

Sandringham Learning Resource Centre

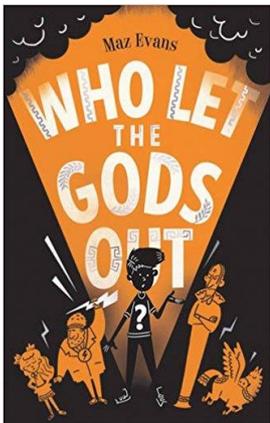
Year 6 into 7 suggested reads

If you read any books that you've not read before over the summer, you will receive house points in September.

How can parents / carers help?

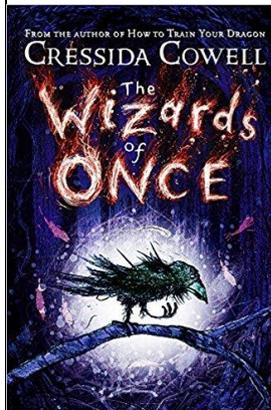
As with anything, performance improves with practice. Encourage your child to read at home. We recommend at least half an hour of reading over the course of one week. Create a culture of reading at home by reading with your child and discussing books that each of you have read. When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to be sure that your child is understanding what they are reading.

Humour – Funny stories



Maz Evans: Who Let the Gods Out series

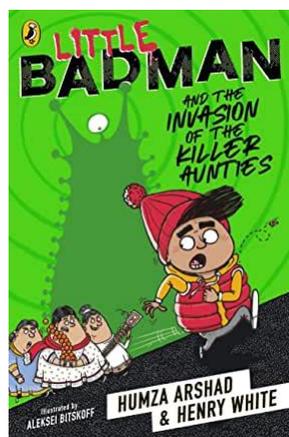
Twelve-year-old Elliot Hooper has problems with his family and at school. After finding a girl in his cowshed, who claims to be the constellation Virgo, they must track down the other gods to help catch Thanatos, the Daemon of Death. Book #1.



Cressida Cowell: The Wizard of Once

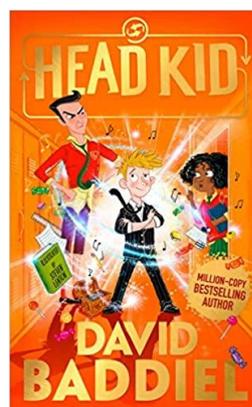
This is the story of a young boy Wizard and a young girl Warrior who have been taught to hate each other like poison; and the thrilling tale of what happens when their two worlds collide.

Book # 1



Humza Arshad: Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties

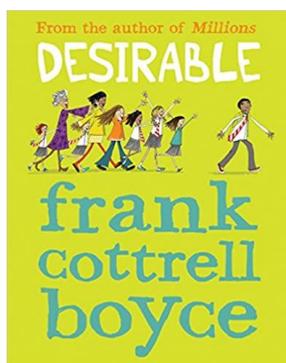
Humza Khan is an 11-year-old who devotes most of his energy into trying to be a cool rapper, AKA Little Badman. A perfect read for Tom Gates fans: prepare for big belly laughs and great advice on how to be yourself.



David Baddiel: Head Kid

From the author of THE PARENT AGENCY and BIRTHDAY BOY comes a wildly entertaining wish-fulfilment adventure that asks the question: what would happen if the strictest head teacher swapped bodies with the naughtiest kid in school?

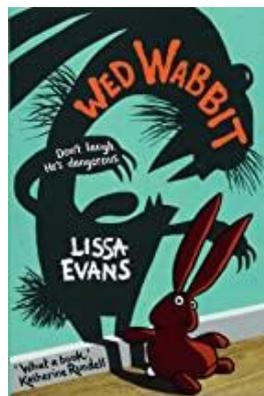
Humour – Funny stories *cont'd*



Frank Cottrell Boyce:
Desirable

Unpopular George receives some out of date aftershave from his Grandad for his birthday. But this is no ordinary aftershave.... Now George is irresistible to all the girls in school and even the teachers can't get enough of him!

Dyslexia friendly

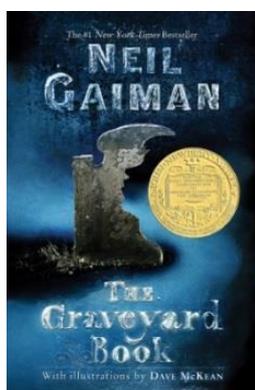


Lissa Evans: Wed Wabbit

Fidge has been hurled into a strange world. She has three companions: two are unbelievably weird and the third is her awful cousin Graham.

To return to normality she has to solve a series of nearly impossible clues. And the whole situation is entirely her fault. An unusual and very funny story.

Horror – Scary stories



Neil Gaiman: The Graveyard Book

Nobody Owens is a perfectly normal boy. Well, he would be if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor the world of the dead.



Chris Priestley: Seven Ghosts

Jake is invited to a tour of a stately home and hears the stories of the seven ghosts who haunt the halls. But what are the strange shapes following Jake as he walks through the house?

All is not as it seems...

