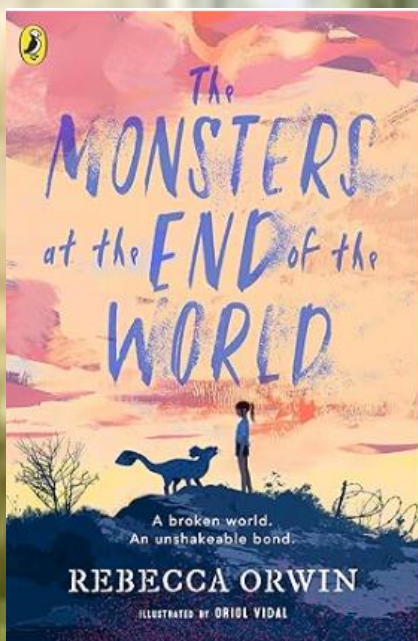


# Recommended Reading List

## Spring 2026

Looking for ideas for what to spend those Christmas tokens and money on? Here are some book suggestions for you from our school librarian.

### Fiction

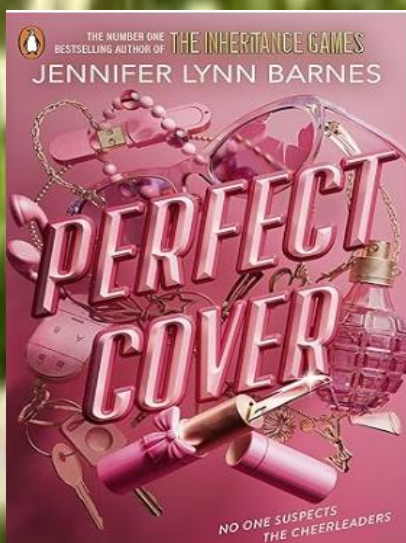


All her life, Sunny has known three truths about the creatures that prowl the seas off her tiny coastal town. They are dangerous. They are violent. They are monsters.

But when a chance encounter leads to an unexpected connection, Sunny discovers just how wrong she has been. The monster she meets – Mo – is intelligent, gentle, and searching for his lost brother.

(PB) 304 pages RRP £8.99 ISBN: 978-0241701782

Publishing date: 8/1/26

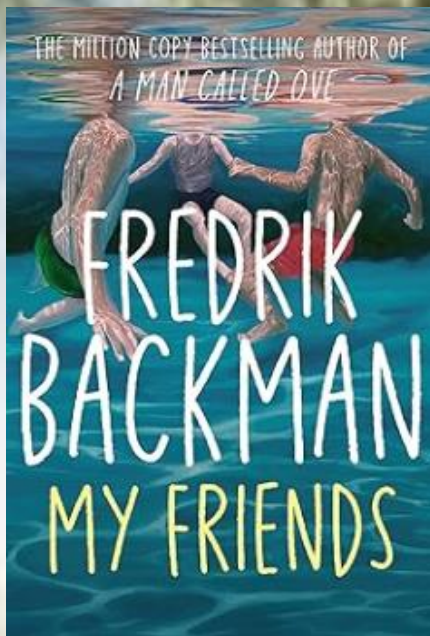


When hacker and black-belt Toby Klein arrives at Bayport High, joining the cheerleading squad is the last thing on her to-do list. But after a mysterious note urges her to audition, she realizes that behind those pom-poms is a dangerous secret. The Squad is cover for the government's most elite spies, hidden in plain sight. And they need Toby to retrieve intel from the only person who has it – the most popular boy at school.

(PB) 304 pages RRP £14.99 ISBN: 978-0241802465

Publishing date: 8/1/26





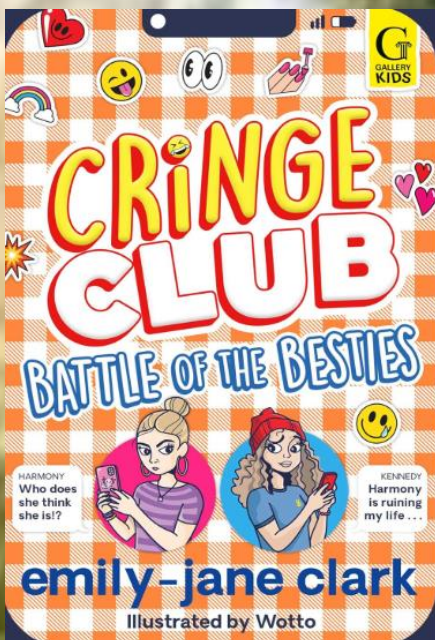
In the corner of a world-famous painting, three tiny figures sit on the end of a pier, a secret hidden in plain sight.

