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# Discover the 'Stitch Head' series, the graphic novel, and now...

# Stitch Head THE MOVIE!

# Coming to cinemas February 2026

# Featuring **GUY BASS**



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## Also featuring:

**Phil  
Earle**

# Emma Swan

**Rob  
Biddul**

Graphs

# Rashmi deshpar

Eric  
Huang

and  
more

# Q&A

# WITH GUY BASS →

**READ THE 'STITCH HEAD' SERIES,  
ENJOY THE GRAPHIC NOVEL,  
AND NOW... WATCH THE FILM!**

**STITCH HEAD** (for ages 8+) follows the story of a small, forgotten creature living in a long-abandoned castle. Awoken by a Mad Professor, Stitch Head is tasked with protecting the professor's other wildly inventive creations from the suspicious townspeople of Grubber Nubbin.



PHOTOGRAPH © GUY BASS

Q

# How many STITCH HEAD books are there?

There are six novels altogether. Also, two graphic novels so far with a third on the way! They're aimed at ages 8+ and are illustrated by Pete Williamson.

STITCH HEAD will hit UK  
cinemas on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026,  
and the books are available in  
bookshops and online.

Q

# What inspired you to write STITCH HEAD?

I wanted to write a gothic horror story about misunderstood monsters. It was more of a straight up comedy at first, but I liked the idea that a monster-making mad scientist had forgotten about his first creation. There was a sadness to it – the tale of a creature who longed to be remembered by his creator.

Q

## **What was it like seeing STITCH HEAD brought to life on screen?**

It was superbly surreal. The characters moved and spoke like they do in my head – watching the film for the first time was more or less an out-of-body experience. The filmmakers made changes to the story but at its heart, like the books, it's a story of friendship and acceptance. And monsters.



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Coming to UK cinemas  
13th February

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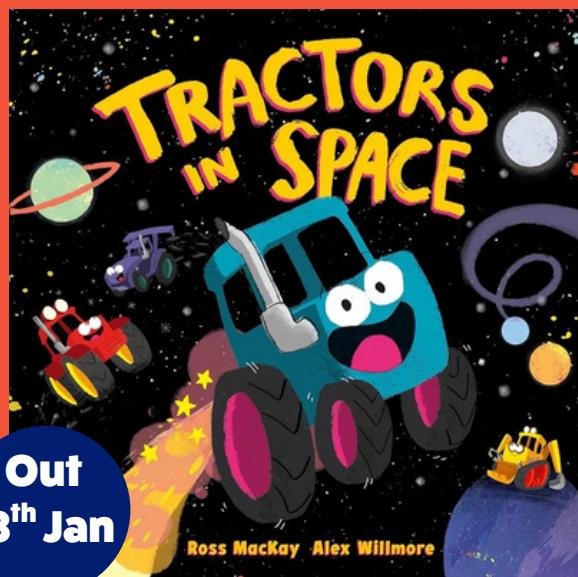
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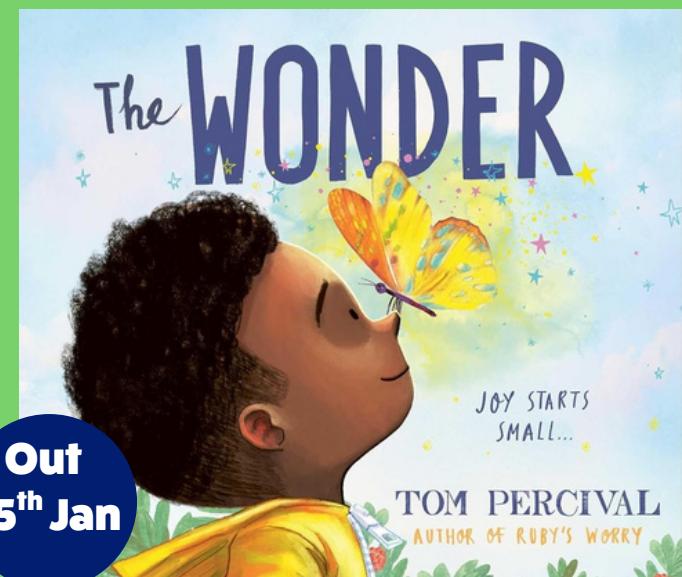
# NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

