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	Title	Author	Synopsis
	<i>Poo in the Zoo: The Great Poo Mystery: 2</i>	Steve Smallman	SPLAT PATTER PLOP! Zookeeper Bob's super-duper pooper scooper robot has disappeared and the POO is piling UP! Is this a DOO-DOO disaster? Or can Arabella Slater – Poo Investigator – save the day?
	<i>The Proudest Blue</i>	Ibtihaj Muhammad (Author), S. K. Ali (Author), Hatem Aly (Illustrator)	It's Faizah's first day of school and her older sister Asiya's first day of wearing hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees her hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong?
	<i>Clean Up!</i>	Nathan Bryon (Author), Dapo Adeola (Illustrator)	The sequel to Nathan and Dapo's debut <i>Look Up!</i> Join lovable, passionate Rocket as she sets off on a mission to save a Caribbean island from plastic pollution!
	<i>Karate Kids</i>	Holly Sterling	Join Maya and all her friends as they get together at the dojo for their Saturday karate class! There are moves to remember, blocks to practice, and punches to perfect. Maya is a white belt, which means she's still a beginner, but with focus, balance, and determination -- and a little help from her friends -- can she show Sensei what she's got?
	<i>Hike</i>	Pete Oswald	In the cool and quiet early light of morning, a father and child wake up. Today they're going on a hike. Follow the duo into the mountains as they witness the magic of the wilderness, overcome challenges, and play a small role in the survival of the forest. By the time they return home, they feel alive – and closer than ever – as they document their hike and take their place in family history. (Without words)
	<i>Shark Super Powers</i>	Jillian Morris (Author), Duncan Brake (Author), Steve May (Illustrator)	We all know about the Great White, but did you know about the shark that can glow in the dark? Or the one that can trump to lose buoyancy? Full of photographs, scientific diagrams and illustrations, <i>Shark Super Powers</i> is the perfect guide for any shark fanatic.
	<i>Secret FC</i>	Tom Palmer	When they get banned from playing football at school, two girls decide to take matters into their own hands and start their own team...
	<i>Claude Going for Gold!</i>	Alex T. Smith	Claude and Sir Bobblysock are excited to discover a Stinking Great Big Sports Day at their local sports centre! They are even more excited when they are asked to take part. But Claude's doggy paddle isn't quite fast enough, and he's not quite as good at gymnastics as he thought he might be. Then some robbers steal the big gold trophy and Claude chases them - can he run fast enough to catch them?
	<i>Girls can do anything!</i>	Caryl Gart (author), Ali Pye (illustrator)	A book for every girl with a dream! Join the girls in the pages of this book to see the incredible things they do every day - and find out what you might like to do, too!
	<i>Football Activity Book: For Kids Aged 6-12</i>	The Future Teacher Foundation	Created for boys and girls who love football by education expert and football fanatic, The Future Teacher, this fantastically-fun football activity book will keep any football-mad kid busy, happy and entertained for hours with a wide variety of football themed fun.
	<i>Rashford Rules: 7 (Football Superstars)</i>	Simon Mugford (Author), Dan Green (Illustrator)	Filled with quizzes, stats and little known facts, plus illustrated and told with all the fun of a Tom Gates novel, the <i>Football Superstars</i> series is perfect for young readers five and up. Is Marcus Rashford your ultimate football hero? His rise to the top has already seen him win The FA Cup, EFL Cup and UEFA Europa League for Manchester United as well as become a semi-finalist at the FIFA 2018 World Cup.
	<i>M is for Mindfulness</i>	Carolyn Suzuki (illustrator)	A gentle introduction to mindfulness - helping children to pay attention to breathing, thinking about their emotions and how to be in the present.
	<i>Spinderella</i>	Julia Donaldson, Sebastien Braun	Spinderella the spider has a passion for football! She tries to play a match with her brothers and sisters but she doesn't know how many spiders should be on each team. Even worse, she can't count the goals! Luckily for Spinderella, her Hairy Godmother has a plan ...
	<i>How to be Extraordinary</i>	Rashmi Sirdeshpande	Could you be EXTRAORDINARY? This book will inspire you with the real-life stories of extraordinary people, showcasing a total variety of personalities and talents. Whoever you are, and whoever you want to be, read about the extraordinary stories of these 15 people, and decide how YOU will be extraordinary too!
