

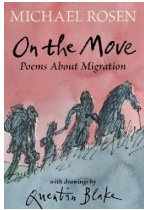


# Rich Read Recommendations



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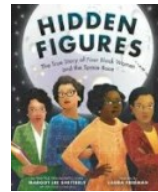
### On the Move: Poems by Migration by Michael Rosen Winner: 2021 CLPE Children's Poetry Award



Michael Rosen and Sir Quentin Blake join forces for a landmark new collection, focusing on migration and displacement. Michael's poems are divided into four: in the first series, he draws on his childhood as part of a first-generation Polish family living in London; in the second, on his perception of the War as a young boy; in the third, on his missing relatives and the Holocaust; and in the fourth, and final, on global experiences of migration.

### Mrs. Riseborough's Recommendation: Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women

Ages: 6+



After very much enjoying this story as a film, I was intrigued to see there was a children's book about the same story. This book is a true story following the lives of four Maths genius friends, who fight against discrimination in America to get jobs as 'computers' working for NASA and eventually play a huge role in NASA's Mission to the Moon. This story of empowerment and aspiration will give you a real historical insight into how unfair life was for these people and a wonderful lesson in what can be achieved with real determination.

### Mrs Jefferies' Recommendation: Square by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen

Ages: 5+



This is a firm favourite in my household. Square's job is to move bricks until one day he is asked by Circle to commission some art for her. Circle is delighted with the end result and thinks Square is a genius. Square isn't so sure. This is a great text to explore the themes of art and our own abilities and can be greatly reassuring that art is subjective.

### Mrs Dolding's Recommendation: A Song of Gladness by Michael Morpurgo

Age: 5+



This story is a beautiful tale of hope for us and our planet. A special song is passed from one animal to another, uniting all living things and spreading joy across the world.

This is a must read and very thought provoking!

### Mrs Evenden's Recommendation: The Leaf Thief by Nicola Slater

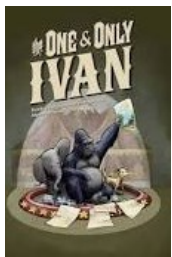
Age: 6+



This is a lovely, funny story with beautiful illustrations. Go on a journey with squirrel as he tries to find who is stealing his leaves. Meet the other woodland creatures who are accused of stealing his leaves. Poor squirrel is very forgetful and gets into a bit of a panic. Bird helps him to relax and find the real thief. There is a lovely surprise at the end of the story and some interesting facts about our seasons.

**Miss Brogan's Book Recommendation: The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate**

Age: 7+



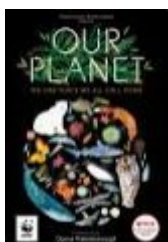
I have thoroughly enjoyed reading this story about a silverback Gorilla called Ivan, who lives in a cage in a shopping mall. The story is told from Ivan's point of view and you will meet different exotic creatures along the way. The story is told in a unique way and each page or couple of pages is about a different topic that is important to Ivan. Be warned, there are some parts that I felt quite sad reading.

**Mrs Wahnon's Recommendation:**

**Our Planet: The One Place We Call Home by David Attenborough**

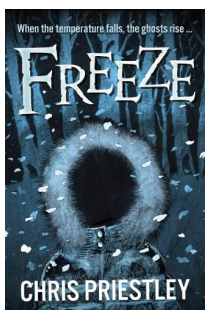
Age: All Ages!

The Wahnon household adore David Attenborough and we were super excited to come across this absolute delight of a book. The pictures take you on a journey of our amazing planet, and it is full of information about the biomes across the world and who inhabits it. If you love animals and have an interest in protecting our incredible world then your whole family will love this book!



**Mrs Harvey's Recommendation: Freeze by Chris Priestley**

Age: 9+ (Reading Age 8)



A great story to read as the clocks turn back and the winter nights draw in! Even better it's dyslexia friendly.

The morning after a frenzy of unsettled nightmares, Maya and her classmates are set the task of writing spooky winter-themed stories. As Maya's friends write and share their creepy stories, she's gripped by the feeling that these are not stories at all. Then, when it's Winter's turn to tell her tale, reality bites with icicle-sharp frights.

**Mrs Paton's Recommendation: The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy**

Age: 7+



With Halloween fast approaching, I would highly recommend this engaging and enjoyable series of books!

Hold on to your broomstick for magical mayhem with Mildred Hubble, a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches.

However, Mildred finds the training extremely difficult and she is making a right mess of everything!

There are many more books in the series to read afterwards.

**Mr Cole's Recommendation: The 1000 Year Old Boy by Ross Welford**

Age: 9+



This book really pulled the carpet from under me. I was expecting a silly, fantastical story but what I got was a beautiful tale of friendship and kindness about a boy who wants nothing more than to just fit in. A beautiful tale that emphasises the true power of friendship.

**Reading Website Recommendation**

Are you looking for more recommendations of rich texts to read at home?

[www.thereaderteacher.com](http://www.thereaderteacher.com)

The Reader Teacher shares the best reads, reviews and recommendations for children, teachers, schools and parents to choose from.

**Happy Reading Everyone!**