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Book of the Month The Wild Life of Dinosaurs

Mike Barfield has long been combining two things that children love... Non-fiction and comics. He's now decided to level up a little by adding in Dinosaurs! Just ask Steven Spielberg - adding dinosaurs is always a recipe for success! That's why 'The Wild Life of Dinosaurs' is our Book of the Month!

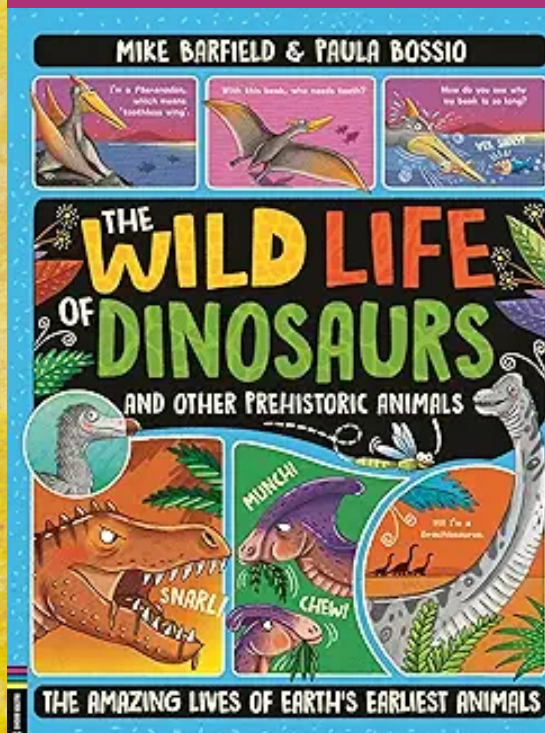
This vividly illustrated guide covers the Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic eras, showcasing the incredible diversity of life from the earliest ocean dwellers to mighty dinosaurs and early mammals like the woolly mammoth. Each chapter tells the life story of these ancient creatures with humor and accessibility, making complex topics like evolution and survival both understandable and entertaining.

Non-fiction books with comic strips are vital for sparking a love of reading in children. They offer a playful and visually stimulating way to explore complex subjects, turning learning into an adventure. This approach helps to bridge the gap between educational content and entertainment, making these books invaluable in

classrooms and home libraries alike. "The Wild Life of Dinosaurs and Other Prehistoric Animals" is a prime example of how graphic elements can transform educational material into a captivating and accessible experience.

Grab a copy of this and Mike's other amazing books!

The Wild Life Of Dinosaurs - Mike Barfield & Paula Bossio - Buster Books £10.99



Books



Reviews



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Race to Imagination Island

Mel Taylor-Bessent & Alessandro D'Urso

Farshore 8+

A thrilling adventure where children worldwide compete to become protectors of a magical island where imagination comes to life. Luca is afraid of everything, but devises a plan to come last to escape. With high-stakes challenges, unexpected twists, and themes of friendship and resilience.

Reek

Alastair Chisholm & George Caltsoudas

Barrington Stoke 9+

A dystopian thriller set in a world suffocating under toxic pollution. Billionaire Axel Brodie monopolises the clean air supply, but friends Sparrow and Miriam devise a revolutionary technology to challenge his power. This Sci-fi novel brilliantly highlights themes of greed and environmental crisis, making it a compelling read.



Bea's Bad Day

Tom Percival

Bloomsbury 3+

Tom's Big Bright Feelings books need no reviews, just a reminder to teachers and parents that a new one has been released. This one is about being resilient when things don't go quite how you want them to. Dealing with disappointment is always a challenge for younger children.

Terra Electrica

Antonia Maxwell

Neem Tree Press 9+

Set in a near-future post-melt Arctic, it follows 12-year-old Mani as she navigates a world ravaged by a deadly force known as Terra Electrica. With her family lost and only an ancient wooden mask and ancestral wisdom to guide her, Mani must harness her newfound powers to save humanity. This thrilling adventure promises more mysteries and challenges in its sequels.



One To Wait for...

Witchspark - Dominique Valente

Usborne - Oct 24

I was lucky enough to get an early copy of this. I've not seen it since it came through the letterbox, but my 11 year old has read it twice already - that's surely a sign of a good book!



