

OAKFIELD READING SPINE

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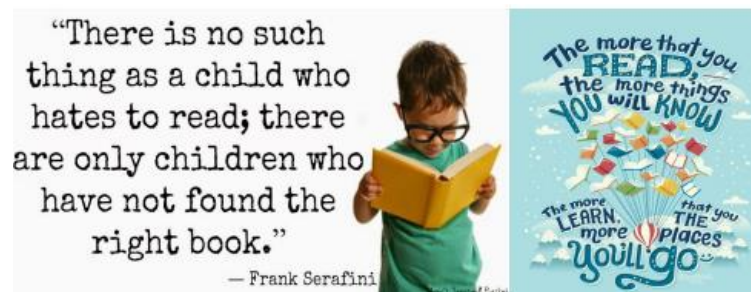
“Early reading, whether it is in a parent’s lap, on the carpet of a classroom, or in a snug reading corner, gently but indelibly imprints upon us the mould from which will cast a lifetime of communication in the world. “

Alex Quigley – Closing the Reading Gap 2020.

Our reading spine is a collection of recommended books which are considered to be ‘must-reads’ for everyone. The books in this collection consist of class core texts, recommended independent reads and class shared texts. Each book has been carefully chosen to stretch vocabulary, expose children to different structures and timeframes, encourage critical and analytical thinking and promote a love of reading. Following this reading spine provides equality of opportunity for all children; ensuring all Oakfield Federation pupils will leave school having had exposure to wide ranging, linguistically varied and intellectually stimulating collection of texts.

It is important to stress that the recommended books for each year group are ideas to help guide the children towards age-appropriate books. We have considered many aspects when compiling this list:

- There is a picture book included in each year group. As your child becomes a more competent reader their decoding and fluency skills improve. Sometimes, in KS2, picture books can be judged as an ‘easy read’ however these books often carry complex themes which help develop children’s inference and prediction skills. They are invaluable for discussion both within and out of the classroom setting.
- Research has consistently shown that there is a gender gap in reading attainment with girls outperforming boys. Our list ensures that there are books that will encourage and enthuse both genders.
- We have included ‘aspirational’ reads. Books that are challenging including language and themes.
- We have used some titles recommended by educational experts such as Pie Corbett, The National Literacy Trust, and
- prestigious children’s book award nominations.
- Links to our ‘cultural capital’ – exposing our children to different cultures and childhood experiences.
- A reading rich school embraces all our community. We need to work together to inspire our children to engage in the love of reading.



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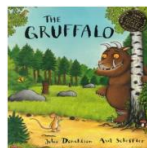
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EYFS

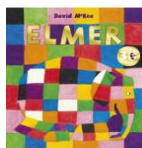
At Oakfield we have chosen some key picture books that will help lay the foundation for engagement and enjoyment towards reading. For the class books, the teachers have chosen one of many books that they use to enrich the EYFS and Y1 curriculum.

EYFS Reading Spine Class Books

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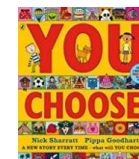
The Gruffalo
By Julia Donaldson



Elmer by David McKee



A Great Big Cuddle by Michael Rosen



You choose by Pippa Goodhart



Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

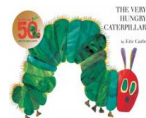
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Press Here
By Herve Tullet



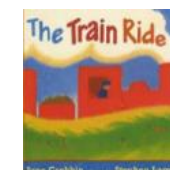
Wriggle and Roar
By Julia Donaldson



The Very Hungry Caterpillar
By Eric Carle



Oi Frog
By Kes Gray

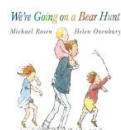


The Train Ride
By June Crebbin

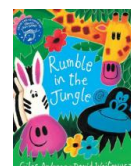
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Supertato by Sue Hendra



