



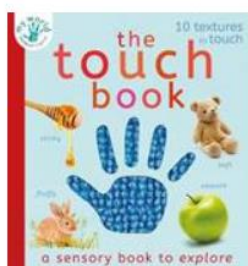
# New children's books we love

## March

Every month, BookTrust review dozens of new books for children and teenagers. Here are the ones they liked best in March: guaranteed to get your child reading...

These are just a few of their suggestions. For the full list have a look at their website <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books/>

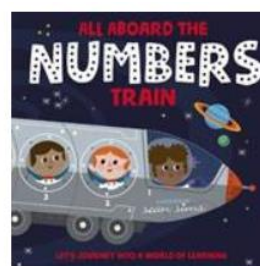
### For ages 0-3 and up



#### The Touch Book: A Sensory Book To Explore

**Author:** Nicola Edwards **Illustrator:** Thomas Elliott

Little fingers explore fluffy, crinkly, bumpy, sticky, rough, and spongy surfaces in this beautifully presented touch-and-feel board book for very young children.



#### All Aboard the Numbers Train

**Author:** **Illustrator:** Sean Sims

Join the crew of the intergalactic numbers train as it prepares to blast off into space! There are so many fun things to count in this beautifully illustrated picture book for children learning numbers.

### For ages 4-5 and up



#### Meet the Oceans

**Author:** Caryl Hart **Illustrator:** Bethan Woollvin

A vibrant picture book all about the incredible bodies of water which make up most of our planet, providing young readers with a lively introduction to the importance of looking after the world's oceans.



#### Sunday Rain

**Author:** Rosie J. Pova **Illustrator:** Amariah Rauscher

A little boy watches the children on his street playing together, but he's too shy to say hello! A lovely tale about having the courage to leap into the unknown to make friends.

## For ages 6-8 and up



### Stars With Flaming Tails

**Author:** Valerie Bloom **Illustrator:** Ken Wilson-Max

A stunning collection of poetry for children by poet Valerie Bloom, as fun to read aloud together as it is poignant and powerful.



### The Worries: Sohal Finds A Friend

**Author:** Jion Sheibani

Sohal's worries dominate his life - so much so that he has to carry them around in his school bag to avoid them being seen! A light-hearted tale tackling the subject of anxiety in an accessible, encouraging way.

## For ages 9-11 and up



### The Boy Who Met A Whale

**Author:** Nizrana Farook

Edge-of-seat thrills contrast with the beauty and wildlife of a remote island nation as three youngsters must use their wits and determination to rescue lost treasure and escape a pair of murderous criminals.



### The Valley of Lost Secrets

**Author:** Lesley Parr

Jimmy and his little brother have been evacuated to a sleepy village in Wales to escape the bombs falling on London. When they find a mysterious artefact hidden in a tree, they begin to unravel its secrets.