



St Matthew's Primary School

Suggested Reading Years 3 & 4



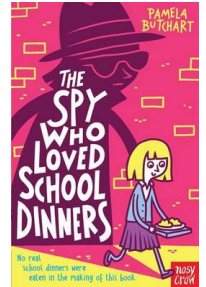
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The Spy Who Loved School Dinners - by Pamela Butchart

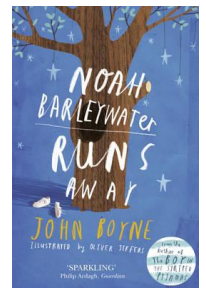
Winner of the Blue Peter Book Award 2015 - Best Story. Izzy is really pleased to have been put in charge of the new girl at school. Matilde is French, and Izzy and her friends can't wait to show her their den and its moth, and to help her avoid school dinners (also known as poison). But Matilde LOVES school dinners and even has seconds! And that's when they know. Matilde is a spy and she has come to find out their secrets. They must stop her before it's TOO LATE!!!

(Other books in the series are: *Baby Aliens Got My Teacher* and *My Head Teacher is a Vampire Rat*)



Noah Barleywater Runs Away - by John Boyne

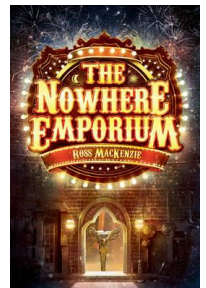
Noah is running away from his problems, or at least that's what he thinks, the day he takes the untrodden path through the forest. When he comes across a very unusual toyshop and meets the even more unusual toymaker he's not sure what to expect. But the toymaker has a story to tell, a story full of adventure, and wonder and broken promises. And Noah travels with him on a journey that will change his life forever.



The Nowhere Emporium - by Ross MacKenzie

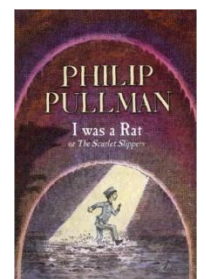
When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms -- rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined. But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble.

Can Daniel save his home, and his new friends, before the Nowhere Emporium is destroyed forever?



I Was A Rat! - by Philip Pullman

When a small boy turns up on Bob and Joan's doorstep unable to say much except 'I was a rat', the kindly couple adopt him. It seems strange but Bob reads about odder things every day in his newspaper. To them, the sunny little chap is Roger, and he's trying hard to adapt to human life.



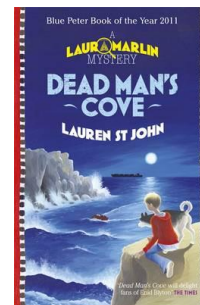
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Dead Man's Cove: A Laura Marlin Mystery - by Lauren St John

When orphaned Laura Marlin moves from a children's home to live with her uncle in Cornwall, she longs for a life of excitement just like the characters in her favourite detective novels. A real life adventure is on hand as she is deposited at her uncle's spooky house ...Why does her uncle, Calvin Redfern, forbid her to go to Dead Man's Cove? What's the truth about Tariq, the silent Indian boy who lives with the flamboyant Mukthars? Who is J? Who has left the message in a bottle for Laura to discover? Mysteries abound and who better to solve them than Laura Marlin, ace detective? Accompanied by her trusty companion, Skye, a three-legged husky, the dog she's always wanted, Laura's adventures begin.

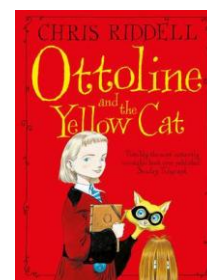
(There are 3 more books in this series: *Kidnap in the Caribbean*, *Kentucky Thriller & Rendezvous in Russia*)



Ottoline and the Yellow Cat – by Chris Riddell

Introducing Miss Ottoline Brown, an exceptionally inquisitive Mistress of Disguise, and her partner in crime, Mr. Munroe. No puzzle is ever too tricky for the two of them to solve... Ottoline lives in a stylish apartment in Big City with a small hairy creature called Mr. Munroe. Together they look after the Brown family's eclectic collections - and dabble in a spot of detective work. So they are the first to the scene of the crime when a string of high-society dog-nappings and jewel thefts hits Big City. Ottoline (who luckily has a diploma from the Who-R-U Academy of Disguise) and Mr. Munroe go undercover - and expose an ingenious scam masterminded by furry feline crook, the Yellow Cat.

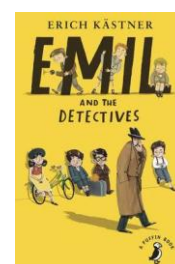
(Other books in the series include: *Ottoline Goes to School & Ottoline at Sea*)



Emil and the Detectives - by Erich Kastner

Emil and The Detectives by Erich Kastner has been in print ever since it was first published in 1928.

Young Emil is robbed, on his first real railway journey, of money entrusted to him by his hard-working mother for the relatives he is to stay with in Berlin. A gang of boys about his own age come to his aid, and a thrilling adventure full of surprises ensues as they use their wits to devise a wonderfully simple but practical trick to capture the thief.



The Arrival - by Shaun Tan

What drives so many to leave everything behind and journey alone to a mysterious country, a place without family or friends, where everything is nameless and the future is unknown. This silent graphic novel is the story of every migrant, every refugee, every displaced person, and a tribute to all those who have made the journey.

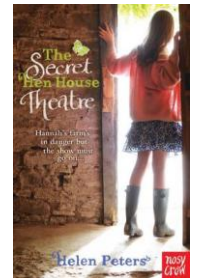


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The Secret Hen House Theatre - by Helen Peters

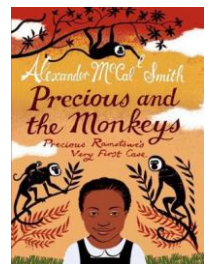
Since the death of her mother, Hannah's family life has been a bit chaotic. Her father works all day on their dilapidated farm, and the four children are pretty much left to themselves. One day, Hannah finds a ramshackle old hen house in a forgotten corner of the farm and decides to turn it into a secret theatre. But then the farm is threatened with demolition. Hannah hatches a bold plan to save it. Who can she trust? And what will happen when her dad finds out?



Precious and the Monkeys - by Alexander McCall Smith

Well before Precious Ramotswe founded her Number One Ladies' Detective Agency, as an eight-year-old girl she was already solving mysteries. Here we find out just who has been stealing her schoolfriends' snacks and how the young Precious became a crafty and intuitive private investigator.

(There are 2 other Precious Ramotswe mystery stories to enjoy: *Precious and the Mystery of the Missing Lion* & *Precious and the Mystery of Meerkat Hill*)



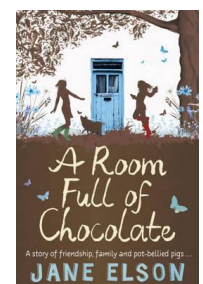
Oliver and the Seawigs - by Philip Reeve

Oliver grew up in a family of explorers - but his biggest adventure is about to begin! Along with his new friends, a grumpy old albatross, a short-sighted mermaid and a friendly island called Cliff, Oliver goes off in search of his missing parents. But before he can put his rescue plan into action there's the evil Stacey de Lacey and an army of greasy, green sea monkeys to contend with...



A Room Full of Chocolate - by Jane Elson

Grace's fun-loving Mum has found a lump. Her north London world of sleepovers, tap dancing and playing the clarinet fall apart when she is sent to live with her grumpy old granddad on his farm in Yorkshire while her mother goes into hospital to get better. Grace misses her mother so much it hurts, and doesn't quite understand what is happening to her. And things go from bad to worse when she starts school and becomes the bullies' latest target. But Grace is no longer alone when she meets Rainbow Girl Megan and her pig, Claude - when she's with them she feels as if she can confront anything. At Easter time when Grace misses her mum the most, she knows she must find a way to get to London. With Megan's help, she hatches a plan to run away that involves Claude, chocolate Easter eggs and a risky ID swap. But it's all worth it if it means that she finally gets to see her mum. ...



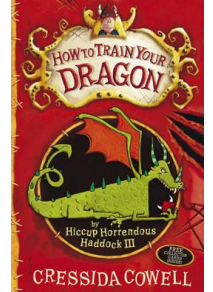
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How to Train Your Dragon - by Cressida Cowell

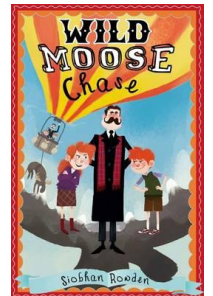
Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was an awesome sword-fighter, a dragon-whisperer and the greatest Viking Hero who ever lived. But it wasn't always like that. In fact, in the beginning, Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was the most put upon Viking you'd ever seen. Not loud enough to make himself heard at dinner with his father, Stoick the Vast; not hard enough to beat his chief rival, Snotlout, at Bashyball, the number one school sport and CERTAINLY not stupid enough to go into a cave full of dragons to find a pet...It's time for Hiccup to learn how to be a Hero.

(There are more books in the How to Train Your Dragon series: *How to Be a Pirate*, *How to Speak Dragonese*, *How to Cheat a Dragon's Curse*, *How to Twist a Dragon's Tale*, *A Hero's Guide to Deadly Dragons*, *How to Ride a Dragon's Storm*, *How to Break a Dragon's Heart and How to Steal a Dragon's Sword*)



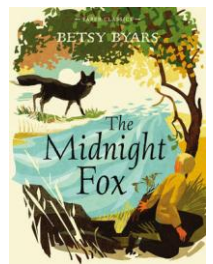
Wild Moose Chase - by Siobhan Rowden

Twins Burt and Cameron are in competition with each other about everything - everything, down to the very oxygen they breathe. So they jump at the chance when they hear about the ultimate competition that will guarantee just one person eternal glory as one of the Queen's knights. The Queen wants moose cheese. Moose cheese is scrumptiously delicious, worth an absolute fortune - and near-impossible to make. It'll require a dangerous world-wide venture to collect the ingredients for the Queen, but nothing will stop the twins in their quest for one-upmanship. Only they are so busy being in competition with each other, they don't even notice Dr X, another competitor....



The Midnight Fox - by Betsy Byars

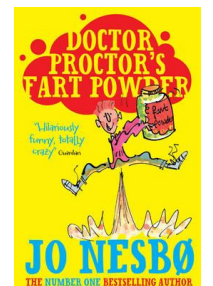
'And then, this afternoon,' Uncle Fred said to me, 'you and I'll go after the fox.' Tom, a town boy, is horrified when his parents tell him he has to stay on Aunt Millie's farm while they are away. He finds country life every bit as strange and uncomfortable as he feared. But soon, he discovers a rare black fox with green eyes, living with her cubs in the forest. Suddenly, the summer is full of excitement. That is, until Uncle Fred decides to go after the fox - will Tom save her and her family in time?



Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder - by Jo Nesbo

Dr Proctor is an ageing inventor just waiting for his big break. When he teams up with his next-door neighbour Lise and her peculiar friend Nilli in making the world's most powerful fart powder, it seems his dream may be coming true, but the ruthless twins Truls and Trym Thrane are lurking in the background just waiting to spoil their plans. The drama that follows has repercussions that stretch beyond the imagination, involving a wild chase through the sewer system of Oslo, anacondas and NASA.

(There are other books in the series: *Bubble in the Bathtub*, *Who Cut the Cheese?*, and *The Magical Fruit*)

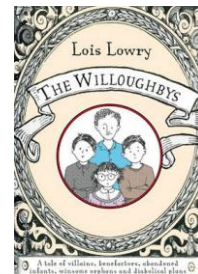


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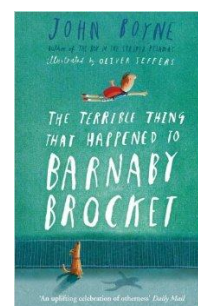
The Willoughbys - by Lois Lowry

"Shouldn't we be orphans?" one of the Willoughby children suggests one day. The four are, after all, part of an old-fashioned kind of family, and their parents -- well, their parents are not all that one would hope for. Recalling literary heroes like Anne of Green Gables, Pollyanna and James with his giant peach, the Willoughbys concoct a diabolical plan to turn themselves into worthy and winsome orphans. Little do they know that Mr and Mrs Willoughby have already begun to formulate their own thoroughly despicable plan inspired by another favourite bedtime story: the tale of Hansel and Gretel...



The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket - by John Boyne

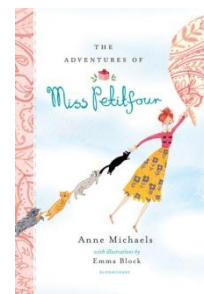
There's nothing unusual or different about the Brocket family - and they're keen to keep it that way. But when Barnaby Brocket comes into the world, it's clear he's anything but ordinary. To his parents' horror, Barnaby defies the laws of gravity - and floats. Soon, the Brockets decide enough is enough. The neighbours are starting to talk. They never asked for a weird, abnormal, floating child. Barnaby has to go...Betrayed and frightened, Barnaby floats into the path of a very special hot air balloon - and so begins a magical journey around the world, with a cast of extraordinary new friends.



The Adventures of Miss Petitfour - by Anne Michaels

Miss Petitfour loves baking and making and dancing with her cats, but most of all she loves to fly. All she has to do is pick up a favourite tablecloth (preferably the one with the paisley print), catch the breeze and she swooshes off on an adventure – with her many cats (Minky, Misty, Taffy, Purrsia, Pirate, Mustard, Moutarde, Hemdala, Earring, Grigorovich, Clasby, Captain Captain, Captain Catkin, Captain Clothespin, Your Shyness and Sizzles) dangling paw-to-tail behind her.

(There are 5 stories in this series)

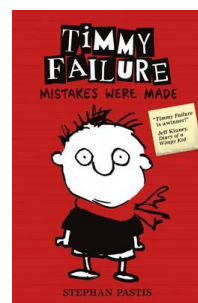


Timmy Failure Mistakes Were Made - by Stephan Pastis

The hilarious and ever-optimistic Timmy Failure, and his sidekick polar bear, Total, create chaos as they attempt to make sense of the world. Meet Timmy Failure, founder of the best detective agency in town - Total Failure, Inc.

With the help of his polar bear, Total, the clueless, comically self-confident Timmy already has plans for world domination. Plans that will make his mother rich and unpaid bills a thing of the past. And plans that will defeat Corrina Corrina, The One Whose Name Shall Not Be Uttered. But she's not going away.

(There are 3 more books in this series: *Timmy Failure: Now Look What You've Done*, *Timmy Failure: We Meet Again* and *Timmy Failure: Santitized for Your Protection*)



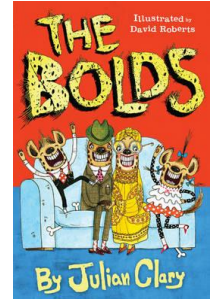
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The Bolds - by Julian Clary

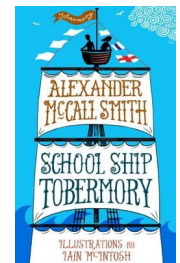
Mr and Mrs Bold are just like you and me: they live in a nice house (in Teddington), they have jobs (like writing Christmas cracker jokes) and they love to have a bit of a giggle. One slight difference: they're hyenas. Yes, that's right - they're covered in fur, have tails tucked into their trousers, and they really, really like to laugh.

So far, the Bolds have managed to keep things under wraps, even when their children Bobby and Betty were born. But the nosy man next door smells a rat (or a hyena), and a trip to the local wildlife park, and the brilliantly wacky heist that results, could be the end of Teddington's best-kept secret. Whatever will the neighbours think?



School Ship Tobermory - by Alexander McCall Smith

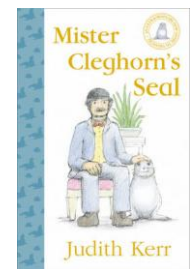
The first of a brand-new series of adventure books from the creator of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency. Twins Ben and Fee have grown up on a submarine because their parents are marine scientists. Now, nearly 13, it's time they went to school and they are enrolled at a very unusual one: the School Ship Tobermory. They've only just begun to learn the ropes when they and their new friends spot some suspicious activity on board another ship supposedly being used in a film.



Mister Cleghorn's Seal - by Judith Kerr

What do you do if you find an abandoned seal pup on a rock in the middle of the sea? Well, take it home with you to your flat, of course. At least that's what Mr Albert Cleghorn thought, though perhaps he hadn't considered all the complications...

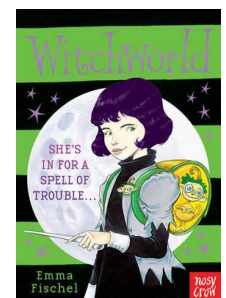
This is the story of what then happened to Mr Cleghorn and Charlie the seal in their determination to find a home for Charlie and, incidentally, happiness for them both.



Witchworld - by Emma Fischel

The witches of Witchworld have no need for old-fashioned wands or broomsticks, not when they have shiny Spellsticks and super-whizzy Skyriders instead. And no one has a cauldron anymore, just a cupboard full of Potions2Go. Flo Skritchett lives with her mother, the Editor-in-Chief of celebrity and lifestyle magazine, Hocus Pocus, and her witchteen sister. All is well, until her grandmother flies in to town and warns them that Witchworld is in danger from a Ghoulish Attack! No one believes her - after all, Ghouls died out years ago and she still rides around on a broomstick, for goodness' sake!

(The 2nd book in this series is *Witchmyth*)



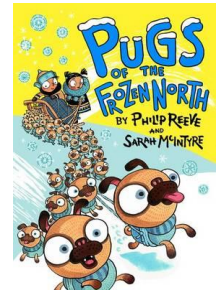
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Pugs of the Frozen North - by Philip Reeve

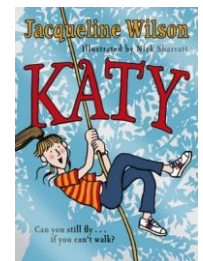
The Race to the Top of the World! It comes around once in a lifetime, and the prize? Your heart's desire. Shen and Sika can't resist the chance to win, but competition is fierce. The path to victory is littered with snow trolls, sea monsters, and a gang of particularly hungry yetis. But Shen and Sika have something the other contestants don't have. Actually, they have 66 other things; pugs to be exact. That's a 264 paw-powered sled. Let the race begin!

(*Cakes in Space* is a similarly written book if you like this one!)



Katy - by Jacqueline Wilson

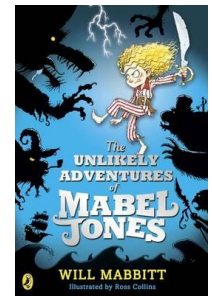
Katy Carr is a lively, daredevil oldest sister in a big family. She loves messing around outdoors, climbing on the garage roof, or up a tree, cycling, skateboarding, swinging...But her life changes in dramatic and unexpected ways after a serious accident.



The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones - by Will Mabbitt

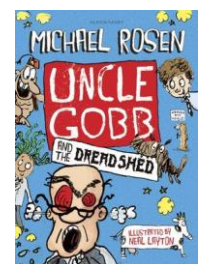
When Mabel Jones unknowingly commits 'The Deed' she finds herself swiftly bundled into a sack and carried off to the pirate ship the Feroshus Maggot. Crewed by the strangest bunch of pirates you would ever want to meet and captained by the dreaded Idriss Ebenezer Split (a wolf with a false leg carved from a human thighbone, a rusty cutlass sheathed in his belt and a loaded pistol tucked in his pants with no fear of the consequences), the Feroshus Maggot whisks Mabel Jones off on the adventure of a lifetime.

(Mabel has her own website www.mabeljonesbooks.co.uk)



Uncle Gobb and the Dread Shed - by Michael Rosen

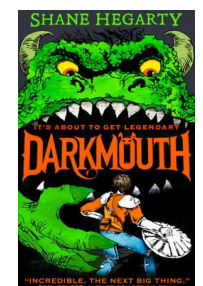
Malcolm is in all ways an ordinary ten-year-old. This is a perfectly ordinary story featuring one perfectly ordinary ten year old, his very bossy uncle, some baked beans, a school which tries to make interesting things BORING, the famed Italian city of Ponky, and a genie who appears when you rub your nose. It also includes lots of very useful facts, many of which are untrue.



Darkmouth - by Shane Hegarty

THEY'RE COMING! Legends (also known as terrifying, human-eating monsters) have invaded the town of Darkmouth and aim to conquer the world. But don't panic! The last remaining Legend Hunter - Finn - will protect us.

Finn: twelve-years-old, loves animals, not a natural fighter, but tries really, really hard, and we all know good intentions are the best weapons against a hungry Minotaur, right? On second thoughts, panic. PANIC NOW!



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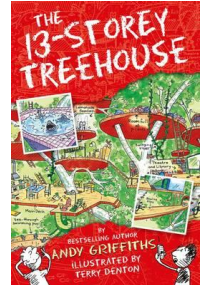
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13-Storey Treehouse - by Andy Griffiths

Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry! Just watch out for the sea monkeys, and the monkeys pretending to be sea monkeys, and the giant mutant mermaid sea monster ...Oh, and, whatever you do, don't get trapped in a burp-gas-filled bubble ...!

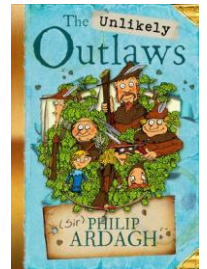
The story follows Andy and Terry's crazy adventures in their treehouse as they try to write a book, and is told through a combination of text and fantastic cartoon-style illustrations.

