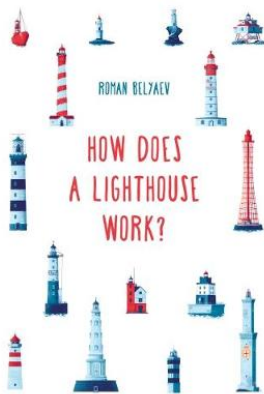


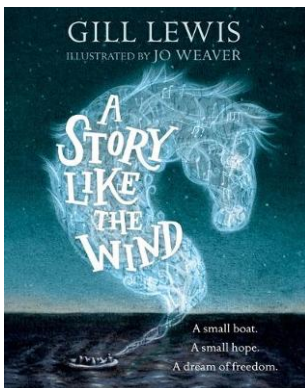
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How Does a Lighthouse Work?

Author: Roman Belyaev **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/03/2018 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

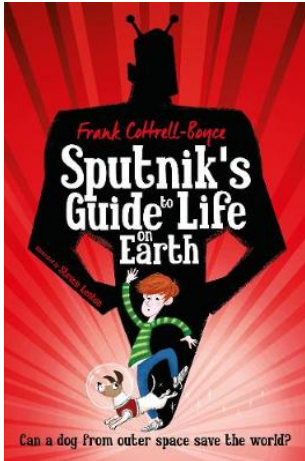
Join a group of school children on this voyage of discovery and discover the answers to lots of questions as well as fascinating facts about lighthouses and how they work. How Does a Lighthouse Work? provides a fascinating journey through the science and history of lighthouses around the world. Through history a lighthouse has been an important, in fact essential tool for sailors to navigate safely and this remains so today in order to protect all sailors from the dangerous coastlines and rocky outcrops out to sea that are found all over the world. Modern technology may have changed the way that lighthouses work but still their USP remains the same: to deliver a light as far as possible to forewarn sailors of potential dangers. This a terrific book to share with inquisitive children and the combination of stunning illustrations and interesting text makes this a well worthwhile read both at home and to use in the classroom.



A Story Like the Wind

Author: Gill Lewis **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 04/05/2017 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

One of Our Books of the Year 2017 | Longlisted for the UKLA 2018 Book Award A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month May 2017 Gill Lewis's *A Story Like the Wind*, a powerful and lyrical story about contemporary refugees, is fuelled by an ancient tale which tells how throughout history music has crossed barriers and bound people together encouraging them to stand up to oppression and injustice. Rami has nothing but his violin as he sets off on a terrifying journey to try to find safety. Starving and thirsty he takes nothing from his fellow travellers as he has nothing to share. Why did you not sell your violin, they ask? With his violin as an accompaniment Rami swiftly demonstrates why; his inspiring story of freedom from long, long ago unites his fellow refugees and stirs them all to believe in their journey and their hope of a better life.



Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 09/02/2017 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

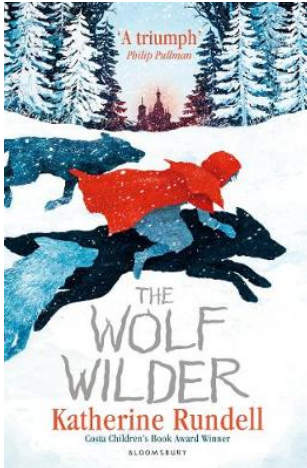
Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2017 | Longlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award With all the invention, originality and insight that is typical of his writing for children, Frank Cottrell Boyce takes the sad story of Laika, the first living creature to orbit Earth, and uses it as inspiration for a story about the importance of home. As ever, it's both brilliantly funny and extraordinarily moving. Prez is living with a temporary foster family when he opens the door to Sputnik. Prez sees an alien – in a kilt – everyone else sees a dog. Over the course of the summer Prez and Sputnik have some amazing adventures and break a lot of laws, including some of the laws of physics, but in the process they save the world, and reunite Prez with his grandfather. As wild as a cartoon strip, this wonderful story pinpoints all the best things about life on Earth.



Coming to England

Author: Floella Benjamin **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 06/10/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

A Julia Eccleshare Pick of the Month October 2016 Floella Benjamin's touching, well-observed and generously un-judgemental memoir is a classic which is a pertinent now as when it was first published 21 years ago. In a simple story Floella recounts her own experience of her family moving from Trinidad to London when she was a little girl. She brings to life her experience in the family's original home in Trinidad; the brightness of the light, the joy of Carnival and, above all, the warmth of her family. She records the pain of separation as, initially, her parents went on ahead to England leaving her and some of her siblings behind and she describes the difficulties of adjusting to the new country when she finally arrives. It is a smart child's view of migration which is as valuable now as when it was written as well as a stark reminder of the entrenched prejudices of the 1960s. ~ Julia Eccleshare Julia Eccleshare's Picks of the Month for October 2016 Kim by Rudyard Kipling The Fox and the Ghost King by Michael Morpurgo Coming to England by Floella Benjamin Owl Bat Bat Owl by Marie Louise Fitzpatrick We Found a Hat by Jon Klassen The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher The War Next Door by Phil Earle



The Wolf Wilder

Author: Katherine Rundell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 08/09/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Shortlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award | One of our Books of the Year 2016 | September 2016 Book of the Month Wolves, wildness and freedom are at the heart of this thrilling story. Wolf wilders are employed to reintroduce wolves unfortunate enough to be brought up as pets in rich households back into the wild, and they're easy to spot: they'll be missing a piece of finger, the lobe of an ear, a toe or two. Feo and her mother are wolf wilders, content deep in the forest, at least until the arrival of General Rakov and the imperial army. Rakov treats their wolves with the same brutal contempt he shows to the peasants, and despite her reclusiveness, Feo finds herself fighting alongside her neighbours for what is right. 'Wolves, like children, are not born to lead calm lives' we are told and this a marvellous adventure, original, beautifully written, and full of scenes and ideas that will excite and inspire young readers. ~ Andrea Reece A note from Katherine Rundell ...My father is a great storyteller. When we were very young he left for work at 7 a.m., so he used to wake us up at 6 a.m. and tell us stories from history: the World Wars, the slave trade and the Russian revolution. (Sometimes my understanding of the stories in my life blurred, and when I picture William Wilberforce he will always look like Wilbur, the mouse in Brambly Hedge.) My father's picture of Russia was one of deep snow and rich food, and of revolutionaries fighting, with very mixed success, for fairness. There would always be a pair of children at the centre of the stories – who looked, coincidentally, very like my brother and me – two children who joined the fight with both fists. My dad's stories made us feel taller, and hungrier: more capable of changing the world. The Wolf Wilder is a book built by those early stories: though it's less a history than a fairy-tale kind of adventure informed by history. I wanted to write a book that was a little darker than the last, and a little wilder. I wanted to write about different kinds of bravery, with, I hope, an edge of danger. Most of all, I wanted to write a story about a child learning to trust other people: about a child discovering that the world is huge, and full of spectacular people. Feo, more than any other character I've written, is how I felt as a child: awkward and wary, but hoping always for friendship and for snow. The plot was made up of things I've seen or discovered and loved. The central city of the book is St Petersburg because my grandfather lived there in the years before his death, on the banks of the Fontanka canal, in the building in which (he used to claim) Tchaikovsky wrote The Nutcracker. My grandfather was so obviously and resolutely English that KGB spies used to tail him to church, convinced he was MI5. There was a small ballroom in which, as a teenager, I danced (with an immense lack of grace). So there is dancing in this book, both good and bad, and the great golden domes of St Petersburg. The story is set in the snow because snow has a life of its own: I spent one white winter in rural Scotland, in an old unoccupied shooting lodge. I went weeks without seeing another human. When the pipes froze, I boiled snow for tea. I lit fires, read books, ate icicles and mussels from the lake, and tinned meat. When the worst storms of that year came, I was rescued by an army truck and sent home. I learnt a lot about the different varieties of

cold you can be. Later, I read about a Russian recluse who, in the 1970s, used to run barefoot for days through snow with elks slung over his back, and realised I was only a novice at the cold. But I have rarely in my life been so happy. The wilding of animals is a real thing: there is a programme in Zimbabwe, not far from where I spent part of my childhood, where tame lions are taught to feed themselves. And in Yellowstone park they are trying to coax wolves back into the wild. Wolves are the heroes of this book because I think wolves, more than any other animal, are electric. I met a mostly tame one on a cold day in Wales. They really do look nothing like dogs: their shoulders are more muscular and their eyes sharper. They radiate intelligence. They deserve our respect. There are many stories about wolves already, but I think they will always deserve a few more.



