

Great reads for the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge!





If you are not already a library member you can join to borrow items, as well as use eBooks, eAudiobooks, online magazines, newspapers, comics and other online resources.

You can join online, email us, or phone 020 7527 6952.

Explore the Ready, Set, Read! Book Collection

Get ready for a whole load of team spirit, your fave sporty (or not!) heroes, and plenty of fun with our latest collection for the 2023 sports and games themed Summer Reading Challenge: Ready, Set, Read!

Each book has been specially chosen by an expert group of readers for everybody taking part to enjoy.

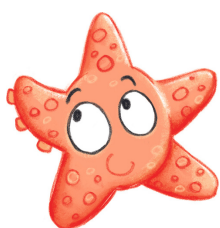
The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to keep up your enjoyment of reading over the summer holiday. Join the Challenge in your local library, read any six books over the summer and pick up mini-prizes. Completers under 4 get a certificate and 5-11 year olds get a certificate and a medal. All completers will get a chance to win an extra prize in our lucky dip! Starts Saturday 8 July.

Find out more on the [Summer Reading Challenge website](#) or ask in your local Islington Library.

Parents and teachers are asked to encourage their children to join the Challenge and to give them this booklist.

All books are available from Islington Libraries and can be reserved free of charge in any Islington library or on our [online catalogue](#).

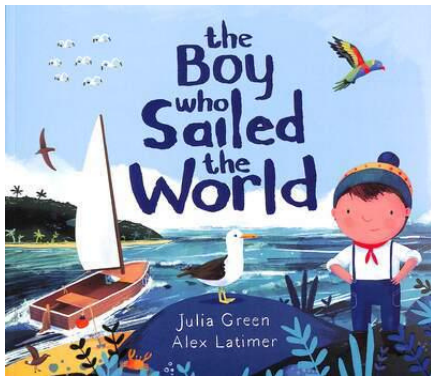
You can read any library books as part of the Challenge - not just the ones on this list.



Will you be a lucky winner?

Everyone who takes part in the Summer Reading Challenge will be entered into our Lucky Dip with the chance to win fantastic prizes.

PICTURE BOOKS

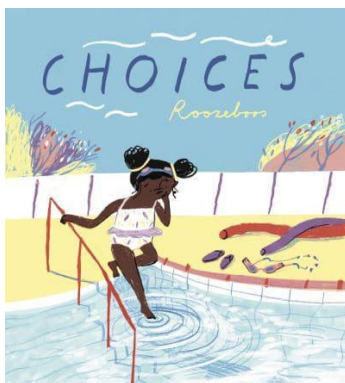
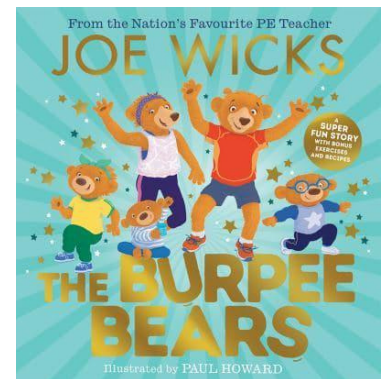


The Boy Who Sailed the World Julia Green

The boy builds himself a boat and sets off on the ocean adventure of a lifetime.

The Burpee Bears Joe Wicks

For this bear family, every day is a new day: a day for adventure and discovery.

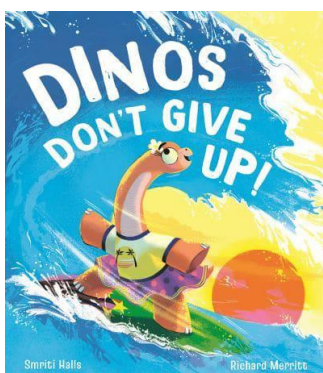
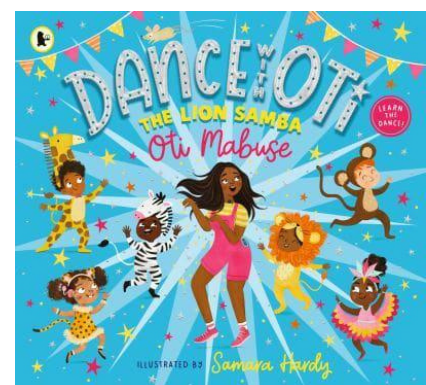


Choices Roozeboos

A girl considers her future while she people-watches at her local outdoor pool.

