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THE READING EDIT

YOUR FREE INTERACTIVE NEWSLETTER



SETTLE INTO SPOOKTOBER

Frightfully fun new books and activities

EXCITED FOR CHRISTMAS?

Discover heartwarming pictures books filled with festive fun to share with the whole family

DIVE IN TO DISCOVER TOP READING PICKS IN YOUR BOOK CLUB

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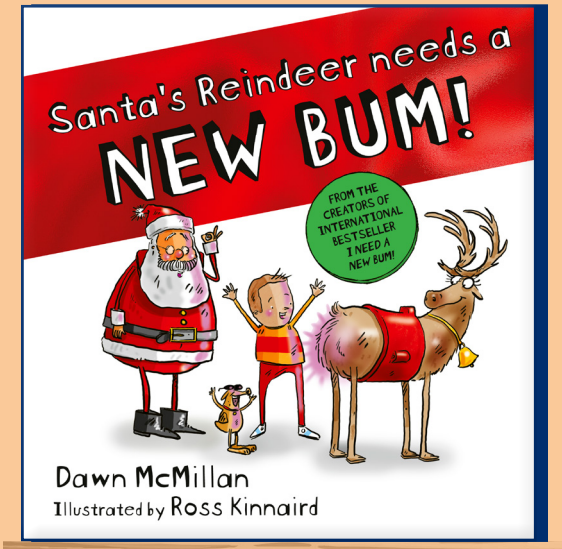
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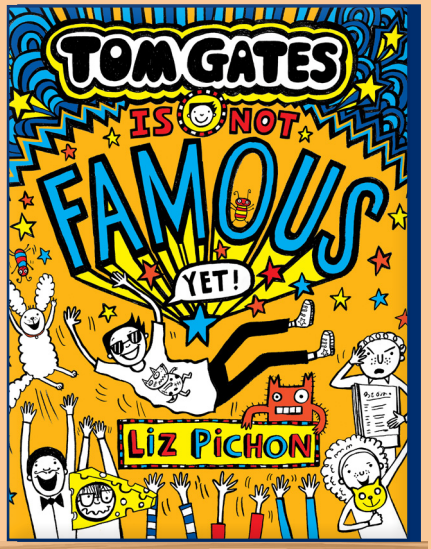
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THIS MONTH'S TOP PICKS

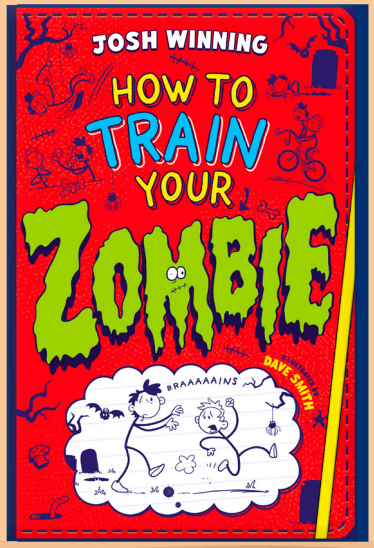
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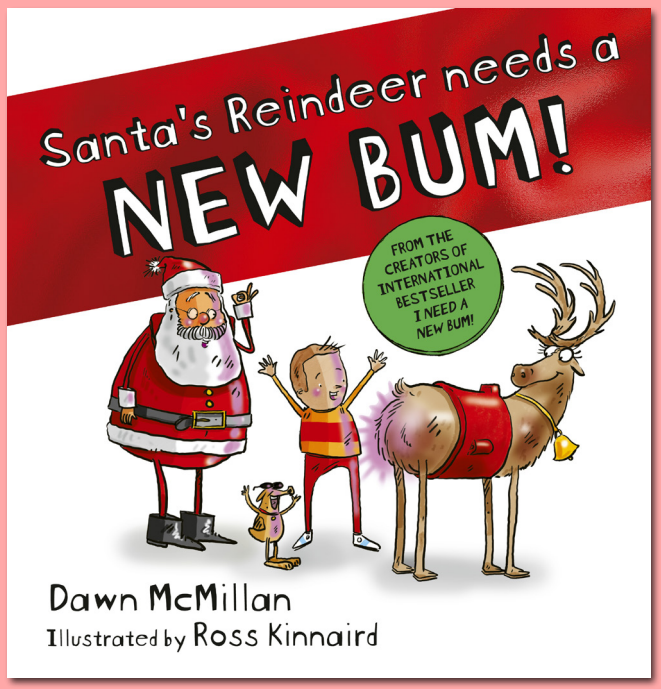






Suitable For Ages: 3+

SANTA'S REINDEER NEEDS A NEW BUM!



"I'm so excited. Christmas is near. Santa and his reindeer will soon be here. Our streamers are streaming. Our lights are all gleaming. Two days to go... but what's that I hear?" Oh no! Santa has crash-landed on his way to deliver the presents. Dancer the reindeer has lost her bum-shine... how will the reindeers pull the sleigh without her? Will our hero think up a new reindeer bum in time to save Christmas?

