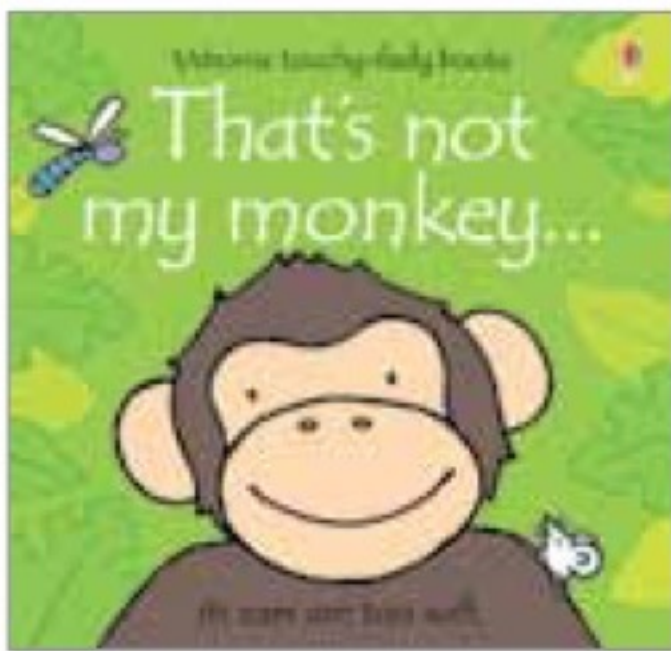


What's in your Starter Kit?

Join Usborne this month and receive a generous selection of books and stationery to get your business started. Find some useful information below on specific titles or series in this month's kit.



That's Not My Monkey **From the That's Not My... Series**

A delightful touchy-feely book with simple, repetitive text. Bright, colourful illustrations with textures to touch and feel on every page. Helps very young children develop language and sensory skills. A perfect gift for young children.

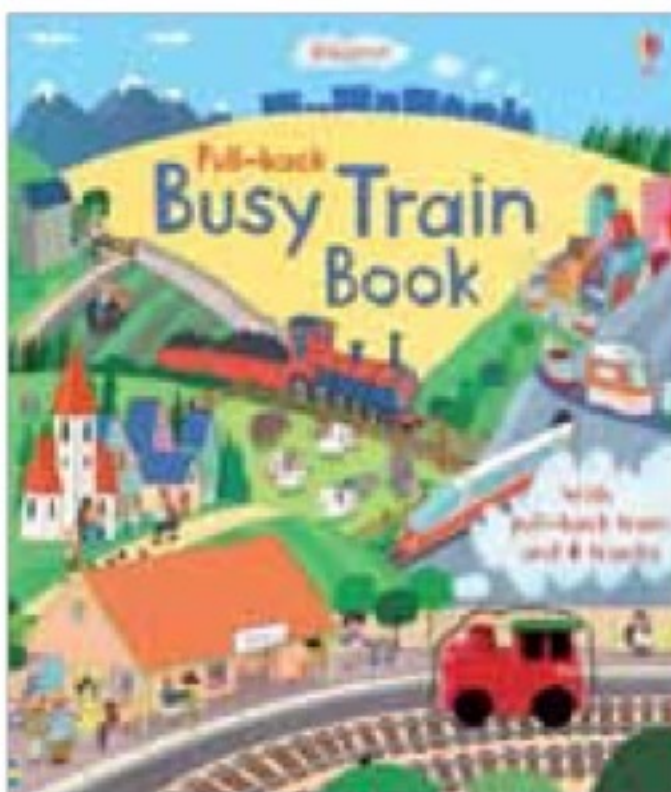
Fine motor skills development, Multi-sensory approach



Baby's Very First Bus Book **From the Baby's Very First Books Series**

Shaped like a bus, this chunky board book has working wheels and delightful illustrations showing Elephant, Monkey, Mouse, Panda and Baby Bear waiting for the bus, then climbing aboard to go to the funfair. Babies will love spotting all the animals on the bus, spinning the wheels, and pushing the bus along to the funfair themselves!

