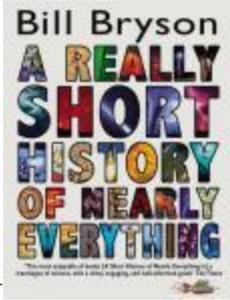


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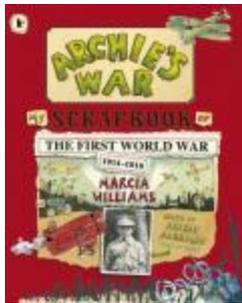


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## **A Really Short History of Nearly Everything**

**By Bill Bryson**

Travel writer Bill Bryson turns his friendly writing style to exploring the science associated with the history of the earth and the life on it, plus information about people who made scientific discoveries.



## **Archie's War**

**By Marcia Williams**

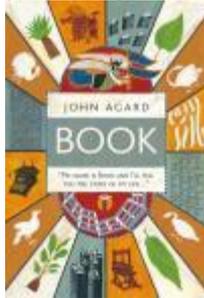
Marcia Williams has continued to use the comic strip style for which she became well known but she has developed and extended it to create this scrapbook of a boy's life during World War I.



## **Benjamin Zephaniah (Black Stars)**

**By Verna Wilkins**

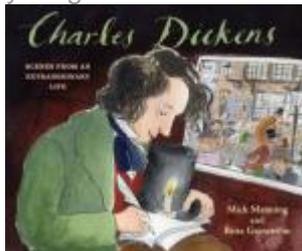
One of a series about the lives of black people who have succeeded in British society. This short biography describes the early life of performance poet Benjamin Zephaniah.



## **Book**

**By John Agard**

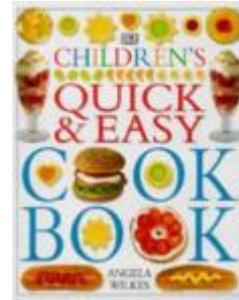
John Agard has personified the book in prose which is lyrical, chatty and informative. Book speaks to us across the ages describing its own history from the birth of writing on clay tablets to a modern day meeting with a young eBook.



## **Charles Dickens - Scenes from an Extraordinary Life**

**By Mick Manning**

This picture book cleverly combines significant scenes from Dickens' own life adapted and abridged from his own writings with contextual information about Victorian life.



## **Children's Quick and Easy Cook Book**

**By Angela Wilkes**

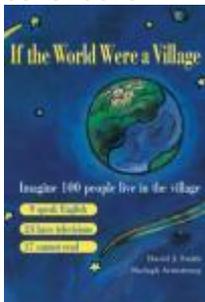
A very clearly set out recipe book listing ingredients, equipment needed and step by step instructions for each recipe. Illustrated with mouth-watering photographs which demonstrate the appearance of the ingredients, the method and the finished result distinctly. Other significant features include an illustrated contents list with brief descriptions of each recipe and a picture glossary which depicts and explains a variety of cooking terms.



## H.O.U.S.E.

By Aleksandra Machowiak, Daniel Mizielinski

Human ingenuity and imagination are celebrated in this unusual book about the architecture of houses all around the world which makes readers question what a dwelling can be and consider what materials can be used for construction.

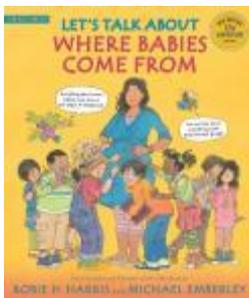


## If the World Were a Village

By David J Smith

An original way of making sense of global issues. Reducing the world to a village enables the author to break problems down into manageable statistics.

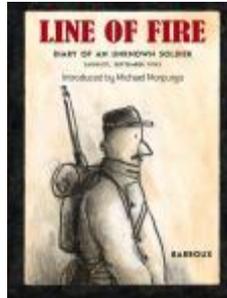
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## Let's Talk About Where Babies Come From

By Robie H Harris

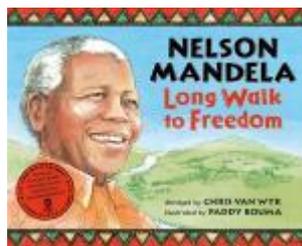
A comprehensive explanation about puberty, sex and relationships, pregnancy and childbirth, presented in a colourful and accessible book.



