

Recommended Reading -Year 4 (age 8-9)

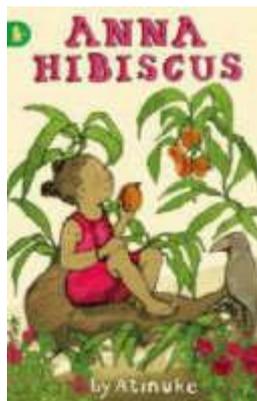
A selection of books especially selected for children in Year 4 (8 - 9 year olds) of average reading ability.

If your child is a competent reader then try the books from the Year 5 list.

Remember Good Readers:

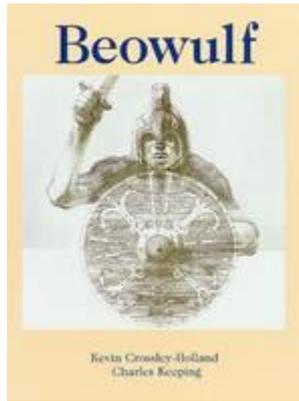
- **Read everyday**
- **Read all kinds of books**
- **Read challenging and easy texts**
- **Make use of Libraries**
- **Re-read**
- **Look-up words they don't know**
- **Sequence the events**
- **Re-tell stories after reading**
- **Practise predicting**
- **Summarise**
- **Assess the characters**

ABOVE ALL ENJOY!



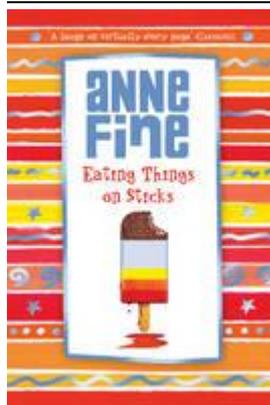
Anna Hibiscus Atinuke

A collection of four stories of family life in modern west Africa. Join Anna as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow.



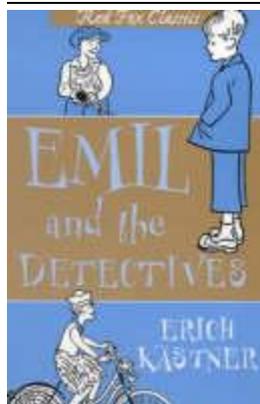
Beowulf **Kevin Crossley-Holland**

This is the story of a young man who travelled far across the sea to fight two terrifying monsters. His name was Beowulf, and his story was written down in Anglo-Saxon in the eighth century. Kevin Crossley-Holland retells the story for children in strong, rhythmical prose.



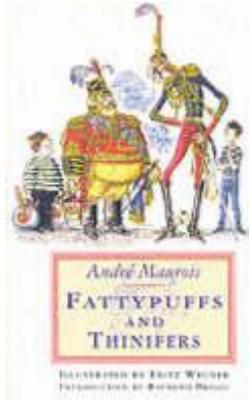
Eating Things on Sticks **Anne Fine**

Harry is in trouble. He's burned down the family kitchen so now has to spend a week of his summer hols with his uncle Tristram -. Harry doesn't expect it to be a lot of fun. He certainly didn't expect to discover all the beards. Or the angel on the mountain. Or the helicopters circling overhead all week.



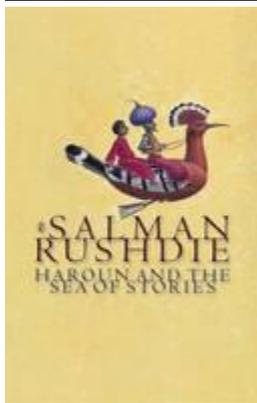
Emil and the Detectives **Erich Kästner**

If Mrs Tischbein had known the amazing adventures her son Emil would have in Berlin, she'd never have let him go. When his seven pounds goes missing on the train, Emil is determined to get it back. He teams up with the detectives he meets in Berlin and so the starts of a marvellous money-retrieving adventure ...A classic and influential story, Emil and the Detectives remains an enthralling read.



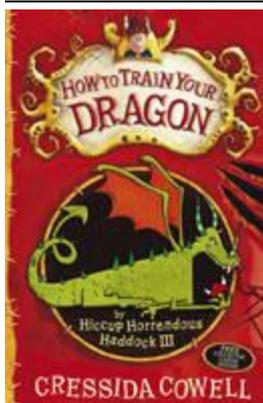
Fattypuffs and Thinifers **Andre Maurois, Raymond Briggs, Fritz Wegner**

Two brothers Edmund and Terry go down a street staircase and enter a completely different world. The Country Under the Earth is on the brink of war and the two brothers find themselves separated. Find out how they end the conflict between the Fattypuffs and the Thinifers. This book delivers it's great wisdom with humour and imagination.



