

YPS Reading Group Collections

Author	Title	Summary	Age
Ainsworth, Eve	7 days	School should be a safe place for Jess, but now it's everything she dreads. Jess's life is difficult enough without Kez picking on her. Kez's life isn't any sweeter. She has plenty of problems too, but she finds comfort in knowing she is better off than Jess - or so she thinks... Told from the point of view of the bullied and the bully, this is a taut, powerful story of two girls locked in battle with each other and themselves, spiralling towards a shocking conclusion.	12+
Almond, David	Island	Louise has travelled with her father to the island of Lindisfarne every year ever since she can remember - it's the place Louise's mother loved best of all. The arrival of Hassan from war-torn Syria changes everything. Louise is restless and yearning for independence; meanwhile, the fiercely free and self-reliant Hassan seems to know the island from long ago as if it were his home from birth. Hassan is an acrobat, maybe a sorcerer, possibly a source of great danger. The wild boys who call the island their home want to cast him out. The forces of love, death and hope move Louise and Hassan together. Lindisfarne will change their lives forever.	11+
Almond, David	Skellig	When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . .	9+
Angus, Sam	Soldier Dog	Stanley's dad hasn't been the same since his wife died and his eldest son went off to fight in the war. Now Stanley's only friend is his dad's prizewinning greyhound, Rocket. Stanley runs away and enlists in the army to train as a messenger dog handler and is soon heading to France with a great Dane called Bones by his side.	9+
Ashworth, Sherry	Dream Travellers	When Sam and his friends discover they can visit each other in their dreams, they are delighted. But things soon turn nightmarish when an unwanted intruder joins them in their dream world.	11+
Baddiel, David	Boy who could do what he liked	Alfie has a routine. To be honest he has a lot of routines. But then one day Alfie's babysitter is unavailable, and Alfie's parents get Mrs Stokes instead. Mrs Stokes doesn't do routines. Instead, she just tells Alfie to do what he likes. And that's when things start to go weird. Does everything get hilariously out of control? Yes. Does Alfie learn a valuable lesson? Nah. This isn't that kind of story.....	8+
Baron, Adam	Boy underwater	Cymbeline Igloo (yes, really!) has NEVER been swimming. Not ever. Not once. But how hard can it be? He's googled front crawl, and he's found his dad's old pair of trunks. He's totally ready. What he's not ready for is the accident at the pool - or how it leads his mum to a sudden breakdown. Now, with the help of friends old and new, Cymbeline must solve the mystery of why his mum never took him near water, and it will turn his whole life upside down.	10+

Barrie, J. M.	Peter Pan	Desperate to hear bedtime stories, Peter Pan waits outside the nursery window of Wendy, John, and Michael Darling. When Peter asks Wendy to fly with him to Neverland, the Darling children are whisked away to a world of adventure - of daring fairies, wondrous mermaids, and The Lost Boys. But there is danger in Neverland too: the villainous Captain Hook is out for revenge and will stop at nothing to take it.	9+
Barrowman, John	Bone Quill	12-year-old twins Matt and Emily Calder are Animare: they can bring art to life and enter paintings at will. They must do everything in their power to prevent a breach in Hollow Earth: a supernatural place that holds all the demons, devils and creatures ever imagined. The Hollow Earth Society are getting closer to finding the key that will release the beasts: an ancient bone quill whose powers can only be used by a powerful Animare. The quill has been lost for centuries, but important clues to its whereabouts lie somewhere.	9+
Bates, Laura	Sisters of Sword and Shadow	Destined for an arranged marriage, Cass dreams of freedom. So when a beautiful leather-clad woman rides up and offers to take her away, Cass doesn't hesitate to join her. She is introduced to the Sisterhood of Silk Knights - a group of women training to fight, protect their community and right the wrongs of men. Drawn into a world of ancient feuds, glorious battles, and deadly intrigue, Cass soon discovers she holds a power that could change the destiny of her sisterhood.	14+
Bayron, Kalynn	Cinderella is dead	It's 200 years since Cinderella found her prince, but the fairytale is over. Sophia knows the story though, off by heart. Because every girl has to recite it daily, from when she's tiny until the night she's sent to the royal ball for choosing. And every girl knows that she has only one chance. For the lives of those not chosen by a man at the ball - are forfeit. But Sophia doesn't want to be chosen - she's in love with her best friend, Erin, and hates the idea of being traded like cattle. And when Sophia's night at the ball goes horribly wrong, she must run for her life. Alone and terrified, she finds herself hiding in Cinderella's tomb. And there she meets someone who will show her that she has the power to remake her world.	12+
Becker, Tom	While The Others Sleep	Alfie can't sleep. He's sent to a sanatorium to 'get better'. And it's a terrifying place. Especially at night...when everybody else is asleep. Alfie soon discovers that being awake is the most dangerous condition of all. You'll find out why. But don't expect to sleep afterwards.	11+
Bell, Cece	El Deafo	El Deafo is a funny, deeply honest graphic novel memoir for middle graders. It chronicles the author's hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with a powerful and very awkward hearing aid called the Phonic Ear. It gives her the ability to hear--sometimes things she shouldn't--but also isolates her from her classmates. She just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her, Phonic Ear and all. Finally, she can harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become El Deafo, Listener for All. And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.	7+
Bergin, Virginia	The Rain	One minute sixteen-year-old Ruby Morris is having her first proper snog with Caspar McCloud in a hot tub, and the next she's being bundled inside the house, dripping wet, cold and in her underwear. Not cool. As she and Caspar shiver in the kitchen, it starts to rain. They turn on the radio to hear panicked voices - 'It's in the rain.' That was two weeks ago, and now Ruby is totally alone. Even a drop of rain would infect your blood and eat you from the inside out. Ruby knows she must get to London to find her dad, but she just doesn't know where to start. After rescuing all the neighbourhood dogs, Ruby sets off on a journey that will take her the length of the country - surviving in the only way she knows how.	12+

Blackman, Malorie	Noughts and Crosses	Sephy is a Cross, a member of the ruling class. Callum is a Nought - a colourless member of the underclass. Against a background of prejudice, highlighted by violent terrorist activity, a romance blossoms between Sephy and Callum.	12+
Blyton, Enid	The Enchanted Wood	When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to the country, they find a wood nearby. In the wood stands the magic faraway tree where the Saucepan Man, Moon-Face, and Silky the Fairy live. Together they visit the wonderful lands which lie at the top of the tree.	7+
Boyne, John	Boy at the top of the mountain	When Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave his home in Paris for a new life with his Aunt Beatrix, a servant in a wealthy household at the top of the German mountains. But this is no ordinary time, for it is 1935 and the Second World War is fast approaching; and this is no ordinary house, for this is the Berghof, the home of Adolf Hitler. Quickly, Pierrot is taken under Hitler's wing and is thrown into an increasingly dangerous new world: a world of terror, secrets and betrayal, from which he may never be able to escape.	9+
Boyne, John	Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	When Bruno returns home from school one day, he discovers that his family must move from their home to a new house far away, where there is no one to play with. While exploring his new environment, he meets another boy whose circumstances are very different to his own, and their meeting results in devastating consequences.	12+
Boyne, John	Stay where you are & then leave	The day the First World War broke out, Alfie Summerfield's father promised he wouldn't go away to fight - but he broke that promise the following day. Four years later, Alfie doesn't know where his father might be, other than that he's away on a special, secret mission.	9+
Bradford, Chris	The way of the warrior (Young Samurai 1)	August 1611. Jack Fletcher is shipwrecked off the coast of Japan, and his beloved father and the crew lie slaughtered by ninja pirates. Rescued by the legendary sword master Masamoto Takeshi, Jack's only hope is to become a samurai warrior. But life at the samurai school is a constant fight for survival.	10+
Bradman, Tony	Merlin and the Ring of Power	Merlin's a wizard now and the Lady in the Lake has told him that he must use a ring of power to make himself stronger. Problem is, he has no idea what she means. Can he find out in time to stop the useless king starting a war?	9+
Breslin, Theresa	Divided City	A tale of two boys - one a Catholic, one a Protestant - whose attempt to help an outsider is set against the sectarian prejudices around them in Glasgow when the annual Orange Walks begin.	9+
Breslin, Theresa	Ghost soldier	When Rob and Millie's father goes missing in action while serving at the front during the First World War, the children desperately search the hospital trains returning to Edinburgh with the wounded. But there's no sign of him. While hiding their puppy in the nearby woods to stop him being sent to the front, Rob and Millie come across a building full of doctors treating soldiers with shellshock and other nervous disorders - but overhear a conversation that suggests this could be a mask for altogether more nefarious activity. What is really going on at the hospital? Who is the ghostly figure the children spy looking out of one of the top windows? And will their beloved father ever return to them alive?	9+
Breslin, Theresa	Gladiator	Cy can control his own dreams and has his own, personal Dream Master. Together they travel back to Pompeii - on the eve of the eruption of Vesuvius. The Dream Master faces a lion in the gladiatorial ring and Cy must rescue him - and drive a chariot to escape from the volcanic lava and dust.	10+

Breslin, Theresa	Remembrance	A group of friends are suddenly thrust into the harsh realities of war. From the horror of the trenches to those nursing the wounded and dying, they struggle to survive.	12+
Breslin, Theresa	Saskia's Journey	When Saskia Granton goes to stay with her great aunt Alessandra, she is troubled by a sense of familiarity and foreboding. She tries to uncover her family's hidden history with the tragedy it belies. Only then can she get on with her life and make her own place in the world.	10+
Breslin, Theresa	Spy for the Queen of Scots	As lady-in-waiting to Mary, Queen of Scots, the beautiful Ginette - known as Jenny - is the young queen's closest childhood friend. Growing up in the elegant but ruthless French court, surrounded by enemies and traitors - not least the jealous, manipulative Catherine de Medici, and Mary's own scheming half-brother, James - Jenny has always been fiercely loyal to her mistress. But when she overhears a mysterious whispered plot, closely followed by several unexplained deaths at court, she puts her own life in danger and turns spy for Mary. Jenny becomes embroiled in a dangerous web of secrets, betrayals and lies.	10+
Brooks, Kevin	Ultimate truth	When Travis Delaney's parents die in a car crash, Travis is devastated. In a bid to pull himself out of his grief, he starts to investigate the last case they were investigating at the private investigation agency they ran. What starts as a minor distraction soon becomes a sinister, unbelievable mystery and Travis is determined to solve it.	10+
Brown, Peter	Wild robot	When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. Why is she there? Where did she come from? And, most important, how will she survive in her harsh surroundings? Roz's only hope is to learn from the island's hostile animal inhabitants. When she tries to care for an orphaned gosling, the other animals finally decide to help, and the island starts to feel like home. Until one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.	9+
Brown, Peter	Wild robot escapes	A heart-warming, action-packed sequel to the Wild Robot. This is a book about what happens when technology and nature collide. Shipwrecked on a remote, wild island, Robot Roz learned from the unwelcoming animal inhabitants and adapted to her surroundings - but can she survive the challenges of the civilized world and find her way home to Brightbill and the island?	9+
Bryers, Paul	Avatar	Jade is the avatar. Snatched from her home she is imprisoned in the remote Castle of Demons and forced to become the reluctant heroine of a computer game. Entrapped in a world of virtual reality she engages in a deadly battle with killer rats and dogs, and the even more deadly humans that she encounters in her travels through cyberspace.	9+
Burnell, Cerrie	Harper and the sea of secrets	The Songs of the Sea festival is about to start, but disaster has struck! The royal musicians will be performing, but all their instruments have disappeared. Harper and her friends use her flying umbrella to come to the rescue, and that very night they start hearing beautiful music coming from Melody Bay. Will they have the courage to walk along the pitch-black smugglers' tunnels passing under the sea to find out who has stolen the instruments? A captivating adventure story all about friendship, creatures of the sea and magic.	8+
Cameron, Sophie	Last bus to Everland	Brody Fair has had enough of real life. Enough of the bullies on his block, of being second best to his genius brother, and of not fitting in at school or at home. Then one day he meets Nico. Colourful, confident and flamboyant, he promises to take Brody to Everland, a diverse magical place. A place where he can be himself, where there are no rules, time doesn't pass, and the party never ends. The only catch? It's a place so good, you could lose yourself and forget what's real.	12+

