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## BOOKS TO INSPIRE

### **SPEAK UP! SPEECHES BY YOUNG PEOPLE TO EMPOWER AND INSPIRE** by Adora Svitak

*(Wide-Eyed Editions)*

A book of 45 speeches by young people on the issues that are closest to their hearts.

### **I AM NOT A LABEL**

by Cerrie Burnell

*(Wide Eyed Editions)*

A collection of 34 biographies of artists, thinkers, athletes and activists who have not let their disabilities hold them back.

### **TIGER, TIGER, BURNING BRIGHT!**

by Fiona Waters

*(Nosy Crow)*

A beautifully illustrated set of animal poems – one for each day of the year.

### **RISE UP: ORDINARY KIDS WITH EXTRAORDINARY STORIES**

by Amanda Li

*(Michael O'Mara Books)*

Just because you're young, it doesn't mean you can't be an inventor, activist or explorer, as this book proves.

### **DIARY OF A YOUNG NATURALIST**

by Dara McAnulty

*(Little Toller)*

The life of a boy who connects with nature and wildlife.

## BOOKS TO MAKE YOU LAUGH OUT LOUD

### **ASTERIX IN BRITAIN**

by René Goscinny and Albert Uderzo

*(Orion Children's Books)*

Two unusual warriors are invited to help a small British village hold out against the Roman invasion.

### **MAYHEM MISSION**

by Burhana Islam

*(Knights Of)*

A boy tries to ruin his older sister's wedding so he doesn't have to be the responsible one if she leaves home.

### **THE ACCIDENTAL DIARY OF B.U.G.**

by Jen Carney

*(Puffin)*

Suspensions are aroused by the arrival of a new girl at a school.

### **THE BOY WHO MADE EVERYONE LAUGH**

by Helen Rutter

*(Scholastic)*

A schoolboy won't let his stammer hold him back from his dream of being a comedian.

### **KAY'S ANATOMY**

by Adam Kay

*(Puffin)*

A hilarious guide to the weird and wonderful things that happen inside your body.

## BOOKS YOU'LL WANT TO TALK ABOUT

### **THIS BOOK IS ANTI-RACIST**

by Tiffany Jewell

*(Frances Lincoln)*

A practical guide to shaping a fairer world for everyone.

### **CLIMATE REBELS**

by Ben Lerwill

*(Puffin)*

True stories about famous and not-so-famous people who are fighting to save the planet.

### **THE LOST SPELLS**

by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris

*(Hamish Hamilton)*

A series of "spell-poems" about animals, birds, trees and flowers.

### **DARE TO BE YOU**

by Matthew Syed

*(Hachette)*

A useful guide to help you stop worrying about trying to fit in and instead just be you.

### **LIVING THE CONFIDENCE CODE**

Katty Kay, Claire Shipman

& Jillelyn Riley

*(HarperCollins)*

This book features 30 girls around the world and how they can inspire everyone.

## BOOKS WITH CHARACTERS YOU'D LOVE TO MEET

### **FACE THE MUSIC**

by Marianne Levy

*(Macmillan)*

A singer prepares for her first concert but her fame goes way beyond the charts when she starts a war with a boy band.

### **A KIND OF SPARK**

by Elle McNicoll

*(Knights Of)*

An 11-year-old aims to change the way people see her.

### **WINK**

by Rob Harrell

*(Hot Key)*

A boy, his friends, and his family need to work out how to deal with his recent cancer diagnosis – maybe Batpig can come to the rescue?

### **MACBETH UNITED**

by Michael Rosen

*(Scholastic)*

Shakespeare meets football in this tale of a player who will do whatever it takes to become captain of his team.

### **STORIES FOR SOUTH ASIAN**

#### **SUPERGIRLS**

by Raj Kaur Khaira

*(Kashi House)*

A heartwarming book of inspirational stories highlighting the lives of 50 women.

## BOOKS WITH AMAZING ADVENTURES

### **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON** by Cressida Cowell

*(Hachette)*

A young Viking struggles to be a hero until one day he's called upon to save his tribe.

### **DRAGON MOUNTAIN**

by Katie Tsang and Kevin Tsang

*(Simon & Schuster)*

A group of children go on an epic quest to free four powerful warrior dragons who can save the world from destruction.

### **AMARI AND THE NIGHT BROTHERS** by B.B. Alston

*(Farshore)*

A girl goes on a supernatural adventure involving mermaids, aliens, a sinister organisation and an evil magician to rescue her brother.

### **THE ICE GARDEN**

by Guy Jones

*(Chicken House)*

One night a girl who is allergic to the sun sneaks out to the playground and discovers a magical garden.

