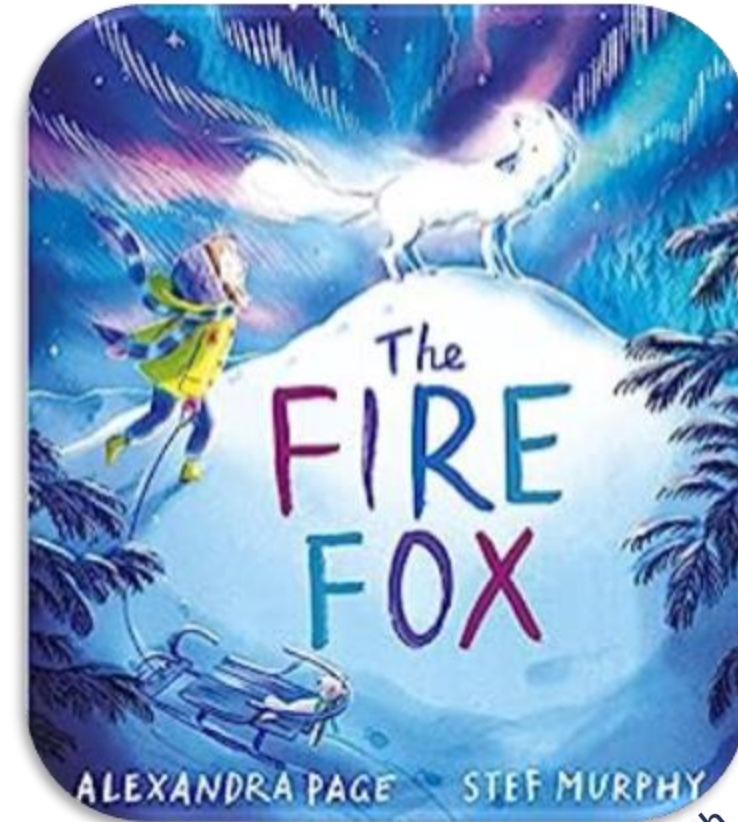
**A subtle, comforting tale about reigniting the spark that can be lost through grief. Spectacular illustrations accompany the heart-warming text to make this such an enchanting book.**



Age 3+

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The Fire Fox is based on the Finnish myth of the revontulet or fox fires.

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# Mrs Noah's Pockets

Written by Jackie Morris and illustrated by James Mayhew

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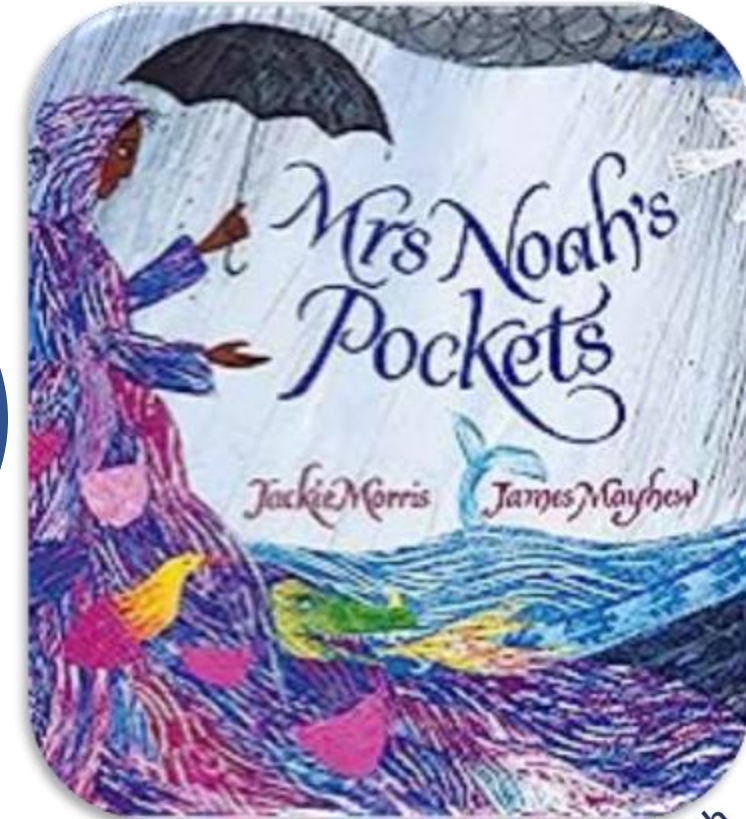
Mr Noah planned to tidy the world and get rid of troublesome creatures. To protect them from the flood, he built an ark to house them all. However, Mrs Noah had other ideas. With her newly made coat (with very deep pockets!) she set off into the Mythico Wood.

