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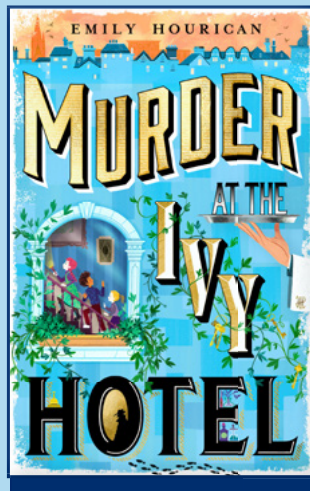
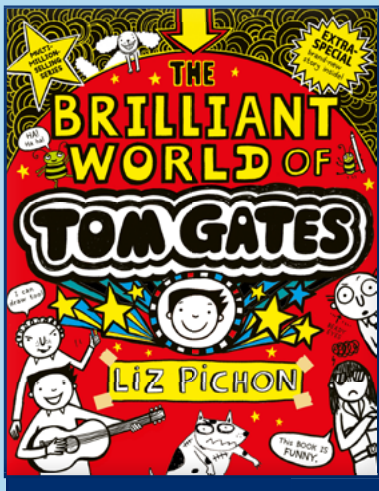
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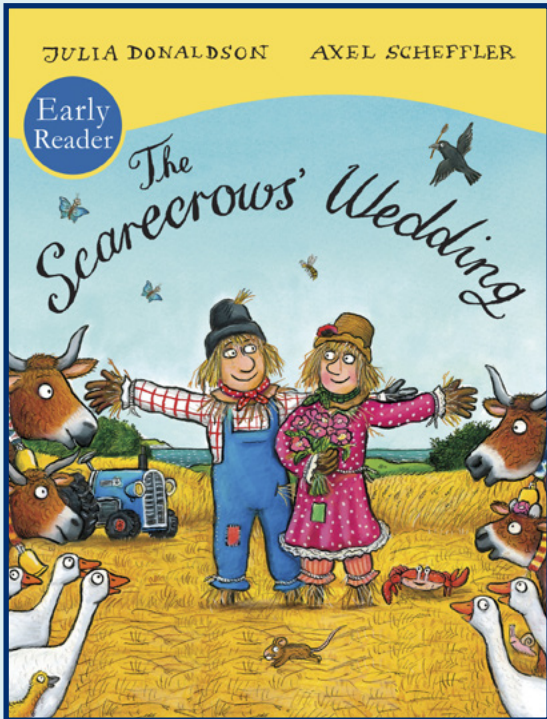
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Suitable For Ages: **3-5**

THE SCARECROW'S WEDDING



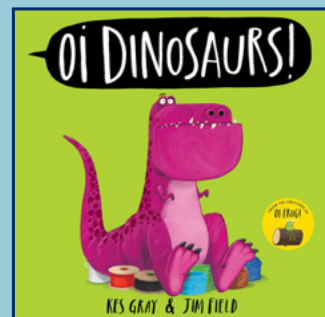
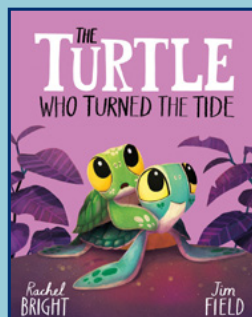
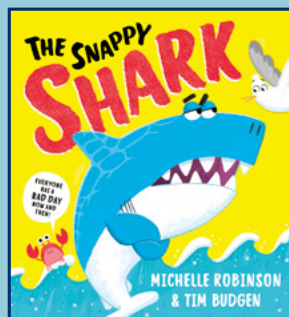
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Betty O'Barley and Harry O'Hay are on a mission to create the perfect wedding! From goose-feather dresses to plenty of pink flowers, they know exactly what they need. But when their plans start to unravel, it's up to Harry to save the day from the clutches of the wicked Reginald Rake, a cigar-smoking scarecrow who's determined to ruin their special day.

You'll enjoy this if:

- You love going on a whimsical adventure with charming characters.
- Stories with a little drama and a very happy ending are your thing.
- You love discovering colourful illustrations packed with details.
- Reading aloud and funny rhymes are your favourite part of story time.

