

Reading Suggestions

Key Stage 2

There is a huge range of excellent fiction for the 7 – 11 year age range. These lists for each year group list just a few and many cross the year group boundaries. Some may look too young but the length of a book can be deceptive. Some feature more illustration than text: illustration can be as important in the telling of a story as words and will introduce children to key illustrators.

There are also plenty of series that are perfect for this age range, with various good authors writing in the same format, getting children used to books that are not too long but which are of guaranteed quality: *Banana Books*, *Colour Jets* (illustrated here), *Jets*, *Seriously Silly Stories*, *Collins Shivery Storybooks*, *Corgi Pups*, *Books for Boys*, *Sprinters*, *Young Puffins* etc.



Some authors such as Jacqueline Wilson and Malorie Blackman write across the age range and some of their titles are more suited to older children than those in Middle Years.

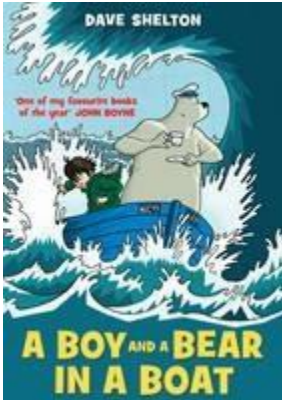
The Harry Potter series is well known and not included in these lists. Children can try it out at any stage, though at Year 3, it might be better to read it with the child.

Reading Suggestions

Year 3 (age 7-8)

As the children start in Year 3, reading lots of shorter books is very helpful for their creative English, as they experience new vocabulary, characters and places.

If your child is a competent reader or has read all these titles then try the books from the Year 4 list. Alternatively, if these books are a little challenging, try books from the Year 2 list.



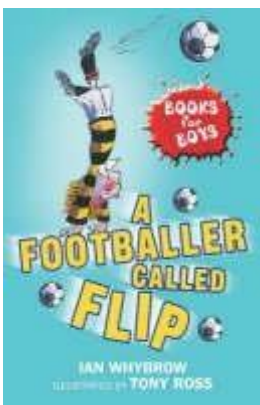
A Boy and a Bear in a Boat

Dave Shelton

A boy and a bear go to sea, equipped with a suitcase, a comic book and a ukulele. They are only travelling a short distance and it really shouldn't take long. But their journey doesn't quite go to plan...Faced with turbulent storms, a terrifying sea monster and the rank remains

of a very dangerous sandwich, the odds are against our unlikely heroes. Will the Harriet, their trusted vessel, withstand the violent

lashings of the salty waves? And will anyone ever answer their message in a bottle? Brilliantly funny and tender, this beautiful book maps the growth of a truly memorable friendship and explores how, when all else is lost, the most unexpected joys can be found.

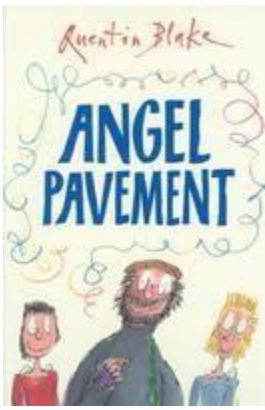


A Footballer Called Flip

Ian Whybrow

Jack Lewis is short. REALLY short. So short, in fact, that Mr Bullock, the St Saviours football coach, doesn't want him on the team. But

when Mr Willis discovers Jack's 'footballing brain' ...and Jack's mum steps in with a few tips ...it looks like the School Cup may be just the beginning!



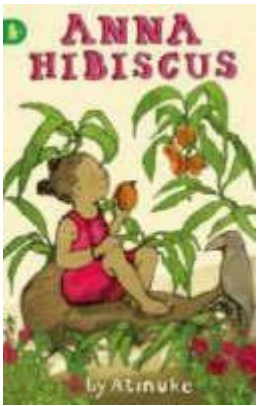
Angel Pavement

Quentin Blake

Corky and Loopy are two perfectly normal girls. They like chocolate biscuits, fizzy drinks, screaming at each other and drawing. But they are also a little bit special...because they are angels. One day they

visit Sid, a pavement artist. Sid is sad because he wants to take part in the big drawing competition but can't work out how the judges will ever get to see his work. Corky and Loopy decide to help and give him a very special pencil from

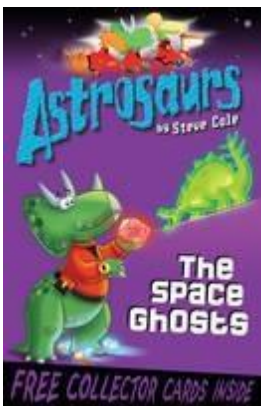
their collection. So begins a bright and colourful adventure.



Anna Hibiscus

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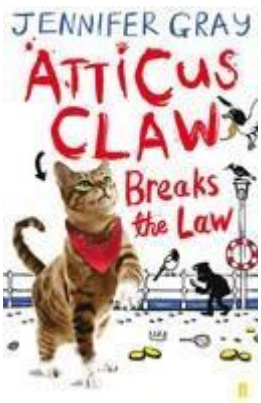
Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow.



Astrosaurs 6: The Space Ghosts

Steve Cole

Meet Captain Teggs Stegosaur and the crew of the amazing spaceship DSS Sauropod as the ASTROSAURS fight evil across the galaxy! The astrosaurs are sent to the planet Crepus, where diplodocus miners are being haunted by mysterious space ghosts! What do the spooky spirits want? And what will happen to Teggs when he falls into their clutches?



Atticus Claw Breaks the Law

Jennifer, (Gray

This title is the winner of the Red House Children's Book Award, 2014. When Atticus receives a mysterious message asking him to a meeting in a sleepy coastal town, he packs his bags and sets off. The world's

greatest cat burglar likes a good mystery and this time curiosity has got the better of him.



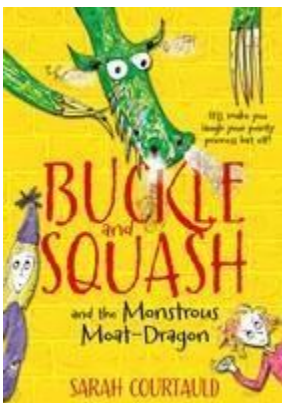
Beaver Towers
Nigel Hinton

This is the first adventure in the Beaver Towers series. A magic spell whisks Philip away on his new kite to a far-off island where he meets the beavers - Mr Edgar and his grandson, Baby B. They tell him of the terrible danger that threatens them. The wicked witch Oyin has imprisoned most of the island's inhabitants in Beaver Towers, and when her powers are complete she will put them to death and rule the island. Philip has to get her spell book in order to save them.



