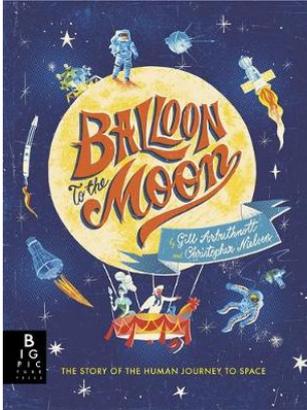


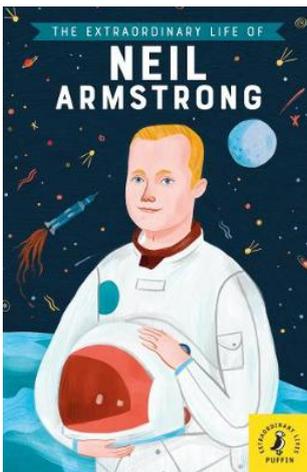
Why not read some great books about space this summer and earn a certificate?



Balloon to the Moon

Author: Gill Arbuthnott **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 27/06/2019
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

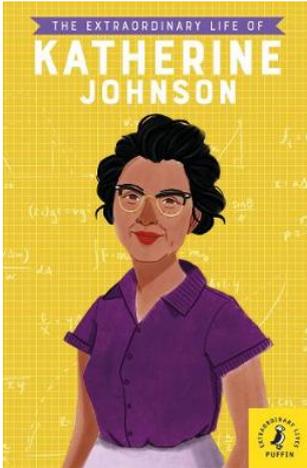
This year sees the 50th anniversary of the moon landings, so interest in space exploration will be particularly high. Handsomely illustrated with Chris Nielsen's bold retro images, and packed with information, Balloon to the Moon will answer all the questions any potential astronauts might pose. It covers the entire spectrum, from mankind's first attempts to get off the ground via balloons in the 1700s to the space race as it developed in the 50s, 60s and 70s, with revealing descriptions of the personalities involved as well as the technology. It all makes for a fascinating story, and one that will appeal to readers of all kinds. Concluding with a page on space careers and the future of humankind's exploration of our universe this is a book to inform and inspire.



The Extraordinary Life of Neil Armstrong

Author: Martin Howard **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/06/2019
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

A self-confessed 'white socks, pocket protector, nerdy engineer' Neil Armstrong became the most famous man on the planet when he walked on the moon in 1969. This concise but information-packed biography provides the background to his life, from his birth in Ohio in 1930 through his experiences as a pilot in the Korean war, to those era-defining small steps on the moon. It also describes in just the right detail the political and technological developments that made the Apollo 11 trip possible. The text is clear and accessible, supported by frequent illustrations, diagrams and 'Did you know?' information boxes and it provides both a timeline and index. This is one of a number of books in carefully-thought out new series. For further reading on this theme visit our special feature - 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing.



The Extraordinary Life of Katherine Johnson

Author: Devika Jina **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/06/2019
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

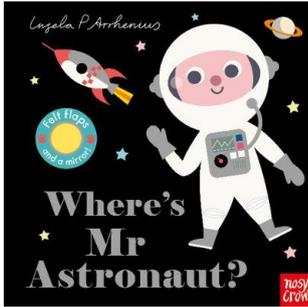
'In her thirty-three years at NASA Katherine was a pioneer who broke the barriers of race and gender, showing generations of young people that everyone can excel in math and science, and reach for the stars'. That's President Barack Obama on Katherine Johnson, his quote one of many contemporary sources that bring her extraordinary achievements to life in this concise but information-packed biography. The book covers Johnson's life from childhood and early signs of her fierce intelligence through to the years at NASA where her calculations helped put Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the moon. It's inspiring stuff, and the book is designed to appeal to a wide readership, with frequent illustrations, diagrams and information boxes. This is one of a number of titles in a well-thought-out new series. For further reading on this theme visit our special feature - 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing.



