



# New children's books we love

## October

Every month, BookTrust review dozens of new books for children and teenagers. Here are the ones they liked best in October: guaranteed to get your child reading...

These are just a few of their suggestions. For the full list have a look at their website

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books/>

### For ages 0-3 and up



#### Old MacPumpkin Had a Farm

**Author:** Katrina Charman **Illustrator:** Georgie Birkett

A cute Halloween version of the Old MacDonald nursery rhyme which is lovely to read or sing aloud with little ones.

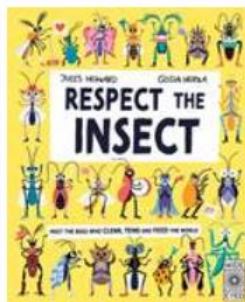


#### My Bright Shining Star

**Author:** Fatima Whitbread **Illustrator:** Rhian Wright

Fatima and her foster carer Aunty Rae have fun together, singing to the North Star. A heartwarming and moving story that reflects reality for some children.

### For ages 4-5 and up



#### Respect the Insect Meet the bugs who clean, tend, and feed the world

**Author:** Jules Howard **Illustrator:** Gosia Herba

A wide-ranging guide to all the ways that insects help regulate our environment and the roles they play in the natural world.

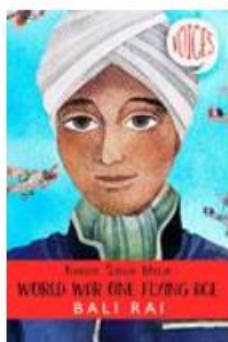


#### The Shy Book

**Author:** Howard Pearlstein **Illustrator:** James Munro

This book will hide away from you, but you can help it become more confident by answering its questions and becoming its friend. A really creative and funny book which teaches readers social skills.

## For ages 6-8 and up



### Hardit Singh Malik: World War One Flying Ace

**Author:** Bali Rai

The inspiring story of Hardit Sing Malik, a British Indian, who fought for the right to be able to protect Britain in World War One.



### Midnight Adventures in Primrose Park

**Author:** Helen Peters **Illustrator:** Isobel Lundie

Can Dapple the fawn help his mother? Will Olive the otter find her mother again? Two charming animal stories in one volume, with dyslexia-friendly font and gorgeous, soft illustrations.

## For ages 9-11 and up



### The Summer I Saved the Wild

**Author:** Rachel Faturoti

An engaging coming-of-age story, that embraces diversity and individuality, shows what can be achieved with teamwork and determination.



### Cobweb

**Author:** Sir Michael Morpurgo

A dog's-eye view of the world is firmly at the centre of this wonderful, life-affirming tale set in Britain in 1815 at the end of the Napoleonic Wars.