

# MAKE READING YOUR SUPERPOWER

## 50 books to kickstart your Summer of Reading



### BECOME A SUPERHERO

#### DEMOLITION DAD

by Phil Earle and Sara Ogilvie  
(Orion Children's Books)

Age: 9+

Jake secretly enters his father George into a wrestling competition, however once they arrive, things don't go as planned.

#### ELECTRIGIRL

by Jo Cotterill and Cathy Brett  
(Oxford)

Age: 8+

Holly Sparks acquires astonishing new super powers when she goes for a walk and is hit by a lightning strike.

#### TRUE STORIES OF HEROES

by Paul Dowswell  
(Usborne)

Age: 10+

From animals to astronauts and captured spies, this epic collection of heroic acts celebrates human nature at its most tenacious.

#### KENNY WRIGHT: SUPERHERO

by James Patterson, Chris Tebbetts and Cory Thomas  
(Young Arrow)

Age: 9+

Kenny fantasises that he can overcome adversity by transforming into his alter ego, superhero, Stainlezz Steel.

#### THE BOY WITH WINGS

by Lenny Henry, Keenon Ferrell and Mark Buckingham  
(Macmillan)

Age: 9+

Tunde never understood why he isn't allowed to play sports, until one day he sprouts a pair of giant wings.

### EXPLORE OUTER SPACE

#### THE TERRIBLE THING THAT HAPPENED TO BARNABY BROCKET

by John Boyne and Oliver Jeffers  
(Corgi Books)

Age: 10+

To his parents' horror, Barnaby Brocket can't stop floating away and he sets out on a journey around the world.

#### COSMIC

by Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Steven Lenton  
(Pan Macmillan)

Age: 9+

Liam's adult appearance can get him into all kinds of trouble, including competing for a chance to go to space.

#### LARKLIGHT

by Phillip Reeve and David Wyatt  
(Bloomsbury Childrens Books)

Age: 8+

A surprise visit leads space travelling siblings Arthur and Myrtle on a perilous journey that reveals a surprising family history.

#### A WRINKLE IN TIME

by Madeleine L'Engle  
(Puffin Classics)

Age: 9+

When Charles goes searching through a 'wrinkle in time' for his lost father, he finds himself transported to an evil planet.

#### DR MAGGIE'S GRAND TOUR OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

by Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock and Chelen Ēcija  
(Buster Books)

Age: 8+

Dr Maggie explains the solar system as she travels through space using the power of imagination.

### TRAVEL THROUGH TIME

#### A TIME TRAVELLER'S GUIDE TO LIFE, THE UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING

by Ian Flitcroft and Britt Spencer  
(O'Brien)

Age: 10+

Albert Einstein guides you through time and space, answering all your questions about life, the universe, and everything else.

#### TIME TRAVELING WITH A HAMSTER

by Ross Welford  
(HarperCollins)

Age: 7+

Al Chaudry and his pet hamster find themselves in a race against time to change the past.

#### A TRAVELLER IN TIME

by Alison Uttley  
(Penguin)

Age: 7+

Penelope discovers she can time travel through the doors in her great aunt's house, finding herself transported to the 1580s.

#### WHEN YOU REACH ME

by Rebecca Stead  
(Andersen Press)

Age: 8+

Mysterious notes from the future start arriving for Miranda after her best friend suddenly stops speaking to her.

#### THE TIME TRAVELLER AND THE TIGER

by Tania Unsworth  
(Zephyr)

Age: 9+

Elsie is used to having an uninteresting life until she is whisked back in time by a magical flower.

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### FANTASTIC FAMILIES

#### FRANKIE'S WORLD

by Aoife Dooley  
(Scholastic)

Age: 9+

Frankie has always felt different but starting karate and winning a competition make her think life isn't so bad after all.

#### THE PAVEE AND THE BUFFER GIRL

by Siobhan Dowd and Emma Shoard  
(The Bucket List)

Age: 9+

Jim is from a traveler family and finds himself forced to go to school for the first time.

