

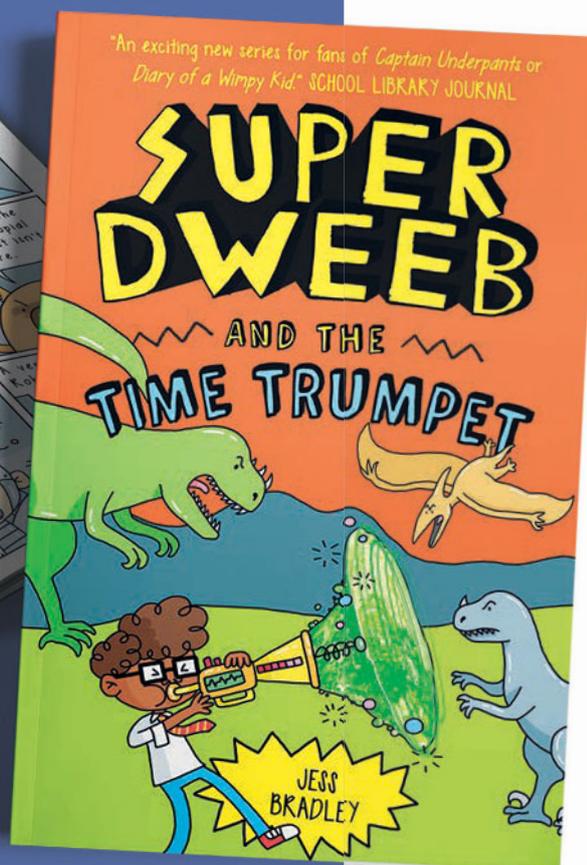
Arcturus Children's Catalogue

Spring 2023



Spring 2023 New Titles

FICTION & CLASSICS



Don't be late for Super Dweeb's new adventure!

Super Dweeb is back—and this time, it's personal. Villains from the future have journeyed through time to find our nerdy pal and stop him from unleashing his full potential ... as the world's greatest hero!

Andy and his friends will have to battle the bad guys, jump back into their own timeline ... oh, and deal with a few dinosaurs along the way.

Super Dweeb and the Time Trumpet is the fourth instalment in this hilarious series by Blue Peter Award-winning illustrator Jess Bradley, described by the *School Library Journal* as "an exciting new series for fans of *Captain Underpants* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*."

Packed with vibrant, comic book-style illustrations. For readers aged 7+.

SUPER DWEBB AND THE TIME TRUMPET

by Jess Bradley

231 x 150mm, 64 pp

\$7.95 CDN

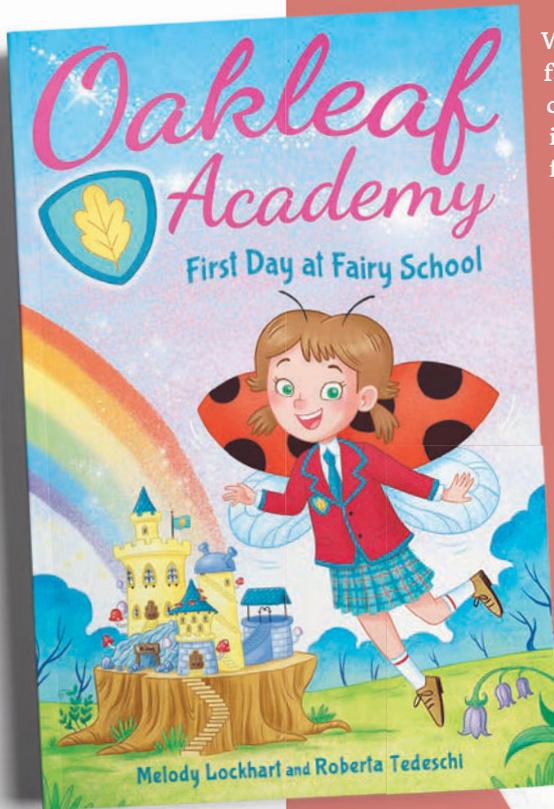
Paperback, Full colour

9781398819115

AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

• For children aged 7+

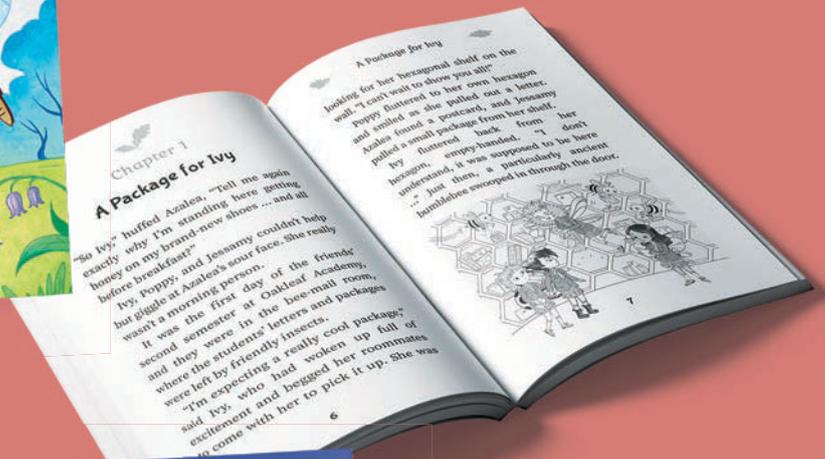
Visit the school at the end of the rainbow



Welcome to Oakleaf Academy, the magical school where fairies, pixies, gnomes, and other “smallfolk” learn their craft. This new series of charmingly illustrated chapter books is in the best traditions of boarding-school stories. It’s full of fun and magic, and foregrounds female friendship.

In *First Day at Fairy School*, Poppy is nervous about starting at a new school—just like any other student. But unlike most kids, she travels to school by owl-bus and worries about whether she will ever get her magic wand to work!

Poppy soon settles in and makes friends with Jessamy, a talkative sprite, and Ivy, a fairy with a rebellious streak. When events take an unexpected turn, the new students must face a terrible danger, launch a brave rescue, and form an unexpected friendship.



