Monthly Children's Book Newsletter for Children, Parents and Teachers

No Shelf Control

The Super Sunny Murder Club

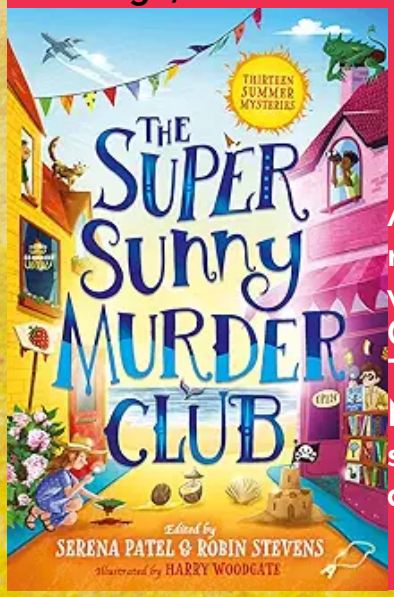
As a teacher, two of the most requested types of books that I struggle to find are scary books and short stories. So when a book comes along containing both... Well, I can't help but shout about it. So... THE SUNNY MURDER CLUB IS THIS MONTH'S BOOK OF THE MONTH. Sorry if that was too loud!

I couldn't fit a Q&A with all of the amazing authors involved in and I couldn't possibly only choose one! (Reviewers don't like to be accused of having favourites - even though we clearly do...) So I thought I'd tell you more about what to expect from this awesome book!

The collection is co-edited by Serena Patel and Robin Stevens. It features 11 more amazing authors (Abiola Bello, Annabelle Sami, Benjamin Dean, Dominique Valente, E.L. Norry, Elle McNicoll, Maisie Chan, Nizrana Farook, Patrice Lawrence, Roopa Farooki and Sharna Jackson).

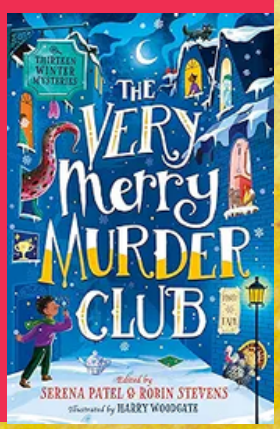
Murders and mysteries set everywhere! From the beach, to the museum and even the dancefloor. There is something for everybody and you'll need to find other fans to check that your favourites are the same!

Short stories are perfect to be read in the summer as we're all busy jumping from activity to activity, ensuring that we're kept entertained in our tiny moments of downtime. Although, like a tube of Pringles...



Once you pop, you just can't stop! But whether you binge or enjoy slowly, you will love this book!

And if you haven't read it's predecessor, why wait until Christmas? Jump into The Very Merry Murder Club this summer to help cool down!









This Month's Book Reviews



Dungeon Runners

Kieran Larwood & Joe Todd-Stanton

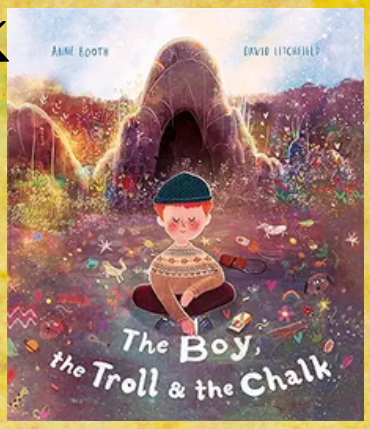
Nosy Crow 7+

A brilliant new fantasy adventure series from two absolute heroes! Follow Kit, a determined gnorf (part gnome, part dwarf), and his quirky friends Sandy and Thorn, as they tackle mazes, monsters, and puzzles. Filled with humour, action, and a strong message about overcoming obstacles and friendship, this book is sure to captivate young readers.

The Boy, The Troll & The Chalk

Anne Booth & David Litchfield

Templar 3+



A story about the power of kindness and art. A boy befriends a troll, connected through their love of drawing, proving that patience and imagination can overcome isolation and fear. With Litchfield's beautiful illustrations, Booth's gentle tale inspires hope, friendship and creativity.



