

Millions By Frank Cottrell Boyce

Shortlisted for the 2017 Carnegie Medal and selected for the Tom Fletcher Book Club, *Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce is an adventure about the Blythes: a big, warm, rambunctious family who live on a small farm and sometimes foster children. Now Prez has come to live with them. But, though he seems cheerful and helpful, he never says a word. Then one day Prez answers the door to someone claiming to be his relative. This small, loud stranger carries a backpack, walks with a swagger and goes by the name of Sputnik. The family all think Sputnik is a dog and chaos is unleashed as suddenly household items come to life – like a TV remote that fast-forwards people and a toy lightsaber that entertains guests at a children's party, until one of them is nearly decapitated by it – and Prez is going to have to use his voice to explain himself. As Sputnik takes Prez on a journey to finish writing his guidebook to Earth called *Ten Things Worth Doing on Earth*, each adventure seems to take Prez nearer to the heart of the family he is being fostered by, but they also take him closer to the day that he is due to leave them forever . . . This edition features fantastic cover artwork and black and white inside illustrations from the incredible Steven Lenton.

A Bible Study book for individuals or groups, which explores how the Bible today can help us better to understand themes of forgiveness. Why should we forgive? What if the subject of our forgiveness is underserving? What is Jesus' scandal of grace? What difference will being able to forgive make to our lives? Forgiveness is part of the all new series, *How the Bible can Help us Understand*. These short books are aimed at ordinary people committed in their faith and wanting to live Christianly, but not brought up in a Bible-studying tradition. They prompt intelligent thought, reflection and guidance on issues that really matter to people, using illustrations from life and popular culture as well as studies of Bible passages. They are not 'The Bible has all the answers', but 'How can the Bible contribute to my understanding?'

'This book is so good you won't blinking believe it!' Tom Fletcher
'Hilariously funny and inventive, and I love the extraordinary creatures and the one thirty-sixth troll protagonist...' Cressida Cowell
'A rip-roaring, swashbuckling, amazerous magical adventure. Comedy Gold.' Francesca Simon
'This hotel gets five stars from me' Liz Pichon
'A splundishly swashbungling tale of trolls, goblins and other bonejangling creatures. Put on your wellies and plunge into the strangest hotel you will ever encounter. This is a hotel I hope I never find! Wonderfully, disgustingly funny.' Jeremy Strong
'What a fun hotel! Book me in immediately!' Kaye Umansky
Welcome to The Nothing to See Here Hotel! A hotel for magical creatures, where weird is normal for Frankie Banister and his parents who run the hotel. When a goblin messenger arrives at The Nothing to See Here Hotel, announcing the imminent arrival of the goblin prince Grogbah, Frankie and his family rush into action to get ready for their important guest. But it soon becomes obvious that the Banister family are going

to have their work cut out with the demanding prince and his never-ending entourage, especially when it turns out the rude little prince is hiding a secret... The first book in a fabulously funny series by bestselling author Steven Butler, with a host of whacky characters brought to life with illustration from the wonderful Steven Lenton! Noah's Gold is the fabulous novel from the bestselling, multi-award-winning author of Millions, Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Packed with mystery, adventure and laughs, it's perfect for readers of 9+. From the million-copy bestselling author of THE PARENT AGENCY and BIRTHDAY BOY comes a wildly entertaining wish-fulfilment adventure that asks the question: what would happen if the strictest head teacher swapped bodies with the naughtiest kid in school?

Welcome to Sarajevo

Angry Conversations with God

Noah's Gold

Tom Fletcher Book Club Selection

The perfect crime – it's a work of art, in Frank Cottrell Boyce's ingenious story, Framed. Dylan is the only boy living in the tiny Welsh town of Manod. His parents run the Snowdonia Oasis Auto Marvel garage – and when he's not trying to persuade his sisters to play football, Dylan is in charge of the petrol log. And that means he gets to keep track of everyone coming in and out of Manod – what car they drive, what they're called, even their favourite flavour of crisps. But when a mysterious convoy of lorries trundles up the misty mountainside towards an old, disused mine, even Dylan is confounded. Who are these people – and what have they got to hide? A story inspired by a press cutting describing how, during World War II, the treasured contents of London's National Gallery were stored in Welsh slate mines. Once a month, a morale-boosting masterpiece would be unveiled in the village and then returned to London for viewing. This is a funny and touching exploration of how art – its beauty and its value – touches the life of one little boy and his big family in a very small town. This edition of Framed includes bonus material and discussion questions from Frank Cottrell Boyce, and illustrations by Steven Lenton.

