

CHILDREN'S SUMMER LIST 2023

0 – 4 YEARS OLD



AXEL SCHEFFLER *Pip and Posy, Where Are You?* (12pp) **£6.99 Board Book**
Pip & Posy are at the seaside. Pip can't find Posy anywhere. Is Posy behind the sandcastle or the lighthouse? Lift the robust felt flaps to find out

CATHERINE ARD *Sounds of the Rainforest* (10pp) **£12.99**
Take a journey through the rainforest & spot the wonderful creatures who live there. Twenty sounds to find & listen to, with LED lights on each page

ALEX LATIMER *The Duck Never Blinks* (32pp) **July £12.99**
Nothing can make this duck blink, neither jokes nor sad stories, but maybe you can outwit this devilish duck?

LOUISE FITZGERALD *The Quickest Bedtime Story Ever!* (28pp) **July £12.99/£7.99**
Getting ready for that all-important bedtime story is VITAL. Are your toys tucked up? Are they in order of tallest to smallest? Only then can the story begin....

TRACEY CORDEROY *Shifty McGifty & Slippery Sam: Train Trouble* (32pp) **£12.99**
The doughty duo are on board the Pawrrient Express, travelling to Venice for Carnival Night. But there's a robber on the train too. Can they catch her?

JOANNA MCINERNEY *The Parade: A Counting Story from 1 to 100!* (56pp) **£14.99**
Join mouse & her friends as they prepare to party. With trumpets, drums, unicorns & dragons to count that party just gets bigger & bigger

LEIGH HODGKINSON *The Princess and the Greedy Pea* (32pp) **£12.99**
What do you get if you cross 'The Princess & the Pea' with 'There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly'? A very hungry pea who swallows a sprout, that's what!

CATHERINE RAYNER *Victor the Wolf* (32pp) **£12.99**
Victor is anxious about almost everything. But when he begins to share his concerns with his best friend Pablo, he begins to feel a bit braver

5 - 8 YEARS OLD



SMRITI HALLS *Stop! That's Not My Story!* (32pp) **£12.99/£6.99 pbk**

A little girl is frustrated to find that the tales of Red Riding Hood & Goldilocks don't really suit her personality, so she decides to be the hero of her own made-up story

ROB BIDDULPH *My First Draw with Rob: Dinosaurs* (32pp) **July £7.99 pbk**

An activity book for younger artists, with perforated pages making it easier to get those artistic masterpieces on display

ROSS MONTGOMERY *The Thing at 52* (40pp) **July £12.99**

One day a lonely girl meets a monster, a big lumbering but gentle thing wearing a tiny hat. They go on lots of adventures until it is time for 'Thing' to leave

TRYGVE SKAUG *If I Were Prime Minister* (40pp) **£12.99**

A young boy's manifesto for a better world includes adults going to nursery school to remember how to play & keeping Christmas lights on all year round to light our way

LENNY HENRY *You Can Do Anything Tyrone* (32pp) **July £12.99/£7.99 pbk**

Tyrone plans to build a brilliant rocket ship & take it to the moon, but he finds it more of a challenge than he bargained. Luckily his grandfather is on hand to help

MARCIA WILLIAMS *Kings and Queens* (32pp) **August £12.99**

A comic strip guide to the Kings & Queens of Britain from those mediaeval monarchs to the newly crowned King Charles III

CATH HOWE *Call the Puffins* (176pp) **£6.99 pbk**

Meet Muffin who is training to be part of the plucky Puffin Rescue team on the island of Egg. She's excited, but will she make friends & earn all her badges?

HARRIET MUNCASTER *Emerald and the Ocean Parade* (160pp) **£9.99**

Emerald is learning how to be a mermaid princess, but she isn't very good at it. Only when she is brave enough to do it her own way will she succeed. New series

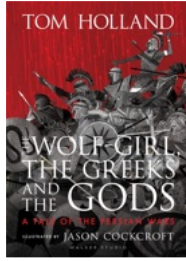
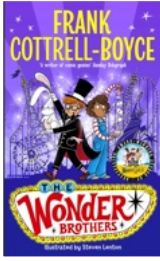
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From an ancient olive remembering Odysseus & Penelope to a piece of driftwood made into a chair, a collection of stories & poems, illustrated by Yuval Zommer

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Sunshine wants to live up to her name, but things go wrong. Falling out with her best friend, her grandfather getting older, plus bad hair. Can she be brave & truly shine?

9 - 11 YEARS OLD



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KIMBERLY WHITTAM *Quiet Storm* (272pp) **£7.99 pbk**
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FRANK COTTRELL BOYCE *The Wonder Brothers* (272pp) **£12.99**
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 Benji is coping with loss & creating a new life for himself with his uncle in Scotland. Can he help save his uncle's business by proving the Loch 'Lochy' Monster exists?

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 When war comes to Paris, Safiyyah's life changes completely. Can she help her Jewish neighbours when they ask for sanctuary at her mosque & help them to safety?

12+ YEARS



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