(There are 2 more books in this series: *The 26-Storey Treehouse* and *The 39-Storey Treehouse*)



The Unlikely Outlaws- by Philip Ardagh

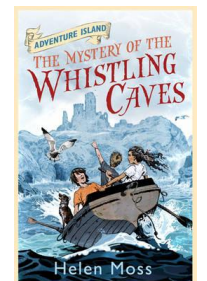
The books centre on the jolly adventures of the Green Men of Gressingham. The Green Men (brown men would be more accurate – their outfits are brown as it hides the dirt better) are a band of outlaws led by Robyn-in-the-Hat who, together with young knight-in-training Tom Dashwood, set about helping the poor and undertaking quests.



Adventure Island : The Mystery of the Whistling Caves - by Helen Moss

When Scott and Jack Carter have to stay with their great aunt for the summer they steel themselves for the most boring holiday ever. But then they meet Emily Wild and her loveable dog, Drift. Emily shows them the lighthouse, the castle - and the amazing whistling caves. Legend has it that when the caves stop whistling the castle will be attacked - and that's exactly what happens! Priceless treasures are stolen and Emily and the boys are determined to investigate. But how was the treasure smuggled out of the castle? Why did the caves stop whistling? And can the friends solve the mystery in time to catch the thief?

(There are 14 books in this series and a website www.adventureislandbooks.co.uk)



The Giggler Treatment - by Roddy Doyle

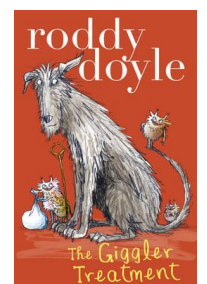
They waited for the wallop - Mr Mack hitting the poo.

They waited for the squelch - Mr Mack stepping on the poo.

They waited for the groan - Mr Mack seeing that most of the poo was now on his show.

Who are the Gigglers? Good Question. The Gigglers look after children. And they do it very well...

(Sequels to The Giggler Treatment are *Rover saves Christmas* and *The Meanwhile Adventures*)



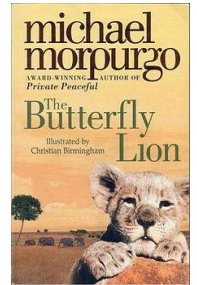
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The Butterfly Lion - by Michael Morpurgo

The story of a young boy who rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African bush. They remain inseparable until Bertie has to go away to boarding school and the lion is sold to a circus. Years later they are reunited, until the lion gently dies of old age.

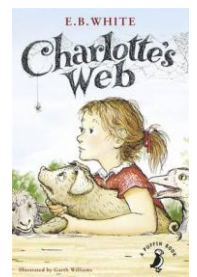
(You may also enjoy *Pinocchio by Pinocchio* by the same author)



Charlotte's Web - by E. B. White

This is the story of a little girl named Fern who loved a little pig named Wilbur and of Wilbur's dear friend, Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider. With the unlikely help of Templeton the rat, and a wonderfully clever plan of her own, Charlotte saves the life of Wilbur, who by this time has grown up to be quite a pig.

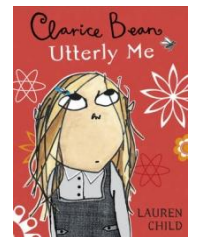
(Other books from this author include *Trumpet of the Swan* and *Stuart Little*)



Utterly Me, Clarice Bean - by Lauren Child

Clarice Bean fills her first novel with an account of her life outside home and especially inside school. She describes her teacher and classmates, including her UTTERLY best friend Betty Moody. When someone steals the winner's trophy for the school book project, Clarice emulates Ruby Redfort, ace girl detective and star of Clarice's favourite books.

(Other books in this series are: *Clarice Bean Spells Trouble* and *Clarice Bean, Don't Look Now*)



Heard It In The Playground - by Allan Ahlberg

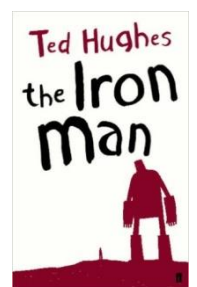
This illustrated collection of amusing poems and songs celebrating primary school life won the Signal Poetry Award in 1990. Meet Billy McBone and the Mad Professor's Daughter, be amazed by the Longest Kiss Contest, shed a tear for the Boy Without a Name and, if you're a stressed teacher sing the Mrs Butler Blues.



The Iron Man - by Ted Hughes

Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction by the Iron Man and set a trap for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.

(You could also read *The Iron Women*)



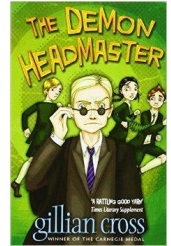
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The Demon Headmaster - by Gillian Cross

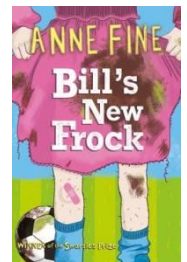
Dinah moves in with the Hunter family and starts going to the same school as her foster-brothers Lloyd and Harvey. It's not easy, as they seem to hate her, and school is really strange. Pupils suddenly talk like robots and do weird things - even Dinah finds herself acting oddly. She's sure the headmaster has some kind of power over them.

(There are 6 books in this series)



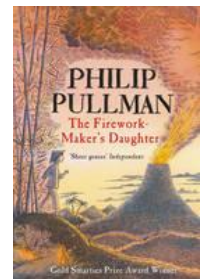
Bill's New Frock - by Anne Fine

Bill wakes up one day as a girl, and is horrified to be sent to school in a frilly pink frock with fiddly shell buttons. There he finds life suddenly very different. The bully whistles at him, instead of kicking him, he can't be picked to lift a table - not being a 'big strong boy' - his work's supposed to be ultra neat and he's being cast as Lovely Rapunzel, who in any case never gets to say anything! By the time he gets home the impractical frock is covered in mud and - thank goodness - Bill will never have to wear it again!



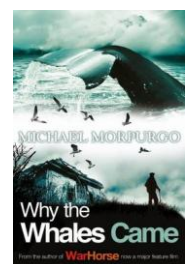
The Firework-Maker's Daughter - by Philip Pullman

More than anything else in the world, Lila wants to be a Firework-Maker. But every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend! Can Lila possibly survive? Especially when she doesn't know she needs special protection to survive his flames.



Why The Whales Came - by Michael Morpurgo

'You keep away from the Birdman,' warned Gracie's father. 'Keep well clear of him, you hear me now?' But Gracie and her friend Daniel discover the Birdman isn't mad or dangerous as everyone says. Yet he does warn them to stay away from the abandoned Samson Island, one of the islands that make up the Scilly Isles - he says it's cursed. And when the children are stranded on Samson by fog, Gracie returns to hear tragic news. Could the Birdman be right? The curse that struck Samson is about to strike again on Bryher, and the inhabitants seem only to be welcoming it with their greed and hatred. Together Birdman and the children stop them killing the narwhals, and turn the whales back out to sea. We know the curse is truly lifted when Gracie's father, who had been missing presumed dead after a battle, returns to the village, alive.



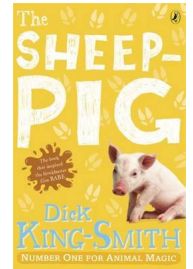
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The Sheep-Pig - by Dick King-Smith

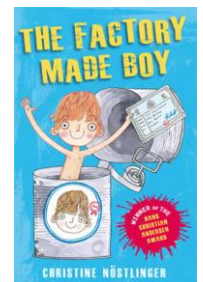
When Farmer Hogget wins a piglet at the local fair, Mrs Hogget thinks of fattening it up for the freezer. But the old sheepdog, Fly, takes him under her wing and starts to train him up as a sheep-pig, whose methods of getting the sheep to do what he wants are rather unconventional.

(Other books by this author include: *The Invisible Dog*, *The Hodgeheg*, *Harry's Mad* and *Godhanger*)



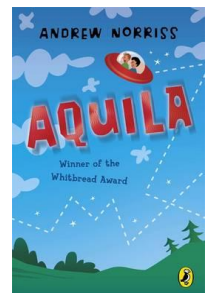
The Factory-Made - by Christine Nostlinger

Mrs Bartolotti is quite used to receiving surprises in the post as she's very forgetful! But this one beats the lot - Conrad, a perfect, factory-made child who never does anything wrong. But when the men from the factory realise that the child has been delivered to the wrong address, they come to take him back. Conrad doesn't want to go, so Mrs Bartolotti comes up with a plan, and Conrad is unrecognisable ...



Aquila - by Andrew Norriss

It's a spaceship from the past - can it change the future? Aquila has been found by boys bunking off a geography field trip. They have no idea where it came from or what it does. But Geoff's discovered that when you sit in it these little coloured lights come on, and if you push one of the big blue ones ...Whoosh!



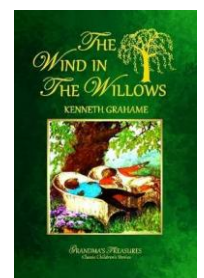
The Secret Garden - by Frances Hodgson Burnett

After losing her parents, young Mary Lennox is sent from India to live in her uncle's gloomy mansion on the wild English moors. She is lonely and has no one to play with, but one day she learns of a secret garden somewhere in the grounds that no one is allowed to enter. Then Mary uncovers an old key in a flowerbed.



The Wind in the Willows - by Kenneth Grahame

Meet Mole, Rat Known as Ratty to his friends, Mr. Toad, Mr. Badger, Otter, portly, the Weasels, Pan, The Wayfarer and squirrels and rabbits. Journey with them on their amazing light-hearted adventures of folly, mysticism, friendship, forgiveness, and morality. The Wind in the Willows by author Kenneth Grahame is a heartwarming children's story. It follows the lives of Mole, Water Rat, Otter, Badger, and Toad. The Wind in the Willows is full of fun and adventure. It is a timeless story of friends who will do anything for each other.

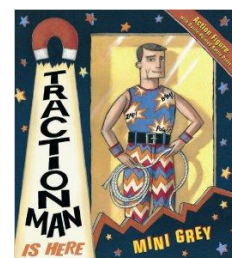


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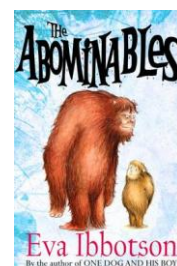
Traction Man is Here - by Mini Grey

With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. He is never less than stylishly turned out and expertly accessorised. He is the last word in heroic fashion flair - until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit.



The Abominables - by Eva Ibbotson

A yeti kidnaps a young English lady, to bring up his children. She is surprised to discover that Abominable Snowmen are anything but, so she raises them, teaching them English, manners and decorum, and then, as she ages, tries to plan for their safe future in the ever changing outside world. The yetis embark upon an epic adventure into the unknown, helped by two children.



