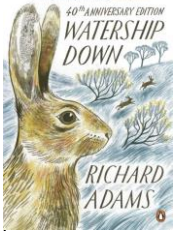


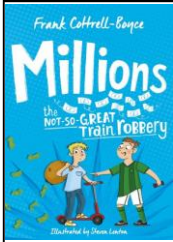
'Sputnik's guide to Life on Earth' by Frank-Cottrell Boyce ★★

A lovely story that embraces humour, a characterful alien, the troubles of old age and dementia, and the difficulties of being fostered all in one joyful story! **Teenage / Humour**



'Watership Down' by Richard Adams ★

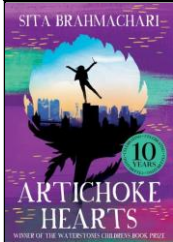
A group of rabbits flee their endangered warren and undergo many dangerous adventures before finding a safe new home **Adventure / Classic animal story**



'Millions' by Frank Cottrell ★★

A family find themselves the owners of stolen cash, which is about to become worthless with the introduction of the Euro.

Family relationships / Humour / Carnegie winner



'Artichoke Hearts' by Sita Brahmachari ★

Mira blossoms to her full potential during an important rite of passage. Mira Levenson's family is always chaotic - with a little brother and baby sister, busy parents and her artistic, outspoken Grandma. She loves them all, but sometimes it feels like nothing is private. And the thing is... Mira does have secrets **Family relationships / Teenage rite of passage**



'Kick' by Mitch Johnson ★

Set in Jakarta, Indonesia, a boy who dreams of being a professional football player is caught up in the criminal underworld **Crime / Football story**

A Year 7 to 8 Reading list

These books are highly recommended



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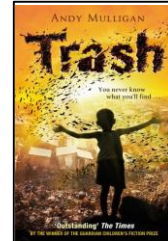
Classic stories



Dip into Diversity



Award winning / shortlisted



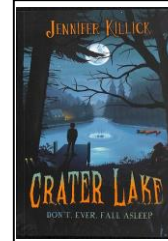
'Trash' by Andy Mulligan ★

A boy who lives and works on a rubbish mountain, finds a bag with money and a map, which the police are very keen to get their hands on **Mystery / Crime**



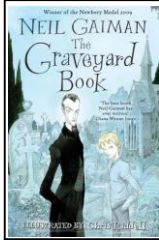
'The Switch Up' by Katy Cannon

Two teenage girls meet at an airport and decide to swap identities and go on each other's family summer trips to Italy and London **Friendships / Families / Teenagers**



'Crater Lake' by Jennifer Killick

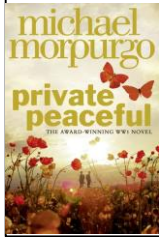
A group of Year 6 children get far more than they bargained for on a school trip to an activity centre deep in the woods at Crater Lake. **Horror / School story**



'The Graveyard Book' by Neil Gaiman

A boy is brought up by ghosts in the local graveyard after his family is killed by a murderer. Spooky.

Ghost / Crime



'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo

An old man recounts his experience as a young soldier at the front during World War 1.

World War 1 / Family



'Small Steps' by Louis Sachar

Follows the lives and adventures of two of the characters from HOLES, Armpit and X-Ray, as they try to make a new start for themselves after Camp Green Lake.

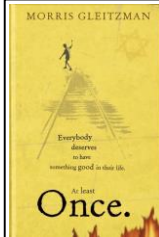
Friendship / Crime



'Some Places More Than Others' by Renee Watson ★

Amara discovers more about her family, and herself, when she goes to visit her father's side of the family who live in New York City.

Family / Rite of Passage



'Once' by Morris Gleitzman

Follows a young boy as he escapes from a convent orphanage in the mountains of Nazi occupied Poland, in search of his parents.

World War 2 / Holocaust



'Hatchet' by Gary Paulsen

A boy becomes stranded in the Canadian wilderness and has to survive alone.

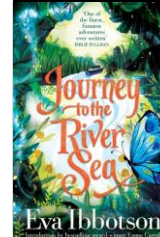
Adventure / Survival



'Skellig' by David Almond

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.

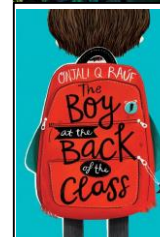
Fantasy



'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson

The story of a girl's emigration to South America to meet her strange family and adventures on the Amazon river.