When I was a boy, I had a favourite treat. It was when my mum made . . . CHOCOLATE CAKE! Ohhh! I LOVED chocolate cake. Fantastically funny and full of silly noises, this is Michael Rosen's love letter to every child's favourite treat, chocolate cake. Brought to life as a picture book for the first time with brilliant and characterful illustrations by Kevin Waldron.

With his father dead, Martyn has a choice. Tell the police - and become a murder suspect. Or get rid of the body and carry on. Whatever he decides, Martyn will discover that, while life is never simple, death is even tougher.

From the author of The Giant of Jum comes The Great Gran Plan, Elli Woollard's rollicking new rhyming fairytale retelling in which one of the Three Little Pigs must save Little Red Riding Hood's granny. In this riff on Little Red Riding Hood, the pig from The Three Little Pigs gets mixed up in the Big Bad Wolf's plot to eat Granny. Fortunately, Granny is a tough old bird who can take care of herself—and everyone else, too. A funny, rhyming read-aloud!

Liam has always felt a bit like he's stuck between two worlds. This is primarily

because he's a twelve-year-old kid who looks like he's about thirty. Sometimes it's not so bad, like when his new principal mistakes him for a teacher on the first day of school or when he convinces a car dealer to let him take a Porsche out on a test drive. But mostly it's just frustrating, being a kid trapped in an adult world. And so he decides to flip things around. Liam cons his way onto the first spaceship to take civilians into space, a special flight for a group of kids and an adult chaperone, and he is going as the adult chaperone. It's not long before Liam, along with his friends, is stuck between two worlds again—only this time he's 239,000 miles from home. Frank Cottrell Boyce, author of *Millions* and *Framed*, brings us a funny and touching story of the many ways in which grown-upness is truly wasted on grown-ups.

The Astounding Broccoli Boy

The Unforgotten Coat

Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam

Forgiveness

When two Mongolian brothers inexplicably appear one morning in her sixth grade class, Julie, who lives in a town near Liverpool, England, named Bootle, becomes their new friend and "Good Guide," navigating them through soccer, school uniforms, and British slang.

This play follows the highly entertaining adventures of two brothers who discover an enormous bag of money when a robbery goes wrong.

Buckle your seatbelt for the first-ever follow up to Ian Fleming's only children's story. When the Tooting family finds an old engine and fits it to their camper van, they have no idea what kind of adventure lies ahead.

The engine used to belong to an extraordinary car . . . and it wants its bodywork back! But as the Tootings hurtle across the world rebuilding the original Chitty, a sinister baddie is on their trail — one who will stop at nothing to get the magnificent car for himself. Fueled by wry humor, this much-anticipated sequel to the children's classic by Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond — featuring a contemporary family and a camper van with a mind of its own — is driven by best-selling, award-winning author Frank Cottrell Boyce and revved up by Joe Berger's black-and-white illustrations.

A little girl asks her grandmother to try being "normalish" instead of wearing a pointy hat, taking her cats and frogs and bats with her wherever she goes, and driving a flying car, but neither one is happy with the results.

Sunny tries to shine despite his troubled past in this third novel in the critically acclaimed *Track* series from National Book Award finalist Jason Reynolds. *Ghost*. *Patina*. *Sunny*. *Lu*. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds, with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could take them to the state championships. They all have a lot to lose, but they all have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to

themselves. Sunny is the main character in this novel, the third of four books in Jason Reynold's electrifying middle grade series. Sunny is just that—sunny. Always ready with a goofy smile and something nice to say, Sunny is the chilliest dude on the Defenders team. But his life hasn't always been sun-beamy-bright. You see, Sunny is a murderer. Or at least he thinks of himself that way. His mother died giving birth to him, and based on how Sunny's dad treats him—ignoring him, making Sunny call him Darryl, never "Dad"—it's no wonder Sunny thinks he's to blame. It seems the only thing Sunny can do right in his dad's eyes is win first place ribbons running the mile, just like his mom did. But Sunny doesn't like running, never has. So he stops. Right in the middle of a race. With his relationship with his dad now worse than ever, the last thing Sunny wants to do is leave the other newbies—his only friends—behind. But you can't be on a track team and not run. So Coach asks Sunny what he wants to do. Sunny's answer? Dance. Yes, dance. But you also can't be on a track team and dance. Then, in a stroke of genius only Jason Reynolds can conceive, Sunny discovers a track event that encompasses the hard beats of hip-hop, the precision of ballet, and the showmanship of dance as a whole: the discus throw. But as he practices for this new event, can he let go of everything that's been eating him up inside?