In *Mystery at Fairy School*, Ivy is struggling to find her place. Everybody says that fairies love flowers, sparkles, and dainty dances. But Ivy’s a fairy ... and she just wants to rock out!

One night, she meets a strange figure wandering through the school ... a boggart! Is this visitor up to no good? Or do they just want to be loved for themselves—like Ivy?

Soon Ivy and her friends are tangled up in another big adventure. Can they survive an encounter with a dragon toad?

In this fun and heartfelt series, young readers learn important lessons about friendship, courage, and being yourself. For ages 7+.

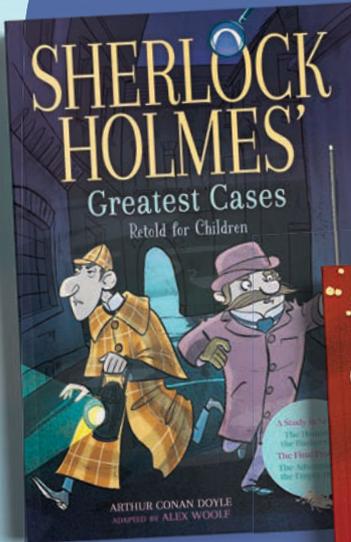
**OAKLEAF ACADEMY:
A MYSTERY AT FAIRY
SCHOOL**
9781398819122

**OAKLEAF ACADEMY:
FIRST DAY AT FAIRY
SCHOOL**
9781398819153

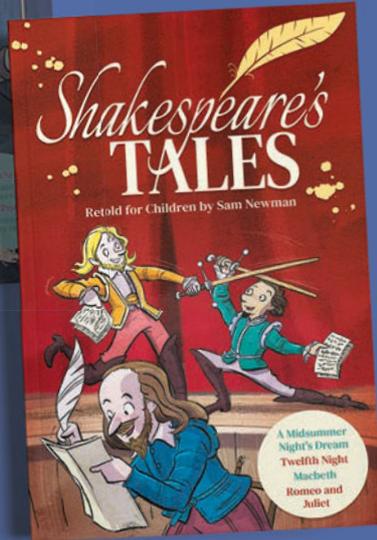
by **Melody Lockhart**
198 x 129mm, 128 pp
\$8.95 CDN
Paperback
AVAILABLE IN APRIL

• For children aged 7+.

Classic tales retold



Join Sherlock Holmes as he solves his most perplexing cases, in these tales retold for younger readers. This collection includes Arthur Conan Doyle's most iconic mysteries—*A Study in Scarlet*, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, *The Final Problem*, and *The Empty Room*—retold by award-winning children's author Alex Woolf, with artworks by Eve O'Brien. For ages 7+.



Take a trip to the theatre in Elizabethan England! Discover William Shakespeare's greatest hits: the comedy of *Twelfth Night*, the magic of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the tragedy of *Romeo and Juliet*, and the intrigues of *Macbeth*. Sam Newman's retelling keeps the spirit of Shakespeare's words, while making the stories wonderfully accessible. For ages 7+.

SHERLOCK HOLMES' GREATEST CASES
by Arthur Conan Doyle
and Alex Woolf
9781398821255

SHAKESPEARE'S TALES
by William Shakespeare
and Samantha
Newman 9781398821248

234 x 153mm, 256 pp
\$12.95 CDN Paperback
AVAILABLE IN MARCH

• For children aged 7+.

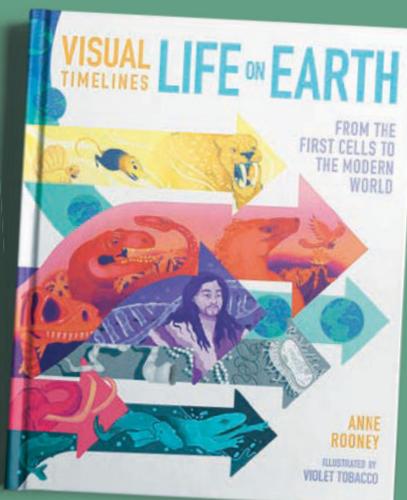
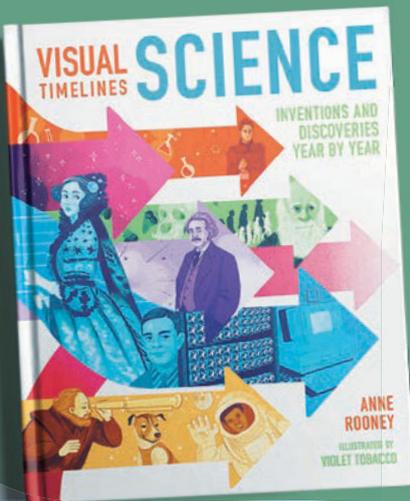
REFERENCE & EDUCATIONAL

A voyage of discovery

Our Visual Timelines books bring the history of science and nature vividly to life for young readers.

Follow in the footsteps of scientists with *Visual Timelines: Science*, from the first humans to use fire to the latest technological innovations. And ride the amazing rollercoaster of life on our planet in *Visual Timelines: Life on Earth*!

These richly illustrated books put key scientific events in context and explain the concepts behind them in clear language. Learn how our world has been formed and transformed over billions of years, and how we came to understand it. For ages 8+.



VISUAL TIMELINES: SCIENCE
9781398820227
AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

VISUAL TIMELINES: LIFE ON EARTH
9781398820692
AVAILABLE IN AUGUST

by Anne Rooney
280 x 225mm, 128 pp
\$21.95 CDN HC
Full colour

• For children aged 8+.



THE WORLD OF ANIMALS
9781398820234

THE WORLD OF PLANTS
9781398820159

by **Dr. Michael Leach and Dr. Meriel Lland**
280 x 225mm, 128 pp
\$25.95 CDN HC
AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

• For children aged 8+.



