At Michael O’Mara Books we specialize in creative and inspired adult non-fiction. Independent, commercial and always on-trend, we are passionate about our books and publish an exciting and varied list – from history and popular science to language; sport and biography to puzzles; gift and humour to craft – that reaches readers across the world.

Buster Books loves to create books for curious and creative children. Our list is brimming with titles to spark the imagination and encourage exploration. The books will satisfy the keenest of puzzle masters, budding artists and the deepest of thinkers. Above all, they are to be enjoyed.

LOM ART is dedicated to showcasing the most talented and creative artists. Our beautiful and exciting artist-led books will unleash creativity in people of all ages. From quirky drawing books to pop-out paper models, the list exhibits what’s hot in the worlds of art and culture.

We hope you enjoy our diverse lists.

MICHAELO’MARA BOOKS 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

How to Be More Tree
Essential Life Lessons for Perennial Happiness
Annie Davidson
ISBN 9781912785131
185x135mm • 224pp
Hardback • World • £9.99
Publication date: 14/11/19

This beautifully illustrated book brings together sixty essential life lessons inspired by the infinite wisdom of trees.

Trees do not have brains to think with, or nervous systems that cause them to feel things, and yet they are undeniably clever. From their ability to adapt, to their understanding of the strength of networks and mutually beneficial relationships, they put us to shame with their natural ability to thrive, even when they find themselves in less than ideal environments.

Forget online gurus and influencers – from the core strength of the black walnut to the ingenious adaptability of the beech, all the wisdom and inspiration you need for a happier life can be found right outside your door.

The Modern Witch's Guide to Happiness
Self-care rituals, mystic guidance and magic spells to harness your power
Luna Bailey
ISBN 9781789291858
230x170mm • 128pp
Publication date: 5/12/19

It's time to give your inner witch a voice. Unlock the magick of modern witchcraft and infuse your every day with happiness.

This is your essential spiritual guide to happiness. Including everything you need to know to become a modern witch, this book will teach you how to harness the power of the natural world, dispel toxic energy and develop your own psychic ability to find happiness.

Illustrated throughout and containing simple yet effective practical tips and tricks, self-care rituals and cleansing spells for the everyday, this treasure chest of a book will empower you to live your life to the fullest. Summon your inner goddess, re-connect with yourself and take control of your happiness.

Blackpink
K-Pop's No.1 Girl Group
Adrian Besley
ISBN 9781789291993
234x153mm • 192pp
Paperback • World • £9.99
Publication date: 5/12/19

A comprehensive guide to the K-pop girl group who are taking the music world by storm. The sassiest, most stylish girls around – BLACKPINK!

‘Blackpink in Your Area’! The K-pop girl group are taking their catchphrase literally; they have just completed a sell-out stadium world tour. Jisoo, Jennie, Rosé and Lisa, all beautiful and supremely talented women in their early 20s, are the hottest thing in pop right now – and they only have a dozen songs!

If Blackpink were ever a secret, the secret was out by April 2019, when they headlined Coachella, and their fandom – known as Blinks – suddenly included Ariana Grande and Harry Styles. They are the first female K-pop group to have had four #1 singles on Billboard’s World Digital Songs chart, and their single ‘Ddu-Du Ddu-Du’ became the most viewed music video by a K-pop group on YouTube – take that, BTS!
The Domestic Revolution

‘Ruth is the queen of living history – long may she reign.’ Lucy Worsley

A large black cast iron range glowing hot, the kettle steaming on top, provider of

‘The heartwarming and heartbreaking story of one selfless young vet on a mission to
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to see the state of so many of the island’s dogs, in particular the three million strays.
Over 5,000 miles from home, Janey decided there and then that she was going to move
to help those dogs. She set up the UK’s first ever animal shelter in Sri Lanka. In this
highly inspiring and heartfelt book Janey tells her story of a uniquely British way of life:
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In this highly inspiring and heartfelt book full of challenges and adventure, Janey
introduces us to her world and the tireless work she carries out. As she says, ‘I feel as
though all these dogs are my dogs and I have a responsibility to them.’ In it, we meet
many of the colourful characters from all around the world who have come to offer help,
along with innumerable street dogs who have suffered all sorts of trauma and injury, only
to be scooped up by Janey and her team and saved.

