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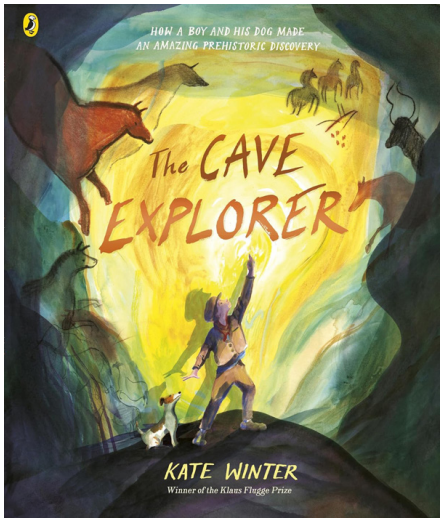
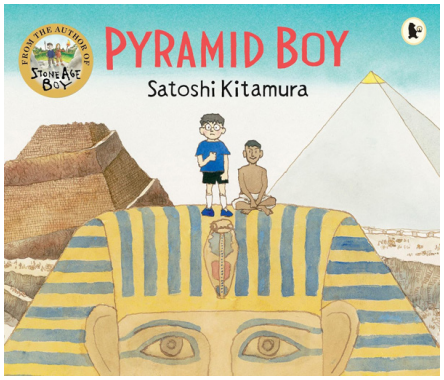
New books on the ancient world for reception age boys



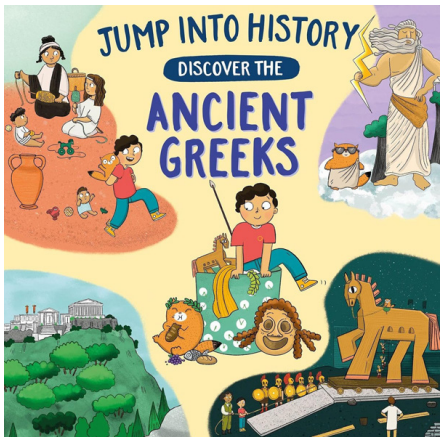
The Cave Explorer
Kate Winter

In 1940 Marcel Ravidat's dog finds a hole near Lascaux. Marcel and his friends enter the cave and discover prehistoric paintings and carvings. Winter's fold-out pages show the animals on the cave walls; nobody knows for certain why they were painted.



Pyramid Boy
Satoshi Kitamura

A boy loses his way in a museum and finds himself in ancient Egypt. Following him through the streets, your son sees how people lived, how hieroglyphs can be read and how the pyramids were built.



Jump into History: Discover the Ancient Greeks
Kay Barnham, illustrated by Jennifer Naalchigar

Billie and a cat travel to ancient Greece through a dressing-up box. They encounter the Olympic games and a play in an outdoor theatre. Shorter sections show what boys learnt at school and what Greek philosophers and astronomers tried to understand.

British Museum: My Little Museum: Ancient Rome
Sophie Beer

Four fold-out scenes include a feast and an army camp. Photographs of Roman objects become stickers for a paper museum: among them are a gladiator's helmet, a fish-shaped bottle and a loo made to resemble a chariot.

Let's Meet the Ancient Egyptians
Ben Hubbard, illustrated by Dan Gartman

Members of one family carry the account across 3,000 years. Mery fishes on the Nile; her descendant Hori prepares for battle; Hemira helps her father haul stones for the Great Pyramid. Your son can follow the family through the centuries.