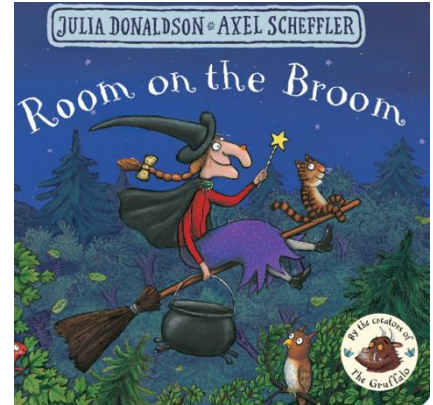


# Thursfield's favourite books for Year 1 and 2

## Room On The Broom – Julia Donaldson

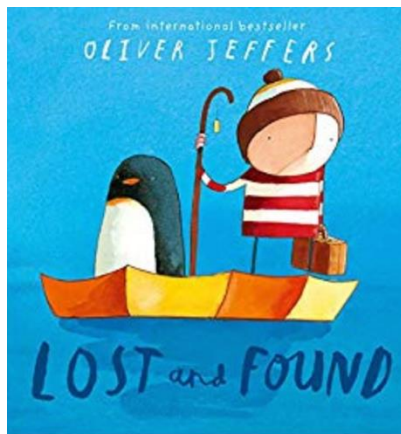
The witch and her cat fly happily over forests, rivers and mountains on their broomstick until a stormy wind blows away the witch's hat, bow and wand. Luckily, they are retrieved by a dog, a bird and a frog, who are all keen for a ride on the broom. It's a case of the more, the merrier, but the broomstick isn't used to such a heavy load and it's not long before . . . SNAP! It breaks in two! And with a greedy dragon looking for a snack, the witch's animal pals better think fast!



## Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers

There once was a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole.

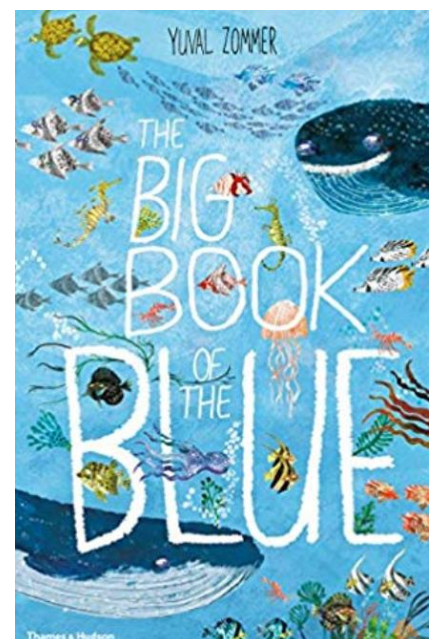
But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all.



## The Big Book of Blue – Yuval Zommer

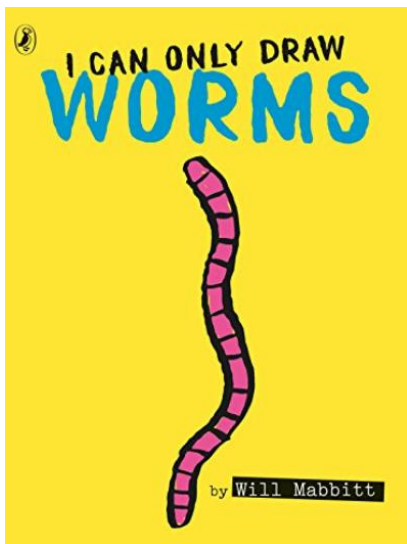
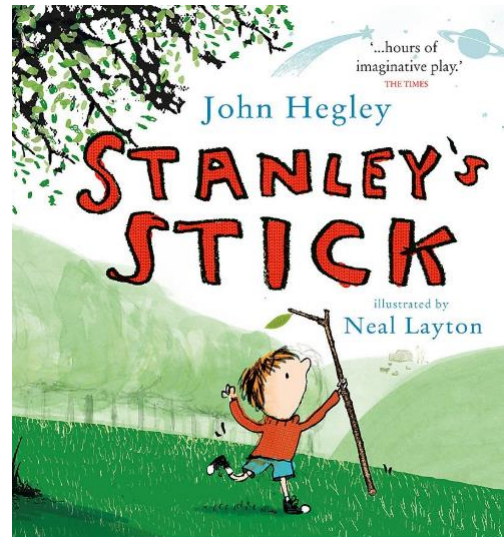
*Why do octopuses have eight arms?  
Why do crabs run sideways?  
Are jellyfish made of jelly?*

Yuval Zommer's beautiful new book provides the answers to these and many more fishy questions. His wonderfully quirky illustrations show off all kinds of slippery, shimmery and surprising sea creatures, including sea turtles, whales, sharks, rays and seahorses. Chatty, funny and full of amazing facts, it will be devoured by children eager to find out about the most exciting creatures from the deep blue.



