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It's probably a good indication of your age if you remember the ground-breaking Starters series published by Macdonald in a pre-Maxwell era under the direction of Dan Grisewood and Peter Usborne. It's not clear whether Hodder Wayland are hoping to reflect past glory some 30 odd years after the event, or believe they have hit upon an original new series title. Sadly there is nothing revolutionary about the design or photography here, although the typography tries hard to leap out of its constraints. The books are patchy, **Journeys** tending to meander about a bit before reaching its destination, and **Music** falling at the first hurdle by lumping the piano in with strings rather than percussion. **Festivals** trudges through a list of different celebrations, while **Pets** is remarkable for its lack of specific information on any one animals. **Bread** has a little more bite to it, but one feels depressed by the pictures of factory-made dough. Alone among this group Claire Lewellyn writes with poise and confidence in **Bones** and her clear grasp of the age level and apposite captions redeem the otherwise pedestrian design and photography.

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