We're going on a bear hunt
By Michael Rosen



Rumble in the Jungle
By Giles Andreae

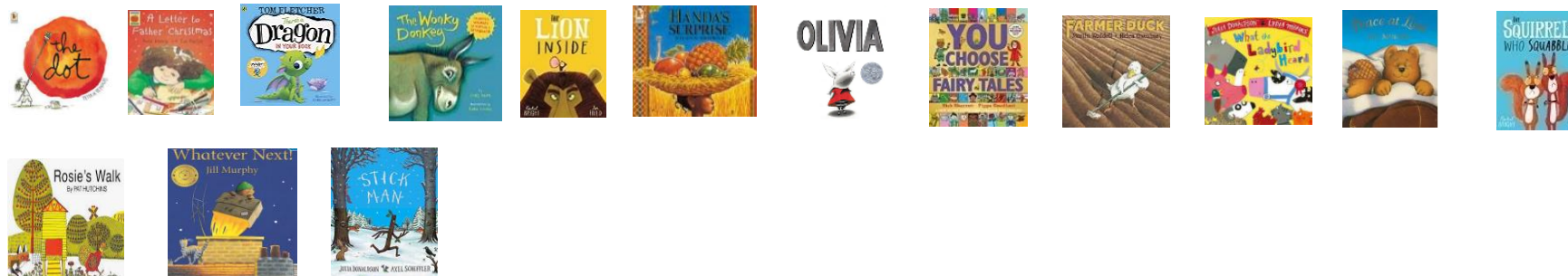


The Tiger who came to tea
By Judith Kerr

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EYFS Reading Spine Children's recommended Book List



The Dot – Peter Reynolds

A Letter to Father Christmas –Rose Impey

Owl Babies – Martin Waddell

There's a Dragon in your Book – Tom Fletcher

Wonky Donkey – Craig Smith

The Lion Inside – Rachel Bright

Handa's Surprise – Eileen Browne

Olivia – Ian Falconer

You Choose Fairy Tales – Nick Sharrot & Pippa Goodheart

What the Ladybird Heard – Julia Donaldson

Farmer Duck - Martin Waddell

Peace at last- Jill Murphy

The Squirrels who Squabbled – Rachel Bright & Jim Field

Rosie's Walk- Pat Hutchins

Whatever next- Jill Murphy

Stickman- Julia Donaldson

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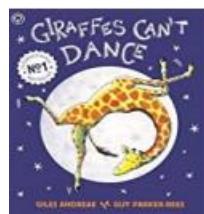
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Year 1 Reading Spine Class Books

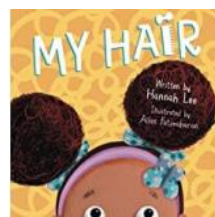
Autumn



How to catch a star
By Oliver Jeffers



Giraffes can't dance
By Giles Andreae



My Hair
By Hannah Lee



Chocolate Cake
By Michael Rosen

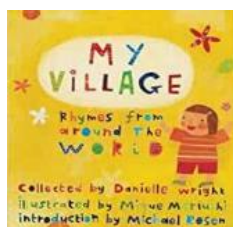


Planet Rescue
By Patrick Rose

Spring 1



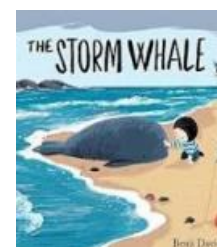
Clean Up!
By Nathan Bryon



My Village
By Danielle Wright



Ruby's Worries
By Tom Percival



The Storm Whale
By Benji Davies



Lost and Found
By Oliver Jeffers

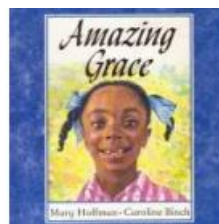
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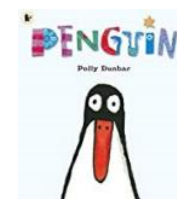
Big Book of Blooms
By Yuval Zommer



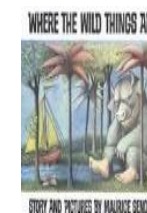
You can't take an elephant...
By Patricia Cleveland-Peck