## Picture Books & Early Readers



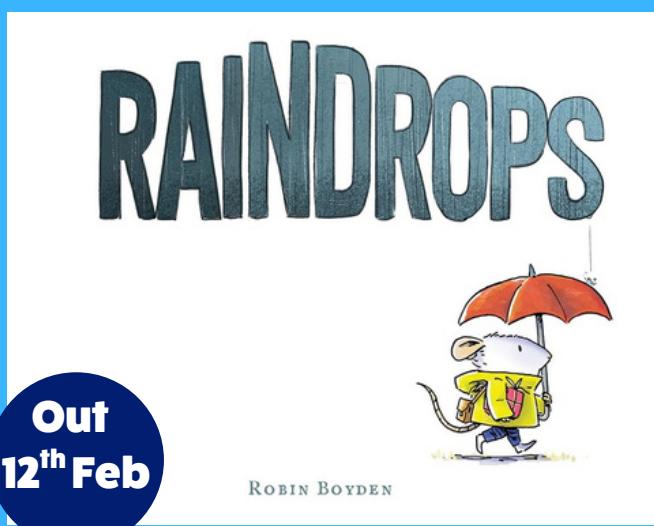
Out  
8<sup>th</sup> Jan

A laugh-out-loud picture book about dreams, friendship, and spectacularly silly space tractors. 'Will have little ones giggling from lift-off to landing.'



Out  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan

A poignant picture book that encourages us to take notice of all the wondrous little things that happen to us each day.

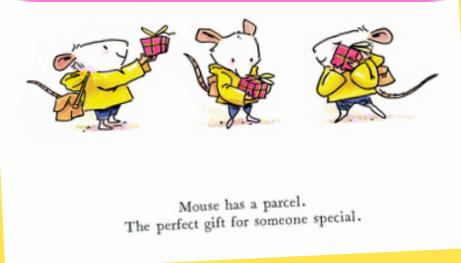


Out  
12<sup>th</sup> Feb

'Perfect rainy day reading!' When a drop of rain turns into a storm, a small mouse must find courage, ingenuity and resilience to make it home safely.



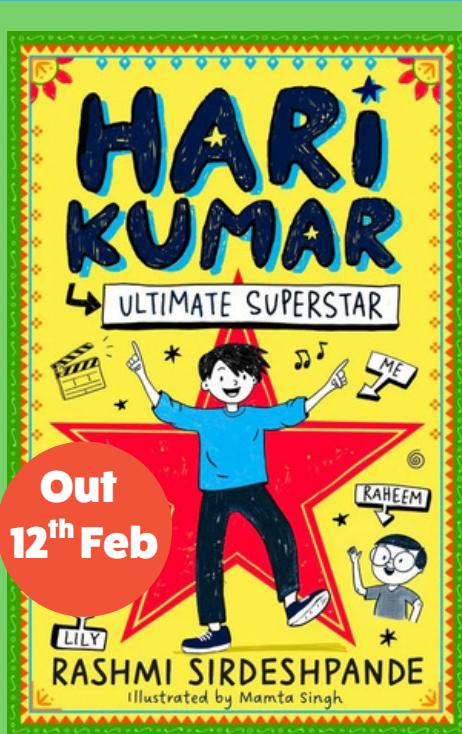
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FROM THESE BOOKS**



Mouse has a parcel.  
The perfect gift for someone special.

# NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

## Middle Grade: ages 7+



Hari Kumar: 10 years old, 75% Indian, 25% French, and 100% going to be a superstar. All Hari needs to make it big is a lucky break.

