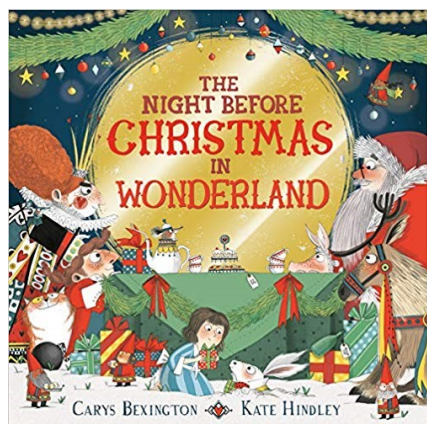


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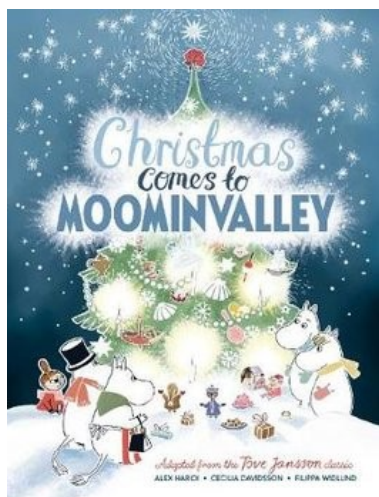
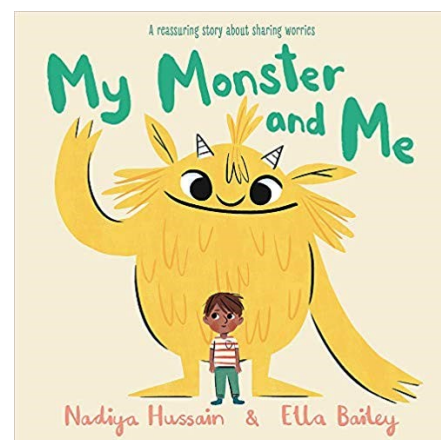


THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN WONDERLAND Carys Bexington £12.99

'Twas the night before Christmas, with a wonderful twist! Lewis Carroll's classic Wonderland returns but this time instead of Alice, it's Santa's turn for an adventure down the rabbit hole. Join the Cheshire-Cat, the Mad Hatter and the reindeer for a tea party with lots of festive fun!

MY MONSTER AND ME Nadiya Hussain £12.99

The very first picture book from the winner of *The Great British Bake Off* and national treasure Nadiya Hussain, beautifully illustrated by Ella Bailey. A touching story about a little boy whose worry monster follows him everywhere he goes. It's there when he gets dressed, when he wants to play with his toys and even when his friends come over to visit. How can he escape his worries?

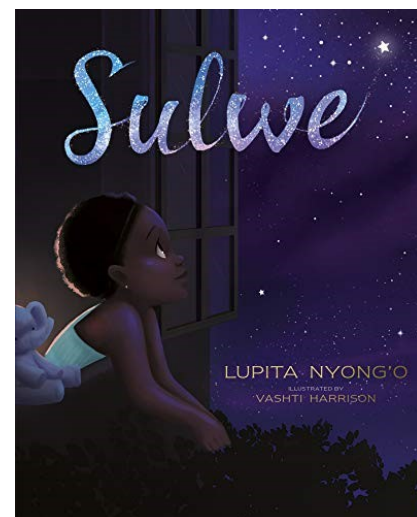


CHRISTMAS COMES TO MOOMINVALLEY Alex Haridi £11.99

A beautiful, collectible and classic picture book, lavishly embossed and foiled, *Christmas Comes to Moominvalley* is the perfect gift for Moomin fans of all ages. An exquisitely illustrated re-telling of Tove Jansson's classic story *The Fir Tree*, in which the Moomins are woken up from their winter sleep to be told that 'Christmas' is coming. The only trouble is, the Moomins have no idea who, or what Christmas is . . .

SULWE Lupita Nyong'o £12.99

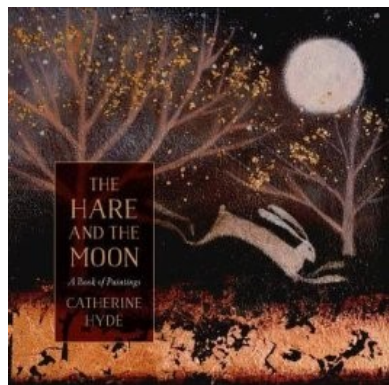
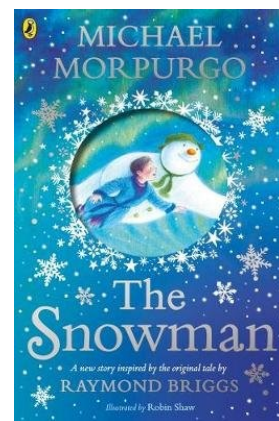
From Academy Award-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o comes a powerful, moving picture book about colourism, self-esteem and learning that true beauty comes from within. Sulwe's skin is the colour of midnight. She's darker than everyone in her family and everyone at school. All she wants is to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey through the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything. In this stunning debut picture book, Lupita Nyong'o creates a whimsical and heartwarming story to inspire children to see their own unique beauty.



