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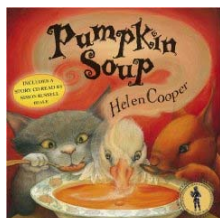
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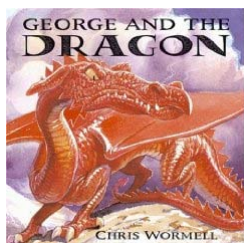
Book Pack 1 **3+ years** **£42.63** **(RRP £60.90)**

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper
Corgi, £6.99 (paperback plus CD)



This book is a visual treat for younger readers and the story itself is a delight, too. Three friends – Squirrel, Cat and Duck – each has a role to play in making pumpkin soup but this is thrown into disarray when Duck decides to do the stirring. A story about friendship and compromise with an entirely satisfying conclusion.

George and the Dragon by Christopher Wormell
Red Fox £5.99 (paperback)



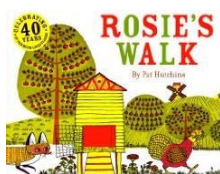
Far away in the high mountains lived a mighty dragon However, the dragon has a weakness, he is afraid of mice, and when a mouse called George drops in to pay a friendly visit, the dragon flees. The story is perfect for reading aloud. Children can also pick up the story of the rescued princess, which is not mentioned in the text.

Mister Magnolia by Quentin Blake
Random House Children's Books, £5.99 (paperback)



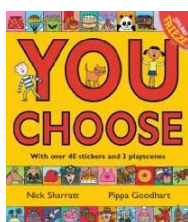
'Mister Magnolia has only one boot. He has an old trumpet that goes rooty-toot - and two lovely sisters who play on the flute - but Mister Magnolia has only one boot.' Mr Magnolia has a happy life, apart from his missing boot which this story sets out to resolve.

Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
Red Fox, £5.99 (paperback)



A timeless classic, Rosie's walk tells the simple story about the little hen who takes a walk around the farm and back again, pursued by the hungry but clumsy fox. The short, simple text tells one story, the images another, as Rosie remains happily unaware of the danger she is in.

You Choose by Nick Sharratt, Pippa Goodhart
Corgi £5.99 (paperback)



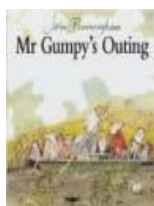
In this book, children are encouraged to choose where they would like to live, who their friends would be, what games they would play and how they would travel etc. Simple text and bright illustrations keep the package simple as children develop their own story-telling skills and vocabulary.

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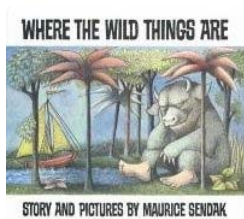
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Mr Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham Red Fox, £5.99 (paperback)



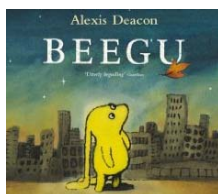
One day, Mr Gumpy decides to take a trip along the river in his boat but the children, the rabbit, the cat, the pig and a whole host of friends decide to join him. Everyone's having a lovely time until the animals start kicking and bleating and the boat starts to rock.

Where the Wild things are by Maurice Sendak Red Fox, £5.99 (paperback)



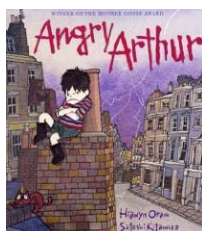
An acknowledged classic, Sendak's story follows angry Max, who misbehaves and is sent to his room with no supper. There, a forest grows and Max finds a boat and sails to a strange place 'where the wild things are'. The creatures are both funny and scary and Max has a 'rumpus' with them before returning home – where, he realises, he really wants to be.

