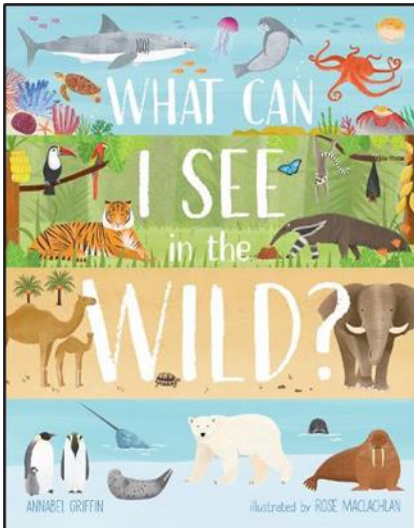


Yellow Parcel 1

What Can I see in the Wild?

By Annabel Griffin



What the selection panel said:

- Beautiful; nice illustrations
- Nicely laid out
- It has a lovely feel
- It is bright and colourful, and the text is chunky

About the book:

An introduction to some of the different creatures that can be found in different habitats around the world. In this non-fiction book, readers can learn about a variety of different animals, insects, birds and plants from the clear illustrations and short, bite-sized facts. The book is divided into four sections, each featuring a different habitat: the sea, the desert, polar regions and the rainforests. Did you know that anteaters eat about 35,000 ants and termites every day? Or that caribou have special hooves for travelling across the snow? A great book to dip into and explore.

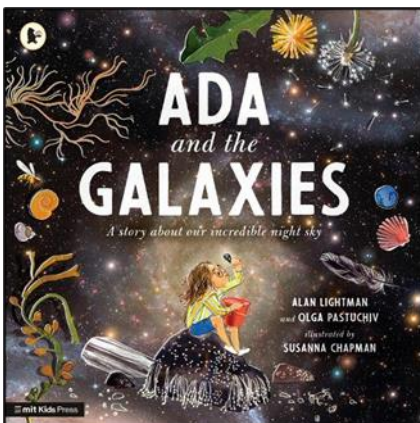
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You might also like:

Colours of the World: Green Planet by Moira Butterfield and Jonathan Woodward

Ada and the Galaxies

By Alan Lightman, Olga Pastuchiv and Susanna Chapman



What the selection panel said:

- Lovely illustrations and imparts information about space in an understandable and engaging manner
- A good starting point for kids interested in stars
- It was my favourite – it's pure escapism and the illustrations are beautiful
- It's a picture book but unusually it doesn't have a small child in it which is good

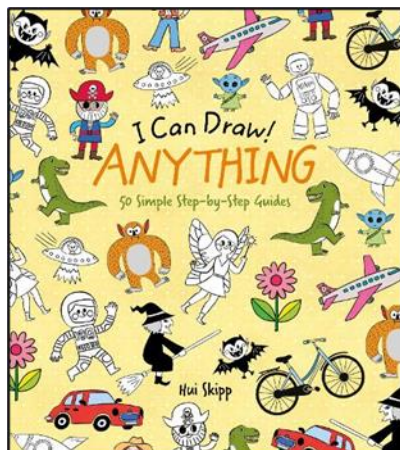
About the book:

Through the eyes of young child, this quiet story introduces the night sky and touches on some STEM concepts in a gentle way.

Ada loves the stars, but in the city where she lives, all the lights make it hard to see them, so she's excited to go and visit her grandparents in the countryside, where the night sky is dark. Ada enjoys the day playing on the beach with her grandparents, but when it finally gets dark, it's too foggy to see any stars. So instead, Ada and her grandfather look at some books showing photos of galaxies,

I Can Draw Anything

By William Potter and Hui Skipp



What the selection panel said:

- Kids this age all like drawing
- Contains loads of different things – pirates, princess, space stations

About the book:

A fun learn-to-draw book, with step-by-step guides to draw all sorts of different things, from cars and bikes to astronauts and superheroes, dragons and wizards.

You might also like:

Simple Drawing Step by Step by Arcturus Publishing

All Kinds of Friends

By Sophy Henn



What the selection panel said:

- I liked it; it looks at symbiosis and has parallels with different cultures
- Superb look at symbiosis in nature and how the unique qualities that enable these relationships to exist are a metaphor for encouraging humans from different cultures to engage with each other for our mutual benefit and enrichment
- I like this book as it could be used in a way for carers to show children that they are their friend, and they are there for them no matter what

About the book:

This simple, non-fiction illustrated picture book introduces the idea of animal friendships and how sometimes different animals work and play together. Did you know that hermit crabs give anemones free rides on their shells, and the anemones use their tentacles to keep predators away? Or that lemon sharks let the remora fish swim into its mouth to clean the sharks' teeth? A lovely introduction to the concept of symbiosis through the lens of friendship, highlighting how wonderful friendships can be. It includes some facts on the back page about the animals pictured.

