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Buried Sunlight: How

Fossil Fuels Have  
Changed the Earth  
 Penguin

E.T. meets Stig of the Dump in a page-turning adventure for fans of Frank Cottrell Boyce and David Almond 'A proper adventure story for all curious middle graders ... heartily recommended' The Bookbag \*Highly commended for the Branford Boase Award 2018, shortlisted for the Essex Book Awards 2018, the East Sussex Children's Book Awards 2019 and nominated for the Northern Ireland Book Award 2019\* He wasn't an alien, I was sure of that. It was more like he'd walked in through an ancient door from the past ... except he was here, in my bedroom and his misty forest was somewhere real on Planet Earth. Twelve-year-old Kofi first spots the prehistoric human on a supermarket roundabout. He is small and dark and curled into a tight ball. His name is Rorty Thrutch and he has zero memory of how he ended up in the unexceptional village of Bradborough, or why he's being hunted... Kofi soon finds out that Rorty can do amazing things. He can copy, paste and delete objects, using only the power of his mind. This is the discovery of the century and mad, greedy scientists will stop at nothing to track him

down. Kofi and best friend Janie are on a mission. Not only must they protect Rorty, but they have to find his missing girlfriend Pogsy Blue, too. Our prehistoric ancestors have crashed headlong into the 21st century and time is running out to save them... THE STARMAN AND ME explores where we have come from and where we are moving to - it's about the magic of DNA, the power of identity, and the importance of caring for each other.

**The Writer's Map** Good Press

It's one of the first things we discover as children, reading and drawing: Maps have a unique power to transport us to distant lands on wondrous travels. Put a map at the start of a book, and we know an adventure is going to follow. Displaying this truth with beautiful full-color illustrations, *The Writer's Map* is an atlas of the journeys that our most creative storytellers have made throughout their lives. This magnificent collection encompasses not only the maps that appear in their books but also the many maps that have inspired them, the sketches that they used while writing, and others that simply

sparked their curiosity. Philip Pullman recounts the experience of drawing a map as he set out on one of his early novels, *The Tin Princess*. Miraphora Mina recalls the creative challenge of drawing up "The Marauder's Map" for the Harry Potter films. David Mitchell leads us to the Mappa Mundi by way of *Cloud Atlas* and his own sketch maps. Robert Macfarlane reflects on the cartophilia that has informed his evocative nature writing, which was set off by Robert Louis Stevenson and his map of *Treasure Island*. Joanne Harris tells of her fascination with Norse maps of the universe. Reif Larsen writes about our dependence on GPS and the impulse to map our experience. Daniel Reeve describes drawing maps and charts for *The Hobbit* film trilogy. This exquisitely crafted and illustrated atlas explores these and so many more of the maps writers create and are inspired by--some real, some imagined--in both words and images. Amid a cornucopia of over two hundred full-color images, we find here maps of the world as envisaged in medieval times, as well as maps of adventure, sci-fi and

fantasy, nursery rhymes, literary classics, and collectible comics. An enchanting visual and verbal journey, *The Writer's Map* will be irresistible for lovers of maps, literature, and memories--and anyone prone to flights of the imagination.

*The Acrobat* Quercus Children's Books  
Alex Jennings is a boy with a problem. His mum's sent him away to boarding school because his father, the most famously failed explorer in the history of the Cusp, has escaped from hospital again, yelling 'squiggles'. Make that two problems. Now the evil Davidus Kyte and all his henchmen are after Alex, convinced he alone knows the meaning of the word 'squiggles'. OK, make that three - Alex Jennings is a boy with a lot of problems. But with the help of a talking dog and a girl with unfeasibly sharp teeth, he just might have what it takes to cross the Forbidden Lands, escape the evil Davidus Kyte, and find out what lies beyond the Cusp . . .

*Beautiful Blue World*  
Weidenfeld & Nicolson  
WINNER OF THE  
GUARDIAN CHILDREN'S  
FICTION PRIZE 2014. A  
thrilling animal adventure

for fans of Roald Dahl, David Walliams and Katherine Rundell Twelve-year-old Kester thought he had discovered the last wild animals in the land. He thought his adventure was over. He was wrong. Below the sparkling city of Premium, deep underground, a dark wild remains: animals who believe the time is right to rise up against their human enemies. And soon Kester realises: he is the only one who can stop them. Kester Jaynes saved the animals. Can he save the humans too?

*Casper Tock and the Everdark Wings* Hachette UK

It's really cold outside and we're all hoping it's going to snow. Yeah! Derek and I could make a snow Rooster and have a snowball fight (look out, Delia!). Granny Mavis has started to knit me a new winter jumper, but by the looks of things I'm not sure it's going to fit. . .

**Parched** Hachette UK  
Solve puzzles, play games, draw pictures, and write amazing stories all about everyone's favorite group of teen super heroes: Robin, Starfire, Cyborg, Raven, and Beast Boy! Based on the original characters from the DC Comics universe, *Teen Titans Go!* shows how

teen heroes pass the time when they're not out fighting bad guys. Complete the activities and puzzles in this interactive journal to prove that you have what it takes to join the Teen Titans. Use your imagination to keep up with the adventures and crazy hijinks of the best teen super hero team in the universe!

