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FACTS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

There is no doubt that we are living in a golden-age of non-fiction publishing for children. This list provides a snapshot of what's currently available for young readers who are fascinated by facts. Great non-fiction books have the potential to stimulate and feed children's natural curiosity; inspire new interests and develop expertise in favourite subjects; entertain and educate; raise questions and challenge how readers think. Non-fiction can also provide a range of different reading experiences (such as browsing or dipping in to), which for many are more accessible or preferable options to reading fiction. Let's make providing and promoting non-fiction a key part of how we facilitate reading for pleasure: read non-fiction texts aloud; feed children's personal interests with books; and encourage them to make new discoveries and celebrate the amazing world we live in.

Chris Routh

Antarctica: The Melting Continent
Karen Romano Young & Angela Hsieh



An awe-inspiring, first-hand narrative about one of the harshest landscapes on earth. Meet the international community of scientists studying the melting continent and discover its amazing wildlife. Beautifully written by a real-life polar explorer, complimented by fabulous artwork, plus a glossary and index to support young researchers.

What on Earth Books
ISBN 978-
1913750527

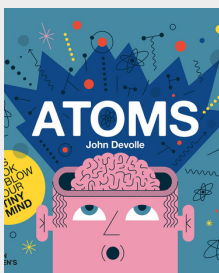
Atlas of Amazing Architecture: The Most Incredible Buildings You've (Probably) Never Heard Of
Peter Allen & Ziggy Hanaor



Examples of structures from around the world are arranged chronologically, each with its own story to tell, ranging from the Neolithic monuments of Northern Europe to twentieth century airport architecture. Children will love pouring over the humorous details in the illustrations while learning about some amazing buildings and the people who made them.

Cicada Books
ISBN 978-
1908714879

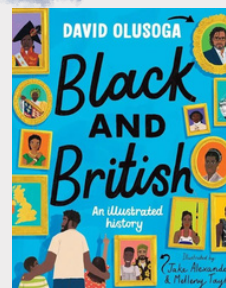
Atoms
John Devolle



Amazingly, it only takes the author just over 300 words to introduce little minds to some very big ideas – including atomic theory, the Big Bang and the fact that the reader, their dog and everyone else they know are made up of atoms!

Macmillan Children's
ISBN 978-
1529052954

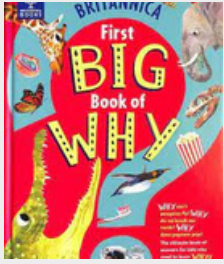
Black and British: An Illustrated History
David Olusoga, Jake Alexander & Melleny Taylor



This beautifully presented groundbreaking book has helped to ensure that previously untold stories from Black British history are now being heard. It takes the reader on a stunning visual journey through time, combining original illustrations with images of contemporary artefacts, documents and art, while celebrating the part played by Black British people in shaping the country we live in today.

Macmillan Children's
ISBN: 978-
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Britannica First Big Book of Why?
Sally Symes, Stephanie Warren Drimmer
& Kate Slater

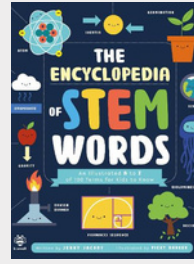


Britannica Books
ISBN 978-1913750411

Divided into eight broad topics, with an index and glossary, this answers a myriad of questions typically asked by curious youngsters, effectively combining photographs, diagrams and illustrations, with additional wacky facts and quizzes.

Also see Britannica All New Children's Encyclopedia (ISBN 978-1912920471)

The STEM Encyclopedia of Words: An Illustrated A-Z of 100 Terms for Kids to Know
Jenny Jacoby & Vicky Barker



b small publishing,
ISBN 978-1913918286

An engaging book of 100 STEM related words for anyone with a fascination for science, technology, engineering and maths. Arranged alphabetically, with a page for each word, plus a detailed combined index and glossary.

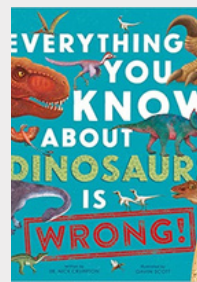
Epic Adventures: Explore the World in 12 Amazing Train Journeys
Sam Sedgman & Sam Brewster



Macmillan Children's
ISBN 978-1529065657

An ideal book for rail enthusiasts, would-be globe-trotters and fans of the popular Adventures on Trains mystery series (Macmillan's Children's Books). Two double-page spreads are allocated to each journey - the first provides a route map and the second fills in extra details. Additional spreads explore the history, development and impact of railways.