Twenty-five years ago, a group of teenagers found solace in each other during one unforgettable summer. Their friendship inspired a transcendent work of art, a painting that now mysteriously belongs to eighteen-year-old aspiring artist Louisa.

Driven to learn the story behind its creation, Louisa embarks on a journey to the seaside town where it all began. But as she gets closer to the painting's birthplace, Louisa learns that happy endings do not always take the form we expect.

(PB) 448 pages RRP £9.99 ISBN: 978-1398516434

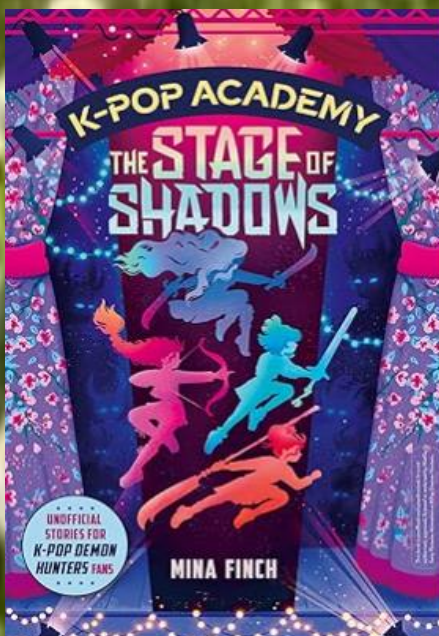
Publishing date: 22/1/26



Welcome back to the Cringe Club! It's Kennedy's first day back at Hellington High after half term and things seem to be going . . . well!? Even her arch enemy, Harmony Bliss, is being NICE!? Meanwhile, Devon is collecting cringes like trophies thanks to his highly embarrassing parents and Liv is having major boy trouble. Ideal for readers of the Lottie Brooks and Dork Diaries series.

(PB) 368 pages RRP £7.99 ISBN: 978-1398543553

Publishing date: 29/1/26



The action-packed new series for fans who can't get enough of K-Pop Demon Hunters!

Twelve-year-old Hana Kim has always dreamed of becoming singing, dancing, and dazzling the world on stage as a K-pop idol. When she earns a scholarship to K-Pop Academy, Seoul's most prestigious training school, she's ready for hard work, long hours, and intense competition. But what she's not expecting are the shadows – dark, whispering demons that slink into rehearsal rooms and feed on the students' fears of failure.

With the help of her new friends, Hana must confront her own insecurities: that she's not good enough, that she doesn't belong, that she'll always be in the background, whilst saving the school from dangerous demons!

(PB) 160 pages RRP £7.99 ISBN: 978-1398561144

Publishing date: 29/1/26





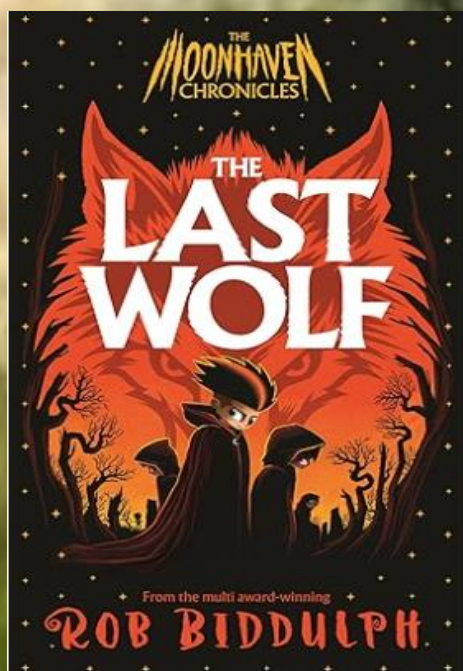
On an icy Swedish archipelago, a girl is entangled in a dark mystery that only she holds the key to unravelling, in this fantasy thriller.

Twelve-year-old Tuva couldn't imagine living anywhere other than the Stockholm archipelago and her island home of Harö. Even if she mostly keeps to herself at her small school. Even if she sometimes gets kind of lonely.