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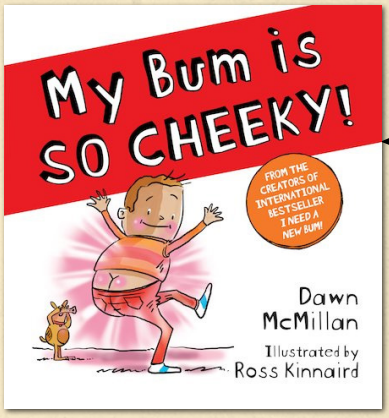
🎄	You LOVE funny Christmas stories!
😂	You think silly think silly jokes about reindeer bottoms are hilarious
🦌	You enjoy fun adventures with Santa and his reindeer.
🎅	You want a Christmas story that will have the whole family laughing out loud.
✨	You have enjoyed other books in the *New Bum* series.

Free resource:

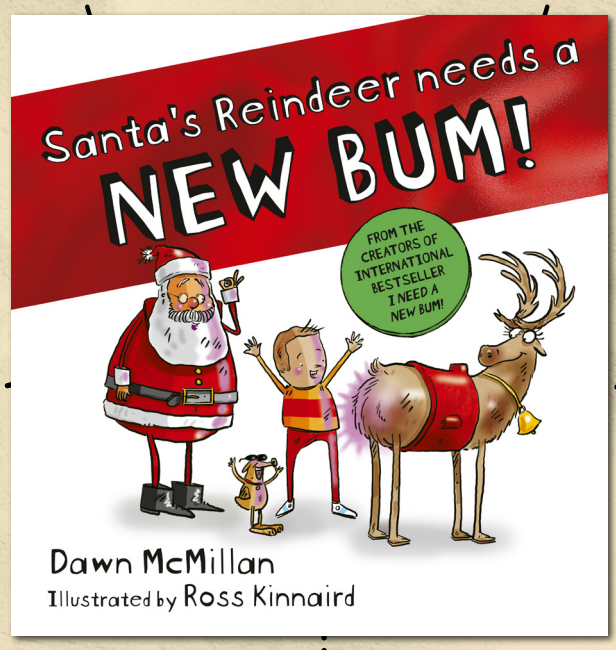
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WHAT TO READ NEXT

Dive into more hilarious Christmas stories filled with lovable characters, festive fun, and plenty of heart!







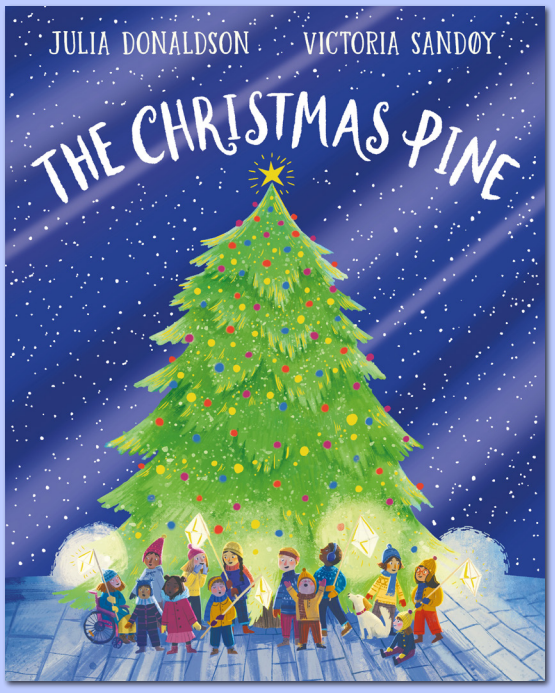






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THE CHRISTMAS PINE



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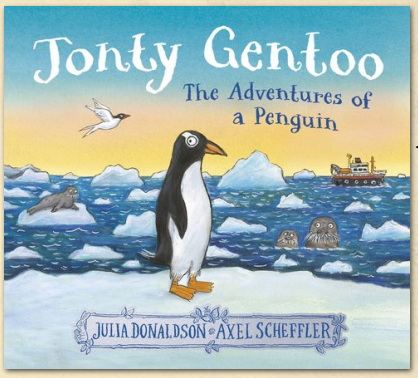
Deep in a snowy Norwegian forest, a little pine tree dreams of a very special destiny: becoming the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square! Based on a true story, this beautiful tale celebrates Christmas, friendship, peace and hope between Norway and the UK.

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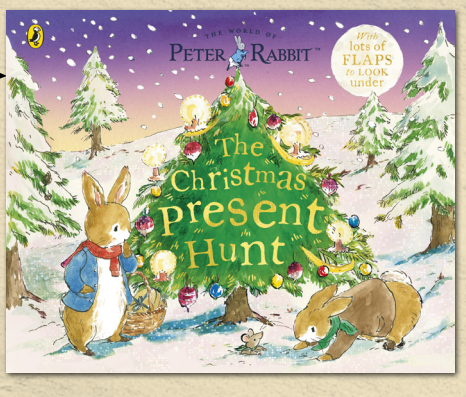
🎄	You love magical Christmas stories!
❄️	You like snowy forests, twinkling lights and festive adventures.
❤️	You like stories with a warm and touching message.
🌍	You like learning about real traditions from around the world.
📖	You like stories with rhyme.