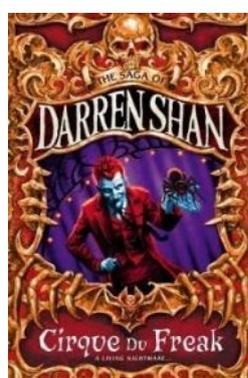
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Jonathon Stroud: The Screaming Staircase

Lucy Carlyle, a talented young agent, arrives in London hoping for a notable career. Instead she finds herself joining the smallest, most ramshackle ghost-finding agency in the city, run by the charismatic Anthony Lockwood.

Book #1



Darren Shan: Cirque du Freak

The frightening saga of a young boy whose visit to a mysterious freak show leads him on a journey into a dark world of vampires. Filled with grotesque creatures, murderous vampires, and a petrifying ending, this series will chill, thrill, and leave readers begging for more.

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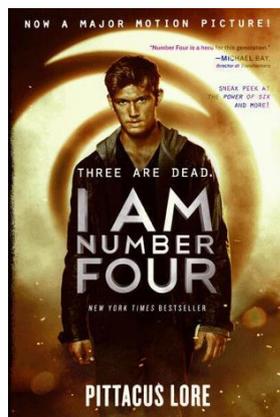
Darren Shan also writes the popular *Zom B* series.

Dystopian and Science Fiction



Sita Brahmachari: Where the River Runs Gold

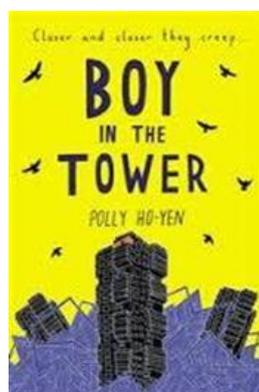
Shifa and her brother Themba live with their dad in Kairos City, on a future Earth decimated by climate change. Families sign their rights away to the Freedom Fields organisation that claims to look after them as long as they opt in.



Pittacus Lore: Lorien Legacies

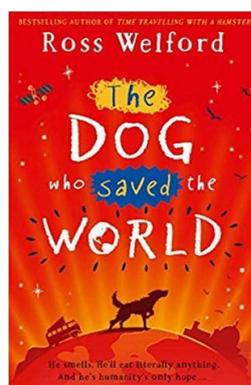
John Smith seems like an ordinary teenager, living a normal life with his guardian Henri in Paradise, Ohio. But for John, keeping a low profile is essential, because he is *not* an ordinary teenager. He's an alien from the planet Lorien, and he's on the run.

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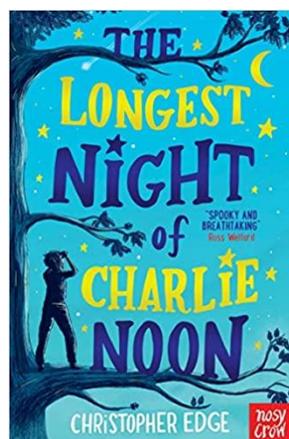
Polly Ho-Yen: Boy in the Tower

Seen through the eyes of Ade, a young boy who lives at the top of a tower block with his mother, this story of a strange, menacing disaster which threatens the city of London and its residents into extinction is gripping.



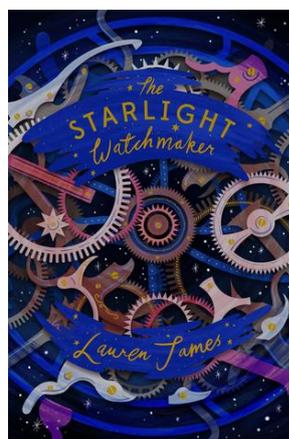
Ross Welford: The Dog who Saved the World

Georgie befriends an eccentric scientist and becomes the test subject for a virtual-reality 3D version of the future. But then a deadly disease threatens the life of every dog and Georgie must battle to save all canine- and even human- kind.



Christopher Edge: The Longest Night of Charlie Noon

Charlie, Dizzy and Johnny are determined to discover what's in the woods, but when night falls without warning they find themselves trapped in a nightmare. Strange dangers and impossible puzzles lurk in the shadows. As time plays tricks, can Charlie solve this mystery and find a way out of the woods?

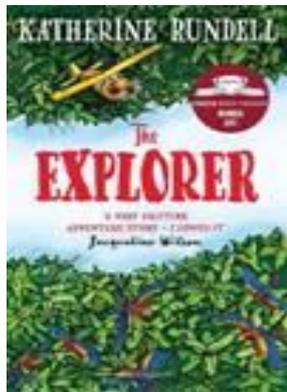


Lauren James: The Starlight Watchmaker

Hugo is an android who works at a prestigious school where aliens from across the galaxy come to study. He strikes up an unlikely friendship with pompous student Dorian, and together they unearth a sinister scheme. An unusual story with great characters and many twists and turns.

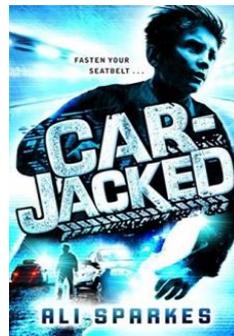
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Adventure and Mystery



Katherine Rundell: The Explorer

Fred, Con, Lila and little Max's plane is on the way to Manaus when it falls out of the sky. Now, lost in the Amazon rainforest, they must figure out the basics of survival. Will the strange man in the ruined jungle city help them to get home? A thrilling adventure!



