



## ***‘Everyone is a reader, some just haven’t found their favourite book yet’***

***- Anonymous***

There are so many fantastic children’s books in the world, it can be difficult to choose what to read next! The following titles are some suggestions for children and their families who may be looking for something new to try, something classic to revisit, or something interesting to learn about.

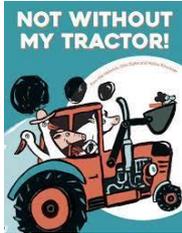
To offer context, the list has been broken down into age groups which are divided into fiction and non-fiction, but this is simply a rough guide based on overall content, including language and imagery. Every child has different reading habits, some enjoy escaping into pages of descriptive text, while others prefer to pore over illustrations or browse bite-size facts, and so readers are encouraged to explore all of the titles depending on their personal interests.

Riverview’s own Robert Dunbar Memorial Library holds a number of these titles, and they can also be accessed through the free Irish public library system, with a selection available in e-book or audiobook format.

So don’t be shy, turn the page and see where a good book will take you today!

# Children Aged 5-6 Years

## Fiction



### **Not Without my Tractor!**

*by Finn-Ole Heinrich, Dita Zipfel and Halina Kirschner*

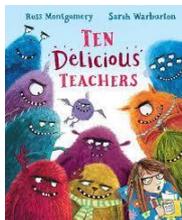
Moving day has arrived but this boy is not going to the city without his beloved vehicle. And who would want to live somewhere that didn't have tractors, anyway? Witty text and vibrant illustrations make this a highly entertaining read.



### **Leo and the Octopus**

*by Isabelle Marinov and Chris Nixon*

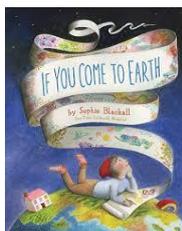
Leo has difficulty understanding the world around him, and the other children in his class. Everything seems too loud, too bright, too noisy. But then they take a trip to the zoo and Leo meets Maya the octopus. Finally able to relate to someone, Leo begins to feel like he belongs.



### **Ten Delicious Teachers**

*by Ross Montgomery and Sarah Warburton*

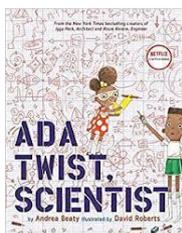
When a group of teachers miss their bus home, they decide to take a shortcut through the woods, unaware of the mischievous (and hungry) monsters who lurk there! A cautionary counting tale with colourful illustrations.



### **If You Come to Earth**

*by Sophie Blackall*

A boy writes to a visitor from space about the things they will find if they come to Earth. People, animals, inventions are all explained in this charming picture book inspired by the author's own travels with UNICEF.



### **Ada Twist. Scientist**

*by Andrea Beaty and David Roberts*

Ada is a naturally inquisitive child, always seeking answers to the wonders of the world. This rhyming tale tells how she conducts a range of experiments to solve the mystery of the stink in her house. A lively introduction to science for young minds.

### WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

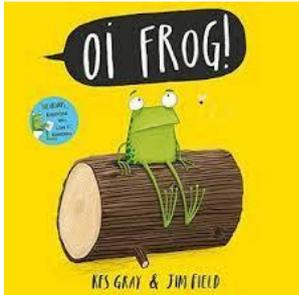


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### Where the Wild Things Are

by Maurice Sendak

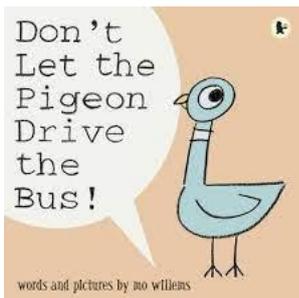
When Max is sent to his room for misbehaving, he discovers the land of the wild things, where he becomes their king. But then Max starts to miss home, and the people who love him 'best of all'.



### Oi Frog

by Kes Gray and Jim Field

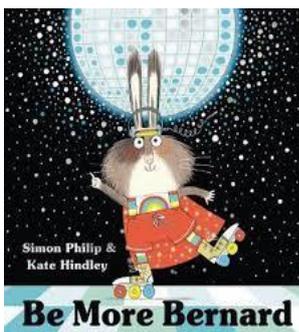
The first in this hilarious rhyming series. Frog is given an in-depth lesson by Cat on which animals are permitted to sit where. Suffice to say that Frog may wish he never asked....



### Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

by Mo Willems

As he steps away from his vehicle, a bus driver asks the reader to keep the cheeky pigeon away from the driver's seat. The pigeon will bargain, beg, bellow, but the reader must stay firm and 'Don't let the pigeon drive the bus'!!! First in the comical Pigeon series from Mo Willems.



### Be More Bernard

by Simon Philip and Kate Hindley

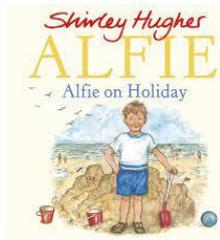
Bernard does everything that a bunny should do, eating carrots, hopping and looking cute. But inside he yearns to be different, to dance, to skate and not eat poo baps for lunch! When he finally works up the courage to share his dreams, he is surprised to find that many others would like to Be More Bernard.



### Mr. Men and Little Miss

by Roger Hargreaves

These two series from the delightfully quirky world of Roger Hargreaves are guaranteed to make anybody smile. Full of charming and wacky characters, everybody has their favourite!



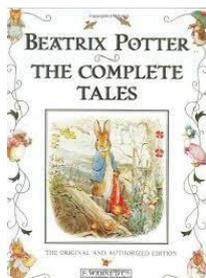
**Alfie on Holiday**  
by Shirley Hughes

Another lovely story from the world of Alfie and his sister Annie Rose. Alfie is staying at the seaside with his Grandma, when he thinks he has made a new friend. But Lee has a lot of other pals too, and Alfie soon learns the value of true friendship.



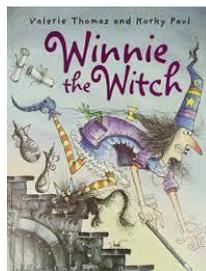
**The Cook and the King**  
by Julia Donaldson

The King needs a cook. Fast. Dozens flock for the job but nobody seems to be quite good enough. When the king spots Wobbly Bob he takes a chance on the nervous chef and together they create a delicious meal. Another amusing story from Julia Donaldson.



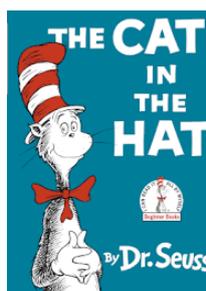
**Beatrix Potter: The Complete Tales**  
by Beatrix Potter

These classic tales of Peter Rabbit and friends are complimented by beautiful and detailed illustrations. The language is quite advanced but the stories could be enjoyed aloud with an older reader.



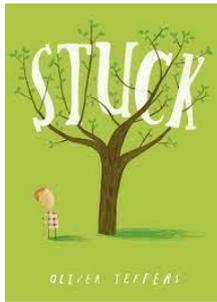
**Winnie the Witch**  
by Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul

When Winnie trips over her black cat for the millionth time she decides that living with a black cat in a black house with black décor is totally impractical. But her beloved cat, Wilbur, is not impressed when he discovers that it's him who will have to change!