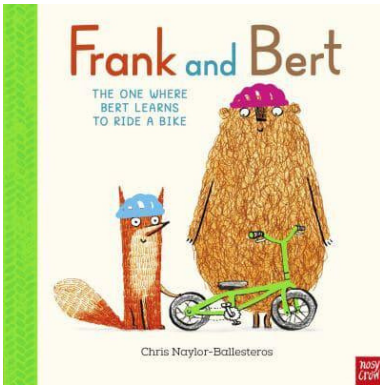
Dance With Oti: the Lion Samba Oti Mabuse

It's time for Oti's dance class! Join Oti and her class for their first dance show, and learn "The Lion Samba" in ten easy steps.



Dinos Don't Give Up Smriti Halls

For the first time ever Dinah doesn't come first. Will she be distraught? Or will she discover that there's more to having fun than winning?



Frank and Bert: The One Where Bert Learns to Ride a Bike

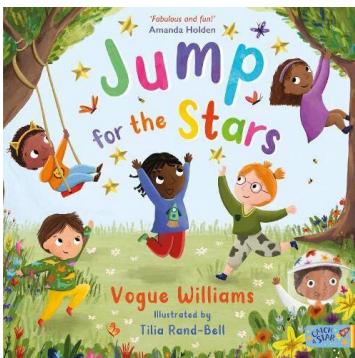
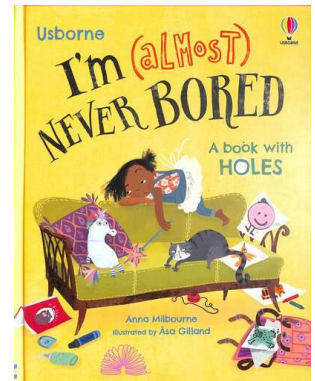
Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

Bert is CERTAIN he can ride his bike as well as Frank, but he is very wobbly!

I'm (Almost) Never Bored

Anna Milbourne

"I'm BORED!" wails a little girl after her screen time is cut short. "That's great!" her dad says with a grin. "Being bored comes right before having a Really Good Idea."



Jump for the Stars

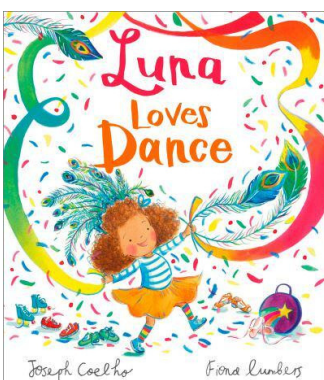
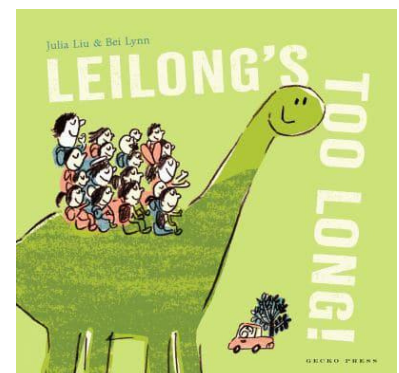
Vogue Williams

BOING! BOING! We BOUNCE so high, We're JUMPING for the stars! If we don't stop soon, We'll land on planet Mars!

Leilong's Too Long!

Julia Liu

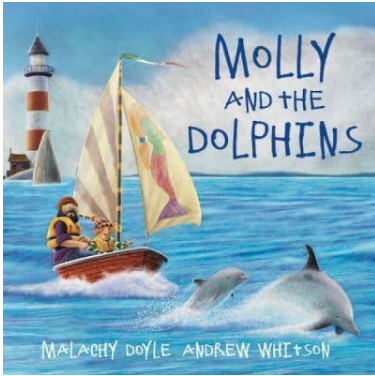
An overeager dinosaur school bus causes problems for the city's transportation system-so the children find a place where oversize is perfect.



