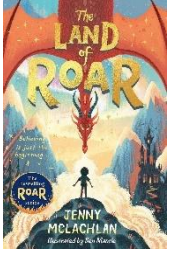
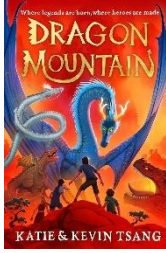
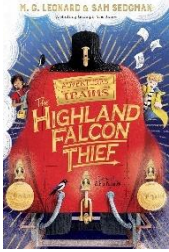
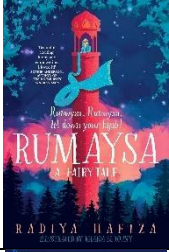
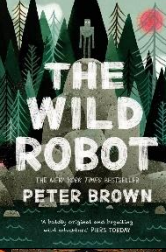
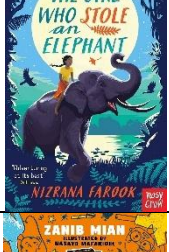
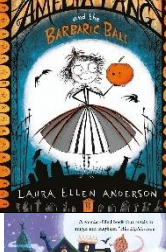
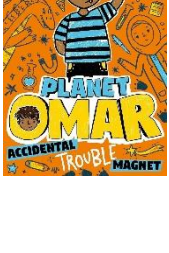
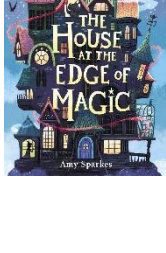
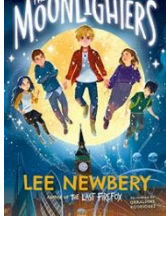
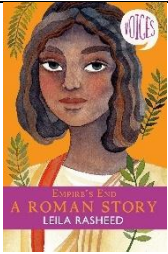
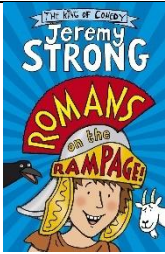
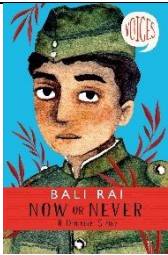
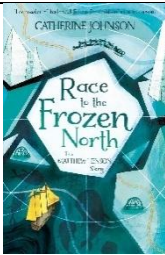
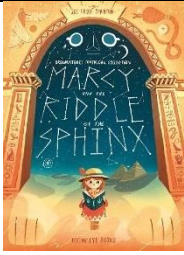
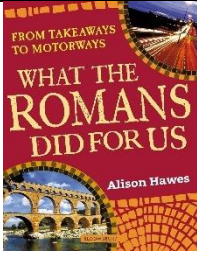
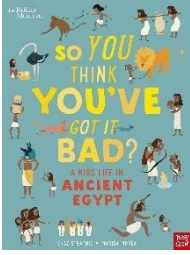
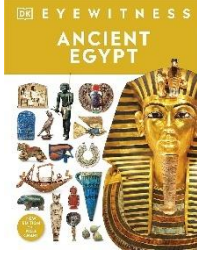


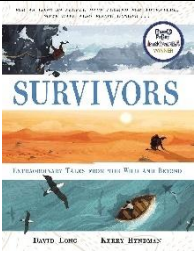
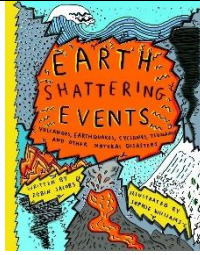
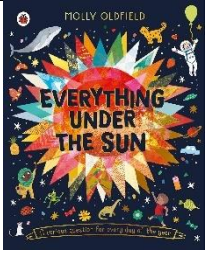
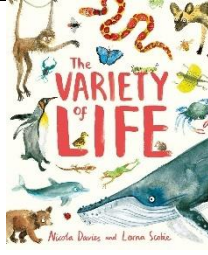
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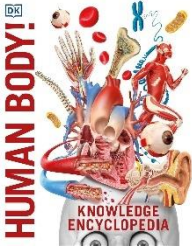
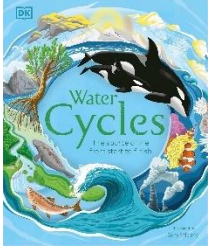
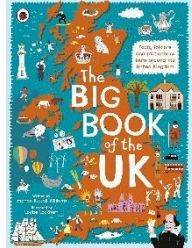
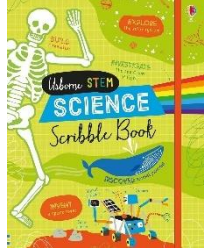
Adventure & Fantasy