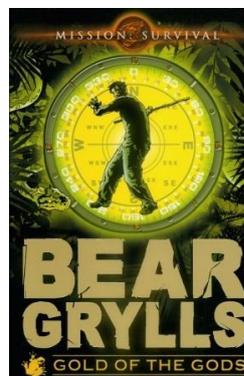
Ali Sparkes: Car Jacked

Jack Mattingly is a genius. He has an IQ of 170. He speaks fluent Mandarin and Latin. And he can calculate the square root of 1,673,549 in his head. But when Jack's parents' car is hijacked, with him inside it, for once he's as clueless as the rest of us.



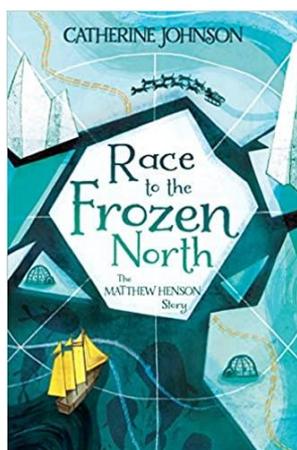
Siobhan Dowd: The London Eye Mystery

Ted and Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. When the pod lands, Salim is nowhere to be seen. Ted and Kat follow a trail of clues across London to find their cousin. It comes down to Ted, whose brain runs on its own unique operating system, to find the key to the mystery.



Bear Grylls: Mission Survival series

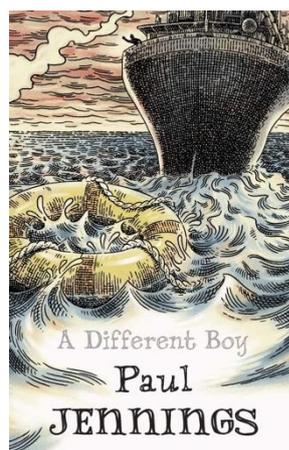
When Beck's anthropologist uncle is kidnapped during a mission to find the Lost City of Gold, he sets off with his friends to rescue him. Beck must survive Colombian jungles, river rapids and wild animals in order to get to his uncle. This story is also full of real survival details and tips. Book #1



Catherine Johnson: Race to the Frozen North

The true story of Matthew Henson who became navigator, translator and right-hand man on a treacherous journey to the North Pole. He defied all the odds and racial prejudice to become a true pioneer.

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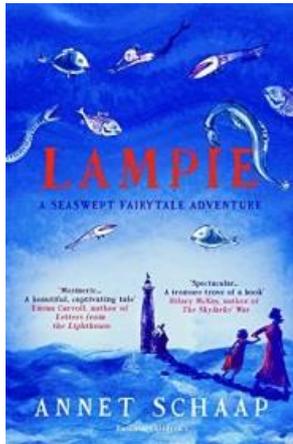


Paul Jennings: A Different Boy

When he finds himself in a cruel orphanage, Anton escapes and hides on an ocean liner. But this time there is no escape. Or is there? Two other passengers have secrets of their own. When nothing is what it seems, can they help each other? Or will they sink into a sea of troubles? You'll never know. Until the last page.

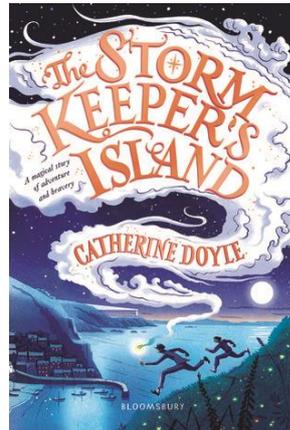
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Fantasy



Annet Schaap: Lampie and the Children of the Sea

Every evening Lampie the lighthouse keeper's daughter must light a lantern to warn ships away from the rocks. But one stormy night disaster strikes. The lantern goes out, a ship is wrecked and an adventure begins...



Catherine Doyle: The Storm Keeper Trilogy

When Fionn Boyle sets foot on Arranmore Island, it begins to stir beneath his feet ... Once in a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to keep its magic safe from enemies. The time has come for Fionn's grandfather to step down. Soon, a new Keeper will rise.

Book #1



Michelle Harrison: The Widdershins series

This is the first book in a fantasy adventure series. It is a very exciting story about three sisters who discover they can use 3 magical objects, but they are under a curse and cannot move far away from their home.

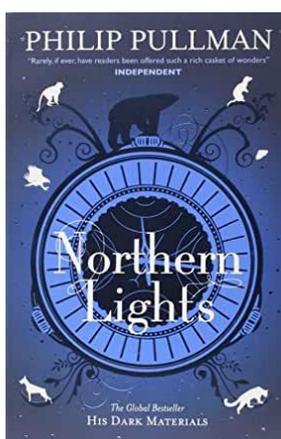
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Vashti Hardy: The Sky-Ship Adventure series

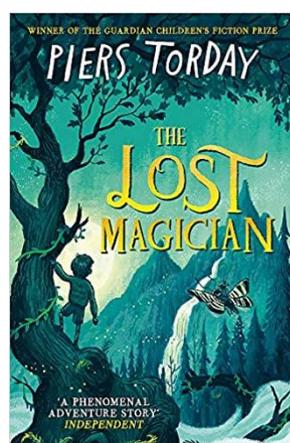
Twins, Athur and Maudie hear that their explorer father has died attempting to reach the southernmost point in the world. They answer an ad to join a new attempt to reach South Polaris in an effort to discover the truth and restore their family's reputation.

