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CHRISTMAS 2019

Find heartwarming new stories and adventures to thrill the blood, books full of extraordinary facts and classics re-imagined. There is plenty to choose from this season to while away those long winter evenings and to put under the tree when Christmas finally comes. And if you still haven't found that 'perfect' book, do get in touch for other recommendations

0 – 4 YEARS OLD



ERIC CARLE *The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Christmas Eve* (12pp) **£7.99 Board Book**
Set on a snowy, silent Christmas Eve, the Very Hungry Caterpillar is hoping for a special visitor. Lift the flaps to discover who is at home. Might it really be Father Christmas?

AXEL SCHEFFLER *Flip Flap Frozen* (28pp) **£8.99 Board Book**
With hilarious rhyming text, simply flip the pages to create some seriously ridiculous mixed-up creatures from frozen lands

KES GRAY *Oi puppies!* (32pp) **£12.99**
Frog, Dog & Cat return, this time in charge of some unruly puppies. But Frog has a plan to keep them in line. Jam-packed with sweet puppies & the usual silliness

LUCY COUSINS *Maisy's Christmas Letters* (32pp) **£12.99**
An interactive Christmas story featuring six envelopes each containing a surprise. Help Maisy throw her party in style

KAREN INGLIS *The Christmas Tree Wish* (36pp) **£6.99 pbk**
As snow starts to fall on Christmas Eve a little tree, Bruce Spruce, dreams about finding a home for Christmas. A heart-warming tale about hope, friendship & being different

CLARE LUTHER *Gus* (32pp) **£11.99**
Gus the labrador is off to the beach. But he is afraid of getting sand in his paws. Will he get out of the car & join the fun?

TRACEY CORDEROY *Mouse's Night Before Christmas* (32pp) **£11.99/£6.99 pbk**

It's Christmas Eve & all are asleep except for a lonely mouse. When Father Christmas arrives, lost in the blizzard, only mouse can help him deliver his presents

NADIYA HUSSAIN *My Monster and Me* (32pp) **£12.99**

A little boy's worry monster is never far behind him, there when he puts on his clothes in the morning or having friends over to play. Gentle introduction to the feeling of anxiety

YUVAL ZOMMER *The Tree That's Meant to Be* (32pp) **£12.99**

When a small fir tree is left alone after families have chosen their Christmas trees, the forest animals rally round to cheer it up & celebrate the season

JANINE M FRASER *Sarah's Two Nativities* (32pp) **November £12.99**

Two grandmothers from different faiths tell their granddaughter about the Nativity so that, even from these different perspectives, both versions become her favourite stories

SALLY NICHOLLS *The Button Book* (32pp) **£12.99**

From a singing button to a tickle button, there's only one way to find out what they do. Go on a magical journey of colour & imagination with a wind-down bedtime ending

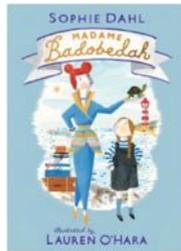
ANDREA BEATY *Sofia Valdez, Future Prez* (32pp) **November £12.99**

From the creators of 'Iggy Peck Architect' & 'Rose Revere Engineer', follow plucky go-getter Sofia as she follows her dream to turn a slimy rubbish tip into a park

ALICE M GREGORY *The Sleepy Pebble & Other Bedtime Stories* (88pp) **£12.99**

A soothing collection of bedtime stories put together by sleep experts. Coupled with dreamlike & calming illustrations

5-8 YEARS OLD



LUPITA NYONG'O *Sulwe* (48pp) **£12.99**

Sulwe's skin may be darker than everyone else's in her family & at school, but a magical journey through the night sky opens her eyes & allows her to appreciate her unique beauty

EMMA YARLETT *Beast Feast* (32pp) **£10.99**

Beast has written letters to all his friends to invite them to a feast. However Dinner, in the shape of a quick-witted child, has no intention of being eaten. An inter-active story

ANNE BOOTH *Magical Kingdom of Birds: The Snow Goose* (160pp) **Nov £5.99 pbk**

Every year the Snow Goose brings winter to the Magical Kingdom of Birds. But this year he is late. Can Maya uncover the mystery & bring winter back?