### **WHEN SECRETS SET SAIL**

by Sita Brahmachari

*(Orion Children's Books)*

The ghost of Usha's grandmother appears and sets Usha and Imtiaz, her adoptive sister, an important and difficult task.

## BOOKS TO MAKE YOU THINK LIKE A DETECTIVE

### **THE GUGGENHEIM MYSTERY**

by Robin Stevens

*(Puffin)*

When a woman is blamed for stealing a painting from a famous Museum her nephew has to find the real thief.

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## THE COOKING CLUB DETECTIVES

by Ewa Jozefkowicz

(Head of Zeus)

A group of friends want to figure out who is trying to close their community centre

## THE MYSTERY OF THE CLOCKWORK SPARROW

by Katherine Woodfine

(Egmont)

A shop girl needs help to clear her name when she is the last one seen near a jewel-encrusted bird that has been stolen.

## TWITCH

by M.G. Leonard

(Walker)

A birdwatching detective goes on the trail of a dangerous robber after realising the escaped convict is on the loose in a local wood.

## THE INKBERG ENIGMA

by Jonathan King

(Gecko)

Two friends uncover a secret that has corrupted their town in this graphic novel.

## BOOKS PACKED WITH SUPERPOWERS

### GUARDIANS OF MAGIC

by Chris Riddell

(Pan Macmillan)

In the Kingdom of Thrynne, three children must come together to defeat enemies threatening the magical cloud horses.

### THE TIME-THIEF

by Patience Agbabi

(Canongate)

After her friend is arrested for a crime she didn't commit, a girl must go back in time to find the missing Infinity Glass.

## THE LIGHTNING CATCHER

by Clare Weze

(Bloomsbury)

Things spiral out of control after a boy accidentally releases a creature made out of electricity.

## DONUT THE DESTROYER

by Sarah Graley and

Stef Purenins

(Scholastic)

The daughter of legendary villains tries to become a hero.

## THE PERSON CONTROLLER

by David Baddiel

(Harper Collins)

A pair of twins come into possession of a video-game handset that allows them to control other human beings.

## BOOKS THAT TRANSPORT YOU INTO THE PAST

### MYTHOLOGICA

by Steve Kershaw and

Victoria Topping

(Wide Eyed Editions)

An encyclopedia full of facts about gods, monsters and mortals from ancient Greek mythology.

### THE VALLEY OF LOST SECRETS

by Lesley Parr

(Bloomsbury)

A boy who has been evacuated from London during the Second World War makes a spooky discovery in a Welsh village.

### WINDRUSH CHILD

by Benjamin Zephaniah

(Scholastic)

A young boy adjusts to his new life in England after arriving from the Caribbean.

## QUEEN OF FREEDOM, DEFENDING JAMAICA

by Catherine Johnson

(Pushkin Press)

The true story of Queen Nanny, an 18th century Jamaican freedom fighter.

## WHO LET THE GODS OUT?

By Maz Evans

(Chicken House)

A shooting star brings the gods of Greek mythology to modern-day Earth.

## BOOKS THAT TAKE YOU AROUND THE WORLD

### ROOFTOPPERS

by Katherine Rundell

(Bloomsbury)

A community of children live on the rooftops above Paris.

### WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MANGOES

by Kereen Getten

(Pushkin)

Living in a small village in Jamaica, Clara tries to remember what happened to her during a storm the previous summer.

### TAMARIND & THE STAR OF ISHTA

by Jasbinder Bilan

(Chicken House)

A girl travels to her ancestral home in the Himalayas to find out more about her family history.

### THE UNADOPTABLES

by Hana Tooke

(Puffin)

Five orphans go on an adventure in 19th century Amsterdam.

### WHEN STARS ARE SCATTERED

by Victoria Jamieson and

Omar Mohamed

(Faber)

Based on a true story, this graphic novel is about two young boys and their time in a Kenyan refugee camp.

## BOOKS ABOUT FANTASTIC FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

### A PLACE CALLED PERFECT

by Helena Duggan

(Usborne)

When Violet Brown's family moves to the town of Perfect, they soon start to realise that things aren't exactly what they seem.

### THE PERFECT PARENT PROJECT

by Stewart Foster

(Simon & Schuster)

A boy in foster care enlists a friend to help him find his ideal family.

### ME, MY DAD AND THE END OF THE RAINBOW

by Benjamin Dean

(Simon and Schuster)

Archie Albright tries to find out why his parents are no longer speaking to each other and what secret they're keeping from him.

### FRONT DESK

by Kelly Yang

(Knights of Media)

A Chinese immigrant in the US uses her job at a motel to help others trying to start a new life in the country.

### THE BOY WITH THE BUTTERFLY MIND

by Victoria Williamson

(Floris)

When their families become intertwined, two 11-year-olds form an unexpected friendship.

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