



Autumn 2020

Author Spotlight Jennifer Killick



Jennifer Killick is a children's author. Mountains class are currently reading her latest book, *Crater Lake* – she kindly signed a postcard for each child at the beginning of the year!

I have always loved stories. Growing up, I kept so many books hidden in my bed for reading after lights out that there was barely room for me! I also loved writing stories – my first being a tale about a baby bird called Snowy, who hurt her leg and had to hop her way to safety.



I started thinking seriously about being a writer when I was in secondary school, but didn't do anything about it because I didn't really believe it was possible. The thought of seeing a book in the shops with my name on it seemed too amazing to ever be a reality. I was afraid that I'd fail, so I didn't risk trying – and that is definitely the worst reason in the world!



Chipping Norton Library NEW opening hours

**Mondays, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, Fridays**
9.30 – 1pm, 2 – 5pm
Saturdays
9.30 – 4pm
Thursdays and Sundays
Closed
01608 643559

Book shops in Chipping Norton

WHSmith
10 -14 High Street (01608 645099), open every day
Oxfam Bookshop
6 Market Place (01608 644850), closed Sundays
Jaffé and Neale
1 Middle Row (01608 641033), closed Sundays

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LoveReading4Kids is the biggest and best recommendation site for children's books. Our passion for children's books ranges from toddlers to teens and ensures that whatever the age, whatever the interest, that you have a steady stream of brilliant book recommendations for your child. We offer a variety of FREE services for parents and anyone who is interested in buying the best books for boys and girls of all ages. Read more [here](#) for some great tips on how to support your child's reading.

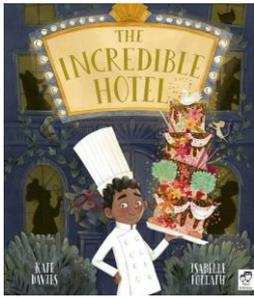
8 reasons to join LoveReading4Kids:

1. We are the UK's leading book recommendation website for children and our mission is to engender that lifelong love of reading in kids
2. New users get entered into our monthly draw to win £100 to spend in your local bookshop
3. We curate the book recommendations based on your children's age, favourite genres, likes and dislikes, so you don't have to
4. You can read reviews from the best book experts around
5. You can add books to your digital bookshelf to keep track of what they want to read next, and what they've already read
6. You can enter our dozens of competitions and giveaways to win free books and bookish goodies
7. You can check prices via our live price comparison engine to ensure you get the best deal
8. Children can sign up to KidsZone, an area of the site just for them, capturing loads of content especially for children – a home where they can engage with videos, watch interviews, read book reviews and enjoy tons of activities and competitions. **What are you waiting for? [Sign up now...](#) (it's free!)**



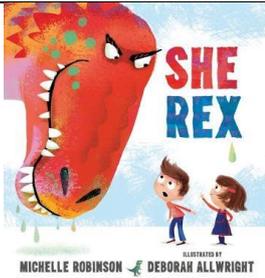


Fiction: What's New...



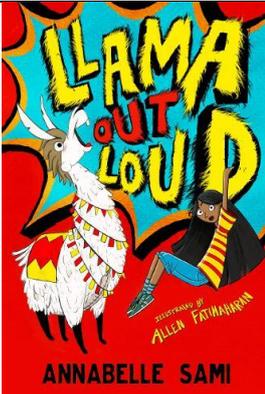
The Incredible Hotel by Katie Davies (aimed at KS1)

If you ever go to the great city of Delaunay, take a left at the Duchess's palace and cross the Bridge of Spires, and here you will find The Incredible Hotel. Everything runs like clockwork, thanks to Stefan the kitchen porter, who brews the coffee every morning, and dreams of being a chef. Until the morning of the Grand Ball, when a fire starts in the kitchen just as the Duchess of Delaunay arrives... can Stefan save the day? *With a style that evokes Wes Anderson-esque imaginary worlds, this is a timeless tale to read again and again. Each time you read it you will notice new details - look out for the cat and mouse hiding on every page, who have their own little story to tell!*



She Rex by Michelle Robinson (aimed at KS1)

Maisy's brother's Ed won't let her play with his toys. He says, 'Dinos are for boys!' But Ed hasn't met T. Rex's BIGGER sister ... She Rex is a big and burly, multi-coloured dino girly. And Maisy is about to show her brother that stomping, chomping She Rex is as fierce and as loud as any boy dinosaur. Watch out, Ed, you may just discover that dino toys are for girls and boys! *The perfect picture book for all dino-fans.*



Llama Out Loud! by Annabelle Sami (aimed at KS2)

Sidesplitting middle grade comedy, with serious heart (and one very funny llama). Yasmin Shah is a ten-year-old girl who is part of a big, noisy family and doesn't ever speak. Levi is a rude, sassy toy llama, who talks A LOT and has come to wreak havoc in Yasmin's life.