Luna Loves Dance

Joseph Coelho

Discover the joy of dancing and the importance of family, whatever your culture, ability or style.

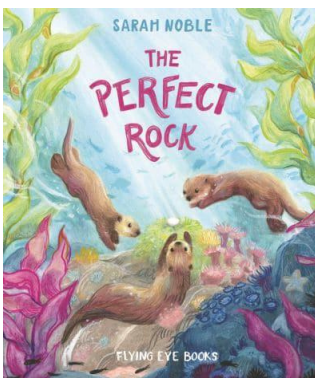
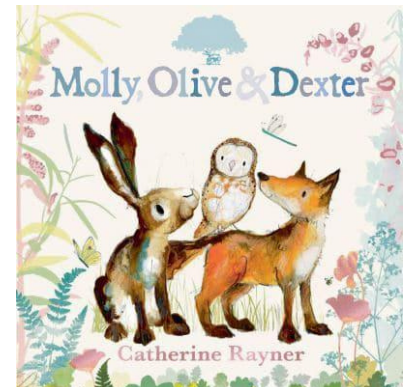


Molly and the Dolphins **Malachy Doyle**

Molly makes friends with a family of dolphins whilst out sailing with her dad, but one day Molly goes out sailing and gets stuck. Who will come to her rescue and save her and her little boat?

Molly, Olive and Dexter **Catherine Rayner**

Molly the hare loves hide-and-seek. "You two hide," she tells Olive the owl and Dexter the fox, and then she begins to count. But when she opens her eyes, Molly finds the pair straight away!

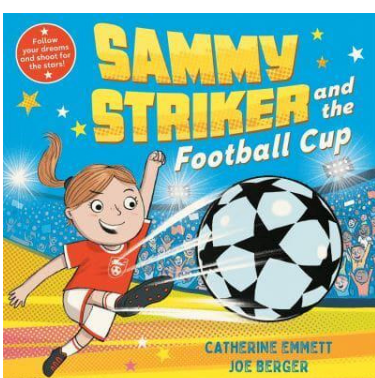
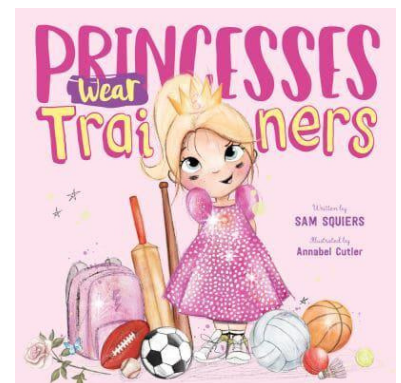


The Perfect Rock **Sarah Noble**

For an otter, a rock has many uses and choosing one is a very important decision.

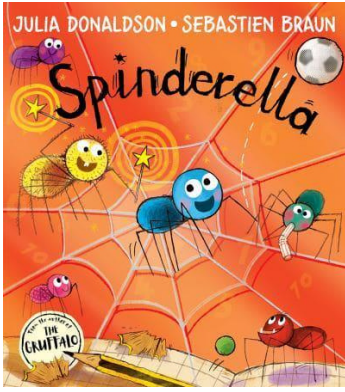
Princesses Wear Trainers **Sam Squiers**

Princess Ellie loves playing sports, but she has a little problem... nobody seems to think that her sporty interests are very princess-like!



Sammy Striker and the Football Cup **Catherine Emmett**

Sammy Striker is NEVER found without a football at her feet, and one day at the park, she's spotted by Melissa McDream who coaches the Under 8s National Team!

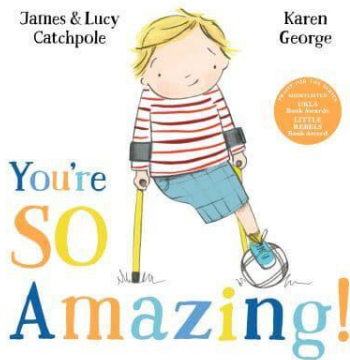
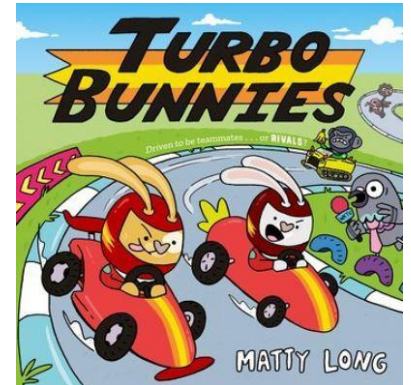


Spinderella Julia Donaldson

Spinderella the spider has a passion for football! She tries to play a match with her brothers and sisters but she doesn't know how many spiders should be on each team.