What can Mrs Noah possibly find to hide in her deep pockets?

**A thought-provoking retelling of the traditional Noah's Ark story that explores the ideas of inclusiveness and diversity. Including stunning, vivid mixed-media illustrations complementing the narrative.**



Age 4+



If you enjoy this book, why not read Mrs Noah's Garden or Mrs Noah's Song



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# Afraid of the Dark

Written by Sarah Shaffi and Isabel Otter and illustrated by Lucy Farfort

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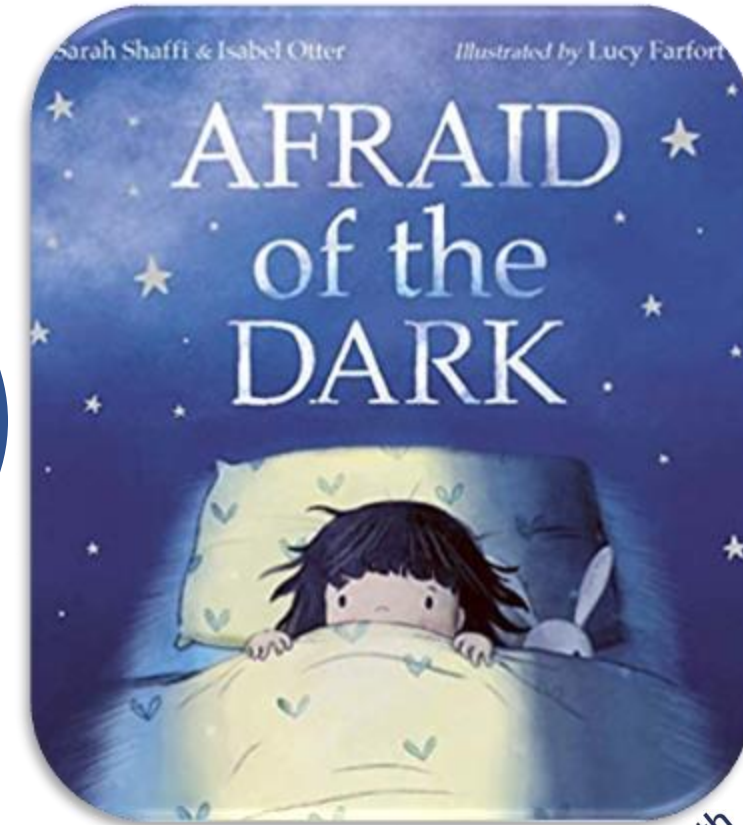
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Amy and her family move house for a new start. Amy is not sure and finds night-time strange and scary. Follow Amy as she adjusts to her new home and surroundings, new friends and brand-new adventures. Can Amy overcome her fear of the dark?

**A reassuring story about how a sense of belonging can take time to develop. New beginnings can be very unsettling, especially for children. Magically atmospheric illustrations and the gentle narrative conveys how Amy is feeling.**



Age 3+



Other similar books to explain emotions are Rain Before Rainbows, Grandad's Camper, The Littlest Yak and Mrs Noah's Pockets.





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# Do You Love Dinosaurs?

