



# GOING SOLO

## BOOKS FOR NEWLY INDEPENDENT READERS



Every child develops at their own rate and should be allowed to enjoy the stories which appeal to them whatever their reading stage or age. This selection offers titles which are perfect for sharing and for newly independent readers to tackle themselves. Many are highly illustrated, adding to the reading experience.



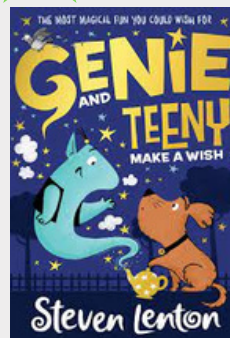
**Marv and the Mega Robot**  
Alex Falase-Koya, illustrated by Paula Bowles



Oxford University Press  
ISBN: 978-0192780447

Marvin loves spending time with his Grandpa and reading comics with his best friend, Joe. But when he discovers a mysterious superhero suit, everything changes and Marv learns his suit is powered by imagination and kindness. With his trusty sidekick, Pixel, he is ready to face supervillain, Mastermind, at the Science Fair. Full of wonderful illustrations, Marv's adventures continue in 'Marv and the Dino Attack' (OUP ISBN: 978-0192780447) and 'Marv and the Pool of Peril' (OUP 978-0192780461).

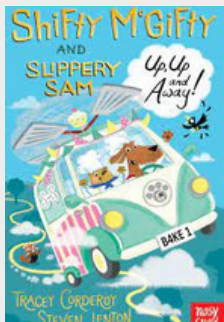
**Genie and Teeny Make a Wish**  
Stephen Lenton



Harper Collins  
ISBN: 978-0008408206

When accident prone Grant the Genie is thrown out of Genie World, he finds a new home in an old teapot and soon makes a new friend in Teeny, a lost puppy. The adventure begins when they are kidnapped by the evil purple-loving Lavinia Lavender... Appealing illustrations and plenty of humour make this story an engaging read. If you enjoy this, Grant and Teeny have more adventures in 'Wishful Thinking' (Harper Collins ISBN: 978-0008408237), 'The Wishing Well' (Harper Collins ISBN: 978-0008408558) and 'Wish Upon a Star' (Harper Collins ISBN: 978-0008408589)

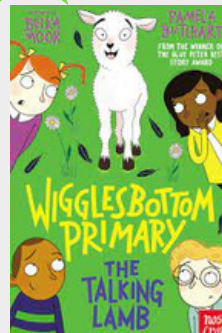
**Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam Up, Up and Away!**  
Tracey Corderoy, illustrated by Stephen Lenton



Nosy Crow  
ISBN: 978-0857638489

These loveable robber dogs turned bakers have three adventures in this highly illustrated book, presented in two colours. Full of fun, you can rely on Shifty and Sam to solve each mystery! You might also enjoy reading 'Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam: The Spooky School' (ISBN: 978-0857637017), 'Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam: Jingle Bells!' (ISBN: 978-0857639622) and 'Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam: The Aliens Are Coming!' (ISBN: 978-1788001526).

**Wigglesbottom Primary: The Talking Lamb**  
Pamela Butchart, illustrated by Becka Moor

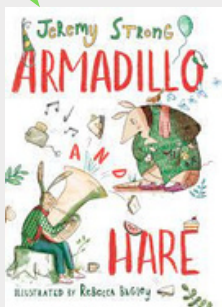


Nosy Crow  
ISBN: 978-1839940750

There are lots of adventures for the children of Wigglesbottom Primary where the strangest things happen! Each book contains three hilarious stories full of mayhem and chaos, with colour illustrations by Becka Moor.



**Armadillo and Hare**  
Jeremy Strong, illustrated by Rebecca Bagley



David Fickling  
ISBN: 978-1788450294

Armadillo and Hare live in the Big Forest. Hare loves dancing and playing the tuba. Armadillo loves cheese sandwiches. Despite their differences, they are very fond of each other. Each book contains a series of adventures about these friends and their life in the Big Forest. If you enjoy the first book, you can read more in Armadillo and Hare and the very Noisy Bear (ISBN: 978-1788451086) and Armadillo and Hare and the Flamingo Affair (ISBN: 978-1788452151).

