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Teachers Resource Collection

Class Novels



Catalogue

Class Novel Sets can be borrowed by teachers for up to 90 days.

Class Novel Sets are reserved on a first come basis and can be booked in advance.

For information or to reserve any of the class novel sets contact:

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Please Note - The Reading Age indicates the *Recommended Minimum Age* for shared, guided or independent reading. These are meant as a GUIDE only.



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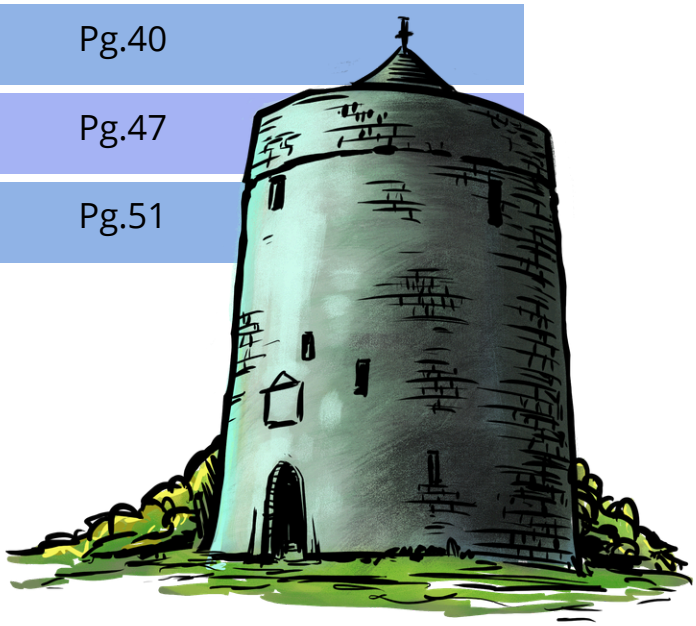


Big Books



Big Books are ideal for sharing with infant/ junior classes.
Their large scale ensures everyone can see the pages and follow along.
They are a perfect way to encourage students to take part in shared, guided or independent reading

Waterford Libraries has a variety of Big Book titles available including:

Picture Book Favourites

- Room on the Broom
- Charlie Cook's Favourite Book
- The Snail and The Whale
- Peace at Last
- Where's My Teddy?
- Farmer Duck
- The Pig in the Pond
- Handa's Hen
- The Train Ride
- Winnie The Witch

Traditional Fairytales

- Little Red Riding Hood
- The Three Little Pigs
- The Gingerbread Man
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Animal Fairytales

- The Poodle & The Pea
- Cat & The Beanstalk
- Sleeping Badger
- Ratpunzel

Nursery Rhymes

- I am the Music Man
- Little Miss Muffett
- Itsy Bitsy Spider
- Ten in the Bed
- One Elephant went out to play
- Cows in the Kitchen
- Monkeys jumping on the Bed
- 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer

Leabhair As Gaeilge

- Eadai Liam
- An Tusa mo Mhami?
- Teidí ar an teilifís
- Teidí agus na Rothaí
- Taking the Cats Way Home
- Ag siopadóireacht le Mamaí

Behaviours, Emotions & Feelings

- Monkey needs to listen, a book about paying attention
- Giraffe is left out, a book about feeling bullied
- Hippo owns up, a book about telling the truth
- The Big Bag of Worries
- Elephant learns to share, a book about sharing



Reading Schemes

A reading scheme is a series of books that's structured to help children learn to read.
They include books of all genres, including fiction and non-fiction. There are many different reading schemes available - all are levelled to match **The Institute of Educations 'Book Bands for Guided Reading'** . Book Bands are used across different reading schemes to indicate the reading level of each book, each of which has its own colour.

- Book Bands indicate the reading level of each book in the scheme,
- The books vary in a number of ways including layout, vocabulary and length.
- The difference between each colour band is very gradual, so that children do not experience great difficulty moving up through the schemes.

Progress through the bands is not automatic and it is important to ensure that children working in the early bands have secure understanding as they move on to more challenging texts.

Reading Schemes Collection

Collins Big Cat

From early phonics development to fluency, Collins Big Cat is a whole-school programme that provides complete support for primary reading. Deliver effective phonics with fully decodable books, expertly aligned to Letter and Sounds and foster a love of reading with hundreds of levelled readers to support guided, independent and whole class reading

Literacy Tower

A whole school resource, finely levelled for struggling readers in the Reading Recovery programme. Different literary styles introduce decoding strategies and aim to develop whole text comprehension. Recurring characters and different illustrative and photographic styles have child appea

PM Readers

PM Guided Reading books are finely levelled, with a gradually increasing level of difficulty that allows students to experience success with each book.PM non-fiction books are written about subjects of interest to students at each reading level, and are presented logically, with careful research and accuracy.

PM Readers +

Written to complement the PM Books reading scheme, PM Plus extends the series to provide an even greater choice of fiction and non-fiction texts It follows the same book banding structure as PM, with meticulously graded texts that scaffold and support children's' early reading experiences, making it easy to slot in with your existing resources

COLOUR BANDING - CORRESPONDING BOOK SCHEMES

COLOUR	BAND	RR	CLASS	AGE				
Lilac	Foundation	1	Pre-School/ Junior	4.5 - 5	0		1	
Pink	1	1,2	Junior/ Senior	5 - 6.5	1A 1B		1 +	1-3
Red	2	2-4	Junior/ Senior	5 - 6.5	2A 2B	Pre Reading	2	3-6
Yellow	3	5-7	Junior/ Senior	5 - 6.5	3	1-2	3	6-9
Blue	4	8-10	Junior/ Senior	5 - 6.5	4	3-5	4	9-12
Green	5	11-13	Junior/ Senior/1st	5 - 6.5	5	6-8	5	12-15
Orange	6	14-16	Junior/ Senior/1st	> 6.5	6	9-11	6	12-15
Turquoise	7	17-18	Junior/ Senior/1st	> 7	7	12-14	7	17-18
Purple	8	19-20	1st/2nd	> 7.5	8	15-16	8	19-20
Gold	9	21-22	1st/2nd	> 8	9	17-18	9	21-22
White	10	23-24	1st/2nd	> 8.5	10	19-20	10	23-24
Lime	11	25-26	2nd/3rd	> 9	11	21-22	11	25-26
Brown	12	27-28	3rd/4th	> 10	12 Copp 14 Ruby	23-24	12	27-28
Grey	13	29-30	3rd/4th	> 10	15	25-26	13-16	29-30
Sapphire	14	29-30	4th/5th	> 11	16	27-28	17-20	29-30



"This program is straightforward and easy to navigate. We have had an excellent experience moving through the levels and seeing regular progress....."

TTRS – Touch Type Read and Spell is an award winning course that teaches touch-typing skills to help children and adults improve their reading and spelling.The Multi Sensory approach allows users see the words on screen, hear them spoken aloud and then type the corresponding keys. It is often used by those with dyslexia and other learning difficulties.

Learners see, type, and hear text – and can pronounce target words and phrases alongside audio. The combination of diverse sensory input helps material 'stick' and the method makes use of modular lessons, repetition, and dictation exercises to reinforce learning.

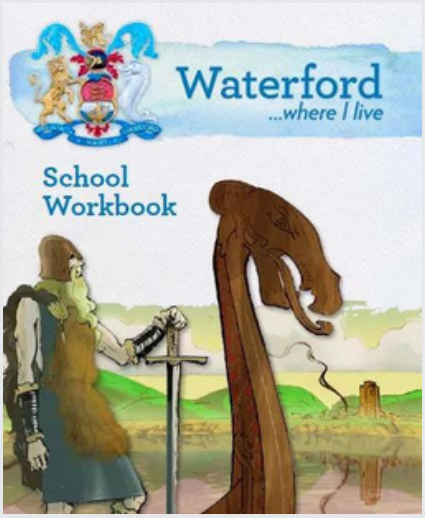
TTRS is available from Waterford libraries in 12 week blocks, a teacher or educator can avail of the service for one or more students in their class.

Please contact Caroline 051 849696 or cmpower@waterfordcouncil.ie for more information on TTRS

Waterford… Where I Live

Available as a Digital Book on the Waterford Libraries website, this primary school workbook published by Waterford City Council, captures highlights from the 1,100-year history of the city following its establishment by the Vikings in 914.

Aimed at fifth- and sixth-class pupils this book offers an accessible but reliable take on Waterford's rich history and includes a walking tour route taking in the historic city walls.









Who's that creeping down the street? Who's that climbing up the wall? Who's that coming through the window? Who's that? ... It's Burglar Bill.
Every night Burglar Bill goes out to work, stealing things. One night, by mistake....he steals a baby. . .

Colfer, Eoin & Jeffers, Oliver
Imaginary Fred



Fred floated like a feather in the wind until a lonely little boy wished for him and found a friendship like no other. Sometimes, with a little electricity, or luck, or even magic, an imaginary friend might appear when you need one. An imaginary friend like Fred...

JULIA DONALDSON

illustrated By Axel Scheffler



The Gruffalo

"A mouse took a stroll through the deep wood. A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good."



So begins the story of how a clever little mouse outwits his big scary enemy. The tasty little mouse needs to make his way through the deep dark woods. How will he do it?

Stickman

"*Stick Man lives in the family tree/ with Stick Lady love & his children three". .....*But one day Stick Man is pounced on by a dog. Help!
This is not what Stick Man wants. While others find many uses for Stick Man – a bat, a pen, a bow and a boomerang: Stick Man does all he can to find his way back home.



Zog



Zog is the keenest dragon in school. He's also the most accident-prone, flying into trees and even setting his own wing on fire.Luckily, a mysterious little girl always comes by and patches up his bumps and bruises.
But will she be able to help Zog with his toughest test: capturing a princess?

Tyrannosauraus Drip

illustrated by David Roberts

Everyone knows that tyrannosauruses are big and scary, so when a placid duckbill dinosaur's egg ends up in the wrong nest confusion is sure to ensue! When the baby dinosaur hatches out, he's so out of place that his grisly big sisters call him Tyrannosaurus Drip. Poor little Drip: all he wants is a quiet life munching on water weed.





When Little Owl falls out of the nest he needs help to find his way home again. Luckily squirrel is keen to help but how does he know what Little Owl's mummy will look like? Young readers will enjoy the entertaining confusion of mummies as squirrel misinterprets Little Owl's description of his mummy.

