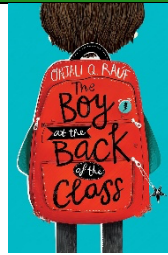


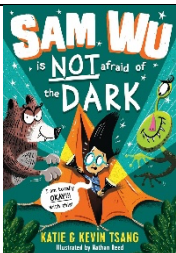
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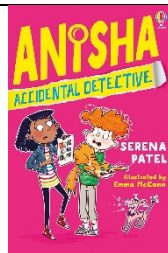
Front Desk — Kelly Yang (2018)
 A Chinese immigrant girl secretly helps struggling families while working at the motel her parents manage.



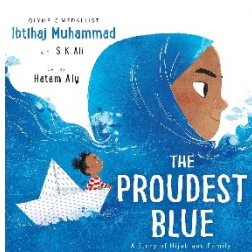
The Boy at the Back of the Class — Onjali Q. Rauf (2018)
 A group of classmates try to help a newly arrived Syrian refugee boy find safety and belonging.



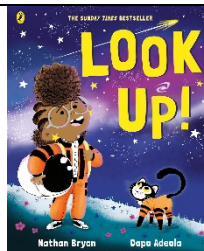
Sam Wu Is Not Afraid of Ghosts - Katie & Kevin Tsang (2017)
 Sam learns to face fears and embrace his identity while navigating friendships at school.



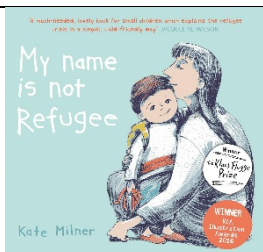
Anisha, Accidental Detective - Serena Patel (2020) A clever British-Indian girl solves mysteries while exploring family relationships and cultural traditions.



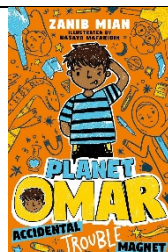
The Proudest Blue - Ibtihaj Muhammad & S. K. Ali (2019)
 A young girl celebrates her sister's courage as she proudly wears a hijab for the first time.



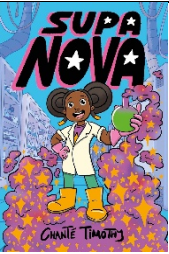
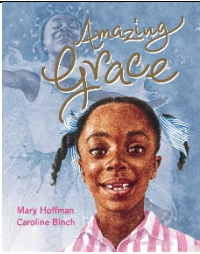
Look Up! - Nathan Bryon (2019)
 A determined girl encourages her community to share her excitement for space and science.



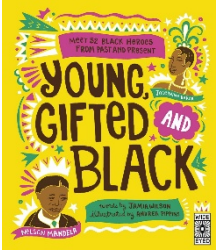
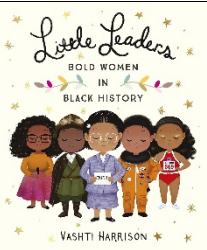
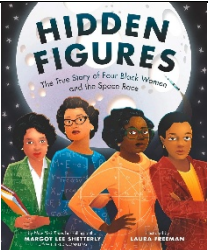
My Name Is Not Refugee - Kate Milner (2017) A story helping children understand the experiences of families forced to flee their homes.



Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet - Zanib Mian (2019) Omar navigates school life, and misconceptions about his Muslim identity with humour and resilience.

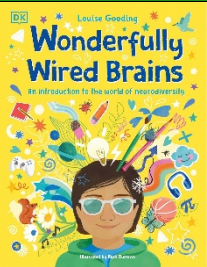
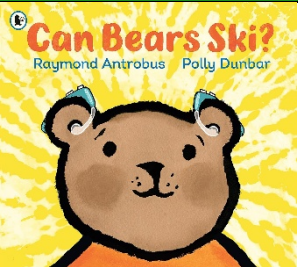
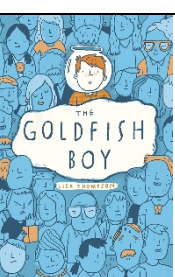
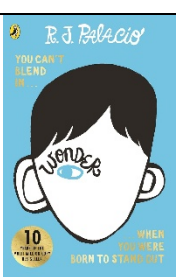
	Supa Nova - Chanté Timothy (2025) A science-loving Black girl uses her imagination and curiosity to explore the world and overcome challenges.		Amazing Grace - Mary Hoffman (1991) Grace shows that imagination and determination matter more than stereotypes about race or gender.
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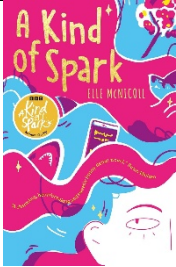
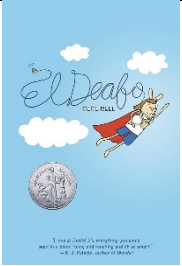
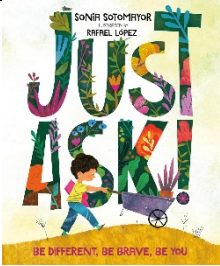
Race, History and Social Justice

	Clean Up! - Nathan Bryon (2020) A young girl campaigns to protect her local beach from pollution.		Young, Gifted and Black - Jamia Wilson (2018) Short biographies celebrate influential Black figures from around the world.
	Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History - Vashti Harrison (2017) Illustrated biographies introduce children to remarkable Black women who shaped history.		Hidden Figures - Margot Lee Shetterly (2016) The inspiring true story of the Black female mathematicians who helped NASA reach space.