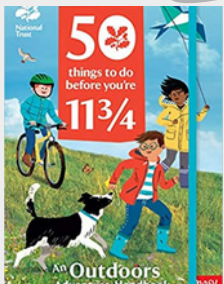
Everything You Know About Dinosaurs is Wrong!
Dr Nick Crumpton & Gavin Scott



Nosy Crow
ISBN 978-1788008105

There are a lot of books about dinosaurs for young fans to choose from but this one is different. It challenges our preconceptions about prehistoric life by revealing some amazing new discoveries, demonstrating how knowledge and understanding can change over time. See also Everything You Know About Minibeasts is Wrong! (ISBN 978-1839942037)

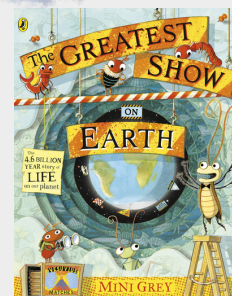
50 Things To Do Before You're 11¾: An Outdoors Adventure Handbook
Sandra de la Prada



Nosy Crow
ISBN 978-1788007290

Latest edition of the ultimate guide to having fun outside and helping nature thrive. Packed with ideas, plus space for personal notes and pictures, a quiz and puzzles to enjoy. Published in collaboration with the National Trust.

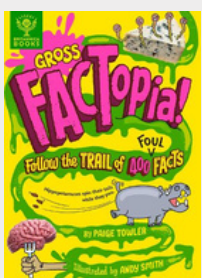
The Greatest Show on Earth
Mini Grey



Puffin
ISBN 978-0241480830

A company of insects act out the 4.6 billion years history of life in their tiny shoe-box theatre. The wings display additional information, while the 'tape-measure of time' plots the story at the bottom of each spread along the orchestra pit. This quirky, funny approach makes a scientifically complex story more accessible for young readers.

Gross FACTopia
Paige Towler & Andy Smith



Britannica Books
ISBN 978-1913750688

This is the third title in a colourful, entertaining pocket-sized series, which takes the reader on a serendipitous journey of discovery along a trail leading from one page (and subject) to the next. Ideal for engaging reluctant readers or for those who are still building reading stamina

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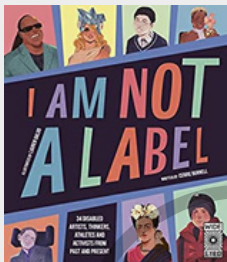




Writing non-fiction means I tell people's stories for them, not because they're special but because we all are."

- Jo Deurbrouck

I Am Not a Label: 34 Disabled Artists, Thinkers, Athletes and Activists from Past and Present
 Cerrie Burnell & Lauren Mark Baldo



Wide Eyed Editions.
 ISBN 978-0711263918

Read stories about some inspirational trailblazers from different times and walks of life which will broaden perceptions about disability and encourage the development of empathy. Endorsed by young readers who voted it the Children's Choice winner of the 8-12 category and the overall winner of the School Library Association's Information Book Award in 2021.

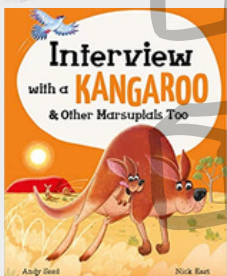
India, Incredible India
 Jasbindar Bilan & Nina Chakrabarti



Walker
 ISBN 978-1406395426

This is the award-winning author's debut non-fiction title which is a joyful celebration of India, its people, places and wildlife, framed by a story about a little girl and her grandmother giving a personal introduction to their incredible country. See also Africa, Amazing Africa by Atinuke & Mouni Feddag (ISBN 978-1406376586)

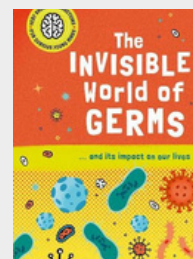
Interview with a Kangaroo and Other Marsupials Too
 Andy Seed & Nick East



Welbeck Children's
 ISBN 978-1783126767

With the help of his 'tranimalator', the author has interviewed 10 marsupials from around the world. The innovative Q & A format results in some entertaining exchanges, plus tips on how to protect endangered species and a quiz. See also Interview with a Tiger and Other Clawed Beasts Too (ISBN 978-1783125661) and Interview with a Shark and Other Ocean Giants Too (ISBN 978-1783125678).

