



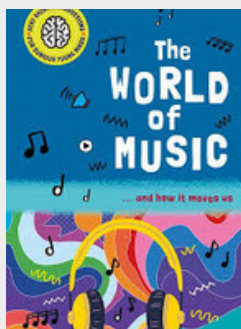
WHY DON'T YOU...

The year's theme for National Non-Fiction November is 'Why don't you?', chosen to start conversations and encourage curiosity! Whether developing communication skills through sharing a passion or investigating a new interest, this topic is perfect for engaging everyone with NNFN2024.

In this list are some suggestions for books which might encourage children to have a go at something different or deepen their interest in a familiar pursuit. Our 'Sports and Games' and 'Marvellous Makers' booklists might also prove useful. So, why don't you...

...MAKE MUSIC?

The World of Music and how it moves us
Nathan Holder

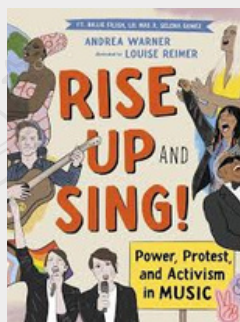


OUP

ISBN: 978-0192782953

Written by musical expert Professor Nathan Holder, 'The World of Music and How it Moves Us' explores the power of music and how it makes us feel. Full of inspiring photos, illustrations, comic strips, and stories of music heroes, this is one of a series of 'Very Short Introductions for Curious Young Minds' books from OUP.

Rise Up and Sing
Andrea Warner, illustrated by Louise Reimer



Greystone Kids

ISBN: 978-1778402159

Subtitled 'Power, Protest, and Activism in Music', 'Rise Up and Sing' introduces teens to how influential music can be. Sharing information about the activism of music icons such as Nina Simone, each chapter includes a playlist of songs about an area of activism, from classic tracks to contemporary hits.

Raising the Roof!
Jack Pepper, illustrated by Michele Bruttomesso

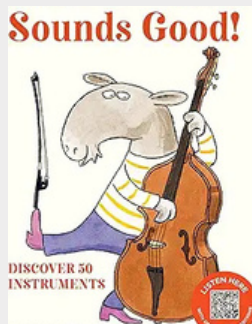


Templar

ISBN: 978-1787419285

Offering a wonderful introduction to the world of classical music, 'Raising the Roof!' guides the reader on a tour of musical history. With information about twenty great composers from across the ages, listening suggestions and explanations of musical terms and genres, this is a book written with an infectious enthusiasm which is sure to inspire.

Sounds Good!
Hans Könnecke, illustrated by Ole Könnecke

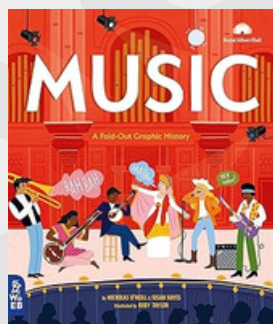


Gecko Press

ISBN: 978-1776575558

'Sounds Good!' introduces fifty musical instruments, some well known, some less familiar. QR codes on each page allow readers to listen to each instrument being played by an award-winning musician. The perfect book for deciding which instrument might be the one for you!

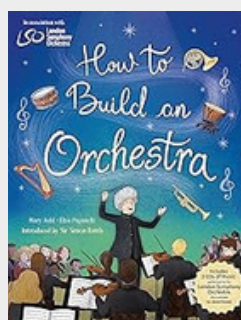
Music: A Fold-Out Graphic History
Nicholas O'Neill and Susan Hayes, illustrated by Ruby Taylor



Opening out into 2.5m long timeline of the history of music around the world, 'Music' has an accompanying Spotify playlist which allows readers to listen along to different genres and artists. Published in conjunction with the Royal Albert Hall.

What On Earth Publishing
ISBN: 978-1999967932

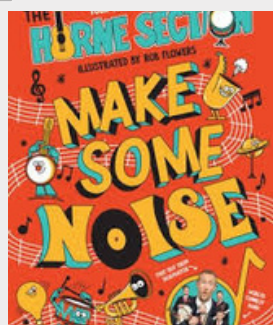
How to Build an Orchestra
Mary Auld, illustrated by Elisa Paganelli



Produced in association with the London Symphony Orchestra, this story follows a conductor as he auditions each instrument for his orchestra, building to a performance of two pieces of classical music. Accompanying CDs and downloadable music allow readers to deepen their understanding and enjoyment of the story.