Blast off to the Moon

Author: Helen Sharman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/06/2019 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

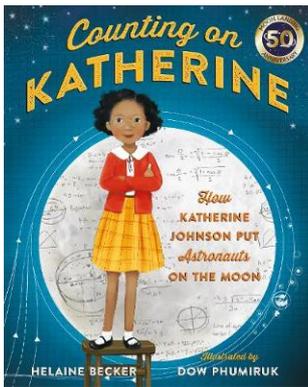
This blast of a book represents children's non-fiction at its finest. It's packed with inspirational interstellar facts about the first moon landing, all delivered in a well-considered, scrapbook-style design that enhances the subject matter, from the retro typewriter font, to the easy-on-the-eye information boxes. Covering everything from why the moon mission happened in the first place, to astronaut training, lift-off preparation, life on board, exploring the moon, and much more, the book's USP is its emphasis on how it felt to be in Neil, Buzz and Michael's moon boots. It provides answers to questions all space-obsessed kids will devour: how did the astronauts get to the moon? How did they go to the toilet? What did they eat? What were their space suits like? What work did they have to do on board? How did they actually land? With an inspiring introduction by Helen Sharman, the first Briton to travel to space, this is perfect for fact-loving young readers to launch into, and should be on the shelf of every school library.



Where's Mr Astronaut?

Author: Ingela P Arrhenius **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 30/05/2019 **Year Groups:** Early Years

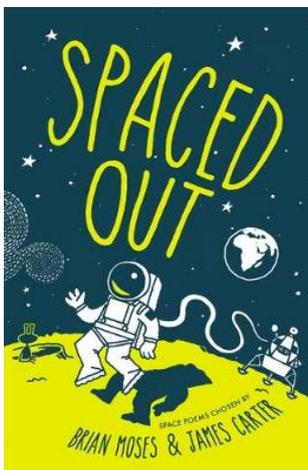
June 2019 Book of the Month | A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month June 2019 A vibrant and ingenious hide-and- seek board book with delightful boldly coloured felt flaps that reveal the surprises. Fun to share with the very youngest readers.



Counting on Katherine

Author: Helaine Becker **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 16/05/2019 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2

Told with crystalline clarity and verve, and fabulously enhanced by the stylish illustrations, this tells the remarkable against-the-odds tale of Katherine Johnson from her days as an exceptional African American schoolgirl whose “boundless curiosity turned her into a star student”. But despite her brightness, ten-year-old Katherine faced the terrible restraints of segregation – as an African American she wasn’t permitted to study at her local high school. As she “burned with fury”, her family determined to get Katherine the education she deserved and so they moved to a town with a high school for black students. Her path to working on Project Apollo required incredible perseverance, but thanks to that, and to her outstanding mathematical skills, the world could count on Katherine to set the moon landings back on course. Shot-through with a rousing sense of Katherine’s determination and dedication to her work, and with her shining mathematical brilliance, this beautiful book deserves to be on the shelves of every space-loving child.



Spaced Out

Author: James Carter, Brian Moses **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/05/2019 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

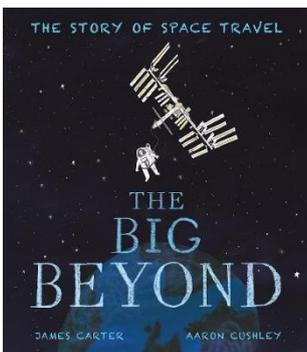
Blast off into space and explore the galaxies with a constellation of illustrated poems about the sun, moon and stars, black holes and worm holes, asteroids and meteorites, and even weird alien life forms. From shape poems and free verse to rhymes, kennings and haikus, Spaced Out will take you on an intergalactic adventure. Join Brian Moses and James Carter and a wealth of new and established poets to discover your inner space cadet! This starry collection is the perfect way to get children interested in poetry.



Jasper: Space Dog

Author: Hilary Robinson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/04/2019 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

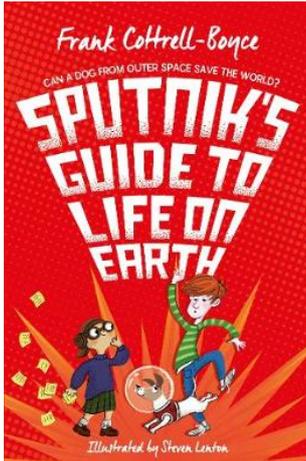
April 2019 Book of the Month | A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month April 2019 Fifty years since the moon landing and a new generation want to know all about it! Written in letters from Charlie Tanner, an enquiring eight year old and his enthusiastic and easily excitable hound Jasper to a Rocket Scientist, Jasper Space Dog is a clever mix of fun and facts. Charlie and Jasper's letters raise many of the questions that everyone wonders about such as Is the moon made of cheese? and Is there a man on the moon and does he have a dog? The Rocket Scientist's simple answers give the true scientific details in an easily accessible form. There's much to enjoy as well as much to learn from this introduction to an important topic. Have a look at our Ambassador Book Buzz for Jasper: Space Dog.



