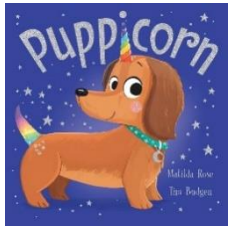


### New releases!

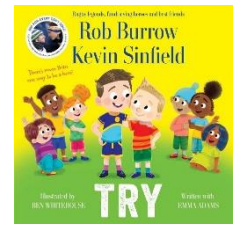


***Puppicorn - The Magic Pet Shop* Matilda Rose (author), Tim Budgen (illustrator)**

Meet Puppicorn, a magical, mini sausage dog who is sleeping soundly at Mrs Paws' Pet Shop while she waits for her new owner . . . Prince Theo! The sun has set in Twinkleton-Under-Beanstalk, and it's time for all the princes and princesses to attend the Starry Night Sleepover! But it's Prince Theo's first ever sleepover and he's not sure what to bring: Some snacks? Three pairs of shoes? A cactus?! From the creators of Pugicorn comes a sparkling tale about sharing and soothing first-sleepover worries that's paw-fect for reading at bedtime! Suitable for pre-school children.

***Try* Rob Burrow, Kevin Sinfield, Emma Adams (authors), Ben Whitehouse (illustrator)**

Try is an irresistibly big-hearted picture book about a friendship between two young boys, inspired by the real-life affection between rugby legends, fundraising heroes and best friends Rob Burrow and Kevin Sinfield – written with Emma Adams and illustrated by Ben Whitehouse. Celebrating affectionate and caring friendships and brought to life with gorgeous illustrations, Try shows young readers, especially young boys, the power of friendships based in love, trust and vulnerability – and that there are many ways to be strong. Suitable for children in Reception to Year 2.

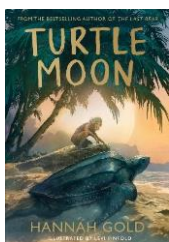


***Ten Minutes to Bed: Happy Halloween!* Rhiannon Fielding (author), Chris Chatterton (illustrator)**

Sleep tight this Halloween with a new fang-tastic lift-the-flap adventure in the no.1 bestselling Ten Minutes to Bed series! Twinkle the Little Unicorn is excited to celebrate Halloween, but where are all her friends? Help Twinkle find all her friends this spooky season lifting the flaps to reveal your favourite Land of Nod characters with some fa-boo-lous surprises! With sturdy flaps, and gradually setting skies, this novelty board book will help to soothe your little readers so that they're ready for sleep. Perfect for pre-school and reception children who like Halloween.

***Dreamweavers: Chaos of the Fun Fiend* Annabelle Sami (author), Forrest Burdett (illustrator)**

Best friends Tito and Neena are used to exploring magic worlds and to dealing with magical creatures. They're Dreamweavers, able to create their own amazing adventures and share them. The two are looking forward to a visit to Tito's fun-loving grandparents but when they arrive, something strange has happened. It's as though all the fun has been sucked out of the seaside town. Someone is up to no good and it's likely to be the Bhoot, Neena's former teacher, now the children's arch enemy, progressing plans to rule both human and jinn spirit world. Can Neena and Tito prevent this? A fantastical adventure full of twists and turns, suitable for children in Years 3 and 4.

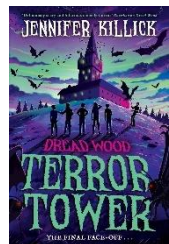


***Turtle Moon* Hannah Gold (author), Levi Pinfold (illustrator)**

Journey to the heart of the jungle in this unforgettable adventure from the author of bestselling and prize-winning *The Last Bear*; perfect for readers in Years 5 and 6. Silver's parents aren't happy. They haven't been happy since the nursery they decorated started gathering cobwebs, waiting for the baby brother or sister that never came. So when Silver's dad is invited to paint at a turtle rescue centre in Costa Rica, she hopes it'll be just the adventure the family needs. Under the tropical sun, Silver settles into life at the animal centre. She even witnesses a rare sighting of a leatherback turtle nesting on the beach. But when the turtle's eggs are stolen, events take a dark and dangerous turn. Can Silver and her new friends track them down before it's too late? A thrilling and moving story.