	<i>Luna Loves Dance</i>	Joseph Coelho	When Luna dances, she feels like the world's volume turns up, like all colours brighten, like sunlight sparkles behind every cloud. But when she takes her dance exam she ducks, dives, spins and... falls. Luna thinks she can't be a real dancer now. Can Luna's family convince her otherwise? Celebrate every culture and every style of dance with Luna, featuring a glorious fold out carnival page.
	<i>Sulwe</i>	Lupita Nyong'o	Sulwe has skin the color of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school. Sulwe just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.

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1	How I Saved the World in a Week	Polly Ho-Yen	Billy's mum isn't like other mums. All she wants is to teach him the Rules of Survival - how to make fire, build shelter and find food. She likes to test Billy on the rules until one day she goes too far, and Billy is sent to live with a dad he barely knows. Then the world changes forever as people begin to be infected with a mysterious virus that turns their skin grey. As chaos breaks out, Billy has to flee the city. Suddenly he realises that this is what his mum was preparing him for - not just to save his family, but to save the whole world.
2	Ultimate Rocket Blast Book 5	Zanib Mian (author), Nasaya Mafaridik (illustrator)	Welcome back to Planet Omar! The fifth book in Zanib Mian's laugh-out-loud series, with amazing cartoon-style illustrations. Perfect for fans of Tom Gates and Wimpy Kid. Omar and his friends are taking part in a national rocket building competition. With a little help from Omar's scientist mum and dad and some fart power too, they come up with a rocket that's ready to blast off. But when someone starts sabotaging the rockets, the boys find themselves on a new mission to reveal the culprit...
3	Glitch	Sarah Graley & Stef Purenins	Izzy has an incredible secret - she can enter the world of her new video game! She meets Rae, a robot who says Izzy is destined to save Dungeon City from the Big Boss. How is this possible?! And how can she fight for this virtual world when she's got a whole real life to keep up with: her family (though she could do without her mom's annoying cat), and her best friend, Eric.
4	Rocky of the Rovers	Tom Palmer	A struggling student and brilliant footballer, Rocky Race is many things, but to most people she's just Roy Race's little sister. Now it's up to Rocky to find her own way - as a person and a player - and she's going to need all her grit and determination to do it.
5	Charligh Green vs. The Spotlight	Priscilla Mante	The next amazing book in THE DREAM TEAM series! A heart-warming, inclusive and funny new story about three big F's: friends, following your dreams and football!
6	Baller Boys	Venessa Taylor	Shay and Frankie are best friends and football crazy! They eat, sleep and breathe football (even when they're at school!). They dream about playing football, love a kick-about in the park, watch all the big games on TV... all that's missing in their lives is the chance to play for a real football team. All Cultures United is the best club around for miles and all the footie fans want to on their team... including Shay and Frankie. Are they good enough to impress Coach Reece at the AC United trials? Can their friendship survive the competitiveness of football? Will they ultimately fulfil their goal to become Baller Boys?
7	The Boy Who Biked the World: On the Road to Africa	Alastair Humphreys (author), Tom Morgan-Jones (illustrator)	Tom really wants to be an explorer. His favourite book is an atlas and he follows adventurers not footballers. His school days are spent daydreaming about travelling from Tibet to Timbuktu. A private wish blurted out loud started his freewheeling adventure: I'm going to cycle round the world.
8	Asha & the Spirit Bird	Jasbinder Bilan	Asha lives in the foothills of the Himalayas. Money is tight and she misses her papa who works in the city. When he suddenly stops sending his wages, a ruthless moneylender ransacks their home and her mother talks of leaving. And yet, Asha has the unshakeable sense that the spirit bird of her grandmother - her nanjee - is watching over her...
9	All Together Now (Dick, Kerr Girls)	Eve Ainsworth	The third book in the series, based on the remarkable story of the Dick, Kerr Ladies. It's 1920, and the Dick, Kerr Girls football team have a new member training with them... Martha, little sister to Hettie and Freddie, has finally been given her chance to swap street kickabouts with the local lads for the chance to play alongside the world's best female footballers. But Martha has more to worry about than keeping up with the older girls. She's dealing with new and confusing feelings, things at home are hard, and the future of women's football is under threat. Are Martha's dreams - both on and off the pitch - too far out of reach?