Beasts from the Deep

Matt Ralphs & Kaley McKean

Nosy Crow 7+

A mesmerising journey into the ocean's depths, revealing awe-inspiring creatures like anglerfish and goblin sharks. The vibrant illustrations make this book a treasure. A perfect gift for young marine enthusiasts, it is full of wonder on each and every page.

Pinch Perkins

Cathy Fitzgerald & Chloe Dominique

Farshore 9+



A fast-paced magical adventure set in London's enchanting quarter. Twelve-year-old Pinch races against time to lift a curse from her mum, encountering fairies, knights, and fearsome villains. With unexpected twists and a rich, imaginative setting, this whodunnit will captivate readers of all ages.

One To Wait for...



The Boy in the Suit - James Fox

Scholastic - September 23

This is promising to be a real tear jerker. Solo just wants to be normal! He wants a normal name and a proper school uniform that fits him. He also wants to stop having to crash funerals for food...

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Hannah Messenger

Bryony Pearce & Claire Powell

UCLan 8+

This awesome story blends urban fantasy with Greek mythology, as Hannah and her friends uncover the true identities of the gods living as ordinary humans. With witty humour and heartfelt friendships, this captivating adventure is perfect for young readers and mythology enthusiasts. This will go down an absolute storm!

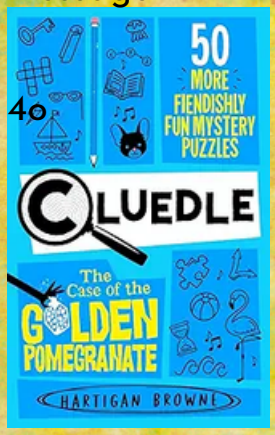
The Last Dragon



Polly Ho-Yen & Charis Loke

Knights Of 8+

Polly Ho-Yen has again written an amazing story for readers aged 7+. Yara's life is chaotic with her sister in hospital and school troubles, but everything changes when she is entrusted with the last dragon's egg. This moving story weaves themes of bravery, self-belief, and environmental stewardship, captivating readers with its magical narrative and powerful message.



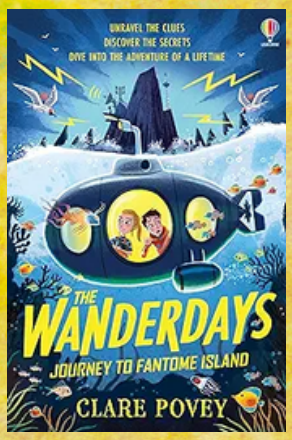
Cluedle- The Case of the Golden Pomegranate

Hartigan Browne

Macmillan Children 8+

The fact that the first book earned me some extra quiet time and kept my son busy during the holidays, I obviously have to recommend this second edition! A new case to crack with 50 boredom smashing puzzles! Is it wrong to buy an extra copy for myself? Why should kids get all the fun?

The Wanderdays

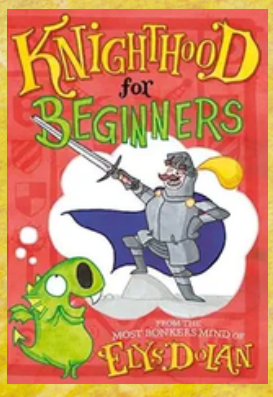


Clare Povey

Usborne 8+

Clare Povey invites readers on an exhilarating underwater adventure with the Wanderday siblings. When their famous mother goes missing, they uncover a sinister plot involving TV presenter Sir Frederick Titan. Packed with bravery, friendship, and a passion for conservation, this fast-paced tale captivates with its suspenseful drama and important environmental themes.

One You Might Have Missed



Knighthood for Beginners - Elys Dolan

Oxford - 6+ 2017

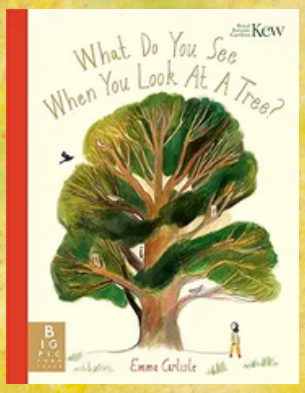
Introducing Dave, a dragon who's terrible at being dragony but dreams of becoming a knight. With his unlikely steed, Albrecht the goat, Dave embarks on a hilarious quest to prove himself. Elys Dolan's transition from picture books to young fiction shines with humor and delightful illustrations.

