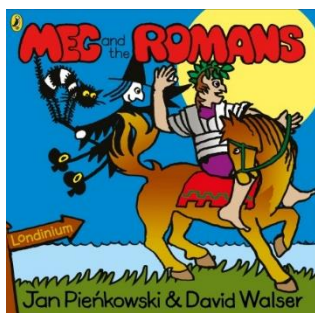


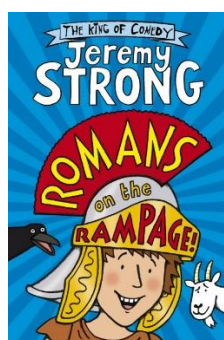
## TEACHING HISTORY THROUGH TEXTS

### Books to Inspire



#### Meg and the Romans by Jan Pienkowski

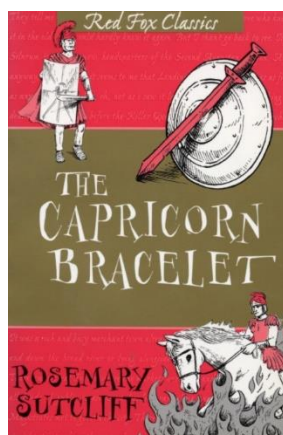
Join Meg and Mog in discovering what the Romans were *really* like. Meg and Mog have a new friend in this book – a Roman man in need of help. But will Meg's spell get him back to London? It's safe to say that as this is Meg we're talking about; his return trip won't be a straightforward one. As with any spellbinding *Meg and Mog* adventure, this is the perfect book for you and your little reader to curl up with and explore some magical new words, shapes, colours and characters, together.



#### Romans on the Rampage by Jeremy Strong

We imagine that Young Perilus is just like a lot of you; he's got dreams, hopes, idols and a big imagination. He also happens to be living in Roman times and has dreams of becoming a world-famous chariot rider. He loves to practise at home (in a homemade chariot pulled by his pet goat) and dreams of racing in the Circus Maximus one day. Well, that day has come about sooner than he could've ever imagined, because when Perilus' hero, charioteer Scorcha, goes missing on the day of the big race, Perilus finds his dream coming true... sort of.

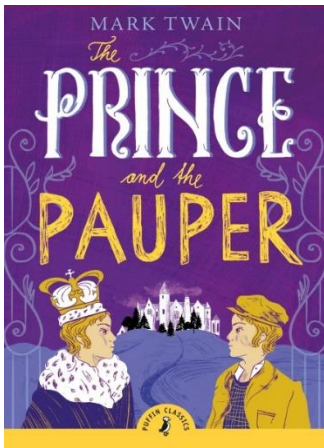
*Recommended reading age: 7-9 years old*



#### The Capricorn Bracelet by Rosemary Sutcliff

Young budding historians will follow the fortunes – and misfortunes – of a family over 300 hundred years in this classic read. From the fall of Londinium and the building of Hadrian's Wall to the final departure of the Romans from Britain. All soldiers are connected by the Capricorn bracelet. It was first worn by the centurion Lucius for distinguished conduct and has then been handed down through the generations. This is a history lesson like no other.

*Recommended reading age: 9-11 years old*



### The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain

Tom Canty and Edward Tudor are two peas in a pod; they share the same birthday and look exactly alike. That's where their similarities end. You see, these two peas are from *completely* different pods. One is a prince – who is also heir to King Henry VIII – whereas the other is a pauper. But fate soon intervenes, switching their roles. Edward is thrown out of the palace in rags, whilst Tom is left to live among the royals and play the part of a prince. Read to see if this pair can indeed, walk a mile (or even a step) in each other's shoes.

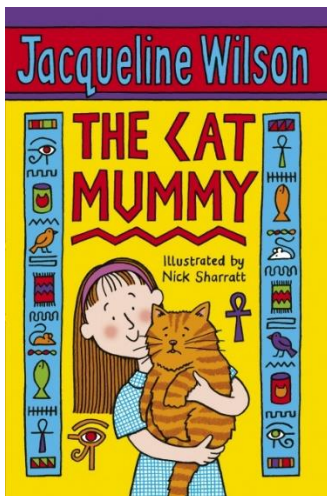
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### Meg's Mummy by Helen Nicoll

Meg and Mog are off on an adventure to Egypt! As Meg lands her broom on top of a pyramid, she lets go of her cauldron with Mog inside of it. Oops. Meg has to bandage up poor Mog after his fall, but soon enough he's being mistaken for a cat mummy inside the pyramid. Well, they wanted an adventure! A turbulent look at the mysteries and wonders of Ancient Egypt brought to life with colourful illustrations and just a little bit of magic.

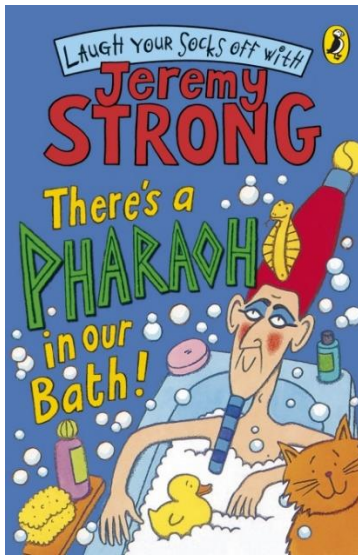
*Recommended reading age: 2-5 years old*



### The Cat Mummy by Jacqueline Wilson

Okay, not quite a historical fiction book; but this story is so beautiful and brave that it managed to sneak its way onto our list. Jacqueline Wilson's *The Cat Mummy* follows young Verity, who is grieving the sudden loss of her cat, Mabel. Verity's not ready to let go of her best friend, so decides to mummify Mabel and keep her hidden – after all, that seemed to work out for the Ancient Egyptians who she's been learning about in school. But when Verity's family – still dealing with another loss in the family – find out what she's done, they decide it's time they all sat down and had a conversation they should've had a long time ago.

