



What on Earth!

Children's Catalogue Autumn 2024



With complete backlist
including Britannica Books

Welcome to the What on Earth! and Britannica Books Children's Catalogue

It's been 14 years since we founded What on Earth Publishing and in that time, we have published dozens of books to inspire children with a life-long love of learning.

This season we are reaffirming our commitment to this goal by refreshing the look and feel of our brand and logo. We call ourselves What on Earth! because our style of storytelling inspires different perspectives and offers a global view. Our approach is all about experiencing the world in the spirit of wonder, captured in those three beautiful words – What on Earth!

So, What on Earth! do we have for you this autumn? Our flagship title *First Big Book of How Things Work* by Sally Symes, explores more than 150 questions that most frequently burn through the insatiably curious minds of youngsters ages 5 and up. Spanning Space, Earth, Human Body, Animals and Machines, answers range from how astronauts eat in space to how seeds sprout on Earth.

Another jaw-dropping book we are proud to present is *Open Wide!* – a roller coaster ride through the world of animal mouths! It's a classic What on Earth! idea to see the animal world through mouths rather than eyes. Our expert author, Dr Letizia Diamanti makes the ride endlessly fascinating with mouth-watering illustrations and gob-smacking photography!

We also present the continuation of *FACTopia* – that ground-breaking world of interconnected facts tied together with dotted-lines running through the pages and off the margins, allowing you to navigate through the book any way you like! With over 170,000 copies sold worldwide, we are delighted to to be publishing our first paperback edition of the original *FACTopia!* and *Secret FACTopia!*, the seventh volume in the set. We all love secrets – and the world is full of them, as you will discover! You can also try to hunt down the 10 white mice, hidden somewhere in the hundreds of beautiful illustrations.

Please join with us to celebrate our fresh new look as we strive to inspire young people – and the adults in their lives – with a profound sense of wellbeing and joy, fuelled by a sense of wonder about the incredible world in which we live.

Best wishes,

Christopher Lloyd

CEO, Founder, What on Earth Publishing

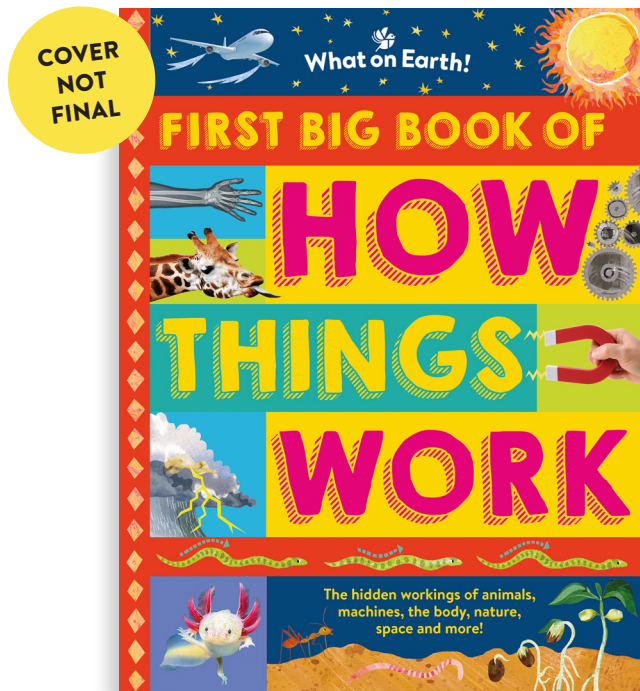
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SEPTEMBER

First Big Book of How Things Work

The hidden workings of animals, machines, the body, nature, space and more!

Sally Symes, Illustrated by Kate Slater

5th SEPT 2024 • £20.00 • Hardback • 256 pp

5+ • 280 x 210 mm • 9781804661185



A compendious and stunningly illustrated fact-filled book for children who have endless questions about how the world works.

How do scientists see into space? How do we know what the dinosaurs looked like? How do chameleons change colour? How do bones grow? How do keys open locks? Featuring compelling questions about space, Earth, machines, buildings, animals and the human body, this magnificent book provides answers for every inquisitive child. By encouraging children to question the world around them, it supports STEAM learning and nurtures curious minds. With stunning photography and gorgeous original illustrations, including a host of helpful diagrams, this is the ultimate gift for kids who need to know everything – and now!



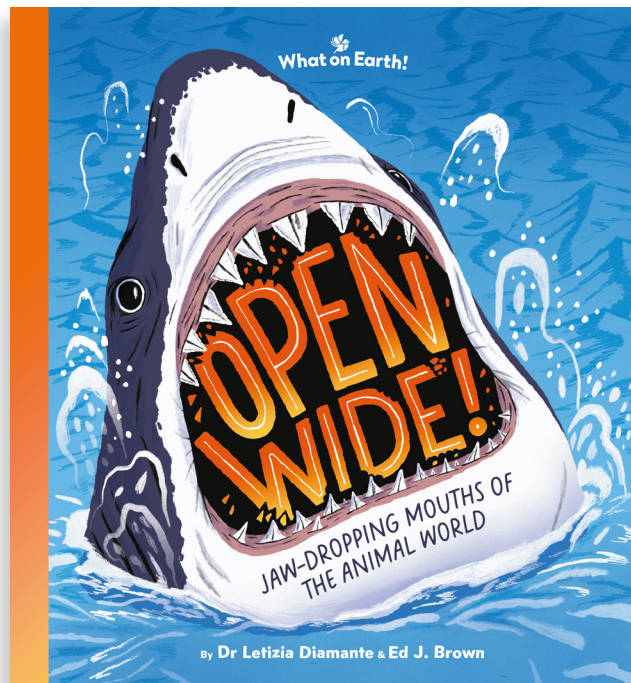
- Written and illustrated by the creative team behind the bestselling Britannica First Big Book of Why
- Over 150 questions answered in clear and accessible ways.
- Features a lavish blend of specially commissioned illustrations, detailed diagrams showing just how things work, and full-colour photography.
- Every chapter contains two 'Tell me... NOW!' quickfire questions spreads, which offer snappy and memorable answers to a child's most pressing questions.
- Every spread has been thoroughly fact-checked and reviewed by subject experts.

AUTHOR

Sally Symes designed children's books for many years, before turning her skills to writing them. Her collaborations with Nick Sharratt have won several awards, including The Educational Writers' Award for *The Goopy, Chewy, Rumble, Plop Book* and she is the author of the bestselling *Britannica First Big Book of Why*.

ILLUSTRATOR

Kate Slater studied illustration at Kingston University and creates mixed media collage illustrations. Her children's books include *Britannica First Big Book of Why*, *A is for Ant*, *ABC London* and many more. Alongside her work as an illustrator, she has also created large-scale installations and window displays.



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Open Wide! Jaw-dropping mouths of the animal world

Dr Letizia Diamante, Illustrated by Ed J. Brown

5th SEP 2024 • £15.99 • Hardback • 64 pp
7+ • 280 x 260 mm • 9781804661352



Join scientist Dr Letizia Diamante to chomp your way through pages of facts about the most astonishing mouths, teeth, cheeks and tongues in the animal kingdom.

From the awesome jaws of the great white shark to the tiny teeth of the garden snail, you'll explore the world's most marvellous mouths. Some animals sport tongues longer than their bodies, others have super-sticky spit that can snare insects. And animals use their mouths for more than eating. They use them to carry food or babies, to build homes or even to climb waterfalls! Learn all about these amazing body parts that are often overlooked, even though they're right under our noses!



