

# booklist

## Spotlight titles October 2009

### Key Stage 1

#### *Dog Biscuit* by Helen Cooper

Bridget is very hungry. But because Mum is so busy looking after Bridget's little brother, she hasn't even noticed! So Bridget steals a biscuit from the shed. The only problem with these biscuits is that they are not meant for human beings, they're meant for dogs! But the biscuit tasted good . . . and before long Bridget is convinced she is turning into a dog.

**pub.** Random House Children's

**ISBN** 9780552553285

#### *Trixie* by Nick Butterworth

In his first glorious book for Puffin, picture-book genius Nick Butterworth has created the lovable Trixie, a witch's cat who would do anything to be rid of her one white paw. Hocus pocus and all sorts of magic follow with the most hilarious results! But it's good to stand out from the crowd and Trixie quickly sees that life's so much nicer when you're happy being who you are.

**pub.** Puffin

**ISBN** 9780141326795

## Key Stage 2

### ***Umpteen Pockets*** by Adrian Mitchell

Lavish collection of children's poems by the late Adrian Mitchell, illustrated by Tony Ross.

**pub.** Hachette

**ISBN** 9781408303634

### ***The Death Defying Pepper Roux*** by Geraldine

McCaughrean

The eagerly-awaited new novel from acclaimed author, Geraldine McCaughrean. When Pepper Roux was born his aunt foretold that he would not live past 14 years of age. So when Pepper wakes up on his 14th birthday he knows this will be the day that he'll die. But as the day wears on, and Pepper finds himself still alive, he decides to set off to sea in an attempt to try and avoid death for as long as possible. As time goes on Pepper steps into many roles and personas and has numerous outrageous adventures. But can he stay one step ahead of death? Or will fate catch up with him? And, if he does live, which of his many lives will he choose to adopt? This riot of a story is a wonderful adventure, and Pepper is an unforgettable character who stays with you long after his story has been told.

**pub.** Oxford Children's Books

**ISBN** 9780192756022

## Key Stage 3

### ***Salem Brownstone: All Along the Watchtowers*** by John

Dunning and Nikhil Singh

A sumptuous and rich gothic fantasy following the adventure of Salem Brownstone as he falls into a strange and magical world after the death of his father.

As he twists the key and slowly creeps into the grand gothic mansion left to him in his father's will, Salem's life takes a decidedly unusual turn. Aside from the money and house, his father's secret legacy includes an unfinished battle with creatures from a world beyond ours. Immediately thrown into the sinister conflict, Salem must make contact with his guardian familiar and get help from the colourful performers of Dr Kinoshita's Circus of Unearthly Delights, if he is to ward off the evil spirits and avoid the tragic fate of his father.

**pub.** Walker Books

**ISBN** 9781406320527

### ***The Ghost of Shadow Vale*** by Cathy Hopkins

Thorhall is grateful when he hears the ferocious Glam is willing to be his shepherd. But when a fight with a wild beast leaves Glam dead, his ghost beings to haunt Shadow Vale. Who will be brave enough to confront the ghost? Grettir thinks he might be in with a chance. Will he manage to defeat Glam? Thrilling Icelandic myth.

**pub.** Barrington Stoke

**ISBN** 9781848120099