Bug Brother
Pete Johnson

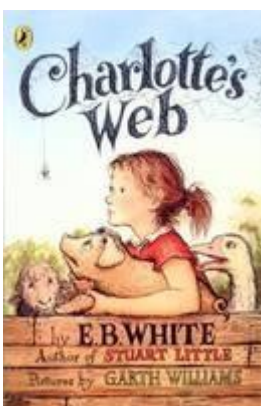
If you have a younger brother who just gets on your nerves, can you think of a better way of getting your own back than turning him into a bluebottle?...



Buckle and Squash and the Monstrous Moat-dragon
Sarah Courtauld

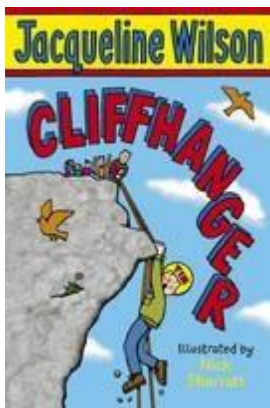
WINNER OF THE 2014 SAINSBURY'S CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD Here begins a tale of two sisters - Eliza, who dreams of becoming a swashbuckling hero, and Lavender, whose greatest wish is to be a pampered princess. When Lavender gets kidnapped in the Forest of Toothy, Vicious and Flatulent Dragons, the sisters must face a host of deadly enemies.

...Buckle and Squash and the Monstrous Moat-Dragon by Sarah Courtauld is a brilliantly funny debut for fans of *How to Train Your Dragon* and *Mr Gum*.



Charlotte's Web
E. B. White

Charlotte's Web is the classic children's story by E B White. The tale of how a little girl named Fern, with the help of a friendly spider, saved her pig Wilbur from the usual fate of nice fat little pigs.



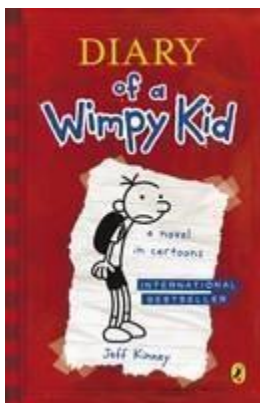
Cliffhanger
Jacqueline Wilson

From climbing and abseiling to canoeing and a Crazy Bucket Race, Tim's adventure holiday promises to be full of action. There's just one problem: he is hopeless at sports of any kind. Can Tim survive the horrors of a week absolutely packed with activity? Can his team - the Tigers - be the overall champions? There are some surprises in store for everyone.



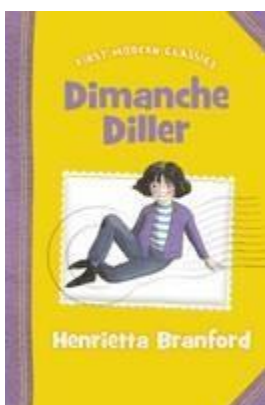
Clover Twig and the Incredible Flying Cottage
Kaye Umansky

Clover Twig is clever, neat and responsible. She also needs to find a job to help out her lovable and chaotic family. So when she sees a sign saying 'Wanted. Strong Gril to Clean. Aply Mrs Eckles, Hous in the Woods', she knows this is the job for her, even though Mrs Eckles is (perhaps) a witch, even though the gate is rude to Clover, and it seems that the house in the woods, can, well ...fly ...



Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Jeff Kinney

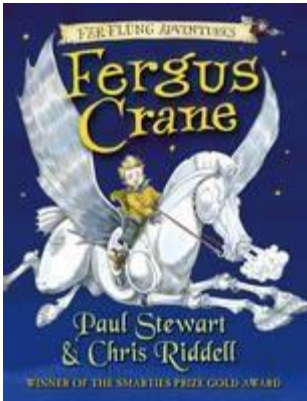
Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into a new year and a new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. Desperate to prove his new found maturity, which only going up a grade can bring, Greg is happy to have his not-quite-so-cool sidekick, Rowley, along for the ride.



Dimanche Diller
Henrietta Branford

New edition of the Smarties-Prize-winning story of escape and adventure, with wicked guardians, evil plots and a lively young female heroine.. When Dimanche is orphaned at the tender age of one, Chief Inspector Barry Bullpit advertises for any known relative to come forward. Unluckily for Dimanche, her real aunt does not see the message, but an evil money-grabbing imposter does. Dimanche, heir to an enormous fortune, is sent to live with the dreaded Valburga Vilemile, who tries to rid herself of Dimanche at every opportunity. But her lack of success is partly due to Dimanche's wits and courage, and partly to Polly Pugh, Dimanche's young and pretty nanny, who foils all Valpurga's attempts and helps Dimanche find long-term happiness

with her real aunt. All the ingredients for a brilliant, attention-grabbing shorter novel are here; evil plots, kidnapping, wicked villains and gorgeous heroines. Every chapter makes you want to shout 'Look behind you' or 'Oh no she doesn't' at almost every page turn.

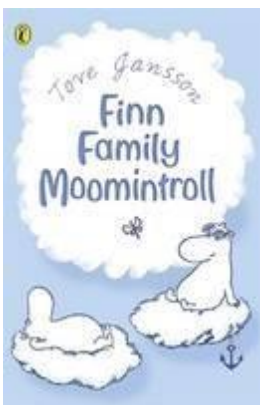


Fergus Crane
Paul Stewart, Chris Riddell

FERGUS CRANE! YOU ARE IN GREAT DANGER! I AM SENDING HELP. Signed T. C., your long-lost Uncle Theo Fergus Crane has an almost ordinary life - having lessons taught by rather odd teachers on the school ship Betty Jeanne, helping his mother in the bakery. But then a

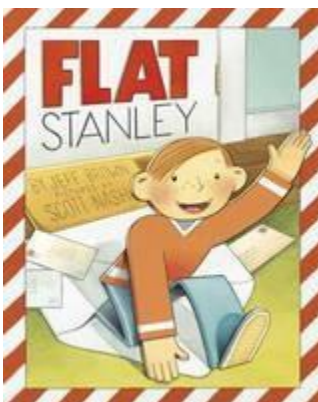
mysterious flying box appears at the window of his waterfront home - and Fergus is plunged headlong into an exciting adventure! The box is

followed by a winged mechanical horse that whisks him off to meet his long-lost uncle and his penguin helpers, Finn, Bill and Jackson. Fergus finds out that his teachers are not quite what they seem - they're actually pirates! Can Fergus and his winged horse save his schoolmates from the far-off Fire Island? And who else will he find there...?