Cameron, Sophie	Out of the blue	A story of love and acceptance and finding your place in this world, as angels drop out of another. When angels start falling from the sky, it seems like the world is ending. But for Jaya the world ended when her mother died, two weeks before the first angel fell. Smashing down to earth at extraordinary speeds, wings bent, faces contorted, not a single angel has survived and, as the world goes angel crazy, Jaya's father uproots the family to Edinburgh, intent on catching one alive. But Jaya can't stand his obsession and struggling to make sense of her mother's sudden death and her own role on that fateful day, she's determined to stay out of it. Then something extraordinary happens: an angel lands right at Jaya's feet, and it's alive. Set against the backdrop of the frenzied Edinburgh festival, Out of the Blue tackle's questions of grief and guilt and fear over who we really are.	12+
Carroll, Emma	Letters from the lighthouse	We weren't supposed to be going to the pictures that night. We weren't even meant to be outside, not in a blackout, and not when German bombs had been falling on London all month like pennies from a jar. February 1941 - After months of bombing raids in London, 12-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company, and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees. Desperate to be helpful, Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages (as she likes to think of the letters) to the villagers. But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and she's desperate to discover what happened to her. And then she finds a strange, coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon, and to something dark and impossibly dangerous.	9+
Carroll, Emma	Secrets of a Sun King	It's November 1922. In a valley in Egypt the tomb of a long dead pharaoh is about to be discovered. The world watches and waits for news with bated breath. 13-year-old Lilian Kaye, who lives in a flat above a shop in London, is eagerly following the story. One morning the news takes a sinister turn: a man - a famous Egyptologist - disappears. All that remains of him are his feet. Then Lil's grandfather is taken suddenly ill, and when a mysterious package turns up for him from the Egyptologist, Lil starts to believe there is truth to the rumours of a pharaoh's curse.	9+
Carroll, Emma	When we were warriors	A body washed up on the beach. Evacuation to an old house with forbidden rooms and dark secrets. An animal rescue service . . . Set in World War Two the novel explores the resilience, resourcefulness, and inventiveness of children when their lives fall to pieces.	10+
Chanani, Nidhi	Pashmina	Priyanka Das has so many unanswered questions: Why did her mother abandon her home in India years ago? What was it like there? And most importantly, who is her father, and why did her mum leave him behind? But Pri's mom avoids these questions - the topic of India is permanently closed. Her mother's homeland can only exist in her imagination. That is, until she finds a mysterious pashmina tucked away in a forgotten suitcase. When she wraps herself in it, she is transported to a place more vivid and colourful than any guidebook or Bollywood film. But is this the real India? To learn the truth, Pri must travel farther than she's ever dared and find the family she never knew.	10+
Christopher, Lucy	Stolen	Told in a moving letter to her captor, 16-year-old Gemma relives her kidnapping from Bangkok airport while on holiday. Taken by Ty, her troubled young stalker, to the wild and desolate Australian Outback she reflects on a landscape from which there's no escape.	13+

Clough, Caroline	Black Tide	Toby's dad and little sister have been kidnapped by pirates, and Toby is left alone in the aftermath of the terrible Red Fever epidemic which has wiped out much of the world's population. Toby must journey across post-apocalyptic Scotland to find his family.	9+
Clough, Caroline	Red Fever	A terrible virus has wiped out much of the human population and Scotland is now a wasteland, overrun by wild dogs. Toby's little sister Sylvie is dangerously ill and his family set out in a boat along the Aberdeenshire coast in desperate search of medicine.	9+
Clough, Caroline	Silver Storm	A terrible virus has wiped out most of the human population and Scotland is now a wasteland. Toby and his family are being held hostage on the island of Orkney by a terrifying militia group called the Corporation. Toby knows he and his friend Tash must escape and find their way to Edinburgh if they are ever to bring about an end to the carnage that the red fever has caused. Arriving in Edinburgh, things are even worse than they feared: the city is deserted and overrun with wild animals. All they have is a name – but can they find the one person who could help them save not only their friends and family, but the whole world?	9+
Coelho, Joseph	Creeping Beauty	Eshe and her twelve sisters are Fairy Godmothers, honoured for the incredible gifts they can bestow. But Eshe's special abilities are a little different - she can glimpse into the future! And, one day, Eshe foresees something terrifying: a world blanketed in creeping vines and a girl covered in thorns. Eshe needs to stop her vision becoming true, but it will require old and powerful magic. And she won't be able to do it alone.	7+
Colfer, Eoin	Airman	Conor was born to fly. Or more accurately, he was born flying. Little wonder he became what he became. In an age of discovery and invention, many dreamed of flying, but for Conor flight was more than just a dream, it was his destiny.	10+
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl	At just twelve years old, Artemis Fowl is a criminal genius! No scheme is too dastardly, no plot too devious. And he's just discovered that fairies are real. Poor fairies. But these are not the cuddly creatures of bedtime stories. They are armed. They are dangerous. And when Artemis captures Captain Holly Short for her fairy gold, he messes with the wrong elf. Holly isn't armed but she's incredibly dangerous and annoyed with all the kidnappings. Artemis Fowl is about to find out that fairies fight back . . .	9+
Collins, Suzanne	Hunger Games	16-year-old Katniss Everdeen regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. But Katniss has been close to death before and survival, for her, is second nature.	12+
Cottrell Boyce, Frank	Cosmic: it's one giant leap for boy-kind	Super-sized Liam is the only 12-year-old to ever ride the G-force defying Cosmic rollercoaster - or be offered the chance to ride a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space.	9+
Cousins, Dave	15 Days without a Head	Meet Laurence, 15 years old and 6 feet tall. Very soon, he'll dress up as his mum and impersonate a dead man on the radio. Meet Jay, his 6-year-old brother. He looks like an angel but thinks he's a dog. He'll sink his teeth into anyone who gets in the way. Today is Tuesday and the next 15 days will change the boys' lives forever.	12+
Cowell, Cressida	How to train your dragon	Hiccup Haddock Horrendous III was a truly extraordinary Viking hero. The warrior chieftain and awesome sword fighter was known as 'the Dragon Whisperer', on account of his power over these terrifying beasts. But it wasn't always like that, and this is the story of his rise to fame, in his own words.	9+

Crossan, Sarah	Gone for Good	Connie Ryder is taken from her home in the dead of night and sent to Silver Lake Academy - a remote, high-security facility for 'troubled' teens. At Silver Lake, the vulnerable and the violent are locked in together under a brutal regime that aims to improve their behaviour. But when Connie learns she's been given the bed of a missing girl named Belle, she is drawn deep into a chilling web of secrets and lies.	14+
Dahl, Roald	Boy	Many remarkable things happened to Roald Dahl when he was a boy, providing some of the marvellous ideas for his books. Like his stories, his childhood tales are unmissable.	9+
Dahl, Roald	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Willy Wonka opens his gates of his amazing chocolate factory to five lucky children. Gobstoppers, wriggle sweets and a river of melted chocolate delight await - Charlie needs just one Golden Ticket and these delicious treats could all be his!	9+
Dahl, Roald	Danny the Champion of the World	Danny thinks the world of his father but imagine his surprise when he finds out he's been breaking the law! Even grown-ups bend the rules sometimes, but Danny knows his father is still good, kind and clever and full of exciting ideas.	7+
Dahl, Roald	The Enormous Crocodile	The Enormous Crocodile is a horrid greedy grumptious brute who loves to guzzle up little boys and girls. But the other animals have had enough of his cunning tricks, so they scheme to get the better of this foul fiend, once and for all!	7+
Dahl, Roald	Fantastic Mr Fox	Boggis is an enormously fat chicken farmer who only eats boiled chickens smothered in fat. Bunce is a duck-and-geese farmer whose dinner gives him a beastly temper. Bean is a turkey-and-apple farmer who only drinks gallons of strong cider. Mr Fox is so clever that every evening he creeps down into the valley and helps himself to food from their farms - and those GHASTLY farmers can't catch him! Now the farmers have hatched a plan to BANG-BANG-BANG shoot Mr Fox dead! But just when they think Mr Fox can't possibly escape, he makes a FANTASTIC plan of his own . . .	7+
Dahl, Roald	George's Marvellous Medicine	This is a funny story which tells the tale of George and his grandma. When he can't stand her bad habits any longer, he decides to cure her nastiness for good. He concocts a very special medicine which is as nasty as she is - with explosive results.	7+
Dahl, Roald	The Giraffe and the Pelly and me	MEET BILLY. A kid with a dream. He wants to turn an old wooden house into an incredible sweetshop full of treats! AND MEET THE LADDERLESS WINDOW-CLEANING COMPANY: Monkey, Pelican (Pelly) and Giraffe (who needs ladders when you've got a giraffe?!). They have just landed a big break cleaning all six hundred and seventy-seven windows of the mansion owned by the richest man in all of England! All they need now is a little help from Billy.	5+
Dahl, Roald	Going Solo	As a young man, Roald Dahl's adventures took him from London to East Africa, until the Second World War began, and he became an RAF pilot. In 'Going Solo', you'll read stories of whizzing through the air in a Tiger Moth plane, encounters with deadly green mambas and hungry lions, and the terrible crash that led him to storytelling.	12+
Dahl, Roald	James and the Giant Peach	This novel tells the story of James who has lived with his two beastly aunts ever since his parents were eaten up outside London Zoo. Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker are horrible people and make poor James's life a misery.	9+
Dahl, Roald	Matilda	Matilda is a brilliant child with a magical mind. But her parents have decided she's just a nuisance who wastes too much time on reading and stories. And her headmistress Miss Trunchbull is a terrible bully, who thinks children are rotten and awful and should be locked up. Now it's time for Matilda to find the power to change her story, and show them just how extraordinary children can be . . .	9+

