



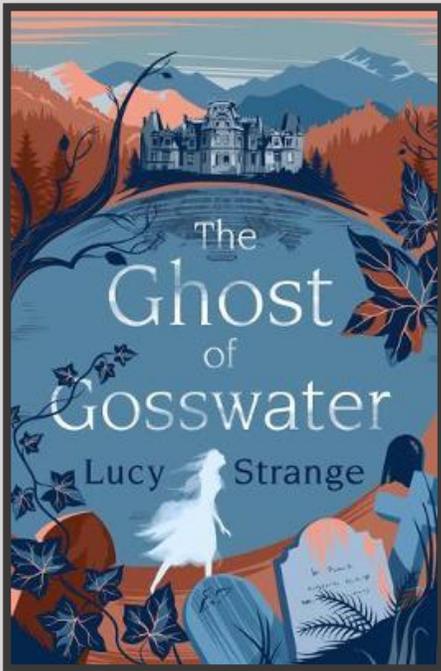
We wish you a very happy 'reading' summer 2021

We are delighted to offer each of you a book of your own to read during the summer holidays.

You will be able to choose one of the books on the following slides, which we hope you will enjoy.

There are a certain amount of each title so if you don't get your first choice, please don't worry as copies of all the titles will be available for you to borrow from the PLC in September.

Don't forget you can record this book on your Summer Reading Log and write a book review if you wish.



WINNER - THE DUDLEY CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD 2020.

At the end of the nineteenth century, a twelve-year-old girl is disinherited by her cousin.

The Lake District, 1899. The Earl of Gosswater has died, and twelve-year-old Lady Agatha has been cast out of her ancestral home - the only home she has ever known - by her cruel cousin, Clarence.

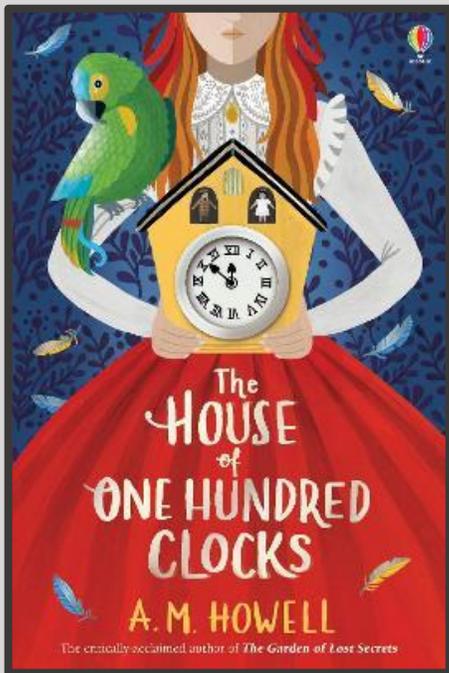
In a tiny tumbledown cottage, she struggles to adjust to her new life and the stranger who claims to be her real father.

And on the shores of Gosswater Lake, the spirit of another young girl will not rest.

Could the ghost of Gosswater hold the key to Aggie's true identity?

A thrilling and beautifully written gothic tale.

Genre: Ghost. Mystery. Historical fiction.



RUNNER UP - THE DUDLEY CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD 2020.

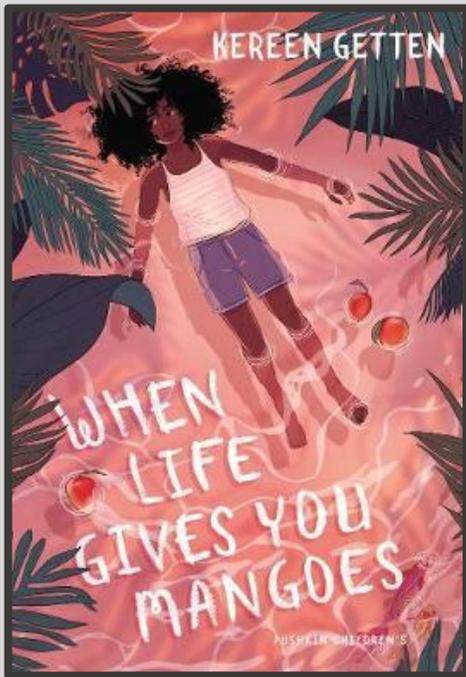
JUNE, 1905. Helena and her parrot, Orbit, are swept off to Cambridge when her father is appointed clock-winder to one of the wealthiest men in England. There is only one rule: the clocks must never stop. But Helena discovers the house of one hundred clocks holds many mysteries; a ghostly figure, strange notes and disappearing winding keys... Can she work out its secrets before time runs out?

