

THE BOOK OF  
HOPE

Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown



**The Corby Big  
Transition Read  
2020**



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Welcome to your guide to ***The Book of Hopes***.

Before you start at Corby Business Academy in September we would like you to read all or some of ***The Book of Hopes***.

You can read it for free online at:

[https://issuu.com/bloomsburypublishing/docs/thebookofhopes\\_interactivepdf](https://issuu.com/bloomsburypublishing/docs/thebookofhopes_interactivepdf)

We know that as you start secondary school you'll be hoping for many things, and we know there are many possibilities that will open up to you. You have the power to change the world and reading ***The Book of Hopes*** is the perfect way to start.

You don't have to read all of the book at once, dip in and out of it, choosing stories, poems and essays that appeal to you. In this booklet you'll find suggestions of which stories you may like and suggested activities you could try based on the stories. Towards the back you'll find lots of other books you might want to read too. These, and thousands more, will be available in the school library when you join us in September.

There are videos on the CBA website of some of us reading extracts from the book . We hope you'll enjoy watching them.

Have a lovely, hopeful summer,

***Corby Business Academy Staff***



# Where To Start

The Contents Page is always a good place to start in a book, but to give you some extra help we've included details of some of our favourite stories, poems and essays from *The Book of Hopes* on the following pages.



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# If You Like Poems Try...

*Mr Umbo's Umbrellas* by Patience Agbaba

*Football Boots* by Peter Bunzl

*Butterfly Field* by Jo Cotterill

*Vince* by Sarah Crossan

*A Viking in the Springtime* by Jonny Duddle

*The Greatest Gift* by Maz Evans

*Me* by Swapna Haddow

*Say Something Nice* by A.F Harrold

*Hope* by Anthony Horowitz

*The Hope-o-potamus* by Greg James and Chris Smith

*Axolotl at Bedtime* by Catherine Johnson

*The Indigo Flamingo* by Nick Lake

*Balcony Picnic* by Michelle Magorian

*Learning the Language of Birds* by Jackie Morris

*The Store Full of Magical Things* by Rutendo Tavengerwei





# If You Like Stories about Friendship & Kindness Try...

*Hope* by Anthony Horowitz

*Lost* by Michelle Paver

*The Hideout* by Ross MacKenzie

*The Creature in the Cave* by Jenny McLachlan

*The Monk and the Armadillo* by Onjali Rauf



> The Hope Hunters <

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# If You Like Adventure Stories Try...

*The Hummingbird's Smile* by Sophie Anderson

*The Lamagaia Nest* by Jasbinder Bilan

*Murkaster* by Frank Cottrell Boyce

*Spells for Home* by Stephanie Burgis

*My First Expedition to the Wilderness* by Ed Clarke

*The Meeting* by Nizrana Farook

*Be More Cat* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

*Searching for Treasure* by Annabel Pitcher

*Blanket* by Nicole Skinner

*Shark Puncher* by Jessica Townsend



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# If You Like Funny Stories Try...

*Daphne and the Doughnuts* by Jesse Burton

*The Toilet Ghost Dog* by Pamela Butchart

*How To Start a Story* by James Copeland

*The Hope Machine* by Sam Copeland

*The Indigo Flamingo* by Nick Lake

*Pull My Finger* by Anthony McGowan

*I Can Read Your Mind* by Danny Wallace



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# If You Like Historical Stories Try...

*The Young Bird-Catcher* by Katherine Rundell

*New Boots* by Jacqueline Wilson



# If You Like Sport Stories Try...

*Football Boots* by Peter Bunzl

*The Demon Goalkeeper* by Alex Wheatle



# If You Like Family Stories Try...

*Vince* by Sarah Crossan

*Pull My Finger* by Anthony McGowan

*A Dog in Time* by Lauren St John

*Teaching a Bird to Fly* by Thomas Taylor



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# If You Like True Stories Try...

*Hope is an Ancient Reptile* by Sophie Dahl

*Consider the Dung Beetle* by M. G. Leonard

*The Naughtiest Cat I Have Ever Known* by SF Said

*The Zoom of Doom* by Francesca Simon

*Moses and the Watering Can* by William Sutcliffe

*The Hungriest Caterpillar* by Isabel Thomas

*Hare Time* by Piers Torday



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# Activities

We hope you'll be inspired by the stories, poems and essays you read, and will try some of the activities suggested on the following pages.

If you write any of your own stories, draw pictures or take any photos of yourself completing an activity, take them to the school library in September and we'll include them in our "Summer of Hopes" display.



