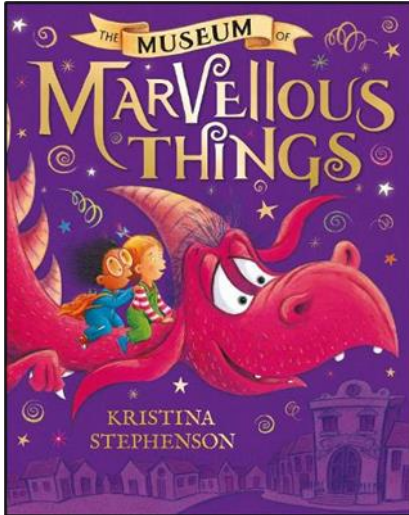


Orange Parcel 1

The Museum of Marvellous Things

By Kristina Stephenson



What the selection panel said:

- Bright and colourful
- Stand-out illustrations
- Great for children to understand that a magical world and the world of imagination is great – we all need a bit of magic and sparkle in our lives
- A beautiful book with a full-length proper story in it

About the book:

A story about believing in magic and the power of the imagination.

Norbert Norris is a very smart little boy who knows lots of things. When he's invited to visit Professor T. Pott's Museum of Marvellous Things, he learns he was asked to go because the

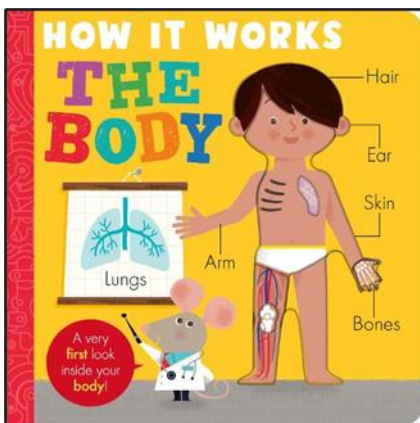
museum is in terrible trouble, and seeing as he knows so much, its current manager, Tilly Potts, is hoping Norbert will know how to save it. But this is a very unusual museum, quite different from any that Norbert has ever visited before: built with the magic from Professor Potts' imagination, it's filled with all sorts of unusual things from dragons and stars in jars to flying carpets and fairies. Now it's running out of magic and if Tilly and Norbert don't find some more soon, the museum and everything in it will disappear. After searching high and low for the answer, Norbert has an idea: he makes a wish – something he has never done before!

You might also like:

Once Upon a Dragon's Fire by Beatrice Blue

How it Works: The Body

By Amelia Hepworth and David Semple



What the selection panel said:

- I love the way the pages have cut-outs of different parts of the body on different pages to give you a good, age-appropriate look inside the body
- It uses real language for things
- I love this book
- Children will go back to it time and time again and it's so sturdy that they will be able to do that

About the book:

This non-fiction introduction to the human body is simple but informative, looking at the major aspects of the human body and how it works, including skin, senses, blood circulation, organs and bones. For example, did you know that we have over 600 muscles to help us move around? Cut-outs in the pages provide a fun and semi-interactive way to picture what the words are explaining.

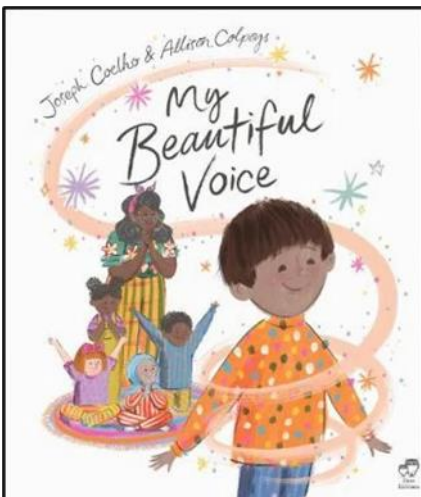
You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one, e.g. *How it Works: Rocket*

Orange Parcel 2

My Beautiful Voice

By Joseph Coelho and Allison Colpoys



What the selection panel said:

- Beautiful story
- I thought it was quite different; I just thought it was really powerful
- A nice colourful book for an early reader or to share with an adult
- I said, everyone wants a Miss Flotsam in their life, she's a great role model. The way it describes conquering that fear to speak is lovely

About the book:

