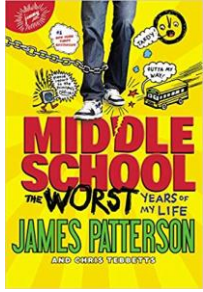
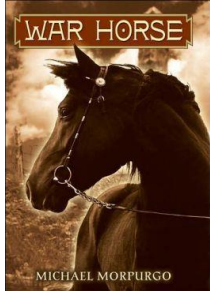





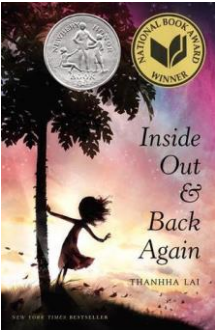
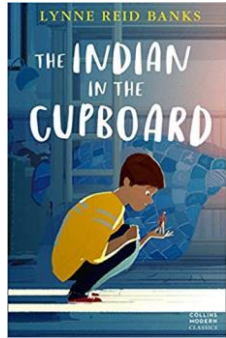
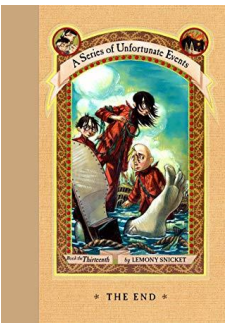
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The following books are appropriate for children in Years 5 and 6, and they will help to improve their word reading, vocabulary and understanding. This list is by no means exhaustive and additional authors to explore are also suggested below.

Book title	Author	Front cover	Description
Middle school: The Worst Years of my Life	James Patterson		Rafe Khatchadorian has an epic imagination and a slight problem with authority, and these things collide when he transfers to a middle school where students are expected to follow the rules. This doesn't sit well with Rafe. With help from his new friend Leo, the mischievous lad concocts schemes to drive his tyrannical principal crazy while also using his charm and wits to impress a girl and battle the bullies.
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo		<p>A powerful tale of war, redemption and a hero's journey.</p> <p>In 1914, Joey, a beautiful bay-red foal with a distinctive cross on his nose, is sold to the army and thrust into the midst of the war on the Western Front. With his officer, he charges toward the enemy, witnessing the horror of the battles in France. But even in the desolation of the trenches, Joey's courage touches the soldiers around him and he is able to find warmth and hope. But his heart aches for Albert, the farmer's son he left behind. Will he ever see his true master again?</p>
A Time of Fire	Robert Westall		A thrilling war story from the author of THE MACHINE GUNNERS. It takes just a few seconds for the German bomber to drop its deadly explosives and vanish into the clouds. But those seconds change ten-year-old Sonny's life for ever. His mother is gone, killed by the bombing raid. His father leaves, driven to distraction by rage and grief. Sonny is left with his formidable grandparents where he must prepare for his own personal confrontation with the unknown Luftwaffe pilot who killed his mother...

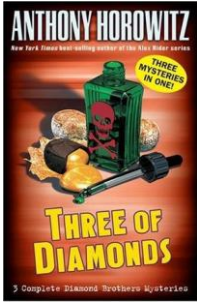

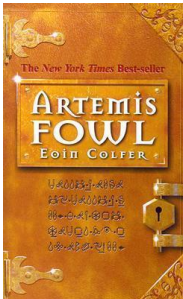


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Inside Out and Back Again	Thanha Lai		<p>For all the ten years of her life, Hà has only known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope. In America, Hà discovers the foreign world of Alabama: the coldness of its strangers, the dullness of its food . . . and the strength of her very own family.</p>
The Indian in the cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks		<p>At first, Omri is unimpressed with the plastic Indian toy he is given for his birthday. But when he puts it in his old cupboard and turns the key, something extraordinary happens that will change Omri's life for ever. For Little Bear, the Iroquois Indian brave, comes to life...</p>
A Series of Unfortunate Events Lemony Snicket	Daniel Handler		<p>The last volume of the fabulously popular A Series of Unfortunate Events series, in which the history of the Baudelaire orphans is brought to its end.</p>


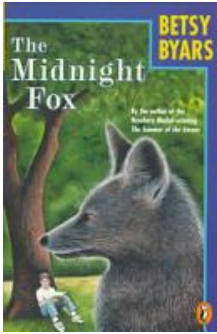
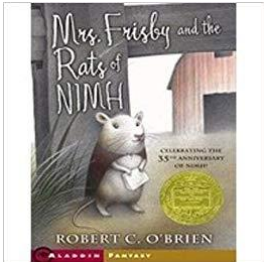