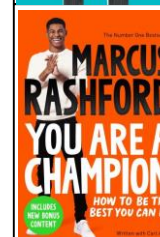
Family / Historical Adventure



'The Boy At The Back Of The Class' by Onjali Q Rauf ★

A boy befriends a refugee who has started in his class at school and helps him settle into his new life in the UK.

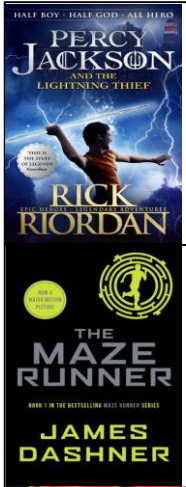
Friendship / School / Immigration



'You Are A Champion' by Marcus Rashford ★★

A guide for children to help them develop their full potential, from the Manchester United and England footballer and campaigner to end child food poverty: Marcus Rashford.

Non-Fiction / Self esteem



'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan
(1st bk in series)

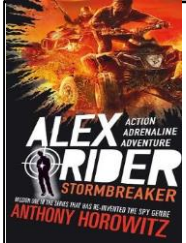
An American teenager discovers he is half human, half Greek god, and sets about trying to avert a war among the Olympians. **Adventure / Fantasy /**

Myths

'The Maze Runner' (1st bk in series) by James Dashner

A boy suffering from amnesia finds himself in an encampment surrounded by walls where half robot creatures hunt the people that live there.

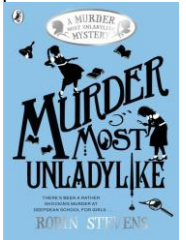
Adventure / Science Fiction / Thriller



'Stormbreaker' (1st bk in series) by Anthony Horowitz

Book 1 in the Alex Rider series. When his guardian dies in suspicious circumstances, 14 year old Alex Rider becomes involved with MI6 and has to complete his dead guardian's mission.

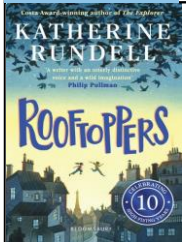
Adventure / Spies



'Murder Most Unladylike' (1st bk in series) by Robin Stevens

Set in the 1930s, two girls investigate the murder of a teacher at their boarding school.

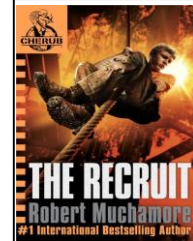
Crime / Mystery



'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell

A girl runs away with her guardian to Paris in search of her mother who she initially thought died in the shipwreck that she was rescued from as a baby.

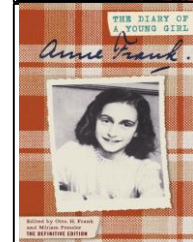
Adventure / Families



'The Recruit' (1st bk in series) by Robert Muchamore

Book 1 in the CHERUB series. It follows a boy's recruitment into the children's division of MI5.

Adventure / Spies



'The Diary of a Young Girl' by Anne Frank



Anne Frank's diary during her family's time in hiding during the Nazi occupation in Holland.

Non-Fiction / Diary / WW2 and Holocaust

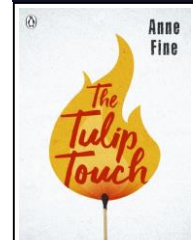


'Hacker' by Malorie Blackman



A girl uses a computer to prove her father is innocent of a bank robbery.

Mystery / Crime / Thriller



'The Tulip Touch' by Anne Fine

Nobody wants Tulip in their gang. She skives off school, cheeks the teachers and makes herself unpopular with her classmates by telling awful lies.

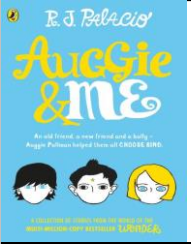
Teenage / Friendships



'The Haunting of Alazabel Cray' by Chris Wooding

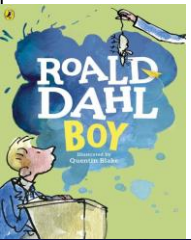
In the dark streets of London the wych-kin are a recognised evil that threatens humankind's very existence.