Wayland
ISBN: 978-1526309839

Make Some Noise
The Horne Section, illustrated by Rob Flowers



Presented in a humorous, engaging style, 'Make Some Noise' offers quirky facts, lies to spot, musical tasks to complete, lots of illustrations and plenty of child-friendly information. Sure to inspire!

Puffin
ISBN: 978-0241649725

Thank You for the Music
Sarah Walden, illustrated by Hannah Li



Offering a practical and informative guide about all areas of the music industry, 'Thank You for the Music' is an absorbing read which celebrates creativity. 'All the World's a Stage' (ISBN: 978-1915613042) is also available.

Noodle Juice
ISBN: 978-1915613189

...LEARN A LANGUAGE?

My First French Picture Word Book
Catherine Bruzzone, Illustrated by Vicky Barker



Divided into key themes like animals and family, bright, colourful illustrations introduce children to a selection of French vocabulary. 'My First Spanish Picture Word Book' (ISBN: 978-1916851184) and a range of other books to support learning in these languages are also available from b small.

b small publishing
ISBN: 978-1916851177

Chineasy for Children: Learn 100 Words
ShaoLan Hsueh



Offering a fun and easy way to learn, 'Chineasy' offers an introduction to the Chinese language with lively illustrations designed to help children recognise basic Chinese characters. Organised into themes, the book also offers information about Chinese culture as well as games and activities to allow children to practise what they have learned.

Thames and Hudson
ISBN: 978-0500651216

Minimus: Starting Out in Latin
Barbara Bell, illustrated by Helen Forte



With a lively mix of myths, stories, grammar support and historical background, join Minimus the Mouse in this introduction to Latin! His adventures continue in 'Minimus Secundus' (ISBN: 978-0521755450). These books might be harder to find.

Cambridge
ISBN: 978-0521659604


Internet Linked: Welsh for Beginners
Angela Wilkes, illustrated by John Shackell



Perfect for complete beginners, this book introduces the reader to a wealth of vocabulary and phrases, supported by internet links to further information and practice. Other languages, including Irish (ISBN: 978-0746003831) are included in this series.

Usborne
ISBN: 978-0746003855


...HEAD OUTDOORS?

 **The Little Gardener's Handbook**
Michael Holland, illustrated by Maria Dek-Lewandowska



A wonderful introduction to gardening, 'The Little Gardener's Handbook' encourages children to engage with nature whatever the size of gardening space available to them!

Big Picture Press
ISBN: 978-1800786035

 **Hamza's Wild World**
Hamza Yassin, illustrated by Louise Forshaw



Join Hamza in exploring the wonders of the animal kingdom. Packed with fascinating facts, this is the perfect book for animal lovers, offering plenty of inspiration to explore the world around us.

Macmillan
ISBN: 978-1035032211

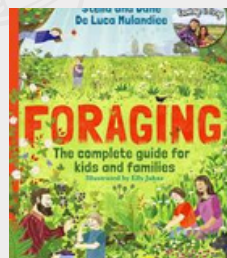
 **Sunday Funday: A Nature Activity for Every Weekend of the Year**
Katherine Halligan, illustrated by Jesús Verón



Add a little fun to the weekend! Containing 52 inspiring activities, there is something for everyone, whatever the weather, to enjoy in this lovely book!


National Trust and Nosy Crow
ISBN: 978-1788009058

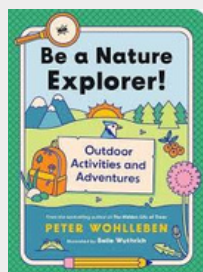
 **Foraging: The Complete Guide for Kids and Families**
Stella and Dane De Luca Mulandree, illustrated by Elly Jahnz



Become an expert in foraging! Discover some of the stories linked to flowers and plants and how they can be used as well as how to protect and preserve the wonders of the natural world.