THE SNOWMAN

Michael Morpurgo £6.99

Beloved children's author Michael Morpurgo has re-imagined Raymond Briggs' classic *The Snowman* for a new generation of readers. One December morning, James is thrilled to wake up to see snow falling. He spends the whole day making his perfect snowman; he has coal eyes, an old green hat and scarf and a tangerine nose... just like the snowman from his favourite story.



THE HARE AND THE MOON

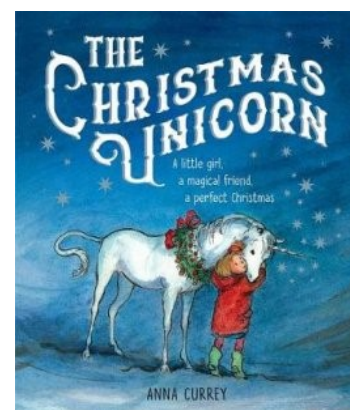
Catherine Hyde £15.00

An exquisite, full colour country almanac by artist Catherine Hyde, following the phases of the moon and a hare's journey throughout the twelve months of the year in a lyrical tribute to the natural world. Waking from the winter solstice a hare begins her journey. Through the landscape and its changing seasons, moving in harmony with the moon. Atmospheric and gorgeous paintings show the hare running in January, watching in February, leaping in March, until it comes full circle, sleeping in December.

THE CHRISTMAS UNICORN

Anna Currey £6.99

A heart-warming story, set in the days leading up to Christmas, about one little girl's magical encounter with a unicorn. Christmas is just days away. A little girl called Milly and her Mum are staying at Grandpa's house. Dad has been kept away but will join them just as soon as he can but Milly feels a little forlorn, away from her friends and without her Dad. And then something wonderful happens - Milly meets Florian, a unicorn.



STARBIRD

Sharon King-Chai £12.99

A stunning book to treasure from the astonishingly talented illustrator of *Animalphabet* by Julia Donaldson. *Starbird* is an original fable about freedom and love. This unique book shimmers with shiny silver foil throughout pages filled with stunning illustrations of plants and animals as the magical Starbird seeks to escape the clutches of the Moon King. Starbird's songs weave the richest dreams and delight all who hear him, but when the Moon King traps him in a cage as a gift for his daughter, the colour and life in his voice begin to drip away.

GUARDIAN OF THE PLANET

Clive Gifford £12.99

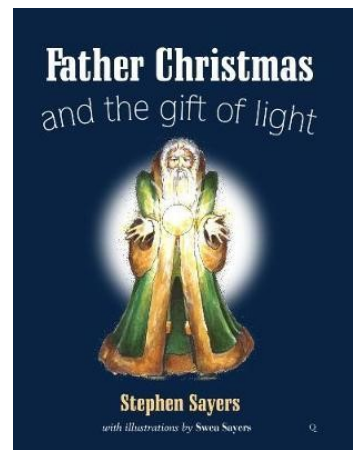
This environmentally positive book contains everything children need to become guardians of the planet. Kids can learn how to become keepers of the coasts, friends of the forests, home heroes and much more through a mix of compelling facts, creative activities and proactive tips. Key environmental topics are clearly explained and the easy-to-follow projects and suggestions help to put the issues in an everyday context. From reusing clothes and composting food to reducing water waste and giving wildlife a helping hand, this book will encourage children to engage with environmental problems and inspire them to take care of our wonderful planet.



FATHER CHRISTMAS AND THE GIFT OF LIGHT

Stephen Sayers £9.99

A new title from 'Quacks Books' from Quaker author Stephen Sayers. This is a book for those children and adults that know that Father Christmas is a myth. The secret is out on the first page when Alfred spies his Father putting a blue bicycle in his bedroom. Father Christmas then arrives and is very convincing on how useful myths are to the twenty first century child and adult.



THE WOODLAND TRUST

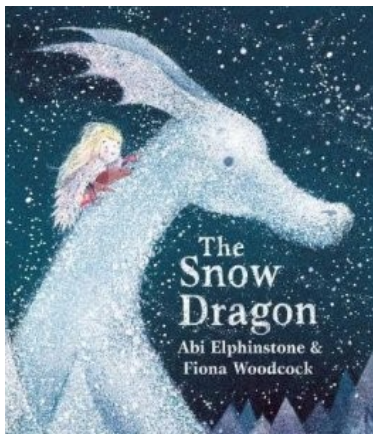
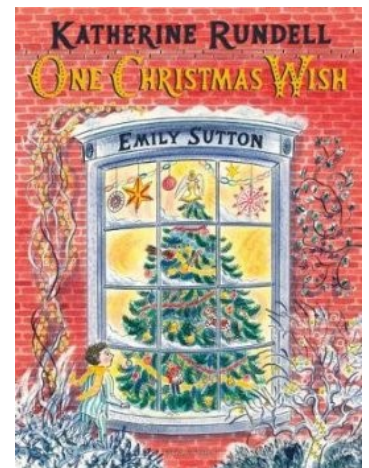
Christiane Dorion £12.99

The world is rich with marvellous forests and amazing communities of plants, animals, fungi and minute creatures that populate them. Learn all about the woods, experience each sound and smell and explore all the hidey-holes and cosy dens of its dwellers with this big and beautiful book all about forests, published in partnership with The Woodland Trust, the largest woodland conservation charity in the UK.

