

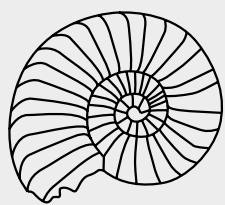


PAST PUZZLES AND TIME TREASURES

This year, our theme covers history, archeology, historical mysteries and legends, historical places and objects, along with curious ideas! With a wide range of books out there, here are our recommendations to enjoy information with readers of all ages!

ICON KEY FOR TOPICS

Each book has an icon near the title – here is the key for what they mean!



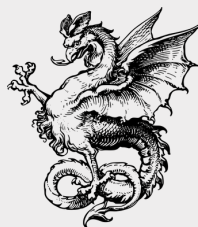
Ammonite – books based on Dinosaur and Fossils



Map – books about the puzzled history of places



Ancient Artefact – Books based on curious objects



Mystical Creature – Myths and Legends



Classic Statue – based on specific people



Microscope – curious ideas related to sciences (all kinds including animal sciences), and technology

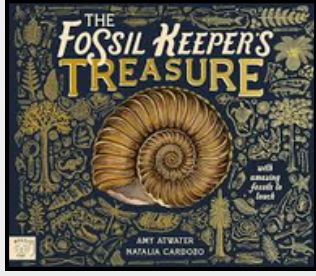


Human Outline – history of humanity/anthropology related

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The Fossil Keeper's Treasure With Amazing Fossils to Touch! by Amy Atwater

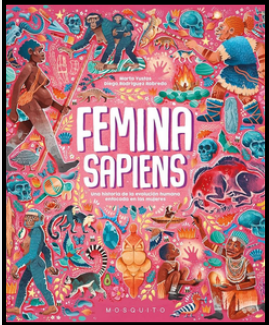


Illustrated By Nat Cardozo
ISBN: 9781917044127
Magic Cat Publishing

A wonderful 'touch and feel' book on fossils and dinosaurs, written by a paleontologist, this interactive book will be loved by all ages. Fully illustrated and well explained, perfect for dinosaur lovers! The book includes timelines of prehistoric times and is a brilliant read.
Age: 5-10 years



Femina Sapiens by Mara Yuste and Diego Rodriguez Robredo



Bring new life into anthropology with this book through female fossil finds and what scientists have learnt through them. Learn about the puzzles of our human past!
Age Range 7-12 years.

ISBN: 9780500653890
Thames & Hudson



The House on the Canal: The Story of the House that Hid Anne Frank by Thomas Harding

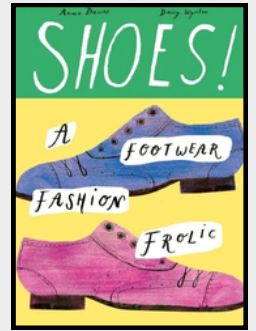


Illustrated by Britta Teckentrup
ISBN: 9781529520323
Walker Publishing

A wonderful book on the little known history of the house that hid Anne Frank. It tells from when it was built to the different people who lived and used the building.
Age Range 7-12



Shoes! A footwear fashion frolic by Anna Davies and Daisy Wynter



A whimsical book about shoes and their history - going through the different designs from ancient times through the the modern day. A great book for fashion lovers with beautifully illustrated shoes, really showing how marvelous of an the object the shoe can be.
Age Range 7-12

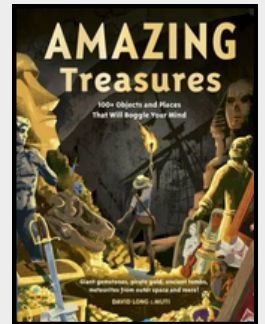
ISBN: 9781800660571
Cicada Books



Amazing Treasures 100+ Objects and Places That Will Boggle Your Mind by David Long and Studio Muti