Discover the natural world from a new point of view

Why do platypuses have beaks? What is the world's largest bloom—and why does it smell so bad? Young readers will relish learning more about their favourite plants and animals (and making new discoveries too) as they journey through the wild world.

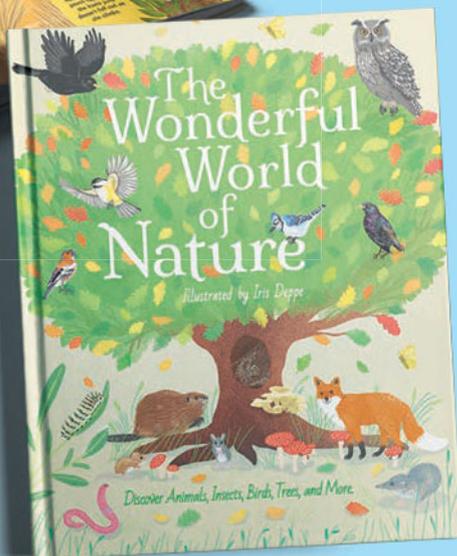
Authors Dr. Micheal Leach and Dr. Meriel Lland have travelled to all seven continents documenting the lives of wild animals and the wonders of nature. These lavishly illustrated reference books draw on their real-life research and first-hand experience, giving readers an opportunity to discover our planet from a whole new perspective.

The World of Animals and *The World of Plants* are positively overflowing with annotated maps and beautiful illustrations by Juanita Londoño-Gaviria. What a treat for nature-loving kids aged 8+!



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF NATURE by **Polly Cheeseman**
280 x 225mm, 192 pp
\$25.95 CDN HC
Full colour
9781398815377
AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

• For children aged 5+.



An ideal introduction to life on Earth for younger readers

Bright young things can explore the wonders of the natural world with this beautifully illustrated hardback guide, which showcases the talents of award-winning artist Iris Deppe.

The Wonderful World of Nature is packed with everything that a young nature-lover needs to know—from the latest scientific research to everyday tips about helping nature at home.

They will discover how plants grow from seeds; how animals live together in packs and herds; how creatures adapt to their natural habitats; and how we can help endangered species.

With clear text, vibrant illustrations, and a handy glossary of key terms, this engrossing and educational book is perfect for kids aged 5+.

These book-and-card gift sets put facts at your fingertips



Open this box to unleash the world of dinosaurs! Inside you will find a 128-page book and a set of 52 cards, each packed with enough facts and stats to sate even the hungriest dinosaur fan. In fact, we guarantee that there are fantastic facts here that you've never uncovered before!

The latest science is brought to life with striking illustrations. It's a wonderful gift for readers aged 8+.

Then, get ready for an encounter with the world's most incredible animals!

The book is an amazing reference guide to creatures of all shapes and sizes, illustrated with jaw-dropping photographs of animals in the wild. The deck of 52 cards adds even more detail. One side of each card introduces an animal family, while the other gives stats on a particular species. Ideal for fact fans aged 8+.

DINOSAURS: BOOK AND FACT CARDS

9781398820029

ANIMALS: BOOK AND FACT CARDS

9781398820012

by **Claudia Martin**

188 x 120mm, 128 pp

\$21.95 CDN Paperback book

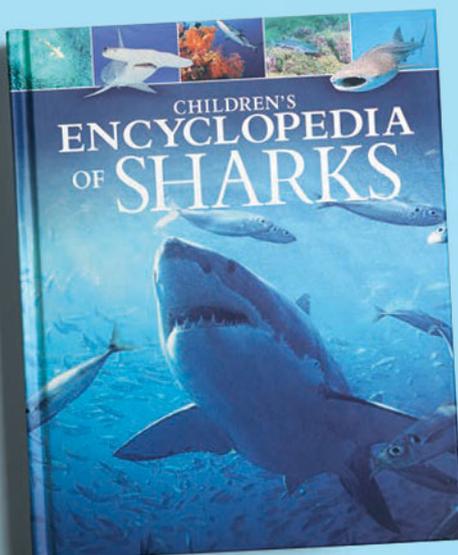
+ 52 cards in a box

Full colour

AVAILABLE NOW

• For children aged 8+.

Swim through the secret world of sharks



Sharks are some of the oldest, most powerful, and most misunderstood creatures on our planet. This book brings the latest research and insights into these mysterious animals to a new generation of readers.

This definitive guide dives deep into every aspect of sharks' lives: their wide-ranging habitats, complex behaviours, finely-tuned senses, and interactions with other species.

The visual encyclopedia is filled with clear information and stunning underwater photography. Designed for children aged 8+.



CHILDREN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SHARKS

by **Claudia Martin**

280 x 225mm, 128 pp

\$19.95 CDN

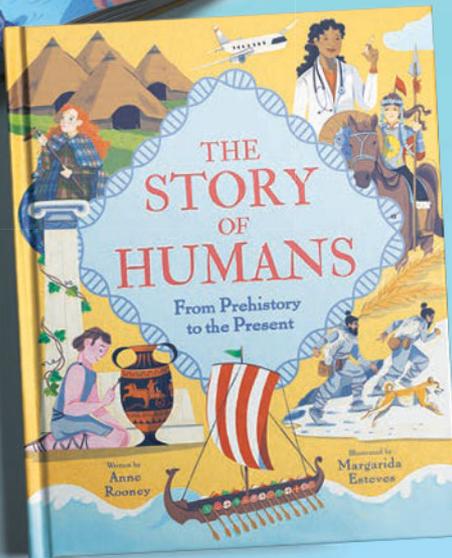
HC with jacket, Full colour

9781398820173

AVAILABLE NOW

• For children aged 8+.

The amazing story of our species



THE STORY OF HUMANS

by Anne Rooney
280 x 225mm, 128 pp
\$21.95 CDN
HC with jacket, Full colour
9781398820210
AVAILABLE IN JULY

• For children aged 8+.

