

CHILDREN'S SPRING LIST 2018

Spring is finally in the air and there are so many exciting new books to read. This quarter's catalogue is bursting with ideas to keep every young reader happy. Here you will find recommendations for colourful new picture books, classics reimagined, the latest teen reads and so much more. And if you would like more ideas for the holidays or tailored advice for presents or the reluctant reader, please do not hesitate to get in touch

0 – 4 YEARS OLD



CRESSIDA COWELL *The Story of Tantrum O'Furrily* (32pp) **April £12.99**

Tantrum O'Furrily's kittens are hungry and don't believe that a story can cure their rumbling bellies... but with a little magic, anything can happen

EMMA YARLETT *Nibbles: The Dinosaur Guide* (36pp) **April £12.99/£6.99 pbk**

Nibbles chomps through dinosaur facts in this interactive adventure. Packed with lift-the-flaps, peek-through holes and fascinating dinosaur information

TOM PERCIVAL *Goat's Coat* (32pp) **April £11.99/£6.99 pbk**

Alfonzo the goat is on cloud nine in his fab new coat, but when he discovers someone needs his help, will he be able to part with his treasured possession and save the day?

KAREN INGLIS *Ferdinand Fox and the Hedgehog* (30pp) **£6.99 pbk**

Join Ferdinand Fox, Hatty Hedgehog and her baby in this sweet and gentle rhyming adventure. Includes a special fact section on the great British hedgehog

ROB BIDDULPH *Happy Hatchday* (32pp) **April £12.99**

Charming and colourful story about the first milestones in the lives of three baby dinosaurs, told in verse and perfect for reading aloud

LUCY ROWLAND *The Knight Who Said 'No!'* (32pp) **April £12.99**

Ned always does what he's told. That is, until a dragon comes to town. His parents tell him to go inside, but what will happen if he confronts it? He might even make a friend

JUDITH KERR *My First Mog 123* (32pp) **April £6.99 pbk**

Join everyone's favourite forgetful cat and learn to count with Mog. Perfect for ages two and up, this useful little picture book will help little ones memorise their numbers

5 – 8 YEARS OLD



JAMES CARTER *Once Upon a Star* (32pp) **£11.99**

Inventive narrative verse takes children on a factual yet lyrical journey through the solar system, paired with striking illustrations of our universe

LIZZY STEWART *Juniper Jupiter* (40pp) **£11.99**

Juniper Jupiter is a superhero. She's super-smart, super-fast and she can even fly. But she's still searching for a sidekick. Will she find her perfect one?

SOPHIE KINSELLA *Mummy Fairy and Me* (176pp) **£5.99 pbk**

Ella Brook can't wait to grow up and be a proper fairy like her mother. Well, not quite like her mother because HER spells do tend to go awry and then Ella has to come to the rescue

ANDREA BEATY *Ada Twist's Big Project Book for Stellar Scientists* (96pp) **£10.99**

Ada Twist takes young readers on a journey through scientific method and encourages curious minds with this neat little book of experiments

DIETER BRAUN *Mountains of the World* (96pp) **April £18**

Bring your climbing gear and take a closer look at the mountains of the world, from the Alps to the Himalayas. Beautifully illustrated and full of facts and fun

ALOM SHAHA *Mr Shaha's Recipes for Wonder* (64pp) **£12.99/£8.99 pbk**

Join real life science teacher Mr Shaha for some incredible at-home experiments. Learn about sound with water glasses, make balloon powered cars and vitamin powered rockets

ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH *The Great Race Car Robbery* (144pp) **April £9.99**

Max finds an old car with his last name, Champion, on the bonnet and realises it belonged to his grandfather. Will Max recapture his grandpa's glory and race again?

A.L. KENNEDY *The Pajimminy-Crimminy Unusual Adventure* (272pp) **£8.99**

Eccentric Uncle Shawn needs saving yet again. Badger Bill, a pirate boy and an invisible girl are the team for the job. A madcap adventure full of lively illustrations

JULIAN CLARY *The Bolds in Trouble* (304pp) **April £12.99**

The Bolds are trying to keep their heads down, but trouble comes to town in the form a sly fox. Can the family of hyenas foil his plans?