Amazing Grace
By Mary Hoffman



Penguin
By Polly Dunbar



Where the Wild things are
By Maurice Sendak

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Year 1 Reading Spine Children's recommended Book List



Blue Balloon – Mick Inkpen

Aliens Love Underpants Claire Freedman

I Want my Hat Back – Jan Klassen

The Polar Express –Chris Van Allsberg

Zog – Julia Donaldson

Tree – Britta Teckentrup

George and the Dragon – Christopher Wormell

Tiddler – Julia Donaldson

Dogger- Shirley Hughes

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs – Jon Scieszka

The Pirates Next Door – Jonny Duddle

Masai and I – Virginia Kroll

Bob, Man on the Moon – Simon Bartram

Grandad's Island- Benji Davies

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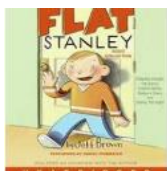
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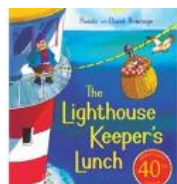
Year 2 is a transition year where children are going from emergent readers learning to decode and to acquiring more skills such as fluency and accuracy. The books included are to illustrate the range of reading skills our Y2 children have but also to challenge them, exposing them to new words and themes.

Year 2 Reading Spine Class Books & Novels

Autumn



Flat Stanley By Jeff Brown



The Lighthouse Keeper's lunch By
Ronda Armitage



Granddad Mandela By
Ambassador Zindzi Mandela



The Crow's Tale
By Naomi Howarth

Spring



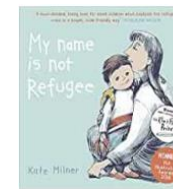
Toys in Space By Mini Grey



The Fire Children By Frane Lessac

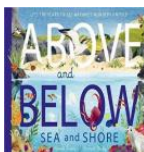


The Bear and the Piano By David Litchfield



My Name is not refugee By Kate Milner

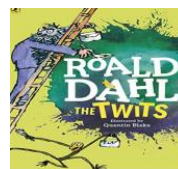
Summer



Above and Below By Patricia Hegarty



Big Book of Blue By Yuval Zommer



The Twits By Roald Dahl

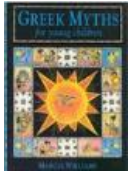


Poems out Loud

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Gigantosaurus – Jonny Duddle
Greek Myths – Marcia Williams
The Magic Faraway Tree – Enid Blyton
The Owl who was afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson
The Twits – Roald Dahl
Meerkat Mail – Emily Gravett
The Great Paper Caper – Oliver Jefferies
Horrid Henry – Francesca Simon
The Truth Pixie – Matt Haig
The Dog who Lost his Bark- Eoin Colfer
Emily's legs – Dick King Smith
Lost – Eli Fountain
Little Nose – John Grant
Rosa Parks by Lisbeth Kaiser

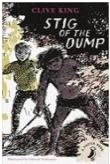
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YEAR 3

Year 3 Reading Spine Class Novels

Autumn



Stig of the Dump– Clive King



The Worries – Jion Sheibani



**The Boy who grew Dragons
- Andy Shepherd**

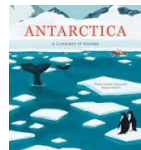


**Stone Age Boy– Satoshi
Kitamura**

Spring –



**Nothing to see here Hotel-
Steven Butler and Steven Lenton**



**Antartica-
Mario Cuesta Hernando**

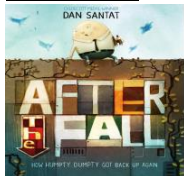


**Leon and the Place Between
Angela Mcallister/Grahame Baker-Smith**



**The Street beneath my feet-
Charlotte Guillian and Yuval Zommer**

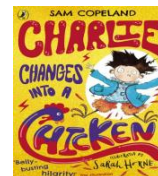
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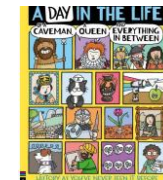
After the Fall – Dan Santat



