



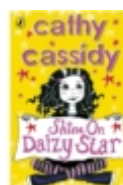
Children's Book News...

We hope you enjoy this newsletter from Browns Books for Students completely devoted to the wonderful world of children's books. We aim to give you a taste of some of the terrific new titles available from BBfS in the coming months.

Bestselling Children's Titles 2009

Our top ten selling titles of 2009!

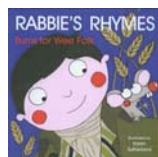
1. *Eclipse* - Stephenie Meyer (9781904233916)
2. *Twilight* - Stephenie Meyer (9781905654376)
3. *Hetty Feather* - Jacqueline Wilson (9780385614443)
4. *New Moon* - Stephenie Meyer (9781904233886)
5. *New Moon tie-in* - Stephenie Meyer (9781905654611)
6. *Shine On, Daisy Star* - Cathy Cassidy (9780141325194)
7. *Breaking Dawn* - Stephenie Meyer (9781905654284)
8. *Crocodile Tears* - Anthony Horowitz (9781406310481)
9. *Tabby McTat* - Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler (9781407109244)
10. *Cookie* - Jacqueline Wilson (9780552558310)



Burns Night—25th January

Robert Burns is probably Scotland's best-loved poet so to commemorate his birthday on 25th January we've put together a selection of some of the best Scottish interest titles currently available:

Rabbie's rhymes: Robert Burns for wee folk
(9781845022204) £6.99



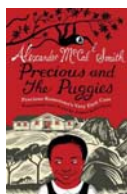
A simple, funny, colourful introduction to Burns, 'Rabbie's Rhymes' in board book format will entertain the bairns and encourage parents and teachers not only to recite the lines from the poems but perhaps also to sing the tunes to songs like 'Ca the Yowes' and 'Ye Banks and Braes'.

***Hoglet the spineless hedgehog* – Allyson Marnoch**
(9780863157424) £5.99

A heartwarming tale, set in the Scottish countryside, of one little hedgehog's attempts to conquer adversity with politeness - and a certain amount of luck.

***Precious Ramotswe in Scots* – Alexander McCall Smith**
(9781845022808) £9.99

A previously unpublished story from Alexander McCall Smith, telling the story of the girlhood adventures of Precious Ramotswe, founder of the No.1 Ladies Detective Agency.



***Our city* – Julia Bertagna**
(9781846970900) £5.99

This is a collection of specially commissioned stories for upper primary school children, by ten of the best children's writers, who are either based in Scotland or have a Scottish background.

***Stories from Scotland* – Barbara Ker Wilson**
(9780192728609) £6.99

From the Highlands and islands, to the Border country, there are stories from all over Scotland in this wonderful collection. You'll find tales of Tam Lin the elfin knight, MacCodrum of the Seals and many more - all told with a thrilling sense of adventure and fun.

***Scotland: A Very Peculiar History Vol. 1 & Vol. 2.* – Fiona MacDonald**
(9781906370916/9781906714796) £6.99

An informative account of the vibrant history of Scotland, from its earliest inhabitants to the 14th century, then from the Stuarts to the present day. The books celebrate the cultural achievements of the Scottish, giving an up-to-date and objective account of the nation's history.

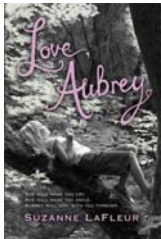


New Books To Get Excited About...

January

Love, Aubrey – Suzanne Lafluer (9780141327044) £5.99

I missed this title when it was first published in hardback last year – I must confess I was worried it may be rather maudish - but its inclusion on the Carnegie longlist prompted me to dig it out

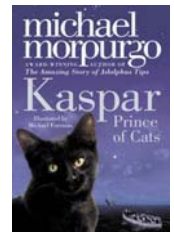


from a pile of proofs. I am extremely glad I did. It's a very moving story about an 11 year old girl who is taken in by her wise but practical grandmother when her grief-stricken mother abandons her. Aubrey has grief of her own to deal with and some of the most affecting scenes concern the letters she writes to her dead sister, Savannah. An impressive debut.