**A superstar in the making**

**Packed with friendships, doodles and drama**

**Brilliant neurodiverse representation**

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The forest Biao calls home is dying and she's determined to save it. With time running out, can the Guardians help Biao save her home - and the Year of the Tiger - before it's too late?

**Exciting, funny and jam-packed with action**

**The 4th book in the 'Guardians of the New Moon' series**

**Full of mythical creatures and legends**

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Bob and Archie are two hapless but enthusiastic koalas who are just getting to grips with their new superpowers. Can our furry heroes thwart a feathered supervillain? Definitely, maybe...

**A perfect early reader for ages 7+**

**A chapter book and graphic novel in one**

**For fans of the movies Sing and Zootropolis!**

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# NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

## Middle Grade: ages 9+



Out  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan

**MEL TAYLOR-BESSENT**

Illustrated by ALESSANDRO D'URSO

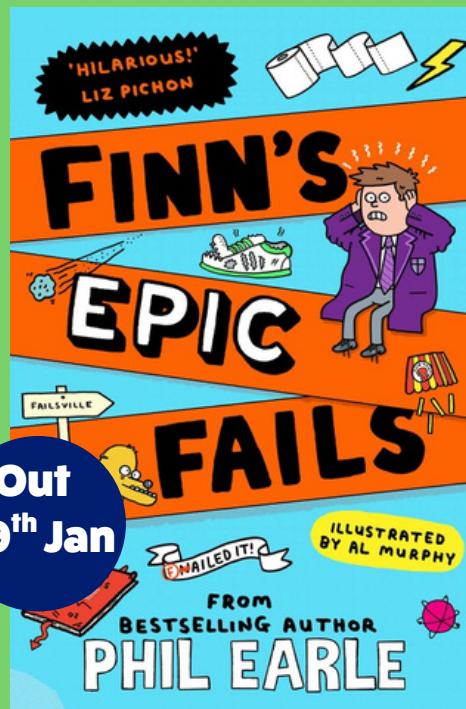
The third title in the bestselling fantasy adventure series where 10-year-old Luca has to race across an island that comes to life when he uses his imagination.

**'Brilliant, bonkers and visually spectacular.'**

**'Pacy, funny and gloriously inventive'**

**Book 1 was an instant bestseller**

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Out  
29<sup>th</sup> Jan

**PHIL EARLE**

Finn just wants to survive Year 7, but his life is destined to be a series of epic fails! A hilarious new series by bestselling author Phil Earle.

**Told in a hilarious diary format**

**Perfect for readers of 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', 'Loki' and 'Tom Gates'**

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Out  
12<sup>th</sup> Feb

**ROB BIDDULPH**

'The Goonies' meets the legend of the werewolf in this thrilling adventure by superstar author and illustrator Rob Biddulph, creator of #DrawWithRob

**'A spine-tingling adventure'**

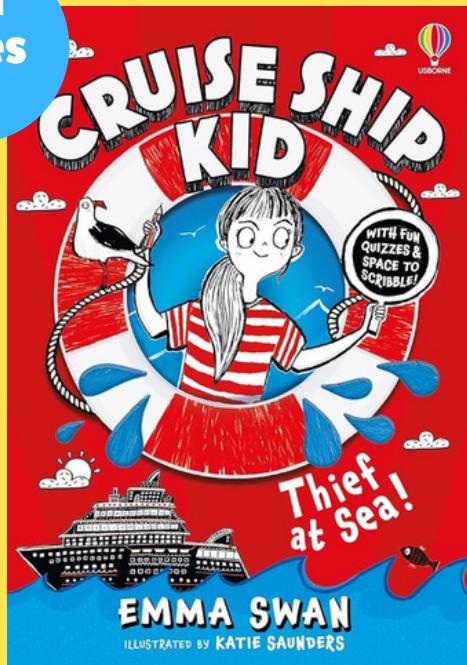
**100+ black and white illustrations**

**Short chapters and a pacy plot**

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# BOOK REVIEWS & RECOMMENDATIONS

