

**Nowhere
Island
By
Tania
Unsworth**

**Year 5 & Year 6
Recommended New Reads
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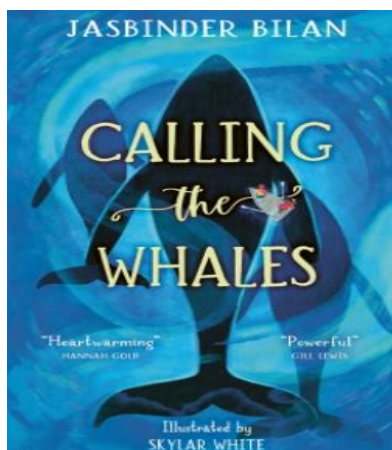


After hiding out in the trunk of a car, Gil's bag is stolen by two brothers, Riley (11) and Grayson (13). Having fled their violent father, they now live on a wild area of land that's protected from spying eyes by a motorway. Though the area is plainly visible from the road, no one sees them simply because no one looks. As such, "Nowhere Island" is the perfect hideout for all three runaways. Gil remarks that the brothers are like pirates, taking what they can to survive, surrounded by the road rather than sea. And, in befriending the boys, Gil realises that the magic of telling stories doesn't only provide pleasure; it also pleases other people.



**Finally Seen
By
Kelly
Yang**

Finally Seen shares the inspiring story of Lina. Five years after her parents went to America to lay foundations for a new life, Lina is about to join them from China. Ahead of this monumental move, she wonders how they could "take Millie, my baby sister, and not me? My sister got to grow up with my parents. Me? I grew up with postcards from my parents." While Lina struggles to find her way in America, her grandma struggles to feel at home in her new retirement complex.



**Calling the
Whales
By
Jasbinder
Bilan**

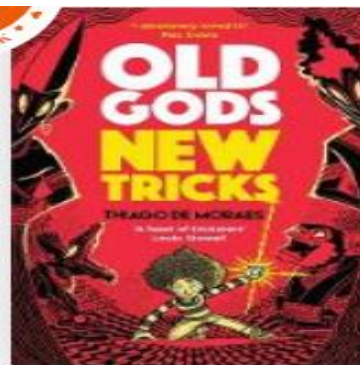
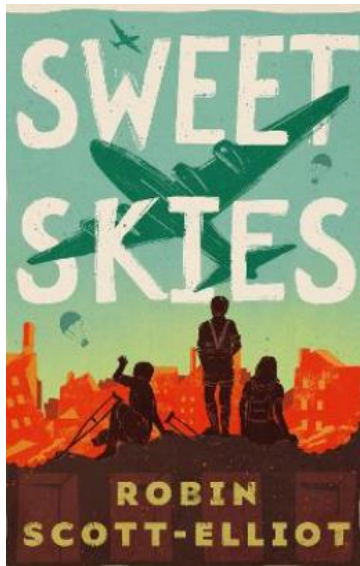
Imparting a powerful message about the vital need to protect the oceans, Jasbinder Bilan's Calling the Whales also includes facts on humpback whales and how to help the oceans, with Skylar White's illustrations further enhancing the story's appeal and accessibility. "The island is our special place – where Satchen and I can be wild and free. I breathe in the salty air until it reaches right inside my lungs. I stare into the sky with its trillions of stars." So muses Tulsi at the start of the novel, before wondering how the world used to be, "before we had the chance to spoil the seas".

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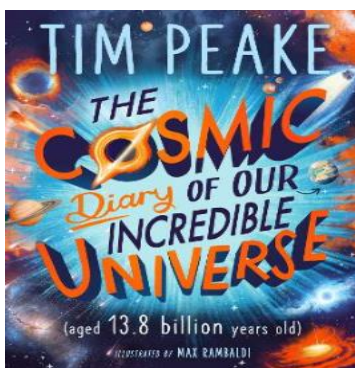
**Sweet
Skies
By
Robin
Scott-Elliott**

Set in the aftermath of Berlin's 1948 siege, Robin Scott-Elliott's *Sweet Skies* tells a top-notch story of struggle and survival, of courage and reaching for the skies, through eyes of Otto Hartmann, a boy whose home city has been rescued and blockaded. With an undeniable knack for crafting gripping historic novels that bring periods to life through relatable characters, reading books by Robin Scott-Elliott might just inspire young readers to engage with history and big human issues in fresh, meaningful ways.

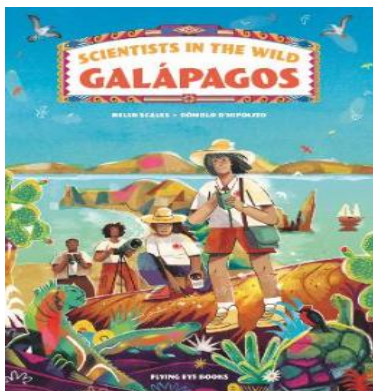
**Old Gods
New Tricks
By
Thiago de
Moraes**

Trixie is well named and has quite a reputation for trickery herself. She is the fiercely intelligent and independent daughter of two anthropologists, and she uses her passion for studying myths to work out that it is the Gods who have taken power (electricity) from the world threatening total disaster for humans. Not only that, but she plots to enlist (trick) the most famous trickster gods from different cultures to help her steal it back and to save the world.

Non - fiction



The Cosmic Diary of Our Incredible universe – Tim Peake In the form of the diary of the universe, and in the starry company of astronaut Tim Peake, the book helps us understand those really big ideas. It starts with the Big Bang 3.8 billion years ago and carries on, as stars form, supernova come into existence, and life begins on this rocky little planet. The amount of information packed in is extraordinary, and it's carefully explained so that we can all get our heads round it, even particle physics!



Galapagos – Scientists in the Wild – Helen Scales

Tasked with observing and protecting the islands' amazing wildlife, the scientists will track and study the animals and plants that are unique to this incredible archipelago. To get the job done they will climb volcanoes, get sneezed on by marine iguanas, watch dancing birds, launch a deep-diving submersible and explore the dazzling underwater wonders of Galapagos.