*Top of the Class (Nearly)*  
Ember

When the handsome and strange Orpheus strolls onto the beach and sings, good friends Claire and Ella each find a new understanding of themselves.

*The Girl of Ink & Stars* Pan Macmillan

A lyrical middle-grade debut novel traces the shared survival story of three individuals from three different perspectives: that of a boy, a girl and a dog, all struggling to survive in a land without water.

20,000 first printing.  
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen Simon and Schuster

This original, authorised version has been lovingly recreated electronically for the first time, with reproductions of Potter's unmistakable artwork optimised for use on colour devices such as the

iPad. The first farm that Beatrix Potter owned, Hill Top, was an old house with thick walls and many hiding places for rats and mice. In *The Tale of Samuel Whiskers* this farmhouse is Tom Kitten's home and the story tells what happens when Tom accidentally comes upon the rat Samuel Whiskers living in a secret hideout behind the attic walls. *The Tale of Samuel Whiskers* is number 16 in Beatrix Potter's series of 23 little books, the titles of which are as follows: 1 *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* 2 *The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin* 3 *The Tailor of Gloucester* 4 *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny* 5 *The Tale of Two Bad Mice* 6 *The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle* 7 *The Tale of Mr. Jeremy Fisher* 8 *The Tale of Tom Kitten* 9 *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck* 10 *The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies* 11 *The Tale of Mrs. Tittlemouse* 12 *The Tale of Timmy Tiptoes* 13 *The Tale of Johnny Town-Mouse* 14 *The Tale of Mr. Tod* 15 *The Tale of Pigling Bland* 16 *The Tale of Samuel Whiskers* 17 *The Tale of The Pie and the Patty-Pan* 18 *The Tale of Ginger and Pickles* 19 *The Tale of Little Pig Robinson* 20 *The Story of a Fierce Bad Rabbit* 21 *The Story of Miss Moppet* 22 *Appley Dapply's Nursery Rhymes*

23 *Cecily Parsley's Nursery Rhymes* *Alex, the Dog and the Unopenable Door* Penguin When Isabella's friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search party. As a mapmaker's daughter, she's equipped with elaborate ink maps and knowledge of the stars, eager to navigate the island's forgotten heart. But beneath the mountains a legendary fire demon awakens, and her journey is fraught with danger ...

*Tom Gates: Extra Special Treats* (. . . not)

Bloomsbury Publishing 'So good I read it twice' - Hilary McKay, author of *The Skylarks' War* 'This thrilling time-slip adventure oozes magic and heart' - Bookseller EDITOR'S CHOICE When Charlie's longed-for brother is born with a serious heart condition, Charlie's world is turned upside down. Upset and afraid, Charlie flees the hospital and makes for the ancient forest on the edge of town. There Charlie finds a boy floating face-down in the stream, injured, but alive. But when Charlie sets off back to the hospital to fetch help, it seems the forest has changed. It's become a place as

strange and wild as the boy dressed in deerskins. For Charlie has unwittingly fled into the Stone Age, with no way to help the boy or return to the present day. Or is there? What follows is a wild, big-hearted adventure as Charlie and the Stone Age boy set out together to find what they have lost - their courage, their hope, their family and their way home. Fans of Piers Torday and *Stig of the Dump* will love this wild, wise and heartfelt debut adventure.

*The Wild Beyond The Dark Wild*

"A hugely inventive adventure." —Eoin Colfer, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Artemis Fowl* series In a world where animals are slowly fading into extinction, twelve-year-old Kester Jaynes feels as if he hardly exists either. He's been locked away in a home for troubled children and is unable to speak a word. Then one night, a flock of talking pigeons and a bossy cockroach come to help him escape, and he discovers that he can speak—to them. And the animals need him. Only Kester, with the aid of a stubborn, curious girl named Polly, can help them survive. The animals

saved Kester. But can he save them? "When ninety-nine pigeons smash through the windows of Kester's prison and carry him North to the last of the animals.... it's a moment as thrilling as when James flies off in the Giant Peach. Highly recommended" —The Times (UK) "Combines a great fondness for animals with an appreciation of the freakish.... The reserved narrative tone and tender yet peculiar view of animals give this piece its own offbeat flavor."

—Kirkus Reviews

"Alternately somber, thrilling, and silly."

