



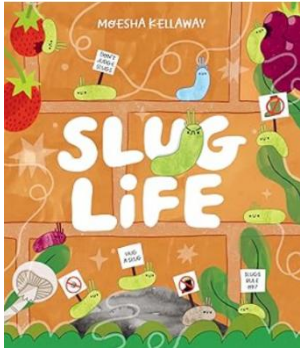
Book of the Month Newsletter – November

Welcome to our first **special edition** of the Book of the Month newsletter:

Non-Fiction November!

This month, we're thrilled to introduce our hand-picked non-fiction books that are sure to ignite curiosity, encourage questions and uncover new passions. The Reading Ambassadors can't wait to dive in and help their peers explore these exciting titles. Here's to a month of discovery, learning, and, of course, happy reading!

Here are the books that have been shared this month:

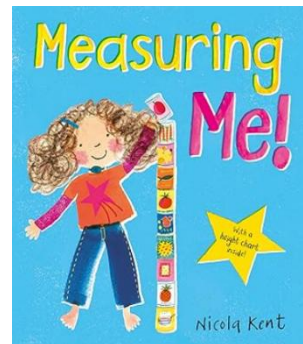


Acorns – Slug Life!

Being called rude names by humans has made slug Stevie super-grumpy, so his mum sends him to Slug Self-Esteem Class. Stevie discovers why he and his slimy kin are actually kind of amazing: they can regrow bits of themselves, their slime is liquid crystal and their climbing skills are better than Spiderman. The first in this series about creatures humans often try to squash!

Conkers – Measuring Me!

From finding out how tall you are in food tins to how much electricity your body can generate, *Measuring Me* includes plenty of relatable and exciting ways to explore the concepts of measuring. Bright and lively artwork by Nicola Kent presents the topic of measuring in an exciting and personal way, encouraging little learners to engage in this important concept.



Holly – Fluffy, flying seed

Follow the journey of a fluffy, flying seed as it is carried by the wind and lands safely in a meadow, the perfect place to grow, providing a fascinating and beautiful insight into the world of plants and their importance to us.

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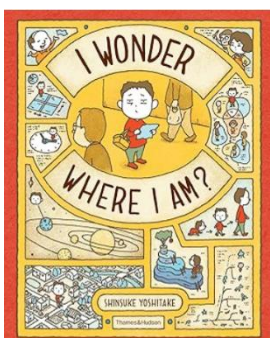
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Hazel – Small, sparkling raindrop

Follow the journey of a small sparkling raindrop as it falls from a cloud and learn about its never-ending cycle, vital to all life on Earth.

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Willow – I wonder where I am?

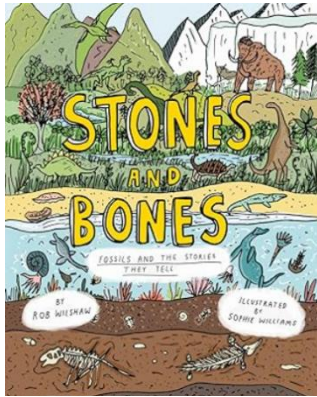
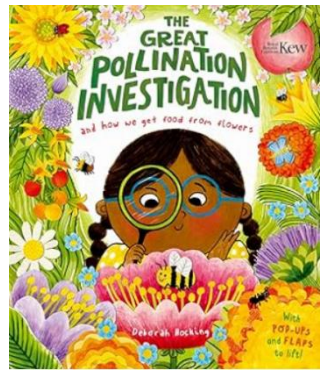
If you get lost, it's simple – you just look at a map, and hey presto! You can find out where you are. But might there be other things a map can show? How about treasure maps, maps of your feelings, maps of how things work...? When you think about it, a map can have a million uses.

This charming new picture book by Shinsuke Yoshitake is an ingenious exploration of the wonderful world of maps and how they help to guide us.

Cherry – The Great Pollination Investigation

Flowers make the world SO lovely! But *WHY* are they so bright and beautiful? And *HOW ON EARTH* do they make food? Let's find out in THE GREAT POLLINATION INVESTIGATION!

With lots of fun flaps to lift, take a look inside a flower and find out what all the little parts do, meet the amazing animals that carry pollen from bloom to bloom, and discover how seeds and fruits are made. Look for the adorable bees buzzing around on every page to help with the science bits!



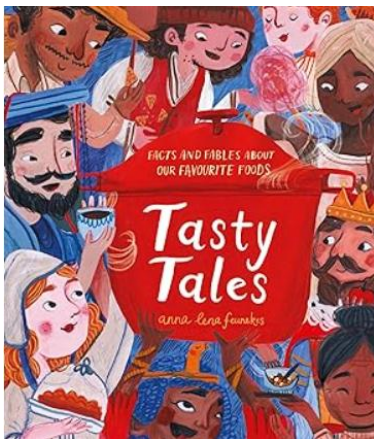
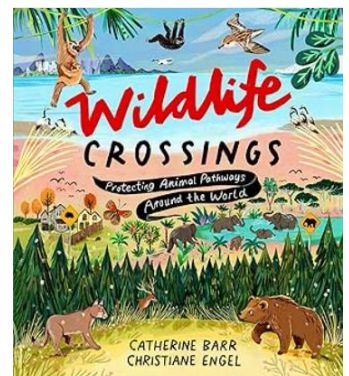
Birch – Stones and Bones

This beautifully-illustrated book looks at all the incredible things that scientists have learned from the fossil record; the ways in which continents have drifted, merged and fragmented again; the life forms that have evolved and the great extinction events that wiped them out. From bacteria to sponges to fish to tetrapods to reptiles to dinosaurs to mammals and finally to humans, *Stones and Bones* excavates the fascinating story of life on Earth.