Angel of the Street Dogs

The Vet Saving Sri Lanka’s Forgotten Strays

Janey Lowes

ISBN: 9781782438502
176x129mm • 288pp
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Publication date: 1/9/20

A little over ten years ago, Janine Marsh and her husband gave up their careers in
London to chase the good life in the countryside of northern France. She is now the
go-to expat in the area for those seeking to get to grips with a very different way of
life.

In this charming follow-up to My Good Life in France, Janine regales us with the delights
and dramas of a year attempting to live the rural idyll. Told with warmth and humour,
Janine tells her story of a uniquely French way of life: where two eternally ambitious
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My Good Year in France

Seasonal Tales of an Expat Abroad

Janine Marsh

ISBN: 9781789290479
234x153mm • 256pp
Paperback • World • £9.99
Publication date: 1/4/20

A Short History of the World in 50 Places

Discover the most impactful and incredible episodes from human history, from the
prehistoric era to the present day, through the perspective of fifty of the most
important, and often surprising, places in the world.

A Short History of the World in 50 Places provides a new perspective on the grand sweep
of our planet’s story. From the prehistoric era to the early twenty-first century, it takes
readers from the Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania, where fossil evidence of over two million
years of human evolution was uncovered, to the CERN laboratory in Switzerland, where
cutting-edge contemporary technologies such as the World Wide Web were invented
and developed — and many fascinating places in between!

24 Hours in Ancient China

Yiye Zhuang

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Publication date: 1/9/20

Travel back to AD 17, during the fourth year of the reign of Wang Mang of the Han
dynasty, a vibrant and innovative era full of conflicts and contradictions. But as different as the Han culture might have been to other great ancient civilizations, the inhabitants of ancient China faced the same problems as people have for time immemorial: earning enough money, coping with workplace drama and keeping your home in order … although the equivalent in this era was more about bribing inspectors, avoiding bullying from abusive watchmen and trying to keep your house from being looted by Huns.

Set in Guanzhong, where the capital Chang’an was located, and the Lower Yellow River and Huai River areas, one of the most culturally and economically developed regions of the empire, 24 Hours in Ancient China brings the everyday actions of ancient Chinese Han citizens vividly to life.

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An entrepreneur is someone who has a great, innovative idea that identifies the need for the creation of a new business, taking on the financial risk in the hope of profit and driving that business forward in a measured way.

This book draws on the stories, experiences and words of iconic business figures from around the globe and across the years – from Andrew Carnegie and Oprah Winfrey to Steve Jobs and Sunil Mittal. Each chapter deals with a specific aspect of entrepreneurship and the lessons they can teach us, such as:

- The bigger picture: to be a world-beater, you need a world-beater’s mindset
- Branding: Don’t forget what makes your business scalable in the first place
- Problem solving: Expansion brings inevitable problems, an entrepreneur should do everything possible to ready their business for change
- The future: Remember Warren Buffet’s wise words: ‘Forecasts usually tell us more of the forecaster than of the future’

How to Think Like an Entrepreneur presents the ideas and methods of the business greats, allowing the reader to expand their understanding of what drives and informs successful entrepreneurship.

Infinity in the Palm of Your Hand
Fifty Wonders That Reveal an Extraordinary Universe
Marcus Chown
Bestselling author Marcus Chown explores some of the most profound and important science about us, our world and the universe with fifty fascinating and mind-bending facts.

Did you know that you could fit the whole human race in the volume of a sugar cube? Or that the electrical energy in a single mosquito is enough to cause a global mass extinction? With brilliant clarity and wit, bestselling author Marcus Chown examines the profound science behind fifty remarkable scientific facts that help explain the vast complexities of our existence.
**How to Draw a Mermaid and Other Cute Creatures**

Learn how to draw mermaids and other magical mashups in Lulu Mayo’s unique and quirky style, using simple shapes and easy-to-follow steps.

From a magical mermicorn and a friendly narwhal to an elephant-pig mashup and a cute cat in a tiger costume, these adorable creatures are loads of fun to draw. The book demonstrates how to draw quirky kawaii-style characters in an easy, step-by-step way that will also have readers coming up with their own cute creations in no time.

Using simple shapes, illustrator Lulu Mayo explains how to draw each mythical, magical or just plain marvellous creature. Her 30 imaginative creations are sure to keep budding artists entertained and inspired to dream up their very own weird and wonderful characters.

**A Million Mermaids**

Illustrated by Édouard Manceau

Written by Stéphane Frattini

This big, beautiful hidden object book is bursting with over 2,818 creatures to search and find.