The Big Beyond The Story of Space Travel

Author: James Carter **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 04/04/2019 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

With a lively rhyming text supplied by James Carter, a popular performance poet in schools and highly effective illustrations, typography and layout, this tells the story of how we moved from wanting wings to fly; to seeing animals in the stars; to sending them up in rockets via a variety of flying machines taking us ever higher. It all leads to that fateful day in 1969 and the Moon landing and beyond. Then we have a lovely positive and inclusive message about the possibility of any reader becoming an astronaut. Another nice touch is the Rocket acrostic of space facts to finish on. This is a lovely accessible addition to the space resources you need this year.



Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth

Author: Frank Cottrell-Boyce **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 21/02/2019 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

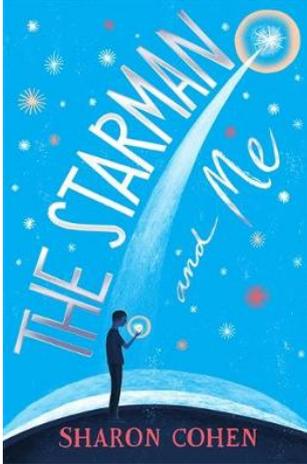
Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2017 | Longlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award With all the invention, originality and insight that is typical of his writing for children, Frank Cottrell Boyce takes the sad story of Laika, the first living creature to orbit Earth, and uses it as inspiration for a story about the importance of home. As ever, it's both brilliantly funny and extraordinarily moving. Prez is living with a temporary foster family when he opens the door to Sputnik. Prez sees an alien - in a kilt - everyone else sees a dog. Over the course of the summer Prez and Sputnik have some amazing adventures and break a lot of laws, including some of the laws of physics, but in the process they save the world, and reunite Prez with his grandfather. As wild as a cartoon strip, this wonderful story pinpoints all the best things about life on Earth. No-one writes like Frank Cottrell Boyce, and readers who enjoy this will also love his books Cosmic and The Astounding Broccoli Boy. Jamie Thomson's Dark Lord books are also very funny, and just as good on human nature as is My Brother is a Superhero by David Solomons.



The Skies Above My Eyes

Author: Charlotte Guillain **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 16/08/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

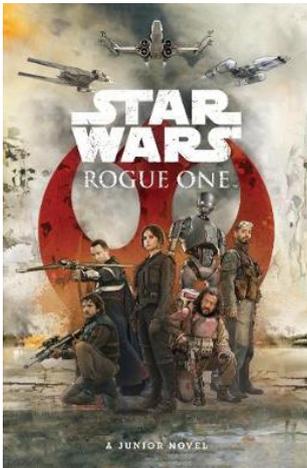
This is a perfect book for anyone who likes gazing up into the skies above our head and wondering ... A foldout, concertina poster format allows readers to soar billions of kilometres above earth and explore our solar system; floating 380,000 kilometres up is the moon, a bit lower are astronauts and cosmonauts working hard on the International Space Station. Beneath the Karman Line, the imaginary line that marks the start of space, the skies are just as busy with man-made machines and birds flying on their journeys. It's endlessly fascinating, Yuval Zommer's bold, bright illustrations are full of action, storks and spaceships, meteoroids and window cleaners equally beautifully represented while Charlotte Guillain's enthusiasm for her subjects is infectious. Eye-opening, mind-expanding!



The Starman and Me

Author: Sharon Cohen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/07/2017
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