Written and illustrated by Matt Robertson

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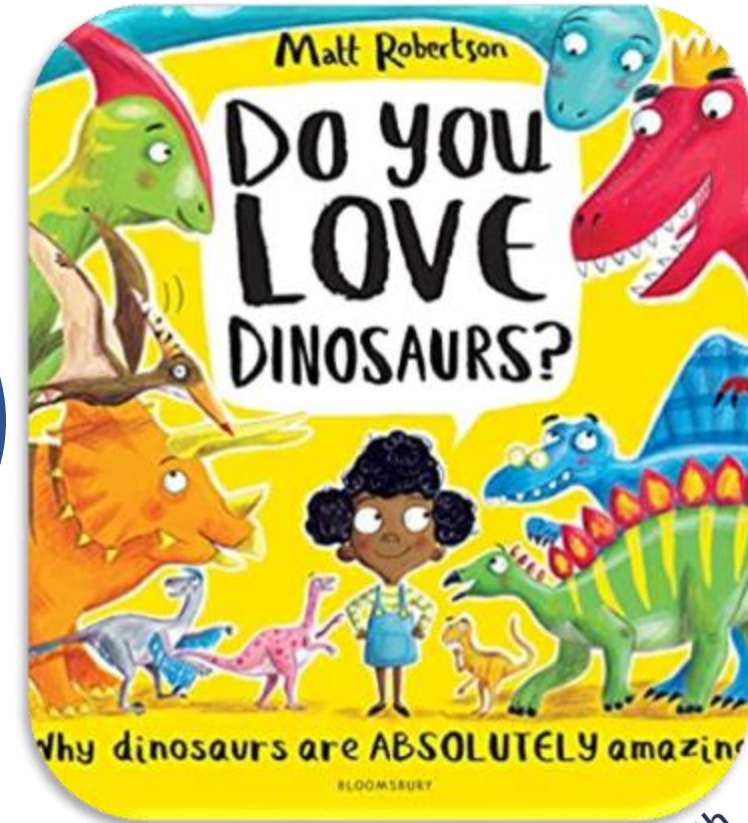
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Introducing you to the magnificent array of dinosaur species that roamed the Earth and the myriad of facts about them. Did you know that Protoceratop eggs were aubergine shaped? Or that a human could fit inside a Titanosaur footprint?

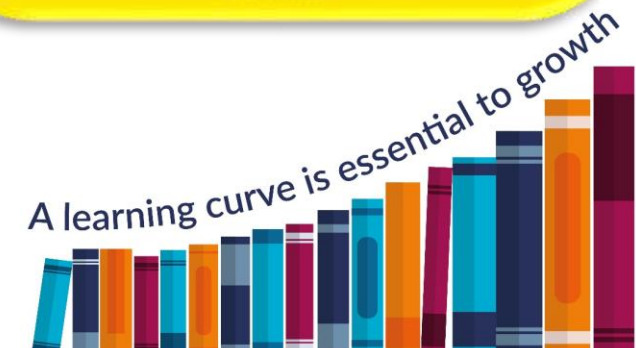
**Fun, eye-catching illustrations really bring this book to life. Jam-packed with mind-blowing facts about the many dinosaurs that used to roam the Earth. This book will keep adults and children alike engaged for hours.**



Age 3+



Other books in this series are: 'Do You Love Exploring?' and 'Do You Love Bugs'.



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# What is racism?

Written by Katie Daynes and Jordan Akpojaró and illustrated by  
Sandhya Prabhat

Is it ok to talk about racism? Why do people look different?

An informative lift the flap book split into sections. Detailed and sensitively answering questions about all aspects of race and the similarities and differences between everyone.

