

The Puffin Book Of Stories For Eight Year Olds Young Puffin Read Aloud

Timeless stories told anew Find out how the world was created, why the sun and the moon never meet each other though they live in the same sky, how clouds appeared to save mankind from the sun's scorching rays and why living creatures shed tears when they are in pain. Retold by bestselling author Anita Nair, these magical stories from all over the world come alive with a freshness and exuberance that is sure to delight and captivate readers of all ages.

Stories to spark your imagination in this beautiful collection of stories, poems and illustrations to celebrate Puffin's 80th birthday! A brand new anthology featuring extracts from classic family favourites AND brand new stories about BIG dreams from Puffin's best-loved and exciting new authors and illustrators, including: Humza Arshad & Henry White, Jeff Kinney, Jacqueline Wilson, Malorie Blackman, Nadia Shireen, Tom Fletcher, Anne Fine, Rashmi Sirdeshpande, Jamie Littler, Yassmin Abdel-Magied and Sophy Henn. This magical book also features quotes and motivational pieces from brilliant inspiring leaders, scientists and actors on their own BIG dreams. 5% of the RRP from this book will go to the National Literacy Trust, to help them continue their life-changing work.

When Surya the sun god got married, his wife could not bear the heat of his rays and ran away. Surya was heartbroken and the world plunged into darkness. A dwarf asked a king for some land, which he measured with three footsteps, and ended up claiming the earth and the sky. Sage Daksha got his daughters married to the moon, but later, in a fit of rage, cursed the moon with consumption, making it wax and wane. These are some of the fifty myths from India recounted in this fabulously produced book. From wise sages to demonic asuras, beautiful river deities to arrogant kings, wayward gods to brave princes, this collection of myths showcases the most enchanting and magical stories from Indian mythology.

Get ready for Halloween with these terrifying tales. . . Have you checked under your bed? Made sure there's nothing hiding in your wardrobe? Good. Then you should be safe to read this book... Settle down for the 14 ghostly stories... Enter the terrifying world of the supernatural and meet an unnerving array of ghosts and ghouls, including a Victorian child with disturbing powers, two children with a gruesome plan, and a bizarre ghost puppy. These shuddering short stories come from highly acclaimed authors, including: Gene Kemp Joan Aiken Penelope Lively Michael Morpurgo Ray Bradbury Are you brave enough to make it through all 14 stories?

With over 250 nursery rhymes, including both well-known favourites and hidden gems, this collection has something for every child. Beautifully illustrated by Raymond Briggs, the much-loved creator of the Snowman, this revised edition of a famous classic first won the Kate Greenaway in 1966 and is now available again for a whole new generation.

Features characters such as - a greedy king, a very bad giant, a fairy queen and

more. This title is intended for eight-year-olds to share or read alone.

The Puffin Book of Stories for Five-year-olds edited by Wendy Cooling brings together stories perfectly suited for every five-year-old. Seventeen exciting stories, full of adventure and magic, by much-loved writers, including Margaret Mahy, Ted Hughes and Malorie Blackman. From a naughty pirate to a very lonely lion, children will love the amazing characters they meet in this timeless collection Perfect for five-year-olds to share or read aloud. ***With a gorgeous cover illustrated by Nick Sharratt*** Wendy Cooling was educated in Norwich and then spent time travelling the world. On her return to England she trained as a teacher, and taught English in London for many years. She left teaching to work on the promotion of books and reading as Head of the Children's Book Foundation (now Booktrust), and later founded Bookstart, the national programme that helps to bring books to young readers.

Get ready for some fabulous fun with these action-packed stories from the sports field! Fancied Orchid School is already 33 for no loss in the three overs before lunch. Can Model School successfully unleash its secret weapon, Anshuman the chess nerd, and win the match? The two towns of Dilshan and Deewar have their prides at stake at the annual kabaddi competition, and when Lt. Aaron, owner of Tasty Buds and baker of delectable cakes, announces he will eat his hat if his town actually wins, it spurs the Dilshan-ites to greater heights. Neeru decides to start playing hockey like her mother to deal with her loss, and discovers there's no therapy like getting some dirt on her spotless whites. Hockey, TT, cricket, golf, basketball; winners, losers, underdogs, bullies, heroes and cheats, Let's Play! The Puffin Book of Sports Stories has them all, and more. Funny, uplifting and moving, this unique collection vividly portrays the heartbreaks and triumphs that are an essential part of playing sports, and is an absolute must-read.