Dahl, Roald	Twits	Mr Twit is a foul and smelly man with bits of cornflake and sardine in his beard. Mrs Twit is a horrible old hag with a glass eye. Together they make the nastiest couple you could ever hope not to meet. Down in their garden, the Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey and his family locked in a cage. But not for much longer, because the monkeys are planning to trick the terrible Twits, once and for all . . .	7+
David, Keren	Disconnect	Could you disconnect from your phone for six weeks? An eccentric entrepreneur has challenged Esther's year group to do just that, and the winners will walk away with GBP1,000. For Esther, whose dad, sister and baby nephew live thousands of miles away in New York, the prize might be her only chance to afford flights for a visit ... But can she really stay disconnected for long enough to win?	12+
Dawson, Juno	Say her name	Drip...drip...drip...In five days, she will come...Roberta 'Bobbie' Rowe is not the kind of person who believes in ghosts. A Halloween dare at her ridiculously spooky boarding school is no big deal, especially when her best friend Naya and cute local boy Caine agree to join in too. They are ordered to summon the legendary ghost of Bloody Mary: say her name five times in front of a candlelit mirror, and she shall appear...But, surprise, surprise nothing happens. Or does it? Next morning, Bobbie finds a message on her bathroom mirror - five days - but what does it mean? And who left it there? Things get increasingly weird and more terrifying for Bobbie and Naya, until it becomes all too clear that Bloody Mary was indeed called from the afterlife that night, and she is definitely not a friendly ghost. Bobbie, Naya and Caine are now in a race against time before their five days are up and Mary comes for them, as she has come for countless others before.....	12+
Dawson, Juno	Spot the difference	Avery has always suffered at the hands of bullies, so when she's given a seemingly miraculous opportunity to join the 'A-list' she grabs at it with both hands. But appearances can be deceiving, and soon Avery's not so sure she likes this new version of herself. And it's only by overcoming her fears that she can learn the true meaning of being comfortable in your own skin.	12+
Dickens, Charles	A Christmas Carol	Ebenezer Scrooge hates Christmas - it's all humbug to him. But one Christmas Eve he is visited by the ghost of Jacob Marley, and then by three more spirits - the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come. Will the things they show Scrooge be enough to make him change his miserly ways and learn the true meaning of Christmas?	9+
Dicmas, Courtney	Harold finds a voice	Harold is an amazing mimic and can imitate the sound of everything in his home. Tired of repeating the same old noises, he yearns to find out what other voices there are in the big, wide world. But what happens when he suddenly realises that he doesn't yet have a voice of his own?	3+
Doherty, Berlie	Far from Home	A companion novel to bestselling story of orphan Jim Jarvis set in Victorian England. When Jim is separated from his sisters, Lizzie and Emily, he thinks he will never see them again. Now for the first time, Berlie Doherty reveals what happened to his orphaned sisters.	9+
Donaldson, Julia	The Gruffalo	This is a rhyming story of a mouse and a monster. Little mouse goes for a walk in a dangerous forest. To scare off his enemies he invents tales of a fantastical creature called the Gruffalo. Imagine his surprise when he meets the real Gruffalo!	3+

Donaldson, Julia	The Gruffalo's Child	One dark night the Gruffalo's child disobeys her father's warnings and ventures out into the snow. After all, the Big Bad Mouse doesn't really exist . . . does he?	3+
Dowd, Siobhan	Bog Child	Digging for peat in the mountain with his Uncle Tally, Fergus finds the body of a child, and it looks like she's been murdered. As Fergus tries to make sense of the mad world around him, a little voice comes to him in his dreams, and the mystery of the bog child unfurls.	12+
Earle, Phil	When the sky falls, or A is for Adonis	It's 1941, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast. But when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast. Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it?	9+
Earle Phil	While the storm rages	September 1939. Britain is on the brink of war. As Noah Price's dad marches off to fight, he asks his son to honour one vital promise: that he will keep their dog, Winn, safe. No matter what. Noah agrees, but his best intentions are crushed when the government advises people to have their pets put to sleep as part of the war preparations. Children are heartbroken, queues outside vets' surgeries stretch for miles. But Noah is a resourceful and impetuous child. He won't just do what he is told. Far from it. With his two friends in tow, he makes a pledge. To go on the run, and save as many animals as he can, whatever the cost. So begins the most thrilling of adventures, involving a stolen ark, a motley crew of animals and a crashed Spitfire. Can Noah possibly save the animals, and lead them all to the promised land?	9+
Edge, Christopher	The Escape Room	When 12-year-old Ami arrives at The Escape, she thinks it's just a game - the ultimate escape room with puzzles and challenges to beat before time runs out. Meeting her teammates, Adjoa, Ibrahim, Oscar and Min, Ami learns from the Host that they have been chosen to save the world and they must work together to find the Answer. But as he locks them inside the first room, they quickly realise this is no ordinary game. From a cavernous library of dust to an ancient Mayan tomb, a deserted shopping mall stalked by extinct animals to the command module of a spaceship heading to Mars, the perils of The Escape seem endless. Can Ami and her friends find the Answer before it's too late?	9+
Edge, Christopher	The Jamie Drake Equation	Jamie's dad is an astronaut. This is a good thing because how cool is that? And a bad thing because he's going to be orbiting the Earth for several months and Jamie already misses him badly.	9+
Farrant, Natasha	The Children of Castle Rock	When Alice's family home has to be sold, she and her father Barney will do whatever it takes to buy it back - even if whatever it takes isn't strictly legal. And when Alice is expelled and sent away to an isolated boarding-school, she'll do whatever it takes again to get away. But Stormy Loch Academy isn't quite what she expected. With its strange rules and eccentric headmaster and rag-tag mix of students and teachers, it has a way of growing on you. Still, when Barney goes missing, she knows she must rescue him. Armed with two new friends, she sets off on a quest through the wild Scottish Highlands and islands to finally get her heart's desire - but does she know anymore exactly what that is?	9+
Fidler, Kathleen	The Desperate Journey	The Murrays are forced to move to the slums of Glasgow - the first step in a journey that takes them across the seas to Canada, and to the Red River. All the events described by the author happened to the Red River colonists.	9+

Fletcher, Tom	Space Band	George, Neila and Bash are the worst band on Earth. George wants them to be brilliant - but Neila has stage fright, and Bash is too distracted by his obsession with stars, aliens and faraway planets. But what they lack in talent and confidence, they make up for in heart. They're determined to blow their friends away at their school Battle of the Bands contest. But the moment they start to play - they're beamed up into space!!! Now the kids face an even bigger challenge: Battle of the Bands, but the intergalactic version. They're competing against alien bands from every galaxy! And if they don't win, they might never make it home again. Can the worst band on Earth become the best band in the universe?	7+
Forde, Catherine	Fat boy swim	Fat Jimmy is bullied for his size and inability to perform at sport. But he has inner strengths. One is his secret gift for cooking and the other he discovers when he learns to swim. He is not just a good swimmer, he is phenomenal!	10+
Frank, Anne	Diary of a Young Girl	A timeless story rediscovered by each new generation, continues to bring to life the experiences of Anne Frank, who for a time survived the worst horror the modern world had seen.	12+
Funke, Cornelia	The Thief Lord	Two orphaned children are on the run, hiding among the crumbling canals and misty alleyways of Venice. They are soon befriended by a gang of street children and their mysterious leader, the Thief Lord. The greatest threat to their freedom is a beautiful magical treasure with the power to spin time itself.	9+
Gaiman, Neil	The Graveyard Book	When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety in the local graveyard? Brought up by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres, Bod has an eccentric childhood learning about life from the dead. But for Bod there is also the danger of the murderer still looking for him.	12+
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Gibbons, Alan	They saw too much	Two teenagers witness a murder - and now they're the next targets. An action-packed, edge-of-your-seat YA thriller – gripping and gritty. Sixteen-year-old John has moved away from the tough inner-city neighbourhood he grew up in and started afresh. Ceri James is the guarded girl from the children's home who has captivated his attention. But when their lives are thrown together, it's not in the way John had hoped. They witness a man die. Now, they must run for their lives in a deadly, heart-stopping chase that leads them in dark and ever more dangerous directions. So why does John refuse to call the police? As secrets are revealed and loyalties doubted, John and Ceri's world hinges on one question - when it's a matter of life or death, who can you really trust?	12+

Gold, Hannah	The Last Bear	There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life. This moving story will win the hearts of children the world over and show them that no one is too young or insignificant to make a difference. 'The Last Bear' is a celebration of the love between a child and an animal, a battle cry for our world and an irresistible adventure with a heart as big as a bear's.	8+
Goodfellow, Matt	The final year	Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side - they've been inseparable since Nursery. But when they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital. His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough?	7+
Gray, Kes	Daisy and the trouble with Jack	Daisy can't believe it! Mrs Peters is making her sit next to Jack Beechwhistle - the worst boy in the school, and possibly the whole world! Jack is so mad! Mrs Peters is making him sit next to Daisy Butters - she's such an annoying blabber! As the school day goes on, Daisy and Jack think of more and more ways to get one up on each other. Then they both have a brilliant idea!	7+
Green, John Patrick	InvestiGators	With their Very Exciting Spy Technology and their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel techniques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case! And on their first mission together, they have not one but two mysteries to solve! Can Mango and Brash uncover the clues, crack their cases, and corral the crooks - or will the criminals wriggle out of their grasp?	7+
Green, John Patrick	InvestiGators: Take the Plunge	Mango and Brash are the InvestiGators: sewer-loving agents of S.U.I.T. and scourge of supervillains everywhere! In their next big adventure, S.U.I.T. headquarters is under attack, and Mango and Brash are going undercover and underground disguised as city sewer workers to unclog a sticky situation. But when their search for the criminal Crackerdile backfires, the toilets they travel through get blocked and the InvestiGators take the blame for it! Can Mango and Brash restore their good name and put the real culprit behind bars before the whole city is in deep water?	7+
Guron, Ravena	This book kills	When Hugh Henry Van Boren, one of the most popular and richest kids in Jess Choudhary's school, is found dead, the student body is left reeling and wondering who the murderer could be. Jess, a student under strict instructions to keep her record clean or risk losing her scholarship, finds herself at the centre of the investigation when it's revealed that Hugh died in the exact same way as a character in a short story she wrote. And then Jess receives an anonymous text thanking her for the inspiration. With time running out, Jess knows if she doesn't solve this mystery, she'll finally have something in common with Hugh Henry. She'll be dead too.	13+