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Diamond Brothers Series	Anthony Horowitz		<p>What would Tim Diamond, the world's worst private detective, do without his quick-thinking brother Nick? The bumbling detective and his kid brother are at it again in these three hilarious, fast-paced mysteries. Whether it's finding out who flattened a philanthropist with a steamroller in <i>The Blurred Man</i>, outsmarting Parisian drug smugglers on a vacation gone miserably wrong in <i>The French Confection</i>, or catching the murderer behind a deadly class reunion in <i>I Know What You Did Last Wednesday</i>, there's never a dull moment with this crime solving duo around. Find out if Nick can get to the bottom of these mysteries before Tim messes everything up, or worse, gets them both killed.</p>
The Invisible Detective series	Justin Richards		<p>Who is the Invisible Detective? To the people of London, in 1936, he's a shadowy crimefighter whose face has never been seen. Truth is, he's the creation of four extraordinary children who solve mysteries in his name. And neither an army of murderous zombie mannequins nor a subterranean monster can stop the Invisible Detective once the kids are on the case. Meanwhile, in present day, 14-year-old Arthur Drake finds the casebook of the Invisible Detective in a strange antique store. Stranger still, the casebook is in his own handwriting. With a little help from his grandfather, Arthur not only uncovers his link to the Invisible Detective, he soon finds himself plunged into mysteries of his own.</p>
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer		<p>Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius—and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the Leprechaun Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories—they're dangerous! Full of unexpected twists and turns, <i>Artemis Fowl</i> is a riveting, magical adventure.</p>


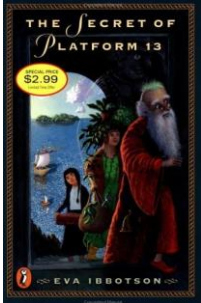
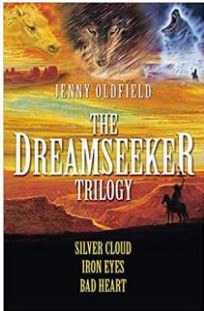


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Skulduggery Pleasant	Derek Landy		<p>Across the land, normal people are suddenly developing wild and unstable powers. Infected by a rare strain of magic, they are unwittingly endangering their own lives and the lives of the people around them. Terrified and confused, their only hope lies with the Sanctuary. Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain are needed now more than ever.</p>
The Midnight Fox	Betsy Byars		<p>No one asked Tom how he felt about spending two months on his Aunt Millie's farm. For a city boy, the farm holds countless terrors - stampeding baby lambs, boy-chasing chickens, and worst of all, loneliness. But everything changes when Tom sees the midnight fox. He can spend hours watching the graceful black fox in the woods. And when her life - and that of her cub - is in danger, Tom knows exactly what he must do.</p>
Mrs Frisby and The Rats of Nimh	Robert C. O'Brien		<p>Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma.</p>

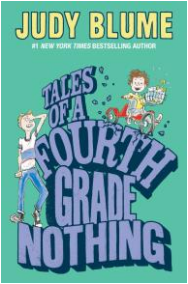
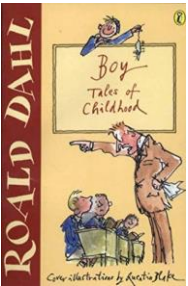
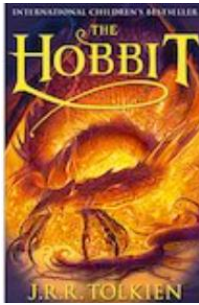


