

# Great Books Guide 2021: For 6 to 7 year olds



Here's a round-up of new children's books from the last year (2021), which we think any child aged 6 to 7 years will love.

In our selection, you'll find everything from modern fairy tales to exciting adventures and intriguing non-fiction.



## Space Detectives

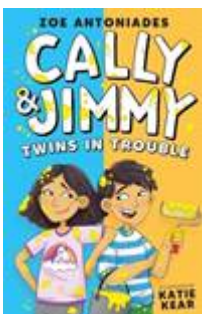
**Author:** Mark Powers **Illustrator:** Dapo Adeola

**Publisher:** Bloomsbury

**Interest age:** 6-11

**Reading age:** 7+

A summer holiday job selling ice cream aboard the exotic space station of Starville turns into a race against time to avoid a catastrophic collision with the moon. Bring on the Space Detectives!



## Cally and Jimmy: Twins in Trouble

**Author:** Zoe Antoniadis **Illustrator:** Katie Kear

**Publisher:** Andersen Press

**Interest age:** 6-8

**Reading age:** 6+

Four funny, touching short stories ideal for newly confident readers and reflective of a diverse, inclusive family.



## Squishy McFluff, The Invisible Cat: On With The Show!

**Author:** Pip Jones **Illustrator:** Ella Okstad

**Publisher:** Faber & Faber

**Interest age:** 4-8

**Reading age:** 6+

A funny and engaging rhyming story with colourful illustrations about Ava, her invisible cat and what happens when the circus comes to town.



## The Goody

**Author:** Lauren Child

**Publisher:** Orchard

**Interest age:** 6-8

**Reading age:** 6+

Chirton is an angelic child who helps out, eats his greens and looks after his little sister Myrtle. Myrtle, however, is very naughty, and nobody ever lets her forget it. But what happens when they decide to swap places?



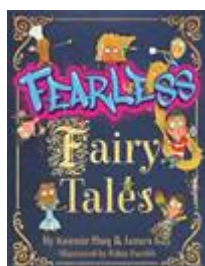
## The Don't Panic Gang

**Author:** Mark Sperring **Illustrator:** Sarah Warburton

**Publisher:** Bloomsbury

**Interest age:** 4-8

The Don't Panic Gang is a top secret organisation, comprising a doughnut-loving cat, a little blue bird and an unassuming window-box worm - but when they get a call for help, they transform into superheroes! An exciting, funny adventure to read aloud.



## Fearless Fairy Tales

**Author:** Konnie Huq and James Kay **Illustrator:** Rikin Parekh

**Publisher:** Piccadilly

**Interest age:** 6-11

**Reading age:** 7+

A hilarious, subversive collection of thoroughly modern fairy tales reflecting a new morality inspired by 21st century issues.



## Two Terrible Vikings

**Author:** Francesca Simon **Illustrator:** Steve May

**Publisher:** Faber & Faber

**Interest age:** 6-8

**Reading age:** 6+

Hack and Whack are two terrible Viking twins who love stealing, raiding islands, and being generally horrible! Early readers will love this hysterical trio of stories from the creator of Horrid Henry.



## Cat Kid Comic Club

**Author:** Dav Pilkey

**Publisher:** Scholastic

**Interest age:** 6-11

**Reading age:** 7+

Lil' Petey the cat and Molly the tadpole have started the Cat Kid Comic Club - for kids that love to draw comics! This lovely, funny story about working together also has some great tips for aspiring illustrators and comic makers.



## The Ladybird Big Book of Slimy Things

**Author:** Imogen Russell Williams **Illustrator:** Binny Talib

**Publisher:** Ladybird Books

**Interest age:** 6-11

**Reading age:** 7+

A fascinating, gruesome, and utterly hilarious book filled with facts all about slime - from the slime sun-cream made by hippos to the monstrous fatberg hiding under the streets of London.