10	Football School Epic Heroes: 50 true tales that shook the world	Alex Bellos & Ben Lyttleton	Discover the greatest football moments of all time in this collection of 50 exciting stories, perfect for fans of Football School: Star Players. Discover the incredible stories of heroes such as Messi, Ronaldo, Klopp and Rapinoe, but also the tales of the dog that helped win the league for his team and the team who won the championship with the very final kick of the game.
11	The Ultimate Guide to Women's Football	Emily Stead	Take a tour through the world of women's football, stopping off at the best stadiums and meeting global star players, from Megan Rapinoe to Lucy Bronze and Ada Hegerberg.
12	Be Your Own Superhero	Dr Laura Meek	This guide gives you the tools to develop your own set of superpowers, so that you can feel more in control of your life, happier, and more confident.
13	Lionesses: European Champions	Emily Stead	(Ultimate Football Heroes series). Celebrating the success of the phenomenal Lionesses, this book follows four key players in their journey from the playground to the pitch, as they prepare for the biggest match of their lives. Learn how star players Lucy Bronze, Ellen White, Leah Williamson and Beth Mead stepped up to help the Lionesses secure the title of European Champions 2022.
14	The Night Bus Hero	Onjali Q. Raúf	I've been getting into trouble for as long I can remember. Usually I don't mind 'cos some of my best, most brilliant ideas have come from sitting in detention. But recently it feels like no one believes me about anything - even when I'm telling the truth! And it's only gotten worse since I played a prank on the old man who lives in the park. Everyone thinks I'm just a bully. They don't believe I could be a hero. But I'm going to prove them all wrong...
15	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Diper Överlöde	Jeff Kinney	In Diper Överlöde, book 17 of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series from #1 international bestselling author Jeff Kinney, Greg Heffley is finding out that the road to fame and glory comes with some hard knocks. When he decides to tag along with his brother Rodrick's band, Löded Diper, Greg doesn't realize what he's getting into. But he soon learns that late nights, unpaid gigs, fighting between band members, and money troubles are all part of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle. Can Greg help Löded Diper become the legends they think they are? Or will too much time with Rodrick's band be a diper överlöde?
16	Play Like Your Football Heroes	Matt Oldfield & Seth Burkett	A fantastic 'how to' book, showing you how to train smart, think smart, live smart and play smart - this book shares how you can learn from the greatest ballers on the planet to be the greatest baller that you can be.



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1	Unstoppable	Dan Freedman	Fourteen-year-old twins, Roxy and Kaine, have only one thing in common. They HATE each other. Kaine is loud, brash and brilliant at football. Roxy is heading for tennis superstardom. When tragedy strikes, their worlds are ripped apart. Can they come together before it's too late?
2	Little Badman and the Time-travelling Teacher of Doom	Humza Arshad and Henry White	"You've probably heard of me, right? Little Badman. No? Oh. Well... doesn't matter. You will do one day. I'm gonna be big. I'm Humza Khan, the greatest eleven-year-old rapper Eggington ever had. I've also faced deadly alien slugs, killer aunties and double maths. But now, I (and my best friend Umer I guess) face something even scarier: my dad! He's pretty fed up with us being naughty, so he's sending us away... to school. But this is no ordinary school. This is a special summer school in Pakistan, and man something weird is going on: someone has been messing with time!"
3	High-Rise Mystery	Sharna Jackson	The detective duo everyone is dying to meet! Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there's been a murder in THE TRI: the high-rise home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case? Armed with curiosity, home-turf knowledge and unlimited time... until the end of the summer holidays, anyway.
4	The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh	Helen Rutter	Billy Plimpton is an eleven-year-old boy with a big dream. He wants to be a stand-up comedian when he grows up, delivering pinpoint punch-lines and having audiences hang on his every hilarious word. A tough career for anyone, but surely impossible for Billy, who has a stammer. How will he find his voice, if his voice won't let him speak?
5	Oh My Gods	Alexandra Sheppard	Life as a half-mortal teenager should be epic. But, for Helen Thomas, it's tragic. She's just moved in with her dorky dad and self-absorbed older siblings, who happen to be the ancient Greek gods, living incognito in London! Between keeping her family's true identities secret, trying to impress her new friends, and meeting an actually cute boy, Helen's stress levels are higher than Mount Olympus. She needs to rein in her chaotic family before they blow their cover AND her chances at a half-normal social life.