Things to know about:

- The panel highlighted one story in the book about an orphaned rhino who was very lonely in their new home, where there were no other rhinos. However, the rescue centre paired the rhino up with a lamb and they became good friends
- The panel said: "This could be like our children's experience but it's not a bad thing as they could relate"; "That nods to our kids' experience and says it's positive and OK".

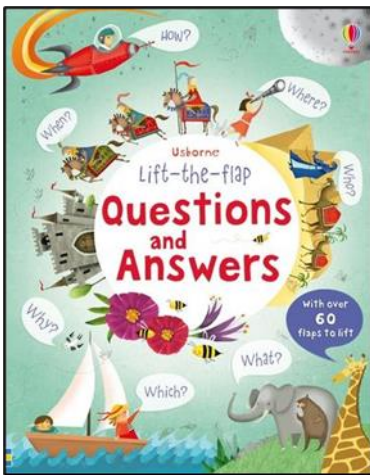
You might also like:

Animal Teams by Charlotte Milner (please note this is a higher reading level than *All Kinds of Friends*)

Yellow Parcel 3

Lift the Flap: Questions and Answers

By Katie Daynes and Marie-Eve Tremblay



What the selection panel said:

- Brilliant knowledge-based book
- Kids love finding out facts in lift-the-flap books
- With children that aren't fab readers I will read what it says on top, and they read what's underneath. It keeps their focus well. They feel like they need to know what's underneath the flap
- I really like the lift-the-flap reveal
- It's not too wordy

About the book:

This interactive non-fiction book asks – and answers – a selection of “how?” “what?” “where?” questions about the world. Where does my recycling go? Lift the flap the find out the answer. Other questions include things like: why do we have eyebrows? How deep is the sea? Who is the fastest person in the world?

A fun dip-in, dip-out book that encourages readers to think about the world around them.

You might also like:

Lift the Flap: Questions and Answers About Nature by Katie Daynes and Marie-Eve Tremblay

Jungle Adventure

By Lily Murray



What the selection panel said:

- I really liked it, it reminded me of the book “You Choose” by Nick Sharratt
- As you go through, you build a story and choose if you want people to come with you to the jungle, and if so who; how you make your way, e.g. by bus; and there are different paths you can take and there’s an exit strategy at the end
- Many of us have tried to encourage kids to write and this might do that
- A brilliant way to encourage either a reluctant or confident writer to write more and provides excellent cues and prompts

About the book:

Readers can create their own story and decide which direction they want to take it in with this “pick your own adventure” style book. Each page asks a question and shows lots of possible options to choose from in response. Who is going to be the hero of the story? Suggestions include an explorer, a scientist, a monkey, or a photographer. Readers can then decide lots of things like why they are in jungle, what they are carrying with them, who is on the journey with them, how they’re travelling, what route they’ll take, and so on. Great to share and read aloud, or to make it up in your head, or write it down. And there are many, many possible combinations!

Things to know about:

- The panel commented that “there are a lot of choices to be made to create your story and for some children the adult helping will have to decide which ones to use”.

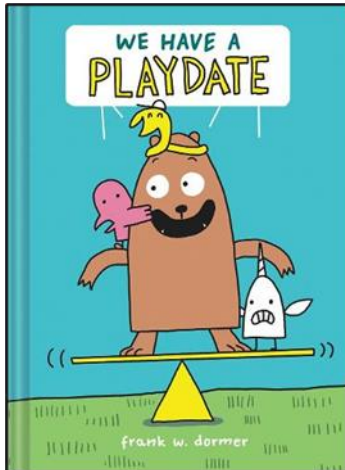
You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one, e.g. *Space Adventure*

Yellow Parcel 4

We Have a Playdate

By Frank Dormer



What the selection panel said:

- I quite liked it; I liked the comic style
- It teaches you about friendship and making new friends
- The pictures and language were fun

About the book:

This quirky, comic-style illustrated book is the story of four animal friends and their day hanging out at the park. Divided into four short stories, the friends encounter different, funny challenges as they make their way around the park, from the bear who is stuck on the slide, to snake having trouble holding on to the swings and figuring out the best arrangement to make the see-saw balance. Along the way, the friends

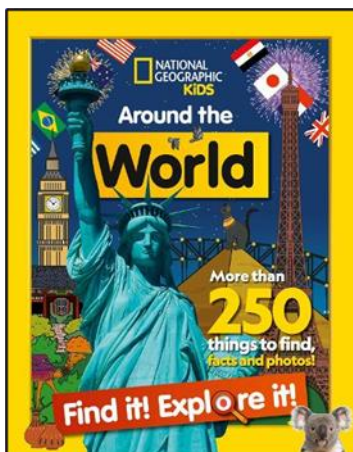
do their best to look out for one another – it might not be a typical day at the park but, the friends all agree it was a good one.

