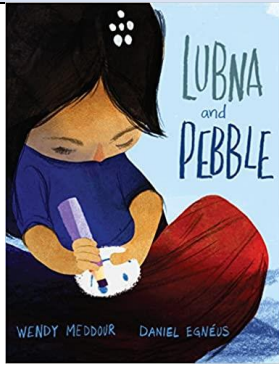
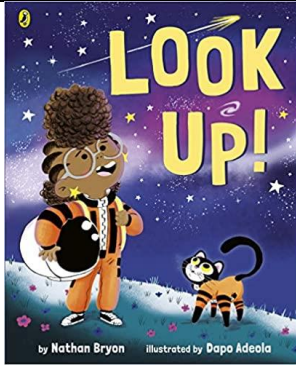


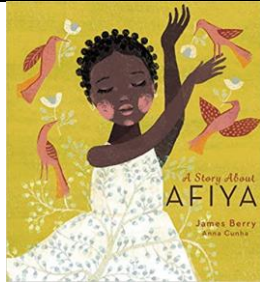
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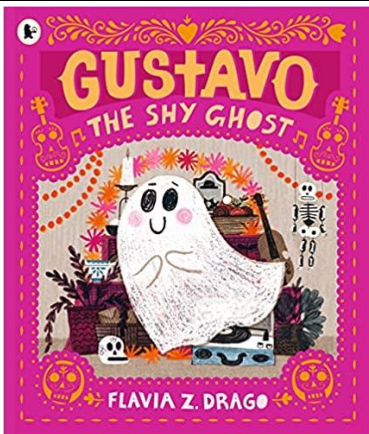
**Lubna and Pebble** By Wendy Meddour and Daniel Enges (2020)  
Lubna's best friend is a pebble. She found it on the beach when they arrived in the night, then she fell asleep in Daddy's salty arms. Lubna tells Pebble everything. About home. About her brothers. About the war. Pebble always listens to her stories and smiles when she feels afraid. But when a lost little boy arrives in the World of Tents, Lubna understands that he needs Pebble even more than she does . . . Shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards.



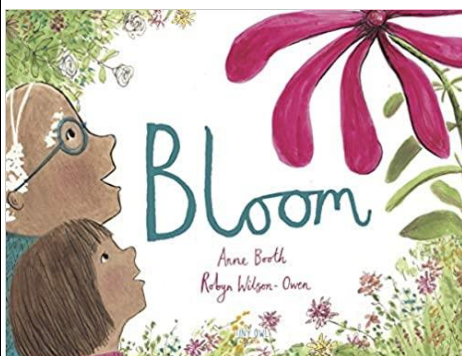
**Look Up!** By Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola (2019)  
Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, spacetraveller that has ever lived! But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars? Bursting with energy and passion about science and space, this heart-warming, inspirational picture book will have readers turning off their screens and switching on to the outside world. UKLA Book Award winner 2021



**A Story About Afiya** By James Berry and Anna Cunha (2020)  
Some people have dresses for every occasion but Afiya needs only one. Her dress records the memories of her childhood, from roses in bloom to pigeons in flight, from tigers at the zoo to October leaves falling. A joyful celebration of a young girl's childhood, written by the late Coretta Scott King Book Award-winning Jamaican poet James Berry.



**Gustavo, the Shy Ghost** by Flavia Z. Drago (2021)  
Gustavo is a ghost. He is good at doing all sorts of paranormal things, like walking through walls, making objects fly and glowing in the dark. And he loves playing beautiful music on his violin. But Gustavo also has a problem. He is SHY. Which means some things are harder for him to do, like getting in a line to buy eye-scream or talking to the other monsters. But Gustavo longs to be a part of something, he longs to be seen. More than anything, he wants to make a friend. So, plucking up all his courage, he sends a very special letter: "Dear Monsters, I would like to invite you to my violin concert at the Day of the Dead party..."