Turbo Bunnies Matty Long

THE SKILL! THE SPEED! THE DRAMA! Nothing can beat the thrill of Whizz Kart Racing - and Team Turbo is the best team around!

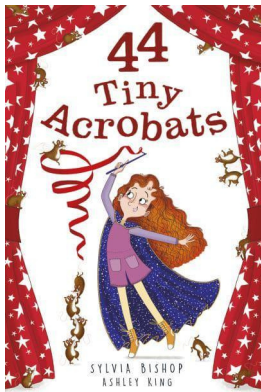


You're So Amazing! James and Lucy Catchpole

When people meet Joe, they often treat him as Amazing Joe or Poor Joe. But can't he just be . . . Joe?



FOR AGES 4-7 AND YOUNGER READERS

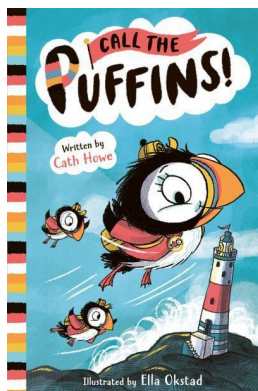
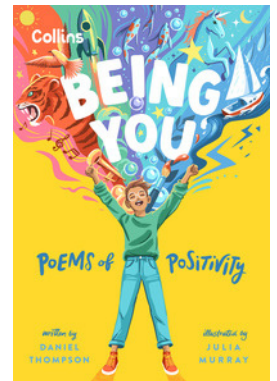


44 Tiny Acrobats Sylvia Bishop

Join brave and spirited heroine Betsy and her forty-four tiny mice in a thrilling adventure!

Being You: Poems of Positivity Daniel Thompson

This collection of 50 poems will inspire confidence and courage, help children to overcome worries and spread kindness.

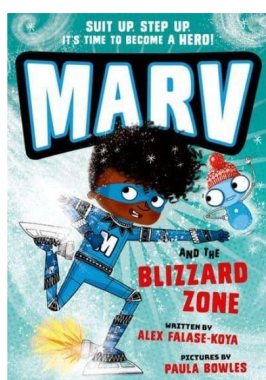
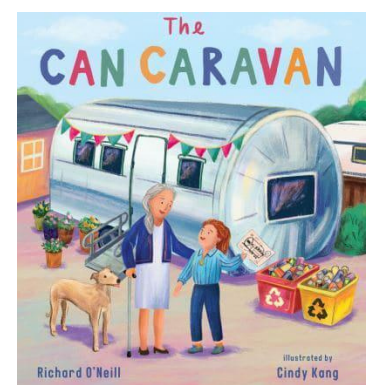


Call the Puffins Cath Howe

Welcome to the island of Egg where a group of young puffins are in training to join a search and rescue team.

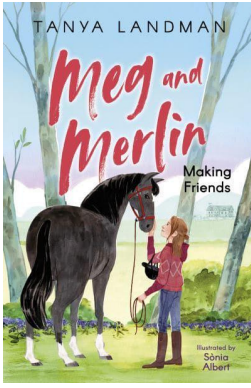
The Can Caravan Richard O'Neill

When Janie's neighbour Mrs Tolen goes into hospital with a broken hip, it looks as though she will have to move out of her old caravan and into a house.



Marv and the Blizzard Zone Alex Falase-Koya

When ordinary boy Marvin wears his super-suit he becomes MARV. A superhero with infinite powers...