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Philip Pullman: His Dark Materials trilogy

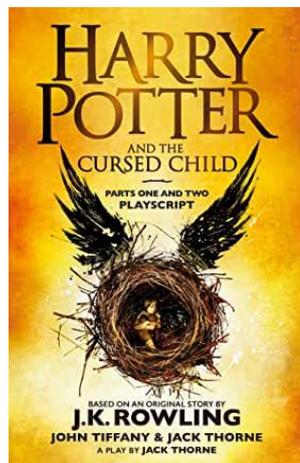
Lyra and her animal daemon live half-wild among the scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight. Her journey has consequences far beyond her own world.... Book #1



Piers Torday: The Lost Magician

1945. They have survived the Blitz, but when Simon, Patricia, Evelyn and Larry step through a mysterious library door, it is the start of their most dangerous adventure yet. They have entered Folio - a kingdom of fairy knights, bears and tree gods that's under threat from a sinister robot army.

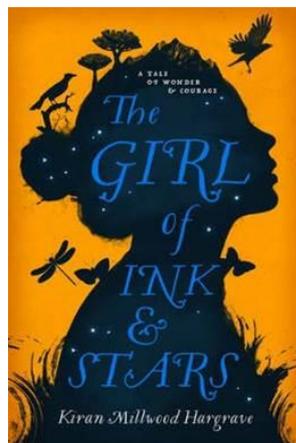
Fantasy cont'd



JK Rowling: Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

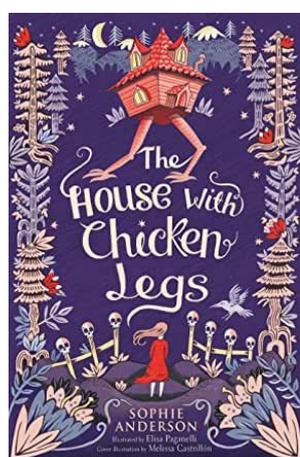
The script of the original West End production... It was always difficult being Harry Potter and it isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband, and father of school-age children...

Of course, we also recommend the original HP series!



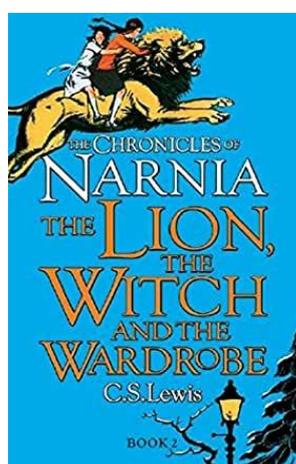
Kiran Millwood Hargrave: The Girl of Ink and Stars

Isabella lives on the island of Joya where people are forbidden to travel beyond the forest. When a string of unsettling events make it necessary to journey beyond the forest in search of answers, Isabella joins a team of explorers on an adventure that will test her map-making skills and her courage.



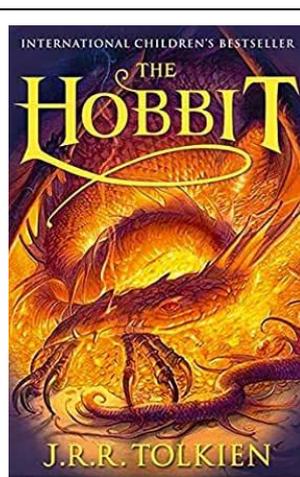
Sophie Anderson: The House with Chicken Legs

Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...



CS Lewis: The Chronicles of Narnia

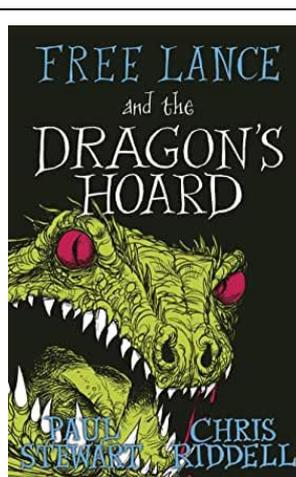
Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change... and a great sacrifice.
Book # 2



JRR Tolkien: The Hobbit

Bilbo Baggins enjoys a quiet life. Then one day, the wizard, Gandalf arrives with a band of dwarves and enlists his services as a burglar on a dangerous expedition to release a treasure hoard from Smaug the dragon.

Bilbo's life will never be the same again

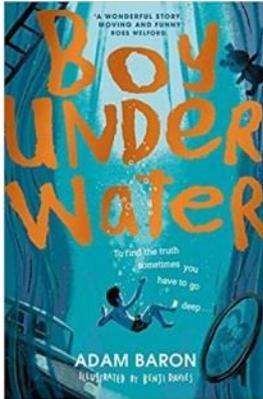


Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell: Free Lance and the Dragon's Hoard

Free Lance, a knight's has a simple job: to protect a wealthy merchant and his jewels on his journey home. But when the villagers cry dragon, he ends up with much more than he bargained for.

