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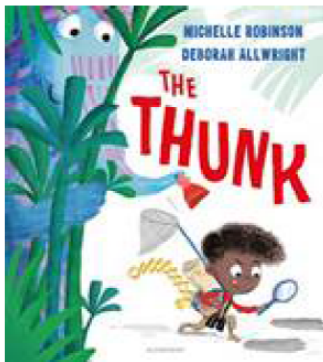
Does a Bear Wash Its Hair?

Author: Moira Butterfield **Illustrator:** Adam Ming

Interest level: 4-5

Reading age: 4+

A fact-filled, rhyming picture book about self-care routines. Animals are just like you!



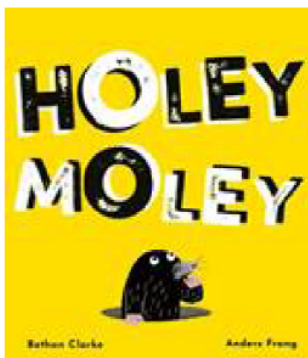
The Thunk

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This is a fabulously funny picture book by the author of *Ten Fat Sausages*, brimming full of Michelle Robinson's trademark silly hu...



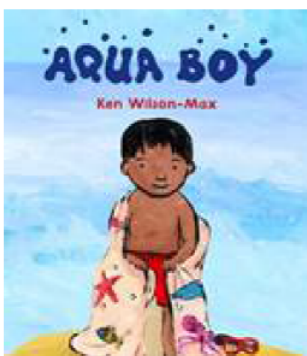
Holey Moley

Author: Bethan Clarke **Illustrator:** Anders Frang

Interest level: 3-7

Reading age: 4+

Moles live in holes, right? This funny book plays with rhyme as Gus the Goat tries to guess where his friend Mavis Mole lives.&nbs...



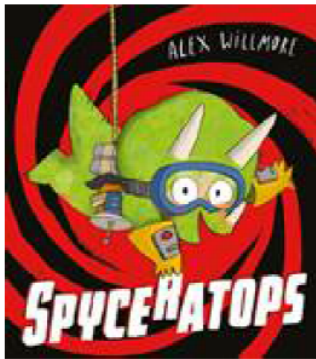
Aqua Boy

Author: Ken Wilson-Max

Interest level: 4-5

Reading age:

Aaron is scared of going under the water. But when he finds an octopus stranded on the beach, he must be brave. A gentle story abo...



Spyceratops

Author: Alex Willmore

Interest level: 6-8

Reading age: 5+

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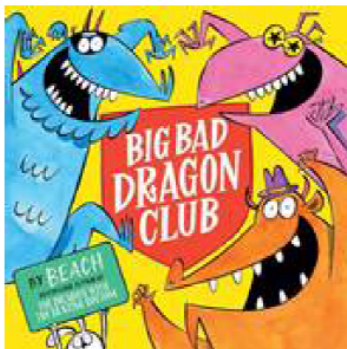
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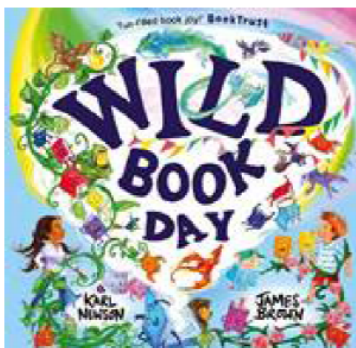
Big Bad Dragon Club

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A funny picture book about dragons learning they don't always have to be bad!



Wild Book Day

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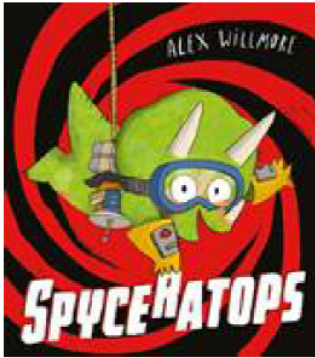
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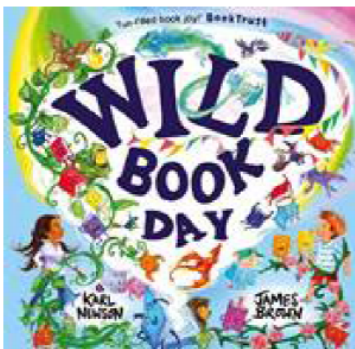
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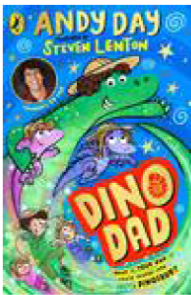
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Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books

Interest age: 6-8

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Could the Big Bad Wolf *really* blow down a straw house? A funny look at familiar fairy tales through the lens of STEM.