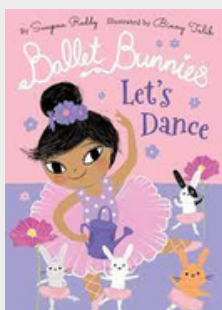
**Isadora Moon Goes to School**  
Harriet Muncaster



OUP  
ISBN: 978-0192744319

Half vampire, half fairy, Isadora Moon is special because she is different. It's time for her to start school, but she's not sure where she belongs- vampire school or fairy school. Beautifully illustrated in pink and black, there is a series of these gentle, funny stories to enjoy. There are also books about Mirabelle, Isadora's cousin, the first being 'Mirabelle Gets Up to Mischief' (ISBN: 9780192776495), and her mermaid friend, Emerald, 'Emerald and the ocean Parade' (ISBN: 978-0192783974).

**Ballet Bunnies Let's Dance**  
Swapna Reddy, illustrated by Binny Talib



OUP  
ISBN: 978-0192774866

Millie is learning ballet, but it's harder than she thought and the others in her class are not being very nice to her. But then she meets the ballet bunnies who live hidden in the ballet school and they help her to master some new ballet skills. There are a number of books to enjoy in this series.

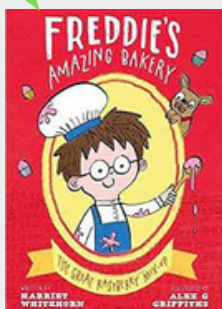
**Kitty and the Moonlight Rescue**  
Paula Harrison, illustrated by Jenny Løvlie



OUP  
ISBN: 978-0192771650

Kitty's mum is a superhero and Kitty wants to be just like her. One night, a little cat knocks at her window and tells Kitty that a very frightened kitten needs rescuing from the top of a clock tower. Kitty finds out there is more to being a superhero than having powers. This is the first in a series of beautifully illustrated adventures.

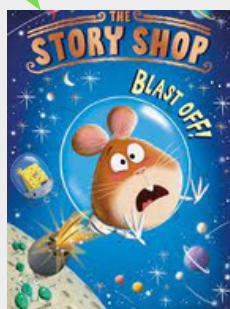
**Freddie's Amazing Bakery: The Great Raspberry Mix-Up**  
Harriet Whitehorn, illustrated by Alex G Griffiths



OUP  
ISBN: 978-0192772015

Freddie Bonbon is not only the nicest boy in town- he is also an amazing baker so everyone encourages him to enter the baking competition. However, rival baker, Bernard Macaroon, is determined to scupper Freddie's chances of winning. Will he succeed? There is even a recipe at the end of the book for readers to try. You can read more of Freddie's adventures in 'Dancing With Doughnuts' (ISBN:978-0192772039) and 'The Sticky Cake Race' (ISBN: 978-0192772046).

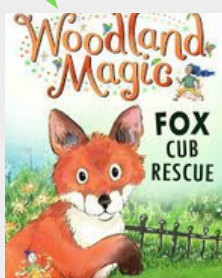
**The Story Shop Blast Off**  
Tracey Corderoy, illustrated by Tony Neal



Little Tiger  
ISBN: 978-1788953252

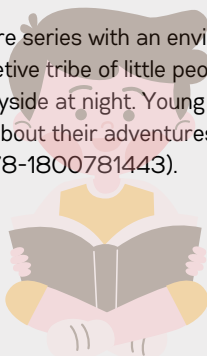
Wilbur and Fred the Ferret run The Story Shop where they wait to offer customers the perfect adventure. When a daredevil mouse visits the shop, they suggest a space mission. Bursting with imagination, these stories are great fun. Anchors Away! (ISBN: 978-1788953269) is their second adventure.

**Woodland Magic: Fox Cub Rescue**  
Julie Sykes, illustrated by Katy Riddell



Piccadilly Press  
ISBN: 978-1800781429

The first in a magical adventure series with an environmental theme, 'Fox Cub Rescue' introduces the reader to the Keepers, a secretive tribe of little people who live in the middle of Whispering Woods, who care for and rewild the countryside at night. Young Keepers, Cora and Jax, venture out on their first mission... You can read more about their adventures in Deer in Danger (ISBN: 978-1800781436) and The Stranded Otter (ISBN: 978-1800781443).



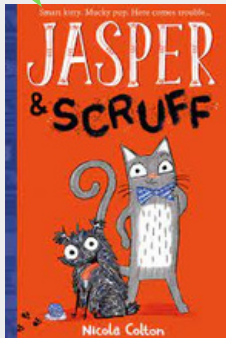




## READING SHOULD NOT BE PRESENTED TO CHILDREN AS A CHORE, A DUTY. IT SHOULD BE OFFERED AS A GIFT.

**KATE DI CAMILLO**

**Jasper and Scruff**  
Nicola Colton



Stripes  
ISBN: 978-  
1788950695

A Jasper is a very smart kitty with his own apartment and bow ties in every colour. He is desperate to join the Sophisticats, a society for exceptional felines, but when a boisterous puppy called Scruff follows him home, Jasper's evening does not go according to plan. Jasper and Scruff have more adventures in Take a Bow (ISBN: 978-1788952545), Hunt for the Golden Bow (ISBN: 978-1788950534), The Great Cat Bake-Off (ISBN: 978-1788952552).

