

No Shelf Control

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Factopia!

Sometimes you see brilliant books not receive the attention that they deserve. The Factopia series fits into that category. With the third book in the non-fiction series released this month, we felt that it was truly deserving of our **BOOK OF THE MONTH!**

Children love non-fiction but often they can be a little wordy... Factopia is exactly what all children need, a collection of 400 facts to memorise and share with friends and families. I have had the first two books quoted at me from both my own children and those in previous classes.

The latest edition is 'foul facts' so it is full of disgusting things that kids love and adults pretend to hate (come on who doesn't want to learn about poo facts?)

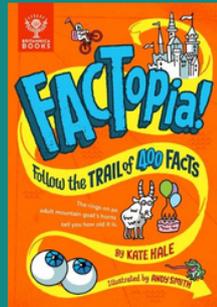
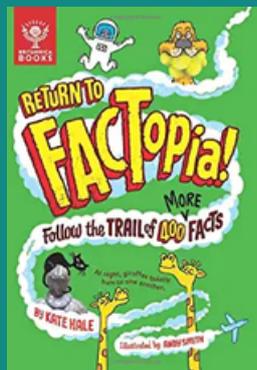
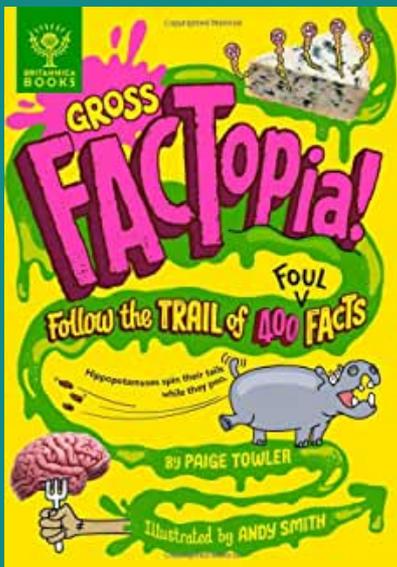
I think you need to hear 3 of my top **POO FACTS!**

- Poo from crocodiles was used in make-up in Ancient Rome.
- Poo from the lac bug is used in jelly beans and other shiny sweets.
- Before toilets had flushes people threw their poo out of their windows!

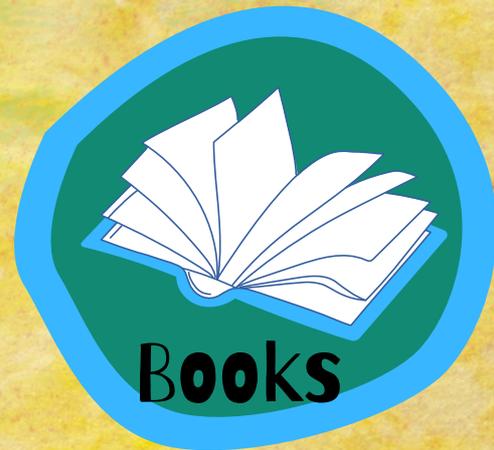
Now they are 3 out of 400 facts from the new book - surely that's enough to convince you why you must buy this book (and the previous 2 editions)

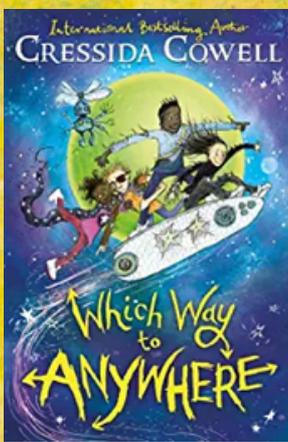
Paige Towler is the author of this edition and I dread to think of some of the gross facts that were deemed too gross to be added! Andy Smith's illustrations add humourous spins onto each page.

In short, these books are not to be missed and they will be read and re-read over and over again by children of all ages!



