

**The Reading Agency's November Booklist for Children & Young People  
Non-fiction November**



National Non-fiction November is the month to celebrate factual children's books, from shocking science to incredible histories. Discover a range of titles for early readers through to young adults and encourage them to open a book and their minds!

***Usborne Book of the Moon* by Laura Cowan, illustrated by Diana Toledano (Usborne)  
ISBN: 9781474950848**

Trace the story of the Moon around the world and through history, from ancient legends about its creation, to its first sighting through a telescope, right up until the Apollo 11 mission and the first Moon landing in 1969.

***Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin, illustrated by Joelle Avelino (Macmillan Children's Books)  
ISBN: 9781529045444**

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of Baroness Floella Benjamin's classic memoir, *Coming to England*. With a foreword by the author and some additional historical information, this is the incredible story of Floella's journey from Trinidad to London, as part of the Windrush generation, to the House of Lords.

***What Happened to You?* by James Catchpole, illustrated by Karen George (Faber Children's Books)  
ISBN: 9780571358311**

Every time Joe goes out the questions are the same ... what happened to his leg? But is this even a question Joe has to answer? A ground-breaking, funny story that helps children understand what it might feel like to be seen as different, this is the first ever picture book addressing how a disabled child might want to be spoken to.

***A First Book of Nature* by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Mark Hearld (Walker Books)**

**ISBN: 9781406349160**

Part poetry book, part scrapbook of recipes and facts, *A First Book of Nature* is a delightful way to begin to learn about the natural world, and is full of ideas for fun outdoor activities that children will enjoy, from beachcombing to baking a berry crumble. With lots to see in the richly-coloured spreads, this is a very special book to explore together and to treasure.

***Lift-the-Flap Questions and Answers about Plastic* by Katie Daynes, illustrated by Marie-Eve Tremblay (Usborne)**

**ISBN: 9781474963381**

What's plastic made of? How does it get into the ocean? Can we live without it? Learn all about plastic recycling and how plastic affects the environment in this revealing book with over 60 flaps to lift.

***Malala's Magic Pencil* by Malala Yousafzai, illustrated by Kerascoet (Puffin)**

**ISBN: 9780241322574**

As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil that she could use to redraw reality. As she grew older, Malala wished for bigger and bigger things. She saw a world that needed fixing. This beautifully illustrated picture book tells Malala's story, in her own words, for a younger audience and shows them the worldview that allowed her to hold on to hope and to make her voice heard even in the most difficult of times.

***How to Eat Pizza* by Jon Burgerman (Oxford University Press)**

**ISBN: 9780192749529**

This hilarious interactive book introduces children to a host of talking food, including a pizza slice that most certainly does NOT want to be eaten! Bright colours and lots of visual gags provide one hilarious introduction to a range of fantastic food - and will even encourage children to eat fruit and vegetables!

***A Greek Adventure - The Histronauts* by Frances Durkin, illustrated by Grace Cooke (b small)**

**ISBN: 9781913918071**

Visit the Acropolis, watch the activities that inspired the Olympic Games and paint masks for a thrilling Greek tragedy at the amphitheatre. An exciting mix of story, facts and activity!

***Meet Matilda Rocket Builder* by Dom Conlon, illustrated by Heidi Cannon (UCLan)**

**ISBN: 9781912979554**

Meet Matilda, the girl who'll give it her best shot to learn everything she needs to learn in order to get there herself. From how to pee in zero-g to why pizzas won't take you up and up away, this is science for the curious!

***Think Like a Scientist!: Ask Questions! Read! Understand!* by Susan Martineau, illustrated by Vicky Barker (b small)**

**ISBN: 9781913918095**

Science is everywhere! Join us to shine a light on all things STEM with essential scientific literacy skills. From understanding the scientific method to solving problems and communicating the facts, learn to THINK, READ and TALK like a scientist!

***Grown: The Black Girls' Guide to Glowing Up* by Melissa Cummings-Quarry and Natalie A Carter, illustrated by Dorcas Magbadelo (Bloomsbury Children's Books)  
ISBN: 9781526623713**

Natalie A. Carter and Melissa Cummings-Quarry share stories - the wins and the Ls - and offer honest, practical advice that will show you how to own your choices. To live your truth without fear. To be grown on your own terms without limits or apologies.

***Secrets and Spies* by Anita Ganeri, illustrated by Luke Brookes (Little Tiger)  
ISBN: 9781838913618**

Explore the history of espionage from ancient secret agents to modern-day surveillance and read about the lives of infamous spies and their missions. Learn the language of spies and how to read codes and ciphers, then ask yourself the all-important question – could you be a spy?

***Wild Child* by Dara McAnulty, illustrated by Barry Falls (Macmillan Children's Books)  
ISBN: 9781529045321**

Join brilliant young naturalist Dara McAnulty - winner of the 2020 Wainwright Prize for his book *Diary of a Young Naturalist* - on a nature walk and experience the joy of connecting with the natural world on your multi-sensory journey.

## **Young Adult**

***Black and British: A Short, Essential History* by David Olusoga (Macmillan Children's Books)  
ISBN: 9781529063394**

When did Africans first come to Britain? Who are the well-dressed black children in Georgian paintings? Why did the American Civil War disrupt the Industrial Revolution? This is a short, essential introduction to Black British history for readers of 12+ by award-winning historian and broadcaster David Olusoga.

***Breathe Out: A Creative Guide to Happiness for Teen Minds* by Celeste Wallaert, illustrated by Fiona Rose (Michael O'Mara Books)  
ISBN: 9781789292626**

Breathe Out has been written specifically for young minds and the unique challenges that teenagers face today, it is filled with exercises, techniques and tips specially designed to help you to take a step back and take a moment for yourself.

***Becoming: Adapted for Younger Readers* by Michelle Obama (Penguin General)  
ISBN: 9780241531815**

Now adapted for younger readers, with new photographs and a new introduction from Michelle Obama herself, this memoir tells a very personal, and completely inspiring, story of how, through hard work and determination, the girl from the South Side of Chicago built an extraordinary life.

***What's the T?* by Juno Dawson, illustrated by Soofiya (Hachette Children's Group)**

**ISBN: 9781526362827**

Discover what it means to be a young transgender and/or non-binary person in the twenty-first century in this frank and funny guide for 14+ teens. *What's the T?* tackles the complex realities of growing up trans with honesty and humour and is joyfully illustrated by gender non-conforming artist Soofiya.

***You Are Awesome* by Matthew Syed, illustrated by Toby Triumph (Hachette Children's Group)**

**ISBN: 9781526361158**

If you believe you can't do something, the chances are you won't try. But what if you really could get better at maths, or sport or exams? In fact, what if you could excel at anything you put your mind to? *You Are Awesome* can help you do just that, inspiring and empowering young readers to find the confidence to realise their potential.

***How To Change Everything* by Naomi Klein with Rebecca Steffoff (Penguin Books)**

**ISBN: 9780241492918**

Forget everything you think you know about climate change. This book explains why the planet desperately needs our help and how you can use your power to change the world through climate activism.