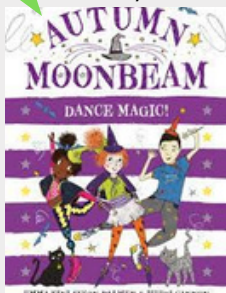
**Narwhal Unicorn of the Sea**  
Ben Clanton



Egmont  
ISBN: 978-  
1405295307

Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal and Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. They might not have a lot in common, but they both love waffles, parties and adventures. Join Narwhal and Jelly as they discover the whole wide ocean in this their first adventure together.

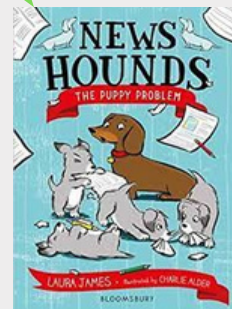
**Autumn Moonbeam Dance Magic**  
Emma Finlayson-Palmer, illustrated by Heidi Cannon



UCLan Publishing  
ISBN: 978-  
1912979769)

When Sparkledale Dance Academy have try-outs for their competitive dance team, Black Cats, Autumn Moonbeam is determined to try out. However, she is really nervous and worries she won't make the team, particularly when she finds out that her rival, Severina Bloodwort, is also trying out for the team. Will Autumn be able to overcome her nerves and make the team? Join Autumn for more fun in Spooky Sleepover (ISBN: 978-1912979929)

**News Hounds: The Puppy Problem**  
Laura James, illustrated by Charlie Alder



Bloomsbury  
ISBN: 978-  
1526620545

Gizmo is a city dog, so when he moves to the village of Puddle with his journalist human, he doesn't know what to expect so he is lucky to find Jilly, the wolfhound, living next door who will help him. But Jilly has a problem- her puppies are going to be given to new owners far away. Luckily, Gizmo has a great idea for helping her. The Dinosaur Discovery (ISBN: 978-1526620583) and The Cow Calamity (ISBN: 978-1526620613) are the News Hounds' next adventures.

**Nikhil and Jay Save the Day**  
Chitra Sounder, illustrated by Soofiya



Otter-Barry Books  
ISBN: 978-  
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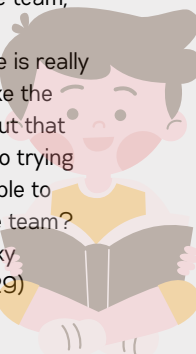
Each book contains four inter-linked stories about brothers, Nikhil and Jay, full of fun and mischief and brilliantly illustrated by Soofiya. The Star Birthday (ISBN: 978-1913074616) continues their adventures.

**Princess Minna: The Enchanted Forest**  
Kirsty Applebaum, illustrated by Sahar Haghoob

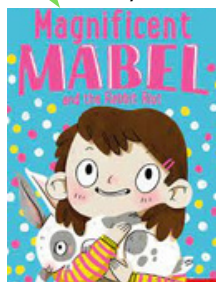


Nosy Crow  
ISBN: 978-  
1788009539

In this colourful chapter book, Princess Minna has to wake a sleeping prince before nightfall, but finds others along the way who also need her help. This is the first in the series about this helpful young princess.



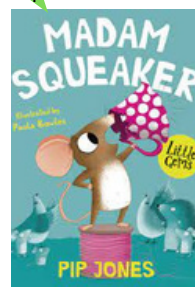
**Magnificent Mabel and the Rabbit Riot**  
Ruth Quayle, illustrated by Julia Christians



Join Mabel in these very amusing and relatable stories. This title is the first in the series and each book contains three adventures with illustrations throughout.

Nosy Crow  
ISBN: 978-1839940149

**Madame Squeaker**  
Pip Jones, illustrated by Paula Bowles



Minetta the Mouse has decided it's time that the Ruling Rats who are taking the best food in Hollyhock House for themselves learn to share. But how will she ever make them listen?

Little Gems, Barrington Stoke  
ISBN: 978-1781129517

**Midnight Magic**  
Michelle Harrison, illustrated by Elissa Elwick



Told in rhyming verse and bursting with colourful illustrations, this lovely book is the first in a series about Midnight, a magical kitten, and his friend, Trixie. The adventures continue in 'Mirror Mischief' (ISBN 978-1788951494) and 'Witch Trap' (ISBN 978-1788951500).