But when a classmate goes missing, Tuva finds herself at the centre of the mystery, along with Rasmus, the new boy at school. Neither one of them can understand what they saw that day in the woods near the water: Is something magical at work? Something evil?

(HB/PB) 352 pages RRP £12.99 / £8.99 ISBN: 978-1662529870

Publishing date: 1/2/26

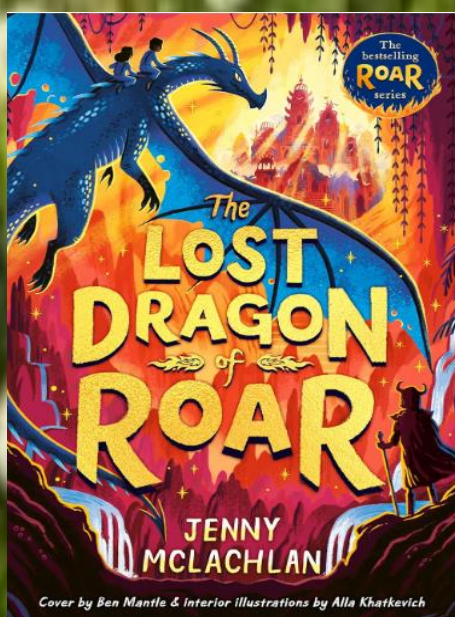


Jax, Jovi, Esau and Fourth live for full-moon adventures – sneaking out after curfew, dodging the Nighthawks and roaming the empty streets of Moonhaven.

But when a rare werewolf attack rocks the town, the friends become prime suspects. With the Nighthawks closing in on anyone who was out after dark, they're forced to run – setting off a chain of rumours, secrets and betrayals. As suspicion spreads, friendships are tested and the truth may be more dangerous than any of them imagined . . .

(HB) 272 pages RRP £12.99 ISBN: 978-1035037315

Publishing date: 5/2/26



The fifth magical adventure in the epic and funny bestselling Land of Roar series.

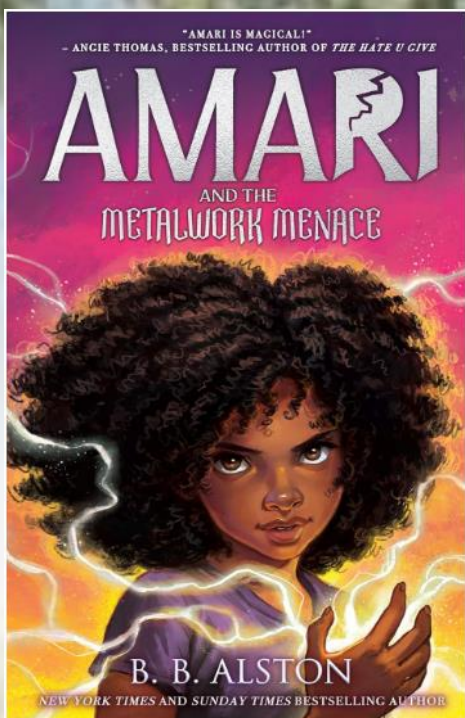
Rose, Arthur, Win are going back to dragon school, and now they are officially dragon riders, it's time for their first mission. It's another epic and magical Roar adventure, where they'll encounter a cursed island of witches, a ghostly mystery and the most fearsome dragon in Roar. But someone is on their tail...

Thrilling magical fantasy adventures that celebrate the power of imagination, The Land of Roar is perfect for readers of Skandar, Percy Jackson and How to Train Your Dragon.

(PB) 336 pages RRP £7.99 ISBN: 978-0008680039

Publishing date: 26/2/26





Book 4 in the Amari and the Night Brothers Series

The highly anticipated new book in the Sunday Times and New York Times #1 bestselling and award-winning Supernatural Investigations series. Perfect for fans of Skandar, Percy Jackson and Nevermoor.

The fourth epic adventure for Amari and her friends at the Bureau of Supernatural Investigations.