ONE CHRISTMAS WISH

Katherine Rundell £8.99

Nominated for the Cilip Greenaway Medal in 2019. It's Christmas Eve and Theo - left at home with a babysitter - sees an odd-looking star out of his window and decides to make a wish. He wishes that he had some friends to keep him company. Moments later the Christmas decorations begin to disentangle themselves from the tree behind him, ready to wreak a little havoc ...



THE SNOW DRAGON

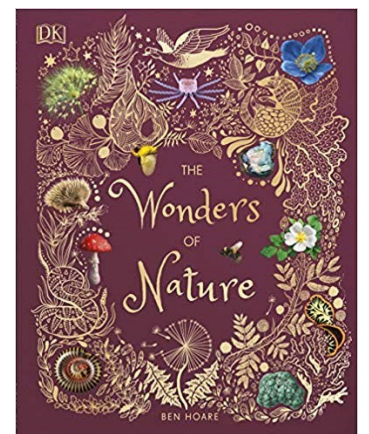
Abi Elphinstone £7.99

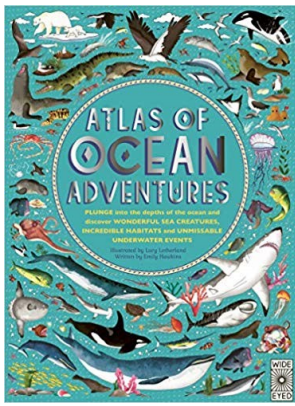
You can be late for many things in life, but you should never keep an adventure waiting... In Griselda Bone's gloomy orphanage, daydreaming is banned, skipping is forbidden and Christmas is well and truly cancelled. But for Phoebe and her sausage dog Herb, is it possible that, just when things seem at their bleakest, magic awaits in the swirling, snow-filled air? Join them on an enchanting adventure in this beautifully moving story by the bestselling author of *Sky Song* and *The Unmapped Chronicles*, Abi Elphinstone, and renowned illustrator Fiona Woodcock.

THE WONDERS OF NATURE

Ben Hoare £20.00

Every page reveals a surprising story from the natural world that you just won't forget. Discover the wonders of planet Earth and learn about some of the most amazing animals, plants, rocks and minerals, and microscopic life that live here. The storybook descriptions and close-up images let you discover the myths and legends of living creatures and minerals, as well as key facts about their natural history. Find out how the prowling jaguar uses spots to avoid being spotted, why a sticky sundew means big trouble for insects, and what on Earth a radiolarian is.





ATLAS OF OCEAN ADVENTURES

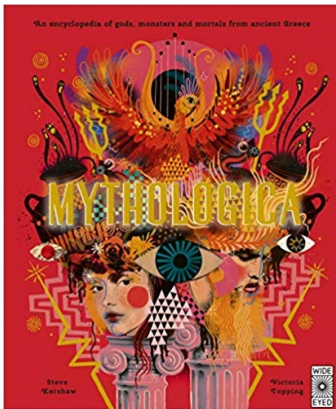
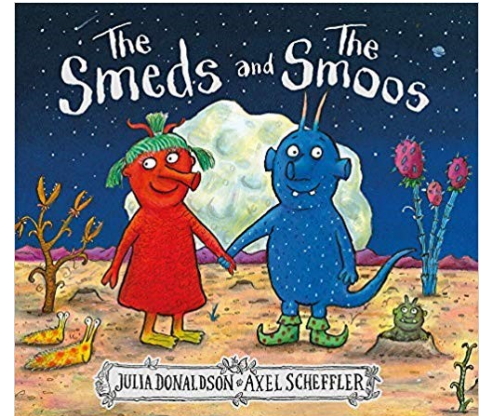
Lucy Letherland £20.00

Set your spirit of adventure free with this journey to the world's great oceans, discovering the diversity of life that exists in the deep blue sea. Whether you're travelling long haul with leatherback turtles across the Pacific, snoozing with sea otters or ice bathing with a walrus, this book celebrates the very prescient topic of the world's oceans with Lucy Letherland's animal characters.

THE SMEDS AND THE SMOOS

Julia Donaldson £12.99

Soar into space with this glorious love story of alien folk, from the creators of *The Gruffalo* and *Stick Man*. The Smeds (who are red) never mix with the Smoos (who are blue). So when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love, their families strongly disapprove. But peace is restored and love conquers all in this happiest of love stories.



MYTHOLOGICA

Victoria Topping £20.00

An illustrated encyclopaedia of Greek mythology like no other, *Mythologica* features startlingly beautiful and exquisitely otherworldly portraits of mythological characters in eye-popping colour from artist Victoria Topping and authoritative text from Classics scholar and Greek mythology expert Dr Stephen Kershaw. Uncover the colourful lives of 50 powerful gods and goddesses, earth-dwelling mortals and terrifying monsters as you journey back in time to ancient Greece.

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