- A feast for all those children who can't get enough of sharks, big cats and other toothy predators.
- Children aged 7+ are especially aware of their own mouths as they lose their milk teeth and have adult teeth grow in their place. *Open Wide!* compares their teeth to those of their favourite animals (and some super weird ones, too).
- Author Dr Letizia Diamante is a scientist and science communicator with a knack for sharing cutting-edge information in a playful, wow-worthy way that is sure to engage budding young scientists.
- Stylish illustrations on every page and photographic zoom-ins bring the stories and facts to life.
- A sneaky lesson in diversity, *Open Wide!* illuminates the striking range of equipment animals carry in their mouths.

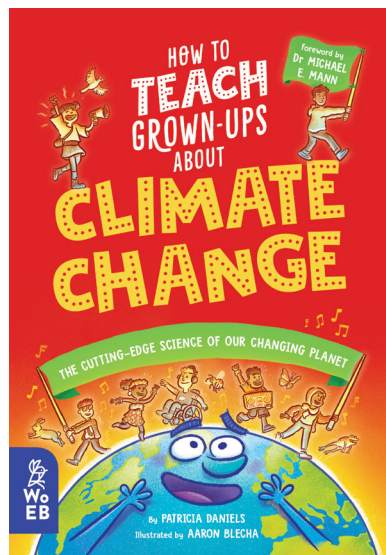
AUTHOR

Dr Letizia Diamante is a science communicator and children's writer. After her PhD in Biochemistry, she worked for a variety of organisations, including CERN and the University of Cambridge. She enjoys writing, taking photos, presenting at schools, organising events at science festivals and visiting science museums.

ILLUSTRATOR

Ed J. Brown is a digital illustrator specialising in overlaid colours and messy textures. He has worked with clients such as *Readers' Digest*, *EasyJet* and *Tabasco*. He is a regular contributor to *Aquila Magazine* and released his first book, *Epic Animal Journeys*, in 2022. He loves history, folk art and drawing animals in hats.

How to Teach Grown-Ups Series



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How to Teach Grown-ups about Climate Change

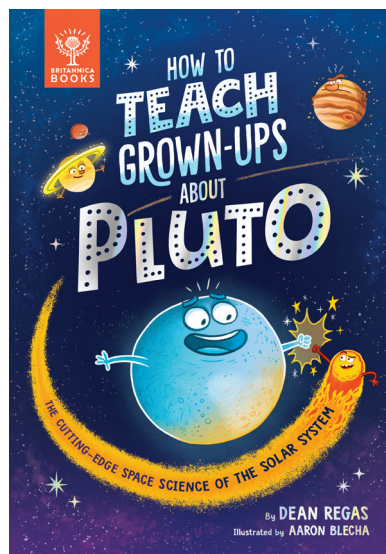
The cutting-edge science of our changing planet

Patricia Daniels,
Illustrated by Aaron Blecha

A witty guide to the science behind climate change, which puts kids in charge. Featuring a foreword by internationally renowned climate scientist Dr Michael E. Mann.

MAR 2024 • £9.99 • HB • 112 pp •
8+ • 216 x 152 mm • 9781804660300

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How to Teach Grown-ups about Pluto

The cutting-edge space science of the solar system

Dean Regas • Aaron Blecha

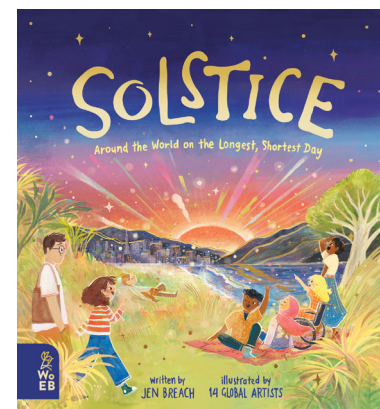
A witty guide to Pluto's discovery and demotion, which puts kids in charge.

APR 2022 • £9.99 • HB • 112 pp
216 x 152 mm • 8+ • 9781913750503

'So cool and utterly brilliant. If this book doesn't get youngsters interested in astronomy then I might have to eat my own copy, timeline and all.'

Jill Bennett, RedReading Hub

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Solstice

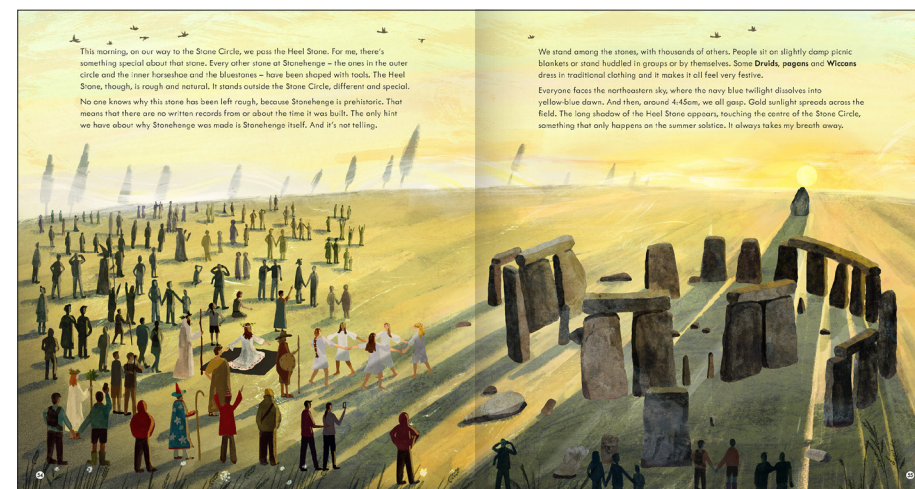
Around the World on the Longest, Shortest Day

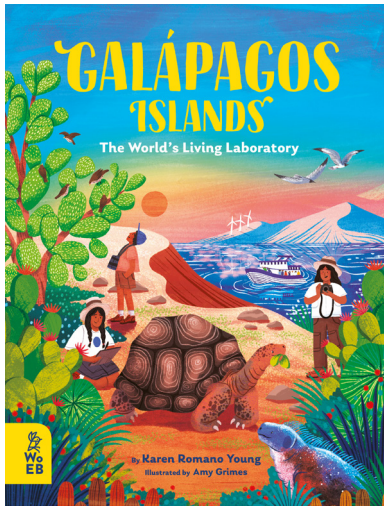
Jen Breach,
Illustrated by 14 global artists

Explore the daily lives of children around the world on the June solstice. Learn some words in their language along with how they celebrate and what they like to eat. Featuring 14 countries, each chapter is illustrated by a local creator.

MAY 2024 • £15.99 • HB • 64 pp
7+ • 265 x 250 mm • 9781913750770

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Galápagos Islands The World's Living Laboratory

Karen Romano Young • Amy Grimes

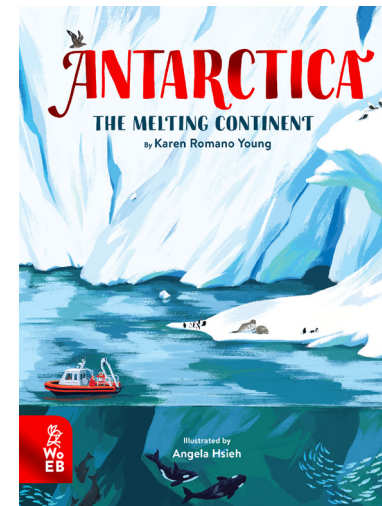
Welcome to the Galapagos Islands, where giant tortoises, salt-snorting iguanas, diving penguins and erupting volcanoes surround locals and visiting scientists who are leading the world to a sustainable future.