For ages 7+

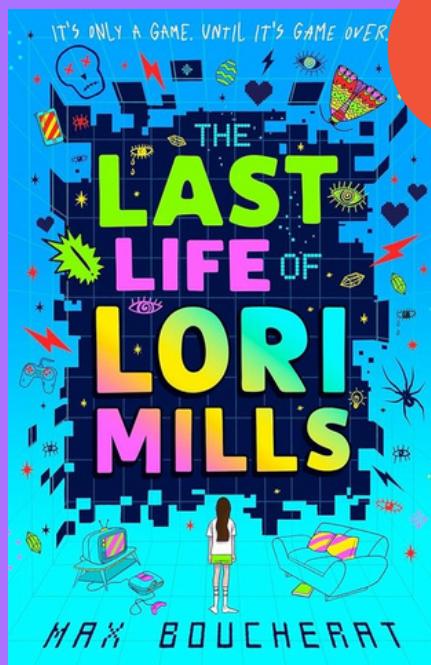


CRUISE SHIP KID is a seriously fun trip around the Med with 10-year-old Silver (who lives on the cruise ship because her mum works on it), and her friends called 'the Gang' (a group of 80-year-olds who do back-to-back cruises!). In her pursuit of finding a friend her own age, Silver stumbles upon a mystery that she and the Gang have to solve. The book is filled with interactive prompts and quizzes, messages of accepting your uniqueness, and brilliantly fun illustrations and doodles!



**Year 4 teacher  
Miss Cross  
@tarasteaching  
on Instagram**

For ages 9+



THE LAST LIFE OF LORI MILLS is exciting and so original. It's a clever sci-fi story based on a video game world and we've never read anything like it. It's funny and fast-paced but also very creepy and at times a real heart-pounding read. It's such a mix of things but most of all, it's super creative and so well written. If, like us, you love gaming, or if you just love brilliant books that have you hooked right from the start, this is one for you! We're already on the edge of our seats waiting for the next one.

**Ishaan, 10 &  
Anaya, 8  
@bookmuncher\_duo  
on Instagram**



# Reading for Pleasure

## Tips from the Open University team

### Reading Aloud

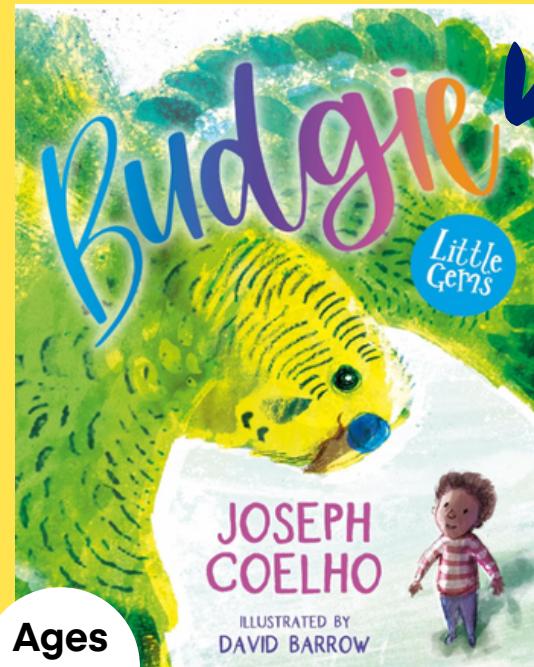
Reading aloud isn't just for little ones - it helps us relax, build confidence and connect. A few minutes together every day can make a BIG difference.

- **Find a brilliant book**  
(Let your child choose)
- **Choose a comfy spot**  
(Sofa / bed / cushions on the floor)
- **Read, relax and respond**  
(There is NO right way to do this)
- **Pause regularly**  
(This may trigger talk)
- **Chat about it informally**  
(Make connections to your lives)
- **Keep it light-hearted and fun**  
(Enjoy!)