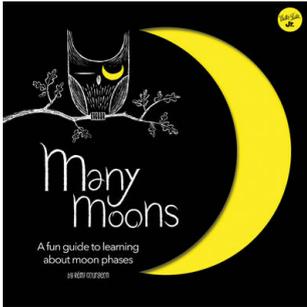
He wasn't an alien, I was sure of that. It was more like he'd walked in through an ancient door from the past ... except he was here, in my bedroom and his misty forest was somewhere real on Planet Earth. Twelve-year-old Kofi first spots the prehistoric human on a supermarket roundabout. He is small and dark and curled into a tight ball. His name is Rorty Thrutch and he has zero memory of how he ended up in the unexceptional village of Bradborough, or why he's being hunted... Kofi soon finds out that Rorty can do amazing things. He can copy, paste and delete objects, using only the power of his mind. This is the discovery of the century and mad, greedy scientists will stop at nothing to track him down. Kofi and best friend Janie are on a mission. Not only must they protect Rorty, but they have to find his missing girlfriend Pogsy Blue, too. Our prehistoric ancestors have crashed headlong into the 21st century and time is running out to save them... The Starman and Me explores where we have come from and where we are moving to - it's about the magic of DNA, the power of identity, and the importance of caring for each other.



Star Wars: Rogue One: Junior Novel

Author: Matt Forbeck, Lucasfilm Ltd **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/04/2017 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Set before Star Wars: A New Hope, Rogue One follows a rag-tag group of rebel commandos who must steal the plans to the Empire's new super weapon, the Death Star. This standalone story transports fans to unseen corners of the Star Wars universe and strange new planets not to mention an encounter with a familiar adversary, Darth Vader. Have you collected all the Star Wars: Rogue One books? Star Wars Rogue One Book and Model: Make Your Own U-wing Star Wars Rogue One: Art of Colouring Star Wars Rogue One: Mission Files Star Wars Rogue One: Profiles and Poster Book.

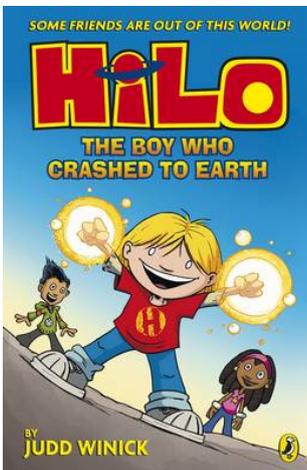


Many Moons

Author: Remi Courgeon **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 09/03/2017 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month March 2017 Beautifully produced to make the most of its clever design, this is a book whose charm lies in its visual simplicity which leaves space for readers to dream their own dreams in. The cover has a beautiful vivid yellow moon slice cut into it which tempting leads the reader into a following the moon as it waxes to a whole, shiny full moon that is so bright that no one can sleep. And then gradually wanes until it becomes just a tiny sliver before all goes black. Following the moon's progress is satisfying and a final spread with some information in it makes the book useful too. ~ Julia Eccleshare ***There is special activity pack with ideas to celebrate Science Week to download here! British Science Week is 10-19 March - find out more at www.britishscienceweek.org

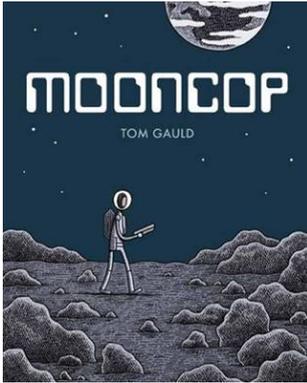
----- Julia Eccleshare's Picks of the Month for March 2017 Jellicle Cats by T.S. Eliot and Arthur Robins William Bee's Wonderful World of Trucks by William Bee The Story of the Dancing Frog by Quentin Blake George's Marvellous Experiments inspired by Roald Dahl and illustrated by Quentin Blake My Name is Victoria by Lucy Worsley Many Moons by Remi Courgeon Freddie Mole, Lion Tamer by Alexandra McCall Smith Black Cats and Butlers by Janine Beacham Triangle by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen



Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth

Author: Judd Winick **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/12/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

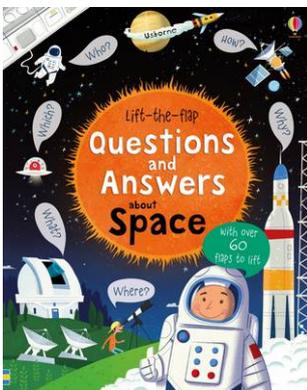
January 2017 Book of the Month | In a nutshell: irresistible adventure story told in words and pictures | Prepare yourselves: children across the country will soon be using a shouted "Aaahh!" as a greeting, followed by hysterical laughter. This is how space boy android Hilo greets his best friend D.J. and the two are quickly set to become the new favourites of children's fiction. Judd Winick's fast moving cartoon adventure begins when Hilo falls to earth, dressed only in silver underpants. He's found by D.J., an ordinary kid in a family of over-achievers, who quickly discovers that there are more creatures coming after Hilo, and they're not nearly as friendly. D.J.'s old friend Gina, newly returned to their quiet town, joins the gang too and the stage is set for some great battles. While there's lots of action, there's also space for humour, friendships and the message that super-heroes take all forms. As Hilo would say, "Outstanding!" For more action-packed, funny space adventures try Steve Cole's Magic Ink books, and for more brilliant cartoon action in colour there's Star Cat and Evil Emperor Penguin from the Phoenix Comic Presents series. ~ Andrea Reece



