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Theme: Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

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1. Curious Menagerie: (Carin Berger)

\$29.99 \$27.00

A Curious Menagerie is a delightfully engaging read-aloud sure to delight and expand vocabularies. Readers are introduced to to sixty unusual and engaging collective nouns, from an ambush of tigers to a loveliness of ladybugs. With stunning collage artwork and a playful and educational text, this is a perfect choice for storytime as well as bedtime sharing. A note about the origin of the collective nouns featured in the book is included.

Collective Nouns

2. Explore Your World: Weird, Wild, Amazing! (Tim Flannery)

\$34.99 \$27.99

Are zombie jellyfish real? Do frogs like opera? Which animals eat poop? (And more importantly, WHY?!) What's it like to wrestle a python? Buckle up – you're about to find out! Bursting with bizarre facts, packed with vibrant illustrations and guided by one of the world's greatest living scientists, Professor Tim Flannery, this deep-dive into the natural world will enthrall and enlighten readers. It will also make them laugh out loud ... and squirm in disgust. **Animals**

3. Fantastic Facts About: Australia's Extraordinary Animals (Frances Payne)

\$26.99 \$24.30

Everyone connects kangaroos with Australia, but there are many more weird and wonderful creatures to discover in this book. Whether they are lurking in the water, hidden underground or coming face-to-face with you in the desert, each Aussie animal is astonishing in its own way.

4. Fauna: Australia's Most Curious Creatures (Tania McCartney)

\$24.99 \$19.99

Did you know that platypus have retractable webbing on their hind feet to enable an easy transition from swimming to digging? That kangaroos can't sweat and that the cassowary has no tongue? In Fauna - Australia's Most Curious Creatures, readers are constantly introduced to facts that delight, amaze and induce sheer wonder at the clever design and adaptability of our much-loved native fauna.

5. Gruffalo 20th Annivesary Edition, The (Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler)

\$14.99 \$13.50

A mouse is taking a stroll through the deep, dark wood when along comes a hungry fox, then an owl, and then a snake. The mouse is good enough to eat but smart enough to know this, so he invents ... the gruffalo! As Mouse explains, the gruffalo is a creature with terrible claws, and terrible tusks in its terrible jaws, and knobbly knees and turned-out toes, and a poisonous wart at the end of its nose. But Mouse has no worry to show. After all, there's no such thing as a gruffalo. ...

6. How to Swallow a Pig (Robin Page and Steve Jenkins)

\$32.99 \$29.70

Steve Jenkins and Robin Page reveal the skills animals use to survive in the wild in an imaginative and humorous how-to format. With step-by-step instructions, readers learn about specific behaviors; how to catch thousands of fish like a humpback whale or how to sew up a nest like a tailorbird. This fascinating and fun illustrated nonfiction melds science, art, biology, and the environment together in a detailed and well-researched book about animals who live and survive in our world today.

7. In the Sky: Designs Inspired By Nature (Harriet Evans)

\$26.99 \$24.30

Home to birds, bats, insects and towering tree tops, our skies are full of nature's best inventions. The world above our heads has inspired everything from our first forays into flight to outer-space cameras. Let your imagination soar as we take to the skies and discover how nature's designs can become our blueprints.

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8. It Can't Be True: Animals! (Dorling Kindersley)

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Packed with mind-blowing facts and awesome illustrations, this brilliant book explores the weird and wonderful world of animals. It Can't Be True! Animals brings you record-breaking facts, amazing true stories of heroic animals, and unbelievable animal activity that you can see for yourself. Eye-popping photos, and unique illustrations show you what the numbers mean, comparing the extraordinary with the familiar.

9. Lost Thing, The (Shaun Tan)

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A boy discovers a bizarre-looking creature while out collecting bottle-tops at a beach. Having guessed that it is lost, he tries to find out who owns it or where it belongs, but the problem is met with indifference by everyone else, who barely notices its presence. Each is unhelpful in their own way; strangers, friends, parents are all unwilling to entertain this uninvited interruption to day-to-day life. In spite of his better judgement, the boy feels sorry for this hapless creature, and attempts to find out where it belongs.

