



## Autumn 2021

### Author Spotlight Jennifer Bell

**Chipping Norton  
Library**  
NEW opening hours

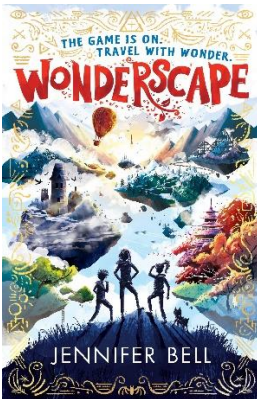


Jennifer Bell is a children's author. Mountains class are currently reading her book called *Wonderscape* – she kindly tweeted us about it at the beginning of the year!

Hi Sophie! How exciting! This is for them: Hi Mountain Class, I'm so thrilled that you've chosen to read *Wonderscape* this term. My inspiration for writing the book was to create a story that was every bit as exciting, immersive and fun as a video game. You're going to meet lots of interesting characters on this adventure, so hold on tight and enjoy the ride! Travel with wonder, Jennifer Bell x



*As a child, Jennifer loved listening to stories, but didn't like reading. In fact, most of the brilliant children's books that were published when she was growing up, such as the Harry Potter series and His Dark Materials were*



*recounted to her by her little sister on their walks to school. After University, Jennifer was gifted a copy of Eragon – a story about a boy who finds a dragon's egg. It was the first book she'd enjoyed reading cover to cover and, like a window, it opened up the magic of reading. She soon became an avid reader of children's books and got a job at the famous Foyles bookshop. Jennifer wrote her debut novel, The Uncommoners: The Crooked Sixpence, during her lunch breaks at Foyles.*

**Mon 9.30 – 5.30**  
**Tue 9.30 – 5.00**  
**Wed 9.30 – 5.00**  
**Thu Closed**  
**Fri 9.30 – 5.00**  
**Sat 9.30 – 4.00**  
**Sun 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), open every day

### Love Reading 4 Kids

[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.

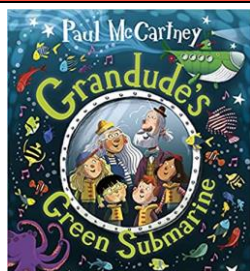
#### 8 reasons to join LoveReading4Kids:

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!)**



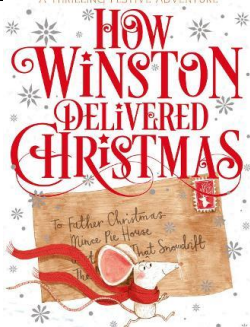


## Fiction: What's New...



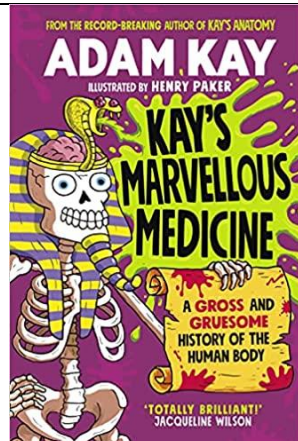
### **Grandude's Green Submarine by Paul McCartney** (aimed at KS1)

From Paul McCartney's legendary imagination comes this action-packed, rip-roaring adventure. Packed full of strange surprises, hilarious illustrations and heart-warming family fun. And there are plenty of delightful Beatles references that small (and big) Fab Four fans will adore. Jump aboard Grandude's magical green submarine and join the quest to find Nandude, following her musical trail around the world and deep beneath the sea. This celebration of fab grandparents is the perfect gift for younger readers.



### **How Winston Delivered Christmas by Alex T Smith** (aimed at KS1)

An advent story told in twenty-four-and-a-half chapters! When a mouse named Winston finds a lost letter addressed to Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, he sets off on an unforgettable journey to personally deliver the letter to Santa! How Winston Delivered Christmas is a heart-warming story, organized in twenty-four-and-a-half chapters, to share during the countdown to Christmas. Starting on December 1, children can read a chapter a day, and each chapter is followed by a fun and festive holiday activity to complete. This illustrated advent story tells of the adventures of an adorable mouse and how a good deed can lead to a very happy ending.

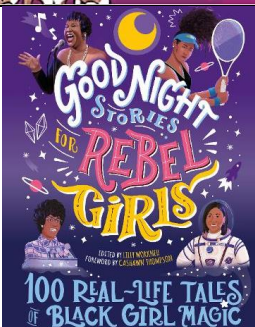


### **Kay's Marvellous Medicine: A Gross and Gruesome History of the Human Body**

The olden days were pretty fun if you liked wearing chainmail or chopping people's heads off but there was one TINY LITTLE problem back then . . . doctors didn't have the slightest clue about how our bodies worked. It's time to find out why Ancient Egyptians thought the brain was just a useless load of old stuffing that might as well be chucked in the bin, why teachers forced their pupils to smoke cigarettes, why hairdressers would cut off their customers' legs, and why people used to get paid for farting. (Unfortunately that's no longer a thing - sorry.)

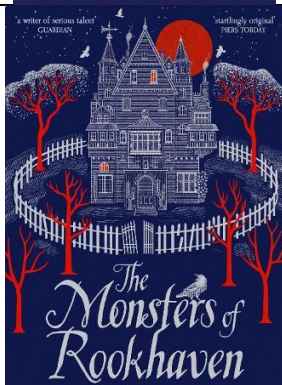
You'll get answers to questions like: Why did patients gargle with wee? How did a doctor save people's lives using a washing machine, a can of beans and some old sausages? What was the great stink? (No, it's not what doctors call your bum.)

If you're sure you're ready, then pop a peg on your nose (there was a lot of stinky pus back then), pull on your wellies (there was a lot of poo there too), wash your hands (because they certainly didn't) and explore this gross and gruesome history of the human body!