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Head Kid

A Snarky but Authentic Spiritual Memoir

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Over the Moon

The first ever sequel to Ian Fleming's Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, written by bestselling author Frank Cottrell Boyce and endorsed by the Fleming family. When the Tooting family find a vast abandoned engine and fit it to their camper van, they have no idea of the adventure that lies ahead. The engine used to belong to an extraordinary flying car – and it wants to be back on the road again... fast! The Tootings can haul on the steering wheel and pull the handbrake as hard as they like, but their camper van now has a mind of her own. It's not long before they're hurtling along on a turbocharged chase as Chitty tracks down her long-lost bodywork. But there are sinister forces at work too. When it comes to a car as special as Chitty, everybody wants a piece of her...

George's luck takes a turn for the better when he starts using an old bottle of aftershave and becomes irresistible to the girls, but he may tire of the attention sooner than he ever would have thought.

A rip-roaring puzzle box of an adventure about grit, guts,

and gold, from Elinor Teele, the acclaimed author of *The Mechanical Mind of John Coggin*. The small, run-down town of Eden is the only place Jenny Burns has ever called home. The roots of the trees are in her bones, the air of the mountains is in her breath, the lakes and rivers are in her blood. And that's why, when her father loses his job and tells Jenny that they may have to move on from Eden, she knows she can't let that happen. The fever of New Zealand's gold rush still runs in the veins of Eden, and everyone knows the legend of Doc Magee: how he found the largest gold nugget anyone had ever seen and hid it somewhere in the hills before he disappeared. Jenny and her best friend, Pandora, know that if they can find the gold, it'll solve all their problems. But the way is fraught with mysteries, riddles, and danger—and those are just the threats they know about. Before her quest is over, Jenny will have to face challenges from within as well as from without.

This fully illustrated, totally wacky handbook is about an everyman who is afraid of everything! Dr. Noel Zone, the greatest (and only) dangerologist in the world, is ready to teach readers how to avoid danger at all costs--from sneaky snakes posing as toothbrushes, to sharks hiding in toilets, to robots disguised as kindly grandmas. After all, **DANGER IS EVERYWHERE**, and we need to be prepared! With art on every page, this hilarious and truly creative handbook will have readers laughing out loud (very safely) from start to finish.

Ian Fleming's beloved original text – newly illustrated by Joe Berger! "Crackpot" is what everybody calls the Pott family. So when they go to buy a new car and come back with a wreck, nobody is surprised. Except for the Potts themselves. First, the car has a name. And she tells them what it is. Then they find out that she can fly. And swim. . . . Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is a car on a mission to stop a criminal gang in its tracks – and she is taking the Potts with her! Jump into the world's most loved magical car for her first adventure.

The Nothing to See Here Hotel

Cosmic

The Great Rocket Robbery: World Book Day 2019

Millions

A delightful selection of articles by the ever-popular A. A. Milne, many of which haven't been in print for decades.

Introduced by the prize-winning children's author Frank Cottrell Boyce, this volume brings Milne's brilliant non-fiction back to the spotlight. A. A. Milne was a successful writer long before the classic Winnie-the-Pooh stories made him famous. Milne had a talent for regularly turning out a thousand whimsical words on lost hats and umbrellas, golf, married life, cheap cigars, and any amount of life's little difficulties. This anthology, spanning four decades of Milne's life, includes his fiercely argued writings on pacifism. Happy Half-Hours features the very best of A. A. Milne in one delightful volume. "Milne's gift to write amusingly about the most trivial things is a kind of blessing. The kind that can put you back together again when all else fails." —Frank Cottrell-Boyce, from his introduction

DigiCat Publishing presents to you this special edition of "Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze" by Elizabeth Foreman Lewis. DigiCat Publishing considers every written word to be a legacy of humankind. Every DigiCat book has been carefully reproduced for republishing in a new modern format. The books are available in print, as well as ebooks. DigiCat hopes you will treat this work with the acknowledgment and passion it deserves as a classic of world literature.

While visiting her doctor one day, a bored housewife is asked if she would like to sell a proportion of her time—a fraction of her every waking hour—to anonymous investors. The discovery of mysterious reels of film in a Hollywood basement allows viewers to watch classic films, starring decrepit, 100-year-old versions of their once-young stars. An avid player of the Sims computer game realizes too late that her boyfriend's family isn't quite as it appears. In this collection of short stories, award-winning author Frank Cottrell Boyce, in his first work of adult fiction, performs feat after feat of high-wire, narrative acrobats, with works that move effortlessly between surrealism, metaphysical drama, science fiction, and contemporary pop culture. Drawing on influences as disparate as Stanislaw Lem, Nikolai Gogol, and Roald Dahl, Boyce lures readers into a hall of mirrors, where each character is an illusion and every plot line is turned inside-out.

