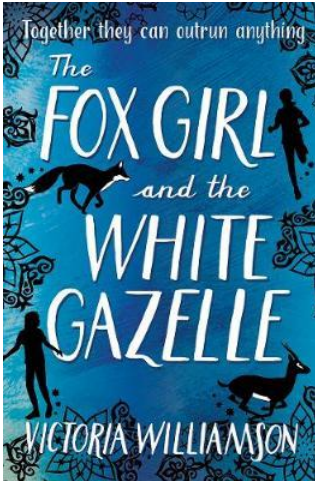




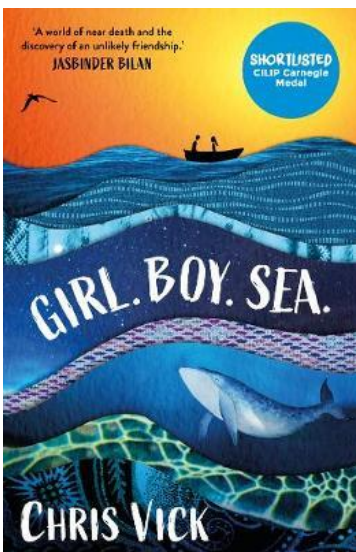
## 12 Days of Christmas Reading!

**The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle – Victoria Williamson    ISBN: 9781782504900**



Reema runs to remember the life she left behind in Syria. Caylin runs to find what she's lost. Set in Glasgow, twelve-year-old refugee Reema is struggling to find her place in a new country, with a new language and without her brother. Her Glaswegian neighbour Caylin is lonely and lashing out. When they discover an injured fox and her cubs hiding on their estate, the girls form a wary friendship. They are more alike than they could have imagined: they both love to run. Reema and Caylin find friendship, freedom and the discovery that home isn't a place, it's the people you love. Heartfelt and full of hope, *The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle* is an uplifting story about the power of friendship and belonging.

**Girl. Boy. Sea. – Chris Vick    ISBN: 9781789541380**



A British boy narrowly survives the sinking of his yacht in a huge storm off the coast of Morocco. After days alone at sea in a tiny boat Bill rescues a girl clinging for her life to a barrel. Aya, from the nomadic Berber tribe, was escaping to Europe when her migrant ship was destroyed in the same storm. For days and nights, they drift - mere specks on the vast, empty ocean - weakened by fear, hunger, and burned by the sun. Aya tells Bill about *The Arabian Nights*, and *Shahrazad*, who told 1001 stories to save her life. As hope of rescue begins to fade, they find strength in these tales of magic, heroes, thieves, greedy sultans, and brave girls. When they land on a desert island, they meet a stranger who is not what he seems... and when they head back out on the waves once more, a shadow follows...

**Summerland - Lucy Adlington    ISBN: 9781471408274**



October, 1946. The Red Cross escort a group of child refugees from Europe to England. Among them is Brigitta - a serious, silent figure with worn clothes and a small cardboard suitcase containing a single grey glove. Arriving in London, Brigitta breaks from the group and runs . . . Brigitta's mission: to reach Summerland Hall and find the one person who can solve a wartime mystery. But Summerland holds secrets and shadows of its own... and perhaps the key to a new life and new beginnings. An extraordinarily rich tale of love, prejudice, truth and forgiveness, inspired by real events.

**Thee Midnight Guardians – Ross Montgomery**

**ISBN: 9781406391183**

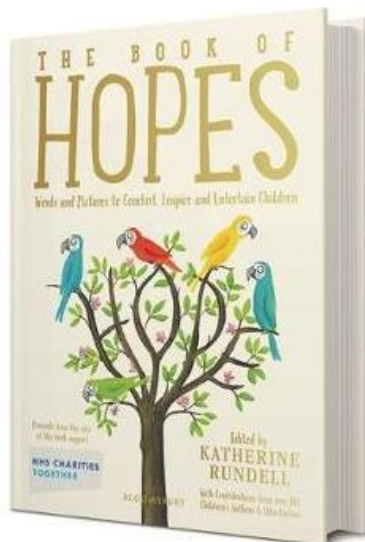


**Sometimes at the darkest hour, hope shines the brightest...**When Col's childhood imaginary friends come to life, he discovers a world where myths and legends are real. Accompanied by his guardians - a six-foot tiger, a badger in a waistcoat and a miniature knight - Col must race to Blitz-bombed London to save his sister. But there are darker forces at work, even than the Nazi bombings. Soon Col is pursued by the terrifying Midwinter King, who is determined to bring an eternal darkness down over everything.