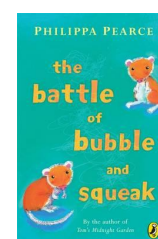
Cat Tales: Ice Cat - by Linda Newbery

It's snowing outside, and Tom's neighbour Gary is building a snowman with his dad. Tom's own dad is ill, upstairs in bed again. He isn't strong and boisterous, like dads ought to be. So Tom builds his own snow creation: a cold, snarling ice cat. It's strange...he didn't mean to build an ice cat. It just kind of forced its way out of the snow, rather like the animal sculptures his dad carves when he's well. But Tom's mum says his dad will never be fully well again, and inside, this turns Tom's heart to ice. He even begins to imagine he sees his vicious ice cat, prowling in the night. One morning, in a fit of rage and frustration, Tom destroys Gary's snowman and his own ice cat. It takes a frank conversation with his dad before he is able to build a new, friendlier snow cat with Gary, and finally feel the ice inside him melt...



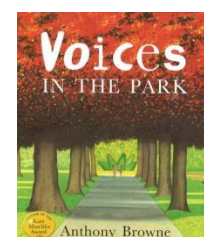
The Battle of Bubble and Squeak - by Philippa Pearce

Sid, Peggy and Amy adore the two gerbils, Bubble and Squeak, but their mother detests them. A major family battle results, and it's clear life is never going to be quite the same again. But after a near fatal encounter between Bubble and Ginger the cat, Mrs Sparrow begins to see that life with two gerbils might not be so bad after all.



Voices in the Park - by Anthony Browne

Four different voices tell their own versions of the same walk in the park. The radically different perspectives give a fascinating depth to this simple story which explores many of the author's key themes, such as alienation, friendship and the bizarre amid the mundane.

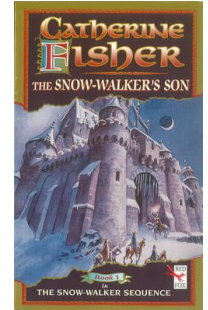


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The Snow-Walker's Son - by Catherine Fisher

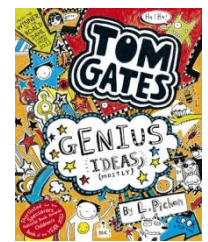
THE SNOW WALKER'S SON is a book of intrigue; of banishment and sorcery; of an ice cold winter and an unseen evil eye. Jessa and Thorkil are banished by the evil witch Gudrun to the ice kingdom to the North. Here they will be incarcerated with Gudrun's son Kari; about whom there are the most terrible tales. He is rumoured to be half-man, half-beast and is a figure of dread. After an endless journey, Thorkil and Jessa arrive and, at last meet Kari. He is not as they feared but is a slight winsome young man. His only terror is that he, too, has the power. But he is determined to use the magic wisely.



Tom Gates Genius Ideas (Mostly) - by Liz Pichon

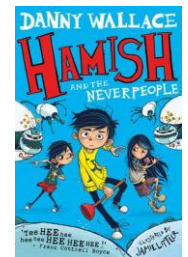
Seeing Delia without her sunglasses on is a BIG shock for Tom, but that's nothing compared with the surprise that Dad has in store with his new-found fitness regime! He says he's going to compete at the school Sports Day. Can you even imagine the horrendous shame that will bring? Meanwhile Tom, Derek and Norman are also busy with a training regime of their own - practising with Dogzombies to make sure they're ready for the school talent show.

(Look out for more books in this series)



Hamish and the Neverpeople - by Danny Wallace

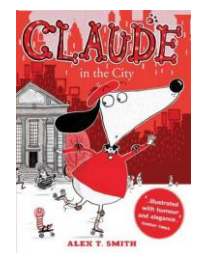
Nobody knows it yet, but the people of Earth are in big, big trouble. Like - HUGE trouble. Oh, come on, where's your imagination? Double what you're thinking! And it's all got to do with a shadowy figure, an enormous tower, some sinister monsters, huge clanking and thundering metal oddballs, and people who are just like you... but not like you at all. Luckily Hamish and the PDF are around to help save the day! Aren't they??



Claude in the City - by Alex T. Smith

Claude is no ordinary dog - he leads an extraordinary life! When Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes set off for work, Claude decides what adventure he wants to have that day. Today he and Sir Bobblysock go to the city for the very first time. They have tea in a cafe, go shopping and visit a museum. It is all very normal until...Claude accidentally foils a robbery and becomes the local hero!

(Other books in the series include: *Claude on Holiday*, *Claude at the Circus*, *Claude in the Spotlight*, *Claude in the Country*, *Claude on the Slopes* and *Claude Lights! Camera! Action!*)



You Have Been Warned! - by Roger McGough

Here is a modern take on cautionary verse in the hugely successful tradition of Hilaire Belloc and others. Children getting into and out of trouble is the theme of this collection - which offers much scope for hilarious pranks and wonderfully sticky endings. With poems from poets as diverse as Hilaire Belloc, Shel Silverstein, Dick King-Smith, Heinrich Hoffmann, John Agard, and of course Roger McGough himself, this will appeal to all fans of the comic, the unfortunate, and the darkly humorous.

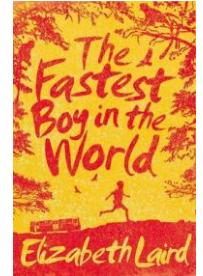


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The Fastest Boy in the World - by Elizabeth Laird

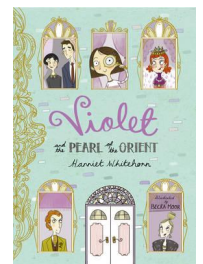
Eleven-year-old Solomon loves to run! The great athletes of the Ethiopian national team are his heroes and he dreams that one day he will be a gold-medal-winning athlete like them, in spite of his ragged shorts and bare feet. When his grandfather announces that he's going to take Solomon to Addis Ababa, Solomon cannot believe his ears. A trip to the capital? It's unfathomable. Solomon's joy is increased when he realizes that the Ethiopian running team will be doing a victory parade through the city that day. Maybe he'll get a glimpse of Haile Gebrselassie or Derartu Tulu?! But Solomon's grandfather has other plans.



Violet and the Pearl of the Orient - by Harriet Whitehorn

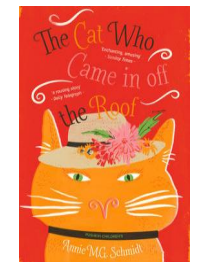
When a new family move in next door, Violet is sure there's something strange about them. Then her eccentric, but lovely neighbour, Dee Dee Derota, has a precious jewel stolen. Could the new family be to blame? Violet is on the case to uncover the truth...

(Look out for the second adventure: *Violet and the Hidden Treasure*)



The Cat Who Came in off the Roof - by Annie Schmidt

Tibble is a young, shy, newspaper reporter who writes really well, but mostly about cats, and never about current news. When he meets Miss Minou, a rather "cattish" young lady, he finds that she is his source of all sorts of little news stories that the editor of his newspaper is happy to publish. But there is a mystery here. Minou is cattish, because once upon a time she really was a cat.



Stitch Head - by Guy Bass

In the maze-like dungeons of Castle Grotteskew, the frightfully insane Professor Erasmus conducts his bizarre experiments on living things. His very first creation has long been forgotten - a small, almost-human creature, known only as Stitch Head. Poor Stitch Head has spent years vying for attention amongst a menagerie of freakish monsters. When a travelling circus ringmaster, Fulbert Freakfinder, promises to make him a star, Stitch Head wonders whether there is another life for him. But first he has to catch the professor's latest creation - a monstrous three-armed creature that's just smashed its way to freedom...

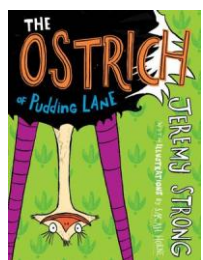
(There are 6 books in this series)



The Ostrich of Pudding Lane - by Jeremy Strong

Pudding Lane may be the only primary school in the UK with a real, live ostrich for a mascot. She comes to the school as an escapee from the ostrich farm and soon wins a place in the hearts of staff and pupils alike. Rival schools and Ofsted beware as Pudding Lane prepares to deploy its tall, feathery secret weapon against all comers.

(Another book that you might enjoy by this author is *Kidnapped!*)

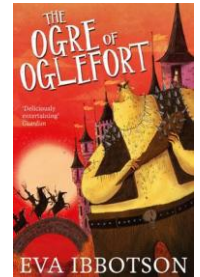


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The Ogre of Oglefort - by Eva Ibbotson

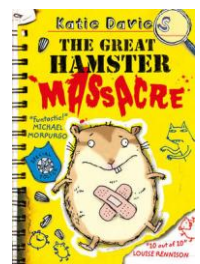
When a Hag, an orphan boy called Ivo, Ulf the troll and wizard Brian Brainsweller are sent to rescue a princess from an ogre, they briefly consider running away and hiding. Can they be any match for the gruesome, terrifying, ghastly, flesh-eating Ogre of Oglefort? But not all is as it first appears - the Ogre is depressed and the princess doesn't want to be rescued. The Norns, who rule their fates, decide to take things in hand and send a gang of the vilest, most petrifying ghouls to get the job done properly ...



The Great Hamster Massacre - by Katie Davies

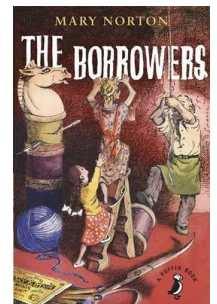
A very natural and honest version of life's events from the perspective of a young girl - from her suspicions about her neighbours, to her rocky friendship with the girl next door; from the sudden death of her beloved granny to her relentless quest for a pet hamster, only to then find it mysteriously slaughtered - which kickstarts a local investigation of 'suspects'.

(Other books in this series are: *The Great Rabbit Rescue* and *The Great Cat Conspiracy*)



The Borrowers - by Mary Norton

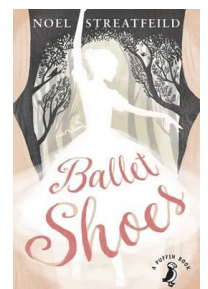
An alternative, small-scale life as lived by Pod, Homily and their daughter Arrietty who could be any family - except that they are so tiny that they can live under the floorboards. Protected by a safety-pin gate and with wallpaper made out of 'borrowed' scraps of writing paper with the lines of handwriting carefully pasted on to make vertical stripes from ceiling to the floor covering which was pink blotting paper, everything that the family owns has been borrowed from the 'human beans' who live above them. The humans know nothing of the Borrowers existence or why so many things go missing until Arrietty makes friends with a human boy who can see her. How can the Borrowers stay safe?



Ballet Shoes - by Noel Streatfeild

'I wonder ...if other girls had to be one of us, which of us they'd choose to be'? Pauline longs to be an actress. Petrova is happiest playing with cars and engines. And if she could ...Posy would dance all day! But when their benefactor Great-Uncle Matthew disappears, the Fossil girls share a future of a dazzling life on stage, where their dreams and fears will soon come true...