### Stanley's Stick – John Hegley

*Stanley's Stick* is a teaming-up of hefty talents - glorious poet John Hegley and award-winning illustrator Neal Layton. Stanley's stick is not just a stick. With a stick in hand, Stanley's options are endless - he flies to the moon, writes in the sand, goes fishing, plays a whistle and rides a dinosaur - and his imagination takes over and the magic begins.



### I Can Only Draw Worms – Will Mabbitt

This book is about worms. I can only draw worms.

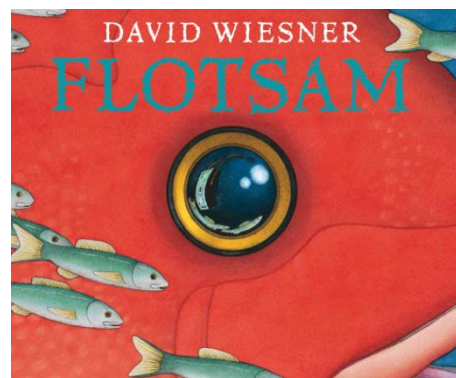
You might think worms are boring - but you'd be wrong. These worms have INCREDIBLE adventures!

I can't draw those bits, though, so you'll have to imagine them.

A hilarious and superbly silly book that will have children in stitches and begging for more.

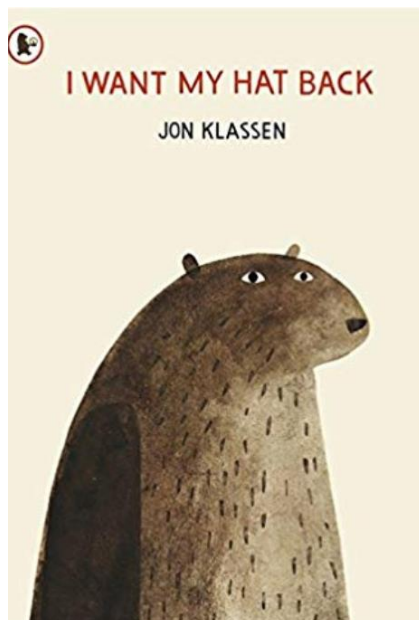
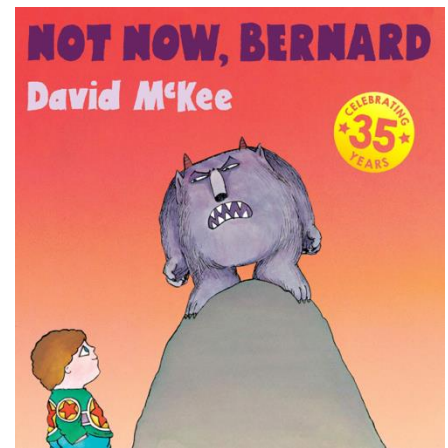
### Flotsam – David Wiesner

A bright, science-minded boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine flotsam—anything floating that has been washed ashore. Bottles, lost toys, small objects of every description are among his usual finds. But there's no way he could have prepared for one particular discovery: a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera, with its own secrets to share . . . and to keep.



### Not Now Bernard – David McKee

Bernard's got a problem. He's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend the monster... and that doesn't go quite to plan.