Whistling in the Dark

Author: Shirley Hughes **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/06/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Best-selling Shirley Hughes brings alive how it felt to be growing up in Liverpool during the Second World War. In a gripping and touching story which draws on her own memories of growing up at that time, Shirley Hughes sets a vivid scene of blackouts, rationing – especially of nylons which was a great hardship for the girls and all against the permanently lurking dread that something terrible is about to happen. But she also brings alive her much life was the same in terms of friendships and adventures as Joan and her best friend Doreen enjoy going to school, seeing off the class bully and going to the cinema. ~ Julia Eccleshare

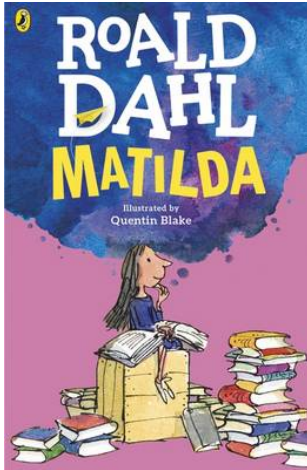


The Journey

Author: Francesca Sanna **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/04/2016 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

One of Our Books of the Year 2017 | Winner for the 2017 Klaus Flugge Prize | Winner of the UKLA 2017 Book Award | Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2017 and awarded the Amnesty CILIP Honour

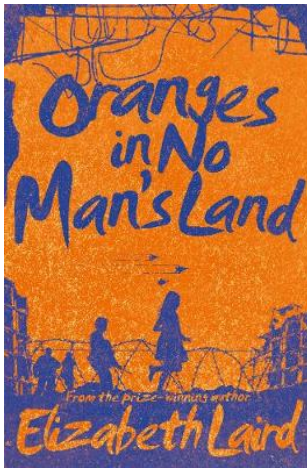
A powerful picturebook which teacher judges described as “taking children to new experiences outside their own”. What is it like to have to leave everything behind and travel many miles to somewhere unfamiliar and strange? A mother and her two children set out on such a journey; one filled with fear of the unknown, but also great hope.



Matilda

Author: Roald Dahl **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 11/02/2016
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

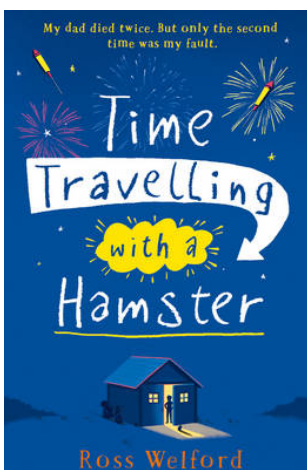
Matilda - Roald Dahl's best-loved story - though now over 25 years old, is as fresh, funny and poignant as when it was first published in 1988. The story of a child genius, it has been adapted into film and, most recently, a hugely successful, award-winning musical with music and lyrics by Tim Minchin.



Oranges in No Man's Land

Author: Elizabeth Laird **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 09/02/2016
Year Groups: Key Stage 3

Selected by a distinguished independent panel of experts including our editorial expert, Julia Eccleshare, for Diverse Voices - 50 of the best Children's Books celebrating cultural diversity in the UK. A gripping story of a ten-year-old girl who risks death to make a life-saving dash through war-torn Beirut. It's a quite remarkable tale of courage and hope in a country that has seen more than its fair share of bloodshed.

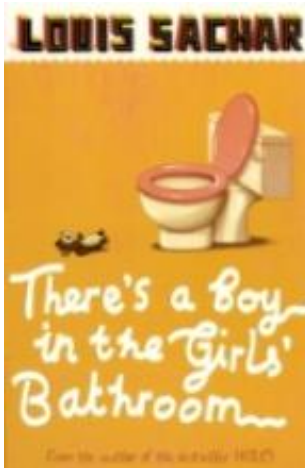


Time Travelling with a Hamster

Author: Ross Welford **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 28/01/2016
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award 2017 - Best Story | Shortlisted for the Costa Book Awards, Children's Book category, 2016 | One of our Books of the Year 2016 | Shortlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award and Shortlisted for The Branford Boase Award 2016. January 2016 Debut of the Month This clever, touching time travel adventure owes as much to The Railway Children as it does to Back to the Future! Al (for Albert, after Einstein) Chaudhury's dad is dead but - and here's where it gets really interesting - a physicist, he'd already been experimenting with time travel and, realising what is going to happen, left instructions enabling his son to go back in time and prevent the childhood accident that will ultimately kill him. Huge congratulations to Ross Welford for observing all the rules of time travel (never easy and he manages a sly dig at Dr Who!) and constructing a terrific adventure that puts family relationships, particularly male ones, at its heart. ~ Andrea Reece
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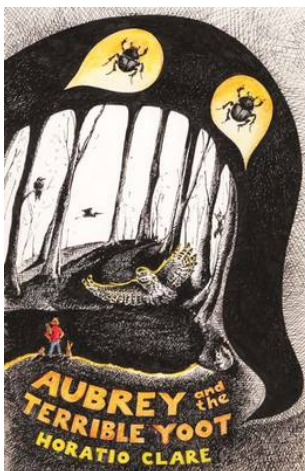
book. The Costa Judges said: "A highly accomplished debut, genuinely enjoyable for both a child reading independently and an adult reading with a child."



There's A Boy in the Girls' Bathroom

Author: Louis Sachar **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/03/2007
Year Groups: Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4

In Holes, best-selling author Louis Sachar showed his understanding and compassion for a group of boys who have got outside the system. In There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom, he shows the same sensitivity to Bradley Chalkers, one boy whose behaviour has increasingly alienated him from his teachers and his peers. Bradley seems unable to change but then Carla arrives. Carla believes in Bradley; gradually Bradley begins to believe in himself. Without preaching and with his familiar humour, Sachar tells a heartwarming story. Perfect for Reluctant Readers as well as keen readers. To view other titles we think are suitable for reluctant readers please click [here](#).

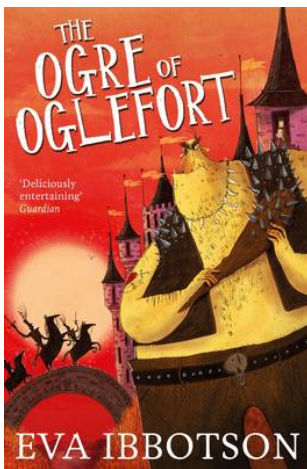


Aubrey and the Terrible Yoot

Author: Horatio Clare **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 17/09/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

Longlisted for the UKLA 2017 Book Award and Winner of The Branford Boase Award 2016. One of our Books of the Year 2015. This is a special and unusual book. It features some beautiful writing, and conjures up the sights, sounds and smells of the English countryside with such clarity that you'll feel the damp ground beneath your feet, but it's also a moving and thoughtful description of a young boy trying to help his father through depression. From his first breath Aubrey is a rambunctious child and his parents are quickly aware of his capacity to cause chaos. Unknown to them however, he has hidden talents - he can talk to animals. When his father, normally so cheerful, is weighed down with a terrible sadness, the wild animals help Aubrey find ways to help, and even advise him on how to tackle the cause itself - the Terrible Yoot. It's a story full of tenderness and understanding. ~ Andrea Reece A Piece of Passion from Penny Thomas, editor, Firefly Press Aubrey and the Terrible Yoot by Horatio Claire, wonderfully illustrated by Jane Matthews, has the feel of a classic children's tale, with one of the best, visionary endings I've ever read. The young Aubrey tries to run before he can walk and has crashed two cars before he is old enough to drive one, but when his dad, Jim, comes under attack from an horrendous spell, Aubrey is determined to save him. With the help of the animals of Rushing Wood and a little ancient wisdom, he takes on the unkillable spirit of despair itself - the Terrible Yoot! In his first book for children, Horatio Clare takes readers to the funny and joyful world of Aubrey's wild and imaginative life where woods, moors and animals mix with home, parents and curious neighbours. His father's depression, and

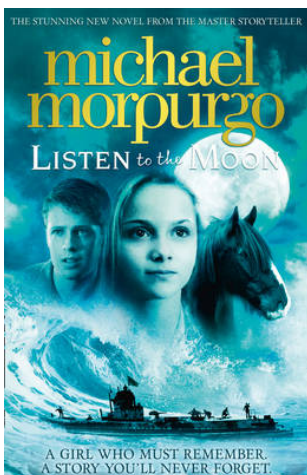
Aubrey's heroic responses are wonderfully imagined and told in what Michael Morpurgo describes as 'a daring book, writing and storytelling at its best'. A review from Michael Morpurgo Well, this was a joy! Here is writing and storytelling at its best. Here is a wondrous tale, from a writer who loves language, makes music of it, frolics with it, who knows the wild world of his fellow creatures about him so well, loves this world so well that it is nothing for him to talk to the animals and listen to them too...Here is a tale that sweeps you along inside its magic, and its hope... A daring book, beautifully conceived, and supremely well written. Horatio Clare has the voice of a great storyteller. As I said, a joy, a sheer joy!



