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BOOK CLUB

# THE READING EDIT

YOUR FREE  
INTERACTIVE  
NEWSLETTER



DIVE IN TO  
DISCOVER TOP  
READING PICKS  
IN YOUR  
BOOK CLUB

CELEBRATE DOG MAN'S 10<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

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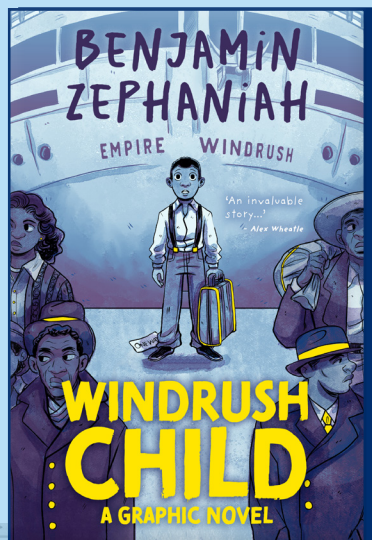
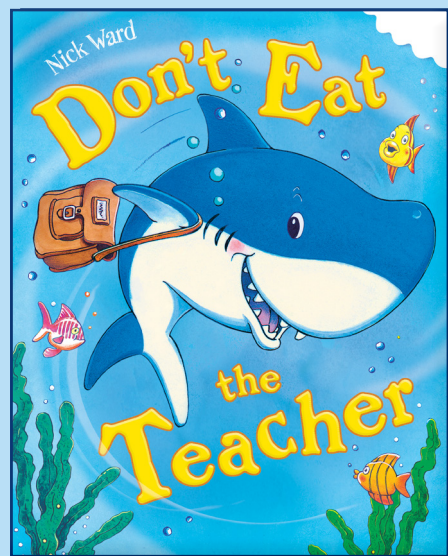
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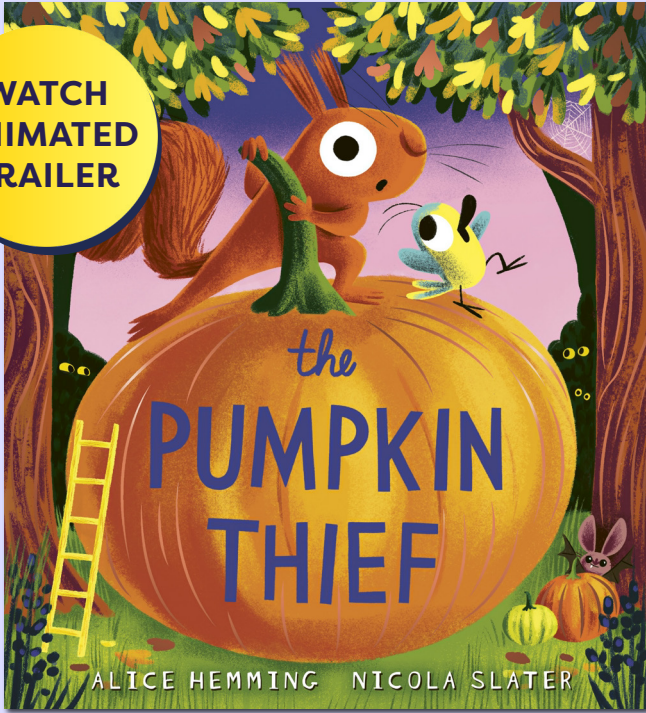
Select the covers below to learn more



Suitable For Ages: 3+

# THE PUMPKIN THIEF

WATCH  
ANIMATED  
TRAILER



CLICK HERE TO  
READ EXTRACT

With just a little help from Bird, Squirrel has grown some lovely pumpkins! He is so pleased with himself. But soon there's a problem... the pumpkins keep disappearing, one by one! Squirrel can't understand it. He's determined to catch the thief before Bird returns...

You'll enjoy this if:



You enjoy silly animal characters who get into trouble.



You love autumn, pumpkins, and outdoor adventures.



You enjoy stories that will make you laugh out loud.



You like books that explore feelings, moods and times where we feel out of control.



You love bright, colourful illustrations and playful adventures.

