

# Your guide to Bookbuzz 2024



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## Welcome to Bookbuzz!

Bookbuzz is an exciting reading programme developed by BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity.

It gives your Year 7 and 8 students the chance to choose and keep a book they'll love, to help get them excited about reading.

With 16 fantastic titles to choose from, we're sure every student will find something to inspire them to become lifelong readers.

Bookbuzz is a great way to embed a reading for pleasure culture in your school, right from transition and this guide will provide all the tools you'll need to successfully deliver the programme and scaffold student's choices.

**Let's get started!**

# Bookbuzz in five easy steps

## Step 1



### Get ready for Bookbuzz

Tell your students about Bookbuzz so they can spread the word and create a buzz about reading in your school.

## Step 2



### Launch Bookbuzz

There are lots of ways to launch Bookbuzz. We have some ideas included in this guide on page 6.

## Step 3



### Collect students' choices and place your order

Ask your students to mark their choices on their bookmarks and hand them back to you. Then log in to your account on the Bookbuzz website ([booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz](http://booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz)) to tell us how many copies of each book you want.

We'll send you an email to let you know when your books are on their way.

## Step 4



### Your books arrive

This is the fun part. You can give students their books in lessons or host a special event, such as a Bookbuzz breakfast or festival!

## Step 5

### Keep the buzz going

The buzz doesn't have to stop when the books arrive – this guide has lots of ideas to keep that love of reading going. Find out what other schools are up to on page 17, check out the **More great books** section on page 18, and visit our website to take part in the Bookbuzz challenge, competitions and quizzes.





# Key dates for your diary

## Ordering opens

### 9 September

From this date, you can order your students' books via our website: [booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz](https://booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz).

For help placing your order, visit the Bookbuzz FAQ page on our website.

## Extra student deadline

### 20 September

If you need to add more students to your order (minimum of five), please contact [bookbuzz@booktrust.org.uk](mailto:bookbuzz@booktrust.org.uk) by this date. Payment must be received for all students, including extra students, before we can take your order.

## Early Bird ordering deadline

### 30 September

Order your students' books online by this date and get a free set of books (while stocks last).

## Final ordering deadline

### 18 October

You must order your students' books by this date to guarantee they receive their chosen book.

## Books arrive

### By the end of the autumn term

As long as you have ordered by 18 October, your order should arrive by the end of the autumn term.

## Contact us

Visit the [Bookbuzz FAQ page](#) on our website to help answer any queries you have. If you're still not sure, then please contact us at [bookbuzz@booktrust.org.uk](mailto:bookbuzz@booktrust.org.uk).



# What's in my launch pack?

## 2024 Bookbuzz book collection

Your launch pack contains two copies each of this year's Bookbuzz titles to help your students choose their book and create eye-catching displays in your library or classroom.

## Bookmarks

There's a bookmark for each student to keep and enjoy once you've taken their Bookbuzz choices. On each bookmark are tick boxes so students can make a note of their chosen book.

## Poster

This bright and colourful poster can be used in your classroom or library to get your students excited about Bookbuzz!

## What's available online?

Visit the coordinator area on our website [booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz](http://booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz) to find everything you need to run Bookbuzz in your school. The **Bookbuzz film** is a quick and easy way to launch Bookbuzz and can help your students decide which book is right for them. You'll also find a letter template, so you can tell parents and carers that their child is taking part in the scheme.

Students can head to the **student zone** on the website to find quizzes, competitions and blogs from featured authors. There are also lots of book recommendations, resources and ideas to help you inspire your students to get reading: [booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz](http://booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz).





# Launching Bookbuzz in your school

Reading is just part of the fun! Bookbuzz is all about giving students a choice to find a book they'll enjoy. Here's how you can support them in the process:



## Prepare the school for Bookbuzz

- **Read this guide** and **watch the Bookbuzz film** in the coordinator area of our website so you get to know the Bookbuzz titles and can help students choose the book that's right for them.
- Share the Bookbuzz books with your colleagues to **spread the word** about Bookbuzz. You can even encourage staff to put up a 'My Bookbuzz book is...' sign in their classrooms and talk about why they chose that title.
- **Tell parents and carers** that your school is taking part in Bookbuzz. You can even use Bookbuzz to inspire a love of reading at home. A template parent and carer letter can be downloaded from the coordinator area.