## The Tindims of Rubbish Island

**Author:** Sally Gardner **Illustrator:** Lydia Corry

**Publisher:** Zephyr

**Interest age:** 6-8

**Reading age:** 7+

Combining eccentric characters, short chapters and lively illustrations, this delightful new series from a talented mother-daughter team is ideal for confident, independent readers



## The Little War Cat

**Author:** Hiba Noor Khan **Illustrator:** Laura Chamberlain

**Publisher:** Macmillan

**Interest age:** 4-5

With stunningly emotive illustrations, this is an accessibly and inspiring story for 4-5 year olds showing how hope and kindness can still thrive during times of extreme adversity.



## Sona Sharma: Very Best Big Sister

**Author:** Chitra Soundar **Illustrator:** Jen Khatun

**Publisher:** Walker

**Interest age:** 7-9

**Reading age:** 7+

Sona Sharma is not sure about being a big sister: it will mean she has to share her family and her favourite things. But when the new baby arrives, she knows she wants to be the best big sister ever.



## Interview With a Tiger

**Author:** Andy Seed **Illustrator:** Nick East

**Publisher:** Welbeck

**Interest age:** 6-11

**Reading age:** 7+

Packed with quirky, surprising and sometimes disturbing facts, presented in an accessible and entertaining question and answer format, this book is a must for any animal lover or budding conservationist.



## How to Change the World

**Author:** Rashmi Sirdeshpande **Illustrator:** Annabel Tempest

**Publisher:** Puffin

**Interest age:** 6-8

**Reading age:** 6+

This fascinating picture book presents a selection of true stories about incredible people who have challenged injustice and worked together to make the world a better place.



## Stars With Flaming Tails

**Author:** Valerie Bloom **Illustrator:** Ken Wilson-Max

**Publisher:** Otter-Barry

**Interest age:** 6-11

**Reading age:** 7+

A stunning collection of poetry for children by poet Valerie Bloom, as fun to read aloud together as it is poignant and powerful.



## Lizzie and Lucky: The Mystery of the Missing Puppies

**Author:** Megan Rix **Illustrator:** Tim Budgen

**Publisher:** Puffin

**Interest age:** 6-8

**Reading age:** 6+

When Lizzie spots a suspicious man stealing a puppy from a garden, she's determined to investigate! An engaging illustrated early reader book, this is the first in the series to feature Lizzie (who is deaf) and Lucky the dog.



## The Puffin Keeper

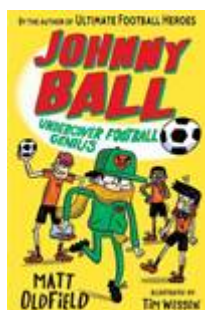
**Author:** Michael Morpurgo **Illustrator:** Benji Davies

**Publisher:** Puffin

**Interest age:** 9-11

**Reading age:** 8+

Michael Morpurgo's story of Allen Lane, the founder of Puffin Books and the man who would become his father-in-law, is a wonderful tale of survival, love, loneliness and friendship, beautifully illustrated by Benji Davies.



## Johnny Ball: Undercover Football Genius

**Author:** Matt Oldfield **Illustrator:** Tim Wesson

**Publisher:** Walker Books

**Interest age:** 9-11

**Reading age:** 8+

A wise, witty and very funny illustrated story of the youngest football coach ever and his race to finish at the top of the league.





## **Pizazz**

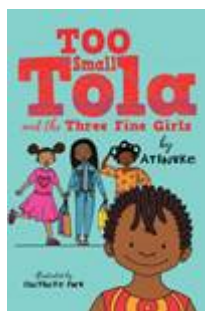
**Author:** Sophy Henn

**Publisher:** Simon & Schuster

**Interest age:** 6-8

**Reading age:** 6+

Meet Pizazz - a superhero who hates her superpower! Sophy Henn's new illustrated adventure aimed at younger to middle-primary school aged readers is perfect for fans of her previous series Bad Nana, with the same level of illustration and zany text throughout.



## **Too Small Tola and the Three Fine Girls**

**Author:** Atinuke **Illustrator:** Onyinye Iwu

**Publisher:** Walker Books

**Interest age:** 6-8

**Reading age:** 6+

A collection of three short stories starring the fabulous Tola, who lives with her siblings and Grandmummy in Lagos. A funny, compassionate, and beautifully illustrated book for young readers.