ELENA FAVILLI *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls 2* (224pp) **£25**

One hundred brand new bedtime stories inspired by the lives of extraordinary women, from Peggy Guggenheim to Nefertiti

ALEX FRITH *Politics for Beginners* (128pp) **£9.99**

An informative guide to political systems, elections, voting, government and fake news, explained with clear text and infographic style illustrations. Useful for all of us

9-11 YEARS OLD



NATASHA FARRANT *The Children of Castle Rock* (320pp) **£6.99 pbk**

When Alice Mistlethwaite is shipped off to a Scottish boarding school she finds it surprisingly liberating. But when her father disappears she must run away to investigate

JONATHAN LITTON *Journeys* (96pp) **£17.99**

From the race to the South Pole to the slave who escaped by posting himself to freedom, read your way around the world with some of history's greatest storymakers

ALLY SHERRICK *The Buried Crown* (320pp) **April £6.99 pbk**

WWII and George has been evacuated while his brother fights. A local burial ground houses a magic Anglo-Saxon crown that the Nazis want, and George must protect it

SOPHIE ANDERSON *The House With Chicken Legs* (336pp) **May £6.99 pbk**

A retelling of the folk tale Baba Yaga. Marinka's strange house has chicken legs and moves without warning, but stranger still is her mercurial grandmother: a spirit guide

BEN BROOKS *Stories for Boys who Dare to be Different* (208pp) **April £17.99**

Meet the rule breakers & innovators from across history, from the famous to the not so famous, who rejected peer pressure. Inspiring lives from Beethoven to Obama

EWA JOZEFKOWICZ *The Colour Thief* (192pp) **April £10.99**

After a car accident, the colour goes out of Izzy's world, stolen by the mysterious thief in her dreams. Will her neighbour and friend, along with a nest of cygnets, bring it back?

LOU KUENZLER *The Return of the Railway Children* (272pp) **£8.99**

When her mother joins the ATA at the height of WWII, Edie is sent to live with her aunt Roberta and two evacuees at Three Chimneys. She soon discovers a mystery in the village

SCARLETT THOMAS *The Chosen Ones* (368pp) **April £12.99**

Maximilian and Effie have travelled to the Otherworld, but their friends back at Tusitala school are in grave danger. A new instalment in the Worldquake series

DAVE SHELTON *The Book Case* (240pp) **April £10.99**

Book-smart Daphne is off to the prestigious St Rita's boarding school. However, she finds more than she bargained for when a library assistant's job turns into a detective mission

12+ YEARS



KIRSTY LOGAN *The Gloaming* (320pp) **April £12.99**

Mara lives on a harsh, mysterious island that turns its inhabitants to stone. When the enigmatic Pearl arrives on the island, Mara dares to plot her escape

ELE FOUNTAIN *Boy 87* (224pp) **April £7.99 pbk**

Shif is an ordinary schoolboy who loves chess. His peace is shattered when he is forced to leave home to avoid conscription into the army, embarking on a dangerous odyssey

DAVID ALMOND *The Colour of the Sun* (240pp) **May £12.99**

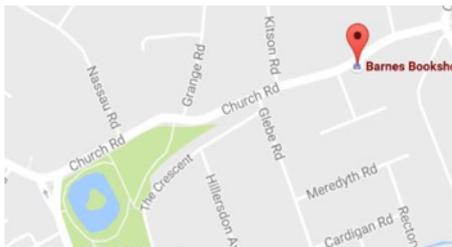
Set during the course of one day, Davie follows the path of a boy who has been murdered in his small seaside town, climbing towards the sunlit summit of the cliffs above the sea

TRACEY MATHIAS *Night of the Party* (448pp) **May £7.99 pbk**

Set in a dystopian future where Britain is ruled by a far right xenophobic party, Ash is wrestling with the loss of his sister when he meets an "illegal" girl who may have answers

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