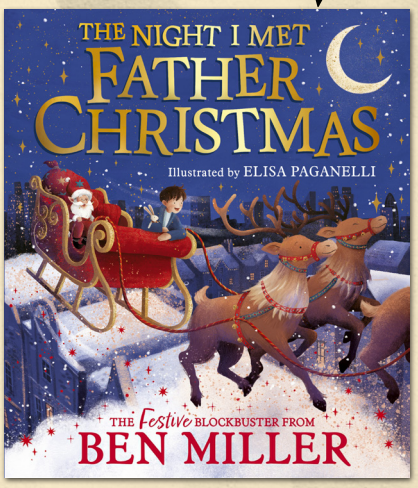
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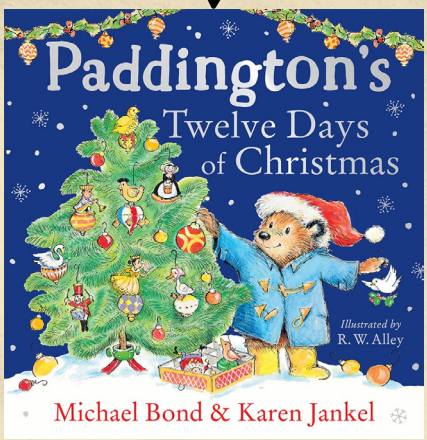
Discover more books bursting with festive adventures, feel-good fun, and heartwarming messages.







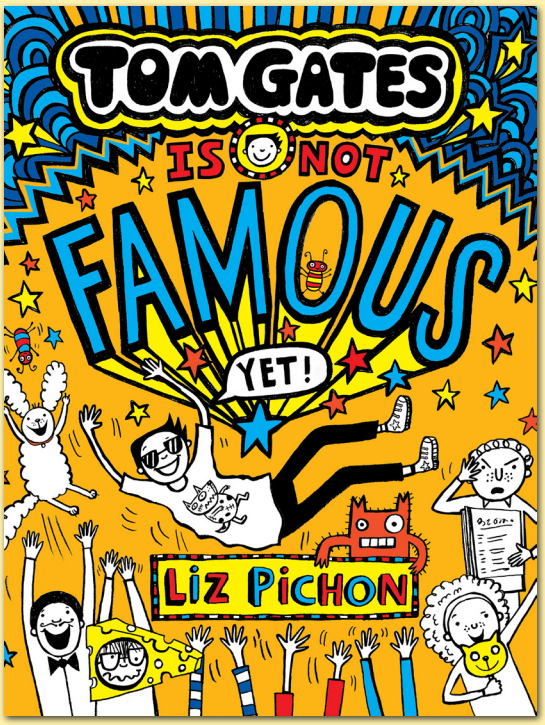






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TOM GATES 25: TOM GATES IS NOT FAMOUS (YET)



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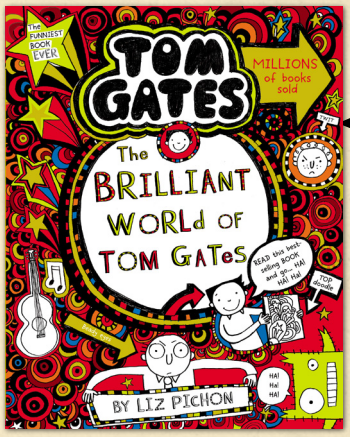
It's SHOWTIME at Oakfield School and RUMOURS are FLYING around that the local theatre group 'DramaLamaDingDong' are coming to visit with a... REAL LIFE celebrity. The whole school is buzzing with excitement. Whose play will IMPRESS the most? Could this be a LIFE-CHANGING moment for one of the kids? Tom's written a comedy with roles for all his friends, but limelight-hogging Marcus is more annoying than ever. Will everyone realize that friendship is more important than being famous?

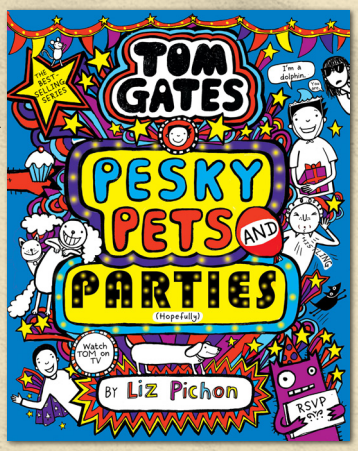
You'll enjoy this if:

😂	You love funny school stories and silly situations!
✏️	You enjoy books packed with doodles, drawings and jokes.
🎭	You like putting on plays, performances and shows.
💪	You dream of being famous.
⭐	You love stories about friends, teamwork and school chaos.