Puffin
ISBN: 978-0241654569

 **Be a Nature Explorer!**
Peter Wohlleben, translated by Jane Billingham, illustrated by Belle Wuthrich



Offering a year of nature activities to enjoy, 'Be a Nature Explorer!' is full of accessible, fun things to do, which encourage children to become connected to, and enjoy, the outside world. From handling bugs to inspecting tree stumps, this book is perfect for getting families together and exploring the world around them.

Greystone Kids
ISBN: 978-1771649698

 **The Big Garden Birdwatch Activity Book**
RSPB, illustrated by Amy Zhing



Bursting with games, activities, crafts and over 170 plastic-free stickers, this is the perfect book for beginner bird watchers! Full of useful tips and practical advice, children will soon be able to identify common birds wherever they are!

Bloomsbury
ISBN: 978-1526662590

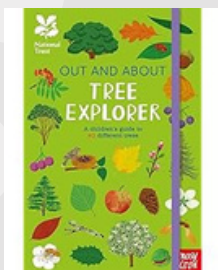


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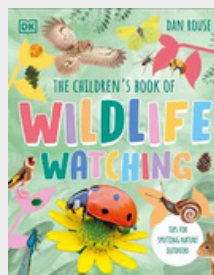
Out and About: Tree Explorer
Emma S Young, illustrated by Marta Antelo



Discover 60 trees with this informative and beautifully illustrated guide. Grouped by size to help with identification, this book is full of fascinating facts. 'Minibeast Explorer' (ISBN: 978-1788004411) is another title in this series.

National Trust and Nosy Crow
ISBN: 978-1839948664

The Children's Book of Wildlife Watching
Dan Rouse, illustrated by Abby Cook



An engaging guide to watching wildlife, this book is designed to get children up-close to the wildlife in their own area. It is full of practical activities and information! Also available The Children's Book of Birdwatching (ISBN: 978-0241597514)

DK Children's
ISBN: 978-0241661819

My First Day Fishing: An Angler's Almanac
Will Millard, illustrated by Joanna Lisowiec



A comprehensive guide for the young angler, 'My First Day Fishing' offers plenty of guidance to support those embarking on this hobby for the first time. Fully illustrated, it contains a wealth of experience and advice.

Magic Cat
ISBN: 978-1915569288

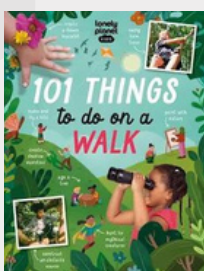
Growing Green: A First Book of Gardening
illustrated by Daniela Sousa



Bright and engaging illustrations tempt the reader to follow step-by-step instructions for 15 projects and have a go at growing fruit, herbs and vegetables in whatever space is available to them.

Walker
ISBN: 978-1529509458

101 Things to do on a Walk
Kait Eaton, illustrated by Vivian Mineker



Change a walk into an adventure with the exciting ideas in this book! Simple, fun activities will liven up a walk and encourage children to embrace nature whilst enjoying being with the family.

Lonely Planet Kids
ISBN: 978-1838695972

The Autistic Guide to Adventure
Allie Mason, illustrated by Ella Willis



Allie Mason, autistic adventurer extraordinaire, introduces readers to a range of activities from star gazing to snorkelling, offering a summary of sensory experiences to support others who want to take on a new challenge.

Jessica Kingsley Publishers
ISBN: 978-1839972171

'I HAVE NO SPECIAL TALENTS. I AM ONLY PASSIONATELY CURIOUS.'

ALBERT EINSTEIN



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...GET CRAFTY?

 **Creative Crafting: A First Book of Upcycling**
Daniela Sosa



Walker
ISBN: 978-1529518344


Step-by-step instructions and colourful illustrations are given for each of these projects which use household objects and items from the recycling box.

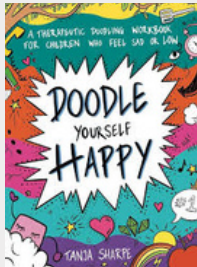
 **The Big Book of Nature Art**
Yuval Zommer



Thames and Hudson
ISBN: 978-0500652930


Packed with twenty two art activities inspired by nature, 'The Big Book of Nature Art' encourages children's creativity and imagination.