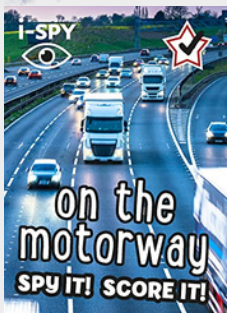
The Invisible World of Germs (Children's Very Short Introductions for Curious Young Minds)
 Isabel Thomas



OUP
 ISBN 978-0192779236

The first of a new pocket-sized series designed to introduce the people, facts and vocabulary behind an interesting range of subjects, made all the more accessible with the use of comic strips, illustrations, photographs, a timeline, glossary and index. See also The Secrets of the Universe (ISBN 978-0192779212) and Robots, Gadgets and Artificial Intelligence (ISBN 978-0192780287)

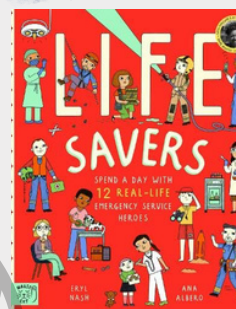
i-SPY On the Motorway: Spy it! Score it!
 (Collins Michelin i-SPY Guides)



Collins
 ISBN 978-0008431761

This much-loved series, which has been around since the 1940s, has been completely updated with full colour photography and 21st century content. On the Motorway makes a great boredom buster for a long car journey. Other complimentary titles include i-SPY Cars (978-0008386504) and i-SPY Every Vehicle On the Road (978-0008386590).

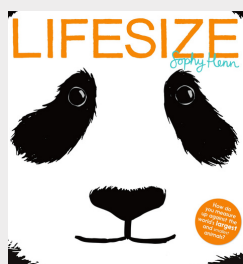
Life Savers: Spend a Day with 12 Real-Life Emergency Service Heroes
 Eryl Nash and Ana Albero



Magic Cat Publishing
 ISBN 978-1913520168

Meet 12 real-life emergency service heroes from around the world and discover everything they need to save a life. It represents an interesting selection of jobs ranging from a cancer research scientist in China to an aid worker who travels around the world. Each double-page spread is highly illustrated using a graphic-novel inspired style.

Lifesize
Sophy Henn



Red Shed
ISBN 978-
1405289573

A brilliant interactive book to help young children develop a sense of scale by comparing themselves with some of the world's most amazing animals. Try on a toucan's beak, high-five a polar bear or get up close to a giraffe's tongue! See also Lifesize Dinosaurs (ISBN 978-1405293952) and Lifesize Baby Animals (ISBN 978-1405299497).

Making A Baby: An Inclusive Guide to How Every Family Begins
Rachel Greener & Clare Owen,



Nosy Crow
ISBN 978-
1788008013

When the time is right (for an individual child or family), this excellent relationship and sex education book provides honest, simple explanations and clear illustrations of the many different ways to have a baby. There is also an excellent reading guide for parents on the publisher's website.

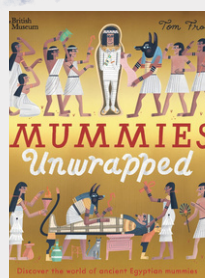
Martha Maps It Out
Leigh Hodgkinson



OUP
ISBN 978-
0192777782

This engaging celebration of where we live and how we fit in to the wider world contains an attractive collection of colourful maps which zoom in from the solar system to Martha's innermost thoughts. Bound to have youngsters looking for more books about the planets, atlases and local maps.

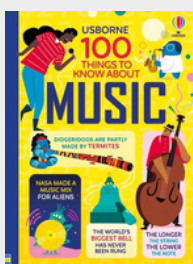
Mummies Unwrapped: Discover the World of Ancient Egyptian Mummies
Tom Froese



Nosy Crow
ISBN 978-
1788009010

As 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter, the ongoing fascination with all things Egyptian, and particularly Egyptian mummies, is likely to reach new heights. Published in collaboration with the British Museum, Mummies Unwrapped provides a stunning, if somewhat gruesome guide to the mummification process.