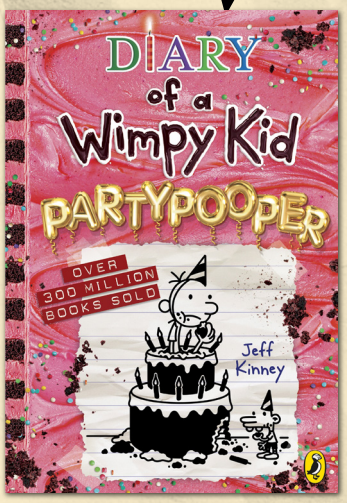
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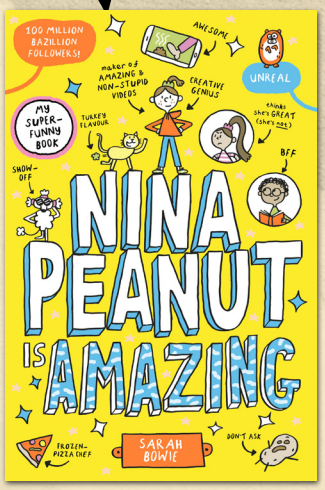
Get ready for more books packed with doodles, drawings, laugh-out-loud jokes, and loads of fun!

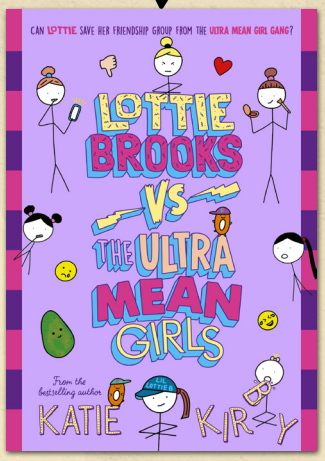






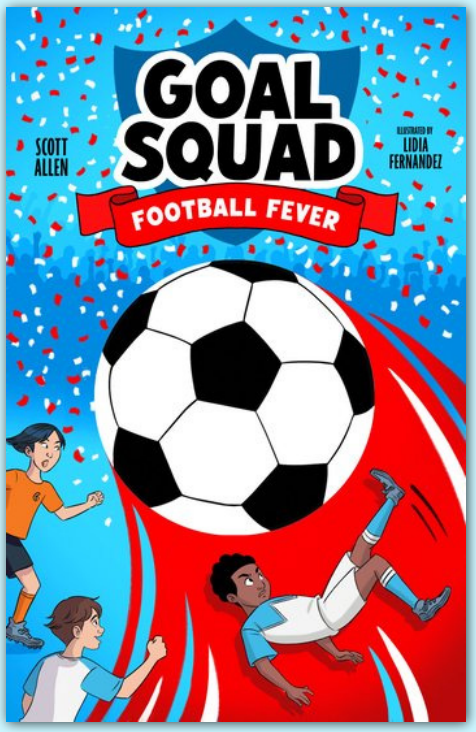






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GOAL SQUAD 2: FOOTBALL FEVER



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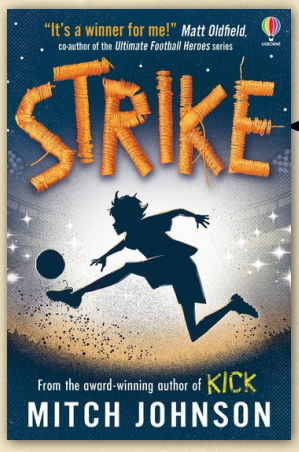
Mo's luck has just run out. What will he do now? When a talent scout spots Mo's dribbling skills, the left-winger earns a trial at Westwood Football Academy. Thank goodness for his lucky supermarket bag! Mo counts on it to play his best. But the morning of his first trial, his bag falls apart - and Mo must find new lucky charms. He tries lucky socks, a lucky ritual and even brings his cat - called Lucky - to the final, crucial game. But thanks to his friends from Tigers football team, plus a new teammate at Westwood, Mo's about to discover that he already has everything he needs ... in his feet and his brain. Can Mo prove himself and win an academy place?

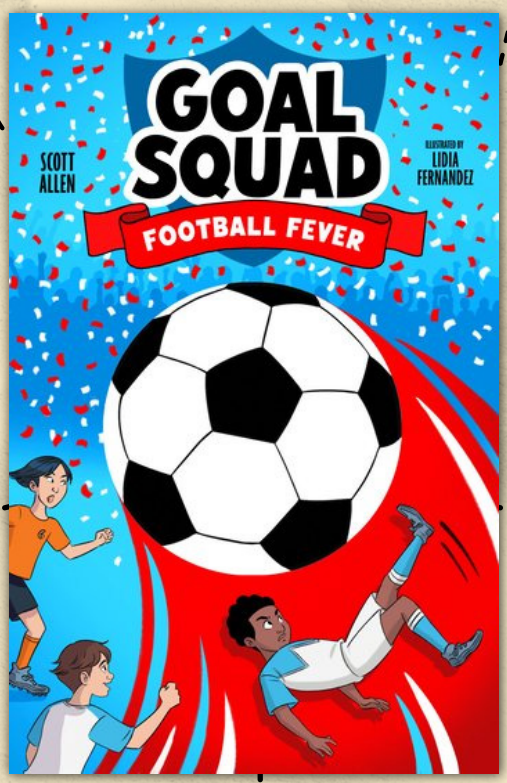
You'll enjoy this if:

⚽	You love football, amazing dribbling skills and exciting matches!
🌟	You like like team spirit, big matches, and underdog stories get you excited.
🤝	You enjoy stories about friendship, teamwork and helping each other.
💪	You like cheering for characters who overcome challenges and learn to believe in themselves.
😀	You like books with strokable covers!