A F HARROLD *Midnight Feasts* (120pp) £12.99

From chocolate to rice pudding, from banana phones to the fruit of the mythical jelabi tree, this is a varied anthology of poems all about food

HARRIET MUNCASTER *Isadora Moon Puts on a Show* (160pp) £8.99

It's almost time for the vampire ball & Isadora can't wait. However, she will have to compete in a talent show with the other children. Will she be brave enough?

SIBBEAL POUNDER *Beyond Platform 13* (256pp) £6.99 pbk

A return to the magical world of Eva Ibbotson's 'The Secret of Platform 13'. Odege sets out to find out why the mist is fast disappearing

ALEX T SMITH *Mr Penguin and the Catastrophic Cruise* (288pp) November £9.99

Mr Penguin takes a cruise but soon senses something shifty going on. Then he befriends a young stowaway & the adventure really begins

PHILIP REEVE *Kevin's Great Escape* (340pp) £8.99

Pop star Misty Twiglet is desperate to meet roly-poly Kevin, the flying pony. But her plan is to kidnap him! It is up to Kevin's friend Max & his sister Daisy to mount a valiant rescue

MICHAEL MORPURGO *Boy Giant: Son of Gulliver* (288pp) £12.99

A thrilling adventure inspired by the classic story 'Gulliver's Travels'. It is also a gripping modern narrative of rescue & refuge

DAVID WALLIAMS *The Beast of Buckingham Palace* (464pp) November £14.99

A science fiction fantasy set in London 2120. The beast is the evil Griffin & Prince Alfred must vanquish him in order to rescue his mother the Queen, himself & the entire city

9-11 YEARS OLD



CHRIS RIDDELL *Guardians of Magic* (320pp) £12.99

Due to its forbidden nature, magic is found in unexpected places in the Kingdom of Thrynne. Three ordinary children come together to ensure magic survives into the future

SALLY GARDNER *Invisible In A Bright Light* (352pp) £10.99

One night in 1870, a chandelier falls & smashes at the Royal Opera House. This event embroils Celeste, a theatre rat, in a dangerous game called the Reckoning

EOIN COLFER *The Fowl Twins* (432pp) Nov £14.99

Prepare for an epic adventure with The Fowl Twins, Myles & Beckett, Artemis' younger brothers & their troll cohort. New series

BEN BROOKS *The Impossible Boy* (256pp) **£0.00**

When Oleg & Emma's imaginary friend comes to life, odd occurrences begin to happen. It is up to the children to protect him & to keep the magic of the 'impossible' alive

SOPHIE ANDERSON *The Girl Who Speaks Bear* (416pp) **£6.99 pbk**

Found in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered where she came from. Journeying into the wild to find out, she meets new companions along the way

HILARY MCKAY *The Time of Green Magic* (320pp) **£12.99**

Abi & her two step-brothers, Max & Louis, find that strange things happen when they are alone in their eerie, ivy-covered new house. From the author of 'Skylarks' War'

HARRIET WHITEHORN *The Conspiracy of Magic* (320pp) **£6.99 pbk**

Can Cass defeat an all-powerful magician, though she has no powers of her own? With wit, speed & the daring Company of Eight at her side, anything is possible!

ONJALI Q RAUF *The Star Outside my Window* (256pp) **£6.99 pbk**

When her Mum disappears, ten-year-old star hunter Aniyah finds herself in foster care. So she embarks on an adventure to track down her mother star

CRESSIDA COWELL *The Wizards of Once: Knock Three Times* (284pp) **£12.99**

Wish & Xar are now outlaws on the run, hunted by Warrior. Their next quest is the most terrifying & treacherous of all. Third in the series.