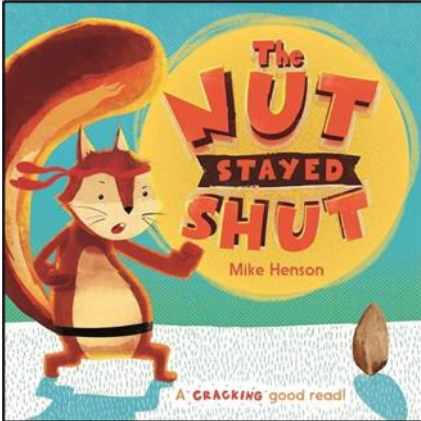
The child telling this story is very shy and anxious and doesn't like to speak in school. But when new teacher Miss Flotsam arrives, who's bright and vivacious and full of amazing stories, the young girl finds in Miss Flotsam someone she can trust. As the teacher encourages the class to explore poetry, gradually the narrator finds her voice and, though it is a little like battling through a fierce storm to get there, even the confidence to stand and read out her completed poem to the class.

You might also like:

Dream Big Little Mole by Tom Percival and Christine Pym

The Nut Stayed Shut

By Mike Henson



What the selection panel said:

- Colourful and fun with lots of interaction
- Imaginative, with unexpected ending – not everything is predictable!
- It's funny and bright
- It's good fun

About the book:

Rodney the squirrel loves to crack open the shells of nuts – and he's the best at it too. But now Rodney seems to have found a nut that he just can't crack! Determined to succeed, Rodney tries

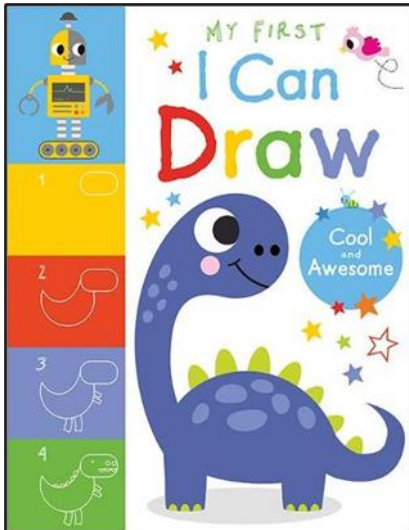
all sort of things to crack this particularly challenging nut. Will anything work? Or will this nut stay shut forever?

You might also like:

Supermouse by M.N. Tahl and Mark Chambers

My First I Can Draw: Cool and Awesome

By Amy Boxshall and Scott Barker



What the selection panel said:

- Straightforward, simple and steps to success
- I like the step-by-step instructions
- Simple to follow and the cover looks fun

About the book:

With simple step-by-step guides, children can try out their drawing skills. There's a variety of different objects to try out, from robots and racing cars to dinosaurs and space rockets.

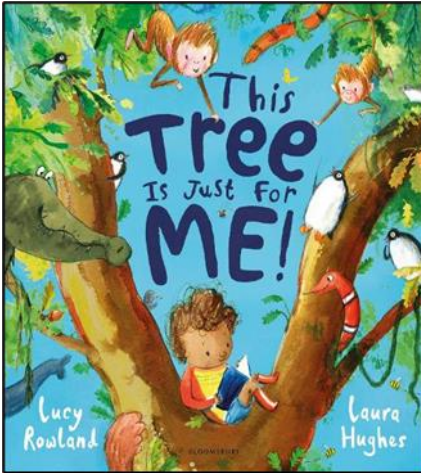
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Orange Parcel 3

This Tree is Just for Me

By Lucy Rowland and Laura Hughes



What the selection panel said:

- Fun and nice and colourful
- Lovely illustrations
- I like the ending where it tells us books are more fun read together
- The rhymes are perfect for an early reader

About the book:

A story about sharing and allowing others in, told in rhyme.