Other books you'll love at your Book Fair



THE SCARECROW'S WEDDING

 **sneak peek inside**



Betty O'Barley and Harry O'Hay
Were scarecrows. (They scared lots of crows every day.)

Harry loved Betty, and Betty loved Harry,
So Harry said, "Betty, my beauty, let's marry!
Let's have a wedding, the best wedding yet.
A wedding that no one will ever forget."

They hadn't gone far when some cows gathered round,
And the bells round their necks made a wonderful sound.
Ring-a-ding ding! Ring-a-ding ding!



"Oh, cows, will you please come and make your bells ring
For our wonderful wedding, the best wedding yet,
The wedding that no one will ever forget?"

"Yes," mooed the cows. "We can tinkle our bells."



Then a crab scuttled up
with a necklace of shells!



Some mice found two rings
in a bin. (They were certain
The rings had belonged
to an old farmhouse curtain.)



Suitable For Ages: **3-5**

DRAGON TALES



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Get ready for three funny, heartwarming adventures with Dragon! From making a new friend to tackling everyday mishaps and even looking after a mischievous cat, Dragon always finds himself in silly situations. With colourful illustrations on every page, easy-to-read chapters and plenty of laugh-out-loud moments, Dragon Tales is a brilliant book for young readers growing in confidence and discovering the fun of reading.

You'll enjoy this if:

- You enjoy funny stories that make you laugh out loud.
- Friendly dragons are your favourite type of hero.
- You enjoy stories about friendship and helping others.
- You love colourful pictures that bring a story to life.
- You like silly mix-ups and everyday adventures that don't quite go to plan. together to solve problems.

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DRAGON TALES

sneak peek inside



"I wish I had a friend," said Dragon. So he went out into the world to look for a friend.



Dragon went to the woods and met a small black squirrel.

"Will you be my friend?" said Dragon.

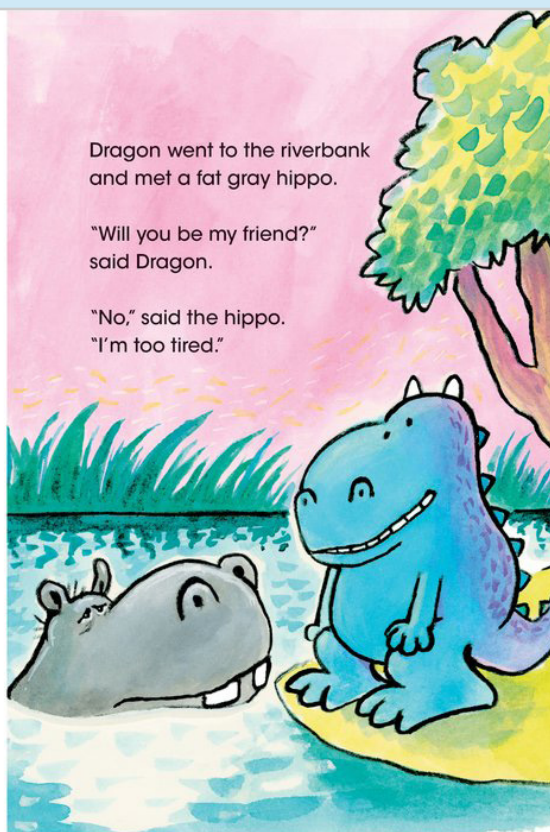
"No," said the squirrel. "I'm too busy."

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Dragon went to the riverbank and met a fat gray hippo.

"Will you be my friend?" said Dragon.

"No," said the hippo. "I'm too tired."



Suitable For Ages: **6-7**

BEASTIE BROS 3: THE CURSE OF CAPTAIN SLUGBEARD



Inventor snail Dribble and his speedy firefly brother Dash head to Bogbrush-on-Sea to collect seaweed for their fizzy new Bubbler machine – but stumble straight into the legend of fearsome pirate Captain Slugbeard and his cursed treasure. With the naughty Dung Heap Gang hot on their trail, the bros must use their wits, their gadgets and their teamwork to avoid bad luck, beetles and buccaneers.

You'll enjoy this if:

- You love silly, laugh-out-loud stories about quirky animals and insects.
- Pirate adventures and buried treasure get you excited.
- You're a fan of chaotic, high-energy stories with plenty of mischief and mayhem.
- You like heroes who mess up, try again, and still save the day.