AIMEE LUCIDO *In the Key of Code* (304pp) **£6.99 pbk**

When twelve-year-old Emmy's family moves to California, she has never felt so lost. But in the coding computer club, she finds not only a friend but the key to those codes: music

12+ YEARS



PHILIP PULLMAN *The Secret Commonwealth* (704pp) **£20.00**

In the sequel to 'La Belle Sauvage', Lyra, now twenty-years-old, must travel far beyond the edges of Oxford, across Europe & into Asia, in search of the elusive Dust

FRANCES HARDINGE *Deeplight* (448pp) **£12.99**

A story of a deep & dangerous friendship at sea; in a world where the gods may be dead or may instead be stirring beneath the water. From the author of 'A Skinful of Shadows'

MICHAEL GRANT *Hero* (432pp) **£7.99 pbk**

Explosive conclusion to the 'Monster Trilogy'. Vector is a lethal enemy: a swarm of disease-bearing insects that condemn victims to a living hell. Will the Dekka's gang triumph?

KIRAN MILLWOOD HARGRAVE *The Deathless Girls* (704pp) **£12.99**

Gothic, intoxicating, feminist & romantic - this is the breathtakingly imagined untold story of the brides of Dracula

SOPHIA THAKUR *Somebody Give This Heart a Pen* (128pp) **£7.99 pbk**

A powerful first collection of poems exploring issues of identity, difference, perseverance, relationships, fear, loss & joy

HOLLY BOURNE *The Places I've Cried In Public* (322pp) **£7.99 pbk**

Amelie fell hard for Reese & thought he loved her too. But surely real love isn't supposed to hurt like this? Will she move on from such a toxic relationship?

JENNY DOWNHAM *Furious Thing* (480pp) **£12.99**

Fifteen-year-old Lexi is furious! Why? A thoughtful novel about the feelings & frustrations of a teenage girl coping with an unfair world. Will she conquer her temper?

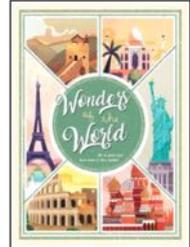
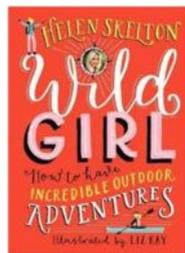
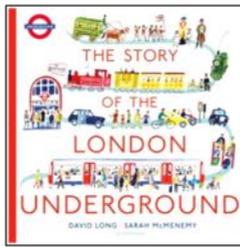
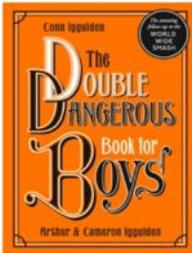
KATYA BALEN *The Space We're In* (256pp) **£10.99**

Max is five & is different. He eats only Quavers & some colours are too bright for him. When tragedy strikes, it is up to his brother, Frank, to keep things together. Debut novel

SUE CHEUNG *Chinglish* (480pp) **£7.99 pbk**

Jo lives above her parents' Chinese takeaway in 1980's Coventry. Contending with those contrasting cultures, food as well as family, so begins her journey to become her own person

NON-FICTION & GIFT



ESTER TOME *Animals on a Train* (10pp) **£12.99**

A compact carry case containing a travel puzzle & board book for those seasonal journeys by train. 'Animals on a Plane' is also available in the same format (3+)

MICHAEL BOND *Paddington's Post* (32pp) **£12.99**

A new Paddington adventure with real mail to open & enjoy, including Paddington's first letter to Aunt Lucy (3+)

EMILY GRAVETT *Meerkat Christmas* (32pp) **£12.99**

A young meerkat travels the world looking for a perfect Christmas experience in this multi-flap international Christmas caper (3+)

NATEE PUTTAPIPAT *The Night Before Christmas* (80pp) **£14.99**

Nothing spreads the spirit of the season quite like the traditional classics. 'The Night Before Christmas', 'Jingle Bells' & 'The Nutcracker' brought together in one volume (3+)