Yasmin tries everything she can to escape Levi, but she can't help being dragged along on his crazy antics - and every day brings a new surprise, whether that's an erupting bin, a flying tuna fish, or a hat made from knickers. Life is never boring with Levi around - and could it be that he has a secret plan to help Yasmin find her voice?

The first in a hilarious new series, perfect for fans of Lightning Girl, Little Badman and Charlie Changes into a Chicken.



Ways to Make Sunshine by Renée Watson (aimed at KS2)

Ryan Hart and her family live in Portland, Oregon, and her dad lost his job a while ago. He finally got a new one, but it pays less, and he'll have to work nights. And so they're selling the second car and moving to an (old) new house. The Harts are an everyfamily - a family with siblings who bicker, parents who don't always get it right, but a family that loves. A family working hard to make it in tough economic times, a family with traditions and culture, a family that tries new things. This is a black family growing up in middle class America. And Ryan is a girl who has much on her mind - school, family, friends, self-image - but who knows how to make sunshine out of setbacks. *Packed with humour and heart alongside meaningful and thoughtful moments, Ryan Hart is the character everyone will want to be best friends with.*



Agent Asha: Mission Shark Bytes by Sophie Deen (aimed at KS2)

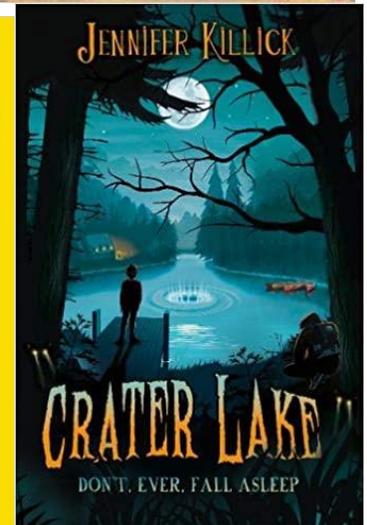
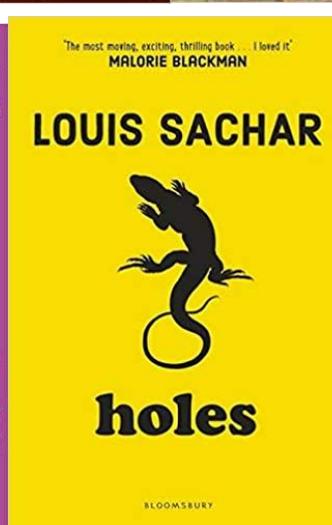
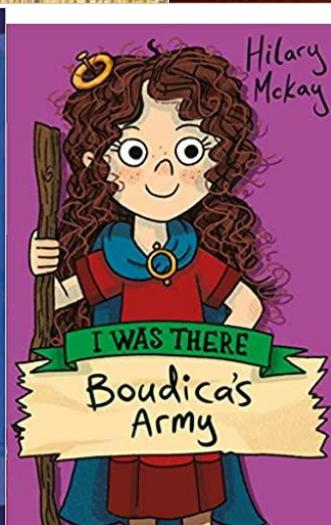
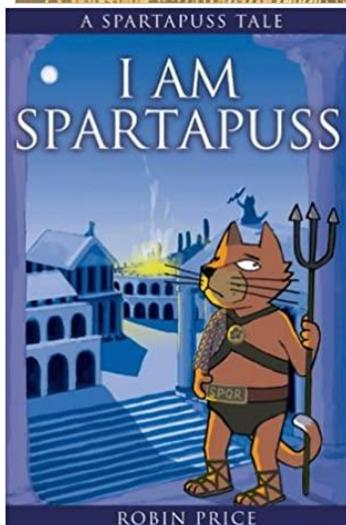
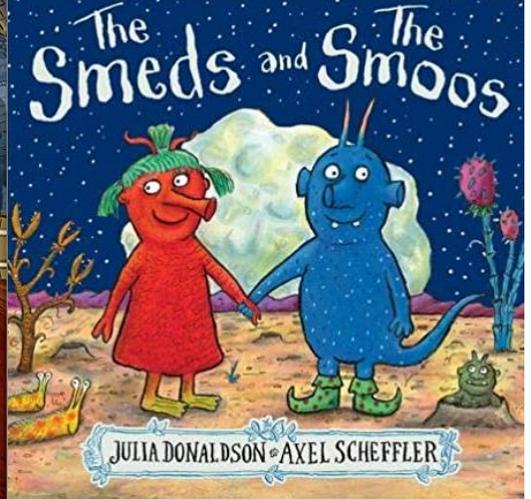
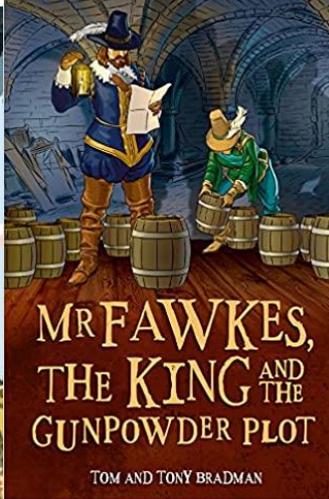
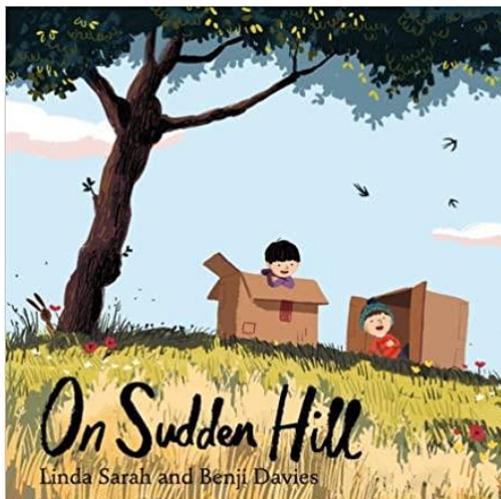
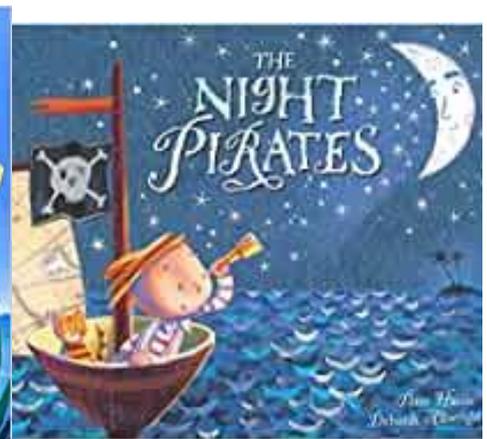
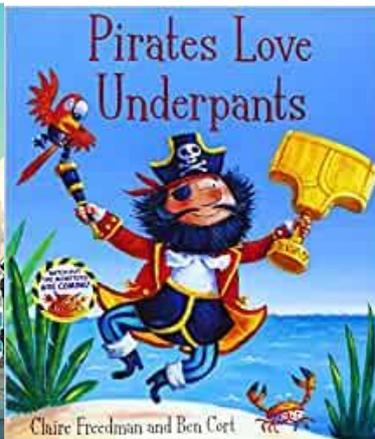
Computer code just got dangerous in this action-packed spy adventure series! Asha Joshi has the perfect excuse not to finish her homework. She's just been recruited to join the top-secret Children's Spy Agency. Her first mission: SAVE THE WORLD. Can she do it? Asha's a coder so she should be able to hack into the biggest tech company in the world, fight deadly sharks and figure out why the Internet has stopped working. All before bedtime. Easy, right? *The story is a great way to engage young readers in coding, critical-thinking and STEM. It is mapped onto key National Curriculum Computing KS1 and KS2 concepts including algorithms, conditionals and debugging.*