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Make your own picture book to match David Almond's words in *A Way to the Stars*.

Be inspired by *Say Something Nice* by A.F Harrold and say something nice to somebody every day for a week.

Write your own hopeful story.

Dig out some old family photos and find out the stories behind them, like Sita Brahmachari does in *The Gift of Time*.

Draw a picture of somewhere you'd really like to visit, like Ella does in *A Box of Pencils* by Gillian Cross.

Continue writing the story of *Jack and the Ram* started by Sally Gardner.



*There's a Hero Inside All of Us*  
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Draw an axolotl like the one in *Axolotl at Bedtime*  
by Catherine Johnson.

Make a list of all the weird words you like, like umpteenth in  
*Bag for Life* by Joseph Elliott.

Read another book and give it a chance to be your  
new favourite, as suggested by Anna James in  
*The Magical Thing about Reading*.

Make yourself a burrow like the one described in  
*The Domvoi* by Zana Fraillon.

Be inspired by *A Song of Gladness* by Michael Morpurgo  
and sing a song that makes you happy.

Be inspired by *Balcony Picnic* by Michelle Magorian and  
have your own picnic.



*Hope; or, Learning the Language of Birds* Copyright © Jackie Morris 2020





Guess what the portal is in *The Sky-Bots* by Vashti Hardy.

If you met an alien like Marnee does in *Hello* by Polly Ho-Yen, what are the 5 important things you would tell it about?

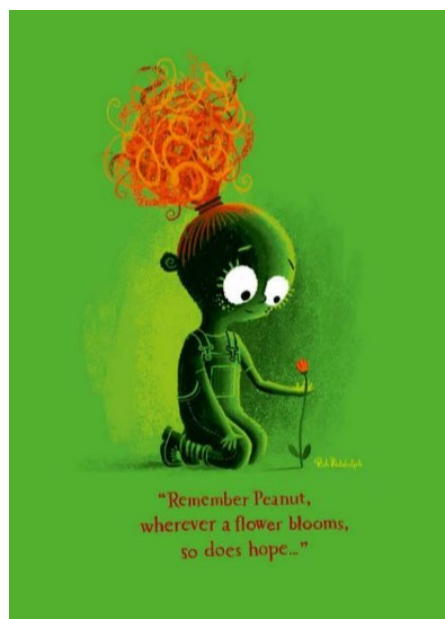
Copy the main character in *My First Expedition to the Wilderness* by Ed Clarke and go on your own first expedition.

Continue writing one of the stories started by Lissa Evans in *Hunters of Hope*.

Be inspired by *The Greatest Gift* by Maz Evans and play a board game (we recommend Cluedo, but the choice is yours!).

Go on a bike ride like the character in *The Best Feeling Ever* by Fleur Hitchcock.

Decide where you would go to if you had a jeddi clock like the one described in *Jeddi's Attic* by Aisha Bushby.



In *Bag for Life* by Joseph Elliott Amila considers eating dog food and in *The Ghost-Dog* by Pamela Butchart they're protesting about revolting school dinners, tell us about the nastiest thing you eat this summer.

Grow something like Hal in *Sunflower* by Geraldine McCaughrean or the character in *The Seed* by Andy Shepherd.

Which other animals could you add to Nik and Norva's list of excellent detectives in *The Wagatha Christie Conundrom* by Sharna Jackson?

Read 3 of the books listed in the "Read Next" section of this booklet

Make up your own stories to go with the pictures in the DIY section.

Make a list of words and try using Suzie Day's *Incredible Instant Joke-Creating Machine*.



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# Read Next

Here are other books by some of the authors featured in *The Book of Hopes*. These books are all fantastic reads and will be available for you to borrow from the school library.