- TOVE JANSSON & AMANDA LI** *Adventures in Moominvalley* (128pp) **£12.99**
Set in the beautiful Moominvalley, this is an illustrated collection of nine adventure stories featuring Moomintroll & his family (4+)
- MICHAEL JOHNSON** *Alice's Alphabet Book* (64pp) **£12.99**
Inspired by Lewis Carroll's characters & with Sir John Tenniel's illustrations, an early learning madcap A-Z of Wonderland (4+)
- RAYMOND BRIGGS** *The Snowman (Pop-Up)* (32pp) **£7.99**
One winter's night, a snowman comes to life & a magical adventure begins..... Features artwork from the animated film & a pop-up scene (5+)
- KATY FLINT** *The Story Orchestra: Swan Lake* (24pp) **£14.99**
Push the button on each page to hear ten excerpts from Tchaikovsky's score. At the back of the book learn about the composer's life & his composition of 'Swan Lake' (5+)
- DANIELA CELLI** *Wonders of the World* (96pp) **£14.99**
Atlas of some of the most famous monuments in the world, told from the perspective of the people associated with them. Includes the Eiffel Tower & the Great Wall of China (6+)
- DAVID LONG** *TfL: The Story of the Underground* (96pp) **£12.99**
A captivating story of 150 years of the London Underground. Marvel at the famous fossil wall, deserted ghost stations & World War II tunnels (7+)
- LENA SJOEBERG** *Bright in the Night* (48pp) **£14.95**
Discover the strange & wonderful sources of light on earth & in the sky, from the moon & stars to glow-in-the-dark insects (7+)
- CHRISTIANE DORION** *The Woodland Trust: Into the Forest* (64pp) **Nov £12.99**
From leafy oak & maple to humid tropical forests, learn about the beauty of the woodlands of the world & the minute creatures that live in them (7+)
- SELWYN E PHIPPS** *The Golden Unicorn: Secrets and Legends* (128pp) **£9.99**
'The Magical Unicorn Society' invite unicorn lovers to enjoy eight new tales, including the legend of the Golden Unicorn & its escape from icy magic (7+)
- STEPHEN P KERSHAW** *Mythologica* (112pp) **£20.00**
An eye-popping, illustrated encyclopaedia of Greek mythology, featuring gods, goddesses, mortals, heroes & mythological creatures (8+)
- ANNE JANKELIOWITCH** *Solar System* (52pp) **£14.99**
Unlock the secrets of the Universe with this incredible glow- in-the- dark , interactive guide to the Solar System (8+)
- HELEN SKELTON** *Wild Girl* (144pp) **£12.99**
Share the Blue Peter & Countryfile presenter's six outdoor adventures, from kayaking the length of the Amazon to cycling to the North Pole (9+)
- ANNA WILSON** *National Trust 2020 Month by Month Nature Almanac* (192pp) **£9.99**
Illustrated guide to the year, including nature spotting & in-door activity ideas, seasonal recipes & celebration of religious Festivals & special events such as the Olympics (9+)
- TIM MARSHALL** *Prisoners of Geography: Our World Explained* (80pp) **£16.99**
Abridged & illustrated for a younger audience, the twelve maps explain how physical geography -mountains, rivers & seas - have shaped the history of the world (9+)

GUINNESS *Guinness World Records 2020* (256pp) **£20**

Revels in the latest record-breaking achievements of the year & includes chapters on jaw-dropping geography, cutting-edge robots & A.I. (9+)

NATALIE LABARRE *Incredible Jobs You've (Probably) Never Heard Of* (48pp) **£14.99**

From taste testers to dinosaur dusters, discover all about unbelievable jobs that you've (possibly) never come across but now might just become your future career (9+)

CON IGGULDEN *Double Dangerous Book for Boys* (320pp) **£20**

Discover how to make a stink bomb, shine shoes like a soldier, pick a lock & start a fire with a battery (with adult supervision, of course!) Sequel to the 2006 classic (9+)

DIANA KAPP *Girls Who Run the World* (208pp) **£15.99**

Part biography, part business, learn about thirty-one female CEOs who run companies such as Rent the Runway, Pop Sugar & Soul Cycle (12+)