You might also like:

Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt by Ben Clanton

Around the World: Find it! Explore it!

By National Geographic Kids



What the selection panel said:

- I really loved this
- Children this age tend to be keen to find out about the world
- I think a lot of children would be interested in different countries and cultures and it'd probably be simplified for them there
- I think the interest level is good and it's good for them to learn about the world in a fun way

About the book:

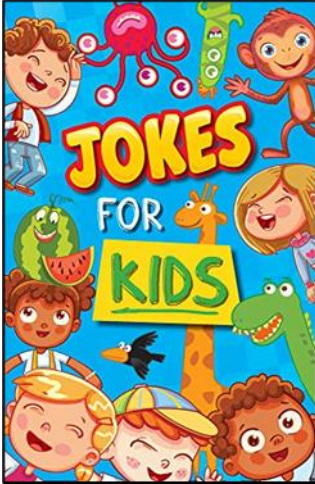
Readers can travel around the world in this book, which combines facts with search-and-find activities. With sections on each of the continents, featuring photographs and some key facts about that part of the world, it's great to dip in and out of. Did you know there are 23 different official languages in India? Or that there are over 380,000 objects and artworks in the Louvre Museum in Paris?

You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one, e.g. *Oceans Find it! Explore it!*

Jokes for Kids

By Sally Lindley and Joe Fullman



What the selection panel said:

- Love this book! Our looked-after children need some fun and laughter in their lives
- We all like jokes; it gives children the power of having the answer and making people laugh
- Good jokes; they made me laugh

About the book:

A colourfully illustrated book, packed with over 650 jokes to get readers giggling.

Things to know about:

- The “Funny Folk” section includes some jokes relating to family members

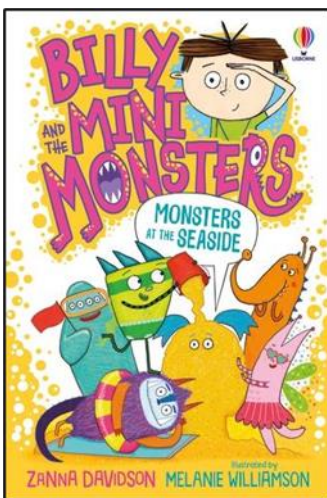
You might also like:

The Funniest Joke Book Ever by Lisa Regan

Yellow Parcel 5

Billy and the Mini Monsters: Monsters at the Seaside

By Zanna Davidson



What the selection panel said:

- Kids love Billy and his monster mates’ adventures
- A zany and fast-paced story that is full of illustrations and interspersed with a comic strip as a device to backfill the story
- It’s a story of friendship and how things we may not be keen to do can turn out to be positive experiences
- The books in this series are always a hit

About the book:

Books in the *Billy and the Mini Monsters* series are short chapter books about Billy and his collection of teeny tiny, friendly, and fluffy monsters and their adventures. Here, Billy, his family and the mini monsters are on a trip to the seaside. When a seagull swoops down, grabs one of the mini monsters, and flies off with him, Billy and the other mini monsters must mount a rescue mission. For the sake of his mini friends, Billy – who wasn’t very keen on visiting the beach in the first place – faces his sailing fears and sets off to around the coast to find the missing mini.

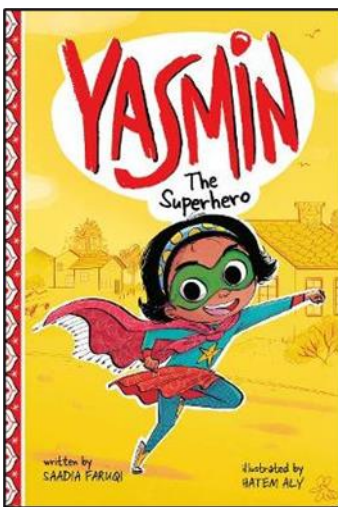
Reminiscent of the idea of the invisible friend, the stories are colourfully illustrated and include small comic-style sections where the storytelling switches to the mini monsters' perspectives, which is great for breaking up the text and changing the pace of the story.

