

### New releases!

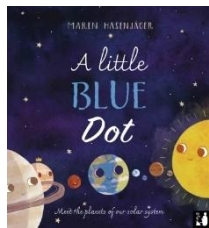


#### ***Bothered by Bugs* Emily Gravett (author / illustrator)**

A lovely picture book story in which Pete the Badger, star of Emily Gravett's award-winning books *Tidy and Too Much Stuff*, learns valuable lessons about the importance of all creatures, big and small, in maintaining the harmony of nature. Award-winning author and illustrator Emily Gravett's delightful rhyming story is a colourful celebration of nature and promises fun, laughter and learning! The perfect book to read aloud; suitable for children in reception and nursery.

#### ***Tiger, It's Snowing!* Daishu Ma (author / illustrator)**

Join Mei and Tiger in a heart-warming story of friendship and new experiences. Mei's excitable friend Tiger wants to play in the snow, but Mei isn't quite so sure. It's cold and it's wet! But Mei soon changes her mind when she tastes delicate snowflakes for the first time, makes fresh footprints in the pristine snow and has a fun snowball fight with Tiger! A great book for reception and nursery children which is full of vivid experiences and an overwhelming sense of comfort and security in the final pages. The textured illustrations perfectly create the snowy outdoors and the warm indoors. A great book as winter is on its way!

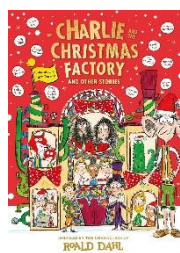
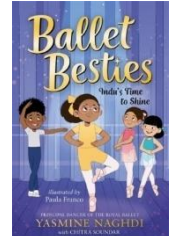


#### ***A Little Blue Dot* Maren Hasenjäger (author / illustrator)**

The little blue dot of the title of this engaging information story book is, of course, Earth, here feeling somewhat over-shadowed by her bigger neighbours in the solar system. What follows is an introduction to each planet with descriptions of their characteristics, atmosphere and surfaces. Earth thinks they're all more exciting, more special than she is, but as the book moves on children will find out that Earth is very special as well, and exactly right for the child and her friends! It's a fun story and the approach delivers lot of information about the planets in a way that is easy to understand and very memorable. Suitable for children in nursery to Year 2.

#### ***Ballet Besties: Indu's Time to Shine* Yasmine Naghdi, Chitra Soundar (authors), Paula Franco (illustrator)**

Indu loves her ballet lessons at the Shine and Shimmer dance school, but she's starting to feel different to her ballet besties. Unlike her friends she doesn't want a career as a ballerina and she doesn't enjoy being the centre of attention, she just wants to enjoy dancing as a fun hobby. When her dance teacher announces they are going to perform *Cinderella*, Indu is not sure if she is up to the challenge. Can she conquer her worries? As with the first book in the series, the heart of the story lies in the lively, believable characters. Great for ballet fans, and suitable for children in Years 3 and 4.



#### ***Charlie and the Christmas Factory* Rikin Parekh (illustrator)**

Why is Matilda worried about being on the naughty list? What happens when years after the creation of his original marvellous medicine George's granddaughter Gigi decides to make her own potion? And how does Charlie plan to celebrate Christmas at the chocolate factory? A magical and hilarious short-story collection illustrated throughout by Klaus Flugge Prize-longlisted artist Rikin Parekh, from 13 bestselling, much-loved storytellers. It features brand-new short stories based on their author's favourite Roald Dahl characters. It's suitable for children in Years 3 and up who celebrate Christmas.

#### ***Jed Greenleaf* Kieran Larwood (author), David Wyatt (illustrator)**

Albion city is governed by a puppet queen, secretly controlled by Oliver Cromwell, and strange magic is afoot as six Guilds all compete to rule it. Although the Leaf Guild is the weakest, no one has reckoned with newcomer Jed Greenleaf's extraordinary ability to transform into a half-tree, covered over with bark he just needs to learn how to harness that power. Could he be the hero that the Guild needs to win at the Punchbowl tournament? It just might be that this year Jed can turn over a new leaf in the history books, and bring glory to the decaying Guild and peace to Albion. As fresh as the brightest green shoots and as sturdy as the oldest oak, this is a super piece of storytelling suitable for confident readers in Years 5 and 6.