Haig, Matt	A boy called Christmas	You are about to read the true story of Father Christmas. It is a story that proves that nothing is impossible. If you are one of those people who believe that some things are impossible, you should put this book down right away. It is most certainly not for you. Because this book is full of impossible things. Are you still reading? Good. Then let us begin. A tale of adventure, snow, kidnapping, elves, more snow, and an 11-year-old boy called Nikolas, who isn't afraid to believe in magic.	7+
Haig, Matt	Echo Boy	Audrey's father taught her that to stay human in the modern world, she had to build a moat around herself, a moat of books and music, philosophy and dreams. A moat that makes Audrey different from the echoes: sophisticated, emotionless machines, built to resemble humans and to work for human masters. Daniel is an echo – but he's not like the others. He feels a connection with Audrey; a feeling Daniel knows he was never designed to have and cannot explain. And when Audrey is placed in terrible danger, he's determined to save her. ECHO BOY is a powerful story about love, loss and what makes us truly human.	12+
Hawking, Lucy & Stephen	George's secret key to the Universe	George's pet pig breaks through the fence into the garden next door - introducing him to his new neighbours: the scientist, Eric, his daughter, Annie, and a super-intelligent computer called Cosmos. And from that moment George's life will never be the same again, for Cosmos can open a portal to any point in outer space . . .	9+
Henderson, Barbara	Fir for luck	When 12-year-old Janet's village is under threat– she decides to take action. It's a split-second decision that could cost her everything: her home, her family – even her life. Can Janet save her village from being wiped out? Or will her family and friends be forced from their homes to face an uncertain future? Based on real life events, Fir for Luck is a tale of the brutal Highland Clearances, when landowners cared more about sheep than people.	11+
Henderson, Barbara	The Reluctant Rebel: a Jacobite adventure	Scotland, April 1746. Having witnessed their clan's rout at Culloden, Archie and his feisty cousin Meg flee back to Lochaber to lie low. Or so they think. The fugitive Prince's life depends on them. Based on the well documented Jacobite uprising, this action-packed adventure follows 13-year-old Archie MacDonald as he finds himself called upon to aid Charles Edward Stuart in his quest for safety. An interesting take on historical events, it is a tale of bravery, loss and community, as well as the inner turmoil surrounding the conflict.	9+
Henderson, Barbara	The Siege of Caerlaverock	12-year-old Ada is a laundress of little consequence, but the new castle commander Brian de Berclay has his evil eye on her. Perhaps she shouldn't have secretly fed the young prisoner in the tower. But when the King of England crosses the border with an army of over 3000 strong, Ada, her friend Godfrey and all at Caerlaverock suddenly find themselves under attack, with only 60 men for protection. Soon, rocks and flaming arrows rain from the sky over Castle Caerlaverock - and Ada has a dangerous choice to make.	9+
Hendry, Frances M	Quest for a Kelpie	It is 1745, and young Jeannie Main is a tough fisher lass in Nairn in north-east Scotland. She lives a simple, quiet life until a gypsy warns her of a greater fate than she ever dreamed: that she, a poor working girl, would decide the fate of two kings. As Jeannie tries to come to terms with her destiny, she is plunged into adventure and danger which could determine the future of her country. One final test remains: risking her life by riding the Kelpie, the most feared monster in all of Scotland. This is a fast-moving, thrilling story set at one of the crucial moments in Scotland's history.	9+

Ho-Yen, Polly	The day no one woke up	Something strange is happening in Ana's city. She's the only one awake. Confused and curious, Ana sets off to explore, bumping into the one other person who's been able to rouse themselves - her ex-best friend, Tio. On a mission to discover what's happening, Ana and Tio journey through the city looking for clues, their friendship mending with every step. When a mysterious creature suddenly materialises in front of them, Ana realises they've found the answer they've been looking for. But one question still remains: Why them?	9+
Hoyle, Tom	Thirteen	Born at midnight in London, on the stroke of the new millennium, Adam is the target of a cult that believes boys born on this date must die before the end of their thirteenth year. Twelve boys have been killed so far. Coron, the crazy cult leader, will stop at nothing to bring in his new kingdom. And now he is planning a bombing spectacular across London to celebrate the sacrifice of his final victim: Adam.	12+
Hughes, Ted	Iron Man	Part modern fairy tale, part science fiction myth, The Iron Man describes the unexpected arrival in England of a mysterious giant "metal man" who wreaks havoc on the countryside by attacking the neighbouring farms and eating all their machinery. A young boy called Hogarth befriends him and Hogarth and the extraordinary being end up defending and saving the earth when it is attacked by a fearsome "space-bat-angel-dragon" from outer space. This illustrated children's classic, has a message of peace and hope.	7+
Humphries, Alastair	The girl who rowed the ocean	Lucy hatches a plan to row across the Atlantic Ocean. She imagines being visited by whales and wandering seabirds, enjoying shooting stars and moon bows out on the open waves. Her family rallies round to help her prepare for the journey, loading her boat Izzy with enough supplies for 3000 miles of rowing. While her classmates at school follow Lucy's adventure from afar, learning about the oceans, plastic pollution, and wildlife, out at sea Lucy must face the challenges of storms, seasickness, and sore bottoms all alone whilst discovering she is capable of more than she ever imagined.	9+
Hutchison, Barry	The 13th Horseman	13-year-old Drake is quite surprised to find the Horsemen of the Apocalypse hanging out in his garden shed. He's even more surprised when they ask him to join them. At first, he is reluctant to join them and help usher in the Armageddon, but it soon becomes clear that to save his life Drake will have to become death.	11+
Ibbotson, Eva	Journey to the river sea	It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences.	9+
Irving, Ellie	Billie Templar's War	Billie Templar desperately wants her dad to come home. He's a soldier and has been away for seven weeks, fighting for 'Queen and country' - but how can the two of them possibly defend their four-year record of winning the three-legged race at the school carnival if he's thousands of miles away?	9+

Irving, Ellie	The Matilda effect	Matilda loves science and inventing and one day she wants to be a famous inventor. So, when she doesn't win the school science fair, she's devastated - especially as the judges didn't believe she'd come up with her entry on her own. Because she's a girl. When Matilda shares her woes with her Grandma Joss, she's astonished to learn her grandma was once a scientist herself - an astrophysicist, who discovered her very own planet. Trouble is, Grandma Joss was also overlooked - her boss, Professor Smocks, stole her discovery for himself. And he's about to be presented with a Nobel Prize. Matilda concocts a plan. They'll crash the award ceremony and tell everyone the truth! So begins a race against time - and against Matilda's strict mum and dad! - on a journey through Paris, Hamburg and Stockholm, and on which they encounter a famous film star, a circus, and a wanted diamond thief.	9+
Jackson, Holly	A good girl's guide to murder	The case is closed. Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. But having grown up in the same small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Amobi isn't so sure. When she chooses the case as the topic for her final project, she starts to uncover secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden. And if the real killer is still out there, how far will they go to keep Pip from the truth?	12+
James, Greg	The kid who fell through time	History has always seemed pretty boring to Angus. Who cares about things that happened thousands of years ago? Totally pointless! That's what Angus thinks until the day he accidentally falls into a shopping trolley and ends up travelling through time with Marge, the lady who runs the cheese counter at the local supermarket, and who is also FROM THE FUTURE. And so begins the most epic adventure of his life - exploring a market in Roman Britain, hanging out with Shakespeare, making new friends in Ancient Egypt. Oh, and trying to escape the Evil Emperor Kragg from the 99th Century who is determined to destroy the planet. Can Angus and his new friends make it out of the past unscathed and, more importantly, is camel cheese really as bad as you imagine?	9+
Johnson, Mitch	Kick	Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. 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.	9+
Kerr, Judith	When Hitler stole pink rabbit	Suppose your country began to change. Suppose that without your noticing, it became dangerous for some people to live in it any longer, and you found, to your surprise, that your own father was one of those people. This is what happened to Anna in 1933. Anna is too busy with her schoolwork and tobogganing to listen to the talk of Hitler. But one day she and her brother Max are rushed out of Germany in alarming secrecy, away from everything they know. Their father is wanted by the Nazis. This is the start of a huge adventure, sometimes frightening, very often funny and always exciting.	9+
Kerven, Rosalind	Grim Gruesome Viking Villain: The Cursed Sword	Discover the terrifying secret of the mysterious curse carved in runes on his sword! Get a rich taste of the Viking Age with its pirates and treasure quests! This is historical fiction as you've never seen it before: full of mystery and adventure, immensely readable and brought vividly to life by an expert storyteller. Readers say they can't put it down!	9+

Kessler, Liz	North of Nowhere	The sleepy seaside village of Porthaven hides a mystery. Mia's grandad has vanished, and nobody knows why. When Mia and her mum go to support her grandma, Mia makes friends with local girl, Dee. But why does Dee seem so out of reach? Why does she claim to be facing violent storms when Mia sees only sunny skies? And can Mia solve the mystery and find her grandad before time and tide forever wash away his future? A night of storms. A lifetime of secrets. A week to find the truth.	9+
King, Clive	Stig of the dump	Barney is a solitary little boy, given to wandering off by himself. One day he is lying on the edge of a disused chalkpit when it gives way, and he lands in a sort of cave. Here he meets 'somebody with a lot of shaggy hair and two bright black eyes' wearing a rabbit skin and speaking in grunts. He names him Stig.	9+
King-Smith, Dick	The Hodgeheg	Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is dangerous, but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs?	7+
King-Smith, Dick	Invisible Dog	A little girl who desperately wants a dog introduces an imaginary Great Dane called Henry into her home. Her wish comes true when she is allowed a real Henry. Was neighbour Mrs Garrow, with her cackling laugh and black cat, responsible for her wish coming true?	7+
King-Smith, Dick	The Sheep-Pig	Why can't I learn to be a Sheep-Pig? When Babe, the little orphaned piglet, is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget, he is adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheepdog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.	7+
Kipling, Rudyard	The Jungle Book	From the moment a little naked cub wanders into the lair of Father Wolf and Mother Wolf to the moment when the master of the jungle returns to his own people, Mowgli's adventures comprise a fable of human life.	7+
Kuipers, Alice	Life on the refrigerator door	Life on the Refrigerator Door is told exclusively through notes exchanged by Claire and her mother, Elizabeth, during the course of a life-altering year. Their story builds to an emotional crescendo when Elizabeth is diagnosed with breast cancer. Stunningly sad but ultimately uplifting, this is a clever, moving, and original portrait of the relationship between a daughter and mother.	12+
Laird, Elizabeth	The Garbage King	This is the powerful and unforgettable story of children who live on the very edge of destitution. Dani and Mamo, and the gang of street boys that they join, have nothing and share everything. Their courage, loyalty and determination enable them to survive in the harshest of worlds.	10+
Landy, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant	Stephanie's uncle Gordon 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.	9+
Lane, Andrew	Death Cloud	The year is 1868, & Sherlock Holmes is 14. His life is that of a perfectly ordinary army officer's son: boarding school, good manners, a classical education. But all that is about to change. With his father suddenly posted to India, & his mother 'unwell', Sherlock is sent to stay with his eccentric uncle & aunt in their vast house in Hampshire.	10+