Little Tiger  
ISBN 978-1788951487

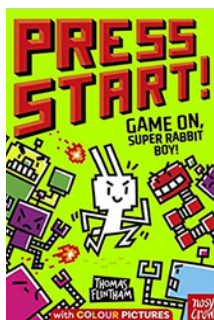
**Maggie Sparks and the Monster Baby**  
Steve Smallman, illustrated by Esther Hernando



Maggie Sparks is a mischievous little witch who turns every day into an adventure! Maggie's a witch ... who sometimes gets her spells wrong. You can read more about her in '...and the Swimming School Sharks' (ISBN 978-1782267140), '...and the Truth Dragon' (ISBN 978-1782267157), '...and the School of Slime' (ISBN 978-1782267164) and '...and the Alien Invasion' (ISBN 978-1782267171)

Sweet Cherry  
ISBN 978-1782267133

**Press Start! Game On Super Rabbit Boy**  
Thomas Flintham



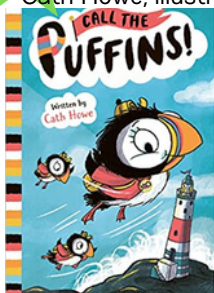
This is the first in a series of full colour graphic novels about children who love gaming- for children who love gaming! Sunny needs to use all his gaming skills to help Super Rabbit Boy get to level 6 to restore joy to Animal Town. His adventures continue other books in the series like 'Press Start! Super Rabbit Boy Powers Up' ISBN: 978-1839949227 and 'Press Start! Super Rabbit Racers' ISBN: 978-1839949289.

Nosy Crow  
ISBN 978-1839949180





★ Call the Puffins  
Cath Howe, illustrated by Ella Okstad



Join Muffin the Puffin on the island of Egg as she joins a group of young puffins are in training to become members of the search and rescue team. The next in the series is 'Tiny's Brave Rescue' (Welbeck Flame ISBN: 978-1801300599).

Welbeck Flame  
ISBN: 978-1801300360

★ Adventure Mice: Otter Chaos  
Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre



Pedro is a little mouse who is looking for a BIG adventure. Rescued by the Adventuremice, he soon proves that he is brave enough to become one of the team and help keep all the Mouse Islands safe from harm. Full of fabulous illustrations, Pedro's adventures continue in 'MerMouse Mystery' (David Fickling ISBN: 978-1788452687)

David Fickling  
ISBN: 978-1788452670

★ Aziza's Secret Fairy Door  
Lola Morayo, illustrated by Cory Reid



Magical adventure abounds in this series of stories inspired by world mythology. Other titles include Aziza's Secret Fairy Door and the Ice Cat Mystery (ISBN: 1529063950), Aziza's Secret Fairy Door and the Birthday Present Disaster (ISBN: 978-1529063974), Aziza's Secret Fairy Door and the Mermaid's Treasure (ISBN: 978-1529063998) and Aziza's Secret Fairy Door and the Magic Puppy (ISBN: 978-1529064018)

Macmillan  
ISBN: 978-1529063851

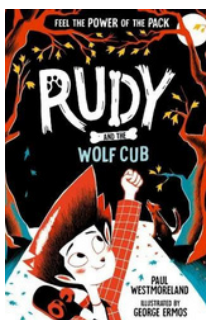
★ Lizzie and Lucky: The Mystery of the Missing Puppies  
Megan Rix, illustrated by Tim Budgen



Lizzie is desperate for a dog and so to convince her parents she should have one, she makes a list of 101 reasons why she needs one. Training it as a hearing dog might be a key reason as Lizzie is deaf. However, as she starts gathering her ideas, she spots a puppy being snatched. Can she solve the case..?

Puffin  
ISBN: 978-0241455517

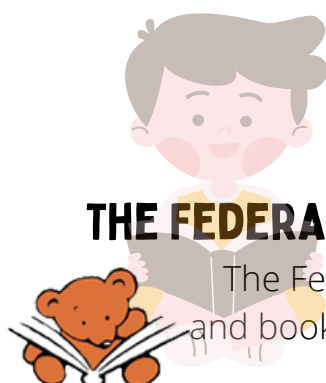
★ Rudy and the Wolf Cub  
Paul Westmorland, illustrated by George Ermos



When Rudy finds a lost wolf cub at the skate park, he is determined to help him. But how will he find the little cub's pack? Full of lively illustrations, Rudy's adventures continue in 'Rudy and the Monster at School' (ISBN 978-0192782519).

OUP  
ISBN 978-0192782496

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