 **Doodle Yourself Happy**
Tanja Sharpe



Jessica Kingsley Publishers
ISBN: 978-1839976223


Featuring lots of fun doodling activities, this book aims to help children through low moods. 'Doodle Your Worries Away' (ISBN: 978-1787757905) is also available.

 **This Book will Make you an Artist**
Ruth Millington, illustrated by Ellen Surrey



Nosy Crow
ISBN: 978-1839944758


'This Book Will Make You an Artist' introduces the reader to different artists and encourages them to try out a range of art techniques through step-by-step activities.

 **Blossom Origami**
Nick Robinson, illustrated by Clover Robin



National Trust and Nosy Crow
ISBN: 978-1839949449


A nature poem accompanies the clear step-by-step instructions for each origami project. There are three levels of difficulty and fifty sheets of origami paper provided.

 **The Repair Shop Craft Book**
illustrated by Sònia Albert



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ISBN: 978-1529507980


Packed with 50 practical activities from across a range of crafts, this book is full of inspiration and tips to create successful projects.

 **Paper Adventures**
Aya Watanabe



Templar
ISBN: 978-1800788145

Sheets of coloured paper included at the back of the book are provided to help children complete the pictures as two brave explorers go on an adventure.

 **Stitch by Stitch**
Jane Bull

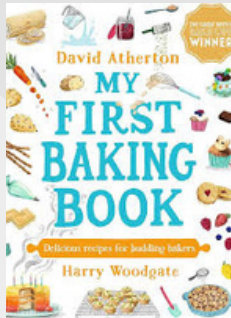


DK
ISBN: 978-0241635391

With clear instructions and photographs to support each project, young crafters will enjoy creating the 20 simple sewing projects in this book.

...TRY SOME COOKING?

My First Baking Book
David Atherton, illustrated by Harry Woodgate



Written by the 2019 winner of The Great British Bake Off, 'My First Baking Book' is full of easy to follow, step-by-step instructions, leading budding bakers to perfect cakes and bakes.

Walker
ISBN: 978-1529505504

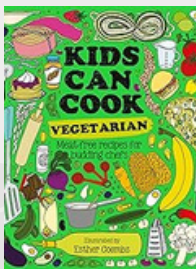
Super Simple Cooking for Kids
Jodi Danen



Containing fifty recipes, 'Super Simple Cooking for Kids' starts with the basics before leading children to create a range of simple, but delicious meals.

Callisto Kids
ISBN: 978-1647398071

Kids Can Cook Vegetarian
Esther Coombs



Packed with tasty recipes, this book is perfect both for vegetarians or those keen to reduce the amount of meat they eat. 'Kids Can Cook' (ISBN: 978-1787080706) and 'Kids Can Bake' (ISBN: 978-1787081109) are also available.

Button Books
ISBN: 978-1787081185

Kid's Smoothies
Erin Fletter



Containing more than forty delicious recipes, this book guides children through handling kitchen equipment as they make delicious smoothies for all the family to enjoy.

Z Kids
ISBN: 978-0593690260

World Kitchen: Family Recipes from Around the World
Abigail Wheatley, illustrated by Chaaya Prabhat



Featuring a collection of recipes contributed by families from around the world, this lovely book introduces both the family and authentic international flavours. All the recipes are vegetarian.

Usborne
ISBN: 978-1474998628

The Kids' Easy Air Fryer Cookbook
Sally Morgan



Offering over fifty recipes for breakfast, lunch, tea, puddings and snacks, each recipe has easy-to-follow instructions, showing how to create meals using an air fryer.

Scholastic
ISBN: 978-0702339349

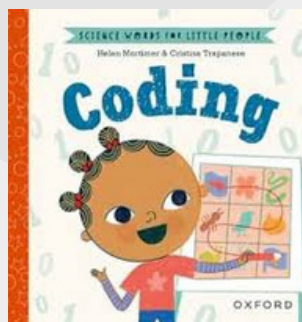


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...EXPLORE COMPUTING?