APR 2024 • £15.99 • HB • 64 pp
280 x 216 mm • 10+ • 9781804661147

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Antarctica The Melting Continent

Karen Romano Young • Angela Hsieh

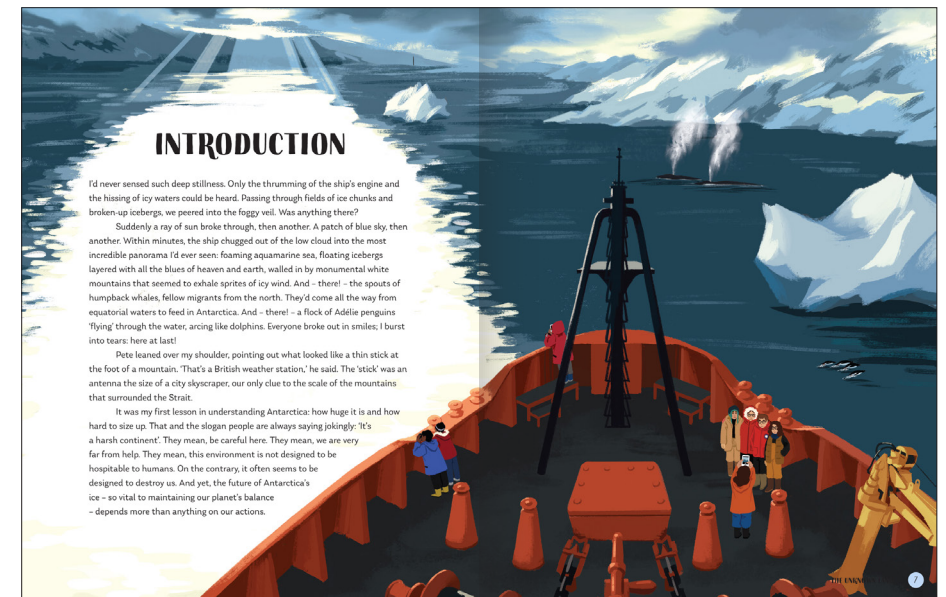
Explore a frozen continent full of incredible animals, places, people and stories.

APR 2022 • £14.99 • HB • 64 pp
280 x 216 mm • 8+ • 9781913750527

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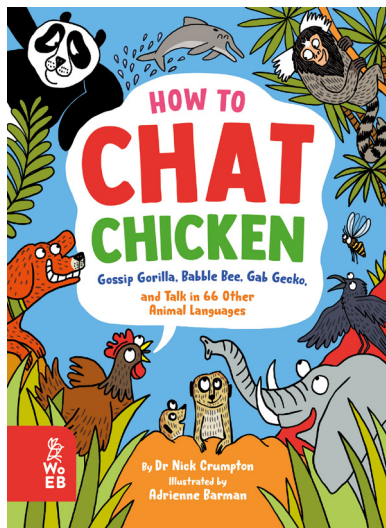


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animated book trailer!





How to Chat Chicken Gossip Gorilla, Babble Bee, Gab Gecko and Talk in 66 Other Animal Languages

Dr Nick Crumpton • Adrienne Barman

It's time to talk on the wild side! Learn how to chat chicken, gossip with gorillas, mumble with meerkats, warble with whales and much more.

OCT 2023 • £12.99 • HB • 128 pp •
207 x 153 mm • 5+ • 9781804660423
eBook: 9781804660973

'[For] junior Doctor Dolittles.'
Imogen Russell Williams,
The Guardian

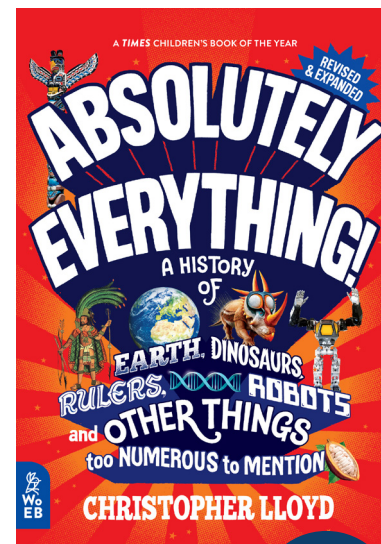
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Winner of a Silver Medal in California Reading Association's
2023 EUREKA! Nonfiction Children's Book Awards and
Selected for Reading Rockets' Holiday Gift Guide 2023



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Absolutely Everything! Revised and Expanded A History of Earth, Dinosaurs, Rulers, Robots and Other Things too Numerous to Mention

Christopher Lloyd • Andy Forshaw

The most remarkable true stories of all time and from around the world brought vividly to life – from the Big Bang right up to the present day.

OCT 2023 • £20.00 • HB • 416 pp
248 x 184 mm • 10+ • 9781804660751
eBook: 9781804660812
Audiobook: 9781804661345

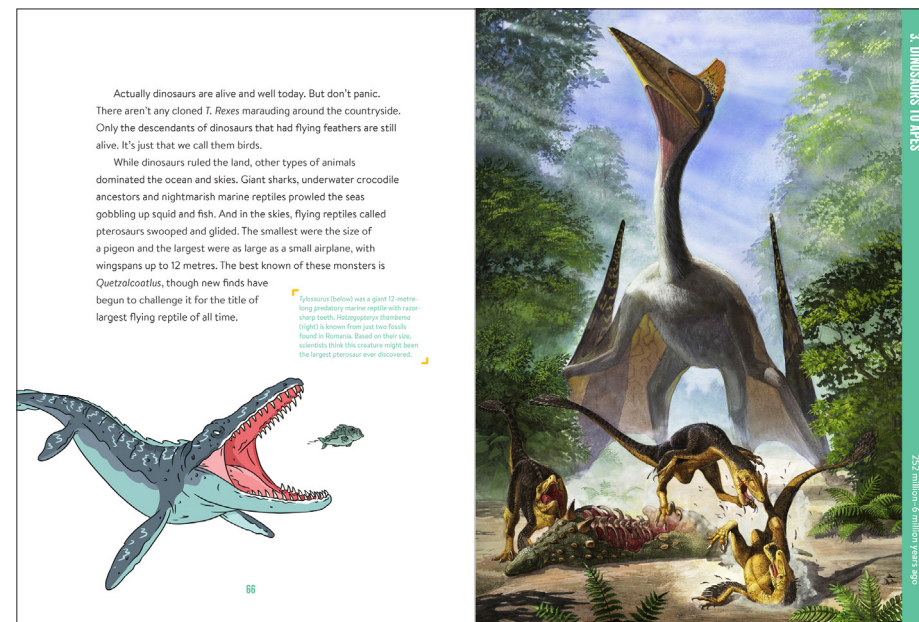
'Absolutely Everything! is absolutely amazing. It manages to explain our entire world history in an informed, entertaining and truly accessible way.'
Jacqueline Wilson

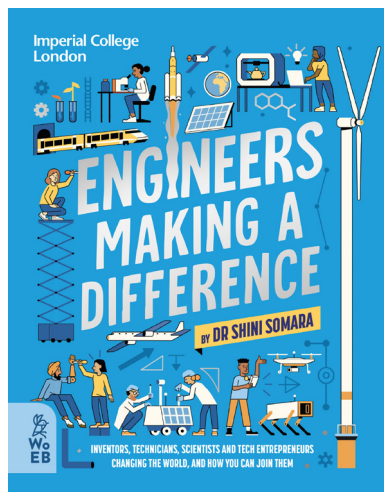
'A perfect gift for any fact-loving youngster.'
The Sun

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Engineers Making A Difference

Inventors, Technicians, Scientists and Tech Entrepreneurs Changing the World, and How You Can Join Them

Dr. Shini Somara • Manual Šumberac and Adam Allsuch Boardman

Meet 46 engineers who are changing our world. Learn about their passions and the awe-inspiring technologies that improve our lives.

