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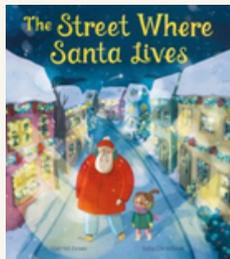


Picture Books



*The Boy Who Grew
Dragons: A Christmas
Delivery*
Andy Shepherd

Tomas' problem-solving has to take centre stage when the car and then the wheelbarrow become snowbound, threatening the delivery of presents. The team of Tomas, Lolli, Grandad and the dragons have to work together as well as use a good handful of dragon magic!



The Street Where Santa Lives
Harriet Howe & Julia Christians

When an old man moves in next door, everyone is too busy to notice, except one little girl. He's got a white beard and a round tummy and is very handy at repairing toys - he must be Santa Claus! When he becomes unwell, the little girl hatches a plan to rally the whole street together to look after Santa. But will he be better in time for Christmas Eve...?



Hare's New Dress
Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

It's time for a dance in Acorn Wood! But Hare needs a new dress first... Lift the flaps to join in the excitement as Hare tries on lots of different outfits, then heads to Acorn Hall for a party with her friends.

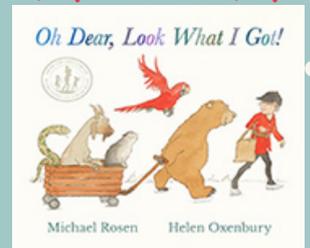


I'm Very Busy
Oliver Jeffers

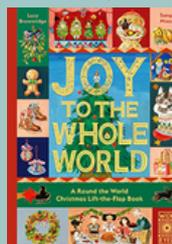
It's Bridget's birthday, and she thinks it would be fun to spend the day with friends. But Royal has places to go, Rodney has to see a man about a dog, Regis has to wash his hair and Pearl has a list of items she needs to cross off as quickly as she can. Bridget's friends are all too busy to hang out! Will Bridget have to spend her birthday all alone?



Oh Dear Look What I Got
Michael Rosen & Helen
Oxenbury



From beloved author and illustrator pairing Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury comes a brilliant new picture book that will delight a new generation of children. Each visit to the shop brings an animal surprise in this playful read-aloud, with a final twist and a joyful ending.



Joy to the Whole World!
Lucy Brownridge & Sang Miao

Whether it's discovering the magic of Yule in Scandinavia, the colourful Pinatas of Mexico, or the time-honoured rituals of Ethiopia, this Christmas journey is a heart-warming reminder of the universal joy and togetherness that Christmas embodies around the globe.



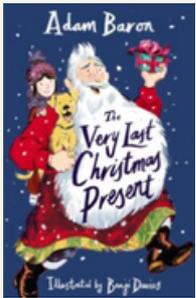
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RECOMMENDATIONS



Younger Readers



The Very Last Christmas Present
Adam Baron & Benji Davies

Meet Kado, Father Christmas's loyal, but very junior, pup, as he embarks on a vivid, globe-spanning journey when he finds himself with an enormous responsibility: delivering the one present Santa accidentally forgot!



Christmas Tales from the Farm
Amanda Owen

This heart warming collection of festive stories is inspired by all the countryside characters - both two-legged and four - you'll find on and around the farm, including: Santa's runaway reindeer who caused mischief on the moors.... Three sweet little goats who became the perfect Christmas gift... And a clever sheepdog who found something lost in the deep white snow.



The Other Father Christmas
Serena Holly



This is a gloriously Christmassy book – full of elves and candy canes, snow, Santa and heart. A heartwarming chapter book about a boy and his Grandad who go to the North Pole on a quest to find the next Santa.

The Diary of Wiska Wildflower: The New School
Harriet Muncaster



Wiska Wildflower is a Wiskling: a small fairy-type creature. When Wiska starts a new school on the other side of the forest, she finds it difficult to leave her best friends behind and begin again. A sweet chapter book with gorgeous colour illustrations throughout.



A Poem for Every Question
Brian Bilston

100 funny and thought-provoking questions are explored through playful poetry and characterful illustrations in this superb poetry book.



Our Islands
Yuval Zommer

Explore the biology, history and geography of some of the most wonderfully unique islands on Earth in this beautifully illustrated non-fiction book.





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Older Readers

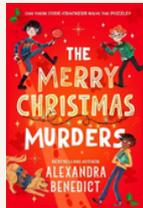


Silent Night
Emma Read

On Christmas morning, three cousins find themselves alone. No adults, no dogs. No festivities. And then they see the people silently marching south, with orange eyes... Unsettling and gripping, this is a very different sort of Christmas story!



The Merry Christmas Murders
Alexandra Benedict



Brooke never quite feels she belongs anywhere. But it appears this new school could be different. There's a learning support department and a club for neurodivergent students where Brooke immediately finds a warm welcome. However, it also appears that murders are as abundant as mince pies: within an hour of her arrival, the thoroughly unpleasant headteacher is found dead and more mysterious deaths follow.



The Last Bard
Maz Evans

Can Shakespeare's characters really help Will sort out the problems facing him and his mum? A comedy of errors with heart.



Robin
Sarah Ann Jukes



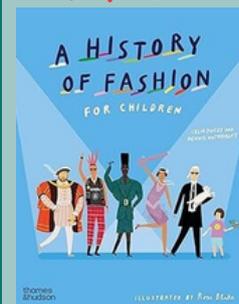
Eddie feels invisible - his sister Scarlet isn't well and nobody seems to remember that he's here. A little red bird takes him to meet Mari, a strange and fierce girl, who shows Eddie how to be loud, make new friends at school and enjoy the music he loves, again. As Scarlet's big operation approaches and Eddie gathers his courage to finally be heard, will he find his way back through the snow and put the monster to rest once and for all?



Spirit Warriors
Ashley Thorpe



This magical, thoughtful and beautifully written tale set in a fictional Jamaica presents the reader with Obeah magic alongside a rollicking good story with plenty of high-stakes action, wonderful and original characters, that feel three-dimensional, and plenty of heart.



A History of Fashion for Children
Celia Joicey & Dennis Nothdruff

This colourful, fascinating and informative non-fiction picture book for older readers explores fashion from around the world and through the ages.