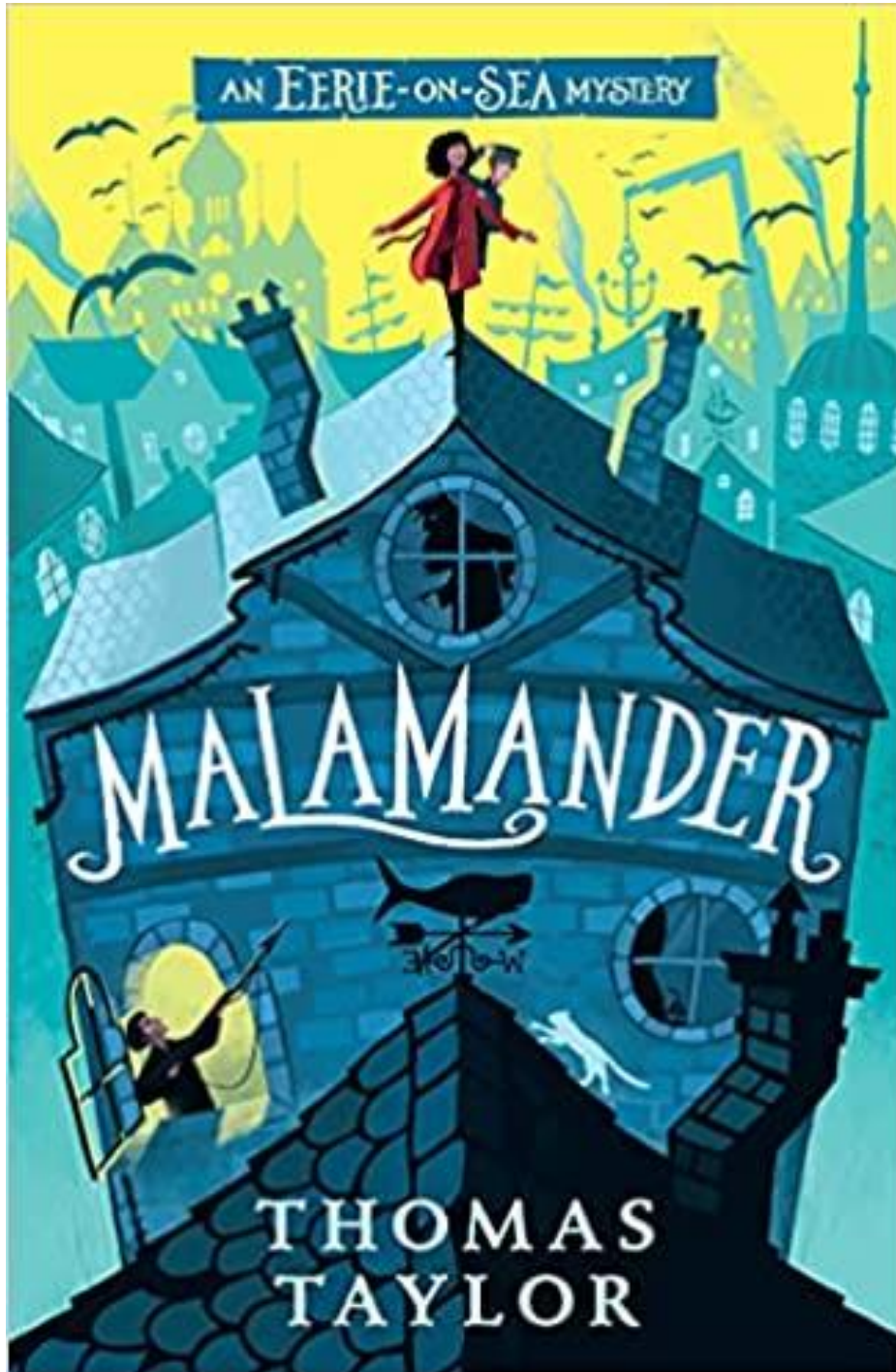


RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST FOR Y5

	CLASS	HOME	SELF READ
MALAMANDER THOMAS TAYLOR			
VARJAK PAW SF SAID			
ODD AND THE FROST GIANTS NEIL GAIMAN			
THE JAMIE DRAKE EQUATION CHRISTOPHER EDGE			
THE MIDNIGHT FOX BETSY BYERS			
TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN PHILLIPA PEARCE			
YOU ARE STARDUST ELIN KELSEY			
THE HOUSE WITH CHICKEN LEGS S ANDERSON			
NO BALLET SHOES IN SYRIA CATHERINE BRUTON			
WONDER RJ PALACIO			
THE LOST THING SHAUN TAN			
BEETLE BOY MG LEONARD			
WHERE THE RIVER RUNS GOLD S BRAHMACHARI			
DRAGON MOUNTAIN KATIE & KEVIN TSANG			
THE YOUNGEST MARCHER CYNTHIA LEVINSON			
LITTLE PEOPLE - BIG DREAMS STEPHEN HAWKING			
WOMEN IN SCIENCE RACHEL IGNOTOFSKY			
EARTH IS BIG STEVE M TOMECEK			
100 EVENTS THAT MADE HISTORY COTTRELL & BRETT			



Nobody visits Eerie-on-Sea in the winter. Especially not when darkness falls and the wind howls around Maw Rocks and the wreck of the battleship Leviathan, where even now some swear they have seen the unctuous Malamander creep...

Herbert Lemon, Lost-and-Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel, knows that returning lost things to their rightful owners is not easy – especially when the lost thing is not a thing at all, but a girl. No one knows what happened to Violet Parma's parents twelve years ago, and when she engages Herbie to help her find them, the pair discover that their disappearance might have something to do with the legendary sea-monster, the Malamander. Eerie-on-Sea has always been a mysteriously chilling place, where strange stories seem to wash up. And it just got stranger...

This cat must learn to fight

Varjak Paw

SF Said

Illustrated by
Dave McKean

'Stylish, original and inventive, *Varjak Paw* is
a modern children's classic' *Jacqueline Wilson*

WINNER OF THE SMARTIES PRIZE GOLD AWARD

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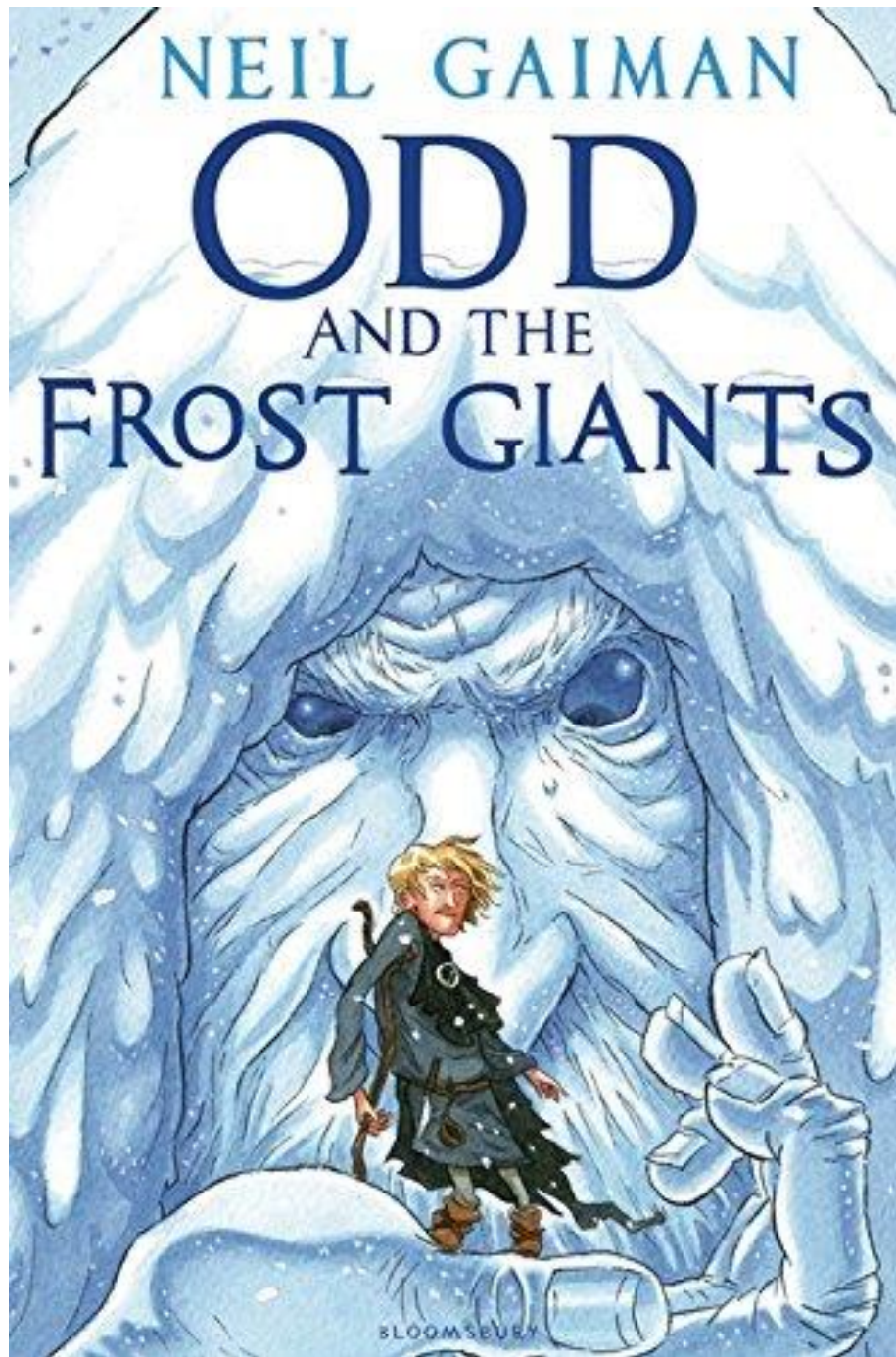
Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats.

