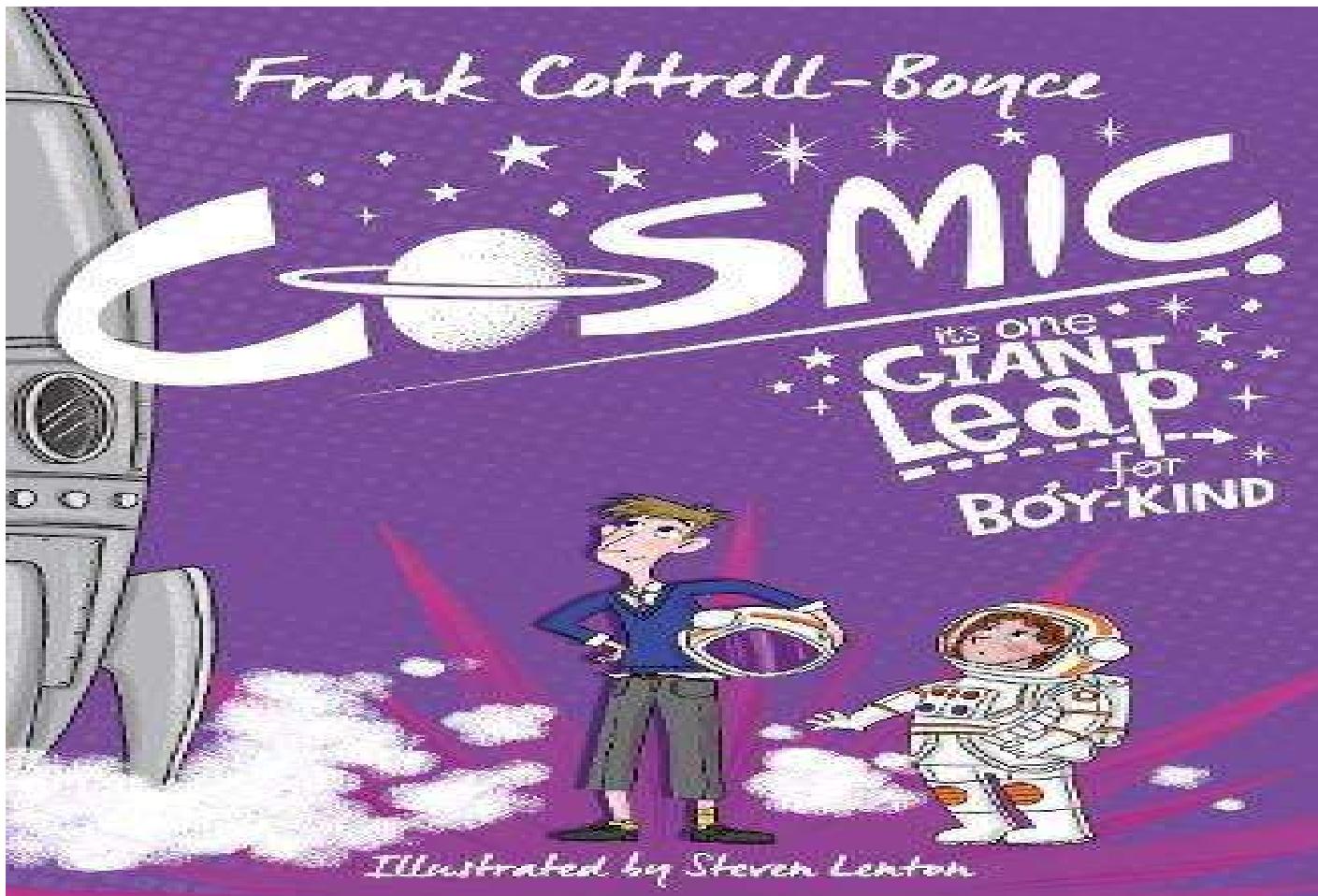


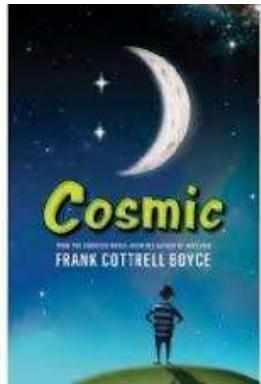
Cosmic

Frank Cottrell- Boyce

Cosmic-Our new Termly Read for January







Cosmic - the next termly read is here...

- It's one giant leap for all boy-kind in Frank Cottrell Boyce's out-of-this-world story: *Cosmic*.
- Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force-defying *Cosmic* rollercoaster - or to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche.
- Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.

- Even though he's only 12, Liam is constantly mistaken for an adult, but he's still a kid who loves playing computer games and riding rollercoasters. His inquisitive nature and adult appearance often get him into trouble but his dad usually intervenes and helps him avert disaster.
- When Liam wins a competition to try out the world's greatest thrill ride, he and his friend Florida are whisked away to Infinity Park in China by the mysterious Dr Drax. The friends find themselves competing for the chance to be sent into space; soon Liam is playing a grown-up in a situation that his dad can't save him from.
- Fantasy is interspersed with reality in this funny and touching story, which ultimately celebrates parents and the love they give.

Cosmic Review

- A stupendous, laugh-out-loud, yet moving adventure.
 - Can I give this 6 out of 5?
- Liam Digby is an ordinary 12-year-old. Ordinary in every way apart from the fact he's unusually tall. So tall, in fact, that people often think he's an adult. Like his first day at secondary school when the Headteacher assumed he was the new Media Studies teacher. Or the time he visited the car showroom with his friend, Florida, and the salesman suggested he take a Porsche on a test drive.

- Thus, when Liam wins a once-in-a-lifetime chance to ride the biggest thrill ride in the world and his dad refuses to go, the answer is obvious. He will simply have to become ‘the dad’ and persuade Florida to pose as his daughter. What could possibly go wrong? Well, quite a lot.
- The biggest thrill ride turns out to be a real space rocket and Liam and three other children find themselves tumbling out of orbit.