Free resources:

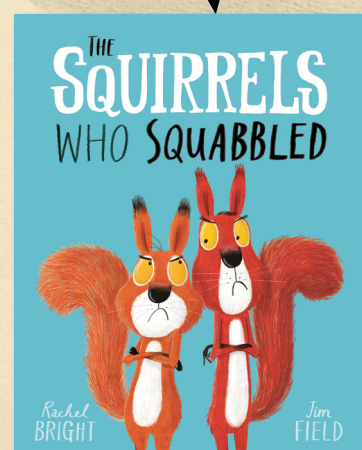
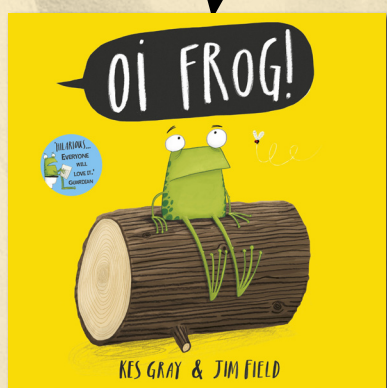
WATCH  
DRAW-ALONG

Perfect read for  
settling into  
**AUTUMN**



# WHAT TO READ NEXT

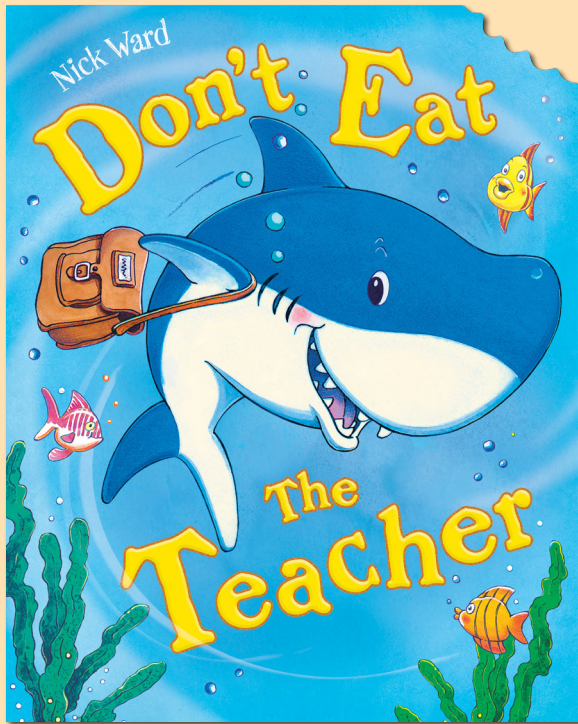
Enjoy more funny adventures with colourful illustrations in these books!





Suitable For Ages: 3+

# DON'T EAT THE TEACHER



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READ EXTRACT](#)

**Free resource:**

[DOWNLOAD  
ACTIVITY](#)

It's Sammy the shark's first day at school and he's so excited! But when Sammy gets excited, he can't help but... CRUNCH! So his most important lesson is... 'Don't eat the teacher!' This funny, warm story takes a familiar situation – starting school – and gives it a brilliantly snappy twist!

**You'll enjoy this if:**



You love silly stories that make you giggle.



You're starting school soon.



You enjoy funny characters who get into trouble without meaning to.



You like stories that are fun to read aloud with lots of excitement.



You love bright, colourful illustrations and playful adventures.