10. My Favourite Dinosaurs: Weird Dinosaurs (Emily Kington)

\$12.99 ~~\$11.70~~

These magnificent animals roamed the Earth for over 100 million years and some were very... Weird Dinosaurs. Check out the dinosaur that moved like a chicken the one that had a mouth shaped like a shovel and lots lots more...

11. Ocean Animals (Blake Chapman and Astred Hicks)

\$29.99 ~~\$27.00~~

This book focusses on the features and skills that make these creatures extra-incredible. You will discover animals that are masters of defence and others that use high speeds to eat or avoid being eaten. There are sea creatures that use their size as an advantage, both big and small, and others that are just really, really smart! Whether you're a fan of fish, a connoisseur of crustaceans, mad about molluscs or just love jellyfish, Ocean Animals has got you covered.

12. Trickiest! 19 Sneaky Animals (Steven Jenkins)

\$12.99 ~~\$11.70~~

Explore nature's truly superlative animals with the help of illustrations, infographics, facts, and figures while detailing the astounding abilities of critters as small as a frog or as big as a whale. Each installment focuses on truly amazing and unusual animals, making these nonfiction readers accessible, informative, and fascinating.

13. Where The Sea Meets The Sky (Peter Bentley and Riko Sekiguchi)

\$24.99 ~~\$22.50~~

One brave little sea otter is on a quest to find the place where the sea meets the sky. But however far she travels, home is never far away. Sophie's mum says that no one can reach the horizon, and no one should try. But Sophie reckons it doesn't look that far! She sets off on an exciting journey, meeting all sorts of sea creatures on the way - walrus and whales, lobsters and starfish... and someone a little more dangerous...

14. Where the Wild Things Are (Maurice Sendak)

\$17.99 ~~\$16.20~~

One night Max puts on his wolf suit and makes mischief of one kind and another, so his mother calls him 'Wild Thing' and sends him to bed without his supper. That night a forest begins to grow in Max's room and an ocean rushes by with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things are. Max tames the wild things and crowns himself as their king, and then the wild rumpus begins. But when Max has sent the monsters to bed, and everything is quiet, he starts to feel lonely and realises it is time to sail home to the place where someone loves him best of all.

15. Who Are You Calling Weird? (Marilyn Singer and Paul Daviz)

\$24.99 ~~\$22.50~~

These animals might look or behave in peculiar ways but, as the reader will soon find out, every oddity serves a purpose. From the green fur of a three-toed sloth, to the pink and wiggly appendage of the star-nosed mole, there's something new to marvel at on every page. As well as finding out about each animal's behaviour, diet, and habitat, readers will also discover the folk beliefs about the creature.

16. Wild Cities (Ben Lerwill)

\$29.99 ~~\$27.00~~

Picture a city. What do you see? Traffic and tower blocks? Or maybe you imagine something a little... wilder? These are the astonishing stories of the animals who are adapting to live in our urban world - and how you can help them to thrive. From the pitter patter of city penguins, to the screech of urban monkeys, the dive-bombing of a skyscraper hawk, to the splash of a nearby whale... discover the animals living alongside us, in our wild cities. **New Release DUE September**

17. Wild Scientists: How Animals And Plants Use Science (Steve Mould)

\$19.99 ~~\$18.00~~

A look at animals and plants from the point of view of their amazing scientific adaptations. Join bestselling author Steve Mould to uncover nature's greatest scientists, engineers, and mathematicians from plants that can count to architect insects. If you thought all scientists wear white coats and work in labs, think again! Meet amazing engineers, such as the spiders who build immense webs stretching over rivers; funky physicists, like the bats that can see with sound; and surprising chemists, such as the corpse flower that smells like smelly socks to attract insects to pollinate it! The science behind each genius adaptation is explained clearly in Steve Mould's trademark humorous style and you'll be amazed by nature's solutions to some of the world's trickiest problems.

