



# 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



#### Nik-Nak Bunny: Train Driver

by Carys Bexington, illustrated by Jenny Wren

2026 • 0 to 3 years

Board books Interactive Poetry and rhyme

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Join Nik-Nak Bunny as she drives the train. Turn the wheel to watch the pictures change! Choo choo! Great interactive fun for toddlers and pre-schoolers.



#### Hello, Sleep!

by Happy Yak, illustrated by Ania Simeone

2026 • 1 to 3 years

Board books Interactive

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Help a sleepy toddler prepare for bed in this cosy, interactive board book with a fun wheel mechanism. Perfect for introducing positive bedtime routines.



#### Ten on the Bus

by author-illustrator Clare Fennell

2026 • 2 to 5 years

Picture books Early Learning

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A bright and bouncy picture book that counts down from 10 and back up again, as Bunny drives the bus around the town with his animal friends. Delightful!

### For ages 4-5 and up



#### The Wonder

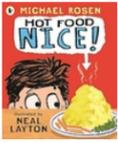
Author-illustrator Tom Percival

2026 • 3 to 5 years

Picture books

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A picture book about how grumpy Daniel starts to notice the sweet things in life and improves his mood.



### **Hot Food: Nice!**

by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Neal Layton

2025 • 3 to 7 years

Funny Picture books Poetry and rhyme

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Young Michael thinks his dad knows everything, but when Michael's dad pops a forkful of steaming potato straight into his mouth without blowing on it, it turns out that perhaps there might be some gaps in his knowledge.



### **Ribbit Rabbit**

by Philip Ardagh, illustrated by Gareth Conway

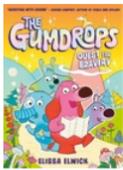
2026 • 2 to 5 years

Picture books Poetry and rhyme

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A lovely rhyming picture book about families and being different is a sweet, fun read with a nice message about acceptance and belonging.

## **For ages 6-8 and up**



### **The Gumdrops: Quest for Bravery**

Author-illustrator Elissa Elwick

2026 • 5 to 7 years

Adventure Chapter books Comic books Fantasy Funny

Graphic novels Interactive Diversity and inclusion

Behavioural/emotional/social

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The Gumdrops, guardians of magical Yummy Gummy Land, create an imaginary friend for Daisy, to help her settle into her new home. Bursting with colourful illustrations and oodles of humour, this quirky comic-book tale is a superb celebration of imagination, creativity, fun and friendship.



### **Cities Going Wild**

by Catherine Barr, illustrated by Christiane Engel

2026 • 7 to 11 years

Around the world Non-fiction

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Discover the world's greenest cities in this inspiring non-fiction book, which is stunningly illustrated.



## Chicken Hill: Attack of the Zombie Cactus

by author-illustrator Beccy Blake

2026 • 7 to 14 years

Funny Graphic novels

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Welcome to Chicken Hill, where weirdness and mayhem are a part of everyday life. Join Ferdy the inventor and his trusty pets as they investigate strange events in their town in this hilarious graphic novel.

## For ages 9-11 and up



## Scare B'n'B

by Catherine Doyle, illustrated by Rachael Dean

2026 • 9 to 14 years

Funny Ghost story

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Can step-siblings Ted and Frankie stop a house full of ghosts from scaring everyone away? Packed with action, ghostly antics and humour, this is a super-fun story centring a blended family.



## The Street Art Mystery

by Sharna Jackson

2026 • 9 to 14 years

Mystery Crime

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A group of friends follow a trail of graffiti clues across West London to solve a murder mystery that unfolds on the way to Notting Hill Carnival. Brilliantly energetic and gripping.



## Big Words

by Luke Palmer

2026 • 11 to 14 years

Coming-of-age

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When Sam invents a new game, no one dares defy him even though they all think it's a bad idea. A compelling, accessible, dyslexia-friendly story of male friendship that packs a huge amount into just over 100 pages.