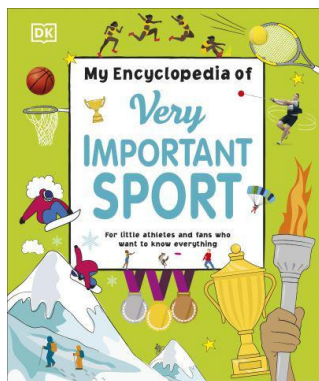
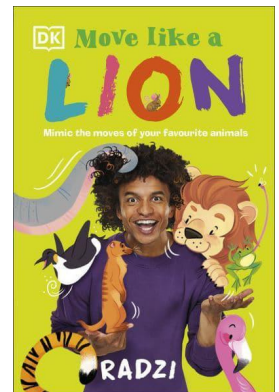


Meg and Merlin: Making Friends Tanya Landman

Meg treasures every moment that she gets to spend riding, and she has always longed for a pony of her own.

Move Like a Lion Radzi Chinyanganya

Simple exercises show children different activities they can easily do, any time and any place, with no extra equipment required!

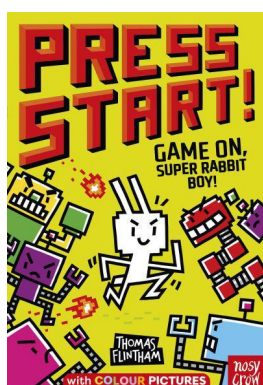
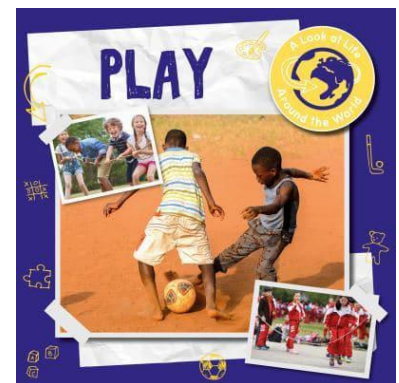


My Encyclopedia of Very Important Sport Chris Hawkes (Editor)

A charming children's encyclopedia bursting with fun facts about the world of sport.

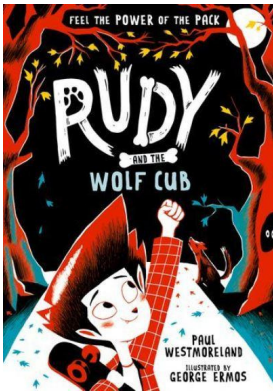
Play Joanna Brundle

Young readers can explore how other people play in this colourful book.



Press Start! Game On, Super Rabbit Boy! Thomas Flintham

Join Sunny as he and Super Rabbit Boy take on the world, one move at a time!

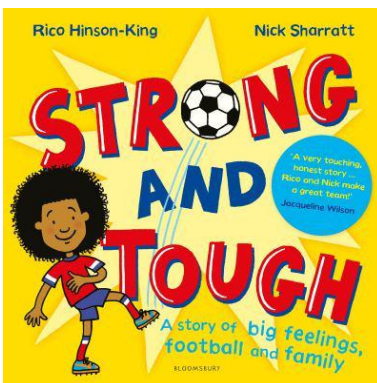
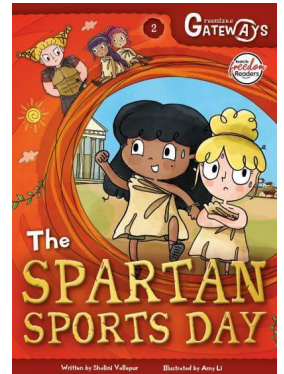


Rudy and the Wolf Cub **Paul Westmoreland**

With boundless energy and an impulsive nature, Rudy is always ready to follow the scent of adventure!

The Spartan Sports Day **Shalini Vallepur**

Another day, another battle with Riya's class rival, Emma. But when they both fall through another gateway in time they must rely on each other if they're to ever escape.

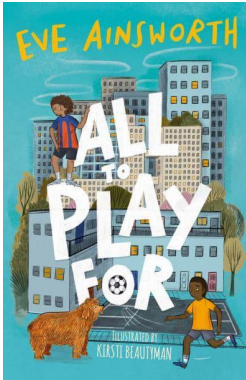


Strong and Tough **Rico Hinson-King**

There is a kid. Let's call him Charlie. On the outside he looks like every other football-mad boy of his age. But he isn't...