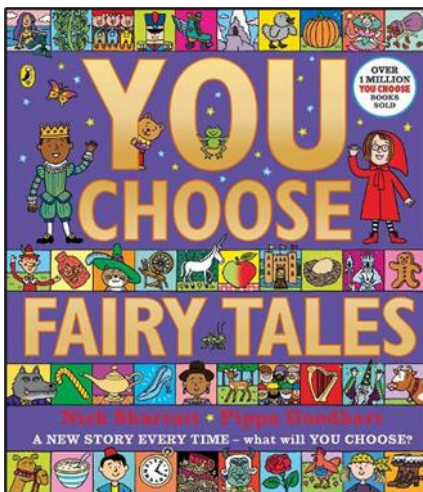
Jack is looking for somewhere quiet and calm to read his new book. Finding the perfect tree, he climbs into its branches and settles down, but he keeps getting interrupted by various different animals who want to play and chat – a tiger, an alligator, a snake, a monkey – and more and more animals! They're all quite fun to play with, but Jack really wants to read his book... He tries not to be rude, but as the tree becomes gradually more and more like a zoo, it all gets a bit too much and Jack shouts at them. But then, with everyone gone, it feels awfully quiet. Realising his mistake at sending the animals away, Jack asks them to come back and they settle down to read Jack's book all together.

You might also like:

Is it a Mermaid? By Candy Gourlay and Francesca Chessa

You Choose Fairy Tales

By Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart



What the selection panel said:

- The *You Choose* books are great for imaginative play
- This book is brilliant as it opens up the child's imagination and freedom of choice
- Every time you read it, it can be different
- It gives readers control over the book
- It's bright, colourful, an all-round good book that enables the children to run away with their imagination

About the book:

Just like the title suggests, it's up to readers to choose what happens in this book! Each page asks a question and provides lots of pictures to pick an answer from, with a fairy tale theme – which fairy

tale hero will you be today? The gingerbread man, a mermaid, a king or queen, Red Riding Hood? Readers can pick an activity for their hero to do, who their friend will be, where they're going to go, and thus build up the story they want to tell. A great book for sharing and to encourage empowerment and storytelling.

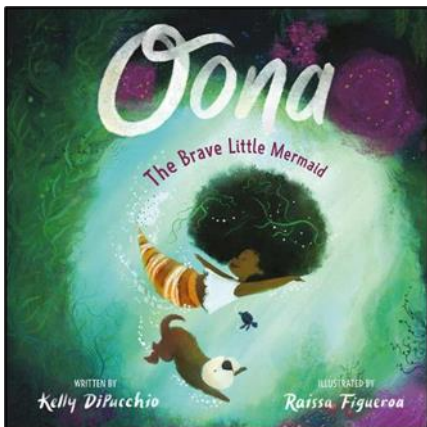
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Orange Parcel 4

Oona the Brave Little Mermaid

By Kelly DiPucchio and Raissa Figueroa



What the selection panel said:

- Beautiful colours and illustrations
- A great story on determination and imagination

About the book:

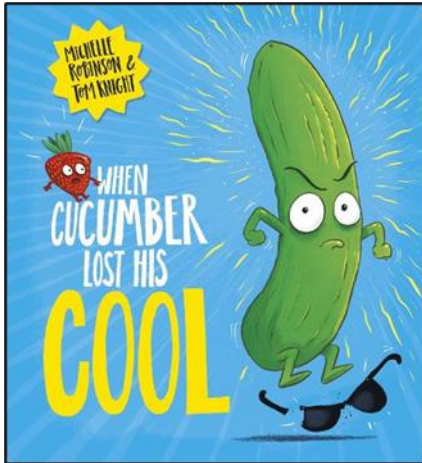
In this sweet, underwater story, Oona and her best friend Otto love treasure hunting and adventuring. They have rescued all sorts of things from the bottom of the ocean. When Oona spots an extra special and tempting treasure stuck deep in a rift, she is determined to find a way to reach it. But it's a very long way down and difficult to get to. She has several plans, but they don't quite work out as intended! Oona tries to forget about the treasure, but then has one final idea, involving the creation of special treasure-hunting goggles, which turn out to be a special treasure themselves.

You might also like:

The Wide, Wide Sea by Anna Wilson and Jennie Lovlie

When Cucumber Lost his Cool

By Michelle Robinson and Tom Knight



What the selection panel said:

- Rhyming prose makes this a great read that this age group will love
- Good book on how we can help others and how to help manage our emotions
- A good fun rhyming book for the early reader or to share with an adult
- Promotes healthy vegetables too – a bonus!

About the book:

This fun, rhyming story subtly explores feelings in a bright and positive way.