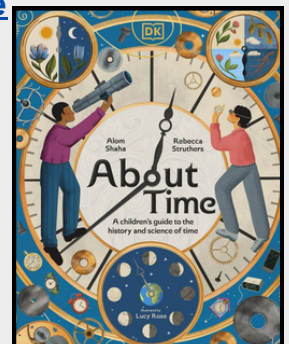
The perfect book for our theme this year! Step into this book for over 100 amazing artifacts from history - explore history culture and treasure from ancient times to the modern.
Age Range 7-12

ISBN: 9781912920495
What on Earth Books



About Time A Children's Guide to the History and Science of Time

This book will help children learn about the curious nature of time and how clocks came to be. With interactive elements, time will fly by when reading this with children!
Age range 7-9



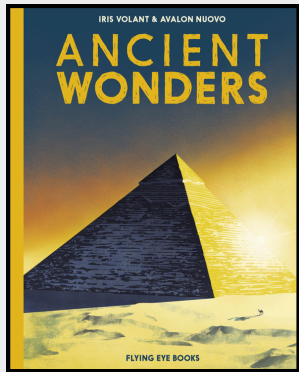
by Rebecca Struthers and Alom Shaha
ISBN: 9780241709320
DK Publishing

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Ancient Wonders by Avalon Nuovo and Iris Volant



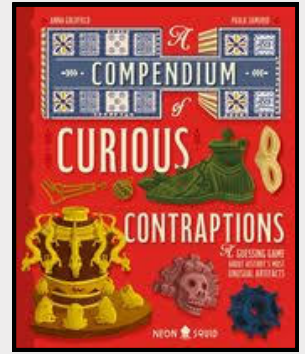
ISBN 9781912497140

Learn about the Ancient World and how the great structures were made and what became of them. An informative guide on impressive monuments with stunning artwork.

Age Range 7-12
Flying Eye



A Compendium of Curious Contraptions by Anna Goldfield

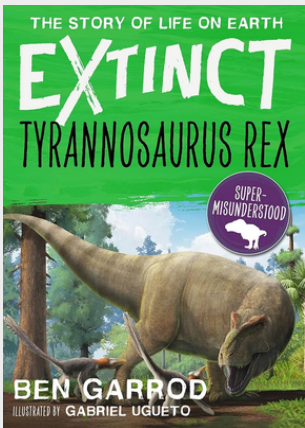


Illustrator: Paula Zamudio
ISBN: 9781529520323
Walker Books

Fascinating and bizarre objects from history, with clues for what they are for - you have to guess! A lift-the-flap book with a twist, this will spark curiosity about the past.
Age Range 8-10

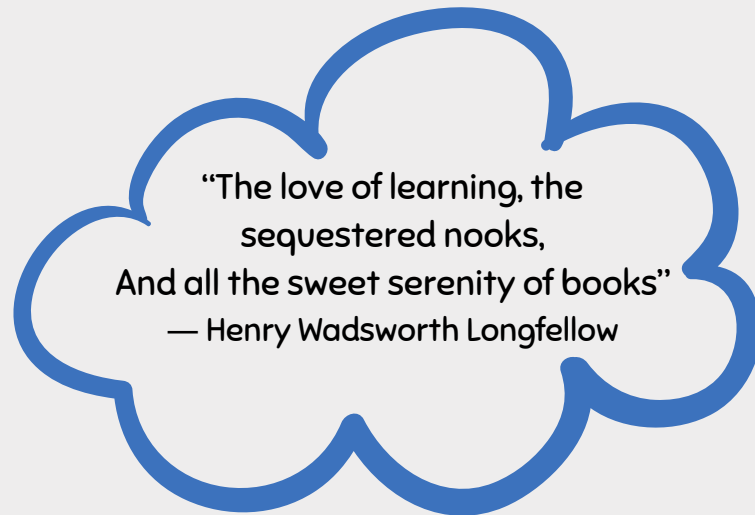


Extinct: Tyrannosaurus Rex by Ben Garrod, Illustrated by Gabriel Ugueto



Zephyr
ISBN 978-1838935399

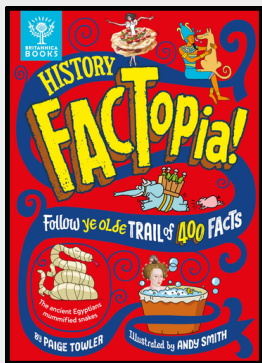
This book being but one example of the marvelous Extinct series by Ben Garrod, the book is a fantastic way to learn about creatures of the past! With detailed information and curious facts, this series is a must for prehistoric fans.
Age Range 7-12