Kasper – Michael Morpurgo (9780007267002) £5.99

Everything changes with a cat like Kasper around! Another great heartwarming story from Morpurgo. This always gets a great response from anyone who reads it. This is perfect for all the family to enjoy and is guaranteed to promote an enthusiastic discussion

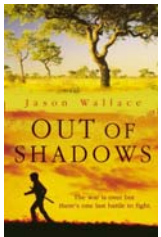
in children's book groups. Morpurgo has a superb talent for mixing historical facts with a fictional story, and *Kasper* will not disappoint. A gripping read that will leave a lump in your throat.



February

Out of the Shadows – Jason Wallace (9781849390484) £6.99

This is one of those rare, outstanding books that when you come to the end you know with certainty you will return to it again. It is also a book that is so hard-hitting and thought provoking you

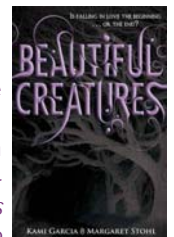


feel compelled to tell everyone you know to read it! It is a difficult book, set in a boys boarding school in 1980s Zimbabwe following the War of Independence that resulted in Robert Mugabe coming to power. It is a sensitively written coming of age story that is full of bullying, racism, cowardice and cruelty. Surely this will be a strong contender for the Branford Boase award.

Beautiful Creatures – Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl (9780141326085) £6.99

The first in what is sure to be an epic saga. It took a while to get round to reading this as I was put off from the initial 'if you like *Twilight*, you'll love this' statement the book seemed to offer. However, *Beautiful Creatures* isn't just another gothic/paranormal teen

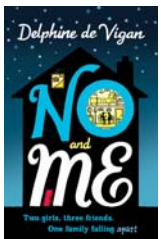
novel. The dark narrative echoes classics such as *Wuthering Heights* and *Gone with the Wind*, and is refreshingly told through the voice of sixteen year old boy, Ethan Wate. Well worth a read.



March

No and Me – Delphine de Vigan (9781408807514) £9.99

Published in dual adult and young adult editions, this novel won the Booksellers award, Prix des Libraires, in the author's native France in 2008. It was spotted by an editor at Bloomsbury while he was on holiday there and is now translated into English by George Miller. The story unfolds through the eyes of



Lou, the daughter of parents who are struggling to cope with the loss of their other daughter, and relates how her friendship with a young homeless woman, No, changes the lives of them all. It is a shame that the rules prohibit it being a choice for the Carnegie because the quality of the language, the themes and the storytelling are really something special.

Solace of the Road – Siobhan Dowd (9781849920056) £6.99

Wow. I thought last year's Carnegie winner, *Bogher's Child*, was very good but *Solace of the Road* (already longlisted in hardback) is something else altogether. Holly Hogan hates her life, her school and her foster parents. She finds a wig and everything changes, Holly becomes the super confident and sassy Solace. You can't help but follow her as she embarks on a heartbreak-

ing road trip of self discovery and to find her mother. This strong central character creates moments of intense pathos as well as humour. A touching but gritty read that is sure to be a worthy winner.



Perfect Picture Books...

Birdsong – Ellie Sandall
(9781405247375/9781405247382)
£10.99/£5.99

This is just a fantastic debut from Ellie Sandall! Join one lone bird singing on a tree and watch how its soon joined by a friend, then another, and then another. One 'flash' bird in particular causes a certain amount of chaos. Birdsong is absolutely brilliant for reading aloud and will make any story time extra fun. With the bright original illustrations and creative rhyming text, you'll want to read Birdsong again and again.



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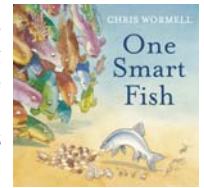
This is such a warm and moving story which is guaranteed to provoke an emotional response. Fennel the dog sets off one morning with Granny's slipper on his nose.

Everyone wants to know where he is going but his reply is always the same – 'sniff'. Here is a brilliant new voice in picture books, Yokococo tenderly and sensitively approaches the subject of loss and shows how love and affection can help overcome the pain.



(9780224083546) £10.99

Long ago in the deep ocean, there lived... one smart fish! He wasn't the biggest and he wasn't the boldest, but he was the cleverest. What this smart fish wanted more than anything else was to walk. Everyone knows fish can't walk, can they? This is a fun story with an educative slant which is great for discussions on evolution and natural history. The vibrant illustrations and humorous tale makes this a must have for any book shelf.



Sniff – Yokococo (9781406323269)

One Smart Fish – Chris Wormell

And the story continues...