This beautifully illustrated, highly accessible book traces the journey of humanity from prehistory to the silicon age. How did our extraordinary species rise from being simple apes, to becoming the planet's dominant species?

Award-winning author Anne Rooney makes this sweeping story feel as gripping as any novel, while illustrator Margarida Esteves brings key ideas to life with a warmth and vibrancy that makes the epic feel intimate.

Readers will marvel at the birth of human speech, the origins of farming, the invention of writing, and the ways that technology is now changing our world.

The Story of Humans uses fact boxes, an illustrated timeline, and a glossary to present a huge amount of detail in a fun, readable way.

A fascinating read for children aged 8+.



Discover the science that makes the world work

Our inspiring and accessible Curious Kids series reveals the extraordinary secrets behind everyday phenomena, and shines a light on the world of STEM.

In *Engineering for Curious Kids*, readers will find out who the first engineers were and how their work still helps us today. They'll uncover what it takes to design a car, jet, ship, or rocket; build a spectacular skyscraper; dig a tunnel through mountains; or deliver power to homes and factories.

In *Planet Earth for Curious Kids*, they'll find out what makes our planet tick. This title is packed with key concepts from geography—including cycles and patterns that shape the physical world, as well as the ways in which humans affect and adapt our environment.

For kids aged 8+ who want to know "why?"

ENGINEERING FOR CURIOUS KIDS

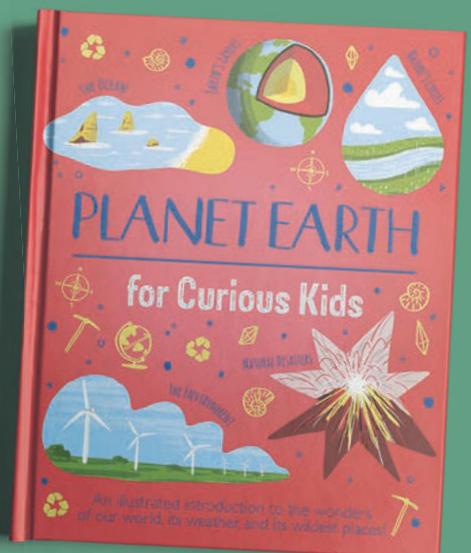
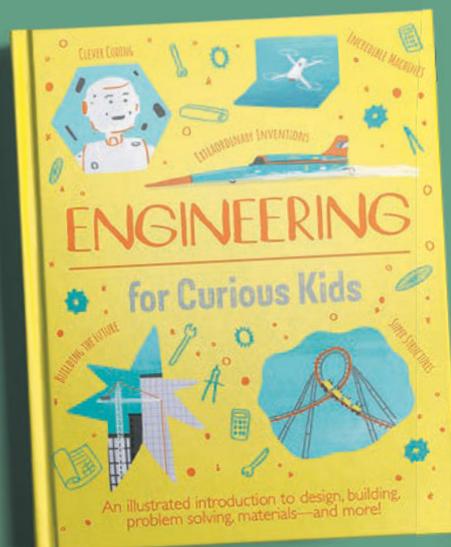
by Chris Oxlade
9781398820180
AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

PLANET EARTH FOR CURIOUS KIDS

by Anna Claybourne
9781398820203
AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

280 x 225mm, 128 pp
\$19.95 CDN
HC with dust jacket, Full colour

• For children aged 8+.



Unlock the secrets of your hidden power



Do you want to live a more magical life, or to feel empowered and at peace? The latest titles in our Teen Witches' Guide series cover the arts of manifesting, tarot, divination, spells, and charms.

Discover how to make your dreams and aspirations a reality through manifestation; uncover the traditional meanings and symbolism of the tarot deck; explore divination methods from around the world; and access the mystical tools, techniques, and items used in Wiccan spell-casting. Each guide mixes practical information with a friendly, empathetic tone. The series features stylish modern illustrations by Luna Valentine. For readers aged 10+.

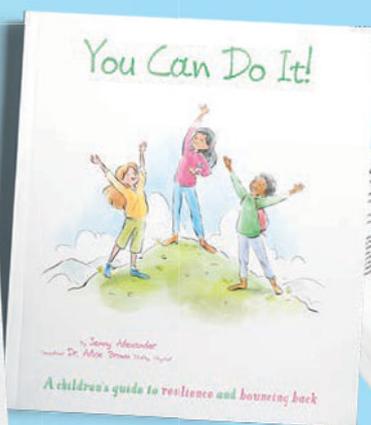
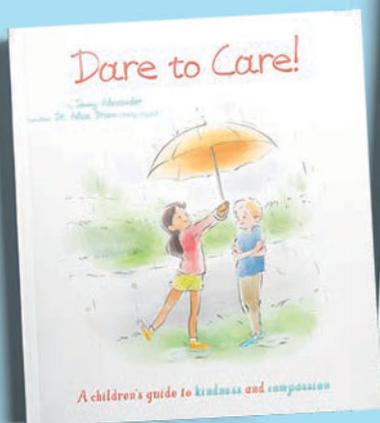
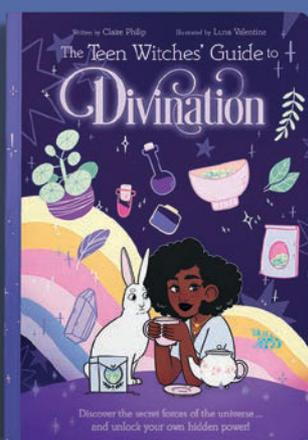
THE TEEN WITCHES' GUIDE TO MANIFESTING
9781398825673

THE TEEN WITCHES' GUIDE TO TAROT
9781398825697

THE TEEN WITCHES' GUIDE TO DIVINATION
9781398825666

THE TEEN WITCHES' GUIDE TO SPELLS & CHARMS
9781398825680

by **Claire Philip**
189 x 134mm, 128 pp
\$12.95 CDN
Paperback, Two colour
AVAILABLE IN JULY
• For children aged 10+.