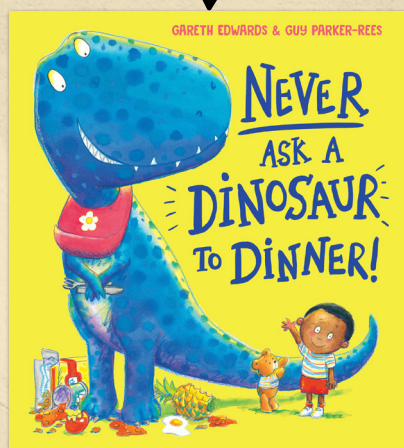
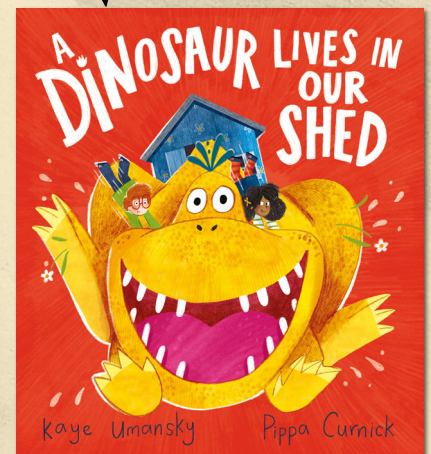
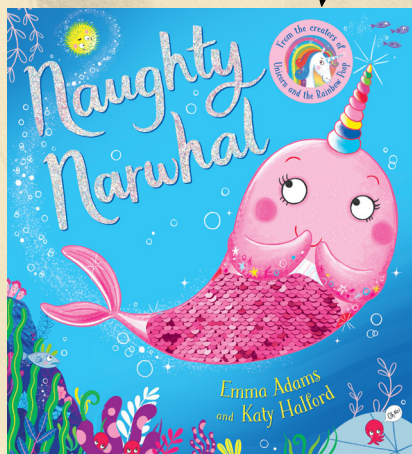
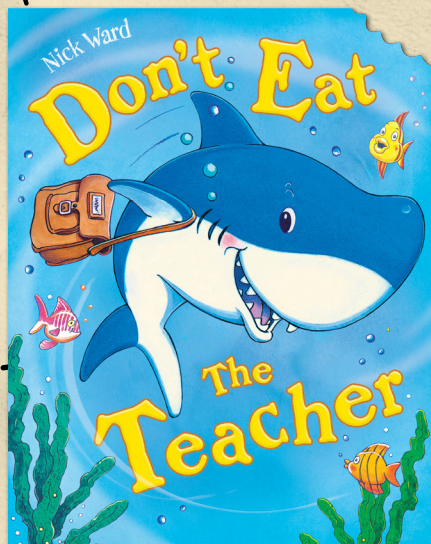
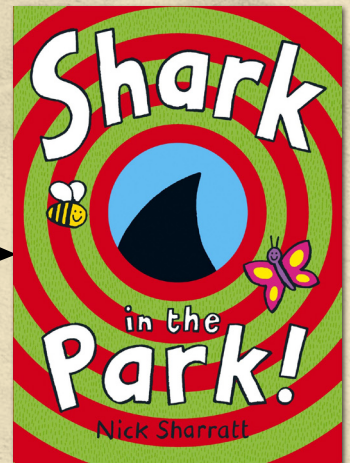
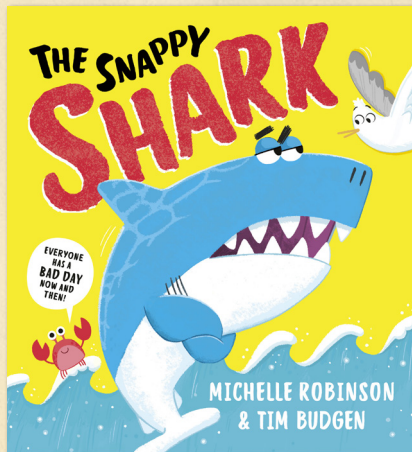


Perfect read for  
**STARTING  
SCHOOL**



# WHAT TO READ NEXT

Explore more books with silly stories  
that make you giggle





Suitable For Ages: 7+

# THE WILD ONES

WATCH  
ANIMATED  
TRAILER



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READ EXTRACT

Scamp lives at the pet-care centre. He has friends, food and a warm bed. But one night, the world changes. All that's left are the Things – vicious beasts that roam the ruined city. Forced to leave the centre, Scamp leads his friends on a quest through the dangers outside. To survive, they must grow wilder, letting go of everything they once were.

You'll enjoy this if:



You love animal heroes going on big adventures.



You enjoy mysterious worlds filled with danger and surprises.



You like stories about friendship, teamwork, and sticking together.



You enjoy brave characters who must learn new skills to survive.



You like exciting journeys where anything could happen next!

## Free resources:

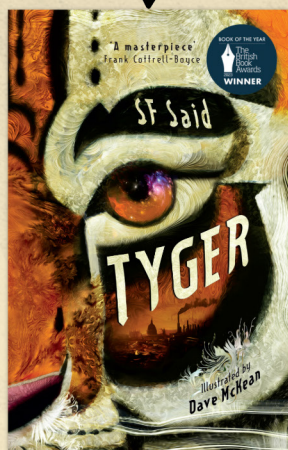
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# WHAT TO READ NEXT

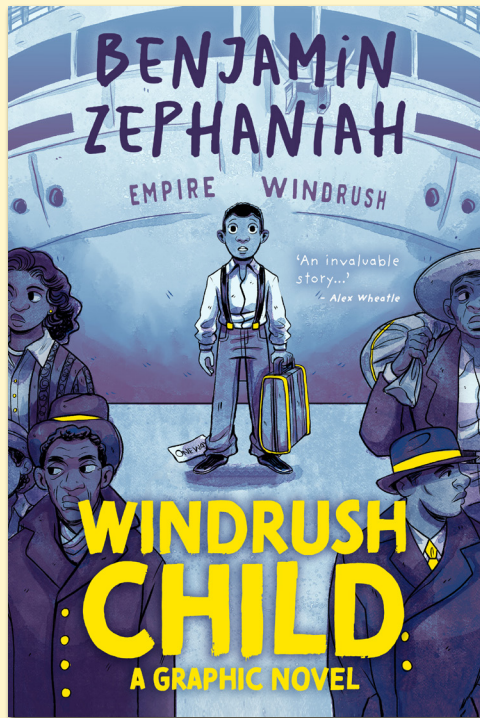
Discover more stories with animal heroes  
going on big adventures





Suitable For Ages: 7+

# WINDRUSH CHILD: A GRAPHIC NOVEL



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Leonard's life changes overnight when he leaves sunny Jamaica for England, hoping for a brighter future with his family. But fitting in isn't easy, and he must find courage, resilience, and hope as he faces challenges, makes new discoveries, and learns where he belongs. This powerful graphic novel, based on the real experiences of the Windrush generation, brings history to life through an unforgettable story and striking illustrations.