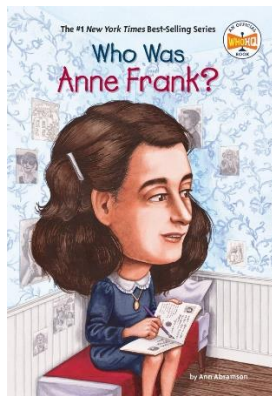
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## There's A Pharaoh In Our Bath! by Jeremy Strong

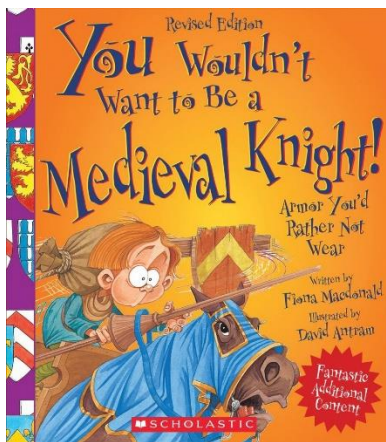
Okay, we're back to bonkers again with the king of comedy, Jeremy Strong. Tony Lightspeed is a bit of a gem. He's always bringing sick and injured animals back home, so when he pops back one day with an unconscious man wrapped up in stinky bandages, his family doesn't bat an eyelid. But this isn't just any old, smelly man. Tony and the family soon learn that this man is an Egyptian pharaoh named Sennapod, who has been dead for over 4,000 years! He's been brought back to life by two ghastly grave robbers and they're now after him. Now where could the Lightspeeds hide him, we wonder? Warn your sides, will you? Because they're about to split.

*Recommended reading age: 7-9 years old*



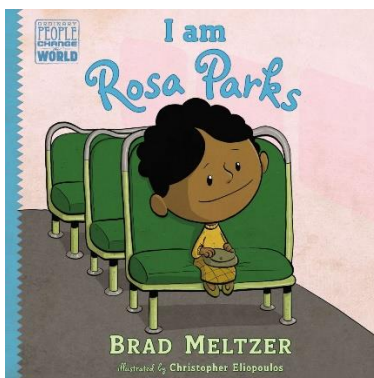
## Who Was ... ?

We've turned to the Who Was...? biography series time and time again and it never disappoints. We've used some of these as read-alouds, but my nine year-old has been reading them on his own for a few years now. The series covers all sorts of key figures in history, but there are also What Was...? books that cover key historical events.



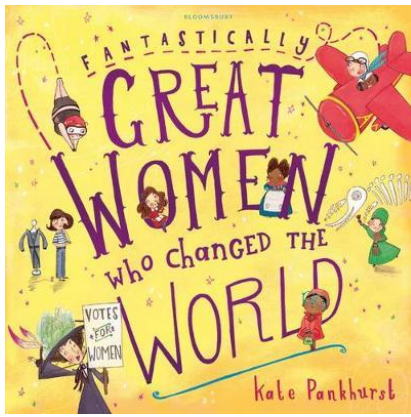
## You Wouldn't Want To Be Series

The You Wouldn't Want to Be books are non-fiction history books for kids who don't love history (and certainly those who do love it as well)! The graphics are great, the information is engaging, and the overall approach is fantastic. If you haven't checked into this series yet, you're missing some fun stuff!



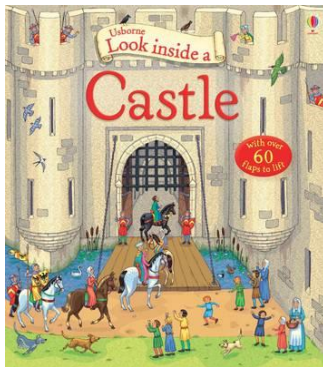
## Ordinary People Who Changed the World

Younger kids don't have to miss out on the history fun! The Ordinary People Who Changed the World series explores the lives and impact of key figures in history, but does it in a fun and engaging way for little ones.



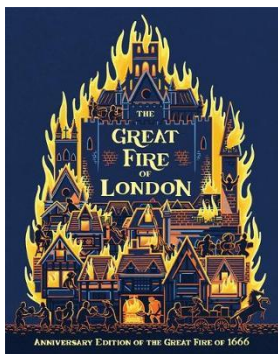
## Fantastically Great Women Who Changed The World – Kate Pankhurst

A truly wonderful picture book that tells the stories of 13 diverse women throughout history. Full of engaging illustrations and factual text, this is lovely book to show young children they can aspire to be and do whatever they dream. The arrangement of the text was sometimes a little confusing to follow, but that did not detach from the enjoyment of the read. Overall, this is a wonderful and inspiring book for parents and children to read together. I would highly recommend to all.



## Look Inside a Castle - Look Inside Board Books – Conrad Mason

This is an innovative flap book offering a fascinating glimpse behind the scenes of a busy castle. Amid the hustle and bustle, find flaps beneath flaps and many more surprises to keep enquiring minds entertained. Young readers can meet lords, ladies, knights and squires and find out how they live, work, fight and relax in their magnificent castle home.



## The Great Fire of London: Anniversary Edition of the Great Fire of 1666 (Hardback)

Emma Adams (author), James Weston Lewis (illustrator)

This strikingly illustrated account of the Great Fire of London brings an iconic story to younger readers with both clarity and drama.