Multi-sensory approach, Pre-reading skills development

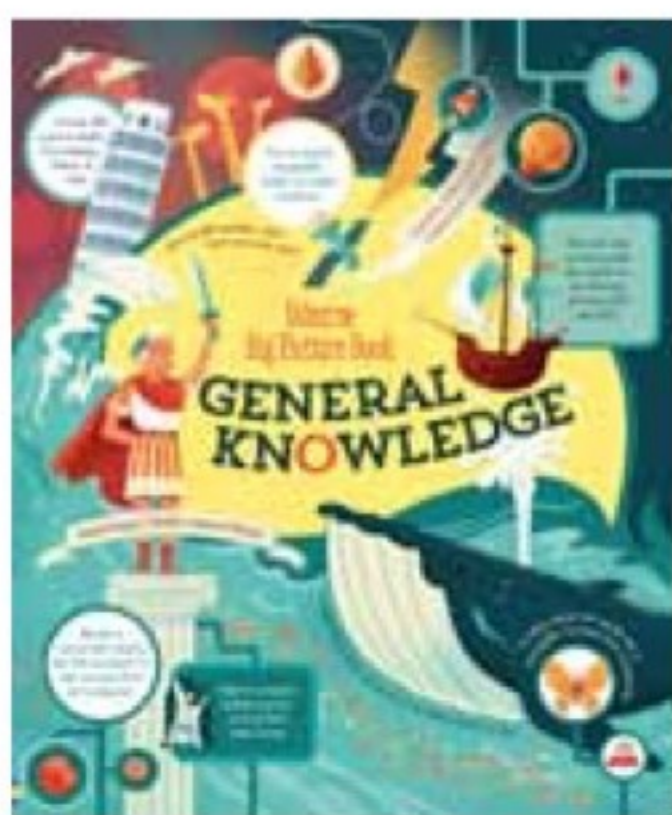


Pull Back Busy Train **From the Books with Toys Series**

Little children will love to watch the train as it whizzes around the tracks in this delightful interactive book. Colourful scenes with embedded tracks provide lots to see and talk about as the train begins its busy morning at the station, before zooming through tunnels, out into the countryside and over a viaduct before reaching its destination. A wonderful gift to be shared together again and again, perfect for young train lovers.

Fine motor skills development, Multi-sensory approach

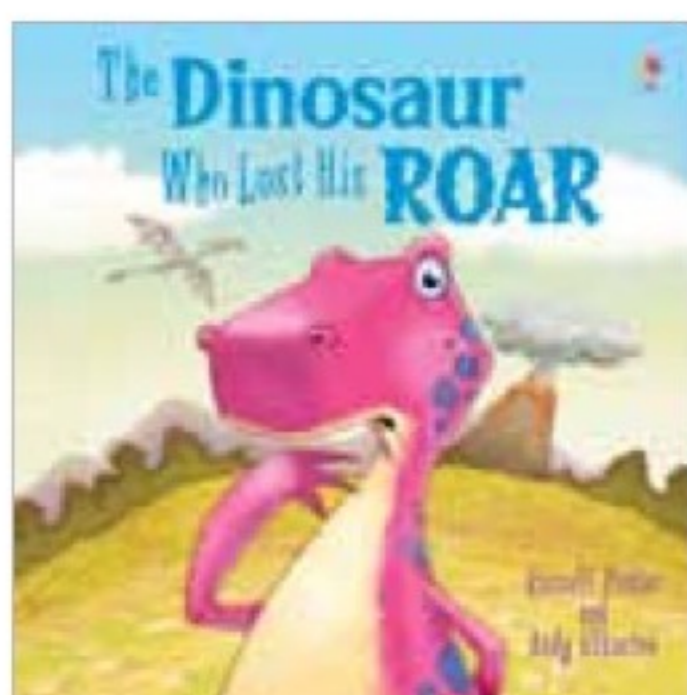
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Big Picture Book of General Knowledge From the Big Picture Books Series

When were the first fireworks made? How many satellites have been sent into space? And what does the word kimono mean? Find out the answers to these questions and more in this stunningly illustrated book, guaranteed to keep fact-loving, question-asking children entertained for hours on end. Includes internet links to websites to find out even more.

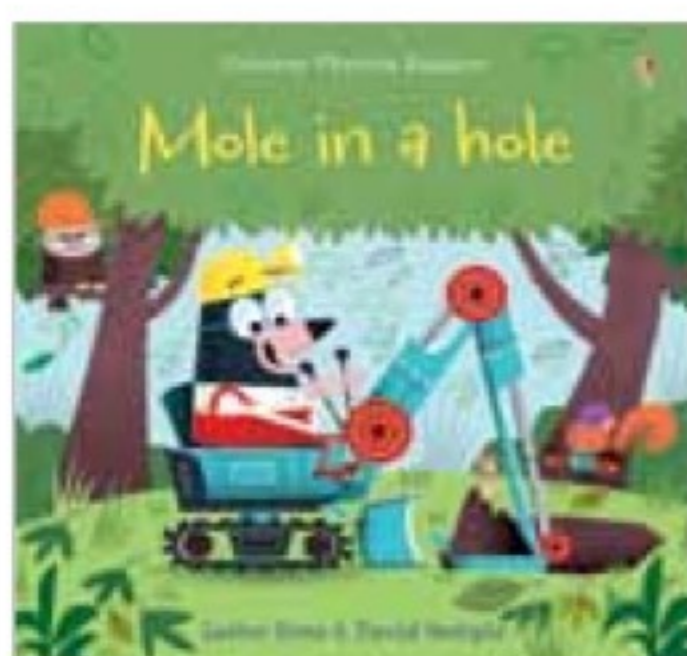
Reluctant readers, Random access



The Dinosaur Who Lost His Roar From the Picture Books Series

A charming and comical story told with simple text and delightful illustrations sure to entertain young children. Sid likes scaring his friends with his mighty roar, but when Sid loses his voice, will his friends wish he hadn't? With rhyming text that children will love to join in with time and time again.