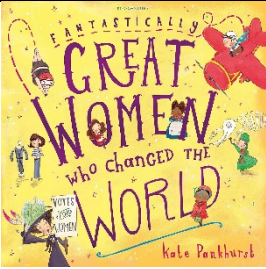
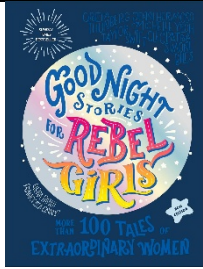
Disability and Neurodiversity

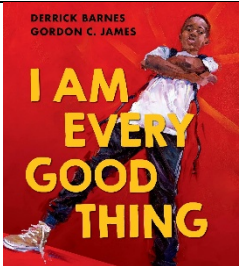
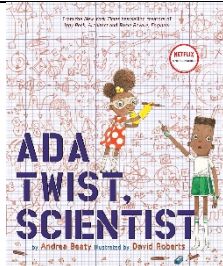
Refugees,
Migration
and Global
Perspectives

	Wonderfully Wired Brains - Louise Gooding (2023) A clear and positive introduction to neurodiversity for young readers.		Can Bears Ski? - Raymond Antrabus (2020) A child discovers he is deaf and learns to communicate using sign language.
	The Goldfish Boy - Lisa Thompson (2017) A boy with obsessive compulsive disorder becomes involved in solving		Wonder - R. J. Palacio (2012) A boy with a facial difference begins school and teaches others about

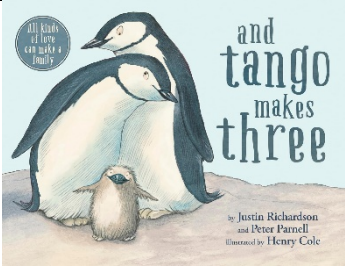
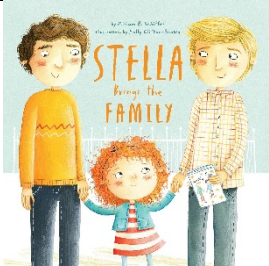
	a neighbourhood mystery.		empathy and kindness.
	Show Us Who You Are - Elle McNicoll (2021) A neurodivergent girl questions the ethics of advanced technology designed to replicate people.		A Kind of Spark - Elle McNicoll (2020) An autistic girl campaigns for recognition of women historically persecuted as witches.
	El Deafo - Cece Bell (2014) A graphic memoir about growing up deaf and discovering confidence and friendship.		Just Ask! - Sonia Sotomayor (2019) Children with different abilities explain their experiences and celebrate diversity.

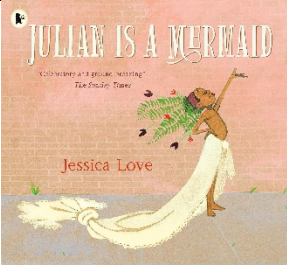
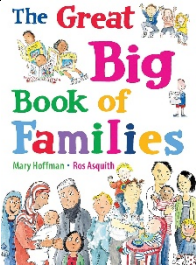
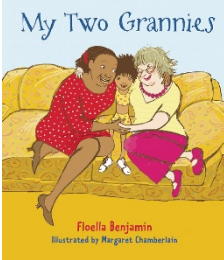
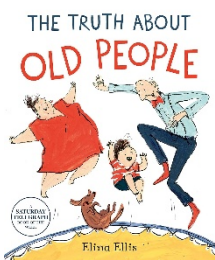
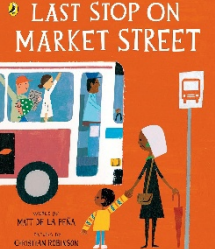
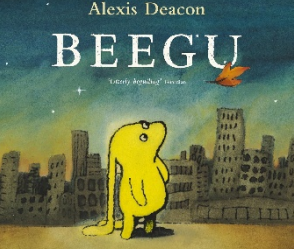
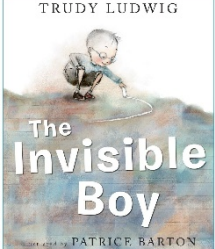
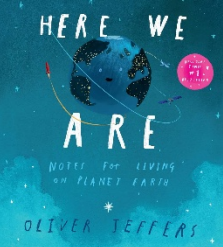
Gender Equality and Challenging Stereotypes

	Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World - Kate Pankhurst (2016) Illustrated stories celebrating women.		Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls - Elena Favilli & Francesca Cavallo (2016) Short biographies introduce girls and boys to inspiring women from around the world.
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	I Am Every Good Thing - Derrick Barnes (2020) A joyful celebration of confidence and identity in young Black boys.		Ada Twist, Scientist - Andrea Beaty (2016) A curious girl follows her love of science and problem solving.
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Different Families and Belonging

	And Tango Makes Three - Justin Richardson (2005) A true story about two male penguins who raise a chick together.		Stella Brings the Family - Miriam B. Schiffer (2015) A girl with two dads finds a creative way to celebrate family diversity at school.
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	Julian Is a Mermaid – Jessica Love (2018) A boy explores self-expression with the encouragement of his grandmother.		The Great Big Book of Families – Mary Hoffman (2010) An illustrated guide to the many different forms families can take.
	My Two Grannies – Floella Benjamin (2013) A girl celebrates the different cultures of her two grannies.		The Truth About Old People – Elina Ellis (2022) A story about a child and grandparent, challenging stereotypes about age.
Empathy, Kindness and Community			
	The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse – Charlie Mackesy (2019) A story exploring friendship, compassion & emotions.		Last Stop on Market Street – Matt de la Peña (2015) A boy learns to appreciate the beauty and community around him.
	Beegu – Alexis Deacon (2003) A lost alien searches for friendship and acceptance on Earth.		The Invisible Boy – Trudy Ludwig (2013) A quiet child finds belonging when a new student shows kindness.
	Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth – Oliver Jeffers (2017) A book on kindness and caring for the world.		The Kindest Red – Ibtihaj Muhammad (2022) A story about standing up for others and showing kindness in everyday situations.