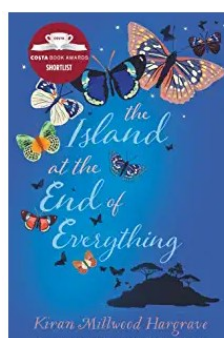
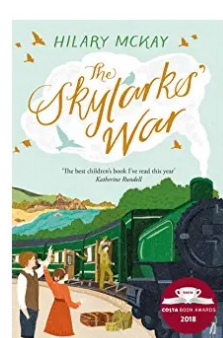
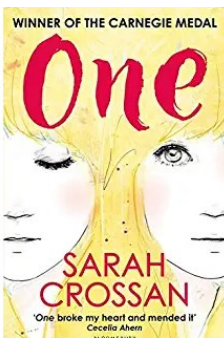
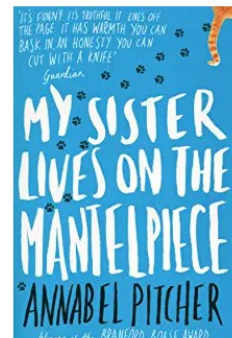
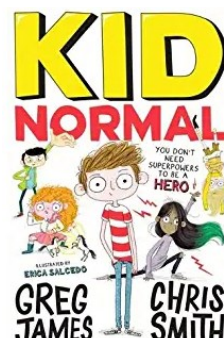
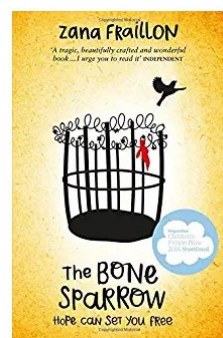
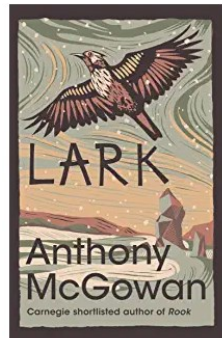
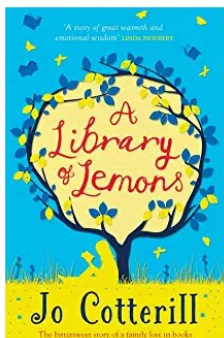
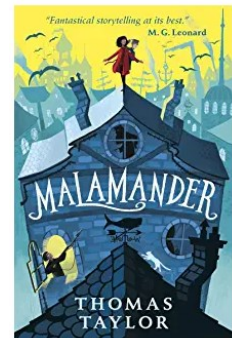
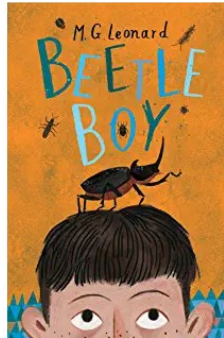
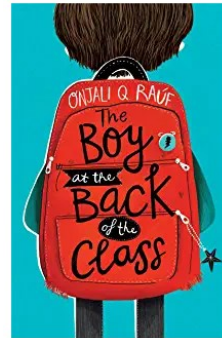
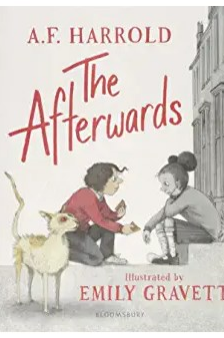
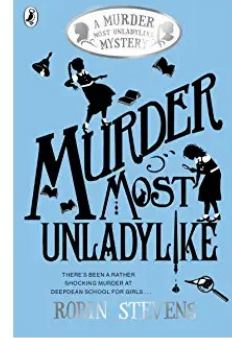
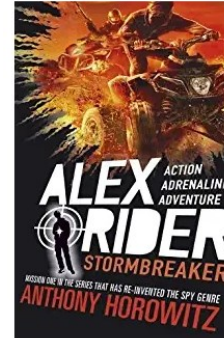
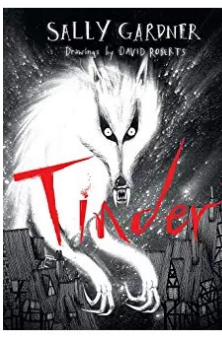
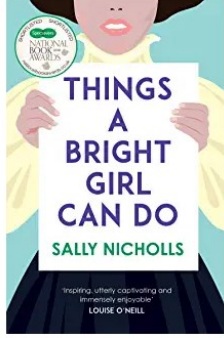
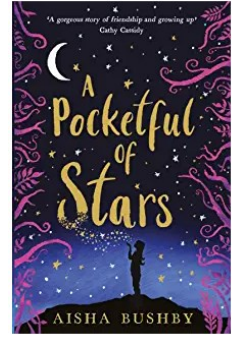
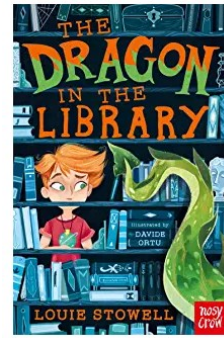
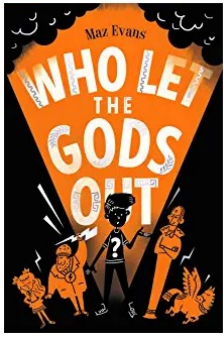