Damian and Anthony, young boys from Ireland, find a bag filled with money and learn a lesson in ethics.

Millions Harper Collins

Framed

Hubble Bubble, Granny Trouble

Chocolate Cake

Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth

The screenplay of a film set in the Bosnian capital during the recent war, and based on the experiences of the ITN reporter, Michael

Nicholson. Having smuggled a child out of Sarajevo, he returns to the city from England to seek the mother's approval for his wish to adopt the child.

Liam Digby is so unusually tall that people think he should act like an adult, which leads him to compete against adults for a chance to go into space.

An out-of-this-world funny book from master storyteller Frank Cottrell Boyce, with illustrations throughout by Steven Lenton. Light-hearted and profound' Sunday Times Book of the Week' Wholly original and exceptionally funny' Bookseller Book of the Month The Blythes are a big, warm, rambunctious family who live on a small farm and sometimes foster children. Now Prez has come to live with them. But, though he seems cheerful and helpful, he never says a word. Then one day Prez answers the door to someone claiming to be his relative. This small, loud stranger carries a backpack, walks with a swagger and goes by the name of Sputnik. As Prez dithers on the doorstep, Sputnik strolls right past him and introduces himself to everyone in the household. Prez is amazed at the response. The family pat Sputnik on the head, call him a good boy and drop food into his mouth. It seems they all think Sputnik is a dog. It's only Prez who thinks otherwise. But Prez soon finds himself having to defend the family from the chaos and danger unleashed by Sputnik, as household items come to life - like a TV remote that fast-forwards people: 'Anyone can do it, it's just that people don't read the instructions properly'; and a toy lightsaber that entertains guests at a children's party, until one of them is nearly decapitated by it - and Prez is going to have to use his voice to explain himself. It turns out that Sputnik is writing a guidebook to Earth called Ten Things Worth Doing on Earth, and he takes Prez on a journey to discover just those ten things. Each adventure seems to take Prez nearer to the heart of the family he is being fostered by. But they also take him closer to the day that he is due to leave them forever...

In the dead of the night when the moon yawned down, two gloomy robber dogs plodded through town. Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam are the world's most useless burglars. When their master plan for a robbery goes hopelessly wrong again, they discover that crime doesn't pay but cupcakes certainly do! "The rhyming couplets demand enthusiastic participation, and the illustrations are as light and fluffy as a good sponge." - The Times Read more Shifty and Sam's picture book adventures: Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam The Cat Burglar Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam The Diamond Chase Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam The Missing Masterpiece Have you read Shifty and Sam's two-colour early readers: Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam: Jingle Bells! Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam: Up, Up and Away! Shifty

McGifty and Slippery Sam: Jingle Bells! Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam: The Aliens Are Coming!

A brilliant debut by a well-known screenwriter ("Welcome to Sarajevo"), this novel tells the story of two young boys who suddenly finds themselves with a huge amount of money. Their dilemma: they only have seven days to spend it before it becomes worthless.

Martyn Pig

Danger Is Everywhere

Triple Word Score

The Great Gran Plan

Laika and her fellow street dogs are being trained up for the greatest adventure in history - a trip to the moon! But Laika can't wait to see the stars - so she hatches a plan with her friends to get her there all on her own . . . Join Laika and friends in The Great Rocket Robbery by Carnegie Medal-winning author Frank Cottrell-Boyce, illustrated by Steven Lenton - final destination: adventure!

Roald Dahl meets The Penderwicks in this quirky, humorous, whimsical, and heartwarming middle grade debut about two siblings who run away from home to escape working in the family coffin business. John Coggin is no ordinary boy. He is devising an invention that nobody has ever seen before, something that just might change the world, or at least make life a little bit better for him and his little sister, Page. But that's only when he can sneak a break from his loathsome job—building coffins for the family business under the beady gaze of his cruel Great-Aunt Beauregard. When Great-Aunt Beauregard informs John that she's going to make him a permanent partner in Coggin Family Coffins—and train Page to be an undertaker—John and Page hit the road. Before long, they've fallen in with a host of colorful characters, all of whom, like John and Page, are in search of a place they can call home. But home isn't something you find so much as something you fight for, and John soon realizes that he and Page are in for the fight of their lives.

Disillusioned, disenfranchised, and disinterested in anything churchy, Susan Isaacs knew of only one thing to do when she hit spiritual rock bottom at age 40. . . She took God to couples counseling. In this cuttingly poignant memoir, Susan Isaacs chronicles her rocky relationship with the Almighty--from early childhood to midlife crisis--and all the churches where she and God tried to make a home: Pentecostals, Slackers for Jesus, and the über-intellectuals who turned everything, including the weekly church announcements, into a three-point sermon. Casting herself as the neglected spouse, Susan faces her inner nag and the ridiculous expectations she put on God--some her own, and some from her "crazy in-laws" at church. Originally staged as a solo show in New York and Los Angeles, ANGRY CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD is a cheeky, heartfelt memoir that, even at its most scandalous, is still an affirmation of faith.