You'll enjoy this if:



You enjoy stories about moving to new places and finding your place in the world.



You like graphic novels with powerful illustrations that bring the story to life.



You love brave characters who overcome challenges and never give up.



You enjoy books about friendship, family, kindness, and belonging.



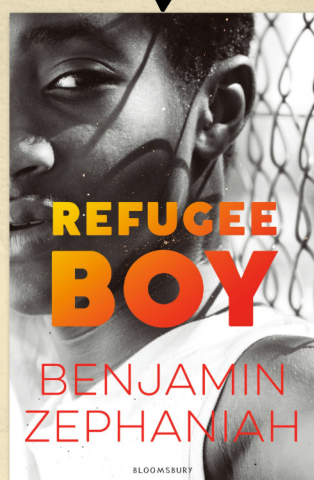
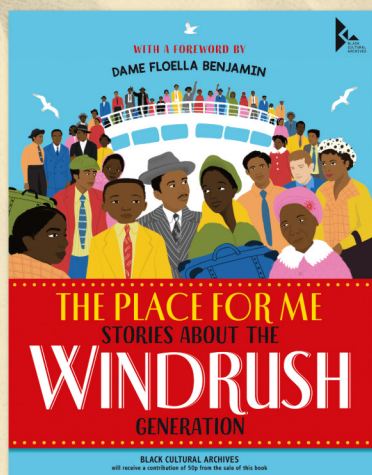
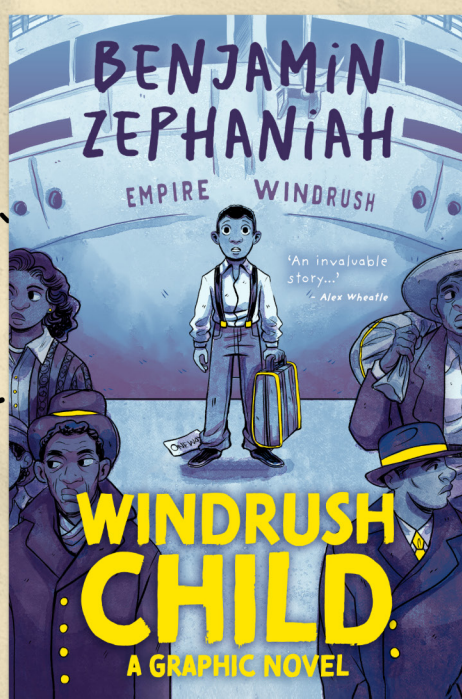
You're curious about real history and want to learn about the Windrush generation through an exciting story.

Perfect read for  
**BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH**



# WHAT TO READ NEXT

Want to learn more about real history through stories? Try these!





Suitable For Ages: 7+

# DOG MAN

10TH BIRTHDAY EDITION



Is he a man? Is he a dog? Nope: he's both! When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, their only option is life-changing surgery. That's how Dog Man is born! With the head of a dog and the body of a human, this crime-biting police hound has a real nose for justice. But will he answer the call of duty – or the call of the wild?

**Free resource:**

**DOWNLOAD  
ACTIVITY PACK**

**CLICK HERE TO  
READ EXTRACT**

**You'll enjoy this if:**

|                                                                                     |                                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|  | You LOVE hilarious heroes with unusual superpowers.       |
|  | You enjoy action-packed adventures full of chaos and fun. |
|  | You like books that make you laugh on almost every page.  |
|  | You enjoy fighting villains and solving crazy crimes.     |
|  | You love graphic novels packed with funny illustrations.  |



# DOG MAN: 70 EPIC YEARS\*!

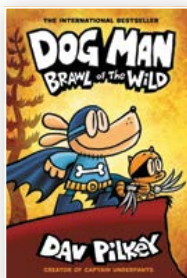
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## BOOK REVIEW CHECKLIST!

Keep track of which Dog Man books you have read by giving them a star rating. 10 is the highest!