Leonora Bolt – Shaun Tan



Charlie changes into a chicken– Sam Copeland

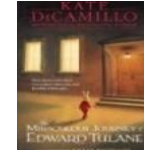
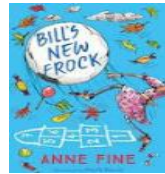
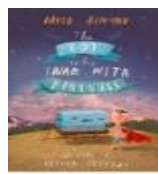
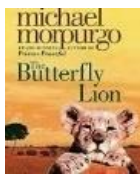


A Day in the Life– Mark Barfield

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Year 3 Reading Spine Children's recommended Book List



Ottoline – Chris Riddell

The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo

The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas – David Almond

Bill's New Frock – Anne Fine

Shadow Forest – Matt Haig

The Hundred Hour Dog –Jeremy Strong

Kid Normal – Greg James & Chris Smith

Hansel and Gretel – Anthony Browne

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo

Planet Omar Unexpected Super Spy – Zanib Mian

Is My Teacher a Robot – Dave Cousins

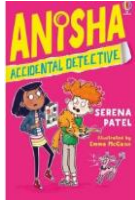
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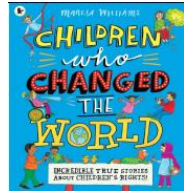
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Year 4 Reading Spine Class Novels

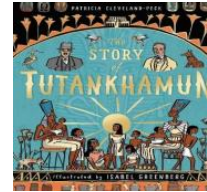
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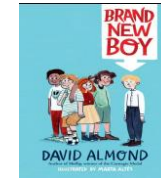
Anisha accidental detective By
Serena Patel



Children who changed the World
By Marcia Williams

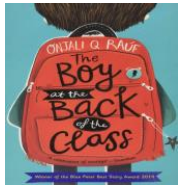


The story of Tutankhamun
By Patricia Cleveland-Peck

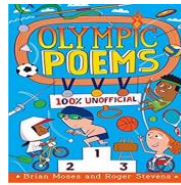


Brand New Boy
By David Almond

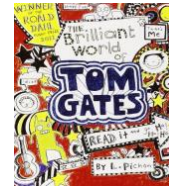
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The Boy at the Back of the Class
By Onjali Q. Rauf



Olympic Poems
By Brian Moses

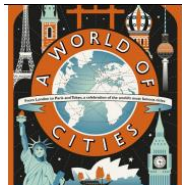


The Brilliant World of Tom Gates
By Liz Pichon

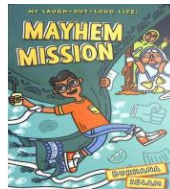


The girl who stole an elephant
By Nizrana Farook

Summer



A World of Cities
By James Brown

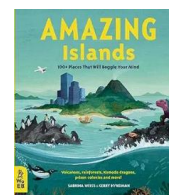
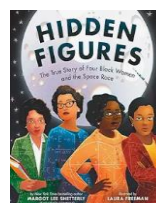
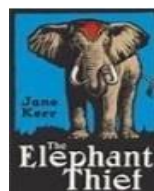
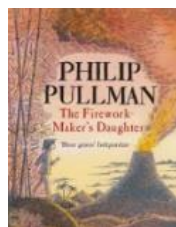


Mayhem Mission
By Burhana Islam

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Year 4 Reading Spine Children's recommended Book List



The Firework Maker's Daughter- Philip Pullman

Birthday Boy- David Baddiel

Wed Wabbit- Lissa Evans

Varjak Paw – SF Said

The Morning I Met a Whale – Michael Morpurgo

The Chicken Gave it to Me – Anne Fine

At the Beach – Roland Harvey

When the Mountains Roared – Jess Butterworth

The Elephant Thief – Jane Kerr

Cloud Tea Monkeys – Mal Peet & Elsbeth Graham

Midnight for Charlie Bone – Jenny Nimmo

The Witches – Roald Dahl

Hidden Figures -Margot Lee Shetterly and Laura Freeman

Amazing Islands-Sabrina Weiss and Kerry Hyndman

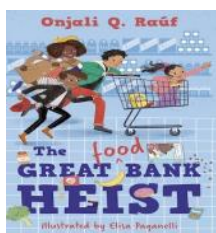
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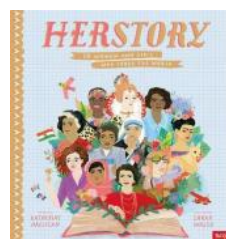
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Year 5 Reading Spine Class Novels

