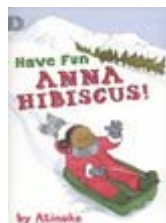


Ashley, Chris Wasim and the champ

F. Lincoln pbk £5.99 9781847800572

Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 7+

Football mad Wasim and his team mates enter the local football competition. After the London bombings, an incident at the local mosque and a fight involving Wasim's older brother, the teams become split between white and Asian boys. However, Wasim and a surprise celebrity at the competition, an international boxing champion from their area, cleverly diffuse a tense situation. Very simply written and overcomes racial tension well.



Atinuke Have fun, Anna Hibiscus!

Walker pbk £3.99 9781406320671

Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 7+

The fourth story about Anna Hibiscus, who has dual nationality; her Dad is African and her Mum is Canadian. Four short stories about Anna visiting her Grandma in Canada for Christmas for the first time. Highlights the differences between her warm African home and the snow of Canada. Good for showing contrasting localities. Simply told with warmth and black and white line drawings throughout.



Blake, Jon Oshie

Walker pbk £3.99 9781406324174 Racing reads

Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8+

Four short stories about a boy with cerebral palsy. Oshie is a great character who just happens to have cerebral palsy. He is lively, keen on football, a bit of a rebel and has a strong sense of humour. He is loosely based on the author's son. A note from the author at the end, explains why he wrote these stories and what cerebral palsy is.



Deary, Terry Put out the light

A & C Black pbk £5.99 9781408130544

Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Set in world war two this story brings together some children in Germany and a brother and sister in Sheffield, Billy and Sally Thomas. Billy and Sally are trying to solve the mystery of who is stealing money during air raids. The mystery is solved and the story resolved effectively whilst informing the reader about life during the second world war in Sheffield and Germany.



French, Vivian The Flight of dragons

Walker pbk £5.99 9781406319071 Tales from the five kingdoms

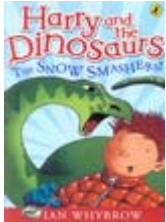
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 10+

In the fourth of the 'Tales of the five kingdoms', Gracie and Marcus have to stop Malignancy from finding a lost dragon's egg which is about to hatch, or it will grow up under his evil influence. Again well-written and humorous, with an engaging cast of eccentric but credible characters. It is necessary to read these books in order.



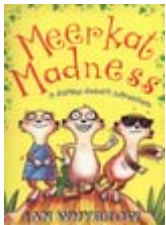
Taylor, A.G. Alien storm
 Usborne pbk £5.99 9781409520184
 Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Sequel to 'Meteorite strike' and just as exciting. Deadly meteorites are fast approaching earth and mysterious Russian billionaire Nikolai Makarov seems to be involved. Can Sarah and her friends, who acquired superpowers after the meteorite strike of the first book, prevent the end of the human race? Gripping throughout, with a little more depth to some of the characters.



Whybrow, Ian The Snow smashers
 Puffin pbk £4.99 9780141332796 Harry and the dinosaurs
 Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 8+

Harry is now too old for his bucket of dinosaurs, but he still loves them. He discovers a set of plastic dinosaur cards on a keyring, which turn into real living dinosaurs when he rubs them. Fortunately, they are invisible to everyone but Harry, and are very useful for helping Harry with tricky problems. Longer 'Harry' stories for slightly older readers. Black and white illustrations throughout.



Whybrow, Ian Meerkat madness
 HarperCollins pbk £4.99 9780007411535
 Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 9+

While the grown-ups of the meerkat clan look for food, young pup Little Dream and his siblings are left with a babysitter, their Uncle Fearless, who has lost an eye as he was attacked ages ago by a predator. They like him as he tells funny stories from the time he was the star of a hit wildlife show. Then they find a mysterious object in the sand and Little Dream talks his uncle into taking the pups on a tour of famous locations from the programme. A deadly predator is stalking the group, hoping to carry one of them away for lunch! A romp of a story which is amusing and sees life from the meerkats point of view.



Wilson, Jacqueline Little darlings
 Corgi Yearling pbk £5.99 9780440868347
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 10+

New in paperback. Sunset lives a life of luxury with her beautiful mum, her world-famous dad and her brother and sister. However, the marriage is unhappy with Dad having affairs and frequently leaving home. While Destiny is an only child living on a rundown estate with her ill mum. Destiny knows that she is Sunset's step sister. The two girls become friends and Sunset is instrumental in Destiny eventually meeting her Dad at the end of the book. There are some descriptions of violence among children and teenagers, as the estate where Destiny lives is home to two gangs. Typical Jacqueline Wilson style which will be enjoyed by fans.

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