DARE TO CARE!
9781398820258

YOU CAN DO IT!
9781398820319

Figure out your feelings

Why is kindness important? Why do we feel better when we help others? And how can we keep going when something feels difficult?

These activity books, developed in consultation with a child psychologist, use practical activities such as drawing, colouring, and quizzes to help children

explore and express their emotions.

Dare to Care! looks at ideas about generosity, sharing, positive thinking, empathy, and being kind to others. In *You Can Do It!*, children learn how to boost their resilience and develop coping strategies.

Perfect for kids aged 6+.

by **Jenny Alexander, consultant Dr. Alice Brown**
260 x 230mm, 96 pp
\$12.95 CDN
Paperback, Full colour
AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY
• For children aged 6+.

PRACTICAL ART

You can draw anything!



LET'S DRAW!
9781398820265

LET'S DRAW! ANIMALS
9781398820272

Illustrated by Sr. Sanchez
260 x 230mm, 96 pp
\$12.95 CDN
Paperback, Full colour
AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

• For children aged 4+.



Release your inner artist with these beginner's guides to drawing.

Each book gives step-by-step instructions for 50 different projects. In *Let's Draw*, you'll learn key techniques—building from simple shapes to artworks of people, vehicles, machines and monsters. And in *Let's Draw! Animals*, you'll learn how to draw (almost) any animal on the planet—from cats to koalas!

These handy guides will boost kids' confidence and take their art skills to the next level. Suitable for children aged 4+.



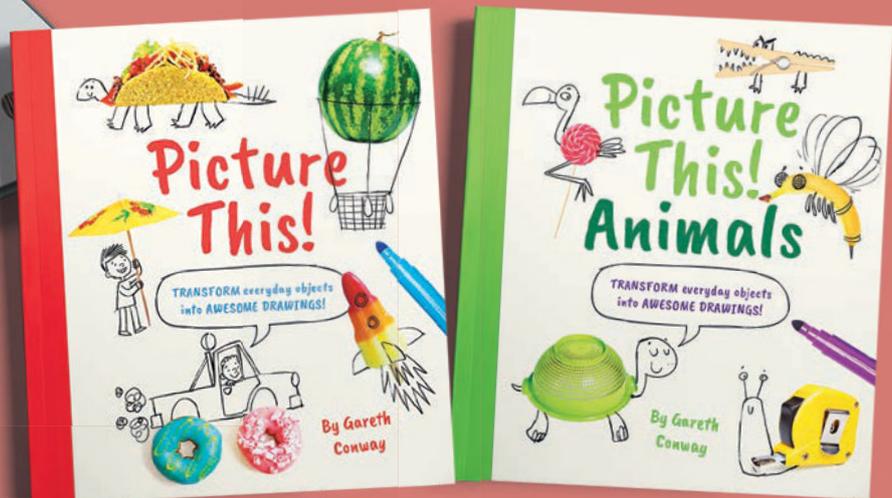
PICTURE THIS!
9781398815308

PICTURE THIS! ANIMALS
9781398815315

by Gareth Conway
260 x 230mm, 96 pp
\$12.95 CDN
Paperback, Full colour
AVAILABLE IN JULY

• For children aged 7+.

Unleash your imagination



These witty and inventive books invite readers to use their imagination—and a pencil—to transform photographs of everyday objects into quirky creatures and marvellous machines, through the power of art.

Picture This! shows how, with a few strokes of a pencil, you can create unexpected scenes featuring monsters, robots, aliens, and more. In *Picture This! Animals*, budding doodlers take a walk on the wild side, creating pictures of animals, bugs, and sea creatures! Artist Gareth Conway has supplied plenty of ideas and suggestions to them started. Ideal for kids aged 7+.



A magical world of colors

Escape to an enchanted kingdom of unicorns, mermaids, dragons, and other magical creatures ... and discover the peace and creativity of coloring.

Fans of coloring books will love these richly detailed, elegantly rendered artworks. The many scenes include mysterious forest animals, fantastical figures from folklore, and magical myths. Both titles in this series—*Enchanted Coloring* and *Magical Coloring*—will transport you to another world filled with mystery, delight, and wonder.

As you explore, you'll discover the benefits of mindfulness, patience, concentration, and creative expression. Suitable for all art-lovers aged 6+.

**ENCHANTED
COLORING**
9781398825635

MAGICAL COLORING
9781398825659

260 x 230mm, 64 pp
\$12.95 CDN
Paperback, Full colour
AVAILABLE IN JUNE

• For children aged 6+.

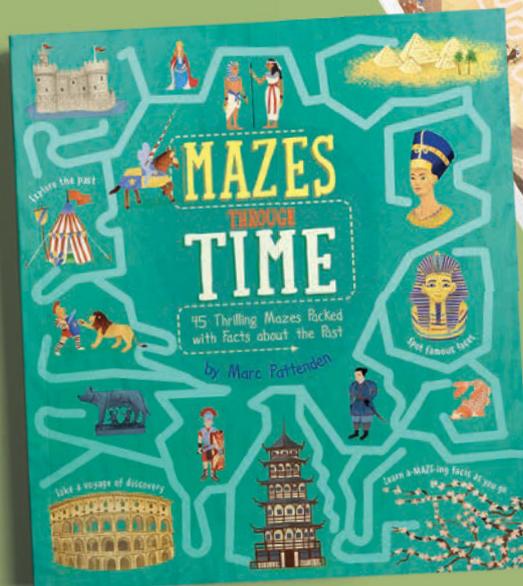
PUZZLES & ACTIVITIES

Travel through the twists and turns of time

Explore ancient Egypt, race through Rome, and meander through the Middle Ages with this delightfully illustrated book of mazes.

Visual puzzles can help children to improve their concentration, patience, problem-solving, and lateral thinking skills. What's more, every maze in this book has real educational value—drawing on historical and geographical detail from the real world. Readers will learn fascinating facts at every turn!

Mazes Through Time is ideal for young time-travellers aged 6+.