## Line of Fire

By Barroux

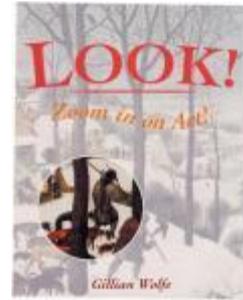
The French illustrator Barroux made an amazing find amongst the rubbish being cleared out of a Paris basement. It was the diary of a soldier written during the first two months of the First World War in 1914. Using the words of this unknown soldier, Barroux has created this graphic novel.



## Long Walk to Freedom

By Nelson Mandela, Chris Van Wyk

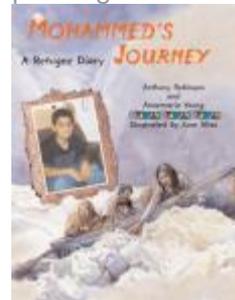
An admirable distillation of Nelson Mandela's autobiography into a picture book format by a South African writer and illustrator.



## Look! Zoom in on Art

By Gillian Wolfe

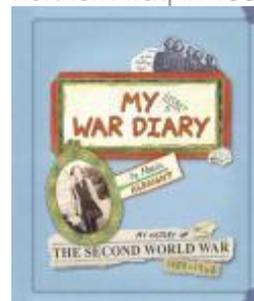
This book encourages active participation in making art as well as close looking at existing paintings.



## Mohammed's Journey

By Anthony Robinson

This harrowing and moving narrative is based on the true story of a Kurdish boy who was born in the northern Iraq in 1994.

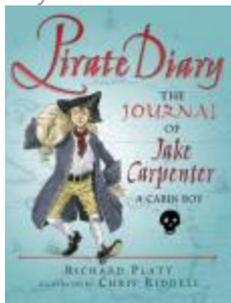


## My Secret War Diary, by Flossie Albright

By Marcia Williams

In *Archie's War*, Marcia Williams used the format of

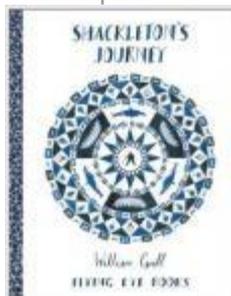
a scrapbook to tell the story of one boy's experience in World War 1. Here she uses some of the same techniques - flaps to open and the integration of contemporary photographs and numerous thumbnail drawings - to create this World War 2 diary of Archie's daughter Flossie. Flossie's good sense and humour come over strongly, as she copes with her father's wartime absence, caring for her baby brother (her mother has recently died) and the arrival of evacuees, including a German Jewish boy.



## Pirate Diary

By Platt, Richard Platt

A fictitious journal, kept during 1716 to 1717, by Jake Carpenter a doctor's son in the American colonies, who signs on as a sailor on a brig called the Greyhound, bound for Martinique.



## Shackleton's Journey

By William Grill

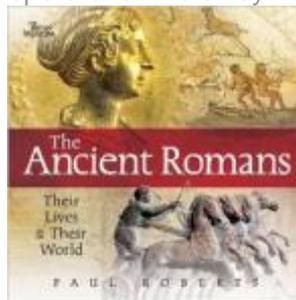
Illustrator William Grill weaves a detailed visual narrative of Shackleton's journey to Antarctica. His beautiful use of coloured pencils and vibrant hues effortlessly evokes the adventure and excitement that surrounded the expedition.



## Taff in the WAAF

By Mick Manning

Mick Manning has based this account of the Second World War from one woman's point of view on conversation with his mother who served in the WAAF and became a secret service wireless operator at Bletchley Park.

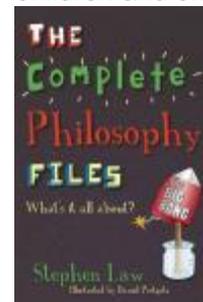


## The Ancient Romans. Their Lives and Their World

By Paul Roberts

This book uses artefacts in the British Museum's collection and quotes from contemporary writers to illustrate the lives of a variety of social and

occupational groups in the Roman populace, including farmers and foodmakers, children and charioteers.



## The Complete Philosophy Files

By Stephen Law

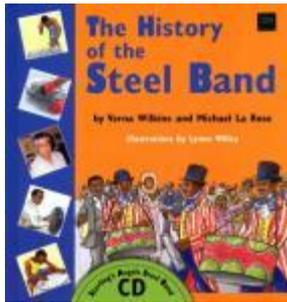
The author poses basic philosophical questions in an entertaining and thought-provoking way, challenging readers to make up their own minds.



## The Egyptian Echo

By Paul Dowswell

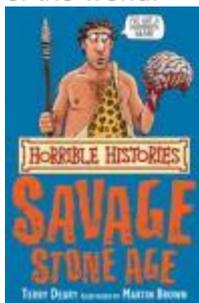
One of a Newspaper Histories series, this book is set out like a tabloid newspaper, with the content tailored to the period of the Ancient Egyptians, although the language is very much of the present day.