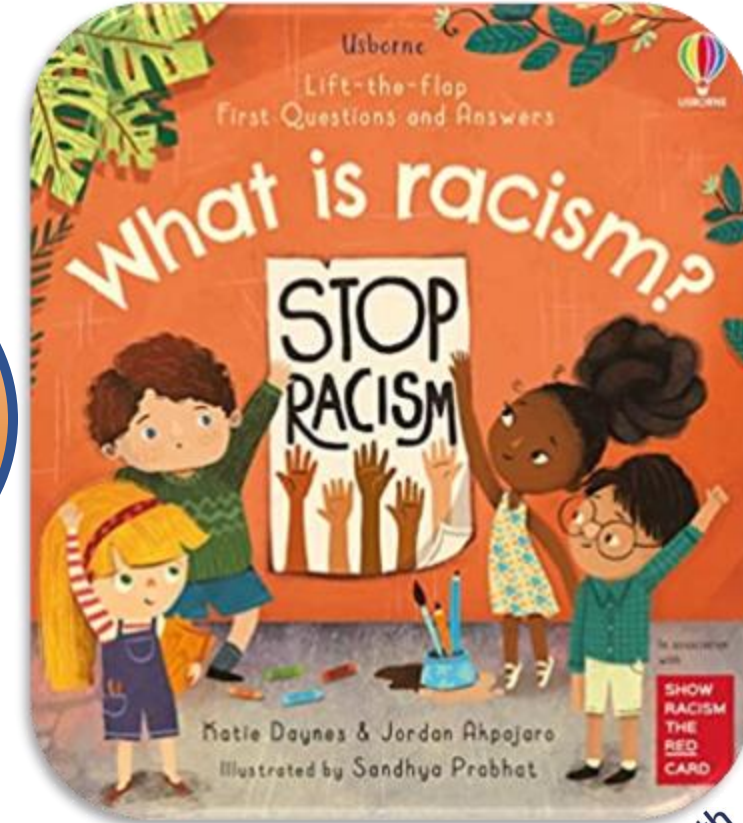
**A wonderfully illustrated lift the flap book, encouraging the natural curiosity in all of us to find out more. With such an indepth source of information, this book provides both children and adults the language they need to talk about racism.**



Age 4+

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Further books exploring inclusivity include: All are Welcome, You be You and Nen and the Lonely Fisherman.



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# I am Bat

Written and illustrated by Morag Hood

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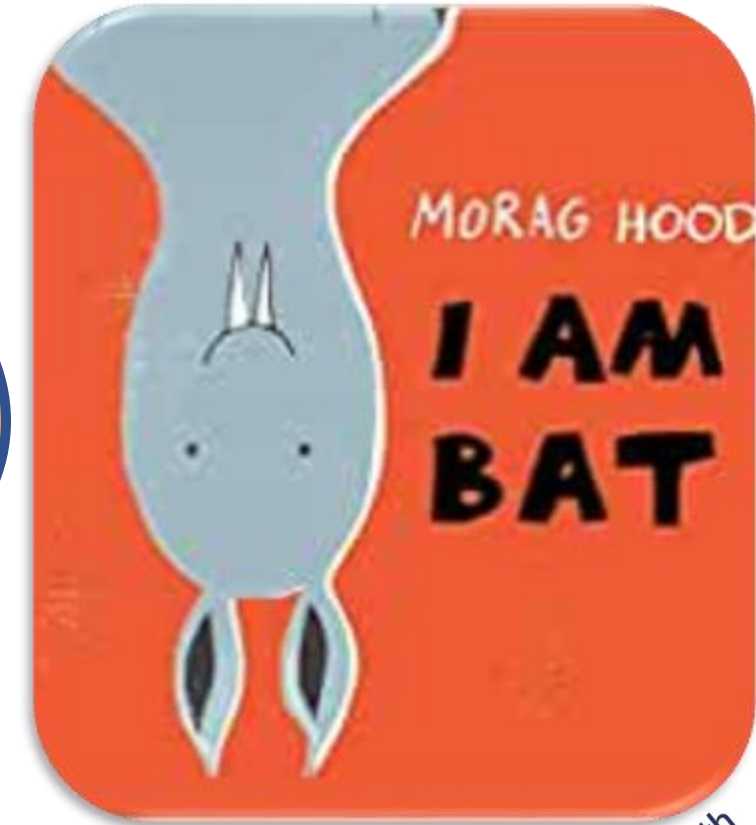
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Cherries are Bat's favourite fruit. Bat is very protective of his cherries. Unfortunately, bat becomes upset when, one by one, they are taken by the mischievous animals. Feeling sorry for bat, the other animals introduce bat to a pear. Will the pear end up becoming bat's new favourite?