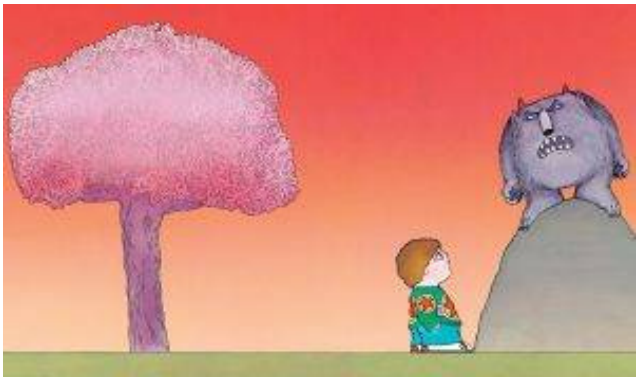
Kerr, Judith
The Tiger who came to Tea



When a tiger turns up on the doorstep one day, the little girl and her mother just welcome him right in and offer him tea. He sits neatly at the table and eats his way quietly through every scrap of food in the house and every drop of drink, too. Then, just as politely, he takes his leave. When Dad comes home, there's nothing left for him so he takes the whole family out for supper.

McGee, David
Not Now Bernard!

This well-loved picture book story is about parents too preoccupied to notice their own child! They are so busy doing their own thing, that a monster can eat Bernard's dinner, break his toys, and even eat Bernard, without being noticed! An hilarious cautionary tale.





McLaughlin, Eoin & Dunbar, Polly
The Hug

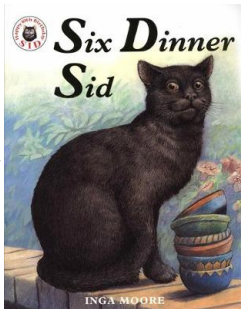
Hedgehog was feeling sad. Tortoise was feeling sad. So sad only one thing could help...

Both a hedgehog and a tortoise are looking for a hug. They ask all the other animals they come across but for some reason no one will hug them.Until a wise owl explains:
Hedgehog is too spiky; Tortoise is too bony.
And that's when they find each other!



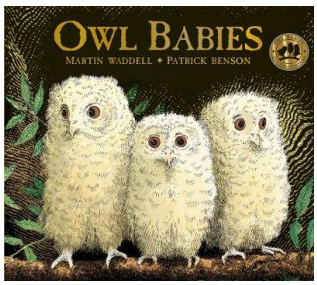
Moore, Inga
Six Dinner Sid

Sid is a cat who is addicted to having six meals a day . Manipulative, persuasive and a charmer he has wrapped everybody round his little paw - each owner believes that Sid belongs to them- until the day he is found out!



Waddell, Martin
Owl Babies

Three little owl babies sit in the tree and wait…and wait…and wait…
for their mummy to come home from hunting.



Rosen, Michael, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury
We're going on a Bear Hunt





We're going on a bear hunt. We're going to catch a big one. Will you come too?
Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear.

Oh Dear, Look What I Got!



From beloved author and illustrator pairing Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury comes a brilliant new picture book that will delight a new generation of children. Each visit to the shop brings an animal surprise in this playful read-aloud, with a final twist and a joyful ending. Young readers will love joining in the rhyming text and guessing what comes next in this hilarious picture book, sure to become a timeless classic.

"I went to the shop to get me a carrot. Oh dear, they gave me …. a parrot!
Oh dear, look what I got! Do I want that? No I do NOT!"

Waddell, Martin
Farmer Duck



Farmer Duck is no ordinary duck. He cooks and cleans, tends the fields, and cares for the other animals on the farm- all because the farm owner is too lazy to do these things himself. But when Farmer Duck finally collapses from exhaustion, sleepy and weepy and tired, his farmyard friends come to the rescue. They revolt against their lazy farmer, tip him out of bed and send him packing.

Now all the animals own the farm and do the work!

Ahlberg, Allan
Funnybones



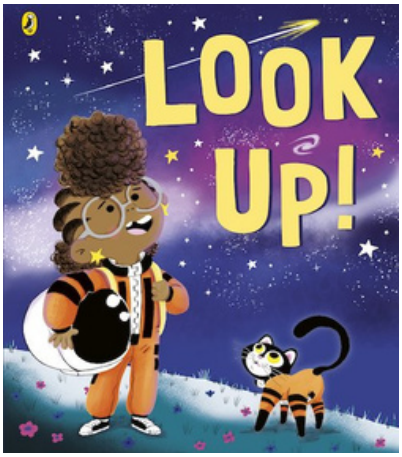
The Big Skeleton, Little Skeleton and Dog Skeleton live in a dark dark cellar at the bottom of a dark dark house. One night they decide to go out and do a bit of frightening ….In fact, the Skeletons can't frighten anyone!

Armitage, Ronda
The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch



Once there was a lighthouse keeper called Mr. Grinling. At night time he lived in a small white cottage perched high on the cliffs, and in the daytime he rowed out to his lighthouse to clean and polish the light. Every day Mr Grinling tucks into delicious lunch, prepared by his wife, Mrs Grinling. But Mr Grinling isn't the only one who enjoys the tasty food, so Mrs Grinling has to think of a way to stop the greedy seagulls from stealing the lighthouse keeper's lunch.

Byron, Nathan, illustrated by Dapo Adeola
Look Up!



An award-winning, inspirational picture-book story

Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived! But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars?

Bursting with energy and passion about science and space, this heart-warming, inspirational picture book will have readers turning off their screens and switching on to the outside world.

Dahl, Sophie, illustrated by Lauren O'Hara
Madam Badobedah

A timeless story celebrating friendship and imagination

Mabel lives with her parents in The Mermaid Hotel, by the sea. Mabel likes to keep an eye on the comings and goings of all the guests. Then one day a particularly in-ter-est-ing old lady comes to stay. There is something very suspicious about her, with her growly voice and her heavy trunks and her beady-eyed tortoise. And why does no one know her REAL name? Mabel decides there can only be one answer. This guest is a .....SUPERVILLAIN





Donaldson, Julia illustrated by Axel Scheffler

Room on the Broom

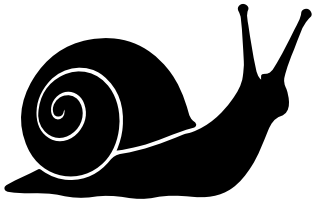


The witch and her cat fly happily over forests, rivers and mountains on their broomstick until a stormy wind blows away the witch's hat, bow and wand.

They are retrieved by a dog, a bird and a frog, and each animal asks for a ride on the broom. They climb on, one after the next, until the broom is so heavy that it snaps in two! What will happen next as they tumble into a bog and meet a greedy dragon?

King- Smith, Dick

The Adventurous Snail



Siegfried loves to explore.
One day his explorations take him on a big adventure -
from his home in the grass all the way to America. There he makes some very important friends, Mr Ambassador and Mr President and finds a new home in a sandwich box!

Fine, Anne

Diary of a Killer Cat

Okay, Okay. So hang me. I killed the bird. For pity's sake, I'm a cat.



Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird into the house.
Who on earth will be the next victim to arrive through the cat-flap? Can soft-hearted Ellie manage to get her beloved pet to change his wild, wild ways?

Rosen, Michael, illustrated by Daniel Egnéus

The Big Dreaming



The Cold is coming, and it's time for Big Bear and Little Bear to get ready for the Big Sleep - for bears sleep all winter long, and wake up in the spring. But Little Bear is worried. What if they run out of dreams during the Big Sleep? And so, Little Bear sets out bravely to find enough dreams to see them through the long winter. On his journey, he discovers dreams of happiness; dreams of homecoming; and dreams of hope. But with the Cold approaching fast, will Little Bear make it back home in time for the Big Dreaming? A resonant and uplifting tale from a master storyteller.

Sendak, Maurice

Where the Wild Things Are

When naughty Max makes mischief wearing his wolf suit, he is sent to bed without any supper. But in the night, a forest sprouts in his bedroom – and he sails to the land of rumpus where the Wild Things are! Capturing the fantastical beasts and landscapes that lurk at the edges of children's dreams and fancies, this much-loved story is an imaginative triumph. Using moonlit jungle pictures and simple, rhythmic language to create a dream world which you won't want to return from, it's a timeless classic which nobody should miss.



Tomlinson, Jill
The owl who was afraid of the dark

Plop, the Baby Barn Owl, is like every Owl except for one thing – he is afraid of the dark. How can he overcome his nerves?
With the help of the other night creatures. A funny and beautifully told story of facing fears and learning to fit in



Walliams, David & Ross, Tony
There's a Snake in My School

Miranda loves to be different, and on Bring-your-pet-to-school Day she introduces everyone to her very DIFFERENT pet... Penelope the snake. Miss Bloat the headmistress doesn't think snakes should be allowed in school. But Penelope has other ideas...



Wilson, Jacqueline
Mr Cool

Kevin wants to join Micky, Ricky and Nicky's pop band but they think his Gran's knitted jumpers aren't cool enough for a pop star.
Luckily for Kevin his Gran has a basement where the boys can practice so he makes the group. When the band is offered a record deal the boss tells them to drop the guy with the jumpers.....



Age 6+

Brown, Jeff
Flat Stanley



Stanley wakes up one morning to find a notice board has dropped on him in the night, leaving him only 1" 1/2 thick. It's a little unusual but he finds he can fly like a kite, be sent on holiday through the post and use his special new skills to catch some art thieves.

Fine, Anne
Care of Henry

Hugo has to choose who to stay with while his mother is having a baby. Who will care for him and his dog Henry the best? This charming tale of priorities and friendship will teach children to think carefully about what they value most in life.



Hooper, Meredith
Tom Crean's Rabbit



It's very cold in Antarctica, and the Terra Nova is crowded with both men and animals. Tom the sailor is looking for a quiet and cozy place for his pet rabbit to have her babies. Tom Crean's Rabbit introduces the historic voyage to young readers.

Mark, Jan
Lady Long Legs



Nisba may be new at Farm Lane School, but she won't be pushed about. When an older girl tries to stop Nisba from walking along the green tiles in the corridor, the new girl puts her foot down. She's got long legs and she's going to use them!

ROALD DAHL Quentin Blake

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Nobody has seen Willy Wonka - or inside his amazing chocolate factory - for years. When he announces plans to invite the winners of five Golden Tickets hidden inside the wrappers of chocolate bars to visit his factory, the whole world is after those tickets!