#### THE LIST OF THINGS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE

by Rebecca Stead  
(Andersen Press)

Age: 11+

Bea navigates growing up, changing families and learning to deal with her emotions after her dad sets out to remarry.

#### THE SUITCASE KID

by Jacqueline Wilson and Nick Sharratt  
(Random House)

Age: 9+

Distraught at her parents' divorce, Andy tries to decide who she wants to live with.

#### WAYS TO BE ME

by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott  
(Scholastic)

Age: 9+

Ten-year-old Tally is struggling to adapt to year 6, can a role in the summer play help her feel accepted?

#### WHERE THE RIVER RUNS GOLD

by Sita Brahmachari  
(Hachette)

Age: 9+

Shifa and Themba were born on an Earth decimated by climate change, can they make their world a better place?

#### THIS BOOK IS NOT RUBBISH: 50 WAYS TO DITCH PLASTIC, REDUCE RUBBISH AND SAVE THE WORLD

by Isabel Thomas and Alex Paterson  
(Wren & Rook)

Age: 9+

Find out about the everyday ways you can reduce your home's impact on the environment.

### GOING GREEN

#### HOPE JONES SAVES THE WORLD

by Josh Lacey and Beatriz Castro  
(Andersen Press)

Age: 9+

Hope is a super savvy 10 year old who ditches plastic over her concern for the planet.

#### BLOOM

by Nicola Skinner  
(HarperCollins)

Age: 9+

When Sorrel finds a mysterious packet of seeds in her back garden, her world begins to spin wildly out of control.

#### EARTH HEROES: TWENTY INSPIRING STORIES OF PEOPLE SAVING OUR WORLD

by Lily Dyu and Jackie Lay  
(Nosy Crow)

Age: 7+

A look at 20 inspiring people who have made a difference in the fight against climate change.

### FAIRY TALES WITH A TWIST

#### PRINCESS VOLUME 1: SAVE YOURSELF

by Jeremy Whitley, Jung-Ha Kim, Mia Goodwin and Shawn Gabborn  
(Action Lab Comics)

Age: 8+

Princess Adrienne doesn't want to be saved by a handsome prince, she wants to be a properly attired warrior.

#### TALES FROM INDIA

by Bali Rai  
(Puffin Books)

Age: 8+

A modern collection of Indian folk tales full of magic, talking animals, adventure and trickery.

#### THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD & EVIL

by Soman Chainani  
(HarperCollins)

Age: 11+

Sophie and Agatha are captured from their village and taken to a school that trains fairytale heroes and villains.

#### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM - MANGA SHAKESPEARE

by Richard Appignanesi, William Shakespeare, Kate Brown  
(SelfMadeHero)

Age: 9+

An alternative take on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, set in an alternative reality where modern technology meets ancient traditions.

#### FRANKENSTILTSKIN

by Joseph Coelho and Freya Hartas  
(Walker Books)

Age: 8+

Bryony is a taxidermist who's ability to see what happened to dead creatures allows her to (almost) bring pets back to life.

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### AMAZING ANIMALS

**THE ICE BEAR MIRACLE**  
by Cerrie Burnell  
(Oxford University Press)

**Age: 8+**  
When Marv was little he saved a baby from a polar bear attack, eight years later, has he found the mystery girl?

**CAN WE SAVE THE TIGER?**  
by Martin Jenkins and Vicky White  
(Walker Books)

**Age: 8+**  
Find out about how competition for space with humans has led to some of the most endangered animals in the world.

**A BOY'S BEST FRIEND**  
by Nicola Davies and Cathy Fisher  
(Graffeg)

**Age: 8+**  
Clinton misses his home and his dog when he moves to England. Then, when his school bus collides, everything changes.

**HEROES: INCREDIBLE TRUE STORIES OF COURAGEOUS ANIMALS**

by David Long and Kerry Hyndman  
(Faber & Faber)  
**Age: 8+**  
Find out about the heroic animals that have saved people's lives throughout mankind's many wars.