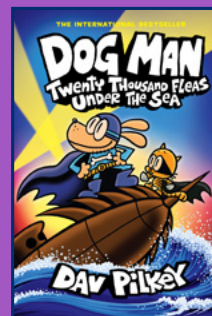
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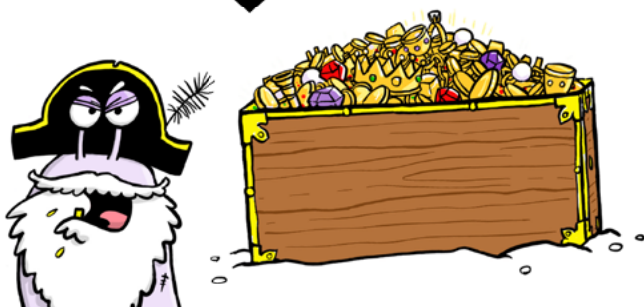
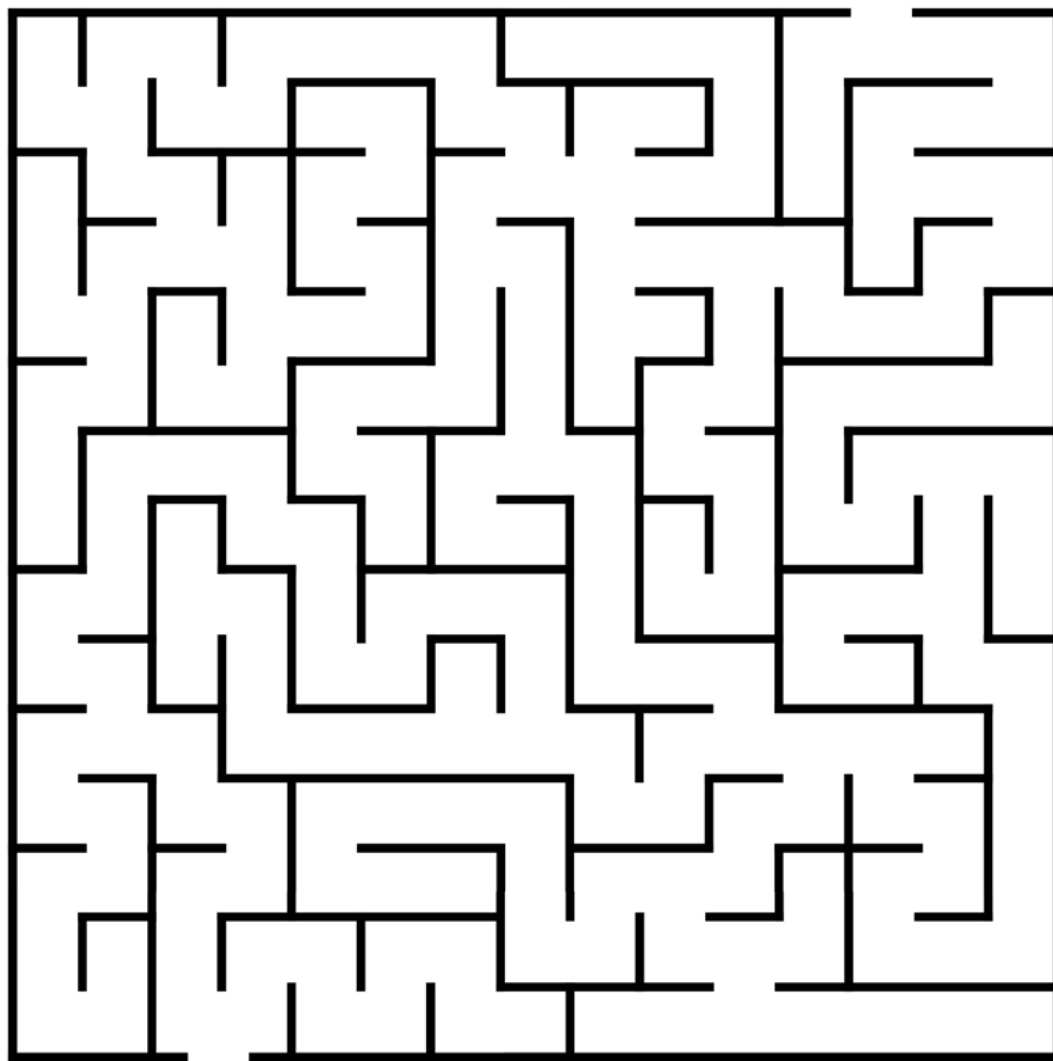
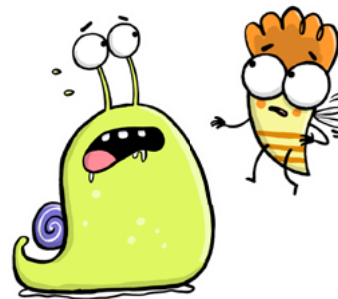
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Help Dash and Dribble Find Captain Slugbeard's TREASURE!