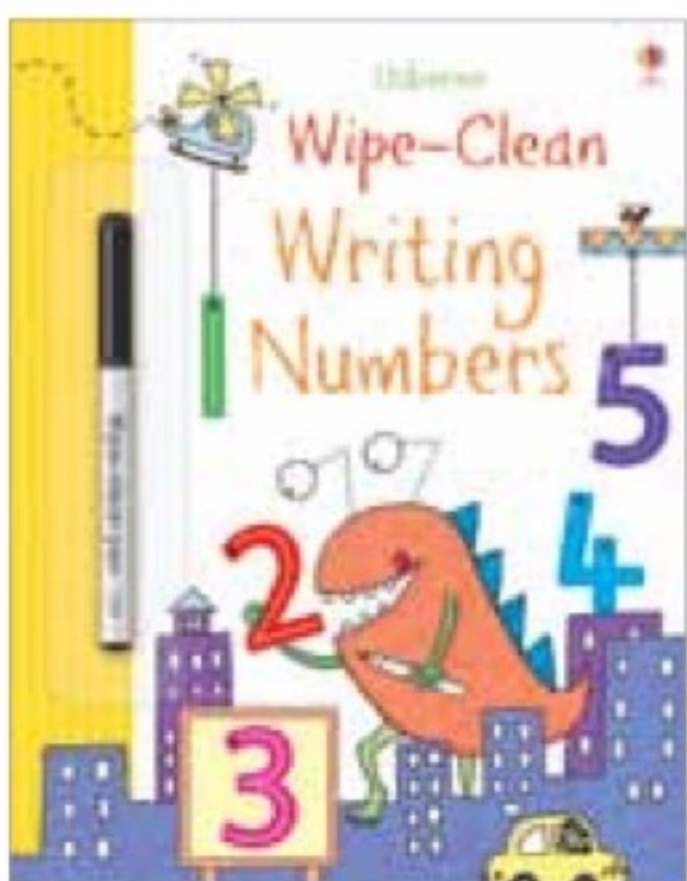
Key Selling Points: Confidence/Self-esteem building, ESL suitability



Mole in a Hole From the New Phonics Readers Series

This lively rhyming story with irresistible illustrations and phonic repetition is a delight to share with very young children. It can also be enjoyed by children who are starting to read for themselves. Simple rhyming text helps to develop early language and reading skills, and there are notes for parents about phonics and reading aloud together.

