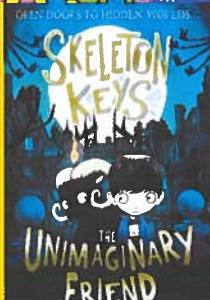
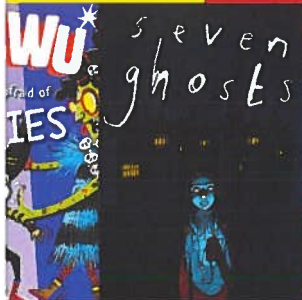
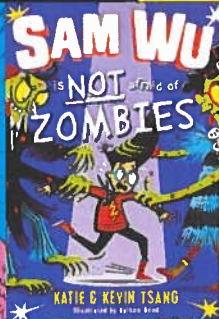
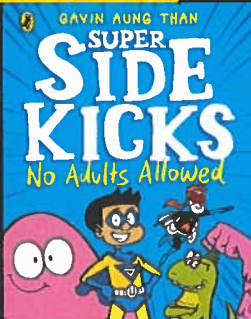
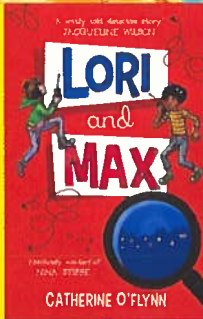
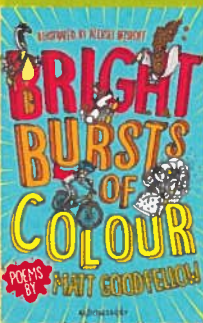
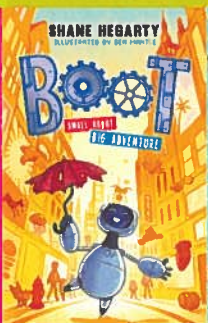
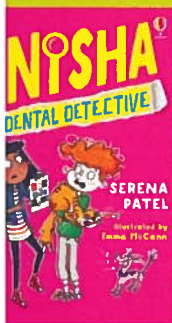
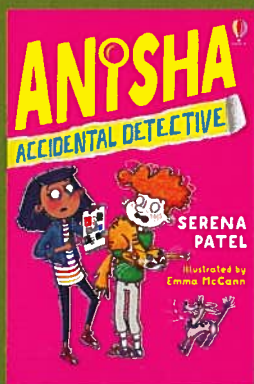


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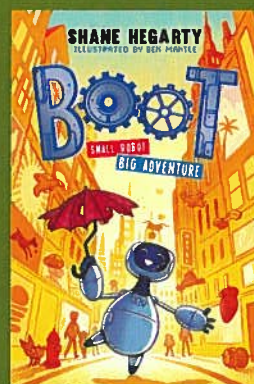




Anisha, Accidental Detective
by Serena Patel

Usborne

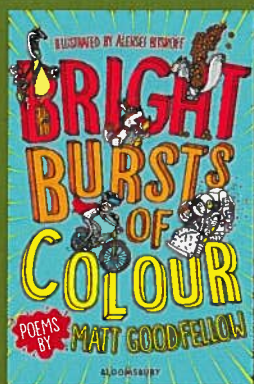
Big family, big wedding, BIG trouble!
Uncle Tony the groom has been kidnapped.
Anisha and Milo are on the case with
super-sleuth skills to save Aunt Bindu's
wedding day from disaster!



BOOT: Small Robot Big Adventure
by Shane Hegarty

Hodder Children's Books [Hachette]

Boot wakes up in a scrapyard with only
two and a half memories. He knows he
must find his way home, but where is
home? The world is a dangerous place for
a robot on his own and Boot needs friends
in a hurry!



Bright Bursts of Colour
by Matt Goodfellow

**Bloomsbury Education [Bloomsbury
Publishing Ptc]**

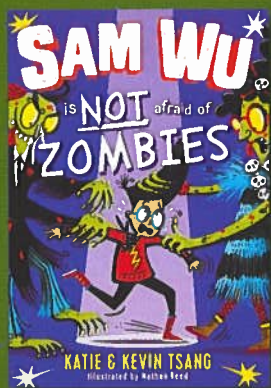
Silly, sad, surprising – here are so many
poems to try out. What if cats did have
flavoured fur or you really could swallow
the sun...



Charlie Changes into a Chicken
by Sam Copeland

Puffin [Penguin Random House]

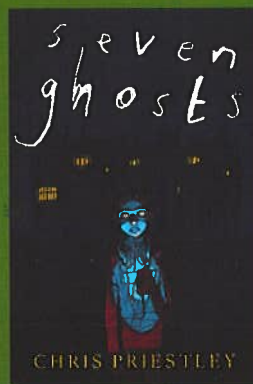
Charlie can change into all sorts of
animals – but only when he gets worried.
And he can't control when the change
happens. And right now there's SO much
to worry about...



Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Zombies
by Katie and Kevin Tsang

Egmont Books [HarperCollins]

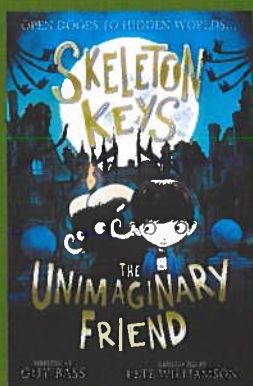
There's hardly anything that Sam Wu is afraid of. Unless you count ghosts, sharks, the dark and maybe even spiders. But definitely NOT zombies. Except for actual real ones maybe...



Seven Ghosts
by Chris Priestley

Barrington Stoke

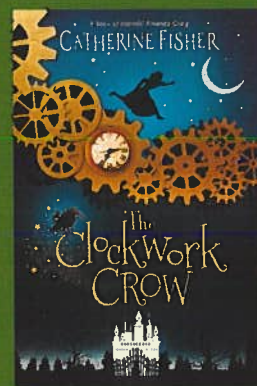
Join Jake on his trip round a haunted house. Seven ghosts haunt the halls, but as shadows and shapes follow Jake, each tale makes him more and more uneasy.



Skeleton Keys: The Unimaginary Friend
by Guy Bass

Stripes [Little Tiger Group]

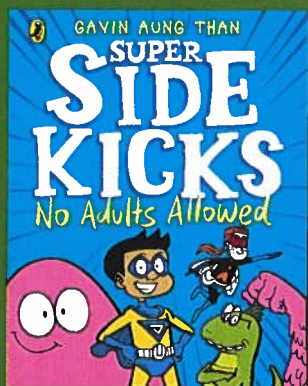
Ben can't believe it when his imaginary friend Gorbimey comes to life. But soon he has to believe far more unimaginable things when he meets Skeleton Keys and realises the terrible danger his friend is in.



The Clockwork Crow
by Catherine Fisher

Firefly Press

Seren is on her own in a new home. The boy who should be her new brother is missing, stolen by the strange and sinister 'Family'. Can Seren and the magical clockwork crow enter the Family's world and attempt a rescue...



The Super Sidekicks: No Adults Allowed
by Gavin Aung Than

Puffin [Penguin Random House]

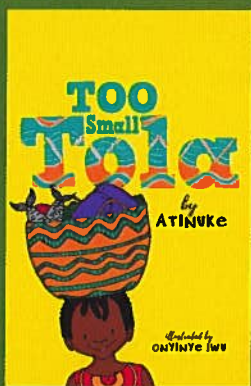
Superheroes have it easy. They don't have to clean their secret headquarters, wash the alien bloodstains out of their costumes or be responsible for taking Super Mutt out for a walk. No, they leave all that to their sidekicks like 'JJ', while they get all the credit!



The Time of Green Magic
by Hilary McKay

Macmillan Children's Books

The family have moved home, but Mum's away and Dad's at work. So Abi and her step-brothers are alone in the eerie, ivy-covered house when strange things start to happen.



Too Small Tola
by Atinuke

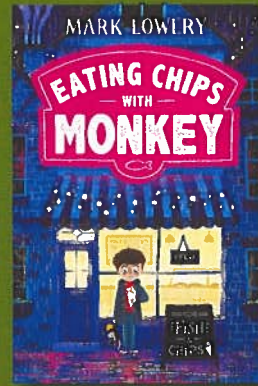
Walker Books

Tola is the smallest of the family along with her Grandmummy who is also the bossiest! But it turns out being big isn't always best as we get to know Tola's family and friends in these three stories.



Crater Lake
by Jennifer Killick
Firefly Press

Who was the bloodstained man that stopped their coach? Lance is on a school trip from hell and this is a fight for survival. Whatever happens, never, ever fall asleep!



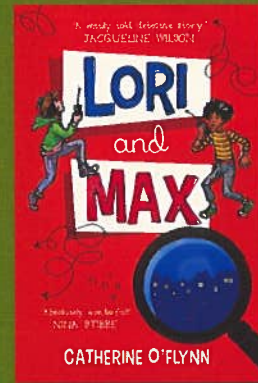
Eating Chips with Monkey
by Mark Lowery
Piccadilly Press [Bonnie Zaffre]

Daniel is happiest when he's eating chips. Especially during his family's annual Chip Shop Championships. But then the accident happens and Daniel doesn't feel like himself anymore. Can a quest to find the best chip shop in the country help?



Evie and the Animals
by Matt Haig
Canongate Books

Eleven-year-old Evie has a talent: a super talent. She can HEAR what animals are thinking. She promises to keep it top secret, but then an evil pet-thief strikes.




Lori and Max
by Catherine O'Flynn
Firefly Press


Max is the odd new girl at school. Lori wants to be a detective. Then some money goes missing, Max disappears and Lori really does have a crime to investigate.

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