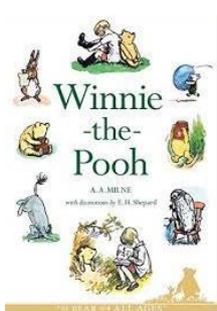
**The Cat in the Hat**  
by Dr. Seuss

This well-loved rhyming tale takes place on a cold and wet day. Two bored children find themselves plunged into an afternoon of chaos when an unexpected, and uninvited, visitor arrives!



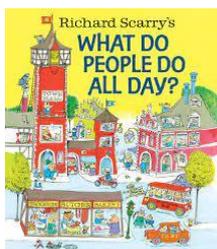
**Stuck**  
by *Oliver Jeffers*

When a boy gets his kite stuck in a tree, he throws a shoe up to knock it down. When that doesn't work up goes his other shoe, along with a whole host of items found around the garden, including a cat, a milkman and the house across the road. Oliver Jeffers offers a comical take on an all too familiar dilemma!



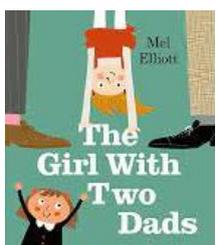
**Winnie-the-Pooh**  
by *A.A. Milne by E.H. Shepard*

Originally published in 1926, Winnie-the-Pooh is an enduring classic still enjoyed by readers of all ages. This complete collection follows Pooh and his friends Piglet, Eeyore, Owl, Tigger, Kanga, Roo and Christopher Robin on their whimsical adventures in the One Hundred Acre Wood.



**What Do People Do All Day?**  
by *Richard Scarry*

Every page of this beloved picture book is filled with things to spot as the reader takes a tour of Busytown, seeing how the inhabitants spend their days. Train drivers, firefighters, doctors and engineers are among the many featured in Richard Scarry's absorbing book.



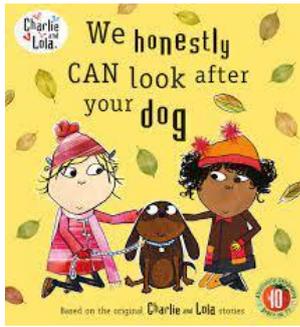
**The Girl with Two Dads**  
by *Mel Elliott*

Pearl's new friend Matilda has TWO Dads. Pearl's Dad is very funny and loves sweets, so with two Dads, Matilda's home must be filled with hilarity and treats...mustn't it? A visit after school soon teaches Pearl that although families can look very different, they can also have a lot in common!



**The Sniffles for Bear**  
by *Bonny Becker and Kady MacDonalld Denton*

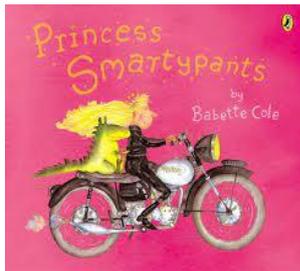
Bear is feeling snuffly and grumpy when his good friend Mouse arrives to cheer him up. But will stories, songs and soup be enough to help raise Bear's spirits?



### **Charlie and Lola: We Honestly Can Look After Your Dog**

*by Lauren Child*

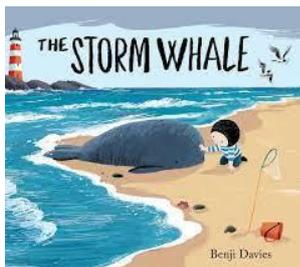
While Charlie and his friend Marv play football, his younger sister Lola and her best friend Lotta are allowed to look after Marv's dog, Sizzles. They must, must, must keep Sizzles on his lead, but in their excitement at this huge responsibility, will the girls be able to keep their promise?



### **Princess Smartypants**

*by Babette Cole*

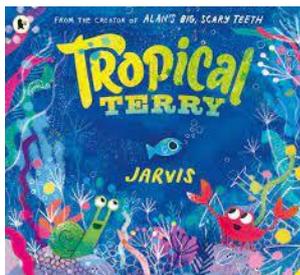
Princess Smartypants has a pet dragon and rides a motorbike. The queen insists she find a husband, but in a bid to avoid becoming a Mrs, the princess insists that any suitor must first complete one of her terrifying tasks! First in the series starring a fairy-tale princess who is ideally suited to the twenty-first century.



### **The Storm Whale**

*by Benji Davies*

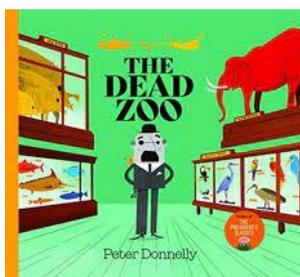
When lonely Noi discovers a baby whale on the beach, he is determined to help and brings him home. But it's only a matter of time before Noi's father discovers his secret. A gentle story about family and friendship.



### **Terry the Tropical Fish**

*by Jarvis*

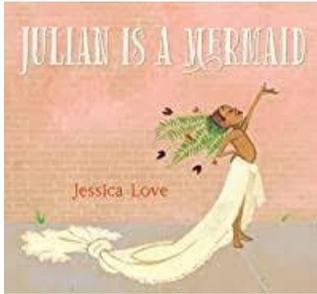
Terry dreams of swimming with the tropical fish, swishing and swooshing around the reef. But when his friends help his wish to come true, he discovers that being tropical isn't all it's cracked up to be.



### **The Dead Zoo**

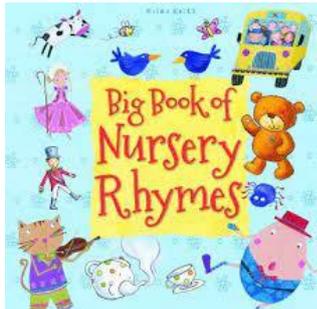
*by Peter Donnelly*

Mr. Gray is a serious man with serious rules about his natural history museum. He's not keen on noise or fun. But then he makes a surprising new friend who teaches him that museums can be lively places...and not all animals are better stuffed!



**Julián is a Mermaid**  
*by Jessica Love*

When Julián and his grandmother see some ladies dressed up as mermaids, Julián is mesmerised and decides that he too would like to be a beautiful mermaid. Making his costume, Julián is unsure how his grandmother will react, but then she has a surprise of her own. A gentle story about identity and acceptance.



**Big Book of Nursery Rhymes**  
*by Miles Kelly Publishing*

A bright and colourfully illustrated collection of well-loved rhymes for young children. It is suitable from birth, but the familiar words and large font make it ideal for those learning to read.

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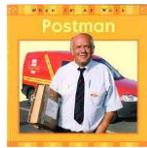
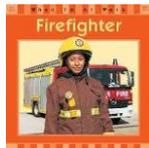


**Geansaí Otto / Otto's jumper**  
*by Sadhbh Devlin and Róisín Mahessey*

Is breá le Otto a Mhaimeo, ach níl grá aige do na héadaí a chniotálann sí dó. Tá siad an neamhfhaiseanta agus níl stíl ar bith acu! Chuir Otto chun bóthair le hinsint di conas a mhothaíonn sé faoina bronntanais. Ach is siúlóid fhada é go teach a mhaimeo, agus tá sé ag éirí an-fhuar ... fuar go leor le haghaidh roinnt olla gheimhridh!