Larwood, Kieran	Legend of Podkin One-Ear	Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. But for now, he's quite happy to laze around annoying his older sister Paz and playing with his baby brother Pook. Then Podkin's home is brutally attacked, and the young rabbits are forced to flee. The terrifying Gorm are on the rampage, and no one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny, and attempt to defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbitkind has ever known... 'Best reaction from a class in 26 years teaching'	9+
Leonard, M G	Beetle Boy	Darkus's dad has disappeared, but his new friend, a giant beetle called Baxter, is some consolation. Together, boy and beetle set out to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. But Lucretia Cutter, a fashion designer with a penchant for beetle jewellery, is dead set against their success.	9+
Leonard, M G & Sedgman, Sam	The Highland Falcon Thief	Harrison Beck and his Uncle Nat are enjoying the final journey of the Highland Falcon, Britain's most famous steam train. But when a precious jewel goes missing, Harrison and his new friend Lenny find themselves at the centre of the investigation. Can they solve the mystery and catch the culprit before they reach the end of the line? Hear whispers in the dining car, find notes in the library and unknown passengers among the luggage, as you help Harrison solve the mystery aboard one of the world's grandest trains.	9+
Leslie, Deborah	Flumphaderries, Flanagans and the real Book of Bennachie	When Kirsty first sets eyes on Bennachie, there's something about the tall blue mountain that makes her feel uneasy. Her fears are soon justified when she becomes involved in a battle between the Flumphaderries and the Flanagans - embarking on an amazing adventure which is truly out of this world.	10+
Leslie, Deborah	The Time-Tailor and the Fyvie castle witch trials	Aberdeenshire's Fyvie Castle is steeped in history, myth and mystery. But every castle has its secrets...come inside and share in a tale of time-travel, witchcraft, ghosts and action-packed adventure. Join Duncan Hatter as he teams up with the Time-Tailor and his trusty crew to embark on a journey of magical mayhem.	10+
Lewis, C.S.	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	The next story of four adventurous siblings - Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie. They 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. It is a stand-alone read.	8+
Lewis, Gill	Sky Hawk	Callum and Iona take an oath to guard the secret hidden in the forest above the dark waters of the loch. This promise is the beginning of an eternal friendship that will change more than one life.	9+
Lingard, Joan	The Eleventh Orphan	Mr and Mrs Bigsby of the Pig and Whistle, Stoke Newington already look after ten children. When Constable O'Dowd brings her an 11th orphan he found on the streets, Ma Bigsby is reluctant to take her. But there's something about Elfie, it's the first day of a new century and Ma loves a mystery.	9+

Littleson, Lindsay	Euro Spies	Samia, Ava and Frankie are thrilled to win a whirlwind trip of European capital cities. But when the Euro Metro rumbles through the night to their first destination and shots are fired, it becomes crystal clear that this is no ordinary school trip. Their enigmatic chaperone, Miss Watson, is forced to admit that the children are being used as cover for a spying mission. Her colleague in M16 has vanished—presumed dead—and has left behind a trail of cryptic clues leading to vital information. On their arrival in Paris, Samia, Ava and Frankie are catapulted into a world of art, espionage and terrible danger. Can the children solve the fiendish clues hidden on famous European landmarks and avoid the scary strangers who are stalking their every move?	9+
Littleson, Lindsay	Guardians of the wild unicorns	Lewis is cold, wet and miserable on his school residential trip in the Highlands of Scotland. The last thing he expects to see is a mythical creature galloping across the bleak moorland. Unicorns aren't real...are they? Lewis and his best friend Rhona find themselves caught up in a dangerous adventure to save the world's last herd of wild unicorns. Fighting against dark forces, battling the wild landscape, and harnessing ancient magic, can they rescue the legendary creatures in time?	9+
Littleson, Lindsay	A pattern of secrets	Victorian novel - Paisley 1876. 12-year-old Jim has escaped from the Poor House and now he must save his little brother from the same fate. His only hope lies in a mysterious family heirloom - a Paisley patterned shawl that has five guineas sewn into its hem - the price of a new life for Jim's family. Now he must find the shawl and steal it back from the big house where the girl with the red hair lives. Two different worlds collide in this gripping Victorian mystery as Jim and Jessie unravel the past and its pattern of secrets.	9+
Littleson, Lindsay	Secrets of the Last Merfolk	When Finn and Sage realise that local legends of merfolk are true, they are caught up in a dangerous battle against an ancient underwater enemy as the magical sea-people fight to protect their secret.	9+
Littleson, Lindsay	Titanic detective agency	Unlock the secrets of the unsinkable ship...Bertha Watt, tree-climber and would-be polar explorer, is excited to be on RMS Titanic's maiden voyage, as she leaves Aberdeen behind for the glamour of a new life in America. But Bertha quickly realises that some passengers are behaving strangely, and she determines to unravel their secrets. With new friend, Madge, Bertha sets up her own detective agency to try and solve the mysteries onboard, but they have no idea that disaster is looming for Titanic. Can they help Johan find the hidden treasure and unmask the identity of the enigmatic Mr Hoffman before time runs out on the 'unsinkable' ship?	9+
McCaughrean, Geraldine	Not the end of the world	Everyone knows the story of the Flood, the men God chose to survive, the animals that went in two by two. But what about the others that sailed on the Ark, the women, and children? This adventure story asks what it was really like when the heavens opened, and the world drowned.	12+
McCombie, Karen	Little bird lands	Little Bird has landed in America, far from her home in Scotland and far from the danger that stalked her family. But the new world holds new perils, and soon she's on the run again. From the teeming streets of New York to the prairies of the west, Little Bird holds tight to secrets and dreams of freedom. Then, on her journey, she comes face-to-face with an unwelcome ghost from the past.	9+

McFall, Claire	Ferryman	When teenager Dylan pulls herself free from a train wreck and emerges onto an almost deserted Scottish hillside, she believes she is the only survivor. Seeing the figure of a boy on the bank she enlists his help. But Tristan is no ordinary passer-by, and Dylan soon learns that instead of being the only survivor of the wreck, she is in fact the only fatality. And Tristan is no normal teenage boy - he is her ferryman tasked with guiding her through the wasteland to her afterlife.	12+
MacKenzie, Ross	The Elsewhere Emporium	The Nowhere Emporium has been stolen. The shop from nowhere has vanished without a trace. Will it ever reappear? As they search for the lost Emporium, Daniel and Ellie encounter magical bookshops, deserted islands, and an array of magicians (both dead and alive). Meanwhile a dangerous force is attacking the Emporium from the inside, waiting for a chance to break free. In this sequel to The Nowhere Emporium, we will once again be transported into a magical realm where imagination is power, and anything is possible.	9+
MacKenzie, Ross	The Nowhere Emporium	When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breath-taking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms - rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined. But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble. Can Daniel save his home, and his new friends, before the Nowhere Emporium is destroyed forever?	8+
McNicoll, Elle	A kind of spark	'A Kind of Spark' tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?	9+
MacPhail, Catherine	Another Me	Fay can't help thinking it is odd when people begin remarking on conversations, she knows she hasn't had or saying they have seen her when she has been somewhere else. But then she starts hearing muffled footsteps behind her and seeing the flash of fair hair just like hers. Is she imagining things?	11+
MacPhail, Catherine	Granny Nothing	When Granny Nothing arrives on the McAllister's' doorstep, it's a big shock for Stephanie and Ewen - they didn't even know she existed! Now Granny Nothing is making up for lost time, sorting out the vicious rottweilers from next door, the sadistic Nanny Sue and even dealing with Ewen's problems with the school bully.	8+
MacPhail, Catherine	Mosi's War	Patrick is happy living with his mum. Then Patrick meets Mosi, a quiet, polite boy who, along with his parents, is waiting for his asylum application to be processed. He discovers Mosi is terrified of someone. But who is it? Patrick and Mosi strike up an unlikely friendship. In trying to help each other, they will face situations that are both terrifying and dangerous. And Patrick will find out that there is much, much more to Mosi than at first appears.	12+
MacPhail, Catherine	Out of the Depths	Tyler Lawless has an unusual and sometimes scary gift. She is able to see dead people. And sometimes they speak to her, asking for her help. When Tyler is sent to a new school because her so called 'storytelling' about seeing dead teachers gets her into too much trouble, she is hoping to make a fresh start.	12+

MacPhail, Catherine	Stars shall be bright	James, William and Belle are left all alone when their mother passes away. With their father fighting on the Front in the Great War, there's no one to look after them except the mean neighbour lady. But James hatches a plan to take his siblings away and find someone who might know where their father is. All they need is to get a train to the city - but can the children ever hope to reunite with their father?	10+
MacPhail, Catherine	Wheels	James was paralysed in a car accident that killed the teenage driver. He can't believe his eyes when he sees the driver walking down the street. Despite his wheelchair, James plays detective and discovers that the real culprit pinned the blame on his dead passenger by fleeing the scene.	9+
MacPhail, Catherine & David	White Feather	The war is won but for Tony there is little to celebrate. His brother never returned from no man's land and has died not as a hero but executed as a coward. Refusing to believe that his brother was a traitor, a grief-stricken Tony is pushed to the edge in his dark quest to uncover the horrifying truth. A thrilling narrative of intertwining perspectives, particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers.	9+
Magorian, Michelle	Goodnight, Mister Tom	Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London . . .	10+
Marshall, James Vance	Walkabout	Mary and her brother, survivors of an air crash in the Australian desert, face death from exhaustion and starvation. They meet an Aboriginal boy who helps them survive but the inevitable clash of cultures leads to a tragic misunderstanding.	9+
Mann, Manjeet	The Crossing	Natalie's world has turned upside down. She's lost her mum, and her brother is descending further and further into anger and violence with a far-right gang who march the streets of Dover. Sammy has fled his home and family in Eritrea for the chance of a new life in Europe. Every step he takes is a step into the unknown - into a strange country and a hidden future. A twist of fate brings these two teens from opposite sides of the channel together, but will their journey end in hope or despair?	12+
Meres, Jonathan	Welcome to the world of Norm	Norm knew it was going to be one of those days when he woke up with a half-Polish Cockapoo on his head. But that's OK. Because at least there's biking with his best friend Mikey to look forward to. Or at least there was until Norm discovers he has to stay in and wait for some stupid parcel to arrive. Just as well he hasn't got two irritating little brothers and the world's most annoying next-door neighbour. Oh, wait a minute. He has. Welcome to the world of Norm?	8+
Miller, Ben	Diary of a Christmas elf	All Tog wants to do is work in Santa's workshop and one wonderful day, the letter from Santa arrives: Tog has been selected as an apprentice elf! Making toys is a lot more technical and a lot less fun than Tog had imagined, and even though his new friend Holly tries to help him, he's quickly relegated to cleaning out the reindeer stables. But someone has been stealing the presents from the workshop and a case of mistaken identity finds Tog accused of being the culprit! Can Tog use his special Christmas magic to discover the real thief and save all the presents before Christmas Eve is over?	7+