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<p>I Know What You Did Last Wednesday</p>	<p>Anthony Horowitz</p>		<p>When the Diamond Brothers receive an invitation to a school reunion on a remote Scottish island, things seem to be looking up. But Nick's got a bad feeling, and it's not indigestion. And when he meets their fellow guests, the feeling only gets worse - especially when they start dying in ever more bizarre ways!</p>
<p>Secret of platform 13</p>	<p>Eva Ibbotson</p>		<p>A forgotten door on an abandoned railway platform is the entrance to a magical kingdom--an island where humans live happily with feys, mermaids, ogres, and other wonderful creatures. Carefully hidden from the world, the Island is only accessible when the door opens for nine days every nine years. A lot can go wrong in nine days. When the beastly Mrs. Trottle kidnaps the prince of the Island, it's up to a strange band of rescuers to save him. But can an ogre, a hag, a wizard, and a fey really troop around London unnoticed?</p>
<p>The Dreamseeker Trilogy</p>	<p>Jenny Oldfield</p>		<p>Silver Cloud, a wild horse who is noble, brave, fast and strong, roams the plains. He belongs to a society which is more sophisticated and peaceful than that of the neighbouring human tribe which now, on the verge of extinction, needs his help. Silver Cloud's ruling spirit, Ghost Horse, sets him the task of saving them, and as Red Hawk, the leader of the tribe, is old and dying, his young grandson, Four Winds, is sent to accompany him. Silver Cloud and Four Winds must complete three tasks which will redeem the tribe, but during their journey, they must battle against evil animal spirits as well as face the storms, fires, and earthquakes that threaten their quest.</p>

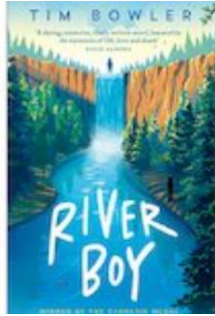

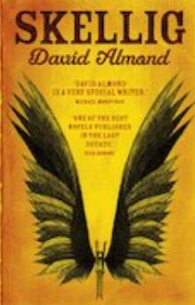


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Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy Blume		<p>Life with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. He's an almost three-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here! When Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, it's the last straw. Peter has put up with Fudge for too long. Way too long! How can he get his parents to pay attention to him for a change?</p>
Boy: Tales of Childhood	Roald Dahl		<p>In Boy, Roald Dahl recounts his days as a child growing up in England. From his years as a prankster at boarding school to his envious position as a chocolate tester for Cadbury's, Roald Dahl's boyhood was as full of excitement and the unexpected as are his world-famous, best-selling books. Packed with anecdotes—some funny, some painful, all interesting—this is a book that's sure to please.</p>
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien		<p><i>Smaug came hurtling from the North, licking the mountain-sides with flame, beating his great wings with a noise like a roaring wind.</i> Against him stood – a hobbit. Poor Bilbo Baggins! A plump and peace-loving hobbit (as those small, furry-footed people tend to be), Bilbo hates adventures. But one day a knock at the door tugs him into a crazy quest, and before long Bilbo is on the road to danger! Whisked from his snug hobbit-hole by Gandalf the wizard and his dwarves, Bilbo is caught up in a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent – a large and very dangerous dragon. Seen the film? Now read the epic book. It all started with Tolkien...</p>


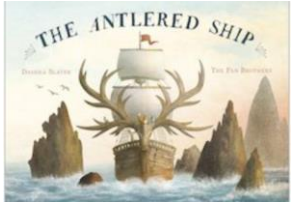
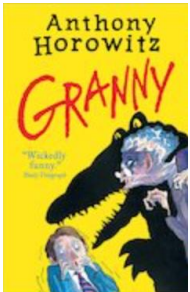


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River Boy	Tim Bowler		<p>Grandpa is dying. He can barely move his hands any more but, stubborn as ever, refuses to stay in hospital. He's determined to finish his last painting, River Boy, before he goes. At first Jess can't understand his refusal to let go, but then she too becomes involved in the mysterious painting. And when she meets the river boy himself, she finds she is suddenly caught up in a challenge of her own that she must complete – before it's too late . . .</p>
Fireweed	Jill Paton Walsh		<p>Bill is a fifteen-year-old runaway evacuee, and he's finding that surviving on the streets of London is pretty easy, thank you very much. He's fed by a local cafe owner and earns some cash as a barrow-boy in Covent Garden. Sleeping in the Underground air-raid shelters is even quite cosy – if a bit smelly. But then Julie turns up. She's a runaway too – a bit posh, but just as determined as Bill to stay free of interfering parents and 'the social'. But although it's fun for a while to duck Jerry missiles and camp out in bombed-out houses, the reality of living through the Blitz quickly begins to set in. Winter is coming, and Bill and Julie will learn that playing at being grown-ups can be a very dangerous game...</p>
Skellig	David Almond		<p>Michael's baby sister is sick, maybe dying. As his parents spend their days at the hospital, his life seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. But one day he stumbles into the ramshackle garage of their new home and finds something magical: a strange creature, part owl, part angel. Is it good? Or maybe evil? What is Skellig's miraculous secret? Can it help him to breathe life back into his sister and stick his broken world together again? Winner of the Carnegie Medal, this hypnotic modern classic shimmers with magic and wonder.</p>