Beegu by Alexis Deacon Red Fox, £5.99 (paperback)



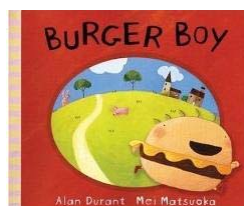
A moving story about Beegu, a young alien who is stranded on Earth. Overlooked and ignored by the adults, he is befriended by children who help him on his way. The illustrations are stunning and provide a young child's view of the world as hostile and crowded, although the story is ultimately hopeful.

Angry Arthur by Hiawyn Oram and Satoshi Kitamura Andersen Press £5.99 (paperback)



Arthur finds it hard to control his anger when his mum won't let him watch TV. His anger grows and grows to the point where it is so great that he destroys the universe – and then decides it is lonely being on his own. The story captures the strong emotional outbursts of childhood perfectly.

Burger Boy by Alan Durant and Mei Matsuoka Andersen Press £5.99 (paperback)



A familiar folktale, The Gingerbread Man, is given a modern twist in this contemporary story about a boy who hates vegetables and loves burgers, which is all he will eat. Eventually, as his mum has warned, he turns into a burger and is chased by dogs, cows and hungry boys who want to eat him.

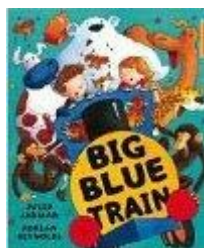
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Big Blue Train by Julia Jarman, Adrian Reynolds
Orchard, £5.99 (paperback)



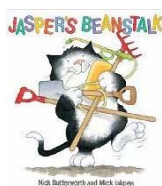
All aboard! It's time to ride Chuffa Luffa, the big blue train. Everyone is invited to Puppy Dog's party and the best way to get there is by train. The journey takes the characters to many different places, from the North Pole to the depths of the jungle and a hot desert. One by one the animals take their seats on the big blue train, but will there be room on the train for them all?

Can You See a Little Bear? by James Mayhew and Jackie Morris
Frances Lincoln, £6.99 (paperback)



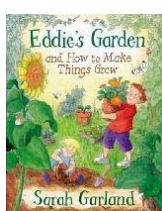
Young children are invited to explore this look-and-find book and find the missing cub. The verse introduces concepts of opposites and colours and gives simple clues to find Little Bear in the circus settings that gradually give way to tea, bath and bedtime.

Jasper's Beanstalk by Mick Inkpen
Hodder Children's Books, £5.99 (paperback)



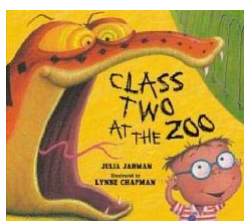
Jasper is determined to grow a beanstalk and tends to the bean he has planted during the course of a week. Finally, tired of waiting for it to grow, he digs it up and throws it away. Readers will probably guess what happens at the end. There is also a nice link with Jack and the Beanstalk at the end of the story.

Eddie's Garden and How to Make Things Grow by Sarah Garland
Frances Lincoln, £6.99 (paperback)



Eddie wants to plant a garden and this story tells how he goes about it, with the help of his mother. Earth, rain, sun and all sorts of creatures help to make the beans and sunflowers grow. There are tips at the back for starting an outdoor and indoor garden.

Class Two at the Zoo by Julia Jarman and Lynne Chapman
Hodder Children's Books, £5.99 (paperback)



Class Two are warned to behave during their trip to the zoo but, in the best tradition of Hilaire Belloc, of course they don't and one by one, they get eaten by the anaconda which is following along behind them. This is a fun story to read aloud with great rhymes and rhythms (and a happy ending) and will encourage children to think about how much of the story is told through images or the text.