"The love of learning, the
sequestered nooks,
And all the sweet serenity of books"
— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



History FACTopia! Follow Ye Olde Trail of 400 Facts



ISBN: 9781912920495
Britannica Books

Follow the puzzling trail through history! Learn mindblowing facts from history in a new and exciting way - stick to the trail or branch off into new and amazing facts! A fun and whimsical way to learn history.

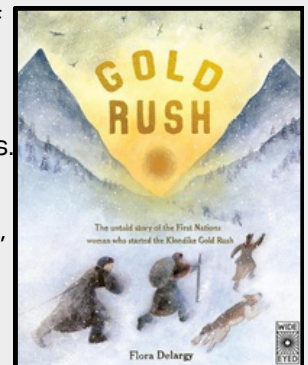
Age Range - 8 years +



Gold Rush: The untold story of the First Nations woman who started the Klondike Gold Rush by Flora Delargy

A unique telling of the history of how gold was discovered in the Yukon Valley - not something you would normally come across. Looking at the inspirational and entrepreneurial women involved, this would be a great introduction to a World History event.

Age range 7-11 years.



Wide Eyed Editions
ISBN: 978-0711263871



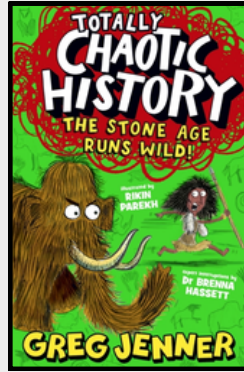
Totally Chaotic History: The Stone Age Runs Wild! by Greg Jenner, Dr Emma Southon

An exciting new take on prehistory! This book will cover everything you need to know about the Stone Age. The third book in the series, Horrible Histories fans will gobble this up. Age Range - 8 years +

Illustrated by Rikin Parekh
ISBN: 978-1529522495

Walker Books

Others in the series - Roman Britain Gets Rowdy, Ancient Egypt gets Unruly.

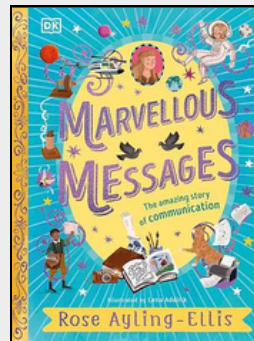


The content of a book holds the power of education and it is with this power that we can shape our future and change lives.

–Malala Yousafzai



Marvelous Messages; The Amazing Story of Communication by Rose Ayling-Ellis

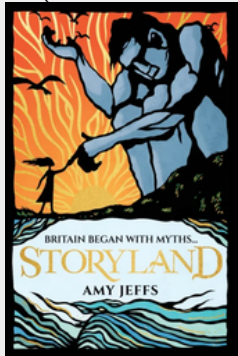


DK Children
Illustrated by Lena Addink
ISBN: 978-0241681671

A completely different kind of information book- this one looks at the way we have communicated through history. It shows the fantastic inventions that changed our lives, and changed the lives of those with disabilities. The book is beautifully illustrated and told in a 'story like' way, not just facts upon facts! A great choice for awareness and curious minds.