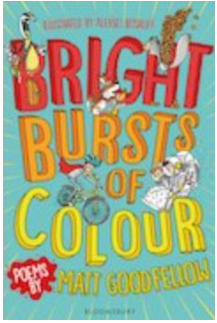
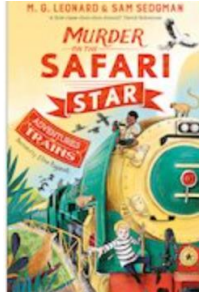


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The Arrival	Shaun Tan		<p>What drives so many to leave everything behind and journey alone to a mysterious country, a place without family or friends, where everything is nameless and the future is unknown? This silent graphic novel is the story of every migrant, every refugee, every displaced person, and a tribute to all those who have made the journey. <i>The Arrival</i> has become one of the most critically acclaimed books of recent years, a wordless masterpiece that describes a world beyond any familiar time or place.</p>
The Antlered Ship	Dashka Slater and the Fan Brothers		<p>An inquisitive fox sets off on a seafaring voyage with a crew of deer and pigeons in this enchanting tale of friendship and adventure. Marco the fox has a lot of questions, like: how deep does the sun go when it sinks into the sea? And why do birds have such lizardy feet? But none of the other foxes share his curiosity. So when a magnificent ship adorned with antlers and with a deer for a captain arrives at the dock looking for a crew, Marco volunteers, hoping to find foxes who are as inquisitive as he is that can answer his questions. The crew finds adventure and intrigue on their journey. And, at last, Marco finds the answer to his most important question of all: What's the best way to find a friend you can talk to?</p>
Granny	Anthony Horowitz		<p>Anthony Horowitz, creator of the bestselling Alex Rider series has written a wickedly funny story, with hilarious illustrations by Tony Ross. Twelve-year-old Joe has an unbelievably evil Granny. Not only is Granny physically repulsive and horribly mean, but she also has the look in her eye of a predatory crocodile. Soon Joe starts to suspect that she has unpleasant designs on him. But what are they and how can he foil them?</p>

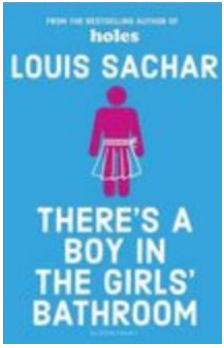
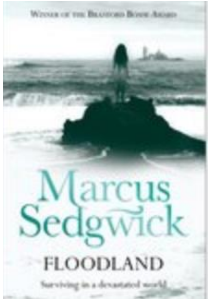
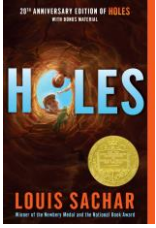


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Bright Bursts of Colour	Matt Goodfellow		<p>A brilliant, prize-winning collection of poems by Matt Goodfellow Winner of the 2020 North Somerset Teachers' Book Award for best children's poetry book</p>
Murder on the Safari Star	M.G. Leonard		<p>Join Hal and Uncle Nat as they plunge straight into an exciting mystery – this time while on Safari!</p> <p>All-aboard for the third amazing journey in the bestselling Adventures on Trains series, Murder on the Safari Star, from M. G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman, illustrated throughout by Elisa Paganelli.</p> <p>Harrison Beck and his Uncle Nat are on the journey of a lifetime aboard the Safari Star – a luxurious steam train that will take them from Pretoria to the stunning Victoria Falls. Close encounters with the amazing animals and landscape of Southern Africa are adventure enough, but things get mysterious when a passenger is found dead inside a locked compartment. Is it just a terrible accident or is something more suspicious afoot? It's up to train detective Hal and his new friend Winston to find out.</p> <p>Murder on the Safari Star can be read as a stand-alone novel, or enjoyed as part of the Adventures on Trains series. Join Hal and Uncle Nat on more stops in this thrilling series, with: The Highland Falcon Thief, Kidnap on the California Comet, Danger at Dead Man's Pass and Sabotage on the Solar Express.</p>