The Ogre of Oglefort

Author: Eva Ibbotson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 10/09/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

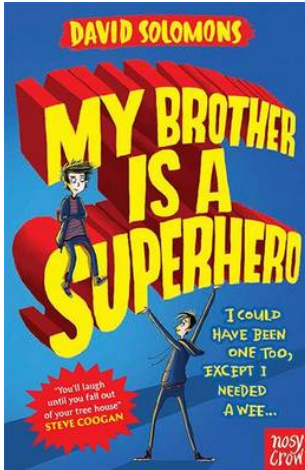
Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2010. Shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize 2010. A Richard and Judy Children's Book Club selection 2011 - Fluent Readers Irresistibly ridiculous, this is a wonderful and enchanting romp from a master storyteller. Every year at the Summer Meeting of Unusual Creatures the annual task is set. This year, the task is formidable! Ivo, an un-magical boy, a hag, a troll and a wizard all set about it with the greatest misgivings. The question is, once they have got their courage up, will they succeed? ~ Julia Eccleshare ***Eva's son, Toby Ibbotson, is now continuing the tradition of storytelling with his debut novel Mountwood School for Ghosts which is based on an original idea by Eva Ibbotson.



Listen to the Moon

Author: Michael Morpurgo **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/08/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3

Shortlisted for Children's Book Award 2016, Books for Older Readers category Shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award 2014 The Costa Judges described Morpurgo's novel, which begins in May 1915, as "a captivating, utterly transporting war novel that lives on powerfully in the memory". A beautiful and captivating tour de force of family, love, war and forgiveness, this is a major new novel from the author of War Horse and Private Peaceful, Michael Morpurgo and is set in World War One on the Isles of Scilly. A tale in which things that were lost may still wash up, once again, on the shore. As ever with Michael it is always a story of family and stories.

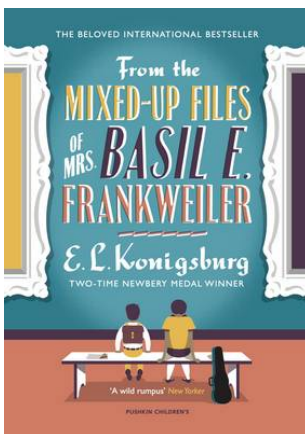


My Brother is a Superhero

Author: David Solomons **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/07/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Children's Book of the Year, The British Book Industry Awards 2016 - Overall winner of Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2016 - Shortlisted for The Branford Boase Award 2016. Oh the anguish!

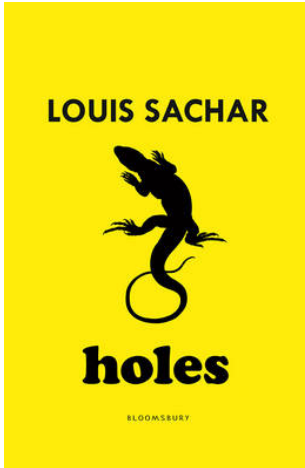
Luke is a comic-reading super-hero expert, but he's gone for a wee at the crucial moment when an alien arrives in his tree-house and it's his never-read-a-comic-in-his-life brother Zach who gets superpowers and instructions to save the universe – life couldn't get any unfairer. But even super-heroes need back up, and when Zach is kidnapped, it falls to Luke to save his brother and the world. This is an excellent adventure story with real heart, that's also properly funny, with humour that comes from the characters as well as the situation. A sequel is promised and can't come soon enough.



From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

Author: E.L. Konigsburg **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/06/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

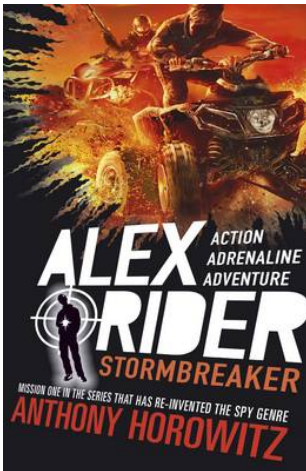
June 2015 Book of the Month This is everything a classic children's book should be: it's exciting, funny, has terrific central characters, a mystery to solve, and a truth – particular to childhood – to be revealed. Claudia Kincaid is fed up - as the oldest child, and a girl - with life's injustices. So she runs away to the Metropolitan Museum in New York, taking her second youngest brother, Jamie, because he's the best with money. It's a marvellous adventure – they mingle with tourists, sleep in a medieval bed after everyone's left, bath in the café fountain and scoop up change from its floor to boost their coffers! When a new exhibit is unveiled Claudia turns detective, determined to prove it the work of Michelangelo. Success will send her home a heroine, and that's really important. The children's search leads them to the statue's original owner, the eponymous Mrs Frankweiler, someone who understands Claudia exactly and can give her what she needs. ~ Andrea Reece Piece of Passion from Adam Freudenheim, Publisher, Pushkin Children's Books 'From the Mixed-up Files... was one of my childhood favourites, and my own children love it too. It's a simply magical, perfect book for any child with an imagination of about 7-10 who's ever visited a museum (or dreamed of running away, even for a moment). I'm delighted to (re)introduce it to British readers – nearly 50 years on its appeal is as strong as ever.'



Holes

Author: Louis Sachar **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/10/2000
Year Groups: Key Stage 3

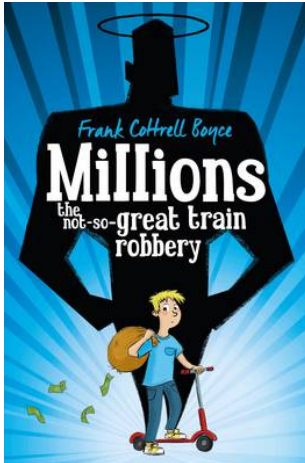
October 2011 Guest Editor Roddy Doyle: "Boys in jail – a great idea. The jail has no roof and they have to dig huge holes in the baking sun all day – it's getting even better. I read Holes in hospital a few years ago. I wasn't ill, and was only there for the day. I actually forgot I was in hospital, the book was so good. I had about ten pages left when a nurse told me I could go home. I was half-hoping she'd tell me I'd have to stay longer, so I could finish the book." Wholly original and brilliantly plotted, Holes is a funny and poignant story about surviving. When Stanley Yelnats is falsely accused of stealing a pair of trainers, he is sent off to Camp Green Lake which is not a camp, not green and not near a lake but a boys' detention centre in the middle of the desert. Every day every boy has to dig a hole five foot deep and five foot across because, the Warden says, it's good for them. How Stanley survives and proves that the Warden has a different and far more sinister motive for wanting so many holes to be dug unravels in unexpected and wholly satisfying ways. Perfect for Reluctant Readers as well as keen readers. To view other titles we think are suitable for reluctant readers please [click here](#).



Stormbreaker

Author: Anthony Horowitz **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/04/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

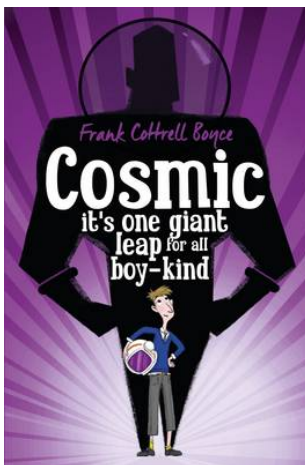
A fabulous story that crackles with suspense and daring and shows that a bit of cheek will take you a very long way. Alex Rider is fourteen when his whole world is turned upside down. Already an orphan, his guardian is killed in suspicious circumstances and Alex is finds himself forcibly recruited into the MI6 to train as a super spy. He performs deeds of unimaginable daring, faces terrible danger – and lives to tell the tale. A great, pacy read. Some of our readers, new to the Alex Rider series, put themselves forward to read and review all ten titles. Check out their reviews below and if you click on the link 'Read full review' you will be able to view the reviews for all 10 titles.