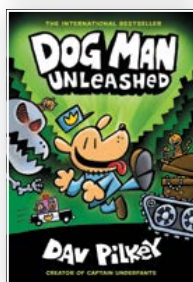
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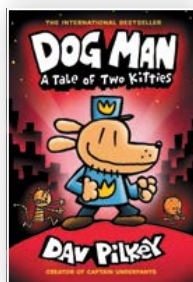
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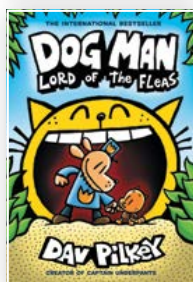
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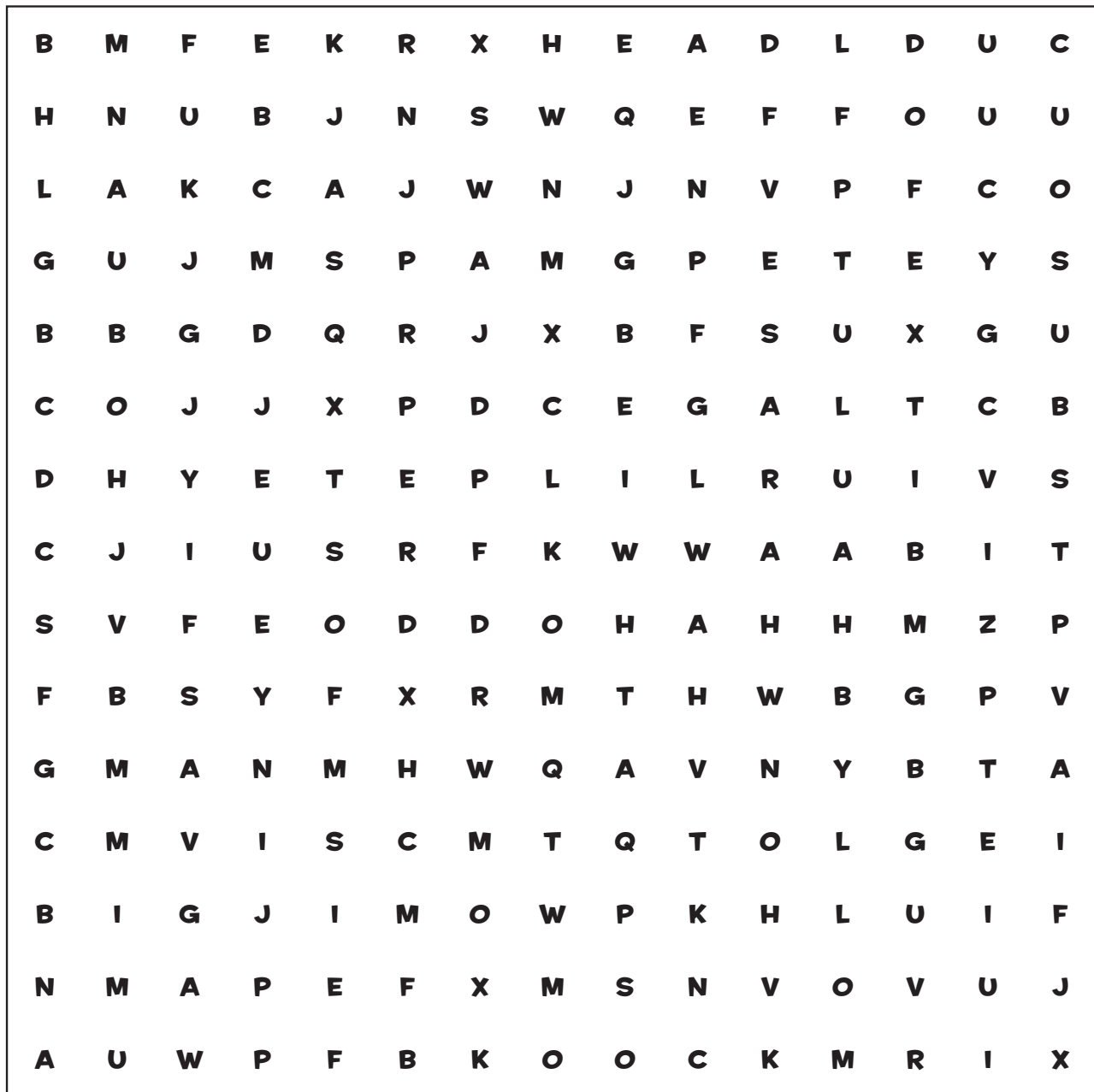
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Find these 10 Dog Man characters—look forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal!

