

# How can parents encourage reading for pleasure?

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“Children who love reading will read more and, over time, choose literature which is more demanding and suitably stretching....

All reading makes a difference, but evidence suggests that reading for pleasure makes the most .”



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“Pupils who can read are overwhelmingly more likely to succeed at school, achieve good qualifications, and subsequently enjoy a fulfilling and rewarding career.

Those who cannot will find themselves at constant disadvantage.”

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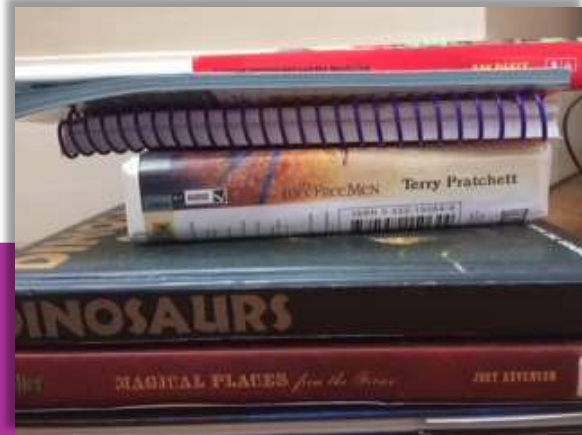
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“Poor literacy can hold people back throughout their adult lives... unemployed adults are twice as likely to have weak literacy skills as those in full-time employment. Better literacy skills are also associated with higher earnings.”



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Reading for pleasure develops skills across the whole curriculum. It affects spelling, grammar & comprehension, but also mathematical skills and general knowledge.





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“It has been shown to be associated with empathy and increased social support. “




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- Reading is entertaining, inexpensive and fast
- Reading reduces stress and anxiety
- Reading improves school success
- Reading builds confidence & self esteem
- Reading promotes kindness & understanding
- Reading develops imagination