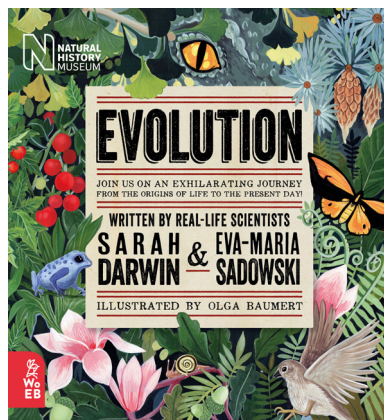
MAR 2023 • £16.99 • HB • 224 pp
236 x 186 mm • 12+ • 9781804660270
eBook: 9781804660705

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Shortlisted for the British Book Design Production Awards 2023 for Brand/Series Identity

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2024 for Information 3-14+



Evolution

Dr Sarah Darwin and Dr Eva-Maria Sadowski • Olga Baumert

Discover the story of life on Earth and how it came to be, with real-life scientists Sarah Darwin and Eva-Maria Sadowski.

SEP 2023 • £16.99 • HB • 64 pp
280 x 260 mm • 8+ • 9781912920532
eBook: 9781804660997

'An awesome experts guide packed with information and amazing artwork.'

WRD Magazine

Rights Sold: Polish, Russian, German, Bulgarian, Italian, Romanian, Slovenian



Selected for the The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and the Children's Book Council (CBC) 2024 Outstanding Science Trade Books list



Human Kindness

True Stories of Compassion and Generosity that Changed the World

John Francis • Josy Bloggs

Be inspired by incredible stories of kindness from around the world and throughout history.

SEP 2022 • £14.99 • HB • 64 pp
280 x 260 mm • 8+ • 9781912920310
eBook: 9781804660348

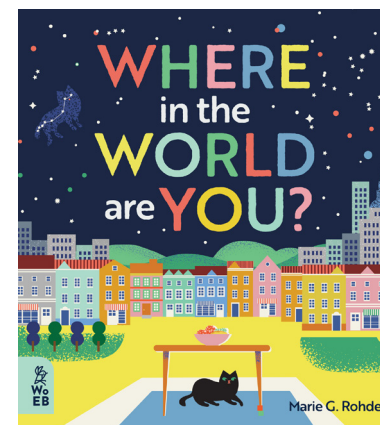
'I loved this book very much. Every school and home should own it.'

Cat Anderson, The Edinburgh Bookshop

'This is an uplifting illustrated nonfiction book. Perfect for teachers who are setting expectations and encouraging positive behaviours'

Tom Tolkien, School Reading List

Rights Sold: Korean



Where in the World Are You?

A colourful, joyful and playful exploration of our world, and our place within it.

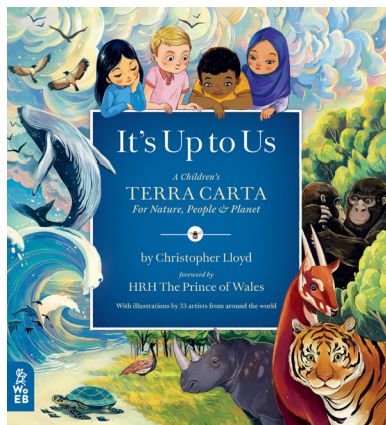
Marie G. Rohde

SEP 2022 • £11.99 • HB • 48 pp •
280 x 240 mm • 5+ • 9781913750756
eBook: 9781804660386

'Lovely ... features a nice bold font which is easy to read and cute and colourful pictures.'

BookTrust

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It's Up to Us
A Children's Terra Carta for Nature, People and Planet
Christopher Lloyd • Multiple illustrators
'Children have a unique curiosity for Nature and for this amazing planet we call home.' – His Majesty King Charles III
NOV 2021 • £16.99 • HB • 64 pp
280 x 260 mm • 6+ • 9781913750558

'A triumph, both in terms of the poetically rendered text, and the emotional impact of the hugely contrasting illustration styles on display.'
The School Reading List

'This is a beautiful, poignant and important book at what feels like a crucial moment in history.'
BookTrust

Rights Sold: Japanese, Turkish, Complex Chinese

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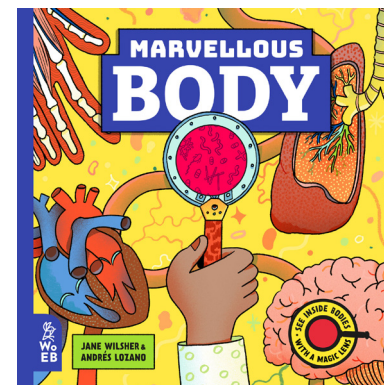


Earth is Big
A Book of Comparisons
Steve Tomecek • Marcos Farina
Find out how unique planet Earth really is in this eye-catching book of comparisons.
SEP 2021 • £14.99 • HB • 321 x 257 mm
48 pp • 7+ • 9781912920334

'Earth Is Big shows what an amazing planet we live on ... this is a perfect volume for switching young minds on to the world around them.'
Robin Brooks, GeekDad

Rights Sold: French, Korean, Romanian, Ukrainian, Italian

Marvellous Magic Lens Series



Marvellous Body
A Magic Lens Book
Jane Wilsher • Andrés Lozano
Reveal the incredible inner workings of the human body.

MAY 2022 • £14.99 • HB/Novelty • 48 pp
250 x 250 mm • 7+ • 9781913750572

Rights Sold: Korean, French, Dutch, German, Thai



Marvellous Machines
A Magic Lens Book
Jane Wilsher • Andrés Lozano
Reveal the inner workings of the incredible machines all around us.
FEB 2021 • £14.99 • HB/Novelty • 48 pp
250 x 250 mm • 7+ • 9781912920198
'The cleverly designed hardback lets children explore the workings of familiar and unfamiliar scenes ... A great way to encourage reading for retrieval and comprehension in reluctant and less able upper KS2 readers.'
The School Reading List

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Machines

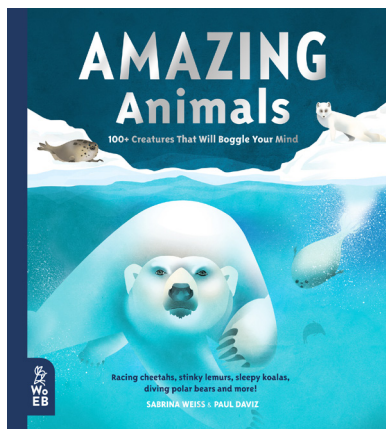


Body



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Amazing World Series



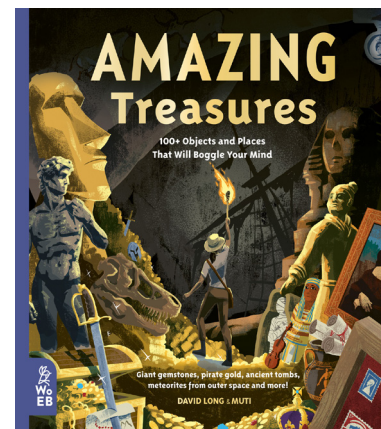
Amazing Animals 100+ Creatures That Will Boggle Your Mind

Sabrina Weiss • Paul Daviz

Record breaking tongues, playful dolphins, sleepy koalas – animals come in all sorts of weird and wonderful shapes and sizes.