Don't miss the next instalment

JANUARY

- *Cows in Action: The Victorian moo-ders* – Stephen Cole (9781862308831) £4.99
- *Charlie Small: Forest of Skulls* – (9781849920209) £4.99
- *Seventh Tower: Into Battle* – Garth Nix (978007261239) £5.99



FEBRUARY

- *Where's Wally: The Incredible Paper Chase* – Martin Handford (9781406325867) £9.99
- *Iggy and Me and the Happy Birthday* – Jenny Valentine (9780007283637) £4.99
- *How to be a Pirate's Dragon* – Cressida Cowell (9780340999080) £5.99
- *Darkside: Blackjack* – Tom Becker (9781407102887) £6.99

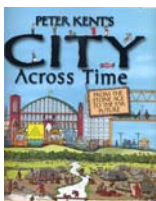


MARCH

- *Allie Finkel: Stage Fright* – Meg Cabot (9780330453783) £5.99
- *Keys to the Kingdom: Lord Sunday* – Garth Nix (9780007175130) £6.99
- *Vampirates: Empire of the Night* – Justin Somper (9781416916529) £5.99
- *Rachel Riley: The Facts of Life* – Joanna Nadin



Non-Fiction Highlights



A City Across Time – Peter Kent (9780753418970) £10.99

Peter Kent's brilliant cross-sections show how an early settlement changes into a bustling, modern-day city. Brand-new artworks and spreads reveal the prehistoric origins of the settlement, its 21st-century development and even give a glimpse into the far future, when ice sheets threaten to overwhelm the city.

My Uncle's Dunkirk – Mick Manning & Brita Granstrum (9780749693411) £10.99

This moving but accessible account of a young man's experiences in the Second World War uses a child's beach holidays with his uncle as a way to explore the horror and heroism that occurred on the beaches of Dunkirk.



Living with a Willy – Nick Fisher (9780330332484) £4.99

Designed to be a frank, friendly and funny guide for teenage boys. It explains the biological stages of puberty but with real incidents and examples of the feelings and everyday experiences that accompany growing up. Then there's issues such as image - shaving, tattooing etc - and girls.



Have You Started Yet? – Ruth & Chloe Thomson (9780230744905) £5.99

Starting to have periods is something all girls face, and is one sign of growing up. It's nothing to be embarrassed or ashamed about. This book explains exactly what periods are, why they happen and how they will affect you. It asks all the questions and gives all the answers simply and openly, with plenty of practical advice.

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Puffin's 70th Birthday!



In 2010 Puffin Books will be 70 years old. 70 years! And as part of their BIG birthday celebrations, they want libraries everywhere to join them in making this the biggest and the best celebration of books and reading.

Puffin are busy planning the biggest 70th birthday celebration ever, including **NATIONAL PUFFIN SHARE A STORY DAY** on **8th May**, where libraries nationwide can let their imagination run wild and celebrate all things Puffin.

Here's how you can get involved:

- INSPIRE your library visitors by creating an interactive Puffin display of your most borrowed Puffins
- BRING TO LIFE a chapter of your favourite Puffin book with live storytelling, dressing up or music
- READ a Puffin you've never read before to your book group
- TELL as many borrowers as you can that it's National Puffin Day
- SHARE your Top 10 Puffins with a borrower or colleague
- CREATE a calendar of Puffin-themed events, parties and book groups
- SHOUT about a new Puffin book you have just read
- JUST IMAGINE all the things you can do!

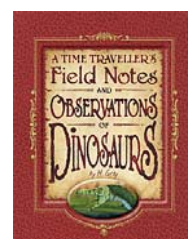
In June you can join the nation to vote for the Puffin of Puffins from our list of specially chosen Puffin Modern Classics-what's your library's favourite book?

Puffin have **limited** stock of POS – bunting, banners, posters etc – Look out for the Puffin Party kit available to download from www.puffin.co.uk from March 2010.



Top That Fiction imprint

Quest Probably best known for their range of novelty books, children's publisher Top That! has recently added a fiction imprint to their list. Each 'Quest' title includes all of the essential ingredients that make for an engrossing read, but it is the interactive web elements that have been added to each of the book series, in the form of free audio podcasts, interactive websites, blogs and themed social-networking posts, which makes them a little different. From crime and spy thrillers to football-based fiction and time-travel, Quest have combined exciting stories with these 'multi-platform' elements, enhancing the reading experience for children aged 7+.



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