"Atmospheric, full of period detail and most importantly thrilling" The I

"This is a touching story about courage and friendship" The Daily Telegraph

Genre: Adventure. Historical fiction. Mystery.

Keywords: Grief. Loss. Ghost.



Shortlisted - Branford Boase Award 2021 : Shortlisted - Jhalak Children's and YA Prize 2021

Nothing much happens in Sycamore, the small village where Clara lives - at least, that's how it looks.

She loves eating ripe mangoes fallen from trees, running outside in the rainy season and escaping to her secret hideout with her best friend Gaynah.

There's only one problem - she can't remember anything that happened last summer. When a quirky girl called Rudy arrives from England, everything starts to change.

Gaynah stops acting like a best friend, while Rudy and Clara roam across the island and uncover an old family secret.

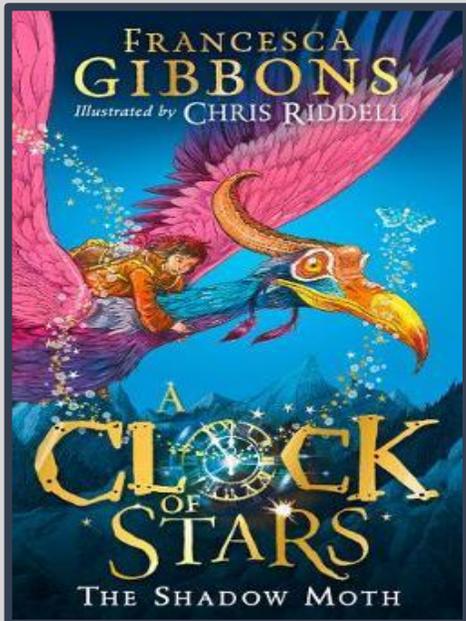
As the summer reaches its peak and the island storms begin, Clara's memory starts to return and she must finally face the truth of what happened last year.

'Gripping, joyous Jamaica-set mystery about friendship, community and recovery after storms'

Lovereading4Kids.

Genre: Family & home stores. Adventure.

Keywords: Friendship. Death. Hurricanes.



Waterstones Children's Book Prize Shortlist 2021

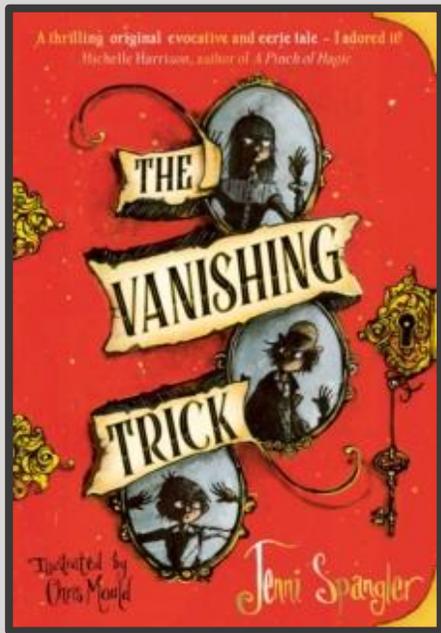
With all the magic of Narnia and the humour of Mary Poppins, this is a future middle grade fantasy classic - and the beginning of an unforgettable journey... Imogen should be nice to her little sister Marie.