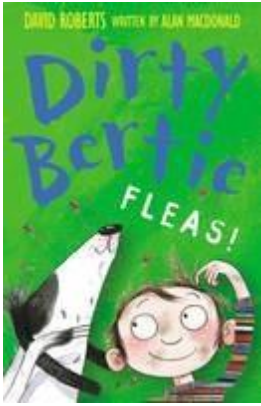
Finn Family Moomintroll
Tove Jansson

Poor little chap! He had been turned into a very strange animal indeed ...Although they're small, fat and shy creatures; Moomins have the most amazing adventures. It all begins when Moominpappa tries on a magic hat that makes exciting and funny things happen.



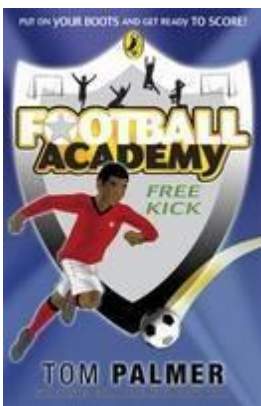
Flat Stanley
Jeff Brown, Scott Nash

Stanley Lambchop wakes up one morning to find a notice-board has dropped on him in the night, leaving him happy and healthy, but only half an inch thick. It's a little unusual, but he finds he can fly like a kite, be sent on holiday through the post and can use his special new skills to catch some art thieves. Still, he's glad when his brother Arthur thinks to use the bicycle pump to inflate him back to his normal shape.



Fleas!
Alan MacDonald

Meet Dirty Bertie - a boy with nose-pickingly disgusting habits! He's full to bursting with madcap plans and crazy ideas, and if it's trouble you're after, look no further - Bertie's sure to be up to his neck in it. Join Bertie as he takes a flea-ridden Whiffer to the vet, does a naughty dare at school and gets a ride in shiny red fire engine!



Football Academy: Free Kick
Tom Palmer

This is the fifth book in the fast-paced Football Academy series. James has been a junior player at United for a long time. Everyone expects him to follow in his dad's footsteps and play for England one day. But James isn't so sure. He has something he wants to do even more than football. Something that means he would have to give up football. The problem is he doesn't want to disappoint his dad. At a tournament in London, where he is pitched against Arsenal and Chelsea players, James finally makes his mind up.



Full Moon Soup
Alastair Graham

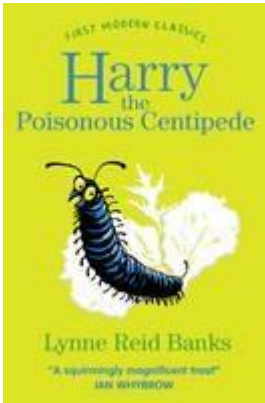
Full Moon Soup pulls you into a new world of spooky strangeness and odd goings on. You have to keep your eyes open and your wits about you if you want to see everything that's taking place in the Hotel Spendide. A full moon seems to be having a strange effect on the hotel's guests, providing the reader with a wealth of visual imagery and hours of enjoyment



Ghosthunters and the Bloodthirsty Baroness!
Cornelia Funke

Don't lose your head. Hair-raising things are happening at Gloomburg Castle. Not least because the murderous spirit of a brutal baroness has

bodnapped the owner. As ever, the ghosthunters rise to the challenge. But the job gets tricky when Hugo (the Averagely Spooky Ghost) falls for the hideous baroness - love stinks. It's down to Tom to fight the hag head-on - or maybe off.



Harry the Poisonous Centipede

Lynne Reid Banks

With wonderful humour and brilliant illustrations by award-winning artist Tony Ross, this is the perfect book for wriggly young readers. It's a Hoo-Min! crackled George. Walking on its hairy-biter feet! But now it was Harry who felt brave. Come on! Let's peep at it! They crawled the rest of the way up the tunnel towards the light. Harry is a poisonous centipede but he's not very brave. Still, he is the star of this seriously squirmy story.



Hiccup How to Train Your Dragon

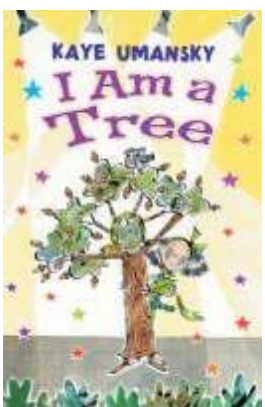
Cressida Cowell

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was an awesome sword-fighter, a dragon-whisperer and the greatest Viking Hero who ever lived. But it wasn't always like that. In fact, in the beginning, Hiccup Horrendous

Haddock III was the most put upon Viking you'd ever seen. Not loud enough to make himself heard at dinner with his father, Stoick the

Vast; not hard enough to beat his chief rival, Snotlout, at Bashyball, the

number one school sport and CERTAINLY not stupid enough to go into a cave full of dragons to find a pet...It's time for Hiccup to learn how to be a Hero.

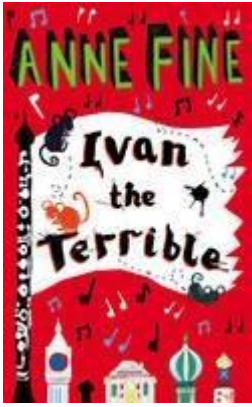


I am a Tree

Kaye Umansky

Tim is an ace actor and keen member of the school drama club. So of course he expects to be the star of the end of year school play. But to

his horror he finds he's been cast as a tree. And not just that - his only lines are in verse. Is there anything he can do to save his reputation? A brilliantly funny, hugely readable story, about how to make the most of a supporting role.



Ivan the Terrible

Anne Fine

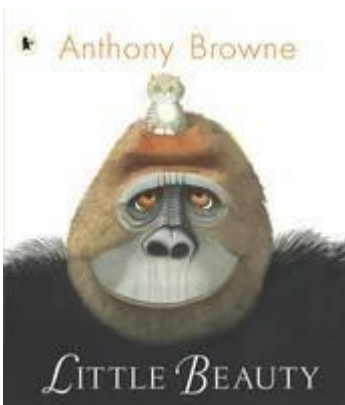
A classic children's story from one of our best-loved authors, former Children's Laureate Anne Fine. It's Ivan's first day at his new school, and Boris is told to look after him, and translate for him, because Ivan can only speak Russian. After all, St Edmund's is a civilized school. Only problem is, Ivan isn't civilized. So when Ivan starts greeting people as 'lowly shivering worms', and asking for words in English like 'crush' and 'mutilate', Boris realises that he's going to have his work cut out for him.