**Dog Man**  
**Petey**  
**Chief**

**Sarah Hatoff**  
**Lil Petey**  
**Dr Scum**  
**Molly**

**Mayor**  
**Big Jim**  
**Grampa**



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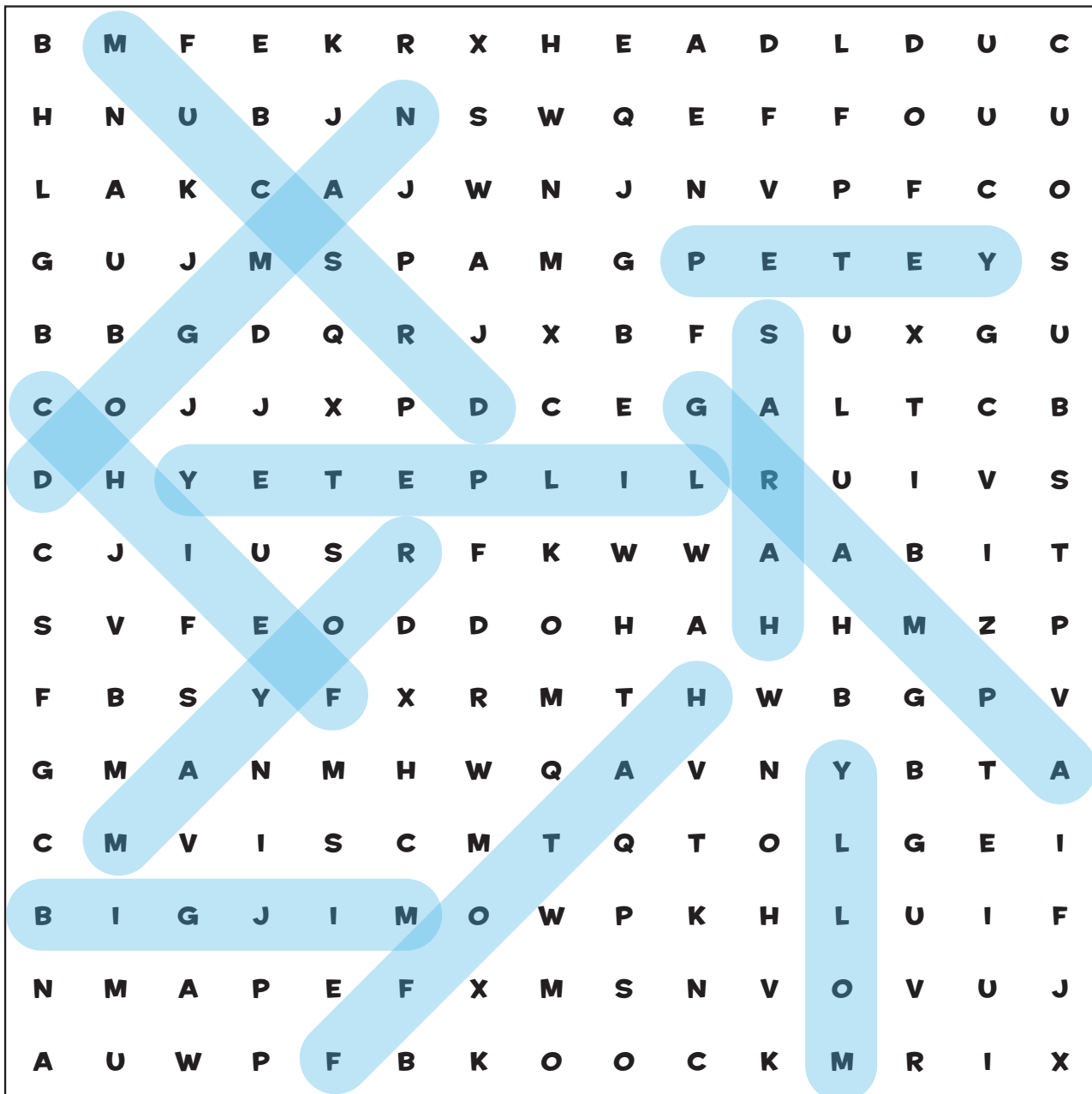
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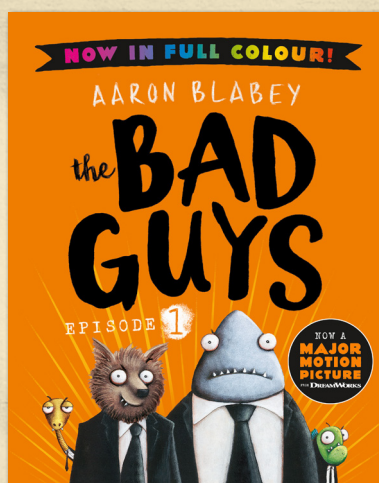
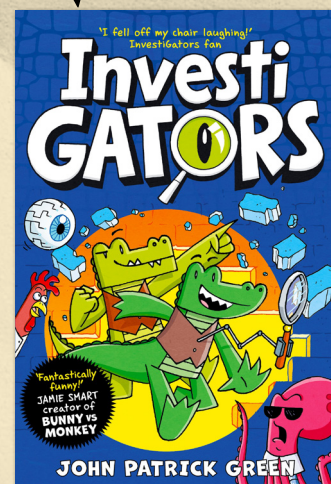
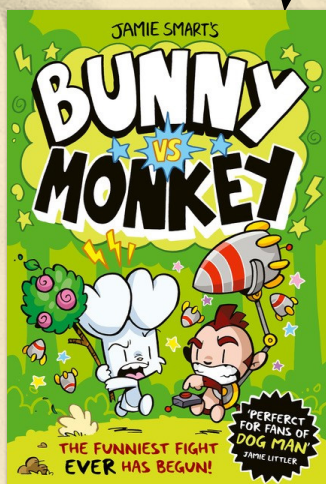
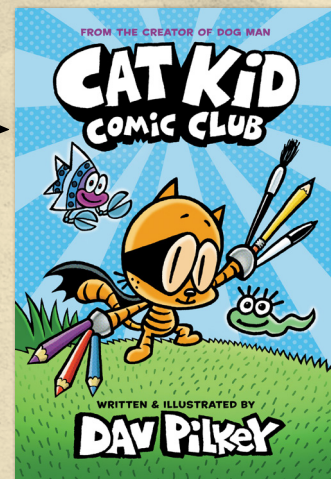
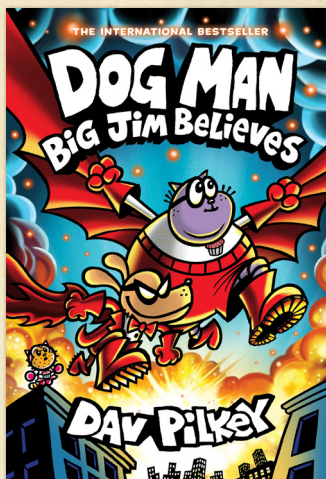
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**Big Jim**  
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# WHAT TO READ NEXT

