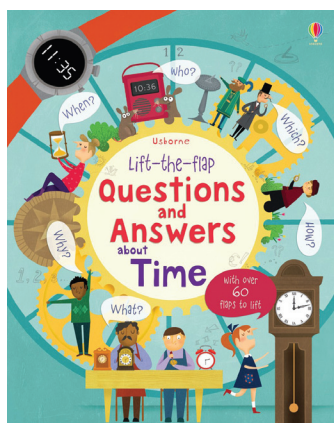


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Questions and Answers About Time

by Katie Daynes

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As the hands of the clock fade into history being replaced by digital displays, it is useful to have a child-friendly reference to introduce time pieces and time-keeping techniques that have been used in the past. The publisher's partnership in this publication with the Royal Greenwich Observatory lends authority to its information on topics such as time zones and the units used to measure time. In addition to serving these purposes, the thirteen heavy card pages of this book explore a wide range of other time-related trivia including the bed-time for bats, the size of the world's largest clock, the length of time it takes to train as a doctor, and why some clocks have letters rather than numbers. Over 60 colourfully illustrated flaps pop up to reveal the answers to the questions and add to the fun for an audience five years of age or older.



Slug Days

by Sara Leach

Illustrated by Rebecca Bender

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Time is often a problem for Lauren who has Autism Spectrum Disorder (an umbrella term that includes Asperger Syndrome). After someone takes her seat on the bus, she hides rather than going in when the school bell rings. The supervisor tells her, "Stop wasting everyone's valuable time." When she takes time to perfect the bows in her shoes, she runs out of time for reading, one of her favourite activities. When she is working on crafts with her mother after dinner, bedtime comes too soon, and, on pizza night, she has to waste her time reading slowly to the baby. There are lots of slug days full of frustrations, but there are also butterfly days like the day she makes friends with a new student at school. This illustrated chapter book for seven to 10-year-olds provides interesting insights into how different people experience the world in different ways and the coping strategies used by them and the people around them.



Strangers

by David A. Robertson

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When Cole Harper returns to the Wounded Sky First Nation after a decade in Winnipeg, many things have changed but much feels "frozen in time." An elder explains, "That's just small-town life. Time feels like it moves slower out here. There isn't the rush." But for Cole there is a rush to discover why he has been lured "home" by the trickster Coyote and to uncover the mysteries behind an epidemic that has hit the community and a string of murders that coincide with Cole's arrival. This novel reveals enticing tidbits about an incident that traumatized both Cole and his community, driving the seven-year-old boy into exile in Winnipeg, but it leaves larger mysteries about human experiments and an abandoned research site for future investigation. This young-adult novel weaves together legends from the oral traditions of First Nations, crime fiction in the tradition of Sherlock Holmes and contemporary television crime while recognizing how strangely these worlds sometimes fit together.