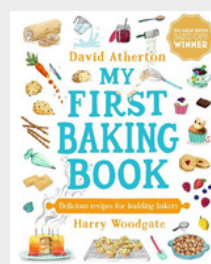
Music (100 Things to Know About)
Jerome Martin, Alice James and more



Usborne
ISBN 978-
1474996730

This the latest title in an excellent series which covers a wide range of subjects. With each bite-sized topic given one or two pages, these are perfect books for dipping in and out of. Visit the associated Quicklinks website page to meet musicians, listen to music from around the world and more.

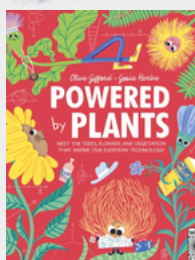
My First Baking Book: Delicious Recipes for Budding Bakers
David Atherton & Harry Woodgate



Walker Books
ISBN 978-
1529505504

Learn how to bake breads, cakes, pastries and biscuits with easy to follow, beautifully illustrated step-by-step instructions. Inventive, fun and nutritious. See also My First Green Cook Book: Vegetarian Recipes for Young Cooks (978-1529500608).

Powered by Plants: Meet the Trees, Flowers and Vegetation That Inspire Our Everyday Technology
Clive Gifford & Gosia Herba



Wide Eyed Editions
ISBN 978-
0711270060

Discover how some of the amazing properties of plants have inspired innovation in science, design, engineering and technology. 7-11 See also Invented by Animals: Meet the Creatures Who Inspired Our Everyday Technology (978-0711260658)



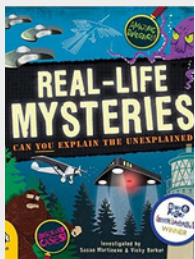
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Real-Life Mysteries: Can You Explain the Unexplained?

Susan Martineau & Vicky Barker



Explore eleven intriguing mysteries, review the evidence, read the eyewitness accounts and then decide what you think really happened. A lesson in objectivity for young investigators and remember, 'just because something is written in a book does not mean it is true'!

See also Real-Life Disasters (ISBN 978-1912909278)

b small publishing,
ISBN 978-1911509080

Rescue: Daring Missions from On, Under and Above the Earth

David Long & Kerry Hyndman

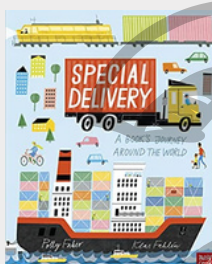


This collection of real-life stories demonstrates how far people are prepared to go to save someone's life. Always inspirational, though sometimes harrowing, these accounts of human determination, resilience and courage are bound to engage the most reluctant of readers. See also Survivors (ISBN 978-0571339662) and Heroes: Incredible True Stories of Courageous Animals (ISBN 978-0571346295)

Faber & Faber
ISBN 978-0571346332

Special Delivery: A Book's Journey Around the World

Polly Faber & Klas Fahlén



Young children will be fascinated by the journey of a book from its printers in China, across the world on a huge container ship, via rail, road and the postal service into the hands of a little boy. Includes special delivery statistics. See also Building a Home (ISBN 978-1788007030).

Nosy Crow
ISBN 978-1839942088

Wild Child: A Journey Through Nature

Dara McAnulty & Barry Falls

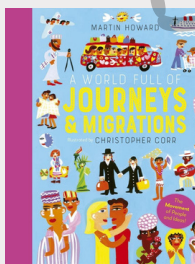


The award-winning young author, guides the reader on a journey of discovery starting at home and travelling across the countryside, revealing the magic of nature along the way through poetry, information and practical activities. A lovely book to share. See also A Wild Child's Book of Birds (ISBN 978-1529070750)

Macmillan Children's
ISBN 978-1529045321

A World Full of Journeys and Migrations

Martin Howard & Christopher Cobb



Discover over 50 stories of travel and adventure, organised by the continents and then, by key moments in history. With its gorgeous painterly illustrations, this thought-provoking book explores the different reasons for human movement around the world and celebrates the resulting mix of cultures, languages, art, music and food found in many places.

Frances Lincoln
Children's Books,
ISBN 978-0711256170

Why Do Things Die?

(Lift the Flap First Questions & Answers)

Katie Daynes and Christine Pym



Most young children will ask 'why do things die?' at some point and this is the perfect book to help them understand the circle of life. It deals with the facts and emotions with great sensitivity, effectively using animal characters and well-chosen language to answer questions and guide conversations. 5-7 See also What is Racism (ISBN 978-1474995795)

Usborne
ISBN 978-1474979887

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