Confidence/Self-esteem building, Curriculum links

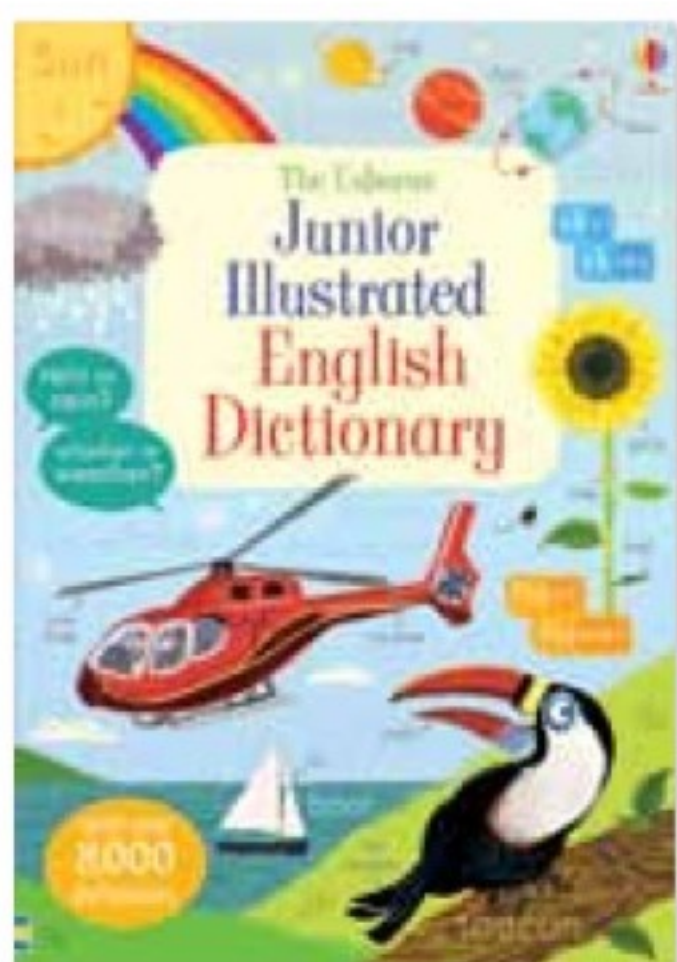


Wipe-Clean Writing Numbers From the Wipe-clean books Series

This colourful wipe-clean book is full of friendly monsters who need help writing their numbers. Young children can draw over the outline of 6 monsters snorkelling in the sea, draw unicycles shaped like the number 5 for the monster circus and more. The wipe-clean pages mean activities can be done again and again.

Fine motor skills development, Confidence/Self-esteem building, Pre-reading skills development

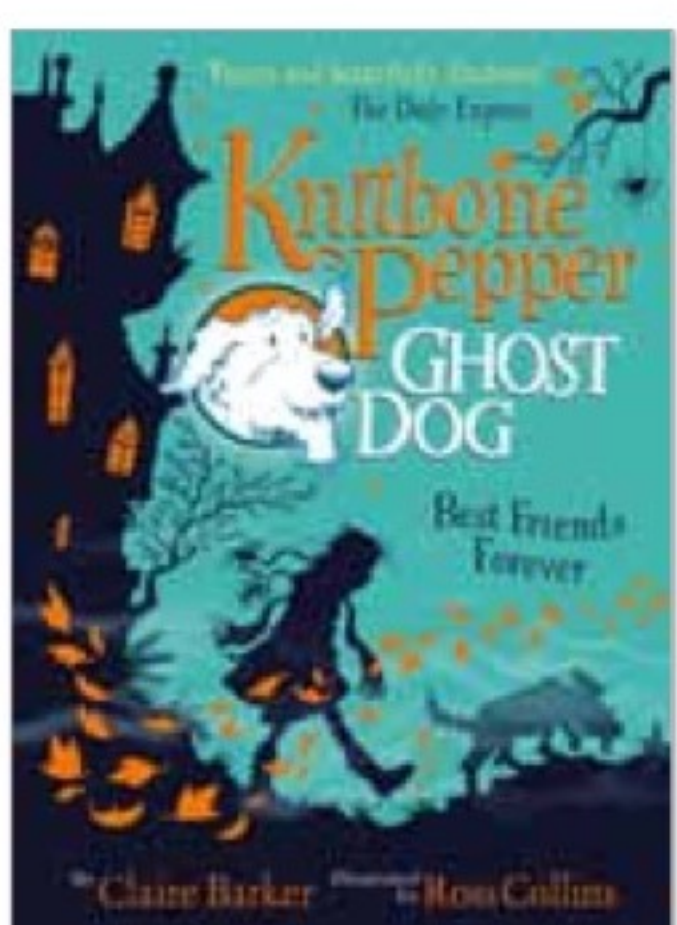
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Junior Illustrated English Dictionary From the Illustrated Dictionaries and Thesauruses Series

A great dictionary for home and school, with over 6,000 words carefully defined in simple language and over 650 colourful illustrations. Clearly displayed and easy to navigate, with example sentences to show words in context, spelling tips and information about word families and origins, plus grammar and punctuation help at the back of the book.

Internet links, Random access, Learning by stealth, Curriculum Links



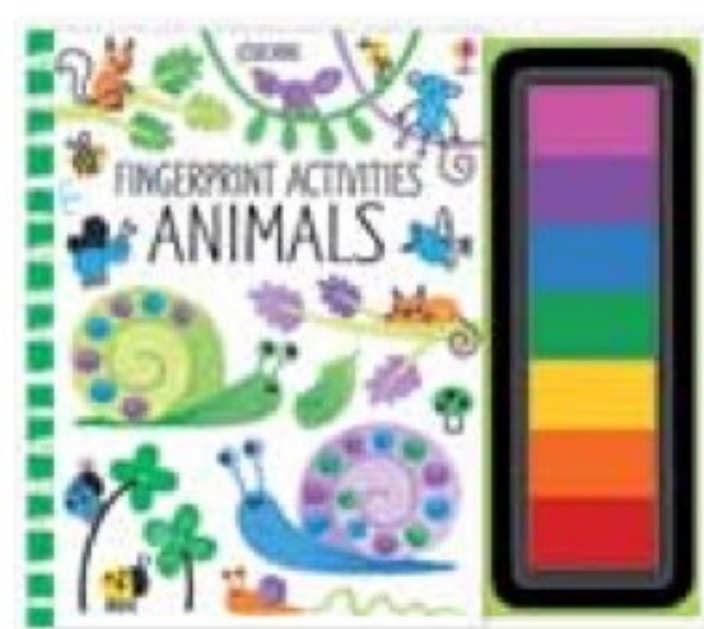
Knitbone Pepper Best Friends Forever From the Knitbone Pepper Ghost Dog Series

Meet Knitbone Pepper, the dead special ghost dog haunting Starcross Hall!