'There are Seven Skills in the way of Jalal,' whispered the Elder Paw. 'We know only three of them. Their names are these. Slow-Time. Moving Circles. Shadow-walking.'

Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all, the mysterious Vanishings.

This much-loved story won the Smarties Prize Gold Award and has become a modern classic.

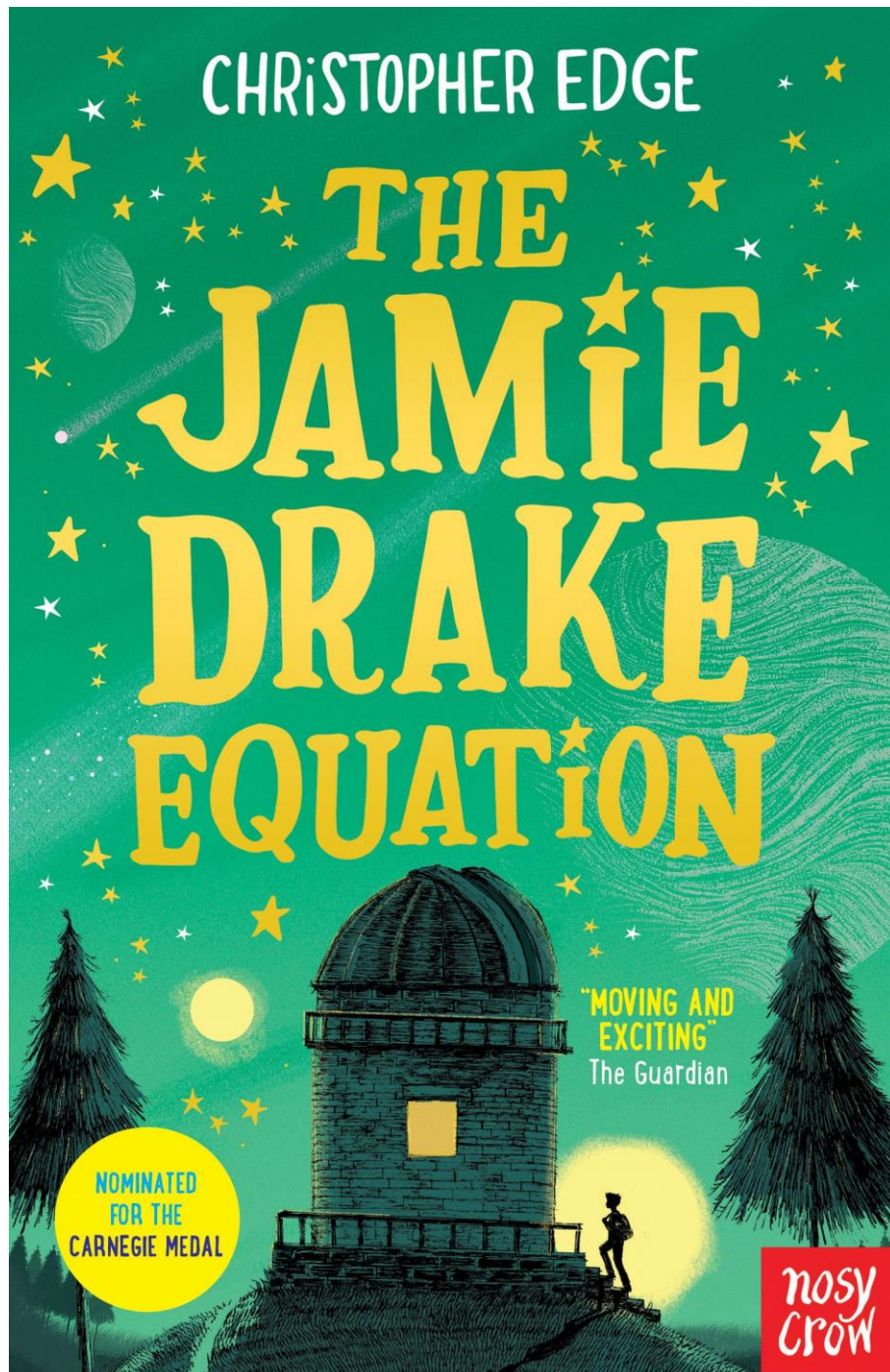
Follow Varjak's further adventures in *The Outlaw Varjak Paw*.



Odd's luck has been bad so far. He lost his father on a Viking expedition, his foot was crushed beneath a tree and the winter seems to be going on forever. But when Odd flees to the woods and releases a trapped bear, his luck begins to change.

The eagle, bear and fox he encounters reveal they're actually Norse gods trapped in animal form by the evil frost giants who have conquered Asgard, the city of the gods....