**RUN WILD**  
by Gill Lewis  
(Barrington Stoke)

**Age: 9+**  
While looking for somewhere to skateboard, Connor explores the urban wilderness, where he finds birds, beetles, and an injured wolf.

### SEEKING SAFETY

**REFUGEE BOY**  
by Benjamin Zephaniah  
(Bloomsbury)

**Age: 10+**  
Looking to escape a deadly war, Alem's father brings him to England to escape the dangers at home.

**NADINE DREAMS OF HOME**  
by Bernard Ashley and Ollie Cuthbertson  
(Barrington Stoke)

**Age: 7+**  
Nadia is finding it hard to adapt to English life, then, one night, someone comes banging on her front door.

**RUNNING ON THE ROOF OF THE WORLD**  
by Jess Butterworth  
(Orion)

**Age: 9+**  
Tash loved her life in Tibet, but when her mother is arrested she and her best friend must flee to the mountains.

**BOY, EVERYWHERE**  
by A.M. Dassu  
(Old Barn Books)

**Age: 9+**  
Sami has a good life in Damascus, playing football and computer games, until one day he is forced to flee.

**ON THE MOVE: POEMS ABOUT MIGRATION**

by Michael Rosen and Quentin Blake  
(Walker Books)  
**Age: 9+**  
A series of poems exploring the different aspects of migration.

### REAL WORLD INSPIRATION

**WOMEN IN SPORT: 50 FEARLESS ATHLETES WHO PLAYED TO WIN**

by Rachel Igotofsky  
(Wren & Rook)  
**Age: 8+**  
50 inspiring stories of women's achievements in the world of sports.

**IMPOSSIBLE INVENTIONS: IDEAS THAT SHOULDN'T WORK**

by Matgorzata Mycielska, Aleksandra Mizielińska and Daniel Mizieliński  
(Gecko Press)

**Age: 9+**  
A collection of some of history's most important and impossible inventions and the people behind them.

**YOU ARE A CHAMPION**

by Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka  
(Macmillan)  
**Age: 8+**  
England's most loved footballer, Marcus Rashford, assures you that anything is possible with hard work, good friends, and a positive attitude.

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### YOUNG, GIFTED AND BLACK: MEET 52 BLACK HEROES FROM PAST AND PRESENT

by Jamia Wilson and Andrea Pippins  
(*Wide Eyed Editions*)

Age: 8+

52 stories documenting black icons from across history, right up to the present day.

### MY NAME IS BOOK

by John Agard and Neil Packer  
(*Walker Books*)

Age: 9+

Written from the perspective of a book, discover the role books have played in human history.

### THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

#### TIMELESS: DIEGO AND THE RANGERS OF THE VASTLANTIC

by Armand Baltazar  
(*HarperCollins*)

Age: 9+

A cosmic cataclysm from beyond the stars has reshaped Earth, can thirteen-year-old Diego Ribera save the world and his father?

#### THE WOLF WILDER

by Katherine Rundell  
(*Bloomsbury*)

Age: 9+

Feo's mother is a wolf wilder, when the corrupt army arrests her, Feo is left with no option but to run.

#### SCALES AND SCOUNDRELS.

#### VOLUME 1: INTO THE DRAGON'S MAW

by Sebastian Girner, Galaad and Jeff Powell  
(*Image Comics*)

Age: 10+

Always on the lookout for a new adventure, Luvander goes in search of the mysterious Hall of Dreaming Treasures.

#### MY BRIGADISTA YEAR

by Katherine Paterson  
(*Walker Books*)

Age: 10+

In post-revolutionary Cuba, 13-year-old Lora volunteers to spend a year in the mountains teaching families how to read and write.

#### THE GOOD TURN

by Sharna Jackson  
(*Penguin*)

Age: 9+

On the quest for their Camping Badge, Josephine and her two friends stumble across something strange and mysterious.