Haroun and the Sea of Stories **Salman Rushdie**

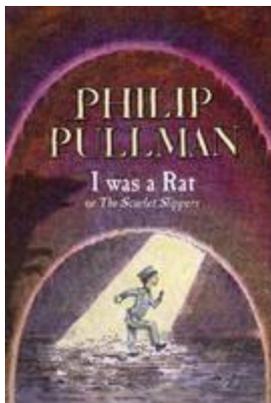
Haroun's father is the greatest of all storytellers. His magical stories bring laughter to the sad city of Alifbay .One day something goes wrong and his father runs out of stories to tell. Haroun is determined to return the storyteller's gift to his father. Find out how the Hoopie bird in the Sea of Stories can help Haroun bring back his father's special gift.



How to Train Your Dragon **Cressida Cowell**

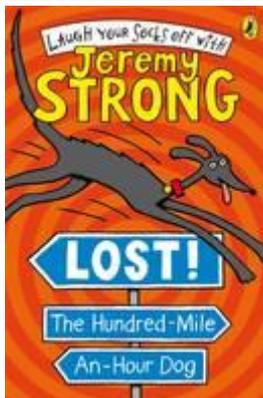
Read the original books before you see the How to Train Your Dragon film! THE STORY BEGINS in the first volume of Hiccup's How to Train Your Dragon memoirs...Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was an awesome sword-fighter, a dragon-whisperer and the greatest Viking Hero who ever lived. Learn about. Stoick the Vast; his chief rival, Snotlout, and Bashyball, the number one school sport . CERTAINLY not stupid enough to go into a cave full of dragons to find a pet. It's time for Hiccup to learn how to be a Hero. So start reading the best-selling How to Train Your Dragon series by Cressida Cowell. Read the rest of Hiccup's exploits in the How to Train Your Dragon series in How to Be a Pirate, How to Speak Dragonese, How to Cheat a Dragon's Curse, How to

Twist a Dragon's Tale, A Hero's Guide to Deadly Dragons, How to Ride a Dragon's Storm, and How to Break a Dragon's Heart.



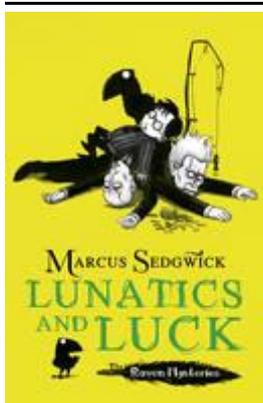
I Was a Rat! Or, the Scarlet slippers **Philip Pullman**

I WAS A RAT! So insists Roger the scruffy boy who turns up one evening on the doorstep of an elderly couple. Only one person knows who Roger really is. This is a glorious, darkly comical tale, a combination of humour, fantasy and adventure beautifully written.



Lost! The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog **Jeremy Strong**

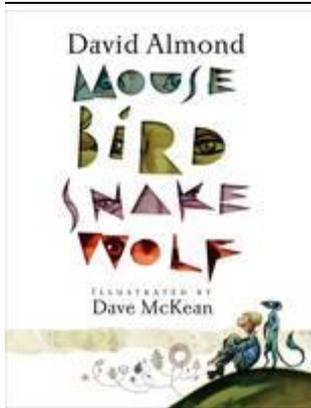
From The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog to karate princesses and hot cross bottoms, there's a Jeremy Strong story to suit every child's sense of humour. Jeremy's readers range from 7 to teen, perfect for fans of Roald Dahl and Andy Stanton. Streaker the dog is lost. And not just a bit lost, but really lost. It wasn't even her fault! Will Streaker ever see her beloved pups again? And more importantly, will she ever eat another donut again? Award-winning Jeremy Strong has written many wacky books for children aged 7-teen, including My Dad's Got an Alligator and My Brother's Famous Bottom. Enjoy them all!