Knitbone has a problem. His beloved owner Winnie and her bonkers parents may be forced to move and leave Knitbone behind! Can the Spirits of Starcross, a gigglesome gang of ghostly animals, help Winnie save her home?

A wonderfully whimsical new series, jam-packed with mayhem, chuckles and woofs!

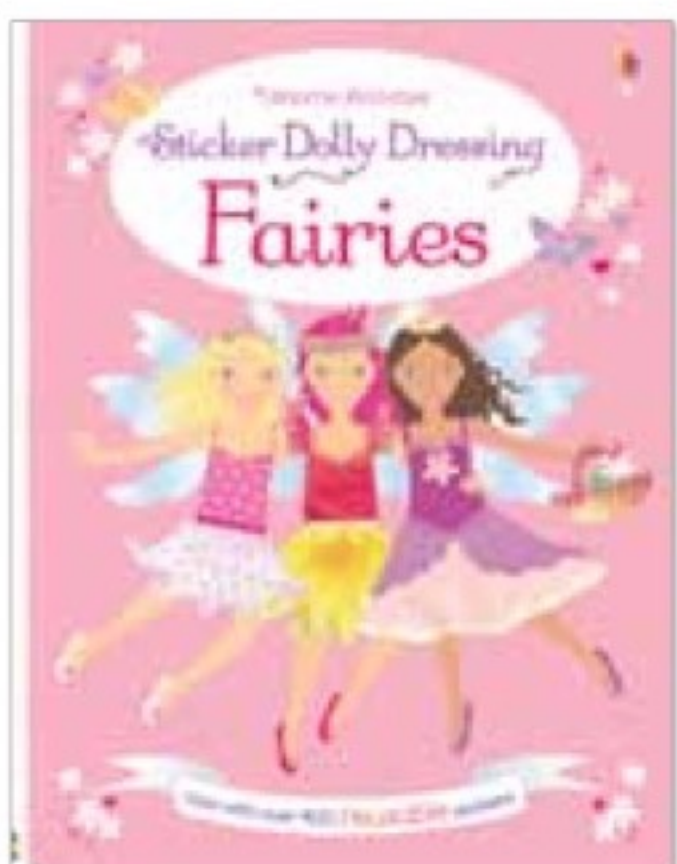
Three-colour illustrations, Part of a series, Larger, easy-to-read text



Fingerprint Activities Animals From the Fingerprinting and Rubber Stamp Series

This book, with its own brightly coloured inkpad of seven colours, is bursting with ideas for fingerprinting animals from hedgehogs to crocodiles and koalas. Each page has step by step instructions, pictures to complete and lots of space for fingerprinting. With a spiral binding so the book lies flat to make it easy for children to create delightful pictures.