With the science of Paleontology clearly broken down and a unique 'Paleontology Today' section highlighting the importance of learning from the past to protect our future, this vital book will delight not just dinosaur enthusiasts, but anyone interested in the incredible history of our planet.

Rowan – Wildlife Crossings

Our planet is criss-crossed by a network of ancient pathways, reflecting the journeys of millions of animal species in search of food, water, safety and mates. But human development is blocking these vital 'ribbons of life'. Animal habitats are shrinking into isolated and unconnected patches of nature. Track the journeys of seven amazing animals. Discover why they are in trouble, follow their journeys and find out how scientists and campaigners across the world are creating 'wildlife corridors' to keep animals safe and on the move.



Chestnut – Tasty Tales

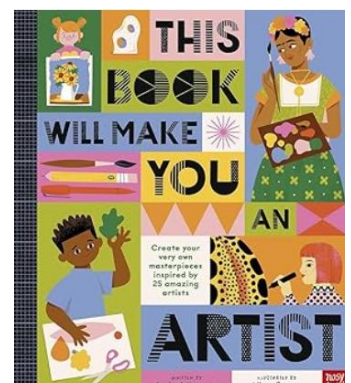
From a plant-loving pirate to an Ethiopian goat, from the crescent of the croissant to a Tofu trailblazer, *Tasty Tales* offers a fascinating, sometimes surprising and always appetizing journey across historical periods and diverse cultures. The incredible origin stories celebrate how ingredients and dishes have travelled the globe to be shared and loved in new and exciting ways – and how food truly connects us all.

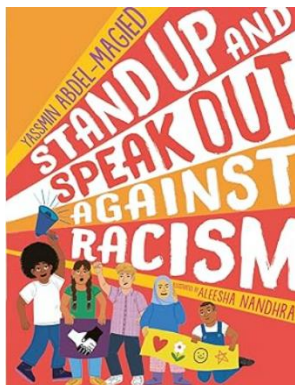
With a unique blend of fact and fairy tale that will appeal to fiction fans and non-fiction readers alike, and with intricately detailed illustrations plus recipes to inspire culinary adventures, this is a beautiful and delicious book to treasure. Who knew history can make you hungry?

Maple – This book will make you an artist

This book will make **YOU** an artist as you explore 25 different art techniques - from cave painting to contemporary performance - inspired by ground-breaking artists from around the world. And discover famous masterpieces with photographs of real works of art!

Pick up your pencils, collect your collage materials and find out more about some of world's best-known creatives in this fact-filled book full of step-by-step activities that are easy to try at home. Including information about tools, materials and basic art theory, this imaginative book is jam-packed with ideas for aspiring artists everywhere.





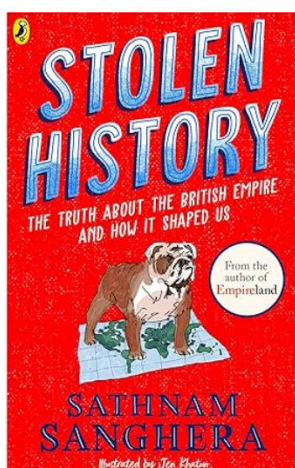
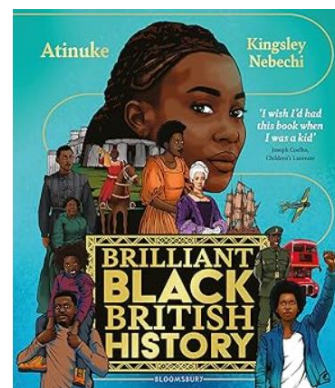
Lime – Stand up and speak out against racism

Using questions canvassed from children around the UK as her framework, writer, engineer and broadcaster, Yassmin Abdel-Magied gives clear context to the racism that persists today and shows how to recognize, resist and disrupt racist conversations and attitudes.

Yassmin creates a safe space for exploring an emotive and important topic. Her friendly, assured tone de-stigmatises any feelings young readers might have, while illustrations and infographics from Aleesha Nandhra provide a fresh way for readers to approach this complex issue.

Sycamore – Brilliant Black British History

Did you know that the first Britons were Black? Or that some of the Roman soldiers who invaded and ruled Britain were Black, too? Join this fascinating journey through the ages to meet those first Britons, as well as the Black Tudors, Georgians and Victorians who existed in every walk of life here. From science and sport to literature and law, celebrate the brilliant Black people who have helped build Britain. Learn about key and complex historical topics such as the world wars, slavery, the industrial revolution, Windrush and the Black Lives Matter movement. This fascinating book will change everything you thought you knew about our green-grey British isles.



Elder – Stolen History

You've probably heard the word 'empire' before. Perhaps because of the Roman empire. Or maybe even the Star Wars films. But what about the British Empire? Why don't we learn much about this? And what even is an empire, anyway? This book will answer all the important questions about Britain's imperial history. It will explore how Britain's empire once made it the most powerful nation on earth, and how it still affects our lives in many ways today - from the words we use, to the food we eat, the sports we play and even to every grown-up's fixation with a good cup of tea. Because how can we ever make the world a kinder, better place for the future, if we don't know the truth about the past?

Oak – Story of Now

The UK was once a huge global superpower. Its influence was felt in countries all over the world, but it didn't just affect other countries. It affected everything about the islands we live on today. It affected the language we speak, the food we eat, the buildings that surround us, the people who live here, and the prosperity we enjoy. It is who we are today. From the Industrial North to the grandchildren of the Windrush generation, to children in overseas territories and former colonies, to those whose families came here fleeing persecution. Story of Now examines the modern culture of Britain as well as the Commonwealth and all countries historically connected to Britain's past. It gently explores identity and encourages children to discover and celebrate their own stories and the ways we are all connected.



Get curious, get reading, and see what incredible facts and stories you can uncover this month—adventure awaits on every page!