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The Wild Ones Candlewick Press

When a bee flies into his throat while he is yawning, a little rabbit tries to find a way to get it to fly out.

The Sight Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

With contributions by: William Boyd, Candice Carty-Williams, Imtiaz Dharker, Roddy Doyle, Pico Iyer, Robert Macfarlane, Andy Miller, Jackie Morris, Jan Morris, Sisonke Msimang, Dina Nayeri, Chigozie Obioma, Michael Ondaatje, David Pilling, Max Porter, Philip Pullman, Alice Pung, Jancis Robinson, S.F.Said, Madeleine Thien, Salley Vickers, John Wood and Markus Zusak 'This story, like so many stories, begins with a gift. The gift, like so many gifts, was a book...' So begins the essay by Robert Macfarlane that inspired this collection. In this cornucopia of an anthology, you will find essays by some of the world's most beloved novelists, nonfiction writers, essayists and poets. 'You will see books taking flight in flocks, migrating around the world, landing in people's hearts and changing them for a day or a year or a lifetime. 'You will see books sparking wonder or anger; throwing open windows into other languages, other cultures, other minds; causing people to fall in love or to fight for what is right. 'And more than anything, over and over again, you will see books and words being given, received and read - and in turn prompting further generosity.' Published to coincide with the 20th anniversary of global literacy non-profit, Room to Read, *The Gifts of Reading* forms inspiring, unforgettable, irresistible proof of the power and necessity of books and reading. Inspired by Robert Macfarlane Curated by Jennie Orchard

The Wild Way Home
Scholastic Inc.
A stunning novel about friendship, war, and one girl's bravery which changes her life forever. It's 1943, and twelve-year-old Lily Tregenza lives on a farm in an

idyllic seaside village in England. Apart from her father being away and the "townie" evacuees at school, her life is scarcely touched by the war . . . until Lily and her family, along with 3,000 other villagers, are ordered to evacuate their homes to allow the Allied forces to practice their landings for

D-day. It's a dangerous operation--guns firing and bombs exploding--and the whole area is off-limits. But Adolphus Tips, Lily's adored cat, has other ideas--barbed wire and "Keep out!" signs mean nothing to her. Tips (cont'd)
The Mage Random House
Originally published in 1931,
this is a fictionalized account of

author Alison Uttley 's childhood experiences at her family farm home in Castletop, near Cromford. Scholastic Inc.
David Piper has always been an outsider. His parents think he's gay. The school bully thinks he's a freak. Only his two best friends know the real truth: David wants to be a girl. On the first day at his new school Leo Denton has one goal: to be invisible. Attracting the attention of the most beautiful girl in his class is definitely not part of that plan. When Leo stands up for

David in a fight, an unlikely friendship forms. But things are about to get messy. Because at Eden Park School secrets have a funny habit of not staying secret for long , and soon everyone knows that Leo used to be a girl. As David prepares to come out to his family and transition into life as a girl and Leo wrestles with figuring out how to deal with people who try to define him through his history, they find in each other the friendship and support they need to navigate life as transgender teens as well as the courage to

decide for themselves what normal really means. Everything from Start to Finish Bloomsbury Publishing "Lucky thinks he's an ordinary Human boy. But one night, he dreams that the stars are singing - and wakes to find an uncontrollable power rising inside him. Now he's on the run, racing through space, searching for answers. In a galaxy at war, where Humans and Aliens are deadly enemies, the only people who can help him are an Alien starship crew - and an Alien warrior girl, with

neon needles in her hair. Together, they must find a way to save the galaxy. For Lucky is not the only one in danger. His destiny and the fate of the universe are connected in the most explosive way" --Publisher information. [Black Dog: The Dreams of Paul Nash \(Second Edition\)](#) Golden Books The blue jays and cardinals of Stone-Run Forest have turned against each other. According to legend, only Swordbird, son of the Great Spirit, has the power to conquer evil and restore peace to the land. But

is he real or just a myth? Can Swordbird arrive in time to save the forest . . . or will it be too late? Twelve-year-old author Nancy Yi Fan has woven a captivating tale about the birds of Stone-Run Forest and the heroism, courage, and resourcefulness in their quest for peace.

The Taken Scholastic Inc.
'So good I read it twice' - Hilary McKay, author of The Skylarks' War
'This thrilling time-slip adventure oozes magic and heart' - Bookseller EDITOR'S CHOICE
When Charlie's longed-for brother is born with

a serious heart condition, Charlie's world is turned upside down. Upset and afraid, Charlie flees the hospital and makes for the ancient forest on the edge of town. There Charlie finds a boy floating face-down in the stream, injured, but alive. But when Charlie sets off back to the hospital to fetch help, it seems the forest has changed. It's become a place as strange and wild as the boy dressed in deerskins. For Charlie has unwittingly fled into the Stone Age, with no way to help the boy or return to the present day. Or is there? What follows is a wild, big-hearted adventure as Charlie

and the Stone Age boy set out together to find what they have lost — their courage, their hope, their family and their way home. Fans of Piers Torday and Stig of the Dump will love this wild, wise and heartfelt debut adventure.

Hostage Three Penguin Group
Lost and alone, Mati the cat seeks acceptance from a pack of feral cats at Cressida Lock, but in order to defeat the assassin on his trail, Mati must unlock the secret of his true identity and learn to harness an ancient and deadly feline power.