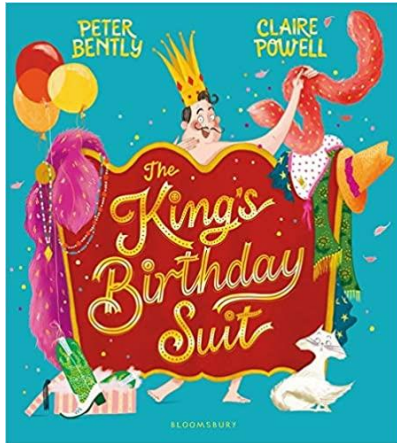


**Bloom** by Anne Booth and Robyn Owen Wilson (2020)  
There was once a beautiful flower and a little girl who loved it. She talked to it every morning on her way to school. The owner of the flower shouted at her. The next day, the flower did not open. The angry man didn't understand. He tried watering it. He tried giving it shade and he tried talking to it. He told it how wonderful he was, how important his job was and how lonely he felt. But it still refused to open. So, he asked the little girl. "Why don't you tell it how wonderful it is and how much you love it?" she said. As he did so, his own heart filled with love. And the flower bloomed.



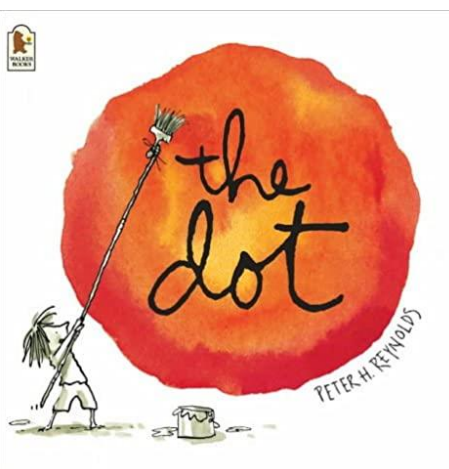
**Omar, the Bees and Me** by Helen Mortimer and Katie Cottle (2021)

An uplifting story on sustainability, in response to many 'heavy' green titles coming to the market that children often find intimidating. Omar, The Bees and Me encourages children to look after nature in local communities planting wild flowers to form bee corridors. Themes around cultural identity are also explored through Omar (a new boy from Syria) and Maisie's friendship. Offers an insight into international beekeeping and illustrated by award-winning picture-book maker Katie Cottle, creator of *The Green Giant* and *The Blue Giant*. Includes bee facts on endpapers and a recipe for honey cake on end page.



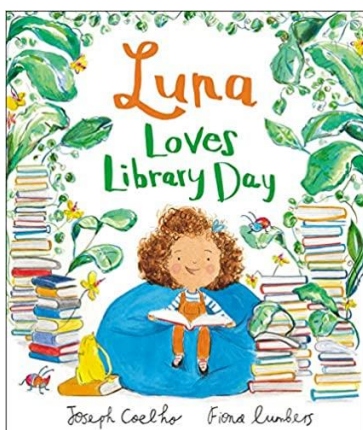
**The King's Birthday Suit** by Peter Bently and Claire Powell (2021)

So when two seemingly well-meaning fabric merchants promise to make an outfit of only the very BEST and most special cloth, King Albert-Horatio-Otto the Third simply cannot resist. He MUST have these new clothes! Surely, the unquestionably charitable and not-at-all-suspicious-looking tailors are genuine, and the King won't end up looking red-cheeked...? This funny and timely retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fable 'The Emperor's New Clothes' will not only make children laugh, but also encourage them to think and speak up for what they believe.



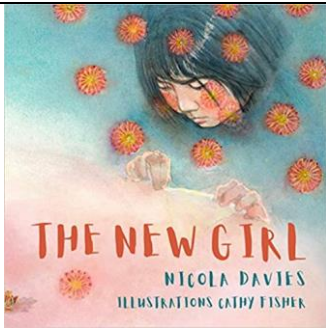
**The Dot** by Peter H Reynolds (2004)

In this inspiring, award-winning story of self-expression and creativity from Peter H. Reynolds, illustrator of *Ish* and the *Judy Moody* series, Vashti thinks she can't draw. But her teacher is sure that she can. She knows that there's creative spirit in everyone, and encourages Vashti to sign the angry dot she makes in frustration on a piece of paper. This act makes Vashti look at herself a little differently, and helps her discover that where there's a dot there's a way... With wit, charm and free-spirited illustrations, Peter H. Reynolds encourages even the stubbornly uncreative among us to make a mark - and follow where it takes us.