Millions

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/10/2004 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

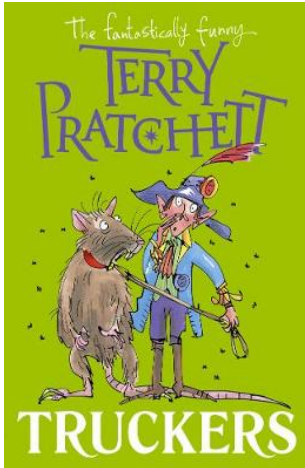
When a bag stuffed full of money falls out of a train and into their camp, Damian and Anthony are suddenly rich. Very, very rich, to be precise. But, there is a problem. They only have a few days in which to spend the money. When the Euro arrives, it'll be worthless. A thrilling story about the real value of money but Millions is more than an adventure as the boys have recently lost their mother and their search for happiness is tinged with the sadness that, however much money they have, they'll never be able bring her back. Reading Guide available to download for this title. This book was selected by Marcus Sedgwick, July 2010 Guest Editor, as: "Another book I would be very proud to have written - I think comic writing is the hardest thing to do well, and this book is not only funny, it's a very happy book too, and we could all do with a few more of those in the world."



Cosmic

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/03/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

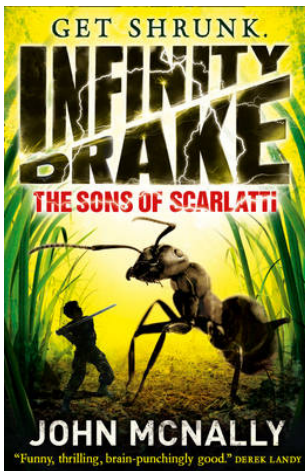
Comic and cosmic, this is a roller coaster adventure that takes Liam Digby up into space with a handful of other children and their parents. It's an hilarious journey of discovery as Liam hurtles around the world finding out exactly what makes children and adults different. The Lovereading Comment: This is the eagerly awaited third novel from an author who has already won and been shortlisted for numerous prestigious awards including the Carnegie with his debut novel Millions and his second novel Framed. This latest triumph is both bittersweet and hilariously down-to-earth. It's a heart-warming exploration of a father-son relationship in a world where everyone wants to grow up fast, and then stay young forever. A wonderful story about life's ups and downs.



Truckers The First Book of the Nomes

Author: Terry Pratchett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 12/03/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

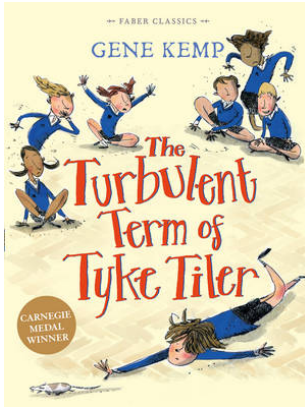
A truly wonderful kick of escapism, 'Truckers: The First Book of the Nomes' may be aimed at children, however you don't have to be a kid to read this (adults can get just as much enjoyment, possibly even a little more). These books are also known as the 'The Bromeliad Trilogy', the reason for which will become abundantly clear as you read further into the trilogy. Masklin, Grimma and their rapidly diminishing band of four inch high Nomes (they aren't shrinking in height, but numbers) leave their home in order to survive. They find themselves in a department store, among Nomes who no longer recognise that there are outsiders, or even an outside. When they discover that the department store is closing down and being knocked down, can they persuade the rest of the Nomes that they need to leave? Terry Pratchett has the ability to make words sing together, in such a way, that they make you stop and think. He may excel in fantasy, yet it's fantasy firmly based in fact, and it's fantasy that makes you look at life from a new perspective. 'Truckers' is eye opening, laugh inducing and sometimes jaw dropping stuff and I absolutely loved it. ~ Liz Robinson



The Sons of Scarlatti

Author: John McNally **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/02/2015 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

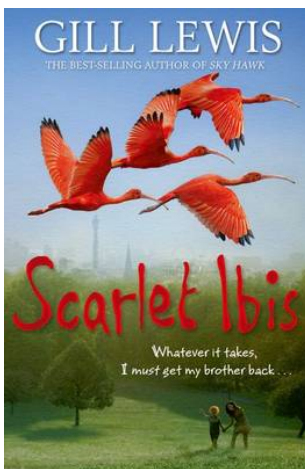
Meet Finn, shrunk to 9mm tall by his uncle in order to save mankind by stopping a killing machine from wreaking havoc. Full of humour and high action adventure even if its characters are very small.



The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler

Author: Gene Kemp **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 15/01/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

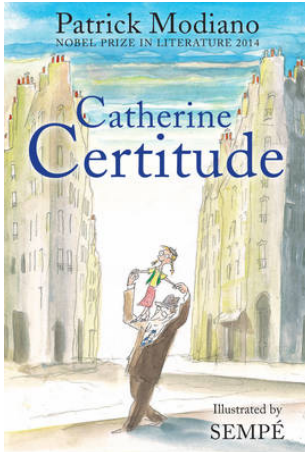
Their last term at Cricklepit Combined School is full of the usual fun and madness, but then Tyke learns that much more is at stake. Is it possible to keep hapless Danny out of trouble? And what final surprise does Tyke have in store?



Scarlet Ibis

Author: Gill Lewis **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/05/2014
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

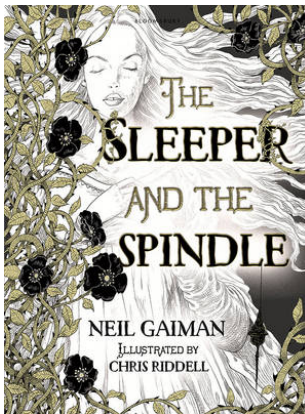
May 2014 Book of the Month - Winner of the Little Rebels Book Award 2015 - Longlisted for the 2015 CILIP Carnegie Medal Gill Lewis is renowned for her stories about powerful and beneficial relationships between animals and children. Scarlet Ibis is an emotional story about how befriending birds can help to heal Red, a little boy with complex difficulties. In Scarlet's troubled life only one thing matters; keeping her little brother Red safe. But that's easier said than done as Red is hard to manage and Scarlet's mum is no help. When disaster strikes their fragile family, Scarlet and Red are separated. As Scarlet grows stronger in a new environment she finds a way of making sure Red is safe forever. Scarlet Ibis has won the Little Rebels Book Award 2015. The award, which is for children's fiction for readers any age up to 12 that promotes social justice, went to Scarlet Ibis because it "raises awareness of the care system, mental health issues and the challenges facing young carers", said the judges. Kim Reynolds, professor of children's literature at Newcastle University, and a judge of the award, said: "All the judges agreed that Scarlet Ibis stands out as a book that not only fulfils the criteria for the award but is also excellently crafted. Birds, especially the scarlet ibis, weave the book's multiple storylines together and provide a moving backdrop for a story that celebrates the often overlooked courage, loyalty and competence of children." Kids love to read and so in addition to our Lovereading expert opinion some of our Kids Reader Review Panel were also lucky enough to read and review this title.



Catherine Certitude

Author: Patrick Modiano **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 11/12/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

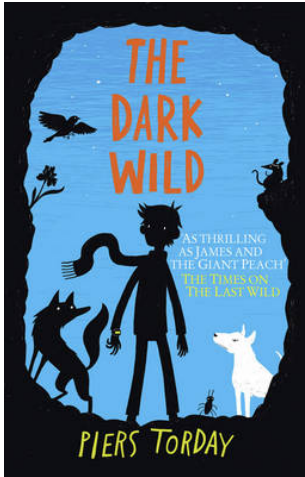
One of our Books of the Year 2015 From her apartment block in New York, Catherine Certitude thinks back to her childhood and growing up with her father in Paris. The life she describes is uneventful: adult conversations half-understood; dance school; her Papa's shop and his slightly shady business deals. Nonetheless it's full of character, humour and a singular charm. "Life, it's just you and me," says her father, and at special moments the two of them take off their glasses, sharing a blurry and softer world. Years later, Catherine's memories are vivid, the world of the 10th arrondissement where a little girl walked with her father, crystal clear. Sempé's ink and watercolour illustrations enchant too. ~ Andrea Reece



The Sleeper and the Spindle

Author: Neil Gaiman **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 23/10/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

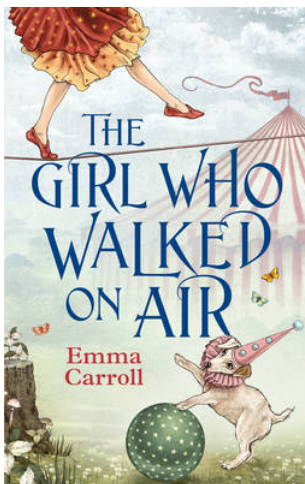
Winner of the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2016. Award-winning Neil Gaiman shows all his story telling skills in this gripping fusion of familiar fairy tales told in a dark-hearted version with some original characters. Especially a bold-hearted queen. Not far from where the queen lives, a princess is under the spell of an enchantress who has put a whole country to sleep. Despite it being the eve of her wedding day, the bold queen decides to take action. Slipping into her mail shirt she arms herself with her sword and sets off out of the palace accompanied by the three dwarves who will lead her through the tunnels...The dark magic, great courage and spell-binding imagination that power this story is perfectly realised in Chris Riddell's awesome illustrations. ~ Julia Eccleshare