FOR AGES 8-11 AND MORE CONFIDENT READERS

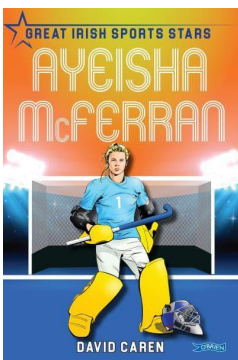
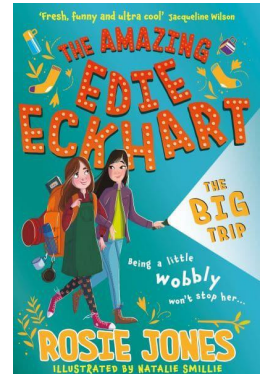


All to Play For Eve Ainsworth

Lewis loves football more than anything else in the world, so he's thrilled when his talent is spotted by a local coach. But there are some big obstacles in his way...

The Amazing Edie Eckhart: The Big Trip Rosie Jones

Hi! I'm Edie Eckhart. I'm a little bit different. I have a disability called cerebral palsy, so I talk slowly and fall over a lot. It's never really bothered me because I've never known anything else.

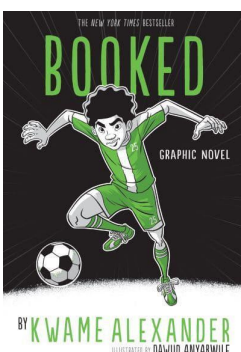
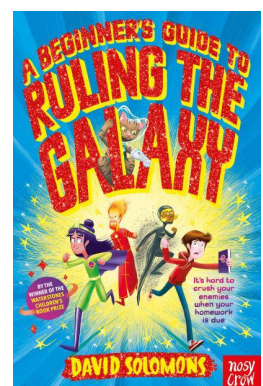


Ayeisha McFerran: Great Irish Sports Stars David Caren

Growing up in Larne in County Antrim, Ayeisha was fearless. If she wasn't climbing trees, she was playing soccer, Irish dancing or throwing the javelin. When Ayeisha discovered hockey, she was hooked!

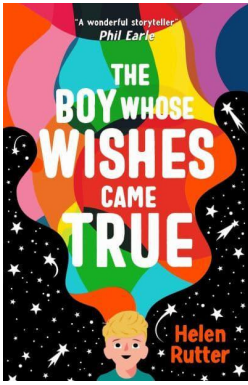
A Beginner's Guide to Ruling the Galaxy David Solomons

A brilliantly funny story of what happens when a galactic princess moves in next door and almost brings about the end of the world.



Booked: Graphic Novel Kwame Alexander

Twelve-year-old Nick is a football-mad boy who absolutely hates books...

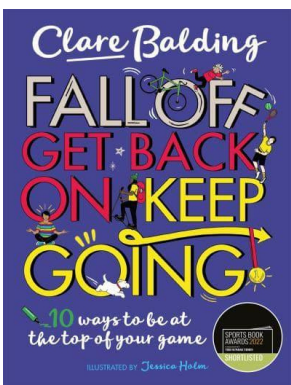
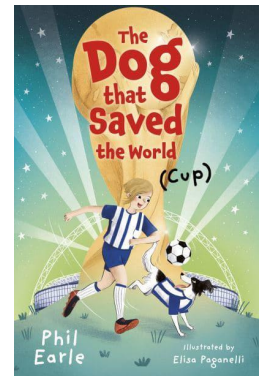


The Boy Whose Wishes Came True Helen Rutter

Archie Crumb is having a tough time. Picked-on at school, picked last for any team; his home has been sad and quiet since Dad left and his luck feels like its run out.