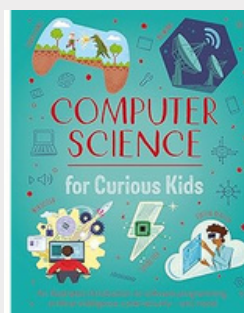
Science Words for Little People: Coding
Helen Mortimer, illustrated by Cristina Trapanese



Using engaging illustrations, this simple book is perfect for reading together and offers an introduction to the language of coding.

OUP
ISBN: 978-0192786982

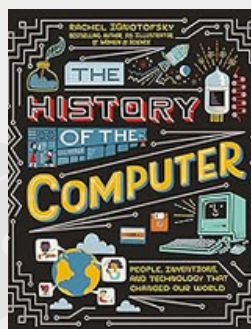
Computer Science for Curious Kids
Chris Oxlade, illustrated by Nik Neves



Part of the 'Curious Kids' series, 'Computer Science' introduces children to computing from its early developments to the latest technologies, including information about famous figures such as Ada Lovelace.

Arcturus
ISBN: 978-1398822016

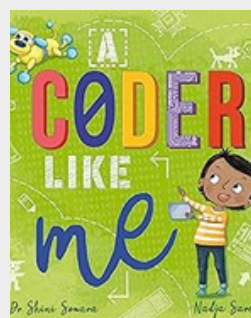
The History of the Computer
Rachel Ignatofsky



This beautifully illustrated book offers a guide to the history of computers and the people who invented and developed them from the ancient world to the modern day.

Wren and Rook
ISBN: 978-1526365132

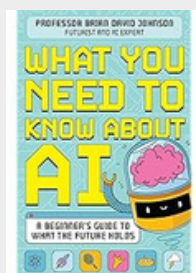
A Coder Like Me
Dr Shini Somara, illustrated by Nadja Sarell



Follow Sam as he spends a day with his Auntie Jo and finds out all about the work of a coder. Through asking questions, he finds out about computers, the language they 'speak' and the brilliant coders who work with them.

Wren and Rook
ISBN: 978-1526362070

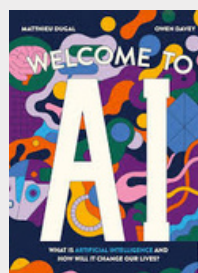
What You Need to Know About AI
Brian David Johnson



Full of amazing facts, myth busters and insight from experts around the world, this book offers the perfect guide to navigating the world of AI for anyone who wishes to know more.

Wren and Rook
ISBN: 978-1526366788

Welcome to AI
Matthieu Dugal, illustrated by Owen Davey



In this attractive and well researched book, Matthieu Dugal shares the history of artificial intelligence, answering many questions about this technology.

Wide Eyed
ISBN: 978-0711293151



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...TAKE UP A SPORTING ACTIVITY?

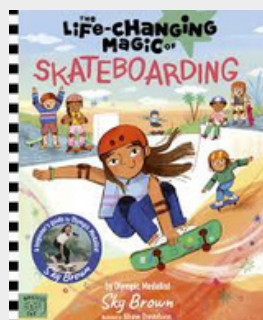
Welcome to the Arts: Dance
Sir Alistair Spalding, illustrated by Jason Raish



Featuring some of the most iconic performances and popular dances from around the world, 'Dance' is both expertly written and beautifully illustrated.

Big Picture Press
ISBN: 978-1800783362

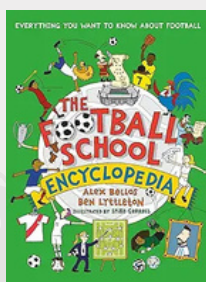
The Life-Changing Magic of Skateboarding
Sky Brown, illustrated by Shaw Davidson



Discover how Sky Brown, the youngest person to win a medal in skateboarding at the Olympics, fell in love with the sport as she shares her advice on how to skateboard and perform tricks. Other titles in this series include: 'Drumming' (ISBN: 978-1915569325) and 'Baking' (ISBN: 978-1915569318).

Magic Cat Publishing
ISBN: 978-1915569257

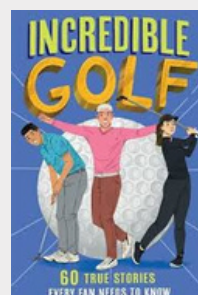
The Football School Encyclopedia
Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton, illustrated by Spike Gerrell



Packed with fascinating facts and humorous illustrations, 'The Football School Encyclopedia' is perfect for every football enthusiast and all those keen to learn more.