Otto loves his granny, but he doesn't love the clothes that she knits for him. They are very unfashionable and have no style at all! Otto sets out to tell his granny how he feels about her gifts. But it's a long walk to granny's house, and it's getting very cold...cold enough for some winter woollies!

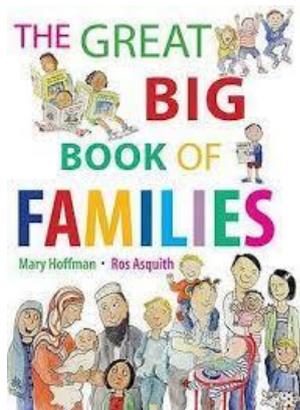
## Non-Fiction



### **When I'm at Work (series)**

*by Sue Barraclough and Deborah Chancellor*

Exploring a variety of occupations from paramedic and dentist to recycling operative and vet, this series offers a fascinating insight to the world of work. Each book follows an individual for a day in their workplace, complete with photographs and a glossary of terms.



### **The Great Big Book of Families**

*by Mary Hoffman and Ros Asquith*

From family trees and homes to transport and food, this book discusses some of the many ways that families are different from one another. Bright illustrations make this a cheerful introduction to modern society and what the term 'family' means today.

# Children Aged 7-8 Years

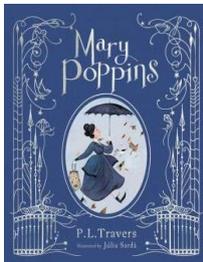
## Fiction



### **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland**

by *Lewis Carroll*

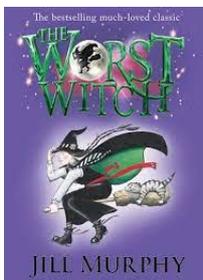
The classic story of Alice who falls down a rabbit hole and finds herself in a fantasy land filled with wacky and wonderful characters, from the Mad Hatter to the Queen of Hearts. As engaging now as it was after its first publication in 1865.



### **Mary Poppins**

by *P.L. Travers*

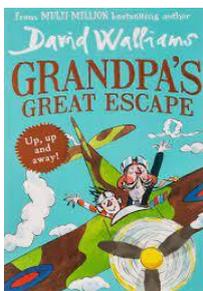
When Mrs. Banks advertises for a new nanny to care for her children, she has no idea that she will soon be welcoming the charming yet formidable Mary Poppins into her home. And so begins a time of thrills and adventure that the young Jane and Michael will never forget.



### **The Worst Witch**

by *Jill Murphy*

It's Mildred's first year at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, and things go wrong from the start. This well-intentioned but clumsy witch-in-training can't help but get herself into trouble, soon earning a reputation as the worst witch in school. The first in this funny and entertaining series.

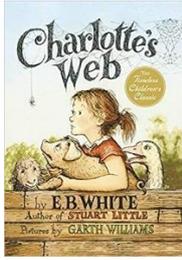


### **Grandpa's Great Escape**

by *David Walliams*

Jack's Grandpa may still think it's the 1940's. He may not remember Jack's name. And he may accidentally wear his slippers to the shops, but when help is needed, he still knows how to f

ly his Spitfire and save the day!



### **Charlotte's Web**

by *E.B. White*

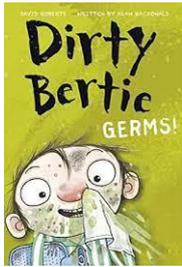
A heart-warming tale about the unlikely friendship between Wilbur the pig and Charlotte the spider who live on the same farm. After nearly 70 years, this remains a firm favourite among children and adults.



### **Dogman**

by *Dav Pilkey*

When villain Petey the Cat tries to destroy a policeman and his dog, he inadvertently creates Dog-man, a super cop with the head of a dog and the body of a police officer. There's no escape for Petey now from his lawful nemesis! A surreal and hilarious full-colour comic.



### **Dirty Bertie: Germs!**

by *David Roberts*

Wherever Bertie goes, trouble follows, and this trio of stories are no exception. Faking chicken pox to avoid school, entering a dance competition with Gran, and making a mess with the new babysitter...Bertie just can't avoid disaster!



### **Pizazz**

by *Sophy Henn*

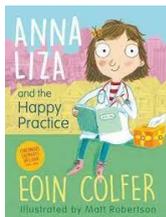
Pizazz is a superhero who doesn't want to be a superhero. She's tired of wearing the same outfit every day. She doesn't always want to be good. And she hates having to rush off to save the world when she's already busy. This is an energetic book packed with illustrations including some comic strip pages.



### **The Arrival**

by *Shaun Tan*

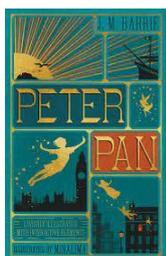
Tan's graphic novel tells the story of a man who has to leave his family and home and travel to a new land in search of work. Told entirely through illustration, this book is an alternative way for children to learn about the theme of immigration.



### **Anna Liza and the Happy Practice**

by Eoin Colfer

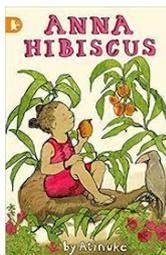
Anna Liza's mother works as a psychiatric nurse, and Anna Liza loves to cheer the patients up with songs and knock-knock jokes. But when she meets Edward and his father, she soon sees that music and jokes won't be enough. This time she needs a plan.



### **Peter Pan**

by J.M. Barrie

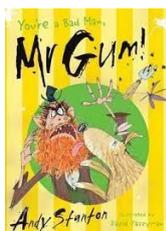
An Edwardian classic that continues to thrill readers today. Join Wendy, John and Michael on their fantastic adventures with Peter Pan, Tinkerbell, and their team of Lost Boys as they fly to Neverland, swim with mermaids, and battle with Captain Hook, the meanest of all the pirates!



### **Anna Hibiscus**

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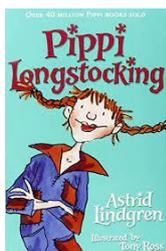
The first in a series about a young girl growing up in west Africa. Join Anna in these four adventures as she visits the sea, has a go at selling oranges, gets ready for a party, and dreams of seeing sweet snow!



### **You're a Bad Man Mr. Gum!**

by Andy Stanton

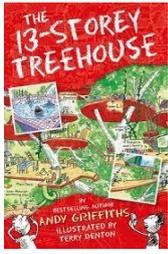
Mr. Gum is horrible. He hates children, animals and fun. When Jake the dog keeps messing up the garden, Mr Gum. plots to poison him. A little girl called Polly and old man Friday O'Leary must stop Mr. Gum and save the poor pooch. First in this humorous series of stories.