Looking for more action-packed adventures full of chaos and fun?



# Autumn Reading Wordsearch

## Easy Level

Welcome to our autumn wordsearch adventure! See if you can find all the cosy reading and autumn words hidden in the puzzle. Happy searching!



L I B R A R Y B F D  
L H E D G E H O G C  
E P A G E I G O N O  
A P P L E F O K W N  
F I A U T U M N I K  
U P R E A D P H N E  
L S T O R Y J T D R  
P U M P K I N R I A  
A S Q U I R R E L I  
Y A A C O R N E R N



Autumn  
Leaf  
Tree  
Acorn  
Hedgehog

Squirrel  
Apple  
Pumpkin  
Conker  
Wind  
Rain

Story  
Book  
Read  
Page  
Library



# Autumn Reading Wordsearch

## Medium Level



Welcome to our autumn wordsearch adventure! See if you can find all the cosy reading and autumn words hidden in the puzzle. Happy searching!

M O M P G A O J P K K A A A X  
J W O O D L A N D M J C D U L  
A U Y R C Z A I H Y B H V K Q  
J O N A S D M M I S U A E R H  
E R T N C I B A B T R P N F W  
W C B E A N E G E E R T T V O  
A H O L R R R I R R O E U K O  
K A O B L K Z N N Y W R R L D  
U R K R E Z T E A T K A E L L  
G D M A T T U X T L D M E O A  
O H A M R W H T I S C X T T N  
L U R B W I Q S O R B Y J F D  
D A K L K G Z V N O X G C K Y  
E B N E Y R T W N X O C N J J  
N L U F L R U S T L I N G K G



Woodland  
Orchard  
Rustling  
Golden  
Scarlet

Amber  
Bramble  
Woodland  
Twig  
Burrow  
Hibernation

Chapter  
Bookmark  
Adventure  
Mystery  
Imagine

# Autumn Reading Wordsearch

## Challenging Level

Welcome to our autumn wordsearch adventure! See if you can find all the cosy reading and autumn words hidden in the puzzle. Happy searching!