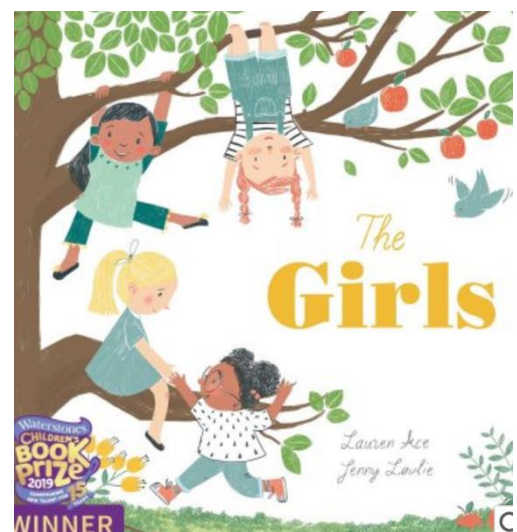


### I Want My Hat Back – John Klassen

This tells the story of a bear who's hat has gone. And he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. Each animal says no (some more elaborately than others). But just as it he begins to lose hope, lying flat on his back in despair, a deer comes by and asks a rather obvious question that suddenly sparks the bear's memory and renews his search with a vengeance...

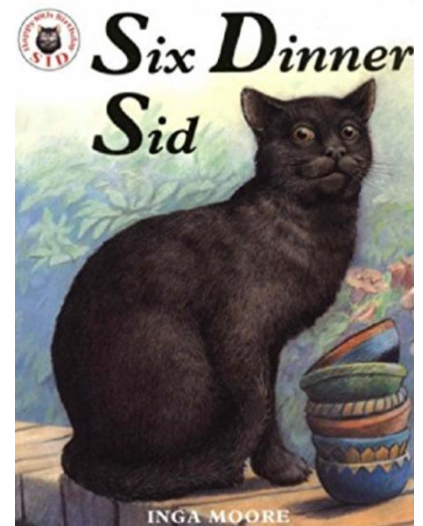
### The Girls – Lauren Ace

Four little girls meet under an apple tree and form a bond that grows as they share secrets, dreams, worries and schemes. This beautifully illustrated tale charts the girls' lives through ups and downs and laughter and tears. Find out how their friendship flourishes as the years pass by and the girls become women.



## Six Dinner Sid – Inga Moore

Sid is a cat who is addicted to having six meals a day and glories in this lifestyle. Manipulative, persuasive and a charmer he has wrapped everybody round his little paw - each owner believes that Sid belongs to them only . . . until the day he is found out!



## *Burglar Bill*



Janet & Allan Ahlberg

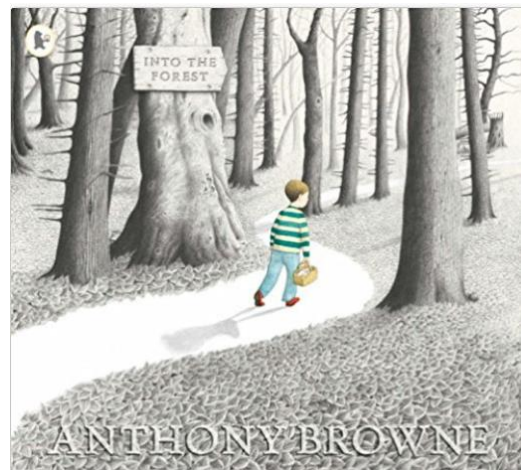
## Burglar Bill – Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Janet and Allan Ahlberg's hilarious picture book, *Burglar Bill*. *Burglar Bill* is an entertaining picture book by the iconic British husband and wife picture book team Janet and Allan Ahlberg, creators of *Peepo!* Perfect as a bedtime story and for children learning to read!

**Who's that creeping down the street? Who's that climbing up the wall? Who's that coming through the window? Who's that? ... It's Burglar Bill.**

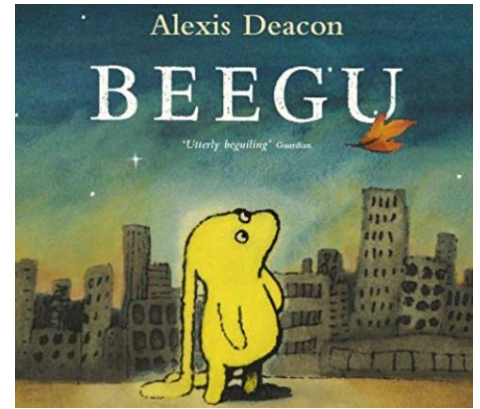
## Into The Forest – Anthony Browne

One night a boy is woken by a terrible sound. A storm is breaking, lightning flashing across the sky. In the morning Dad is gone and Mum doesn't seem to know when he'll be back. The next day Mum asks her son to take a cake to his sick grandma. "Don't go into the forest," she warns. "Go the long way round." But, for the first time, the boy chooses to take the path into the forest, where he meets a variety of fairy tale characters.