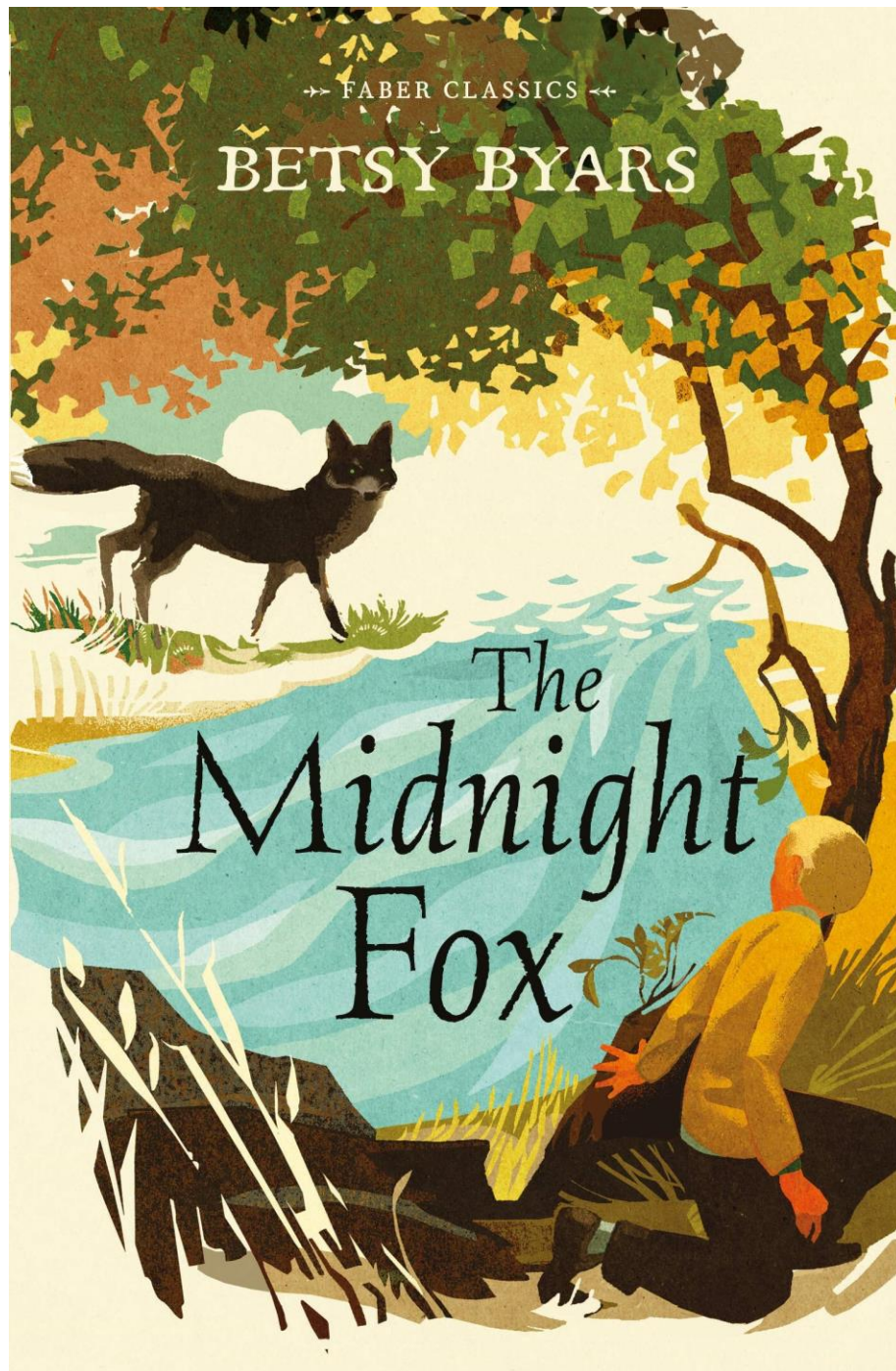
Can a 12-year-old boy reclaim Thor's hammer, outwit the frost giants and release the gods? With Neil Gaiman's wit and style, this story transcends the everyday and becomes a humorous, rich and layered tale of a life lived courageously.



How amazing would it be to have a dad who's an astronaut? Rocket launches, zero gravity, and flying through space like a superhero! Jamie Drake's dad is orbiting the Earth in the International Space Station, and Jamie ought to think it's cool, but he just really misses him.

Hanging out at his local observatory, Jamie picks up a strange signal on his phone. It looks like alien life is getting closer to home. But space is a dangerous place, and when his dad's mission goes wrong, can Jamie prove that he's a hero, too?

A cosmic adventure for anyone who's ever looked at the stars, from the author of *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright*.

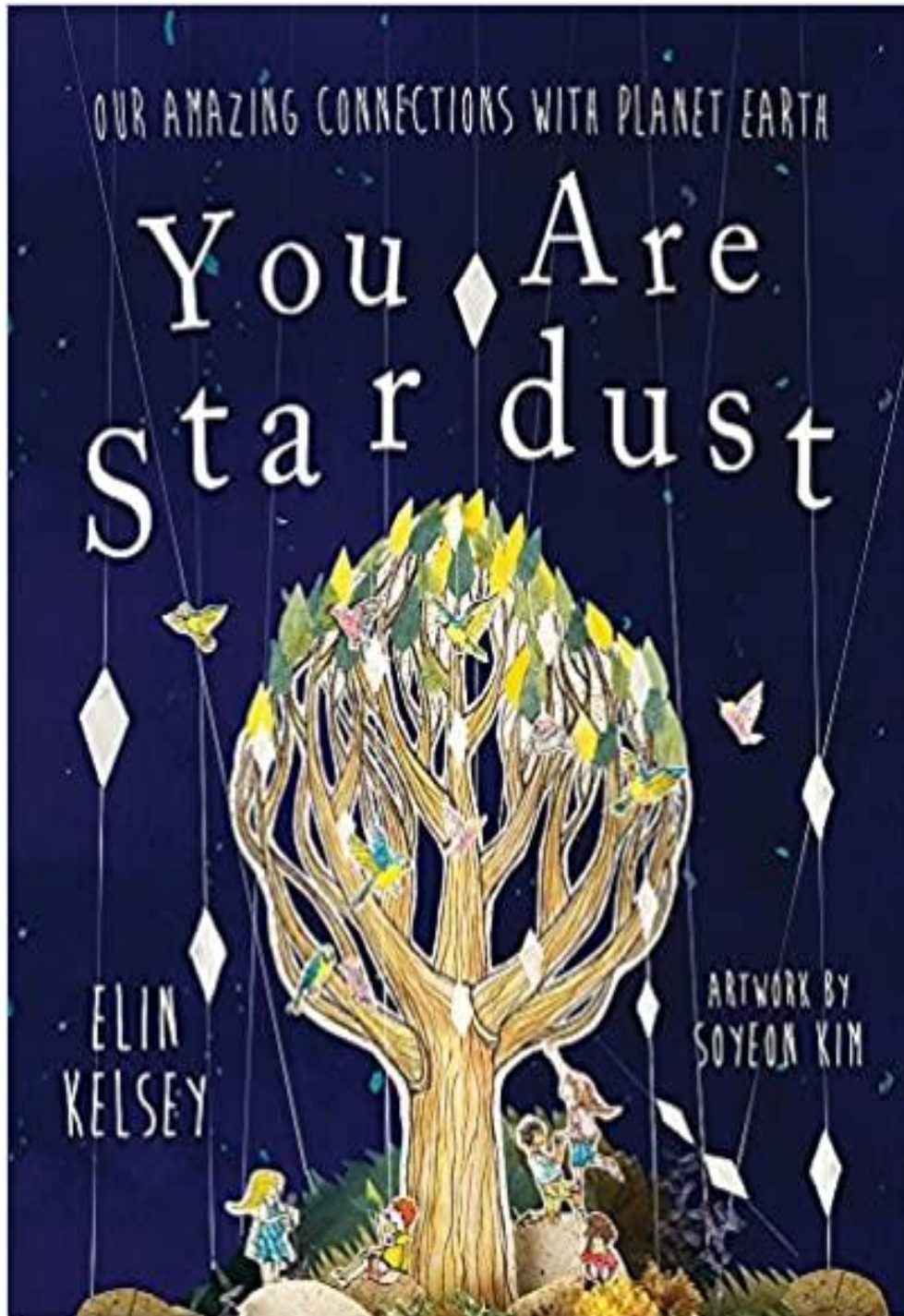


Tom hates having to spend the summer on a farm...until he discovers the midnight fox.

No one asked Tom how *he* felt about spending two months on his Aunt Millie's farm. For a city boy, the farm holds countless terrors - stampeding baby lambs, boy-chasing chickens, and worst of all, loneliness. But everything changes when Tom sees the midnight fox. He can spend hours watching the graceful black fox in the woods. And when her life - and that of her cub - is in danger, Tom knows exactly what he must do.