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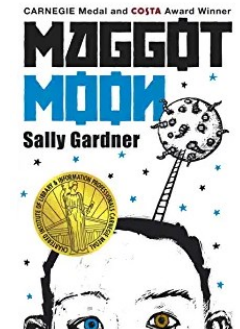
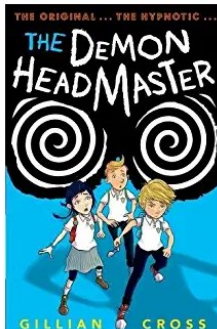
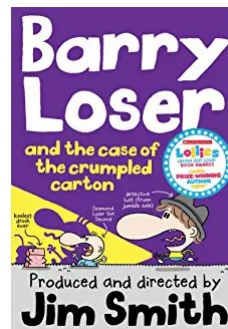
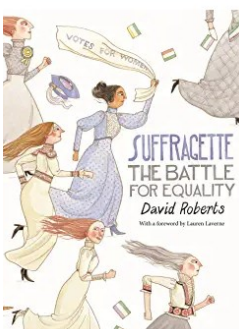
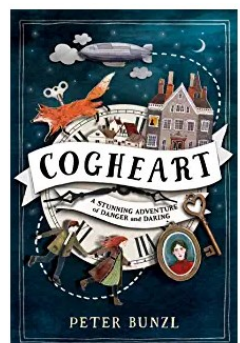
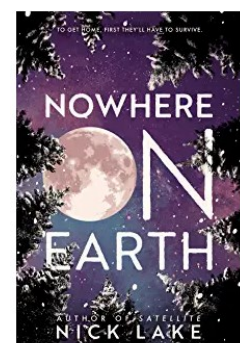
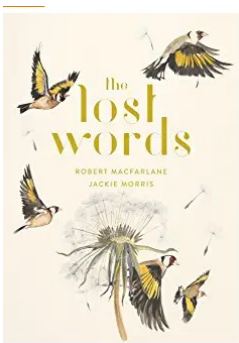
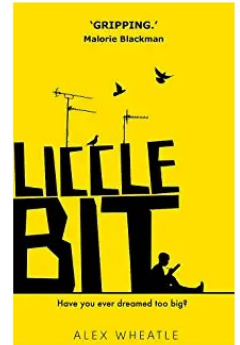
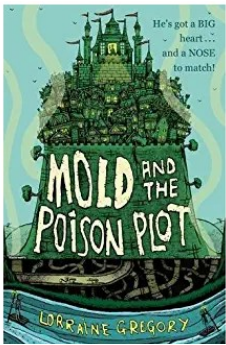
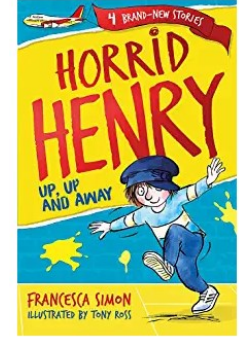
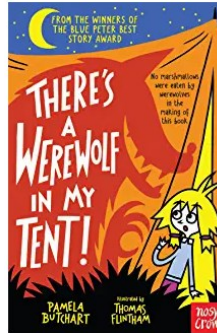
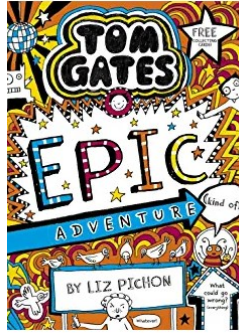
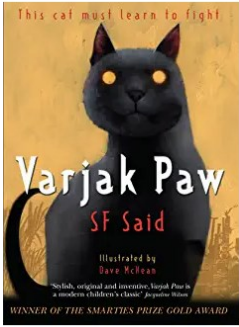
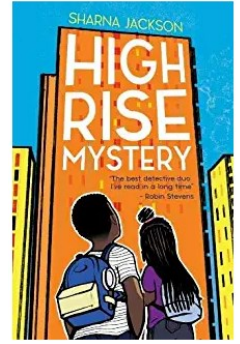
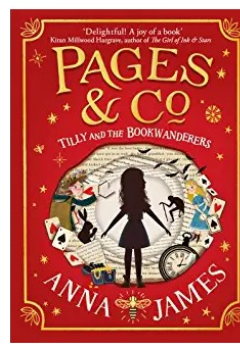
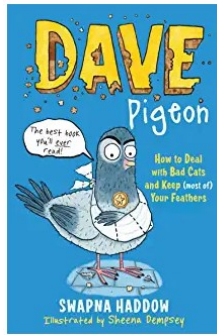
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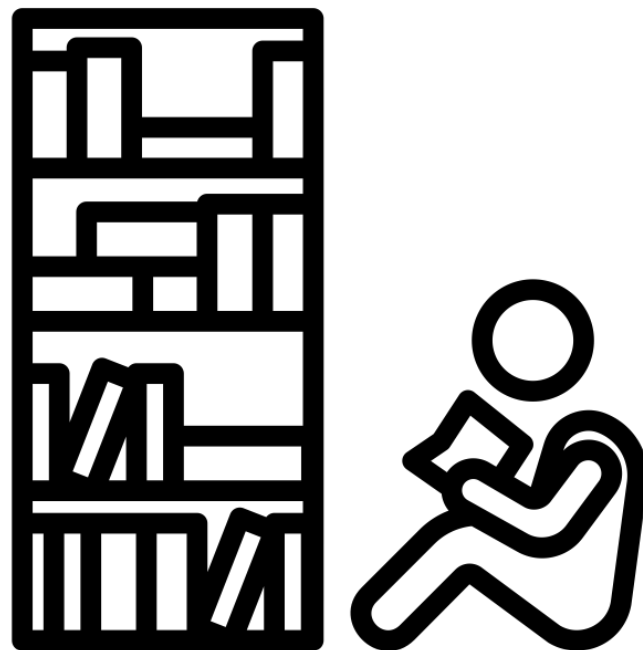
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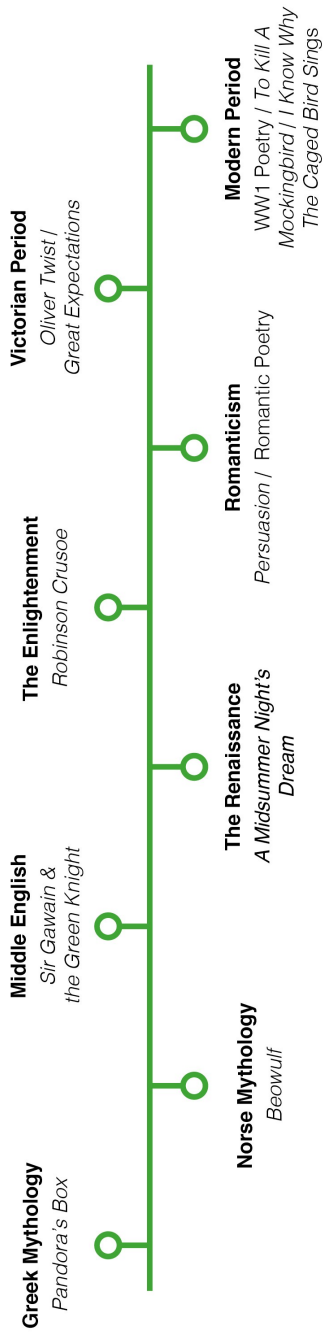
# Literature

