



Some Places More Than Others

Author: Renée Watson

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Interest age: 9-12

Reading-age: 9+

Amara desperately wants a trip to New York for her birthday, to meet her dad's family and see where he grew up and she can't understand why her parents are reticent about the trip. Until she discovers her dad hasn't spoken to his dad, Grandpa Earl, for twelve years – not since the day she was born. What could make them so mad at each other?

For Amara, this m...



Max Kowalski Didn't Mean It

Author: Susie Day

Publisher: Puffin

Interest age: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

When Max meets Tal and his two dads, he learns that there are lots of different ways to be a man, and that his own dad's expectations of him at such a young age aren't fair. An utterly remarkable book about families, being a boy and coping with loss.



The Girl Who Speaks Bear

Author: Sophie Anderson

Publisher: Usborne

Interest age: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

Found in a bear cave when she was a baby and raised by her foster mother, Yanka has always wondered who she really is. Readers will be gripped by her quest to find out in this marvellous tale inspired by Russian folklore.