Lunatics and Luck **Marcus Sedgwick**

Join the wonderfully weird Otherhand family and their faithful guardian, Edgar the raven, and discover the dark secrets of Castle Otherhand. The Otherhand children are sure there's something more to the new school master their father has appointed - the trouble is, who will believe them? No one it seems. Except, perhaps, Edgar. Winner of the 2011 Blue Peter Book Award for Most Fun Story With Pictures,

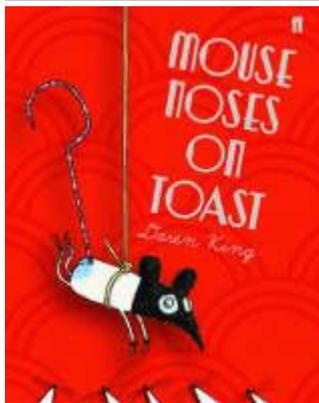
LUNATICS AND LUCK is the third story in this hilarious six book mystery series for 9 year olds from bestselling author, Marcus Sedgwick



Mouse Bird Snake Wolf

David Almond

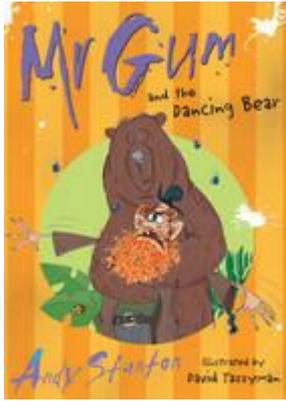
The gods have created a world - they've built mountains, a sea and a sky - and now their days are filled with long naps in the clouds (and tea and cake). That's until Harry, Sue and little Ben begin to fill the gaps of the world with a mousy thing, a chirpy thing and a twisty legless thing. As the children's ideas take shape, the power of their visions proves to be greater than they, or the gods, could ever have imagined. It is a genius retelling of creation.



Mouse Noses on Toast

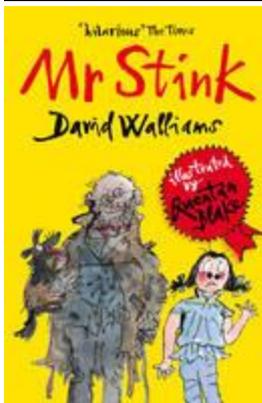
Daren King

'I will have the colourful parrot soup,' the lady said, 'with extra beaky bits.' 'And I,' said her husband, 'will have mouse noses on toast.' The waiter flipped open his notebook and wrote this down. 'Would that be with whiskers, Sir, or without?' Hiding on the restaurant table, Paul Mouse's world has just turned upside down. Isn't mouse noses on toast just a big myth? Gathering his friends - Sandra the Christmas tree decoration, Rowley Barker Hobbs, the sheepdog, and the Tinby, a kind of monster - Paul becomes determined to find the truth. So begins an adventure involving mouse activists, the prime minister, cheese addicts and a wildly insane Tinby!



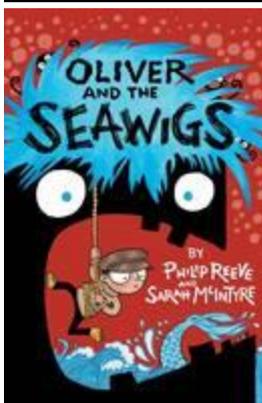
Mr Gum and the Dancing Bear **Andy Stanton**

Do you like bears called Padlock? Do you like hot-air balloons, tall sailing ships with mad sea captains and nasty old villains? Course you do! Well this book's got all of those things - and a lot more besides so start reading and don't stop until you have read all the Mr Gum books!



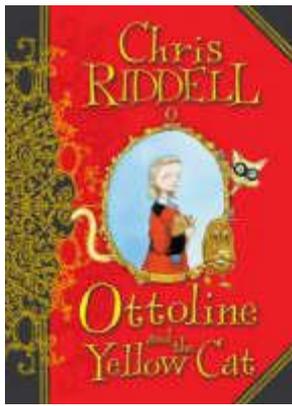
Mr Stink **David Walliams**

The second original, touching, twisted, and most of all hilarious novel for children from David Walliams, number one bestselling author - beautifully illustrated by Quentin Blake. Mr Stink stank. He also stunk. It all starts when Chloe makes friends with Mr Stink, the local tramp. Yes, he smells a bit. But when it looks like he might be driven out of town, Chloe decides to hide him in the garden shed. Now Chloe's got to make sure no one finds out her secret. And speaking of secrets, there just might be more to Mr Stink than meets the eye or the nose.



