



*Unless otherwise stated, these books are suitable from Year Six and up, but please do research the books yourself before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child.*

### Action and Adventure

Frank Cottrell-Boyce	<b>Noah's Gold</b>	Eleven-year-old Noah has snuck onto his big sister's geography field trip. But nothing goes to plan! The teacher disappears and six hungry kids are marooned on an uninhabited island. But when the gang discovers a mysterious treasure map, they begin to hunt for gold.
Lissa Evans	<b>Wished</b>	Half term is supposed to be fun, but Ed and his sister Roo will be spending it with boring old Miss Filey and her smelly cat while the builders are converting their house for Ed's wheelchair. However, their week changes dramatically when they discover a pack of birthday candles that grant real wishes.
Cornelia Funke	<b>The Thief Lord</b>	Two orphaned children are on the run in Venice, hiding in crumbling canals and misty alleyways. When they are befriended by a gang of street children, and their mysterious leader, the Thief Lord, they shelter in an old, disused cinema.
M. G. Leonard	<b>Adventures on Trains Series</b>	Books full of mystery and thrilling adventures that all take place on...trains!
Michael Morpurgo	<b>Kensuke's Kingdom</b>	When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive...until he realises he is not alone.
Ross Welford	<b>Time Travelling with a Hamster</b>	Al Chaudhury has a chance to save his dad's life, but to do it he must travel to 1984 in a tin tub.
Katherine Woodfine	<b>Nightfall in New York</b>	Secret agents, Sophie Taylor and Lil Rose set sail to New York City to rescue their beloved friend.

### Growing Up and Relationships

Sabine Adeyinka	<b>Jummy at the River School</b>	Jummy has won a place at the River School, the finest girls' boarding school in Nigeria. However, when her best friend turns up to work there, Jummy must bring her friends together to help.
Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin	<b>Illegal</b>	The story of one boy's epic journey across Africa to Europe. This is a graphic novel.
Benjamin Dean	<b>The Secret Sunshine Project</b>	How will a sleepy village react when Bea attempts to bring the glitter and rainbows of London Pride to their doorstep? LGBTQ+ themes.
Caryl Lewis	<b>Seed</b>	A special seed grows bigger and bigger and launches Marty and his family on an impossible plan.

R. J. Palacio	<b>Wonder</b>	Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. But, ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Born with a facial deformity, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school. All he wants is to be accepted. But can he convince his new classmates that he is just like them, underneath it all?
Louis Sachar	<b>Holes</b>	Stanley Yelnats is sent to Camp Green Lake because of a miscarriage of justice.
Lisa Thompson	<b>The Light Jar</b>	In the dead of night, Nate and his mum run away to a tumbledown cottage in the middle of a forest. When his mum heads out for food and does not return, Nate is left alone and afraid.
Jacqueline Wilson	<b>The Primrose Railway Children</b>	When Phoebe's dad disappears under mysterious circumstances, her mum moves the rest of the family to a remote cottage for the summer. This is a modern retelling of <i>The Railway Children</i> .

## Friendship

Yomi Adegoke & Elizabeth Uviebinene	<b>The Offline Diaries</b>	A universal story of friendship, falling out and unforgettable characters.
Elle McNicoll	<b>A Kind of Spark</b>	The story of eleven-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, her autism, and make her voice heard?
Elle McNicoll	<b>Show Us Who You Are</b>	On the surface, Pomegranate Institute promises comfort to people who have lost loved ones, offering true-to-life holograms of those who have died. When they zoom in on Cora, who has autism, for their research, things take a sinister turn. Can Cora and her best friend, Adrien, expose Pomegranate's ambitions in time?

## Family and Life Experiences

David Almond	<b>Skellig</b>	Unhappy about his baby sister's illness, Michael retreats into the garage and finds a mysterious stranger.
Kimberley Brubaker Bradley	<b>The War That Saved My Life</b>	Set during World War Two, ten-year-old Ada is housebound and has never experienced the outside world. She's not allowed to, because her mother is too ashamed of her misshapen foot. When her brother is deployed in the war, Ada seizes the moment and sneaks out to join him. Scenes of abuse.
Onjali Rauf	<b>The Boy at the Back of the Class</b>	Ahmet describes his experiences of living in London as a nine-year-old Syrian refugee.
Jason Reynolds	<b>For Everyone</b>	This book comprises one performance poem spread over pages using graphic design and space to help convey a message for children who imagine, who dream, who think and who have ambition.
Libby Scott	<b>Can You See Me?</b>	Tally is eleven years old, and she is just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries hard. There is something that makes Tally not quite the same as her friends: Tally is autistic.

Lara Williamson	<b>A Boy Called Hope</b>	I'm Dan Hope and deep inside my head I keep a list of things I want to come true. I want my sister to go to university and only come back once a year. I want my dog to stop eating the planets and throwing them up on my carpet. And finally, the biggest dream of all, I want my dad to love me.
Victoria Williamson	<b>The Boy with the Butterfly Mind</b>	Jamie Lee just wants to be normal. But ADHD does not make that easy. If only he could control his butterfly mind. Elin Watts just wants to be perfect. If she can be the best student and daughter possible, then maybe her dad will come back to live with her and her mum. When Jamie and Elin's families blend, these polar opposites collide.