The Dog That Saved the World (Cup) Phil Earle

Pickles the dog and his owner Elsie have just heard the most amazing news. The World Cup is coming home to England and Elsie's team have a chance to play in a half-time match at Wembley

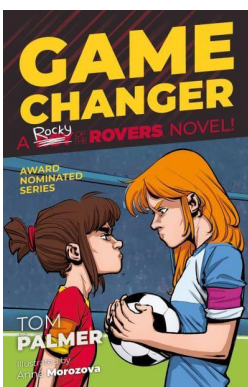
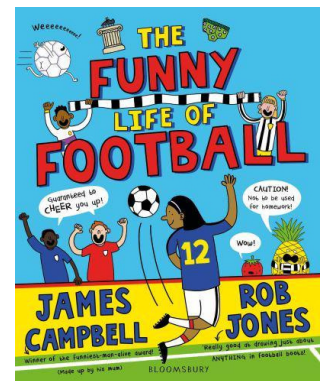


Fall Off, Get Back On, Keep Going Clare Balding

Falling off is all part of life. The trick is to know how to dust yourself off, get back on, learn from your mistakes - and keep going!

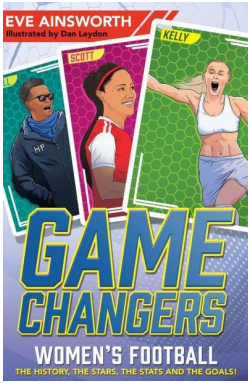
The Funny Life of Football James Campbell

Get ready to laugh your butt off with a silly book filled with funny stories and partly-true facts that will make you think twice about the game everyone thinks they know so well.



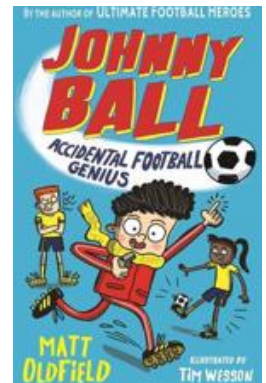
Game Changer: A Rocky of the Rovers Novel Tom Palmer

The newly formed Melchester Women's team are going from strength to strength in their first full season of professional football, lead by the tenacious Rocky Race. But behind the scenes, the morale of the club is low.



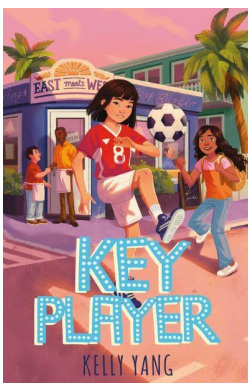
Game Changers: Women's Football **Eve Ainsworth**

This is a celebration of all things women's football!



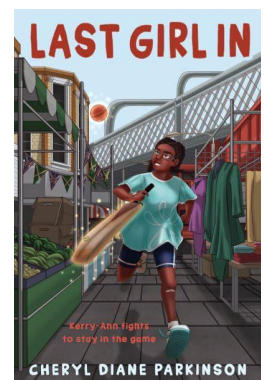
Johnny Ball: Accidental Football Genius **Matt Oldfield**

Johnny Ball's got a super exciting new job: assistant manager for the Tissbury Tigers! But there's a catch...



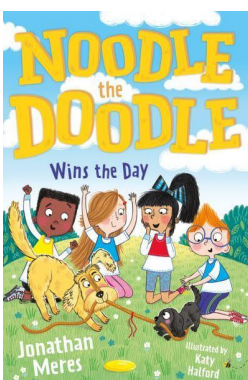
Key Player **Kelly Yang**

The Women's World Cup is coming to California and with the U.S. playing China in the final, Mia Tang is feeling like her two identities are coming together.



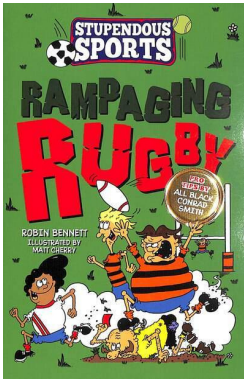
Last Girl In: Kerry-Ann Fights to Stay in the Game **Cheryl Diane Parkinson**

Kerry-Ann loves cricket - of course she does - her Jamaican grandpa taught her to play as soon as she could hold a bat!



Noodle the Doodle Wins the Day **Jonathan Meres**

Sports Day has arrived at Wigley Primary and everyone is excited to take part in unusual events like book balancing, frisbee tossing and seeing who can race in the most layers of clothes!