Jack Stalwart The Caper of the Crown Jewels - Great Britain

Elizabeth Singer Hunt

Some of Great Britain's most prized possessions, the Crown Jewels, have vanished from the Tower of London. Can Secret Agent Jack Stalwart triumph in his battle against a master magician to save the jewels before they go missing for ever?

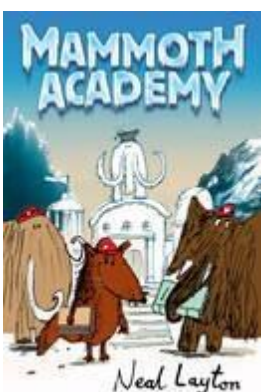


Little Beauty

Anthony Browne

This is the heart-warming tale of a gorilla and his tiny friend, from the master picturebook-maker. A very special gorilla is taught a very special skill: sign language. He appears to have everything he needs, but one day he signs that he is said and

needs a friend. His keepers bring him a tiny cat called Beauty and the two of them become inseparable. But when the gorilla gets angry and causes damage to the TV, will his keepers think him unfit to be friends with such a small, defenceless animal? Not if Beauty can think fast and prove what a special friendship they share...



Mammoth Academy

Neal Layton

There comes a point in every young mammoth's life when it's time to grow up a bit and join the Mammoth Academy. Arabella loves school, but Oscar is finding it a little more difficult to get used to. Especially as he is accused of stealing the school's oranges. He is sure it was humans - the most dangerous animals in all of the Mammoth Lands! With the help of his new friend Fox, who has decided not to wash for 2 months so his fur will begin to self-clean, Oscar sets out to prove that humans are in the valley and at the same time stumbles across more trouble than he'd thought!



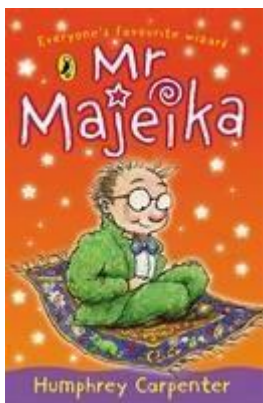
Midnight for Charlie Bone

Jenny Nimmo

Since his father died, Charlie Bone has lived with his mother and her mother, in the house of his other grandmother, Grandma Bone.

Looking at a picture of a couple with a baby and a cat, he suddenly discovers he can hear their voices. Although he tries to hide his new gift, Grandma Bone and her scary sisters soon find out, and send him to Bloor's Academy. Charlie quickly finds life at Bloor's pretty tough, with

its strict rules and the malevolent head boy, Manfred, set against him. When Charlie discovers that the child in the photograph is being held, hypnotised, against her will, he and his new friends with 'gifts' try to awaken her. But can they overcome Manfred's sinister hypnotic gifts?



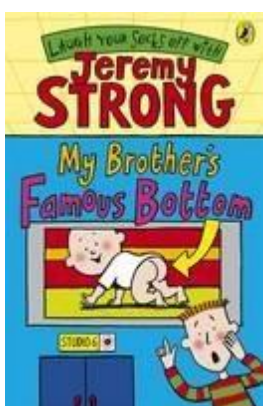
Mr. Majeika

Humphrey Carpenter

As a rule, magic carpets don't turn up in schools, but this is exactly what happens when Class Three's new teacher flies in through the classroom window and lands on the floor with a bump. Mr Majeika can behave

just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish Bigmore, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog. And to everyone's delight it looks as if Hamish will have to remain a frog

because Mr Majeika can't remember the spell to turn him back again! With Mr Majeika in charge, suddenly life at school become much more exciting - there's even a magic-carpet ride to Buckingham Palace!



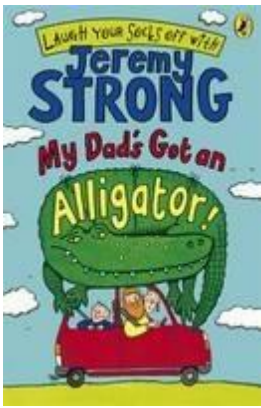
My Brother's Famous Bottom

Jeremy Strong

My Brother's Famous Bottom: another hilarious triumph from Jeremy Strong! From The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog to karate princesses and hot cross bottoms, there's a Jeremy Strong story to suit every child's

sense of humour. Jeremy's readers range from 7 to teen, perfect for fans of Roald Dahl and Andy Stanton. 'That's the one!' she cried. 'That's the bottom I'm after. Darling, you have the most gorgeous bottom!'

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



My Dad's Got an Alligator!

Jeremy Strong

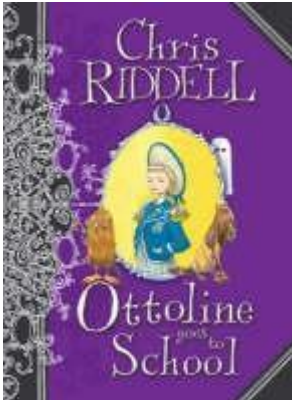
'It's that alligator ...Dad should never have brought it into the house. Crunchbag has escaped and he's eaten Granny!' Some dads bring home rabbits. Or dogs. Or parrots. Not Nicholas' dad. The latest member of their family is Crunchbag - the Alligator! Soon he's running riot in the bathroom and on the roof and even in the park! But he wouldn't eat poor defenceless Granny ...would he?



My Life as a Goldfish And Other Poems

Rachel Rooney

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

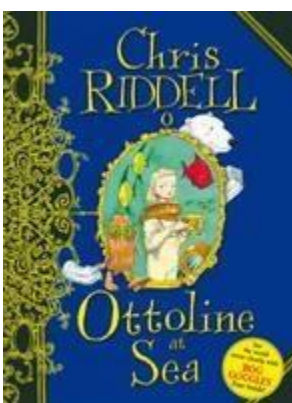


Ottoline Goes to School

Chris Riddell

Meet Ottoline and her hairy, helpful friend Mr Munroe. No secret is ever too scary for the two of them to discover together. Ottoline is

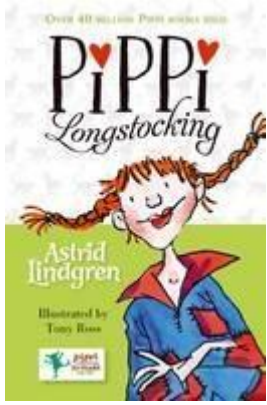
off to the Alice B. Smith School for the Differently Gifted. She is rather worried that she doesn't have a special gift. Mr Munroe is worried about the ghost who is said to haunt the school halls at night. Does Ottoline discover how to be different and can they expose the spook?