L H R V D O H R F C D K N W V N P V B P  
E Q D Z B I X E O D G I V A X Y O T G O  
L N M C F U K M K V E O S K X D Q N D E  
A O T S J L S A T S Y V V C W S A K W M  
R N L K B K C R R T D N E I O R X W W I  
Y F P T N D W K C U R H S R V V D A O G  
L I L U E O T A U M M A F T G P E B F R  
Z C L R X R V B R U F B N A A R K R G A  
F T F N P Z O L I W O I D Q B G E R K T  
A I C N L O C E O E R T V W U C N E O I  
S O A M O P A U S N A A X X N I L L N O  
C N M L R R B J I C G T Q L D P L T K N  
I N O N E E U O T H E N J X A Q I A Y A  
N L U F H S L U Y A L A E G N U U J Q Z  
A X F I G E A R G N L Q P O T W E Z N Q  
T Y L C Q R R N E T M W H I M S I C A L  
I T A T P V Y E O E C U A F H X O Q Y D  
N D G I T E S Y H D V A B T F V K D C T  
G G E O O A L Z H A R V E S T I N G Y H  
C O M N C Y W L N M U B G L E A M I N G



Evergreen  
Abundant  
Harvesting  
Migration  
Camouflage  
Habitat  
Forage

Preserve  
Fiction  
Non-fiction  
Vocabulary  
Curiosity  
Discover  
Enchanted

Journey  
Explore  
Whimsical  
Fascinating  
Remarkable  
Tranquil  
Gleaming



# Guess the Book

Can you crack the emoji clues and guess the book?  
Put on your thinking cap, have fun, and see  
how many books you can name!



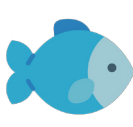
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# Answer Page

## Easy Level

L I B R A R Y B F D  
 L H E D G E H O G C  
 E P A G E I G O N O  
 A P P L E F O K W N  
 F I A U T U M N I K  
 U P R E A D P H N E  
 L S T O R Y J T D R  
 P U M P K I N R I A  
 A S Q U I R R E L I  
 Y A A C O R N E R N

## Medium Level

M O M P G A O J P K K A A A X  
 J W O O D L A N D M J C D U L  
 A U Y R C Z A I H Y B H V K Q  
 J O N A S D M M I S U A E R H  
 E R T N C I B A B T R P N F W  
 W C B E A N E G E E R T T V O  
 A H O L R R I R R O E U K O  
 K A O B L K Z N N Y W R R L D  
 U R K R E Z T E A T K A E L L  
 G D M A T T U X T L D M E O A  
 O H A M R W H T I S C X T T N  
 L U R B W I Q S O R B Y J F D  
 D A K L K G Z V N O X G C K Y  
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 N L U F L R U S T L I N G K G

## Challenging Level

L H R V D O H R F C O K N W V N P V B P  
 E O D Z B I X E O D G I V A X Y O T G O  
 L N M C F U K M K V E O S K X D Q N D E  
 A O T S J L S A T S Y V V C W S A K W M  
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 F T F N P Z O L I W O I D Q B G E R K T  
 A I C N L O C E O E R T V W U C N E Q I  
 S O A M O P A U S N A A X X N I L L N O  
 C N M L R R B J I C G T Q L D P L T K N  
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 I T A T P V Y E O E C U A F H X O Q Y D  
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 G G E O O A L Z H A R V E S T I N G Y H  
 C O M N C Y W L N M U B G L E A M I N G

## Guess the Book



→ The Pumpkin Thief



→ The Wizard of Oz



→ Don't Eat the Teacher



→ The Bad Guys



→ Dog Man



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BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Celebrate reading with your favourite authors and illustrators!

PRIMARY

21<sup>ST</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

MON  
21<sup>ST</sup>  
SEPT

11AM  
AGES 9+

Medusa VS  
the Greek Gods



2PM  
AGES 8+

Create a  
dream monster



TUE  
22<sup>ND</sup>  
SEPT

11AM  
AGES 8+

Design your  
own K-Pop Idol



2PM  
AGES 2+

A brave  
storytime and  
draw-along



WED  
23<sup>RD</sup>  
SEPT

11AM  
AGES 9+

Create a  
Japanese  
folklore-inspired  
magic creature



THU  
24<sup>TH</sup>  
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11AM  
AGES 10+

From robots  
to reading



2PM  
AGES 2+

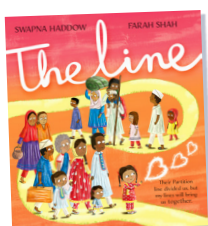
Storytime  
and  
draw-along



FRI  
25<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPT

11AM  
AGES 3+

Storytime  
and  
draw-along



2PM  
AGES 7+

Shady Business  
with SQUIRREL  
SHADY





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[Browse all upcoming events](#)

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BOOK EVENTS**

▶ **FOR SCHOOLS**



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readers together.

