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Author Bio

Margaret Hynes has written and edited a variety of children's titles on topics as diverse as vocabulary, dinosaurs, history, soccer, science, and animals. She is also the author of Kingfisher Young Knowledge: Polar Lands. Mike White contributed to The Best Book of Early People from Kingfisher.
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by Richard Balkwill

Climb aboard for a journey into the fascinating world of trains! Learn all about trains from the first railroads to today's incredibly high-speed trains, from steam engines through electric trains and into what the future might have in store. Taking you across continents, through tunnels, and over bridges, this is the perfect introduction for train-mad children.

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Richard Balkwill is a lecturer in Publishing Studies at the City University, London, and an associate consultant in the Centre of International Publishing Studies at Oxford Brookes University, UK. In his spare time, Richard writes about trains, and is fascinated by all things locomotive.
Walking on the Moon
by Caryn Jenner

Imagine you were there as the first human walked on the surface of the Moon! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing by reading about the people and events that led up to this historic milestone.

The Imagine You Were There... series celebrates events that changed the world and the people who made them happen. 2019 sees the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing, and Walking on the Moon celebrates this milestone by helping readers imagine what it was like to actually be there. Blended with stunning photographs and lively artwork, the book includes step-by-step details of events leading up to the mission, eyewitness accounts, and features on people who helped make the first Moon landings happen, including many of the hundreds of dedicated people working "behind the scenes" at NASA.

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Amazing Machines: Big Truckload of Fun
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Learn how to become a firefighter in this exciting title! Packed with bite-size information and fun facts, Fire Fighter in Training will tell you all about first aid, fighting fires, rescuing people from difficult places and much more!

Simple activities will test your skills and reinforce the information you read in the book. Can you help to put out a fire? Or know what to do if a person is trapped up high? Or plan the safest escape route? Look inside to find out!

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David Burnie is an accomplished zoologist who was a nature reserve ranger before becoming a natural history author and editor. A prolific writer of many books, including several on dinosaurs, he has seen many of his titles win educational awards and science prizes. His titles for Kingfisher include Kingfisher Knowledge: Endangered Planet and The Kingfisher Illustrated Dinosaur Encyclopedia, which was nominated for the Aventis Prize for Science Books in 2002.

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Who’s in the Picture?
by Susie Brooks

An engaging first art book that introduces young children to the joys of looking at, and understanding, works of art

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Susie Brooks has a first-class history of art degree and has worked as an editor and writer of children's non-fiction and picture books for over ten years. She is the creator of the award-winning Get into Art: Animals book and its three companion titles People, Places, Telling Stories). She is an artist herself and runs art workshops for young children. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.