**This brilliantly amusing book is accompanied by bright and simple illustrations. The reader is hooked into this interactive story, by cleverly accusing the reader of taking the cherries too.**



Age 3+





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# An ABC of Equality

Written by Chana Ginelle Ewing and illustrated by Paulina Morgan

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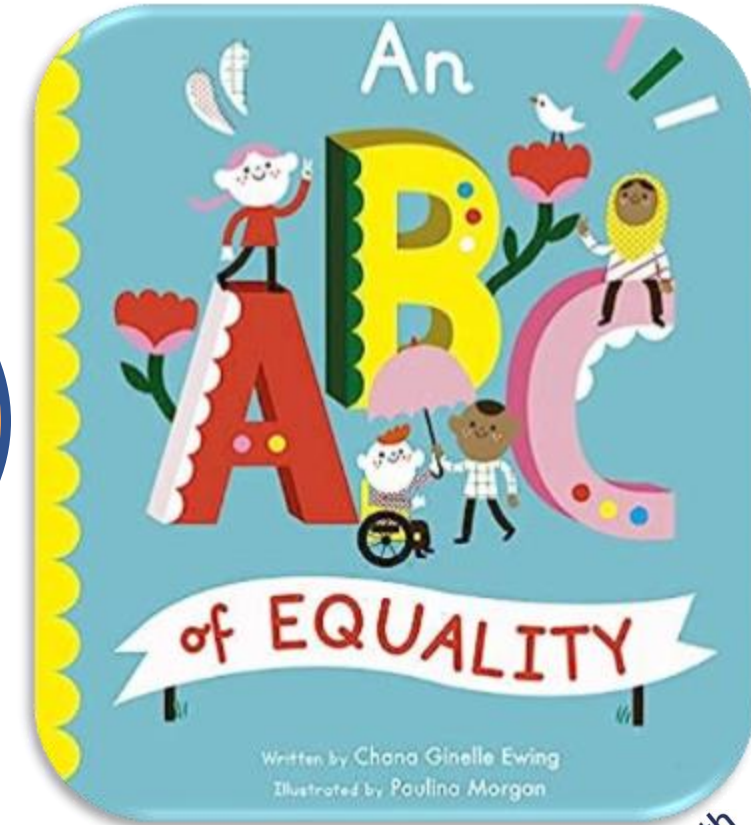
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Arranged alphabetically, showcasing all aspects of equality and helping children to understand the world we live in. From understanding what Xenophobia is, that disabilities can be visible and invisible, to accepting that everyone should have the same opportunities.

**Such an interesting and thought-provoking book. Although aimed at young children, the simple definitions and striking illustrations make it accessible to all age groups. A fantastic source of information.**



Age 3+



Other books in the ABC series are: An ABC of Families and An ABC of Democracy.