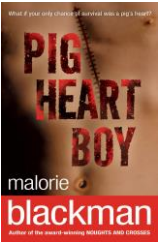
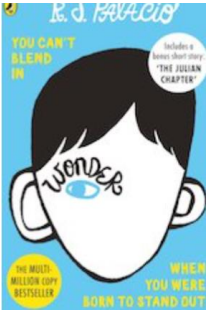
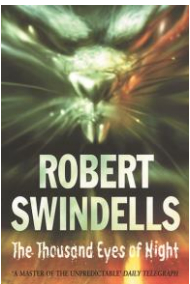


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There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom	Louis Sachar		<p>Meet Bradley Chalkers. He's the oldest child in the class. He tells ENORMOUS lies. He picks fights with girls. The teachers say he has 'serious behaviour problems'. And no one likes him ... Except Carla, the new school counsellor. She thinks Bradley is kind and generous, and she even enjoys his far-fetched stories.</p> <p>Carla knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren't afraid to try. Sometimes the hardest thing in the world is believing in yourself.</p> <p>A heartwarming story of bravery and acceptance from Louis Sachar, the bestselling author of Holes and Fuzzy Mud.</p>
Floodland	Marcus Sedgwick		<p><i>Zoe ran. Harder than she had ever run in her life. Her feet pounded through the deserted streets of derelict buildings. Somewhere, not far behind, she could hear the gang coming after her. It felt as if her heart would burst but she didn't slow down. She'd been planning to leave the island for a long time but had been putting it off. It was a big decision to set out to sea in a tiny rowing boat. Now she had no choice.</i></p> <p>Imagine that a few years from now, England is covered by water and Norwich is an island. Zoe, left behind in the confusion when her parents escaped, survives there as best she can. Alone and desperate among marauding gangs, she manages to dig a derelict boat out of the mud and get away to Eels Island. But Eels Island, whose raggle-taggle inhabitants are dominated by the strange boy Dooby, is full of danger too. As Zoe stages a daring escape, will she ever find a safe place and be reunited with her family? Set in a ravaged future, this is a powerful and emotive novel full of stunning landscapes from award-winning writer Marcus Sedgwick.</p>
Holes	Louis Sachar		<p>Stanley Yelnats has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention centre, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. But there are an awful lot of holes. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. But what could be buried under a dried-up lake? Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment—and redemption.</p>



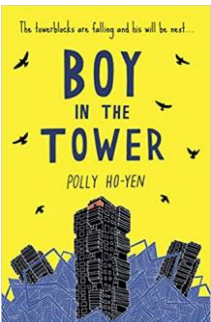


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Pig Heart Boy	Malorie Blackman		<p>Cameron desperately needs a new heart when he is offered the opportunity to take part in a radical and controversial experiment involving the transplant of a pig's heart. While Cameron soon comes to terms with the idea, he finds the world around him less accepting. A powerful and thought-provoking read.</p>
Wonder	R.J Palacio		<p>August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. WONDER, now a #1 New York Times bestseller and included on the Texas Bluebonnet Award master list, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.</p>
The Thousand Eyes of Night	Robert Swindells		<p>The Tangle is a long, narrow stretch of derelict land, a wilderness of weeds and rubbish with an old railway tunnel yawning blackly at one end. No-one - not even bullying Gary Deacon - dares venture far into its sooty darkness. But it is here that twelve-year-old Tan and his friends make a grisly discovery - a discovery that is to plunge them into a terrifying adventure as the tunnel slowly unfolds its sinister secret.</p>

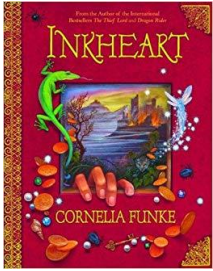
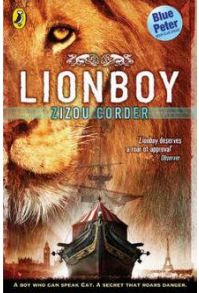
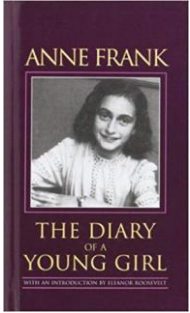