Multi-sensory approach, Confidence/Self-esteem building

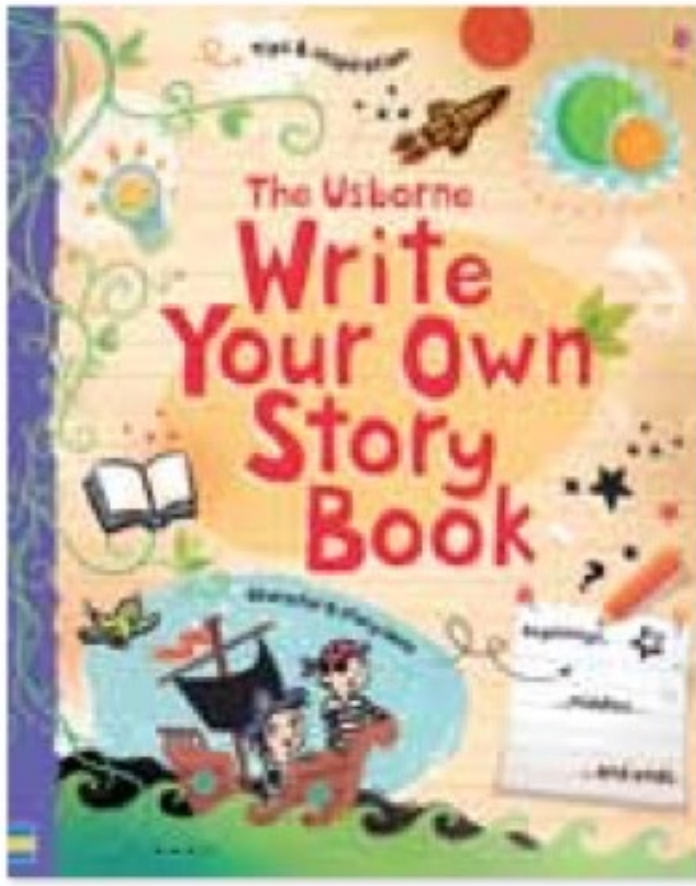


Sticker Dolly Dressing Fairies From the Sticker Dolly Dressing Series

Dress the sticker dollies in beautiful fairy outfits as they flutter their way through fairyland. There are over 400 reusable stickers with which to dress the dolls in gorgeous flowery dresses, and beautiful shoes and garlands for a moonlight flight, a fairy tea party and even a visit to the Fairy Queen. Reusable stickers enable children to lift them up and reposition them if they change their mind; a 'sticker park' also folds out from the back page to store the stickers while working on a scene.

Age elastic, Fine motor skills development

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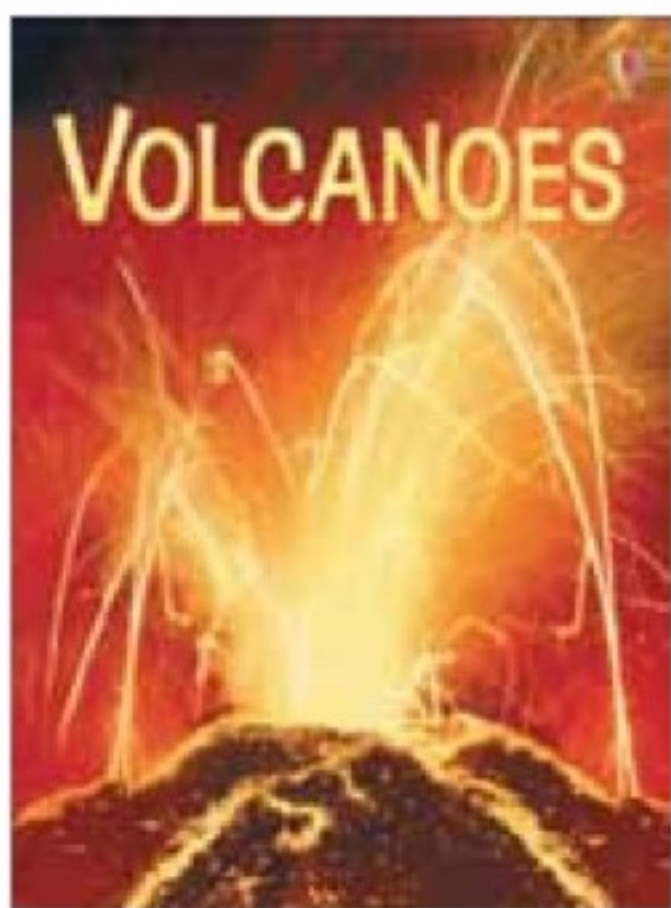


Write Your Own Storybook From the Write Your Own... series

A fantastic write-in book that helps children learn to write their own stories. Includes lots of different writing activities including a fictional school journal, writing a comic strip, and forming a story around a picture. Packed with writing tips and a 'storywriting toolkit' to inspire budding authors.

Concealed spiral binding that allows the book to open flat but doesn't get in the way as you write.

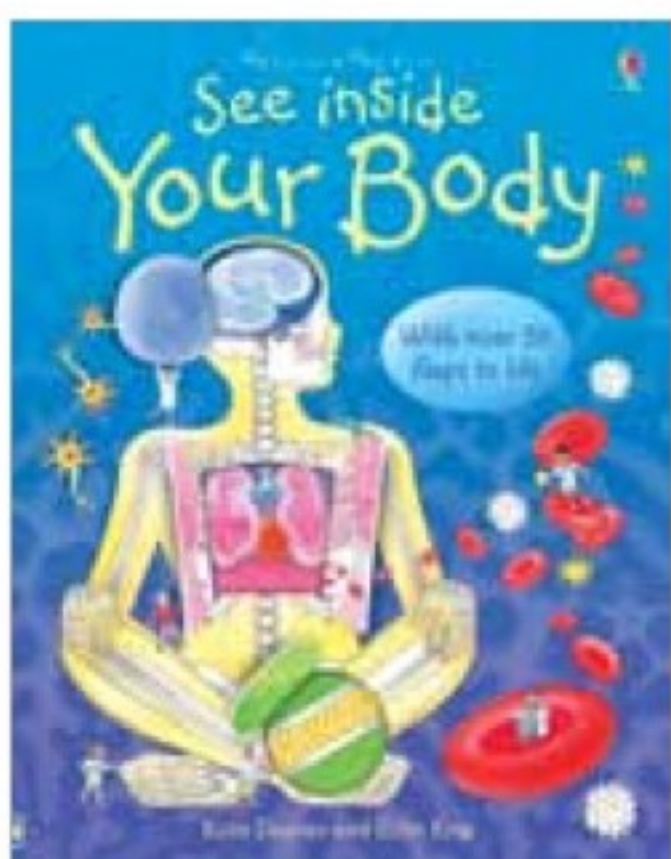
Mixed font/text, Reluctant readers, Random access



