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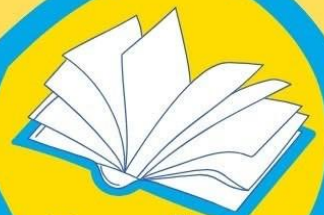
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## Author Focus Mini Grey

Mini Grey has long been celebrated for her playful picture books that sparkle with humour and creativity. Whether it's the superhero antics of Traction Man, the clever detective tale of Hermelin the Detective Mouse, or the environmental twist of The Last Wolf, her stories brim with wit and warmth. She has the ability to take familiar themes and turn them on their head, making her books not only entertaining but layered with meaning, encouraging readers to look closer and think deeper.

Her latest work feels like a true publishing landmark: an illustrated abridged edition of Ted Hughes's classic The Iron Man. For decades this story has captivated children, but Mini Grey now makes it accessible for a younger audience without losing its magic or power. Her vibrant illustrations bring Hughes's vision to life with boldness, humour, and an irresistible sense of character.

The Iron Man isn't frightening – he's simply very, very hungry. His appetite for tractors, fence posts and farm machinery alarms the local community, who trap him in a deep pit. But with the help of Hogarth, a boy with kindness and imagination, the Iron Man finds a new home in the scrapyards, surrounded by all the broken cookers, bedsteads and cars he could ever want. A perfect introduction to a classic, destined to become a family favourite for years to come.



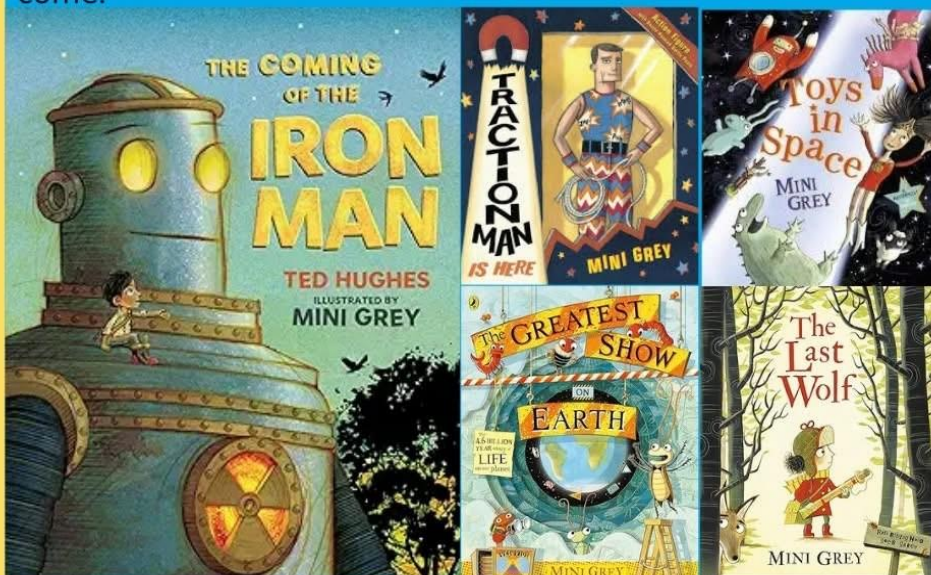
**Books**

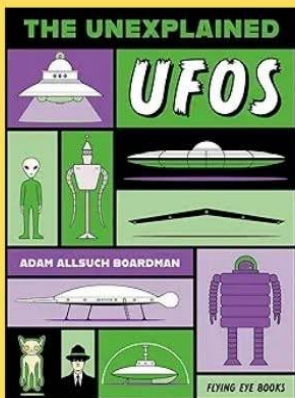


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## The Unexplained UFOs

Adam Allsuch Boardman

Flying Eye 7+

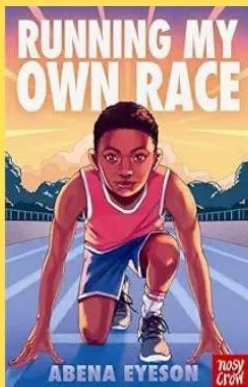
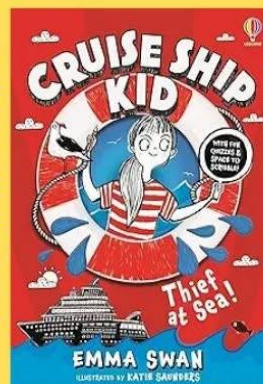
Flying Eye are the kings of non-fiction, and this is the first in a brilliant new series (the second book, Ghosts, is also out now). Mixing facts and theories, it's a book that will keep every member of your family or classroom engaged! The illustrations are great too — the whole book feels very stylish

## Cruise Ship Kid

Emma Swan & Katie Saunders

Usborne 8+

Who doesn't love a good detective story? Silver is definitely NOT a detective... yet somehow she finds herself investigating! Written in diary form — which many readers will love — Cruise Ship Kid is a fantastic tale of friendship, as Silver searches for both a thief and a friend her own age.