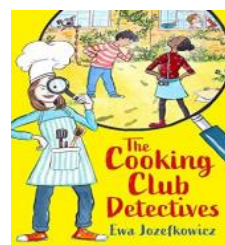
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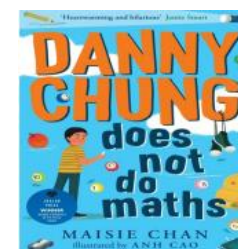
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HERSTORY
by Katherine Halligan



The Cooking Club Detectives
by Ewa Jozefkiewicz

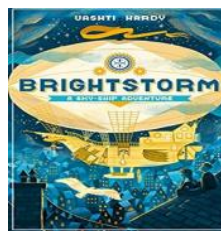


Danny Chung does not do Maths
By Maisie Chan

Spring



Asha and the Spirit Bird
By Jasbinder Bilan



Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy

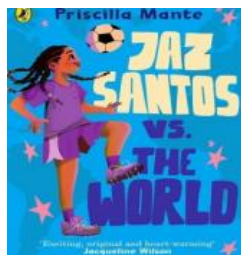


Iguana Boy by
James Bishop and Rikin Parekh

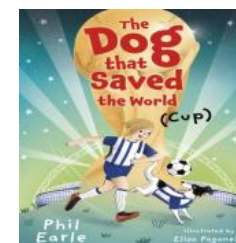
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Old Enough to save the Planet



Jaz Santos VS the World by Priscilla Mante

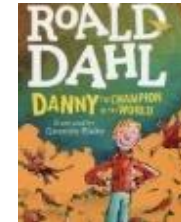
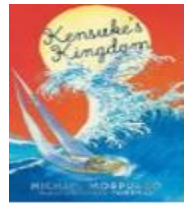
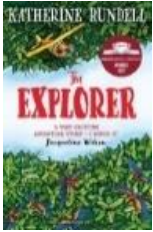


The Dog that saved the World by Phil Earle

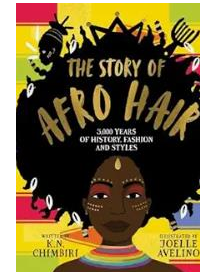
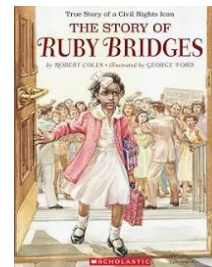
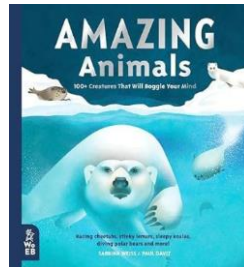
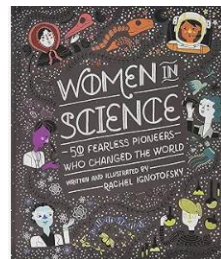
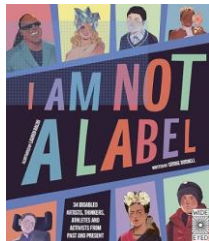
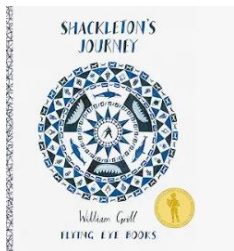
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Year 5 Reading Spine Children's recommended Book List



The Explorer- Katherine Rundell
Who Let the Gods Out – Maz Evans
Cosmic – Frank Cottrell-Boyce
Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo
Goth Girl – Chris Riddell
Suitcase Kid – Jacqueline Wilson
Rose Blanche – Ian McEwen
Danny the Champion of the World – Roald Dahl
The Windrush Child- Benjamin Zephaniah



