

# No Shelf Control

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## Q&A with Saadia Faruqi



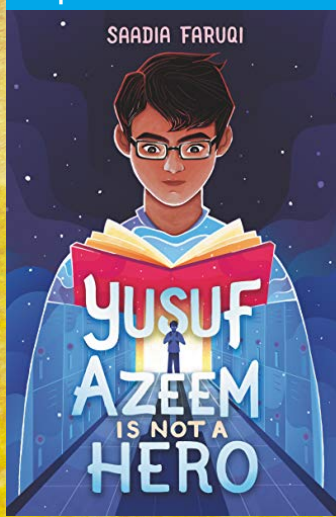
Yusuf Azeem is not a Hero is our amazing BOOK OF THE MONTH. The book compares the lives and experiences of two generations of Muslims. Focusing on America around 9/11 and its 20th anniversary (this year). I have been lucky enough to speak with Saadia about it.

In 'Yusuf' we see that the loudest voices are amplified and these voices often push the wrong messages. What would you tell children that want to make sure the right message is heard?

Yusuf Azeem Is Not a Hero is all about allyship, about how to stand up to bullies and fight against injustice. Children often feel that they don't have the power to make changes, but this is not true. Yusuf realizes that he is strong and heroic, because he has a voice. All children have a voice, and this becomes louder the more people band together to speak up. I want to encourage all my readers to find that courage within themselves, whether it's by speech, or writing letters, or working on a project together.

What message would you like your readers to come away with?

There are so many messages in this book; it's difficult to pick just one! I'd say the most important message is to stand up against injustice, no matter how foolish or dangerous it looks. You may or may not be successful, but that is almost besides the point. Even if nothing changes in the short term, your actions of bravery and fairness will be seen and heard, and will inspire others as well.



What are your favourite books for children?

I grew up in Pakistan, Enid Blyton was my favorite author back then. It doesn't matter which particular books you read, as long as you're learning about cultures and people who are different from you. That's how you gain empathy and understanding. That is a great point. Thank you for your time!

Yusuf Azeem is not a Hero is out now in hardback for £12.99 from Harper360



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## Christmas Comes Early

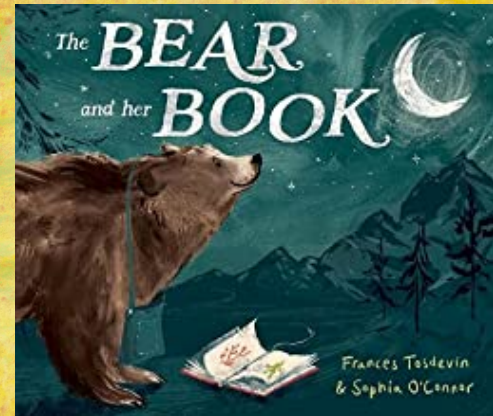
Many Christmas books are released in October but I thought that it would be a little early to include them in this round-up so I'll be putting them into next month's edition as '9 books for Christmas' (I may increase the amount of books if I struggle to narrow it down.) So keep your eyes peeled for those books next month!

### The Bear and her Book

Frances Tosdevin & Sophia O'Connor

UCLan Publishing 3+

This gorgeous picture book is an ode to books. Bear sets off on an adventure with her book and she quickly realises that her book helps her in more ways than one. I particularly loved the ending and where she finds herself in her happy place.



### Following Frankenstein

Catherine Bruton

Nosy Crow 8+

A sequel for Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. Maggie's father is obsessed with finding Frankenstein's monster. So far his obsession has cost them everything! She secretly tags along on his last attempt to find the monster. Will they find the monster and will he be what they expect?

### When Poems Fall From the Sky

Zaro Weil & Junli Song

Troika 6+

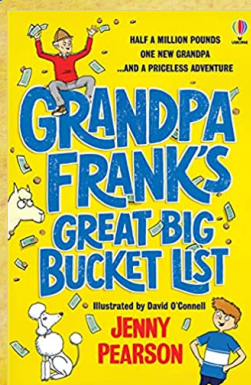
An absolute stunner of a book. The mixture of beautiful poetry blended with gorgeous illustrations leads to a book which will take centre stage on any bookcase! The book was produced with the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew and it aims to inspire and remind readers of our duty to protect the earth.



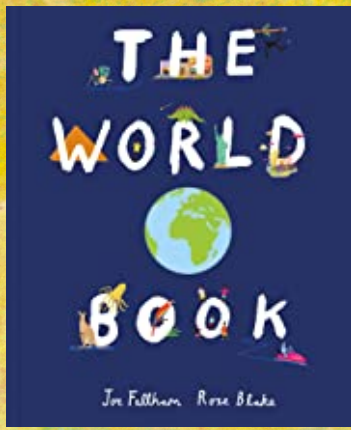
### One To Wait for...

Grandpa Frank's Great Big Bucket List - Jenny Pearson - Usborne - Feb 22

This is Jenny's third book and if it's anything like her first two, we're in for a treat. Her books are equal parts heartwarming and hilarious. You'll definitely want to preorder this!