A boy who only gets to eat cabbage soup for breakfast, lunch and dinner finds a Golden Ticket that will take him into Willy Wonka's magical chocolate factory.
Joining him on the tour are four horrible blighters: Augustus Gloop - a great big greedy nincompoop, Veruca Salt - a spoiled brat, Violet Beauregarde - a repulsive little gum-chewer and Mike Teavee - a TV addict.

With a chocolate river, crafty squirrels and mysterious Oompa Loompas, Mr Wonka's chocolate factory is the strangest, most magnificent place Charlie has ever seen. What other surprises are in store?



Danny the Champion of the World

Danny lives in a gipsy caravan with his father, the most marvellous and exciting father any boy ever had. All the land around them belongs to Mr Victor Hazell, a rich snob with a great glistening beery face and tiny piggy eyes.
Nobody likes him, not one little bit. So one day, Danny and his father concoct a daring plot that will give the old blue-faced baboon Victor the greatest shock of his life - so long as they don't get caught...



Fantastic Mr Fox



Boggis is an enormously fat chicken farmer, Bunce is a duck-and-goose farmer, 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 the farms. Now the farmers have hatched a plan to shoot Mr Fox dead. But, just when they think Mr Fox can't possibly escape he makes a fantastic plan of his own...

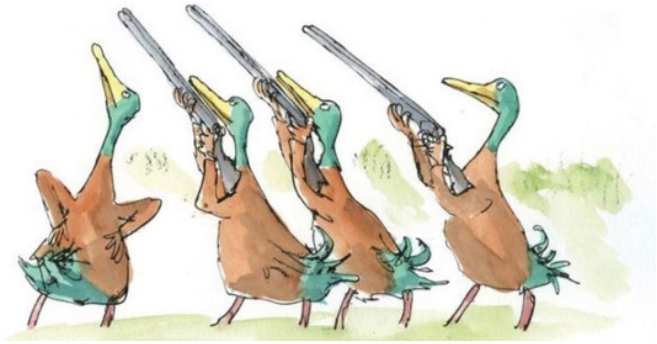
George's Marvellous Medicine



George's grandma is a grizzly, grumpy, selfish woman with pale brown teeth and a small puckered-up mouth like a dog's bottom. Four times a day she takes a large spoonful of thick brown medicine, but it doesn't seem to do her any good. She's always just as horrid after she's taken it as she was before.
So when George is left alone to look after her one morning, it's just the chance he needs...

The Magic Finger

Every Saturday morning the Greg family goes off to shoot animals and birds.
But the girl who lives next door hates hunting. Now it's made her so angry she's put the Magic Finger on them all. And very strange things have begun to happen..



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.
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...

The Twits



Fforde, Leona

Milly McCarthy and the Irish Dancing Disaster

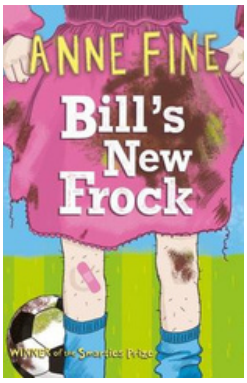


It really isn't my fault that Mrs Katherine De Búrca will never be able to judge a competition again, not with post-traumatic stress disorder. And it's also not my fault that from now on there needs to be a minimum distance of five metres between the judging panel and the contestants at all times.

Milly McCarthy is a ten-year-old girl from Cork – and she's determined to win a medal for Irish dancing. But her lessons don't go according to plan, and when she is subbed into a show at short notice, there's only one way things are going to go … disastrously!

Fine, Anne

Bill's New Frock



Bill wakes up one day as a girl, and is horrified to be sent to school in a frilly pink frock with fiddly shell buttons. There he finds life suddenly very different.
The bully whistles at him, instead of kicking him, he can't be picked to lift a table - not being a 'big strong boy' - his work's supposed to be ultra neat and he's being cast as Lovely Rapunzel.

Dick King-Smith



Harry's Mad

Harry isn't very pleased when he inherits a parrot from Great-Uncle George, but Maddison is no ordinary parrot. Not only can he talk, but you can have conversations with him and he and Harry quickly become great friends - but then Maddison is stolen!

The Hodgeheg

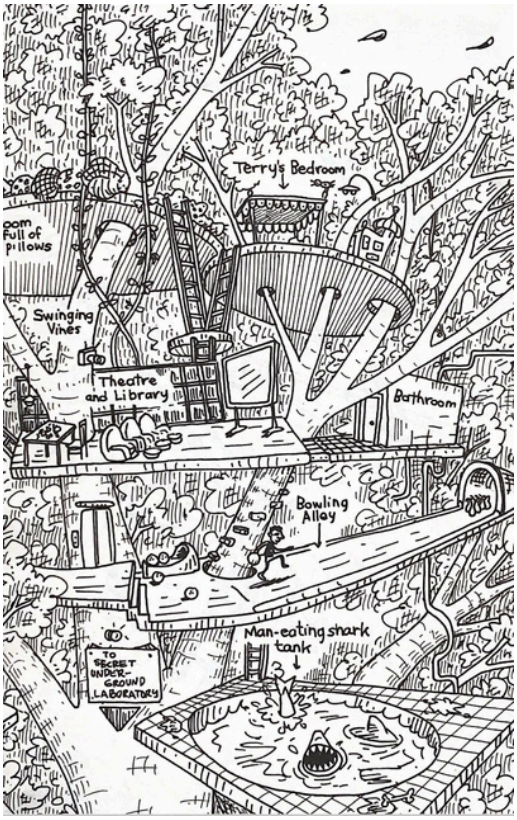
Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but unfortunately on the wrong side of the road from the Park, with its beautiful lily pond, and more importantly its juicy slugs, worms and snails!
The busy road is a dangerous barrier but Max notices that humans cross it -If they can, why can't hedgehogs?

The Sheep Pig

When Babe, the little orphaned piglet, is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget, he is adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheep-dog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheep-dog. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.

Griffths, Andy & Deary, Terry

The 130 Storey Treehouse



Andy and Terry live in a 130-story treehouse. It has a soap bubble blaster, a time-wasting level, a 13-story igloo, the GRABINATOR (it can grab anything from anywhere at any time), a toilet paper factory, and an extraterrestrial observation centre for observing aliens. Though it's them who are being watched and then abducted--by a giant flying eyeball from outer space! Will the gang be able to escape and get back to Earth and write their book before time runs out?

Morpurgo, Michael

Mister Skip



Jackie watches the boys on her estate and she longs to own her own horse. All Jackie has is her Gran's old donkey Barnaby, who is a stubborn as...a mule!
One day, Jackie finds a broken garden gnome whom she restores back to his former glory.Much to her astonishment, Mr Skip talks to Jackie! He is going to help make her dreams come true. Her wish is, of course, for her donkey to 'run like a racehorse'.

Morpurgo, Michael
This Morning I met a Whale



At sunrise, 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 - the earth's days are numbered and that humans must put right the damage they are doing, but how can Michael fulfil his promise to tell others when neither his teacher nor his classmates will believe his story

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Mian, Zanib illustrated by Nasaya Mafaridik
Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet



Welcome, readers, to the imaginative brain of Omar!
You might not know me yet, but once you open the pages of this book you'll laugh so hard that snot will come out of your nose (plus you might meet a dragon and a zombie - what more could you want?).

Murphy, Jill
The Worst Witch



Miss Cackle's Academy is no ordinary school. It stands at the top of a high mountain surrounded by a pine forest. On clear days you can see the pupils flitting about on their broomsticks. For this is a school for witches and instead of the usual lessons they learn about casting spells.

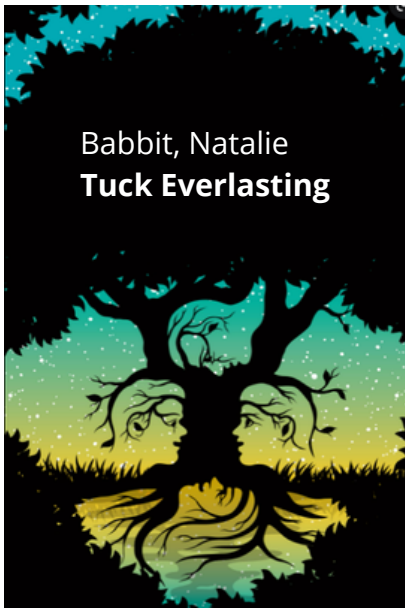
Sanna, Francesca
The Journey



What is it like to have to leave everything behind and travel many miles to somewhere unfamiliar and strange?
A mother and her two children set out on such a journey; one filled with fear of the unknown, but also great hope

This beautifully illustrated book explores the unimaginable decisions a family had to make in order to escape the turmoil and tragedy of war.

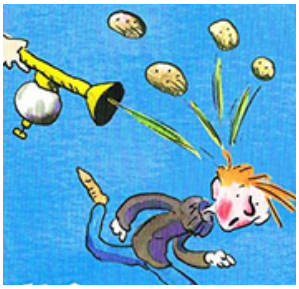
"A wonderful teaching tool for those who are welcoming refugees into their community."—The New York Times



Winnie Foster is in the woods, thinking of running away from home, when she sees a boy drinking from a spring. Winnie wants a drink too, but before she can take a sip, she is kidnapped by the boy, Jesse Tuck, and his family. She learns that the Tuck family are blessed with - or doomed to - eternal life since drinking from the spring, and they wander from place to place trying to live as inconspicuously as they can. Now Winnie knows their secret. But what does immortality really mean? And can the Tucks help her understand before it's too late?

Colfer, Eoin

The Legend of Spud Murphy



With five brothers in one house things often get out of hand. When Dad has 'had enough', he decides that Will and Marty should spend the afternoon in the Library. But he doesn't know about the librarian, Mrs Murphy…Can Will and Marty survive the legendary librarian and her gas-powered spud-gun?

Colfer, Eoin

The Legend of the Worst Boy in the World



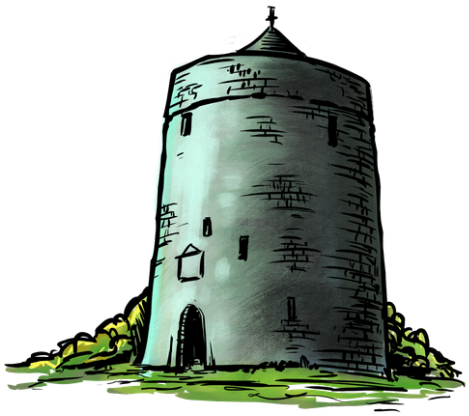
Will is desperate to win the Giant Jelly Baby competition and be named 'the best boy in the world'. But his big brother Marty always beats him to it. Then one day Will's wish comes true - he's the best boy in the world at last! Marty is not happy, and decides that something must be done . . .