The Dark Wild

Author: Piers Torday **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/09/2014
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

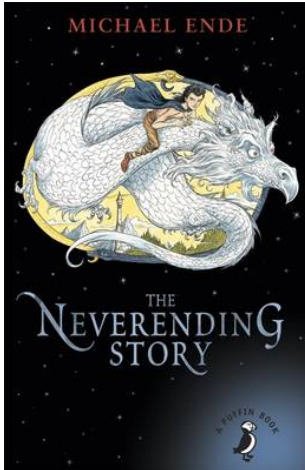
Winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Book Award 2014. In *The Dark Wild*, Kester, a twelve year old with a rare gift for understanding animals, thought he had saved the animals from his cruel world where nature has been all but destroyed. But now, buried deep under the bright, shiny and newly built city of Premium, Kester finds a new animal kingdom. Down in their dark wild, these animals are not looking to be loved or cherished by humans, they are looking for revenge. They are poised to bring wholesale destruction unless someone can stop them. Kester loves animals and is sympathetic to them but whatever the wrongs caused by his fellow humans he knows he must do everything he can to prevent this all-out disaster. Guardian Children's Fiction Book Award Judge Katherine Rundell was wowed by: "an adventure boldly imagined and brilliantly executed: full of suspense without ever sacrificing warmth and wit."



The Girl Who Walked On Air

Author: Emma Carroll **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/08/2014
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

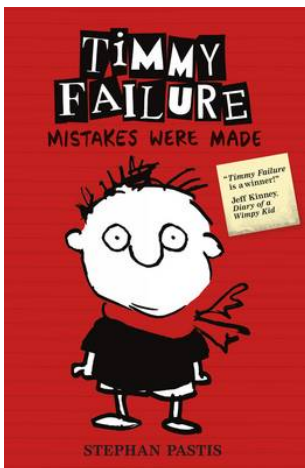
All the excitement of the circus is captured in this exciting story about one girl's exceptional talent and tenacity as she does everything she can to become the new star of the show. Everyone knows 'the bigger the danger, the bigger the crowd' so it is no surprise that Monsieur Mercury, or Jasper as he is better known to Louie, the most daring of trapeze artists will bring in a huge crowd. When Jasper has a terrible accident Louie begs for a chance to show off her amazing tight-rope walking skills. But will anyone allow her to perform? Fans of *Frost Hollow Hall* will love this epic adventure about following your dreams and becoming a showstopper!



The Neverending Story

Author: Michael Ende **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/07/2014
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

The international bestselling fantasy adventure of a lonely boy's quest to save a magical land from evil. Puffin Fact! The first word in each chapter following the Prologue is in alphabetical order. Download more Puffin Facts here! _____ Dear readers, dreamers and adventurers, Ever wanted a friend who could take you to magical realms, talk to animals or help you survive a shipwreck? Well, you'll find them all in the PUFFIN BOOK collection. A PUFFIN BOOK will stay with you forever. Maybe you'll read it again and again, or perhaps years from now you'll suddenly remember the moment it made you laugh or cry or simply see things differently. Adventurers big and small, rebels out to change their world, even a mouse with a dream and a spider who can spell - these are the characters who make stories that last a lifetime. Whether you love animal tales, war stories or want to know what it was like growing up in a different time and place, the A PUFFIN BOOK collection has a story for you - you just need to decide where you want to go next... We want to know which is your favourite. Tell us or tweet a photo of your old beloved copy - and we might just send you a new A PUFFIN BOOK so you can pass the story on. Love - PUFFIN @puffinbooks #shareapuffinbook



Timmy Failure Mistakes Were Made

Author: Stephan Pastis **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/06/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Wimpy Kid fans will love this new boy-diary with a difference. Saddled with the name Timmy Failure, our narrator has clearly been dealt a tough hand. Luckily, he has a perky temperament and is not easily deflected from his ambitions. Timmy founds Total Failure Inc, the best detective agency in town. Or is it??? Young readers will enjoy spotting Timmy's rookie errors which are wittily conveyed in both the words and the engaging illustrations. In addition to our Lovereading expert opinion for Timmy Failure a small number of children were lucky enough to be invited to review this title. Here's a taster....'This is one of the best books I've read in a long time. It is really funny... Anyone who likes 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' or 'Mr Gum' will like this book, I think it is even better.'.... Scroll down to read more reviews... [CLICK HERE](#) to download a Schools Reading Guide for this book.

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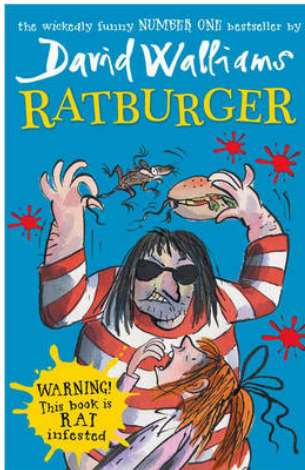
The Box of Delights



The Box of Delights

Author: John Masefield **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 10/03/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Highly entertaining, these are a pair of fast paced, classic fantasy adventure stories freshly illustrated by Quentin Blake. In The Midnight Folk, Kay Harker is sent to stay with his bad tempered guardian in a big house in the country. Here he has a series of night time adventures after he sets out to find the treasure missing or lost by his great grandfather. Out at night, he is introduced by Nibbins the cat to some unusual and entertaining creatures who are the Midnight Folk of the title. During the nights, the Midnight Folk are engaged in a series of skirmishes and set piece battles against the Seven Witches. The Box of Delights tells Kay, now older but still up for adventure, gets involved in an adventure to stop a service in a cathedral.



Ratburger

Author: David Walliams **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 13/02/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

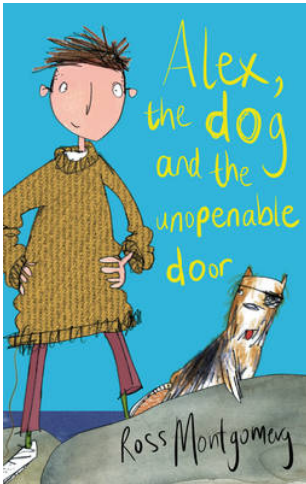
Winner of the National Book Tokens Children's Book of the Year 2012 Best-selling author David Williams has come up with another cracker of a story in Ratburger. Zoe is a lovely little girl with a terrible life; she is bullied at school and her stepmother treats her like a slave. And that's not all. Zoe has adopted Armitage, a pet rat. How can she keep Armitage safe when the dastardly Mr Burt, owner of Burt's Burgers, wants to put him into a rat burger....?



The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas

Author: David Almond **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/09/2013 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Longlisted for the Carnegie Medal 2014 - Shortlisted for the 2013 Guardian Children's Fiction Prize & Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Awards 2013 - Best Story Award-winning David Almond tells a deliciously funny and refreshingly original story of Stanley, a boy who takes off on a journey of enlightenment and discovery after his uncle, whom he lives with, goes distinctly barmy and turns his home upside down by turning it into a canning factory. Stanley's travels take him to joining a fairground family and taking on some new and surprising challenges which test his courage and resolve. Fast-paced, sometimes magical and always unexpected, this is a brilliant story with stunning illustrations by Oliver Jeffers.

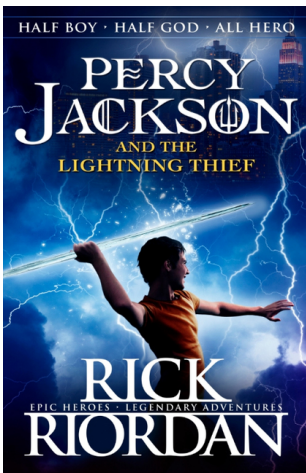


Alex, the Dog and the Unopenable Door

Author: Ross Montgomery **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/08/2013 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Shortlisted for The Branford Boase Award 2014 - One of our Books of the Year 2013 - Shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award 2013 - August 2013 Debut of the Month One boy and one dog embark on a seriously silly adventure to the very heart of the Forbidden Lands. For Alex, it's a welcome escape from Cloisters Boarding School for Boys where Matthew is the only other person as mad as he is - and he is the Headmaster! As the son of one of the world's most famous explorers Alex knows something about what he is doing but even so, having left the known world even he has no idea what is in store. He certainly never imagined anything quite as wild as what he finds! A laugh-out-loud story of impossibles and improbables!

