

**The Box Full
of Wonders
By
Karl
Newson**

When two families merge and move in together, a little boy finds an escape in his imagination. On the day two families move into a new home to start their life together under one roof, an overwhelmed little boy takes refuge in a simple cardboard box. But it's not just any box - it's a pirate ship, or a castle, or a rocket shooting into outer space...the only limit is his imagination. Through creativity and play, the boy learns to share with his new siblings as they create fantastical worlds together.

**Early Years
Recommended New Reads**



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**One Little Word
By
Joseph
Coelho**

One day a big, scary, hairy monster appears in playground, splitting up two best friends and ruining everybody's fun. Bad words are said, others are shouted, and the monster grows and grows. The monster is called Argument. As the monster's presence infects everyone else, the bad atmosphere increases and the monster continues to grow to gigantic proportions. There's only one thing that will stop, just one little word. But who will say it first?



**Sunny and the
Birds
By
Wendy
Meddour**

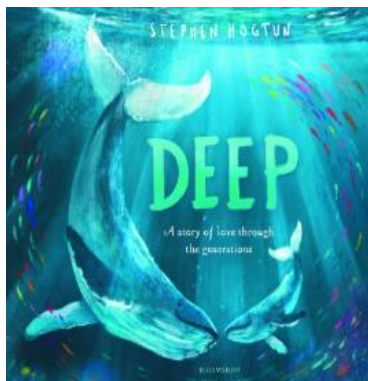
Sunny and his father have moved to a new country. Sunny is very much settled in but he realises his father is sad, picking up on the number of times Daddy reminisces about their old home, particularly when talking about the birds in their garden. Fortunately, Sunny has a plan, one that proves very effective and brings them both equal amounts of happiness.

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Deep By Stephen Hogtun

Go my little one, swim free, she whispered. I'll always be waiting here . . .

When a tiny whale calf is born, his mother raises him to the surface to take his first breath. She guides him as he grows, until he is strong enough to swim at her side, and they set off together on a great journey across the oceans.

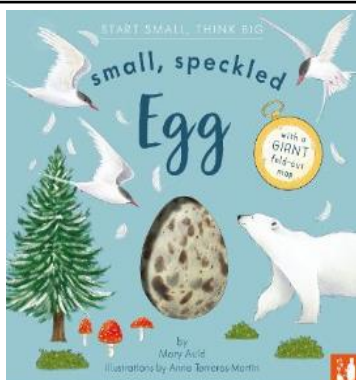
One day, the time will come for the grown calf to set out on his own . . . but wherever he goes and whatever he does, his mother will be waiting for him and sending her song of love across the oceans.



Ghost Orchid By Fiona Lumbers

Little Ava's parents are explorers, and she is going with them on an adventure to find a very rare flower called the ghost orchid. As they trek across oceans and through jungles in search of the orchid, Ava sees so much that her parents, nose deep in maps, don't notice. She keeps her memories safe inside her pack, 'the lights and stars, the rocks that kiss, the animals, treasures and things they miss'. No wonder that she is the person to spot the orchid after her parents have given up; after all, special things find her all the time.

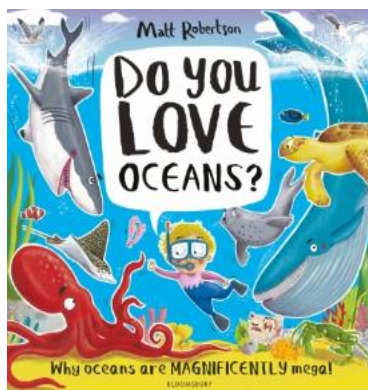
Non - fiction



A Small, Speckled Egg – Mary Auld

Small, Speckled Egg starts with an egg. The fluffy chick that emerges is an Arctic tern - one of the most remarkable creatures on the planet.

The story of her life is told clearly and carefully in a way that builds understanding. The illustrations draw the reader into the tern's world to watch her grow from chick to fledgling to juvenile, and marvel at her long migration with her family from the top of the world to the bottom and back again. It's a journey she does every year of her life.



Do You Love Oceans? – Matt Robertson

The *Do You Love?* series takes a deep dive into the world's oceans to introduce young readers to some of the wonderful creatures that live there and inform them about threats to the watery world from mankind. The pages on coral reefs for example, illustrates and names different types of coral, as well as the fish that live there and later the book explains the impact of warming oceans on coral reefs and the steps being taken to protect them.