## Across Time

Here are some other books from across time which feature the theme of 'hope' in some shape or form. You may even study some of them in English during your time at Corby Business Academy. These books are widely available to download on different reading apps– some might even be free!



## 'Hope' in literature across time



### **Greek Mythology**

In Greek Mythology, Eris is the personification and spirit of hope and was left behind to comfort mankind in the myth 'Pandora's Box'.

### **Norse Mythology**

*Beowulf* is a classic tale of triumph of good over evil in the form of an epic poem.

### **Middle English**

*Sir Gawain & the Green Knight* is an epic poem about chivalry, loyalty, and honour.

### **The Renaissance**

Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*



is a beguiling comedy about love, dreams and magic.

### **The Enlightenment**

Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe* is an adventure story about a man stranded on an island who never gives up hope of survival.

### **Romanticism**

Of all of Jane Austen's great and delightful novels, *Persuasion* is regarded as the most moving. It is the story of a second chance.

Romantic poets were inspired by a desire for liberty. They felt that it was their duty to use their poetry to inform and inspire others - to



give hope in some cases.

### **Victorian Period**

*Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens is the story of a young orphan and his attempts to stay good in a society that refuses to help.

*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens is a tale of how we can learn from mistakes and become better people.

### **Modern Period**

WW1 Poetry - There are a huge range of emotions which are displayed in WW1 poetry, naturally some are tragic and horrifying, yet many remain about hope and survival.



Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird* is both a coming of age tale and a darker drama about the roots and consequences of racism and prejudice. There are many hopeful lessons in this story.

Maya Angelou's autobiography *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings* is a coming of age story that illustrates how strength of character and a love of literature can help overcome racism and trauma