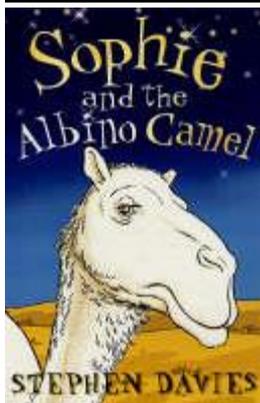
Oliver and the Seawigs **Philip Reeve**

Oliver grew up in a family of explorers - but his biggest adventure is about to begin! Along with his new friends Oliver goes off in search of his missing parents. But before he can put his rescue plan into action there's the evil Stacey de Lacey and an army of pesky sea monkeys to contend with Award-winning dynamic duo, Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre, have created a book bursting with eccentric characters. 'A delightfully told, beautiful tale of nautical hairdressing, saltwater primates and sarcastic seaweed - this is my kind of book!' Chris Riddell



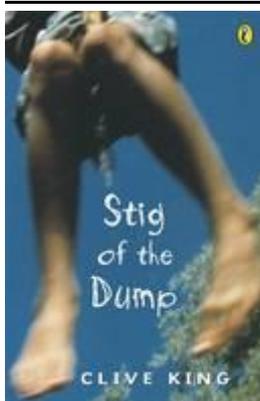
Ottoline and the Yellow Cat **Chris Riddell**

No puzzle is too tricky for Miss Ottoline Brown, an exceptionally inquisitive Mistress of Disguise, and her partner in crime, Mr Munroe to solve. Together they look after the Brown family's eclectic collections - and dabble in a spot of detective work. So they are the first to the scene of the crime when a string of high society dog-nappings and jewel thefts hits Big City. This is a quirky mystery - adventure which is perfectly packaged and highly collectable.



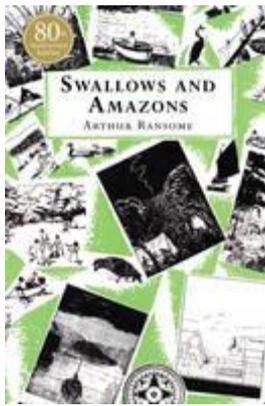
Sophie and the Albino Camel **Stephen Davies**

Sophie lives in Gorom-Gorom, with her carnivorous-plant obsessed dad. Sophie finds it difficult to make friends. So when she meets Gidaado, a young griot (story-teller), she agrees to join him and his albino camel, Chobbal, on a journey to his village. Sophie soon begins to realise just how dangerous the desert is - it's full of djinnis that creep up behind you, and jump on your head and make you go mad. Not to mention the infamous Moussa ag Litni, a ruthless bandit who steals camels...where will all this lead?



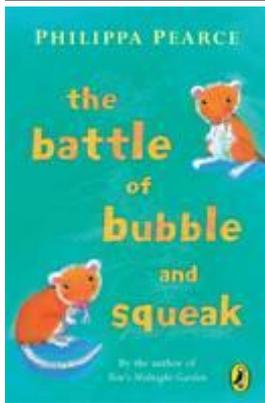
Stig of the Dump **Clive King**

Stig of the Dump by Clive King is 50 years old and the story of Barney and his best friend, cave-man Stig, is as fresh today as it was when first published. 'Stig's nice. He's my friend' Nobody believes Barney when he says he's discovered a boy living wild in the dump. But for Barney, Stig is totally real. They become great friends, learn each other's ways and embark on a series of exciting adventures.



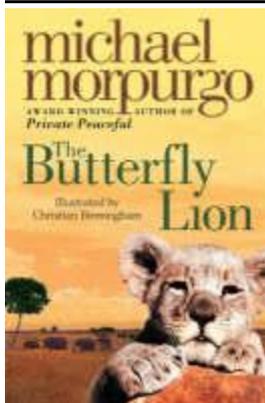
Swallows and Amazons **Arthur Ransome**

The ultimate children's classic - long summer days filled with adventure. John, Susan, Titty and Roger sail their boat, Swallow, to a deserted island for a summer camping trip. Exploring and playing sailors is an adventure in itself but the island holds more excitement in store. 'My childhood simply would not have been the same without this book. It created a whole world to explore, one that lasted long in the imagination after the final page had been read' - Marcus Sedgwick.