"An exceptional book." (*Booklist*)

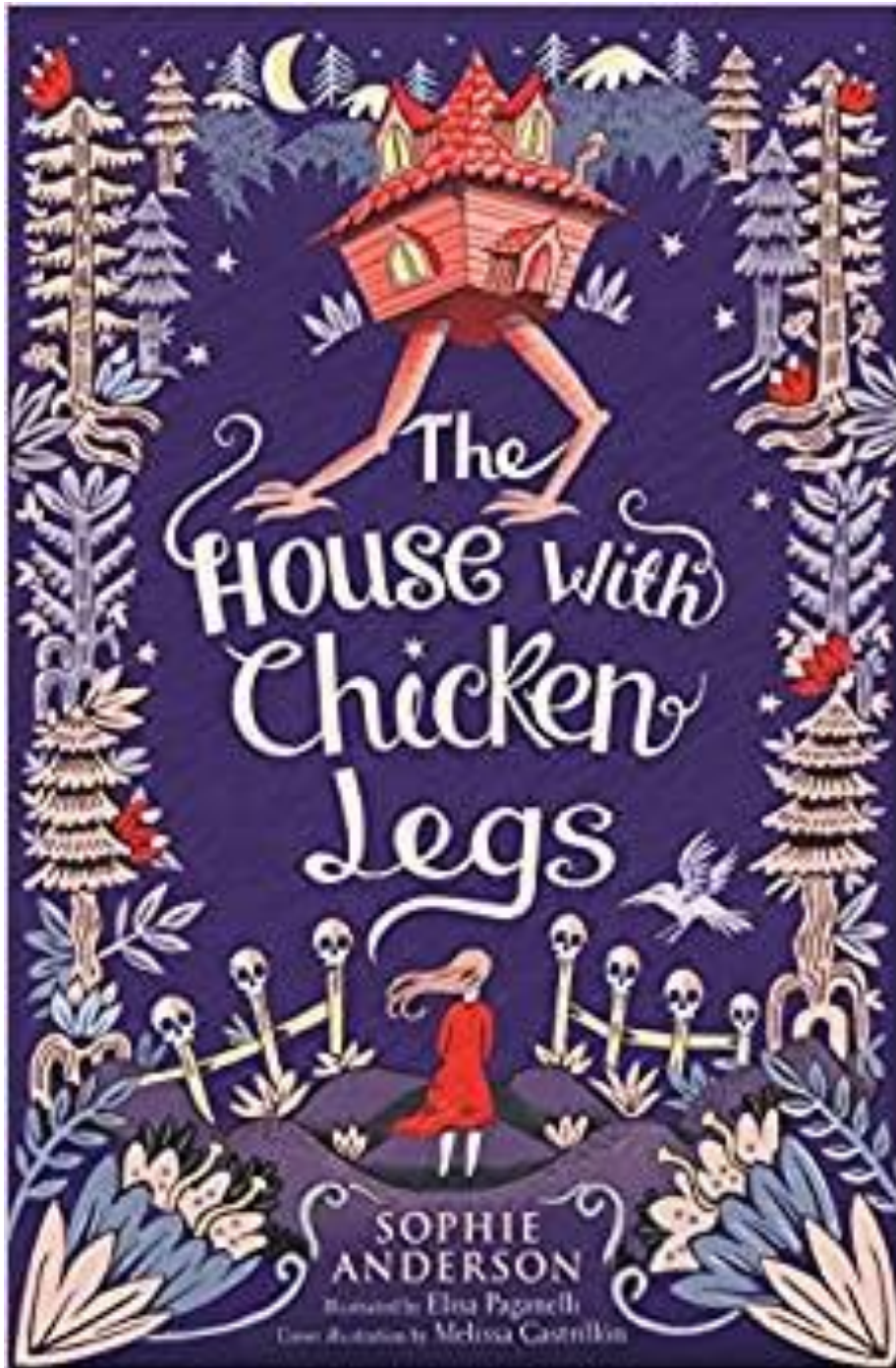
A Library of Congress Children's Book of the Year



If people were planets, we'd be a lot like Earth ...

People are nature. From the water we drink to the trees we climb, we are connected to the natural world in big and surprising ways. With simple, poetic text, and exquisite artwork, *You Are Stardust* introduces kids to these connections - sparking their imaginations and starting conversations.

Combining the ideas of environmental author and educator Elin Kelsey with inventive, three-dimensional dioramas by artist Soyeon Kim, this remarkable picture book reveals ties that are often sensed, yet seldom explained. Children will learn that the salt in their body is the same as the salt in the ocean, that they learned to speak in the same way that baby birds do - by copying their parents, and that elephants, bats and whales make friends, just like they do. In a world dominated by technology, never have these connections between people and nature been more worth exploring.



Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning.

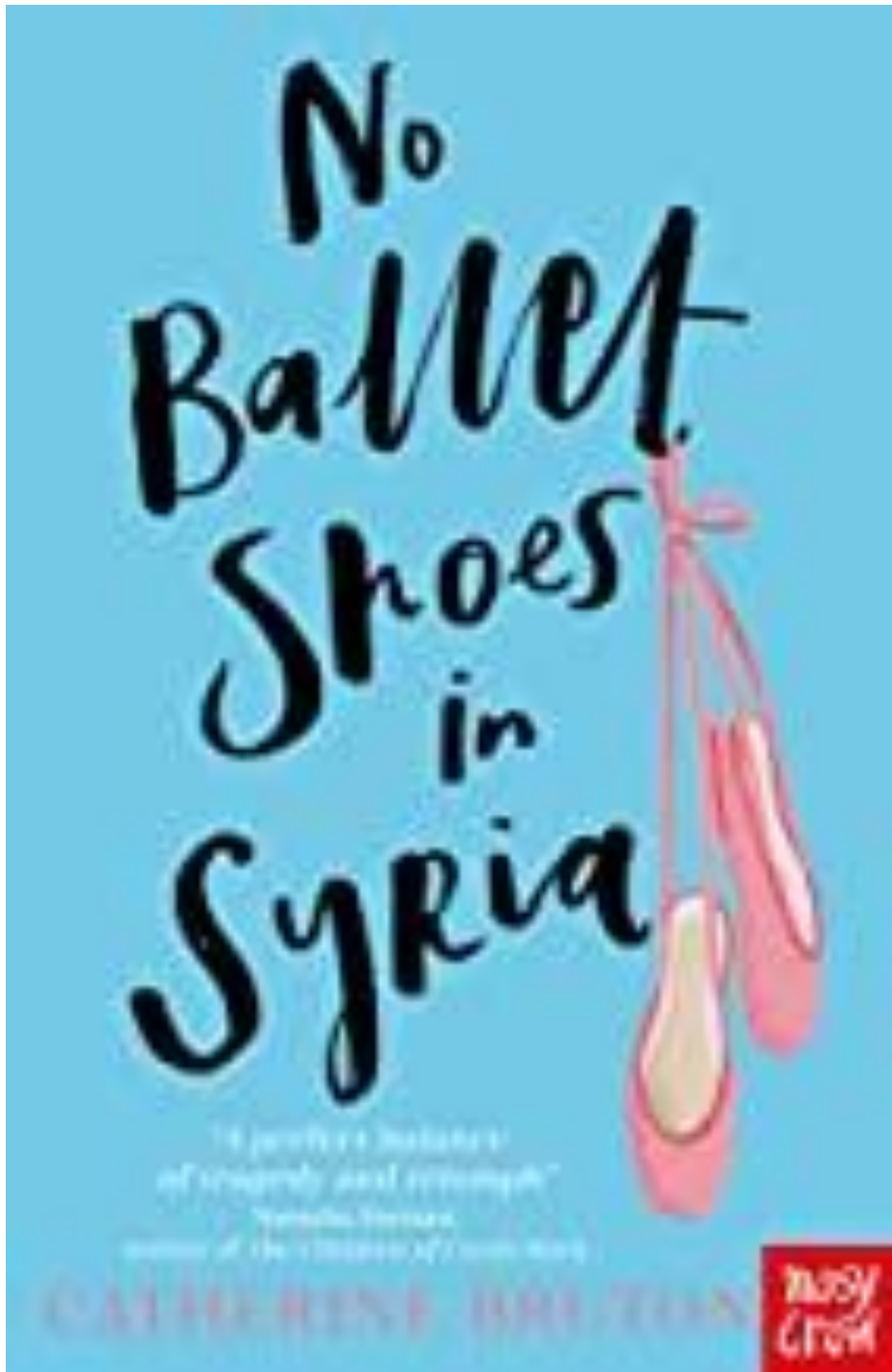
For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...

Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Awards 2019.

Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019.

Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2019.