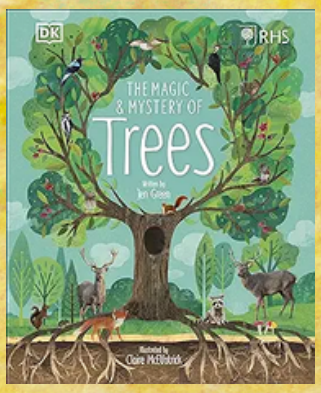
9 Books about... Trees

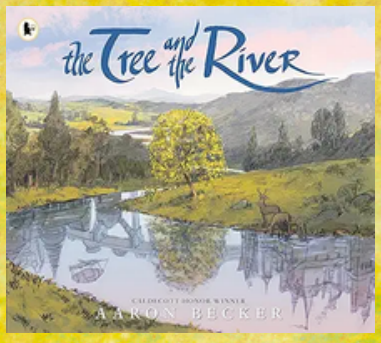
This month has been hot, so I've been taking shade under trees lots. I am in a true tree hugging mood so decided to find the best books about trees!

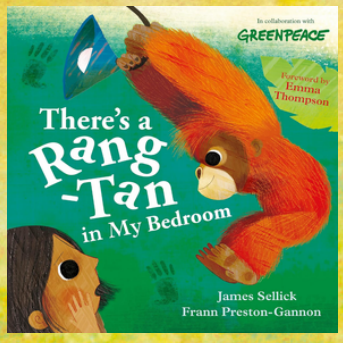
1. Tree
   Britta Teckentrup
2. What Do You See When You Look At A Tree?
   Emma Carlisle
3. The Magic and Mystery of Trees
   Jen Green & Claire McElfatrick
4. The Tree and the River
   Aaron Becker
5. There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom
   James Sellick & Frann Preston-Gannon
6. The Book of Trees
   Piotr Socha & Wojciech Grajkowski
7. What Did The Tree See?
   Charlotte Guillain & Sam Usher
8. 13 Story Treehouse
   Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton
9. The Wonder of Trees
   Nicola Davies & Lorna Scobie

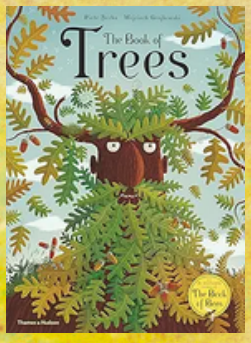


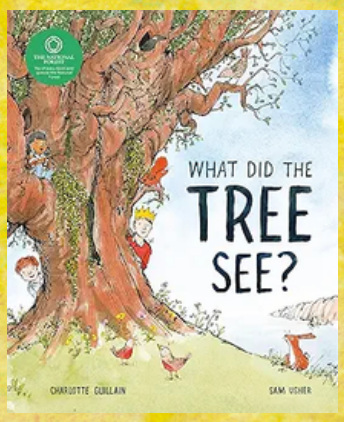


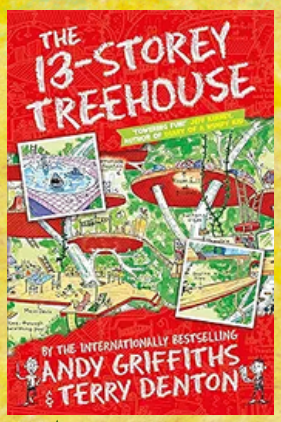


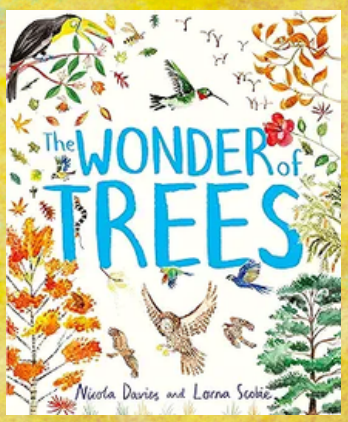












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