She should be nice to her mum's boyfriend too. And she certainly shouldn't follow a strange silver moth through a door in a tree. But then... who does what they're told? Followed by Marie, Imogen finds herself falling into a magical kingdom where the two sisters are swept up in a thrilling race against time - helped by the spoiled prince of the kingdom, a dancing bear, a very grumpy hunter... and even the stars above them. Thrilling, sharply funny, and with characters you will fall in love with, A Clock of Stars is a timeless fantasy from an astonishing new voice.

'Bursting with magical ideas, this is a fabulous adventure story packed-full of invention and surprise'

Lovereading4Kids.

Genre: Fantasy & magical realism. Adventure.



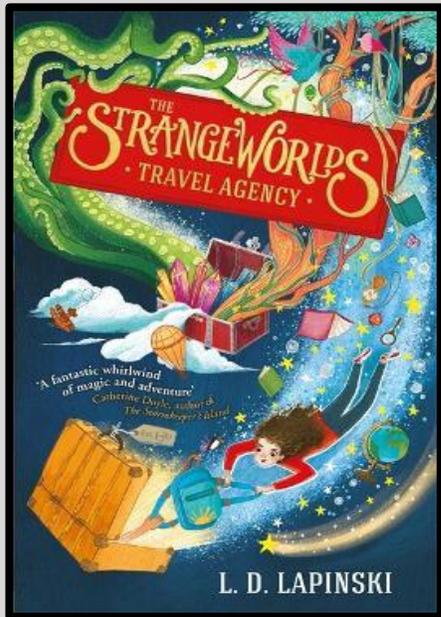
An edge-of-your seat plot.

Madame Augustina Pinchbeck, travels the country conjuring the spirits of dearly departed loved ones... for a price. Whilst her ability to contact ghosts is a game of smoke and mirrors, there is real magic behind her tricks too - if you know where to look. Through a magical trade, she persuades children to part with precious objects, promising to use her powers to help them. But Pinchbeck is a deceiver, instead turning their items into enchanted Cabinets that bind the children to her and into which she can vanish and summon them at will. When Pinchbeck captures orphan Leander, events are set into motion that see him and his new friends Charlotte and Felix, in a race against time to break Pinchbeck's spell, before one of them vanishes forever...

Step into a world of secrets, folklore and illusions, where nothing is as it seems and magic is at play...

Genre: Fantasy. Magical.

Keywords: Victorians. Witches. Ghosts. Magic. Folklore.



Shortlisted - Sainsbury's Children's Book Awards (Fiction) 2020: Longlisted - Branford Boase Award 2021

At the Strangeworlds Travel Agency, each suitcase transports you to a different world.

When 12-year-old Flick Hudson accidentally ends up in the Strangeworlds Travel Agency, she uncovers a fantastic secret: there are hundreds of other worlds just steps away from ours. All you have to do to visit them is jump into the right suitcase.

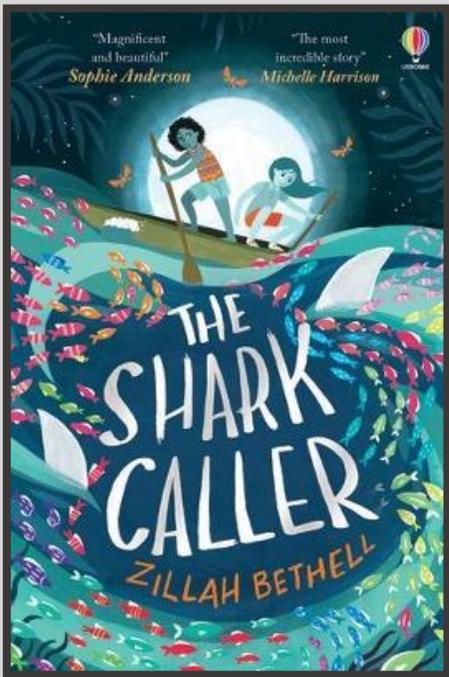
Then Flick gets the invitation of a lifetime: join Strangeworlds' magical travel society and explore other worlds. But, unknown to Flick, the world at the very centre of it all, a city called Five Lights, is in danger.

