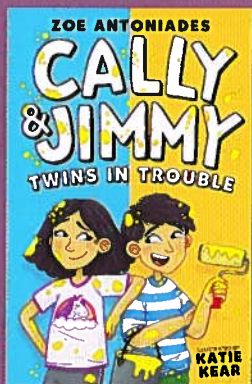


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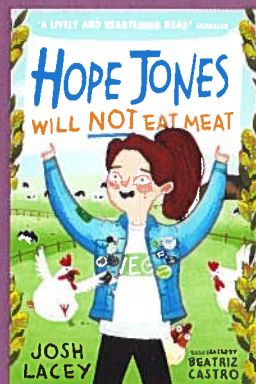




Cally and Jimmy: Twins in Trouble
by Zoe Antoniaides

Anderson Press [Penguin Random House]

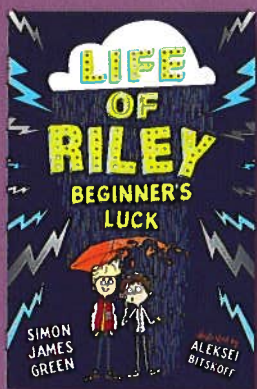
Cally and Jimmy are twins but two more different people it would be hard to meet. Cally is generally quiet and well-behaved, while Jimmy is the opposite. Dive into these four stories to follow the fun!



Hope Jones Will Not Eat Meat
by Josh Lacey

Anderson Press [Penguin Random House]

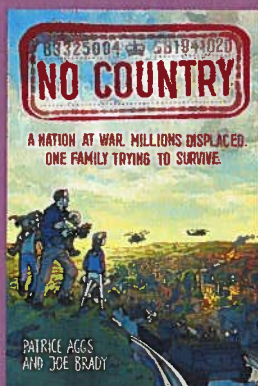
You're never too young to make a big difference, as Hope Jones has learned in her fight against plastic pollution. Now she's on a mission to save the animals, and persuade everyone she knows to turn vegetarian. But just how can Hope get Dad to give up his beloved bacon butties?



Life of Riley: Beginner's Luck
by Simon James Green

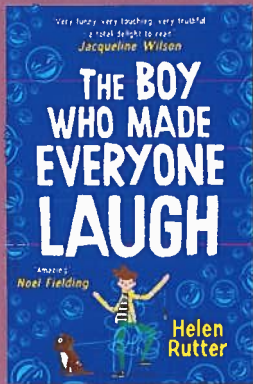
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Riley is cursed. No, really! After a fairground incident – TOTALLY not his fault – bad luck follows Riley everywhere, causing disaster after disaster. It's got so bad that no one wants to go near Riley, including his teachers! But then new student Brad Chicago shows up, will Riley's luck change?



No Country
by Joe Brady and Patrice Aggs (illustrator)
David Fickling Books

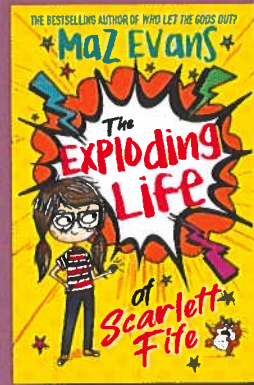
A nation at war. Millions displaced. What would you do if your home wasn't safe anymore? Bea and her family are trying to live as if everything is normal. She and her sister, Hannah, look out for one another, at home and in school. But their country is starting to fall apart.



The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh
by Helen Rutter

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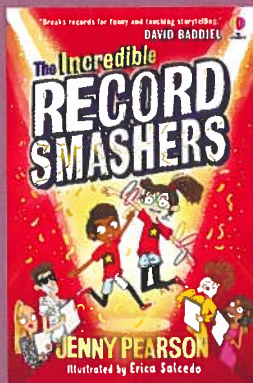
Billy Plimpton is an eleven-year-old boy with a big dream. He wants to be a stand-up comedian: delivering pinpoint punchlines and having audiences hang on his every hilarious word. A tough career for anyone, but surely impossible for Billy, who has a stammer. How will he find his voice?



The Exploding Life of Scarlett Fife
by Maz Evans

Hodder Children's Books [Hachette]

Scarlett Fife has BIG FEELINGS. And when she has BIG FEELINGS, they explode out of her like an over-squeezed stress ball. And she's about to get into BIG trouble. Laugh-out-loud action for everyone who has ever lost control of their feelings and found that things can get messy!