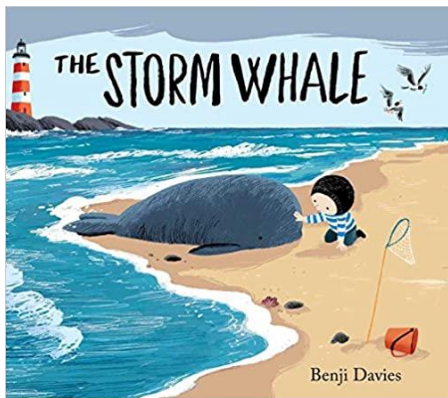


**Luna Loves Library Day** by Joseph Coelho and Fiona Lumbers (2018)

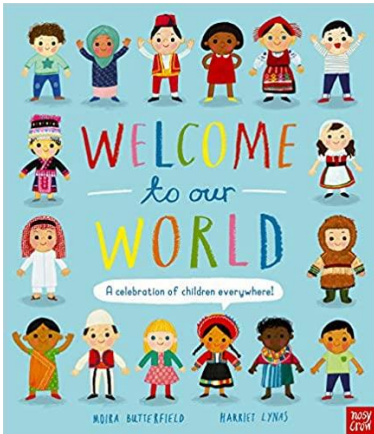
Every week Luna looks forward to one special day: the day when she discovers magic among the library shelves; the day she gets to spend with her dad. Exploring the books, Luna and her dad find magic, mystery and even start to mend their own history. An inspiring story from one of the UK's greatest up-and-coming award-winning poets for children, perfectly captured in all its flights of fancy by newcomer Fiona Lumbers.



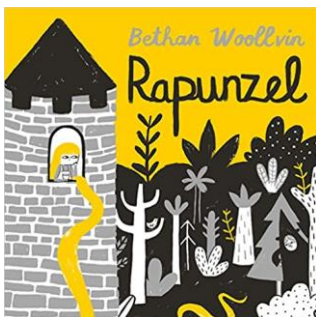
**The New Girl** by Nicola Davies and Cathy Fisher (2020)  
Kiku starts a new school in a strange new town. The children in her class are unfriendly towards her and refuse to include her. Kiku helps introduce the other children to the art of paper folding, creating many different kinds of flowers and introducing them to her culture, helping to transform the children's attitude towards her and their vision of themselves and their own lives in this inspiring story.



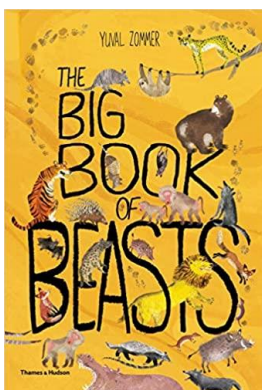
**The Storm Whale** by Benji Davies (2013)  
Noi and his father live in a house by the sea, his father works hard as a fisherman and Noi often has only their six cats for company. So when, one day, he finds a baby whale washed up on the beach after a storm, Noi is excited and takes it home to care for it. He tries to keep his new friend a secret, but there's only so long you can keep a whale in the bath without your dad finding out. Noi is eventually persuaded that the whale has to go back to the sea where it belongs. For Noi, even though he can't keep it, the arrival of the whale changes his life for the better - the perfect gift from one friend to another.



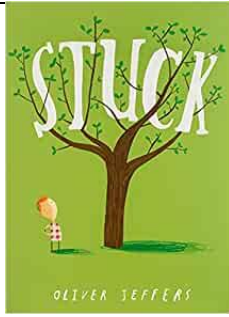
**Welcome to Our World** by Moira Butterfield and Harriet Lynas (2021)  
Children all over the world are very different, but they also have much in common. In this beautifully illustrated book, young children can learn all about what people in other countries eat, wear and play, and how they speak and celebrate. From breakfasts to birthdays, cakes to clothes, and hiccups to hellos, there are so many ways to say and do things - but everyone shares a love of family, friends, food and fun. This delightful book teaches us that despite different languages, customs and traditions, it really is a small world, after all.



**Rapunzel** by Bethan Woollvin (2018)  
A witty twist on a favourite fairy tale, this bold and funny story removes the handsome prince altogether, making Rapunzel the mistress of her own destiny.