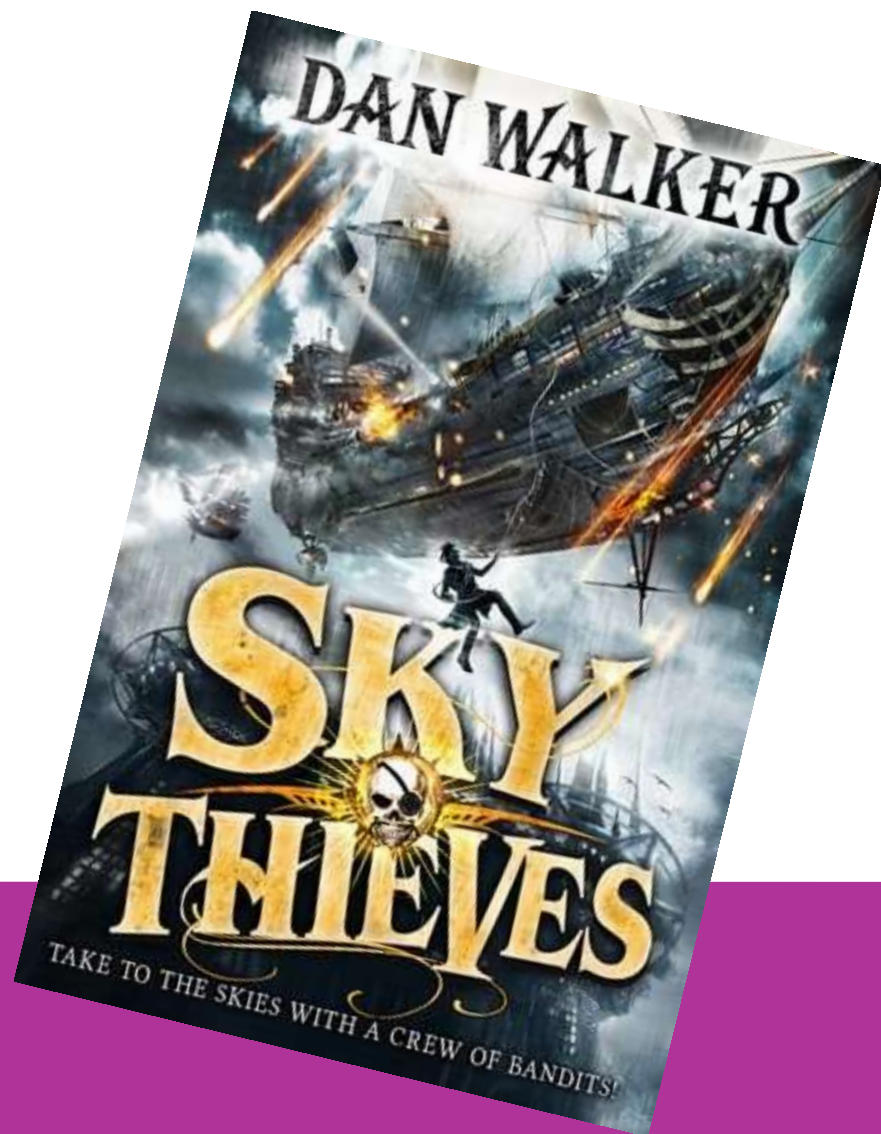


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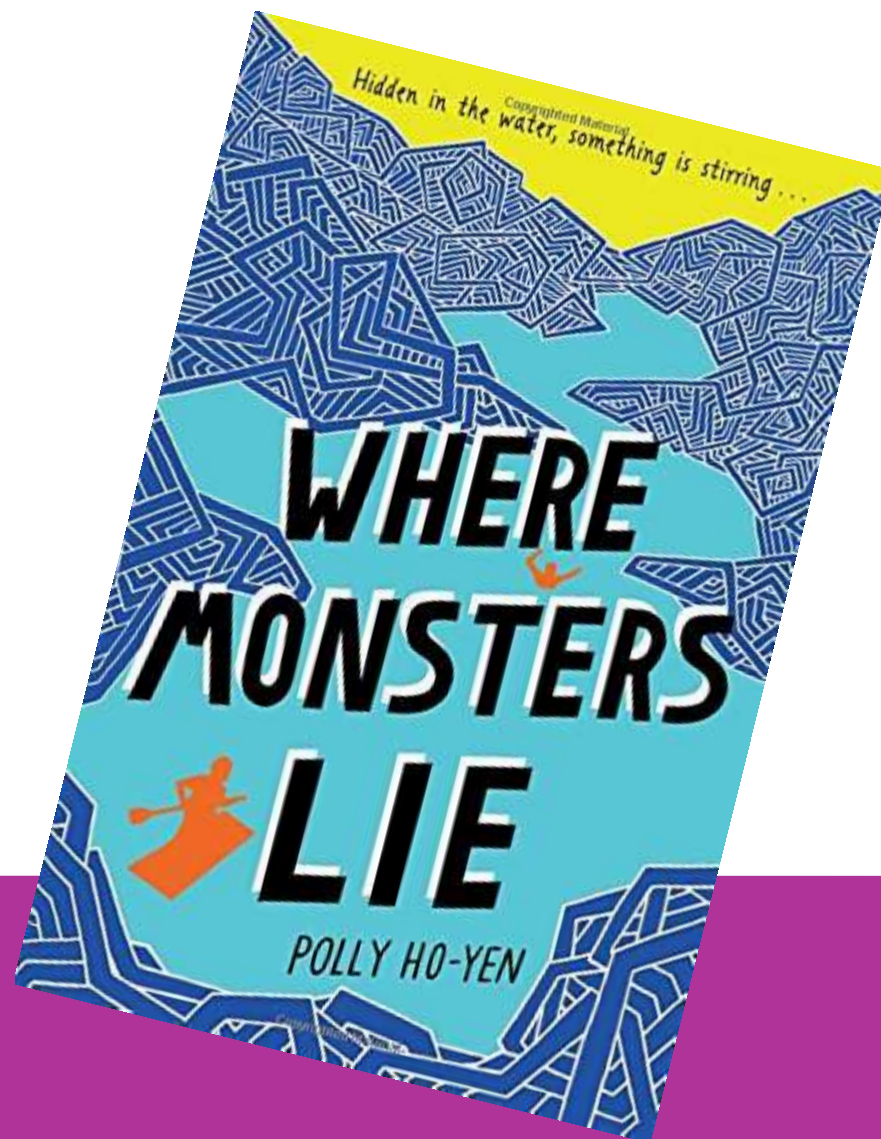
- Role Model
  - Bedtime stories
  - Visit your local library
  - Match interests
  - All reading is good
  - Keep books everywhere
  - Read for purpose