(Another book by Noel Streatfeild is *Thursday's Child*)

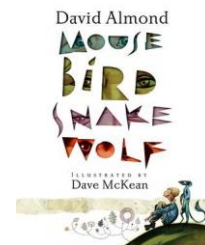


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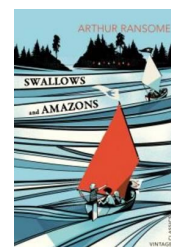
Mouse Bird Snake Wolf - by David Almond

The gods have created a world - they've built mountains, a sea and a sky - and now their days are filled with long naps in the clouds (and tea and cake). That's until Harry, Sue and Little Ben begin to fill the gaps of the world: with a mousy thing, a chirpy thing and a twisty legless thing. As the children's ideas take shape, the power of their visions proves to be greater than they, or the gods, could ever have imagined.



Swallows and Amazons - by Arthur Ransome

'Swallows and Amazons forever!' The Walker children - also known as Captain John, Mate Susan, Able-Seaman Titty, and Ship's Boy Roger - set sail on the Swallow and head for Wild Cat Island. There they camp under open skies, swim in clear water and go fishing for their dinner. But their days are disturbed by the Blackett sisters, the fierce Amazon pirates. The Swallows and Amazons decide to battle it out, and so begins a summer of unforgettable discoveries and incredible adventures.



The Field Guide : Spiderwick Chronicles - by Holly Black, Tony DiTerlizzi

Book 1 of The Spiderwick Chronicles in which Mallory, Simon and Jared get acquainted with their new home but find many unexpected things. It all started when Jared Grace found their great uncle's book, "Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastic World Around You" and they realise that are not alone in their new house. Now the Grace kids want to tell their story but the faeries will do everything to stop them...It's up to you to spread the word about their discovery. But heed their warnings, wear some red, turn your clothes inside out - all anti-faerie devices - and get ready to enter a world that you never knew existed...Their world is closer than you think... It's here...



Black Beauty - by Anna Sewell

You saved your mistress's life, Beauty! yes, you saved her life.

Black Beauty is the prettiest young horse in the meadows, and spends many happy days under the apple trees with his friends Ginger and Merrylegs. But this easy life comes to an end when Beauty is sold and goes from farm to inn to cabhorse in London, enduring rough treatment from foolish and careless masters. Beauty remains faithful, hardworking and full of spirit despite his trials, and through him we learn that all horses and humans alike deserve to be treated with kindness.

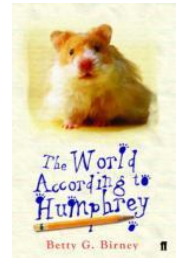


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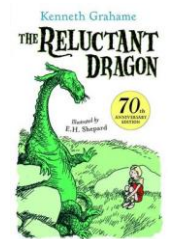
The World According to Humphrey - by Betty G. Birney

You can learn a lot about life by observing another species. That's what Humphrey was told when he was bought as a classroom pet for Room 26. And it's definitely true! In addition to his classroom escapades, each weekend he gets to sleep over with a different student, like Stop-Giggling-Gail and Repeat-That-Please-Richie. Humphrey learns to read, write, shoot rubber bands and much more. With adventures galore, Humphrey's life would be absolutely perfect if only the teacher, Mrs Brisbane, wasn't out to get him...



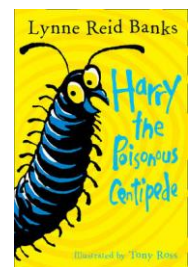
The Reluctant Dragon - by Kenneth Grahame

'Now, dragon,' said the Boy imploringly. 'You've got to fight him some time or other you know, 'cos he's St George and you're the dragon. Better get it over, and then we can go on with the sonnets.' Everyone knows St George has to do battle with the dragon, but what happens when the dragon simply won't fight St George?



Harry the Poisonous Centipede - by Lynne Reid Banks

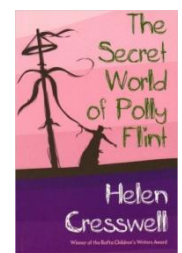
Harry is a poisonous centipede but he's not very brave. Still, he is the star of this seriously squirmy story. Harry likes to eat things that wriggle and crackle, and things that are juicy and munchy! But there are some things that a poisonous centipede must never try to eat - dangerous things like flying swoopers, belly wrigglers, furry biters and the most dangerous of all...Hoo-Mins!



The Secret World of Polly Flint by Helen Cresswell

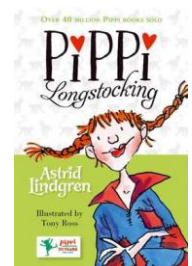
As soon as she arrives in Wellow, Polly Flint knows there is magic in the place. And she should know, because she is an unusual girl who can see things others can't. She seems to be able to call up a village that had disappeared from the face of the earth - and the people who lived in it, as they slip in and out of time.

(Another book by this author is; *Lizzie Dripping*)



Pippi Longstocking - by Astrid Lindgren

Nine year old Pippi is an unusual and unpredictable character; she lives alone with a monkey, a horse, and no rules whatsoever! Every day is a crazy adventure with Pippi, but what else would you expect from the daughter of a swashbuckling pirate captain?!



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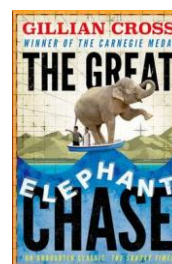
Operation Gadgetman! - by Malorie Blackman

Beans calls her dad 'Gadgetman' because of the weird and wonderful gadgets he comes up with - everything from exploding biscuits to Spy Kits. But when Gadgetman accidentally invents a device that could be used to steal millions of pounds, the wrong people find out and Gadgetman is kidnapped! With the help of her friends - and her special Gadgetman Spy Kit - Beans is determined to track down the kidnappers and rescue her dad. But can she find Gadgetman before he is forced to hand over the details of his invention...?



The Great Elephant Chase - by Gillian Cross

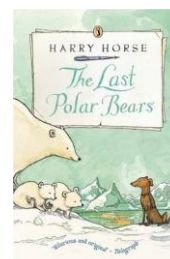
Tad and Cissie are on the run with Khush the elephant. Clammy-fingered, steely-eyed Hannibal Jackson will do anything to capture the animal. Maybe even kill ...Staying ahead means being faster and smarter-but how do you hide an elephant? Especially one with a mind of its own.



The Last Polar Bears - by Harry Horse

Grandfather is off on an expedition to the North Pole to find the Last Polar Bears and with him goes Roo - a dog of character and strong views. The intrepid explorers set sail on the good ship 'Unsinkable' and embark on the adventure of a lifetime. Eccentric, moving and very funny, their story is told through a series of extraordinary letters.

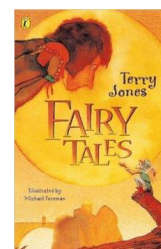
(The next book in the series is *The Last Castaways*)



Fairy Tales - by Terry Jones

Three raindrops have an argument on their way out of a cloud ... A silly King goes for a walk with a dog tied to each leg ... An enterprising herring, bored of the North Sea, decides to swim right round the world ...

Thirty short stories of magic and adventure



The Legend Of Captain Crow's Teeth - by Eoin Colfer

Will's brother Marty is always playing practical jokes. But when he tells the bloodcurdling story of the cutthroat pirate Captain Crow, Will is terrified. Is it another one of Marty's tricks, or could Captain Crow's ghost really be out to get him?

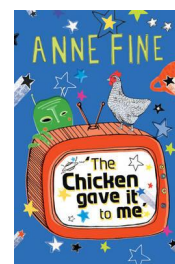


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The Chicken Gave it to Me - by Anne Fine

Gemma doesn't believe a chicken could have written a book - chickens can't even read! But here in front of them is *The True Story of Harrowing Farm*, and its scratchy pages definitely look, well, chickeny. It is an epic tale of cruelty and bravery, the story of a chicken who flies frillions of miles, reaching the heights of intergalactic superstardom, to try to save us humans.



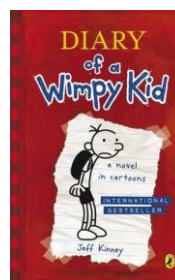
Secret Friends - by Elizabeth Laird

It's crazy, starting at a new school. For days you feel so new and lost it's as if you've wandered into a foreign country where you can't speak the language. This haunting story about Rafaella, the new girl at school who finds making friends hard, is a stunning piece of writing. With her strange name and sticking out ears she's different from the rest. Lucy is the first to tease, the first to call her 'Earwig'. Until a secret friendship starts, full of warmth and mystery ...



Diary of A Wimpy Kid - by Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into a new year and a new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. Desperate to prove his new found maturity, which only going up a grade can bring, Greg is happy to have his not-quite-so-cool sidekick, Rowley, along for the ride. But when Rowley's star starts to rise, Greg tries to use his best friend's popularity to his own advantage. Recorded in his diary with comic pictures and his very own words, this test of Greg and Rowley's friendship unfolds with hilarious results.



(There are lots of books in this series to enjoy)

You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum! - by Andy Stanton

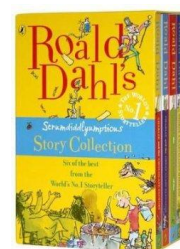
This is the first book in Andy Stanton's stupendous, all-conquering Mr Gum series. Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him. And an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub. And Jake the dog, and a little girl called Polly and an evil, stinky butcher all covered in guts. And there's heroes and sweets and adventures and EVERYTHING.

(There are 8 books in this great series)



Books – by Roald Dahl

There are some fantastic books to read by Roald Dahl. Try: *The Enormous Crocodile*, *The BFG*, *Boy*, *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*, *Charlie & the Great Glass Elevator*, *Danny the Champion of the World*, *Esio Trot*, *Fantastic Mr Fox*, *George's Marvellous Medicine*, *The Giraffe*, *Pelly & Me*, *James & the Giant Peach*, *The Magic Finger*, *Matilda*, *The Twits* and *The Witches*.

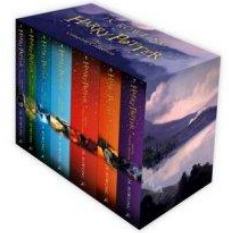


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Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - by J. K. Rowling

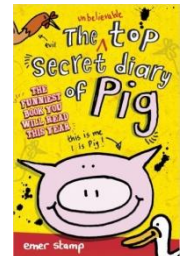
Harry Potter thinks he is an ordinary boy. He lives with his Uncle Vernon, Aunt Petunia and cousin Dudley, who are mean to him and make him sleep in a cupboard under the stairs. (Dudley, however, has two bedrooms, one to sleep in and one for all his toys and games.) Then Harry starts receiving mysterious letters and his life is changed forever. He is whisked away by a beetle-eyed giant of a man and enrolled at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The reason: Harry Potter is a wizard!



(There are 7 great books in this series to enjoy: *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* and *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*)

The Unbelievable Top Secret Diary of Pig - by Emer Stamp

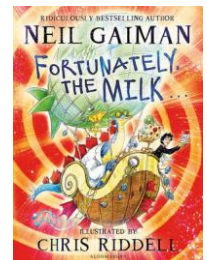
We love Pig (we can't help it), but Pig loves Farmer, and he can't help it either. After all, Farmer gives Pig yummy slops and special back scratches, and calls him Sausage and seems to love him more, the fatter he gets. Just as well Pig doesn't speak any Farmer. But Duck does (Duck's clever like that), and he's determined his best friend should know the truth. This is tough for Pig. But Pig won't just sit there and weep (though we may do, on his behalf), because there's help from an unexpected quarter: the Evil Chickens have a plan...



