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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LIST 2018

As the nights draw in and excitement builds towards Christmas, what could be pleasanter than to curl up with a good book – or two or three? Here you will find a cornucopia of good books for all ages. And whether you prefer fact to fiction or adventure to romance, there is plenty to choose from. But, as ever, we are here to offer other suggestions so do get in touch and we will be happy to help

0 – 4 YEARS OLD



LISA JONES *A Tiny Little Story: Christmas* (10pp) **£10.99 Cloth Book**

With simple words & crinkly, tactile pages, join Baby Boo as he learns about snow, Father Christmas & decorating the family's tree

AXEL SCHEFFLER *Pip and Posy: The Christmas Tree* (32pp) **£8.99 Board Book**

Pip and Posy are decorating the Christmas tree with sweets. But why do they vanish, one by one, every time Posy leaves the room?

DAVID WALSER *Meg's Christmas* (32pp) **£6.99 pbk**

A flood threatens to wreck Meg & Mog's Christmas plans. Then Meg's spell makes things even worse.... With colourful illustrations from the redoubtable Jan Pieńkowski

JULIA DONALDSON *Animalphabet* (68pp) **£14.99**

A splendid animal alphabet guessing game, with fold out flaps & peep through pages. Illustrated by Sharon King-Chai

MARIE VOIGT *Red and the City* (32pp) **£11.99**

A contemporary retelling of Little Red Riding Hood who is now in the bewildering big city. Spot the big bad wolf hiding in the pictures

EMILY RAND *The Lost Property Office* (32pp) **£11.99**

A little girl & her mother are on the train, going to visit Grandpa. Disaster! Teddy gets left on the train. So begins a magical journey to rescue her favorite stuffed friend

JEN CAMPBELL *Franklin and Luna Go to the Moon* (32pp) **£11.95**

Luna & her best friend Franklin, the dragon, set out on an adventure to find out where dragons come from. All the way to the moon!

MICHAEL MORPURGO *Grandpa Christmas* (32pp) **£9.99**

A powerful message about protecting the environment conveyed through the story of a grandfather's wish for his granddaughter to live in a better world

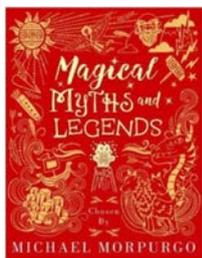
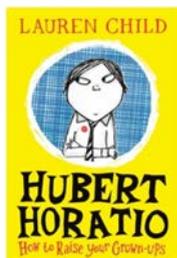
EMMA CHICHESTER CLARK *The Rescue of Bunny Wunny* (32pp) **£12.99**

A wickedly funny modern cautionary tale from the creator of 'Blue Kangaroo'. Imelda gets everything she wants including a real rabbit, but does it make her happy?

JUDITH KERR *Mummy Time* (32pp) **£12.99**

Applying an unexpected twist to the familiar visit to the park, a small child gets into all sorts of mischief whilst its mother is busy on her telephone. A cautionary tale

5-8 YEARS OLD



NATALIA & LAURA O'HARA *The Bandit Queen* (32pp) **£10.99**

Once upon a time there was a bad bandit - worshipped by a gang of troublemakers. But this bandit also happened to be a baby with other needs...

DASHKA SLATER *The Antlered Ship* (48pp) **£12.99**

An inquisitive fox sets off on a nautical adventure with a crew of deer & pigeons to discover the answers to his many questions about the world

SHIRLEY HUGHES *Snow in the Garden* (64pp) **£12.99**

A winter anthology of poems, stories, recipes & craft activities, ideal for the Christmas holidays

MICHAEL ROSEN *Hampstead the Hamster* (80pp) **£5.99 pbk**

Leo gets a hamster for Christmas & names him Hampstead. But why is it down in the dumps? And what can Leo do to cheer Hampstead up?

JEREMY STRONG *Armadillo and Hare* (160pp) **£10.99**

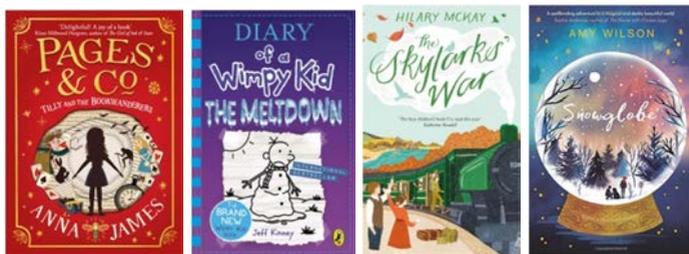
A charming, whimsical series of tales from the Big Forest. Armadillo loves eating cheese sandwiches & Hare loves playing the tuba

LAURA OWEN *Winnie and Wilbur: The Santa Surprise* (128pp) **£8.99**

Winnie & Wilbur have just opened the latest door on their advent calendar when they wonder "who gives Santa a present?" This thought leads to a Christmas quest

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Raymond Briggs' story re-imagined for a new generation. Illustrated by Robin Shaw, who worked on the original film animation
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Hubert is a child genius & very responsible. Just as well - as his parents are not & he spends rather a lot of time steering them out of trouble. With black & white illustrations
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From brave heroes & battling beasts to mighty gods & magic spells, a collection of stories by different authors with colour illustrations throughout
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How & why did Father Christmas become Father Christmas? One Christmas Eve, Jackson meets the man himself & discovers the true story, elves & all
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Five-year-old Rosalie is on a mission: to read. Whilst her mother works in a munitions factory, she battles with her letters & discovers the truth about war in her father's letters

9-11 YEARS OLD



- JEFF KINNEY *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown* (224pp) £12.99**
Snow closes Greg's school & the rival factions come together for an epic snowball fight. Ideal for reluctant readers
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Matt can't stand going back to his normal life after winning the T Factor. So he signs up with the stylish Excalibur Agency. A life of celebrity awaits - or does it?
- AMY WILSON *Snowglobe* (288pp) £6.99 pbk**
Clementine discovers a magical house filled with snowglobes, each containing a trapped magician. But releasing them will put her family in mortal danger

ANNA JAMES *Pages & Co* (400pp) **£12.99**

Tilly discovers she can 'bookwander' into any story she chooses. But danger may be lurking on the next page. Nothing like getting lost in a good book...