Fantasy / Supernatural



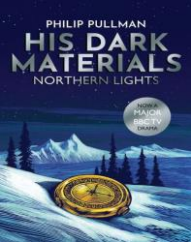
'Auggie & Me' by R.J. Palacio

Three stories of three characters from the original **'Wonder'** novel who are affected by Auggie, the 10-year-old boy born with a facial abnormality who enrolled at their school. **Friendship / School / Self esteem**




'Boy' by Roald Dahl ★

Autobiographical account of the early life of one of the world's most famous authors. **Non-Fiction**



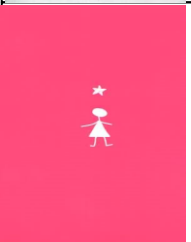
'His Dark Materials' Trilogy by Philip Pullman ★

In 'Northern Lights', after her friend is taken, Lyra begins a journey with her animal companion through a dangerous country of ice and witches to find him. **Adventure / Fantasy**




'Skulduggery Pleasant' (1st bk in series) by Derek Landy

Stephanie joins forces with her dead uncle's companion, Skulduggery Pleasant (the living skeleton of a dead wizard), against the evil forces of wizards set on destroying the world **Fantasy / Horror**



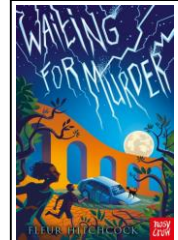
'Stargirl' by Jerry Spinelli

New girl Stargirl soon becomes shunned by her classmates for her unusual behaviour so Leo, who is in love with her, urges her to become the very thing that destroys her - normal. **School stories/ Fantasy / Romance**



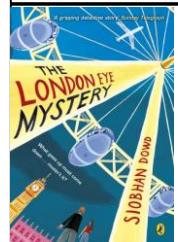
'The Call of the Wild' by Jack London ★

Follows the adventures of Buck, a dog who is stolen and sold as a sled dog to gold prospectors in the Yukon, Canada. Check out the recent film too. **Adventure / Classic animal story / Film tie-in**



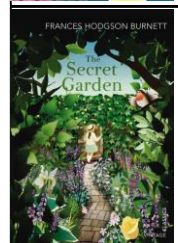
'Waiting for Murder' by Fleur Hitchcock

Daniel and Rain try to solve the mystery of a body that disappeared soon after it was discovered in the local reservoir which dried up in the summer heat. **Mystery / Crime thriller**



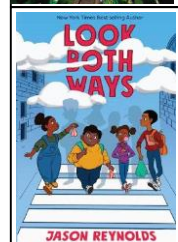
'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd

Two children investigate when their cousin goes missing. The police are baffled - so it's up to Ted, whose brain runs on its own unique operating system, to solve this mystery and find Salim. **Adventure / Mystery / Neurodiversity**



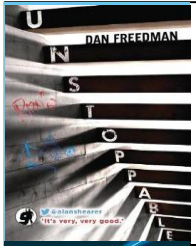
'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett ★

When Mary Lennox is sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle everybody says she is the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen. It is true, too. Mary is pale, spoilt and quite contrary. But she is also horribly lonely. Then one day she discovers a secret garden... **Mystery / Classic / Historical**



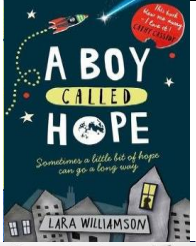
'Look Both Ways' by Jason Reynolds ★★ ★

Follows the home journey of four middle school friends as they walk back home after a day at school. **School / Family / Carnegie winner**



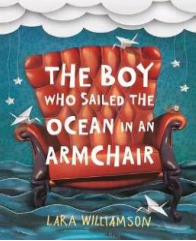
'Unstoppable' by Dan Freedman ★

Mixed-race twins strive to succeed in their chosen sports of football and tennis, but need to battle their local social environment to do so. **Family / Sport**



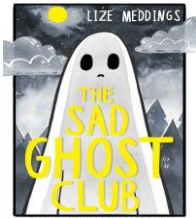
'A Boy Called Hope' by Lara Williamson ★

A boy hopes to get his father to return to his family after he leaves them to live with another woman. **Family**



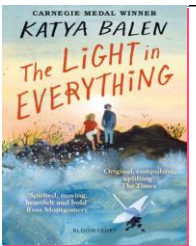
'The Boy Who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair' by Lara Williamson

A boy tries to work out what is happening when his father runs away with him and his brother in the middle of the night. **Family / Humour**



'The Sad Ghost Club' by Lize Meddings

A graphic novel: An anxious, lonely person meets someone very similar at a party to which neither wanted to go to and a tentative friendship begins. **Mental Health / Emotions**