Fallout

Lesley Parr

Bloomsbury 9+

Fallout follows Marcus, who dreams of escaping his family's criminal legacy. When blamed for an accident, he teams up with activist Emma to clear his name and chart his own path. This gripping tale of friendship, self-discovery, and resilience is perfect for readers aged 10 and over, addressing contemporary issues with depth and authenticity.

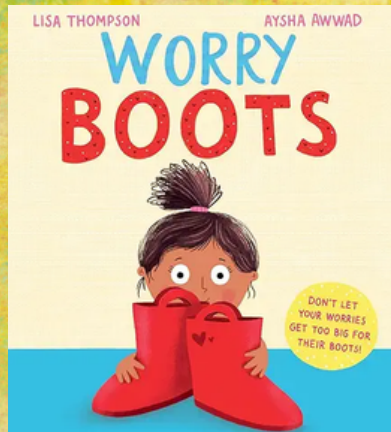
The Bumble & Snug

Mark Bradley

Hodder 5+



Bumble and Snug are back for the fourth book in the series with the Jealous Giants. Competing in the chaotic Bugbop Ball Championships, the friends turn detectives when the trophy is stolen. This vibrant graphic novel explores jealousy, friendship, and adventure. Perfect for younger readers looking for a great graphic novel.



Worry Boots

Lisa Thompson & Aysha Awwad

Scholastic 3+

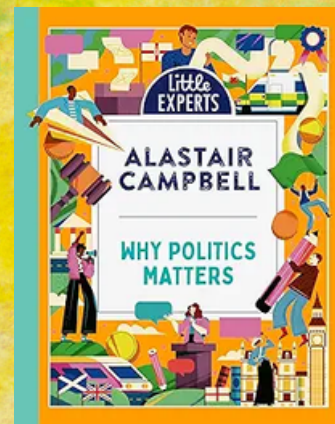
Connie slips on her new, shiny boots for her first day at school but feels something hard and awkward inside. As she and her mum head to the bus stop, Connie's imagination runs wild, wondering if it's a shark's tooth or a unicorn's horn in her shoe. This beautifully illustrated book captures Connie's journey and the realization that sometimes our fears are more mundane than we imagine.

Why Politics Matters

Alastair Campbell & Maite Franchi

Red Shed 7+

As children become more interested in the world around them, it is time to become a little expert in how the country is run with Alastair Campbell's latest book! Discover why politics matters and how it impacts everything from schools to hospitals. With clear explanations of parliament, government, and voting, this engaging guide is perfect as a first step into politics.



One You Might Have Missed

Wed Wabbit - Lissa Evans

David Ficklings - 10+ Jan 2018

A brilliantly funny book. Fidge finds herself in a bizarre world with her awful cousin Graham and two strange companions. Facing impossible clues, a cruel dictator, and three thousand Wimbley Woos, Fidge must navigate friendship, courage, and the daunting challenge of returning home.



9 Non-fiction Books for younger readers



All readers love a non-fiction fact fest. Unfortunately, some skimp on the facts or try to over simplify the information. Our youngest readers are often the most curious. So they deserve great books too!

1. The Clue is in the Poo

Andy Seed & Claire Aimon



2. Building a Home

Polly Faber & Klaus Fahlén



3. Coming to England

Floella Benjamin & Diane Ewan



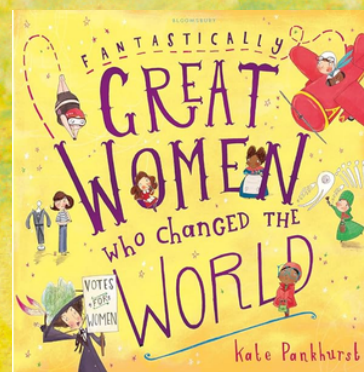
4. Counting on Katherine

Helaine Becker & Dow Phumiruk



5. Fantastically Great Women

Kate Pankhurst



6. First Big Book of Why

Britannica



7. The Great Fire of London

Emma Adams & James Weston Lewis



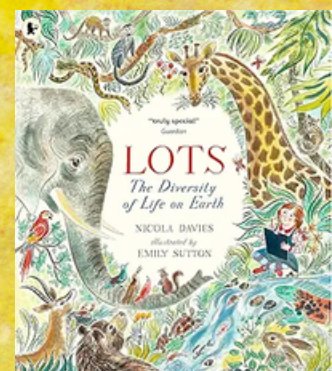
8. Here We Are

Oliver Jeffers



9. Lots

Nicola Davies & Emily Sutton



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