From cute kittens to waddling penguins, the reader is challenged to spot over 100 distinctive individuals within each crowded scene. This book features fascinating facts and stats about the animals included, and readers are introduced to some of the amazing collective nouns that enrich our language. Humourously written with a cute, quirky illustration style, this is the search book kids will want to read again and again.

**Monet’s Cat**

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Illustrated by Becky Cameron

A beautifully illustrated picture book inspired by Monet’s paintings.

Monet’s Cat tells the story of a magical pottery cat, Chika, who comes alive to explore Monet’s paintings from within. Join her as she visits four famous works of art – causing chaos at a picturesque picnic lunch, getting lost in the smog at a train station, running riot at the beach and making a splash at the water lily pond. But can her famous owner keep up with her exploits?

Featuring beautiful illustrations inspired by Monet’s paintings, as well as gallery pages showcasing reproductions of his work, this charming story encourages even the youngest children to engage with, explore and enjoy Monet’s art.

**Worlds Within Worlds**

Colour New Realms

Illustrated by Kerby Rosanes

Epic doodler Kerby Rosanes allows his wildest imaginings to come to life as he creates microcosms of strange realities with his own unique twist. Enchanting realms and entire universes are transported to strange and wonderful new habitats and a hidden magic key ‘unlocks’ the next world.

Viking ships set sail through the eyes of a skull, an open book has a steampunk city rising from its pages and a giant tortoise carries a haunted house on its shell – all for you to bring to life with colour.

**Create Your Own Modern Masterpiece**

Write your own modern masterpiece. With a dash of background information about the artists and prompts to help you compose your drawings, each project is also accompanied by useful templates so that your creations can be spot on.

**A Million Mermaids**

Magical Creatures to Colour

Illustrated by Lulu Mayo

A Million Mermaids is a colouring book designed for mermaid lovers of all ages.

Its humour and adorable charm will appeal to both children and adults as they enter a magical world where mermaids collect shells and swim with dolphins. Inside are over 30 spreads of these beautiful creatures, decorated with mythical patterns and motifs.

A new title in Lulu Mayo’s bestselling A Million series, with a stunning foil-wrapped cover.

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**Where’s the Witch?**
A Spooky Search-and-Find Book
Illustrated by Chuck Whelon

A sensationally spooky search-and-find book brimming with colourful scenes.

It’s nearly Halloween, so Wendy the Witch is taking her spooky friends out trick-or-treating – to all her favourite places! Follow Wendy, Mumford the Mummy, Zoe the Zombie and the rest of the creepy crew as they visit a zoo, a desert, an ocean and loads of other fun locations. Just make sure they make it home in time for the big Halloween party!

This seasonal search-and-find book will test readers’ spotting skills as they look for all ten characters in every scene. Plus, head to the back of the book for over 100 extra things to search for.

**Where’s Santa’s Reindeer?**
A Festive Search-and-Find Book
Illustrated by Paul Moran with additional artwork by Gergely Póntor, Jorge Santillan and Adam Linley

From the publishers of the bestselling Where’s the Unicorn? comes a festive adventure to knock your Christmas stockings off.

There’s a week to go before Christmas Eve and Santa’s eight favourite reindeer are nowhere in sight! Santa can’t deliver all the presents in one night without his trusted herd, so he and his chief elf set off to find them. Help Santa chase the reindeer through 17 intricately illustrated seasonal scenes and bring them home to the North Pole in time to load up the sleigh. There are eight cute reindeer, plus Santa and his elf, to find in each location and the answer pages at the back feature extra things to spot.

Illustrated by the bestselling artist behind Where’s the Unicorn? and Where’s the Meerkat?, this fab-yule-lous search-and-find book is a must-have Christmas gift.

**You Can Save The Planet**
101 Ways You Can Make a Difference
Written by Jacqueline Wines and Clive Gifford
Illustrated by Sarah Home

This book is a call to action for children everywhere.

The effects of pollution, global warming and the destruction of our planet have never been so visible or measurable. This book introduces and explains the massive global problems that need to be addressed urgently and is packed with 101 smart, practical and fun things kids can do to make their homes, schools and neighbourhoods more environmentally friendly.

The time for change is now, and You Can Save The Planet empowers kids to make a real difference.