***Terror Tower* Jennifer Killick (author)**

A spooky book to end our recommendations this month, perfect for children in Years 5 and 6 who are fans of R.L.Stine's *Goosebumps* or *Stranger Things*. Angelo and his friends have faced some truly fearsome foes, from mind-controlling parasites to deadly monsters of the deep and giant spiders to vampire birds ... but their adventures aren't over yet! Dread Wood High is suffering from an infestation of caterpillars. But these are no ordinary caterpillars. These creepy creatures grow into giant, mutant, killer moths with a taste for blood! They'll stop at nothing until everything - and everyone - is destroyed. It's Club Loser's toughest battle to date. It's all to play for ... and everything is at stake. Part of a series but can be enjoyed on its own.





**Local authors!** **Recommend a book!**

**Lee Child**  
 Lee Child is a British author renowned for his thriller novels. Born in Coventry in 1954, he grew up in Birmingham, a city he fondly recalls for its vibrant culture and industrial heritage! After a successful career in television production, Child turned to writing and created the iconic character **Jack Reacher**. The Jack Reacher series has become a global phenomenon, with over 100 million copies sold and numerous adaptations. Child now resides in New York and continues to captivate readers with his gripping storytelling!



Have you or your child read a book which you'd like to recommend!? Scan the QR code (or click the link below) and your book recommendation may appear next month in the Reading Newsletter!

Children's book recommendation	Grown-up book recommendation
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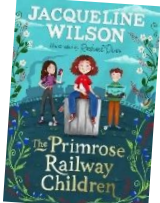
**An author you might not know....**

**Katie and Kevin Tsang**  
 Katherine Webber wrote several popular young adult novels under her maiden name. She then met Kevin Tsang – who was born in Copenhagen but grew up in USA – in 2008 whilst studying at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Together they have penned a number of bestselling children's series, from the **Sam Wu** books – which drew on elements of Kevin's childhood – to **Space Blasters** and, most famously, the **Dragon Realm** saga. In 2023, the duo published **Infinity's Secret**, the first instalment of a spin-off series from Dragon Realm.



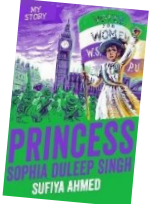
**Book Brag!**

**Primrose Railway Children** by Jacqueline Wilson  
*"Over the summer, I read the Primrose Railway Children by Jacqueline Wilson, and I really enjoyed it. In this story, the main character is called Phoebe, and she has two siblings, Becks (short for Rebecca) and Perry. Out of everything, my favorite part is when Phoebe and her family discover the Primrose Railway and meet Mr. Thomas Brown. This story is full of surprises and has many plot twists so I definitely recommend reading this book; it's suitable for children in Years 5 and 6 who enjoy the adventure genre!"*  
 (Robyn, Year 6 student)



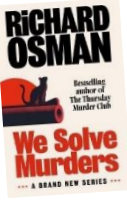
**Book recommendation (for Children)**

**Princess Sophia Duleep Singh - My Story** by Sophia Ahmed  
 My Story: Princess Sophia Duleep Singh – the thrilling story of the princess and suffragette. Born in Britain to Indian and Egyptian parents, Princess Sophia Duleep Singh was a prominent suffragette and campaigned for the women's right to vote. Explore Sophia's incredible life with My Story, perfect for any child wanting to learn more about history's untold stories and suitable for children in Years 5 and 6. This book was recommended by **Onjali Q Rauf** in person when she visited a local school in Dudley last month!




**Book recommendation (for Parents/Carers)**

**We Solve Murders** by Richard Osman  
 From the author of the mega-selling phenomenon that is The Thursday Murder Club comes the first in a pulsating series of thrillers featuring retired copper Steve Wheeler and his impulsive daughter-in-law Amy.  
*"Another enjoyable murder! Amy and her father-in-law Steve make an unlikely but likeable duo. I enjoyed Richard Osman's wit but did miss the camaraderie from The Thursday Murder Club team. However, I am looking forward to reading Steve and Amy's next adventure, hopefully with a few less characters!"* (Mrs. Roper, Year 4 teacher)



**500 Words competition!**

 The UK's most successful writing competition for children, BBC 500 Words is now open again! The competition, which is supported by BBC Teach, encourages children of all abilities to dive deep into their imagination and write the story they would love to read in 500 words or less, without fear of spelling, grammar or punctuation errors. Open to ages 5-7 years and 8-11 years, the competition is being launched by Children's Laureate and 500 Words judge Frank Cottrell-Boyce. 50 finalists, along with their parents or carers will be invited to a star-studded final in February 2025 at Buckingham Palace where the top six stories (bronze, silver and gold in each category) are be read out by celebrities!

If you would like to enter the 500 words competition, scan the QR code below or click the link to find out more information.

  
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