# The World Book

Joe Fullman & Rose Blake

Wellbeck 7+

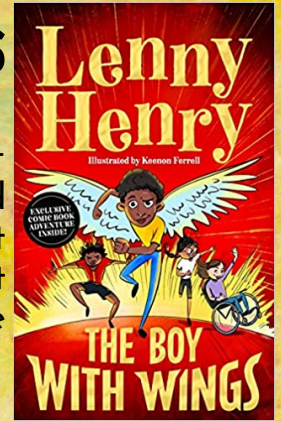
This brilliant non-fiction text does exactly what it says on the tin! It's a book about the world. Each country has a page (or a half) dedicated to it. Filled with facts and useful information. Any book that encourages children to find out about other places and cultures is a big win in my eyes.

# The Boy with Wings

Lenny Henry

Macmillan Children 8+

Lenny Henry has written a great story about accepting who you are and celebrating our differences. Tunde is adopted and his parents won't allow him to play sports. One day he defies them and quickly finds out why (the title might give it away). What follows is an adventure where he discovers his true roots.



# First Big Book of Why

Sally Symes, Stephanie Drimmer & Kate Slater

Britannica 4+

This is the perfect book for inquisitive young minds. Exploring those little questions that young children always want to ask and that often end up being typed into Google. This is accessible for younger readers as they start their reading journey but its hefty weight and size will make them feel very mature.

# The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

L. Frank Baum & Mina Lima

Harper Designs 8+

Obviously this isn't a new story, but it is a brand new, spectacularly illustrated edition of the much loved tale. Many will have seen the film but fewer will have read the book. This version is impossible to ignore, pop out pages and interactive elements will mean the whole family will enjoy this and the stunning hardback cover will catch the eye of any visitors too!

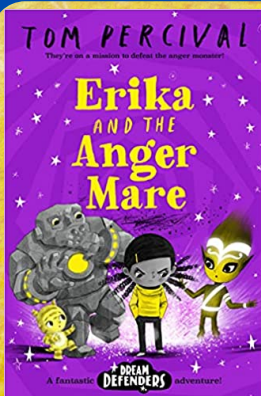


# One You Might Have Missed

Erika and the Anger Mare - Tom Percival

Macmillan - 6+ Oct 2021

I love this series and how they explore different emotions. The books originally came out last year but they've been renamed and repackaged in time for the latest release (Silas and the Marvellous Misfits). These are great bedtime stories for younger readers.



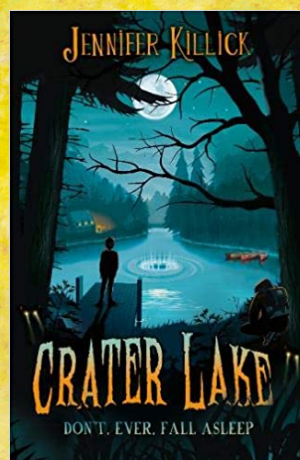
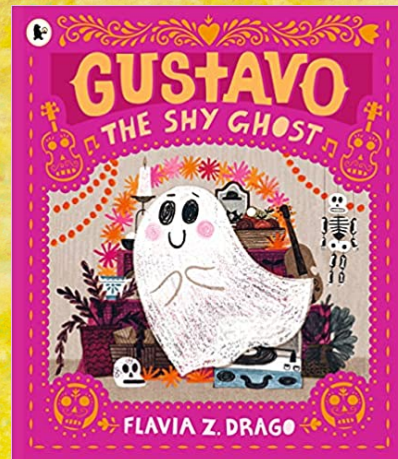
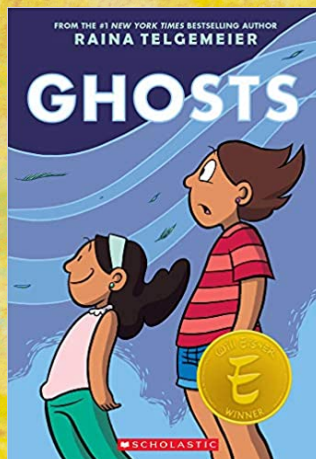
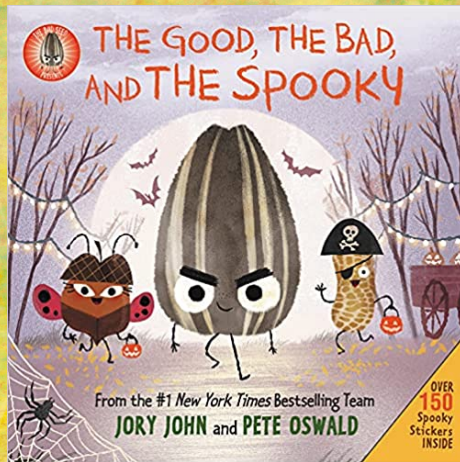


# 9 Creepy Books

Some people love a brilliantly spooky or scary book with monsters or other creepy characters. We've chosen 9 of our favourite creepy reads that you'll enjoy!



1. The Good, The Bad and The Spooky  
**Jory John & Pete Oswald**
2. The Haunting of Aveline Jones  
**Phil Hickes**
3. The Ghost of Gosswater  
**Lucy Strange**
4. Ghosts  
**Raina Telgemeier**
5. Gustavo The Shy Ghost  
**Flavia Z Drago**
6. The Ash House  
**Angharad Walker**
7. The World of the Unknown: Ghosts  
**Christopher Maynard**
8. Crater Lake  
**Jennifer Killick**
9. Mason Mooney: Paranormal Investigator  
**Seaerra Miller**



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