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<p>The Girl of Ink and Stars</p>	<p>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</p>		<p>Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella Riosse dreams of the faraway lands her father once mapped. When her closest friend disappears into the island's Forgotten Territories, she volunteers to guide the search. Following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself. For beneath the dry rivers and smoky mountains, a fiery legend is stirring from its sleep...</p> <p><i>The Girl of Ink and Stars</i> is a stunning debut, full of myth, magic and mapmaking. Isabella is a fantastic heroine: brave, loyal and curious. At the heart of the adventure is the wonderful and authentic friendship between her and her missing friend, Lupe.</p>
<p>King of the Cloud Forests</p>	<p>Michael Morpurgo</p>		<p>This is a fresh reissue of a much-loved story with a beautiful new cover. Escaping from China as the Japanese invade, Ashley and Uncle Sung embark on a perilous journey across the Himalayas. Then Ashley finds himself alone in the hostile mountains, battling for his life. He is just about to give up all hope, when he has a mysterious and terrifying encounter.</p>
<p>Boy in the Tower</p>	<p>Polly Ho-Yen</p>		<p>Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him. His mum doesn't really like looking outside – but it's going outside that she hates. She's happier sleeping all day inside their tower, where it's safe. But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear. Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out.</p>

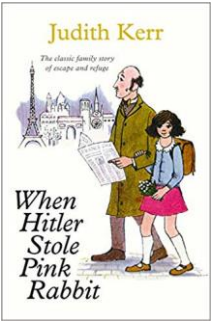




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Inkheart	Cornelia Funke		<p>One cruel night, Meggie's father reads aloud from a book called INKHEART-- and an evil ruler escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their living room. Suddenly, Meggie is smack in the middle of the kind of adventure she has only read about in books. Meggie must learn to harness the magic that has conjured this nightmare. For only she can change the course of the story that has changed her life forever.</p> <p>This is INKHEART--a timeless tale about books, about imagination, about life. Dare to read it aloud.</p>
Lionboy	Zizou Corder		<p>When his parents are kidnapped, what's ten-year-old Charlie Ashanti to do? Rescue them, that's what! He doesn't know who has taken his parents, or why. But he does know that one special talent will aid him on his journey - his amazing ability to speak Cat. Charlie calls on his clever feline friends-from stray city cats to magnificent caged lions-for help. With them by his side, Charlie uses wit and courage to try to find his parents before it's too late.</p>
The Diary of A Young Girl	Anne Frank		<p>In 1942, with the Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, the Franks and another family lived cloistered in the "Secret Annexe" of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. In her diary Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period. By turns thoughtful, moving, and surprisingly humorous, her account offers a fascinating commentary on human courage and frailty and a compelling self-portrait of a sensitive and spirited young woman whose promise was tragically cut short.</p>

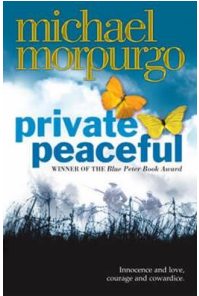
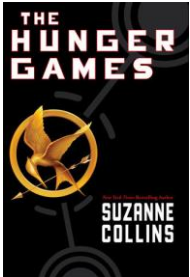
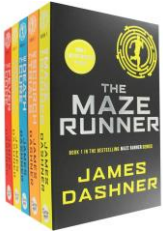


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When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr		<p>Anna is not sure who Hitler is, but she sees his face on posters all over Berlin. Then one morning, Anna and her brother awake to find her father gone! Her mother explains that their father has had to leave and soon they will secretly join him. Anna just doesn't understand. Why do their parents keep insisting that Germany is no longer safe for Jews like them?</p> <p>Because of Hitler, Anna must leave everything behind.</p>
Harry Potter series	J.K Rowling		<p>Orphan Harry learns he is a wizard on his 11th birthday when Hagrid escorts him to magic-teaching Hogwarts School. As a baby, his mother's love protected him and vanquished the villain Voldemort, leaving the child famous as "The Boy who Lived". With his friends Hermione and Ron, Harry has to defeat the returned "He Who Must Not Be Named".</p>
Witches	Roald Dahl		<p>This is not a fairy-tale. This is about <i>real witches</i>. Real witches don't ride around on broomsticks. They don't even wear black cloaks and hats. They are vile, cunning, detestable creatures who disguise themselves as nice, ordinary ladies. So how can you tell when you're face to face with one? Well, if you don't know yet you'd better find out quickly-because there's nothing a witch loathes quite as much as children and she'll wield all kinds of terrifying powers to get rid of them.</p>