(The sequel to this book is *The Super Amazing Adventures of Me, Pig*)

Fortunately, the Milk ... - by Neil Gaiman

You know what it's like when your mum goes away on a business trip and Dad's in charge. She leaves a really, really long list of what he's got to do. And the most important thing is DON'T FORGET TO GET THE MILK. Unfortunately, Dad forgets. So the next morning, before breakfast, he has to go to the corner shop, and this is the story of why it takes him a very, very long time to get back. Featuring: Professor Steg (a time-travelling dinosaur), some green globby things, the Queen of the Pirates, the famed jewel that is the Eye of Splod, some wumpires, and a perfectly normal but very important carton of milk.



Moomins Collection - Tove Jansson

Cheerful and chubby Moomintroll lives in the magical Moominvalley with his mother Moominmamma, his father Moominpappa and all of their friends. The Moomins hibernate throughout the winter, but before they go to sleep, they fill their tummies with pine needles. When they wake up in the spring, they prepare for their fun-filled summer adventures.

(There are many lovely books in this series – picture books and A5 comics)



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The Magical Children series – Sally Gardner

In *The Smallest Girl Ever*, Ruby keeps getting smaller and smaller, but still shows how a girl tiny enough to fit in a handbag can still be clever and brave.

In *The Boy with the Lightning Feet*, chubby Timmy Twinkle gets in shape and realises he's a master on the football field – a story of a child whose unhappiness is dispelled by his hidden talent.

(Other books in the series include: *The Boy with The Magic Numbers*, *The Invisible Boy*, *The Strongest Girl in The World* and *The Boy Who Could Fly*)



Hilda and the Troll - by Luke Pearson

Hilda lives in a forest with her mum and is an artist and an adventurer. As she goes out in the woods today she meets a giant, a water spirit and a troll. It's the troll who brings her a special problem. This is a series of beautifully illustrated comic books.



Lotta Says 'no!' - by Astrid Lindgren

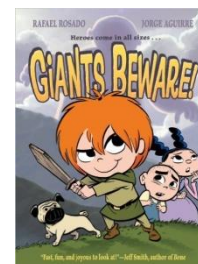
A collection of fun, engaging and gently humorous stories about Lotta, the little sister who can find trouble anywhere. She and her young siblings get into all sorts of scrapes, from falling out of their old neighbour's windows and learning some very bad swear words, to making their own pancake tree.



Giants Beware! (Chronicles of Claudette) - by Jorge Aguirre and Rafael Rosado

Make way for Claudette the giant slayer in this delightful, fantastical adventure! Claudette's fondest wish is to slay a giant. But her village is so safe and quiet! What's a future giant slayer to do? With her best friend Marie (an aspiring princess), and her brother Gaston (a pastry-chef-to-be), Claudette embarks on a super-secret quest to find a giant-without parental permission. Can they find and defeat the giant before their parents find them and drag them back home?

(If you like this graphic novel then try *Dragons Beware!* too)



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Zita the Spacegirl – by Ben Hatke

Zita's life took a cosmic left turn in the blink of an eye. When her best friend is abducted by an alien doomsday cult, Zita leaps to the rescue and finds herself a stranger on a strange planet. Humanoid chickens and neurotic robots are shocking enough as new experiences go, but Zita is even more surprised to find herself taking on the role of intergalactic hero. Before long, aliens in all shapes and sizes don't even phase her. Neither do ancient prophecies, doomed planets, or even a friendly con man who takes a mysterious interest in Zita's quest. Zita the Spacegirl is a fun, captivating tale of friendship and redemption from Flight veteran Ben Hatke.



(If you like this type of Graphic Novels then why not try *Cleopatra in Space* by Mike Maihack)

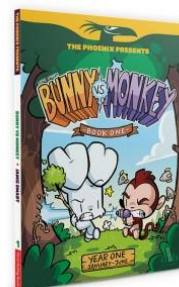
The Phoenix Presents – Bunny v Monkey

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big...MECHANICAL MOLE TANK?! Wait, that doesn't sound right...

Prepare for chicken zeppelins, the Pig-o-Tron 5000, the indestructible Action Beaver, a squirrel with a passion for baking and loads more!

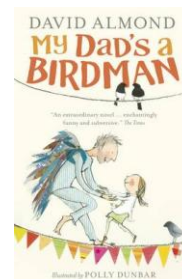
This is good vs evil. Science vs nature. This is *Bunny vs Monkey!*

(If you love the Phoenix comics then try some of their comic novels)



My Dad's a Birdman - by David Almond

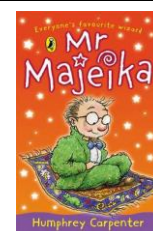
Lizzie and Dad live in a rainy town in the north of England. It's just the two of them, and Auntie Doreen, who pops round to check Lizzie's spellings and tell Dad he's daft - and make them nice hot dumplings. But today there's something unusual going on: why is Dad building himself a pair of wings and studying the birds to see how they fly? The Great Human Bird Competition of course!



Mr Majeika - by Humphrey Carpenter

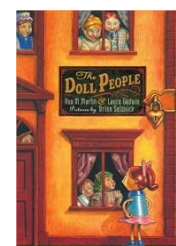
When Class Three's new teacher flies in through the window on a magic carpet, the children believe that with Mr Majeika in charge, it's going to be the most exciting school term ever.

(There are many books in this series)



The Doll People – by Ann Godwin Martin

Annabelle Doll is eight years old—she has been for over a hundred years. Not a lot has happened to her, cooped up in the dollhouse, with the same doll people, day after day, year after year...until the Funcrafts move in. Now Annabelle has a friend. Sure she's made entirely of plastic and she's living in the scariest room in the house, but she's an adventurer, and after a hundred years of boredom, that's just what Annabelle needs.



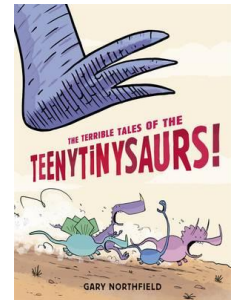
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The Terrible Tales of the Teenytinysaurs! - by Gary Northfield

Is it possible to fly to the moon in a bubble of snot? Can you really have an argument with a cloud? Are there bogey monsters at the bottom of the garden? All these questions and more are explored in an hysterical and charming collection of comic book adventures, following a teeny tiny gang of dinosaurs as they wind each other up and muddle their way through the myths and mysteries of prehistoric life.

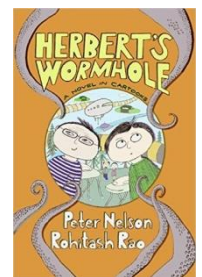
(If you like this then also try *Julius Zebra* by the same author)



Herbert's Wormhole - by Peter Nelson, Rohitash Rao

Greetings. This story concerns a scientific anomaly that opens a portal, allowing us to traverse the space-time continuum and triggering an adventure that those of limited intelligence might simply describe as "awesome."

Hey! This is a book about how we get sucked into this wormhole thingy and it drops us in the future where there's all this really cool futuristic stuff, but also these super-freaky aliens and we mess everything up and have to save the world. How awesome is that?



The Children of Green Knowe – by Lucy M. Boston

This is a series of six children's novels which feature a very old house, Green Knowe. Green Knowe is inhabited by the spirits of people who lived there in ages past.

In the first book Tolly explores the rich history of his family, which pervades the house like magic. He begins to encounter what appear to be the spirits of three of his forebears—an earlier Toseland (nicknamed Toby), Alexander, and an earlier Linnet—who lived in the reign of Charles II. Surrounded by the rivers and the floodwater, sealed within its ancient walls, Green Knowe is a sanctuary of peace and stability in a world of unnerving change.



Little House in the Big Woods - by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Classic tales about life on the frontier and America's best-loved pioneer family. Inside the little house in the Big Woods live the Ingalls family: Ma, Pa, Mary, Laura and baby Carrie. Outside the little house are the wild animals: the bears and the bees, the deer and the wolves. This is the classic tale of how they live together, in harmony mostly, but sometimes in fear... Little House in the Big Woods is the prequel to Little House on the Prairie and On the Banks of Plum Creek.

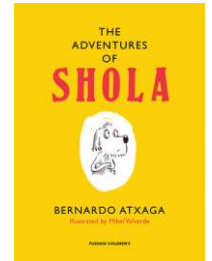


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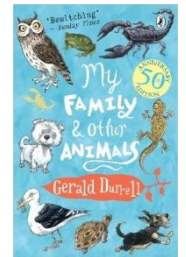
The Adventures of Shola - by Bernardo Atxaga

Small dog. Big dreams. Shola is a little dog with attitude. Frustratingly for her, she loves both comfort (mainly in the form of food) and adventure (in theory, at least), and spends much of her time trying to decide between the two. Whether she is faced with the possibility that she may really be a lion or the prospect of a boar-hunt, with eccentric American visitors or insufferable country bumpkins, Shola is not afraid to pursue her dreams ...up to a point.



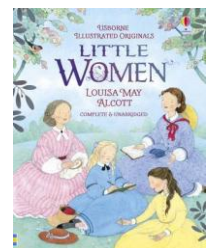
My Family and Other Animals - by Gerald Durrell

Sometimes it's pretty hard to tell them apart... my family and the animals, that is. I don't know why my brothers and sisters complain so much. With snakes in the bath and scorpions on the lunch table, our house, on the island of Corfu, is a bit like a circus. So they should feel right at home...



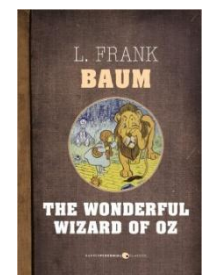
Little Women - by Louisa May Alcott

Inspirational story follows the fortunes of the March sisters as they struggle through the American Civil War and learn the importance of love, family and following their dreams.



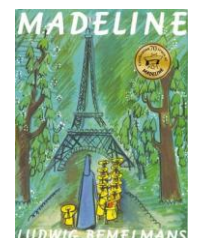
The Wizard Of Oz by L. Frank Baum

Follow the adventures of Dorothy Gale and her dog, Toto, as they are swept up from their home in Kansas and land in a strange place called Oz. Join her as she meets the Munchkins and the Good Witch of the North, defeats the Wicked Witch of the West, and travels with the Scarecrow, Tin Woodman, and Cowardly Lion on an unforgettable journey along the yellow brick road to Emerald City, where she meets the all-powerful Wizard of Oz.



Madeline - by Ludwig Bemelmans

'In an old house in Paris that was covered in vines lived twelve little girls in two straight lines...!' Something is not right with little Madeline. Her friends are sad when she goes to hospital to have her appendix removed. But they cheer up when see her impressive scar! The small but feisty heroine, Madeline, and her charming Parisian world have been loved by children and adults alike for seventy years.



