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Stich Padraig Kenny



Our first BOOK OF THE MONTH for 2024 is Stich by the wonderfully talented Padraig Kenny.

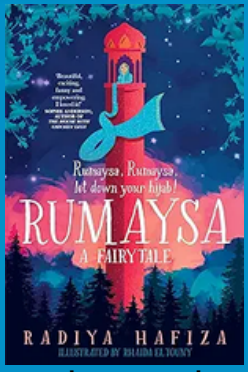
"Stich" ingeniously reimagines Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, delivering a spellbinding tale that intricately entwines themes of friendship, humanity, and acceptance. Set against a backdrop of darkness, Stich and Henry, crafted by the late Professor Hardacre, navigate a treacherous world controlled by his malevolent nephew.



Kenny's storytelling captivates his readers with each turn of the page. Through Henry's innocence and Stich's resilience, Kenny challenges societal norms, echoing Shelley's timeless exploration of existence. With accessible prose and profound undertones, "Stich" beckons readers to ponder the complexities of life, leaving an indelible mark upon the heart and soul.

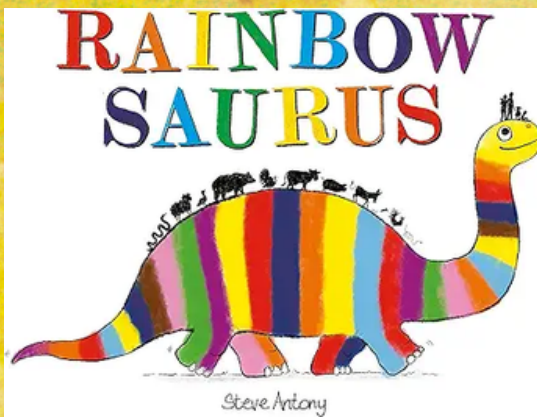
Available now for £7.99 from Walker Books

Other books based on classics



Pages & Co by Anna James features many classics but Anne of Green Gables takes the main stage. Another Twist in the Tale by Catherine Bruton follows Till Twist, the imagined sister of Oliver Twist. The Lost Magician by Piers Torday is inspired by Narnia. Rumaysa by Radiya Hafiza takes fairytales and gives them a middle eastern spin.





Rainbowsaurus

Steve Antony

Hodder Children's Books 4+

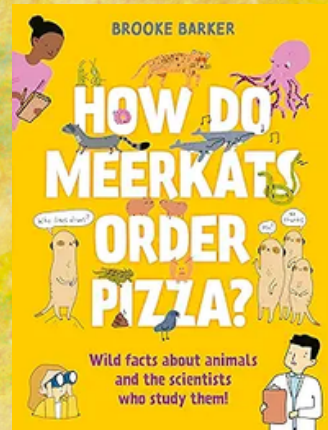
A new favourite for younger children who love 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt'. A family set off in search of the Rainbowsaurus. Featuring a repetitive chorus and onomatopoeia for younger readers to join in with.

How Do Meerkats Order Pizza?

Brooke Barker

Faber & Faber 8+

A fun, highly illustrated non-fiction book which features all of the facts about animals that you didn't know that you needed to know! Also, it looks at the scientists who put in the work and investigations to find out these bizarre facts.



Rise of the Zombie Pigs

Emily-Jane Clark

Scholastic 8+

The 2nd book in the 'Beasts of Knobbly Bottom' series. Somehow the first book passed me by, but this is a fantastically funny book that's impossible not to love. When food starts going missing and bite marks start appearing, Maggie gets the blame... So with the help of Fred, they decide to investigate, but have they bitten off more than they can chew?

Please

Simon Philip & Nathan Reed

Bloomsbury 4+

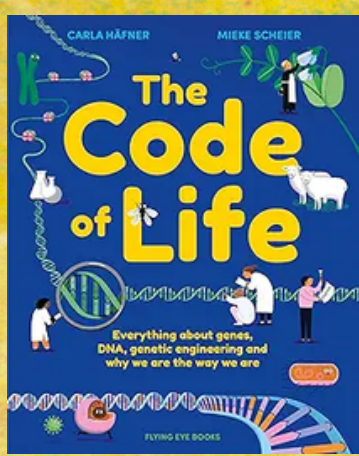
A riotous tale about the importance of 'please'. When Bill forgets to use the magic word, things take a surreal turn... A fun way to introduce and discuss manners with younger children that will have everybody giggling and trying to guess what will happen to poor Bill next.



One To Wait for...

Black Hole Cinema Club - Christopher Edge
Nosy Crow - March 23

Christopher Edge has written some truly spectacular sci-fi novels, so we're always excited to see what he has in store for us next. Just from the cover alone I can tell that it'll be great!



The Code of Life

Carla Hafner & Mieke Scheier

Flying Eye Books 10+

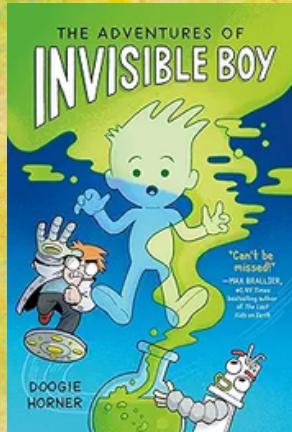
I'm constantly in awe of the non-fiction authors that manage to make some of the most complex topics accessible to children. The Code of Life is everything that they could possibly need to know about DNA and Genes. I'll be honest, even adults will find it fascinating and be thankful for the simpler explanations. Eye opening!