## The History of the Steel Band

By Verna Wilkins,  
Michael La Rose

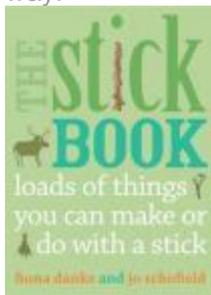
A concise, accessible and very informative text describes the history of the steel pan from its beginnings in Trinidad to its modern day popularity throughout many countries of the world.



## The Savage Stone Age

By Terry Deary

'Horrible Histories', with their catchy alliterative titles, have proved very popular with children. They combine humour with real historical facts in a lively way.



## The Stick Book

By Jo Schofield, Fiona Danks

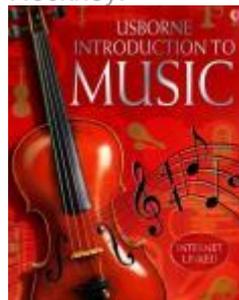
This book contains a multitude of imaginative ideas and instructions for activities using simple sticks. The 70 projects described and displayed in photographs include the practical, the magical, the playful and the musical.



## The Usborne Children's Book of Art

By Rosie Dickins

This introduction to art describes the work of European and American painters of the last 500 years, from Leonardo and Michelangelo to Andy Warhol and David Hockney.

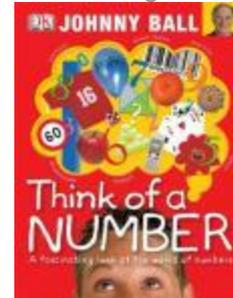


## The Usborne Introduction to Music

By Eileen O'Brien

Excellent use of internet links is made to extend the usefulness of this book, enabling readers to hear the wide variety of musical

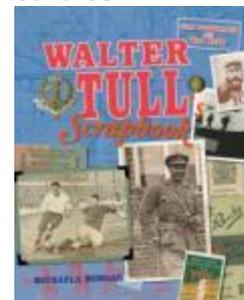
styles described, from pop and rock to classical, taking in traditional music from various regions of the world along the way.



## Think of a Number

By Johnny Ball

A fun and highly informative book about mathematics. It begins by getting readers to imagine a world without numbers, then goes on to show how numbers have developed through time and across cultures.



## Walter Tull's Scrapbook

By Michaela Morgan

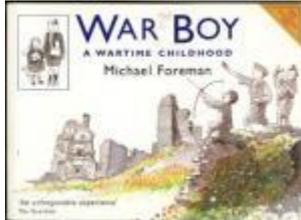
The story of black footballer and soldier Walter Tull, presented as though it were an autobiography written by Walter himself. It has an appealing and accessible layout that makes use of contemporary photos and documents. Some spreads are reminiscent of *War Boy*, Michael Foreman's

account of his World War Two childhood.

See also: Michaela Morgan: *Respect! The Walter Tull*

Story Barrington Stoke £6.99 9781781124260  
Michael Morpurgo: *A Medal for*

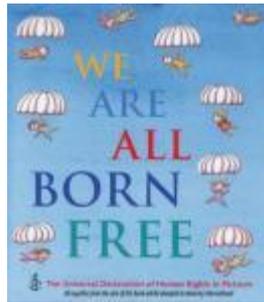
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## War Boy

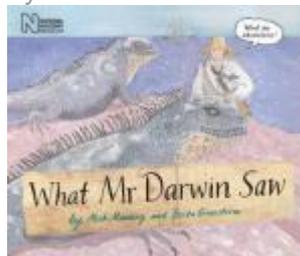
**By Michael Foreman**

Michael Foreman's evocation of his Suffolk childhood during the Second World War. The reader is enticed into this carefully drawn world and in the process learns much about everyday life in Britain at that time.



## We Are All Born Free. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures

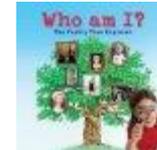
An admirable and attractive production which raises awareness of, and will provoke discussion about, a human rights agenda agreed internationally as one all people should aim to live by.



## What Mr Darwin Saw

**By Mick Manning**

A picture book which gives an outline of Charles Darwin's life, his ideas and discoveries.



## Who Am I? The Family Tree Explorer

**By Anthony Adolph**

A genealogist encourages children to explore their own family histories and link them to a wider historical context, for example by creating parallel timelines.