

CHILDREN'S SUMMER LIST 2021

0 – 4 YEARS OLD



NIKOLAS ILIC *Animal ABC* (26pp) **£5.99 Board Book**

A is for Ape, B is for Bear, C is for Crocodile. Learn the alphabet & discover some amazing animals. With a fun fact or an amusing anecdote about each creature

JULIA DONALDSON *The Woolly Bear Caterpillar* (32pp) **£12.99**

A dandelion-loving caterpillar has high hopes of what kind of moth she will become. A tender life cycle story includes a mini book of nature notes. Illustrated by Yuval Zommer

JODIE LANCET-GRANT *The Pirate Mums* (32pp) **£6.99 pbk**

Billy wishes his two sea shanty loving, jig dancing mothers could be just a bit more normal well, like other families really. That is until a swashbuckling adventure changes his mind

AXEL SCHEFFLER *Flip Flap Zoo* (28pp) **August £8.99**

What do you get if you cross an alligator with a moose? Or a camel with a hippopotamus? Flip the pages to create some seriously zany zoo creatures

ANNA MILBOURNE *I'm (Almost) Always Kind* (24pp) **£12.99**

Being kind isn't always easy. Discover how thinking of others spreads happiness everywhere & makes you feel sunny & warm inside

DAPO ADEOLA *Hey You!* (48pp) **£7.99 pbk**

Remember to dream your own dreams & love your beautiful skin. A lyrical exploration of growing up Black, illustrated by no fewer than eighteen artists across the Black diaspora

SOPHY HENN *The Best Worst Day Ever* (32pp) **£12.99/£6.99pbk**

Arthur is having *the worst day ever*. So he runs away – nearly to the end of the garden. On his way back, he learns how to turn a stomp into a skip & turn his tantrum around

JOHN BURNINGHAM *Air Miles* (32pp) **£12.99**

Miles the dog is getting older but still loves a challenge so takes to the skies. The author's last book, illustrated by his wife, the incomparable Helen Oxenbury

5-8 YEARS OLD



ROB LLOYD JONES *Look Inside Football* (14pp) **£9.99 Board Book**

Discover all about the Beautiful Game: its history, how clubs are run, tips to improve your game & even what footballs are made of. With flaps to lift

MARCIA WILLIAMS *The Fantastic Book of Feelings* (32pp) **£12.99**

Whether you feel happy or sad or something in between, the comic book style illustrations will help to make exploring emotions easy to understand & reassuring

MARK POWERS *Space Detectives* (128pp) **£5.99 pbk**

Connor & Ethan are the semi-reluctant Space Detectives, saving the universe when they'd much rather be selling ice cream (really~?) A chapter book for newly independent readers

HANNAH SHAW *Unipiggle: Mermaid Mayhem* (128pp) **£5.99 pbk**

Princess Pea & Unipiggle, the royal unicorn (who's really a pig), are excited about going on holiday... until the King gets swept away by a mysterious underwater creature

PHILIP REEVE *Kevin and the Biscuit Bandit* (160pp) **£6.99 pbk**

Who is stealing the biscuits in Bumbleford? Max has to find the real culprits when poor Kevin, the roly-poly pony is accused & faces the prospect of pony prison

PIPPA CURNICK *Indigo Wilde and the Creatures at Jellybean Crescent* (160pp) **£9.99**

Indigo & Quigley's adoptive parents are seasoned explorers, sending odd creatures home to their children. But when the latest Monster Mail box arrives empty, mayhem erupts

MAZ EVANS *The Exploding Life of Scarlett Fife* (240pp) **£6.99 pbk**

Scarlett finds that every time she pushes her feelings down, something explodes. Hilarious action-packed adventure. (Just watch out for the exploding elephant poo & purple paint!)