Factopia is out now from Britannica Books for £9.99





Which Way to Anywhere

Cressida Cowell

Hodder Children 8+

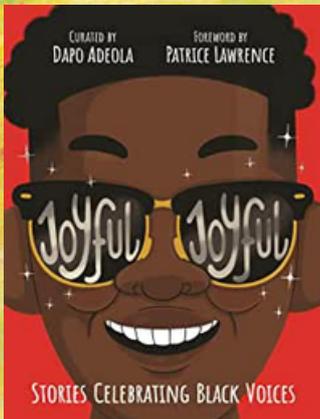
The amazing Cressida Cowell is back with a new adventure that is bound to excite readers everywhere! Twins K2 and Izzabird are sworn to secrecy about their family's magic but when their little sister is kidnapped, they have to let the cat out of the bag and enlist the help of their step siblings.

The Spectaculars

Jodie Garnish

Usborne 9+

The theatre is always magical - Except the Spectaculars' travelling theatre and boarding school is ACTUALLY magical. The students are magical performers who have been gifted special powers from the stars. Shortly after starting, Harper, Trick and Thief are tasked with saving the school from danger!



Joyful, Joyful

Various. Curated by Dapo Adeola

Two Hoots 9+

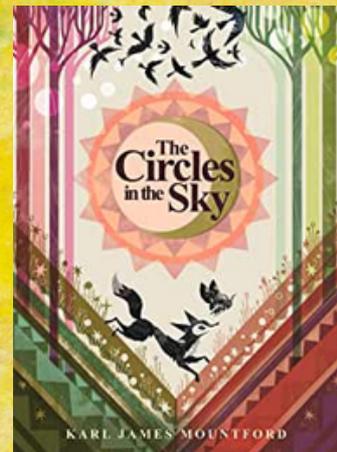
Dapo Adeola is doing so much for Children's literature right now. Here he has chosen over 40 black authors and illustrators from across the globe to create this fantastic book of short stories. These are perfect for bedtime or school story time! Which will be your favourite?

The Circles in the Sky

Karl James Mountford

Walker Books 4+

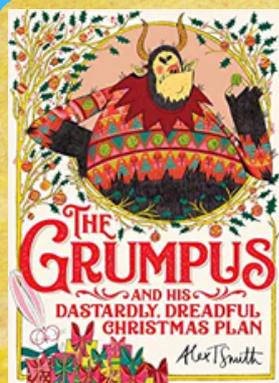
I have long admired Karl's illustrations so I was over the moon to hear that he had written and illustrated a new book. One day fox finds a still bird in the forest and has lots of unknown emotions. Moth comes along and tries to explain what has happened. Grief is tackled very delicately and accessibly for younger children. It is as visually spectacular as you would expect from such a phenomenal artist!



One To Wait for...

The Grampus - Alex T. Smith

Macmillan Children - Sept 22



Although this is out this month, if you're reading Christmas books in September it sounds like you've got Tinsilitus! Buy it, but read it in November at the earliest.

And Everything Will Be Glad To See You

Various. Selected by Ella Risbridger. Illustrated by Anna Shepeta
Nosy Crow 6+

A fantastic selection of poems by a wide range of loved poets including Maya Angelou, Wendy Cope, Lucille Clifton and Christina Rossetti, to newer voices such as Amanda Gorman, Yrsa Daley-Ward and Amineh Abou Kerech. There's a poem for every occasion in here and Anna's illustrations are stunning and enhance the poems.

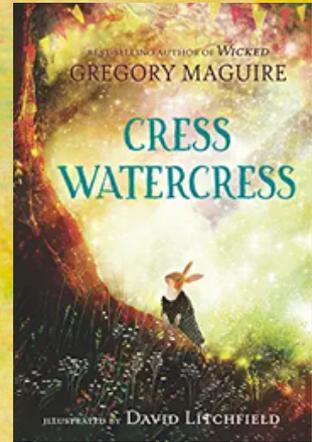


Cress Watercress

Gregory Maguire & David Litchfield

Walker 8+

It is hard to not gaze at the front cover of this book in awe at the illustrations that David Litchfield creates. Inside there are even more of his stunning creations. But don't let that blind you, this is a brilliant book not just a piece of art! When Papa doesn't return from an exhibition the family assume the worst and relocate. A story of adventure about growing up, moving on, and finding your community.