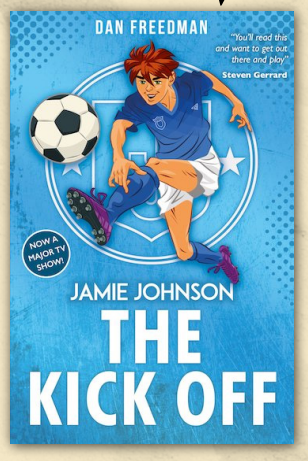
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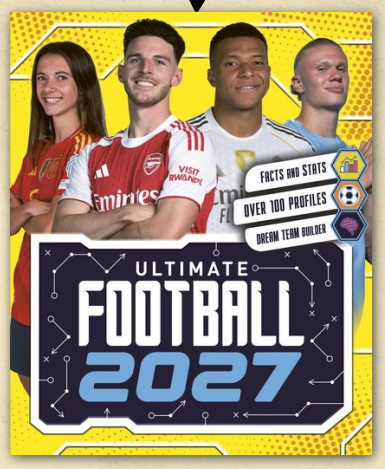
Love football, goals and game-day drama? Kick off another reading adventure with these picks!







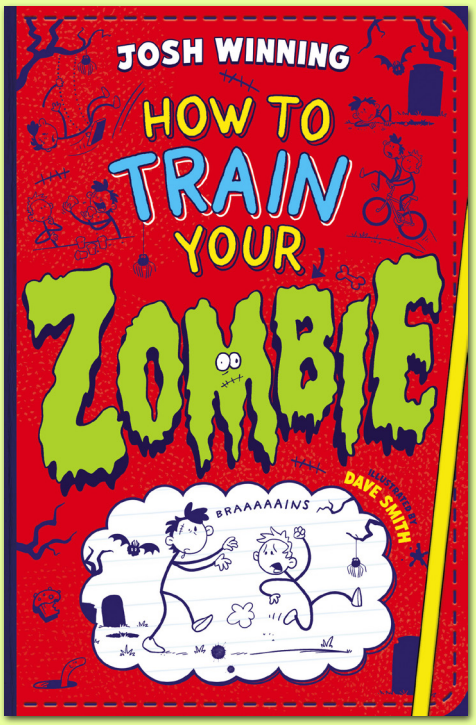






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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR ZOMBIE



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Preston is making a monster video in a graveyard when he gets the shock of his life: his best friend Tommy, who died a few months ago, has come back as a zombie! As Preston tries to teach Tommy how to be a normal kid again, his chaotic brothers and a determined monster hunter make things hilariously difficult.

You'll enjoy this if:

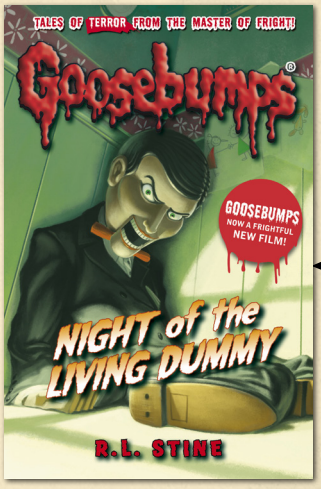
🧟	You love zombies, monsters and creepy adventures!
😂	You enjoy stories packed with silly jokes and laugh-out-loud moments.
👻	You like a little bit of spooky fun without it being too scary.
👬	You enjoy stories about friendship, brothers and family chaos.