18. Wildlives: 50 Extraordinary Animals (Ben Lerwill and Sarah Walsh)

\$35.00 ~~\$31.50~~

In this fascinating and touching book, children can learn about 50 courageous creatures from around the world and throughout history. This captivating collection gathers heart-warming, surprising and often emotionally powerful stories of bravery, discovery and friendship. Featuring a range of animals - from heroes, helpers and adventurers to achievers and many more - young readers will discover some of the most famous and unforgettable animals of all time. Compelling and visually arresting in equal measure, this is the perfect introduction to just some of the amazing animals whose wild lives have made history.

19. You're Called What? (Kes Gray and Nikki Dyson)

\$14.99 ~~\$13.50~~

Ice Cream Cone Worm. Monkeyface Prickleback. Pink Fairy Armadillo. You're called WHAT?! Welcome to the Ministry of Silly Animal Names where all the creatures have one thing in common: they want to change their names. A unique and rip-roaringly funny, tongue-twisting story full of weird and wonderful real creatures and facts at the end that will amaze. Written by Kes Gray, the bestselling, award-winning author of Oi Frog! and illustrated with charm and wit by dazzling new talent, Nikki Dyson.



20. Audrey the Amazing Inventor (Rachel Valentine and Katie Waymouth)

\$11.99 \$10.80

Meet Audrey. She wants to be an inventor, but her inventions are not entirely successful: the egg collectors and jam dispenser are a bit messy, and her faithful pet, Happy Cat, is still recovering from the mishap with the cat washer! It's enough for Audrey to lose heart and give up altogether, but with some encouraging words she gives inventing one last try. This fun and quirky picture book featuring a feisty and inspiring female protagonist with an inventive mind and curious spirit, is an inspirational story about following your dreams, caring for those you love and persevering to achieve your goals.



21. Aussie Stem Star: Fiona Wood: Inventor Of Spray-On Skin (Cristy Burne)

\$19.95 \$17.96

Fiona Wood is a plastic surgeon whose expertise in burns treatment came to the world's attention in 2002 in the wake of the Bali bombings. From defending the weak and fixing the broken to fighting for her chance to study medicine, the story of plastic surgeon and spray-on skin inventor Fiona Wood shows us the value of dreams, hard work, and having the courage to do what is right. [STEAM-Inventions-Technology-Scientist](#)



22. Aussie Stem Star: Georgia Ward-Fear: Reptile Biologist and Explorer (Claire Saxby)

\$19.95 \$17.96

Georgia Ward-Fear is most famous for her research into shifting ecological paradigms and animal behaviour. She is also an adventurer, travelling extensively in her sea kayak. Georgia Ward-Fear's conservation journey has seen her travel the world, empower young girls to become environmental leaders, and carry out trailblazing work to save nati-Environmentalistve animals from the threat of cane toads. [STEAM-Scientist-Explorer-Adventurer-Environmentalist](#)



23. Aussie Stem Star: Munjed Al Muderis: From Refugee To Surgical Inventor (Dianne Wolfer)

\$19.95 \$17.96

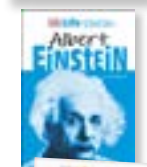
'Life is about making a difference,' Munjed says. "We all have a mission in life, to leave behind a legacy." His resilience, determination and view of the world as a glass half full, not half empty, has helped him excel in his chosen career. Highlights include his development of an improved osseointegration prosthetic limb, a new surgery that inserts a titanium implant into the bone, allowing patients to recover a certain level of feeling and greater mobility. His humanitarian work is equally as impressive, and includes being an ambassador for Red Cross, working with Amnesty International, and becoming a patron of the Asylum Seekers Centre. [STEAM-Scientist-Inventor-Humanitarian](#)



24. Be a Maker (Katey Howes and Elizabet Vukovic)

\$27.99 \$25.20

Appealing, rhyming story that celebrates making in many forms. How many things can you make in a day? A tower, a friend, a change? Rhyme, repetition, and a few seemingly straightforward questions engage young readers in a discussion about the many things we make-and the ways we can make a difference in the world.