### **Pippi Longstocking**

by Astrid Lindgren

When a new neighbour moves into the house next door, Tommy and Anika know straight away that this is no ordinary girl. No, in fact Pippi is quite extraordinary. She lives alone even though she is only 9, she pays no attention to the rules, and she keeps her pet horse on the porch...let the adventures begin!



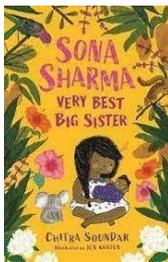
**13-Storey Treehouse**  
by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

Andy and Terry live in an amazing treehouse with all you could ever wish for: a giant catapult, a lemonade fountain, a secret lab. But with all of these distractions will they ever get around to finishing the book they're writing? Adventure and hilarity ensue.



**Grimm's Fairy Tales**  
by The Brothers Grimm

The Brothers Grimm's alternative twist lends a darker side to some well-loved fairy-tales. There is chopping of toes and boiled lungs for dinner. Gruesome, gripping, and highly entertaining, these stories are not for the faint-hearted!



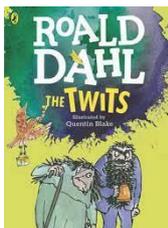
**Sona Sharma Very Best Big Sister**  
by Chitra Soundar

Sona Sharma's house is filled with three generations of her family. There is laughter, jokes and sometimes arguments. But when Sona finds out a new baby is on the way, she's not too sure if she wants to share her room, or her family, with this new arrival.



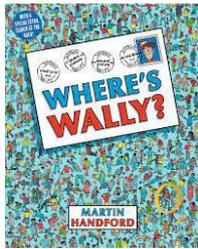
**Football Academy Series**  
by Tom Palmer

Series of six books following young players at Boys United Under 12's team. Each title focuses on an individual player and explores the highs and lows experienced by the boys, both on and off the pitch, as they pursue their dreams of a professional soccer career.



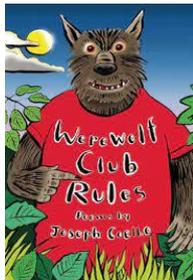
**The Twits**  
by Roald Dahl

Mr. and Mrs. Twit may be married, but that doesn't mean that they like one another! The hilarious pranks and gruesome tricks of these two will make your eyes water and your toes curl, but when their badly treated pets band together it looks like this nasty pair might finally get their comeuppance!



**Where's Wally?**  
by Martin Handford

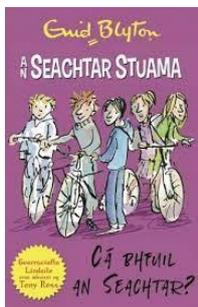
Lose yourself for hours as you search the crowds for Wally among the pages of this detailed puzzle book. The first in this internationally successful series, this is sure to entertain the whole family as everyone races to spot Wally first!



**Werewolf Club Rules!: and Other Poems**  
by Joseph Coelho

A collection of poems about everything from love-struck puppies to how to fold up your Gran. Space, robots and rainbows all feature in this funny yet thoughtful debut.

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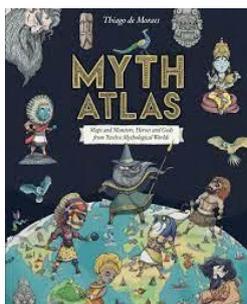


**An Seachtar Stuama: Cá Bhfuil an Seachtar? / The Secret Seven: Where are the seven?**  
by Enid Blyton

Clasaiceach ón tsraith rúndiamhair Seachtar Stuama ó Enid Blyton ag leanúint grúpa cairde ar a n-eachtraí iontach. Tabhair an seachtar stuama cuairt ar theach ciaptha agus bíonn siad gafa istigh, sula bhfaigheann siad amach nach bhfuil sé folamh tar éis an tsaoil!

A classic from Enid Blyton's Secret Seven mystery series following a group of friends on their exciting adventures. The secret seven visit a haunted house and get trapped inside, before discovering it's not empty after all!

## Non-Fiction



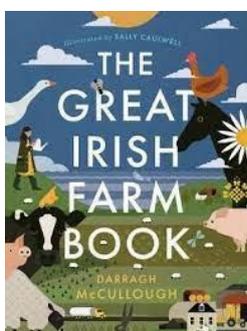
**Myth Atlas: Maps and Monsters, Heroes and Gods from Twelve Mythological Worlds**  
by Thiago de Moraes

Travel the world from the comfort of your home to discover what ancient civilisations, from the Greeks to the Aztecs, believed about the world. Monsters, tricksters and fantastical beasts all feature in this beautifully illustrated compendium.



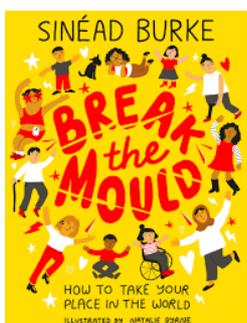
**Weird But True**  
by National Geographic

The National Geographic's annual publication of wacky facts and bizarre true stories from around the world. A new book arrives each year, promising to amaze and entertain!



**The Great Irish Farm Book**  
by Darragh McCullough

A fantastic reference book for any child or adult who is curious about farming in Ireland. All topics are covered, from crops and animals, to seasons and machinery. Includes a history of Irish farming, with lively illustrations throughout.



**Break the Mould**  
by Sinéad Burke

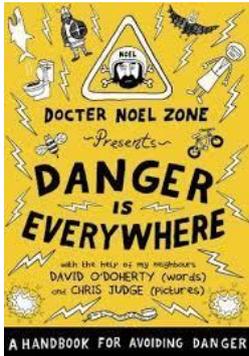
Celebrating individuality and inclusivity, activist, teacher, writer and model Sinéad Burke passes on her wisdom of learning to believe in yourself and getting comfortable in your own skin.



### **Old Enough to Save the Planet**

*by Loll Kirby*

Read about the work that children around the world are doing to tackle climate change and help the future of the planet. Features a how-to-help section with suggestions on ways young readers can make a difference in their own homes.



### **Danger is Everywhere: A Handbook for Avoiding Danger**

*by Doctor Noel Zone (David O'Doherty)*

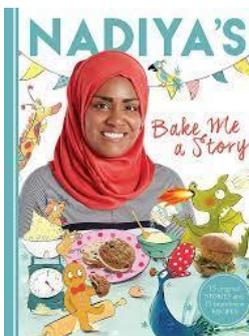
This handbook offers advice on how to avoid all types of danger imaginable. Sharks in the toilet, robot grannies, volcanoes erupting beneath your home. Hilarious and useful, this is the first in a series of similar guides.



### **Little People, Big Dreams**

*by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara*

A biography series for children exploring some of the most fascinating people, from artists to activists, scientists to sport stars. Frieda Kahlo, Marie Curie, Ru Paul and Greta Thunberg already feature, with new titles being continuously added.