Montgomery, Ross	The Midnight Guardians	Sometimes at the darkest hour, hope shines the brightest. When Col's childhood imaginary friends come to life, he discovers a world where myths and legends are real. Accompanied by his guardians - a six-foot tiger, a badger in a waistcoat and a miniature knight - Col must race to Blitz-bombed London to save his sister. But there are darker forces at work, even than the Nazi bombings. Soon Col is pursued by the terrifying Midwinter King, who is determined to bring an eternal darkness down over everything.	9+
Morgan, Nicola	Deathwatch	Someone is watching Cat McPherson. Is it a young schizophrenic, a retired scientist, or Cat's ex-boyfriend? Or it could be someone else entirely. An obsession with insects seems to link them all. And Cat hates insects. She's easy prey, especially as she has given away so much on an internet site which her parents have forbidden her to use.	12+
Morgan, Nicola	The Highwayman's Curse	On the run from the redcoats, the two young highwaymen, Will and Bess, find themselves in Galloway, Scotland, blamed for a murder they did not commit. Here they are captured by smugglers and become embroiled in a story of hatred and revenge that goes back for generations, to the days of the Killing Times.	11+
Morpurgo, Michael	The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips	This is a heart-warming tale of courage and warmth, set against the backdrop of World War II, about a cat who survives against the odds. Previous novels by Morpurgo include 'The Butterfly Lion', 'Farm Boy', and 'The Dancing Bear'.	9+
Morpurgo, Michael	Born to run	For Best Mate, being rescued from drowning as a young puppy is only the start of his adventures. From unwanted burden to favourite companion, and from pet to champion race dog, this remarkable greyhound proves that it's not just cats who have more than one life.	7+
Morpurgo, Michael	Butterfly Lion	This is a moving story of a young boy who rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African bush. Inseparable until Bertie has to go to boarding school and the lion is sold to a circus; the boy swears that one day they will see one another again.	9+
Morpurgo, Michael	Kaspar, Prince of Cats	Johnny didn't expect to end up with Kaspar, the Savoy cat, on his hands forever, and nor did he count on making friends with Lizziebeth, a spirited American heiress. Pretty soon, events are set in motion that will take Johnny - and Kaspar - all around the world, surviving theft, shipwreck and rooftop rescues along the way.	9+
Morpurgo, Michael	Kensuke's Kingdom	Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. He can't find food; he can't find water. In the end, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone.	9+
Morpurgo, Michael	Little Manfred	When the Bismarck sinks, one of the only German survivors is taken on board a British ship as a prisoner of war. Sent to live with a host family, Walter must adapt to a new way of life. He finds a friend in 10-year-old Grace. When he goes back to Germany, Walter leaves Grace a carved wooden dog to remember him by.	7+
Morpurgo, Michael	Mr Nobody's eyes	Nothing has been the same for Harry since his mother remarried. With the new baby at home and only trouble at school, life is unbearable. When Ocky the chimp escapes from the circus, Harry decides to join his only friend in the world and together they run away.	9+
Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful	Told in the voice of a young soldier, the story follows 24 hours in his life on the frontline during World War I and captures his memories as he looks back over his life. Full of detail and engrossing atmosphere, the book leads to a dramatic and moving conclusion.	10+

Morpurgo, Michael	Running Wild	When 10-year-old Will's father dies in the Iraq war, his mother surprises him with a trip to Indonesia. But little could she have known what awaited them both there. This is an epic and heart-rending jungle adventure from the bestselling author of 'Kaspar' and 'Born to Run'.	9+
Morpurgo, Michael	This morning I met a whale	At sunrise, young Michael spots a whale on the shores of the Thames and thinks he must be dreaming. But the creature is real and it has a message for him - one that only an open-minded child can deliver to the rest of the world.	7+
Morpurgo, Michael	War Horse	War Horse is the story of Joey, a thoroughbred horse, and how he is forced into the thick of the harrowing, poorly led battles of the First World War.	10+
Morpurgo, Michael	Why the Whales came	Rushy Bay was forbidden territory to Gracie and Daniel. And not just because of the currents; the Birdman lived there. Gracie brings the curse of Samson Island on her own family. It is only the Birdman who can avert the tragedy.	9+
Murray, Alison	Princess Penelope and the Runaway Kitten	Princess Penelope's naughty little kitten is all tangled up in wool and has scampered off! Little readers will love helping her track the trail of pretty pink glitter left by her kitten as it runs though the palace and grounds, encountering lots of other animal's friends along the way.	3+
Ness, Patrick	A Monster Calls	The monster showed up just after midnight. But it isn't the monster Conor's been expecting. He's been expecting the one from his nightmare, the one he's had nearly every night since his mother started her treatments. The monster in his back garden, though, this monster is something different. Something ancient, something wild.	12+
Nicholls, Sally	Ways to live forever	Sam has leukaemia, and he is determined to make every minute count. What he wants are answers to the questions nobody will answer - and his research into the mystery of dying proves both humorous and uplifting.	11+
Nimmo, Jenny	Midnight for Charlie Bone	Looking at a picture of a couple with a baby and a cat, Charlie Bone suddenly discovers that he can hear their voices. Although he tries to hide his new gift, his great aunts find out and send him to Bloor's Academy.	9+
Norton, Mary	The Borrowers	Pod, Homily and Arrietty are a family of tiny people who live beneath the floor, behind the grandfather clock in the old rectory. They own nothing, everything they have is borrowed from the 'human beans' who don't even know they exist.	9+
Oseman, Alice	Heartstopper - Volume 1	Charlie and Nick are at the same school, but they've never met - until one day when they're made to sit together. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance. But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is more interested in Charlie than either of them realised.	13+
Palacio, R J	Wonder	'Wonder' is the funny, sweet and incredibly moving story of Auggie Pullman. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, this shy, bright ten-year-old has been home-schooled by his parents for his whole life, to protect him from the stares and cruelty of the outside world.	11+
Palmer, Tom	Angel of Grasmere	July 1940 - as Tarn struggles to come to terms with the loss of her beloved brother in the chaos of the British retreat at Dunkirk, she and her friends scour the hills around their Lake District home, watching for any signs of the long-dreaded Nazi invasion. But as the war drags on, with little good news from the front, the locals become aware of someone carrying out anonymous acts of kindness, such as saving a flock of sheep from a snowdrift and getting help for an injured farmer who might otherwise have died. With no one claiming credit, they come to think of this unidentified stranger as a kind of guardian angel, but when his identity is finally revealed can Tarn come to terms with the truth?	9+

Palmer, Tom	Armistice Runner	Running is what Lily is good at and fell-running is what she loves. But what Lily doesn't realise is that this talent was inherited from someone very important - her great-great-grandfather Ernest, an unsung hero of the First World War. When Lily's gran passes on to her Ernest's diaries, Lily learns of his experiences in the trenches, and their stories intertwine.	9+
Palmer, Tom	D-Day dog	Jack can't wait for the school trip to the D-Day landing beaches. It's his chance to learn more about the war heroes he has always admired - brave men like his dad, who is a reserve soldier. But when his dad is called up to action and things at home spiral out of control, everything Jack believes about war is thrown into question. Finding comfort only in the presence of his loyal dog, Finn, Jack is drawn to the heart-wrenching true story of one particular D-Day paratrooper. On 6 June 1944, Emile Corteil parachuted into France with his dog, Glen - and Jack is determined to discover their fate.	9+
Palmer, Tom	Resist	What can one girl do to fight back against the Nazis? Multi-award-winning author Tom Palmer shines a light on life under wartime occupation, in a beautifully told story inspired by the childhood of Hollywood legend Audrey Hepburn.	9+
Park, Linda Sue	A long walk to water	This story is told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours' walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way.	9+
Patterson, James	How I Survived Bullies, Broccoli and Snake Hill (Middle School)	Rafe Khatchadorian is ready for a fun summer at camp – until he finds out it's a summer school camp! Luckily, Rafe easily makes friends with his troublemaking cabin mates and bunkmate, a boy nicknamed Booger Eater, who puts up with endless teasing from the other kids.	9+
Patterson, James	Maximum Ride	Max Ride and her five friends grew up in a science lab/prison called the school. They were created as an experiment, one where they ended up only 98 per cent human. The other 2 per cent is bird. When the children manage to escape, the scientists must make sure that no one finds out about them.	12+
Pennypacker, Sara Brown, Jeff	The great Egyptian grave robbery (Flat Stanley series)	Ever since Stanley was flattened by a bulletin board, there are places he can get to that no one else can, so when Stanley receives a letter from an archaeologist, he travels by airmail to Egypt to help find an ancient treasure deep in the heart of a great pyramid. But what if even the flattest boy on earth can't wriggle out of this dark tomb - and the terrible mess he finds himself in?	5+
Perera, Anna	Guantanamo boy	Khalid, a 15-year-old Muslim boy from Rochdale, is abducted from Pakistan while on holiday with his family. He is taken to Guantanamo Bay and held without charge, where his hopes and dreams are crushed under the cruellest of circumstances.	12+
Peretti, Paola	The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree	Mafalda is a nine-year-old girl who knows one thing: sometime in the next six months her sight will fail completely. Can Mafalda find a way through a seemingly dark future and still go to school, play football and look after her beloved cat? With the help of her family, and her friends, Mafalda needs to discover the things that will be important to her when her sight has failed.	11+