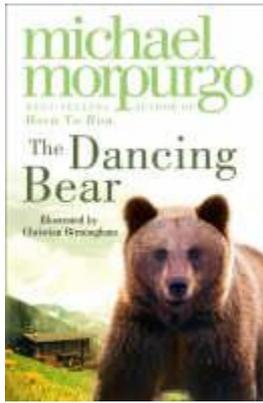
The Battle of Bubble and Squeak **Philippa Pearce**

Sid, Peggy and Amy adore the two gerbils, Bubble and Squeak, but their mother detests them. A major family battle results. Family life will never be the same.



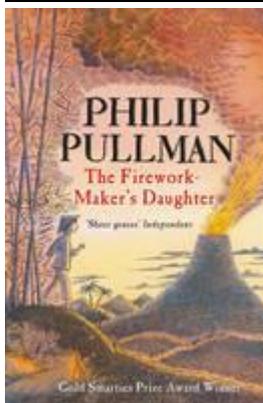
The Butterfly Lion **Michael Morpurgo**

A lyrical and moving tale of a young boy growing up in Africa, and his lifelong friendship with a white lion. Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.



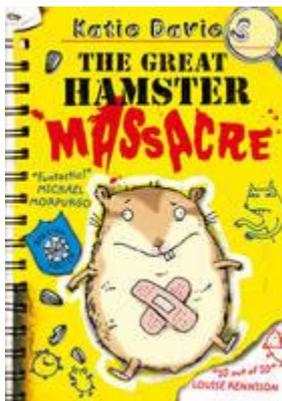
The Dancing Bear **Michael Morpurgo**

A gentle and deeply moving story of a young girl and her bear, told with great charm by a master storyteller. High in the mountains, in a tiny village, an abandoned bear cub is adopted by a lonely orphan child. Soon they are inseparable, beloved by the whole village - safe, until the arrival of a glamorous film crew who need a dancing bear.



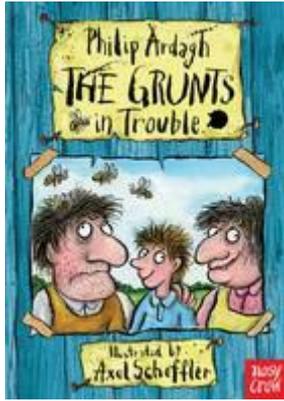
The Firework-maker's Daughter **Philip Pullman**

What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is ...a Firework-Maker but, every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend! Not knowing that she needs special protection to survive the Fire-Fiend's flames, Lila sets off alone. Her friends, Chulak and Hamlet - the King's white elephant - race after her. But can they possibly reach her in time?



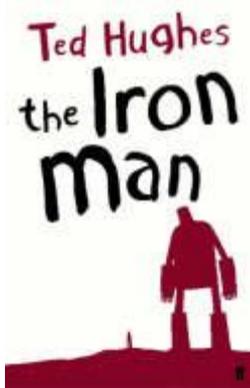
The Great Hamster Massacre **Katie Davies**

A very natural and honest version of life's events from the perspective of a young girl; she goes on a relentless quest for a pet hamster, only to find it mysteriously slaughtered - which kick starts a local investigation of 'suspects'. This is the first in a proposed series of short novels featuring the same characters and setting - with the themes of pets and detective work holding them together.



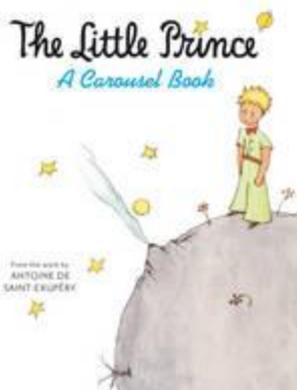
The Grunts In Trouble **Philip Ardagh**

Meet Mr and Mrs Grunt. Oh, go on. They're not that bad. No, actually, they ARE. Maybe worse, even. But Sunny, their sort-of son, is okay. They stole him from a washing line as a baby. He was hanging by his ears, which probably explains why they're so wonky. You'll also meet Lord Bigg of Bigg Manor, Bigg-hater Larry Smalls, Mimi the Bigg Manor boot boy (yup, she's a girl) and...Well, you'll have to READ the book to find that out.