Dino Dad

Author: Andy Day **Illustrator:** Steven Lenton

Publisher: Puffin Books

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Ruby and her dad can change into dinosaurs! But can they find her little sister on the island of Dinotropolis? A sweet, yet madcap adventure full of brilliant illustrations.



I'm Going to be a Princess

Author: Stephanie Taylor **Illustrator:** Jade Orlando

Publisher: Nosy Crow

Interest age: 4-5

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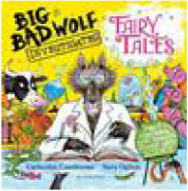
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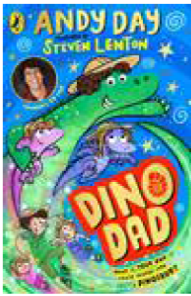
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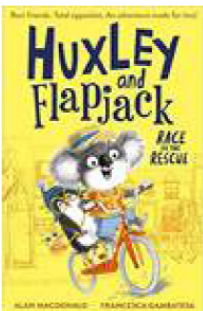
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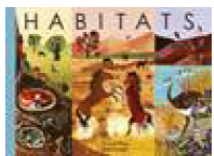
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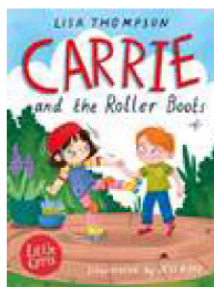
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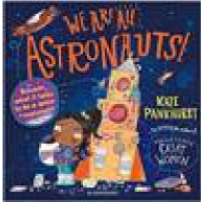
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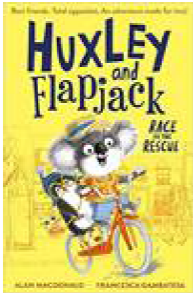
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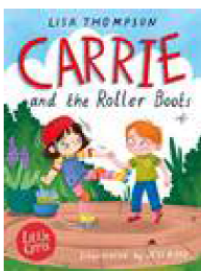
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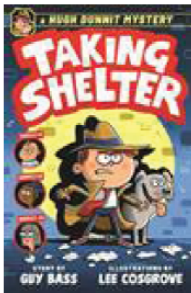
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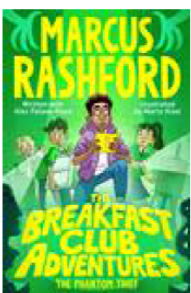
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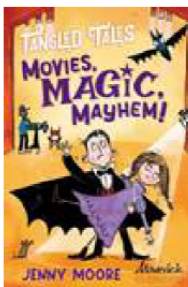
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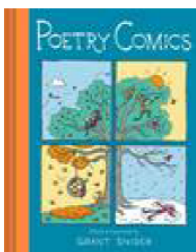
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Poetry Comics

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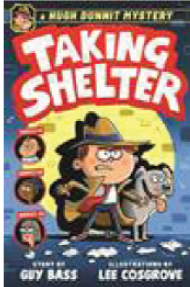
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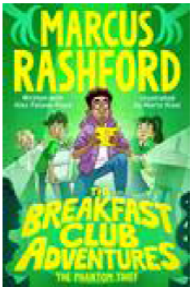
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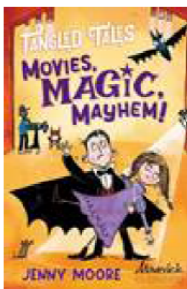
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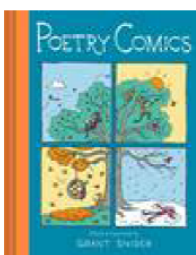
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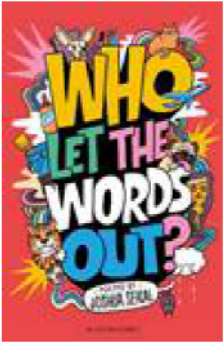
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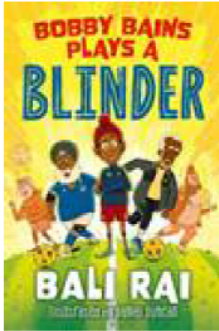
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Bobby Bains Plays a Blinder

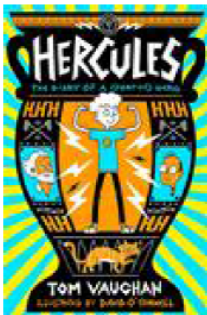
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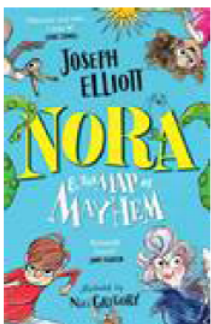
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Nora and the Map of Mayhem

