

The Reading Agency August booklist for Children and Young People Book Lovers' Day (9th August)

It's safe to say, here at The Reading Agency, we love books. And we know you do too! So, we have created a booklist to celebrate Book Lovers Day on 9th August 2021. This list includes titles for toddlers, children, teens and young adults, all about the wonderfulness of words, brilliant bookshops and our love of libraries. There are also books that we think are just perfect for inspiring a life-long love of reading.

***Boo Loves Books* by Kaye Baillie, illustrated by Tracie Grimwood (New Frontier Publishing)**

ISBN: 9781912858538

Some dogs are shy and anxious and so are some children. Can Boo and Phoebe turn their fears into a positive experience? A charming story of friendship between a shy little girl and a huge, gentle rescue dog.

***Finney's Story* by Alana Washington, illustrated by Charlotte Caswell (UCLan)**

ISBN: 9781912979486

Be original! You are one of a kind, and so is your story! Finney the Fox wants to write a book. He's just bursting with ideas. The only problem is... all the original ideas are gone! Or are they? Join Finney as he tries to find his story, with a little help from a friend.

***Book Hospital* by Leigh Hodgkinson (Simon & Schuster)**

ISBN: 9781471169434

This funny, reassuring story is a celebration of books and the magic of reading. Because when you love your books, when you're kind to your books and when you read your books, they will take you on a magical journey that you'll never forget...

***The Bookshop Cat* by Cindy Wume (Macmillan Children's Books)**

ISBN: 9781529041279

A joyous and dazzlingly original picture book about a beloved bookshop cat, the power of reading and the importance of family and community, from exciting new talent Cindy Wume.

***The Children Who Loved Books* by Peter Carnavas (New Frontier)**

ISBN: 9781912076185

A book about loving and needing books and about libraries and how central libraries and books should be in our lives. Written and illustrated with wit and humour.

***We Want Our Books: Rosa's Fight to Save the Library* by Jake Alexander (Macmillan Children's Books)**

ISBN: 9781529049022

A defiant, moving and joyful picture book from the winner of the Macmillan Prize 2019 about the power of protest and the importance of books.

***Zombierella: Fairy Tales Gone Bad* by Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Freya Hartas (Walker Books)**

ISBN: 9781406389661

A yellow moon hangs in a satin sky the night Cinderella, barefoot and in hand-me-downs, slips at the top of the stairs... and dies. But not for long. The Shadow of Death arrives to breathe life back into her bones and, for three nights only, Cinderella goes forth as ZOMBIERELLA.

***Girl (In Real Life)* by Tamsin Winter (Usborne)**

ISBN: 9781474978484

What's it like to grow up online and have every tantrum, every spot - even your first period - broadcast to hundreds of thousands of followers? A funny and heartfelt novel for fans of *Geek Girl*, from the award-winning Tamsin Winter.

***Winnie and Wilbur: Around the World* by Valerie Thomas, illustrated by Korky Paul (Oxford University Press)**

ISBN: 9780192772343

Winnie and Wilbur are visiting the wild animals from their library book in real life. It's exciting to journey by magic all around the world, but there is trouble for our travellers when the animals get hungry! A whistle-stop tour full of hilarious slapstick fun, with plenty of details to pore over in Korky Paul's intricate and spellbinding artwork.

***The Last Spell Breather* by Julie Pike (Oxford University Press)**

ISBN: 9780192771605

A stunning fantasy debut, enter the unique world of the Spell Breathers. Spell Breathing does not come naturally to Rayne - she loathes the hours of practice, the stacks of scrolls, and the snapping mud devils that cover her mother's precious spell book. But it is spell breathing that keeps her village safe from the dreaded monster curse that plagues their world. It is ancient powerful magic, but as Rayne learns to her horror... it is also fragile. In one clumsy move, the magic that keeps them safe is broken, her village is plunged into danger, and an incredible adventure begins...

***A Glasshouse of Stars* by Shirley Marr (Usborne)**

ISBN: 9781474991087

Meixing Lim and her family have arrived in the New Land to begin a New Life. Everything is scary and different. Their ever-changing house is confusing and she finds it hard to understand the other children at school. Yet in her magical glasshouse, with a strange black-and-white cat, Meixing finds a place to dream.

YOUNG ADULT

***Find Your Voice: A Guided Journal for Writing Your Truth* by Angie Thomas (Walker Books)**

ISBN: 9781406397109

Bestselling, award-winning author Angie Thomas brings her talents to this essential creative writing journal. From initial idea to finished draft, Angie shares her thoughts, advice and best practices on developing a true-to-you writing project.

***Felix Ever After* by Kacen Callender (Faber & Faber)**

ISBN: 9780571368013

From award-winning author Kacen Callender comes a revelatory YA novel about a transgender teen grappling with identity and self-discovery while falling in love for the first time.

***The Dark Lady* by Akala (Hachette Children's Group)**

ISBN: 9781444943696

The first in a magical realist series set in Shakespearean London and written with the kind of lyrical dexterity and power that one would expect from Akala, *The Dark Lady* references the Bard's sonnets as well as crafting an uncompromising picture of street life in Renaissance England.

***The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles (John Murray Press)**

ISBN: 9781529335446

Based on the heroic wartime exploits of the librarians at the American Library in Occupied Paris, Charles's sweeping saga jumps between 1940s France and 1980s America with style, grace and intrigue.

***The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak (Transworld)**

ISBN: 9781784162122

It is 1939. In Nazi Germany, the country is holding its breath. By her brother's graveside, nine-year-old Liesel's life is changed forever when she picks up a single object, abandoned in the snow. It is The Gravedigger's Handbook, and this is her first act of book thievery. So begins Liesel's love affair with books and words, and soon she is stealing from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library... wherever there are books to be found.

***The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo (HarperCollins)**

ISBN: 9781405291460

The Poet X is a raw, effervescent debut novel about the power of language and speaking your own truth. Written entirely in verse, this Waterstones Children's Book Prize nominee follows the trials and tribulations of Xiomara, a teenager growing up in a tough Harlem neighbourhood, and her creative release in the world of slam poetry.