



New children's books we love

April

Every month, BookTrust review dozens of new books for children and teenagers. Here are the ones they liked best in April: 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 0-2 and up



Happy Easter!

by Priddy Books, illustrated by Charlotte Pepper

2026 • 0 to 5 years

Board books Touch and feel books Interactive

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Join Easter Bunny as he delivers eggs! With soft, felt edges and colours, animals and vehicles to discuss, this book is ideal for busy little hands.



Spot Goes to the Farm

by Eric Hill

2026 • 0 to 5 years

Board books Interactive Early Learning

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Join Spot as he searches for baby animals on the farm. Lift the flaps to find the animals.



Not Sleepy

by Mama Makes Books, illustrated by Paula Bowles

2026 • 0 to 4 years

Board books

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This very sweet board book will make the bedtime routine fun for all little dinosaurs! Includes surprise pop-ups and a flap to lift. Perfect for babies and toddlers.

For ages 3-5 and up



Monkeypig

Author-Illustrator Huw Aaron

2026 • 3 to 7 years

Picture books Funny

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Molly lives with all the other monkeys in the jungle, but Molly has a secret: she's a pig. A picture book with a message about difference and inclusion.



Solo

Author-Illustrator Neil Clark

2026 • 3 to 7 years

Picture books

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Neil Clark's delightful, colourful, screen-printed picture book reminds young readers that we can all have introverted and extroverted moments, and that when we want some soothing alone time, it's perfectly okay.



Being the Biggest

by Molly Mead, illustrated by Antonia Woodward

2026 • 3 to 5 years

Picture books

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Mead and Woodward's adorable, poignant and heart-warming book about how older siblings feel when a new baby arrives is as warm and comforting as a blanket, understanding that while it's lovely to be the biggest, little ones are still little and need lots of support.

For ages 5-8 and up



I Tell Myself I'm Awesome

by Joshua Seigal, illustrated by Chris Piascik

2026 • 7 to 11 years

Funny Poetry and rhyme

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All sorts of emotions are explored in this poetry collection, along with playful poetic forms, pleasing rhymes and 'stretch vocabulary' to entertain and even challenge your mind. Ideal to share with a class.



Tiny Hercules

by Jon Lock, illustrated by Nich Angell

2026 • 7 to 11 years

Funny Graphic novels Myths and legends

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Tiny Hercules has been banished to the human world – can Jeff help him in his epic quest to defeat a lion? Brilliant, action-packed fun with laugh-out-loud moments.



Fairytale Fiasco: Hansel and Gretel

by Evgenia Golubeva, illustrated by Myles McLeod

2026 • 5 to 7 years

Adventure Chapter books Fairy tale Fantasy Funny

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This contemporary twist on the traditional fairy tale of *Hansel and Gretel* is full of silliness and humour. With short chapters and colourful illustrations, it is perfect for early readers.

For ages 9-11 and up



The House with Chicken Legs Runs Away

by Sophie Anderson

2026 • 9 to 14 years

Adventure Coming-of-age Fantasy Myths and legends

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Marinka lives in a house with chicken legs that guides the dead through the Gate to the stars. When something goes wrong with the Gate, the house runs away and Marinka must embark on an epic adventure to protect the word of the living.



Entangled

by Emma Rea

2026 • 9 to 11 years

Adventure Around the world Disability

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An unusual kidnapping, a diverse cast and a Venetian backdrop combine to create a readable mystery adventure.



Boy vs Reality

by James Fox

2026 • 9 to 14 years

Coming-of-age

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Part cautionary tale and part punchy, coming-of-age story, *Boy vs Reality* exposes the pressure an online presence can bring and how badly it can sometimes warp life in the real world.