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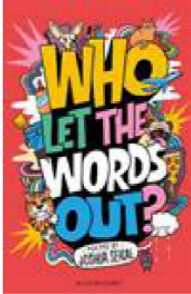
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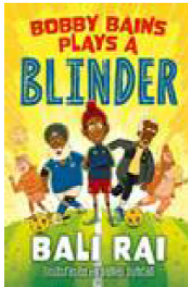
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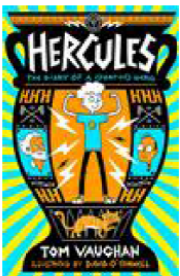
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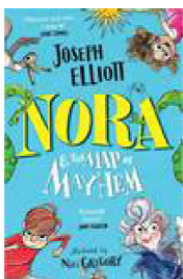
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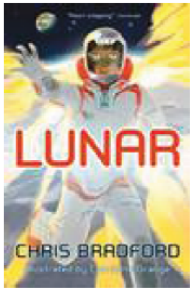
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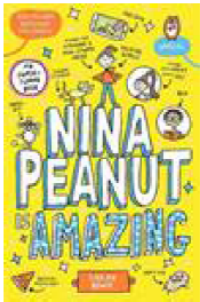
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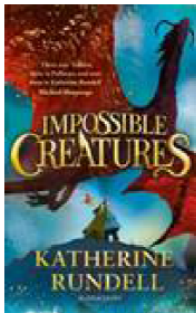
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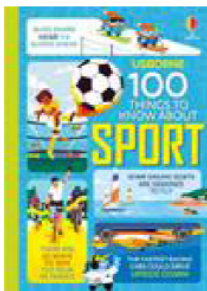
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100 Things to Know About Sport

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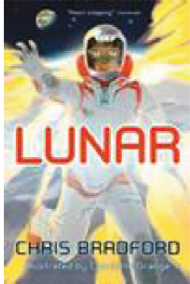
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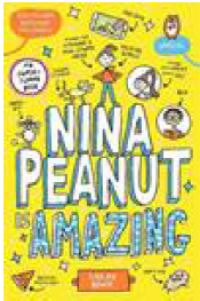
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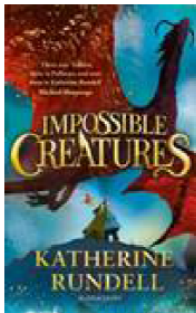
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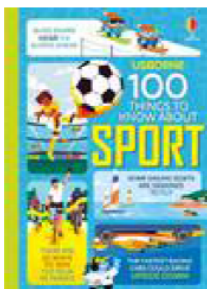
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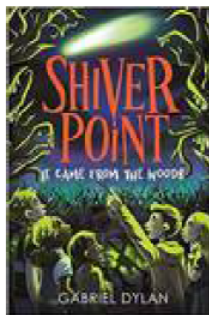
Author: Usborne

Publisher: Usborne

Interest age: 9-11

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Delve into the world of sports with this compilation of fascinating facts from around the world. Featuring engaging information, illustrations and infographics, this is a great choice for all sports lovers!



Shiver Point

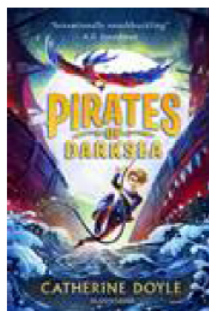
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Publisher: Piccadilly

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A short, snappy rollercoaster of a horror story with a skilful build-up of tension from 'This sleepy town is so bland, nothing ever happens here' to 'Aargh, we're all going to die!'.



Pirates of Darksea

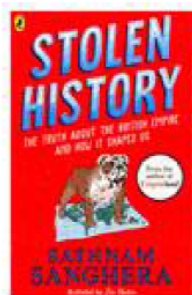
Author: Catherine Doyle

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Interest age: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

When Max answers the call to join Captain O'Malley's pirate ship instead of his brother, who's ill, it's the start of a rip-roaring fantastical adventure. A page-turner that will have children gripped and moved.



Stolen History

Author: Sathnam Sanghera **Illustrator:** Jen Khatun

Publisher: Puffin

Interest age: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

An accessible and fascinating look at the British Empire and how it still affects our lives today.



The Clockwork Conspiracy

Author: Sam Sedgman

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Interest age: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

Isaac's life is thrown into disarray when his dad mysteriously vanishes from the belfry of Big Ben. As they search for him, Isaac and his friend Hattie uncover a sinister plot which threatens Time itself. A fast-paced mystery, which will have readers on the edge of their seats.