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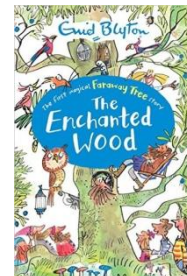
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The Enchanted Wood - by Enid Blyton

The first magical story in the *Faraway Tree* series.

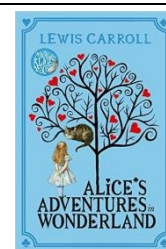
Joe, Beth and Frannie find the Enchanted Wood on the doorstep of their new home, and when they discover the Faraway Tree they fall into all sorts of adventures! Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Spells, the Land of Treats, or the Land of Do-As-You-Please? Come on an amazing adventure!

(Other Enid Blyton books you might like are: *Famous Five*, *Secret Seven* and others)



Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - by Lewis Carroll

Curious Alice, the bossy White Rabbit, the formidable Queen of Hearts and the Mad Hatter are among the best-loved, most iconic literary creations of all time. Follow the story to encounter the ordinary and the extraordinary at the heart of Wonderland.

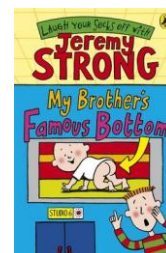


My Brother's Famous Bottom - by Jeremy Strong

'That's the one!' she cried. 'That's the bottom I'm after. Darling, you have the most gorgeous bottom!'

Nicholas's dad has a plan to make some fast cash. Nappies! Some disposable-nappy people are looking for a beautiful botty for their new advert – and all Nicholas's baby brother has to do is pass the audition. What could possibly go wrong?

(If you love this book then try some more by this author)



The Extincts - by Veronica Cossanteli

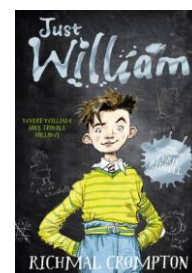
George loves to help out at hidden Wormestall Farm, even though it's full of extinct scary creatures, like the dodo in the dog bed and the dinosaurs in the duck pond. When Mortifer the giant basilisk goes missing, it's up to George to find him before wicked taxidermist Diamond Pye can add to her stuffed animal collection.



Just William - by Richmal Crompton

In *Just William* the Outlaws plan a day of non-stop adventure. The only problem is that William is meant to be babysitting. But William won't let that stop him having fun with his gang - he'll just bring the baby along! Now with a brand-new cover look illustrated by Chris Riddell. There is only one William.

This tousle-headed, snub-nosed, hearty, loveable imp of mischief has been harassing his unfortunate family and delighting his hundreds of thousands of admirers since 1922.



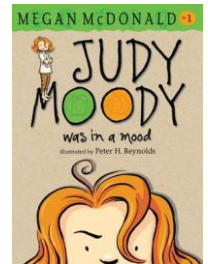
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Judy Moody was in the Mood - by Megan McDonald

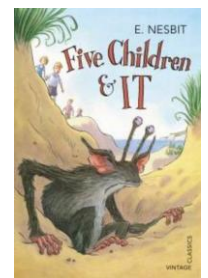
Meet Judy Moody, her little brother Stink, her best friend Rocky and her best friend Frank Pearl. Judy has a mood for every occasion, but when a new teacher gives the class a Me collage project, Judy has so much fun that she nearly forgets to be moody at all!

(This is the first in a series of books)



Five Children and it - by E. Nesbit

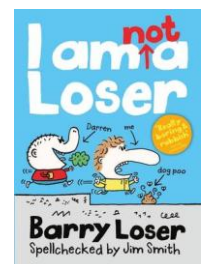
'Don't you know a sand-fairy when you see one?' I dare say you have often thought about what you would do if you were granted three wishes. The five children - Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane and their baby brother - had often talked about it but when they are faced with the grumpy sand-fairy they find it difficult to make up their minds. And that is just the beginning of their dilemmas. As they discover, there is nothing quite like a wish for getting you into terrible trouble.



Barry Loser: I am Not a Loser - by Jim Smith

I've never minded that my name is Barry Loser because my coolness has always cancelled it out, but ever since Darren Darrenofski joined school with his horrible little crocodile face he's been completely ruining my life about it.

(This is the first of three books in the series)



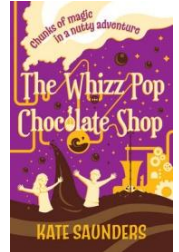
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Age 8+

The Whizz Pop Chocolate Shop - by Kate Saunders

Oz and Lily's family have inherited an ancient chocolate shop and they're moving in upstairs. It's the perfect home ...apart from the small fact that it's haunted. And then they discover some slid gold chocolate moulds - with magic powers! Soon the ghosts are joined by some evil villains determined to get their hands on the priceless secrets of the magical chocolate.

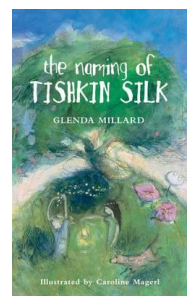
(*The Curse of the Chocolate Phoenix* is the second book in this series)



The Naming of Tishkin Silk - by Glenda Millard

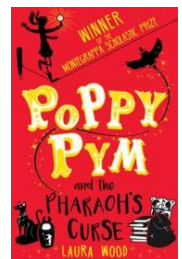
Griffin Silk is an uncommon sort of boy, from an uncommon sort of family. The warm, loving home he shares with his father, grandmother and five big sisters (The Rainbow Girls) is marked by the aching absence of his mother and baby sister. Where have they gone and will they be coming home again? When Griffin starts school and meets Princess Layla the answers to his questions gently start to unfold.

(There are 7 books in this series to enjoy)



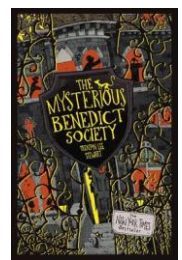
Poppy Pym and the Pharaoh's Curse - by Laura Wood

Poppy Pym has grown up in the circus, eating candy floss for breakfast and learning about lion taming ...until her circus family decides she needs a more traditional education, and they send her to boarding school. At first, Poppy has trouble fitting in at St Smithen's, a school that is very different from the circus. But when an ancient Egyptian ruby comes to the school and dangerous accidents start occurring, it's up to Poppy to save her new home and solve the mystery of the Pharaoh's curse!



The Mysterious Benedict Society - by Trenton Lee Stewart

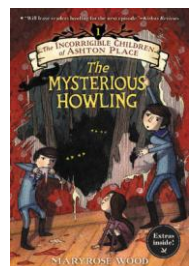
'Are You a Gifted Child Looking For Special Opportunities?' Dozens of children respond to this peculiar advert in the newspaper and are then put through a series of mind-bending tests. Only four children - Reynie, Kate, Sticky and Constance - succeed. Their mission is a secret. To accomplish it they will have to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. But what they'll find in the hidden labyrinth of the school's underground tunnels is more than your average school supplies.



The Incurrable Children of Ashton Place: by Maryrose Wood

Discovered in the forest of Ashton Place, the Incurribles are no ordinary children. Luckily, Miss Penelope Lumley is no ordinary governess. Though she is eager to instruct the children in Latin verbs and the proper use of globes, first she must eliminate their canine tendencies. But mysteries abound at Ashton Place: Who are these three wild creatures? Why does Old Timothy, the coachman, lurk around every corner? Will Penelope be able to civilize the Incurribles in time for Lady Constance's holiday ball? And what on earth is a schottische?

(This is the first book in *The Mysterious Howling* series)

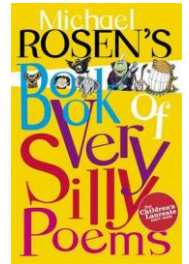


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Poetry

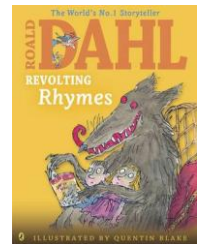
Michael Rosen's Book Of Very Silly Poems - by Michael Rosen

Are you pink and green? Are you totally obscene? Can you pick your nose? With your stubby little toes? Let your imagination run riot and laughter fill your belly as you explore traditional poems, rhymes with a twist, and subversive playground favourites in this playful treasure chest of verse.



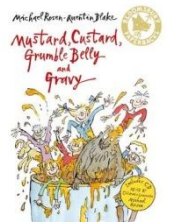
Revolting Rhymes - by Roald Dahl

A collection of comic and often gory versions of popular fairy tales. Meet Cinderella, a young woman who wants to marry a nice ordinary man, and Goldilocks, that house-breaker who gobbles up your porridge and then breaks up the Chippendale.



Mustard, Custard, Grumble Belly And Gravy - by Michael Rosen

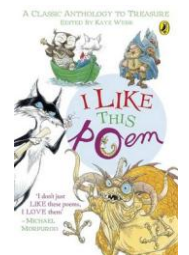
All Michael Rosen poetry is funny, easy and great to read out loud. Look out for other poetry books he's written.



I like this poem - by Kaye Webb

I Like This Poem is a classic collection of children's poems. Highwaymen and naughty children, sharks and baboons, the Snitterjipe and the Jabberwocky, all have their part to play.

With poems from William Wordsworth and Christina Rossetti to Roald Dahl and Michael Rosen, there really is something for everyone. Classics to savour and new favourites to discover!



Play Time: Plays for all ages – by Julia Donaldson

This book includes eleven fun-to-act short plays for all children to enjoy. Ranging from adaptations of traditional tales (e.g., the legend of Persephone and The Three Billy Goats Gruff) to original and contemporary short plays.

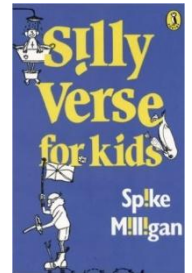


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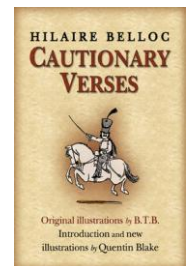
Silly Verse for Kids - a hilarious collection of silly poems - by Spike Milligan!

A collection of the absurd, ridiculous, sublime and characteristically anarchic verse from the brilliant Spike Milligan. With his very own illustrations, this collection, which includes the famous *On the Ning Nang Nong* will make you laugh from the bottom of your belly.



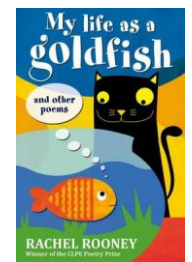
Cautionary Verses - by Hilaire Belloc

A feast of delightful tales told in rhyme - all with a dramatic moral twist in the tail. Are you prone to pulling faces, telling tales or bouts of extravagance? Yes? Then ignore these stories at your peril. If not, you might suffer a fate similar to those described in these cautionary tales.



My Life as a Goldfish And Other Poems - by Rachel Rooney

Full of jokes, surprises and puzzles, but also sensitive and thought-provoking, this is a spellbinding new collection from the winner of the CLPE Poetry Award, Rachel Rooney. Magic slips between the cracks in real life. One day you will step on it. A monster's lunch, a wolf boy, Monday mornings, monkeys, headlice, Christmas, making friends, goldfish - and lots more.