Buildings and even streets are mysteriously disappearing.

Once Flick realizes what's happening she must race against time, travelling through uncharted worlds, seeking a way to fix Five Lights before it collapses into nothingness - and takes our world with it.

'Bursting with magical ideas, this is a fabulous adventure story packed-full of invention and surprise'
LoveReading4Kids.

Genre: Fantasy. Magical. Adventure.



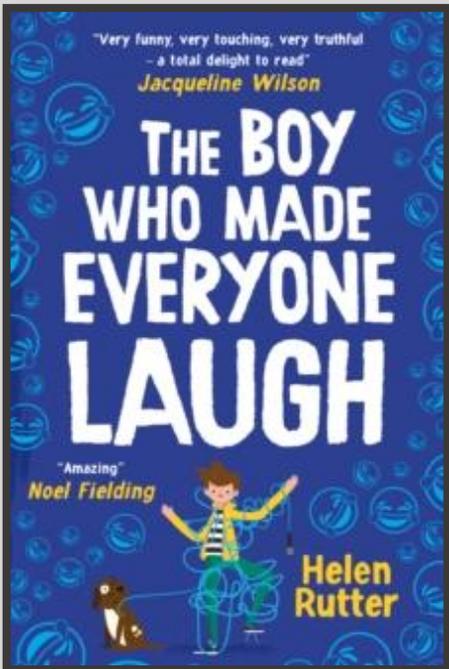
A SUNDAY TIMES CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE WEEK.

Vividly set in Papua New Guinea with its landscape of sea, sun and beach it gives a glimpse into a way of life dominated by the natural environment. Blue Wing lives in a hut on a sandy beach. She has little formal learning but she knows the ways of the sea and, because she lives with the local shark caller, the ways of the sharks which swim off shore in particular. When a plane arrives with visitors, an American academic purporting to investigate coral in the region and his daughter Maple, Blue Wing's life is turned upside down. Initially full of hostility towards each other, the two girls quickly discover that they are as alike inside as their lives are different outside. Forging a strong friendship they unravel the mystery of what Maple's father is really looking for and, in doing so, help Blue Wing uncover her own mystery.

This captivating, mysterious, touching and beautifully written story is a good choice for fans of Katherine Rundell and Eva Ibbotson and ideal for anybody wanting something a bit different.

Genre: Adventure. Ghost stories.

Keywords: Families. Death. Bereavement. Sharks.

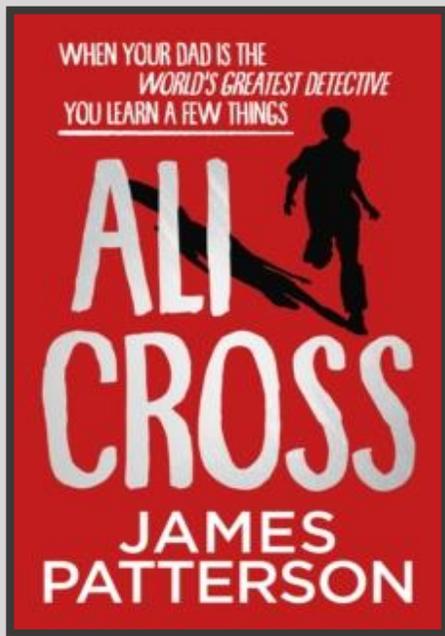


Both touching and funny this is a brilliant story about being brave, being different and learning that being you is what really matters. Billy likes nothing more than making and performing jokes and dreams that one day he will be a famous stand-up comedian. But Billy has a stammer and it can be hard for him even to get a joke out quickly enough. Just now, Billy has a problem which will strike a chord with many: he is about to start secondary school and knows that it will be all too easy for him to become a target for bullies. Especially because of his stammer. Billy thinks of all kinds of schemes to avoid speaking while also knowing that staying silent goes right against who he really is. How can Billy show his tremendous inner strength and especially his great sense of humour if he never dares to speak? Luckily Billy makes some good friends, meets a great teacher and, drawing on the support of his family and the work of his speech and language therapist, manages not only to survive but also to succeed! Review by Julia Eccleshare at [LoveReading4kids](http://LoveReading4kids.com).

