## HGS Book Recommendations

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New Arrivals in the LRC





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National Non-Fiction November is the Federation of Children's Book Groups' annual celebration of all things factual. Here is a selection of books recommended by www.sla.org.uk



Through the decades, investigators and mediums have dedicated themselves to the task of reaching through the veil and contacting the other side.

Whether ghosts are the souls of the dead, windows in time or interdimensional beings, cultures through the ages have responded with fear and fascination to their horrific haunts and eerie appearances.

This illustrative study will take you through the history and culture of ghosts.



You've probably heard the word 'empire' before. Perhaps because of the Roman empire. Or maybe even the Star Wars films. But what about the British Empire? Why don't we learn much about this? And what even is an empire, anyway? This book will answer all the important questions about Britain's imperial history.

It will explore how Britain's empire once made it the most powerful nation on earth, and how it still affects our lives in many ways today - from the words we use, to the food we eat, the sports we play and even to every grown-up's fixation with a good cup of tea. Because how can we ever make the world a kinder, better place for the future, if we don't know the truth about the past?



Meet the most exceptional explorers of all time! Which Viking voyager outclassed Columbus by 500 years? Who cut Ferdinand Magellan's round-theworld trip in half? What got Amelia Earhart's passion for piloting off to a flying start?

Uncover all this and more in Corpse Talk, the hilarious and mind-expanding chat show that brings the dead famous to life!



Do you dream of walking the red carpet? Are you fascinated by special effects? Do you have a story you're itching to tell the world? This practical guide to all things stage, film and TV is packed with everything you need to know about working in the theatre or film industry.

From famous theatres to a timeline of musicals, from fascinating film genres to exotic locations, learn all about the behind-the-scenes magic of stage and screen. Follow our step-by-step guides and in no time you'll be putting on your own production or shooting your own film. Next stop, Hollywood or London's West End!

From the ancient origins of performance to the emerging digital world fusing art and technology, All The World's A Stage provides an amazing insight into theatre, television and film.



This visually extraordinary book presents the history of medicine as it has never been seen before. From potions and ointments to modern day bionics, the journey through medicine has been one full of experiments, trials and breakthroughs.

Humankind's battle to stay alive has been horrifying, bizarre and exhilarating, and there is still a long way to go.

Uniquely presented through a series of posters, comic-strip retellings, timelines, newspaper articles and much more, this strikingly illustrated book charts the history of medicine in engaging and unusual ways.



Did you know that a toy spaceship can teach you about inflation? Or that a pooping cow can show you how to invest your pocket money? And that even the greatest detectives have been fooled by fake news and dancing fairies? The world is often full of bamboozling headlines and numbers that don't add up.

But don't panic. Within these pages you will transform into a Truth Detective, hunting down the truth about the world around you.

You will meet heroic truth detectives, such as Florence Nightingale who started a revolution with a pie chart. You will encounter dastardly villains who have tried to trip us up with dodgy data and misinformation. And you will learn how being smart and savvy with numbers, will help you be smart and savvy about everything else in life too.

A must read for curious kids from presenter of BBC Radio 4's "More or Less", Tim Harford and with wonderful illustrations to enjoy by Ollie Mann.



Engineers are the superheroes of the real world. They use their problemsolving skills to face down the biggest challenges we have, from creating clean energy to designing prosthetic limbs, from eliminating food shortages to programming AI to exploring the surface of Mars.

In this book you'll meet 46 engineers, from apprentices and lab technicians to university professors and start-up CEOs and hear what problems they are solving and why they love their jobs.

Engineers are changing the world. Will you be one of them?