Shortlisted for Children's Fiction Book of the Year at the British Book Awards 2019.

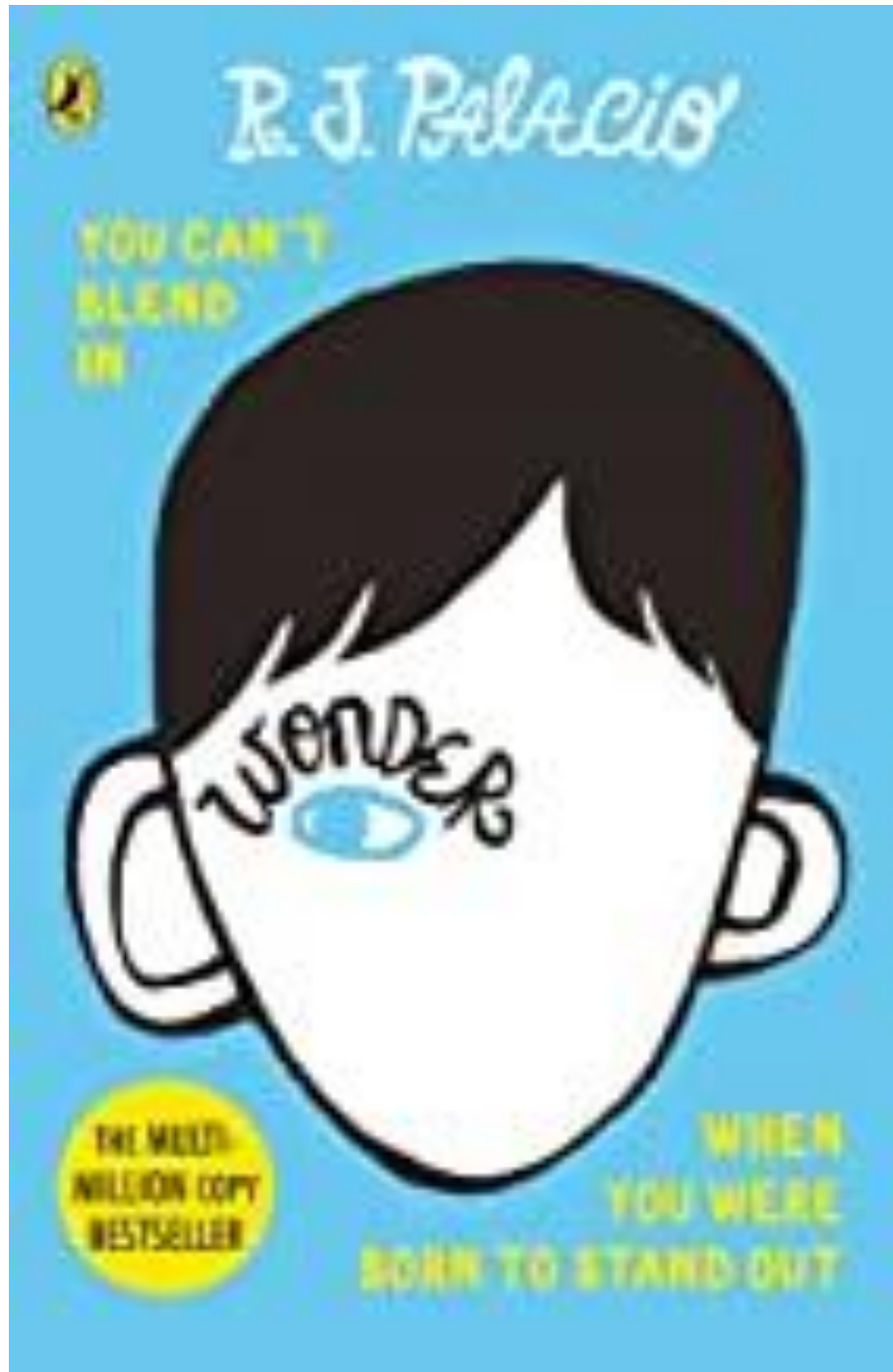


Aya is eleven years old and has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves and to find Aya's father - separated from the rest of the family during the journey from Syria. With beautiful, captivating writing, wonderfully authentic ballet detail, and an important message championing the rights of refugees, this is classic storytelling - filled with warmth, hope and humanity.

Winner of the Angels and Urchins Book Award for Older Readers

Nominated for the 2020 CILIP Carnegie Medal

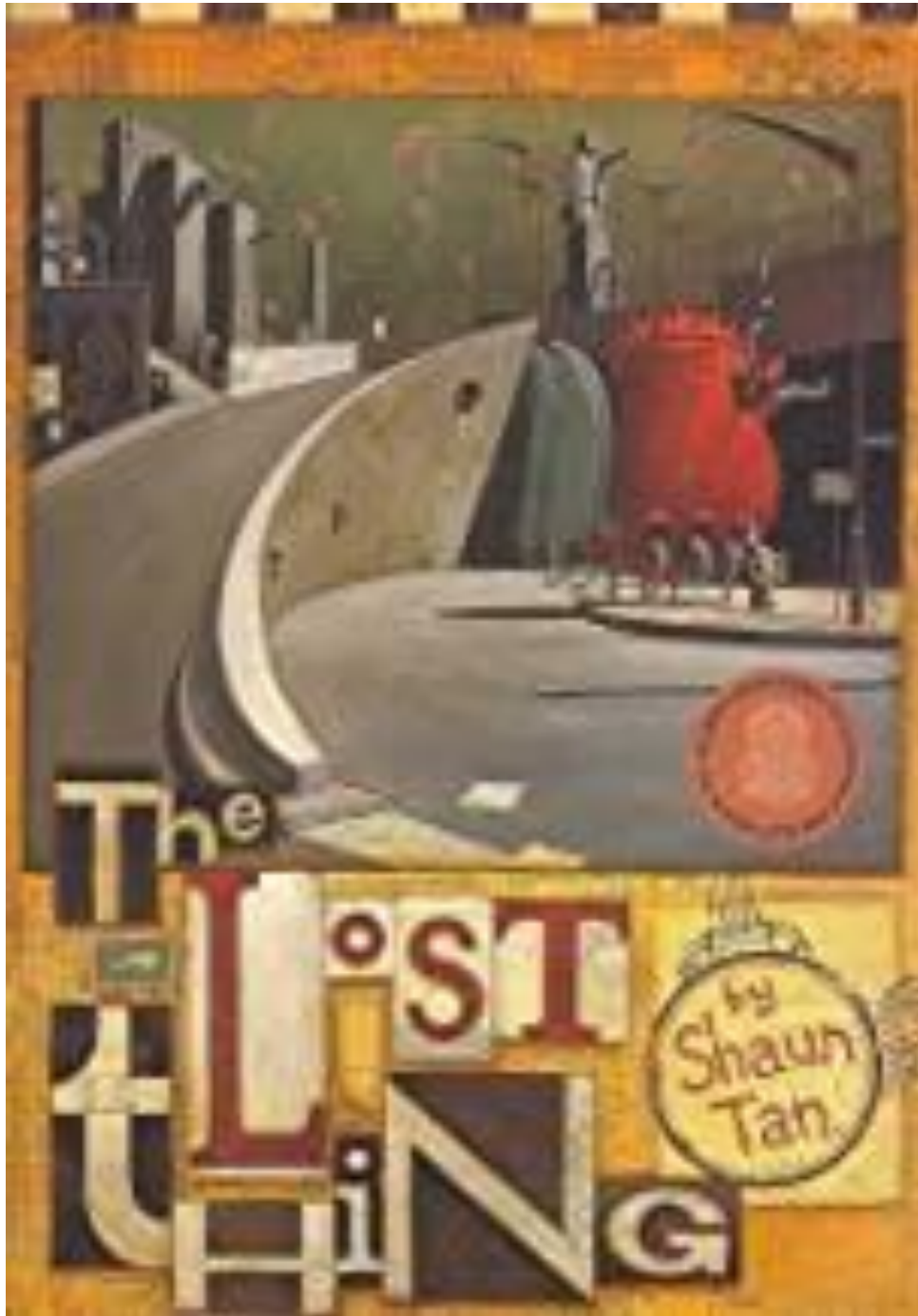
The Times Children's Book of the Week



'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.'

Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He *feels* ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.

Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?



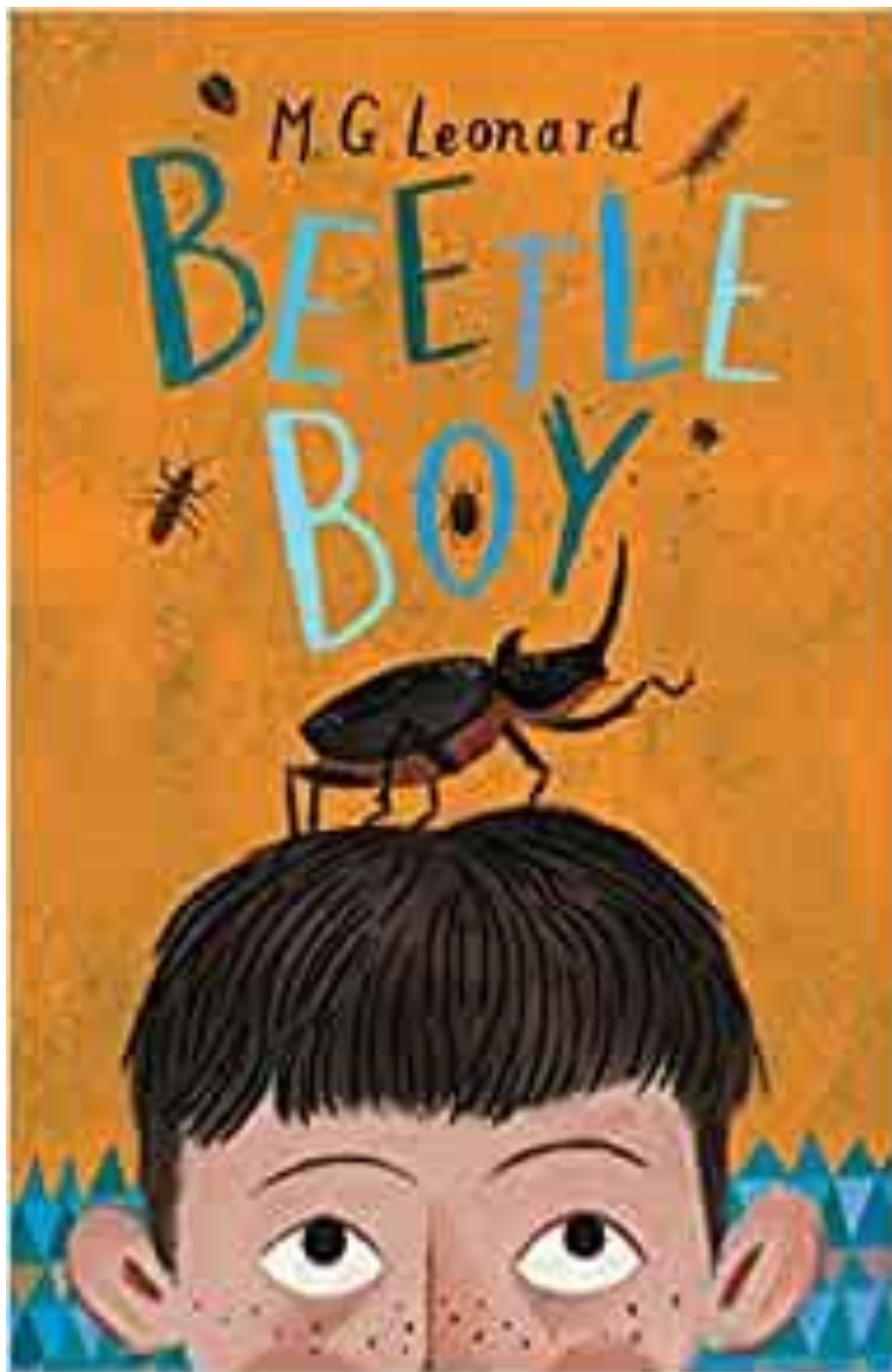
A humorous story about a boy who discovers a bizarre-looking creature whilst out collecting bottle-tops at the beach.

Having guessed that it is lost, he tries to find out who owns it or where it belongs, but the problem is met with indifference by everyone else, who barely notice its presence.

Each is unhelpful in their own way; strangers, friends, parents all unwilling to entertain this uninvited interruption to day-to-day life.

In spite of his better judgement, the boy feels sorry for this hapless creature, and attempts to find out where it belongs.

From internationally and critically acclaimed Kate Greenaway Medal, Astrid Lindgren prize and Academy Award winner, Shaun Tan. He creates intricate collages filled with whimsical images, bright colors, and meaningful prose. He invites his readers to look at the world in a different way.



Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle – and it seems to want to communicate.

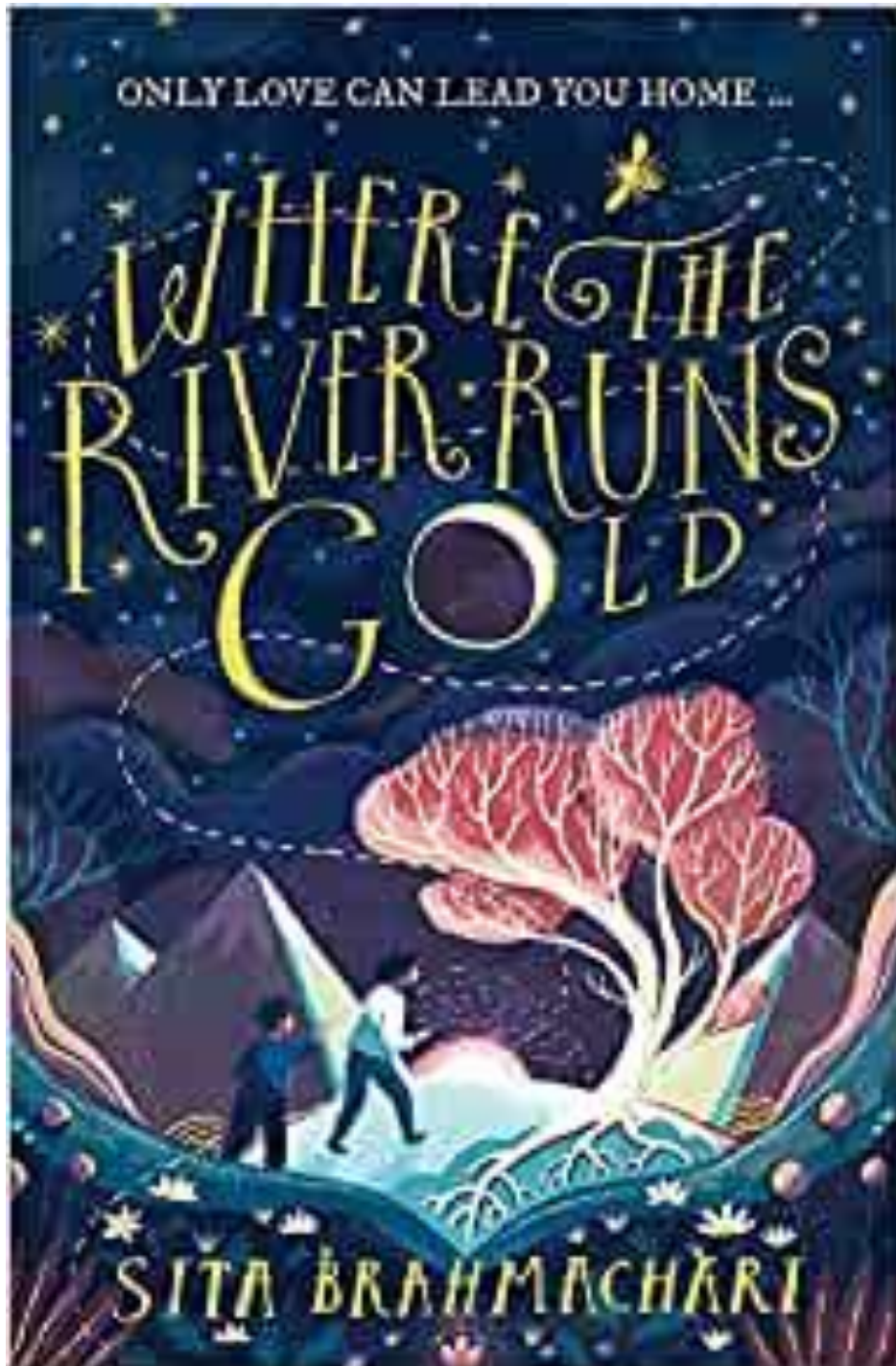
But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery?