"The character Billy will really come alive and you will want to become his friend. I couldn't put this book down!"

Genre: School and friendship stories. Humorous.

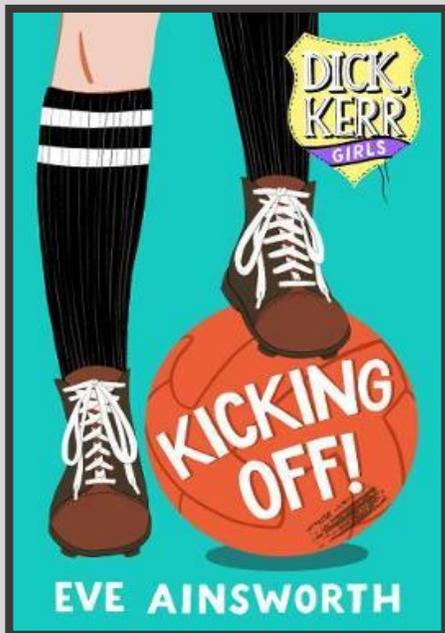
Keywords: Bullying. Disabilities.



Ali Cross has always looked up to his father, former detective and FBI agent Alex Cross. While solving some of the nation's most challenging crimes, his father always kept his head and did the right thing. Can Ali have the same strength and resolve? When Ali's best friend Abraham is reported missing, Ali is desperate to find him. At the same time, a string of burglaries targets his neighbourhood - and even his own house. With his father on trial for a crime he didn't commit, it's up to Ali to search for clues and find his friend. But being a kid sleuth isn't easy (especially when your father warns you not to get involved!), and Ali soon learns that clues aren't always what they seem. Will his detective work lead to a break in Abraham's case, or cause even more trouble for the Cross family?

This truly engaging mystery could be a great choice for Alex Rider fans.

Genre: Detective stories. Mystery. Crime. Adventure.



**Based on the thrilling true story of the Dick, Kerr Ladies team - football's forgotten legends.
The remarkable story of the Dick, Kerr Ladies.**

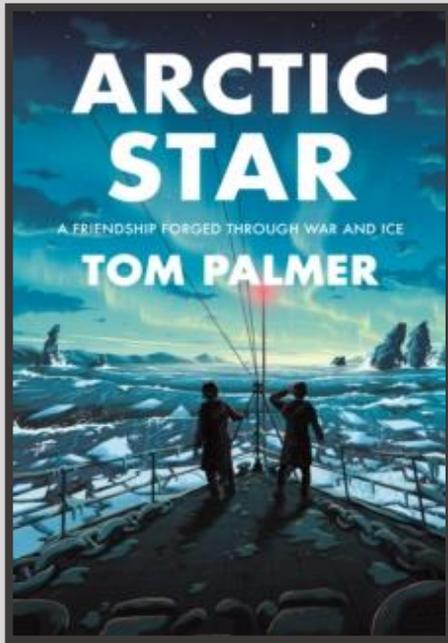
It's 1917, and Britain is at war.

Shy teenager Hettie wants to help the war effort, and signs up to work in the local Dick, Kerr & Co. munitions factory. She's nervous, but she has no idea quite how much her life is about to change ... For, inside this factory are young women who are about to make sporting history.

Can Hettie find the courage to join them, and in doing so, find her own place in the world?

A really great story with characters and setting that have depth. There is now a sequel (published in May 2021) - The Perfect Shot.

Genre: True stores. Football stories. Historical.