This collection of stories for ten-year-olds has something for everyone - there's adventure, humour, science fiction, football, fantasy and traditional tales. Includes work by some of the finest contemporary writers - Peter Dickinson, Jan Mark, Theresa Breslin and Adele Geras. The Puffin Book of Stories for Six-year-olds, edited by Wendy Cooling is essential reading for all six-year-olds Fourteen brilliant stories from some of our best-loved authors, including Geraldine McCaughrean, Philippa Pearce and Penelope Lively. With a Martian in a supermarket, a monkey in trouble, and a magic pearl tree, there's something for everyone to discover in this special collection. Perfect for six-year-olds to share or read alone. ***With a gorgeous cover illustrated by Nick Sharratt*** Wendy Cooling was educated in Norwich and then spent time travelling the world. On her return to England she trained as a teacher, and taught English in London for many years. She left teaching to work on the promotion of books and reading as Head of the Children's Book Foundation (now Booktrust), and later founded Bookstart, the national programme that helps to bring books to young readers.

Follows the activities of an Atlantic Puffin as he returns to the island where he was born, meets his mate, and raises a lively chick.

The Puffin Book of Stories for Seven-year-olds edited by Wendy Cooling is a perfect selection of loved stories for all 7 year olds Fifteen exciting stories from some of our best-loved authors, including Philippa Pearce, Rudyard Kipling and Francesca Simon. This brilliant collection is full of magic, mayhem and adventure Find out how the camel got his hump, how Jimmy learnt to vanish and what Horrid Henry got up to on holiday . . . Perfect for seven-year-olds to share or read alone. ***With a gorgeous cover illustrated by Nick Sharratt*** Wendy Cooling was educated in Norwich and then spent time travelling the world. On her return to England she trained as a teacher, and taught English in London for many years. She left teaching to work

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on the promotion of books and reading as Head of the Children's Book Foundation (now Booktrust), and later founded Bookstart, the national programme that helps to bring books to young readers.

Five beautifully illustrated spreads show a series of birds that include a kingfisher, a blackbird, a swan, and a puffin all hiding behind bright felt flaps. With a mirror on the final page, this is the perfect book to share with very little ones.

From old favourites like *Three Men in a Boat* and *William*, to modern masterpieces like *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole*, the reader is introduced to the classics of the genre. In addition, there are stories by Jan Mark and George Layton and extracts from *Crummy Mummy* and *Me* by Anne Fine.

There's always enough time for a five-minute story! There are all sorts of bears in this superb collection - teddy bears, koalas, brown bears, white bears, blue bears, pink bears and even a girl who can turn into a bear! Steve Cox's lively illustrations add humour, wit and warmth to this satisfying mix of old and new stories. Perfect for sharing with your favourite little cub.

An anthology of twenty specially commissioned stories from top children's authors, each story set against the background of one of the last twenty centuries. Twenty specially commissioned stories by the best contemporary writers for children to celebrate the last 2000 years: Michael Morpurgo, Henrietta Branford, Vivian French, Jean Ure, Robert Swindells, Mary Hoffman, Annie Dalton, Melvin Burgess, Gillian Cross, Alan Durant, Theresa Bresling, Bernard Ashley, Jenny Nimmo, Geraldine McCaughrean, Pete Johnson, Jacqueline Wilson, Jeremy Strong, Adele Geras, Malorie Blackman and Margaret Mahy. Each story is fictional but set against the background of one particular time and place in one century. Settings are worldwide, and include England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France, China, America and Africa. Story themes range from the Crucifixion to Space Exploration; Romans in Britain to the Mongols in China; Irish saints to medieval monks; the Vikings, Saxons as well as elves, fairies and giants. A range of genre from humour to fantasy make this a brilliantly balanced collection with something to suit every taste. Gripping -often scintillating, sometimes uncompromising - aimed at the 10 plus age group, by today's finest authors. Specially commissioned by Wendy Cooling, a highly respected and well-known anthologist. This collection promises to be around for years to come and will be a treasured gift for adults and children alike.

A collection of humorous children's stories by Indian authors includes pieces by Ruskin Bond, R.K. Narayan, Satyajit Ray, and Ranjit Lal.

One small act of kindness ripples out to connect four kids in this stirring novel by the author of the beloved *The Benefits of Being an Octopus*. Libby comes from a long line of bullies. She wants to be different, but sometimes that doesn't work out. To bolster herself, she makes a card with the message *You are amazing*. That card sets off a chain reaction that ends up making a difference in the lives of some kids who could also use a boost—be it from dealing with bullies, unaccepting families, or the hole that grief leaves. Receiving an encouraging message helps each kid summon up the thing they need most, whether it's bravery, empathy, or understanding. Because it helps them realize they matter—and that they're not flying solo anymore.