Philip, Gillian	Crossing the Line	Nick Geddes's life is a mess. His sister's boyfriend was killed in a school stabbing. His grandmother is descending into a world of her own, his mother has a 'god-slot' on local radio, and his father is drinking way too much. But that is nothing, because he is also crazy in love with Orla, the sister of the boy who has been killed.	12+
Pitcher, Annabel	Ketchup Clouds	15-year-old Zoe has a secret - a dark and terrible secret that she can't confess to anyone she knows. But then one day she hears of a criminal, Stuart Harris, locked up on death row in Texas. Like Zoe, Stuart is no stranger to secrets. Or lies. Or murder. Zoe tells her story in the only way she can: in letters to the man in prison in America.	12+
Plaja, Luisa	Diary of a Mall Girl	15-year-old Molly actually lives in the residential wing of her local mall, and mysterious twins Jewel and Jasper have just moved into the flat upstairs. As Molly grows closer to them, she becomes more determined than ever to find out their secret - and so do her other friends. Will their prying spoil Molly's chances of happiness?	11+
Pullman, Philip	Firework maker's daughter	What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is . . . a Firework-Maker! But firework-making is not just about being able to make Crackle-Dragons and Golden Sneezes. There is also one special secret: every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend! Not knowing that she needs special protection to survive the Fire-Fiend's flames, Lila sets off alone. Her friends, Chulak and Hamlet - the King's white elephant - race after her. But can they possibly reach her in time?	9+
Pullman, Philip	Northern Lights	When Lyra's friend Roger disappears, she and her daemon, Pantalaimon, determine to find him. The ensuing quest leads them into the bleak splendour of the North, where armoured bears rule the ice and witch-queens fly through the frozen skies.	10+
Ramsey, Morag	Alex Mclean: time traveller (Edinburgh 1314)	Alex is hooked on climbing. Is it his dream of scaling the famous Edinburgh castle rock that gets him chosen by a strange future civilisation to go back in time to 1314? This is when a band of desperate Scots scaled the rock and massacred the sleeping Sassenach soldiers: Alex is with them!	9+
Rauf, Onjali Q	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 nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help. That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .	8+
Rauf, Onjali Q	The Night Bus Hero	Told from the perspective of a bully, this book explores themes of homelessness, while celebrating kindness, friendship and the potential everyone has to change for the good. Inspired by Onjali's own childhood experiences of growing up in London and seeing the impact of homelessness on those around her, 'The Night Bus Hero' follows an unlikely friendship between our narrator and Thomas - who lives in the park. Can they get to the bottom of some unusual thefts taking place across the city, and discover what it takes to be a real hero?	9+
Riordan, Rick	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief	The gods of Olympus are alive in the 21st century. They still fall in love with mortals and have children who might become great heroes, but most of these children meet horrible fates at the hands of monsters. Such is the revelation that launches Percy Jackson on a quest to help his father, Poseidon, avert a war among the gods.	9+

Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at number four, Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.	8+
Rowling, J.K.	The Ickabog	The kingdom of Cornucopia was once the happiest in the world. It had plenty of gold, a king with the finest moustaches you could possibly imagine, and butchers, bakers and cheesemongers whose exquisite foods made a person dance with delight when they ate them. Everything was perfect - except for the misty Marshlands to the north which, according to legend, were home to the monstrous Ickabog. Anyone sensible knew that the Ickabog was just a myth, to scare children into behaving. But the funny thing about myths is that sometimes they take on a life of their own. Could a myth unseat a beloved king? Could a myth bring a once happy country to its knees? Could a myth thrust two children into an adventure they didn't ask for and never expected?	9+
Rundell, Katherine	The Explorer	From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him. As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small. Except, it seems, someone has been there before them.	9+
Rundell, Katherine	Impossible Creatures	Feodora and her mother live in the snowbound woods of Russia, in a house full of food and fireplaces. Ten minutes away, in a ruined chapel, lives a pack of wolves. Feodora's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training. A wolf wilder is the opposite of an animal tamer: it is a person who teaches tamed animals to fend for themselves, and to fight and to run, and to be wary of humans. When the murderous hostility of the Russian Army threatens her very existence, Feo is left with no option but to go on the run.	9+
Rundell, Katherine	Rooftoppers	Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. True, there were no other recorded female survivors from the shipwreck which left baby Sophie floating in the English Channel in a cello case, but Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help. Her guardian tells her it is almost impossible that her mother is still alive, but that means still possible. You should never ignore a possibility. So when the Welfare Agency writes to her guardian threatening to send Sophie to an orphanage, she takes matters into her own hands and flees to Paris to look for her mother, starting with the only clue she has - the address of the cello maker.	9+
Rundell, Katherine	The Wolf Wilder	Feodora and her mother live in the snowbound woods of Russia, in a house full of food and fireplaces. Ten minutes away, in a ruined chapel, lives a pack of wolves. Feodora's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training. A wolf wilder is a person who teaches tamed animals to fend for themselves, and to fight and to run, and to be wary of humans. When the Russian Army threatens her very existence, Feo is left with no option but to go on the run.	9+

Russell, Natalie	Lost for Words	Tapir and his friends all have nice new notebooks, just waiting to be filled. Giraffe decides to write a poem, Hippo writes a story, and Flamingo composes a beautiful song. But poor Tapir can't think of anything to write--and the harder he tries the more upset he becomes! But everything starts to change when Tapir stops trying to write and begins to draw...	3+
Rutter, Helen	The boy who made everyone laugh	Billy is an eleven-year-old boy with a big dream. He wants to be a stand-up comedian when he grows up: delivering pinpoint punchlines and having audiences hang on his every hilarious word. A tough career for anyone, but surely impossible for Billy, who has a stammer. How will he find his voice, if his voice won't let him speak?	9+
Sachar, Louis	Holes	Stanley Yelnats is a teenager who has been told all his life that the men in the Yelnats family are cursed. When he is punished for a crime, he didn't commit and ends up in a juvenile correctional facility, Stanley has no trouble believing this.	11+
Sachar, Louis	Small steps	Armpit finds all his small steps becoming much bigger than he had anticipated. When he gets mixed up with his old friend X-ray in a ticket scam, things look set to unravel. But this is only the beginning of Armpit's troubles.	11+
Sachar, Louis	There's a boy in the girls' bathroom	Bradley Chalkers is a bad lot! He lies, he gets into fights, no one wants to be his friend and he is all alone. Until, that is, he meets the delightful new school counsellor, Carla, and she persuades Bradley that he can change.	9+
Shepherd, Andy	The boy who grew dragons	When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches! The tree is a dragon fruit tree, and Tomas has got his very own dragon, Flicker. Tomas soon finds out that life with Flicker is great fun, but also very unpredictable. Yes, dragons are wonderful, but they also set fire to your toothbrush and leave your pants hanging from the TV aerial. Tomas has to learn how to look after Flicker - and quickly. And then something extraordinary happens - more dragon fruits appear on the tree. Tomas is officially growing dragons.	7+
Silvera, Adam	They both die at the end	On September 5th, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: they're going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: there's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure - to live a lifetime in a single day.	13+
Simon, Francesca	Horrid Henry	Four Horrid Henry stories in one book: Horrid Henry's perfect day; Horrid Henry's dance class; Horrid Henry and Moody Margaret; Horrid Henry's holiday.	7+
Simon, Francesca	Horrid Henry rocks	'Horrid Henry Rocks' contains four stories about Horrid Henry and his infamous escapades.	7+
Skuse, C.J.	Monster	At sixteen Nash thought that the fight to become Head Girl of prestigious boarding school Bathory would be the biggest battle she'd face. Until her brother's disappearance leads to Nash being trapped at the school over Christmas with Bathory's assorted misfits. As a blizzard rages outside, strange things are afoot in the school's hallways, and legends of the mysterious Beast of Bathory - a big cat rumoured to roam the moors outside the school - run wild. Yet when the girls' Matron goes missing it's clear that something altogether darker is to blame - and that they'll have to stick together if they hope to survive.	12+

Slater, Kim	Smart: A mysterious crime, a different detective	I found Jean's friend dead in the river. His name was Colin Kirk. He was a homeless man, but he still wanted to live.' There's been a murder, but the police don't care. It was only a homeless old man after all. Kieran cares. He's made a promise, and when you say something out loud, that means you're going to do it, for real. He's going to find out what really happened. To Colin. And to his grandma, who just stopped coming round one day. It's a good job Kieran's a master of observation and knows all the detective tricks of the trade. But being a detective is difficult when you're Kieran Woods - when you're amazing at drawing but terrible at fitting in, and when there are dangerous secrets everywhere, not just outside, but under your own roof.	11+
Smith, Grainne	Moving on in 20th century Scotland	The moose' and it - Her Tales, Set in Macduff (Scots Language text, includes Teacher's Information Leaflet)	9+
Snicket, Lemony	The Bad Beginning (A Series of Unfortunate Events Book 1)	The Baudelaire children, Violet, Klaus and baby Sunny, are exceedingly unlucky. Their parents have been killed, and they are forced to go and stay with their Uncle Olaf. It soon turns out that Olaf has evil plans for the children.	9+
Stocks, Michael	Victorian ghosts' stories	Six spine-tingling stories have been dug up and dusted down for today's readers.	9+
Strachan, Linda	Don't judge me	We all make snap judgements, about our friends, people we meet and other people's motives. But what if we're wrong? What if life depends on getting it right?	11+
Stevens, Robin	Murder most unladylike	When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own deadly secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. But then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She thinks it must all have been a terrible accident - but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now the girls know a murder must have taken place - and there's more than one person at Deepdean with a motive.	9+
Strong, Jeremy	The hundred-mile-an-hour dog	Streaker is no ordinary dog. She's a rocket on four legs with a woof attached, and Trevor has got until the end of the holidays to train her. If he fails, he'll lose his bet with horrible Charlie Smugg, and something very nasty will happen.	7+
Sutcliffe, William	The Wall	Joshua is 13. He lives in Amarias, an isolated town on top of a hill. At the edge of Amarias is a high wall, guarded by soldiers, which can only be crossed through a heavily fortified checkpoint. Joshua has been taught that beyond the concrete is a brutal and unforgiving enemy, and that The Wall is the only thing keeping him and his people safe. One day, looking for a lost football, Joshua stumbles across a tunnel which leads towards this forbidden territory.	11+
Taylor, Sean	Robot rumpus	When Mum and Dad go out for the evening, they think they've left their daughter in safe hands with robots designed to get her to bed! There's Cook-bot to make great spaghetti for dinner, Clean-bot to do the washing-up, Wash-bot for bath time and even. Book-bot for a bedtime story. What could possibly go wrong?	3+
Telgemeier, Raina	The Cartoonists Club	Welcome to the club! Makayla is bursting with ideas but doesn't know how to make them into a story. Howard loves to draw, but he struggles to come up with ideas, and his dad thinks comics are a waste of time. Lynda constantly draws in her sketchbook but keeps focusing on what she feels are mistakes, and Art simply loves being creative and is excited to try something new. They come together to form The Cartoonists Club, where kids can learn about making comics and use their creativity and imagination for their own storytelling adventures!	7+