(HB) 400 pages RRP £14.99 ISBN: 978-0008647704

Publishing date: 26/2/26



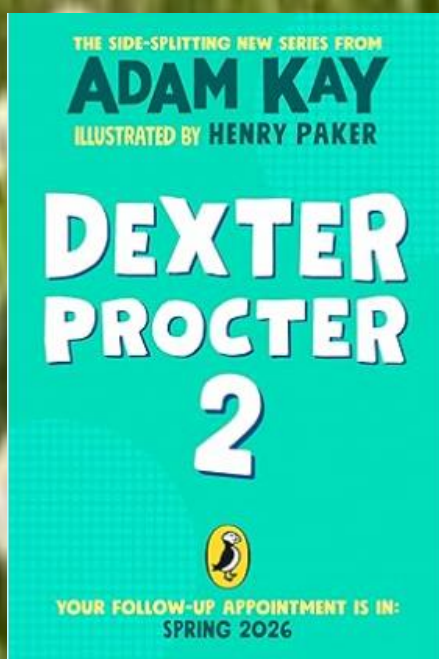
the First Interactive Novel from Kathryn Butler's The Lamplight Series

One minute you're fishing on a lazy day in Massachusetts. Suddenly, it's the 18th century and you find yourself aboard the whaleship Valiant, manned by a greedy pirate named Blackviper and his crew. Their quest: find the mysterious sea monster, the kraken. Where the story goes next is up to you.

In this immersive novel, the reader is the protagonist. Each suspenseful chapter ends with two or three courses of action, and kids choose one and see where the story takes them.

(PB) 192 pages RRP £10.99 ISBN: 978-1433599590

Publishing date: 28/2/26



All is not well in the world with Dexter Procter, the world's youngest doctor.

His granny has broken her leg, his friends Rupi and Otto have been expelled, there's an asthma epidemic he can't get on top of, and everything fun at the hospital has been shut down by slimy politician Barbara Burnhall. And then his boss Dr Marigold disappears off the face of the earth! But what Dexter doesn't realize is that he and his friends are about to uncover a dastardly plot featuring kidnap, earthquakes and a runaway ambulance. Dexter Procter doesn't know what's about to hit him. (Spoiler alert: it's a runaway ambulance.)

(HB) 432 pages RRP £14.99 ISBN: 978-0241673898

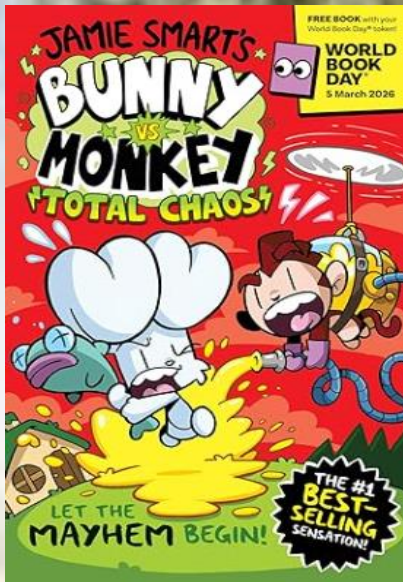
Publishing date: 2/4/26



# World Book Day 2026 "Free" Books

Tokens available in school from 2/3/2026

Redeemable at:



Whether you're already a fan of this million-selling series or have yet to discover what all the crazy fuss is about - one thing's guaranteed in this special World Book Day story . . . TOTAL CHAOS!

Monkey's mischievous schemes to take over The Woods are afoot, and only Bunny can stop them! To do just that, he'll need to find his thermal underwear, fire up the Flan Cannon and watch out for hairy jam (ew!) . . .

(PB) 64 pages RRP £1.00 - free with WBD 2026 Token

Publishing date: 12/2/26 ISBN: 978-1788453929



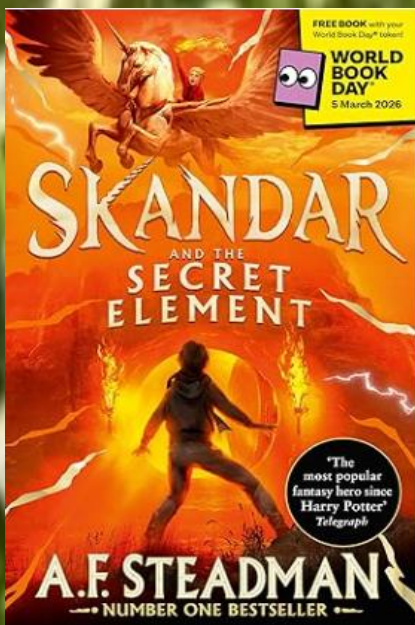
An exclusive new World Book Day story, inspired by Roald Dahl's *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* from bestselling author Sibéal Pounder, and illustrated by Emily Jones.