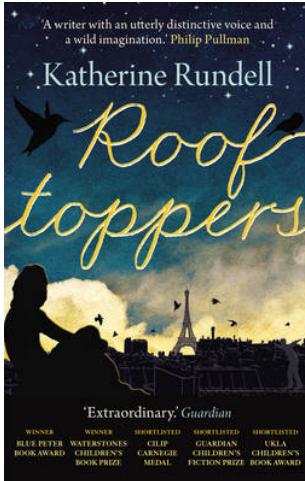
The Costa Book Awards honour some of the most outstanding books of the year written by authors based in the UK and Ireland. The full shortlist for the Children's Book Award is... Alex, the Dog and the Unopenable Door by Ross Montgomery. The Hanged Man Rises by Sarah Naughton Goth Girl: and the Ghost of a Mouse by Chris Riddell Rose Under Fire by Elizabeth Wein Keep up to date with the Costa Book Awards @CostaBookAwards



Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

Author: Rick Riordan **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/07/2013 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

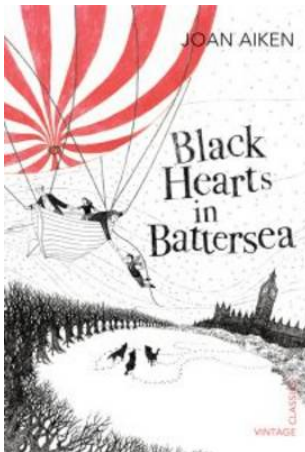
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief is the first bestselling book in Rick Riordan's phenomenally successful Percy Jackson series - now with a new cover look. Half boy. Half God. ALL Hero. This title tells the author story. Like Percy Jackson?...They'll love Fenn Halflin and Monster Hunter.



Rooftoppers

Author: Katherine Rundell **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/03/2013 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Overall Winner and Winner of Fiction for 5-12's category 2014 Waterstones Children's Book Prize Winner of the Blue Peter Book of the Year 2014 - Best Story Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal 2014 Abandoned as a baby, Sophie's determination to find her missing mother leads her to Paris where she meets Matteo, living off the local pigeons, washing in rainwater and travelling unseen across the great roofscape of Paris. With Matteo's help Sophie learns the tricks of rooftop living and also how to break into buildings and bamboozle officials – exactly the trick she needs to find her mother. An exciting, tender and original adventure. Shortlisted for the 2013 Guardian Children's Fiction Prize



Black Hearts in Battersea

Author: **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/09/2012 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Set in an imaginary England when King James 111 is on the throne and wolves still roam the country, this is a fabulous adventure full of imagination and surprise. Having travelled to London to become a painter, Simon finds things are not all as he had hoped. Staying with the Twites and attending the unusual Art Academy, Simon uncovers a plot to kill the king before being kidnapped and bundled off to sea. Luckily for him, Dido Twite has already stowed away on the very same ship. Dido is a match for most things which is just as well as one disaster after another follows. Will the ship mates survive it all intact?

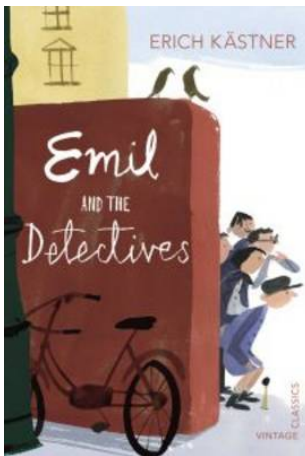


Private Peaceful

Author: Michael Morpurgo **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/05/2004 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Best Book of the Decade & One of our 'Must Reads'. It will seem odd when reading this book that the author enjoyed writing it the most of all the 90 or so he has written so far. That's because it's the one that most touched a nerve with him, that he was most passionate about and as a consequence he lost himself completely in it while writing. The story of a young farm boy who took on the nightmare of the trenches in the first world war is essential reading not just for a child starting out in life but for parents of any age. It's a brilliant story about childhood, about growing up too young, it's about loss and friendships and love and war. The author's anger at the appalling treatment of young men in the story is clear and the hope is

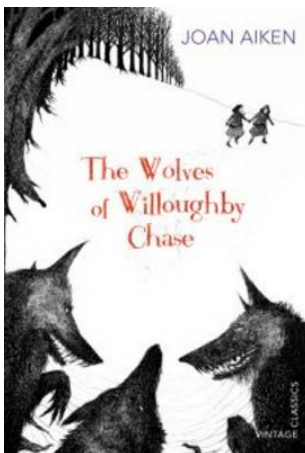
that the British government will realise their wrong-doing and pardon ALL those young men whose story this was written for.



Emil and the Detectives

Author: Erich Kastner **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/08/2012
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

A classic detective story told at a cracking pace, this features one of the first fictional child detectives. When Emil is robbed of his mother's hard earned savings from right out of his pocket as he is asleep on a train, he takes swift action. Emil has no confidence in the police and so recruits his own assistant, Gustav. The two boys round up a group of friends and catch the thief. Emil is handsomely rewarded and all ends happily. Emil is charming and clever, the ideal hero of this terrific adventure. This edition is part of the Vintage Children's Classics series which is aimed at and shaped by 8-12 year olds, and the adults in their lives. It is a broad, affordable selection of books that will inspire a life-long love of reading; these stories that have secured a place in the hearts of thousands. They are all unabridged. To view all the Vintage Children's Classics titles click [here](#). They are books to be given as gifts, and passed down the generations. In addition, story hungry children often don't want the adventure to end, so why not take a look at the fully interactive website - World of Stories - which contains lots of extra material - the backstory: with quizzes, activities and fascinating facts about the books and their authors.

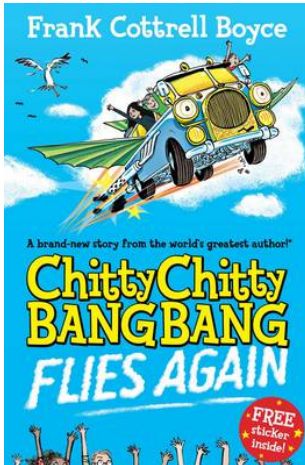


The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

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Year Groups: Key Stage 3

A wonderful adventure as two children flee from the yranry of their wicked guardian and bravely set out on the road to London. Miss Slighcarp is as chilling as her words sound and she is now in charge of Bonnie and Sylvia. How will they ever escape from her clutches? It would be hard in any circumstances but it is especially hard since the snow lies thick on the ground around Willoughby Chase and the wolves are snapping closer and closer. It's scary enough, but Bonnie and Sylvia are a determined pair and nothing, not even the wolves are going to stop them from getting back to London and Aunt Jane. Helped on their way by Simon and the flock of geese he is taking to market, Bonnie and Sylvia's journey is a thrilling adventure - and not for the faint hearted! This edition is part of the Vintage Children's Classics series which is aimed at and shaped by 8-12 year olds, and the adults in their lives. It is a broad, affordable selection of books that will inspire a life-long love of reading; these stories that have secured a place in the hearts of thousands. They are all unabridged. To view all the Vintage Children's Classics titles click [here](#). They are books to be given as gifts, and passed down the generations. In addition, story hungry children often

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Chitty Chitty Bang Bang 1: Flies Again

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/06/2012 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

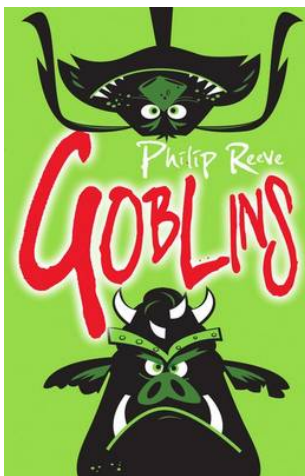
Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2012. Award winning Frank Cottrell Boyce breathes new life into the classic story of a flying car originally conceived by James Bond's creator, Ian Fleming. When Mr Tooting loses his job he embarks on an exciting new project to restore a broken down VW camper van so that the whole Tooting family can enjoy some thrilling new holidays. Adding a bit of this and bit of that and a racing car engine the van – with the family inside – are soon off on an unpredictable trip of a life time! Frank Cottrell Boyce: "The very first film I saw in the cinema was Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. I remember two things about the occasion – one was that we were taken to the pick 'n' mix in Woolies and actually allowed to choose our own sweets (I went for Cherry Lips). The other was the moment when Chitty drove off the edge of the cliff and the whole building rang with howls, first of fear and then frustration as the image froze and the word 'Intermission' blazed across the screen. I sat through the next ten minutes not even looking at the sweets I'd so carefully picked and mixed, just waiting for the film to start up again. It was the day I discovered that a story could be even better than Cherry Lips!" STOP PRESS: An audiobook download is now available from iTunes - click here. Actor David Tennant has been chosen by the family of Ian Fleming as the voice of fiction's most famous flying car, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. David has recorded the audiobook of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again, by Frank Cottrell Boyce, which is available to download in time for Christmas. Lucy Fleming, niece of Ian Fleming, says: 'We are thrilled that David agreed to read the audiobook. He is such a talented actor and his voice brings Frank Cottrell Boyce's story to life with a wry humour and great characterisation. Chitty could not have been in safer hands with him behind the wheel!'