Ottoline at Sea

Chris Riddell

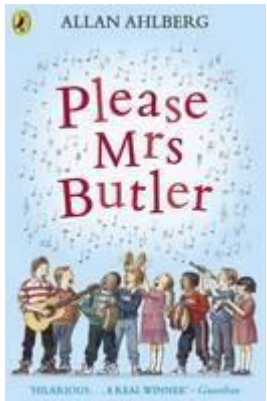
Ottoline and Mr. Munroe do everything and go everywhere together. That is, until the day Mr. Munroe mysteriously disappears leaving a strange clue written in string...Armed with her Amateur Roving Collectors' travel pass Ottoline sets off on a journey over, under and on top of the sea to find her hairy best friend -- and bring him back home.



Pippi Longstocking

Astrid Lindgren

Pippi Longstocking is one of the most popular children's characters of all time and is still much loved by millions of children today. Nine year old Pippi is an unusual and unpredictable character, she lives alone with a monkey, a horse, and no rules whatsoever! Every day is a crazy adventure with Pippi, but what else would you expect from the daughter of a swashbuckling pirate captain?!

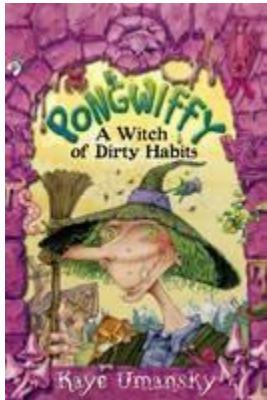


Please Mrs. Butler Verses

Allan Ahlberg

With a fresh new look for a brand new generation of school children to take to its heart, the bestselling and much-loved children's poetry book is a classic for every teacher, parent and child. Nobody leave the room. Everyone listen to me. We had ten pairs of scissors At half-past two, And now there's only three. This witty collection of school poems by Allan Ahlberg, re-jacketed for its 30th anniversary and for a whole new generation of

school children to fall in love with, is full of typical classroom events that will be recognized and enjoyed by everyone.

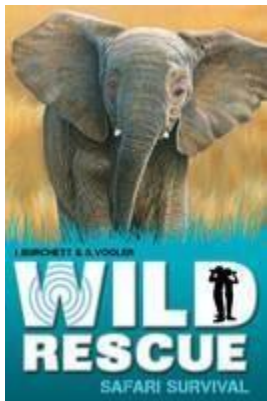


Pongwiffy - A Witch of Dirty Habits

Kaye Umansky

Pongwiffy is a witch of very dirty habits. She also has a problem - the cave she has just moved into is filthy (although that's not the problem, Pongwiffy likes it like that) but also has extremely noisy neighbours.

The neighbours (not unsurprisingly, as the cave is in Goblin Territory), are Goblins, and as well as being very, very stupid, are very, very noisy. They are so noisy that Pongwiffy can bear it no more and enlists the help of her best friend, Witch Sharkadder, to find her somewhere else to live. Which is nearly the end of one very beautiful friendship A laughout-loud story that is witty and clever, enticingly mixed in with much sludge, slime and very bad habits.

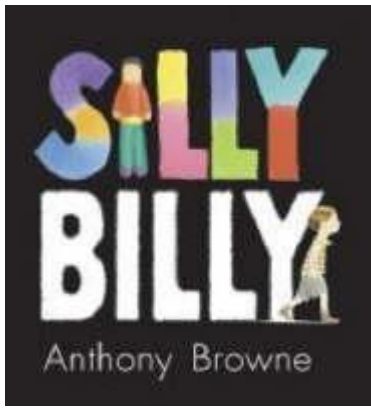


Safari Survival

Sara Vogler, Jan Burchett

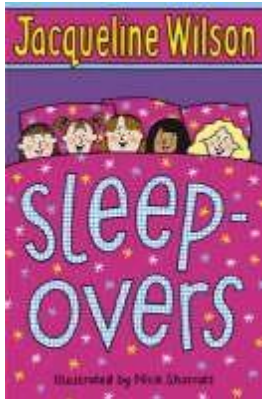
Ben and Zoe are off to the Kenyan savannah, where the population of African elephants has been fast disappearing. It seems some tourists are paying large amounts of money to hunt the creatures for 'sport', and for their latest trophy they have their sights set on a mother and baby elephant - The race is on for Ben and Zoe to track down the elephants before the hunters do. This is a thrilling series for children passionate about endangered

animals and the environment, but who also love action, adventure and gadgets.



Silly Billy
Anthony Browne

Billy is a bit of a worrier. He worries about hats and shoes. He worries about clouds and rain and giant birds. Most of all, he worries about staying at other people's houses. His mum and dad try to help, but still Billy worries...until a visit to his grandma's shows him how to overcome his fears with the aid of his imagination - and some tiny worry dolls.



Sleepovers
Jacqueline Wilson

Amy, Bella, Chloe, Daisy and Emily are friends at school and have their own Alphabet Club (just look at their initials!). Daisy is the newest

member and is desperate to fit in, even though Chloe is very unfriendly to her at times. When the girls begin planning sleepover parties for their birthdays, Daisy is dreading her own - she doesn't know what her friends will make of her rather

special older sister ...



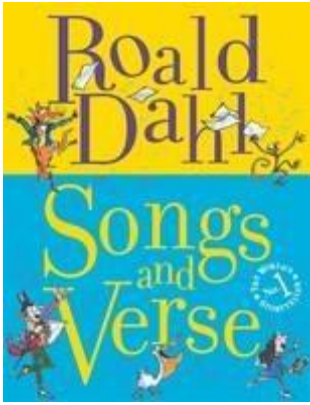
Sniff
Ian Whybrow

Large, slobbery and lost, Sniff picks up Ben in the playground - and after that, there's never a dull moment for the Moore family. He's nuts! He's adorable! He's hopeless! Well, OK, he might save the day - but only by accident ...



Snow White and the Seven Aliens
Laurence Anholt

The ugly old Mean Queen is jealous of Snow White, because she has a pretty little nose and wants to be a pop star. The Mean Queen tries to stop Snow White's dream coming true, but will she be a match for seven singing aliens?