Charlie Bucket is having a magical time learning to run Mr Willy Wonka's famous chocolate factory. There are so many delicious new creations to be invented! And as long as there is a Wonka chocolate factory, there will be a Willy Wonka ping about like an excited squirrel inside it - along with his brilliant Oompa Loompas, who know just how to keep everything running smoothly.

But everyone needs a holiday, even Oompa Loompas. And that's where this story begins . . .

(PB) 64 pages RRP £1.00 - free with WBD 2026 Token

Publishing date: 12/2/26 ISBN: 978-0241810354



## TAKE FLIGHT ON THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME.

A thrilling special adventure for World Book Day, from the no.1 bestselling author of the Skandar series. Albert never thought he would become a unicorn rider. But then he is whisked away to a mysterious island to bond with a warrior unicorn, and to train in elemental magic. There, Albert meets a boy called Skandar, who is hiding a dangerous secret.

When an encounter with a terrifying wild unicorn throws Albert and Skandar together, will the adventure help them become the heroes they are destined to be?

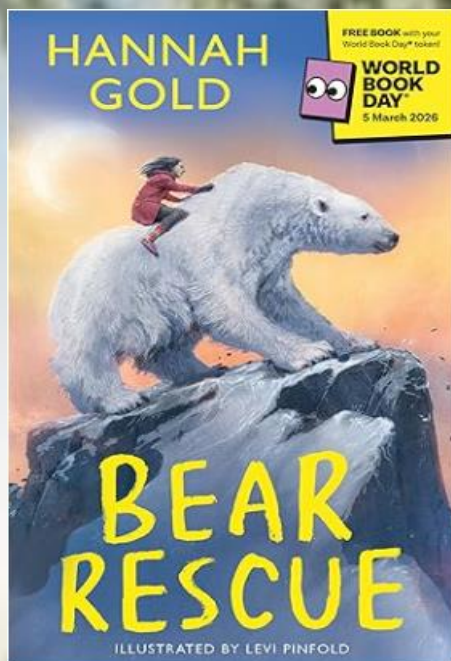
Get ready for unlikely heroes, elemental battles, dangerous secrets and bloodthirsty unicorns.

This gripping story is perfect for newcomers to the Skandar series as well as superfans and comes with bonus content and activities.

(PB) 64 pages RRP £1.00 - free with WBD 2026 Token

Publishing date: 12/2/26 ISBN: 978-1398552555





Join April Wood on a thrilling Arctic adventure set in the world of the *THE LAST BEAR*, *FINDING BEAR* and *THE LONE HUSKY*.

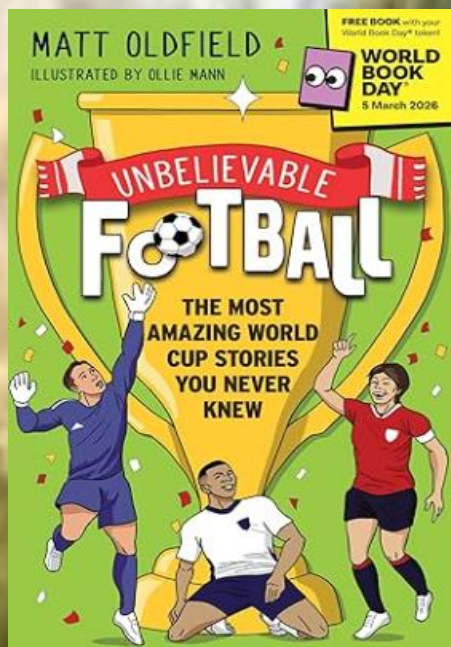
August Wood lives in the far north of the Arctic. His best friend is a husky called Blaze, and he's the younger brother of April Wood – the girl who once famously rescued a polar bear.

But one summer's day, when a sudden snowstorm strikes, August goes missing. With temperatures plummeting, it's up to April, Bear and Blaze to track him down and bring him safely home ... before it's too late.

A stunning, snow-filled adventure for animal lovers of all ages, *Bear Rescue* is perfect for readers who are new to Hannah Gold's iconic stories as well as existing fans.

(PB) 64 pages RRP £1.00 - free with WBD 2026 Token

Publishing date: 12/2/26 ISBN: 978-0008792435



Think you know everything about football? Think again!