Meet Polly and her puffin Neil in the debut children's book from Sunday Times bestselling novelist, Jenny Colgan. Illustrated throughout and with recipes, activities and rhymes in addition to the irresistible story. Polly heard a CRASH downstairs. Was it a monster? NO! Was it a spider alien? NO! It was a little puffin with a broken wing... When Polly discovers an injured puffin, she and her mummy look after him in their cottage by the sea. Slowly, Neil's wing heals and Polly must prepare herself to say goodbye to her new friend. Will she ever see him again? Perfect for bedtime stories and early readers. From the author of *The Little Beach Street Bakery*. Contains recipes, activities and jokes in addition to the story.

A collection of nonsensical stories by such authors as Lewis Carroll, Roald Dahl, Jane Austen

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and Edward Lear.

The beloved Atlantic Puffin was nearly extinct, till some enterprising scientists came to its rescue... Gail Gibbons introduces readers to the fascinating lives of puffins and puffin conservation. Puffins along the coast of Maine were once hunted to near-extinction. Now, through a careful breeding program, scientists eagerly await the puffins' return each year to hatch their young. With cheerful illustrations and clear text, Gail Gibbons explains the conservation program and the life cycle of this amazing bird. According to The Washington Post, Gail Gibbons, "has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children's writer-illustrator." She has published more than 100 informational titles, all fully vetted by experts,. Her many honors include The Washington Post/Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award and the NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book Award.

The Puffin Treasury Of Modern Indian Stories Is A Unique Collection Of Stories And Excerpts Written By Master Storytellers. It Represents For The First Time The Richness And Range Of Writing For Children In India During The Twentieth Century. From Ruskin Bond's Humorous 'Snake Trouble' And Vikram Seth's Animal Fable In Verse 'The Elephant And The Tragopan', To Salman Rushdie's Fantasy 'Haroun And The Sea Of Stories' And Satyajit Ray's Gripping Tale 'The Hungry Octopus', This Anthology Has A Vibrant Mix Of Styles And Forms. With Spectacular Illustrations By A Host Of The Most Talented Artists Working Today, This Anthology Will Delight Both Children And Adults. Contributors Include: Paro Anand Margaret Bhatti Pankaj Bisht Ruskin Bond Anita Desai Shashi Deshpande Shama Futehally Mala Marwah Arvind Krishan Mehrotra Dhan Gopal Mukerji Meenakshi Mukherjee R.K. Narayan Premchand Sara Rai Shanta Rameshwar Rao Hemangini Ranade Satyajit Ray Salman Rushdie Bhisham Sahni Poile Sengupta Subhadra Sen Gupta Vikram Seth Khushwant Singh Kalpana Swaminathan

Kids will delight in this witty story of mistaken identity from acclaimed author-illustrator Petr Horáček. Peter and Paul are puffins and the best of friends. But one day Peter gets lost in a terrible storm, and Paul is nowhere to be found. With the help of a big blue whale, Peter sets out, determined to find his pal. What the pair discovers is that many other birds match the description Peter gives of Paul, but none are quite like his friend. With gorgeous collage artwork and a lighthearted touch, this fun read-aloud tale will both amuse and enlighten.

Rosemary's plan to clean houses over the summer takes a strange turn after she acquires a cat who turns out to be enchanted.

Stories to spark your imagination - a celebratory collection of stories, poems and illustrations to mark Puffin's 80th birthday. Perfect for reading aloud or reading independently at bedtime, this wonderful collection features brand new stories, poems and illustrations from well-loved and exciting new Puffin talent including Jacqueline Wilson, Malorie Blackman, Anne Fine, Jamie Littler, Jeremy Strong, Tom Fletcher, Sam Copeland, Ed Vere, Nadia Shireen and many, more! Plus, rediscover carefully curated extracts from Puffin's classic family favourites like Eric Carle, Beatrix Potter, Allan Ahlberg, Michael Morpurgo, Julia Donaldson and Roald Dahl. And with quotes and motivational pieces from brilliantly inspiring leaders, scientists and actors on their own big dreams there is something magical for everyone to enjoy. 5% of the RRP from this book will go towards helping the National Literacy Trust continue their life-changing work - from carrying out vital research, to delivering transformational programmes on

the ground. This includes Puffin World of Stories, a programme funded by Puffin which aims to give primary schools the tools they need to help re-vitalise their school library as a hub of creativity and imagination.