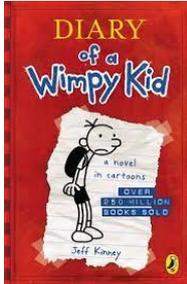
### **Nadiya's Bake me a Story**

*by Nadiya Hussain*

A unique story and recipe book for children, Hussain has added a twist to a selection of well-loved fairy-tales, each one finishing with a recipe for the featured food. Read about Jack and the Bean-Patty Stalk before baking Cinderella's pumpkin and spice flapjacks! A creative way to introduce cooking to young readers.

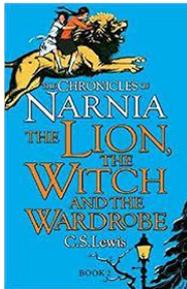
# Children Aged 9-10 Years

## Fiction



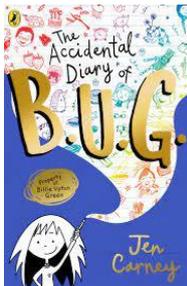
**Diary of a Wimpy Kid**  
by Jeff Kinney

The hilarious misadventures of Greg Heffley feature in this hugely popular series, told in diary format with comic pictures. Greg and his friend Rowley, who have their feet firmly planted on the bottom rung of the social ladder, find their friendship tested when Rowley's popularity begins to climb.



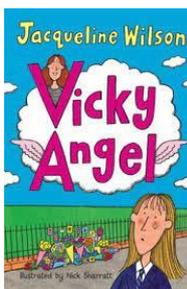
**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**  
by C.S. Lewis

It's World War II and four young siblings are evacuated from London to stay in the countryside where they will be safe. Boredom has taken hold when the youngest, Lucy, steps into an old wardrobe and discovers a portal to the world of Narnia. The fantastic beginning of The Chronicles of Narnia.



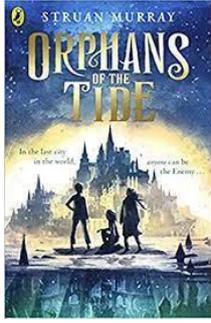
**Accidental Diary of B.U.G.**  
by Jen Carney

Written in diary format including doodles and charts, this amusing book follows Billie Upton Green as she enthusiastically welcomes the new girl in school, before becoming suspicious of her behaviour! Why is she getting so close with Billie's best friend Layla? And why does she know so much about Mrs. Robinson's missing purse?



**Vicky Angel**  
by Jacqueline Wilson

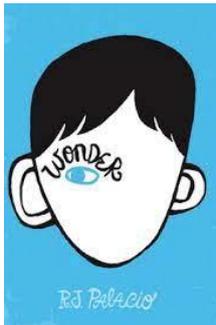
Jade is used to being the quieter side-kick to her loud and confident best friend, Vicky. But when tragedy strikes Vicky is suddenly gone from Jade's life. Or is she? Vicky doesn't intend to let a little thing like her untimely death stop her from living a full life, and she won't be letting Jade move on with hers either. A poignant book about the grief of losing a friend.



### **Orphans of the Tide**

*by Struan Murray*

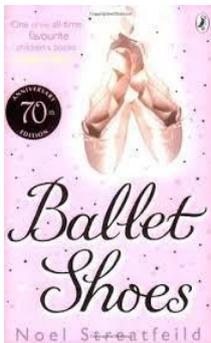
When a boy is washed up on the shores of the City, the final one left after the Drowning, suspicion surrounds him. Only young inventor Ellie believes his innocence and tries to save him. A thrilling dystopian novel for fans of fantasy adventures.



### **Wonder**

*by R.J. Palacio*

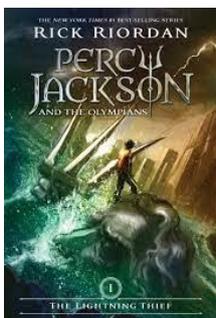
Born with a facial anomaly and educated at home, ten-year-old August will be attending mainstream school for the first time, and not everyone is welcoming. Told through the eyes of several characters this is a powerful novel about how a young boy's strength and bravery changed the lives of those around him.



### **Ballet Shoes**

*by Noel Streatfeild*

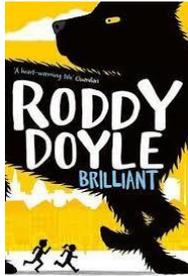
After being adopted by explorer Matthew Brown, the three Fossil sisters are now growing up in 1930's London. But when money becomes tight everybody must help out and the girls' lives change dramatically. An engrossing classic, this is the third in Streatfeild's Shoe Books Series.



### **Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief**

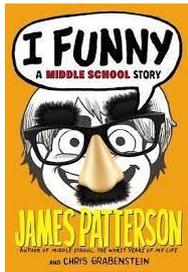
*by Rick Riordan*

The first book in the series, we meet the troubled Percy Jackson as he discovers his real father is Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. What follows is a fast-paced fantasy adventure as Percy tries to stop a war between the gods.



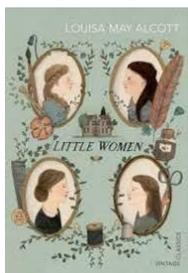
**/Brilliant**  
by Roddy Doyle

The adults of Dublin are hounded by the Black Dog of Depression. They are losing their businesses, losing interest in their children, and losing the will to get out of bed. Brother and sister Raymond and Gloria are fed up and set out to stop the Black Dog for once and for all.



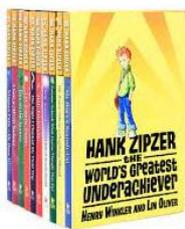
**I Funny**  
by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein

Jamie Grimm wants to be a stand-up comedian, but suffers from terrible stage-fright. When he learns about a contest for budding comedians, he decides to take the plunge. As his star begins to rise, he has to balance his new-found success with loyalties to his friends and family. Packed with jokes, this is only the first in a hugely popular series.



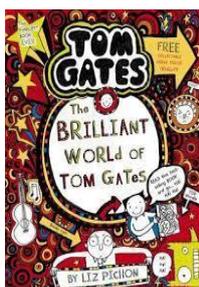
**Little Women**  
by Louis M. Alcott

The timeless tale of the four March sisters growing up in nineteenth century New England. A much-loved classic filled with the highs and lows of these very different girls as they navigate their way out of childhood and into womanhood.



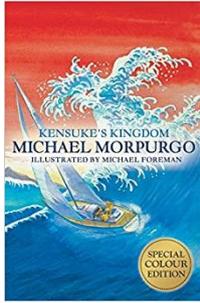
**Hank Zipzer Series**  
by Henry Winkler

Amusing books about the everyday adventures of underachiever Hank Zipzer. Based in his home town, this series is inspired by Henry Winkler's own difficulties growing up with undiagnosed dyslexia.



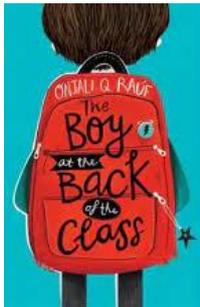
**Brilliant World of Tom Gates**  
by Liz Pichon

Written in a diary format with plenty of doodles and pictures, this is the hilarious introduction to ten-year-old Tom who loves drawing, music and biscuits. Always late for school and rarely with any homework done, Tom's diary of daily misadventures makes for an amusing read.