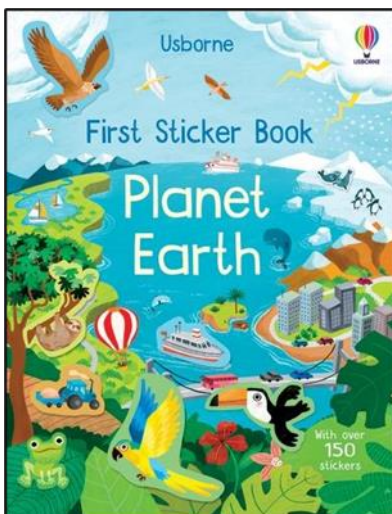
Kevin is the coolest cucumber in town. He's super chilled and confident, and happy to lead the way and show the other vegetables how to be as cool as a cucumber when they're feeling anxious or nervous. But as the veggies put his advice and top tips into action, suddenly everyone is looking as cool as Kevin. And suddenly Kevin is feeling anxious and flustered and stressed – and loses his cool! Now it's up to Kevin's friends to show him how much he's helped them and that by being yourself is the best.

You might also like:

Barbara Throws a Wobbler by Nadia Shireen

First Sticker Book: Planet Earth

By Kristie Pickersgill and Anna Mongay Monteso



What the selection panel said:

- A wonderful interactive way to learn about Planet Earth
- A trip around the world looking at environments, habitats, new animals, finding and matching animals and simple facts children will be “wowed by”
- Children will love the section full of stickers
- I like the detail in the illustrations

About the book:

Explore some different habitats around the world with this fun sticker book. Each page shows a different habitat for readers to add the stickers from the back of the book into to create their own animal scene, from the Amazon rainforest to the chilly Arctic.

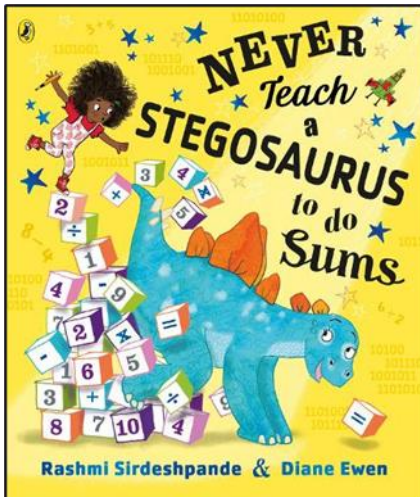
You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one, e.g. *First Sticker Book: Space*

Orange Parcel 5

Never Teach a Stegosaurus To Do Sums

By Rashmi Sirdeshpande and Diane Ewen



What the selection panel said:

- I really liked it
- There's lots to talk about in the illustrations
- It's about having another go at things when you don't do it the first time
- A great book – there are some really unexpected pages in there!

About the book:

Why should you never teach a stegosaurus to do sums? Because there will be so many things she can do with those numbers! With numbers, she'll not only be able to add up and take away, but crack codes, bake things and build things! In this storybook,

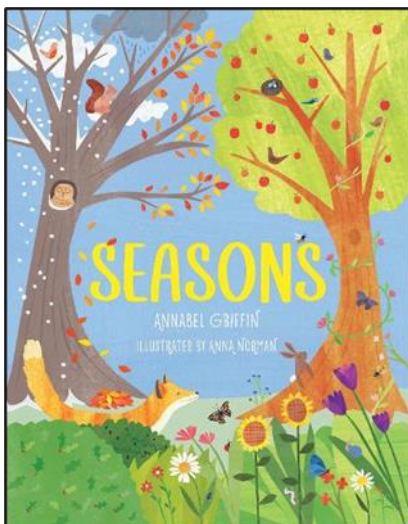
discover why maths is fun and how it can help you do all sorts of things, as this young girl's stegosaurus friend gets to grip with sums and then wants to use her new skill to help build a rocket, fly into space – and more! A brilliant blend of imagination, creativity and STEM ideas.

You might also like:

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

Seasons

By Annabel Griffin and Anna Norman



What the selection panel said:

- A great book for young minds to learn all about the changing seasons
- There is lots of detail
- I like the glossary

About the book:

This introduction to the seasons begins in the springtime and moves through the year, detailing different things happening in nature as the seasons turn. Trees begin to grow new leaves, then birds begin to nest. As it gets warmer, baby animals can be seen, there are lots more animals and insects around and some trees grow fruit. As autumn approaches, the days get shorter, the leaves on the trees change colour and animals begin to prepare for cooler

weather. Fully illustrated, with simple bite-size snippets of text, there are lots of things to learn and think about.