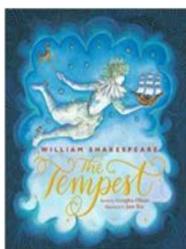
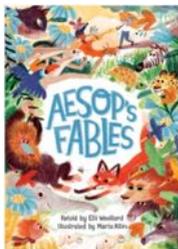
J K ROWLING *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire: Illustrated Edition* (464pp) **£32.00**

Fizzing with magic & brimming with humour, this full-colour edition will captivate fans & new readers alike as Harry enters his fourth year at Hogwarts (8+)

LAURIE FROST *The Definitive Guide to 'His Dark Materials'* (560pp) **£25**

The extraordinary world of Philip Pullman's bestselling trilogy is explored in all the detail any fan of the books will ever need (12+)

CLASSICS REVIVED



BRITTA TECKENTRUP *The Twelve Days of Christmas* (24pp) **£6.99 Board Book**

Perfect introduction to the traditional song for little hands. Each page has a die-cut peep hole to the next surprising present creating an imaginative layered effect (2+)

NOEL STREATFIELD *Osbert* (32pp) **£9.99**

Father says Osbert the family dog is too unsightly for the family wedding. The children are outraged! Can they find a way to give him a makeover? (4+)

SUFIYA AHMED *Under the Great Plum Tree* (32pp) **£12.99**

A universal tale of friendship & courage about a monkey & a crocodile from the 'Panchatantra', an ancient Indian collection of animal fables dating from 300 BCE (4+)

BEATRIX POTTER *Red Riding Hood* (96pp) **£12.99**

Little Red Riding Hood sets off to Granny's house with a very hungry wolf in tow. A darkly delicious retelling of the classic tale illustrated by Helen Oxenbury (5+)

- GEORGHIA ELLIANAS** *The Tempest* (32pp) **£12.99**
A picture book re-telling of Shakespeare's classic island story with language derived from original play, with illustrations by Jane Ray (5+)
- AA MILNE** *Winnie-The-Pooh: The Goodnight Collection* (160pp) **£12.99 pbk**
A collection of Hundred Acre Wood stories with Christopher Robin & Pooh Bear, perfect for bedtime sharing .(5+)
- GERALDINE McCAUGHREAN** *The Snow Queen* (32pp) **£12.99**
An enchanting picture book edition of 'The Snow Queen'. A magical, wintery tale of friendship, love & adventure illustrated in a silhouette style by Laura Barrett (5+)
- KEVIN CROSSLEY-HOLLAND** *The Animals Grimm* (96pp) **£12.99**
This treasury of tales includes eleven of the best-loved Grimm fairytales, featuring animal characters including 'The Hedge King' (5+)
- ELLI WOOLLARD** *Aesop's Fables* (96pp) **£9.99**
A fresh & funny take on an enduring classic. Meet the town mouse & his country cousin & find out just how the tortoise beat the boastful hare (6+)
- JACKIE MORRIS** *The Secret of the Tattered Shoes* (40pp) **£12.99**
Fresh interpretation of the fairy tale about the twelve dancing princesses, brought to life with a dark, poetic text & cut out collage illustrations (8+)
- TED HUGHES** *The Iron Man* (144pp) **£16.99**
First published in 1968, the science fiction tale of the metal man who causes havoc until befriended by a small boy. He then helps to save the world. Illustrated by Chris Mould (9+)
- ROSEMARY SUTCLIFF** *The Eagle of the Ninth* (248pp) **£19.00**
First of the author's four historical novels set in the twilight years of the Roman occupation of Britain. Limited edition from Slightly Foxed. Also available: 'Silver Branch' (9+)
- CHARLES DICKENS** *A Christmas Carol* (144pp) **£9.99**
Part of the clothbound 'Penguin English Library' reprints. It is Christmas Eve & Ebenezer Scrooge receives his ghostly visitors, one by one (11+)

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