## Launch Bookbuzz with the students

- Get your students talking about the books by **creating a display in your library or classroom** using the poster and books in your launch pack.
- **Show your students the Bookbuzz film**, which includes a short introduction to each book. You may want to pause between each book and ask the students to discuss what they've seen.
- Let students **flick through the Bookbuzz books** so they can get an impression of the look and length of each title.
- Encourage students to **focus on what they like**, helping them to match their interests and reading habits to one of the 16 books.





# Your guide to the Bookbuzz books

**With help from a panel of school librarians, teachers and children's reading advocates, we've selected 16 books for this year's Bookbuzz programme that we think students aged 11 to 13 will love.**

To support you in helping students make their choice, the next few pages contain some information on each of the Bookbuzz titles. This includes a short description of the book, key themes and who it might appeal to. There are also some recommended reads to help your students find their next book.



# Steady for This

By Nathanael Lessore

**Genre:** Humour, Real-life, Drama

**Key themes:** music, low-income, young carer, family, friendship, courage, bullying, going viral, comedy

**Perfect for:** anyone who'd like a story full of humour that's about real-life challenges, friendship and being yourself

**Pages:** 272



## Summary

Wannabe rapper Shaun – aka MC Growls – has a talent for words and a uniquely comedic approach to life, but when he accidentally livestreams a highly embarrassing conversation with his mum, he goes viral for all the wrong reasons. With money trouble, school bullies, and best friend Shanks barely talking to him, Shaun's dreams of winning the upcoming Raptology competition are in tatters. Can he find the courage to step back up to the mic and show the world what he's really made of?

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *Sunny* by Jason Reynolds
- *The Den* by Keith Gray
- *Booked* by Kwame Alexander

# Murder at Snowfall

By Fleur Hitchcock

**Genre:** Crime, Mystery

**Key themes:** detectives, family, conspiracy, secrets, winter

**Perfect for:** those who love an atmospheric and intriguing murder mystery

**Pages:** 272



## Summary

When Ruby's stepbrother Lucas dares her to open the abandoned trunk they've spotted in a snow-covered layby, they make a grisly discovery: a dead body. And it's someone they know, too: Dr Price. Who would want to kill him and why? Ruby and Lucas are soon caught up in a chilling chain of events, from break-ins to creepy cars following them home. They're determined to piece everything together, but whoever is responsible for Dr Price's murder will do anything to stop them from uncovering the truth...

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *The Very Merry Murder Club* edited by Serena Patel and Robin Stevens
- *The Arctic Railway Assassin* by M. G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman
- *The Detention Detectives* by Lisa Jardine



# Quiet Storm

By Kimberley Whittam

**Genre:** Real-life, Drama, Coming-of-age

**Key themes:** sport/athletics, shyness, friendship, family, bullying, finding your voice, self-belief

**Perfect for:** those who enjoy a real-life story about anxieties, friendships and figuring out where you belong

**Pages:** 272



## Summary

Storm is incredibly shy; she hates to stand out from the crowd and prefers her best friend Zarrish to do all the talking. But everything is changing now they're in year seven. Zarrish has new friends who aren't exactly friendly to Storm, things at home are upside-down, and Storm has discovered a talent for something Zarrish says is a waste of time: athletics. Faced with lots of new choices, Storm must figure out what being a good friend really means and how to speak up for herself.

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *The After School Crime Club* by Hayley Webster
- *Girl on the Fly* by Nansubuga Nagadya Isdahl
- *Finding My Voice* by Aoife Dooley

# Like a Charm

By Elle McNicoll

**Genre:** Magic, Adventure, Mystery

**Key themes:** family secrets, magical creatures, dyspraxia/neurodivergence, friendship, being different

**Perfect for:** those who like emotionally intelligent stories with mystery, hints of magic and empowering neurodivergent characters

**Pages:** 336



## Summary

When Ramya's estranged grandfather dies, he leaves her a mysterious book, a three-word warning, and the revelation that not only do dangerous magical creatures live amongst us, but she alone has the ability to see through their magical 'glamour'. Determined to learn more about this new world – Ramya sets out to unravel the family secrets that have been kept from her and solve the mystery of her grandfather's warning – 'Beware the Sirens' – she must face the question of who she can really trust.