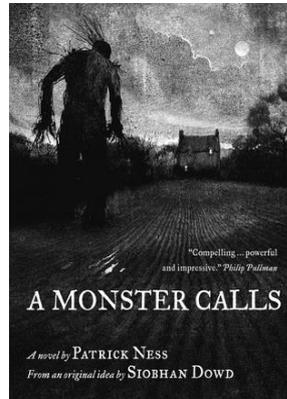
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Real Life stories



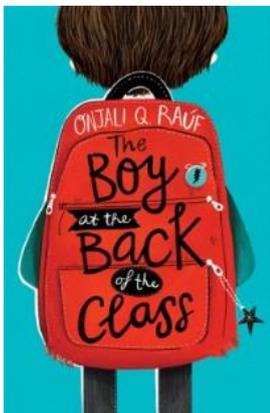
Adam Barron: Boy Underwater

Cymbeline Igloo has never been swimming. Never. Until he ends up in the pool with his class at school and suffers the ultimate humiliation - followed by his mother's breakdown and hospitalisation. What is it about swimming that has made her keep Cymbeline from the pool?



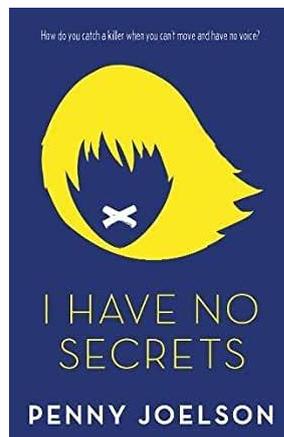
Patrick Ness: A Monster Calls

At seven minutes past midnight, thirteen-year-old Conor wakes to find a monster outside his bedroom window. But it isn't the monster Conor's been expecting - he's been expecting the one from his nightmare, the nightmare he's had nearly every night since his mother started her cancer treatments. The monster in his backyard is different.



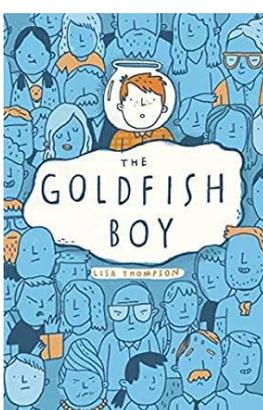
Onjali Rauf: The Boy at the Back of the Class

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's eight years old, but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets. But the truth is, Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War.



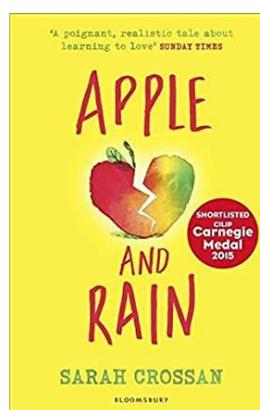
Penny Joelsen: I Have No Secrets

Jemma has severe cerebral palsy. Unable to communicate or move she is reliant on her family and carer for everything. When she is confronted with this terrible secret, she is utterly powerless to do anything. Though that might be about to change... An unusual and remarkable page-turner...



Lisa Thompson: The Goldfish Boy

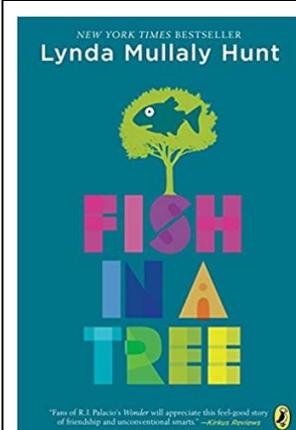
Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window. Until the day he is the last person to see his next-door neighbour's toddler, Teddy. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance.



Sarah Crossan: Apple and Rain

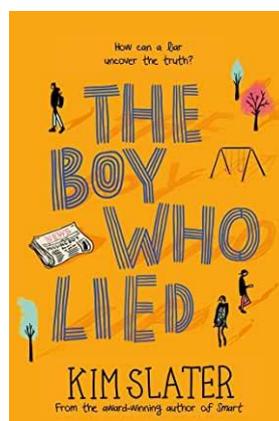
When Apple's mother returns after eleven years of absence, Apple feels whole again. But her mother's homecoming is bittersweet, and it's only when Apple meets Rain - a young girl who is even more lost than she is, that she begins to see her Mum and her Nana as they really are.

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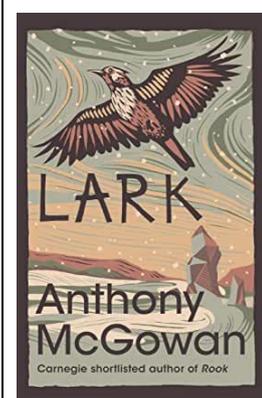
Lynda Mullaly Hunt: Fish in a Tree

Ally is smart enough to fool a lot of people at school. But a new teacher recognises her intelligence and helps her to see that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. An uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who feels second-best because they don't fit in. *Dyslexia-friendly*



Kim Slater: The Boy who Lied

When his younger brother, Sam, goes missing, nobody believes Ed when he says he can't remember what happened. With the police and press asking questions and friends turning against the family, Ed is left trying to find Sam with only the help of his new neighbour.