## Running My Own Race

Abena Eyeson

Nosy Crow 9+

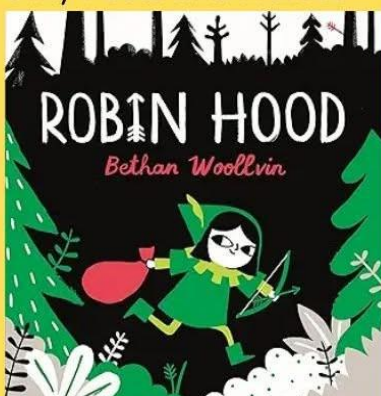
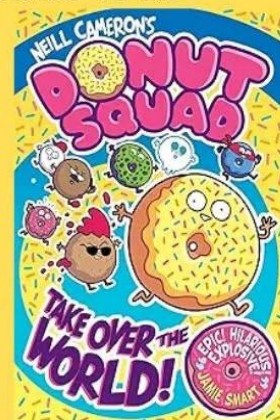
Kofi gets a scholarship to a prestigious school because of his athletic ability. The story feels so real — the pressure from family, friends, and school hits hard, but you're rooting for him the whole way. It's funny, warm, and sometimes tough to read, but in the best way. A brilliant reminder to follow your own path, no matter what.

## Donut Squad

Neill Cameron

DFB Phoenix 6+

Any book that makes you check on your children because they're laughing so much is an instant winner for me. Donut Squad is hilariously silly and will be loved by anyone with a sense of humour, from age 6 to 600 (though I've yet to see a 600-year-old reading it!). Kids will be quoting the jokes like your grandad reciting Only Fools and Horses

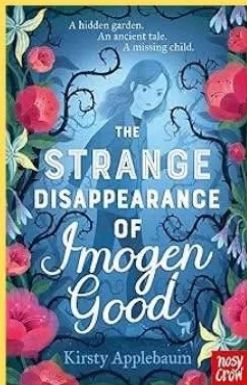


## Robin Hood

Bethan Woollvin

Two Hoots 3+

Bold, cheeky, and full of heart — this Robin Hood is a little girl with a big dose of mischief! Bethan Woollvin's trademark bright, punchy art makes the forest pop, and the story is a funny, fearless twist on a classic. Perfect for little rebels who love standing up for what's right.



## The Strange Disappearance of Imogen Good

Kirsty Applebaum

Nosy Crow 9+ Coming - September

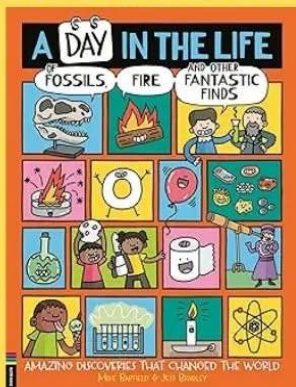
Kirsty Applebaum does it again! This had me hooked from the first page. Creepy gardens, old legends, and a mystery that makes you second-guess everything – I couldn't stop reading. Fran is such a relatable lead, and the twists kept me guessing. Perfect for fans of spooky, atmospheric adventures with a chilling edge.

## The Diary of Wiska Wildflower

Harriet Muncaster

OUP Oxford 6 + Coming - October

An absolute treat – Wiska's diary feels like stepping into a glittery, magical scrapbook. The colours pop, the fashion is dreamy, and the dragons are just brilliant. Beyond the sparkle, Wiska's feelings about fitting in and staying true to herself really shine. Sweet, creative, and so much fun to read.



## A Day in the Life

Fossils, Fire & Other  
Fantastic Finds

Mike Barfield & Jess Bradley

Buster Books 7+ Coming - September

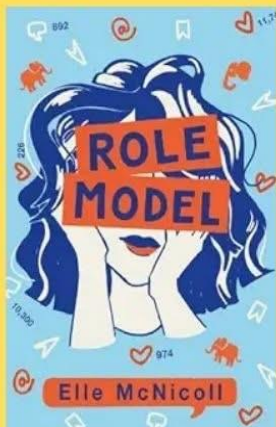
The dynamic duo continue to make learning feel fun and exciting, with comics, diaries and colourful spreads that bring big discoveries to life. From tombs and dinosaurs to space telescopes, it's packed with fascinating facts and laugh-out-loud moments.