ROSS MONTGOMERY *Christmas Dinners of Souls* (240pp) **£6.99 pbk**

A spooky, shocking & bloodthirsty tale of 'festive' cheer centres around the annual meeting of a club for those who despise children & Christmas itself

LIZ FLANAGAN *Dragon Daughter* (368pp) **£10.99**

Once dragons & their riders ruled the skies. Now all that is left are four eggs which servant girl Milla must protect against the odds. Will she triumph?

CRESSIDA COWELL *The Wizards of Once: Twice Magic* (284pp) **£12.99**

Witches are causing havoc in the Wildwoods & danger lurks behind every tree trunk. Boy Wizard & girl Warrior must work together to lift the curse but a huge wall divides them....

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DAVID ALMOND *War Is Over* (128pp) **£10.99**

WWI is being fought: John's father is in the trenches, his mother in a munitions factory. But what happens when John meets a German boy, Jan?

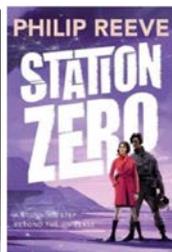
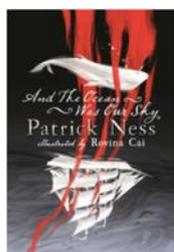
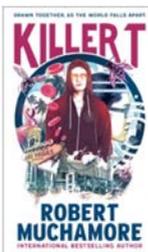
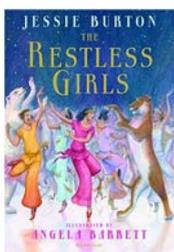
JACQUELINE WILSON *My Mum Tracy Beaker* (416pp) **£12.99**

Tracy Beaker is back. With daughter Jess, she plans to make all her old dreams come true. But a figure from Tracy's past turns their lives upside down

HILARY MCKAY *The Skylarks' War* (320pp) **£12.99**

Pre-First World War England: Clarry juggles caring for her family & friends with educating herself for an uncertain future. Nuance makes this a very satisfying read for adults too

12+ YEARS



MICHELLE R MCCANN *Boys Who Make A Difference* (256pp) **£6.99 pbk**

From around the globe & across history, an inspiring group of young men who have used their talents to take the road less travelled: from Mozart to Mandela, Sassoon to Dylan

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Mila & her sisters follow a trail into the frozen north, determined to find a way past winter & bring their missing brother home

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A synthetic virus, 'Killer T', which has a 90% mortality rate, is held over humanity's heads by terrorists who want money in exchange for the vaccine. An exciting dystopian thriller

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The conclusion to the 'Railhead Trilogy'. With enforced separation, Zen & Nova must negotiate shifting allegiances & enmities to discover what really matters to them both

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Nor Blackburn is determined to break the spell of a cursed line of witches & live as a normal teenager. Even if it means facing the dangerous power of her mother.....

CLASSICS REVIVIFIED



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A little girl & a donkey make their way to Bethlehem, at the same time as a certain Mary & Joseph. Celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of its first publication

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The original story with ingenious new covers. Quentin Blake has imagined Matilda as she might be now, grown up: as an astrophysicist, explorer or CEO of the British Library

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The Little Prince journeys to our planet from his home amongst the stars & encounters all sorts of benighted grown-ups before his return. New translation by Sir Michael Morpurgo

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Published to co-incide with the BBC's 4-part adaptation to be aired over Christmas, hardback edition of the classic story of the intrepid rabbits led by Hazel and Fiver

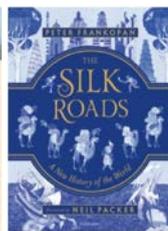
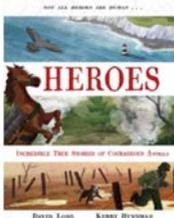
TERRY PRATCHETT *Truckers* (336pp) **£12.99**

Some 29 (and-a-bit) years after it was first published, a fresh, illustrated look at the world of the nomes: tiny people who live under the floorboards of a Department Store - where else?

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The American classic about a girl who meets a family who are blessed with - or doomed to - eternal life having drunk from a secret spring. But what does that immortality really mean?

NON-FICTION & GIFT



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A gift set combining a board book & a unicorn soft toy. There are five unicorns to meet & admire for their soft ears, furry tails & sparkly horns (2+)

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Bring Tchaikovsky's ballet to life by pressing the musical notes on each page. Read the story & then discover more about the music excerpts at the back of the book (4+)

ROMAN GARCIA MORA *Discover the World of Dinosaurs* (20pp) **£12.99**

Interactive lift-the-flap book which helps children learn all about the creatures' past & the world around them. With colourful illustrations throughout (4+)

- NATIONAL TRUST** *I am the Seed that Grew the Tree* (335pp) **£25.00**
A Nature Poem For Every Day Of The Year (including leap years). From familiar favourites to modern discoveries, an anthology for every day or to dip into for inspiration (5+)
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