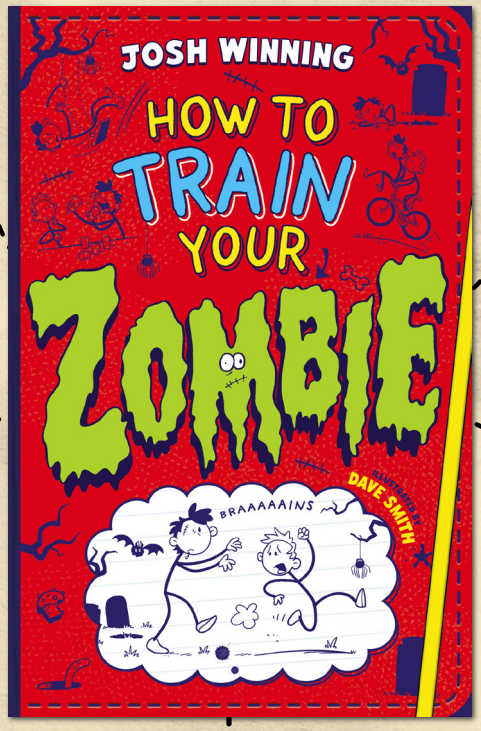
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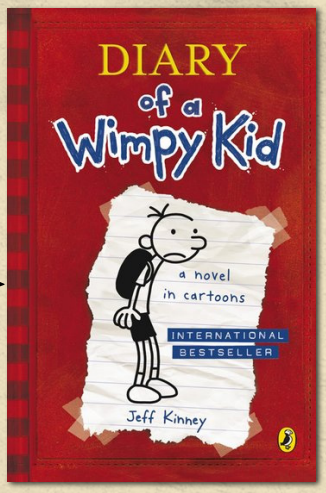
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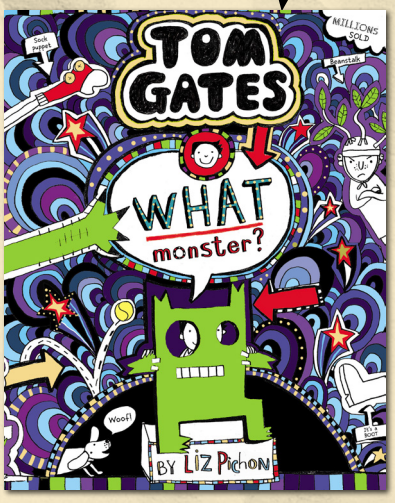
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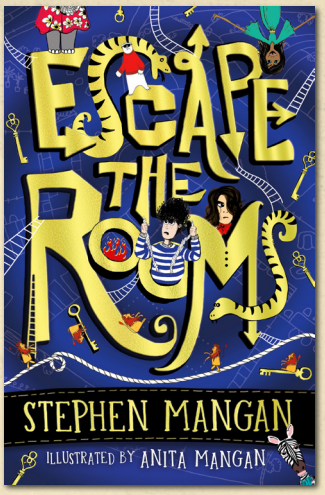
Looking for spooky fun without too many scary surprises? These books are for you!

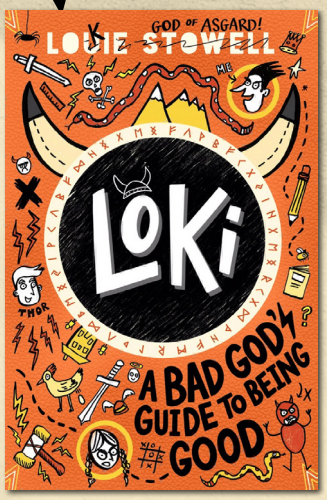












Suitable For Ages: 8+

GOOSEBUMPS: MONSTER BLOOD



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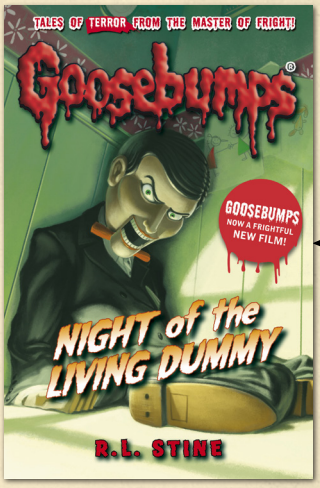
Scamp lives at the pet shop. He has friends, food and a warm bed. But one night, the world changes. All that's left are the Things – vicious beasts that roam the ruined city. Forced to leave the store, Scamp leads his friends on a quest through the dangers outside. To survive, they must grow wilder, letting go of everything they once were.

You'll enjoy this if:

🧟	You love creepy monsters and spooky surprises!
😱	You enjoy stories that make you say, "What happens next?!"
🐶	You love adventures featuring dogs.
👀	You like your books gross, gooey and a little bit scary!

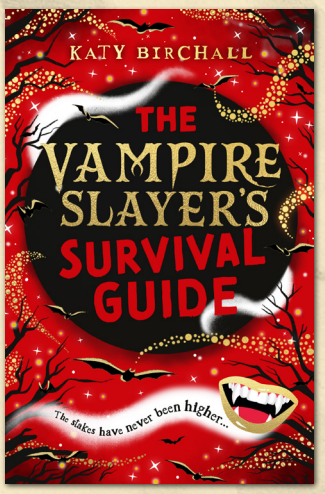
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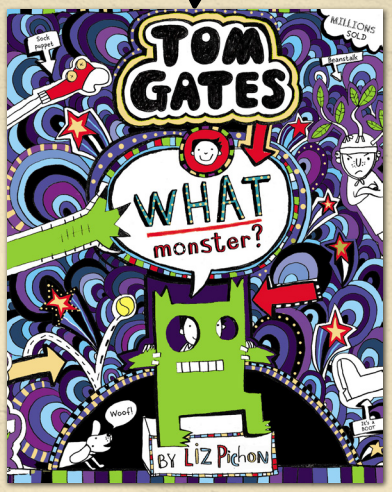
Love creepy monsters and spooky surprises?
You'll have a monster-sized blast with these!