Walker
ISBN: 978-1529507584

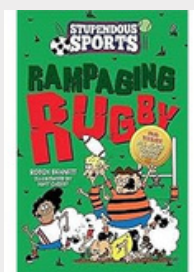
Incredible Golf
Clive Gifford, illustrated by Lu Andrade



Perfect for fans of the game, 'Incredible Golf' is full of stories, facts and statistics about famous players and the game of golf. Other titles in the series include: 'Incredible Rugby' (ISBN: 978-0008606121) and 'Incredible Football' (ISBN: 978-0008606107).

Red Shed
ISBN: 978-0008606114

Rampaging Rugby
Robin Bennett, illustrated by Matt Cherry



Informative and fun, 'Rampaging Rugby' is perfect for all lovers of the game. Full of facts, tips and funny stories, it is one of the titles in the Stupendous Sports series.

Firefly Press
ISBN: 978-1913102609

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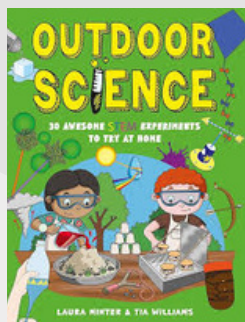


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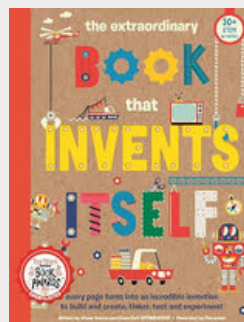
Outdoor Science
Tia Williams, illustrated by Laura Minter



Containing thirty experiments to try at home, 'Outdoor Science' encourages children to investigate and take an interest in the world around them. 'Kitchen Science' (ISBN: 978-1787081222) and 'Science School' (ISBN: 978-1787081062) are also available.

Button Books
ISBN: 978-1787081420

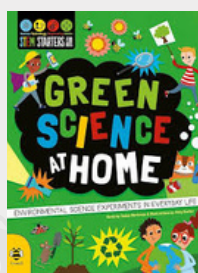
The Extraordinary Book that Invents Itself
Alison Buxton and Helen Bell, illustrated by Pintachan



Every page of this book turns into an incredible invention by following clear step-by-step instructions with the scientific and engineering principles behind it explained.

Weldon Owen
ISBN: 978-1915588098

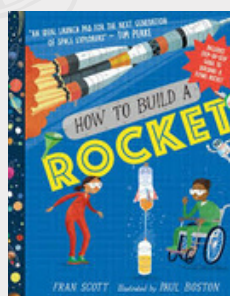
Green Science at Home
Susan Martineau, illustrated by Vicky Barker



Simple step-by-step science experiments encourage children to understand the environmental science found in everyday life. 'Science Experiments at Home' (ISBN: 978-1911509196) is also available.

bsmall
ISBN: 978-1912909377

How to Build a Rocket
Fran Scott, illustrated by Paul Boston



'How to Build a Rocket' shows readers how to build their own moving rocket from household objects with a step-by-step guide, based on the science behind space travel. Also available is 'How to Build a Racing Car' (ISBN: 978-1406390254).

Walker
ISBN: 978-1529507539

Science Lab
Robert Winston



Containing 25 exciting experiments for children to try at home, 'Science Lab' leads readers through each experiment, describing the science behind it and offering plenty of STEM facts.

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ISBN: 978-0241343494

Seven Small Inventions that Changed the World
Roma Agrawal, illustrated by Jisu Choi



Find out about the seven small inventions- the nail, the wheel, the spring, the magnet, the lens, the pump and string- which have influenced so much in the world around us.

Laurence King
ISBN: 978-1510230750

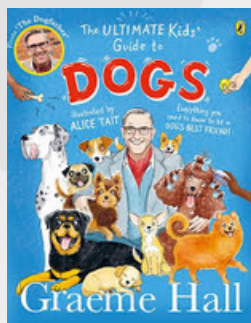


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...LOOK AFTER A PET?