Dive into the most unbelievable World Cup stories you never knew, in the football-packed World Book Day special, by bestselling and award-winning author Matt Oldfield.

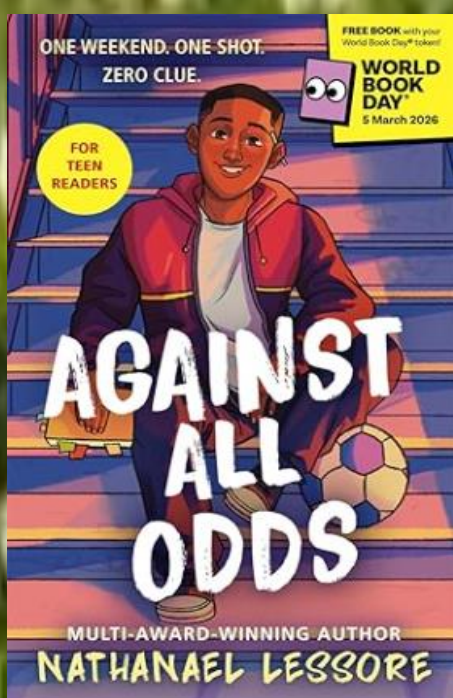
Have you heard of . . .

- \* The greatest World Cup final ever, featuring the GOATs: Kylian Mbappé and Lionel Messi?
- \* The incredible tale of stormy seas and football-fanatic kings at the first World Cup tournament?
- \* The biggest upset in international football history, featuring five-time winners, Brazil?

Plus, discover the incredible stats and facts behind the greatest World Cup players, the most incredible matches, iconic hosts, super stadiums, amazing managers and more.

(PB) 64 pages RRP £1.00 - free with WBD 2026 Token

Publishing date: 12/2/26 ISBN: 978-1526367822



A HILARIOUS WORLD BOOK DAY COMEDY FOR TEEN READERS FROM THE MULTI-AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF *STEADY FOR THIS* AND *KING OF NOTHING*!

Noranto knows who he is. Or at least, he thinks he does.

Footballer. Hustler. One of the boys. He's got the playground game on lock and big plans for his mum's surprise birthday party this weekend. But poetry? That's just something he does quietly - in his head, on the bus, between goals.

Until his teacher spots his talent and encourages him to enter a creative writing competition. Noranto laughs it off. No chance: the deadline's in three days and he's already got way too much going on. His mates agree and tell him to stick to what he knows. Poetry doesn't win matches.

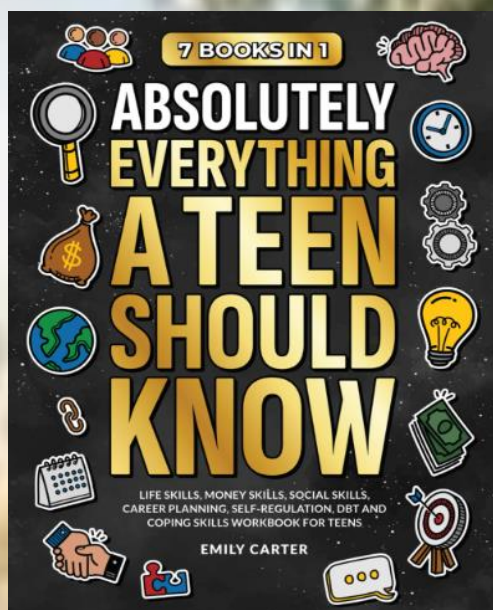
But the rhymes won't stop coming. And a little voice inside him keeps asking: What if this is his shot? What if he could do it all?

(PB) 64 pages RRP £1.00 - free with WBD 2026 Token

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## Non - Fiction



### The Book You Wish Someone Gave You at 15

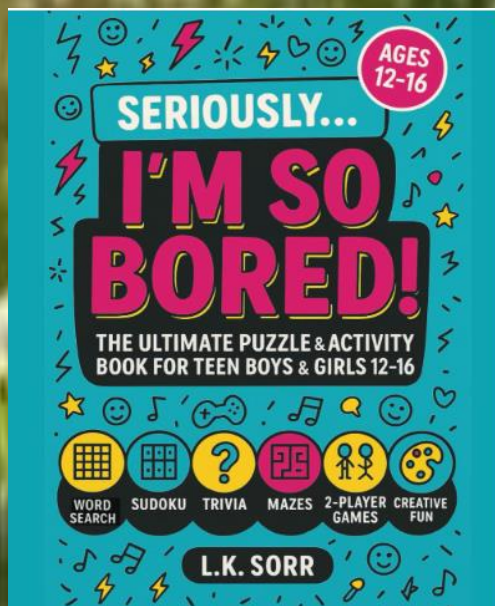
Basic life stuff. Handling money. Talking to people. Planning for the future. Managing emotions. DBT strategies. Tools for dealing with stress and tough feelings.