MAZES THROUGH TIME
by Marc Pattenden
260 x 230mm, 96 pp
\$16.95 CDN
Paperback, Full colour
9781398813779
AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

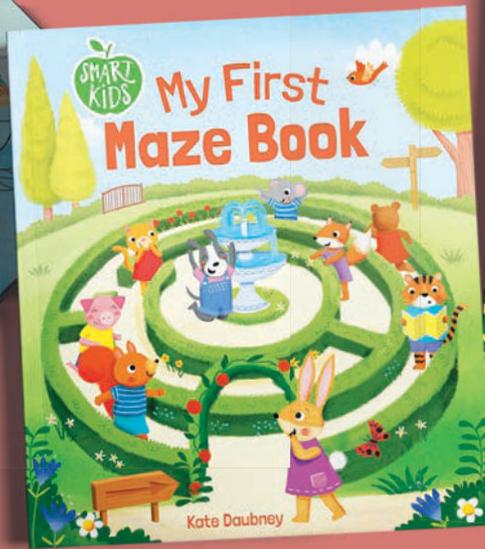
• For children aged 6+.



SMART KIDS: MY FIRST MAZE BOOK
9781398820296
AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

SMART KIDS: MY FIRST ACTIVITY BOOK
9781398825604
AVAILABLE IN MAY

by **Kate Daubney**
260 x 230mm, 96 pp
\$12.95 CDN
Paperback, Full colour
• For children aged 4+.



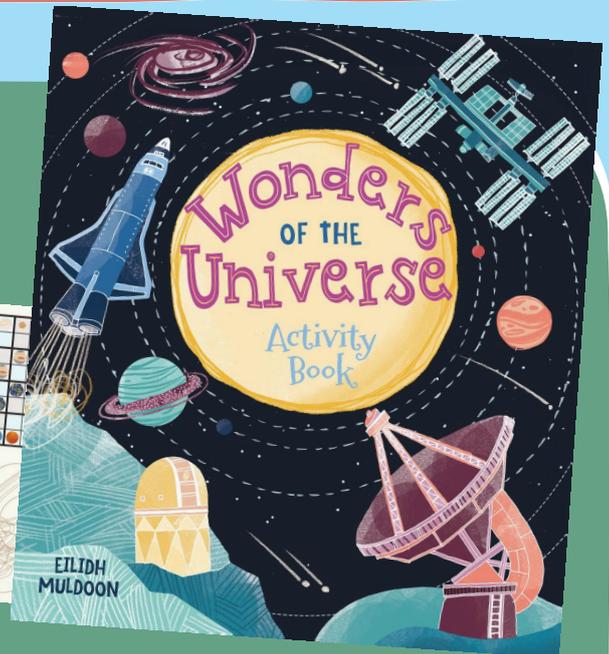
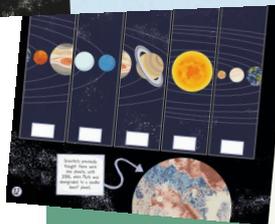
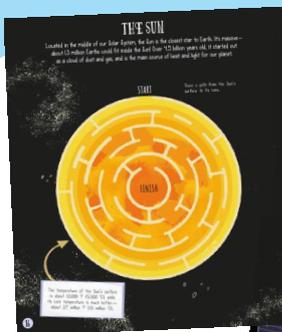
Super puzzles for smart kids

Stimulate young minds and keep little hands busy with these activity books!

In *My First Maze Book*, you'll find puzzles in a range of fun themes, such as a Dinosaur Dash, Shooting Stars, Amazing Ocean, and At the Building Site! Each maze is enlivened with charming, child-friendly artworks by Kate Daubney.

And there's more to enjoy with *My First Activity Book*. It's packed with classic puzzles and games: dot to dot, odd one out, spot the difference, search and find, colour by numbers ... and even more mazes!

Our Smart Kids collection is designed to keep children happy and busy for hours at a time. Perfect for ages 4+.



WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE ACTIVITY BOOK
9781398820302
AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

by **Eilidh Muldoon**
260 x 230mm, 96 pp
\$12.95 CDN
Paperback, Full colour

• For children aged 7+.

Puzzle-powered adventures

Discover our Wonderful Activities series—packed with imaginative activities and illustrated by inimitable artist Eilidh Muldoon.

Set off on an intergalactic journey with *Wonders of the Universe*. You'll travel through Solar System sudokus, Moon mazes, and spot-the-difference space stations.

For ages 7+.

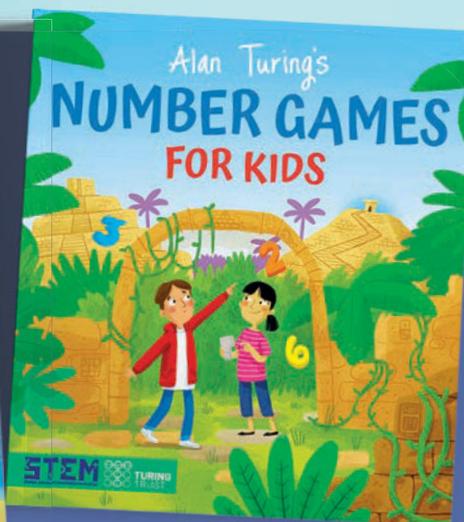
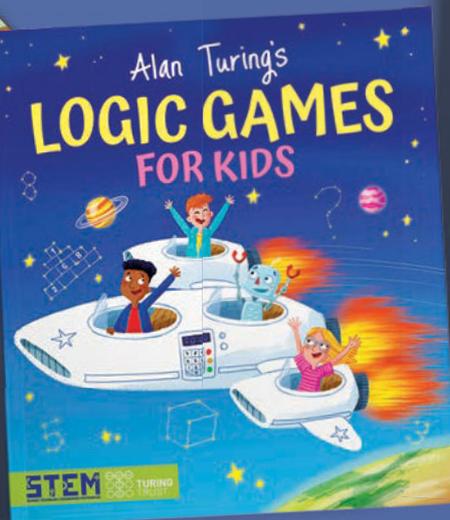


ALAN TURING'S LOGIC GAMES FOR KIDS
9781398820708

ALAN TURING'S NUMBER GAMES FOR KIDS
9781398825376

by Gemma Barder 200 x 176mm, 96 pp
\$12.95 CDN
Paperback, Full colour
AVAILABLE IN MARCH

• For children aged 7+.