'The Light in Everything' by Katya Balen ★

When Tom's mum and Zofia's dad announce they are having a baby and moving in together, the polar opposite children struggle to cope with the situation. **Family / Relationships**



'Needle' by Patrice Lawrence ★★

When Charlene is provoked and loses her temper over a blanket that she **hand-knitted**, and stabs her foster mum's son in the hand with the knitting needle, she has to deal with the consequences. **Family / Social issues**



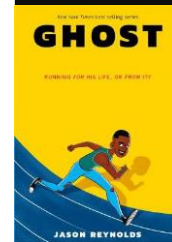
'Hoot' by Carl Hiaasen

A teenage boy moves to Florida where he encounters a bare-footed boy and joins in a daring environmental rescue. **Humour**



'Cirque du Freak' (1st bk in series) by Darren Shan

Darren Shan is just an ordinary school boy until he gets an invite to the Cirque de Freak...until he meets Madame Octa...until he comes face-to-face with a creature of the night. **Horror**



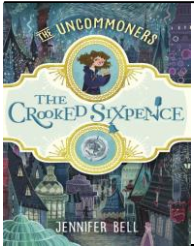
'Ghost' (1st bk in series) by Jason Reynolds

A boy from a difficult background is given a chance to turn his life around when the Run Club coach recognises his talent for running. **Sport**



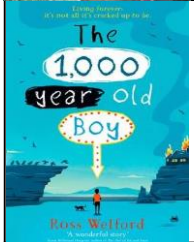
'Cogheart' (1st bk in series) by Peter Bunzl

A 13-year-old girl enters the dangerous underworld of a fantasy Victorian London when her father goes missing. **Fantasy /history/ adventure**



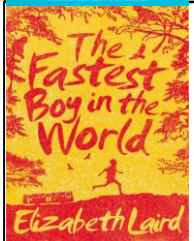
'The Crooked Sixpence' (1st bk in series) by Jennifer Bell

A brother and sister discover a city underneath London where ordinary objects have amazing powers.
Fantasy / Adventure



'The 1000 Year Old Boy' by Ross Welford

A boy who has lived for a thousand years, stuck at the age of 11, strives to find a place in the world where he belongs.
Fantasy / Friendship / Old Age



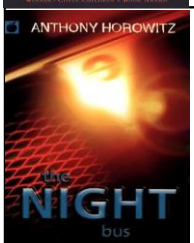
'The Fastest Boy in the World' by Elizabeth Laird ★

An 11-year-old Ethiopian boy hopes to realise his dream of becoming an athlete when he joins his grandfather on a trip to the capital city of Addis Ababa.
Sport / Families / Other Cultures



'The Land of Neverendings' by Kate Saunders ★

After her younger sister dies, a girl discovers a doorway to a world where people and their toys live when they have left this world.
Fantasy stories / Bereavement



'The Night Bus' by Anthony Horowitz ★

A collection of three short and scary stories. Excellent quick reads. Also try "Twist Cottage" by the same author.
Short stories / horror stories



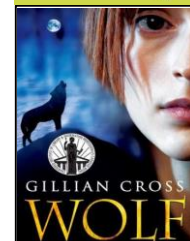
'Seven Ghosts' by Chris Priestley ★

A boy suspects something is not right when he is invited as part of a group of finalists in a writing competition to an old stately house where strange things start to happen.
Ghost stories / Horror



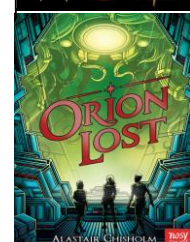
'Flour Babies' by Anne Fine ★

A class of children must look after pretend babies, which makes them consider their own family circumstances. Both funny and moving.
School / Families / Humour / Carnegie winner



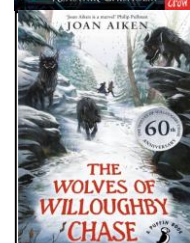
'Wolf' by Gillian Cross ★

Thriller in which a young girl is stalked by the father from her past and helps to save her mother and grandmother from very real danger.
Thriller / Families / Carnegie winner



'Orion Lost' by Alastair Chisholm

Teenagers must navigate their space ship safely back to Earth when a catastrophe leaves them stranded in deep space.
Sci-Fi / Adventure



'The Wolves of Willoughby Chase' by Joan Aiken ★

When Bonnie and Sylvia Green are left in the care of an evil governess, they must use all their wits to survive her plans as well as the wolves that roam the surrounding woods.
Adventure / Classic story