## Fantasy

Sophie Anderson	<b>The Thief Who Sang Storms</b>	A fairytale adventure. The Island of Morovia is shaped like a broken heart. The humans live on one side of the island, and the alkonosts (the bird-people) live on the other. But it wasn't always this way...
Zillah Bethell	<b>The Shark Caller</b>	Blue Wing is desperate to become a shark caller, but instead she must befriend the annoying newcomer, Maple. At first, they are too angry to become friends. But, when the tide breathes the promise of treasure, they must journey together to the bottom of the ocean.
Ryan Calejo	<b>Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows</b>	A fantasy inspired by Hispanic folklore. This book follows Charlie Hernandez who loves his Latin American culture and heritage. However, he does not believe that any of the magical tales are true. Until he begins to experience them for himself.
Maz Evans	<b>Who Let the Gods Out?</b>	Elliot's mum is ill, and his home is under threat. However, a shooting star crashes to Earth and changes his life forever.
Kieran Larwood	<b>Carnival of the Lost</b>	Sheba the wolf girl joins an unusual troupe of performers, including Pyewacket, a witch's imp and Sister Moon, a knife thrower.
A.F Steadman	<b>Skandar and the Unicorn Thief</b>	Thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith has only ever wanted to be a unicorn rider. To be one of the lucky few selected to hatch a unicorn and bond with it for life. But, just as Skandar's dream is about to come true, things start to take a dangerous turn.

## Thriller

Helena Duggan	<b>A Place Called Perfect</b>	A strange tale about a town where nothing is as it seems.
Christopher Edge	<b>Escape Room</b>	When twelve-year-old Ami arrives at 'The Escape', she thinks it's just a bit of fun. However, once they are locked inside the first room, they quickly realise this is no ordinary game.
R. L. Stine	<b>Goosebump Series</b>	Spooky stories for children.

## Historical

Peter Bunzl	<b>Cogheart Series</b>	After her father's airship crashes and he disappears, Lily is put in great danger as she and her friends set out to find him. This novel is set in Victorian London.
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Michael Rosen	<b>Please Write Soon</b>	Solly, a schoolboy in England, has been asked by his teacher to do a project about WW2. He brings in letters written to his Polish cousin Bernie during the war – and Bernie’s replies. As the class listens, Solly tells the story of Bernie’s experiences in the war, from being taken to a prisoner of war camp, to being enlisted in the Russian army and fighting at the famous Battle of Montecassino.
Brian Selznick	<b>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</b>	Twelve-year-old Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with a mysterious girl and her grandfather, Hugo’s undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy.
Dan Smith	<b>Nisha’s War</b>	A thrilling historical ghost story, with themes of adventure, grief, guilt, forgiveness and belonging.

## Classics

C. S. Lewis	<b>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</b>	Four children step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land enslaved by the power of a witch.
Michelle Magorian	<b>Goodnight Mister Tom</b>	Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of World War Two. Willie is a sad, deprived child but he slowly begins to flourish under the care of grumpy Tom Oakley.
Edith Nesbit	<b>The Railway Children</b>	Roberta, Phyllis and Peter are growing up in comfort until their happy life ends overnight.
Mary Norton	<b>The Borrowers</b>	Deep beneath the floorboards lives the tiny Borrower family. Everything they have is borrowed from the humans above them. There is just one rule: they must never be seen.
Anna Sewell	<b>Black Beauty</b>	A novel that follows the story of a young colt through its life as it passes from master to master.

## Non-Fiction

Liam Hackett	<b>Fearless! How to be your true, confident self.</b>	<i>Fearless</i> helps you find the confidence to be your true self.
Rich Knight	<b>If I Ran the Country</b>	This entertaining, fact-filled book about politics invites young readers to imagine how they would run a country if they unexpectedly found themselves in charge.
Amanda Li	<b>Rise up: Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories</b>	This book features over 29 tales of amazing young girls and boys who have achieved the unimaginable – from surviving a plane crash in the jungle to campaigning against climate change.

Stefan Milosavljevic	<b>Tales of Ancient Worlds</b>	A nonfiction kids' book. Alongside beautiful illustrations you'll find incredible tales from history, including: the ancient Egyptian city found at the bottom of the ocean and the mysterious Ice Age temple made from mammoth bones.
Matt & Tom Oldfield	<b>Ultimate Football Heroes Collection</b>	A collection of books that focuses on the lives of ten famous footballers, including Ronaldo, Rashford, Messi and Kane.
Marcus Rashford	<b>You Are a Champion: How to Be the Best You Can Be</b>	This book is packed full of stories from Marcus's own life, and includes brilliant advice about how to be the very best that you can be.