The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips Candlewick

Press

The final adventure in the "Samurai Cat" saga. Miaowara Tomokato has died and gone to heaven, but his faithful sidekick, Shiro, has been sent to hell. On his way to retrieve Shiro from eternal damnation, Tomokato encounters all the folks he's consigned to the lower realm--who all want a chance to get even! The Kin Open Road Media When Slog's father died he promised to return for one last visit in the spring, but when Slog spots a scruffy man on a bench outside the butcher shop and

identifies him as his father, his best friend Davie is skeptical. Tale of a One-way Street, and Other Stories Random House This digital edition includes the original artwork, has been specially adapted for ebook platforms and is optimised for tablet devices. A BOY WITH THE POWER OF A STAR . . . Lucky thinks he's an ordinary Human boy. But one night, he dreams that the stars are singing to him, and wakes to find an uncontrollable power rising inside him. Now he's on the run, racing through space,

searching for answers. In a galaxy at war, where Humans and Aliens are deadly enemies, the only people who can help him are an Alien starship crew – and an Alien warrior girl, with neon needles in her hair . . . The Adventures of Samurai Cat Penguin Books India Full of heart, fantasy, and adventure, the I AM FOX trilogy follows Isla, a young fox whose world is shattered when her family suddenly vanishes. Foxfire, the final book in the trilogy, follows Isla on her continued adventures. Isla has arrived at the frigid Snowlands

to find her lost brother, Pirie. The tundra is a harsh place - and the wolves who live within its icy kingdoms are harsher still - but Isla's flair for the mysterious arts of foxcraft has grown tremendously. The young fox is on a mission of grave importance. A cruel and powerful fox known as the Mage is using his own mastery of foxcraft to summon an ancient threat. If he succeeds, then more than just Pirie's life will be at stake. But Isla discovers the once-proud wolves are broken and wary. Their king is weak, struck by a peculiar madness, and a rival kingdom threatens their

borders. If Isla can't find help amongst the wolves, then the whole world will burn

Takehita Demons Dark Horse Comics

What very strange creatures you are apt to meet if you dare to go the wrong way up a one way street.

Paws and Whiskers Random House

Mesopotamian Blue cat, Varjak Paw, has never been Outside before; he and his family have always lived in the isolated house at the top of the hill. But Varjak is forced out into the city when the sinister Gentleman and his two menacing cats take over his home. With help from his mystical

ancestor, Jalal, Varjak manages to overcome challenges such as self-survival and a threat from the gangland cats, and he ultimately discovers the terrifying secrets behind the Vanishings. But can he save his own family from their fate? With wonderful integrated illustrations from acclaimed comic book artist Dave McKean, this book will appeal to all ages.

Swordbird Candlewick Press (MA)

Pictures That Tick collects Dave McKean's groundbreaking short comics stories from the 1990s and early 2000s. A true iconoclast, McKean mixes illustration, painting, photography, sculpture, and

digital art for a comics experience unlike any other. Some pieces are poignant, some are silly, but all are beautiful and thought provoking. Each is completely unique, and gathered together they represent a tour-de-force achievement. Pictures That Tick stretches the boundaries of comics art, and the short-story format allows him to create an even broader artistic vision.

Oof Makes an Ouch Foxcraft 'Stylish, original and inventive, Varjak Paw is a modern children's classic' Jacqueline Wilson This cat must learn to fight! 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. With stunning illustrations from acclaimed graphic artist Dave

McKean, this much-loved story won the Smarties Prize Gold Award and has become a modern classic. 'A beguiling tale that sticks in the memory. The cat's whiskers' The Sunday Times 'Dazzling' The New York Times 'The cat magic mystique is brilliant' - Richard Adams, author of Watership Down 'A story of finding your true strengths by learning to trust your instincts and think for yourself. Striking, edgy illustrations' Financial Times 'Pacy, invigorating and quietly wise' Time Out 'Imagine The Karate

Kid directed by David Lynch' Bookmunch.co.uk Follow Varjak's further adventures in The Outlaw Varjak Paw. Samurai Cat Goes to Hell Dark Horse Comics Haunted Mansion meets Stranger Things "A smart, thrilling mystery" -Publishers Weekly, starred review "Magical elements, evocative, intelligent writing, and ever-ratcheting suspense."-Kirkus Reviews, starred review "The foreboding atmosphere perfectly matches the dark mystery and high stakes confronting the middle-

schoolers." – Booklist For as long as the Vickery twins can remember, Lee and his mother have served Memory, while Felix and his father assist Death. This is the Agreement. But one Halloween, Gretchen Whipple smashes her way into their lives. Her bargain is simple: If the twins help her solve the murder of local girl Essie Hasting, she'll help them break the Agreement. The more the three investigate, however, the more they realize that something's gone terribly wrong in their town. Death is on the loose, and if history

repeats itself, Essie's might not be the last murder in Poplar Wood. Simultaneously heartwarming and delightfully spooky, The House in Poplar Wood is a story about a boy's desire to be free, a girl's desire to make a difference, and a family's desire to be together again. The House in Poplar Wood Yearling Oof and Pib come from an ancient tribe. They know hardly any words - in fact they only know how to say their own names - but it doesn't stop them from being the best of friends

and doing everything together . . . years ago: Suth and Noli were them together as a tribe and as
Until Oof starts inventing all orphaned the night the a family.
sorts of NEW words, and Pib murderous strangers came,
feels so jealous that he does speaking an unfamiliar
something to threaten their language and bringing
friendship forever. Can Pib come violence to the peaceful
up with a word of his own to Moonhawk tribe. Determined
make things right again? A funny not to die in the desert, Suth
and poignant tale about and Noli slip away with Ko
friendship, forgiveness, and the and Mana. Suth, the eldest,
discovery of new words . . . leads them; Noli ' s dreams of
including one that can be the the future guide them. Ko
hardest of all to say . . . gives them courage; Mana
Varjak Paw Pickle Partners gives them peace. Their search
Publishing for a new Good Place, one of
Four children embark on a food and safety, will take them
quest for a new land at the across the valleys and plains of
dawn of human history prehistoric Africa and bring
Africa, two hundred thousand