

Books for Boys 5 +

Jumblebum
Chae Strathie

Shortlisted for the 2013 Scottish Children's Book Award Fans of Aliens Love Underpants will laugh equally loudly at this story which also has a useful moral. With its gunk on the carpet and junk on the bed, the bedroom of Johnny...

Dinosaur Farm
Frann Preston-Gannon

A delightful farming story – with a difference! Like all farmers, this farmer is busy all day long – feeding the animals, cleaning up after them and even cleaning them. That's a pretty big job as the animals in question...

Bob and Rob
Sue Pickford

Good dog Bob has the misfortune to be owned by Rob, a very, very bad burglar. Rob is always doing really terrible things and Bob has to do all he can to put them right. When Bob returns a sack...

Superfrog and the Big Stink
Michael Foreman

February 2013 Debut of the Month A delightful series of detailed pictures tell the eco-tale of Frank the Superfrog who is determined to prevent the rubbish building up in his favourite pond. He bounds into action using a unique form of...

March of the Armoured Beasts
Rex Stone

Exciting adventures in this easy to read series about two boys and the dangerous dinosaurs they encounter – especially the deadly Tyrannosaurus Rex. Jamie's dad is opening a dinosaur museum in Dinosaur Cove. Jamie expects to find some fossils but...

Fluff the Farting Fish
Michael Rosen

Perfect for every child who's just beginning to read alone, this hilarious tale is a roller coaster ride of fame and fortune and the possible resulting disasters. Elvie longs for a dog but gets a goldfish instead! Undeterred from following...

Charge of the Three Horned Monster
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Big Book of Big Tractors
Lisa Jane Gillespie

Open the giant fold-out pages of this bright, friendly book to discover some of the biggest and most amazing tractors ever built. From huge harvesting machines and monster polar vehicles, to the world's largest tractor.

A Cretaceous Survival Guide

Rex Stone

Are you ready for the Dinosaur Cove Cretaceous Survival Guide? It's jam-packed full of fascinating dinosaur facts, it's bursting at the seams with fantastic puzzles to solve, and it's overflowing with great activities to do...such as creating your own volcano...

Toothy!

Alan MacDonald

Dirty Bertie, the boy with nose-pickingly disgusting habits, returns for another helping of comic chaos in the 19th book of this successful series.

This Moose Belongs to Me

Oliver Jeffers

Winner of the Irish Book Awards Children's Book of the Year 2012 and the Honour Award for Illustration from Children's Books Ireland, 2013. Now out in paperback, this is an exquisite book, featuring a boy and his moose, from internationally...

The Wind in the Willows

Jeanne Willis

A side-splitting look at a topic every child knows and giggles about - noisy bottoms! - cheeky, quirky and outrageous humour from this bestselling team. Boys in particular will love this but beware parents they may decide to wallow around...

The Man Who Wore All His Clothes

Allan Ahlberg

Mr Gaskitt does a strange thing one day; he puts on all his clothes right on top of each other. Going out dressed like that makes Mr Gaskitt look very different and it's lucky that he does when he meets...

The Haunted House of Buffin Street

Francesca Simon

An easy-to-read adventure with a delightfully entertaining story. Fang and Honey, just two of the good friends who live in Buffin Street, are set to move. Their owners want a house with a garden. What on earth can the animals...

The Disgusting Sandwich

Gareth Edwards

There's a great joke running right through this witty picture book to the excellent punch line. Badger is always hungry and now his tummy is rumbling! He so badly wants the fresh white bread and peanut butter sandwich which he...

Stuart The Bug Eating Man

Calvin Innes

Even though Stuart's talent is a strange (and gross) one, he uses it to his advantage, works hard and becomes very successful. The book is filled with humorous and disgusting illustrations, lots of strange and funny bugs and has as...

Nuddy Ned
Kes Gray

Ned's extreme delight in having no clothes on is wickedly captured in this story of a little boy who runs around everywhere with nothing on at all. Young readers will love Ned's nude prancing and especially lifting the provocatively placed...

No More Kisses for Bernard
Niki Daly

Award-winning Niki Daly is brilliant at capturing Bernard's horror at his aunt's passion to kiss him! Bernard has four equally adoring aunts so he has to think up a great many cunning plans to avoid being kissed. This is a...

Mega Mash-up: Secret Agents v Giant Slugs in the Jungle
Nikolas Catlow, Tim Wesson

Draw your own adventure! The secret agents and the giant slugs are fighting it out in the jungle. It's exciting, it's funny and it's disgusting! Can you the reader help them to finish it off? There are lots of creative...

Jack's Mega Machines: The Rocket Racing Car
Alison Ritchie

Machine-mad Jack is the best mechanic for miles around...Happily, he settles down to mend a turbo-charged racing car. When all is fixed, Jack sets off on a wonderful space adventure at the wheel of his super machine. Machine-mad readers can...

How Dinosaurs Really Work
Alan Snow

Fact and fiction and lots of jokes about all things to do with dinosaurs are cleverly melded together in this attractive picture book format which makes finding out fun and easy. Alan Snow's brilliant illustrations are centred around delightful cross-sections...

