

SEPTEMBER

# BOOKS OF THE MONTH



CHOSEN BY OUR WRITER IN RESIDENCE

## SARAH WEBB

### SPOT THE THEME THIS MONTH?

YOU GUESSED IT, OUR CANINE FRIENDS. HAPPY READING!



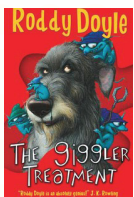
#### PICTURE BOOK



**OH NO, GEORGE BY CHRIS HAUGHTON**

Find out what naughty dog, George gets up to in this wonderfully vibrant picture book.

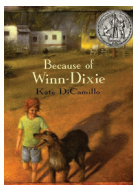
#### EARLY READER



**THE GIGGLER TREATMENT BY RODDY DOYLE,  
ILLUSTRATED BY BRIAN AJHAR**

A brilliantly funny (and a little bit rude) book that will make the whole family laugh.

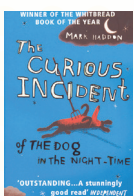
#### AGE 9+



**BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE BY KATE DICAMILLO**

When Opal finds a stray dog in the local supermarket, she has no idea how much her life will change. A magical tale for all the family.

#### TEEN



**THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME  
BY MARK HADDON**

A clever and unusual murder mystery. When Christopher finds a dog murdered with a garden fork he is determined to find out what happened.

OCTOBER

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## THE THEME THIS MONTH IS THE SEA:

ISLANDS AND BOATS, SHIP WRECKS AND SEA WIGS –  
CLIMB ON BOARD AND ENJOY THE JOURNEY!



### PICTURE BOOK



**GRANDAD'S ISLAND BY BENJI DAVIES**

A boy and his grandfather go on the adventure of a lifetime. I adore this book – it's beautifully crafted and pulls at the heart strings - and the illustrations are outstanding.

### EARLY READER



**OLIVER AND THE SEAWIGS BY PHILIP REEVE,  
ILLUSTRATED BY SARAH MCINTYRE**

Oliver, Cliff, the rambling island, and Iris, the mermaid, meet by chance and set out on an incredible adventure to rescue Oliver's parents. A charming, funny story with cracking illustrations which makes a great read aloud too.

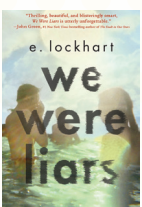
### AGE 9+



**ROOFTOPPERS BY KATHERINE RUNDELL**

Everyone tells Sophie she was orphaned in a shipwreck but Sophie is determined to prove them wrong and sets out on an adventure to find her mother. A beautifully written, magical book. Brilliant for reading aloud.

### TEEN



**WE WERE LIARS BY E. LOCKHART**

The Sinclairs are a rich, privileged American family who spend their summers together on a private island. But all is not what it seems in their world and teenager, Cadence leads the reader through the twisted maze of her last summer on the island. Unforgettable. Older teen readers (and adults) who like a good suspense novel will love this book.

# NOVEMBER

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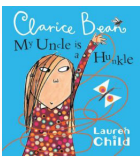


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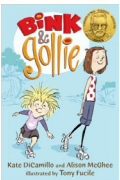
## PICTURE BOOK AGE 3+



**MY UNCLE IS A HUNKLE SAYS CLARICE BEAN BY LAUREN CHILD**

Even the title of this one makes me laugh. When Clarice's parents go away she is left in the care of her fire fighter uncle, Ted. Get ready for mayhem.

## EARLY READER AGE 6+



**BINK AND GOLLIE BY KATE DICAMILLO AND ALISON MCGHEE, ILLUSTRATED BY TONY FUCILE**

Bink and Gollie are best friends but they are very different. Bink is small and Gollie is tall. Bink loves goldfish, Gollie loves using long words, but together they make quite a team. A charming, funny look at friendship for younger readers.

## AGE 9+



**TIME AFTER TIME BY JUDI CURTIN**

Judi Curtin writes friendship and family tales like no other Irish writer: her books are warm, funny and full of truth. Molly and Beth are best friends, but when Molly's mum falls in love with Beth's dad and they all move in together, their lives start to get rather complicated. (P.S. Books about boys are for everyone; books about girls are for everyone!)

## TEEN



**ONE BY SARAH CROSSAN**

Tippi and Grace are 16 year old conjoined twins but are very different. This is an amazing book, funny, moving and sad. Do try it! Winner of the Children's Books Ireland Book of the Year Award 2016.

# DECEMBER

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## PICTURE BOOK AGE 3+



**LITTLE OWL AND THE STAR BY MARY MURPHY**

'It was a silent night. I sat in my tree with a waiting feeling.' I love that expression, a waiting feeling and this owl is waiting for a very special child to be born in a stable. A beautifully written story, with strong, colourful illustrations, this is a book to treasure.

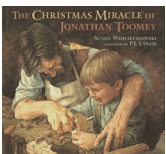
## EARLY READER AGE 6+



**THE GRINCH WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS BY DR SEUSS**

I love Dr Seuss and this is one of my favourites, the tale of a very bad tempered man who hates Christmas. With wonderful pen and ink illustrations, this is a classic Christmas tale and not to be missed!

## AGE 9+

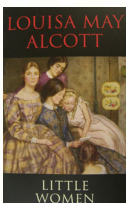


**THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE OF JONATHAN TWOOMEY.**

**BY SUSAN WOJCIECHOWSKI, ILLUSTRATED BY PJ LYNCH**

Another Christmas classic and a book that never fails to melt my heart, every time I read it. It's about a gruff wood carver whose life is changed by a widow and her son. A great read aloud book and the illustrations by our current Children's Laureate, PJ Lynch, are stunning!

## TEEN



**LITTLE WOMEN BY LOUISA MAY ALCOTT**

Little Women was written in the 1860s but remains one of the best loved classics of all time. It's the story of four very different sisters – Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. A wonderful book, full of warmth and humour and also some tragedy and the perfect story to tuck into on a cold, winter's day.