You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one, e.g. *Monsters go to School*

Yasmin the Superhero

By Saadia Faruqi and Hatem Aly



What the selection panel said:

- It's a nice little story and is by a really interesting person
- It has a diversity theme and ethos to it
- It's a lovely story and there are nice things at the back of it too

About the book:

This short, illustrated story follows Yasmin as she spends her day trying to be a superhero. Yasmin loves reading superhero stories with her Baba and embarks on some imaginative play where she is a superhero. In her search for villains to challenge, without really realising it she helps several people who are being faced with an everyday challenge. Having not found any villains, she feels disappointed until Baba points out all the good deeds she did and that that's what real superheroes do.

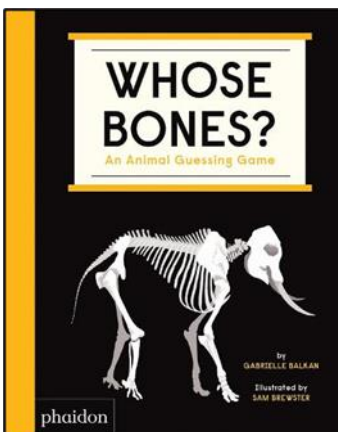
When Yasmin reimagines her day in "superhero mode" she realises he is right and, sees things in a new, fresh way.

You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one.

Whose Bones?

By Gabrielle Balkan and Sam Brewster



What the selection panel said:

- You use the clues to identify the animal from its skeleton
- I enjoyed it; it's not overly educational, it's just fun
- It's nice to hold

About the book:

This unusual non-fiction book invites to readers to guess the animal by looking at the pictured image of their skeletal structure and reading the clues about them. Unfolding the page then reveals an illustration of the animal, their name, and some further details about them. Which creature's spine allows them to bend and curve? Or can you guess

which animal has long arms, fingers, and toes to make them an expert tree climber? Interesting to look at alone, or to turn into a game with friends.

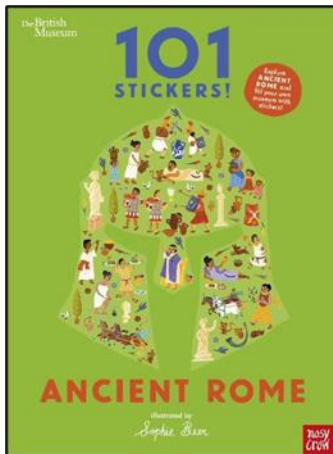
You might also like:

Book of Bones: 10 Record-Breaking Animals by Gabrielle Balkan

Yellow Parcel 6

101 Stickers: Ancient Rome

By Sophie Beer



What the selection panel said:

- Lots of fun and lots of facts
- Fantastic facts with added activities
- Has both photos and cartoon images; I really enjoyed it

About the book:

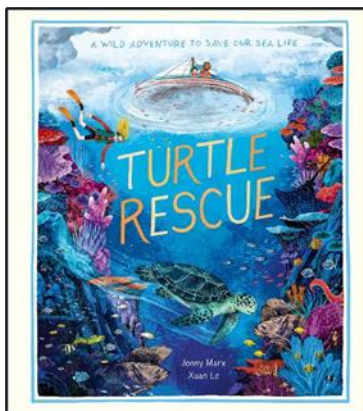
Enter the world of Ancient Rome with this fun sticker book. Each page shows a Roman setting for readers to add the stickers from the back of the book into to create their own Roman scene. Bite-size facts about the different locations are included, from chariot racing to the Pantheon.

You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one, e.g. *101 stickers Ancient Greece*

Turtle Rescue

By Xuan Le and Jonny Marx



What the selection panel said:

- Fantastically presented book, using lots of devices to engage the reader – lift-the-flap, cut-out-holes, landscape to portrait layout
- There's lots to look at even if you can't access the words
- There are parallel narratives of a simple fiction story of a family holiday and the environmental damage humans are doing to the environment of the turtle.

About the book:

A beautifully illustrated and interactive book following the explorers Flora and Fauna on a trip to the coast where, instead of a relaxing family holiday, they decide to investigate the plight of the sea turtles after meeting a local environmental campaigner. This gentle adventure story touches upon the problems of plastic waste



and its impact on ocean wildlife. It includes a stunning double-page fold-out of a coral reef and has facts about turtles and other sea creatures interspersed throughout the story. There's lots to look at and pour over in the pictures. This is a book that can be read again and again.

You might also like:

Ultimate Earth: Oceans and Seas by Miranda Baker and Gareth Lucas