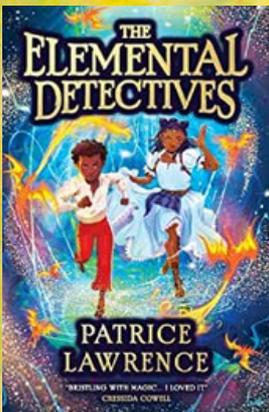


The Elemental Detectives

Patrice Lawrence

Scholastic 9+

We're huge fans of fantasy books at No Shelf Control, so when a new one comes out, we are all ears! Patrice Lawrence is a master storyteller and her name alone should be enough to convince you to buy this book! Based in a familiar yet different London, the elemental detectives are in a quest against time to save London from catastrophe - set aside a day to read this as you won't want to put it down!



The Light Thieves

Helena Duggan

Usborne 9+

I love the tag line for this book - 'Who would you trust to save the world...a boy or a billionaire?' Lately I think we can all agree on who we'd trust! The earth has shifted on its axis and a mysterious dark mark has appeared on the sun - the whole world is in peril! Not everything is as it seems and the realisation that perhaps we are all a little too attached to technology is a little close to home!



One You Might Have Missed

The Midnight Guardians - Ross Montgomery
Walker- 9+ Nov 2020

This is a hugely popular book with all that have read it, but having recommended it in a book shop lately I realised that this absolute beauty may have been missed by some of you. whoCol is evacuated from London during WW2 but one night he is visited by who he previously assumed were his imaginary friends. Together they set off back to London and try to stop the Midwinter King.



9 sequels to get you excited!



September seems to be the month for sequels! Here are all the fantastic sequels that have been released this month! If you haven't read the other books in these series then you simply must!

1. Key Player

Kelly Yang

2. Fear Ground

Jennifer Killick

3. Amari and the Great Game

B.B Alston

4. Grimwood

Nadia Shireen

5. A Wild Child's book of Birds

Dara McAnulty & Barry Falls

6. Peanut Jones and the Twelve Portals

Rob Biddulph

7. Investigators Heist and Seek

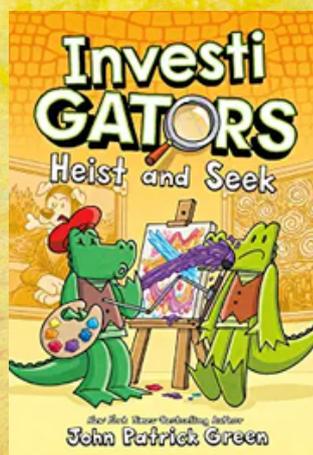
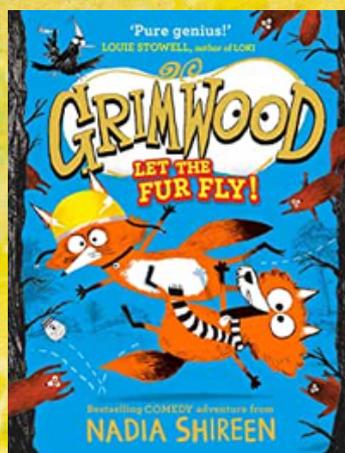
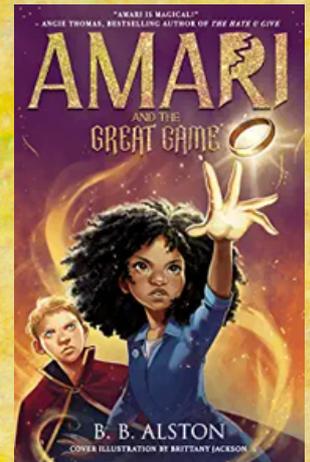
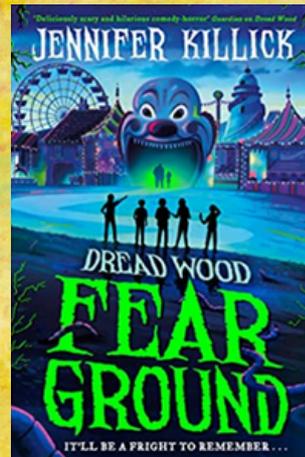
John Patrick Green

8. Spark

M.G. Leonard

9. Pages and Co The Treehouse Library

Anna James & Marco Guadalupi



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