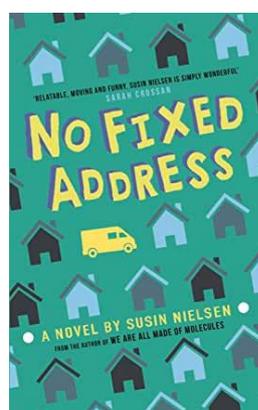


Anthony McGowan: Lark

WINNER OF THE 2020 CARNEGIE MEDAL

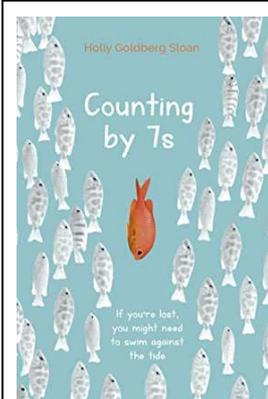
The latest in a series of stories about Nicky & Kenny, but it makes sense if read on its own. A trip to the moors was meant to be a laugh, but all goes pear-shaped...

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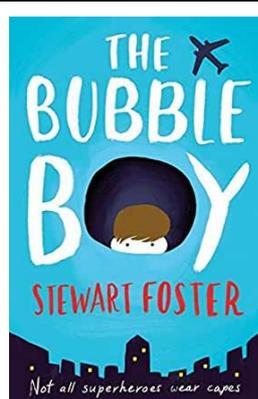
Susin Nielsen: No Fixed Address

Felix has a secret: he lives with his mum and pet gerbil.... in a camper van. He's desperate to have a normal school and social life and he's got a plan to turn his homeless situation around. All he needs is a bit of brain power and a lot of luck.



Holly Goldberg Sloan: Counting by 7s

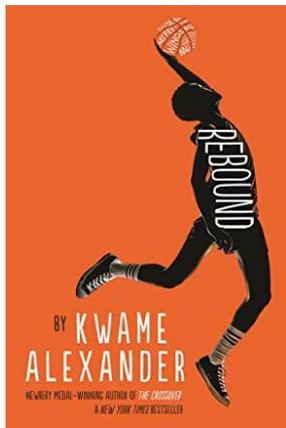
Willow is a genius with several obsessions who finds it comforting to count by 7s. When her adoptive parents die in a car crash, she has to find a new surrogate family. An uplifting story about rebuilding ties and discovering connections to others.



Stewart Foster: Bubble Boy

Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever

Sports stories



Kwame Alexander: Rebound

When Charlie gets into trouble one too many times, he's packed off to stay with his grandparents for the summer. There his cousin introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born, but can he resist trouble when it comes knocking once again? A story told in verse.

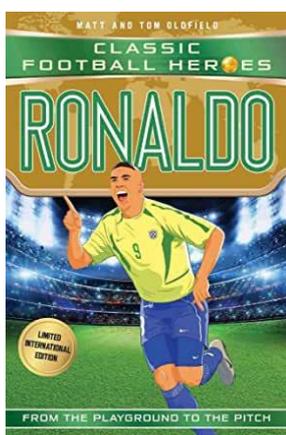
"You'll read this and want to get out and play" - STEVEN GERRARD



Dan Freedman: The Jamie Johnson series

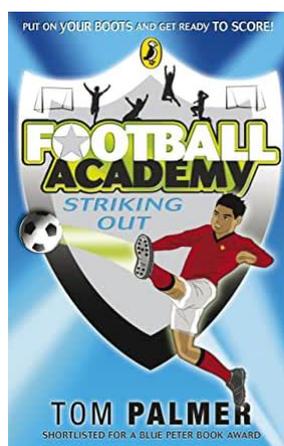
Jamie doesn't like schoolwork, but loves football and he's desperate to become Highwood School's star football player (and in his dreams, Hawkstone United's, too). But after he wrecks his chances at the trials, the pressure's on to prove himself.

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Matt Oldfield: The Ultimate Football Hero series

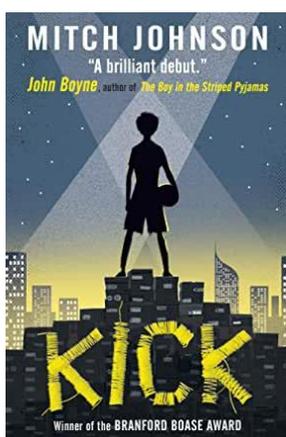
Ronaldo first proved himself as a wonder-kid at Manchester United under Sir Alex Ferguson, before becoming a legend for Real Madrid and Portugal. This is the story of how the gifted boy became a man, a team-player and a legend. One of 20+ books in this series, featuring Kane, Neymar, Messi, Lukaku and more.



Tom Palmer: Football Academy series

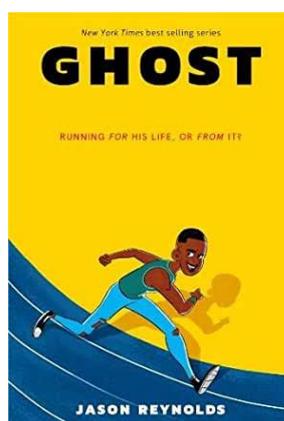
Jake is a Manchester City Fan who dreams of becoming a professional footballer. But the twist in this tale is that he's signed schoolboy forms for Manchester United. What could go wrong? Can Jake face up to the bullies and win man of the match again?

Book #1



Mitch Johnson: Kick

Budi works in a sweatshop in Jakarta making football boots. He dreams of playing for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life.