### Beegu – Alexis Deacon

Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter . . .



# The Book With No Pictures

B.J. Novak

### The Book With No Pictures – B J Novak

You might think a book with no pictures would be boring and serious.

Except . . . here's how this book works:

Everything written on the page *has* to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say **BLORK**. Or **BLUURF**.

And even if they have to say things like **BLAGGITY** **BLAGGITY** and **MY HEAD IS MADE OF BLUEBERRY PIZZA!**

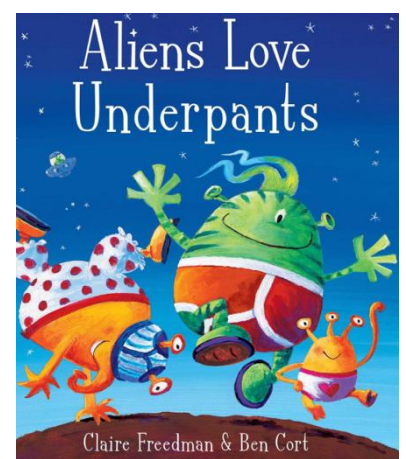
That's the rule. That's the deal.

### Aliens Love Underpants – Claire Freedman & Ben Cort

"Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size,

But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise...."

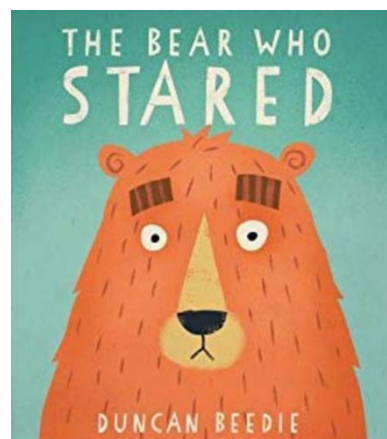
This zany, hilarious tale is delightfully brought to life by Ben Cort's vibrant illustrations. With a madcap, rhyming text by award-winning Claire Freedman, this is sure to enchant and amuse the whole family!



### The Bear Who Stared – Duncan Beedie

There once was a bear who liked to stare... and stare... and STARE.

Bear doesn't mean to be rude, he's just curious but too shy to say anything. But nobody likes being stared at and it soon gets Bear into trouble. Luckily a goggly-eyed frog helps Bear realise that sometimes a smile is all you need to turn a stare into a friendly hello.



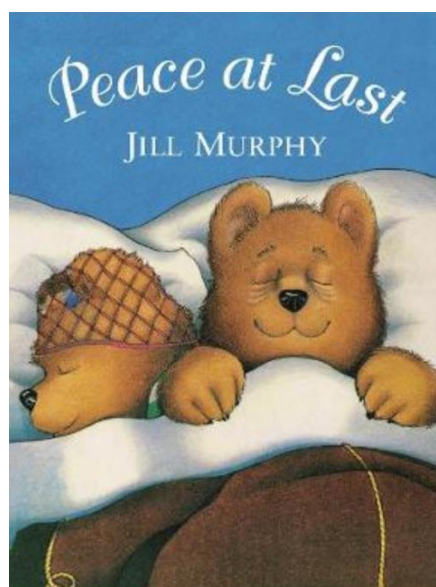
### Leaf – Sandra Dieckmann

When a polar bear arrives unexpectedly in the woods, the other animals fear and avoid him, suspecting him to be dangerous - and his odd habit of collecting leaves only adds to their distrust. Then one day, they watch as he attempts to fly over the water with wings made of colourful leaves... trying to get back home. Perhaps he isn't so different after all?

### Peace at Last – Jill Murphy

*The hour was late and Mr Bear was tired. But he could not sleep - however he tried and wherever he tried.*

*Snore, snore went Mrs Bear.  
Tick-tock, tick-tock went the clock.  
Would he never get to sleep?*