In the words of Greta Thunberg, “no one is too small to make a difference.”
**BLACKPINK: Queens of K-Pop**
The Unauthorized Fan Guide
Written by Helen Brown
ISBN: 9781780556222
Publication date: 11/7/19

Blackpink in your area! The must-have commemorative celebration of K-Pop’s biggest girl group.

This ultimate fan guide celebrates everything you love about BLACKPINK – the sassiest, most stylish girl group who are taking the music world by storm.

Go backstage and relive Jisoo, Jennie, Rosé and Lisa's incredible experiences, from their days as trainees to the moment they debuted and the worldwide success that followed. Explore the band's record-smashing music, trend-setting dance moves and fashion triumphs, and celebrate the girls’ different personalities and styles. Once you’ve learnt everything there is to know about the Queens of K-Pop, take the ultimate quiz to prove how much of a fan you really are.

Filled with pages of glossy photos, brilliant quotes and sensational secrets, this book is for Blinks, as well as new fans everywhere.

**BTS: K-Pop Kings**
The Unauthorized Fan Guide
Written by Helen Brown
ISBN: 9781780556291
Publication date: 19/3/20

Bts: K-pop Kings is the must-have commemorative celebration of BTS, the Korean boy band with a global army of fans.

With their talent, dedication, clever choreography, and catchy blend of pop, hip-hop and R&B, this fan book offers an extensive look at what makes the Bangtan Boys so memorable. Packed with fascinating facts and sensational secrets around how the band got together and their rise to fame, to their first number one and beyond, this book takes fans up close and personal with RM, J-Hope, Suga, Jimin, V, Jin and Jungkook.

Filled with pages of brilliant photos and including an advanced quiz, this is the ultimate book for ARMYs, as well as new K-Pop fans everywhere.

**BTS and Me**
Your Unofficial Fill-In Fan Book
Written by Becca Wright
Illustrated by Salomé Robert and Ani Iashvili
ISBN: 9781789291339
Publication date: 2/5/19

Bts and me is the perfect way to record all of your favourite things about your favourite Korean boyband, Bangtan Sonyeondan.

Packed full of fun fill-in activities, from quizzes to find out who would be your best friend, planning your ideal concert setlist and designing outfits for the boys to letting the music videos you watch on repeat, writing letters to each member and imagining a perfect day with them. Beautifully illustrated by Bts real fans, this personalized keepsake has plenty of space to record all of your most cherished things about these seven talented boys from South Korea.

Bts is the biggest band on the planet right now, 2018 saw them granting the cover of time magazine, appearing at the UN and performing a sold-out global tour, as well as breaking records for album sales and music video views. With their global Army of fans, Bts really are taking over the world.

**Maths Games for Bright Sparks**
Ages 7 to 9
Created by Gareth Moore
Illustrated by Jess Bradley
ISBN: 9781780555637
Publication date: 19/3/20

Maths Games for Bright Sparks includes intricately devised and devilishly difficult maze to turn children into puzzle masters.

For children aged 7-9, the Bright Sparks series is aimed at sharpening the minds of the next generation of puzzle masters.

Mazes for Bright Sparks contains more than 120 mazes for kids to complete. The mazes get more fiendish with every turn of the page, letting the reader get to grips with each puzzle style and then build on their skill.

Illustrated by Jess Bradley, who has filled the pages with cute and funny kawaii-style creatures, Mazes for Bright Sparks includes intricately devised and devilishly difficult maze to turn children into puzzle masters in no time.

Other books in the series include:
9781780556161 Brain Games for Bright Sparks
9781780556161 Quiz Games for Bright Sparks
9781780556307 Wordsearches for Bright Sparks
9781780556291 Crosswords for Bright Sparks
The Picture Puzzle Activity Book

Part of Buster's brand-new Big Activity Book series and packed with over 100 puzzles and games, The Picture Puzzle Activity Book is packed with brain-boggling, boredom-busting activities for every need.

This second book in the Buster Puzzle Activity series is packed with puzzles for every need – from head-scratching mazes and spot-the-differences, to mindful dot-to-dots and number-code colouring. Puzzlers can embark on an exciting treasure hunt, follow step-by-step drawing tutorials, dive into deep-sea scenes, and much, much more. Expect to encounter a range of fun characters along the way – from princesses and superheroes to monsters and meerkats! This book is perfect for keeping boredom at bay and ensuring children are entertained and occupied, whether that be at home, on holiday or on long car journeys.

I Heart Flamingos
I Heart Butterflies
I Heart Cute Unicorns

The perfect pocket-sized book series for colouring on the go.