FEB 2022 • £14.99 • HB • 280 x 260 mm
64 pp • 8+ • 9781912920358

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Amazing Treasures 100+ Objects and Places That Will Boggle Your Mind

David Long • Studio Muti

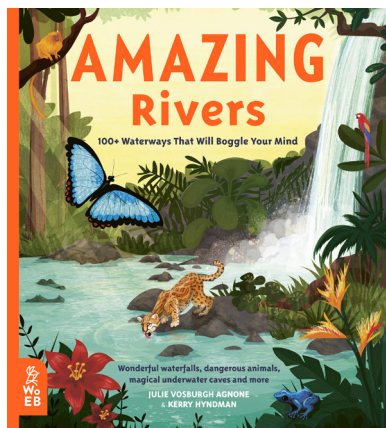
Discover 100+ of the world's most extraordinary human-made and natural treasures, objects and places.

FEB 2021 • £14.99 • HB • 280 x 260 mm
64 pp • 7+ • 9781912920495

'An absolutely fascinating read for anyone aged 7+.'

Library Girl and Book Boy

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Amazing Rivers 100+ Waterways That Will Boggle Your Mind

Julie Vosburgh Agnone • Kerry Hyndman

A fact-filled, celebration of Earth's waterways. Discover religious celebrations, stunning waterfalls and weird wildlife.

AUG 2021 • £14.99 • HB • 280 x 260 mm
64 pp • 7+ • 9781912920259

'If you fancy a thrilling voyage down the world's most extraordinary rivers, open the pages of this brilliant book and discover over one hundred stunning waterways! An exciting new addition to Amazing Islands and Amazing Treasures, this is the perfect book for fearless adventurers and young eco-warriors!'

Lancashire Post

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Amazing Islands 100+ Places That Will Boggle Your Mind

Sabrina Weiss • Kerry Hyndman

A fact-filled, colourful celebration of island wildlife, history and culture, with volcanoes, rainforests, Komodo dragons and more!

JUN 2021 • £14.99 • HB • 280 x 260 mm
64 pp • 7+ • 9781912920150

'Entertaining celebration of island diversity, wildlife, history, treasures and cultures.'

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ZOOM Series



ZOOM Building Site Adventure

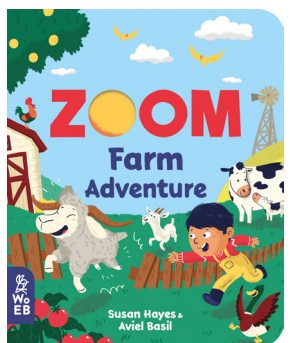
Susan Hayes • Susanna Rumiz

NOV 2021 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm
36 pp • 1+ • 9781912920419



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ZOOM Farm Adventure

Susan Hayes • Aviel Basil

NOV 2021 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm
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ZOOM Rainforest Adventure

Susan Hayes • Susanna Rumiz

APR 2021 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm
36 pp • 1+ • 9781912920396

'Breathtakingly beautiful ... The perfect way to combine reading, learning, animals and adventures.'

Book Bound



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ZOOM Dinosaur Adventure

Susan Hayes • Sam Rennocks

APR 2021 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm
36 pp • 1+ • 9781912920457

'A fun, easy book for your kids to enjoy, whether as a bedtime story or as a read-aloud exercise for early readers.'
Dino Dad Reviews



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ZOOM Space Adventure

Susan Hayes • Susanna Rumiz

JUL 2020 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm
36 pp • 1+ • 9781999967970

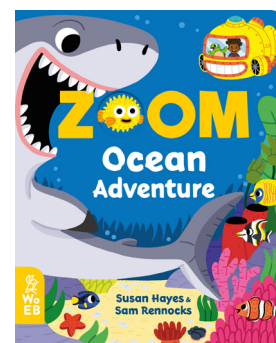
'Collect rock samples and learn about the planets. Watch out for the amazing countdown pages at the start!'

Library Girl and Book Boy



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ZOOM Ocean Adventure

Susan Hayes • Sam Rennocks

JUL 2020 • £10.99 • Boardbook • 170 x 150 mm
36 pp • 1+ • 9781999967994

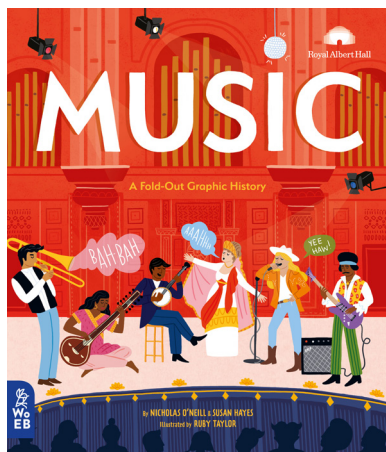
'It's nice to see a black boy having an ocean adventure in a board book, as representation of BAME children is still rare in books for the under 3s.'

BookTrust



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Music A Fold-Out Graphic History

Nicholas O'Neill and Susan Hayes
Ruby Taylor

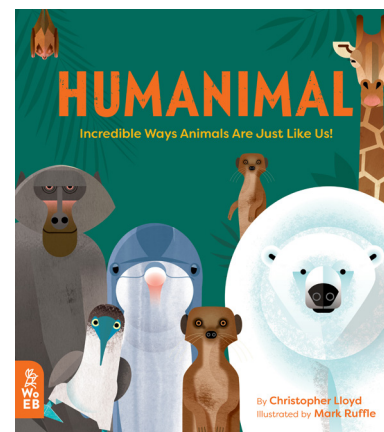
Follow this unique 2.5 metre fold-out timeline through the history of music.

NOV 2020 • £14.99 • HB • 294 x 249 mm
22 pp • 9+ • 9781999967932

'A glorious concertina of music history from the earliest gourd instruments right up to AI composers – wide-ranging, colourful and absorbing.'

Imogen Russell Williams, *The Guardian*

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Humanimal Incredible Ways Animals are Just Like Us!

Christopher Lloyd • Mark Ruffle

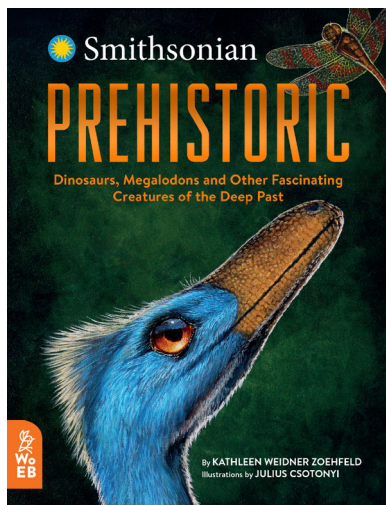
A fascinating book uncovering the curious connections between humans and other animals.