Class books

Our school topic this term is **Rebellion!** Meadow have been learning about pirates; Woodland have been learning about the Gunpowder Plot; Ocean have been learning about Boudicca and the Romans; Mountain have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. These are some of the books we've been reading this term. Sometimes, the class books link to the class topic; sometimes, they are just chosen because they are brilliant books!





Upcoming Events

October

1st October: National Poetry Day	National Poetry Day generates an explosion of activity nationwide, thousands of amazing events across the UK – in schools, libraries, bookshops and hospitals, on buses, trains and boats – all celebrating poetry’s power to bring people together. The 2020 theme is Vision. https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/
2nd – 11th October: Cheltenham Literature Festival	For book lovers everywhere, The Times and The Sunday Times hosts the Cheltenham Literature Festival, which is hoping to return from 2-11 October 2020, welcoming the world’s greatest writers and thinkers to Cheltenham. https://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature/
5th – 10th October: Libraries Week	Libraries Week is an annual showcase and celebration of the best that libraries have to offer. Each year we pick a theme and explore the innovative and surprising things that libraries are doing to support their communities. Libraries Week will celebrate the nation’s much-loved libraries and their vital role in the UK’s book culture. http://www.librariesweek.org.uk/

November

Blue Peter Book Award – shortlist announced!	Since 2000, the enormously popular and influential Blue Peter Book Awards have been recognising and celebrating the best authors, the most creative illustrators and the greatest reads for children. The Blue Peter Book Awards 2019 celebrates children's books published in the last year in two categories: the Best Story and the Best Book. https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-wedo/awards-and-prizes/current-prizes/blue-peter-bookawards/
Costa Book Awards – shortlist announced!	The Costa Book Awards honours books written by authors based in the UK and Ireland. There are five categories: First Novel, Novel, Biography, Poetry and Children's Book, with one of the five winners chosen as Book of the Year. The winner is announced every January. https://www.costa.co.uk/behind-the-beans/costa-bookawards/welcome

December

Early December: Royal Mail Letters to Santa (deadline TBC)	Each year, Santa's elves at the Royal Mail can help you get a letter from Santa, if children write to him by early December. https://www.royalmail.com/christmas/lettersto-santa
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