

## NSSM 2017 Book List

### Picture A Story

**A collection of my favourite picture books celebrated during May 2017.**

**Grandad's Island** by Benji Davies

Glorious, rich illustrations and a very sensitive story about love and loss.

**Pandora** by Victoria Turnbull

'Pandora lives alone in a land of broken things' until the day she saves a wounded bird, makes a friend and slowly the land lives again. Magical.

**Penguin Problems** by Jory John and Lane Smith

This penguin could give lessons on moaning about life until a walrus tells him a few home truths!

**Garth Pig and the Ice cream Lady** by Mary Rayner

Garth Pig and his siblings have to be very resourceful in this ice cream adventure.

**The Boy Who Grew Flowers** written by Jen Wojtowicz and illustrated by Steve Adams

A special story about being different with a poignant text and rich illustrations.

**A Dot in the Snow** by Corinne Averriss and Fiona Woodcock

This is an enchanting story about Dot who finds a special friend in the snow....

**Clarice Bean that's me!** By Lauren Child

Meet Clarice Bean and her noisy family!

**Beegu** by Alexis Deacon

You can't help but love Beegu the alien....

**Tell Me a Dragon** by Jackie Morris

Here Jackie celebrates a different dragon on every page with her gorgeous, rich and colourful illustrations.

**Have You Seen My Dragon** by Steve Light

More dragons because I love Dragons and NSSM 2015 was a whole month of them (activity sheets are still available on the Fcbg Website). Here is a exploration of a city (and a celebration of numbers! ) as a boy hunts for his missing Dragon.

**George and the Dragon** by Chris Wormell

George is a very unexpected hero in this unusual version of the classic tale.

**The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch** by Ronda and David Armitage

A classic story about the lighthouse keeper, his lunch and his resourceful wife.

**Tanka, Tanka Skunk** by Steve Webb

You need to practise before reading aloud this fun book about word play, rhyme and syllables and animals and the rhythm of the beat!

**Little Home Bird** by Jo Empson

Little bird loves his home so much he doesn't want to leave it...

**Sometimes** by Rebecca Elliott

This is such a special book about a little girl who just happens to be in a wheelchair and spends a lot of time in hospital and her brother who loves to spend time and have adventures with her. Rebecca has also written Just Because which continues their story.

**Milo Armadillo** by Jan Fearnley

What would you prefer - a fluffy pink rabbit or Milo the Armadillo?

**There's a Hippopotamus on our Roof eating Cake** by Hazel Edwards,  
illustrated by Grace Niland

Celebrating the power of imagination!

David McKee's **Not Now, Bernard**

A lesson in listening to your children.

**Ruby, Blue and Blanket** by Jane Hissey

Remember Old Bear? Here is a new book from Jane Hissey to join the rest of her classic picture books.

**The Day the Crayons Quit** and **The Day the Crayons Came Home** by Drew Daywell and Oliver Jeffers

Two clever and funny books which will mean you'll never look at a pencil case of crayons in the same way again! A celebration of colour and letter writing too.

**Sir Charlie Stinky Socks and the Really Great Adventure** by Kristina Stephenson

Sir Charlie Stinky Socks has such fun on his sometimes challenging adventures.

**Don't Put Mustard in the Custard** by Michael Rosen and Quentin Blake

I know this isn't strictly a picture book but it has lots of clever poems by Michael Rosen and Quentin Blake illustrations too! Hilarious....

**Morris the Mankiest Monster**

A wonderfully manky picture book written by clever Giles Andreas and illustrated with delightfully horrible detail by the lovely Sarah McIntyre.

**Pumpkin Soup** by Helen Cooper

A lyrical story about friendship. I was once about to read this to a class of 5 year olds when one of the boys declared 'I know this story' and proceeded to recite it perfectly to all of us. A special moment.

**Are you sitting Comfortably** by Leigh Hodgkinson

A wonderful celebration of reading!

**A Busy Day for a Good Grandmother and The Man whose Mother was a Pirate** by Margaret Mahy and Margaret Chamberlain

Margaret Mahy (from NZ) writes the most wonderful, magical picture books ever (and is a superb YA author too) and these two books about feisty women are my favourites. Lovely illustrations by Margaret Chamberlain. Enjoy!

**QueenMunch and Queen Nibble** by Carol Ann Duffy and Lydia

Monks

A longer picture book by two very talented ladies about two delightfully different Queens who unexpectedly become great friends.

**Dogger** by Shirley Hughes

A classic story about boy who loses -and finds- something precious to him.

**Siddharth and Rinka** by Addy Farmer and Karin Littlewood

A little boy looks for his favourite toy.

**Silly Suzy Goose** by Petr Horocek

Here is a very silly goose.

**What a mess!** by Frank Muir and Joseph Wright

A celebration of the chaos that can be wrought by one lovable but crazy dog!

**Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam** by Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton.

The tale of two burglars who learn the error of their ways and take up a new career!

**Whatever Next** by Jill Murphy

An adventurous bear flies to the moon before bed time.

**Footpath Flowers** by Jon Arno Lawson and Sydney Smith

A perfect wordless picture book for Spring about the power of observation, and sharing and celebrating simple things.

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