Dog's Dinner (Jack Splat)
Lou Kuenzler

Follow Jack Splat, a fearless fly, on his eventful day out enjoying as many disgusting things as possible. The weather is hot and sticky and the park is the perfect place for every kind of tasty treat including fleas, frogs...

Dinosaur Zoom!
Penny Dale

Perfect for all machine-mad dinosaur lovers! Big dinosaurs and even bigger machines are on the move in this lively, action-packed picture book with a lovely surprise ending.

Vulgar the Viking and the Rock Cake Raiders
Odin Redbeard

Revoltin' – in the very best way – this is a rollickingly good adventure. Vulgar the Viking finds his home life in the town of Blubber exceptionally boring. If only things were like they used to be in the good...

Superfly Pest (Jack Splat)
Lou Kuenzler

This is a hilarious new series, told from the fly-on-the-wall perspective of our death-defying hero Jack Splat as he goes about his daily business - landing on tasty bits of food and spreading germs. But there is danger everywhere for...

Operation Alphabet

Al MacCuish, Jim Bletsas

Operation Alphabet is the story of a little boy called Charlie Foxtrot. This entertaining and delightfully illustrated caper is an ideal way to introduce young children to the wonder of words and the magic of reading. Charlie has just started school...

Ninja Meerkats 4 : Hollywood Showdown

Gareth P. Jones

The author has just been named as winner of the Blue Peter Book Award for 2012. Meerkats are everywhere in films and commercials at the moment so it seems quite normal for a terrific little series to be created for...

Cudweed's Birthday (Early Reader)

Marcus Sedgwick

Goth Froth for Early Readers. Cudweed wants a monkey for his birthday in this brand new story featuring some of the characters that have proved such a hit in the Raven Mysteries series for slightly older kids but Cudweed's is...

Creepy Monsters, Sleepy Monsters

Jane Yolen

Join two little monsters in this new rhyming read-aloud from the beloved Jane Yolen about the snarling, growling, hip-hopping way that monsters go to bed. Young children and parents alike will find much to identify with as they follow these...

A Roman Rescue (Charlie and Bandit Adventures)

Kelly Gerrard

New time travel series in appealing, witty, graphic novel format. Charlie follows his dog Bandit when he accidentally falls into a sinkhole transporting them to Ancient Rome. Searching for his dog...

We're Going to Build a Dam

Gillian McClure

With fluid, engaging line and watercolour illustrations, Gillian McClure's story simple but dramatic story captures the spontaneity of two small boys working and playing together on the beach. And in the visual narrative readers can enjoy following the antics...

We Have Lift-off!

Sean Taylor

A sophisticated story with an important message lies at the heart of this deliciously entertaining book. The animals on Mr Tanner's farm are in revolt against their farmer's disgusting behaviour; he pollutes the water, cuts down the trees, and makes...

The Diggers are Coming!

Susan Steggall

November 2012 Book of the Month Machine-mad readers will love this dramatic picture book which brings to life all the action and especially the noise of a building site. Susan Steggall's brilliantly created 3D collage illustrations of wreckers wrecking and...

The Dark

Lemony Snicket

April 2013 Book of the Month Possibly destined to be THE TOP PICTURE BOOK of 2013. Bestselling Lemony Snicket gives an original, delightful and empowering take on the familiar theme of being scared of the dark. Laszlo is afraid of...

Robot Rumpus

Sean Taylor

A brilliant bedtime romp! When Mum and Dad hand over the babysitting to a bunch of robots they have no idea just how much chaos will follow. All starts well with Cook-Bot and Clean-Bot doing their jobs brilliantly but then...

Oliver

Birgitta Sif

A wonderful celebration of being different. Oliver lives in his own dream world; he'd rather play with his make-believe friends than join his peers. But then he begins to feel a bit lonely... Can he find someone who, like him,...

Max the Champion

Alex Strick, Sean Stockdale

Sports-mad Max thinks about sport every minute of every day – and night! He dives into his cereal, scores a goal with his school artwork, imagines himself skiing down a fast slalom course on his way home and dreams...

Dino Bites!

Algy Craig Hall

There's a laugh-out-loud ending to this story of eating! Dinosaur wants some lunch, the lunch wants a snack, the snack just wants a small bite! When everyone has had their meal terrible things begin to happen! Luckily, the dinosaur gives...

The Day the Crayons Quit

Drew Daywalt

One of our Must Reads of 2013 & August 2013 Book of the Month Award-winning Oliver Jeffers and Drew Daywalt's highly-entertaining new book mean that colouring will never be the same again! When Duncan goes to take out his crayons one...

Monster and Chips

David O'Connell

One of our Must Reads of 2013 & April 2013 Debut of the Month Fans of The Wimpy Kid will love this delightfully disgusting and dangerous story about what happens when Joe sets out to buy some chips from McGreasy's...

Horrid Henry's Nightmare

Francesca Simon

Horrid Henry finds he is not as fearless as he thought in the title story in this collection. And, to make matters worse, Perfect Pete is much less easily frightened. Four shocking new tales about the unchanging Horrid Henry.

Attack of the Lizard King

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I am So Over Being a Loser

Jim Smith

Barry Loser is back giving another hilarious glimpse into his busy life and, above all, into his ongoing campaign to prove that he is a really cool guy. It's harder than ever for Barry to be cool when his mum...