Age Range 7-9

Storyland: Britain began with myths.. (Children's Edition). by Amy Jeffs



Hachette Children's Group
ISBN 9781526367402

Those that love mythology will adore this book, newly adapted for children. You will discover the tales of magic, royalty, giants, demons, princesses and prophecies of Britain. Taking myths from the far reaches of our island, Amy Jeffs brings new wonder to our puzzling mythological past. Great for all ages. Age Range 10+

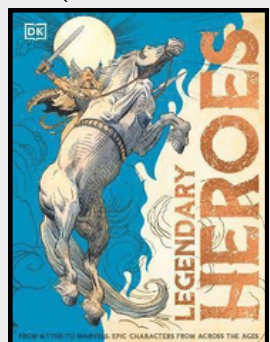
Six Queens : An illustrated guide to the iconic queens of Henry VIII by Lydia Monks



Macmillan Children's Books
9781529095289

A brilliant book about the Tudor Queens of Henry VIII, with the added comic strips telling the history, this would be very engaging with younger children. The information is simply written and the comic strips really help to show the history.

Legendary Heroes by DK Children



DK Children
ISBN: 9780241681671 Age Range 9-12

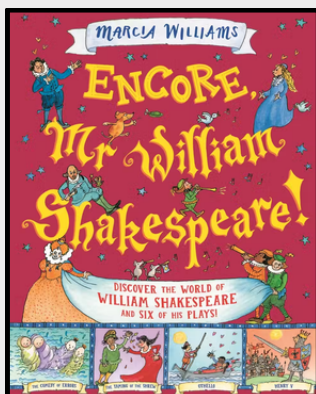
A great book covering the mythology and mysteries of the heroes of the past. Ranging from Ancient times, stories, magicians, adventurers, founders of great nations. This book has heroes from all over the world! These legendary people will inspire those who love history or mythology

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Encore, Mr William Shakespeare! **by Marcia Williams**



Shakespeare is a national literary treasure, so this book is great for our list! Marcia Williams presents a comic-strip introduction to Shakespeare's life and the atmosphere of the Globe Theatre. This book is very accessible and enjoyable.

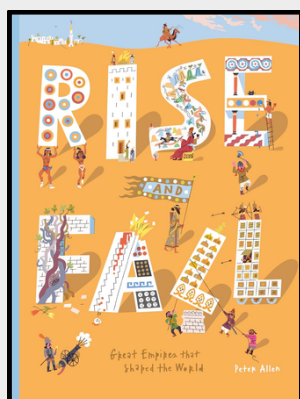
Age Range 7-10

ISBN: 9781529521139

Walker Books



Rise and Fall: Great empires that shaped the world **by Peter Allen**

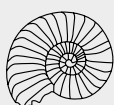


A great collection of histories that you wouldn't necessarily know about from school! Exciting stories about leaders, battles, what life was like, and then their eventual downfalls. With lovely illustrations, this book will be great for history fans!

Age Range 7-12

Cicada Books

ISBN: 9781800660489



Weird and Wonderful Dinosaur Facts **by Anne Rooney, Ro Ledesma (illustrator)**

A beautifully illustrated book about dinosaurs - full of information that even a dino enthusiast might not even know! looking at the science, habitats, ecology and evolution, this book will be adored.

Age range 7-12



ISBN 9781398833388

Arcturus Publishing



The Extraordinary History of Witches **by Hazel Atkinson, illustrated by Camelia Pham**



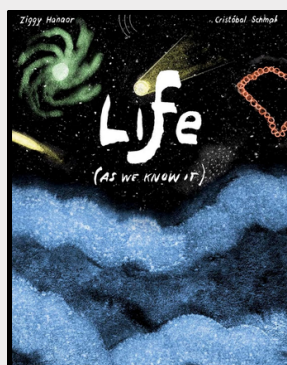
DK Children
ISBN 978-0241721285

A brilliantly illustrated history of one of history's most misunderstood beings - witches. This book covers all kinds of magic from different nations, famous witches from history and what they did, looking at why witches were feared.

Age Range 9-12



Life (As We Know It) **by Ziggy Hanaor (Author), Cristobal Schmal (Illustrator)**



Publisher Cicada Books
ISBN 978-1800660564

A beautifully illustrated picture book about how the universe was made. Starting from the big bang and small cells, to early reptiles and eventually humans. This would be great picture book for early/beginning readers to learn about the past puzzle of the universe.