Thompson, Lisa	The Goldfish Boy	12-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window at those that live in Chestnut Close as they go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance - with the help of a brilliant cast of characters. It is a book that will make you laugh and cry.	9+
Toksvig, Sandi	Hitler's Canary	Based on true-life events during the Second World War, this novel is a funny and gripping account of a childhood spent under occupation and a daring rescue.	9+
Tolkien, J. R. R.	The Hobbit	Whisked from his comfortable hobbit-hole by Gandalf the wizard and a band of dwarves, Bilbo Baggins finds himself caught up in a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon.	10+
Tomlinson, Jill	The Owl who was afraid of the dark	Plop is exactly the same as every baby barn owl that has ever been - except for one thing. Plop is afraid of the dark. Plop is forced to ask other people what they think of the dark and is amazed at their replies.	5+
Townsend, Jessica	Nevermoor: the trials of Morrigan Crow	Morrigan Crow is cursed. Having been born on Eventide, the unluckiest day for any child to be born, she's blamed for all local misfortunes, from hailstorms to heart attacks - and, worst of all, the curse means that Morrigan is doomed to die at midnight on her eleventh birthday. But as Morrigan awaits her fate, a strange and remarkable man named Jupiter North appears. Chased by black-smoke hounds and shadowy hunters on horseback, he whisks her away into the safety of a secret, magical city called Nevermoor. It's then that Morrigan discovers Jupiter has chosen her to contend for a place in the city's most prestigious organisation: the Wondrous Society. In order to join, she must compete in four difficult and dangerous trials against hundreds of other children, each boasting an extraordinary talent that sets them apart - an extraordinary talent that Morrigan insists she does not have.	9+
Updale, Eleanor	Montmorency	When a petty thief falls through a glass roof trying to escape the police, what should have been the death of him marks the beginning of a whole new life. For he is chosen as a medical guinea pig for the Royal Society, where he comes into some very interesting information.	10+
Van Allsburg, Chris	The Polar Express	This is a magical, medal-winning Christmas tale about a boy who boards the mysterious Polar Express, bound for the North Pole. When he arrives, Santa offers the boy any gift he desires, and the boy asks for one bell from the reindeer's harness.	5+
Walliams, David	Billionaire Boy	Joe has a lot of reasons to be happy - about a billion of them, in fact. You see, Joe's rich - really, rich. Joes got his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler who is also an orangutan. He's the wealthiest 12-year-old in the land. But Joe isn't happy. Why not? Because he's got a billion pounds, and not a single friend.	9+
Walliams, David	Boy in the Dress	Dennis was different. Why was he different, you ask? Well, a small clue might be in the title of this book.	9+
Walliams, David	Demon Dentist	Darkness has come to the town. Strange things are happening in the dead of night. Children put a tooth under their pillow for the tooth fairy, but in the morning, they wake up to find. a dead slug; a live spider; hundreds of earwigs creeping and crawling beneath their pillow. Evil is at work. But who or what was behind it? Read this book and find out!	9+

Walliams, David	Gangsta Granny	Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his grandma's house. All she wants to do is to play Scrabble and eat cabbage soup. But there is two things Ben doesn't know about his grandma: she was once an international jewel thief, and she has been plotting to steal the crown jewels. Now she needs Ben's help.	9+
Walliams, David	Mr Stink	Touching, twisted, and most of all hilarious novel for children. "Mr Stink stank. He also stunk. And if it was correct English to say he stinked." It all starts when Chloe makes friends with Mr Stink, the local tramp. Yes, he smells a bit. But when it looks like he might be driven out of town, Chloe decides to hide him in the garden shed. Now Chloe's got to make sure no one finds out her secret. And speaking of secrets, there just might be more to Mr Stink than meets the eye... or the nose.	9+
Walliams, David	Ratburger	Things are not looking good for Zoe. Her stepmother Sheila is so lazy she gets Zoe to pick her nose for her. The school bully Tina Trotts makes her life a misery - mainly by flobbering on her head. And now the evil Burt from Burt's Burgers is after her pet rat! And guess what he wants to do with it? The clue is in the title!	9+
Walliams, David	Spaceboy	America. The 1960s - Stuck on a remote farm with her awful aunt, twelve-year-old orphan Ruth spends every night gazing at the stars, dreaming of adventure. One night she spots a flying saucer blazing across the sky... before crash-landing in a field. When the spaceship opens and reveals a mysterious alien, all Ruth's dreams come true. But does this visitor from another planet have a giant secret?	7+
Wallman, Sue	Every word a lie	Two friends plan revenge on their prankster friend by catfishing her as her crush. They only mean to do it for a day or two - but then she ends up dead. And the catfish continues to strike others - who is in control of the catfish, and who is telling the truth?	13+
Wallman, Sue	I know you did it	On her first day at a new school, Ruby finds a note in her locker saying I Know You Did It. She's terrified that someone has found out she was responsible for the death of a girl called Hannah in a playground when they were both toddlers - a secret she has been keeping guiltily for ten years. When other pupils at the school start suffering serious accidents, the finger of blame points at Ruby. She knows she's not the perpetrator, but who is? And what link do they have to her past?	12+
Wein, Elizabeth	Code Name Verity	Only in wartime could a stalwart lass from Manchester rub shoulders with a Scottish aristocrat; one a pilot, the other a special operation executive. But when a vital mission goes wrong, one of the friends has to bail out of a faulty plane over France. She is captured by the Gestapo and becomes a prisoner of war.	12+
Welford, Ross	1,000-year-old boy	There are stories about people who want to live forever. This is not one of those stories. This is a story about someone who wants to stop... Alfie Monk is like any other nearly teenage boy – except he's 1,000 years old and can remember the last Viking invasion of England. No one believes him, so when everything Alfie knows and loves is destroyed in a fire, and the modern world comes crashing in, Alfie embarks on a mission to find friendship, acceptance, which means finding a way to make sure he will eventually die.	9+
Welford, Ross	Dog who saved the world	When eleven-year-old Georgie befriends an eccentric retired scientist, she becomes the test subject for a thrilling new experiment: a virtual-reality 3D version of the future. But then a deadly disease threatens the life of every dog in the country and Georgie's beloved dog, Mr Mash, gets sick. And that's only the start of her troubles. Soon, Georgie and Mr Mash must embark on a desperate quest: to save every dog on earth, and maybe even all of humanity without leaving the room.	9+

Welford, Ross	The monkey who fell from the future	The year is 2425. Centuries after a catastrophic meteor collision, nature has retaken the Earth. In a small town in what was once England, young Ocean Mooney and the monkey-owning Duke Smiff have just dug up a 400-year-old tablet computer. Meanwhile, in the present day, Thomas Reeve and his genius cousin Kylie create the Time Tablet - a device which they hope will allow them to communicate with the future. But when the Time Tablet malfunctions live on television, Thomas and Kylie are sucked into the year 2425 - and have only 24 hours to return home and save the future of humanity.	7+
Welford, Ross	Time travelling with a hamster	"My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty-nine and again four years later when he was twelve." On Al Chaudhury's twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al's late father. Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life. Al soon discovers that time travel requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, setting his school on fire and ignoring philosophical advice from Grandpa Byron - all without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer....	9+
Westall, Robert	Kingdom by the sea	A novel about courage, friendship, and war. When a bomb during an air raid destroys Harry's home and kills his family, he knows that he is all alone in the world and has only himself to rely on. Anxious that he will be sent to live with his fussy Cousin Elsie he goes on the run across the war-battered land of Northeast England, his only friend in his journey a stray dog that he meets on the beach. Will Harry ever find a place to call home again, or will he be on the run forever?	10+
White, E.B.	Charlotte's Web	This is the story of a little girl named Fern who loved a little pig named Wilbur and of Wilbur's dear friend, Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider. With the unlikely help of Templeton, the rat, and a wonderfully clever plan of her own, Charlotte saves the life of Wilbur, who by this time has grown up to be quite a pig.	7+
White, Ellen E	Titanic	Margaret Anne dreams of leaving the orphanage behind, and she can hardly believe her luck when she is chosen to accompany wealthy Mrs Carstairs aboard the great Titanic. But when the passengers are woken on a freezing night in April 1912, she finds herself caught up in an unimaginable nightmare.	9+
Wilding, Sam	Windscape	Set in the Western Isles, this story explores the dilemma between the usefulness of wind farms and the beautiful scenery they can sometimes destroy.	9+
Williamson. Lisa	Art of being normal	David is funny and quirky and has always felt different from other people - but he also has a huge secret that only his two best friends know. Ever since he can remember, he has felt like a girl trapped in the body of a boy.	12+
Williamson, Victoria	The boy with the butterfly mind	Jamie just wants to be normal, but his ADHD doesn't make it easy. Elin just wants to be perfect, so that her dad will come back to live with her. When their two families blend, sparks fly. But perhaps there's no such thing as normal after all.	9+
Williamson, Victoria	The fox girl and the white gazelle	Under the grey Glasgow skies, twelve-year-old refugee Reema is struggling to find her place in a new country, with a new language and without her brother. But she isn't the only one feeling lost. Her Glaswegian neighbour Caylin is lonely and lashing out. When they discover an injured fox and her cubs hiding on their estate, the girls form a wary friendship. And they are more alike than they could have imagined: they both love to run. As Reema and Caylin learn to believe again, in themselves and in others, they find friendship, freedom and the discovery that home isn't a place, it's the people you love.	9+

Wilson, Jacqueline	The Dinosaur's Packed Lunch	Dinah feels sad. Her class has gone on a school trip to see the dinosaurs at the museum, and everyone else has a tasty-packed lunch - except Dinah. Until a funny new friend decides to help . . . Soon Dinah has a very special packed lunch - but there is an even bigger surprise in store!	5+
Wilson, Jacqueline	The worry website	Lots of the kids in Mr Speed's class have problems to worry about and it's sometimes difficult to discuss them. So, Mr Speed sets up the Worry Website on the classroom computer. All of the short stories in this collection are linked.	7+
Wilson, S M	Extinction trials	In Stormchaser and Lincoln's ruined world, the only way to survive is to risk everything. To face a contest more dangerous than anyone can imagine. And they will do ANYTHING to win. But in a land full of monsters - both human and reptilian - they can't afford to trust anyone. Perhaps not even each other...	11+
Winkler, Henry	The world's greatest underachiever and the killer chilli	It's the school multi-cultural-day lunch and Hank Zipzer is cooking up chaos.	7+