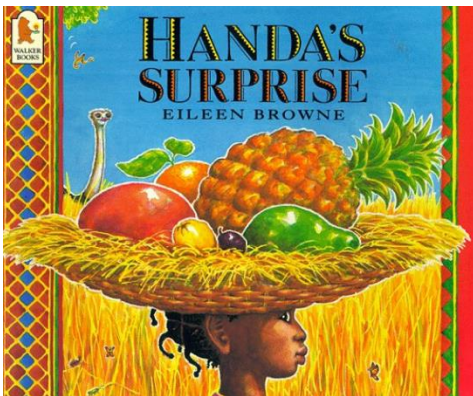
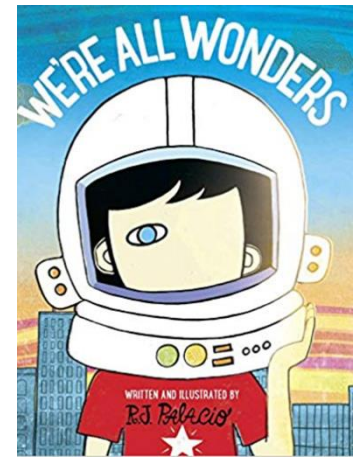
## We're All Wonders – RJ Palacio

*I know I can't change the way I look. But maybe, just maybe, people can change the way they see...*

**For younger readers, the unforgettable story of August Pullman and *Wonder* reimagined in this gorgeous picture book.**

With spare, powerful text and richly-imagined illustrations, *We're All Wonders* shows readers what it's like to live in Auggie's world - a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way.

*We're All Wonders* taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect way for families and teachers to talk about empathy, difference and kindness with young children.

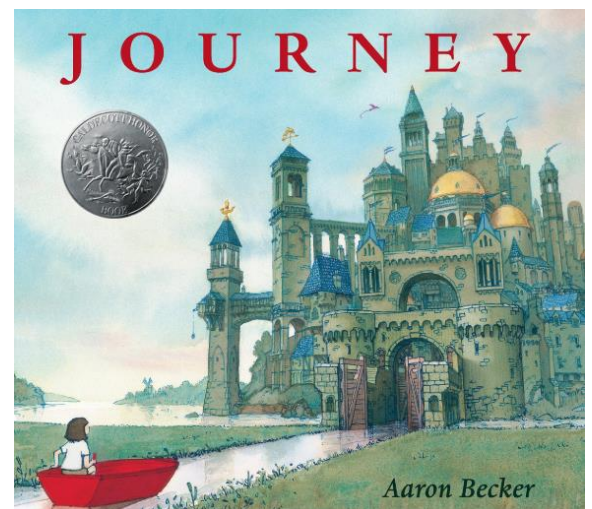


## Handa's Surprise – Eileen Browne

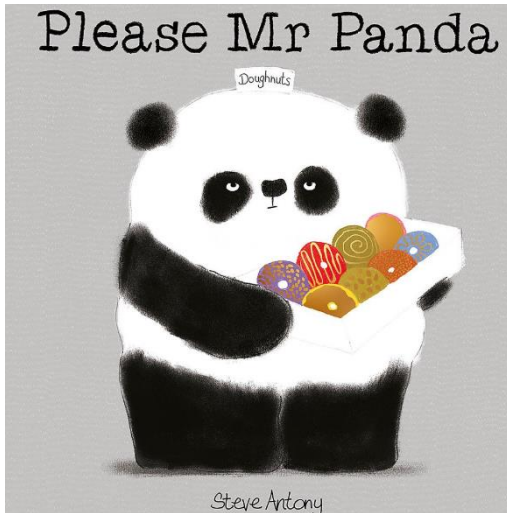
A modern classic named one of the best culturally diverse picture books in the UK, this is the story of Handa, who's part of the Luo tribe in south-west Kenya. Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo, who lives in the neighbouring village. But as Handa wonders, *I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best?*, a series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket, which she's carrying on her head... When Handa reaches Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend?

## Journey – Aaron Becker

Aaron Becker's stunning, wordless picture book debut about self-determination and unexpected friendship follows a little girl who draws a magic door on her bedroom wall. Through it she escapes into a world where wonder, adventure and danger abound. Red marker pen in hand, she creates a boat, a balloon and a flying carpet which carry her on a spectacular journey ... who knows where? When she is captured by a sinister emperor, only an act of tremendous courage and kindness can set her free. Can it also guide her home and to happiness?