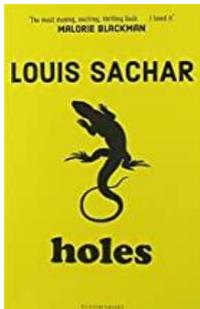
**Kensuke's Kingdom**  
*by Michael Morpurgo*

Michael and his parents are sailing around the world when they are caught in a storm and Michael is thrown overboard. He wakes to find himself alone on a beach with just his dog for company. Or is he alone? A gripping adventure story about survival and friendship.



**The Boy at the Back of the Class**  
*by Onjali Q. Rauf*

When Ahmet joins their class, a group of children learn that he is a Syrian refugee who has been separated from his family. Nobody seems to be able to help their new friend, so the children decide that they must do something. An inspiring story about friendship, kindness and adventure.



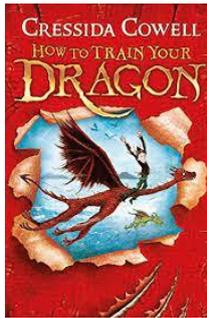
**Holes**  
*by Louis Sachar*

Stanley has been sent to a juvenile detention camp for a crime he didn't commit, where he has to spend his entire day digging holes of specific size and depth. Stanley and his fellow inmates soon suspect there is something more than rehabilitation going on at Camp Green Lake.



**Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet**  
*by Zanib Mian*

Omar has just moved house and he is dreading starting in his new school. What if the other children are mean? What if he hates his teacher? Things look up when he makes a new best friend, but when he meets the school bully Daniel life gets a little more difficult. With the help of his goofy family and an enormous imagination, Omar tackles life's ups and downs.



### **How to Train Your Dragon**

*by Cressida Cowell*

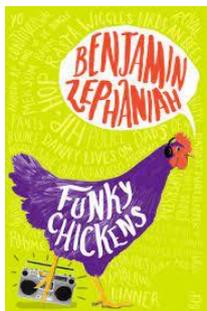
Young viking Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third is the Hope and Heir of the Hairy Hooligan Tribe. Hiccup doesn't feel much like a Hero as he attempts to lead ten novices in their initiation, but with sea dragons threatening to kill every viking, will Hiccup rise to the challenge? Action-packed and amusing series.



### **Goosebumps Series**

*by R.L. Stein*

Originally published in the 1990's, these fast-paced horror novels are perfect for any young reader who's fond of a fright. There are over fifty titles to choose from, so plenty of options, from monsters to werewolves, haunted houses to vampires! Graphic novels are also available.

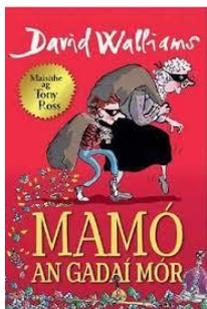


### **Funky Chickens**

*by Benjamin Zephaniah*

A book of poems from rap poet Benjamin Zephaniah, covering everything from sewage to the sun! Issues such as racism and pollution add to this often-humorous collection.

## **As Gaeilge**



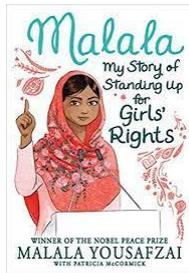
### **Mamó an Gadaí Mór / Gangsta Granny**

*by David Williams*

Nuair a fhaigheann Ben amach go raibh a sheanmháthair leadránach ina gadaí seod idirnáisiúnta, tosaíonn rudaí ag éirí an-spéisiúil. Úrscéal gáifeach agus amaideach a dhéanann iniúchadh ar na caidrimh idir leanaí agus a seantuismitheoirí.

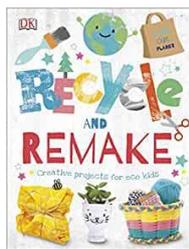
When Ben discovers that his boring old granny used to be an international jewel thief, things start to get very interesting. An outrageous and silly novel that explores the relationships between children and their grandparents.

## Non-Fiction



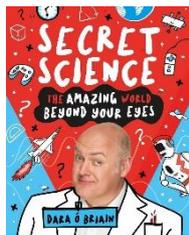
### **Malala: My Story of Standing Up for Girls' Rights** by Malala Yousafzai

When the Taliban took control of Malala's home region in Pakistan, they forbid girls to be educated, but Malala risked her life to attend school and became an international symbol for girls' rights and peaceful protests. This illustrated version brings the story of Malala's remarkable bravery and determination to young readers.



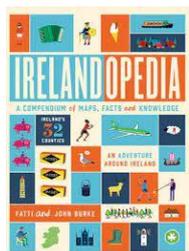
### **Recycle and Remake: Creative Projects for Eco Kids** by Dorling Kindersley Publishers

Get creative with your rubbish! Turn a t-shirt into a tote bag, make a food wrap from scrap cotton and grow plants in upcycled plastic bottles. A colourful guide full of information and projects for young environmentalists.



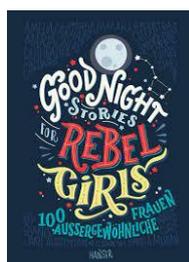
### **Secret Science: The Amazing World Beyond Your eyes** by Dara O'Briain

Comic Dara O'Briain explores the fascinating science that is happening around us as we live our daily lives. What are microwaves? How does toothpaste work? Engrossing introduction to the world of science.



### **Irelandopedia** by Fatti Burke and John Burke

An award-winning book from the father-daughter duo who combine imagery and information to produce vibrant and exciting publications. Colourful and quirky illustrations make this whirlwind tour of Ireland a fascinating and delightful read for all ages.



### **Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls** edited by Lilly Workneh

A book filled with the incredible true-life stories of one hundred women who have had an astounding impact on the world. With illustrations by over sixty different female artists, this is both fascinating and beautiful to read.



# Children Aged 11-12 Years

## Fiction



### **Ruby Redfort Series**

*by Lauren Child*

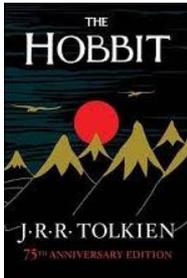
Unbeknownst to her socialite parents, genius code-cracker Ruby is a secret agent for spy organisation Spectrum. Funny and fast-moving, each book in this popular series follows witty Ruby as she solves mysteries that move her closer to the big finale.



### **A Wrinkle in Time**

*by Madeleine L'Engle*

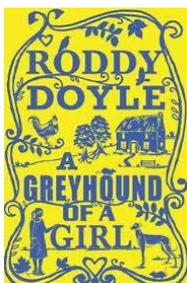
Siblings Meg and Charles Wallace Murry travel through time and space searching for their missing father, a scientist who is held captive on a different planet. What follows is a classic science-fiction and adventure story for young readers.