OCT 2019 • £12.99 • HB • 280 x 260 mm
48 pp • 7+ • 9781912920006

'A highly interesting account of animal behaviour brought alive by Mark Ruffle's vibrant illustrations.'

Irish Examiner

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Prehistoric Dinosaurs, Megalodons and Other Fascinating Creatures of the Deep Past

Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld • Julius Csotonyi

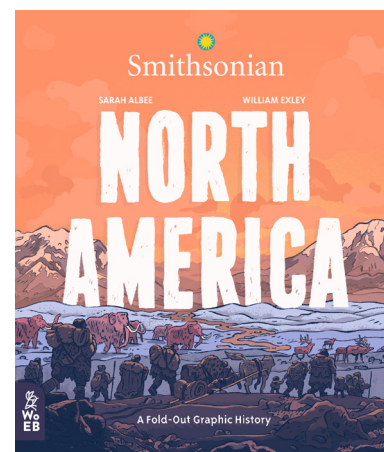
Travel back hundreds of millions of years, stopping in frozen ice ages, lush prehistoric rainforests and ancient oceans along the way.

SEP 2019 • £12.99 • HB • 280 x 216 mm
48 pp • 7+ • 9781912920044

'This is the perfect book for dinosaur lovers... The perfect book for curious kids who love finding out what life was like in prehistoric times.'

Read It, Daddy!

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North America A Fold-Out Graphic History

Sarah Albee • William Exley

A richly illustrated, foldout graphic history of the United States, Mexico, and the islands of the Caribbean.

OCT 2019 • £14.99 • HB • 294 x 249 mm
48 pp • 7+ • 9781912920044

'North America as a fold-out graphic history presents a mind-boggling amount of information in a creative, imaginative way that often challenges our perceptions.'

Armadillo Magazine

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Explorer Series



Explorer Plants!

Nick Forshaw • William Exley

This fascinating book features more than 100 plants from around the world, with a 2m fold-out timeline.

MAR 2019 • £9.99 • HB • 240 x 240 mm
38 pp + 8pp timeline • 7+ • 9780995576612

'The perfect way to turn your young naturalists into experts!'

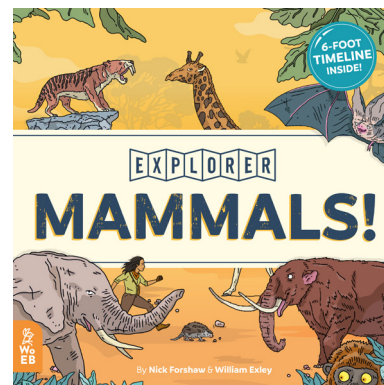
Lancashire Evening Post

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Natural
History
Museum



Explorer Mammals!

Nick Forshaw • William Exley

A fascinating guide to more than 100 mammals, with a 2m fold-out timeline.

MAR 2019 • £9.99 • HB • 240 x 240 mm
38 pp + 8pp timeline • 7+ • 9780995576629

'The appealing presentation and plethora of facts makes for a great read for young and not-so-young.'

Parents in Touch

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Explorer Bugs!