—Publishers Weekly  
Winter Magic Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Return to Lewis Carroll's Wonderland with this stunning collection of original stories from today's biggest children's authors – Peter Bunzl, Pamela Butchart, Maz Evans, Swapna Haddow, Patrice Lawrence, Chris Smith, Robin Stevens, Lauren St John, Lisa Thompson, Piers Torday and Amy Wilson. Tumble down the rabbit hole again to find out what happens in Wonderland without Alice there. Is the Queen of Hearts still ruling with an iron fist? Does the Mad Hatter still

have to go to tea? And will Tweedledum and Tweedledee ever resolve their argument? More than 150 years since Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was first published by Macmillan, revisit Carroll's amazing cast of characters – including the Queen of Hearts, the Mock Turtle, the Dormouse, the Cheshire Cat and Alice's Sister in these brand-new stories, that will bring a new generation of readers to Wonderland. 'A feast of invention and fine writing' Telegraph Book of the Week 'It's hard not to lap up this collection of short stories by some of our greatest contemporary children's authors' The Times

### **My Name is Mina**

Hachette Children's Violet is a science-loving girl inventor with a flair for the air! Fans of Ada Twist, Scientist and Rosie Revere, Engineer will love this classic underdog story by two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Steve Breen. By the time she's two years old, Violet Van Winkle can engineer nearly any appliance in the house. And by eight she's building elaborate flying machines from scratch—mind-boggling contraptions such as the

Tubbubbler, the Bicycopter, and the Wing-a-ma-jig. The kids at school tease her, but they have no idea what she's capable of. Maybe she could earn their respect by winning the blue ribbon in the upcoming Air Show. Or maybe something even better will happen—something involving her best-ever invention, a Boy Scout troop in peril, and even the mayor himself! "An engaging story of a spunky girl who follows her dreams . . . Violet is a terrific role model."-- School Library Journal  
Return to Wonderland Penguin

Includes and excerpt from The last wild.

Everdark Penguin

FROM THE WINNER OF THE GUARDIAN CHILDREN'S FICTION PRIZE. This is the story of a boy named Kester. He has rescued the last wild animals in the world, and saved his capital city from destruction. But now he must face his greatest challenge yet, because: 1. The only blue whale on the planet has brought news from across the ocean; 2. A mysterious steel dome has risen from the Four Towers; 3. Out there, somewhere, a brave mouse holds the key to the future...

The Lost Magician Child's Play International  
 Strange things begin to happen the minute young Kay Harker boards the train to go home for Christmas and finds himself under observation by two very shifty-looking characters. Arriving at his destination, the boy is immediately accosted by a bright-eyed old man with a mysterious message: "The wolves are running." Soon danger is everywhere, as a gang of criminals headed by the notorious wizard Abner Brown and his witch wife Sylvia Daisy Pouncer gets to work. What does Abner Brown want? The magic box that the old man has entrusted to Kay, which allows him to travel freely not only in space but in time, too. The gang will stop at nothing to carry out their plan, even kidnapping Kay's friend, the tough little Maria Jones, and threatening to cancel Christmas celebrations altogether. But with the help of his allies, including an intrepid mouse, a squadron of Roman soldiers, the legendary Herne the Hunter, and the inventor of the Box of Delights himself, Kay just may be able to rescue his friend, foil Abner Brown's plot, and save Christmas,

too. At once a thriller, a romp, and a spellbinding fantasy, *The Box of Delights* is a great English children's book and a perfect Christmas treat. *The Dark Wild* Chicken House  
 A beautiful and classic anthology of frosty, magical short stories from acclaimed children's writers. The Dreamsnatcher's Abi Elphinstone heads up this gorgeous collection of wintery stories, featuring snow queens, frost fairs, snow dragons and pied pipers . . . from classic children's writers Michelle Magorian, Geraldine McCaughrean, Jamila Gavin, Berlie Doherty, Katherine Woodfine, Piers Torday, Lauren St John, Amy Alward, Michelle Harrison and Emma Carroll. 'Captures all the excitement of the season' The Guardian An unmissable, enchanting treat of a collection that will be enjoyed for years to come, by readers of all ages. Quercus Children's Books 'If you can imagine it, it exists ... somewhere.' The second incredible instalment of a spellbinding fantasy adventure from the bestselling, award-winning author of *The Last Wild* trilogy. It is

1984 and forty years since Simon, Patricia and Evelyn and Larry first stepped through a magical library door into the enchanted world of Folio. When Patricia's daughter, Jewel, makes a mysterious discovery in an old bookshop, she begins a quest that will make her question everything she thought she knew. Summoned to Folio, she must rescue a missing prince, helped only by her pet hamster and a malfunctioning robot. Their mission to the Frozen Sea will bring them face-to-face with a danger both more deadly and more magnificent than they ever imagined. What Jewel discovers will change not just who she thinks she is, but who we all think we are...

#### **The Dark Wild** Penguin UK

Tom Gates is back ... and at the top of his class (nearly) From Tom: TIPS FOR BEING TOP OF THE CLASS (Sadly...I did NONE of these things.) 1. Stay awake in lessons (it helps.) 2. Don't draw HILARIOUS pictures of your teachers. 3. AVOID the class bully to stay out of trouble. 4. Don't let Mum and Dad write ANYTHING in your school planner. 5. Don't let your grumpy sister Delia BOSS

you around. (Technically not a school issue - but still important.) I'm TRYING to get voted onto the school council as well - but thanks to the ABOVE

list it's not exactly going to plan. This ninth story in the award-winning Tom Gates series is packed with cheeky antics and

hilarious doodles! Plus: a doodle-filled glossary that will help Canadian kids make sense of British terms (what IS a caramel wafer, anyway?).

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