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *City of Ghosts* by Victoria Schwab
- *Fablehouse* by E. L. Norry
- *Spellstone* by Ross Montgomery

# Horrible Histories: Ghosts

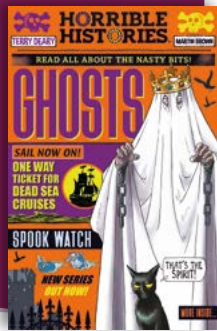
By Terry Deary and Martin Brown

**Genre:** Nonfiction, Humour, History

**Key themes:** ghosts, storytelling, myths, true stories

**Perfect for:** anyone who loves nonfiction or a fun book to dip in and out of – with a supernatural twist!

**Pages:** 192



## Summary

Do you believe in ghosts? People have been telling ghost stories for hundreds of years, but where do the stories come from? Are they real or invented? Step back in time and discover frightful facts, ghostly tales and ghastrly legends! The Horrible Histories team have gathered ghost stories from Ancient Egypt to the twentieth century and packed this book with spooky stories, from restless queens and ancient curses to ghost ships, unsolved mysteries, and 'ghosts' with scientific explanations too.

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *Real-Life Mysteries* by Susan Martineau
- *Horrible Histories: Gruesome Great Houses* by Terry Deary and Martin Brown
- *Spooky Stories of the World* by Wendy Shearer

# 21% Monster

By P. J. Canning

**Genre:** Action, Thriller, Horror

**Key themes:** crime, superhuman skills, secret organisations, genetic programming

**Perfect for:** anyone who'd love a gripping, edge-of-your-seat action adventure with lots of twists and turns

**Pages:** 304



## Summary

Darren has always felt different to his family and friends. After he accidentally destroys his school with his bare hands, he meets Marek, who reveals the truth: Darren has monster DNA – he's 21% monster, in fact. Darren and Marek were both created by the highly secretive 'Project Helix', and now those people want to eliminate them. The two boys must combine their different superhuman skills and work as a team to stay ahead of the Project Helix agents – but can Darren truly trust Marek?

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *The Vanquishers* by Kalynn Bayron
- *Alex Rider: Nightshade* by Anthony Horowitz
- *The Haven* by Simon Lelic

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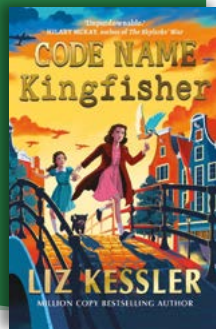
By Liz Kessler

**Genre:** Drama, History, Real-life

**Key themes:** World War II, Holocaust, family history, school, friendships, bullying

**Perfect for:** those who like stories inspired by real events and great adversity, and stories that make you think

**Pages:** 336



## Summary

In Holland, 1942, Nazi power is rising. For their safety, Jewish sisters Mila and Hannie are given new identities and sent to live with strangers. Mila just wants to be a normal kid, but Hannie's determined to fight back and joins the resistance, drawing them both into danger. In present day, Liv's grandmother, Bubbe, never talks about her past. When Liv finds a box in the attic filled with things from Bubbe's childhood, she's intrigued – can she somehow get Bubbe to open up about her past?

## Note:

Includes a scene of a challenging nature (off-page killing of a main character)

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan* by Sufiya Ahmed
- *Safiyah's War* by Hiba Noor Khan
- *Digging for Victory* by Cathy Faulkner

# Animal Record Breakers

By James Fair

**Genre:** Nonfiction, Animals, Around the World

**Key themes:** facts, animals, science, nature

**Perfect for:** fact lovers, those who like to dip into books and learn something new; a more accessible book with less text

**Pages:** 96



## Summary

From the strongest and shortest to the longest and laziest, this book is full of astonishing facts and fantastic photographic images of the most exceptional creatures on Earth. Did you know there is a four-eyed fish? Or that the Aztecs believed axolotls were gods in disguise? Speaking of disguises, which creature do you think is the best at camouflage? From the creepy and strange-looking to the cute and cuddly-looking, readers will discover lots of surprising mammals, birds and insects and what makes them extraordinary.