VICTORIA HISLOP *Maria's Island* (128pp) **£10.99**

Set in the Cretan village of Plaka & the leper colony of Spinalonga, the moving story of Maria, her mother & the bravery that saved thousands of lives. Illustrated by Gill Smith

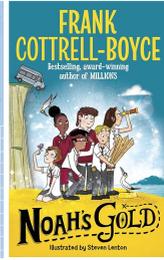
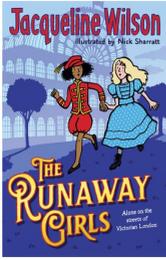
DAVID ATHERTON *My First Green Cook Book* (80pp) **August £14.99**

A new collection of recipes with a vegetarian theme from the 2019 Bake Off winner. Encourages young chefs to eat well, feel good & protect the environment

JULIAN CLEARY *The Bolds Go Green* (304pp) **£12.99**

The Bolds, your everyday hyena family next door, have decided to go green. But their ideas to save the planet (give a hoot & don't pollute) aren't necessarily everyone else's!

9-11 YEARS OLD



ONJALI Q RAUF *The Great Food Bank Heist* (104pp) **£6.99 pbk**
 Someone is stealing food from the local food bank. Can Ashley stop them to prevent those in need, suffering? For reluctant readers

PHIL EARLE *When the Sky Falls* (320pp) **£7.99 pbk**
 It's 1941 & the war is raging. When Joseph is sent to stay with Mrs F, a zoo owner, his anger & fear change to love & courage as the bombs fall

ROSIE JONES *The Amazing Edie Eckhart* (240pp) **August £6.99 pbk**
 Edie is excited to be starting secondary school. She may suffer from cerebral palsy & she may be separated from her old friend Oscar, but she isn't going to let it stop her!

LAUREN ST JOHN *Wave Riders* (416pp) **£7.99 pbk**
 Orphaned twins, Jess & Jude, find themselves stranded in the Virgin Islands when their guardian disappears. A rich family offers sanctuary but why do they feel uneasy.....

MARCUS RASHFORD *You are a Champion* (224pp) **£9.99 pbk**
 The footballer & campaigner tells his story & shows how necessary it is to strive to achieve your goals. A positive & inspiring guide for life

JACQUELINE WILSON *The Runaway Girls* (320pp) **£12.99**
 London 1851. Kitty & Lucy, two children from different backgrounds, join forces to outwit the menace of the streets & survive in a city dominated by thieves & the workhouse

FRANK COTTRELL BOYCE *Noah's Gold* (304pp) **£12.99**
 Marooned on an uninhabited island after a school trip, their teacher missing, will Noah & his friends find the hidden treasure & save the day?

ELLA RISBRIGER *The Secret Detectives* (336pp) **£7.99 pbk**
 On board the SS Mariana, Isobel witnesses someone being thrown overboard. Yet no one is missed. Can she & her new friends solve the mystery?

CLARE BALDING *Fall Off, Get Back On* (208pp) **£9.99 pbk**
 Sharing her own experiences & those of others (such as Greta Thunberg & Usain Bolt), the broadcaster & author inspires us to learn from our mistakes as well as our triumphs

HILARY MCKAY *The Swallows' Flight* (304pp) **£12.99**
 Erik & Hans are German boys, Ruby & Kate are English girls whose worlds might never have collided. But WWII jumbles their lives together in this sequel to 'Skylarks' War'

12+ YEARS



ELLE MCNICOLL *Show Us Who You Are* (328pp) **£6.99 pbk**
Cora & Adrien are fascinated by an AI company which creates people in hologram form. Yet all is not as it seems & darker forces lurk. Can their special talents avert disaster?

DAVID ALMOND *Bone Music* (208pp) **£12.99**
City girl Sylvia sees nature with new eyes when she meets local boy Gabriel. Together they create a hollow bone which connects them to an ancient time

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When Beth goes to college, it is the chance to re-invent herself & emerge from the shadow of her grandfather, a famous poet. But his legacy continues to stalk her. Debut novel (14+)

FARIDAH ABIKE IYIMIDE *Ace of Spades* (480pp) **£8.99 pbk**
Anonymous texter, Aces, threatens to make public the secrets of two college students. Compelling thriller dealing with institutional racism (14+)

MELVIN BURGESS *Three Bullets* (240pp) **£12.99**
A divisive civil war is tearing Britain apart. Maybe Marti holds the key to saving the country? But only if she has the courage to journey into enemy territory & be herself (14+)

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