25. DK Life Stories Albert Einstein (Dorling Kindersley)

\$12.99 \$11.70

Albert Einstein is known as one of the most brilliant people in history. His many theories and discoveries changed the way scientists think and work, and the way in which we look at and understand things. Learn all about Einstein's family and education, his travels and troubles, and the special compass he was given as a young boy that first set him on the path to questioning the world around him.



26. DK Life Stories Leonardo Da Vinci (Dorling Kindersley)

\$12.99 \$11.70

Leonardo was a creative genius who wanted to understand how things worked. This book traces his life, from his birth in a hilltop village near Florence, Italy, through to his work as a painter, sculptor, and engineer. Leonardo made hundreds of drawings and paintings, including the Mona Lisa - probably the most famous painting in the world. Learn how Leonardo made detailed sketches of the human body and designs of parachutes, helicopters, and armoured tanks - many years before the technology existed to build them.



27. Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music (Maragrita Engle)

\$32.99 \$29.70

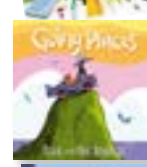
"Girls cannot be drummers." Long ago on an island filled with music, no one questioned that rule until the drum dream girl. In her city of drumbeats, she dreamed of pounding tall congas and tapping small bongos. She had to keep quiet. She had to practice in secret. But when at last her dream-bright music was heard, everyone sang and danced and decided that "both" girls and boys should be free to drum and dream. Inspired by the childhood of Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, a Chinese-African-Cuban girl who broke Cuba's traditional taboo against female drummers, "Drum Dream Girl" tells an inspiring true story for dreamers everywhere."



28. Fantastic Facts About: Australia's Amazing Inventions (Frances Payne)

\$26.99 \$24.30

From the scientific discoveries made by the Indigenous Australians living thousands of years ago, right up to the wonders of Wi-Fi, the technology that Australians continue to invent is used by people around the world. Whether it's medicines from local plants, or ways to keep babies safe while travelling in cars, there are lots of inventions to find out about in this book.



29. Going Places (Peter Reynolds)

\$19.99 \$18.00

A go-cart contest inspires imagination to take flight in this picture book for creators of all ages, with art from New York Times bestselling illustrator Peter H. Reynolds. It's time for this year's Going Places contest! Finally. Time to build a go-cart, race it-and win. Each kid grabs an identical kit, and scrambles to build. Everyone but Maya. She sure doesn't seem to be in a hurry...and that sure doesn't look like anybody else's go-cart! But who said it had to be a go-cart? And who said there's only one way to cross the finish line? This sublime celebration of creative spirit and thinking outside the box-both figuratively and literally-is ideal for early learners, recent grads, and everyone in between.



30. Hello Design (Isabel Thomas)

\$27.99 \$25.20

A design can be as small as a toothbrush . . . or as BIG as a skyscraper. Every design starts in someone's imagination - an imagination just like yours. Travel through one day and discover how the world around you has been designed - even though we don't always realise it! Question HOW everyday items have been designed, and WHY they look the way they do. Guaranteed to make you see the world a little differently, pick up your pencil and imagine your own designs. What will you design? [STEAM-Design-Technology-Imagination](#)



31. How To Be An Explorer Of The World: Portable Life Museum (Keri Smith)

\$29.99 \$27.00

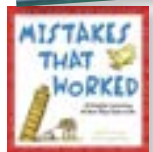
Artists and scientists analyse the world around them in surprisingly similar ways, by observing, collecting, documenting, analysing, and comparing. In this captivating guided journal, readers are encouraged to explore their world as both artists and scientists. The mission Smith proposes? 'To document and observe the world around you. As if you've never seen it before. Take notes. Collect things you find on your travels. Document findings. Notice patterns. Copy. Trace. Focus on one thing at a time. Record what you are drawn to. **Age 10+**



