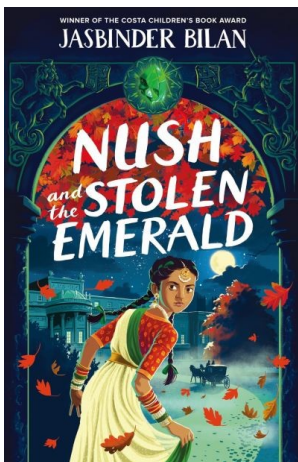


## Recommended Primary Books Autumn Term 2024



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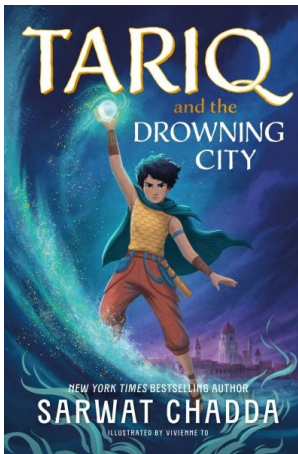
**Nush and the Stolen Emerald**

Chicken House Pbk £7.99 9781915947024

Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Nush is the maharani of an Indian kingdom in Victorian times. The British East India Company has taken land and an emerald the size of an apple, which has cultural importance. When her father decides to take her twin brother to England to see Queen Victoria, she is disappointed and plans to go instead. Her father's aim is to help the political situation by talking to Queen Victoria, whereas Nush wants the emerald back as it is so important to their culture.

A compelling historical adventure story and a well written mystery. Nush is a wonderful main character and intelligent and strong. Great feeling of time and place.



**Chadda, Sarwat**

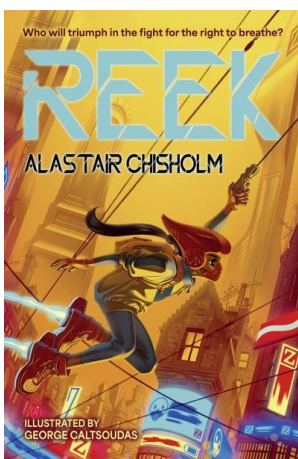
**Tariq and the Drowning City**

Hachette Pbk £7.99 9781408369296

Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Tariq and his river clan have fled to the big city of Ethrial as their home has been destroyed by a dam. When Tariq begins to have terrifying visions of a tidal wave destroying the city, no-one believes him and he is arrested. But, he then makes two unlikely friends in Livia a young inventor and Artos a young city guard. Together they go on a dangerous search for the long-lost elemental World's Egg Spiritstone which Tariq believes will save the city and his clan. But, will they find it and be able to use it in time to save everyone?

Exciting quest adventure with a very strong undercurrent message of human impact on the environment. The three main characters are well drawn, and there is plenty of adventure and jeopardy to keep reader's engaged. Good start to this new leisure reading trilogy.



**Chisolm, Alistair**

**Reek**

Barrington Pbk £7.99 9781800902589

Stoke

Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 8

Fast paced dystopian cli-fi thriller. Set in Edinburgh in a post climate disaster fresh air has become a commodity controlled by a large corporation. Sparrow is the main character who has left school and works to keep her family alive. When one of her friends, who is an inventor makes an important discovery, others will do everything in their power to stop Sparrow.

An exciting and compelling adventure story which is short and easy to read, with plenty of twists and turns in the plot.

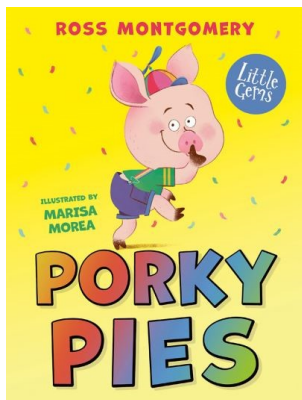


**Colton, Nicola**

**Bertha & Blink: Rumble in the jungle**

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| Little Tiger  | Pbk | £6.99        | 9781788956437 |
| Interest age: | 7+  | Reading age: | 7             |

Bertha the inventor lives in a secluded jungle workshop high among the trees. All is calm until one day the workshop is disturbed by deafening noises. Bertha then creates Blink the robot bird to help her as she goes out in the jungle to solve the mystery. Entertaining light leisure read for emergent readers. Quite complex plot for such a short read, with full colour illustrations throughout. Set for a sequel.

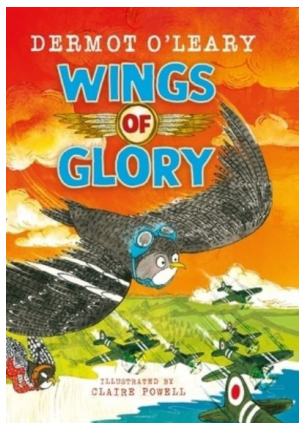


**Montgomery, Ross**

**Porky Pies**

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| Barrington Stoke | Pbk | £6.99        | 9781800902510 |
| Interest age:    | 6+  | Reading age: | 6             |

Porky Pies the pig is always telling lies about the big bad wolf, trying to terrify his brothers and sisters into believing that the Big Bad Wolf is back. But when he tries to plan his most daring prank yet, the joke is on him this time. A rollicking read and good fun with lots of puns throughout and short text with colour illustrations. Perfect for emergent readers.