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *Superheroes of Nature* by Georges Feterman
- *Animal All Stars* by Clare Balding and The Boy Fitzhammond
- *Return to FACTopia!* by Kate Hale and Andy Smith



# Total Mayhem: Monday – Into the Cave of Thieves

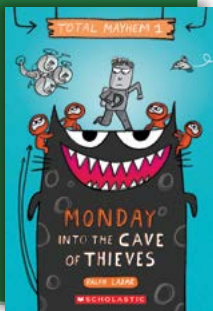
By Ralph Lazar and Lisa Swerling

**Genre:** Humour, Quest, Illustrated

**Key themes:** action, comedy, mystery, inventions/gadgets, superhero action

**Perfect for:** students who'd love a totally zany and funny book with silly capers, less text and lots of illustrations

**Pages:** 208



## Summary

Meet Dash Candoo: not quite your average school kid. And a typical school day for Dash is anything but average too. On Monday, before he's even had breakfast, he's attacked by a squad of combat-ready scallywags and the two-tailed Devil Cat. Things get even stranger at school, where there's an unusual number of zany and madcap 'Total Mayhem' situations between lessons. It seems that the forces of chaos are conspiring against Dash – can he figure out what's going on and save the day?

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *Cat on the Run* by Aaron Blabey
- *Super Dweeb and the Pencil of Destiny* by Jess Bradley
- *Peng and Spanners* by Steve Webb

# Glow Up, Lara Bloom

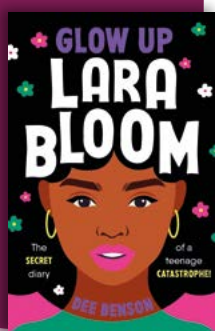
By Dee Benson

**Genre:** Coming-of-age, Diary, Real-life

**Key themes:** diaries, self-confidence, humour, friendship, school, sport, bullying, puberty, first crush

**Perfect for:** those looking for a fun story featuring real-life everyday things like school, friends, first crushes – and all the drama that comes with them

**Pages:** 368



## Summary

Three things to know about Lara Bloom: she's captain of the school football team; best friends with Anaya, Becky and Kayleigh; and top-notch at embarrassing herself. Lara also pours all her most secret thoughts, feelings and dilemmas into a private online journal – including her crush on the dreamy new boy, Caiden. It's definitely not because of Caiden's arrival that Lara and her friends decide to give themselves the ultimate glow up – it's for their own wellbeing, obviously. But will the glow up have the result Lara desires?

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks* by Katie Kirby
- *The Offline Diaries* by Yomi Adegoke and Elizabeth Uviebinené
- *Vote for Effie* by Laura Wood

# Nic Blake and the Remarkables

By Angie Thomas

**Genre:** Magic/Fantasy, Adventure, Quest

**Key themes:** family secrets, friendship, magical powers, mythology, identity, courage

**Perfect for:** anyone who loves epic quests and magical adventures – think 'Harry Potter' meets 'Black Panther'

**Pages:** 336



## Summary

Nic Blake is a Manifestor – someone with a magical Gift and who can see other magical beings. Frustratingly, Nic's dad keeps delaying teaching her how to use her Gift. Then, on her twelfth birthday, Nic makes a shocking discovery and her world is changed forever. Her dad is in terrible trouble and now it's up to Nic to figure out her Gift and navigate the Manifestor world to find the legendary Msaidizi – a long-lost magical weapon – or risk losing her dad forever.

