

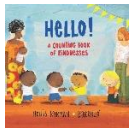


Biggar Book News!

Welcome to the first of a termly newsletter for our pupils, parents and teachers in the Biggar community sharing new books for your interest. The diverse list of titles below have been nominated for this year's Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals for excellence in children's literature, so they are all highly recommended!

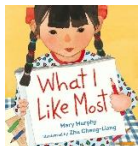
Miss J Horan, Librarian at Biggar High

Early Years (picture books)



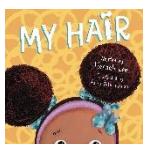
Hello! by Hollis Kurman, illustrated by Barroux

Come with a family as they travel out of danger to a safe place and meet all kinds of people who show them kindness along the way in this unique and beautiful counting book. Full of empathy and hope.



What I Like Most by Mary Murphy, illustrated by Zhu Cheng-Liang

A little girl tells us about all her favourite things, from her light-up shoes, to hot, steamy chips, to her red pencil. But the girl knows that, even as her feet grow, her plate empties, and her pencil shortens, there's something she'll always love ... and that is what she likes the very, very most. An intimate ode to the unwavering love a child has for their mother.



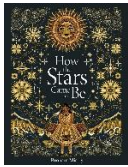
My Hair by Hannah Lee, illustrated by Allen Fatimaharan

Joyous and vibrant, this captures perfectly the excitement of getting ready for a celebration, as well as showcasing a dazzling array of intricate hairstyles.



Sulwe by Lupita Nyog'o, illustrated by Vashti Harrison

Sulwe's skin is the colour of midnight. She's darker than everyone in her family, and everyone at school. All she wants is to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey through the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.



How the Stars Came To Be by Poonam Mistry

This beautifully illustrated story gives us a new folk tale, and a new way to look up at the night sky.

Older Readers (chapter books)



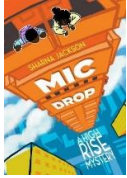
The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook

Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk. Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?



Tiger Skin Rug by Joan Haig

Lal and his brother Dilip miss home. They don't like drizzle, midges, or the tiger skin rug in their creepy new house. All they want is to leave Scotland and go back to India. But that's before they make friends with Jenny, and before the tiger comes back to life... A great read from a Scottish Borders-based author.



Mic Drop by Sharna Jackson

It's October half-term and pop star TrojKat is filming a music video in the The Tri, the high-rise block home to sleuths Nik and Norva. When tragedy strikes the famous singer under mysterious circumstances, Nik and Norva set out to solve the case, with their friend George, and their impressive detective skills.



A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll

The story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers.



The Star Outside My Window by Onjali Q. Rauf

Following the disappearance of her mum, 10-year-old Aniyah suddenly finds herself living in foster care. So when a new star is spotted acting strangely in the sky, Aniyah is sure it's her mum, and she embarks on the adventure of a lifetime to make sure everyone else knows too – an adventure that involves breaking into the Royal Observatory of London, a mischievous scurry of squirrels and the biggest star in Hollywood...

Young Adult (for parents and staff to enjoy)



Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, he does not make it home. In New York City, Yahaira Rios learns that her father has died in a plane crash. Separated by distance the two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered. And then, when it seems like they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other. A dual narrative novel in verse that brims with both grief and love.



Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas

Thomas makes a hard-hitting return to Garden Heights with the story of Maverick Carter, Starr's father, set seventeen years before the events of her award-winning novel *The Hate U Give*. With his King Lord dad in prison and his mom working two jobs, seventeen-year-old Maverick helps the only way he knows how: slinging drugs. Life's not perfect, but he's got everything under control. Until he finds out he's a father...

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