## Please Mr Panda

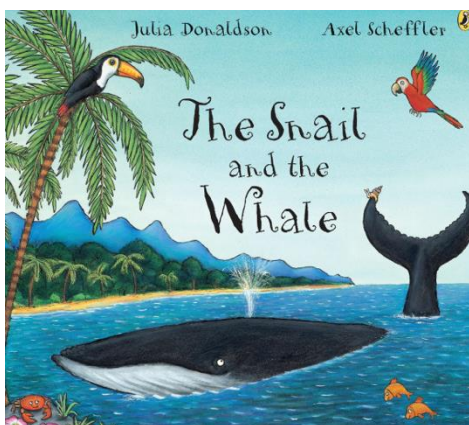
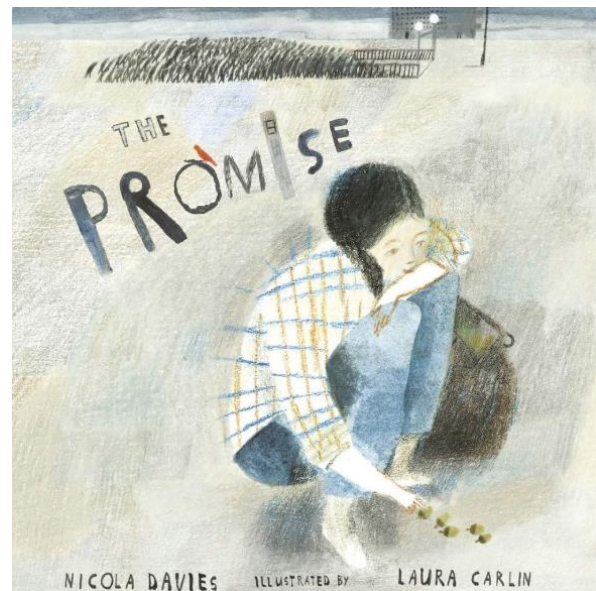


### Please Mr Panda – Steve Antony

Learn to say 'please' with the grumpiest of pandas! The bestselling picture book by award-winning author and illustrator Steve Antony. Panda has a tray of doughnuts. Animal after animal tells him the one they want, but it's only when Lemur says 'please' politely that Panda will give any out!

### The Promise – Nicola Davies

On a mean street in a mean city, a thief tries to snatch an old woman's bag. But she finds she can't have it without promising something in return – to “plant them all”. When it turns out the bag is full of acorns, the young thief embarks on a journey that changes her own life and the lives of others for generations to come. Inspired by the belief that a relationship with nature is essential to every human being, and that now, more than ever, we need to renew that relationship,

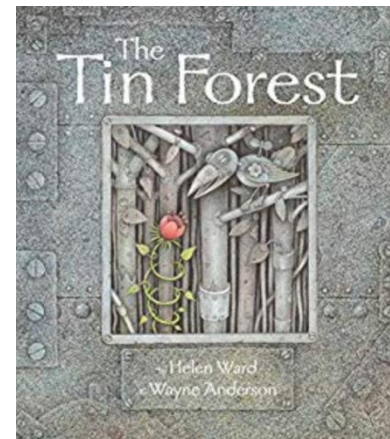


### The Snail and the Whale – Julia Donaldson

One little snail longs to see the world and hitches a lift on the tail of an enormous whale. Together they go on an amazing journey, past icebergs and volcanoes, sharks and penguins, and the little snail feels so small in the vastness of the world. But when disaster strikes and the whale is beached in a bay, it's the tiny snail's big plan that saves the day!

### The Tin Forest – Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson

"There was once a wide, windswept place, near nowhere and close to forgotten that was filled with all the things that no one wanted." So begins Helen Ward's tale of the Tin Forest where an old man lives who tidies the rubbish and dreams of a better place. With faith, ingenuity and hard work, he transforms a junkyard into a wonderland in this poetic modern fable



### The Great Paper Caper – Oliver Jeffers

When life in the forest begins to change; when trees mysteriously lose their branches, when whole tree trunks start to disappear, when homes are lost, the only course of action for the forest dwellers is to begin a full scale investigation. Alibis must be proved, clues must be sought but even so, blame is never far from anyone's thoughts.

Who is the perpetrator of this heinous crime? Will justice be done?

### Don't Let The Pigeon Drive The Bus – Mo Williams

When a bus driver takes a break in this hilarious Caldecott Honor-winning picture book, he gives the reader just one instruction: "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus!" But, boy, that pigeon tries every trick in the book to get in that driving seat: he whines, wheedles, fibs and flatters. Will you let him drive? Told entirely in speech bubbles, this brilliantly original and funny picture book demands audience participation!