This is your special time to read, share and chat! For more advice, click here – [Reading aloud to children - 7 steps to make it magical - Reading for Pleasure](#)



The Reading for Pleasure team recommend...



Ages 5+

A real-world family story

Short chapters & pictures

Busting stereotypes

Heartwarming!

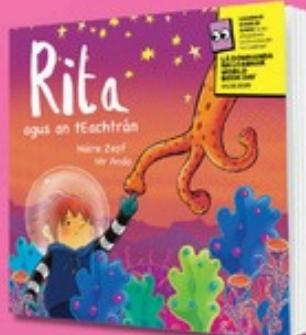
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5 March 2026

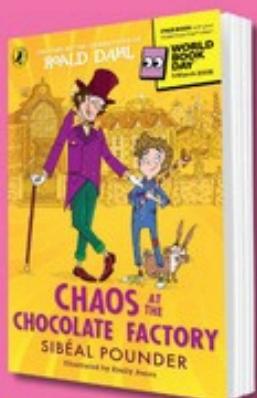
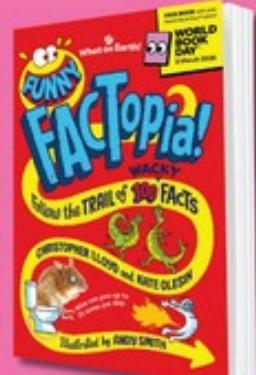
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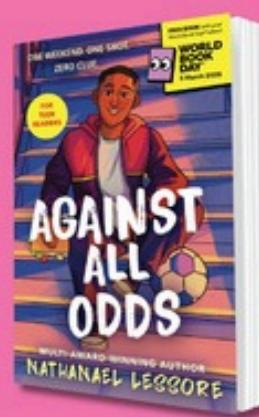
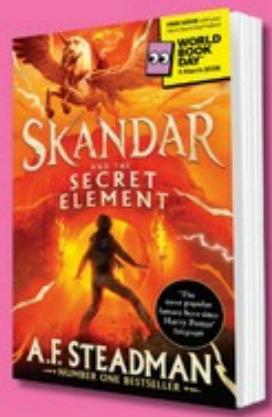
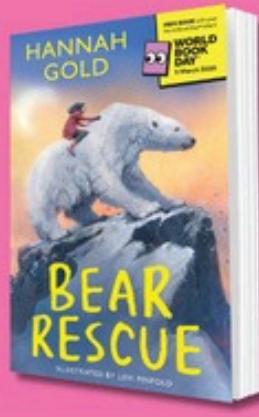
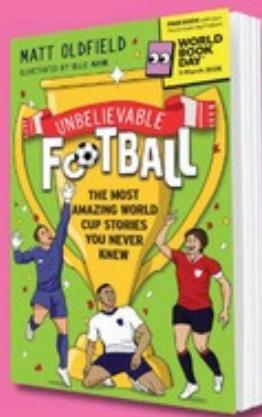
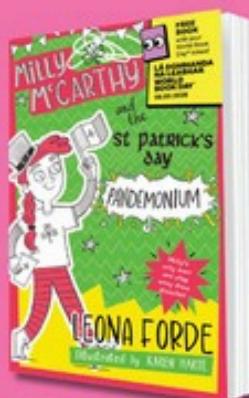
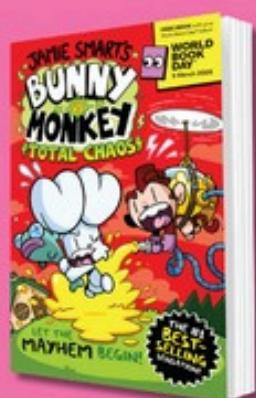
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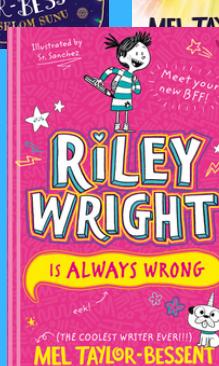
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