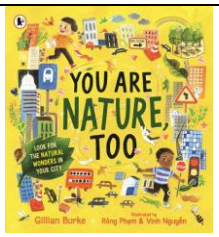


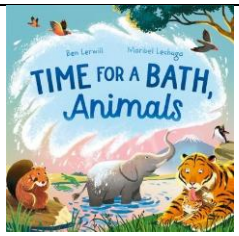
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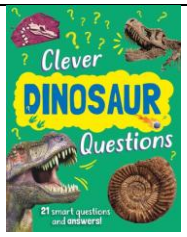
Ready, Steady, Sloth! **9781529516296** **£12.99**
by Justin Anderson **NF 599.3**
There is something admirable about an animal that spends most of its time hanging upside down and never moves at a speed above 1.5 miles per hour. Loads of fascinating information about the private life of the sloth and this one is on a 'special mission' which happens to be its weekly trip to the toilet. For us this may be inconvenient (and probably happens more than once a week) but it turns out that for a sloth it can be quite an ordeal.



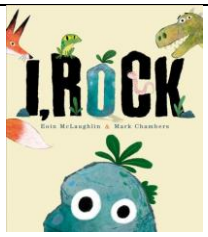
You Are Nature, Too **9781529502619** **£8.99**
by Gillian Burke **NF 508**
Most people in the UK live in towns and cities. Does this mean nature is remote and inaccessible? Not a bit. With loads of things to spot in its lovely collaged illustrations this charming book shows how nature is all around us even in the busiest of urban areas. A nice reminder, too, that our beating hearts mean nature is at work within us: we are part of nature, too. Just what you'd expect from a former *Springwatch* presenter.



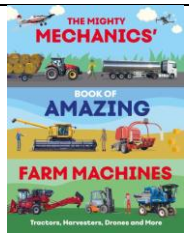
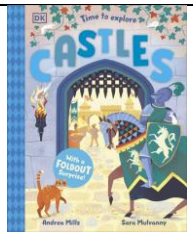
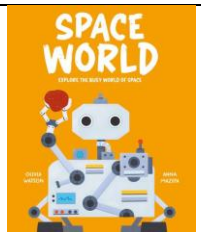
Time for a Bath, Animals **9781800789838** **£7.99**
by Ben Lerwill **NF 591.5**
Unlike some humans, animals spend lots of time keeping clean. But how do you clean behind your ears with no fingers to help you? This book looks at the various strategies animals employ to keep dirt at bay. There are even some top tips at the end to help you enjoy a brilliant bubbly bath time. Fortunately hopping into a crocodile's mouth to clean it's teeth like the Egyptian plover isn't one of them.



Clever Dinosaur Questions **9781445192130** **£14.99**
by Annabelle Lynch **NF 567.9**
Answers some of the common dino-related questions: what was the biggest, smallest, or most terrifying dinosaur? But it's more than that and some of the questions really are clever: what colour were dinosaurs? What did they sound like? And, of course, how big was a dinosaur poo? Best for upper KS1 or anyone with a real Mesozoic passion.



I, Rock **9780008771843** **£7.99**
by Eoin McLaughlin
This is clever: a humorous history of time for KS1. The narrator is Rock, who is actually a fragment of an ancient meteor, who is celebrating his 3-billionth birthday (that's nine noughts!). He reflects on the Big Bang when it all started, his transformation from dust to rock 11 billion years later, his friendship with Gary the dinosaur (and Gary's dusty demise) and evolution since then. Big ideas in a simple, fun story.

	**The Mighty Mechanics Book of Amazing Farm Machines** **9781835690956** **£9.99** **NF 631.3** One for the mechanically minded. Clear photos and simple text explain how familiar (and sometimes not so familiar) farm machinery works. If disk harrows or balers are your thing – and I hear they have their admirers – then this is the book for you. The machines are grouped under headings such as Preparing and Planting, and Growing and Harvesting giving coherence to what may seem random equipment. Be sure not to miss the Liquid Manure Spreader. Guaranteed appeal especially in a farming county.
	**Castles** **9780241812044** **£10.99** **by Andrea Mills** **NF 728.81** Turns out Cyril the ginger cat is a bit of an expert on Medieval history. Join him on an exploration of a medieval castle complete with drawbridge, moat and some holes in the ceiling from which heavy things could be dropped onto intruders – ouch! Loads to spot with a fold out of a banquet in full swing. Those ruins you visit on a Sunday afternoon will never seem the same again.
	**England** **9788888596821** **£7.99** **by Sumana Seeboruth** **NF 914.2** A book for very young readers. Have a full English breakfast then get a red double decker for a day playing cricket at the park. What could be a more English day out? A gentle and uncontroversial introduction to all things English. Very current.
	**Space World** **9781833691021** **£9.99** **by Olivia Watson** **NF 520** Fancy a space adventure? This book is designed to spark curiosity and engage the inquisitive young explorer. A series of eleven colourful space scenes – including on the moon, inside the asteroid belt and in Mission Control – provide loads to spot. Interactive questions help generate discussion and then there's the Mars Rover going boldly where no rover has been before.
	**Clever Cacti** **9781526328717** **£8.99** **by Susie Williams** **NF 581.4** I bet the first pot plant you ever owned was a cactus. There is undoubtedly something appealing about these spiky desert dwellers. Here is an accessible first look at the weird and wonderful world of cacti with loads of interesting facts. Did you know, for example, that some cacti have ridges called ribs that allow them to expand to take up more water when it rains? Or that it is possible to use the skin of some cacti as a substitute for leather? Read on to learn more about these curious plants – it's not only books that have spines!