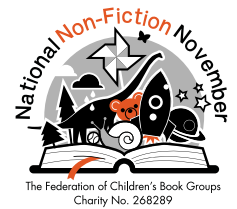
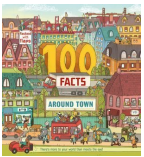


100 BRILLIANT non-fiction books for children and young people

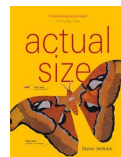


Eye opening facts, mind-blowing information, incredible stories about real life, brilliant tips to help us master new skills - you'll find all these and more in this jam-packed list of amazing non-fiction books for children and young people, produced as part of the Federation of Children's Book Groups' celebration of National Non-Fiction November 2016.

This dazzlingly varied list was drawn up with the input of child members of the FCBG, a school librarian, an independent bookseller and a fact-hungry monster (yes, really!). The goal was to celebrate the rich diversity of non-fiction books, with a special focus on books to read for pleasure, leisure and personal interest. We hope this list will give you some great ideas about books to inspire, excite and feed curious brains!



100 Facts Around Town by Clive Gifford, illustrated by Brendan Kearney. Lift the flaps to find secret histories, gob-smacking records and inspiring inventions around town. Egmont. ISBN: 9781405271714.



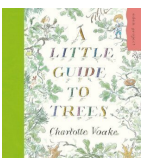
Actual Size by Steve Jenkins. Just how big is a crocodile? What about a tiger, or the world's largest spider? This visually stunning book shows animals both large and small at their actual size. Frances Lincoln. ISBN: 9781847806338.



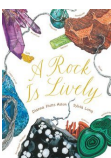
23 Ways to be an Eco Hero by Isabel Thomas and Chris Andrews. This book is packed full of step-by-step projects for crafty kids eager to reuse, recycle, and do their bit for the environment. QED. ISBN: 9781784933418.



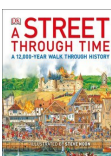
365 Things to Make and Do by Fiona Watt. An amazing activity book containing an activity for every day of the year! Usborne. ISBN: 9780746087923.



A Little Guide to Trees by Charlotte Voake. From century-old oaks and hollies, to beech trees and willows, learn to identify them from this guide. With a tree scrapbook to fill in and keep. Eden Children's Books. ISBN: 9781903919828.



A Rock is Lively by Dianna Hutts Aston and Sylvia Long. A gorgeous and informative introduction to the fascinating world of rocks. Chronicle Books. ISBN: 9781452145556.



A Street Through Time by Steve Noon. Take a 12,000-year walk through history following the changes which might have taken place on a street just like one you walk down today. DK Children. ISBN: 9781409376446.



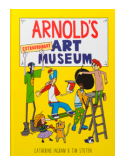
Alpha, Bravo, Charlie: The Complete Book of Nautical Codes by Sara Gillingham and Meagan Bennett. This extraordinary visual reference is an introduction to maritime communication through nautical flags, morse code and semaphore signalling. Phaidon Press. ISBN: 9780714871257.



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Archie's War by Marcia Williams. This funny, touching and accessible 'diary' gives a unique insight into what life was like for a child during the First World War. Walker. ISBN: 9781406352689.



Arnold's Extraordinary Art Museum by Catherine Ingram, illustrated by Jim Stoten. A hilarious comic strip adventure, featuring real - and imaginary - works of art. Laurence King. ISBN: 9781780678627.



Around the World with the Ingredies: A Taste Adventure by Zoe Bather, Joe Sharpe and Chris Dickason. This book draws on the culture, history, science and geography behind our food and serves it up as a visual feast of illustrations, maps and recipes. Laurence King. ISBN: 9781780678290.



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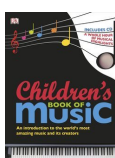
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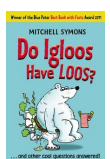
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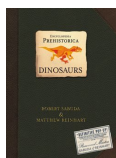
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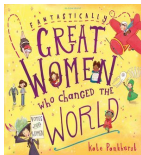
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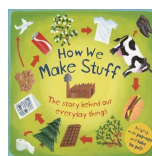
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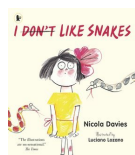
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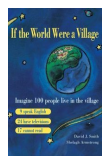
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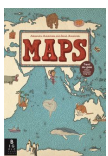
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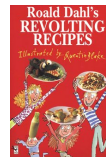
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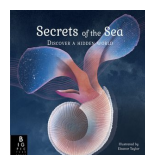
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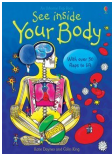
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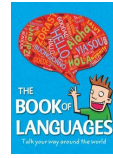
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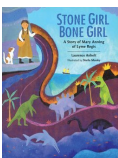
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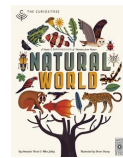
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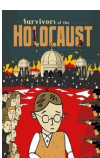
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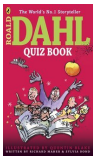
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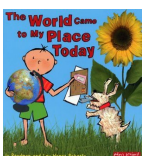
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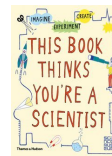
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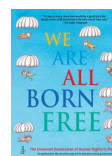
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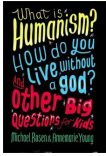
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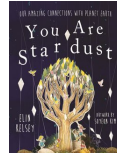
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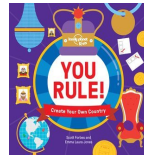
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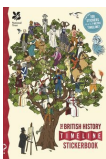
You are Stardust: Our Amazing Connections With Planet Earth by Elin Kelsey, illustrated by Soyeon Kim. With simple, poetic text, and exquisite artwork, this book introduces kids to connections between humankind and nature - sparking their imaginations and starting conversations. Hachette. ISBN: 9780750296571.



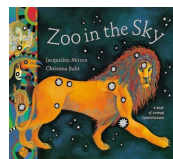
What makes it rain? by Katie Daynes, illustrated by Christine Pym. With flaps to lift on every page, this delightful book answers the questions that all young children ask about the weather, from 'Where does wind come from?' to 'Why is it colder in winter?' Usborne. ISBN: 9781409598817.



You Rule! Design a completely new nation from scratch. You'll choose where it's located, what it looks like, how many people live in it, what they do and how they travel. Lonely Planet Kids. 9781743607831.



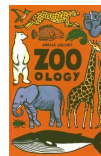
What on Earth? Stickerbook of British History by Christopher Lloyd and Patrick Skipworth. What on Earth? stickerbooks tell giant stories using stickers on a timeline. This one is all about the amazing story of the History of Britain from the dinosaurs to the present day. What on Earth. ISBN: 9780993019944.



Zoo in the Sky: A Book of Animal Constellations by Jacqueline Mitton and Christina Balit. Featuring constellations named after animals, birds and fish, this text introduces young children to a "zoo" in the sky. Frances Lincoln. ISBN: 9780711213197.



Wicked World Tour by Anita and Mike Phillips. Your passport to deadly excitement and lots of giggles, packed with grisly and disgusting true facts about staying alive out there! Scholastic. ISBN: 9781407157573.



Zoology by Joelle Jolivet. A beautifully illustrated, captivating guide to the world's animals. Animal books don't get much bigger than this. Egmont. ISBN: 9781405243407.



Would You Rather... Dine with a Dung Beetle or Lunch with a Maggot? by Camilla de la Bedoyere, illustrated by Mel Howells. Readers will decide what they'd rather eat, where they'd rather live and what super senses they'd rather have. Full of endless possibilities for discussion! QED. ISBN: 9781784931971.

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