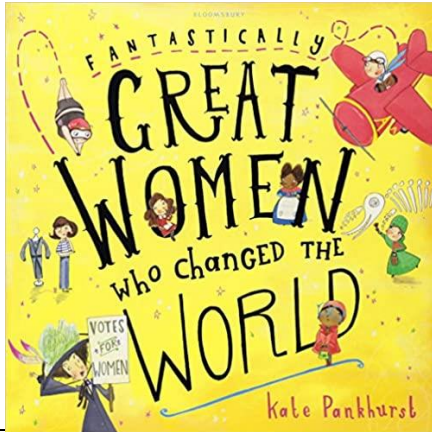


**The Big Book of Beasts** by Yuval Zommer (2017)  
This book opens with introductory spreads explaining that beasts are wild animals that can't be tamed and gives tips on how to spot them in their natural habitats. Subsequent spreads, illustrated with scenic compositions, are dedicated to specific beasts, including armadillos, bears, tigers and the Tasmanian Devil. Later spreads approach the world of beasts thematically, looking at mythical beasts, Ice-Age beasts, beasts on your street and how to save beasts in danger. The text is chatty, funny and full of amazing facts.



**Stuck** by Oliver Jeffers (2012)

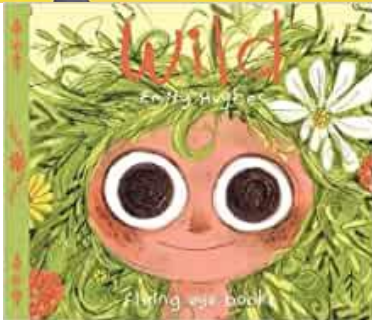
Floyd gets his kite stuck up a tree. He throws up his shoe to shift it, but that gets stuck too. So he throws up his other shoe and that gets stuck, along with... a ladder, a pot of paint, the kitchen sink, an orang-utan and a whale, amongst other things! Will Floyd ever get his kite back? A hilarious book with a wonderful surprise ending.



**Great Women Who Changed The World** by Kate Pankhurst (2016)

Kate Pankhurst, descendent of suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst, has created a wildly wonderful and accessible book about women who really changed the world. Discover fascinating facts about some of the most amazing women who changed the world we live in!

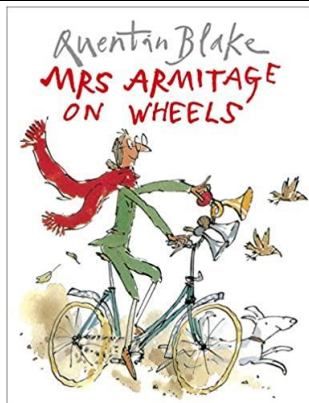
- Fly high with incredible explorer and pilot Amelia Earhart
- Discover the Wonderful Adventures of medical pioneer Mary Seacole
- Fight for your rights with legendary civil rights activist Rosa Parks
- Change the face of books forever with superstar novelist Jane Austen



**Wild** by Emily Hughes (2015)

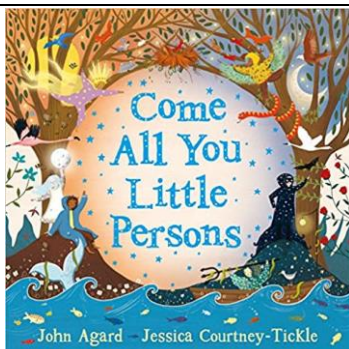
You cannot tame something so happily wild...

In her debut picture book Emily Hughes brings an uncanny wit to beautiful drawings awash with colour and atmosphere. It is filled with a stunning visual splendour to enchant children and humour their wilder tendencies. Wild is a 21st century answer to Maurice Sendak's children's classic with the same inventiveness, ground-breaking art and unmissable quirkiness.



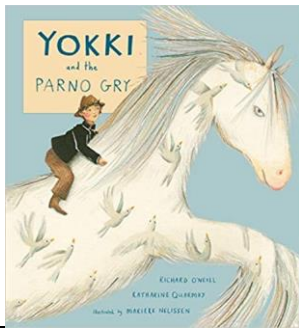
**Mrs Armitage on Wheels** by Quentin Blake (1999)

Mrs Armitage sets off for a quiet cycle with her faithful dog, Breakspear, but she just can't help thinking of ways to improve her bicycle. Before very long she has added three very loud horns, a bucket of water to wash her hands, a complete tool kit. And by the time she has also added a seat for Breakspear, two umbrellas, a cassette player and a mouth-organ, Mrs Armitage is riding a very eye-catching contraption. But it is when she finally adds the mast and sail, that Mrs Armitage really runs into trouble. . .