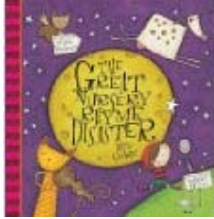
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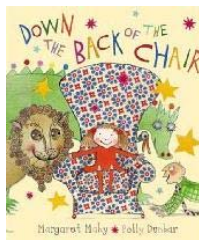
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The Great Nursery Rhyme Disaster by David Conway, Melanie Williamson
Hodder Children's Books, £5.99 (paperback)



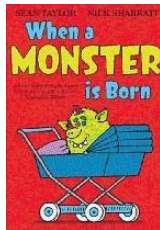
Little Miss Muffet has had enough of the scary spider and sets off to find another nursery rhyme to inhabit and chaos ensues – Incy Wincy Spider finds himself making tarts, Mary is followed by Three Blind Mice, and Old Mother Hubbard falls off Humpty's wall.... Can Little Miss Muffet put it right?

Down the Back of the Chair by Margaret Mahy, Polly Dunbar
Frances Lincoln, £6.99 (paperback)



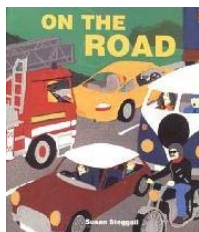
When Dad loses his car keys, Mary suspects that they have fallen down the back of the chair so they start to search and find a strange assortment of objects featuring dragons, pirates and treasure. The simple but exuberant story is told through rhyme and is an ideal read-aloud.

When a Monster is Born by Sean Taylor, Nick Sharratt
Orchard £5.99 (paperback)



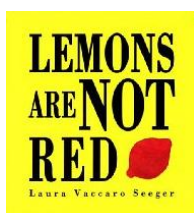
This quirky story plays with the idea of a traditional fairytale monster that lives in the faraway forests. This monster, however, chooses a different way of life and so begins a series of choices that takes him away from the fairytale setting, into the modern world, and back again into the forests.

On the Road by Susan Steggall
Frances Lincoln, £5.99 (paperback)



A family has piled into a mini and is travelling to the seaside. On the way they see fire engines, roadworks and cyclists and journey past the garage, over the bridge and around the corner until they finally reach their destination. Collage-style images and minimal text offer plenty of opportunities for discussion about the journeys children have made with their families.

Lemons Are Not Red by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Frances Lincoln, £6.99 (paperback)



This playful non-narrative book is designed with a variety of cut-outs throughout to play with the idea of colour. A lemon will appear red on one page but, when the page is turned over, the child discovers it is yellow and on the opposite page is a red apple. This simple pattern is repeated so that a carrot appears to be purple, a flamingo looks grey, and so on.

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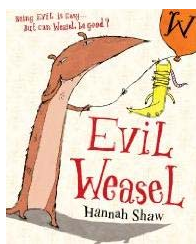
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Evil Weasel by Hannah Shaw

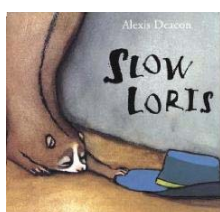
Red Fox £5.99 (paperback)



Evil Weasel's greed comes before his friends – until he is shown the error of his ways... The story is told as much through the images as through the text and uses a variety of techniques including perspective, 'flashbacks' and sepia tones to tell the story. (See Create a Picture Book Competition website for more from author Hannah Shaw)

Slow Loris by Alexis Deacon

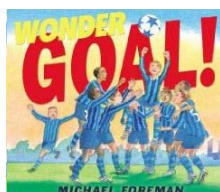
Red Fox, £5.99 (paperback)



Slow Loris is very slooooooow..... Visitors to the zoo hardly see Loris move at all during the day, but when the lights go out, Loris and his mates at the zoo come to life in a way that will surprise and delight. A witty look at an animal's secret life that could encourage children to think about other zoo animals' secret lives.

Wonder Goal! By Michael Foreman

Andersen Press, £5.99 (paperback)



With the World Cup just around the corner, many young minds are going to be focused on football. This picture book captures the excitement of one moment in a game – the perfect goal – and sets the story of a boy's hopes and dreams around it.