What if your teen had a clear plan for becoming an adult before they're suddenly expected to figure it all out on their own? Most teens aren't lazy or careless. They've got a lot going on, they haven't been shown how to handle it, and there's pressure coming from every direction. School *taught them algebra... but not how to keep their cool, manage their money, or figure out what actually matters to them.*

Absolutely Everything a Teen Should Know is a no-nonsense guide packed with practical skills, emotional tools, and confidence boosters, all to help teens approach adulthood feeling more in control and less lost.

(HB) 550 pages RRP £35.96 ISBN: 978-9527634028

Publishing date: Already available



*Seriously... I'm So Bored!* is the ultimate teen activity book and boredom buster for boys and girls ages 12–16. Packed with hours of screen-free activities, it's perfect for sleepovers, travel, road trips, rainy days, school holidays, and Christmas gifts.

#### Inside You'll Find:

Word Searches & Sudoku – fun brain games to sharpen focus and logic

Trivia & Brain Teasers – quick wins and “aha!” moments  
Mazes & Logic Challenges – build problem-solving skills from easy to tricky

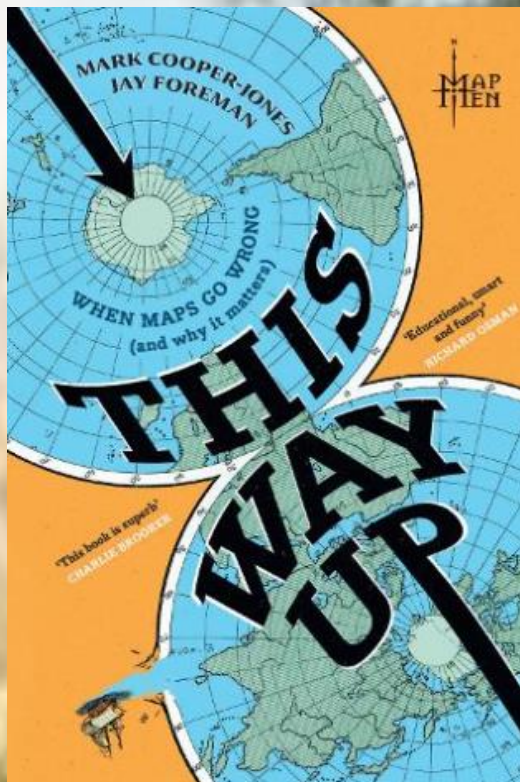
2-Player Games – head-to-head fun with friends, siblings, or family

Creative Fun – doodles, colouring, and journaling prompts

(PB) 106 Pages RRP £10.99 ISBN: 979-8266940543

Publishing Date: Already available



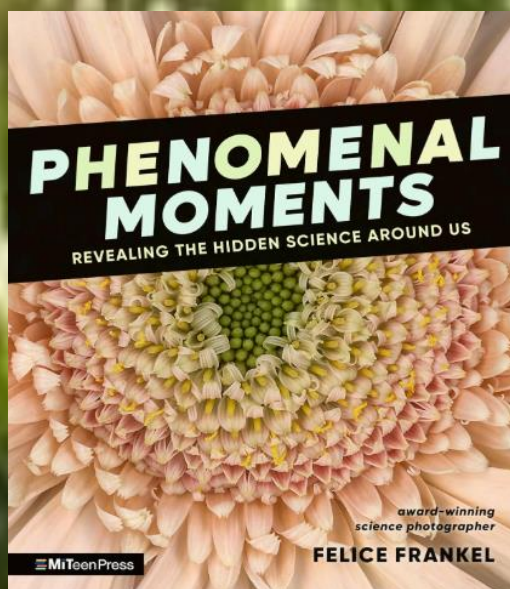


Based on hit Youtube edutainment mini-series Map Men, *This Way Up* finds Jay Foreman and Mark Cooper-Jones taking a hilarious look at cartography's biggest blunders.