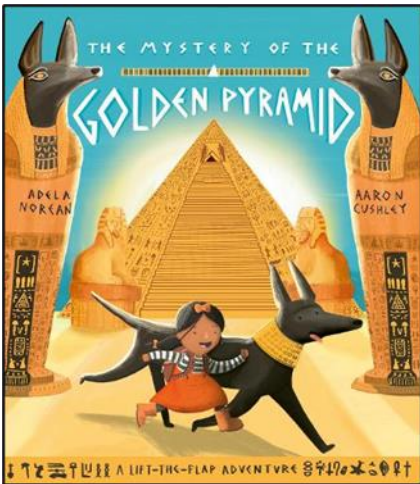
You might also like:

The *Lift-the-Flap First Questions and Answers* series by Usborne, which covers lots of nature topics, e.g. *How Do Animals Talk* and *What Makes it Rain?*

Orange Parcel 6

The Mystery of the Golden Pyramid

By Adela Norean and Aaron Cushley



What the selection panel said:

- I love this lift-the-flap for older readers
- A more in-depth adventure story
- I thought it was really interesting and I liked the texture of it
- It's grown up but has flaps etc. and things to do

About the book:

Sophie has been asked to find three missing amulets that once belonged to the Ancient Egyptian King Nebra. As the pharaoh's heir, only she will be able to take them from their hiding places. She has a map of their hidden locations and help from the King's dog, Ari. Together, Sophie and Ari visit the ancient Egyptian temples on the map and gather the amulets. Sophie must then

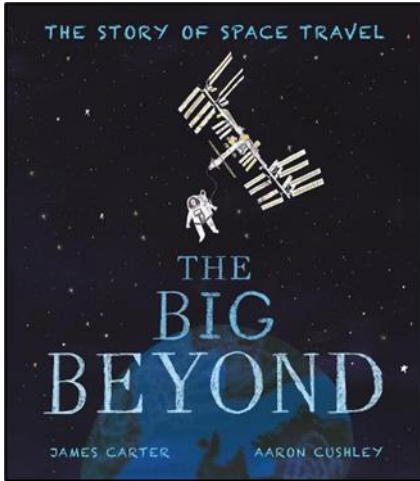
face her fear of the dark to take the amulets deep into a pyramid, solve the Goddess Isis's riddle, and return the amulets to King Nebra. In this interactive picture book, readers must peek under the flaps and turn the extra, shaped pages to get the full story – lots of fun to go back to again and again.

You might also like:

Try *Dragon Post* by Emma Yarlett for another interactive read

The Big Beyond

By Aaron Cushley and James Carter



What the selection panel said:

- I liked how the story rhymed, and the simple pictures illustrating the story
- A great book of facts in language suitable for children
- For any child interested in space, travel and facts, this book provides all the basics and more complex terms

About the book:

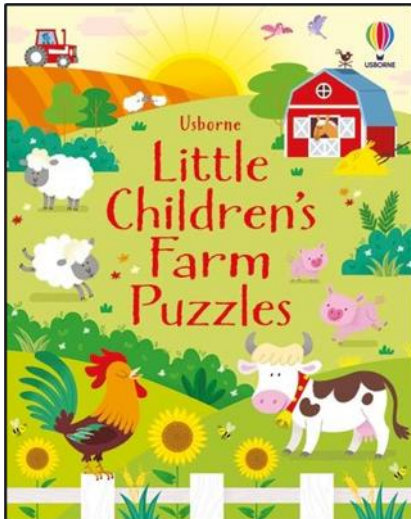
Non-fiction and poetry meet in this picture book that outlines the story of space travel, from the early peoples looking at the sky, asking questions and creating stories about the stars, to when the first rocket flew, and the first people walked on the moon. It includes some interesting facts at the end.

You might also like:

The Awesome Night Sky by Kay Barnham and Maddie Frost

Little Children's Farm Puzzles

By Kirsteen Robson and Various



What the selection panel said:

- Lots of interactive puzzles, simple words, numbers and matching games
- An entertaining little book for keeping children busy
- Simple enough to be done with some independence but fun layout and colourful.

About the book:

Lots of different puzzles and activities to keep children busy and entertained, e.g. follow the trail; search and find; connect the dots; spot the difference. Answers are included at the back.

You might also like:

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