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *Casander Darkbloom and the Threads of Power* by P. A. Staff
- *Adia Kelbara and the Circle of Shamans* by Isi Hendrix
- *The Whisperwicks* by Jordan Lees

# Tutankhamun's Treasure

By David Long and Stefano Tambellini

**Genre:** Nonfiction, History, Around the world

**Key themes:** treasure-hunting, true story, mythology, Ancient Egyptians

**Perfect for:** those who'd enjoy a nonfiction book about a real-life historical discovery; printed in a super-readable, dyslexia-friendly format

**Pages:** 96



## Summary

Stories of Ancient Egyptian pharaohs and the amazing things hidden inside their tombs have fascinated people for hundreds of years and the legend of Tutankhamun's treasure – and its supposed curse – is one of the most famous real-life treasure-hunting stories. Find out about how Tutankhamun's tomb was uncovered, the people who found it, the importance of its discovery, what was inside, and some of the strange events that came afterwards – and decide for yourself if the curse is real.

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *Everything: Ancient Egypt* by National Geographic Kids
- *The Story of Tutankhamun* by Patricia Cleveland-Peck and Isabel Greenberg
- *What it was like to be an Ancient Maya* by David Long and Stefano Tambellini

# The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries: Drama and Danger

By J. T. Williams

**Genre:** Crime, Mystery, Historical

**Key themes:** friendship, family, detectives, theatre, slavery, bravery

**Perfect for:** those who love adventure-mysteries with determined and daring characters and true-life historical themes

**Pages:** 368



## Summary

Lizzie's dad is making history as the first Black man to play Shakespeare's Othello live on stage. But on opening night he's nearly killed by a falling chandelier. Everyone says it's an accident, but Lizzie knows she saw someone behaving suspiciously – and her new friend Dido did too. The girls team up to investigate together, and they're soon caught up in a shocking conspiracy. Can they navigate their new friendship and work out what is happening on the streets of London in time to prevent a murder?

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *The Secret Detectives* by Ella Risbridger
- *The Houdini Inheritance* by Emma Carroll
- *Nush and the Stolen Emerald* by Jasbinder Bilan

# Lost on Gibbon Island

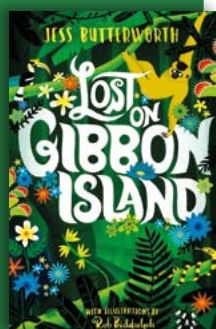
By Jess Butterworth

**Genre:** Adventure, Around the world, Diary

**Key themes:** animal conservation, environment, survival, crime

**Perfect for:** anyone who'd like a wildlife-themed adventure with a mystery to solve and plenty of peril

**Pages:** 288



## Summary

Lark is on a family trip to Cambodia when a dolphin-watching trip goes horribly wrong: the boat is attacked and Lark winds up shipwrecked, alone, on an uninhabited jungle island. She has barely any food and water and is surrounded by dangers – snakes, baking sun, jellyfish-infested waters and more. What will it take to survive? And why would someone attack her boat like that? Lark must decide whether to wait and hope for rescue, or try to find her own way off the island...

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *Wild* by Ele Fountain
- *The Boy Who Saved a Bear* by Nizrana Farook
- *Blue's Planet: Australia* by Lucy McRobert and Alisha Monnin



# Barry Loser: Total Winner

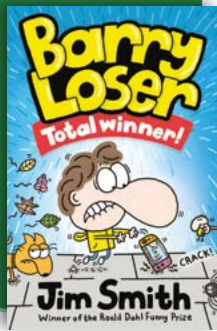
By Jim Smith

**Genre:** Graphic Novel, Humour

**Key themes:** friendship, family, imagination, school, comedy

**Perfect for:** those who'd enjoy a super-fun, shorter read in a graphic novel format

**Pages:** 240



## Summary

Barry Loser might be a Loser by name, but he's going to prove he's actually a Total Winner. In each of these short stories, Barry endeavours to prove his brilliance as he faces totally "normal" everyday scenarios, from managing jealousy to yawning epidemics, replacement noses, voodoo dolls and – possibly the worst of all – being banned from gaming. Barry's tendency for drama causes a fair amount of chaos, but he faces every challenge head on with a dash of creativity and the support of his best friends.

