

# 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...** 

For ages 0-3 and up

These are just a few of their suggestions. For the full list have a look at their website <a href="https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books/">https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books/</a>



#### 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.



Ava and the Acorn

Author: Lu Fraser Illustrator: Paddy Donnelly

Ava and her grandad share happy memories of an old oak tree in this heartfelt exploration of growth, change and loss told through the magic of seasonal changes. A beautiful picture book.



My Name is a Gift Author: Zeshan Akhter Illustrator: Åsa Gilland

A little girl explains how she got her name, and how it makes her feel when people get her name wrong.

# For ages 4-5 and up



### The Shy Book

Author: Howard Pearlstein Illustrator: James Munro

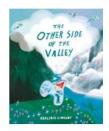
This book will hide away from you, but you can help it become more confident by answering its questions and becoming its friend. A really creative and funny book which teaches readers social skills.



### Don't Think of Tigers

Author: Alex Latimer

The creator of this picture book offers to draw anything the reader wants on the next page... as long as it's not a tiger. Unfortunately, if you try not to think about tigers, that's all that pops into your mind. Funny, colourful and interactive, this story highlights the importance of perseverance.



## The Other Side of the Valley

Author: Ashling Lindsay

This simple and moving picture book tells the story of Pip and his fear of the unknown. After pushing himself beyond his comfort zone, he learns that new experiences can be positive.

# 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 otterfindher mother again? Two charming animal stories in one volume, with dyslexia-friendly font and gorgeous, soft illustrations.



### **Tosh's Island**

Author: Linda Sargent & Joe Brady Illustrator: Leo Marcell

When Tosh meets Louis, they bond over their shared imagining of a magical island. A moving graphic novel about friendship, imagination and chronic illness.

# For ages 9-11 and up



# Birdie

# Author: J P Rose

In the context of a compelling adventure story, incorporating social history and lifethreatening drama, mixed-race Birdie experiences shocking racism but also finds unexpected friendship.



### The Haunting of Fortune Farm

Author: Sophie Kirtley Illustrator: Ben Mantle

Edie is thrust into a world of restless spirits and fearsome Viking warriors in this chilling ghost story that will send shivers down your spine.



#### Cobweb

Author: Sir Michael Morpurgo Illustrator: Michael Foreman

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.