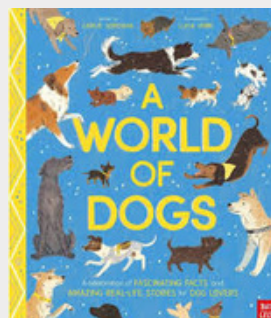
The Ultimate Kids' Guide to Dogs
Graeme Hall, illustrated by Alice Tait



The 'Dogfather', Graeme Hall offers all the advice you need to be a dog's best friend. There are even canine quizzes and puzzles to test your new knowledge.

Puffin
ISBN: 978-0241638378

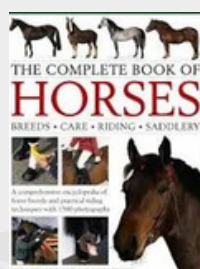
A World of Dogs
Carlie Sorosiak, illustrated by Luisa Uribe



Full of amazing real-life stories about incredible dogs through history, 'A World of Dogs' is bursting with fascinating facts about our canine companions.

Nosy Crow
ISBN: 978-1839948497

The Complete Book of Horses
various authors



An invaluable guide to all aspects of equestrian life, this guide covers 60 breeds of horse and pony, riding instructions and a directory of equipment.

Lorenz Books
ISBN: 978-0754833697

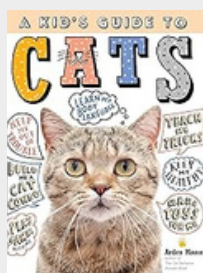
Care for Your Hamster
RSPCA



This book offers a practical, family guide to looking after a hamster, from first choosing your pet to its daily care.

Harper Collins
ISBN: 978-0008118303

A Kid's Guide to Cats
Arden Moore



Pet expert, Arden Moore, offers guidance on how to ensure your pet cat is happy and healthy.

Storey
ISBN: 978-1635861013

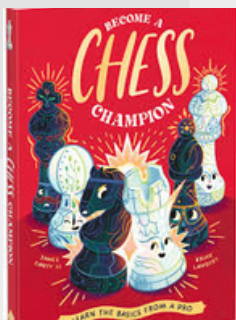


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...PLAY SOME GAMES?

⌋ Become a Chess Champion
⌋ Jame Canty III, illustrated by James Lambert



'Become a Chess Champion' offers a colourful and engaging introduction to the world of chess, using mini games and chess puzzles to teach concepts from a professional chess player.

Neon Squid
ISBN: 978-1838993627

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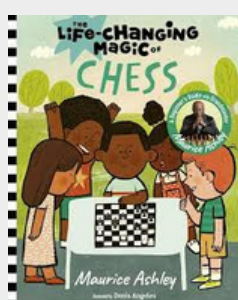
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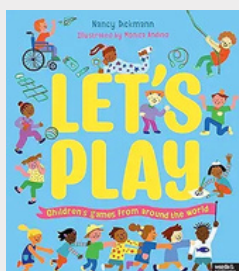
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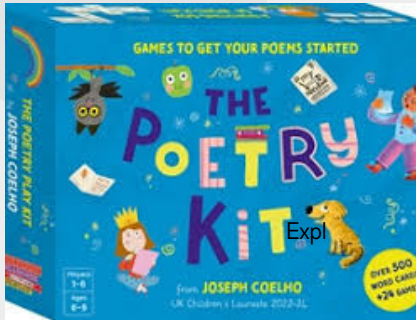


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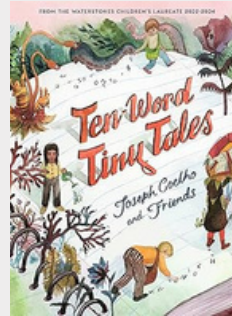
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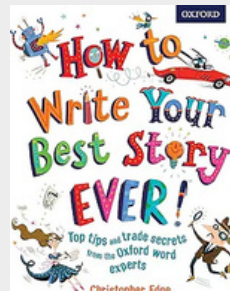
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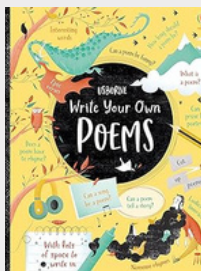
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