### **Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Real-Life Tales of Black Girl Magic**

This book celebrates the lives and accomplishments of 100 barrier-breaking Black women and girls who showcase the spirit of Black Girl Magic. Edited by award-winning journalist Lilly Workneh, with a foreword by CaShawn Thompson, creator of the hashtag #blackgirlsaremagic, the book includes brief biographies of real women from all walks of life in fairy tale form. Arranged in alphabetical order by first name, each brief biography is accompanied by a vibrant full-page illustration.



### **The Monsters of Rookhaven by Pádraig Kenny** (aimed at UKS2)

Mirabelle has always known she is a monster. When the glamour protecting her unusual family from the human world is torn and an orphaned brother and sister stumble upon Rookhaven, Mirabelle soon discovers that friendship can be found in the outside world. But as something far more sinister comes to threaten them all, it quickly becomes clear that the true monsters aren't necessarily the ones you can see.

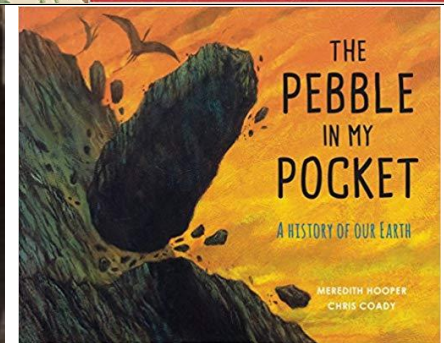
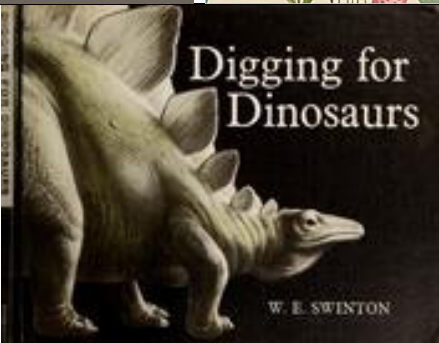
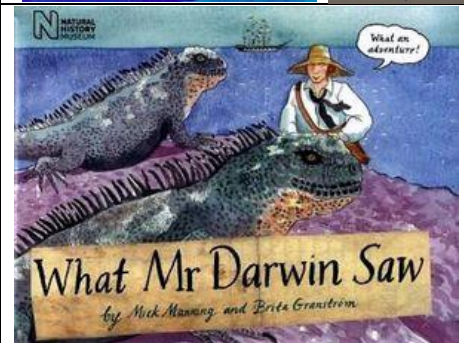
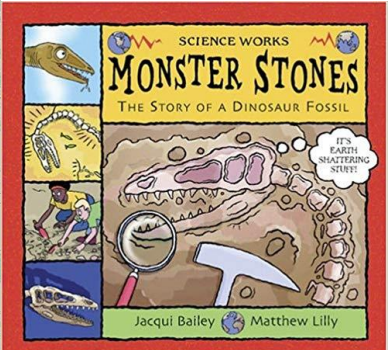
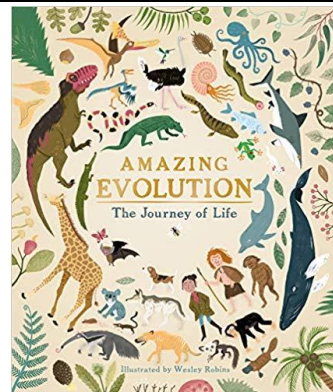
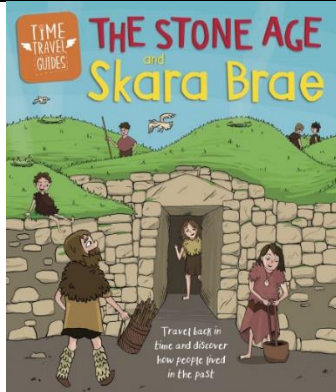
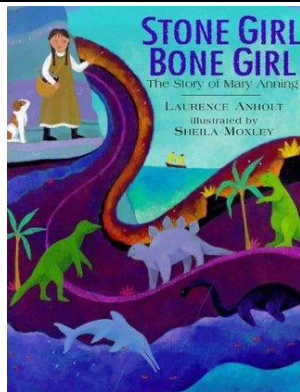
A thought-provoking, chilling and beautifully written novel, Pádraig Kenny's The Monsters of Rookhaven, stunningly illustrated by Edward Bettison, explores difference and empathy through the eyes of characters you won't want to let go.





## Class books

Our school topic this term is **Going Jurassic!** These are some of the books we'll be using in class. (Mountains – evolution; Ocean – Stone Age and fossils; Woodland – Mary Anning; Meadow – dinosaurs)



## Upcoming Events: October

### London Literature Festival (21<sup>st</sup> Oct)

Explore Southbank Centre's London Literature Festival this October. It brings together today's leading writers, thinkers and cultural observers for 11 days of talks, readings, poetry and performance. Hosted at London's Southbank Centre, it was originally founded by Ted Hughes in 1967. <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/london-literature-festival>

## Upcoming Events: November

### Non-Fiction November

Why not celebrate National Non-Fiction November by arranging an author visit or exploring one of the many types of non-fiction books for children and young people, any time during the month of November? You could team up with a library, local museum or organisation and build a session around books on a particular topic, such as local history or famous people. Theme: **the planet we share**. <http://fcbg.org.uk/national-non-fiction-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. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/awards-and-prizes/current-prizes/blue-peter-book-awards/>

### 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-book-awards/welcome>

## Upcoming Events: December

### Royal Mail Letters to Santa deadline (early Dec)

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/letters-to-santa>