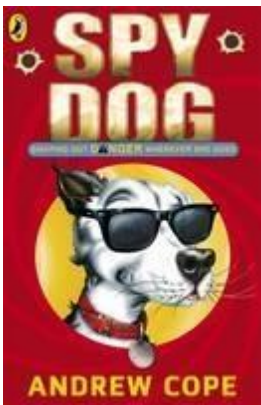


Songs and Verse

Roald Dahl

Exuberant rhymes are an intrinsic part of the appeal of Roald Dahl's books - and here are some classic and magical moments from the

books, together with some previously unpublished treats. There are seven themed sections bursting with monsters, ghastly children, magical creatures, unpleasant adults and a few surprises. Songs and Verse is illustrated by Quentin Blake, as well as leading artists such as Babette Cole, Lauren Child, Chris Riddell and Tony Ross.

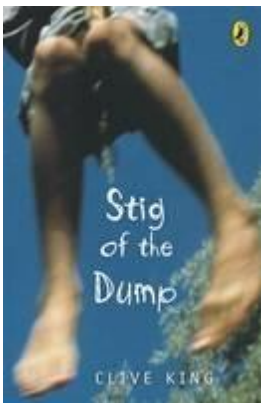


Spy Dog

Andrew Cope

Spy Dog by Andrew Cope is the first book in the brilliant series about the loveable Lara - Spy Dog extraordinaire! Forget 007, It's time to meet GM451: a Spy Dog - the first of her kind! Agent's ID: GM451 or LARA or

Licensed Assault and Rescue Animal or that pesky mutt



Stig of the Dump

Clive King

Stig of the Dump by Clive King is 50 years old and the story of Barney and his best friend, cave-man Stig, is as fresh today as it was when first

published. 'Stig's nice. He's my friend!' Nobody believes Barney when he says he's discovered a boy living wild in the dump. But for Barney, Stif is totally real. They become great friends, learn each other's ways and embark on a series of exciting adventures. This story has wonderful appeal. (Guardian).

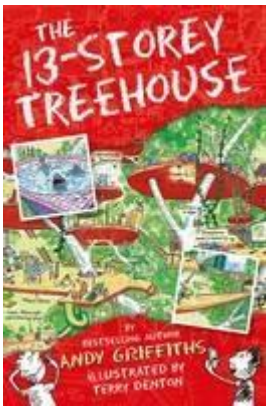


The Adventures of Captain Underpants

Dav Pilkey

When naughty George and Harold hypnotise their headteacher, they accidentally create the greatest superhero in the history of their school - Captain Underpants! His true identity is so secret that even HE doesn't know who he is...but he's fighting for truth, justice, and all things preshrunk and cottony! If you're a naughty villain like the diabolical Dr

Diaper, watch out! Captain Underpants has wedgie-power on his side, and he's coming your way



The 13-Storey Treehouse

Andy Griffiths

Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots

marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry! Just watch

out for the sea monkeys, and the monkeys pretending to be sea monkeys, and

the giant mutant mermaid sea monster ...Oh, and,

whatever you do, don't get trapped in a burp-gas-filled bubble ...! Andy Griffith and Terry Denton's fantastically funny 13-Storey Treehouse is told through a combination of text and cartoon-style illustrations.



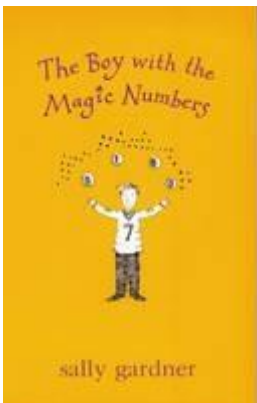
The Bare Bum Gang Battles the Dogsnatchers

Anthony McGowan

It offers more brilliant jokes and plenty of laughs as the gang come together to battle some evil dogsnatchers! Ludo, Noah, Jamie, Phillip and Jennifer are The Bare Bum Gang! They have an embarrassing name

but a cool Gang Den, so things could be worse. The newest member of the gang is Rude Word, the world's ugliest dog - and he's causing trouble. He's throwing up strange furry body parts, and Mrs Cake's dog Trixie is missing! Ludo and the gang

have to turn detective and get to the bottom of this gross mystery. But when other pets disappear, they realise the mystery is bigger than they thought. Can they get Rude Word off the hook?



The Boy with the Magic Numbers

Sally Gardner

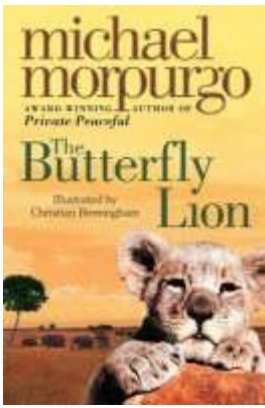
When Billy Pickles' dad leaves home to live in New York, he gives Billy a moneybox. Billy's not sure where to put in the money, and not sure

why his dad has left. Then Billy goes to New York to visit his father and

his Italian grandmother, and discovers the secret of his magic moneybox. In a

wonderful adventure, he takes Mighty Mamma on a helicopter ride, cracks open a safe, solves a kidnap mystery - and gets

to know his dad again.



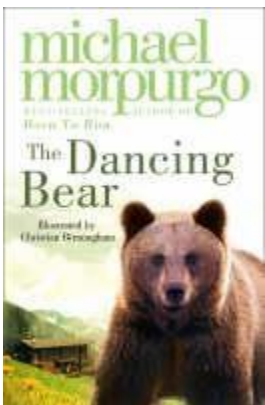
The Butterfly Lion

Michael, M. B. E. Morpurgo

A lyrical and moving tale of a young boy growing up in Africa, and his lifelong friendship with a white lion. All my life I'll think you, I

promise I will. I won't ever forget you. Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but

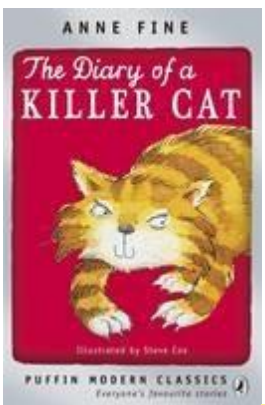
it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.



The Dancing Bear

Michael Morpurgo

A gentle and deeply moving story of a young girl and her bear, told with great charm by a master storyteller. High in the mountains, in a tiny village, an abandoned bear cub is adopted by a lonely orphan child. Soon they are inseparable, beloved by the whole village - safe, until the arrival of a glamorous film crew who need a dancing bear...



The Diary of a Killer Cat

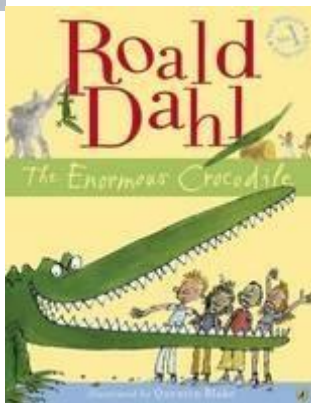
Anne Fine

Everyone loves the wickedly dry sense of humour of *The Diary of a Killer Cat* by Anne Fine. Okay, Okay. So hang me. I killed the bird. For pity's sake, I'm a cat. Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird into the house. Then a mouse. But Tuffy can't understand what all the fuss is about. Who on earth will be the next victim to arrive through the cat-flap?