Volcanoes From the Beginners series

Usborne Beginners are colourful information books for children beginning to read on their own. Vivid, full colour illustrations and photographs on every page, accompanied by short, informative text. Developed with reading experts at the University of Roehampton. Carefully selected Internet links to exciting websites to find out more. Great reading practice for children who prefer fact to fiction.

Book bands, High interest/Low ability, Internet Links



See Inside Your Body From the See Inside Series

Fabulous flap book that reveals the inner workings of the human body. Bright, original colour illustrations and diagrams display all the major organs of the human body and are accompanied by witty, clear and informative text. Contains over fifty embedded flaps that children can lift to reveal extra detail.

Learning by stealth, Random access



What's Happening to Me (Boys)? From the What's Happening Series

With bright, cartoon-style illustrations and clear diagrams, this sensitive, detailed and informative guide explains male puberty in a reassuring and friendly way. It tackles everything from physical and hormonal changes to emotional upheaval. Ideal for libraries and schools, the contents and index pages make key topics easy to find.

Random access, Curriculum links

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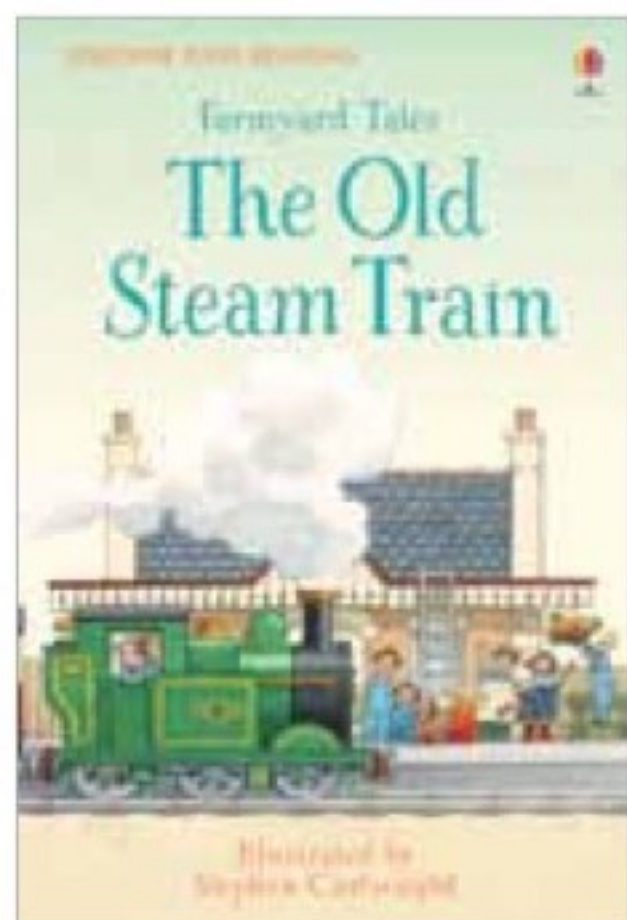
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A reading framework consisting of seven levels designed to build the confidence of beginner readers and to motivate and inspire those who find reading difficult or dull.

The levels are split over two series: *First Reading* (levels 1–4) and the more advanced *Young Reading* (series 1–3). Children can progress through each level as their skills develop. The programme has been developed in consultation with Alison Kelly, who is a Principal Lecturer in Education and an early reading specialist from Roehampton University.

