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by Anita Jeram  
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Allegory of adoption



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Alex's parents have separated and therefore he has two homes – he loves both!



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Branwell becomes mute due to the shock of the accusation of harming his baby step-sister and is sent to a young offenders' detention centre.



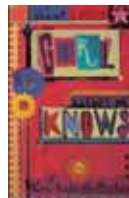
**A Brief Chapter in my Impossible Life**  
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An adopted girl is contacted by her Jewish terminally-ill birth mother.



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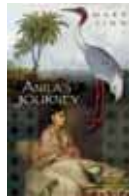
**What Every Girl (Except Me) Knows**  
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Gabby has never known her mother and is desperate for a mum so does all she can to get her father to marry his girlfriend.



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Becca moves with her family to the country and, desperate to make friends, gets in with the wrong crowd.



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Jack is worried that his party will be a failure as his mum can't afford to spend much money and they live in a small flat. But it turns out to be a big success and he realises that other things are more important than money.



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A non-fiction self-help practical guide to leaving home.



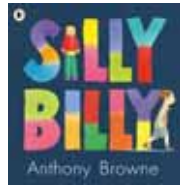
**Look What I've Got!**  
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A story about materialism.



**So Few of Me**  
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Leo discovers that having more people to tackle a task doesn't necessarily help and the solution is always to do your best.



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An atmospheric exploration of childhood worries, and how to overcome them, by the 2000 Hans Christian Andersen Medal winner.



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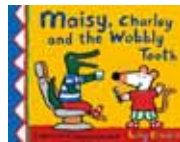
Jon agrees to skip school but when a prank goes wrong he abandons his injured friend on the riverbank and is too afraid to own up to what they've done

## SEX, HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIPS



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by Lucy Cousins  
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Maisy breaks her leg and has to go to hospital, where she makes a new friend.



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These four titles are non-fiction presented in a narrative style as conversations between Sam and his Mum.



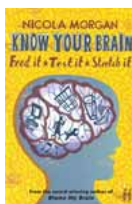
**The Willow Man**  
by Sue Purkiss  
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Tom feels jealous and guilty when his younger sister has a stroke.



**Blame My Brain**  
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Accessible and fun non-fiction titles for teenagers about how their brain is developing and why they behave the way they do.

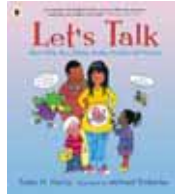


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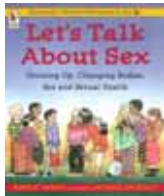
A fascinating introduction to the workings of the brain with sections on learning styles, keeping the brain healthy and lots of fun quizzes.



**Let's Talk About Where Babies Come From**  
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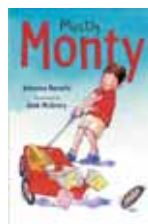
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**The Arizona Kid**  
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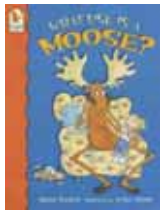


**The Earth, My Butt and Other Big Round Things**  
by Carolyn Mackler  
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Humorous story of a girl worried about her weight and appearance.



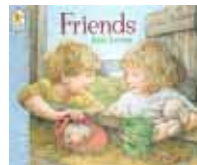
**Mostly Monty**  
by Johanna Hurwitz  
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Monty has asthma so he can't always run around outside and join in with other children. But mostly Monty figures out how to do things his own way and doesn't let it hold him back

## FRIENDS



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The importance of friendship.



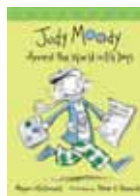
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Friends play together but don't always get along!



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Eddie's best friend's gran is dying and she helps her to cope.



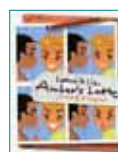
**Margaux with an X**  
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Margaux thinks she doesn't need friends but gradually comes to realise she does.



**Nicki's Letter**  
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Nicki's best friend has started shoplifting, what should she do? She writes to her favourite agony aunt for advice.



**Amber's Letter**  
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Amber suspects her dad is having an affair so she writes to her favourite agony aunt for advice.



**Zoe's Letter**  
by Mary Hooper  
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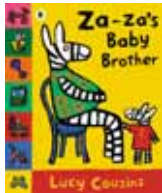
Zoe has fallen for her best friend's boyfriend so writes to her favourite agony aunt for advice.



**My Dad's a Birdman**  
by David Almond  
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Lizzie takes time out of school to care for her mentally ill father and together they work on a design for the Human Bird competition coming to their town.

## FAMILY PROBLEMS



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Sibling rivalry.



**Big Brother, Little Brother**  
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Sibling rivalry.



**Gorilla**  
by Anthony Browne  
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Hannah has a difficult relationship with her father.



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Mike writes letters to his unborn sister about his feelings towards her.



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Visual imagery suggests a parental argument but all comes right in the end.



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Sexual stereotyping of women's role in the home.



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India's mother left when she was 3 years old and her father refuses to discuss it.



**All Rivers Flow to the Sea**  
by Alison McGhee  
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The mother and sister of a teenage girl in a coma have to come to terms with the fact she won't recover.



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Bereavement.



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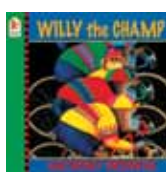
Only his grandad understands Gregory who is not academic but brilliant at making things. But then grandad is diagnosed with a terminal illness and Gregory has to come to terms with this.

## VIOLENCE, ABUSE AND BULLYING



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by Anthony Browne  
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Bullying.



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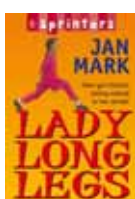
**This is Our House**  
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Bullying and prejudice.



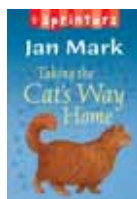
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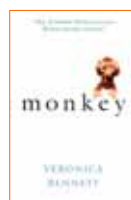
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by John Marsden  
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When Georgia's grandmother, her carer, dies she is sent back to live with her father who sexually abuses her.



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by Jack Foreman  
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Based on the author's childhood experiences, Say Hello tells the poignant story of a boy who is left out all alone, while other children play happily together.

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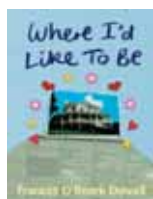
Love affair between a drug addict girl and a boy with cerebral palsy.



**Behind the Curtain:  
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