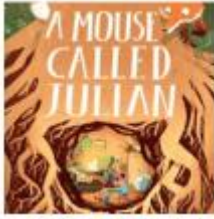


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A Mouse Called Julian by Joe Todd-Stanton

Julian is a mouse who is perfectly happy avoiding other animals. They seem to just get in the way, and sometimes even try to eat him!



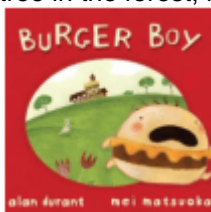
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

A wonderfully affirmative story. Grace 'a girl who loved stories' is told that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school pantomime because she is black and female.



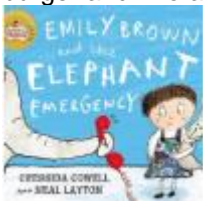
Bears Don't Read by Emma Chicester Clark

Bears don't read but George is a bear who desperately desires to do so. Finding a book beneath a tree in the forest, he heads for the town, determined to find someone who will teach him.



Burger Boy by Alan Durant

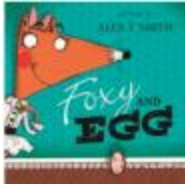
Benny hates vegetables and loves burgers. So much so, that his mum tells him he will turn into a burger and – lo and behold! – he does!



Emily Brown and the Elephant Emergency by Cresida Cowell

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Emily Brown and her toy rabbit Stanley are on an adventure with their friend Matilda the elephant but Matilda's mummy will keep calling on the emergency telephones that crop up with surprising frequency and variety wherever they are to as she is so anxious about her child.



Foxy and the Egg by Alex T Smith

Egg rolls up at Foxy DuBois' door and she anticipates a feast in store. First she tries to fatten him up but what finally hatches out of the egg is no chickenfeed!



Fruits by Valerie Bloom

A wryly amusing Caribbean counting poem enumerated in Jamaican Creole.



Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson

A solitary bear stumbles into the city and is as lost as a little girl might be in the woods. He enters a flat in a tower block where he finds food that's just right after tasting some that's all wrong, breaks a bean bag after trying some less pleasant places to sit and falls asleep in a comfy bed.



Hermelin by Mini Grey

The opening spread of this picture book sets the scene for a tale of a mystery-solving mouse. Readers will enjoy returning to this picture of the houses in Offley Street and their inhabitants to search for clues about the whereabouts of various items including a missing teddy, a notebook and a priceless diamond bracelet.

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How to be a Lion by Ed Vere

Leonard does not conform to the stereotype of how a lion should behave. He is gentle, writes and reads poems and, most disconcertingly in the opinion of other lions, has no intention of chomping his duck friend Marianne with whom he has much in common.



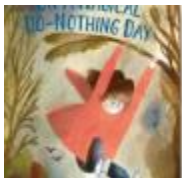
Imaginary Fred by Eoin Colfer

Fred is an imaginary friend, poised in the ether, waiting for the magic moment when a lonely child will need him. Eventually, though, each child makes a real friend and Fred finds himself fading.



Look Up! By Nathan Bryon

Rocket is a small black girl who is always looking up at the sky planning for the day when she will become an 'astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller' like African-American astronaut Mae Jemison.



On a Magical Do Nothing Day by Beatrice Alemagna

During a stay in the countryside, a girl is bored without her computer game. However, when she ventures outdoors she makes discoveries in the rainsoaked natural landscape that appeal to all her senses.



Pattan's Pumpkin by Chitra Soundra

Storyteller Chitra Soundar has adapted this flood story from one told in Kerala in southern India. Pattan and his wife Kanni grow food which they share with all living creatures.

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Rabbit and Bear: Rabbit's Bad Habits

Bear wakes up from her hibernation early to find snow on the ground and meets the grumpy and rather self-important although apparently very knowledgeable Rabbit.



Stardust by Jeanne Willis

This picture book may appear at first glance to be about sibling rivalry but it's really about gaining self-esteem as a girl is encouraged to believe in herself by her grandfather when her sister seems to be getting all the plaudits and consistently called a 'star'.



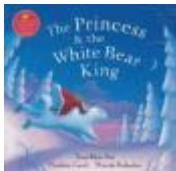
The Man Who Wore All His Clothes by Allan Alberg

In a book which crosses the divide between picture books and first chapter books, readers are introduced to the Gaskitt family.



The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson

A cunning story that will help children who are afraid of the dark to appreciate it and be unafraid.



The Princess and the White Bear by Tanya Robin Batt

An amalgam of Scandinavian folk tales The Black Bull of Norraway, The White Bear King and East of the Sun, West of the Moon which also has resonances with many other traditional stories.

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The Secret of Black Rock by Joe Todd-Stanton

There are several legends about the nature of the Black Rock in the fishing community where Erin Pike lives with her mum and their dog. What is the secret of Black Rock?



Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o

Sulwe's skin is the colour of midnight. She's darker than everyone in her family, and everyone at school. All she wants is to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey through the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.