Shackleton's Journey by William Grill
I am not a label by Cerrie Burnell
Women in Science by Rachel Ignotofsky
Amazing Animals by Sabrina Weiss
The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles and George Ford
The Story of Afro Hair by K.N. Chimbiri

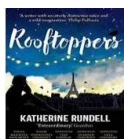
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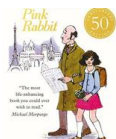
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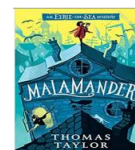
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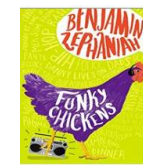
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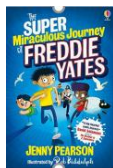


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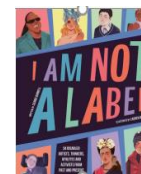
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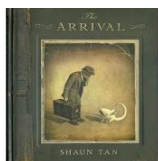


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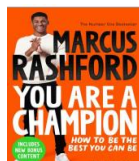


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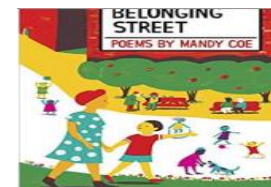
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The Arrival- Shaun Tan



You are a champion- Marcus Rashford

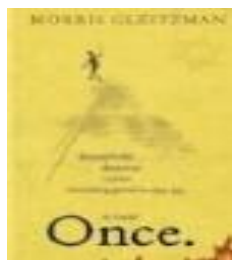


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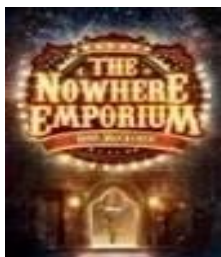
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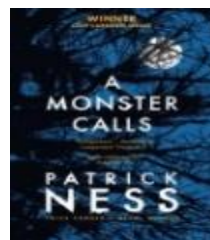
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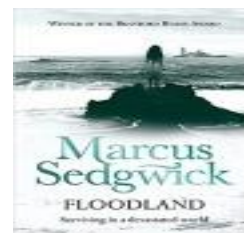
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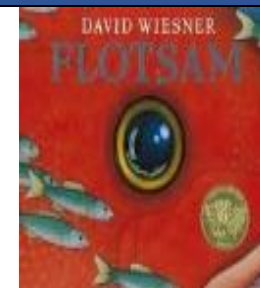
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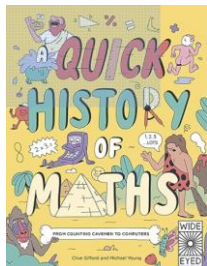
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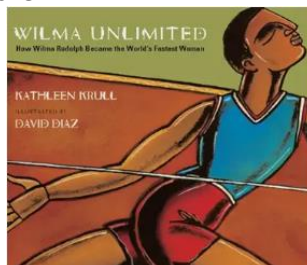
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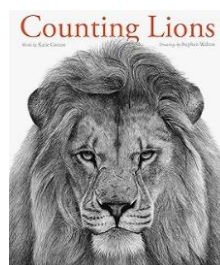
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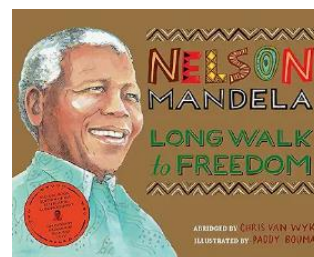
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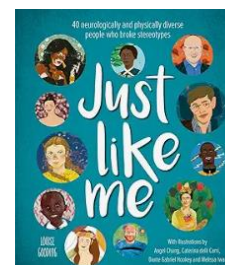
Wilma Unlimited by Kathleen Krull



Counting Lions by Virginia McKenna and Katie Cotton



Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom by Chris Van Wyk



Just Like Me by Louise Gooding