Birney, Betty G

The World according to Humphrey



You can learn a lot about life by observing another species. That's what Humphrey was told when he was first brought to Room 26. And boy, is it true! In addition to having FUN-FUN-FUN in class, each weekend this amazing hamster gets to sleep over with a different student, like Lower-Your-Voice-A.J. and Speak-Up-Sayeh. Soon Humphrey learns to read, write, and even shoot rubber bands (only in self-defense, of course). With lots of friends to help, adventures to enjoy, and a cage with a lock-that-doesn't- lock, Humphrey's life is almost perfect. If only the teacher, Mrs. Brisbane, wasn't out to get him!



ROALD DAHL

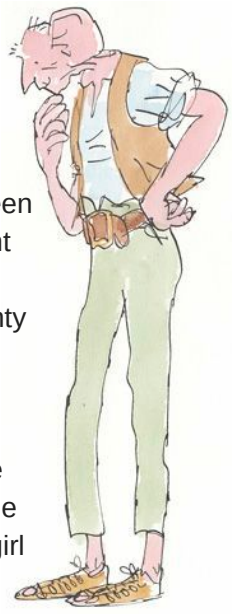
Quentin Blake



Matilda

Matilda Wormwood's father thinks she's a little scab, her mother spends all afternoon playing bingo and her headmistress Miss Trunchbull ?
Well, she's the worst of all. She is a big bully, who thinks all her pupils are rotten and locks them in the dreaded Chokey. But Matilda is an extraordinary little girl with a magical mind - and now she's had enough. So all these grown-ups had better watch out, because Matilda is going to teach them a lesson they'll never forget.

The BFG



A delightful, funny and exciting story, about a special friendship between two people from different worlds – a giant and a child. Dahl is at his mighty best here by eventually ensuring the big bad giants get their comeuppance whilst the big friendly giant wins the day alongside the little girl Sophie.

James & The Giant Peach

James Henry Trotter lives with two ghastly hags. Aunt Sponge is enormously fat with a face that looks boiled and Aunt Spiker is bony and screeching.
He's very lonely until one day something peculiar happens.
At the end of the garden a peach starts to grow. Inside that peach are seven very unusual insects - all waiting to take James on a magical adventure.





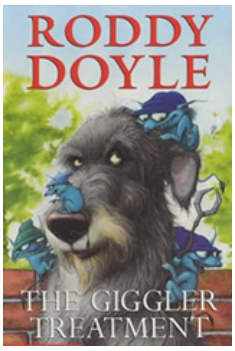
The Witches

"To a witch, a child smells like dogs' droppings"

Real witches dress in ordinary clothes and look like ordinary women but they are always plotting and scheming with murderous, bloodthirsty thoughts - and they hate children.
The Grand High Witch hates children most of all and plans to make every single one of you disappear. Only one boy and his grandmother can stop her, but if their plan fails the Grand High Witch will frizzle them like fritters, and then what...?

Doyle, Roddy

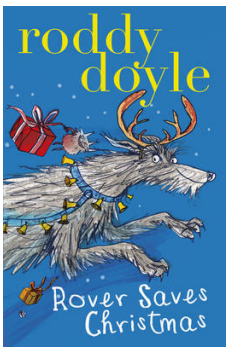
The Giggler Treatment



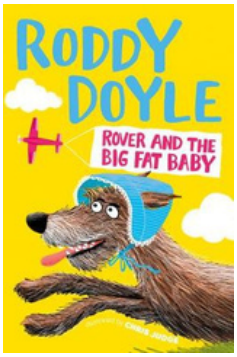
They waited for the wallop -
Mr Mack hitting the poo.
They waited for the squelch -
Mr Mack stepping on the poo.
They waited for the groan -
Mr Mack seeing that most of the poo was now on his shoe.
Who are the Gigglers?
Good Question.

Doyle, Roddy

Rover saves Christmas



With Rudolph on strike Rover comes to the rescue of Father Christmas but how can he possibly deliver all the presents with so little time left. You'll laugh your socks off with Doyle's brilliant storyline and one-liners to boot.



Rover and the Big Fat Baby

The BFB (Big Fat Baby) is missing! Can Rover the wonder dog and his little nephew Messi (who is actually very tidy) track her down? While Rover and co. are hot on the trail of the BFB, via Granny Mack's backpack, the post lady's basket and a plane bound for Africa, it looks like the Gigglers are about to run out of poo ...And without an urgent delivery from Rover, how will they be able to give the Giggler Treatment to grumpy adults and help kids all over the country?

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.

Gold, Hannah

Finding Bear



April Wood has returned home from her adventure on Bear Island. But, over a year later, she can't stop thinking about Bear. When April hears that a polar bear has been shot and injured in Svalbard, she's convinced it's her friend and persuades her dad to travel with her to the northernmost reaches of the Arctic. So begins an unforgettable journey across frozen tundra and icy glaciers.But along the way, she discovers much more than she bargained for – a tiny polar bear cub, desperately in need of her help. In freezing temperatures, April must navigate the dangerous Arctic terrain and face her deepest fears if she's to save him.

Gold, Hannah

The Lone Husky



April Wood is no stranger to adventure. After all, she lives in the Arctic and her best friend is a polar bear. But when April finds herself volunteering for the Polar Race – a long-distance dog sled race across the frozen tundra – even she wonders if this may be an adventure too far.

April will need all the help she can get if she's to make it to the finish line. And competition is fierce – with experienced dog sledders, including new boy Finn, who will go to any lengths to win.

But April has something the other teams don't: Blaze, a solitary husky with a troubled past, who may just prove to be her secret weapon…

Gold, Hannah

The Lost Whale



Rio has been sent to live with a grandmother he barely knows in California, while his mum is in hospital back home. Alone and adrift, the only thing that makes him smile is joining his new friend Marina on her dad's whale watching trips. That is until an incredible encounter with White Beak, a gentle giant of the sea changes everything. But when White Beak goes missing, Rio must set out on a desperate quest to find his whale and somehow save his mum.

"An unforgettable highly accomplished animal adventure about the connection between a boy and a whale, with strong ecological themes" The Bookseller

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Lynch, Jed *Illustrated by Stephen Stone*

The Baboon with the Golden Bum



Twin toads, business baboons, a newt with a laboratory, and a mystery to be solved. The Free Range Detective Agency is on the case! Seamus the turkey detective is once again desperate for a new case. When security breaches threaten Frank Bloombum, baboon and two-time Business Monkey of the Year's top-secret money-making facilities, the Free Range Detective Agency is called to the rescue.Who might be responsible? The baboon, the jackal, the newt, the toad or another creature lurking in the shadows?

Montgomery, Ross

I am Rebel



"I'm Tom's dog, and he's my human. We belong to each other." Rebel is a good dog, and he loves his simple, perfect life on the farm with his owner Tom – until one day the war comes too close… Now Tom is determined to join the rebellion to defeat the king's men. But Rebel knows war is dangerous, and he will stop at nothing to save the human he loves. Rebel must bring Tom home before it's too late.

Morpurgo, Michael

An Elephant in the Garden



Dresden, 1945. Elizabeth and Karli's mother works at the zoo, where her favourite animal is a young elephant named Marlene. Then the zoo director tells her that the dangerous animals – including the elephants – must be shot before the town is bombed. Unable to give Marlene up, their mother moves her into the back garden to save her… and then the bombs start to fall.
Their home destroyed, the whole family must flee the bombed-out city and through the perilous, snow-covered landscape, all the while avoiding the Russian troops who are drawing ever closer. It would be hard enough to do, without an elephant in tow…

Morpurgo, Michael

The Butterfly Lion

Miserable at his boarding school, Bertie runs away. He is rescued by a kind old lady who tells him of how another 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.





Palmer, Tom

Football Academy : Boys United

Jake loves football and dreams of becoming a professional footballer. He's worried about his height though – what if he's too small for football? But on the day of his trial Jake is quick on the ball and scores – he's made it! Jake can't wait to pull on his shirt and join the team. But someone at the club wants to make his life difficult. Can Jake face up to the bullies and become man of the match again?

Stamp, Emer

The Unbelievable Top Secret Diary of Pig



Pig loves Farmer he gives Pig yummy slops and special back scratches, and calls him Sausage and seems to love him more, the fatter he gets. Just as well Pig doesn't speak Farmer. But Duck does and he's determined his friend should know the truth. This is tough for Pig but here's help from an unexpected quarter: the Evil Chickens have a plan...

Stanton, Andy

You're a Bad Man Mr Gum



Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him. And an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub. And Jake the dog, and a little girl called Polly and an evil, stinky butcher all covered in guts.And there's heroes and sweets and adventures and EVERYTHING.

Walliams, David

Bad Dad



There are young ones
and old ones, clever ones
and stupid ones.
There are silly ones and
serious ones,
loud ones and quiet ones.
Of course, there are
good dads, and bad dads . . .
A high-speed cops and robbers adventure with heart and soul about a father and son taking on the villainous Mr Big - and winning! This riches-to-rags story will have you on the edge of your seat and howling with laughter! Bad Dad is a fast and furious, heart-warming story of a father and son on an adventure - and a thrilling mission to break an innocent man into prison!

Strong, Jeremy

The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog

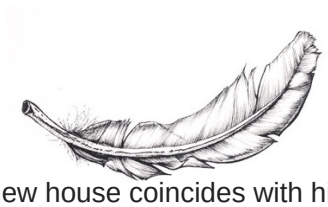


Trevor's mum has offered him £30 to walk the dog every day of the holidays. Streaker is a mixed-up kind of dog...with quite a bit of Ferrari and a large chunk of whirlwind. She's a rocket on four legs with a woof attached, and Trevor has got until the end of the holidays to train her. If he fails, he'll lose his bet with horrible Charlie Smugg, and something very, very yucky involving frogspawn will happen...



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 he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage, 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 ...

Boyne, John

Noah Barleywater Runs Away



Noah is running away from his problems, or at least that's what he thinks, the day he takes the untrodden path through the forest. When he comes across a very unusual toyshop and meets the even more unusual toymaker he's not sure what to expect. But the toymaker has a story to tell, a story full of adventure, and wonder and broken promises.