## If your students like this, why not try:

- *Agent Moose* by Mo O'Hara
- *Pablo and Splash* by Sheena Dempsey
- *Agent 9: Flood-a-Geddon* by James Burks

# Running Out of Time

By Simon Fox

**Genre:** Action, Crime, Thriller, Science fiction, Real-life

**Key themes:** human trafficking, seeing the future, seeking truth, refugees, bravery, family, human rights

**Perfect for:** anyone who'd love an action-packed and fast-paced thriller with life threatening dangers

**Pages:** 304



## Summary

Alex and his dad are on the run across Europe, after his dad was caught stealing classified files that will expose the truth about their country's brutal government. After they get separated, Alex is on his own, now an unaccompanied refugee. He needs to find out what happened to his dad and get the stolen documents out into the world – but who can he trust to help him? Caught between two groups of bad guys, he has one thing on his side: an extraordinary ability to pause time...

## If your students like this, why not try:

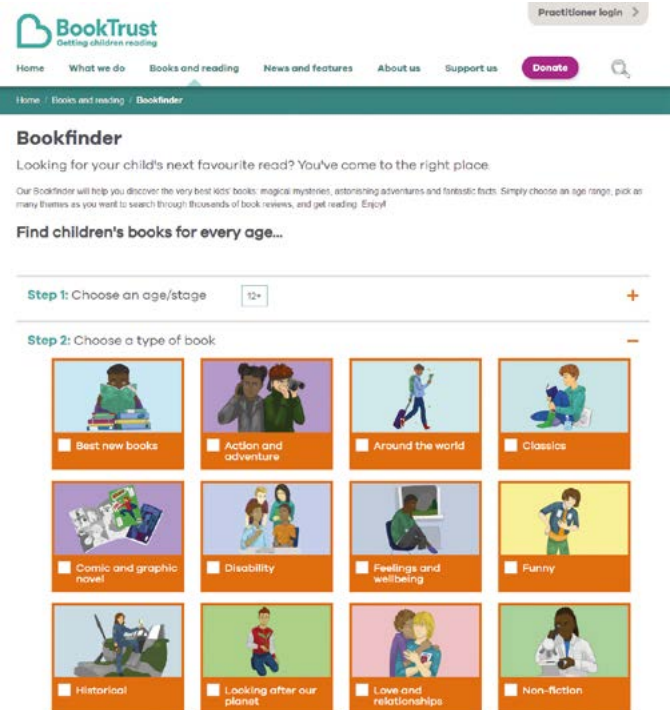
- *Black Hole Cinema Club* by Christopher Edge
- *Swift and Hawk: Cyberspies* by Logan Macx
- *Swarm Rising* by Tim Peake and Steve Cole

# While you wait...

Waiting for anything can feel like a lifetime, especially when students are keen to get reading. Here are some tips to keep up their enthusiasm while you wait for that exciting delivery:



- Ask students to find out more about their chosen Bookbuzz author by using the **blogs** and **videos** on our website.
- Download the **Bookbuzz challenge** from the coordinator area, which has ideas of activities for students.
- Invite students to choose other books with the help of our **BookTrust Bookfinder**, available at [booktrust.org.uk/bookfinder](http://booktrust.org.uk/bookfinder)
- **Host a library scavenger hunt** with the Bookbuzz titles to help students learn how to use the library.
- **Create a Bookbuzz scoreboard** to show which titles were most popular across the school.



Bookbuzz is always planned into our curriculum time. We'll show the video, which is helpful to give students a little taste of what the books are about. I also think it's lovely for them to see the authors and the different kinds of people that write books. The launch pack is user-friendly. Having the taster box of books so the kids can actually have a look at them makes such a huge difference.

**Emma Zipfel**

English Teacher,  
Arts and Media School Islington

One of our Year 7 pupils is on a reduced timetable due to complex needs. I was told he hates reading. However, upon receiving his Bookbuzz book, his form tutor noticed he'd started reading it during silent reading time. We then discovered he'd been finding corners in the corridors to hide and read it, because he was enjoying it so much. He's now requested to read more books by the same author and joined my book club.