6	Run Rebel Run	Manjeet Mann	(Recommended 13+) When Amber runs, it's the only time she feels completely free - far away from her claustrophobic home life. Her father wants her to be a dutiful daughter, waiting for an arranged marriage like her sister. Running is a quiet rebellion. But Amber wants so much more - and she's ready to fight for it.
7	Rebound	Kwame Alexander (author), Dawud Anyabwile (illustrator)	It's 1988. Charlie Bell is still mourning his father, and struggling to figure out how he feels for his best (girl) friend, CJ. When he gets into trouble one too many times, he's packed off to stay with his grandparents for the summer. There his cousin Roxie introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born. But can Charlie resist when trouble comes knocking once again?
8	All Together Now (Dick, Kerr Girls)	Eve Ainsworth	The third book in the series, based on the remarkable story of the Dick, Kerr Ladies. It's 1920, and the Dick, Kerr Girls football team have a new member training with them... Martha, little sister to Hettie and Freddie, has finally been given her chance to swap street kickabouts with the local lads for the chance to play alongside the world's best female footballers. But Martha has more to worry about than keeping up with the older girls. She's dealing with new and confusing feelings, things at home are hard, and the future of women's football is under threat. Are Martha's dreams - both on and off the pitch - too far out of reach?
9	Generation Hope: You(th) Can Make a Difference!	Kimberlie Hamilton (author), Risa Rodil (illustrator)	Generation Hope: You(th) Can Make a Difference introduces 20 global issues and many change-makers, like Greta Thunberg, who are doing something to make the world a better place. Generation Hope looks at everything from climate change and plastic pollution to radical kindness and animal welfare.
10	The Ultimate Guide to Women's Football	Emily Stead	Take a tour through the world of women's football, stopping off at the best stadiums and meeting global star players, from Megan Rapinoe to Lucy Bronze and Ada Hegerberg.
11	You Can Do It	Marcus Rashford and Katie Warriner	Marcus uses the power of his voice to shine a light on the injustices that he cares passionately about, and now he wants to help YOU find the power in yours! From surrounding yourself with the right team, to showing kindness to those around you, to celebrating and championing difference, You Can Do It shows you that your voice really does matter and that you can do anything you put your mind to. You don't have to be an International footballer to make a difference - even the smallest changes can have the biggest impact.
12	Striking Out	Ian Wright, Musa Okwonga	Thirteen-year-old Jerome Jackson dreams of becoming a world-class footballer. But with a difficult home life, Jerome can't see how he'll ever make this dream come true... until he meets a mentor figure who can hopefully put him on the right track.
13	Our Beautiful Game	Lou Kuenzler	A hundred years before the Lionesses, Lily Parr, Alice Woods and their teammates were proudly playing their beloved, exciting and skilful game. As men were sent to fight in the war, women and girls took their place in munitions factories. Football became a favourite pastime and, before long, they were creating all-female sides and playing public matches to sell-out crowds, overshadowing men's football. Despite drawing crowds of 50,000, women's football was outlawed by the Football Association in 1921, who deemed it 'unsuitable for females'. This is the incredible story of these amazing women.
14	Rocky of the Rovers	Tom Palmer	A struggling student and brilliant footballer, Rocky Race is many things, but to most people she's just Roy Race's little sister. It's not much fun, especially as Melchester Rovers head to the League Cup Final. Rocky's sick of everyone knowing her through Roy, she's had enough of school, and she's even started having panic attacks. Now it's up to Rocky to find her own way - as a person and a player - and she's going to need all her grit and determination to do it...
15	Guardiola: Tales From the Touchline	Harry Coninx	When Josep 'Pep' Guardiola was a part of Barcelona's 'Dream Team', he knew he wanted to swap the pitch for the touchline. But learning how to handle the pressure, the press and the outrageous talent at the top of football doesn't happen overnight. From his experience as a player to his time leading some of the most formidable sides in football history, this is the incredible story of how Pep forged himself into one of the greatest tactical managers of all time.
16	When the Sky Falls	Phil Earle	1941. War is raging. And one angry boy has been sent to the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, bonds deepen and secrets are revealed, but if the bombers set Adonis rampaging free, will either of them be able to end the life of the one thing they truly love?