Boyne, John

The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket



There's nothing unusual about the Brockets. Normal, respectable, and proud of it, they turn up their noses at anyone strange or different. But from the moment Barnaby Brocket comes into the world, it's clear he's anything but ordinary. To his parents' horror, Barnaby defies the laws of gravity - and floats. Desperate to please his parents, Barnaby does his best to keep both feet on the ground - but he just can't do it. One fateful day, the Brockets decide enough is enough. They never asked for a weird, abnormal, floating child. Barnaby has to go ..

Boyne, John

Stay Where You Are And 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, while shining shoes at King's Cross Station, Alfie unexpectedly sees his father's name - on a sheaf of papers belonging to a military doctor. Bewildered and confused, Alfie realises his father is in a hospital close by - a hospital treating soldiers with an unusual condition.

Byars, Betsey

The Eighteenth Emergency



Mouse and his best friend Ezzie have come up with 17 action plans for various types of emergency, such as Attack by an Unfriendly Lion....
But nothing has prepared them for the 18th emergency: being on the wrong side of Marv Hammerman.

The Midnight Fox

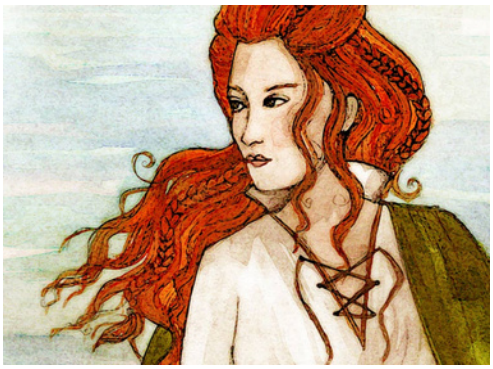


Tom is horrified when his parents tell him he has to stay on Aunt Millie's farm while they are away.
He finds country life every bit as strange and uncomfortable as he feared. But soon, he discovers a rare black fox with green eyes, living with her cubs in the forest.

Suddenly, the summer is full of excitement.
That is, until Uncle Fred decides to go after the fox - will Tom save her and her family in time?

Chambers, Anne

Granuaile: Sea Queen of Ireland



A Pirate Queen and Chieftain, We meet Grace as a young girl on Ireland's west coast. Her father is a strong chieftain and loves the sea. Despite her parents' objections, Grace becomes a better sailor than any of her father's crew and her adventures begin.

Colfer, Eoin

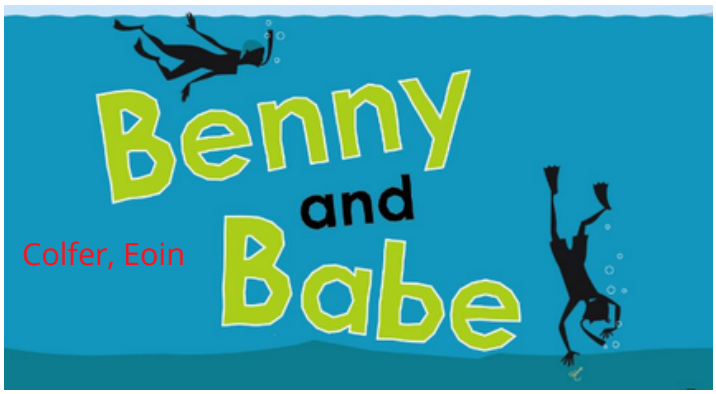
Artemis Fowl



At just 12, 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 pretty annoyed with all the kidnapping. Artemis Fowl is about to find out that fairies fight back . . . Let the misadventure begin.



Moving to Africa is the worst thing that has ever happened to Benny. No one plays hurling (the best game on the planet) and the local school is run by hippies who like to talk about feelings....As if. But when Benny meets wisecracking Omar who only speaks English in TV catchphrases, he decides that maybe life in this new country can be fun after all ...



A summer in the Irish countryside is not Benny Shaw's idea of a good time. Especially since the people of Duncade don't appreciate him as the sporting prodigy that he is. All he gets is teasing, which is a favourite pastime of annoying tomboy Babe Meara.

Cottrell-Boyce, Frank

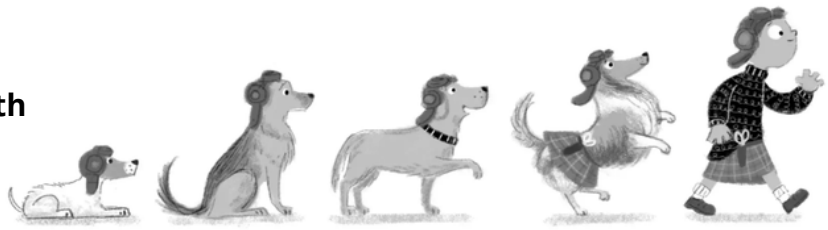
The Unforgotten Coat



When two Mongolian brothers appear one morning in Julie's class, no one knows what to do with them. But when Chingis, the older of the brothers, proclaims Julie as their "Good Guide" — a nomadic tradition of welcoming strangers to a new land — Julie must somehow navigate them through soccer, school uniforms, and British slang. At times funny, this moving and simply told novella tugs at the heart — a unique story of immigration.

Cottrell-Boyce, Frank

Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth



Prez is living with a foster family when he opens the door to Sputnik. Prez sees an alien in a kilt – everyone else sees a dog. Over the course of the summer Prez and Sputnik have some amazing adventures and break a lot of laws, including some of the laws of physics, but in the process they save the world, and reunite Prez with his grandfather.

How to Train Your Dragon

Cowell, Cressida



Hiccup Horrendous Haddock grew up at a time of dragons but he was not always a hero. He had to learn to fight them. To do so he had to pass the Dragon Initiation Programme, an awesome schedule run by Gobber the Belch, idiot in charge of initiation on the Isle of Berk. Hiccup was by no means a natural high achiever when it came to dragon training but after many hilarious mishaps, he soon got the hang of it and was on the way to becoming a Hero.

Cross, Gillian

The Demon Headmaster



Dinah moves in with the Hunter family and starts going to the same school as her foster-brothers Lloyd and Harvey. It's not easy, as they seem to hate her, and school is really strange. Pupils suddenly talk like robots and do weird things - even Dinah finds herself acting oddly. She's sure the headmaster has some kind of power over them.



Curtin, Judi

Alice Next Door

Poor Megan! Not alone is she stuck with totally uncool parents, and a little sister who is too cute for words, but now her very best friend, Alice, has moved away. Now Megan has to go to school and face the dreaded Melissa all on her own. The two friends hatch a risky plot to get back together. But can their secret plan work?



Doyle, Catherine

The Lost Girl King

Amy and Liam Bell have been packed off to stay at Gran's house in the wilds of Connemara for the summer. Out for a walk on the first morning of their holiday, they trace the flight of a hawk to a nearby waterfall - only to watch the bird disappear through it.
Intrigued, the children follow and soon realise they've discovered the entrance to Tír na nÓg, the legendary land of eternal youth.
But they've been tricked- Liam is captured by a troop of headless horsemen who take him to Tarlock, the ruling sorcerer of Tír na nÓg, who is seeking the bones of a human child for a sinister new spell.....

Doyle, Roddy

Brilliant



Gloria and Rayzer must save their Uncle Ben. The black dog has got him.
At least, that's what they heard their granny say. And she says it's taken Dublin's funny bone too. As Uncle Ben's Dublin business fails, it's clear to Gloria and Rayzer that something is wrong. He just isn't his usual cheerful self. Gathering all their courage the children set out on a midnight quest to hunt down the Black Dog and chase it away.

Before long loads of other children are searching for it too, because the Black Dog is hounding lots of Dublin's adults. Together – and with the help of magical animals, birds and rodents – the children manage to corner the Black Dog . . . but will they have the courage and cleverness to destroy the frightening creature?

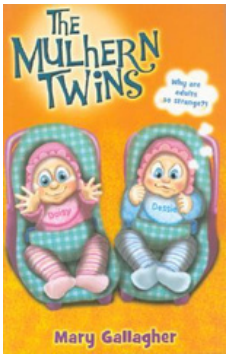


Those who bweak my wules will face my wage!!

When Fidge furiously kicks her little sister's soft toy, the Wed Wabbit, into the road she unleashes an imaginary caper that sends her and her spoilt cousin Graham into the world of the ridiculous Wimbley Woos, blobby characters of different colours who only speak in rhyming couplets. Whimsical, clever, and laugh-out-loud funny.

Gallagher, Mary

The Mulhern Twins



A funny account of the first 3 months in the life of the Mulhern twins. It gives voice to the thoughts of Dessie and from birth we meet the twins as two know-it-alls with a suspicious view of the adult world around them.

Gallagher, Brian

The Case of the Vanishing Painting



A valuable painting leaves Galway in a guarded carriage. When the train arrives in Dublin, the painting is gone, and the train's guard is suspected. Twins Deirdre and Tim know their father isn't a thief, and they're determined to find out who is. Soon the children are battling not just to clear his name, but for their very lives!

Gallagher, Brian

The Case of the Secret Signal



On holidays with an aunt in Carlingford, friends Tim, Deirdre and Joe set out to investigate an SOS, but very quickly they are caught up in a dangerous adventure.
Can they solve the case before it's too late?

Hinton, Nigel

Buddy



Buddy has a hopeless father who is an ageing rocker, interested only in Elvis and bikes, and living on the fringes of the under-world.
The two manage to strike up some kind of relationship when Buddy's mum walks out - until Buddy realises that his dad is involved in something more serious than he suspected.

Ibbotson, Eva

One Dog and his Boy



All Hal had ever wanted was a dog.

But a dog would damage the carpets in Hal's house, and so his parents refused to let him have one.Then they discover Easy Pets, a convenient dog-rental agency.Terrier Fleck arrives on Hal's birthday, but when he discovers that his dog must be returned, Hal runs away.

Kenny, Pádraig

The Monsters of Rookhaven



Mirabelle has always known she is a monster. When the glamour protecting her unusual family from the human world is torn and an orphaned brother and sister stumble upon Rookhaven, Mirabelle soon discovers that friendship can be found in the outside world.
But as something far more sinister comes to threaten them all, it quickly becomes clear that the true monsters aren't necessarily the ones you can see.

Lawrence, Michael

Jiggy McHue:
The Killer Underpants



Join Jiggy McCue and his pals in this pant-astically funny tale! The underpants from hell - that's what Jiggy calls them, and not just because they look gross. No, these pants are evil. And they're in control of Jiggy, of his life! Can Jiggy get to the bottom of his problem before it's too late?