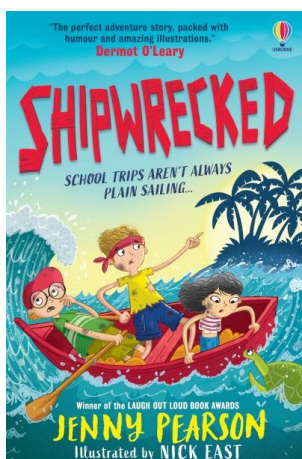


**O'Leary, Dermot**

**Wings of Glory**

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| Hodder        | Pbk | £7.99        | 9781444961638 |
| Interest age: | 9   | Reading age: | 9             |

In WW2 Linus the swift has always dreamed of flying with the Royal Bird Force and making a name for himself as a squadron leader. So when he and his sister, Ava, have the opportunity to volunteer, he jumps at the chance. But it's a dangerous journey, and Ava goes missing before they manage to reach the airfield for training. Now, Linus has two missions: help the war effort and find his sister. Super adventure tale with plenty of daring-do and engaging characters. Good leisure read, but could support a WW2 history topic as well.

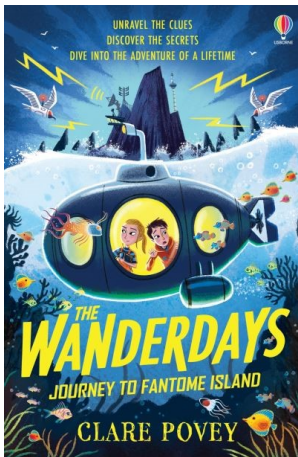


**Pearson, Jenny**

**Shipwrecked**

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| Usborne       | Pbk | £7.99        | 9781474999908 |
| Interest age: | 9+  | Reading age: | 9             |

Sebastian and his friends are on a Climate Avenger Camp and all goes well until they become stranded on a desert island in the Pacific Ocean. They try to stay positive, have fun and look after the island's baby turtles until help arrives. But, when a boat finally appears, it is full of pirates who are hunting the baby turtles, so the friends leap in to action to thwart them. A romp of a story with some funny and surreal episodes, and lots of twists and turns in the plot. Good leisure read.



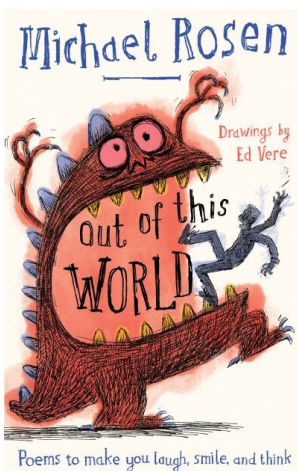
**Povey, Clare**

**The Wanderdays: Journey to Fantome Island**

Usborne Pbk £7.99 9781803708089

Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9

Flo and Joseph's mum is a great explorer, who has gone missing on her latest expedition. A mysterious stranger appears, and they discover the reason for her trip. The siblings and their friends find a map and follow clues to find their mum. An exciting adventure story with lots of jeopardy and a passion for protecting the natural world. Great storytelling and characters. First in a new series.



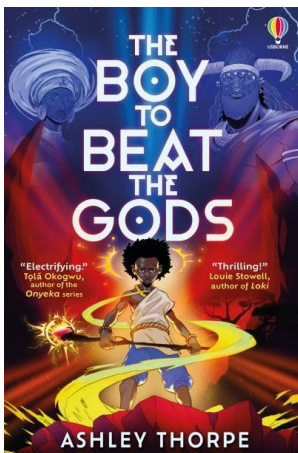
**Rosen, Michael**

**Out of This World**

Harper Collins Hbk £12.99 9780008517175

Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8+

A brand new collection of poems by Michael Rosen. The poems will make you laugh, smile and make you think. They will take the reader out of this world and go on a journey of imagination and time travel, through history, geography and beyond. Attractively illustrated throughout by Ed Vere. A great addition to KS2 poetry collections.



**Thorpe, Ashley**

**The Boy to Beat the Gods**

Usborne Pbk £7.99 9781805075639

Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10

Kayode dreams of eating the forbidden fruit of the Orishas, so he can gain power and stop the gods who terrorise his people. When a fruit appears in front of him he leaps on it. He joins forces with a shapeshifting trickster god and a vengeful princess to save his sister, but his power won't last for ever. It's a story of one boy versus six gods. Exciting fantasy inspired by West African Yoruba mythology. Set in pre-colonial Nigeria and inspired by the author's ancestry.

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