Would You Rather? By John Burningham

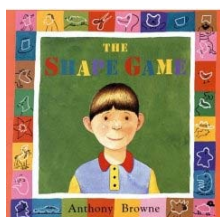
Red Fox, £5.99 (paperback)



Would you rather eat spider stew, slug dumplings or mashed worms? Would you rather be lost at sea, in a desert, in a forest or in a crowd? Encourage debate and imaginative story-telling among children with this playful story from Burningham.

The Shape Game by Anthony Browne

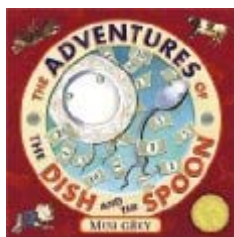
Corgi £5.99



When he became Children's Laureate, Anthony Browne said he wanted everyone to play the 'shape game', which he explains in this book. A family reluctantly visits an art gallery and one by one, is energised by a different picture in the art gallery. You might find the 'shape game' inspires your own students to start drawing again.

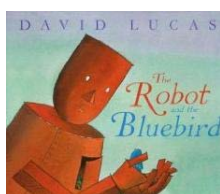
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The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon by Mini Grey
Random House Children's Books, £5.99 (paperback)



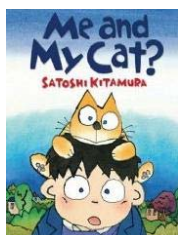
Grey has taken one line from the nursery rhyme Hey Diddle Diddle and created a new narrative around two characters: the dish and the spoon. This anthropomorphic tale of their adventures is an action-packed drama, crammed with incident and excitement. The narrative lies in both the text and the images and many of the visual clues have cinematic references

The Robot and the Bluebird by David Lucas
Andersen Press £5.99 (paperback)



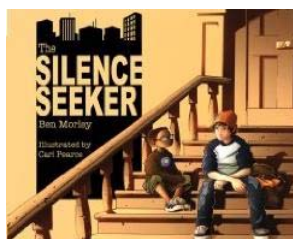
In a story that echoes Oscar Wilde's *The Little Princess*, a lonely robot, left on the scrapheap, makes friends with an exhausted Bluebird. The Bluebird takes shelter where the Robot's heart used to be and its song warms the robot's heart, enabling it to make the journey with the bird to warmer climes.

Me and My Cat? By Satoshi Kitamura
Andersen Press, £5.99 (paperback)



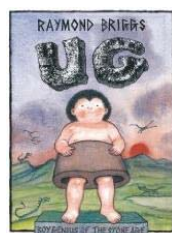
There are echoes of Anne Fine's short novel, *Bill's New Frock*, in this story. In Fine's book Bill wakes up to find he is a girl; in *Me and My Cat*, Nicholas wakes to find he has swapped places with his cat, Leonardo, after an inept witch's spell. Kitamura depicts the day's events for both protagonists with witty illustrations, particularly of Leonard-cum-Nicholas as the boy adopts cat-like features.

The Silence Seeker by Ben Morley
Tamarind Books £5.99



When a new family moves in next door, Joe's mum explains that they are asylum seekers. Joe hears that they are 'silence seekers', especially as Mum adds that they need peace and quiet. When he sees a young boy from the family sitting disconsolately on the steps, Joe decides to help him find a quiet place in the noisy and chaotic city.

Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age by Raymond Briggs
Random House Children's Books, £5.99 (paperback)



Briggs, author of *The Snowman*, uses his trademark graphic novel format to explore the Stone Age and one boy's search for soft trousers. In the Stone Age, everything is made of stone, including trousers, beds and blankets. Ug has a different vision but is ahead of his time. (Age 7+)

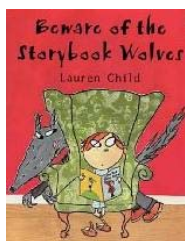
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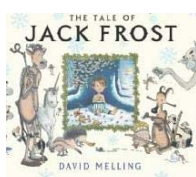
(RRP £65.90)

Beware of the Storybook Wolves by Lauren Child
Hodder Children's Books £5.99 (paperback)



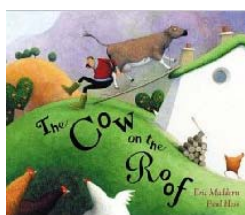
Herb's mother reads a story to him every night, but one night forgets to take away the book and the wolf jumps out of the page to get him. Helped by other storybook characters, the ending is a happy one, just. This story can be read at different levels by children at different ages.