Kinney, Jeff

Diary of A Wimpy Kid



Things aren't going well for Greg Heffley. He's been thrust into a new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. Along with his friend Rowley, Greg's desperate to prove his new maturity, which only going up a grade can bring. But when Rowley's star starts to rise, will Greg be able to reach the same heights of popularity as his best friend?

Landy, Derek

Skulduggery Pleasant

Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the greater good, of course). Oh yeah. And dead. Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's. well, she's a twelve-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out.
Stephanie's uncle Gordon is a writer of horror fiction. But when he dies and leaves her his estate. Pursued by evil forces intent on recovering a mysterious key, Stephanie finds help from an unusual source - the wisecracking skeleton of a dead wizard. When all hell breaks loose, it's lucky for Skulduggery that he's already dead. Will evil win the day? Will Stephanie and Skulduggery stop bickering long enough to stop it? One thing's for sure: evil won't know what's hit it.



McCaughrean, Geraldine

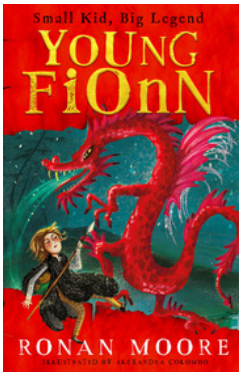
Where the World Ends



Every summer Quill and his friends are put ashore on a remote sea stac to hunt birds. But this summer, no one arrives to take them home. Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they've been abandoned--cold, starving and clinging to life, in the grip of a murderous ocean. How will they survive such a forsaken place of stone and sea? Inspired by a true event, this is a breathtaking story of nine boys and the courage it takes to survive against the odds.

Moore, Ronan

Young Fionn: Small Kid, Big Legend



A cheeky kid, constantly trying to outsmart the adults around him, Fionn is on the run from his father's enemies who want him dead. Travel with him as he journeys throughout Ireland, evading capture, outwitting enemies, and training to become the greatest leader Ireland has ever known.

Moore, Ronan

Young Fionn: Fionn and the Fianna



In the second book we meet the teenage Fionn who now leads the legendary Fianna warriors. Accompanied by his loyal Irish wolfhound Conbec and closest friends, Fionn and his band of warriors must survive a series of incredible adventures which culminate in an epic final battle.





michael morpurgo

Alone on a Wide Wide Sea



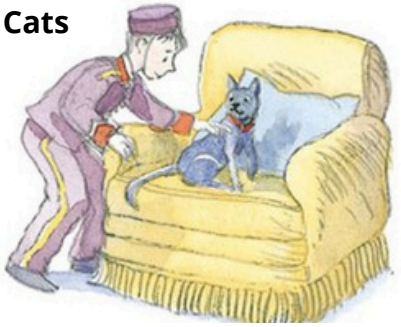
When 6 old orphan Arthur Hobhouse is shipped to Australia after WWII he loses his sister, his country and everything he knows. Overcoming enormous hardships Arthur is finally saved by the extraordinary people he meets and by his talent for boat-design and sailing. Now he has built a special boat for his daughter Allie – a solo yacht designed to carry her to England in search of his long-lost sister. Will the threads of Arthur's life finally come together?



Friend or Foe

Evacuated from London, David and Tucky feel like the war is a long way away from their new life in the countryside. Then one night, the distant crump of bombing brings the war back to them and shatters their new-found peace. When a German bomber crashes, the boys feel they should hate the airmen inside. But one of them saves David's life.

Kaspar Prince of Cats



Kaspar the Cat first came to the Savoy Hotel in a basket - Johnny Trott knows, because he was the one who carried him in. Johnny was a bell-boy and he carried all of Countess Kandinsky's things to her room. But Johnny didn't expect to end up with Kaspar on his hands forever, and nor did he count on making friends with Lizzie-Beth, 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.

Kensukes Kingdom



Michael's parents buy a yacht, and take him off to sail round the world. Washed overboard in a fierce storm, Michael finds himself on the shore of a remote island - and soon discovers he's not alone. Kensuke, a former Japanese soldier, survived the war and the bombing of Hiroshima, but his family perished. As an extraordinary bond forms between the two, Kensuke faces a heart-breaking choice: can he give up the secluded life he's built for himself to help reunite Michael with his parents?

Toro! Toro!



Antonio lives an idyllic life on his parent's bull farm in Andalucia.
But the idyll is shattered when he realizes that his beloved bull calf, Paco, is destined to the bloody struggle of the bullring. What can he do? He frees Paco and rides with him into the hills.There they witness the bombing of their village (The Spanish Civil War has started) – his family and the farm are destroyed and Paco has run off, wild with fright. He decides to stay in the hills, where he meets up with the Resistance fighters.

Wreck of the Zanzibar

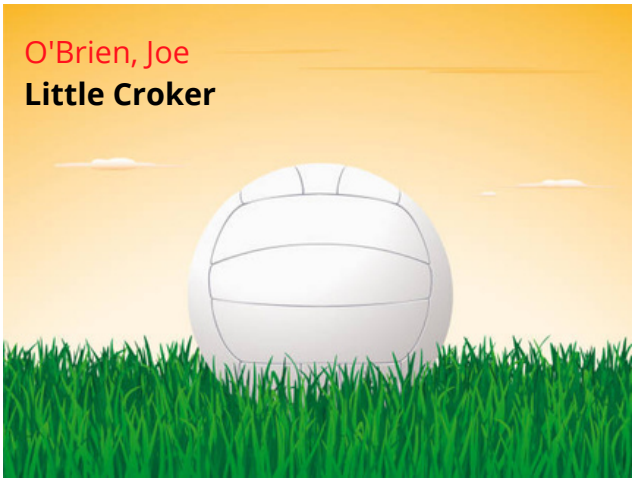


Life on the Scilly Isles in 1907 is bleak and full of hardship. This story unfolds in
journal entries and watercolor illustrations made by 14-year-old Laura, where her family's survival depends on the mercy of the elements and the sea. One winter is particularly harsh, with the family's cows sickening and dying, the weather destroying houses and boats, The food stores dwindling and Laura's twin brother, Billy, running away to join a ship's crew.
Then a storm devastates everything. It seems there is little hope…that is until the sailing ship The Zanzibar is wrecked on the island's rocks and everything changes…

Why the Whales came



Gracie and her friend Daniel have always been warned to stay away from the Birdman and his side of the island. But then they find a message in the sand and discover the Birdman is not who they thought. They build up a lovely friendship with him, but when the children get stranded on Samson Island they don't know whether to believe the birdman's story that the island is cursed.
Determined to find out more and to lift the curse it becomes a race against time and against all the other inhabitants of the Isles of Scilly for the children to prevent the curse from striking again.



How do you play every game?' yelled Mick. 'Like the All-Ireland Final!

Danny Wilde wants one thing more than anything else in the world and that's to get his GAA team, 'Littlestown Crokes' to the top of the League. With the help of his dad-their coach Mick, he knows they can win. Things go wrong when Danny stays with his horrible uncle & aunt, who know nothing about GAA. Can the 'Crokes' make it after all? Danny comes up with a brilliant plan but needs a whole lot of help to make it work .

O'Doherty, David

Danger is Everywhere: A Handbook for avoiding Danger

Does it warn you about what to do if a shark comes up out of the loo while you are sitting on it?



And how to find out if your granny is a Robot?



And what to do if a volcano erupts under your house?

Yes it Does!

O'Doherty, David

The Summer I robbed a Bank



Rex's parents have split up and, to make matters worse, he has to spend his summer holiday on a remote and rainy Irish island - with only unruly sheep for company.The only upside: he'll be staying with his strange and brilliant Uncle Derm.Then Rex discovers Uncle Derm is about to execute his most hair-brained plan yet . . . To rob the island's travelling bank!
Like the local legend of medieval Pirate Queen Grace O'Malley, Uncle Derm plans to redistribute the money to local needy causes on the island. And he needs Rex's help . . .

O'Dowd, Siobhan

The London Eye Mystery



11.32am. Ted and his sister Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. The pod rises from the ground, high above the city. 12.02am. The pod lands and the doors open. Everyone exits - everyone but Salim. Has he spontaneously combusted? (Ted's theory.) Has he been kidnapped? (Aunt Gloria's theory.) Is he even still alive? (The family's unspoken fear.) Even the police are baffled - so it's up to Ted.

Palacio, R.J

Wonder

'My name is August.
I won't describe what I look like.
Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.'



Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox.
He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds.
Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it.





Rauf, Onjali

The Boy at the Back of the Class

A child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.

"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!



Denizen Hardwick doesn't believe in magic - until he's ambushed by a monster created from shadows and sees it destroyed by a word made of sunlight. Now Denizen is about to discover that there's a world beyond the one he knows. A world of living darkness where an unseen enemy awaits. Fortunately for humanity, between us and the shadows stand the Knights of the Borrowed Dark. Unfortunately for Denizen, he's one of them...

Rundell, Katherine

The Explorer

After crashing hundreds of miles from civilisation in the Amazon rainforest, Fred, Con, Lila and Max are utterly alone and in grave danger. They have no food, no water and no chance of being rescued.
As they negotiate the wild jungle they begin to find signs that something - someone - has been there before them. Could there possibly be a way out after all?

Impossible Creatures



Christopher is stunned when he discovers a passage to the Archipelago: a cluster of magical islands where all the creatures of myth still live and breed and thrive in their thousands. There he meets Mal: a girl from the islands, who is in possession of a flying coat and a baby griffin, and who is being pursued by a killer. Together they embark on an urgent quest to discover why the creatures are suddenly perishing, voyaging across the wild splendour of the Archipelago, where sphinxes hold secrets and centaurs do murder, in a bid to save both the islands and the world beyond them from a rising evil - before it's too late.



Rundell, Katherine
The Poisoned King (Impossible Creatures 2)

When Christopher Forrester is unexpectedly woken by a miniature dragon chewing on his face, his heart leaps for joy. For months he's dreamed of returning to the Archipelago – the secret islands where all the creatures of myth still live. But he did not know it would involve a rescue mission on the back of a sphinx, or a plan to enter a dragon's lair. Nor did he imagine it would involve a girl with a flock of birds at her side, a new-hatched chick in her pocket and a ravenous hunger for justice...

David Walliams

Awful Auntie
Illustrated by Tony Ross



Stella Saxby is the unfortunate owner of the awful auntie! Following the death of Stella's parents in a car accident, Alberta is determined to get her hands on the enormous Saxby Hall. Resourceful Stella is determined to stop her aunt, pairing up with a resident ghostly chimney boy Soots. Stella has to use all her wits to overcome Alberta.