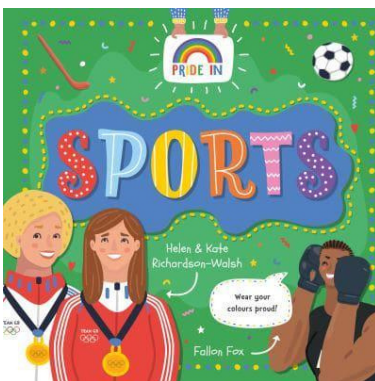
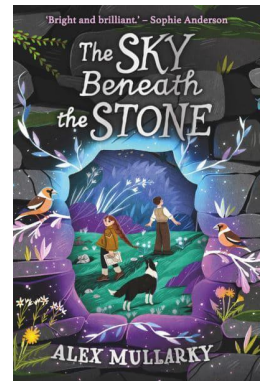


Rampaging Rugby Robin Bennett

Cartoons, player tips, irreverent explanations, fascinating facts, and funny stories all about rugby!

The Sky Beneath the Stone Alex Mullarky

Thirteen-year-old Ivy North is an adventurer. There's just one problem. She's afraid to go outside.

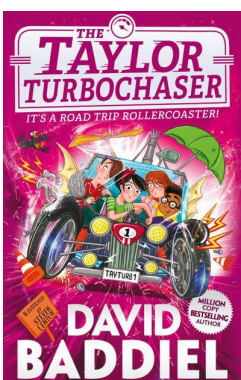
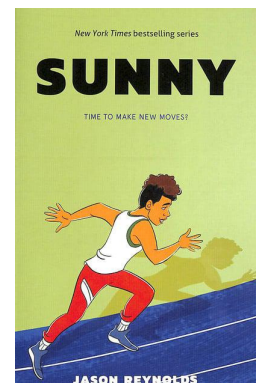


Sports (PRIDE) Emilie Dufresne

No matter who you are, inside or out, this book is here to teach you that you can be proud of who you are.

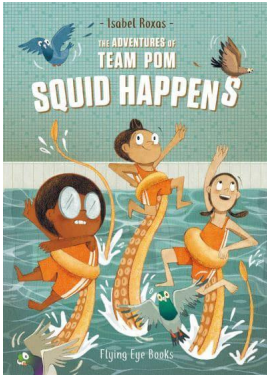
Sunny Jason Reynolds

Sunny is just that - sunny. Always ready with a goofy smile and something nice to say, Sunny is the chilliest dude on the Defenders team. But Sunny's life hasn't always been sun beamy-bright.



The Taylor TurboChaser David Baddiel

Amy loves cars, and dreams of being a driver. But there's a major catch: her slow old wheelchair with its broken wheel.

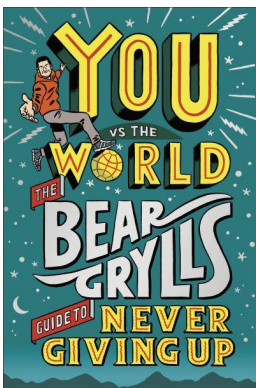
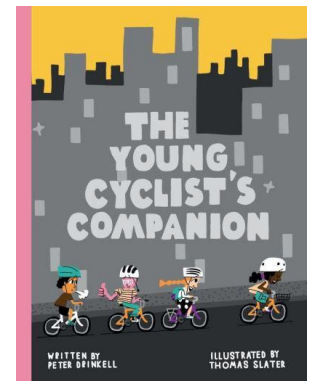


Team Pom: Squid Happens **Isabel Roxas**

When oddballs Agnes, Roberta and Ruby discover a shared passion for synchronized swimming, the trio become Team Pom. But it can be hard to find time to practise.

The Young Cyclist's Companion **Peter Drinkell**

A brisk guide for the aspirant bike rider all the way from choosing a first bike to techniques for wheelies and bunny hops and the finer points of riding in a group.



You vs the World **Bear Grylls**

From finding confidence to bouncing back from failure, Bear gives children the tools they need to survive and thrive in their own lives.

Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor **Xiran Jay Zhao**

Zachary Ying has never had much chance to learn about his Chinese heritage. So when he's chosen to host the spirit of the First Emperor of China for a vital mission, he is woefully unprepared.