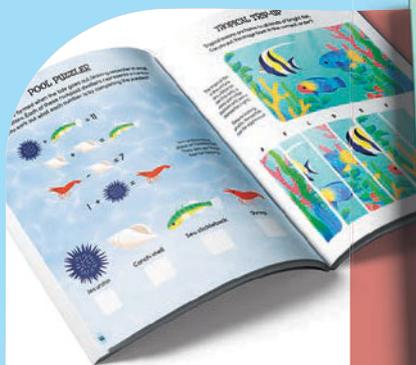


Are you a puzzle hero?

It's the ultimate challenge for puzzle-lovers: games inspired by code-breaking hero Alan Turing!

The puzzles, riddles, games, and codes in *Logic Games for Kids* support STEM knowledge, logic skills and lateral thinking. *Number Games for Kids* features mazes, pattern recognition, and multiplication games for even more fun.

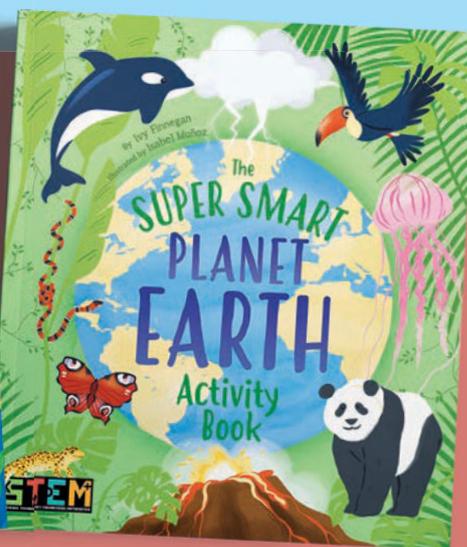
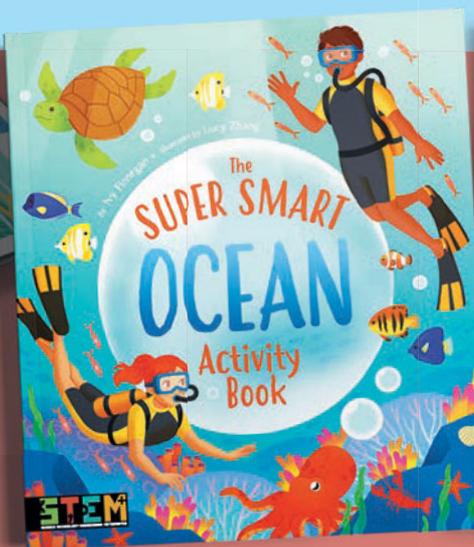
Sales of this book support The Turing Trust, which honours Turing's memory by providing computers to less privileged communities in Africa. For children aged 7+.



THE SUPER SMART OCEAN ACTIVITY BOOK
9781398825611
AVAILABLE IN AUGUST

THE SUPER SMART PLANET EARTH ACTIVITY BOOK
9781398825628
AVAILABLE IN JULY

by Gemma Barder
260 x 230mm, 96 pp
\$12.95 CDN
Paperback, Full colour
• For children aged 8+.



A world full of fun activities

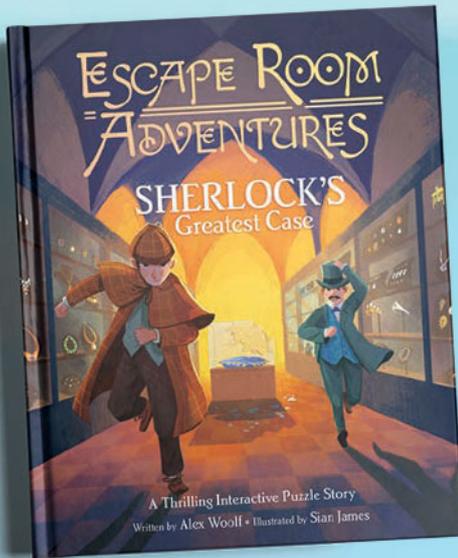
All aboard the puzzle express! Our Super Smart activity books take kids all over the planet, and teach them all kinds of fun facts.

In *The Super Smart Ocean Activity Book*, readers dive into the secrets of the sea, with vibrant illustrations and fun puzzles, mazes, colouring activities, dot-to-dot games, and more.

The Super Smart Planet Earth Activity Book will take them on a journey around the world. Fun facts about geography and the animal kingdom are brought to life with even more ingenious puzzles and games.

Ideal for STEM learning. For ages 8+.

Escape into an amazing adventure



Bring the excitement of an escape room into your home with this ingenious puzzle book!

The Musgrave Diamond has gone missing. And who better to solve the mystery than you—the celebrated Mr. Sherlock Holmes?

Every step of this story is up to you. Use your observation, lateral thinking, and logic skills to detect clues and come up with theories. The solution to each puzzle will guide you to the next step in the story!

This book features sumptuous art by Sian James, and a range of difficulty levels to suit every reader. Suitable for ages 8+.