The Sleeping Army

Author: Francesca Simon **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 20/10/2011 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Best-selling author Francesca Simon tells a witty adventure set in a world still ruled by the Norse gods. Freya has problems familiar to many: she is dealing with splitting her life between her parents as they squabble and bicker. One night, staying with her dad on his night shift as a security guard in the British Museum, Freya idly blows a horn which brings the Lewis Chessmen to life. Suddenly, Freya's everyday complications are blow away as she is swept off to Asgard, the home of the Viking gods, and into a dangerous and important mission. Second in the series is The Lost Gods. The Lovereading comment: One of the bestselling children's authors in the world, the creator of the Horrid Henry series, launches an exciting new novel for children aged 8+. All those legions of fans who have devoured Horrid Henry will find this one equally funny, irresistible and exciting. It's the story of a young girl, Freya who on a visit to the British Museum awakes some Norse chessmen from their slumber. Francesca Simon's hallmark humour shines through brilliantly in this test of Freya's strength and courage.



Goblins

Author: Philip Reeve **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 05/04/2012 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2012. Fans of Mortal Engines will devour Philip Reeves's richly detailed goblin extravaganza. The dank and dark towers and stairways of Clovenstone Keep are packed full of dirty, smelly, squabbling goblins. As a breed, they all love fighting; none more so than King Knobbler, their ferocious leader who takes a secret delight in soft pink pants. But one day Skarper hatches out of an eggstone. Skarper is different and his differences are bound to lead him into trouble. Sent to the Bumwipe Heaps to keep him out of mischief, Skarper looks beyond the decaying residue and begins to makes sense of the 'lettuce' and the 'worms'. Learning to read is a dangerous business and soon Scarper finds himself bratapulted off the battlements and falling headlong into an incredible adventure. It's worth keeping track of the cloud maidens, trolls, softlings and the rest as they all hurtle through the headlong action as this glorious adventure is full of hidden jokes and meanings.



Howl's Moving Castle

Author: Diana Wynne Jones **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/11/2008 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

In the land of Ingary, where seven league boots and cloaks of invisibility do exist, Sophie Hatter catches the unwelcome attention of the Witch of the Waste and is put under a spell. Deciding she has nothing more to lose, she makes her way to the moving castle that hovers on the hills above Market Chipping. But the castle belongs to the dreaded Wizard Howl whose appetite, they say, is satisfied only by the souls of young girls...There she meets Michael, Howl's apprentice, and Calcifer the Fire Demon, with whom she agrees a pact. But Sophie isn't the only one under a curse - her entanglements with Calcifer, Howl, and Michael, and her quest to break her curse is both gripping - and howlingly funny!



Tom's Midnight Garden

Author: Philippa Pearce **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/01/2008 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

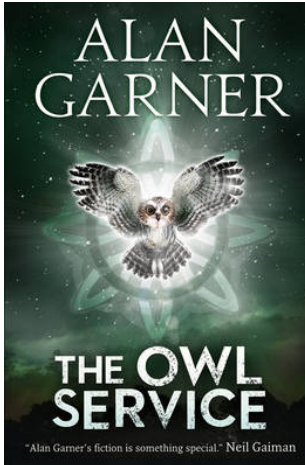
Carnegie winner in 1958. This is one of the most touching and magical children's books I've ever read and it's one that's stayed as fresh in my mind as if I'd just read it yesterday. Tom's imaginary garden is beautifully portrayed and the characters and situations within are richly satisfying and the poignancy of the moments are cherished. Children will love the story and it is as relevant now as it was some 20 years ago when it was first published. (9-12)To find out more about this book [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Carnegie Greenaway site



Shadow Forest

Author: Matt Haig **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/05/2007 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

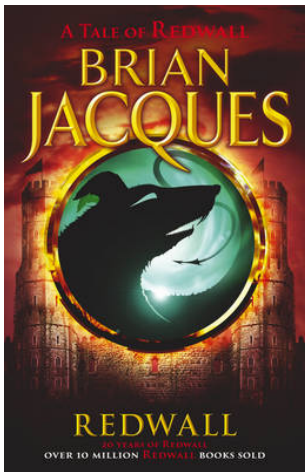
Be warned! Don't go for a walk in the shadow forest lest you might not return. Poor Samuel Blink must go into the dreaded woods to somehow find his sister and bring her back alive somehow. With fast-flowing action and encounters with fantastical creatures throughout, the author skilfully manages to maintain a strong sense of foreboding and suspense right up until the dramatic conclusion of this creepy tale. Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Award for 'the book I couldn't put down'. The winner will be announced on World Book Day at the beginning of March 2009. Other titles on the shortlist will be found in the prizewinners section. Winner of the 9-11 Nestle Gold Award 2007.



The Owl Service

Author: Alan Garner **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/04/2007
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

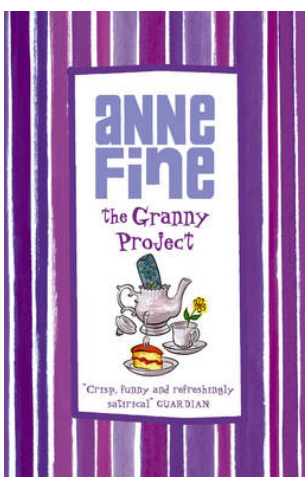
Chosen as a favourite by Philip Pullman: "[this book] showed how children's literature could sound dark and troubling chords." Carnegie Medal winner, 1967. An all-time classic, combining mystery, adventure, history and a complex set of human relationships. The author is wonderfully adept at interweaving mythical legend with the present day world and the haunting descriptions of time and place coupled with characters that hang long in your mind will have you glued to the pages until the end.



Redwall

Author: Brian Jacques **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/08/2006
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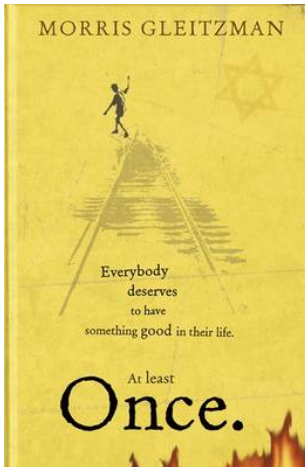
Redwall Abbey, tranquil home to a community of peace-loving mice is threatened by Cluny, the Scourge and his battle-hardened horde of predators. Cluny is certain that Redwall will fall easily to his fearsome army, but he hasn't bargained for the courage and strength of the combined forces of the Redwall mice and their loyal woodland friends.



The Granny Project

Author: Anne Fine **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/06/2006
Year Groups: Key Stage 2

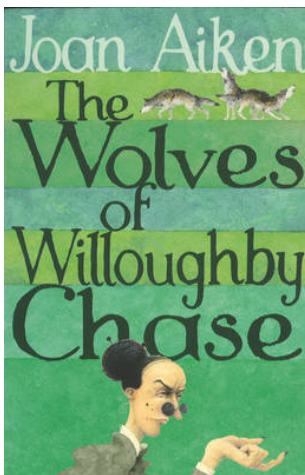
When Granny begins to need more looking after, Mum and Dad decide she'd be better off in a home. But Ivan, Tanya, Nicholas and Sophie have other ideas. Saving Granny soon becomes the topic for their school project as well as a useful way of persuading – or blackmailing – Mum and Dad into letting Granny stay at home. A funny and touching story which says much about optimistic and loving grandchildren are about their grandparent.



Once.

Author: Morris Gleitzman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 23/02/2006 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

A moving and convincing child-eye view of what happened to the children of Poland after the Germans invaded. Felix has been placed by his parents in an orphanage for safe-keeping but, when the Germans come and burn the books in the orphanage library, Felix knows he must set out to return to his parents who are booksellers and make sure they are safe. Felix's journey is dangerous and desperate but also full of courage and hope in a world where friendships and loyalty are the glue that hold things together. Gleitzman's second novel in this series, Then, is out in January 2009.