The Incredible Record Smashers
by Jenny Pearson

Usborne Publishing Ltd

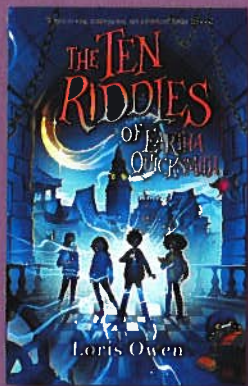
Lucy is a fixer of broken things. But there's one thing she can't fix and that's her unhappy mum. Until she comes up with an INCREDIBLE plan. Along with her best friend Sandesh, Lucy is going to SMASH a world record.



The Small Things
by Lisa Thompson

Barrington Stoke

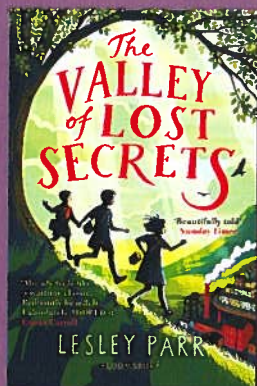
Anna's anxious when she's picked to befriend the new girl in her class. Ellie is ill at home and Anna has to communicate with her through a robot. But Anna is also worried that her life's too boring to be of interest to her new friend. So a little white lie pops out. Then another and another. Can their friendship survive all these lies?



The Ten Riddles of Eartha Quicksmith
by Loris Owen

Firefly Press

Welcome to the dazzling new world of Quicksmiths, where you will encounter Strange Energy, the Mowl, Wormholes, Dark Forces and the tantalising riddle of the Ark of Ideas. Follow Kip Bramley as he chases riddles and solves puzzles on a crazy and dangerous 400-year old treasure hunt.



The Valley of Lost Secrets
by Lesley Parr

Bloomsbury Children's Books

When Jimmy is evacuated to a small village in Wales, it couldn't be more different from London. Green, quiet and full of strangers, he instantly feels out of place. But then he finds a skull hidden in a tree, and suddenly the valley is more frightening than the war. Who can Jimmy trust? Jimmy begins to uncover the secrets that lie with the skull...



When Life Gives You Mangoes
by Kereen Getten

Pushkin Children's Books

Clara lives in a tropical paradise. But Clara can't remember everything that happened last summer after a hurricane hit. This summer is different though; there's a new girl in the village who is not like other visitors. Change and memories are about to come for Clara.

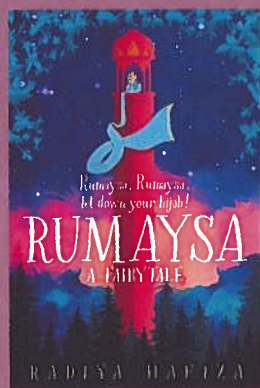


Pizazz: It's not easy being super...

by **Sophy Henn**

Simon & Schuster

It should be really awesome to be a superhero, right? Well wrong, at least for Pizazz – as far as she can see, it can also be REALLY annoying...

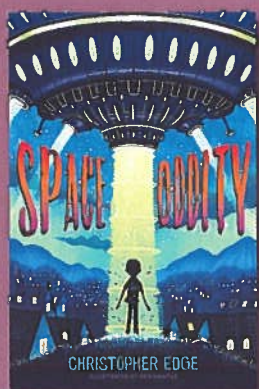


Rumaysa: A Fairytale

by **Radiya Hafiza**

Macmillan Children's Books

Three classic fairy tales combined to make one whole new adventure for Rumaysa who lets her hijab down to escape from the tall tower and heads off to explore the enchanted forest and enter dragons' lairs.

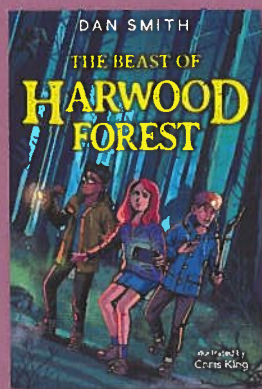


Space Oddity

by **Christopher Edge**

Chicken House

You might think that this story is going to be an intergalactic adventure filled with UFOs, black holes, killer robots and some very foul-smelling aliens. And you'd be right. But it's mostly about a boy called Jake, his embarrassing dad, and the mind-boggling question... are we really alone in the universe?



The Beast of Harwood Forest

by **Dan Smith**


Barrington Stoke


When Pete, Nancy and Krish arrive at Heathland Camp for a school trip, they're in for an adventure. The crumbling buildings of Harwood Institute are out of bounds and strange screams come from the surrounding forest at night. Pete and his friends make it their mission to find out the truth. But are some mysteries best left undisturbed?

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