  - Understand the right level
  - Ask questions & talk about books
  - Read whenever you get the chance
  - Read again and again
  - Keep up to date
  - Watch the film
  - Give books as gifts
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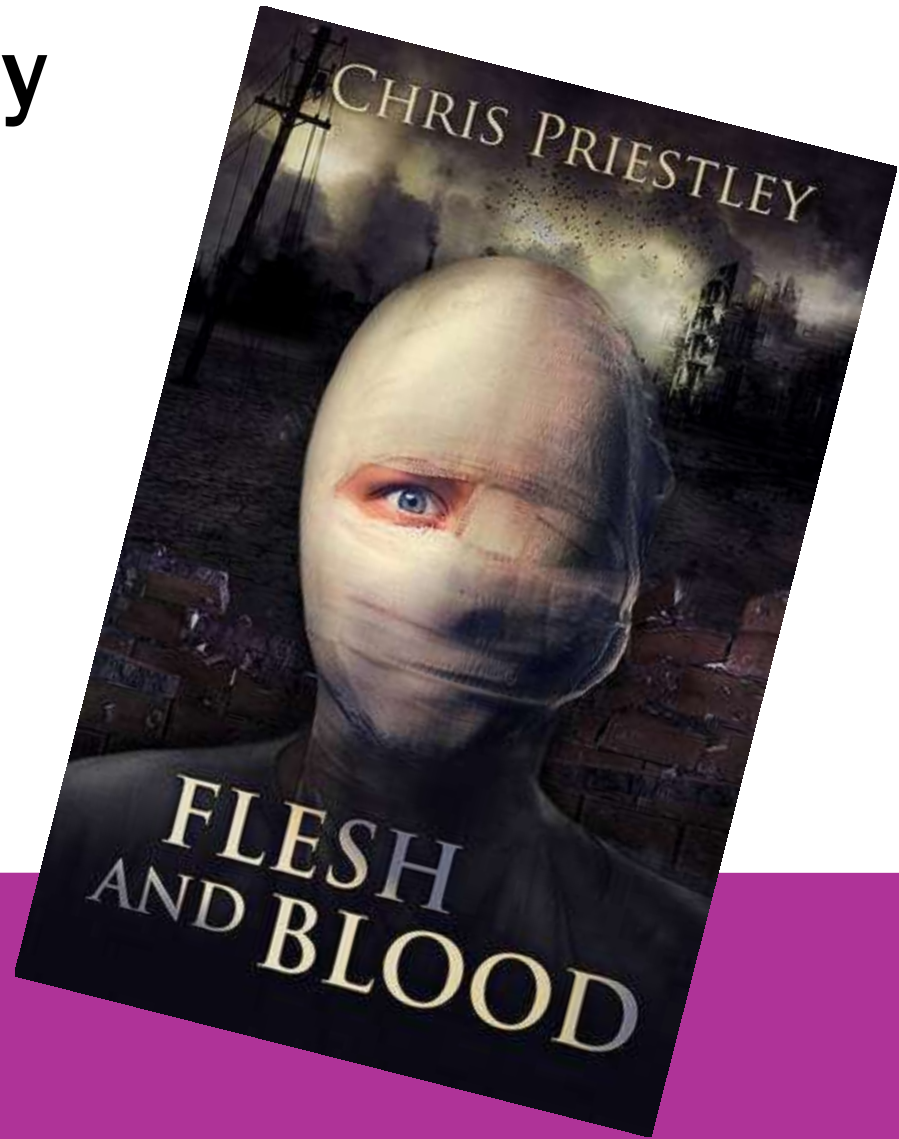
# *Sky Thieves* by Dan Walker