Gangsta Granny
Illustrated by Tony Ross



Ben's granny is really boring; staying with her is a nightmare of eating cabbage, playing Scrabble and being treated like a baby. But then he discovers something rather AMAZING about his dull old gran; she has a biscuit tin full of jewellery including the biggest and most sparkling diamond he has ever seen. Because there are two things Ben doesn't know about his grandma .1) She was once an international jewel thief .2) All her life, she has been plotting to steal the crown jewels, and now she needs Ben's help...

Gangsta Granny Strikes Again

Illustrated by Tony Ross



Ben is getting used to life without his beloved granny. She was a cabbage enthusiast, a Scrabble partner. and an international jewel thief known as The Black Cat. Now, only the memory of their extraordinary adventure to steal the Crown Jewels lives on. Then something inexplicable happens. World-famous treasures are stolen in the dead of night and the clues point to none other than The Black Cat? But that's impossible.? Expect the unexpected in this wonderfully entertaining and laugh-out-loud adventure, which will have readers on the edge of their seats as they join Ben on his quest to unravel the mystery of the return of The Black Cat.

Mr.Stink

Illustrated by Quentin Blake



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!

The Boy in The Dress

Illustrated by Quentin Blake



Touching, funny and full of insight, this tender story tells how Dennis decides that everyone does not have to be the same. Bravely, he decides to do something completely different. Taking a risk he reinvents himself and begins to see the world in a whole new way.

The Midnight Gang

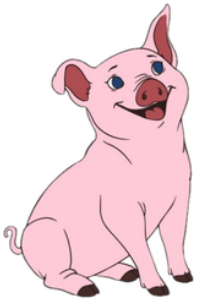
Illustrated by Tony Ross



When the clock strikes midnight most children are fast asleep, but for The Midnight Gang the journey is just beginning. When Tom gets hit on the head by a cricket ball, he finds himself at Lord Funt Hospital, and is greeted by a terrifying-looking porter. Things go from bad to worse when he meets the wicked matron in charge of the children's ward.But Tom is about to embark on the most thrilling journey of a lifetime!

White, E.B

Charlotte's Web



This is the story of a little girl named Fern, who loves a little pig named Wilbur – and of Wilbur's dear friend, Charlotte, a beautiful large grey spider. When Fern's uncle decrees that Wilbur must become bacon, Fern, Charlotte, Templeton the rat and all Wilbur's farmyard friends come up with an ingenious plan to fool the humans, and save their very special pig.

Joyful, funny, and deeply moving, Charlotte's Web is a story about the power of friendship, and celebrating what makes everyone special. It is rightly heralded as one of the greatest children's books ever written.

Age 10+

MARITA CONLON-MCKENNA

The Famine Trilogy

Under the Hawthorn Tree



When their father and mother go missing in a desperate search for food, the three O'Driscoll children, Eily, Michael, and Peggy, are left to fend for themselves. Starving and in danger of the dreaded workhouse, they escape. Their one hope is to find the great-aunts they have heard about in their mother's stories.

Wildflower Girl



At 7, Peggy made a terrifying journey through famine-stricken Ireland. Now thirteen, and determined to make a new life for herself, she sets off alone across the Atlantic to America. Will she ever see her family again?

Fields of Home

For Eily, Michael and Peggy the memory of the famine is still strong.
But Mary-Brigid, Eily's first child, has the future to look forward to.
Ireland is in turmoil, with evictions, burnings, secret meetings, fights over land.
Eily and her family may be thrown off their farm. Michael may lose his job in the big house. And Peggy, in America, feels trapped in her role as a maid.
Will they ever have land and a home they can call their own?



White, E.B

The Blue Horse

Katie's whole world is turned upside down when her family's home is destroyed by fire.
Everything they had is gone, and instead of pulling together it seems as though her family is falling apart. They move to a new house, to a school where nobody wants to know her, and Katie wonders just how many changes she can take. In her fight for acceptance and to keep the family together, she learns a lot about herself.



Horowitz, Anthony



Following the death of his guardian, Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6 and so finds himself off on some seriously hair raising missions in which he faces terrible danger and the real risk of death. In Stormbreaker, the first in the series, he pits his wits against a sinister organisation run by arch crook Darrius Sayle. Action and tongue-in-cheek humour grip even the most reluctant reader.

Llywelyn, Morgan

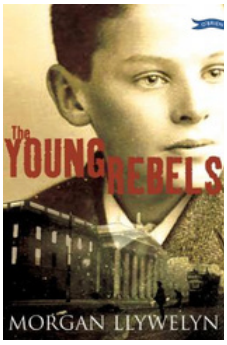
Strongbow: The Story of Richard and Aoife

The dramatic story of the Norman conquest of Ireland in the 12th century. The warrior son of the Earl of Pembroke, Richard de Clare accepts the proposal of Dermot MacMurrough, King of Leinster, to help him reclaim his lost kingdom in return for marriage to MacMurrough's headstong daughter, Aoife.



Llywelyn, Morgan

The Young Rebels



A stirring story set against the background of the 1916 Rising.
When John Joe's mother falls ill and he is sent away to St Enda's School in Dublin, he is relieved to escape from his bullying father. In the school he falls under the spell of Patrick Pearse, the charismatic headmaster, who teaches him about Irish nationalism and the injustice of British rule in Ireland. John Joe is soon caught up in the dramatic events of the Rebellion.



Magorian, Michelle

Goodnight Mister Tom



A heart breaking and heart warming story of a special friendship. Evacuated to the country to avoid the Blitz, Willie has been lonely and neglected all his life as his mother lacks the ability to care for him. Under Mister Tom's patient and kind guidance Willie grows emotionally and physically to become the boy he should have been. But then his mother wants him back home in London. Must Willie loose everything that has made him happy?

Miller & Stentz

Colin Fischer



Colin Fischer is 14 and he has Asperger's.
A lot of the world is a mystery- he can't read his classmates' expressions without looking at a chart, the colour blue is really off-putting and he has no idea why his parents like to hug him.
But when a gun goes off in the school cafeteria one lunchtime, only Colin can piece together the puzzle that links chocolate cake, a dodgy gangster, a cheerleader and a very unlikely suspect.

michael morpurgo



The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips

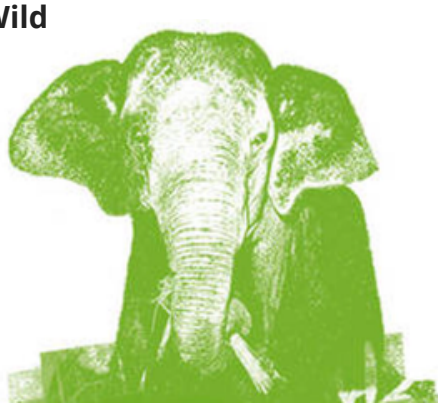
When the village of Slapton is evacuated, Lily and her family move to her uncle's farm for safety. Lily intends to take Adolphus Tips too. But Tips is nowhere to be found. How Tips survives the terror when the beach is given over to training soldiers is a thrilling story. How Lily braves the guns and bombs to search for Tips and meets some extra-special US soldiers is full of warmth and insight

Born to Run



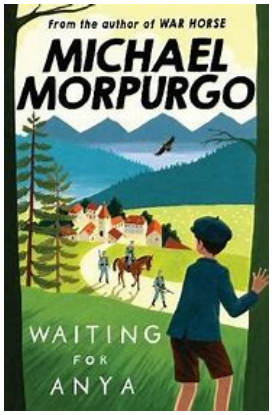
Patrick saves a litter of greyhound puppies from the canal, he can't bear to hand them all over to the RSPCA. He pleads with his parents: couldn't he just keep one of them? Patrick christens his puppy Best Mate, and that's what he becomes. Patrick's favourite thing is to watch Best Mate running at full stretch on the heath, a cheetah-dog. Until one day Best Mate is kidnapped by a greyhound trainer, and begins a new life as a champion race dog

Running Wild



When 10yr old Will's father dies in the Iraq war,his Mother surprises him with a trip to Indonesia. Little could she have known what awaited them both there. When Oona, the elephant he is riding along the beach, begins to spook and takes off into the jungle with Will on her back. And that's when Will sees the wave come crashing in! With his mother almost certainly drowned, with nothing to cling onto but an elephant and nothing to help him but the clothes on his back, Will faces a terrifying future. But maybe the jungle and Oona can help him.

Waiting for Anya



It is WW2 and Jo stumbles on a dangerous secret: Jewish children are being smuggled away from the Nazis, close to his mountain village in Spain. Now, German soldiers have been stationed at the border. Jo must get word to his friends that the children are trapped. The slightest mistake could cost them their lives

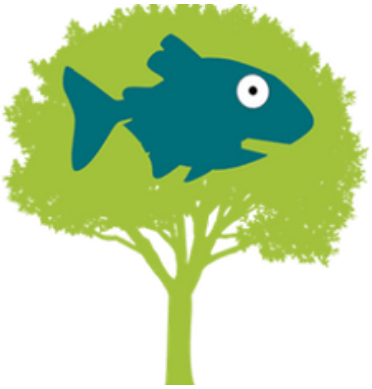
War Horse

In 1914, Joey, a young farm horse, is sold to the army and thrust into AThe midst of the war on the Western Front. With his officer, he charges towards the enemy, witnessing the horror of the frontline. But even in the desolation of the trenches, Joey'□□s courage touches the soldiers around him.



Mulally-Hunt, Lynda

Fish in a Tree



Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid."

Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there's a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.

Nolan, Alan

Fintan's Fifteen



Ray is getting tired of losing every match he plays with his team, the Ballybreen Terriers. Not only are they constantly at the bottom of the league, they have to face the gloating of rival 'Dirty Den' Conway. Ray persuades Fintan Heffernan, ex-star player of U10's to leave his early retirement and computer games to help bring 'Dirty Den' down and lead the Terriers to victory.