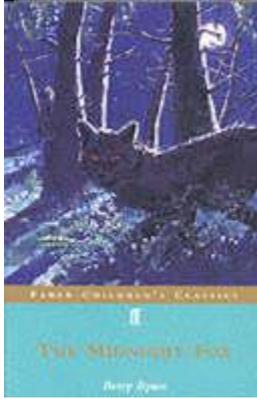
The Iron Man **Ted Hughes**

A modern fairy tale of a giant 'metal man' who rains terror and destruction on the country –side until he befriends a small boy. The Iron Man becomes earth's last hope as he defends the world from a monster from outer space. But, the monster is not shows his true side and the world finds out he is in fact the 'star spirit' and the 'singer of the spheres' can he help to soothe humanity towards a sense of peace'
A true classic and a must read!



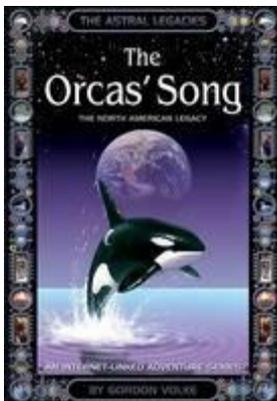
The Little Prince **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**

This is wise and enchanting fable that, in teaching the secret of what is really important in life, has changed the world forever for its readers. Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's best-selling book The Little Prince is cherished by children and adults alike across the globe.



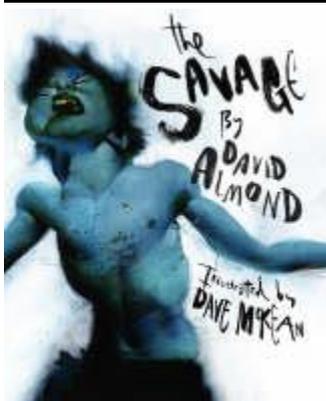
The Midnight Fox **Betsy Byars**

A beautifully written, lovely and yet simple story about a nine year old boy whose parents send him to stay with his aunt and uncle on their farm whilst they go on a tour of Europe for two months. While there Tom meets a black fox and spends an enchanted summer observing the animal. This book give the reader a heart-warming feeling and will really make you smile.



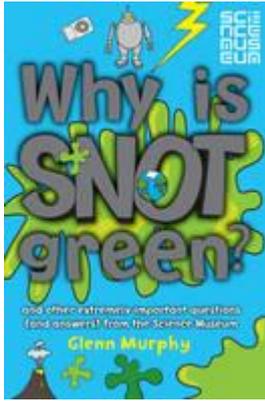
The Orca's Song **Volke Gordon**

Guided by Orca, Marsall must journey across North America to save the world. Readers can join in the quest by following GPS coordinates in the book and solve the final puzzle to reveal the location of the first of the Astral Legacies.



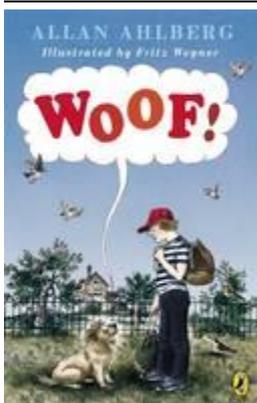
The Savage **David Almond**

Blue Baker writes about a savage living alone in the woods near his home and his true becomes true. After his dad's death, Blue finds comfort in dreaming of a wild kid who survives on a diet of berries and the occasional hapless passer-by. But when the savage pays a night-time visit to the local bully, boundaries become blurred and Blue begins to wonder where he ends and the savage begins This moving story is part novel and part graphic novel.



Why is Snot Green? The Science Museum Question and Answer Book Glenn Murphy

Why is snot is green? Do rabbits fart? What is space made of? Where does all the water go at low tide? Can animals talk? What are scabs for? Will computers ever be cleverer than people? Discover the answers to these and an awful lot of other brilliant questions frequently asked at the Science Museum in this wonderfully funny and informative book. It is divided into five sections which cover everything from the Big Bang to bodily functions and cool gadgets: Lost in Space; The Angry Planet; Animal Answers; Being Human; and Fantastic Futures. Children can learn about science in a fresh, fun and interactive way.



Woof! Allan Ahlberg

He felt a curious tingling in his hands and feet. He felt his nose becoming cold and wet, his ears becoming flappy. The thought in his mind was: 'I'm turning into a dog!' Eric is a perfectly ordinary boy. Perfectly ordinary that is, until the night when, in fifteen seconds flat, he turns into a dog! Eric and his best friend are determined to sniff out the truth - what makes an ordinary boy go 'woof'?

ENJOY YOUR READING.