## Rune: The Tale of the Obsidian Maze

Carlos Sanchez

Flying Eye 9+ Coming - November

An epic return to the award winning world of 'Rune'! Chiri and Dai's new adventure is darker, twistier, and full of danger. The Obsidian Maze and MidKnight are brilliantly creepy, and the stakes feel huge. A gripping fantasy graphic novel sequel that keeps you hooked and makes you desperate for the next instalment.



## Role Model

Elle McNicoll

KnightsOf 10+ Coming - September

Powerful, funny, and deeply real – Aerial's story is about finding your own voice when everyone else wants to speak for you. The pressures of fame, friendship, and family are so relatable. A heartfelt, timely read that will inspire and empower young people. We're big fans of Elle and her books!

Coming Soon!

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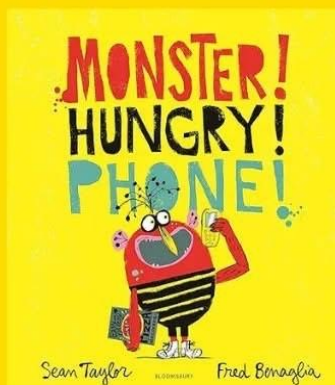
# 9 books to share!



As summer nights begin to fade and the air turns a little colder, there's nothing better than snuggling up with a good book. These are some of our favourite read-alouds to enjoy while you're curled up with family or friends.

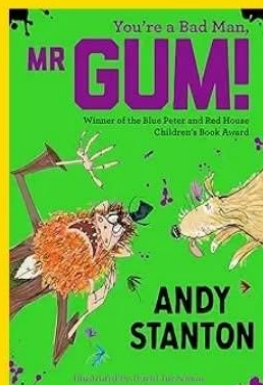
1. Monster! Hungry! Phone!

Sean Taylor &  
Fred Benaglia



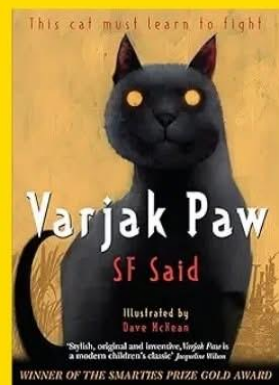
2. Mr Gum

Andy Stanton &  
David Tazzyman



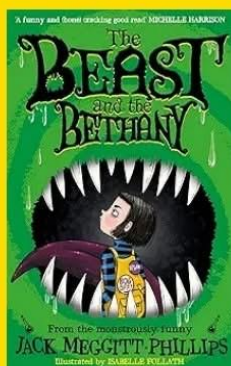
3. Varjak Paw

SF Said



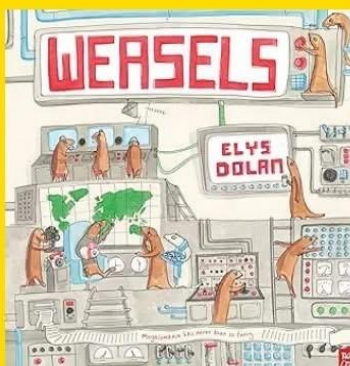
4. The Beast and the  
Bethany

Jack Meggitt-Phillips &  
Isabelle Pollath



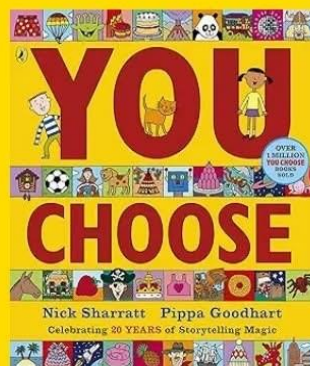
5. Weasels

Elys Dolan



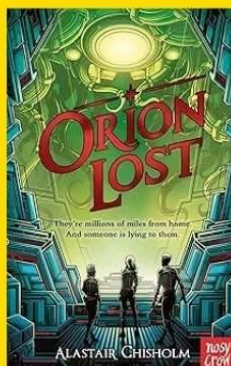
6. You Choose

Nick Sharratt &  
Pippa Goodhart



7. Orion Lost

Alastair Chisholm



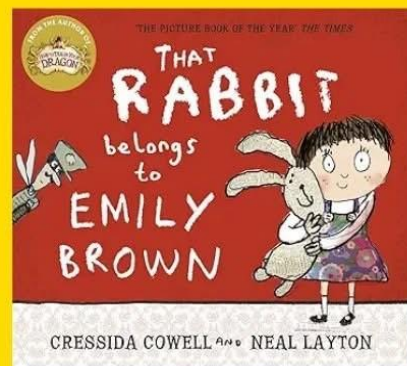
8. The Land of Roar

Jenny McLachlan &  
Ben Mantle



9. This Rabbit Belongs to  
Emily Brown

Cressida Cowell &  
Neal Layton



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