I Heart Flamingos, I Heart Butterflies and I Heart Cute Unicorns are the newest additions to the bestselling I Heart Colouring series, which is available in 22 different languages and has sold over 540,000 copies worldwide.

These exotic flamingos, beautiful butterflies and adorable unicorns are sure to delight for hours. Featuring a pretty foiled cover, these books are the perfect gift for children and adults alike.

Also in the series

The Big Green Activity Book
Mazes, Spot the Difference, Search and Find, Memory Games, Quizzes and Other Fun, Eco-friendly Puzzles to Complete
Written by Damara Strong
Illustrated by John Bigwood, Georgie Fearn, Charlotte Pepper and Ed Myer

Part of Buster's brand-new Big Activity Book series and packed with over 100 puzzles and games, The Big Green Activity Book is filled with puzzles and quizzes to test curious kids and teach them about our changing planet.

Each puzzle covers an eco-topic, such as saving water, recycling or deforestation, which the reader can complete while learning facts along the way. Help the bee into its hive, shop at the farmer's market and fix the leaky pipes to save water – it's all in a day's work for a Big Green puzzle master! Each thoughtfully illustrated puzzle is accompanied by facts about our earth, the creatures that live here, the effect that humans are having and what can be done to change things. This book will provide hours of planet-friendly fun.

The Big Human Body Activity Book
Mazes, Spot the Difference, Search and Find, Where's the Pair, Counting and Other Fun, Human Body Puzzles to Complete
Written by Ben Elcomb
Illustrated by Rhys Jefferys, Georgie Fearn and Marc Pattenden

Part of Buster's brand-new Big Activity Book series and packed with over 100 puzzles and games, The Big Human Body Activity Book is bursting with fun and fact-filled activities for inquisitive kids.

This innovative activity book includes brain-training memory games, intestine mazes, spot-the-difference searches, odd-one-out puzzles and so much more. Each puzzle explores a different part of the body and includes lots of fun facts to discover along the way. Children can find out about everything from where to find the smallest bone in the body to when you are most likely to need a poo.

The Big Animal Activity Book
Mazes, Spot the Difference, Search and Find, Matching Pairs, Counting and Other Fun, Animal Puzzles to Complete
Written by Frances Evans
Illustrated by Jean Claude

Part of Buster's brand-new Big Activity Book series and packed with over 80 puzzles and games, The Big Animal Activity Book is bursting with fun and fact-filled activities for kids who are wild about wildlife.

Paw-some challenges include guiding a panda through a bamboo forest, spotting a snow leopard on the mountain, matching up chameleon pairs and taking an elephant memory game. Along the way, readers can learn all kinds of wonderful facts about the animal kingdom, from how long a giant anteater's tongue is to why a bowerbird's favourite colour is blue.

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Publication date: 15/3/20
Kick Off! A Football Puzzle Book
Written by Clive Gifford
Illustrated by Julian Mosedale

Packed with fantastic puzzles to tackle, this football puzzle book is guaranteed to keep fans entertained long after the final whistle has blown.

Football-crazy kids will love to get their heads in the game with these themed quizzes, mazes, wordsearches, crosswords, guess the goals, stat attacks, spot the difference puzzles and much more. Packed full of engaging puzzles to entertain for hours, this book is suitable for supporters of any team to test their knowledge.

Written by football fanatic Clive Gifford and with entertaining black and white illustrations from Julian Mosedale, this is a fun way for football fans to learn facts and stats about the beautiful game.

Science Puzzles for Clever Kids
Created by Gareth Moore
Illustrated by Chris Dickason

A new title in the hugely successful Clever Kids series, this book is brimming with games to test children’s knowledge of STEM subjects – science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an interdisciplinary and applied approach.

From chemistry conundrums and mathematical mazes to technology teasers and engineering enigmas, there are plenty of puzzles to keep your brain in shape away from the lab.

Created by bestselling puzzle book author Gareth Moore, author of the chart-topping success Brain Games for Clever Kids.

Logic Games for Clever Kids
Created by Gareth Moore
Illustrated by Chris Dickason

A new title in the hugely successful Clever Kids series, this book is packed with logic puzzles that are guaranteed to put your powers of deduction to the test.

From mind-boggling sudoku and stupefying single-loop games to bridge-building challenges and cryptic conundrums, there are plenty of exciting puzzles to keep your brain busy.

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