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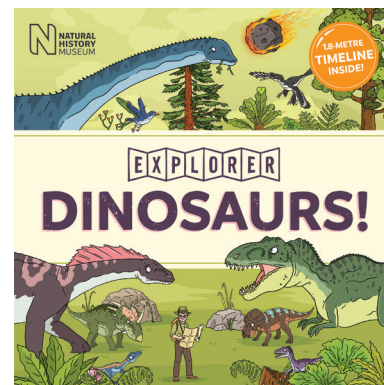
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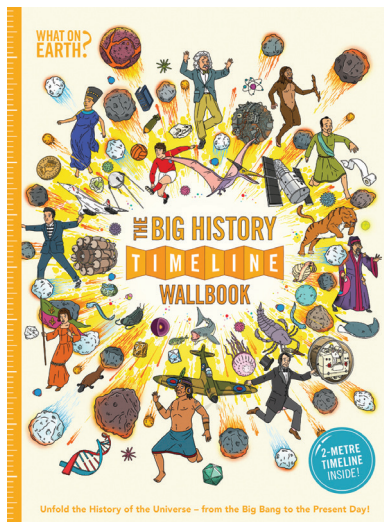
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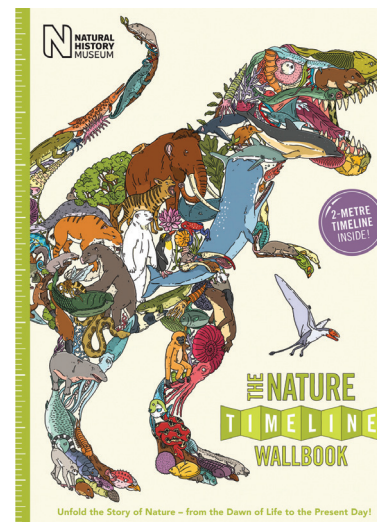
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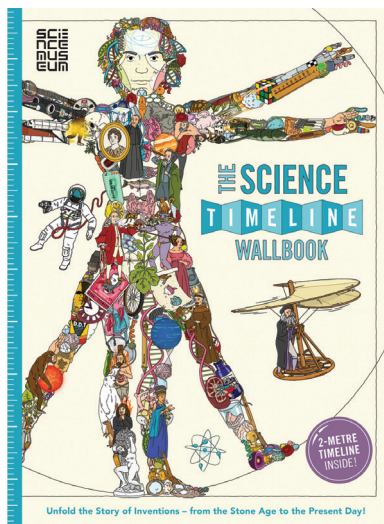
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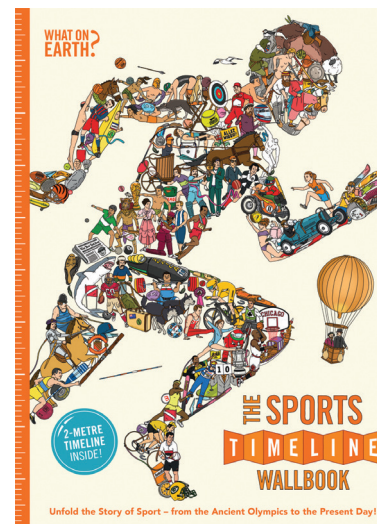
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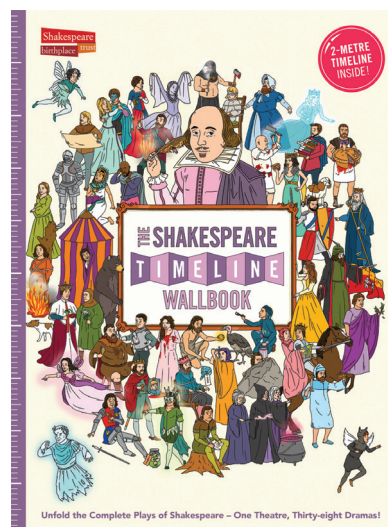
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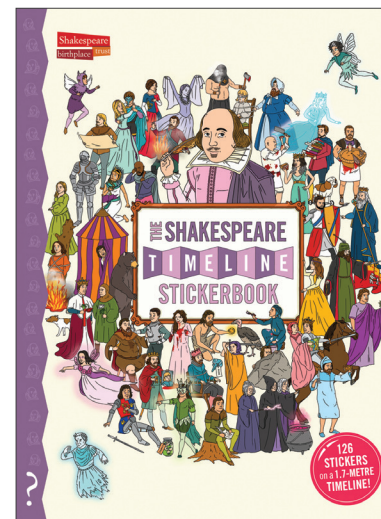
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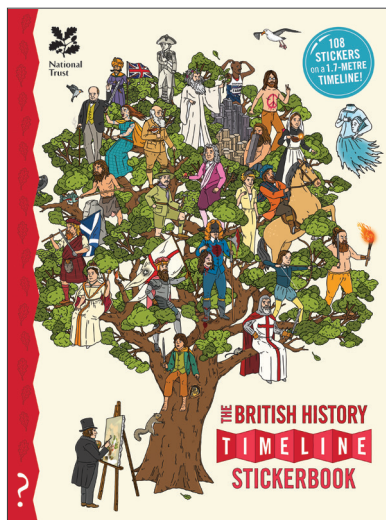
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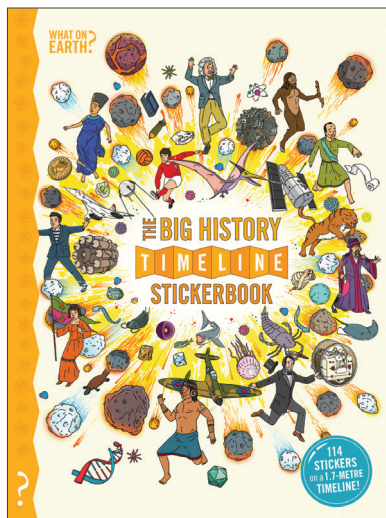
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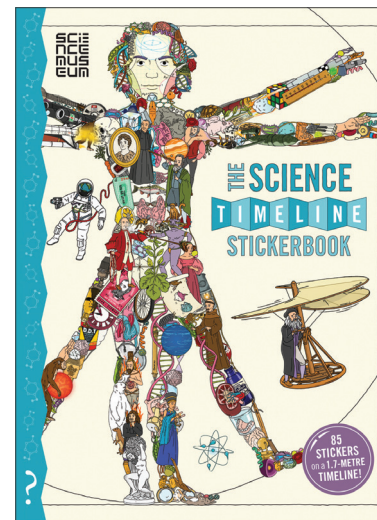
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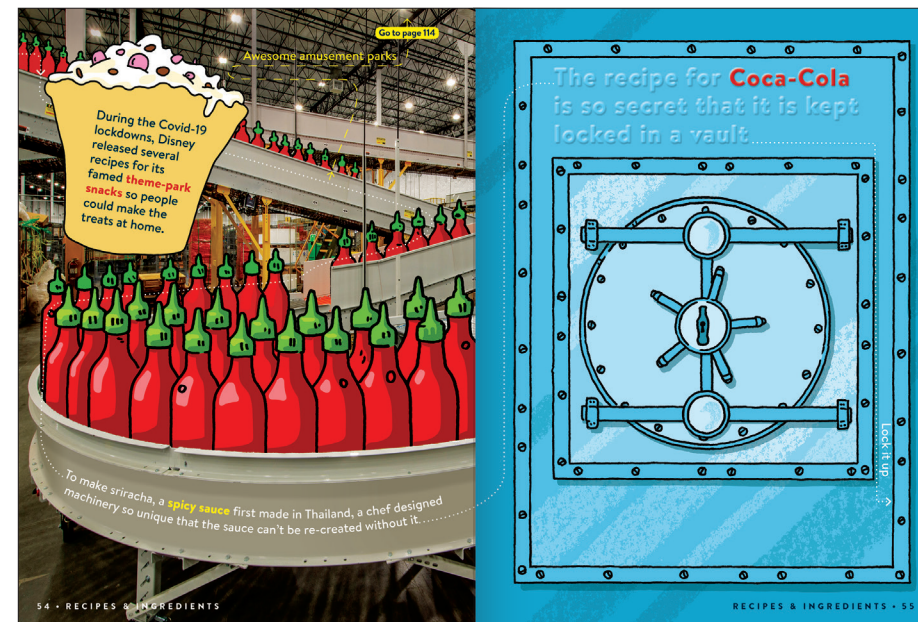
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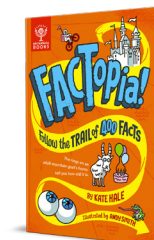


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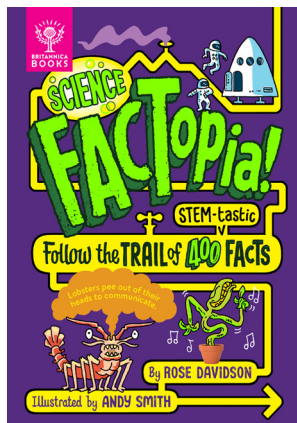
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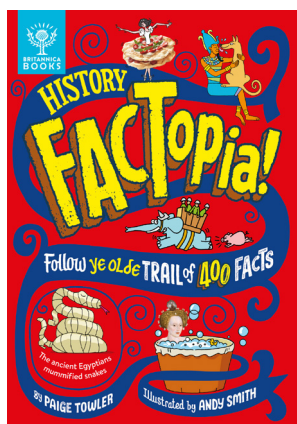
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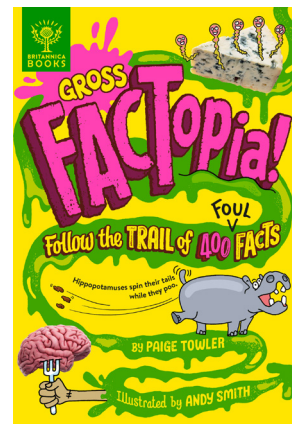
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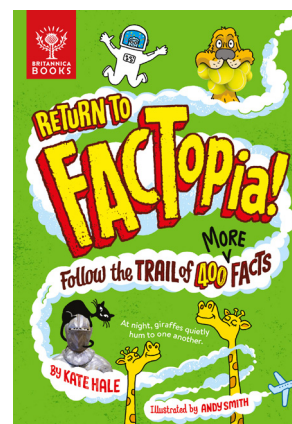
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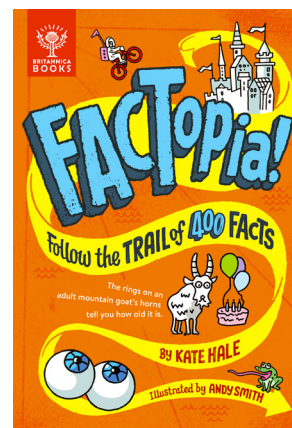
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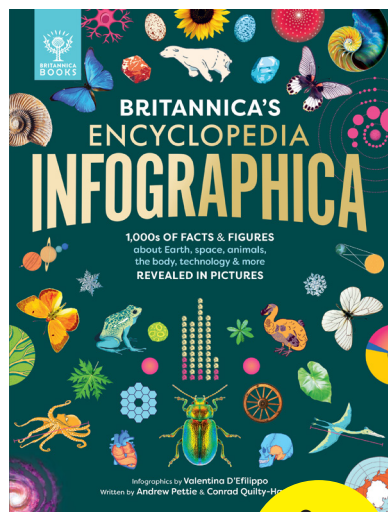


