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THE HUNT FOR THE GOLDEN SCARAB

M.G LEONARD (PUBLISHED 30TH JANUARY 2025)

The Adventures on Trains series (with Sam Sedgeman) was PHENOMENAL! So, if you haven't read those, then I really recommend that you do!

The first book in the Time Keys series by bestselling award-winning author M. G. Leonard, ideal for readers aged 9 to 12 and fans of Adventures on Trains, Beetle Boy, and Twitch. Featuring black-and-white illustrations throughout by Manuel Šumberac.

Sim and his mum are always on the move, never staying in one place for long. But when dangerous strangers show up one night, Sim uncovers the reason why: his mum has been hiding a powerful secret—she can open doors in time.

Now on the run, Sim and his friends must outsmart the mysterious Council of Keys to be the first to locate Nefertiti's lost tomb and a powerful portal to Ancient Egypt. To solve the puzzle of her golden heart scarab, they must piece together hidden clues. Can they find it before the Council catches up with them?



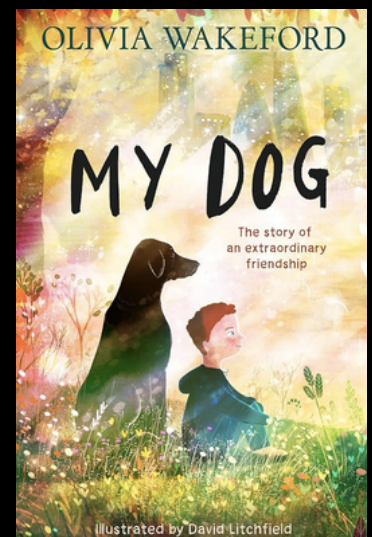
MY DOG

OLIVIA WAKEFORD (PUBLISHED 27TH FEBRUARY 2025)

Ten-year-old Rhys has always adored dogs. So, when he finds a lost black Labrador with big, soulful eyes and velvety ears, he can hardly believe his luck. No one comes forward to claim the dog, named Worthington, giving Rhys the perfect chance to prove he can be a responsible owner. But when Rhys is forced to move to London to live with his estranged dad, who doesn't like dogs, Rhys decides to keep Worthington a secret.

As he struggles to connect with his dad in the unfamiliar city, Rhys finds comfort in the company of his secret dog. However, caring for a hidden pet turns out to be far more challenging than he imagined, and Rhys knows he can't keep the truth from his dad forever.

Heartfelt and beautifully written, My Dog explores how accepting the present doesn't mean forgetting the past, in a story that will stay with you long after you've finished reading.





THE FIRST YEAR

MATT GOODFELLOW (PUBLISHED 3RD APRIL 2025)

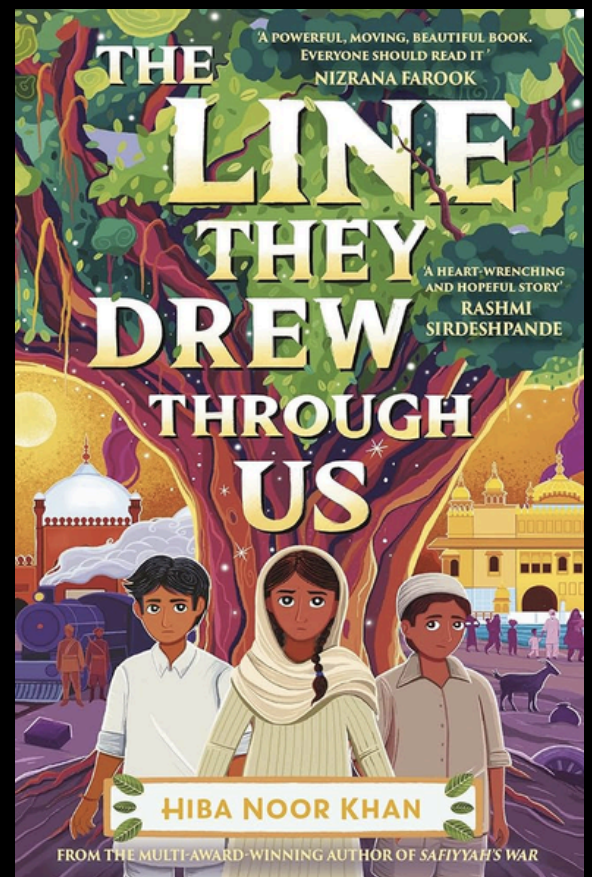
Nate is eleven and has just finished Primary School. After a tough final year, things are finally looking better. His brother has recovered from a life-threatening heart condition, he's surrounded by the love of his mum, brothers, and Auntie San, and he's heading to Secondary School with his two best friends.