# *Where Monsters Lie* by Polly Ho-Yen

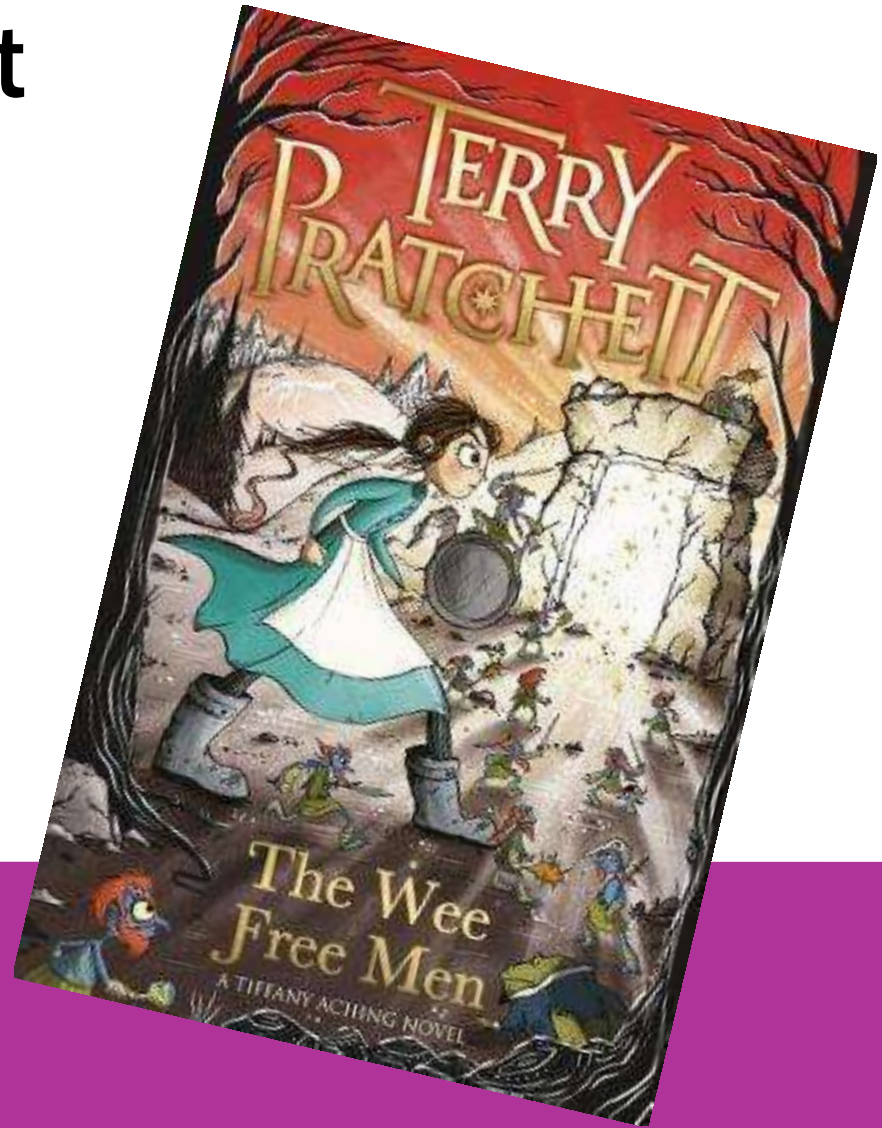


*Flesh and Blood*  
by Chris Priestley

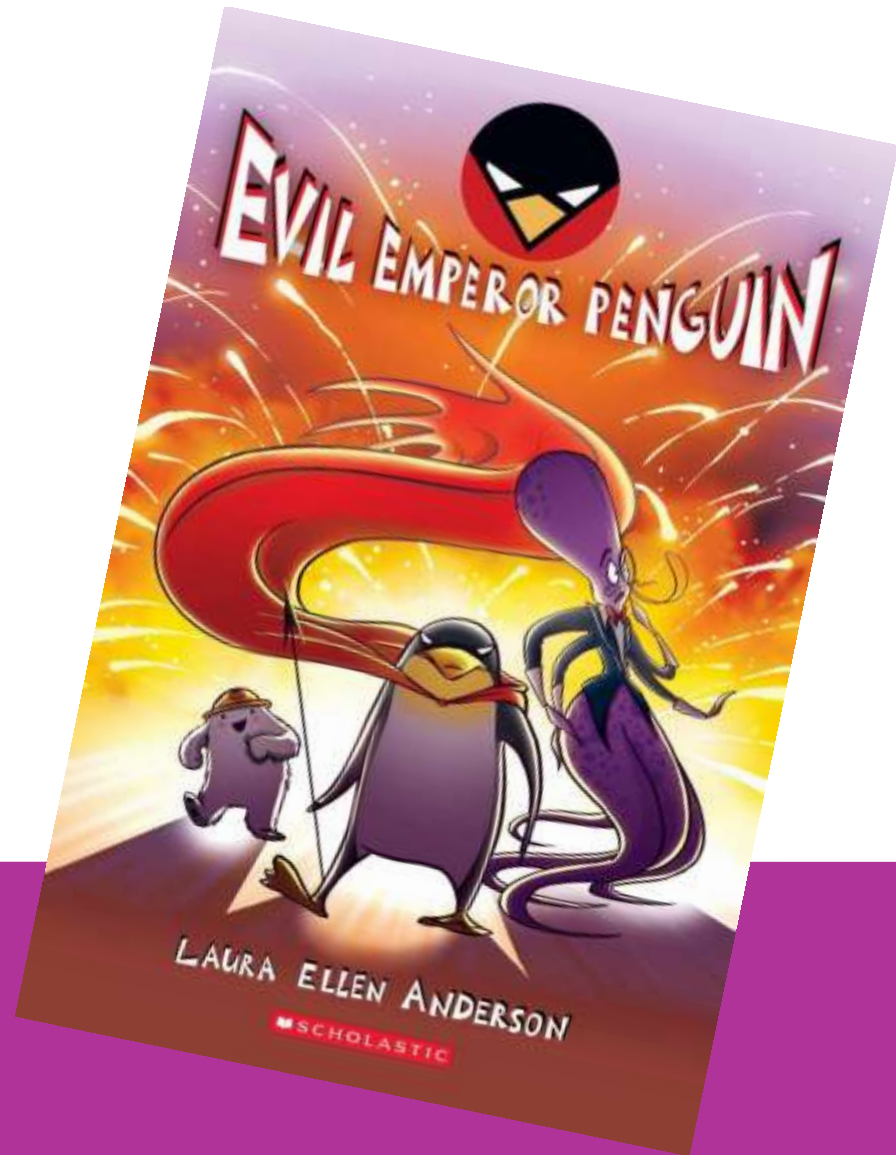




# *The Wee Free Men* by Terry Pratchett



***Evil Emperor Penguin***  
**by Laura Ellen  
Anderson**







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