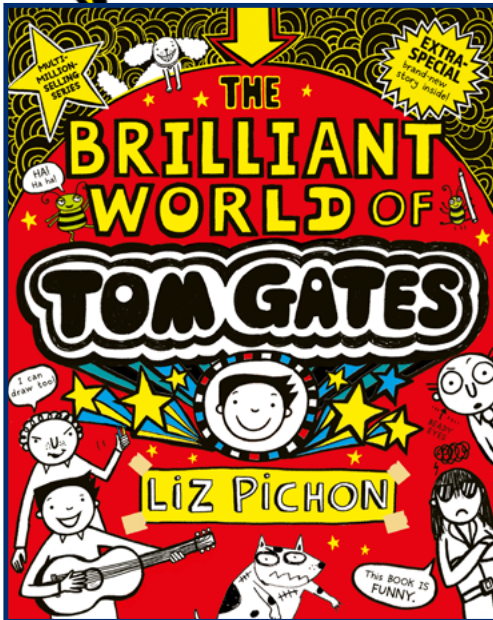
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celebrating
15 years of
TOM GATES

Suitable For Ages: **9-10**

TOM GATES 1: THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES



Tom Gates's school diary bursts with hilarious doodles, cheeky thoughts, and wildly creative excuses for late homework – from dog attacks to lightning strikes. When Tom earns five merits for his “CAMPING SUCKS” story, he's thrilled, but keeping up the good work proves tricky, especially as he's trying to impress Amy Porter, who sits next to him. Told in fun diary style and packed with cartoons, this laugh-out-loud book is the brilliant start of Liz Pichon's award-winning series.

You'll enjoy this if:

- You enjoy funny school stories with cheeky characters.
- You love comics, doodles and illustrated diaries.
- You enjoy reading about awkward, relatable kids getting into scrapes.
- You love to laugh yourself silly.

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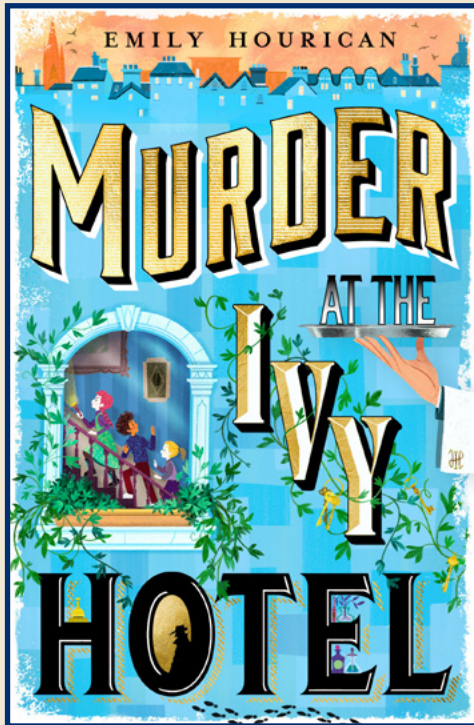
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Other books you'll love at your Book Fair



Suitable For Ages: **9-12**

MURDER AT THE IVY HOTEL



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Meredith and Macy live behind the scenes of the grand Ivy Hotel in Dublin, where hidden staircases, friendly staff and colourful long-term guests make every day feel like an adventure. When a mysterious guest dies just as strict new owners arrive, the sisters must use their insider knowledge of the hotel to investigate what really happened. Told from both girls' perspectives, this is a cosy, suspenseful mystery filled with clever clues, twists and heart.