The first book in MG Leonard's acclaimed trilogy, the bestselling *BATTLE OF THE BEETLES* series – perfect for fans of Roald Dahl! Followed by *Beetle Queen* and *Battle of the Beetles*! Featuring exotic beetles, a daring quest, a mixture of bold male and female characters and a truly venomous villain.

**Winner of the Branford Boase Award
Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize**

Shortlisted for the Books Are My Bag Children's Book Award

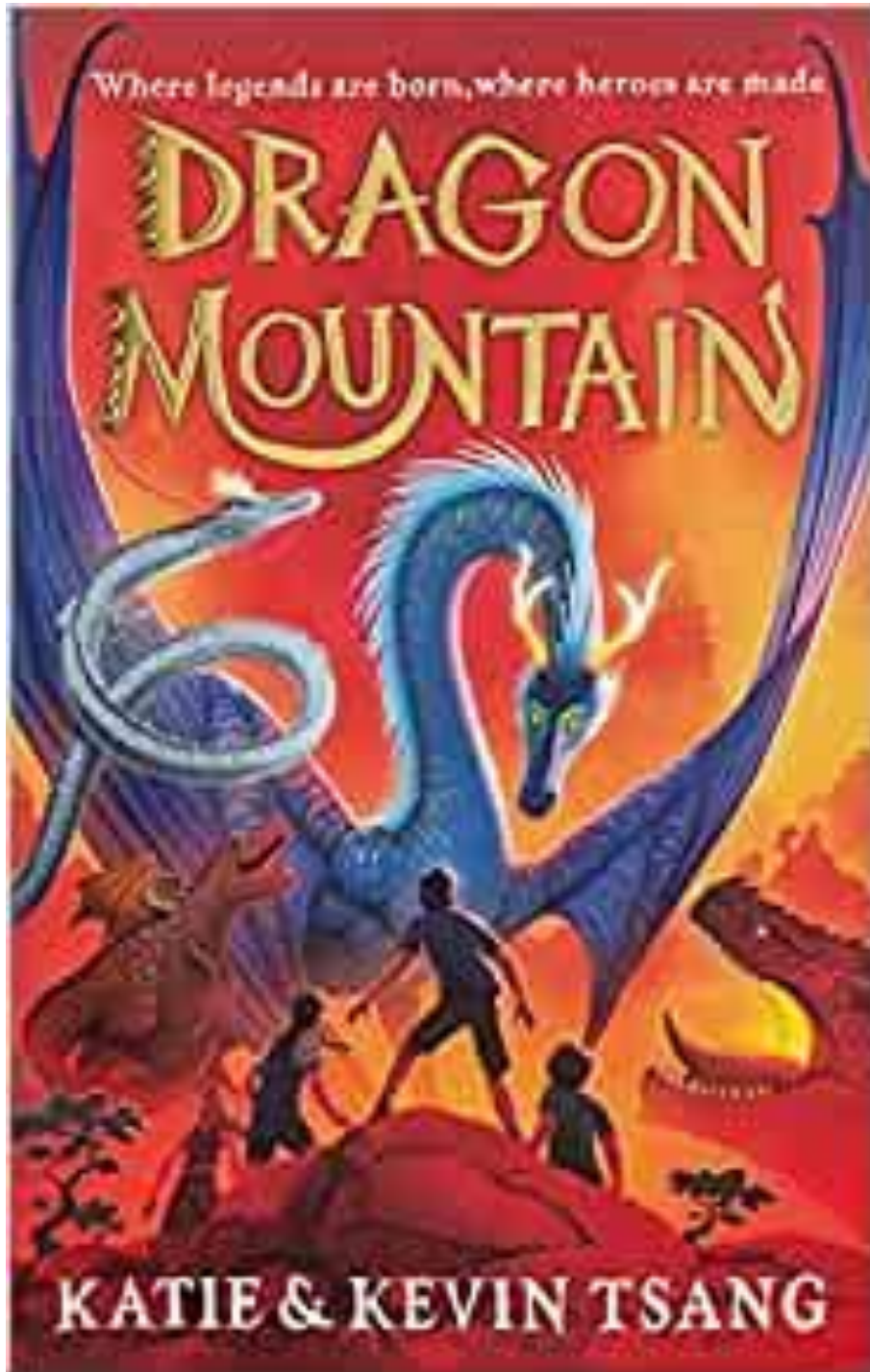
Chosen for the Tom Fletcher Book Club



Shifa and her brother, Themba, live in Kairos City with their father, Nabil. The few live in luxury, whilst the millions like them crowd together in compounds, surviving on meagre rations and governed by Freedom Fields - the organisation that looks after you, as long as you opt in.

The bees have long disappeared; instead children must labour on farms, pollinating crops by hand so that the nation can eat. The farm Shifa and Themba are sent to is hard and cruel. Themba won't survive there and Shifa comes up with a plan to break them out. But they have no idea where they are - their only guide is a map drawn from the ramblings of a stranger.

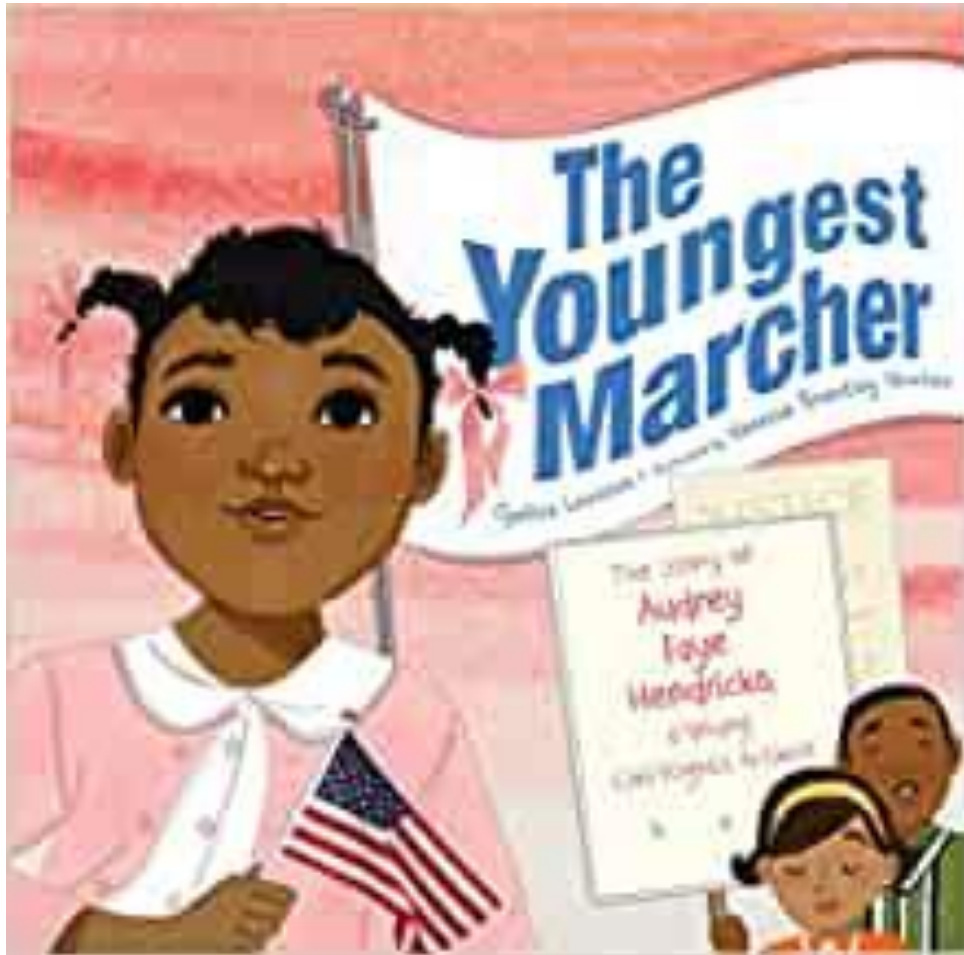
The journey ahead is fraught with danger, but Shifa is strong and knows to listen to her instincts - to let love guide them home. The freedom of a nation depends on it . . .