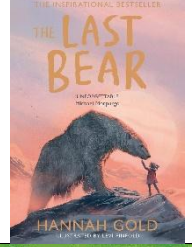
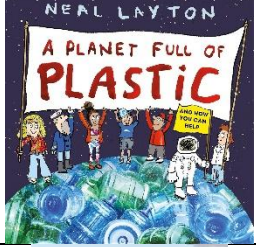
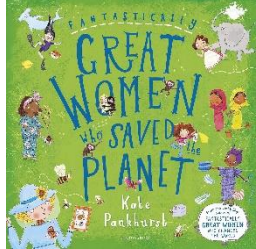
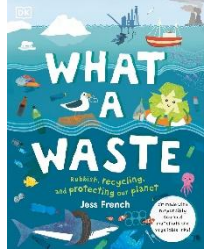
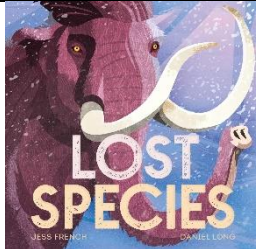
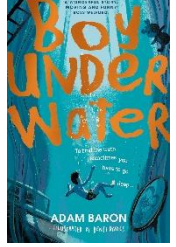
	The Land of Roar — Jenny McLachlan (2019) A fun portal adventure where childhood imaginary worlds suddenly become real and full of challenges.		Dragon Mountain — Katie & Kevin Tsang (2020) A thrilling fantasy series starter where children bond with dragons on a summer adventure camp.
	The Highland Falcon Thief — M. G. Leonard & Sam Sedgman (2020) A classic-feeling mystery on a royal train, perfect for sleuthing fans.		The Danger Gang — Tom Fletcher (2020) Strange powers, mysterious events and lots of humour when a boy moves to a new town.
	Rumaysa: A Fairytale — Radiya Hafiza (2021) A brilliant, empowering retelling of Rapunzel with a Muslim heroine.		The Wild Robot — Peter Brown (2016) A gentle sci-fi adventure where a robot learns to survive in the wild.
	The Girl Who Stole an Elephant — Nizrana Farook (2019) A jungle adventure set in Sri Lanka full of danger, friendship and justice.		Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball — Laura Ellen Anderson (2017) A playful “spooky but silly” story set in the world of Nocturnia.
	Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet — Zanib Mian (2019) A warm, funny story about school life, faith and family, ideal for fans of humour-heavy reads.		The House at the Edge of Magic — Amy Sparkes (2021) A quirky, magical adventure that starts when a tiny house appears in a teaspoon.
	Small Wonder – Ross Montgomery (2025) A classic adventure story about the bond between two brothers, their faithful horse, and a surprising legacy.		The Moonlighters – Lee Newbery (2025) Each night, Theo joins the Moonlighters as they search for lost magical artefacts.

History & Civilisations

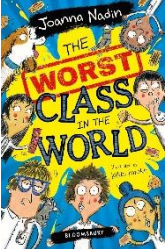
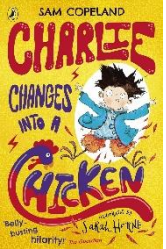
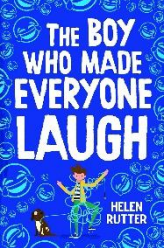
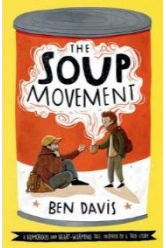
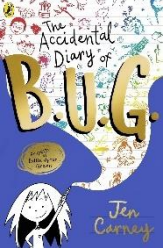
	Empire's End: A Roman Story — Leila Rasheed (2017) A girl from North Africa journeys to Roman Britain, showing the empire's diversity.		Romans on the Rampage — Jeremy Strong (2014) A funny look at Roman life, perfect for hooking reluctant readers.
	Voices: Now or Never - A Dunkirk Story — Bali Rai (2019) Accessible historical fiction shedding light on overlooked soldiers from India.		Race to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story — Catherine Johnson (2017) The true story of the first Black man to reach the North Pole — great for The Americas.
	Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx — Joe Todd-Stanton (2018) An adventure in Ancient Egypt, where Marcy must solve riddles, face powerful gods and uncover secrets.		What the Romans Did for Us — Alison Hawes (2019) A friendly introduction to Roman inventions and engineering.
	So You Think You've Got It Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Egypt — Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea (2020) A very funny, fact-rich look at life for children in Ancient Egypt.		DK Eyewitness: Ancient Egypt (Updated Edition) — DK (2021) High-quality images and clear explanations of Egyptian civilisation.