Mooncop

Author: Tom Gauld **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 20/09/2016
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

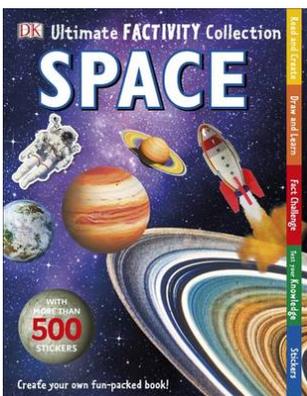
Living on the moon Whatever were we thinking? ...It seems so silly now. The lunar colony is slowly winding down, like a small town circumvented by a new super highway. As our hero, the Mooncop, makes his daily rounds, his beat grows ever smaller, the population dwindles. A young girl runs away, a dog breaks off his leash, an automaton wanders off from the Museum of the Moon. Each day that the Mooncop goes to work, life gets a little quieter and a little lonelier.



Lift-the-Flap Questions and Answers About Space

Author: Katie Daynes **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 01/05/2016
Year Groups: Early Years

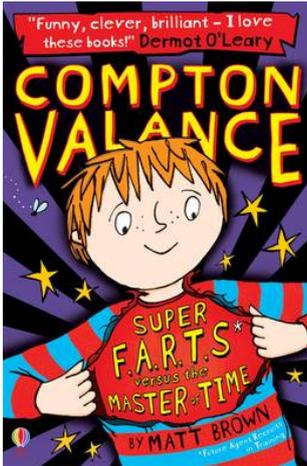
With Tim Peake keeping our attention fixed on the International Space Station children are probably thinking more about space than ever and this attractive book is full of fascinating information. It's divided by question: Where (e.g. does space begin); What (e.g. are stars made of?); Why; How; Who; Which; and Yes or No? Each page is bright and colourful and clear answers to all the questions posed are revealed under large, sturdy flaps. It's bound to encourage more questions and to get children wondering more about what space holds for them. There are questions for children themselves to answer on the final page and suggestions for where you can find out more. ~ Andrea Reece



Ultimate Factivity Collection Space

Author: **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/02/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

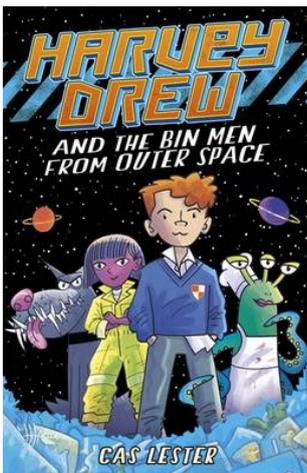
In DK's unique activity collection kids explore space with the ultimate blend of facts and fun. From colouring and drawing to puzzles and stickers, Ultimate Factivity Collection Space is a great way to learn while having fun - all you need is a pencil.



Compton Valance Super F.A.R.T.s versus the Master of Time

Author: Matt Brown **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/06/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

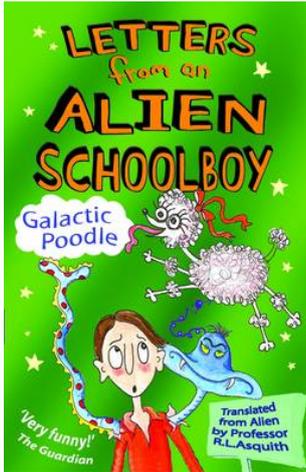
Compton Valance and his best friend Bryan Nylon are unlikely heroes, but they managed to create a time machine out of a mouldy cheese sandwich and save the universe from certain destruction. Now the sandwich is safely in a museum, and life is back to boring normal. But then the two are recruited into the Future Agent Research and Training Academy, aka F.A.R.T. and time-travelling again! The crazy plotline, eccentric characters and witty footnotes and author comments had me laughing out loud, heaven knows the effect they'll have on the target reader, who'll also fully appreciate the snot jokes! Cool illustrations and design make these ideal for reluctant readers but honestly everyone will enjoy this excellent series. ~ Andrea Reece Stop press... Matt will be appearing at the Cheltenham Festival on Saturday 3rd October. Click [here](#) to find out more. Further information from the Cheltenham Festival.