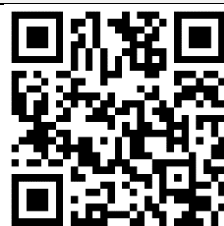

**Local authors!**

**J.R.R. Tolkien**  
 J.R.R. Tolkien was a legendary British author and academic, best known for his high-fantasy works. Born in South Africa in 1892, he moved to Birmingham as a child! The city's rich history and landscapes inspired his epic novels, "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings". These works have captivated millions and been adapted into successful films. Tolkien's legacy continues to enchant new generations with his intricate world-building and timeless tales of adventure!



**Recommend a book!**

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
	
<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/kZpaZyJ3Sw">https://forms.office.com/e/kZpaZyJ3Sw</a>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/vwCuUUfd1">https://forms.office.com/e/vwCuUUfd1</a>

**An author you might not know....**

**Louie Stowell**  
 Born in London, Stowell grew up on a cultural diet of Doctor Who and Lord of the Rings! Her debut children's novel, the hilarious The Dragon in the Library, was published in 2019 and was followed by The Monster in the Lake in 2020. In 2022 Stowell embarked on the first book in the **Loki** series, Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good, which focused on the Norse trickster god's attempts to escape his current form as a human schoolboy by proving his altruism. Brilliantly funny and boasting Stowell's distinctive cartoons, the book became a bestseller! Suitable for children in Year 3/4 and up.



**Book Brag!**

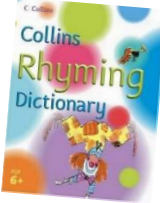
**Football School: Season One** by Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton

This book is packed with awesome true stories, real science and fascinating facts about football and will make you laugh loads. When do footballers poo? Can you play football on Mars? What is a magic sponge? You will find the answers to these questions and more in Football School! Illustrated throughout with hilarious cartoons and filled with laugh-out-loud gags this is the perfect book for any boy or girl who loves football. "First of all, Football School is a very good book that tells you lots about football, but it's also really interesting how they go back in time to tell you how football used to be! It told me about footballers I didn't know about like Pele!" (Hugo, Year 5)




**Staff recommendation (for Children)**

**Collins Rhyming Dictionary**  
 A lively reference tool for children aged 6+, packed with rhymes for over 190 key sounds and spelling patterns, as well as lots of ideas for writing your own amazing rhymes. A must for any budding writer! Contains heaps of fun rhymes, puns and word play to make you giggle and gasp and has ideas for games and activities. It also has top tips on creating great rhymes from award-winning children's poet, Brian Moses.  
*Recommended by Ankita Makhijani (parent)*




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

**Poor** by Katriona O'Sullivan  
 Harrowing, heartbreaking and yet ultimately truly inspirational, O'Sullivan's unflinching memoir of her many challenges growing up and how she managed to turn her life around is a powerful warning not to write off the dispossessed and disadvantaged.  
*"What a life, what a journey, what a woman. Proof that how you are treated by others impacts your life and that everyone should be treated with success. If you only read one book this year, make it this one."* (Mrs. Saunders, Year 4 teacher)



**Win a scary set of adventure books with Dread Wood!**

This spooky series follows the adventures of the students of Dread Wood High. Classmates Hallie, Angelo, Naira and Gustav start to notice things are a bit amiss when they are made to come into school on a Saturday. Over the series they undercover wide-ranging mysteries, including what the creepy singing caretaker is up to and what dragged their teacher underground... BookTrust are giving away all six books in the *Dread Wood* series to three lucky winners who fill out the form [here](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/competitions/win-this-scary-set-of-adventure-books-with-dread-wood/) by **11pm on Monday 18 November 2024**. Good luck!



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/competitions/win-this-scary-set-of-adventure-books-with-dread-wood/>