### **The Hobbit**

*by J.R.R. Tolkien*

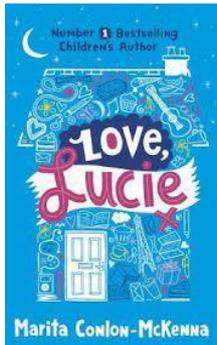
Set within Tolkien's fictional Middle Earth, this follows gentle Bilbo Baggins as he is persuaded to join a quest to recover stolen treasure that is being guarded by the dragon Smaug. Nearly eighty-five years old, this action-packed adventure with an unlikely hero, is as popular as ever.



### **Greyhound of a Girl**

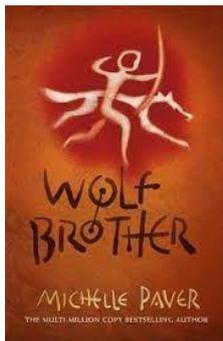
*by Roddy Doyle*

Mary's granny is approaching the end of her life when the ghost of granny's mother appears to help her say goodbye. A story about four generations of an Irish family, and the bond between mothers and daughters.



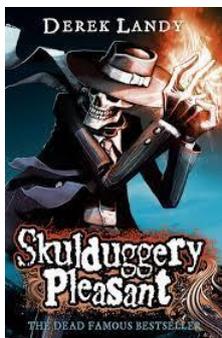
**Love, Lucie**  
by Marita Conlon McKenna

Lucie and her family are lost when her mother dies and they struggle to deal with the overwhelming grief as they adjust to daily life without her. An emotional and heartfelt novel exploring the impact of bereavement on a family.



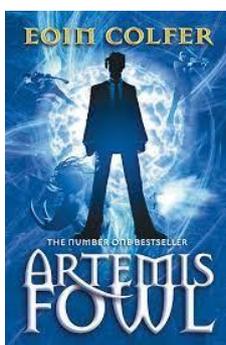
**Wolf Brother**  
by Michelle Paver

Thousands of years ago, Torak is living in a community of hunter-gatherers who are being terrorised by a demon bear. After being attacked, Torak's dying father tells him that only he can stop the bear, forcing quiet Torak on a terrifying quest with just a wolf cub as company.



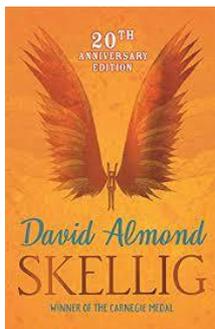
**Skulduggery Pleasant**  
by Derek Landy

When horror fiction author Gordon Edgley dies, he leaves his estate to his niece Stephanie. But it turns out that Gordon's horror stories were not completely fictional, and with the help of Skulduggery, a skeleton who was once a wizard, Stephanie finds herself taking on forces of evil that she never knew existed.



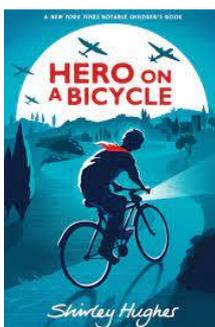
**Artemis Fowl**  
by Eoin Colfer

The beginning of this international best-selling fantasy series following young criminal mastermind, Artemis Fowl. When Artemis discovers a world of armed and tech-savvy fairies, he decides to hold one for ransom in the hopes of restoring his family's fortune.



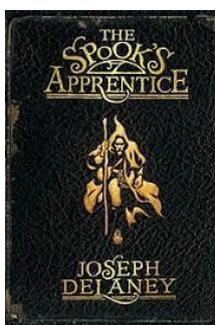
**Skellig**  
*by David Almond*

Michael's baby sister is seriously ill, and his family have just moved to a crumbling old house. Feeling lonely and uncertain, Michael discovers a mysterious creature living in the old garage who will change his life forever.



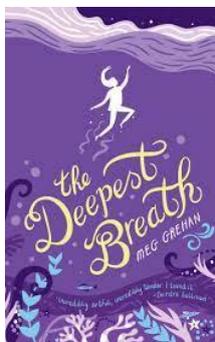
**Hero on a Bicycle**  
*by Shirley Hughes*

In 1944 Italy, the Nazi's have occupied the Italian city of Florence. The Italian resistance is determined to hold firm, and siblings Paolo and Costanza want to help. But can two children with a bicycle really make a difference? An historical thriller for young readers.



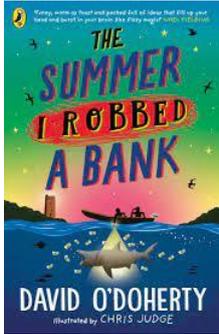
**The Spook's Apprentice**  
*by Joseph Delaney*

Set in northern England, this fantasy series follows Tomas Ward as he sets out to become the next Spook, the one to protect the country from ghosts, ghaists and witches. The training is tough, and many before him have failed, will Tom survive to take on the most dangerous witch, Mother Malkin?



**The Deepest Breath**  
*by Meg Grehan*

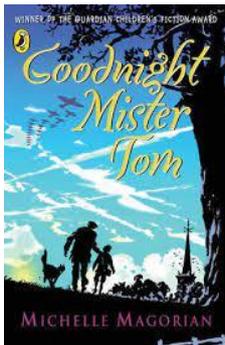
Eleven-year-old Stevie is best friends with Andrew, and her mum teases her that one day they'll get married. Stevie knows this won't happen because there's someone else that she likes. Someone called Chloe. A powerful novel-in-verse about coming-of-age and coming out.



### **The Summer I Robbed a Bank**

by David O'Doherty

Rex's parents have split up and now he has to spend his summer holidays on a rainy Irish island with his Uncle Derm - who has the whacky idea that they should rob the island's mobile bank and donate the money to those in need! Suddenly Rex's summer is starting to look a little more exciting.



### **Goodnight Mister Tom**

by Michelle Magorian

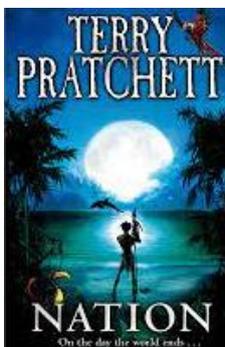
When Willie Beech is evacuated from his London home during World War II, he finds himself living in the countryside with the gruff Thomas Oakley. Through their mutual loneliness the pair form an unexpected bond that changes their lives forever. At times sad, this moving story will touch the hearts of young and old.



### **Summer's Dream**

by Cathy Cassidy

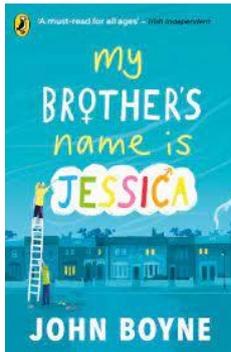
Part of 'The Chocolate Box Girls' series about five sisters with very different personalities. Summer loves to dance, so when she gets the opportunity to audition for a prestigious ballet school, she will leave nothing to chance. But before long her preparation becomes an obsession and things start to spiral out of control. A thoughtful and sensitive look at anorexia.



### **Nation**

by Terry Pratchett

Mau is returning to his home, the Nation, when a huge tsunami washes over the island, destroying everything in its wake. Mau, the single survivor, thinks he is alone until he meets Daphne, the only one to escape the shipwrecked Sweet Judy. Together they help other refugees as they fight ancestral sprits, confront death himself, and discover a long-hidden secret which will change the world.