After their mother dies, two brothers find a huge amount of money which they must spend quickly before England switches to the new European currency, but they disagree on what to do with it.

WINNER OF THE 2005 CARNEGIE MEDAL Frank Cottrell Boyce's story, Millions - the tale of a not-so-great train robbery - is an absolute treasure! Two brothers, Damian and Anthony, are unwittingly caught up in a train robbery during Britain's countdown to joining the Euro. Suddenly finding themselves with a vast amount

of cash, the boys have just one glorious, appalling dilemma - how to spend it in the few days before it becomes worthless. Torn between the vices of buying a million pizzas and the virtues of ending world poverty, the boys soon discover that being rich is a mug's game. For not only is the clock ticking - the bungling bank robbers are closing in too. Pizzas or World Peace - what would you choose? Includes bonus material and discussion questions from Frank Cottrell Boyce, and illustrations by Steven Lenton.

Wed Wabbit

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again

The Treasure of Mad Doc Magee

Runaway Robot is a funny and heartwarming adventure about two best friends helping put themselves back together, from the award-winning Frank Cottrell-Boyce, illustrated by Steven Lenton. When Alfie goes to Airport Lost Property, he finds more than he bargained for. A lot more. Because there's a giant robot called Eric hidden away on the shelves. Eric has lost one leg and half his memory. He's super strong, but super clumsy. He's convinced that he's the latest technology, when he's actually nearly one hundred year's old and ready for the scrap heap. Can Alfie find a way to save Eric from destruction - before Eric destroys everything around him?

A hilarious and poignant "down the rabbit hole" adventure from acclaimed author Lissa Evans, perfect for fans of Chris Grabenstein and Lemony Snicket! Your name is Fidge and you're nearly eleven. You've been hurled into a strange world. You have three companions: two are unbelievably weird and the third is your awful cousin, Graham. You have to solve a series of nearly impossible clues. You need to deal with a cruel stuffed animal dictator and three thousand Wimbley Woos (yes, you read that sentence correctly). And the whole situation -- the whole, entire thing -- is your fault. *Wed Wabbit* is an adventure about friendship, danger, and the terror of never being able to get back home again. And it's funny. It's seriously funny.

It was a one-in-a-million chance. A bag crammed with cash comes tumbling out of the air and lands right at Damian's feet. Suddenly the Cunningham brothers are rich. Very rich. They can buy anything they want. There's just one problem -- they have only seventeen days to spend all the money before it becomes worthless. And the crooks who stole the cash in the first place are closing in -- fast. A funny, brilliantly clever and utterly thrilling debut novel that is, quite simply, unforgettable.

The Astounding Broccoli Boy is the hilarious tale of an unlikely (and very green) hero believing in himself and finding adventure. Rory Rooney likes to be prepared for all eventualities. His favourite book is Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared, and he has memorized every page of it. He could even survive a hippo attack. He knows that just because something is unlikely doesn't mean it won't ever happen . . . But Rory isn't prepared when he suddenly and inexplicably turns green. Stuck in an isolation ward in a hospital far from home with two other remarkably green children, Rory's as confused by his new condition as the medics seem to be. What if turning green actually means you've turned into a superhero? Rory can't wait to make it past hospital security and discover exactly what his superpower might be . . . This edition of Frank Cottrell Boyce's funny adventure features fantastic cover artwork and black and white inside illustrations from the incredible Steven Lenton.

A hilarious comedy caper from Frank Cottrell-Boyce, now in a standard paperback format for middle-grade readers.

Desirable

Runaway Robot

Ted Rules the World

How the Bible Can Help Us Understand

From the award-winning Frank Cottrell Boyce comes the third official sequel to Ian Fleming's Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. The Tootings are stuck in 1966! Somebody's stolen Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and left them behind. But that's not their biggest problem. Their biggest problem is that Little Harry's been kidnapped by whoever stole their magical car. There's only one solution: the Tootings must find the Potts — the family that originally built Chitty. Sharing their combined knowledge of how Chitty works, the families may stand a chance of rescuing Little Harry and finding the most brilliant car in the world. But a fiendish criminal has different plans, ones that involve flying Chitty Chitty Bang Bang to the moon and putting an explosive scheme into action.

Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze

Sunny

Happy Half-Hours

The Magical Car