*'The Midnight Guardians is torch-under-the-duvet, can't-stop-reading magic. British folklore rebooted ... in an edge-of-your-seat, heart-filled search for hope in the darkest hour.'* - Piers Torday

**The Book of Hopes – Edited by Katherine Rundell**

**ISBN: 9781526629883**



This collection, packed with short stories, poems and pictures from the very best children's authors and illustrators, aims to provide just that. Within its pages you'll find animals from insects to elephants, high-flying grandmas, a homesick sprite, the tooth fairy, and even extra-terrestrial life.

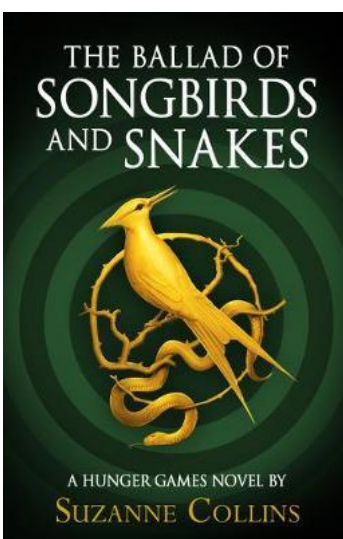
There are 133 contributions from authors and illustrators, including Anthony Horowitz, Axel Scheffler, Catherine Johnson, Jacqueline Wilson, Katherine Rundell, Lauren Child, Michael Morpurgo and Onjali Q. Rauf.

A donation from the sale of each book will go to NHS Charities 'Together'.

**The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes – Suzanne Collins**

**ISBN:**

**9780702300172**



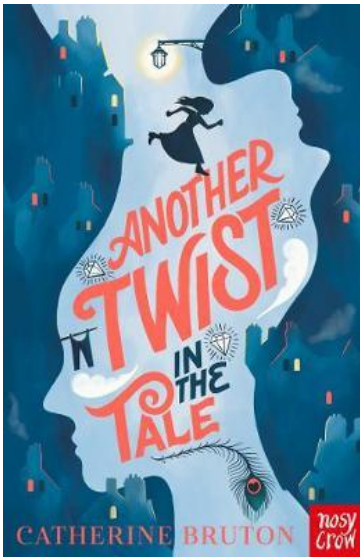
The Hunger Games prequel.

It's the morning of the tenth annual Hunger Games. In the Capitol 18 year-old Coriolanus Snow prepares for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. House of Snow has fallen on hard times, its fate hangs on the chance that Coriolanus will beat his fellow students to mentor the winning tribute. The odds are against him. He has the humiliating task of mentoring the female tribute from District 12, lowest of the low. Every choice Coriolanus makes could lead to favour or failure, triumph or ruin. Inside the arena, it will be a fight to the death. Outside the arena, Coriolanus starts to feel for his doomed tribute... and must weigh his need to follow the rules against his desire to survive no matter what it takes.



## Another Twist in the Tale – Catherine Bruton

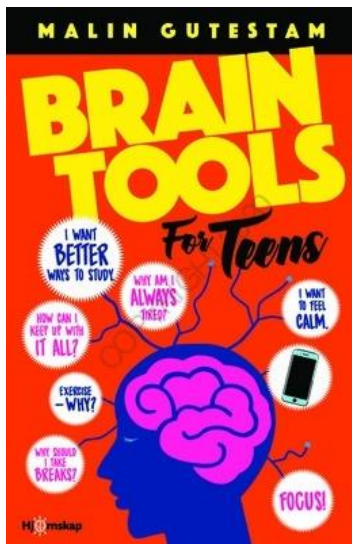
ISBN: 9781788005999



You have heard the tale of Oliver Twist – the rags-to-riches boy; but few know there was a second Twist - a girl, brought into this world moments ahead of her brother. This is the story of Twill Twist - and her journey through the gambling dens and workhouses of London, as she tries to make a life for herself and uncover the mystery of her past. Be prepared to lose yourself completely in Catherine Bruton's vividly conjured vision of Dickens' London; the sights, the sounds, the smells; the strange characters hiding in darkened doorways; a sense of unease, of something dangerous lurking just out of sight through the smog. A fascinating take on the hardships of life for Victorian girls and women in a world that valued boys far more highly - the healthy girl child was left on the rubbish heap, whilst the sickly Oliver was raised in the workhouse – as boys had more economic value! Meet a vibrant cast of strong-minded and ambitious girls and women, striving to overcome disadvantage and fighting for their place in the world.

