

## CHILDREN’S SPRING LIST 2019

### 0 – 4 YEARS OLD



**SAM BOUGHTON** *Hello, Mrs Elephant!* (16pp) **£8.99 Board**

Learn simple facts about the animal kingdom in this lift-the-flap board book. Who is the king of the animals? Why do elephants have tusks? Gentle humour throughout

**ELINA ELLIS** *The Truth about Old People* (32pp) **£11.99**

Does getting old mean becoming boring, slow or quiet? No! Quite the opposite infact. See grandparents on skateboards, dancing and at the fair. Hilarious

**THEREZA ROWE** *Stay, Benson* (32pp) **£10.95**

Every morning before school, Flick says, “Be good, Benson. You stay and mind the house. No chasing!” What Benson hears is “Go Play!” Will Flick discover his mischievous antics?

**JON AGEE** *The Wall in the Middle of the Book* (48pp) **£12.99**

A little knight sets his sights on repairing the wall that keeps the 'baddies' out. But when the danger comes from his side, he is helped by the friendly forces on the other

**ELLI WOOLLARD** *Little Bear’s Spring* (32pp) **£11.99/£6.99 pbk**

Little Bear has just woken up from a long winter sleep. He discovers the wonders of spring and friendship as the snow melts

**JEAN WILLIS** *Goldilocks (A Hashtag Cautionary Tale)* (32pp) **£11.99**

Everyone loves Goldilocks’ online videos. To get more likes she tries something daring: stealing porridge #pipinghot, breaking chairs #fun. What will Daddy bear have to say?

**NICK BUTTERWORTH** *One Springy Day* (32pp) **April £12.99**

Fox is playing hide and seek with Percy the Park Keeper and his friends and gets into a sticky situation. Can his friends rescue him?

**NATASHA DURLEY** *Creature Features: Dinosaurs* (24pp) **April £10.99 Board**

A bright large format board book packed with a menagerie of prehistoric creatures from tyrannosaurs to ancient turtles

**XIMO ABADIA** *Goliath the Boy who was Different* (48pp) **£12.95**

Goliath is a boy who is bigger than everyone else. Feeling lonely and out of place, he leaves home and goes on a journey. A vibrant retelling of a traditional tale

## 5-8 YEARS OLD



**MIRANDA KRESTOVNIKOFF**

*The Sea: Exploring our Blue Planet* (64pp) **April £12.99**

Go on a watery journey through different marine habitats discovering fascinating facts and stories. Appreciate the importance of looking after the sea and its aquatic life

**DAVID WALSER & JAN PIEŃKOWSKI** *The Odyssey* (40pp) **£6.99 pbk**

From the gory tale of the Cyclops to the trickery of the Trojan Horse, Homer's classic is filled with stories of bravery, ingenuity and heroism

**KIRSTEN BRADLEY** *Easy Peasy: Gardening with Kids* (56pp) **March £12.95**

An introduction to gardening for a new generation of green fingers. Find out how to make your own bird feeders, build balcony boxes and how nature works

**MINA JAVAHERBIN** *My Grandma and Me* (56pp) **£11.99**

Based on the author's relationship with her grandmothers, with whom she did everything - from buying bread to going to pray at the Mosque. A tale set in Iran

**PAUL JANECZKO** *The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog* (48pp) **April £12.99**

A treasury of over thirty poems from Christina Rossetti to Kwame Alexander which celebrate how to do things, from making a pancake to paying attention!

**LAURA KNOWLES** *How to be a Butterfly* (32pp) **£12.99**

A non-fiction picture book about what it takes to be a butterfly - their body parts, behaviours and life cycle. With illustrations that seem to fly out of the page.

**DAVID WALLIAMS** *Fing* (272pp) **£12.99**

Myrtle Meek always wants more, more, more. Now she wants a "Fing". Mr Meek sets off to get his darling her heart's desire but is he strong enough to find and tame it?

**SAM COPELAND** *Charlie Changes into a Chicken* (288pp) **£6.99 pbk**

Everyone wants a superhero's power, don't they? But Charlie isn't keen on his talent for turning into a different animal when he gets stressed. How can he control it?

**ZANIB MIAN** *Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet* (224pp) **April £6.99 pbk**

Omar is having a hard time at his new school but his plucky attitude means he makes friends, stands up to a bully and enjoys all the fun and sweets that Eid offers

**ANNA FARGHER** *Umbrella Mouse* (288pp) **May £6.99 pbk**

A young mouse fights to survive the dangers of WWII. Joining an animal resistance movement, she must risk everything to save her new friends from the Nazis

## 9-11 YEARS OLD



**FRANK COTTRELL BOYCE** *Runaway Robot* (288pp) **May £12.99**

Injured after an accident, Alfie makes friends with a one legged humanoid robot. But such robots are banned and against the law. Will their friendship triumph?

**ALEXANDRA STEWART** *Everest* (64pp) **May £12.99**

Remarkable story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay, battling sub-zero temperatures, ice rocks and ridges to reach the top of the world's highest mountain

**ROSANNE PARRY** *A Wolf called Wander* (176pp) **May £6.99 pbk**

The journey Swift must go on is long and full of peril for a lone wolf. Will he find the courage to make his own way? With fascinating wolf facts at the back of the book

**CAROLINE LAWRENCE** *Time Travel Diaries* (272pp) **April £6.99 pbk**

You are an eccentric billionaire, obsessed with the past. What do you do when you want to find out about a skeleton from Roman London? Send someone back in time of course!

**THOMAS TAYLOR** *Malamander* (304pp) **May £6.99 pbk**

Welcome to Eerie-on-Sea. Mermonkeys, monsters and magic abound as Herbert and Violet track down a terrifying sea monster, Malamander

**RACHEL IGNOTOFSKY** *The Incredible Ecosystems of Planet Earth* (128pp) **£12.99**

A tour of the planet's ecosystems: from reefs, rainforests and deserts to the effect of a single drop of water. Covers biodiversity and the threat from climate change

**MARCIA WILLIAMS** *Cloud Boy* (208pp) **April £6.99 pbk**

Harry and Angie are best friends sharing everything from sweet-eating and tree-house building to cloud-spotting. What happens when Harry's headaches won't go away?

**GILL LEWIS** *The Closest Thing to Flying* (240pp) **£6.99 pbk**

When Semira discovers a diary written by Hen, who lived 100 years ago, she not only finds a kindred spirit but the inspiration to change her life and live courageously

## 12+ YEARS



**JOHN BOYNE** *My Brother's Name is Jessica* (256pp) **April £12.99**

Sam idolizes his brother Jason who has time for him when their parents are too busy. But then their world is turned upside down when Jason reveals his long-held secret

**LAURA BATES** *The Burning* (352pp) **£7.99 pbk**

There's nothing to trace Anna back to her old life... until the whispers start up again. A groundbreaking book about the dangers of social media, true friends and starting over

**DAN FREEDMAN** *Unstoppable* (336pp) **£10.99**

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Bri wants to be a famous rap artist. Then her first hit goes viral for all the wrong reasons and her family faces eviction. Will she make it? From the author of 'The Hate U Give'

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1814, two teenagers run away with a married man. One will become the author of a fantastical novel, 'Frankenstein', the other, Claire Claremont, mother to Byron's child

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