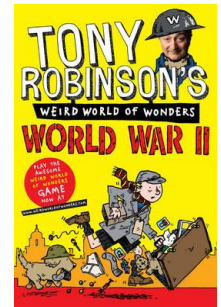


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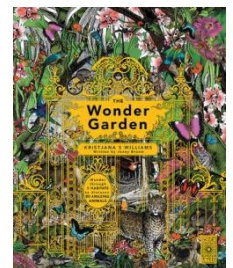
Tony Robinson's Weird World of Wonders - World War II by Tony Robinson

It's history, but not as we know it! Find out everything you need to know in this brilliant, action-packed, fact-filled book, including: - just how useful mashed potato is - how the Battle of Britain was won - what it takes to be a spy - how D-Day was kept a surprise.



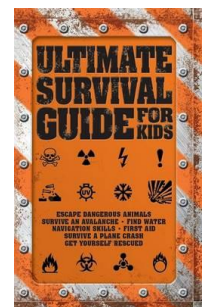
The Wonder Garden Wander Through the World's Wildest Habitats and Discover More Than 80 Amazing Animals - by Jenny Broom

Open the gates of the Wonder Garden to explore five of Earth's most extraordinary habitats, each filled with incredible creatures and epic scenery. Trek through the Amazon Rainforest, travel to the Chihuahuan Desert, dive in the Great Barrier Reef, delve deep into the Black Forest and stand on the roof of the world - the Himalayan Mountains - to see nature at its wildest. Breathtaking, engraved illustrations bring to life Earth's spectacular Wonder Garden.



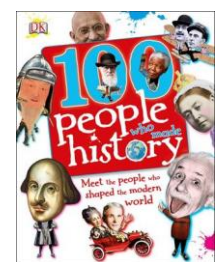
The Ultimate Survival Guide for Kids - by Rob Colson

This is an essential guide to surviving the perils of the modern world. An easy-to-follow manual, which tells you how to get out of a whole host of tricky situations. Includes some 200 full-colours diagrams and images and covers survival tips on dealing with natural, animal, and human dangers, as well as some of the basic survival tips to make it through the worst scenarios and background information and tips on how to make the best of a bad situation.



100 People Who Made History

Meet the people who helped shape the world we know today. In this title, inventors and explorers rub shoulders with political leaders, sports stars and entertainers.



Danger is Everywhere: A Handbook for Avoiding Danger by David O'Doherty

Does it warn you about what to do if a shark comes up out of the loo while you are sitting on it? Yes it does. And how to find out if your granny is a Robot? That too. And what to do if a volcano erupts underneath your house? After you've made sure it's not a neighbour's barbecue, this book will let you know exactly how to deal with it.

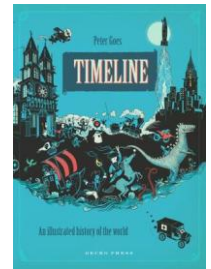


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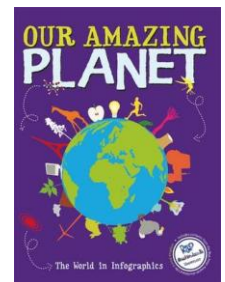
Timeline An Illustrated History of the World - by Peter Goes

From the Big Bang to the present day, illustrated scenes tell the history of our planet in one continuous story.



Our Amazing Planet The World in Infographics - by Jon Richards, Ed Simkins

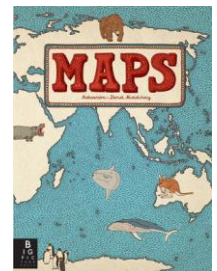
Welcome to The World in Infographics! This highly visual title uses beautifully designed infographics to look at the amazing world around us from the natural world to the human body. Compare the world's longest rivers and the fastest animals. See the life of a star and the effects of climate change explained with these clever graphic images



Maps - by Aleksandra Mizielinska, Daniel Mizielinski

Travel the world without leaving your living room.

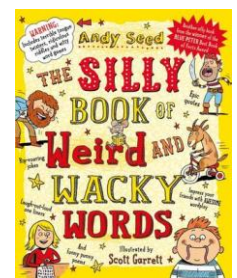
Much more than an ordinary atlas, this book of maps is a visual feast for readers of all ages, with lavishly drawn illustrations from the incomparable Mizielinskis. It features not only borders, cities, rivers, and peaks, but also places of historical and cultural interest, eminent personalities, iconic animals and plants, cultural events, and many more fascinating facts associated with every region of our planet.



The Silly Book of Weird and Wacky Words - by Andy Seed

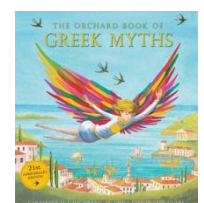
Do you know what 'park your jam on the frog' means? Fancy some ognib? What rhymes with 'circus'? Plus many more amazing things you never knew about words.

Have hours of fun wixing up your murds with this hilarious book, packed full of rhymes, puns, games, jokes, gibberish and more.



The Orchard Book of Greek Myths - by Geraldine McCaughrean

Included in this collection are the adventures of Jason, Theseus and Odysseus, the story of Icarus who flew too close to the sun, and King Midas whose touch turns everything to gold. In addition, there are also lesser-known stories such as Atalanta-- the goddess who can run faster than any man--and Arachne the spinner who boasts too much and is turned into a spider.

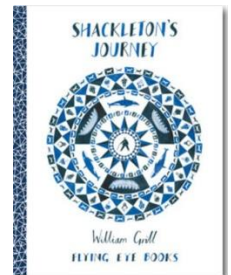


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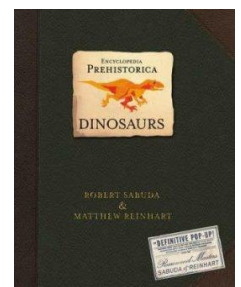
Shackleton's Journey - by William Grill

In the last days of the Heroic Age of Exploration, Ernest Shackleton dreamed of crossing the frozen heart of Antarctica, a place of ferocious seas, uncharted mountains and bone-chilling cold. But when his ship, the Endurance, became trapped in the deadly grip of the ice, Shackleton's dreams of crossing Antarctica were shattered. Stranded in a cold, white world, and thousands of miles from home, the men of the expedition set out on a desperate trek across the ice in search of rescue.



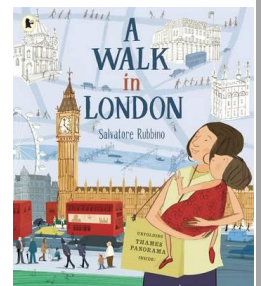
Encyclopedia Prehistorica Dinosaurs - by Robert Sabuda, Matthew Reinhart

Featuring more than 35 stunning pop-ups and fascinating, up-to-the-minute information about popular dinosaurs as well as many lesser-known varieties, this is an awe-inspiring tribute to the world's most celebrated extinct animals and their 180-million-year reign of our planet.



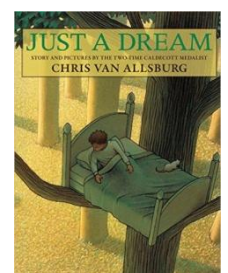
A Walk in London - by Salvatore Rubbino

A wide-eyed girl and her mother explore London's busy streets and towering views in this child-friendly tribute to an incomparable city. London - the perfect place for a girl and her mother to spend the day! Follow them as they board the classic red bus and begin a whirlwind tour of some of London's most iconic landmarks. It is packed with nuggets of information about London that both enlighten and entertain. It is a delight both to those who know London well and to those who have never visited.



Just a Dream - by Chris Van Allsburg

Young Walter is a careless boy who tosses rubbish on the grass, thinks recycling is a waste of time, and mocks his neighbour, Rose, for her delight in the tree she has just received for her birthday. Walter longs to live in the future, which he imagines to be full of robots, tiny personal planes, and machines that make life easier. One night when he falls asleep, his wish to live in the future comes true. However, his dreams carry him into a future not filled with the robots and machines he believes will make life better, but instead ravaged by the careless mistakes of the past.....



Horrible Histories – by Terry Deary

There are many books in this series, including the Rotten Romans, Terrible Tudors and Awesome Egyptians.

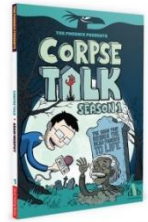


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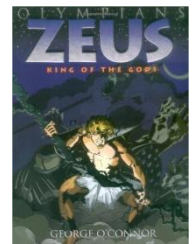
The Phoenix presents Corpse Talk

Meet some of history's most famous, infamous and downright incredible men and women! What was the secret of Cleopatra's irresistible personality? Why did Ghengis Khan become obsessed with world domination? Which scientist is still radioactive, almost 100 years after her death? To find out, join Adam Murphy on Corpse Talk, the show that brings the dead famous to life!



Zeus: King of the Gods (Olympians) - by George O'Connor

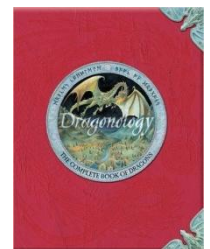
George O'Connor is a Greek mythology buff and a classic superhero comics fan, and he's out to remind us how much our pantheon of superheroes (Superman, Batman, the X-Men, etc) owes to mankind's ORIGINAL superheroes: the Greek pantheon. In OLYMPIANS (Zeus being one of the books), O'Connor draws from primary documents to reconstruct and retell classic Greek myths. But these stories aren't sedate, scholarly works. They're action-packed, fast-paced, high-drama adventures, with monsters, romance, and not a few huge explosions. O'Connor's vibrant, kinetic art brings ancient tales to undeniable life, in a perfect fusion of super-hero aesthetics and ancient Greek mythology.



Dragonology: The Complete Book of Dragons (Ology Series)

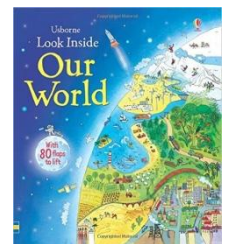
Said to originate from the library of eminent Victorian dragonologist Ernest Drake, this book imparts to readers the secrets of the ancient science of dragonology. It includes a host of novelties such as old letters, magic dust, dragon scales, gems, spells in envelopes and booklets of riddles.

(If you like this book then also try *Monsterology* and *Wizardology*)



Look Inside Our World - by Emily Bone (Author), Marianna Oklejak (Illustrator)

What is the earth made of and what goes on beneath the surface? This non-fiction lift-the-flap book features bold illustrations, simple explanations to complex questions and over 60 flaps to lift. An introduction to geology and geography for young children.



How Things Work - by Conrad Mason

An amazing flap book packed with inventions, machines, gadgets and devices, and facts and information about how they work. Over 90 flaps reveal the insides of car engines, toilets, escalators, submarines and microwaves and many, many other machines. Includes internet links to websites with animations, games and experiments.

(This is another Usborne See Inside book. There are many more books in this series to enjoy.)