Harvey Drew & the Bin Men from Outer Space

Author: Cas Lester **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/03/2014
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

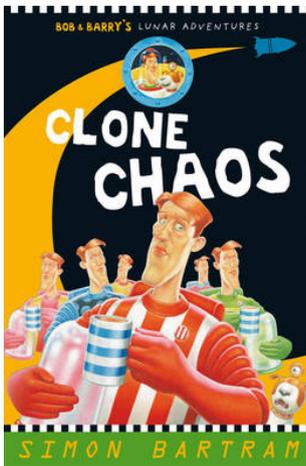
March 2014 Debut of the Month Fun and lively this will appeal to fans of David Walliams. Harvey Drew is an ordinary eleven-year-old who dreams of great adventures in outer space. The Toxic Spew is an intergalactic waste disposal ship. The two are on a collision course for chaos! A Piece of Passion from Sara O'Connor, Editorial Director I have read a lot of fiction series for boys and I can assure you that Harvey Drew is special. It has all the action, all the humour and all the story that you might expect, but it also has a quiet lesson to be learned. Harvey exemplifies good leadership. He would never ask his crew to do something he wouldn't do himself. He uses his diplomacy skills and shows his crew how to work together to make things a little bit better than they were yesterday. These are values I want to pass on to my son - buried in the heart of a rip-roaring, giggle-inducing space adventure!



Letters from an Alien Schoolboy: Galactic Poodle

Author: Ros Asquith **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/06/2012
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

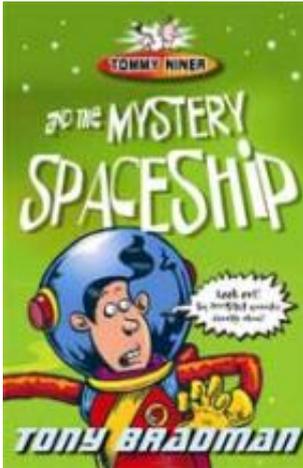
Third in the series. The first book, Letters from an Alien Schoolboy, was shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2011. It was described by Michael Rosen as "Inventive, clever, warm ... a short course in learning how to laugh." The Alien Schoolboy titles entertain on lots of different levels so parents will find themselves enjoying reading them with their kids. Buried with the sheer daft exuberance of the plots are astute observations on human life in all its irrationality. There are also sharp one-liners, and some favourite old jokes too. [Click here for the Alien Schoolboy website](#), which contains lots of fun activities for kids !



Bob and Barry's Lunar Adventures: Clone Chaos

Author: Simon Bartram **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/04/2011
Year Groups: Key Stage 1

A Lovereading4kids 'Great Read' you may have missed 2011 selection. It is the fourth title in Simon Bartram's young fiction series, the combination of lots of Simon's brilliant and unmistakable drawings coupled with a great story, is the reason why they have been such a huge hit for kids of 6-9. They are fantastic adventures set in space featuring Bob and Barry, well known from the picture books 'Man on the Moon' and 'Bob's Best Ever Friend'. Here Bob is about to get the shock of his life when he runs into...himself! A cloning machine has been invented to duplicate the spaceman in the Galaxy. But what if no one can tell the difference between the clone and the real Bob? [Click here to see other Bob and Barry books and more by Simon Bartram.](#)



Tommy Niner And The Mystery Spaceship

Author: Tony Bradman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 31/05/2007 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

This is a fantastic new series, perfect for boys aged 6+ who are just starting out on the fun of reading alone, or perhaps for those boys who aren't yet hooked on reading but will become so having met Tommy Niner, from award-winning and bestselling author Tony Bradman. He has created, in Tommy Niner a nine-year old boy whose home is a spaceship along with his dad, grand dad and the Stardust's onboard computer Ada. Wild and wacky adventures ensue and they do get themselves in a bit of danger from time to time but each time one of them manages to save the day. There will be more Tommy Niner adventures to come.