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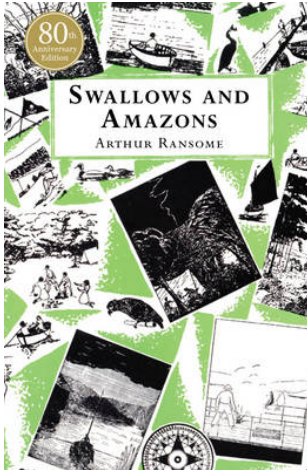
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Boy Overboard

Author: Morris Gleitzman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/08/2003 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

Selected by a distinguished independent panel of experts including our editorial expert, Julia Eccleshare, for Diverse Voices - 50 of the best Children's Books celebrating cultural diversity in the UK. Jamal and sister Bibi want to lead Australia to victory in the World Cup, but that entails a journey from their homeland, Afghanistan where their family has upset the authorities, and a lengthy voyage overseas.



Swallows and Amazons

Author: Arthur Ransome **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 05/04/2001 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

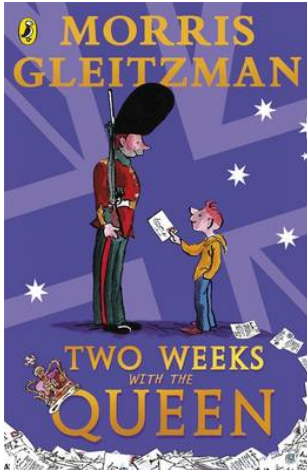
Matt Dickinson, our Guest Editor for January 2013 - 'As far as I can remember this was the book that turned me into a reading addict! I absolutely loved it, and to this day can remember the excitement of going to a bookshop in Hemel Hempstead High Street with my mother (aged about eleven) to find the next book in the series. The story is pure escapism—sailing on remote Lake District waters, lighting open fires, fishing for trout, skirmishes with 'pirate enemies' and campsites beneath the stars on tiny beaches. I never had a summer like that but I often think my love of the wilderness might have come (at least in part) from this skilfully told tale and the books that followed. Sadly, I never learned to sail a little boat. Or light a fire by rubbing sticks. But perhaps there's still time . . .' A favourite of Philip Pullman: "As clear and pure as Mozart."



The Little White Horse

Author: Elizabeth Goudge **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/07/2000 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

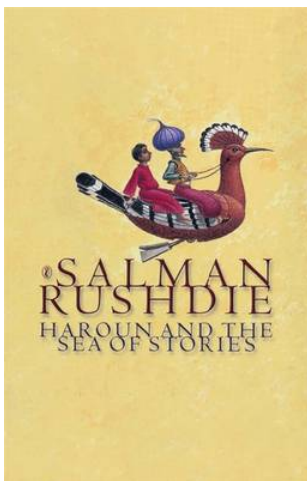
'I absolutely adored The Little White Horse' - J K Rowling. The Little White Horse by Elizabeth Goudge is a timeless classic, a novel that has been a favourite of many a child since it was first published back in 1947, the year in which it won the prestigious Carnegie Award. It is also much loved by J.K. Rowling. It is the story of Maria Merryweather, a plain (ginger!) orphan sent with her dyspeptic governess to live with her only surviving relative, Sir Benjamin, in the picturesque Moonacre valley. There she discovers a mystery and an ancient wrong that only she, her friend Robin, and their variously magical animal friends must put right in order to bring peace to the land. The Little White Horse is also available in a beautifully bound hardback slipcased edition, and in a movie tie-in edition as The Little White Horse (The Secret of Moonacre).



Two Weeks with the Queen

Author: Morris Gleitzman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/03/1999 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

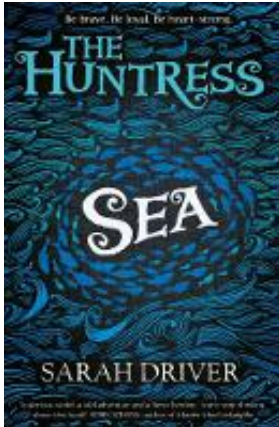
A favourite of August 2011 Guest Editor Julie Hearn. To writing a moving and funny book, especially for children, about as serious a subject as cancer is a remarkable achievement. *Two Weeks with the Queen* is a remarkable example of such a thing. Sent away from his home in Australia to stay with his aunt and uncle in London while his parents nurse his brother Luke through the final stages of cancer, Colin sets out on a mission. If only he can reach the Queen, he reasons, she'll be able to put him in touch with the best cancer doctor in the world and Luke will be made well. But nothing is so straightforward. Instead, Colin meets some remarkable people and, through them, he is able to share some of the universal grief of losing a person you love. Profoundly moving, deeply serious but also wickedly funny. Click here to see other Morris Gleitzman titles.



Haroun And The Sea Of Stories

Author: Salman Rushdie **Format:** Paperback (b Format) **Release Date:** 25/03/1993 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 2

An adventure novel about a son's attempt to rescue his father and return to him a special gift. The father is a professional storyteller. One day his wife leaves him to run off with a little clerk. The author also wrote "Grimus", "Midnight's Children", "Shame" and "The Satanic Verses".



Sea

Author: Sarah Driver **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 06/04/2017

The first book in a stunning new fantasy adventure trilogy, perfect for readers aged 9+ and fans of Philip Pullman, Piers Torday, Abi Elphinstone, Katherine Rundell and Frances Hardinge. In the sky, the fire spirits dance and ripple. Grandma says they showed our Tribe that I'd be a captain, before I was even born. Ever since Ma died, Mouse has looked after her little brother, Sparrow, dreaming of her destiny as captain of the Huntress. But now Da's missing, Sparrow is in danger, and a deathly cold is creeping across Trianukka . . . Sea-churning, beast-chattering, dream-dancing, whale-riding, terrodyl-flying, world-saving adventure. 'Moonsprites. Terrodyls. Beastchatter. The Huntress: Sea is a heart-thumpingly brilliant adventure. Paver meets Pullman. A real gem' - Abi Elphinstone, author of *The Dreamsnatcher* and *The Shadow Keeper* 'A glorious world, a wild adventure and a fierce heroine. I can't stop thinking about this book!' - Robin Stevens, author of *Murder Most Unladylike* If you like *Northern Lights*, *The Lie Tree*, *The Last Wild* and *Rooftoppers*, you'll love *Sea*. Don't miss the second book in The Huntress Trilogy, *Sky*. Sarah Driver is a graduate of the Bath Spa MA in Writing for Young People, during which she won the United Agents Most Promising Writer prize in 2014. She is also a qualified nurse and midwife. Sarah started writing stories as a small child and lists her influences as *Spellhorn* by Berlie Doherty, *A Necklace Of Raindrops* by Joan Aiken and the *Carbonel* books by Barbara Sleigh - those gorgeous, magical stories that create and nurture readers. When she's not writing, she can be found walking by the sea, visiting exhibitions, reading or travelling, often in the name of research. She has seen humpback whales from an oak boat in the northern seas of Iceland, eaten cubes of six-month fermented Greenland shark, and journeyed by train beyond the arctic circle to the far north of Swedish Lapland, where she rode a slightly obstinate horse through a forest, under the northern lights, in temperatures of -32 degrees. She has learned that even horrifying bouts of sea-sickness make excellent research material. *Sea* is Sarah's debut novel, the first in The Huntress trilogy. Sarah lives in Sussex, close to the sea, with Lily, a street-wise ginger cat and an excitable mini-lop bunny named Peter.



A Galaxy of Her Own Amazing Stories of Women in Space

Author: Libby Jackson **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 16/11/2017

From small steps to giant leaps, *A Galaxy of Her Own* tells fifty stories of inspirational women who have been fundamental to the story of humans in space, from scientists to astronauts to some surprising roles in between. From Ada Lovelace in the nineteenth century, to the women behind the Apollo missions, from the astronauts breaking records on the International Space Station to those blazing the way in the race to get to Mars, *A Galaxy of Her Own* reveals extraordinary stories, champions unsung heroes and celebrates remarkable achievements from around the world. Written by Libby Jackson, a leading UK expert in human space flight, and illustrated with bold and beautiful artwork from the students of London College of Communication, this is a book to delight and inspire trailblazers of all ages. Packed full of both amazing female role models and mind-blowing secrets of space travel, *A Galaxy of Her Own* is guaranteed to make any reader reach for the stars.