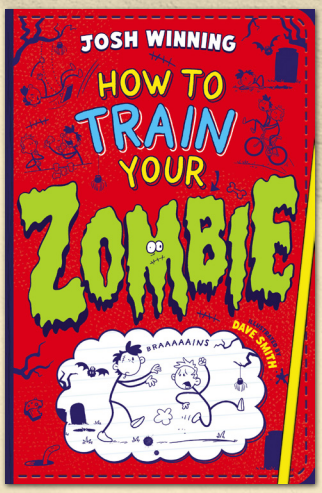




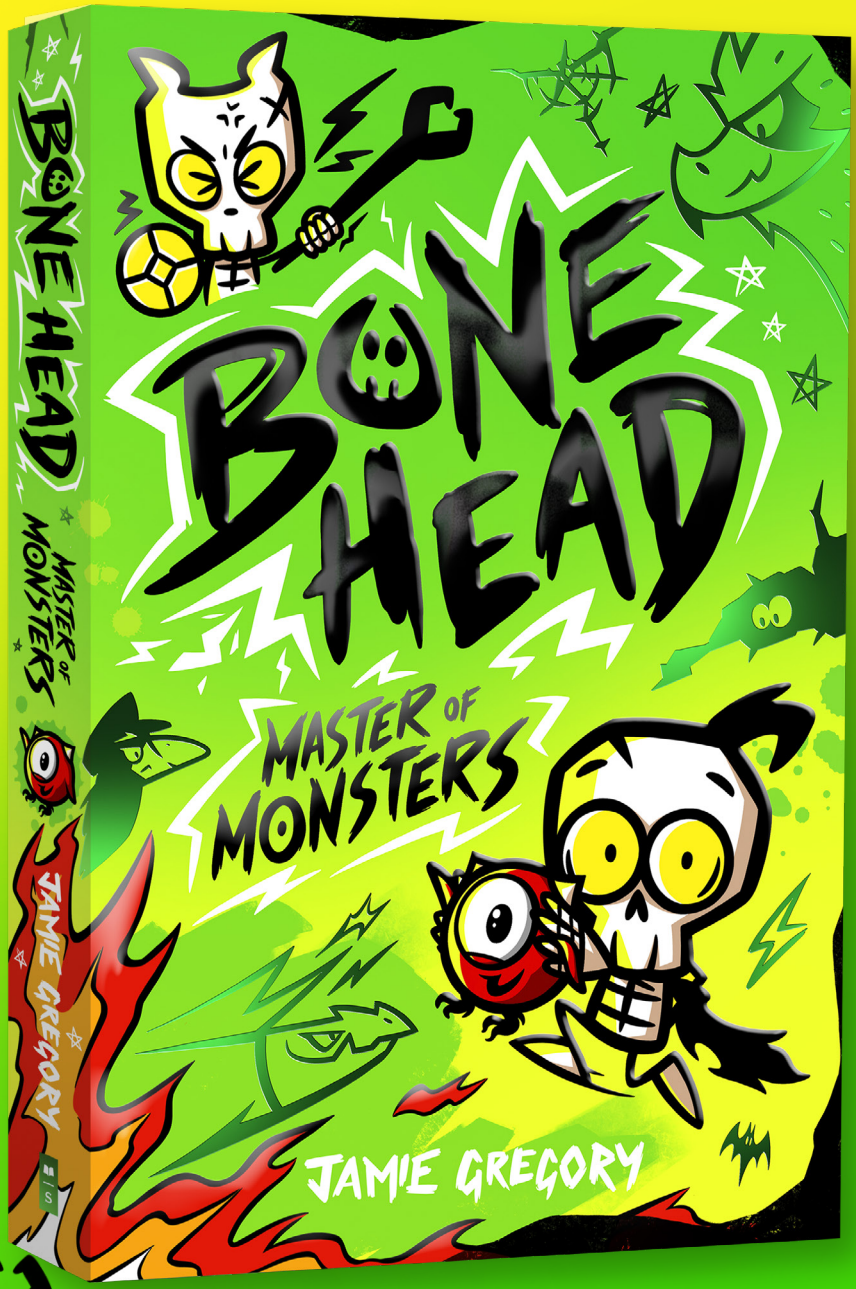








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Spooky Synonyms: Match the Monsters!

Can you make the right word connections?

The spooky season has arrived, and some words need a little help! Match each spooky word with a **SYNONYM** - a word that has the same or a very similar meaning.

EASY LEVEL

SCARY	SPEEDY
ENORMOUS	FRIGHTENING
SMALL	CHILLY
FAST	TINY
COLD	HUGE

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MEDIUM LEVEL

CREEPY	UNTIDY
DARK	GLOOMY
STRANGE	SPARKLING
SHINY	EERIE
MESSY	UNUSUAL

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Can you make the right word connections?