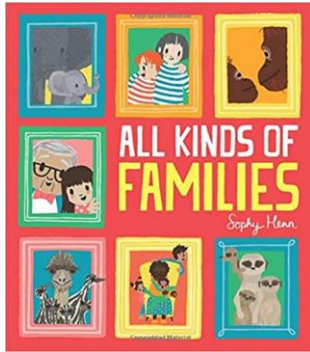


**Come All You Little Persons** by John Agard and Jessica Courtney Tickle (2017)

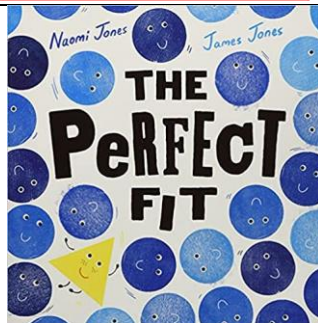
Come little bird person, come little bee person, come little tree person - little persons from all over the world join together to celebrate the dance of life and love in this stunning poem from John Agard. Stunningly illustrated by Jessica Courtney-Tickle, this is a book that both little persons and big persons will treasure and pore over for a lifetime, and is a true poem of our time.



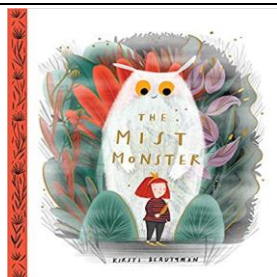
**Yokki and the Parno Gry** by Richard O'Neill, Katharine Quarmby and Marieke Nelissen (2016)  
When a Traveller family experiences a run of bad luck, an imaginative boy called Yokki lifts their spirits with tales of a magical white horse. A traditional Traveller-family folk tale which inspires hope and celebrates creativity. Told by a Romani storyteller together with a picture book author to positively reflect Travelling cultures.



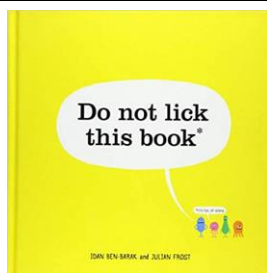
**All Kinds of Families** by Sophy Henn (2020)  
Just like us, animal families are all different. For orang-utans, mummy looks after the babies, for emus it is all down to daddy. Clownfish live with a mummy and daddy, some albatross families live with two mummies and some cheetahs are adopted by two daddies. For some families it is the grandparents, or even a huge family group, who help bring up the youngsters. But what's the one thing that they have in common? Love, of course!



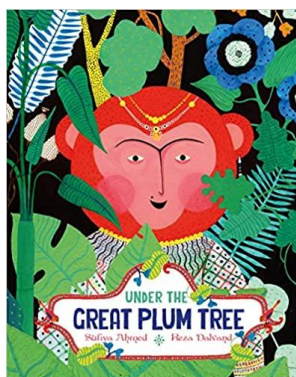
**The Perfect Fit** by Naomi Jones and James Jones (2021)  
No matter how hard she tries, Triangle doesn't roll like the circles, or stack like the squares...so she sets off to find friends that look exactly like her. But when she finds the other triangles, playtime isn't as fun. She misses the shapes that roll and stack; she misses being different. So she starts a new quest, one that gets all of the different shapes playing and having fun together!



**The Mist Monster** by Kirsti Beautyman (2019)  
Penny isn't sure she likes her new house - until she bumps into Morris, a funny white monster made of mist. Before she knows it, Penny is whisked away on an adventure, and she discovers that wonderful new friends can pop up where you least expect them.



**Do Not Lick This Book** by Idan Ben-Barak and Julian Frost (2017)  
Min is a microbe. She is small. Very small. In fact so small that you'd need to look through a microscope to see her. Or you can simply open this book and take Min on an adventure to amazing places she's never seen before - like the icy glaciers of your tooth or the twisted, tangled jungle that is your shirt.



**The Great Plum Tree** by Sufiya Ahmed and Reza Dalvand (2019)  
An unlikely friendship between Miss Bandari and Mr Magarmach forms when the pair meet under the great plum tree, deep in the heart of India. Mr Magarmach is old and his hunting days are over but Miss Bandari loves hearing his stories as they munch plums together. One day their friendship is tested but with courage, trust and forgiveness they discover that living happily together tastes just as sweet as Miss Bandari's golden plums. The story of the monkey and the crocodile is a fable from the Panchatantra, an ancient Indian collection of animal fables dated to 300 BCE.