The Enormous Roald Dahl

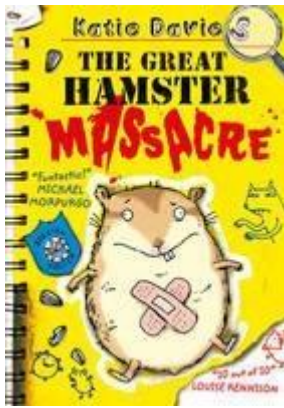
Roald Dahl's Crocodile. The who loves to had enough of his foul fiend, once Walliams).

Blake's inimitable artwork.



Crocodile

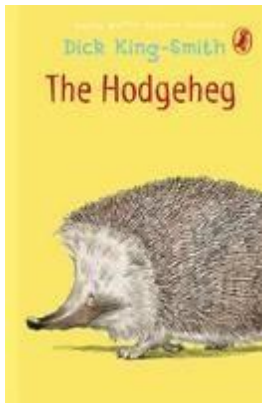
classic and hilarious picture book, *The Enormous Crocodile* is a horrid greedy grumpy brute guzzle up little boys and girls. But the other animals have cunning tricks, so they scheme to get the better of this and for all! A true genius...Roald Dahl is my hero. (David Exciting, bold and instantly recognisable with Quentin



The Great Hamster Massacre

Katie Davies

A very natural and honest version of life's events from the perspective of a young girl - from her suspicions about her neighbours, to her rocky friendship with the girl next door; from the sudden death of her beloved granny to her relentless quest for a pet hamster, only to then find it mysteriously slaughtered - which kickstarts a local investigation of 'suspects'. This is the first in a proposed series of short novels featuring the same characters and setting - with the themes of pets and detective work holding them together.



The Hodgeheg

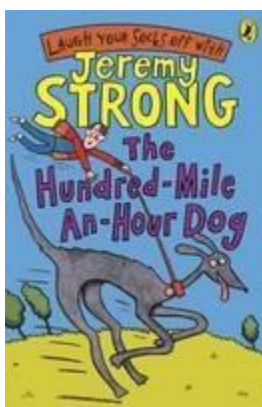
Dick King-Smith

The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith is a much-loved classic! Now part of the collectible Puffin Modern Classics series. Max, the hedgehog who becomes a hodgeheg, who becomes a hero! Max's family dreams of

reaching the Park. But no one has ever found a safe way of crossing the very busy road. Young Max, who is brighter than the average hedgehog, is determined to solve the problem. A nicely told, darkly humorous story about how hedgehogs

can avoid getting squashed on the road . (Guardian). A huge favourite .

(Observer).



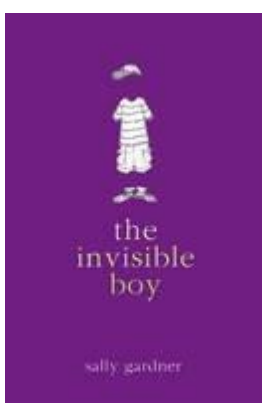
The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog

Jeremy Strong

The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog by Jeremy Strong has become a children's classic! From The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog to karate princesses and hot cross bottoms, there's a Jeremy Strong story to suit

every child's sense of humour. Jeremy's readers range from 7 to teen, perfect for fans of Roald Dahl and Andy Stanton. Streaker is a mixed-up kind of dog ...with quite a bit of Ferrari and a large chunk of whirlwind. 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, very yucky involving frogspawn will happen...



The Invisible Boy

Sally Gardner

When his parents are lost in space, Sam is left, heartbroken, in the care of the horrible Hilda Hardbottom. Then he finds a tiny spaceship in the

cabbage patch and meets a little alien called Splodge. How Splodge

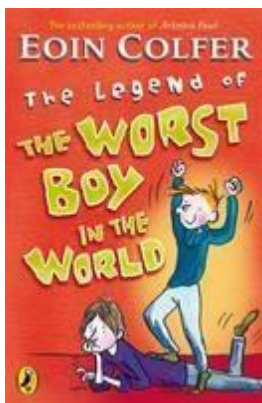
makes him invisible, and how Sam uses his new talent in his darkest hour, makes a touching and extremely funny story with lovely memorable characters.



The Iron Man

Ted Hughes

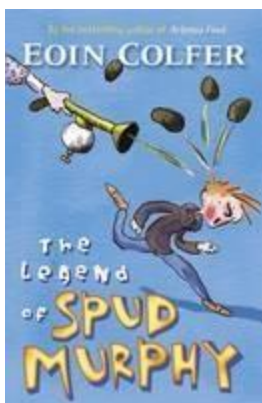
One of the greatest modern fairy stories, this tells of the strange giant Iron Man who appears from nowhere and begins a reign of terror throughout the countryside as he smashes up the farmers' tractors and diggers. How the farmers try to bring down the Iron Man and how his powers end up being used to save the world in a fight against the spacebat-angel-dragon unfolds in this brilliant and mysterious story.



The Legend of the Worst Boy in the World

Eoin Colfer

Will is desperate to win the Giant Jelly Baby competition and be named 'the best boy in the world'. But his big brother Marty always beats him to it. Then one day Will's wish comes true - he's the best boy in the world at last! Marty is not happy, and decides that something must be done ...Funny, quirky fiction with brilliant black-and-white illustrations by Tony Ross throughout.

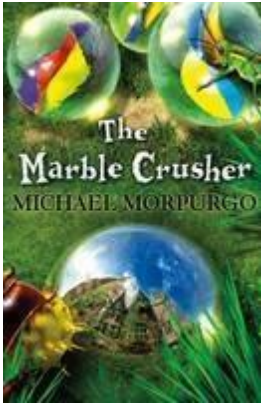


The Legend of Spud Murphy

Eoin Colfer

Will has four brothers and it's chaos in his house! If he's not being teased by his big brother Marty, he has to deal with the terrible, threeheaded bundle of cuteness that is his three younger brothers. Even worse, his mother has the brilliant idea of packing Will and Marty off to the library during the holidays. She just doesn't understand! Not only is the library no fun, it's also the habitat of the legendary librarian Spud

Murphy. If you put a foot wrong, it's rumoured she will use her dreaded gas-powered spud gun and you don't want that just ask Ugly Frank how he got his nickname! Eventually Will and Marty discover a love of books and that Mrs Murphy isn't so bad after all!