HARD LEVEL

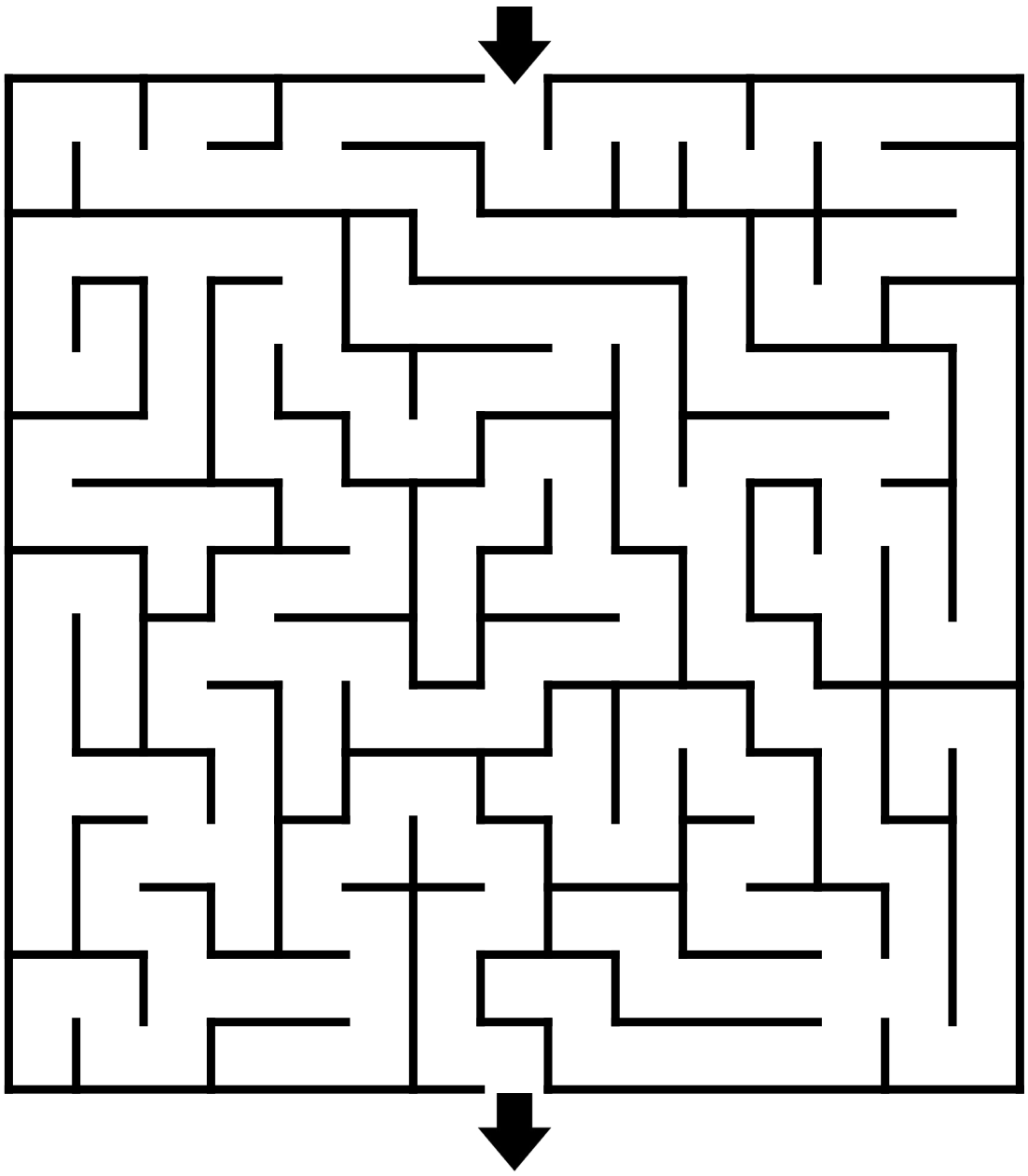
OLD	LIVID
ANGRY	HUSHED
BRAVE	WEARY
QUIET	VALIANT
TIRED	ANCIENT

Spooky Maze: Find Your Way Through!

Can you find your way through the spooky maze?

Watch out for the twists, turns and spooky surprises as you help our friendly pumpkin reach the finish!





Spooky Door Hanger: Do Not Disturb!

Cut out your door hanger and hang it on your door when it's time to read. It's a fun way to let everyone know a quiet reading adventure is in progress!



Scissors should be used with care. Use child safe scissors and ask a grown up to help you cut.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB LIVE

HALLOWEEN WEEK

19TH - 23RD OCTOBER

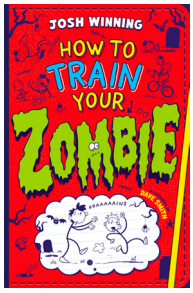
Celebrate reading with your favourite authors and illustrators!

Featuring favourite authors and illustrators for draw-alongs, creative writing workshops, Q&As and more, these sessions are a great way to inspire children and help them discover a love for reading.

Monday 19th October

11:00AM | AGES 9+

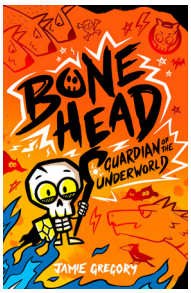
Josh Winning teaches you How to Train Your Zombie



Tuesday 20th October

11:00AM | AGES 9+

Halloween Sketch Fest



Thursday 22nd October

11:00AM | AGES 2+

Pumpkin storytime and draw-along



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Each event is completely free to attend, and if you can't join us at the advertised time, a recording will be available afterwards for registered attendees.

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