But as Nate starts making new friends, avoids the fists of Turner, his old enemy, and tries to adjust to a strict new teacher, he struggles with a growing sense of distance from his brothers. Just when things seem to be settling down, a surprise appearance in Nate's life threatens to knock him off balance. And as The Beast—his anger, which he works so hard to control—returns, Nate faces the toughest challenge yet: Can he keep his family together and stay true to himself?

THE LINE THEY DREW THROUGH US

HIBA NOOR KHAN. COVER ART BY HAZEM ASIF.
(PUBLISHED 3RD APRIL 2025)

Three best friends are born on the same day under extraordinary circumstances. But by their twelfth birthday, Jahan, Ravi, and Lakshmi's lives are about to be changed forever. When the British announce India's independence and the borders of Partition are drawn, their world is torn apart. One friend flees, another disappears, and the third is left wondering: could a miracle bring them back together?



GOZZLE

JULIA DONALDSON & SARA OGILVIE (PUBLISHED 27TH MARCH 2025)

Meet an adorable little gosling! Written by Julia Donaldson and beautifully illustrated by Sara Ogilvie, *Gozzle* is a wonderful story about family and growing up.

It's spring, and Bear has just woken up hungry when he discovers a lost egg outside his cave. Breakfast? Not quite! Out hatches Gozzle, a little gosling who is convinced that Bear must be her dad – and that she should be able to climb, dig, and eat honey just like him.

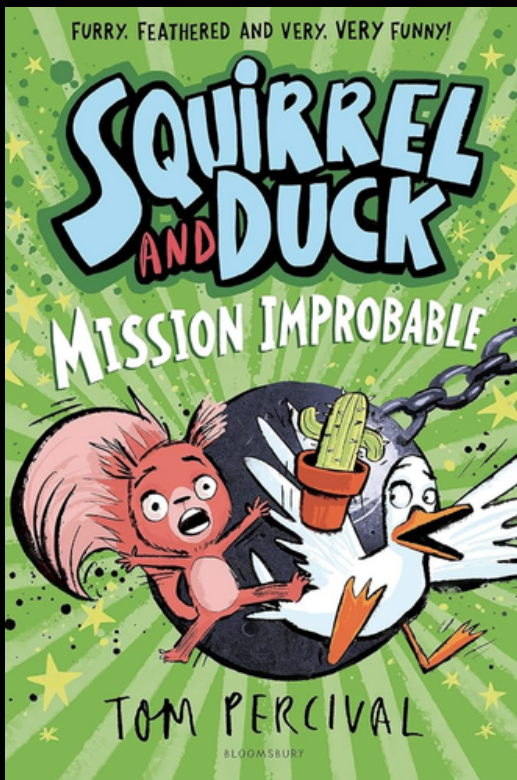
Join Bear on his journey from reluctant caregiver to loving parent in this heartwarming and joyful picture book that explores what home and family really mean.



MRS. F'S WILDCARD!

SQUIRREL & DUCK: MISSION IMPROBABLE - TOM PERCIVAL (PUBLISHED 30TH JANUARY 2025)

What? I can't help it; I LOVE Tom Percival's work! Squirrel and Duck might seem like an odd pair of housemates, but they share a special secret – they're the only two talking animals in the world. When bulldozers arrive to tear down the abandoned theme park they call home, they flee with nothing but Mr. Spikes, Duck's cherished pet cactus. But after overhearing a conversation between two bumbling art thieves, they find themselves on a wild adventure in search of either untold riches (according to Squirrel) or a noble quest to help the nation (as Duck sees it). Along the way, they're hindered by some surprisingly unhelpful woodland creatures and a brief lack of transportation! Young readers will love this wacky, brilliant story filled with quirky twists and plenty of laugh-out-loud moments similar to *Grimwood* and *Dog Man*.



I HOPE YOU ENJOY THESE FUTURE READS, LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

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