ESCAPE ROOM ADVENTURES: SHERLOCK'S GREATEST CASE

by Alex Woolf

280 x 225mm, 64 pp

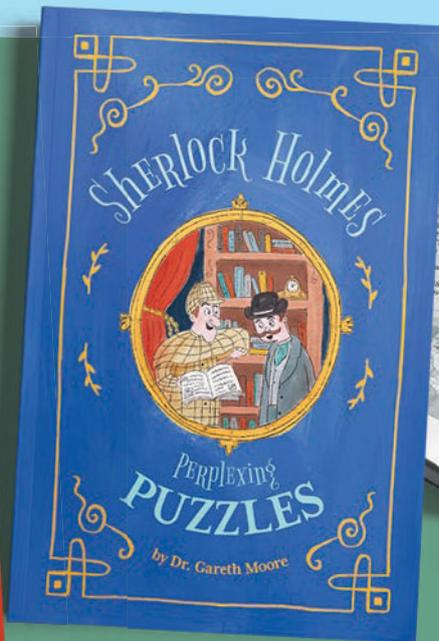
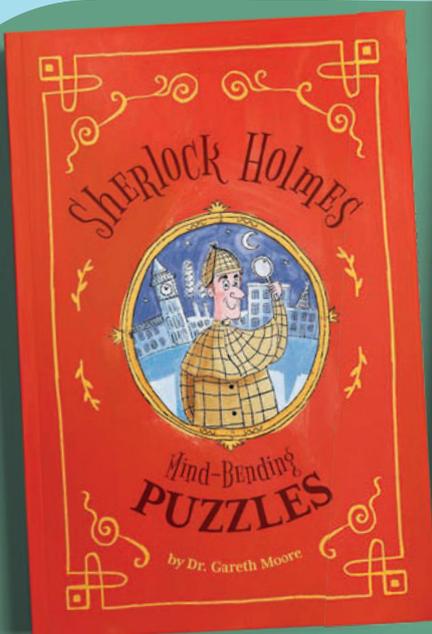
\$16.95 CDN

HC, Full colour

9781398825642

AVAILABLE IN JUNE

• For children aged 8+.



Can you keep up with Sherlock?

Welcome to the world of Sherlock Holmes—where every detail matters, and nothing is as it first appears. Young sleuths can pit their wits against the world's greatest detective with these two new collections of puzzles.

In *Sherlock Holmes' Mind-Bending Puzzles*, you'll get a peek into the world of Holmes and Watson. Follow the scenarios, read their conversations, and help them to solve the mysteries!

Sherlock Holmes' Perplexing Puzzles follows up with even more riddles, wordplay, lateral thinking games, and logical challenges. Are you quick-witted enough to catch the criminals?

Both books are written by puzzle guru Dr. Gareth Moore and brought to life by the humorous artistic stylings of Eve O'Brien. For ages 8+.

SHERLOCK HOLMES' MIND-BENDING PUZZLES

9781398825574

SHERLOCK HOLMES' PERPLEXING PUZZLES

9781398825598

by Dr. Gareth Moore

198 x 129mm, 128 pp

\$8.95 CDN

Paperback

AVAILABLE IN APRIL

• For children aged 8+

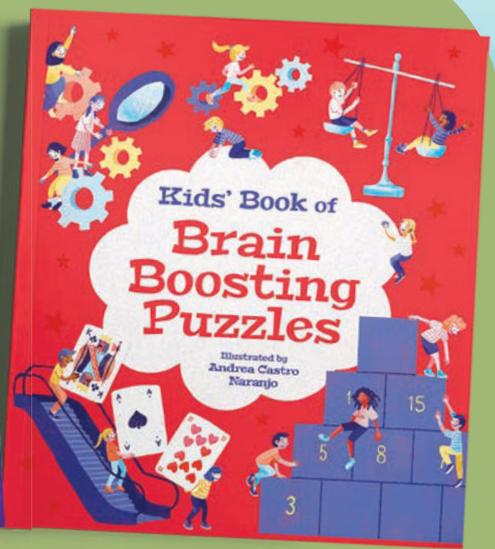
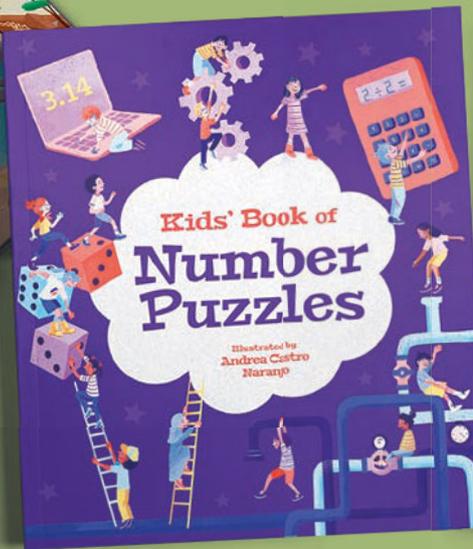


**KIDS' BOOK OF NUMBER
PUZZLES**
9781398825970

**KIDS' BOOK OF BRAIN
BOOSTING PUZZLES**
9781398825963

Illustrated by Andrea Castro
260 x 230mm, 96 pp
\$12.95 CDN
Paperback, Full colour
AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER

• For children aged 7+.

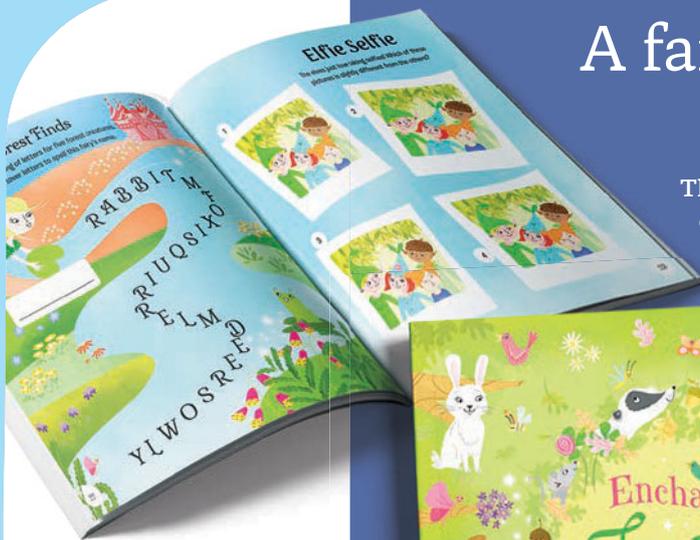


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