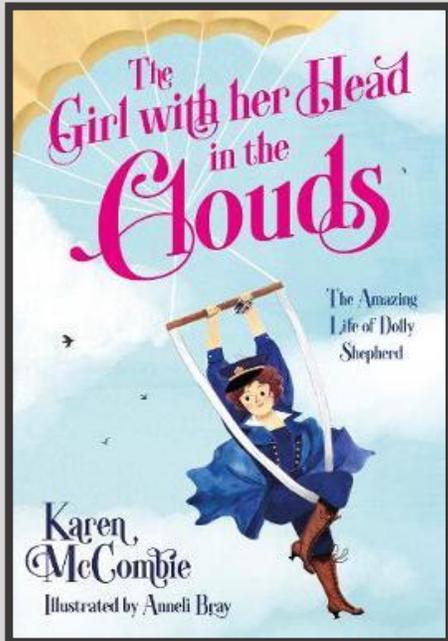
A story of the Arctic Convoys of the Second World War

Multi-award-winning author Tom Palmer returns with a thrilling naval adventure inspired by the incredible history of the Second World War Arctic convoys. Winter 1943. Teenagers Frank, Joseph and Stephen are Royal Navy recruits on their first mission at sea during the Second World War.

Their ship is part of an Arctic Convoy sailing to Russia to deliver supplies to the Soviets. The convoys have to navigate treacherous waters, sailing through a narrow channel between the Arctic ice pack and German bases on the Norwegian coast. Faced with terrifying enemy attacks from both air and sea, as well as life-threatening cold and storms, will all three boys make it home again?

This book is produced on heavier paper with a gentle tint to help reduce visual stresses, and in dyslexia-friendly font to make reading easier. It is a great book choice for dyslexic or reluctant readers or anybody wanting a shorter read.

Genre: Historical stories. Dyslexia-friendly.



A fictionalised version of the life of pioneering stunt woman Dolly Shepherd.

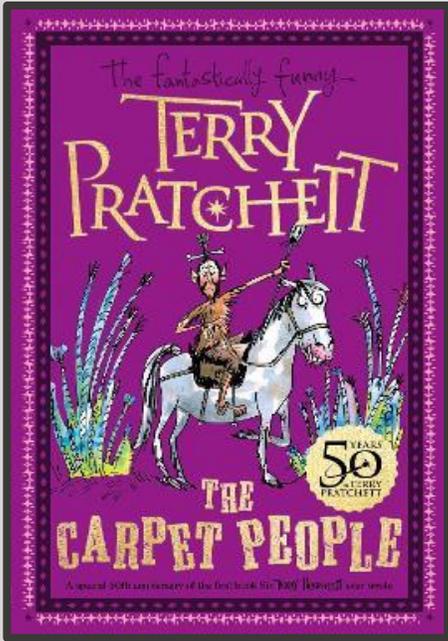
When sixteen-year-old Dolly Shepherd is offered the chance to take to the sky in a hot-air balloon, there's no way she's going to turn it down.

Even though the pilot actually plans for her to jump out of the balloon and plummet back to earth using just a flimsy parachute. For Dolly, it's the start of a sensational career.

But the life of an aeronaut is as dangerous as it is daring, and there will be many narrow escapes along the way ... Pioneering aviatrix Dolly Shepherd comes alive in this thrilling reimagining of her death-defying exploits

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Master Storyteller Sir Terry Pratchett's debut novel

A hilarious fantasy by master storyteller Terry Pratchett - the first book he ever wrote!

In the beginning, there was nothing but endless flatness.

Then came the Carpet. Then came the dust, which fell upon the Carpet.

From the dust the Carpet wove us all. From the dust came us, the Carpet People. In the fronds of a carpet, there are tribes and people, families and brothers.

This is a story of two of those brothers.

This is the story of the evil Fray, sweeping a trail of destruction across the carpet. And the story of an adventure to end all adventures . . .

Hilarious fantasy from the master. A fantastic introduction to the genre.

'Incredibly funny . . . compulsively readable' **The Times**

Genre: Fantasy. Humorous. Adventure.