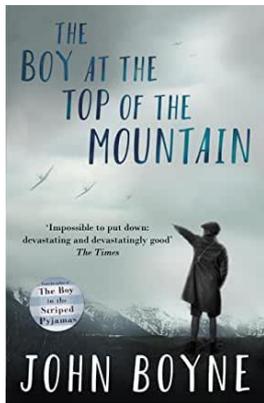


Jason Reynolds: The Run series

Running. That's all Ghost has ever known. But he's been running for the wrong reasons -until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medallist who sees something in Ghost: If Ghost can stay on track, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

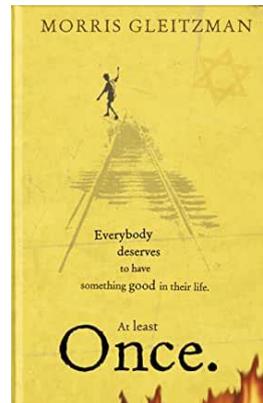
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Historical and War



John Boyne: The Boy at the Top of the Mountain

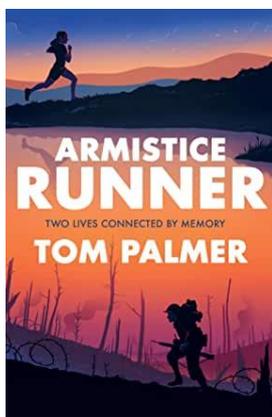
Pierrot is sent to live with his aunt at the top of a mountain during the Second World War. Taken under Hitler's wing, Pierrot is swept up in a dangerous new world and must choose where his loyalties lie. From the author of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*.



Maurice Gleitzman: The Once series

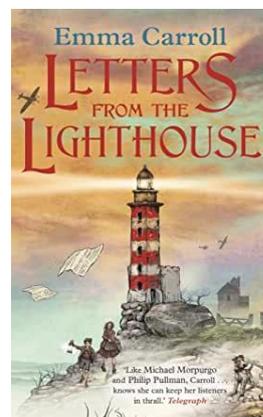
Set in occupied Poland during World War II, this is the story of a Jewish boy who escapes and orphanage because he's convinced that his parents are still alive. He embarks on a dangerous journey with his friend, Zelda and a kindly dentist.

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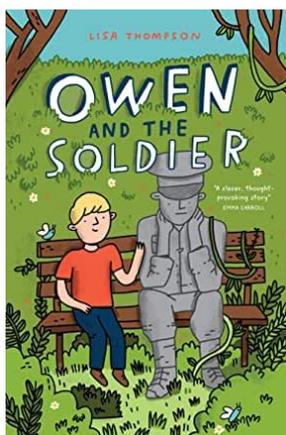
Tom Palmer: Armistice Runner

Lily is worried. She's struggling to compete in her fell-running races and, worse, she's losing her gran to Alzheimer's. But then she discovers her great-great-grandfather's diaries from the First World War. Could his incredible story of bravery help her reconnect with her gran and give her the inspiration she needs to win?



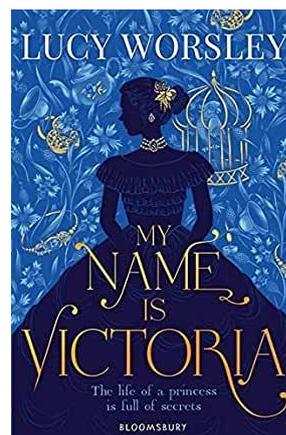
Emma Carrol: Letters from the Lighthouse

After Olive's big sister Sukie vanishes during an air raid, Olive and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the south coast. They end up staying in the lighthouse, but the sleepy little village isn't as sleepy as it seems, and somehow, Sukie's disappearance is linked to what's going on.



Lisa Thompson: Owen and the Soldier

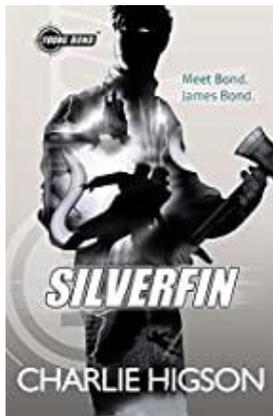
Owen's homelife is difficult and there's no-one he can talk to. So he talks to the crumbling stone soldier in the park. When the war-weary soldier is listening, his worries slip away. But the town council want to tear him down. Can Owen find the courage to speak up before it's too late?
Dyslexia-friendly



Lucy Worsley: My Name is Victoria

Miss V. Conroy is good at keeping secrets. She likes to sit as quiet as a mouse. But when her father sends her to Kensington Palace to become the companion to Princess Victoria, Miss V soon finds that she can no longer remain in the shadows. The story of Queen Victoria's childhood as you've never heard it.

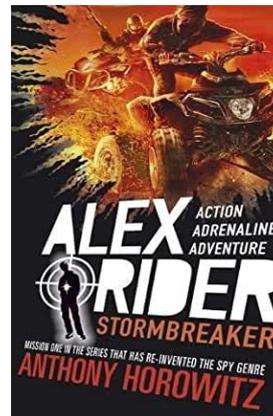
Crime, Spies and Detective



Charlie Higson: Young Bond series

James Bond will one day become the world's most famous spy, but at the moment his challenge is to fit in at his new school - making friends, learning the rules and facing up to bullies.