Science & the Natural World			
	Survivors — David Long (2016) Thrilling true survival stories that build resilience and curiosity.		Earth Shattering Events — Robin Jacobs (2019) Child-friendly explanations of volcanoes, earthquakes and other natural phenomena.
	Everything Under the Sun — Molly Oldfield (2021) Answers real children's questions about the world — engaging, curious and varied.		The Variety of Life — Nicola Davies (2019) A stunning look at biodiversity across habitats.

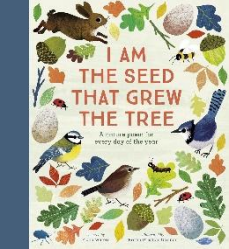
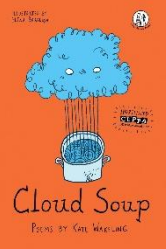
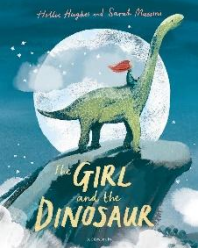
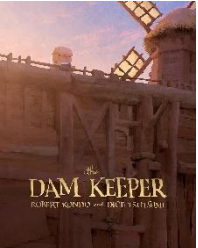
	Human Body Factory — Dan Green (2017) Comic-style nonfiction that explains body systems in a fun, accessible way.		The Street Beneath My Feet — Charlotte Guillain & Yuval Zommer (2017) A fold-out journey beneath the Earth exploring rocks and soil layers.
	The Big Book of the UK — Imogen Russell Williams (2019) Fun facts about animals, landscapes, people and places across the UK.		Science Scribble Book — Usborne (2019) Hands-on activities blending creativity and scientific thinking.

Environment & Climate			
	The Last Bear — Hannah Gold (2021) A moving Arctic adventure about climate change and friendship.		A Planet Full of Plastic — Neal Layton (2019) A clear explanation of plastic pollution and how children can help.
	Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the Planet — Kate Pankhurst (2020) Short biographies of environmental changemakers.		What a Waste: Rubbish, Recycling and Protecting Our Planet — Jess French (2019) A colourful, practical guide to environmental issues.
	The Lost Species — Jess French (2021) Explores endangered animals and why they matter.		The Big Book of the Blue — Yuval Zommer (2018) Beautiful illustrations introducing sea creatures and ocean habitats.
	The White Fox — Jackie Morris (2016) A gentle story about belonging and the natural world, with exquisite illustrations.		Boy Underwater — Adam Baron (2018) A funny and thoughtful story that touches on water, memory and how our choices affect the world around us.

Feelings, Friendship & Real-Life Stories

	The Worst Class in the World — Joanna Nadin (2020) Funny, chaotic school stories perfect for building fluency.		Charlie Changes Into a Chicken — Sam Copeland (2019) Comedy about childhood anxiety — very relatable for this age group.
	Meesha Makes Friends — Tom Percival (2020) A supportive story for children who struggle with friendship dynamics.		The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh — Helen Rutter (2021) Warm, humorous, and uplifting — ideal for discussions about confidence.
	Front Desk — Kelly Yang (2018) A girl runs the front desk of a motel while her immigrant parents work.		The Soup Movement — Ben Davis (2020) A boy's small act of kindness grows into a community project.
	Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City — Rob Biddulph (2021) A magical adventure celebrating creativity and resilience.		The Accidental Diary of B.U.G. — Jen Carney (2021) A funny, illustrated diary story about friendship, family and growing up.

Poetry, Picture Books & Beautiful Writing

	I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree — Fiona Waters (2018) A beautiful collection of nature poems to enjoy all year round.		Cloud Soup — Kate Wakeling (2021) A joyful, imaginative poetry collection full of funny ideas and clever wordplay, perfect for reading aloud.
	The Girl and the Dinosaur — Hollie Hughes & Sarah Massini (2019) A magical, beautifully illustrated story about adventure, imagination and dreaming big.		The Dam Keeper — Robert Kondo & Dice Tsutsumi (2017) A beautifully illustrated graphic-novel-style story about courage, friendship and protecting the place you call home.