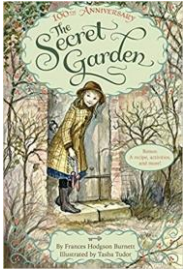
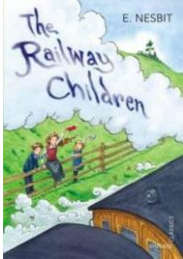
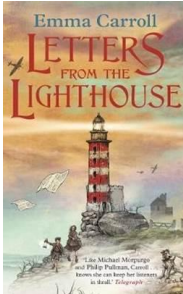


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Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo		<p>Set during World War I, <i>Private Peaceful</i> charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front, as he looks back over the formative events of his life: his father's early death, his relationship with his loving mother and brothers, Big Joe and Charlie, and their beloved schoolfriend Molly – all set among an evocative and beautifully realised rural landscape. Passionate, beguiling and moving, this award-winning story is also an unflinching examination of the horrors of war and the injustice surrounding the execution of soldiers by firing squad, on the – often false – grounds of desertion or cowardice.</p>
Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins		<p>In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen, who lives alone with her mother and younger sister, regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the Games. But Katniss has been close to dead before - and survival, for her, is second nature. Without really meaning to, she becomes a contender. But if she is to win, she will have to start making choices that weigh survival against humanity and life against love.</p>
Maze Runner series	James Dashner		<p>When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone. Outside the towering stone walls that surround the Glade is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive. Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying.</p> <p>Remember. Survive. Run.</p>




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The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett		<p>When orphaned Mary Lennox comes to live at her uncle's great house on the Yorkshire Moors, she finds it full of secrets. The mansion has nearly one hundred rooms, and her uncle keeps himself locked up. And at night, she hears the sound of crying down one of the long corridors.</p> <p>The gardens surrounding the large property are Mary's only escape. Then, Mary discovers a secret garden, surrounded by walls and locked with a missing key. With the help of two unexpected companions, Mary discovers a way in—and becomes determined to bring the garden back to life.</p>
The Railway Children	E. Nesbit		<p>Roberta, Peter and Phyllis leave their London home and move with their mother to a small cottage in the country where life is very different. With their mother now busy writing to earn money, the railway becomes a source of fascination and solace to the children. They make friends with Perks the Porter and the station master, and discover new and exciting things about the trains. However, mystery remains - where is their father? Then the terrible truth is discovered. This charming story deals sensitively with the subject of an absent parent, and the challenges of living in changing circumstances.</p>
Letters from the Lighthouse	Emma Carroll		<p>Olive and her brother have been evacuated to Devon, but her older sister Sukie is still missing from the night of the bombs. A mysterious note found in the coat of her sister suggests that Sukie was involved in something dangerous, but Olive can't make the pieces fit together.</p> <p>Olive is a brave heroine and there's a good twist towards the end that even the most wily readers won't see coming.</p>



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Clockwork	Philip Pullman		<p>Fritz, the writer, spins a spine-tingling tale to cheer up Karl, the apprentice clockmaker. But rather than helping matters, the story begins to come true....</p> <p>The stories of Karl, the apprentice; Dr. Kalmenius, his nefarious “savior”; Gretl, the brave daughter of the town innkeeper; and a young prince whose clockwork heart is in danger of winding down come together in surprising and magical ways in a story that has the relentless urgency of a ticking clock.</p>
Authors and titles to explore:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The House With Chicken Legs• The Girl Who Speaks Bear• The Castle of Tangled Magic• The Thief Who Sang Songs	Sophie Anderson		<p>Four magical bestselling adventure books from acclaimed author Sophie Anderson. Magic awaits, all you have to do is believe...</p>