Further information on the *Usborne Reading Programme* is available to download from:

<http://www.usborne.com/catalogue/usborne-reading-programme.aspx>

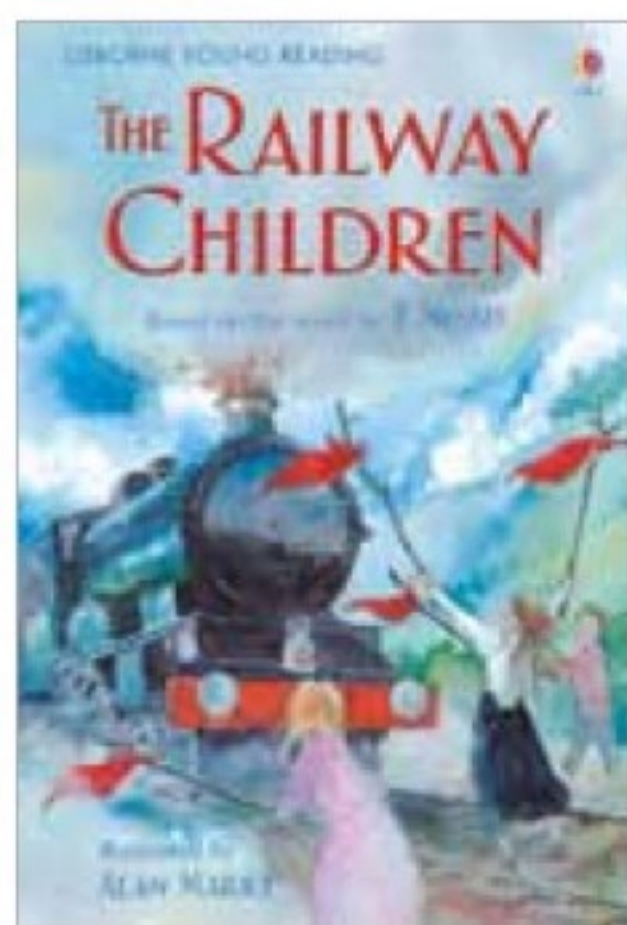


Farmyard Tales The Old Steam Train From the First Reading series

First Reading is an exciting collection of supplementary reading titles including familiar folk tales, classic fables and original fiction titles, specially written to aid young readers as they take their first steps towards reading independently.

Each title also features puzzles or questions at the end of the text to aid and test comprehension. Ideal for reading at home and in the classroom.

Book bands, ESL suitability



The Railway Children From the Young Reading series

Young Reading is a diverse and engaging collection of titles, pitched at slightly older children, who are growing in reading confidence. The series includes adapted classic tales, biographies, quirky histories, contemporary fiction and non-fiction titles. The titles feature clear, engaging text with direct speech and speech bubbles, to encourage independent reading - perfect for children to enjoy at home, but equally appropriate as classroom or library resources.

Book bands, ESL suitability

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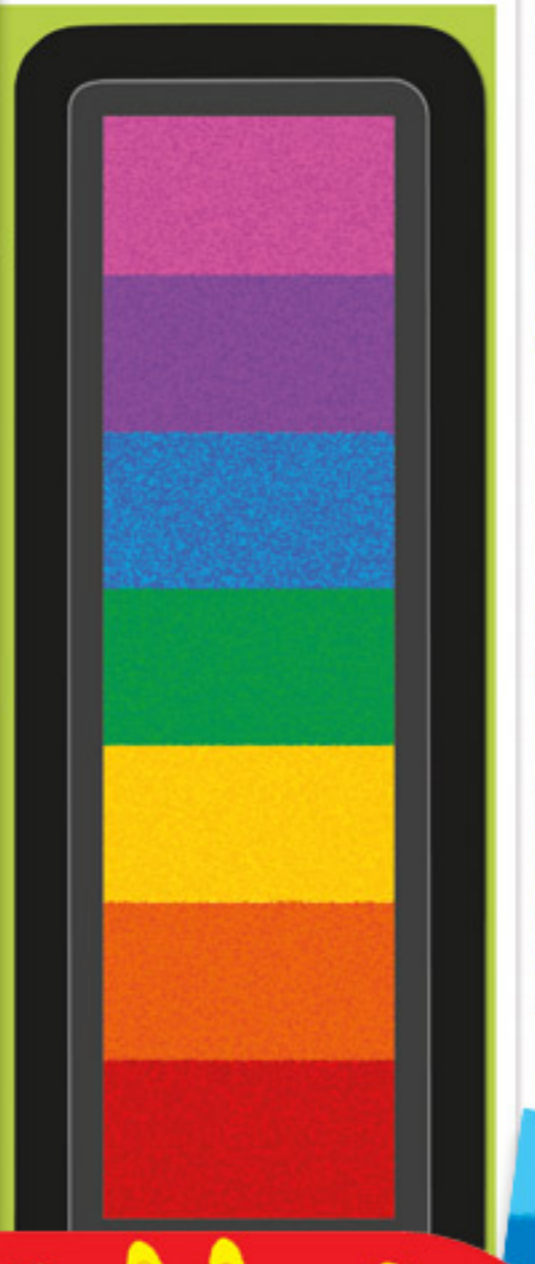
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