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Anthony Horowitz: Alex Rider series

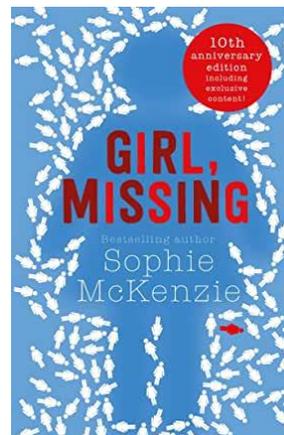
After the death of his uncle, Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every school in the country. But the teenage spy soon finds himself in mortal danger.

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Derek Landy: Skulduggery Pleasant series

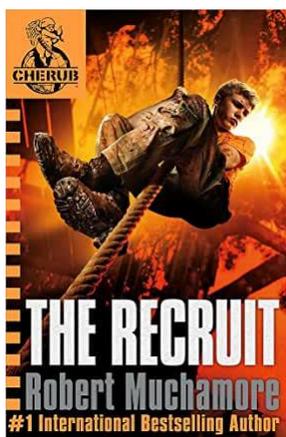
Stephanie's uncle is a writer of horror fiction. But when he dies and leaves her his estate, Stephanie learns that while he may have written horror, it certainly wasn't fiction. Pursued by evil forces intent on recovering a mysterious key, Stephanie finds help from an unusual source: the wisecracking skeleton of a dead wizard. Book #1



Sophie McKenzie: Girl Missing trilogy

Lauren is adopted and wants to know more about her past. But when she discovers she may have been snatched from her family as a baby, her whole life suddenly feels like a sham. Why will no one answer her questions? How can she find her biological parents? Can she trust her adoptive parents? A real page-turner.

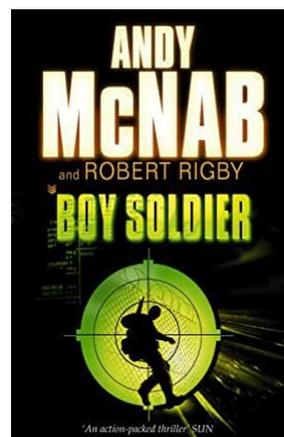
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Robert Muchamore: Cherub series

An action-packed thriller based on a branch of the British Intelligence called CHERUB. James joins CHERUB, where he is being trained to be a child spy. CHERUB agents live in the real world, slipping under adult radar and getting information that sends criminals and terrorists to jail.

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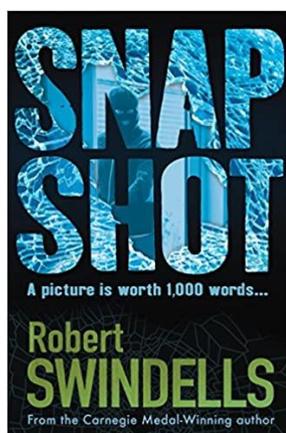


Andy McNab: Boy Soldier series

Danny is determined to track down the man who has ruined his life. But how can he find an expert in covert operations who is trained to avoid capture? As Danny makes his first move, he realises he's being watched. Action-packed with SAS procedures and surveillance and survival techniques.

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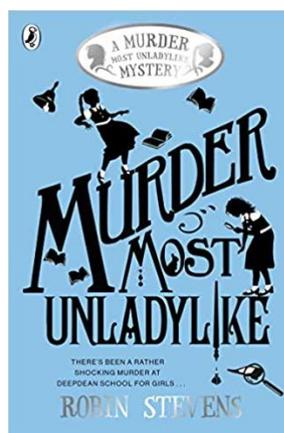
Crime, Spies and Detective *cont'd*



Robert Swindells: Snapshot

When Victor heads out with his new camera, before he knows it he is witness to a crime - with the photos to prove it ...Now he is being chased by criminals and they won't stop until they get his photos. Can Victor escape their clutches?

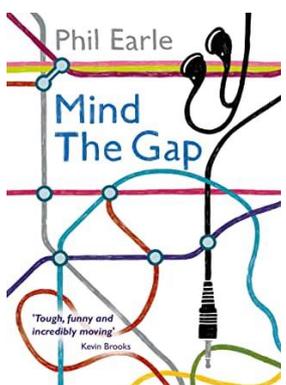
Dyslexia-friendly



Robin Stevens: Murder Most Unladylike series

At Deepdean School for Girls, Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong have set up their own detective agency. But they are struggling to find any *real* crimes to investigate. Then Hazel discovers a teacher lying dead in the Gym. Five minutes later, the body has disappeared....

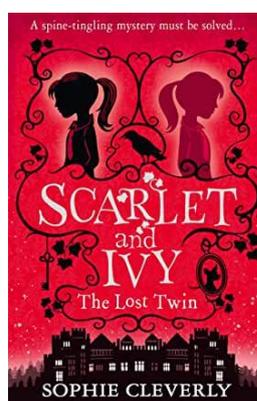
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Phil Earle: Mind the Gap

When Mikey's dad died, something in Mikey died too and he gets into risk-taking behaviour. The worst of it is that he can't even remember his dad's voice anymore. Eventually Mikey's best mate can't bear it anymore, and so he sets out to give Mikey the memories - and his dad's voice - back.

Dyslexia-friendly



Sophie Cleverly: Scarlet and Ivy series

When troublesome Scarlet mysteriously disappears from Rookwood School, Ivy, her quiet twin sister is invited to 'take her place'. Ivy agrees in the hopes of finding out what happened. Will she be able to find her sister through the trail of diary pages carefully hidden all over the school?

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