Deep within the mountain, a great creature stirred in its sleep. Its eyes rolled back in its head, and its wings jerked wide open...

When 12-year-old **Billy Chan** finds out his parents are sending him to a summer camp in middle-of-nowhere China he doesn't know what to expect. There he meets fellow campers **Dylan, Charlotte** and **Ling-Fei** and together they stumble upon an age-old secret: **four powerful warrior dragons**, hidden deep within the mountain behind the camp. They have been trapped since an epic battle with the **Dragon of Death** and need the children's help to set them free before terrible evil is unleashed on the earth. Billy and his friends must set off on a dangerous adventure that will take them to the heart of the **Dragon Realm**. But can they save the dragon and human worlds from destruction?

Shortlisted for the Children's Book of the Year (British Book Awards). The first book in the ROARsome DRAGON REALM series for 9+ readers! Perfect for those who love fantasy, magic, adventure and DRAGONS!

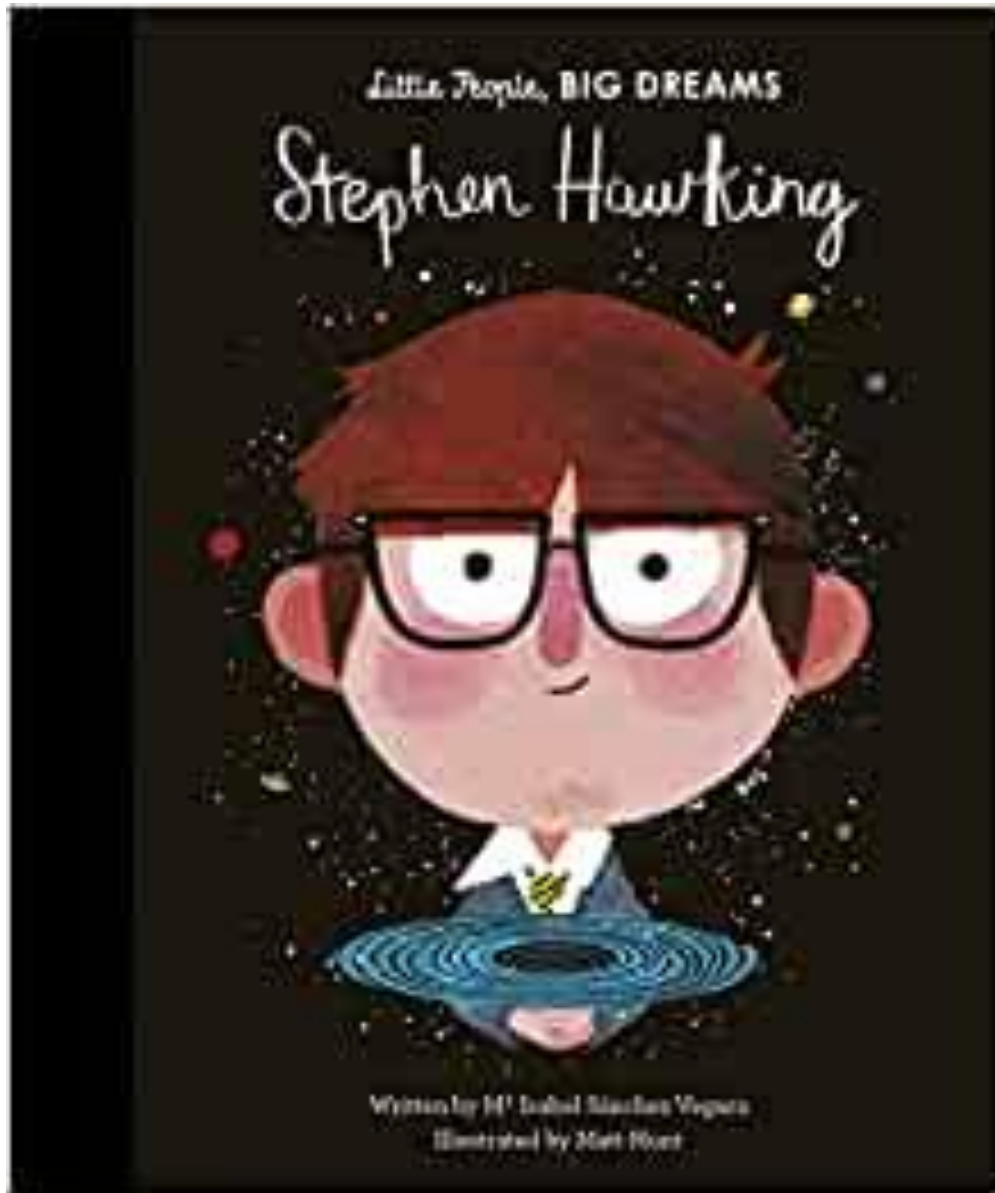


Meet the youngest known child to be arrested for a civil rights protest in Birmingham, Alabama, 1963, in this moving picture book that proves you're never too little to make a difference.

Nine-year-old Audrey Faye Hendricks intended to go places and do things like anybody else.

So when she heard grown-ups talk about wiping out Birmingham's segregation laws, she spoke up. As she listened to the preacher's words, smooth as glass, she sat up tall. And when she heard the plan—*picket* those white stores! *March* to protest those unfair laws! *Fill the jails!*—she stepped right up and said, I'll do it! She was going to *j-a-a-ill!*

Audrey Faye Hendricks was confident and bold and brave as can be, and hers is the remarkable and inspiring story of one child's role in the Civil Rights Movement.



Discover the life of Stephen Hawking, the genius physicist and author, in this true story of his life. As a child, Stephen used to look up at the stars and wonder what else was out there. After gaining his education at Oxford University, Stephen went on to make a groundbreaking discovery to do with black holes: Hawking radiation. Although his health was declining due to MS, Stephen was more determined than ever to study and share his findings with the world. With his trademark voice and wit, Stephen brought science to everyone and became loved around the world. Featuring innovative illustrations and extra facts at the back, this empowering series celebrates the important life stories of wonderful people of the world.



Earth is big! (compared to a frog)

Earth is small! (when it's hiding in a galaxy)

And that's not all. Earth is wet and dry, hot and cold, round and jagged, fast and slow. You get the idea. It depends how you look at it!

Get to know our planet in a whole new way by comparing it to a huge variety of other incredible things – from tiny particles to giant star clusters. Did you know soap bubbles are some of the roundest objects in the universe? Or that we humans are totally outnumbered by chickens? Or that the driest desert on Earth isn't scorching but freezing? Tour some of the most extreme places on the planet and beyond it, take a look at life forms from bacteria to elephants to redwood trees and explore what makes our planet the perfect home for us.

You'll never see Earth the same way again!

Winner of the Carnegie Medal

TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN

'a perfect book' *Philip Pullman*

PHILIPPA PEARCE

When Tom is sent to stay at his aunt and uncle's house for the summer, he resigns himself to endless weeks of boredom. As he lies awake in his bed he hears the grandfather clock downstairs strike . . .eleven . . . twelve . . . thirteen . . .

Thirteen! Tom races down the stairs and out the back door, into a garden everyone told him wasn't there. In this enchanted thirteenth hour, the garden comes alive - but Tom is never sure whether the children he meets there are real or ghosts . . . This entrancing and magical story is one of the best-loved children's books ever written.