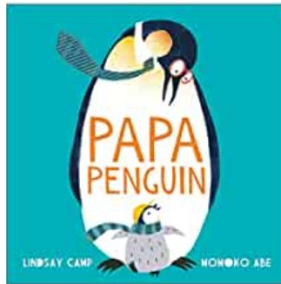


STORIES ABOUT ANIMALS



Luckily for Sam, Dad's home just in time for a bedtime story. But tonight there'll be no aliens or super heroes, instead he'll tell the tale of Papa Penguin, who loves his beautiful boy-chick very much, even when he's not always around.

Age 3–5

Seven children champion a different animal for the top spot. Is it **BEES** as master pollinators, or **BATS** who are night-time predators as well as pollinators? Is it **ELEPHANTS** who shape their landscapes and spread seeds, or **BEAVERS** who create watery habitats? Is it **TIGERS** or **SHARKS** who keep populations in balance so there is food for all? Is it tiny **KRILL**, food for so many whales and sea creatures? There is lots of information about them, and other keystone species, plus photographs to see them up close and in their habitats.

Age 5–8



Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk. Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?

Age 8–12

What if you could communicate with a whale?

Rio has been sent to live with a grandmother he barely knows in California, while his mum is in hospital back home. Alone and adrift, the only thing that makes him smile is joining his new friend Marina on her dad's whale watching trips. That is until an incredible encounter with White Beak, a gentle giant of the sea changes everything. But when White Beak goes missing, Rio must set out on a desperate quest to find his whale and somehow save his mum.

Age 9–12



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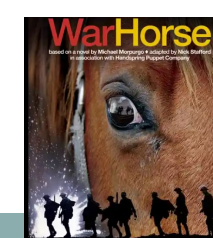
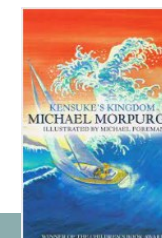


Author Spotlight

INTRODUCING ... MICHAEL MORPURGO

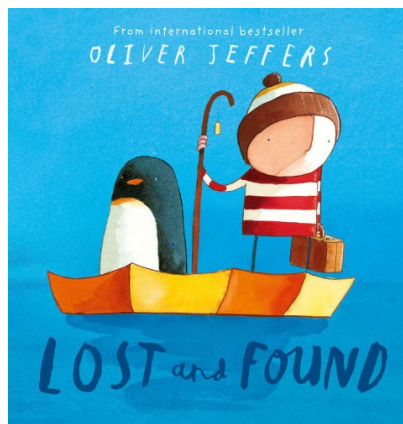
Michael was born on 5th October 1943 in St Albans in Hertfordshire whilst his father was away fighting in the war. He has one older brother called Pieter and they were both evacuated to Northumberland when they were little. After the war, Michael moved to London and was sent to boarding school in Sussex. He was there for six years and hated being away from home but he loved rugby and singing. After school, Michael trained as an officer in the army and, whilst he liked the uniforms, he decided it wasn't for him as he hated being shouted at! Then he became a teacher and Michael's favourite thing to do was to read to his class. When he had run out of books to read to his class, he decided to write some of his own and the rest (as they say) is history!

Some of Michael's books:



This term's recommended reads!

EYFS— LOST AND FOUND BY OLIVER JEFFERS



There once was a boy... and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole.

But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all...

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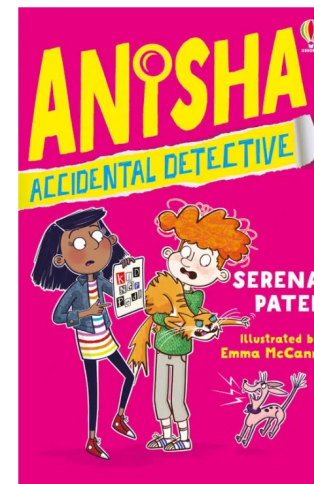
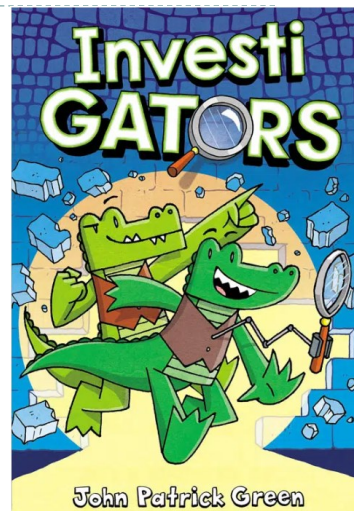
They're Alligators – and Investigators! InvestiGators written and illustrated by John Patrick Green is the full colour, laugh-out-loud series perfect for emerging readers and fans of Dav Pilkey's Dog Man.

Mango and Brash are the InvestiGators: sewer-loving agents of S.U.I.T. and scourge of supervillains everywhere!

With their Very Exciting Spy Technology and their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel techniques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case! And on their first mission together, they have not one but two mysteries to solve!

Can Mango and Brash uncover the clues, crack their cases, and corral the crooks? Or will the criminals wriggle out of their grasp?

"In a world plagued by crime, corruption and confusion, one organisation works in the shadows to right these wrongs!"



YEAR 3/4

HELP! My super-dramatic Aunty Bindi is getting married tomorrow and she's having a mega meltdown.

But sssh! I've just found a ransom note, pushed through the letter box, saying Uncle Tony, Bindi's husband-to-be, has been kidnapped, and will only be freed if the wedding is cancelled!

I have to keep this a secret otherwise it'll be panic-central...

I guess it's up to me – Anisha, ACCIDENTAL DETECTIVE, to save the day.

YEAR 5/6

The Island of Morovia is shaped like a broken heart. The humans live on one side of the island, and the alkonosts – the bird-people – live on the other. But it wasn't always this way...

Linnet wishes she could sing magic. But magic is forbidden and she has been banished with her father to the Mournful Swamp. She misses her old life, and dreams of reuniting with her friends.

When her father is captured for taking a precious jewel, Linnet must set out on a treacherous journey. Travelling through alligator pools and sinking sands with new friends, she learns how to be brave, and discovers something even more powerful than singing magic. Something that could save her father, and heal the broken heart of her island once more...