The Map Men – are an online sensation, whose irreverent and hilarious videos have charmed and captivated millions around the world. Now they bring you their debut book, all about the world's worst maps. Some are decades old, some are centuries old, and some are so recent they're still being published today (or yesterday, if you're reading this tomorrow).

(HB) 384 pages RRP £16.99 ISBN: 978-0008710279

Publishing date: Already available

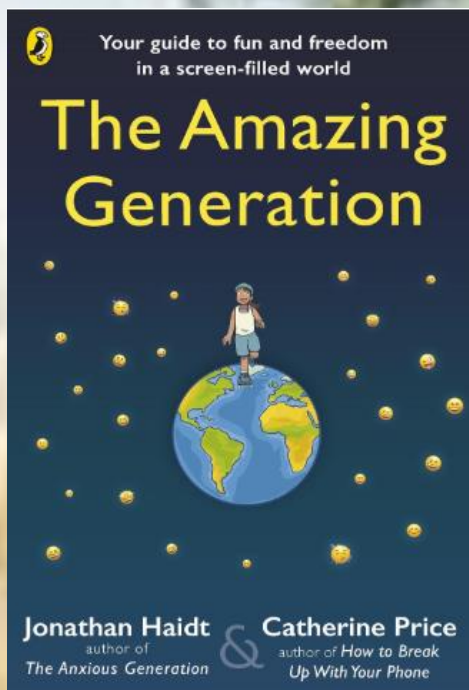


Enlisting readers to "be the scientist" through vivid fine-art photographs, internationally acclaimed science photographer Felice Frankel zooms in and out on beautiful and brilliant moments all around us to reveal the chemical, natural, or physical processes behind scientific phenomena. Organized into five thematic sections that explore light and shadow, form, surfaces, traces left behind, and transformation, this ingenious book is both a visual feast to savour in its own right and a guessing game that trains readers to look in a more layered, curious, and questioning way.

(HB) 128 pages RRP £19.99 ISBN: 978-1536234893

Publishing date: Already available





Packed with facts, stories, and secrets that tech leaders don't want you to know, this book invites kids to step back from their screens and discover how capable, confident and adventurous they can be in the real world.

The *Anxious Generation* started a world-changing conversation about the effects of smartphones and social media on young people.

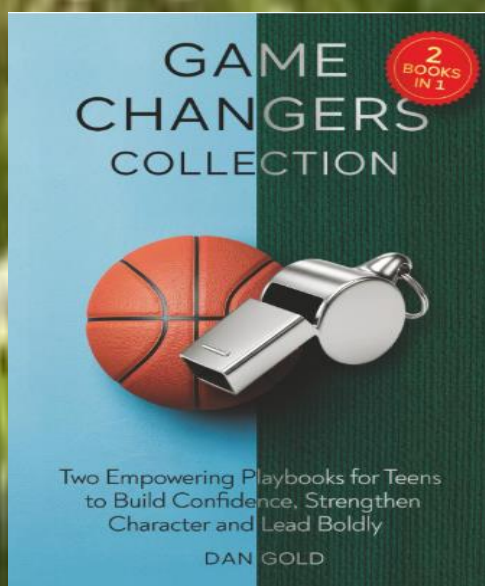
Now bestselling authors Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price have teamed up to talk directly to kids, showing them it's possible to live a fulfilling smartphone-free life.

Featuring a practical Tech Rebel Reset strategy, the book will show children how to:

- *Break free from their phones*
- *Create more freedom in their day*
- *Re-discover the joy of screen-free adventures.*

(PB) 240 pages RRP £9.99 ISBN: 978-0241806586

Publishing date: 26/2/26



*The Game Changers Collection* unites both volumes of the award-winning teen sports series by Dan Gold. The journey began with *Game Changers: Inspirational Sports Stories*, the Amazon best seller and winner of the 2025 Reader's Favourite Gold Medal and continues with *Game Changers 2: Inspirational Coaches' Stories*. Together, these two powerful books deliver more than eighty unforgettable stories of athletes and coaches who turned setbacks into triumphs and built character that lasts far beyond the game.

(HB) 400 pages RRP £14.99 ISBN: 979-8284432112

Publishing date: 26/2/26