### **My Brother's Name is Jessica**

*by John Boyne*

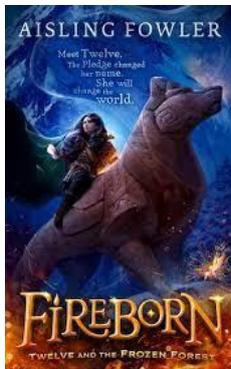
Sam idolises his older sibling Jason, the constant and most reliable person in his life. When Sam learns that Jason is transitioning, he feels his life turned upside down as he worries that everything will change. But Sam soon learns that nothing is as constant as love.



### **Scream Street Series**

*by Tommy Donbavand*

After turning into a werewolf, Luke Watson and his family are relocated to Government Housing of Unusual Lifeforms (G.H.O.U.L.), a neighbourhood filled with vampires, witches and zombies. Follow Luke's adventures as he tries to bring his terrified parents home!



### **Fireborn: Twelve and the Frozen Forest**

*by Aisling Fowler*

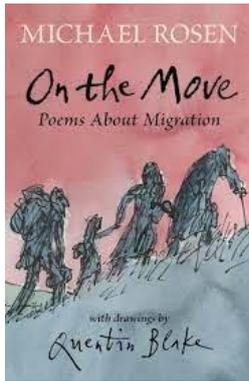
In a fictional pre-historic world, Twelve is a young Huntling training to fight monsters so she may play a role in keeping the peace. When a little girl is taken, Twelve finds herself among the few willing to search her, as she begins an epic adventure that will change her entire world.



### **Irish Fairy Tales, Myths and Legends**

*by Kieran Fanning*

A beautifully illustrated collection introducing readers to the wealth of Irish folklore and storytelling. Content ranges from well-known legends including The Children of Lir to lesser-known tales such as Balor of the Evil Eye. An engrossing read for all ages.



### **On the move: Poems about Migration**

*by Michael Rosen*

Drawing from his own childhood in London as part of a first-generation Polish family, Rosen has written a landmark collection of poems exploring the experiences of migrants, past and present. Illustrated by Quentin Blake, this anthology delivers a powerful message to readers.

## **As Gaeilge**

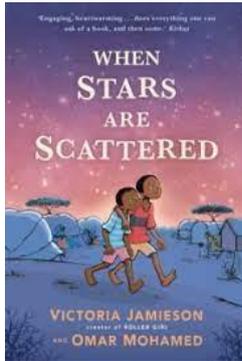


### **Slán leis an mbunscoil / Goodbye to Primary School**

Bailiúchán scríbhinní ó mhic léinn rang a sé a bhí ina gcónaí i gceantair Gaeltachta le linn paidéime Coronavirus. Fuair na mhic léinn cuireadh chun píosa a scríobh le súil go gcabhróidh sé leo déileáil leis na scoileanna a dúnadh gan choinne, agus léargas a thabhairt ar shaol daoine óga le linn na paidéime. I measc na réimse téamaí tá ‘breathnú siar ar laethanta sa bhunscoil’ go ‘saol in aimsir an choróivíreas’.

A collection of writings from 6<sup>th</sup> class students living in Gaeltacht areas during the Coronavirus pandemic. Students were invited to write a piece in the hopes of helping them cope with the unexpected school closures, and to give an insight into the lives of young people during the pandemic. Themes range from ‘looking back on days in primary school’ to ‘life in the time of the coronavirus’.

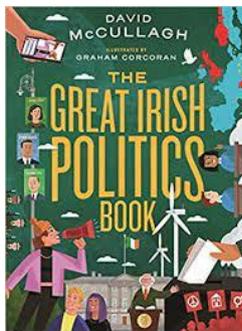
# Non-Fiction



## **When Stars are Scattered**

by *Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed*

A graphic novel depicting Omar Mohamed's true-life experience of growing up in a Kenyan refugee camp. A heart-breaking but uplifting book teaching young readers about hope and resilience.



## **The Great Irish Politics Book**

by *David McCullagh*

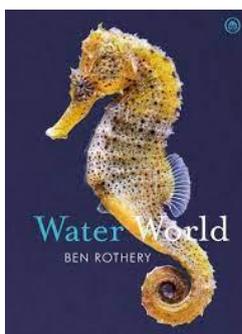
Why do we have a Taoiseach? What is the Seanad? Who makes the rules for Ireland? Just some of the questions answered in this colourful book that makes the mystery of politics more accessible to young minds.



## **How You Can Save the Planet**

by *Hendrikus van Hensbergen*

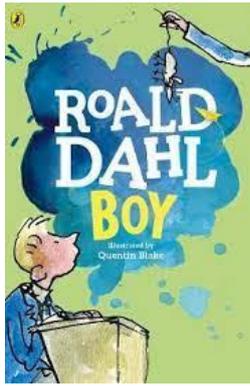
Essential reading for anyone concerned about climate change and interested in how they can help to make a difference. There are DIY activities and practical tips, as well as reassurance that every little helps.



## **Water World**

by *Ben Rothery*

A fascinating look at how sea and ocean ecosystems are vital for the earth's survival, this heavily illustrated book explores the life that exists in coastal and off-shore waters from plankton to polar bears, from seahorses to sharks. Rothery also explores the ways in which our own actions impact these habitats and the wider planet. A beautiful book for nature-lovers of any age.



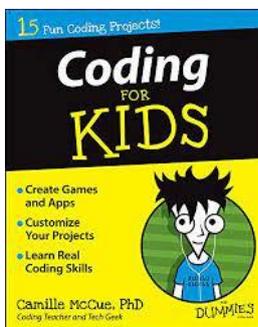
**Boy**  
*by Roald Dahl*

Roald Dahl's autobiography of his childhood follows him from birth in 1920's Britain until he finishes school. Dahl's young life was not always easy, but his insightful account includes amusing and sometimes revolting anecdotes which will appeal to any fan of his fiction.



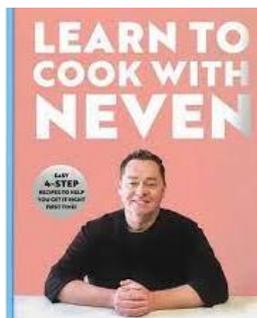
**Great Irish Science Book**  
*by Luke O'Neill*

Open a world of fascinating facts as you embark on an incredible adventure through the universe. Learn about atoms, the human body, molecules and how Irish scientists have helped to shape the world in which we live. Packed with facts, DIY experiments, and vibrant illustrations.



**Coding For Kids**  
*by Camille McCue, PhD*

Written by a classroom instructor, this guide is great for children who are interested in learning coding. Readers will learn how to write code, solve problems and create animations and games using projects based in Scratch and JavaScript.



**Learn to cook with Neven**  
*By Neven Maguire*

This collection of simple recipes includes culinary techniques which will allow children to learn basic kitchen skills while making delicious dishes. From pancakes to salmon parcels, young readers and their families are in for a treat!