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# Goodnight Mr Tom

Written by Michelle Magorian and illustrated by Neil Reed

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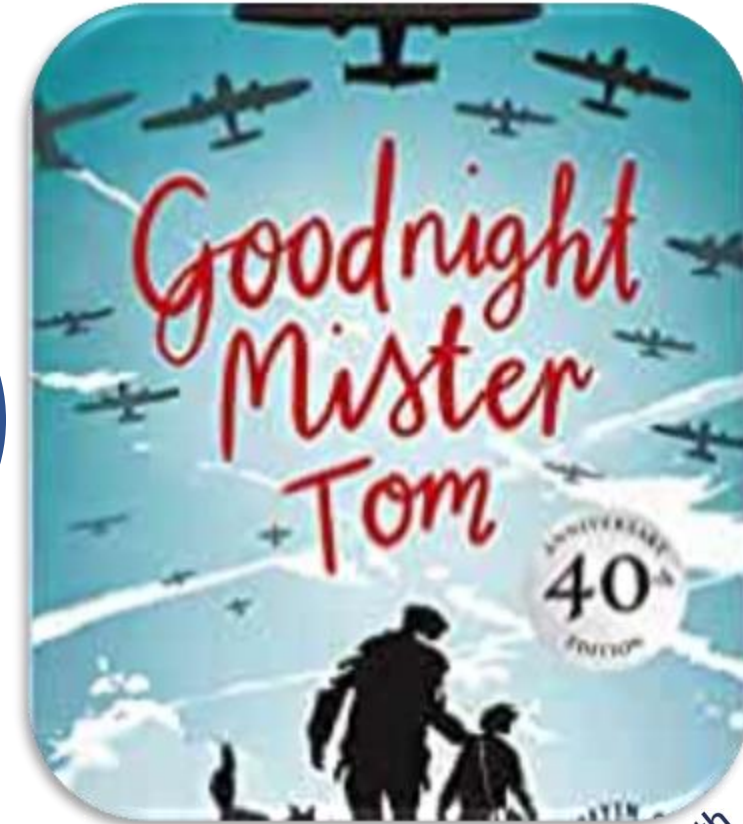
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Set in 1940, shy, fearful William arrives as an evacuee in a sleepy village from London to escape the bombing raids. He is placed with Tom, a grumpy, lonely man. Despite their unlikely match, their shared experiences of grief, unimaginable cruelty and the horrors of World War II bring William and Tom closer.

**A deeply moving story containing such detail. You cannot help but become thoroughly immersed and touched by the magnificent narrative. A truly heart-rending but uplifting story.**



Age 12+



If you enjoy this book, you may also enjoy *When the Sky Falls* by Phil Earle.

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# The Last Bear

Written by Hannah Gold and illustrated by Levi Pinfold

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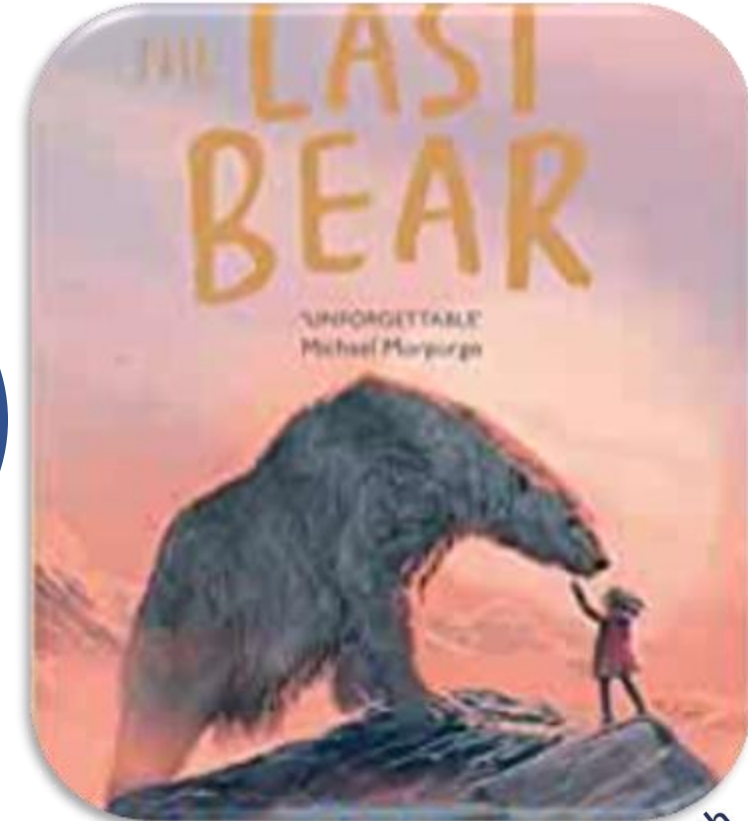
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April spends six months with her dad at his Bear island research station. No polar bears have been sighted on the island for many years. One night, April catches a glimpse of what appears to be a polar bear. She embarks on an expedition to find the bear. April finds the lonely, starving bear and over time, the pair form an unlikely bond.