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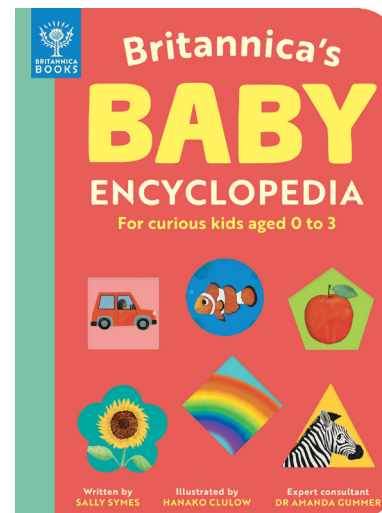
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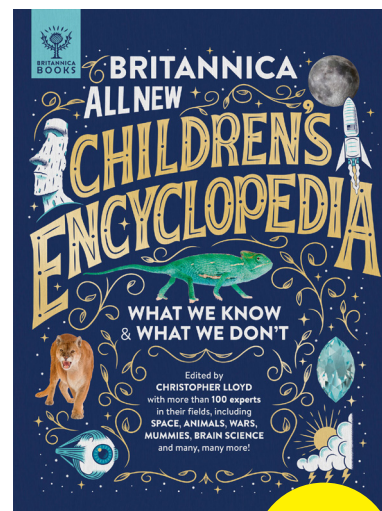
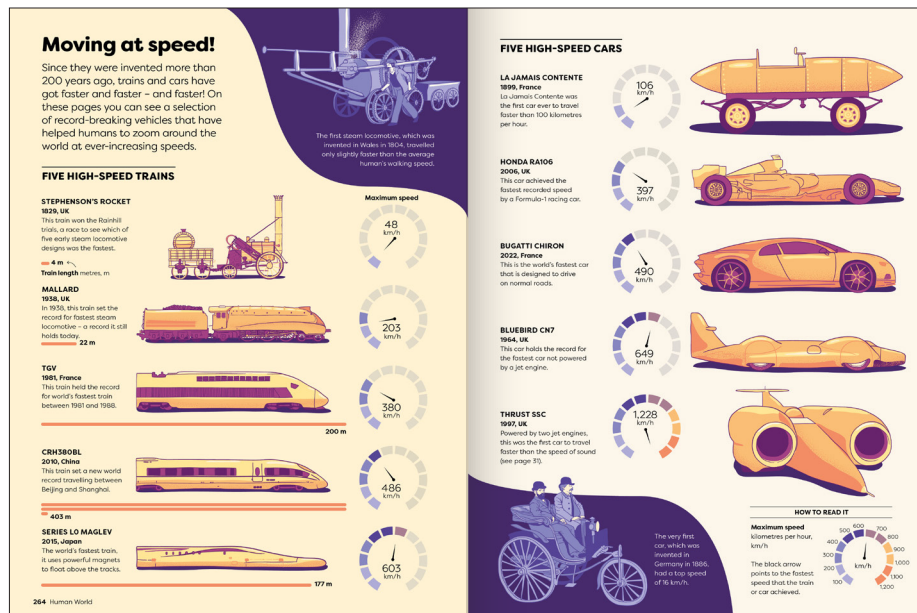
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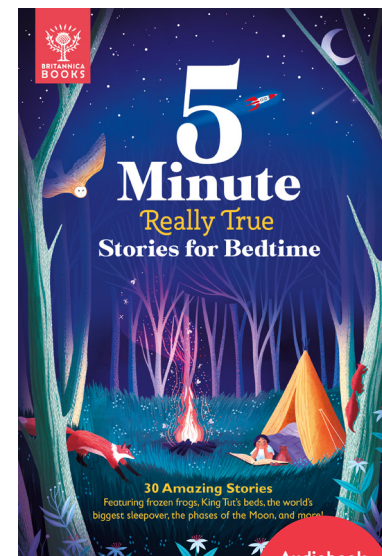
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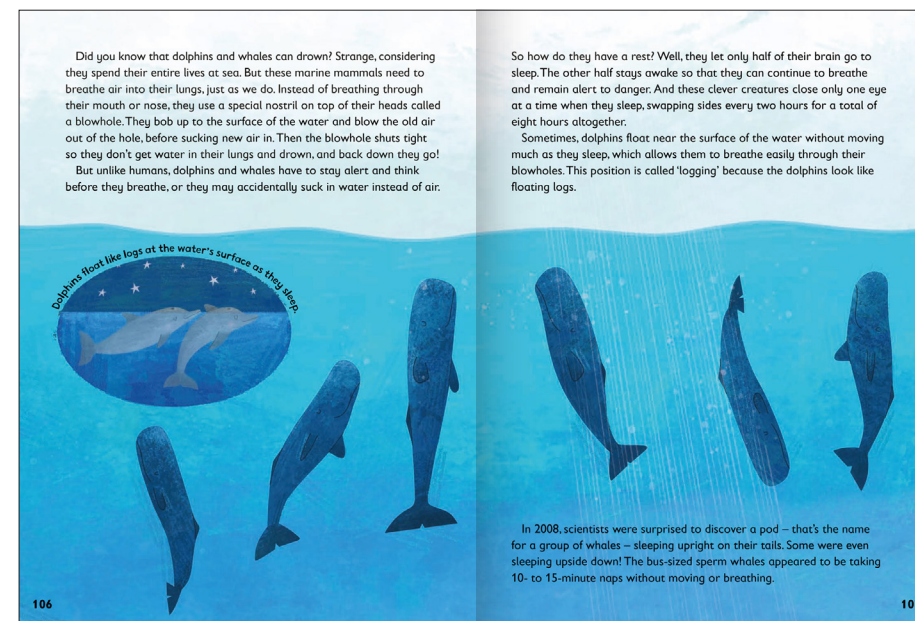
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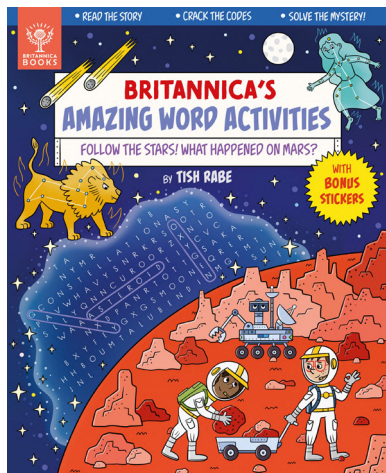
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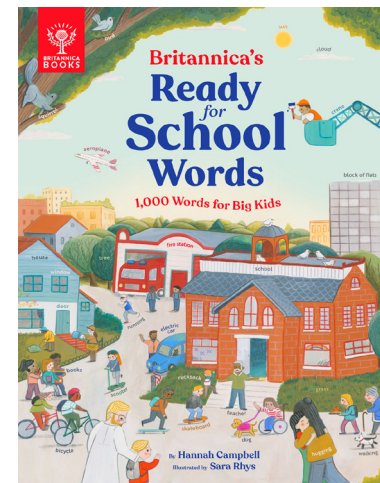
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