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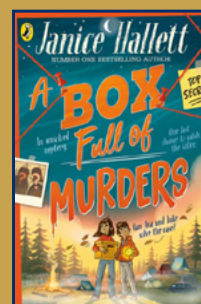
- You love stories with secret passages, hidden rooms and behind-the-scenes places.
- You like solving mysteries alongside clever kid detectives.
- You enjoy cosy, slightly spooky settings like old hotels or big mansions.

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MURDER AT THE IVY HOTEL

Find out what your fellow readers think about the book!



IVY HOTEL

GUEST BOOK

“The book is for anyone who loves mystery. I rate it as a definite, well-deserved 5 stars.”

- Andrea, aged 9

“The mystery was fun to solve and I liked that the characters were kids like me solving the murder.”

- Hussain

“I really enjoyed Murder At The Ivy Hotel because you never know what happens next.”

- Violet, aged 10

“A compelling story full of high stakes and intrigue.”

- Kiera

“I really enjoyed it!”

- James

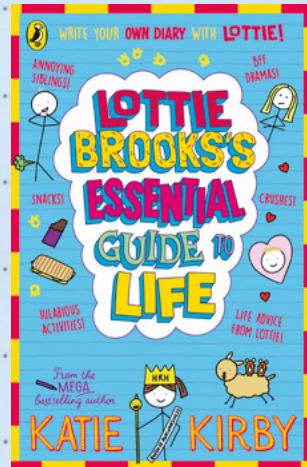
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CARDS

WATCH VIDEO ON
HOW TO WRITE A
MYSTERY BOOK

TAKE QUIZ

Immerse yourself in the extremely embarrassing and hilarious adventures of **LOTTIE BROOKS.**



Watch an exclusive video from author and illustrator Katie Kirby as she showcases the books available in this term's Book Fair!



READER QUOTES:

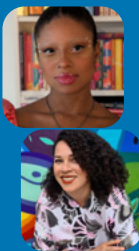
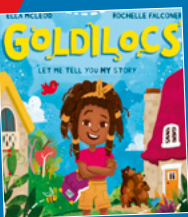
- “My daughter couldn’t put it down and read it in 2 days. Read at breakfast, walking downstairs, tea time, in the bath.”
- “My 9-year-old daughter devoured it in two nights, and all I could hear from her was giggling and the occasional ‘Mum! Listen to this! This is SO me!’”
- “My 12-year-old reluctant reader took this book, read 100 pages in one night and proclaimed it ‘the best book ever.’ Katie has captured the essence of what this group think and feel in a positive, life-affirming fashion.”

We celebrated World Book Day with a fantastic programme of free, virtual author events! Featuring favourite authors and illustrators for drawalongs, creative writing workshops, Q&As, and more, these sessions are a great way to inspire children and help them discover a love for reading.

Missed the live events?

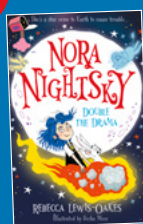
You can still catch all the action in the recordings for each session. Simply click on the event below to watch it back.

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**Ella McLeod and
Rochelle Falconer**
Once Upon a Remix:
Meet Goldilocs!

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**Rebecca
Lewis-Oakes**
Star-filled adventure
with Nora Nightsky

6+



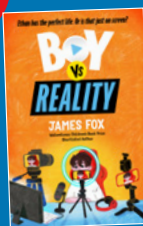
David O'Connell
Slug-tastic storytelling
and bug fun

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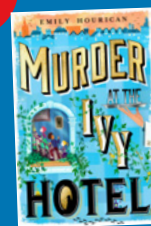
Liz Pichon
Celebrate 15 Funny
Years of Tom Gates

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James Fox
Meet award-winning
new author

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Emily Hourican
Solve a mystery at the
Ivy Hotel!

Celebrate reading with your favourite authors and illustrators!
Join us for our programme of virtual events for schools.

Browse
all
upcoming
events

Make Reading Time Official

Cut out your door hanger and hang it on your door when it's time to read. It's a fun way to let everyone know a quiet reading adventure is in progress!



Scissors should be used with care. Use child-safe scissors and ask a grown-up to help you cut.

**Perfect for bedroom doors, reading
nooks or classroom corners**



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