Age Range 5-7



All About Flags **by Robin Jacobs and Ben Javens (Illustrator)**



ISBN 9781800660458

Age range 7-12

Cicada Books

National flags offer insights into the histories and identities of countries, often reflecting their relationships with one another. This accessible atlas, ideal for politically curious 6-11-year-olds, explores fascinating facts behind flags worldwide.



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The Federation strives to bring children and books together for enjoyment and fun.

For more information: info@fcbg.org.uk www.fcbg.org.uk

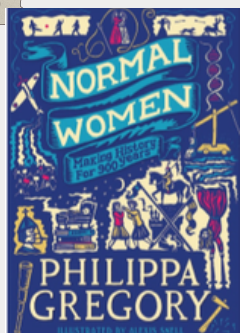
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TEEN EDITION

Here is a list of information books aimed at secondary school aged children (11–16 years) to share the love of information!



[Normal Women: Making History for 900 Years by Philippa Gregory](#)

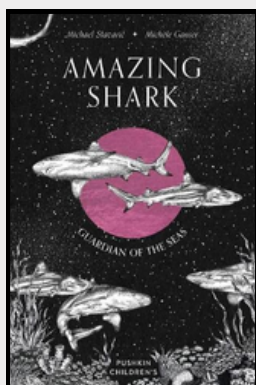


Illustrated by Alexis Snell
ISBN: 9780008622985
Red Shed

Women's history is uncovered in this book. There is so much more to women's history than bonnets and big dresses! Ordinary women have been doing extraordinary things FOR EVER – it just didn't make the history books. An absolutely fascinating read – brilliant for teenagers!



[Amazing Shark Guardian of the Seas by Michael Stavaric \(Illustrated By Michèle Ganser\) Translated by Oliver Latsch](#)



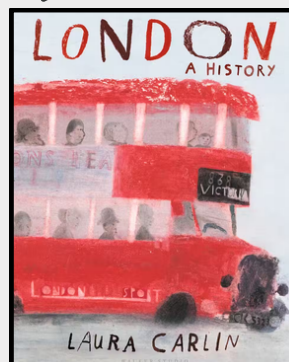
Pushkin Children's Books
ISBN: 9781782695530

A stunningly illustrated book about the history of sharks, and solves their mysteries and debunking their strangeness. Starting in the deep past with megalodons. With technical vocabulary, but not too technical for middle grade or teen readers, it is a fascinating read!

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[London: A History by Laura Carlin](#)

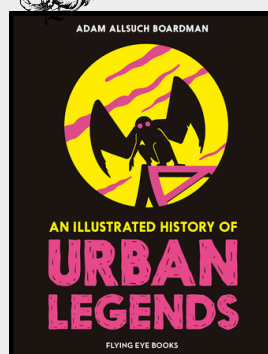


Walker Books
ISBN: 9781406385502

An incredibly unique history of London told through Carlin's beautiful illustrations and curated collection of poems and historical accounts to show London's fascinating history – from prehistory to the present day. Age range 9-16 – this would be great for history young teen history lovers!



[An Illustrated History of Urban Legends by Adam Allsuch Boardman](#)



Flying Eye Books
ISBN: 9781838741686

Another entry in the popular 'Illustrated History of..' set, this book explores the mysteries, puzzles, and legends of the past and the present. Urban myth is a fascinating topic – this book covers people like Big Foot, places like El Dorado, literary legends and legendary true feats of bravery. A great read!



[Adventures in Time: Nelson, Hero of the Seas by Dominic Sandbrook](#)



Penguin
ISBN: 9780141999227

The latest in the Adventures in Time series (publishing November 2025), this book is bound to be a winner. A narrative information style of writing, presenting information in a more enjoyable way, this series would be a fab read for NNFN. Others in the series include; Six Wives of Henry VIII, Fury of the Vikings, Queen of the Nile, Alexander the Great