Take an intimate journey with award-winning wildlife photographer Drew Buckley as he observes the trials and joys of the Atlantic Puffin, the UK's most recognisable seabird. Featuring stunning photography, The Puffin Book provides an informative insight into the daily struggles of this tenacious little bird. The Puffin Book is the latest in the compact, accessible Wildlife Book series, exploring our relationship with some of Britain's best-loved wild creatures. Sections include:- The Atlantic Puffin- Puffins Through the Seasons- Migration- Questions & Answers- Puffin in Myth, Legend and Art "A superb four-part fantasy, comparable with the work of Tolkien and C.S. Lewis, the Earthsea books follow the fortunes of the wizard Ged from his childhood to an age where magic is giving way to evil. As a young dragonlord, Ged, whose use-name is Sparrowhawk, is sent to the island of Roke to learn the true way of magic. A natural magician, Ged becomes an Archmage and helps the High Priestess Tenar escape from the labyrinth of darkness. But as the years pass, true magic and ancient ways are forced to submit to the powers of evil and death ..."

A collection of all-time favourite school stories Meet the world's naughtiest boys and girls, the best and the worst students and some really famous children in this book as they make their way through school. Read about David Copperfield and his friendship with Steerforth, Tom Brown trying to find his feet in Rugby school, and Jane Eyre fighting poverty and disease in a school for orphans. Not to forget those other irrepressible and immortal boys, Richmal Crompton's William Brown, Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer, RK Narayan's Swami and Ruskin Bond's Rusty. Also included are stories from such classics as Anne of Avonlea, Little Men, Stalky and Co., and To Sir, With Love. By turns hilarious and heartwarming, these classic tales are about growing up and the time spent in that one place which is so beloved to some and so hated by others—school.

The Puffin Book of Christmas Stories is essential Christmas-time reading including classics from all eras. A new collection of Christmas stories, from traditional to real life, humour and most importantly, plenty of the magic of Christmas. Writers range from Charles Dickens to Gillian Cross and Malorie Blackman. Wendy Cooling, a former teacher and Head of the Children's Book Foundation (now Book Trust), works as a freelance book consultant, reviewer and editor. She recently put together the successful millennium collection, CENTURIES OF STORIES. Wendy lives in Hertfordshire.

A Collection Of All-Time Favourite School Stories Meet The World's Naughtiest Boys And Girls, The Best And The Worst Students And Some Really Famous Children In This Book As They Make Their Way Through School. Read About David Copperfield And His Friendship With Steerforth, Tom Brown Trying To Find His Feet In Rugby School, And Jane Eyre Fighting Poverty And Disease In A School For Orphans. Not To Forget Those Other Irrepressible And Immortal Boys, Richmal Crompton's William Brown, Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer, Rk Narayan's Swami And Ruskin Bond's Rusty. Also Included Are Stories From Such Classics As Anne Of Avonlea, Little Men, Stalky And Co., And To Sir, With Love. By Turns Hilarious And Heartwarming, These Classic Tales Are About Growing Up And The Time Spent In That One Place Which Is So Beloved To Some And So Hated By Others School.

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3 ... 2 ... 1 ... LIFT OFF. Let science-mad chatterbox Rocket launch into your hearts in this inspiring picture book from two incredible debut talents. Rocket's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived! But... First, she needs to convince her big brother Jamal to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars. ---- Bursting with energy and passion about space and the natural world, this heart-warming picture book will reignite your desire to turn off those screens and switch on to the outside world.

It was Benjamin Postlethwaite's job all his long life to make sure the light shone brightly high up in the lighthouse on Puffin Island. Not once in all his years as the lighthouse keeper had he ever let his light go out. But sometimes even the brightest light on a lighthouse cannot save a ship. This is a story of a life-changing friendship, a lost puffin, and a lonely artist. It's the story of an entire lifetime, and how one event can change a life forever. From masterful storyteller, Michael Morpurgo, and world-class illustrator, Benji Davies, comes a magical new story. This truly beautiful tale will enchant readers of all ages.

Seventy-three extracts from books published between 1902 and 1989 for children ages eight to fourteen reflect the best writing from England, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. Includes biographical notes on all the authors.

A collection of laugh-out-loud funny short stories and extracts including the hilarious antics of Arabel and pet bird Mortimer, laid-back Clever Polly and the stupid wolf, the zany Bold family, the crazy killer Aunties, and more. From best-loved classic authors Joan Aiken, Terry Pratchett, and Dick King-Smith, to Rebecca Elliott, Humza Arshad and Henry White, Julian Clary, Sam Copeland and other contemporary writers, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

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