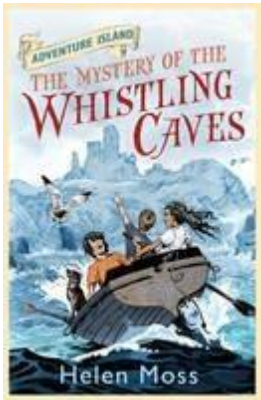


The Marble Crusher

Michael Morpurgo

This title presents three brilliant stories for young readers by a much loved, award winning author. In *The Marble Crusher*, does Mr. Manners, the headmaster, really have a machine that crushes marbles? Albert thinks so. In *Colly's Barn*, Colly the owl and Screecher the swallow band together to save the barn. In *Conker*, Nick beats the bully, Stevie Rooster, and becomes Conker king. But can he rescue a mistreated dog while searching for the best

conker?



The Mystery of the Whistling Caves

Helen Moss

When Scott and Jack Carter have to stay with their great aunt for the summer they steel themselves for the most boring holiday ever. But then they meet Emily Wild and her loveable dog, Drift. Emily shows them the lighthouse, the castle - and the amazing whistling caves. Legend has it that when the caves stop whistling the castle will be attacked - and that's exactly what happens! Priceless treasures are stolen and Emily and the boys are

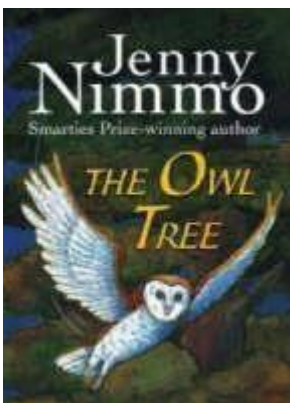
determined to investigate. But how was the treasure smuggled out of the castle? Why did the caves stop whistling? And can the friends solve the mystery in time to catch the thief?



The Ogre of Oglefort

Eva Ibbotson

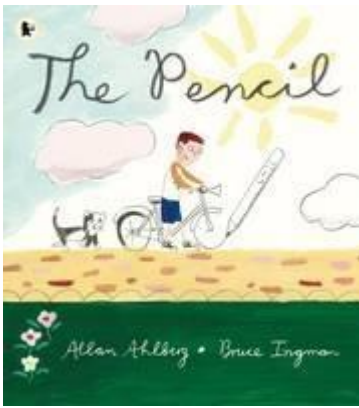
When a Hag, an orphan boy called Ivo, Ulf the troll and wizard Brian Brainsweller are sent to rescue a princess from an ogre, they briefly consider running away and hiding. Can they be any match for the gruesome, terrifying, ghastly, flesh-eating Ogre of Oglefort? But not all is as it first appears -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



The Owl Tree

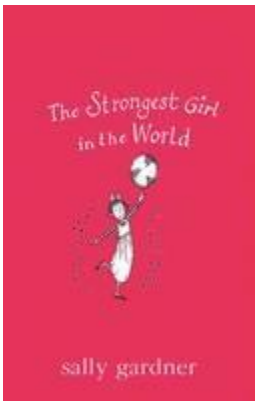
Jenny Nimmo

The owl-tree is not like any tree Joe has ever seen. It's huge and leafy and shivers like a person; it even seems to speak. Granny Diamond once saw an owl perched among its branches and she has loved the tree ever since. It means the world to her. But her neighbour, Mr Rock, wants to cut it down. Why does he dislike the owl-tree so much? Does it have a secret to tell Joe? And how can he, a boy too scared even to climb the tree, be the one to save it?



The Pencil
Allan Ahlberg

When a pencil draws a rubber, a battle of wits ensues! A pencil draws a boy, a dog, a cat and a whole world for them to play in. Then the pencil draws a brush, and the brush adds colour to everything. Everyone is very happy, until the pencil draws a rubber...which begins rubbing everything out!



The Strongest Girl in the World
Sally Gardner

Josie Jenkins, aged eight and three quarters, can do a few tricks, but she astonishes herself and everyone else when she finds she can lift a table, a car and even a bus with no effort at all. Josie becomes famous, and Mr

Two Suit sweeps in with a contract and swoops the whole family off to New York. How Josie copes with fame and fortune, and with the loss of it when she wakes up one day to find she can't do her trick any more, makes a story of enormous charm, with a tiny, modest and sensible heroine you have to cheer for. Entrancing drawings on every page make this a really special book.



The Werepuppy AND Werepuppy on Holiday
Jacqueline Wilson

Two brilliant books in one! 'He can't help being a bit wild, Mum. He's not like other dogs.' A scary werewolf video leaves Micky terrified of dogs and Mum decides the only answer is to get Micky a puppy of his own. But when they go to the kennels to choose a puppy, Micky doesn't pick the smallest, the cutest, or the quietest dog...but for some strange reason is drawn to Wolfie - who turns out to be a werepuppy!



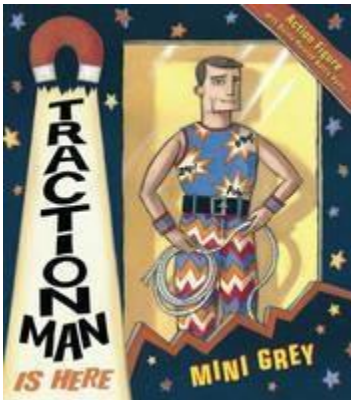
The Worst Witch

Jill Murphy, Julia Eccleshare

Jill Murphy's classic, much-loved The Worst Witch series is the original story of life at a magical boarding school, perfect for 5-9 readers. Loveable but accident-prone Mildred Hubble is possibly

the worst witch ever to go to Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches... 'Oh no... You've done it now Mildred!' Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it. She keeps getting her spells wrong

and crashing her broomstick. And when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet, into her worst enemy, chaos ensues...



Traction Man Is Here

Mini Grey

With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. Whether he is saving toys (in latex space suit and Perspex helmet, teamed with Rocket Boots); searching the sink for the lost wreck of the sieve (in sub-aqua suit, fluorescent flippers and infra-red mask) or rescuing damsels in distress (in

jungle pants, camouflage vest and a bandanna), Traction Man is never less than stylishly turned out and expertly accessorised. He is the last word in heroic fashion flair - until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet by his owner's granny. Can Traction Man overcome the humiliation of his desperately dowdy new look and rediscover the action hero within or will the burden of the knitted green monstrosity be too great?