## Brain Tools for Teens – Malin Gutestam

ISBN: 9789151958224



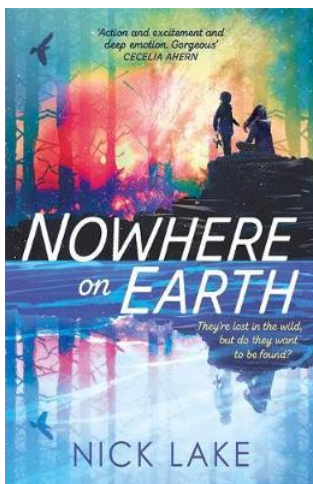
Have you ever thought about ...?

- Why nothing seems to stick in your memory when you study?
- Why you feel unfocused and stressed?
- Why it is hard to balance school work and spare time?

Brain Tools for Teens is written in a warm and engaging manner, speaking directly to teenagers, using a combination of personal stories, evidence to aid understanding of the issues, and includes more than 160 practical and realistic tips for implementation of strategies. You may find brain Tools for Teens helpful if you are a teen in need of tools to feel more in control of your health and learning, or a parent looking for new tools to support teens in challenging times.

## Nowhere on Earth – Nick Lake

ISBN: 9781444940459



Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2020.

On the run with her little brother, Aidan, sixteen-year-old Emily stows away on a plane. When their plane crashes into the side of a snowy mountain, it's up to Emily to ensure Aidan and their pilot, Bob, make it off the mountain alive. Lost in the Alaskan wilderness and pursued by dangerous government forces who want to capture them, the unlikely team of three trek across the freezing landscape, learning more about each other, and about life, than they ever thought possible. A fast-paced thriller, full of suspense.

**The Guinness Book of Records 2021 ISBN: 9781913484019**



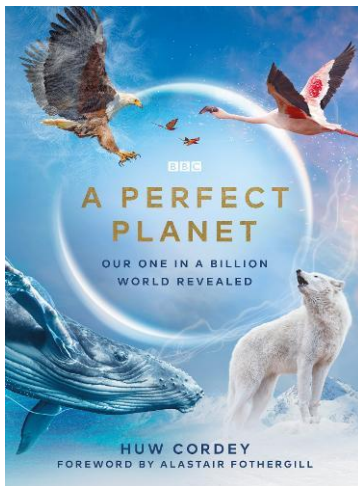
Includes a chapter of the history of exploration, starting with the story of the very first circumnavigation, along with a "History of Adventure" timeline.

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**A Perfect Planet – Huw Cordey ISBN: 9781785945298**



Packed with over 250 full-colour images, and including a foreword by David Attenborough and stills from the BBC series' spectacular footage, A Perfect Planet is a stunning exploration of life on Earth - life that is increasingly precious and rare.

Exploring four key natural forces – global weather systems, the deepest reaches of the ocean; solar energy warming and volcanic activity fertilising the earth's surface - Huw Cordey reveals new levels of this living world, populated with astonishing creatures living remarkable lives. From Arctic wolves prowling moonlit landscapes or wood frogs, frozen in winter and magically thawing back to life, we see time and again how animals are perfectly adapted to whatever the environment throws at them.

**Love to Bake**

**ISBN: 9780751574685**



Love to Bake is The Great British Bake Off's collection of recipes to remind us that baking is the ultimate expression of thanks, togetherness, celebration and love. Try Chai Crackle Cookies; have fun making Paul's Rainbow-coloured Bagels' with your family; snuggle up and take comfort in Sticky Pear & Cinnamon Buns or a Pandowdy Swamp Pie! Impressive occasion cakes and stunning bakes - from a novelty frog birthday cake, to a towering croquembouche to wow your guests at the end of dinner, and a gorgeous, but easy-to-make wedding cake. Favourites from the 2020 bakers offer insight into what brought the contestants to the Bake Off tent and the reasons why they love to bake.

**Happy Christmas Reading!**