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Welcome to Collins Big Cat



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# Introducing Big Cat



Launched in January 2005 as a full guided reading programme, now an established award-winning series of over 1,500 books and ebooks, for children aged 4-11.

Work with the best children's authors and illustrators to create top quality books with a carefully structured reading progression.

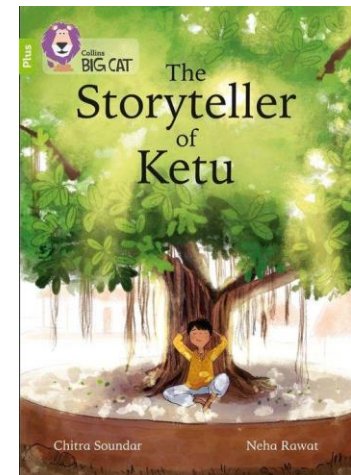
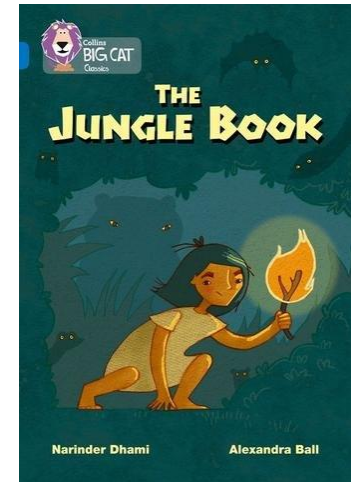
We keep the list fresh with new publishing every year and we respond to needs and trends.

Meaning that children get off to the best possible start in their reading journey.



# Key benefits of a reading scheme

- Saves you time in evaluating books
- Easier to match the right book with the right reader
- Provides structured language development
- Book bands ensure steady progression
- Supportive material saves planning and preparation time
- Consistency of approach across the school





# Big Cat bands reading progression

READING LEVEL: KEY STAGE 1/P1-P3

READING LEVEL: KEY STAGE 2/P4-P7



Pre-reader	Beginner reader	Emergent reader	Fluent reader	Confident reader	Independent reader
Wordless	16 pages, 14-20 words at Pink A, rising to 40-60 words by Red B	16 pages, 50-100 words at Yellow, rising to 24 pages 170-250 words by Green	24 pages, 250-300 words at Orange, rising to 900 words by Gold	32 pages, 1200-1500 words  Note: White and Lime Plus for challenge	32 pages, 1500 words at Copper, 80 pages, 8000 words at Pearl

# About the books

Across Big Cat we strive for diversity and inclusion so every child can see themselves in the books they're reading.

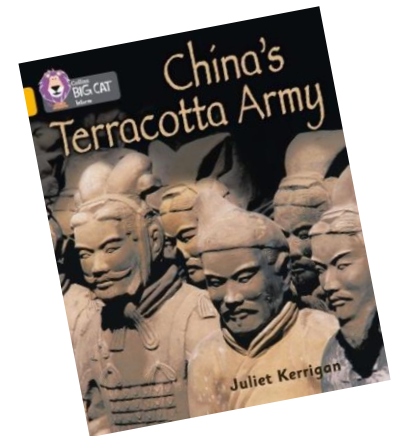
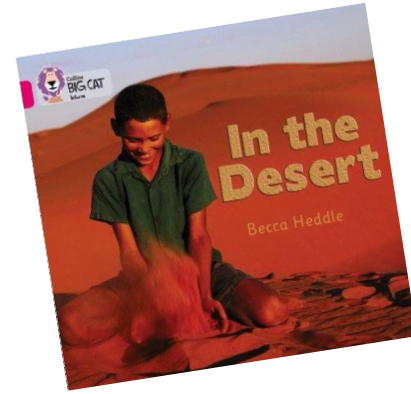
We have a selection of books dedicated to supporting children with their mental and physical wellbeing.

An even split of fiction and non-fiction.

Books that have a huge range of topics, themes, settings, genres and voices.

Award-winning authors and illustrators creating a top quality reading experience.

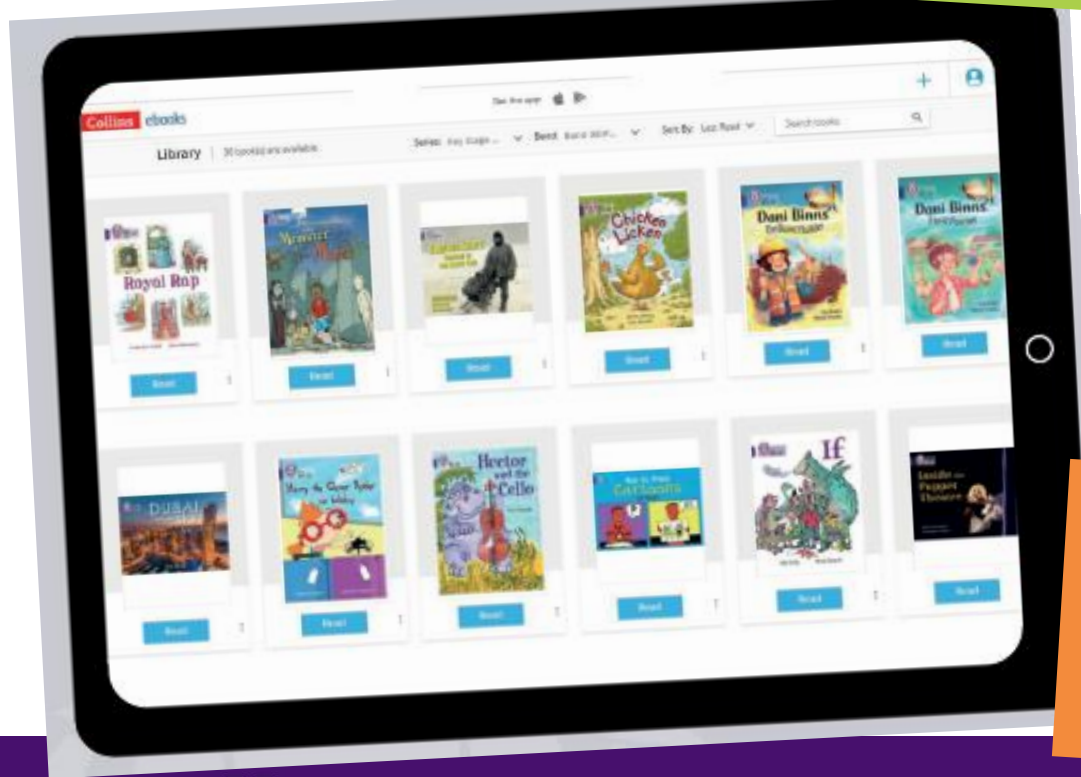
A truly international list with global settings and themes and authors and illustrators from all over the world.