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<p>Secrets of a Sun King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Somerset Tsunami• A Week at World's End• The Tale of Truthwater Lake• When We Were Warriors	<p>Emma Carroll</p>		<p>Elegant, atmospheric, delicate, spine-chilling: if you're not yet reading Emma Carroll, you're missing a trick. Her wondrous books tick so many boxes we hardly even know where to start. Perfect nostalgia reads. Haunting spine-chillers. Grand adventures in the Blyton tradition. Doorways into a long-long past. There's a wartime mystery involving hidden codes and kids who live in a lighthouse. There's a cursed mission to Egypt in search of a lost pharaoh's tomb. Or how about a boat trip into the past, to a flooded mansion that's drowning in secrets? Instantly classic fiction. Prepare to fall in love with it.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Explorer• Rooftoppers• The Wolf Wilder	<p>Katherine Rundell</p>		<p>Who's been making the biggest noise since Philip Pullman, and is described by Jacqueline Wilson as 'an ultra stylish writer with a true gift for imaginative storytelling'? Here's a clue: she based her second book, <i>Rooftoppers</i>, on her real-life habit of prancing about on the roofs of Oxford colleges. (She doesn't just write about adventures; she actually lives them.) The answer is Katherine Rundell: a young sensation whose lyrical writing sweeps you away on intense and far-flung adventures. The snowy Russian wilds. The Amazon jungle. The rooftops of Paris. Where would you like to begin?</p>




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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cogheart• Moonlocket• Skycircus• ShadowSea	Peter Bunzl		<p>Amid the smoky spires of London, a wicked plot is brewing – and our brave heroine, Lily, is running for her life. Her father is missing, and strange silver-eyed men are stalking her through the shadows. What do they want? Set in a world of living clockwork creatures and ruthless air pirates, this series has all the murky secrets and menacing tension you could possibly desire. Every pen stroke beats with magic and suspense. There are shocks and marvels at every turn. But will Lily and her friend Robert survive?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time Travelling with a Hamster• What Not to Do if You Turn Invisible• The 1000 Year Old Boy• The Who Saved The World• The Kid Who Came From Space• When We Got Lost In Dreamland• Into the Sideways	Ross Welford		<p>Imagination, humour, a dreamy touch of the impossible: if you imagine a book with all those things, you've pretty much dreamed up one of Ross Welford's novels. Turning invisible. Living to be a thousand years old (but still a kid). Zooming into the past with your pet hamster. Saving your dog – and the whole world. You definitely will laugh out loud. Still, there's always something a bit more serious going on in these novels, too. Like a boy's quest to save his dad's life. Or the mission to be brave and belong. So don't be surprised if, even as they make you smile, these lovely books also (just a little bit) break your heart.</p>


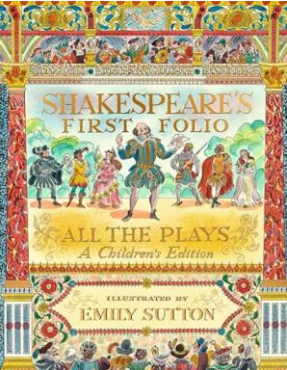


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<p>World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Monkey Who Fell From the Future			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sky Song• The Dream Snatcher• The Shadow Keeper• The Night Spinner• Ever Dark	Abi Elphinstone		A collection of five incredible adventures from Abi Elphinstone including The Dreamsnatcher series books 1-3, <i>Skysong</i> and <i>Everdark</i> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who Let the Gods Out• Simply the Quest• Beyond the Odyssey• Against All Gods	Maz Evans		It's like <i>Percy Jackson</i> – but with even more laughs and daft thrills! Greek gods on the loose haven't made us laugh this much since EVER. Things aren't going too well for Elliot. His mum is sick, just for starters. But things change in a big way when a shooting star crashes to Earth. It's not just any old star. It's Virgo: a Zodiac goddess. Think that's pretty strange? When all the rest of the Greek gods show up to join the party, things get even weirder – and a lot more dangerous!



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brightstorm• Darkwhispers• Firesong• Serpent Sands	Vashti Hardy		A collection of four books in Vashti Hardy's acclaimed Brightstorm Chronicles series.
Shakespeare's First Folio: A children's edition	Illustrated by Emily Sutton		The first-ever illustrated children's edition of William Shakespeare's First Folio, published to celebrate its 400th anniversary – a sumptuous book to treasure for ever. Published in association with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, <i>Shakespeare's Plays</i> is the first-ever illustrated children's edition of the First Folio, one of the greatest books ever published which celebrated its 400th anniversary in 2023.