**A deeply poignant tale about how just one person can create a huge impact. Threads of loss, empathy, determination and love are woven through the fabric of this story. The enchanting, atmospheric illustrations convey the mood perfectly.**



Age 8+



Winner of the Blue Peter Award and Waterstone's Children's Book Prize.



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# The Witches Graphic Novel

Written by Roald Dahl and adapted and illustrated by  
Penelope Bagieu

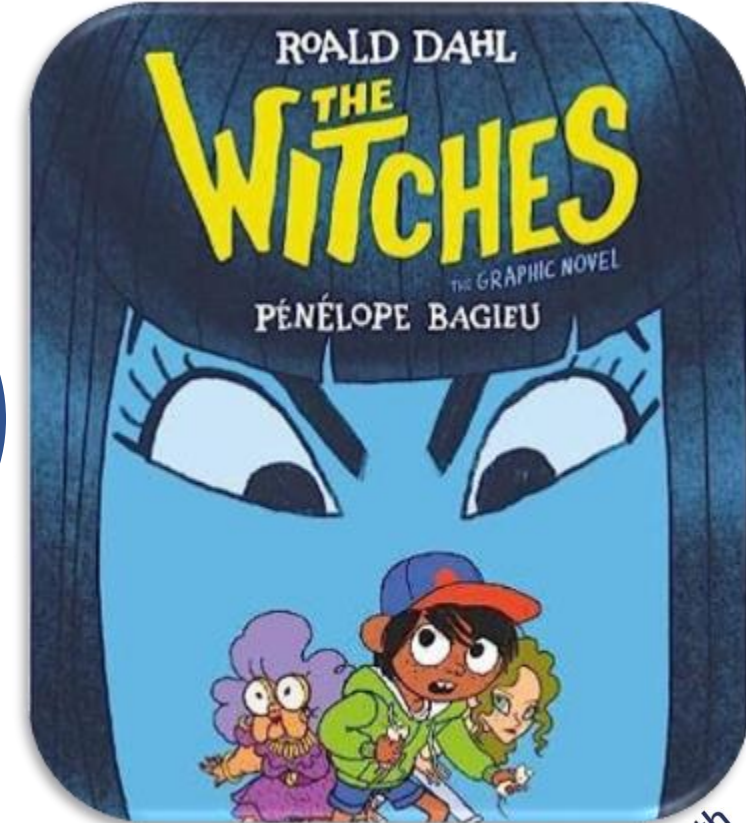
On holiday with his grandmother, the boy comes across a very strange group of women. They dress ordinarily but there is just something a bit different about them. A secret society of witches are intent on wiping out all children. Can the boy and his grandmother foil their plan?

**Penelope does an excellent job of adapting and illustrating to bring Roald's characters to life. The detailed, vibrant illustrations transport you right into the story and join the boy, as he encounters the Grand High Witch.**



Age 8+

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# Miss Molly's School of Kindness

Written by Zanna Davidson and illustrated by Rosie Reeve

The parent of three extremely unkind fox cubs are at their whiskers end. Until one day, they wandered past Miss Molly's School of Kindness. Lesson by lesson the children observed and discovered how being kind can be enjoyable and make you feel good on the inside.

**A great book to teach children the value of kindness and why people might be unkind. The combination of text and entertaining illustrations capture the reader's attention. A lovely, understated way to introduce dialogue around kindness and feelings.**



Age 3+

# English Hubs

Witham St Hughs English Hub