Jack Frost by David Melling
Hodder Children's Books, £5.99 (paperback)



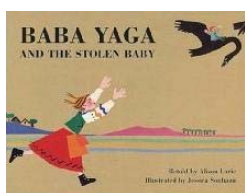
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The Cow on the Roof by Eric Maddern, Paul Hess
Frances Lincoln £6.99 (paperback)



This story mimics a traditional folktale when a husband and wife swap routines for the day; she goes into the fields, he stays at home to clean the house. So begins a series of classic, hapless accidents – the pig licks the cream, the cellar fills with ale and the husband falls into the porridge. There are also stories within the illustrations.

Baba Yaga and the Stolen Baby by Alison Lurie, Jessica Souhami
Frances Lincoln £6.99 (paperback)



The story is a retelling of a lively Russian folktale, in which Elena's baby brother is stolen by the black geese and taken to Baba Yaga. She sets off to rescue him and on the way, helps three animals who each give her an object that will help her.

The Snow Leopard by Jackie Morris
Frances Lincoln Books, £6.99 (paperback)



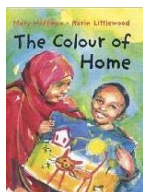
A beautifully-illustrated story with an environmental theme and a message of hope. A snow leopard has protected his valley with song from the beginning of time but is searching for a new singer to take on his song, just as soldiers arrive in his valley, looking for gold and slaves.

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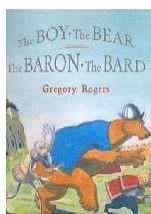
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The Colour of Home by Mary Hoffman, Karin Littlewood)
Frances Lincoln, £6.99 (paperback)



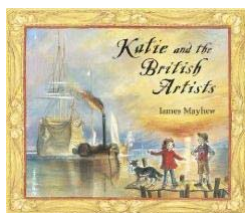
This is a thoughtful, warm and ultimately hopeful story about a refugee child who has escaped the violence of his home country for a new life in the West. Gradually, he is helped by his teachers and school friends to tell his story.

The Boy, the Bear, the Baron, the Bard by Gregory Rogers
Frances Lincoln, £6.99 (paperback)



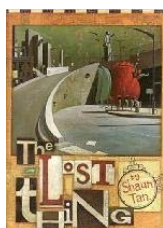
This is a wonderful, wordless graphic novel that follows what happens when a modern young boy is pitched onto the stage of The Globe in Shakespeare's time. A chase through Elizabethan London follows, packed with historical detail, although the main thread of the story is the friendship between the boy and the bear.

Katie and the British Artists by James Mayhew
Orchard, £5.99 (paperback)



When Katie walks into Constable's picture, the shepherd boy comes to life and they wander through different pictures in search of a new job for him. The pictures by artists including Turner, Constable and Stubbs provide a very special background to their adventures and provide an opportunity for cross-curricular work.

The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan
Orchard £5.99 (paperback)



A boy is scouting the beach for bottle tops when he comes across a strange creature who is lost, and tries to find out where it belongs. His efforts are greeted with indifference by strangers, friends, parents, and is a good starting point for discussions about how children feel they are perceived by adults.

Tail-End Charlie by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom
Frances Lincoln £6.99 (paperback)



As a boy, Mick Manning listened to his father's hair-raising tales about life as an RAF air-gunner during the Second World War. Now, years later, he has carefully recreated his father's stories, writing them down as if his dad was speaking the words.