**Michelle Waghorn**

School Librarian,  
The Sweyne Park School, Essex

# Keep the buzz going

Your books are here! So, what's next?

Keep students engaged in reading with some of the following ideas:

- Encourage students to **make film trailers for their Bookbuzz books** to share with other students.
- **Host a 'battle of the books'** with students who want to read all the Bookbuzz books by pitting one book against another (like a sports bracket competition) until one book is crowned champion.
- **Make a library display** of other books by the Bookbuzz authors or the additional books recommended in this guide.
- **Create a 'swap sheet'** so students can swap their books with another student and then share lunch in the library to discuss their two selected books.
- **Arrange an author visit** (in-person or virtual) from one of the Bookbuzz authors or another favourite author through Authors Aloud: [authorsalouduk.co.uk](http://authorsalouduk.co.uk)

## Register for BookTrust Represents

BookTrust Represents is a programme created to promote and improve the representation of people of colour in children's books so that all children read a range of books that reflect them and their wider communities.

Keep the reading buzz going and join us each term for a live virtual author event with some of the leading names in children's literature as they share the inspiration behind their books, set interactive writing exercises and answer your questions in a live Q&A.

**Register your school via our website**  
[www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)



Bookbuzz is such an important part of the school. Being able to say: 'Look at this amazing book– you can read it for free, it's yours to keep' can start that journey of students coming to me in the library and saying: 'Have you got any others?' And I can say to them: 'I've got loads.' I get students coming up to me in the corridor to say thank you for their Bookbuzz book. And I see them around the school building just sitting and reading it.

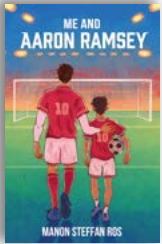
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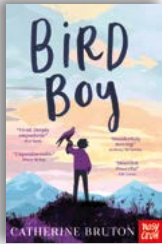
# More great books

We're sure that this year's Bookbuzz selection will get your students buzzing about books. But that's just the start of the adventure. Here are some suggestions for what to choose next.

## Friends and Family



**Me and Aaron Ramsey**  
Manon Steffan Ros



**Bird Boy**  
Catherine Bruton



**The Girl Who Couldn't Lie**  
Radhika Sanghani

## Adventure



**Delta and the Lost City**  
Anna Fargher



**Pirates of Darksea**  
Catherine Doyle



**Finding Wonder**  
Lauren St John

## Fantasy and Magic



**The Destiny of Minou Moonshine**  
Gita Ralleigh



**In the Shadow of the Wolf Queen**  
Kiran Millwood Hargrave



**The Boy to Beat the Gods**  
Ashley Thorpe

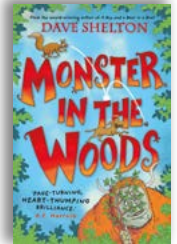
## Comedy



**Mission Microraptor**  
Philip Kavvadias and Euan Cook

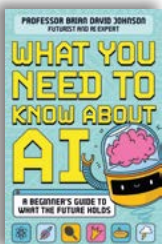


**Shipwrecked**  
Jenny Pearson

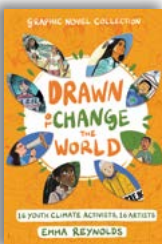


**Monster in the Woods**  
Dave Shelton

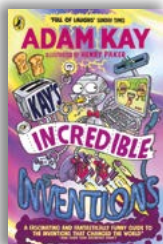
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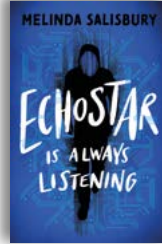


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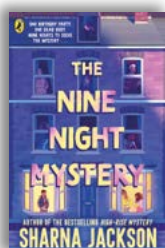
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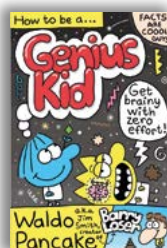


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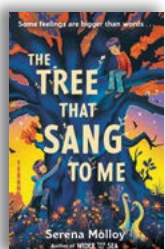


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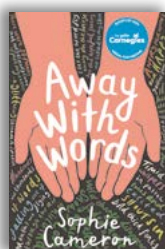
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