Marvin and the Book of Magic

Jenny Pearson & Aleksei Bitskoff

Barrington Stoke 8+

Barrington Stoke aim to make every child a reader by making more accessible books for those that may struggle. They've teamed up with the wonderful Jenny Pearson to publish the amazingly funny 'Marvin'. After being humiliated by a squirrel on national telly, Marvin vows to never to do magic again... But can his friend and a magic book convince him to step back on stage?



The Adventures of Invisible Boy

Doogie Horner

Scholastic 8+

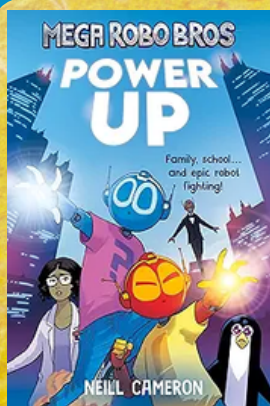
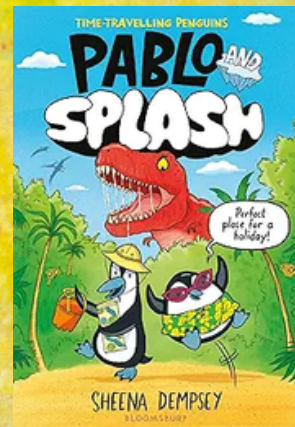
We're being spoilt with the variety of great graphic novels being released this month! It is Stanley's first day at school and he wishes that he was invisible... but he's not ready for it to ACTUALLY happen! When a potion is spilt on him, he turns invisible... The only problem is, he's not the only one! Luckily Stanley decides to use his new power for good!

Pablo and Splash

Sheena Dempsey

Bloomsbury 8+

Time travelling penguins... That's all you need to know. I'm not sure why I'm even bothering to tell you any more about this graphic novel as those three words should convince you to buy it! Pablo and Splash are chalk and cheese, but the best of friends. When they end up going on a time travelling holiday and end up in the age of the dinosaurs... Will they survive their break? Can they make it home in one piece?

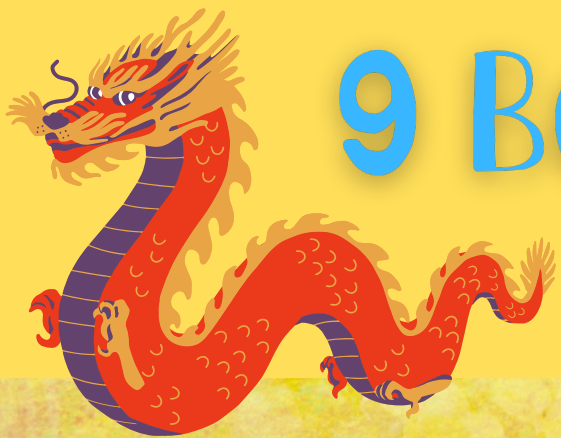


One You Might Have Missed

Power Up - Neill Cameron

David Fickling - 8+

This has come back into my mind as my son has decided that he wants to dress up as 'Freddie' from the book for World Book Day. A brilliant graphic novel series featuring two robotic brothers who must juggle saving the world and going to school... The 7th in the series is coming later this year!



9 Books featuring Dragons...

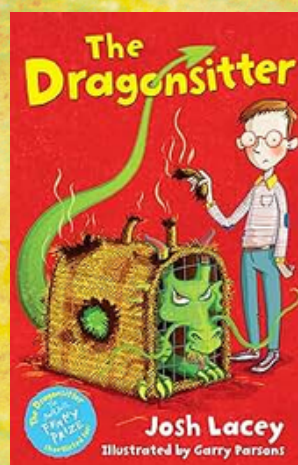
2024 is the Year of the Dragon according to the Chinese zodiac. So here are our favourite books with dragons in them.



1. Dragon Force
Katie & Kevin Tsang



2. The Dragonsitter
Josh Lacey & Garry Parsons



3. Luna and the Sky Dragon
Bethan Woolvin



4. City of Dragons
Margery Williams



5. Darwin's Dragons
Lindsay Galvin



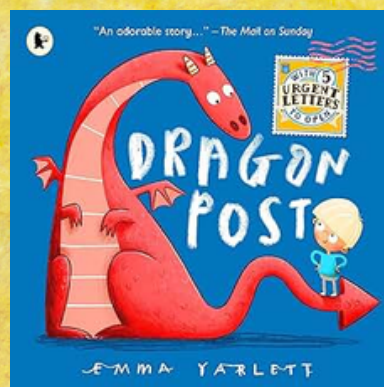
6. Franklin's Flying Bookshop
Jen Campbell & Katie Harnett



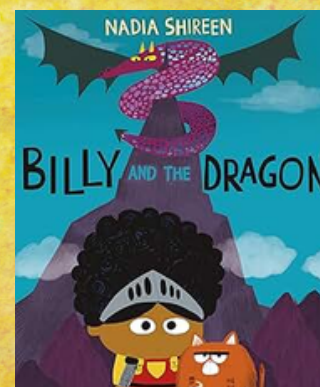
7. There Is No Dragon In This Story
Lou Carter & Deborah Allwright



8. Dragon Post
Emma Yarlett



9. Billy and the Dragon
Nadia Shireen



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