32. Inventors (Robert Winston)

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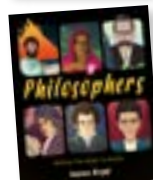
Each page is packed with jaw-dropping facts, with every inventor's achievements written as a story. From Lizzie Magie, who came up with the idea for the game Monopoly, but had it stolen, to the ancient Turkish polymath Ismail al-Jazari, who decided the best way to power a clock was with a model elephant, to Richard Turere, the Maasai inventor who created a lion-scaring device when he was just 13 years old - the inventors of this book have all used buckets-full of creativity to find ways to improve our world. [STEAM-Inventions-Inventors](#)



33. Mistakes That Worked (Charlotte Jones)

\$24.99 ~~\$22.50~~

The greatest discoveries are made outside the classroom! Learn all about mistakes that changed the world with this collection of the strange stories behind everyday inventions! It's no accident that you'll love this book! SANDWICHES came about when an English earl was too busy gambling to eat his meal and needed to keep one hand free. POTATO CHIPS were first cooked by a chef who was **furious** when a customer complained that his fried potatoes weren't thin enough. Coca-Cola, Silly Putty, and X rays have fascinating stories behind them too! Their unusual tales, and many more, along with hilarious cartoons and weird, amazing facts, make up this fun-filled book about everyday items that had surprisingly haphazard beginnings.



34. People You Need to Know: Philosophers (Susanna Wright)

\$26.99 ~~\$24.30~~

Think outside of the box with 20 of the world's brilliant thinkers. Discover the lives of ten female and ten male philosophers from throughout history and from around the world. Philosophers is a perfect introduction to philosophy and some of the most dramatic and world-changing lives that challenged the thinking around reason, race, gender, politics, difference and diversity.



35. Puffin the Architect (Kimberley Andrews)

\$15.99 ~~\$14.30~~

Puffin takes her tricky new clients on an inspirational tour of her builds. Together they visit all kinds of cleverly designed spaces - Otter's floating home, Pig's toolshed on wheels, Painter Goose's light-filled studio and Platypus's cosy underground bakehouse. The pufflings are unimpressed. Her clients really are a challenge! Will Puffin come up with a puffling-perfect home design? This gorgeous story, with endearing animal characters, intriguing house designs, ingenious mechanisms and storage solutions to pore over on every page, will spark a brand new generation of architects, engineers and interior designers!



36. What Do You Do With An Idea? (Kobi Yamada and Mae Besom)

\$32.99 ~~\$29.70~~

This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. And then, one day, something amazing happens. This is a story for anyone, at any age, who's ever had an idea that seemed a little too big, too odd, too difficult. It's a story to inspire you to welcome that idea, to give it some space to grow, and to see what happens next. Because your idea isn't going anywhere. In fact, it's just getting started.



37. Wild Ideas (Elin Kelsy)

\$16.99 ~~\$15.30~~

A beautiful, non-fiction picture book challenging children's preconceptions and showing them they can learn from animals. WILD IDEAS looks deep into the forests, skies and oceans to explore how animals solve problems. Whether it's weaving a safe place to rest and reflect, blowing a fine net of bubbles to trap fish or leaping boldly into a new situation, the animals in our world can teach us a lot about problem-solving.



38. Your Fantastic Elastic Brain (Joann Deak and Sarah Ackerley)

\$34.99 ~~\$31.50~~

Did you know you can stretch and grow your own brain? Or that making mistakes is one of the best ways your brain learns? Just like how lifting weights helps your muscles get stronger, trying new things without giving up—like finding the courage to put your face in the water the first time you're at a pool—strengthens your brain. Next time, your brain will remind you that you overcame that fear, and you will be braver!



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