# ebooks

Works across any device

Display as single or double-page spreads and toggle between the two



Easy to use and straightforward to set up

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Teachers can select the band and book for each pupil to best support their progress

Manage Groups

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Filter By

Add User Delete

Search by User, Email, Username

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Book Details

Sr No.	Book Name	Spent Hours	Anotation Created	Enrichmen	
1	Dani Binns: Talented Train Driver	106 h	25	21	
2	Scaredy Kat	97 h	19	16	87%
3	Our Headteacher is a Super Villain	42 h	21	19	63%
4	Melrose and Croc Go to Town	21 h	17	13	72%
5	Phonics Practice: In a Pit	116 h	28	27	74%
6	Shoobox Memories	62 h	24	21	67%
7	Eggs on Toast	103 h	16	13	62%
8	Phonics for Letters and Sounds: Pegs and Socks	97 h	23	23	98%

Teachers can also view reports which show how long pupils have spent reading each book

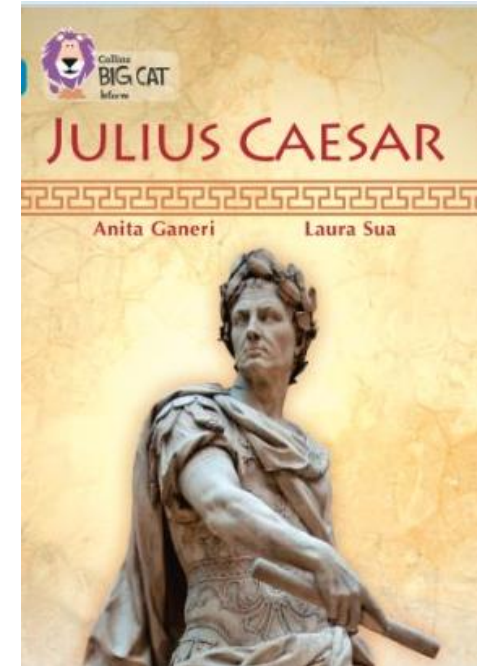
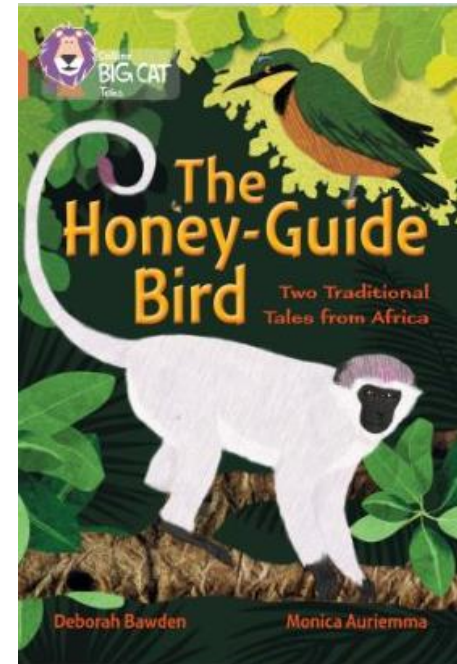
# Every Big Cat book comes with...



A reader response page to assess comprehension

Ideas for reading at the back of the book

Online lesson plans and resource sheets to support teaching



# How is Big Cat used?

## **Guided reading**

*Teaching reading skills to groups of children at a similar reading level*

## **Whole-class reading**

*Children take turns reading while reading skills are taught and fostered*

## **Independent reading**

*Children practise and consolidate their reading skills*

## **Reading at home**

*Children read to their parents*



# In summary

## The bands:

- Each book has been carefully levelled so you can be confident in each child's reading progression.

## The books:

- Big Cat books have a huge breadth of topics, settings and genres so each child can find something they enjoy and to foster a love for reading.
- Each Big Cat book contains supportive material for comprehension and to support high quality book discussion.

## Using the books:

- Different approaches to using Big Cat in your setting.

## Teacher support:

- Lesson plans, resource sheets and assessments all free online to support your teaching of reading.