Patterson, James

I, Funny



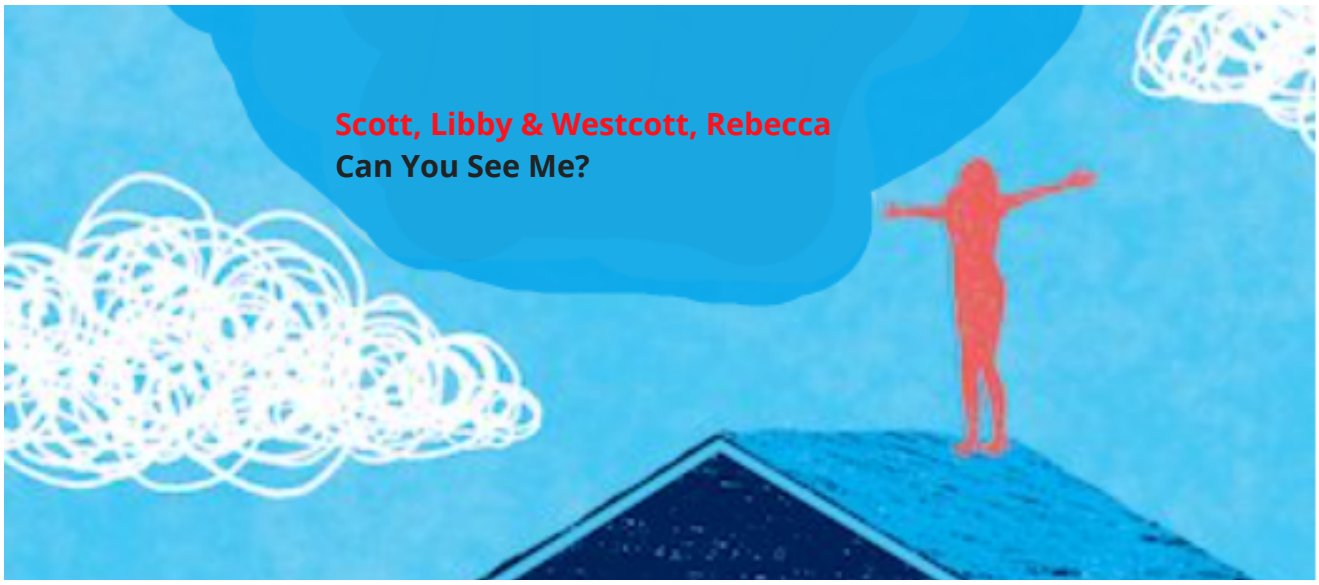
Jamie is on a mission: he wants to become the world's greatest stand-up comedian - even if he always seems to 'choke' in the spotlight. When Jamie finds out about a contest called the Funniest Kid on the Planet, he knows it's time to face his fears and enter. But are the judges rewarding him out of pity because he happens to be in a wheelchair, like his bullying cousin Stevie suggests? And will Jamie ever share the secret of his troubled past - and reason for his disability - instead of hiding behind his comedy act?

Sachar, Louis

There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom



Meet Bradley Chalkers. He's the oldest child in the class, he tells ENORMOUS lies, he picks fights with girls. The teachers say he has serious behaviour problems and no one likes him..except Carla, the new school counselor. She thinks Bradley is sensitive and generous, and she even enjoys his far-fetched stories. Carla knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren't afraid to try. Sometimes the hardest thing in the world is believing in yourself !
A heartwarming story of isolation, bravery and acceptance.



Tally is eleven years old and she's just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries really hard to be. Because there's something that makes Tally not the same as her friends.
Something she can't cover up, no matter how hard she tries: Tally is autistic.
Tally's autism means there are things that bother her even though she wishes they didn't.
It means that some people misunderstand, her and feel frustrated by her.
People think that because Tally's autistic, she doesn't realise what they're thinking, but Tally sees and hears – and notices – all of it.
And, honestly? That's not the easiest thing to live with.

Stevens, Robin
Murder Most Unladylike



When Daisy and Hazel 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, 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. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove a murder happened in the first place. Determined to get to the bottom of the crime before the killer strikes again (and before the police can get there first, naturally), Hazel and Daisy must hunt for evidence, spy on their suspects and use all the cunning, scheming and intuition they can muster. But will they succeed? And can their friendship stand the test?



Whelan, Gerald
Guns of Easter

It is 1916 and Europe is at war. From the poverty of the Dublin slums 12 yr old Jimmy Conway sees it all as glorious, and loves the British Army for which his father is fighting.
But when war comes to his own streets Jimmy's loyalties are divided. The rebels occupy the GPO and other parts of the city, and Jimmy's uncle is among them. Dublin's streets are destroyed and business comes to a halt.
In an attempt to find food for his family, Jimmy crosses the city, avoiding the shooting, weaving through the army patrols, hoping to make it home before curfew. But his quest is not easy and danger threatens at every corner.

Blackman, Malorie

Pig Heart Boy



All Cameron wants is a 'normal' life - friends, swimming, school, family. But most normal 13 yr olds don't desperately need a new heart because theirs doesn't work properly.
One doctor offers hope. Cameron could take part in a radical and controversial procedure involving the transplant of a pig's heart into his human body. It's risky. And it's never been done before . . While Cameron comes to terms with the idea, he finds the world around him is much, much less accepting.
But surely everyone will understand that it's better to have a pig's heart that works than a human heart that doesn't ?

Boyne, John

Boy in the Striped Pyjamas



When Bruno's father is promoted to a new job, the family have to move from their comfortable home in Berlin to a strange new house in the middle of nowhere. Gone are the neighbours and the friends Bruno used to play with. The only people around are all in the strange fenced-in area which Bruno can just spy from his bedroom window. Who are they and why do they wear striped pyjamas?

Boyne, John

The Boy at the Top of the Mountain

When Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave his home for a new life with his aunt, a servant in a wealthy household at the top of the German mountains. But this is no ordinary time, for it is 1935 and WW2 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.

Boyne, John

The Dare

At the start of his school holidays, Danny is looking forward to a trouble-free summer. But when his mother returns home one day flanked by two policemen, he knows that something terrible has happened. Mrs Delaney has accidentally hit a small boy with her car. The boy is in a coma and nobody knows if he will ever wake up. Consumed by guilt, Danny's mother closes herself off, while Danny and his father are left to pick up the pieces of their fractured family.

Bruton, Catherine

Bird Boy



After the tragic death of his mother, Will is sent to temporarily stay with his uncle in the mountains. After years trapped in a high-rise flat, with only birds for company, Will doesn't know how he'll survive a place like this, but he soon finds solace in the woods, when he's surrounded by birdsong.

With his new friend Omar – a refugee from Afghanistan – Will discovers an osprey nest, with two small chicks inside. He forms an unbreakable bond with the birds, especially the smallest chick, who they name Whitetip. But when tragedy almost strikes again one stormy night, and Whitetip is knocked out of the nest – breaking a wing, Will is determined to save her. Smuggling her down from the mountain, he finds a way to keep her alive.



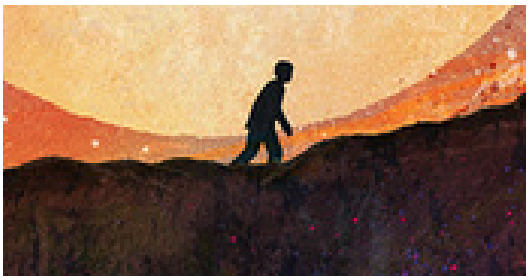
Doyle, Roddy

Wilderness

While Tom and Johnny are on a husky safari in Finland, their half-sister Grainne stays behind to face the mother who abandoned her. But Tom and Johnny are too caught up in their adventure to think of home - until they find themselves lost in the snow, in a desperate struggle for survival...

Holm, Anne

I am David



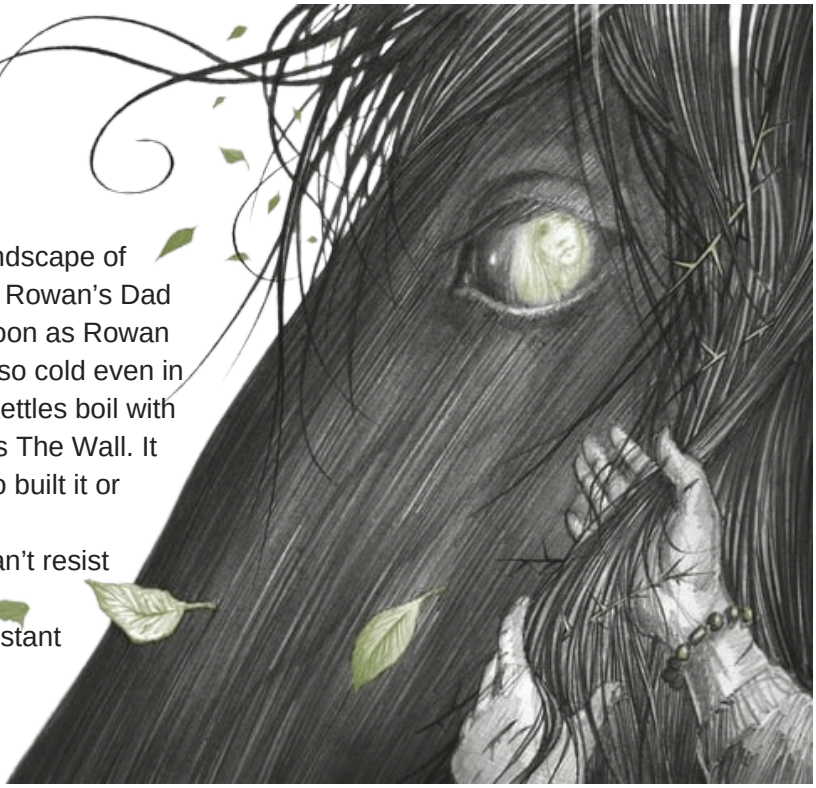
David's entire 12-year life has been spent in a grisly prison camp in Eastern Europe. He knows nothing of the outside world. But when he is given the chance to escape, he seizes it. With his vengeful enemies hot on his heels, David struggles to cope in this strange new world, where his only resources are a compass, a few crusts of bread, his two aching feet, and some vague advice to seek refuge in Denmark. Is that enough to survive? David's extraordinary odyssey is dramatically chronicled in Anne Holm's classic about the meaning of freedom and the power of hope.

Fisher, Eilish illustrated by Rooney, David

The Waters and The Wild

Rowan was raised in the desert. Growing up all she's known is sunshine, warmth, love.
Then her beloved Dad dies, everything changes.

Now Rowan and her mum have moved the cold landscape of Ireland. Each of them hoping that living in the town Rowan's Dad called home will bring them closer to him. But as soon as Rowan arrives, she knows something's not right. Why is it so cold even in August? Why do lights turn on without warning or kettles boil with no one pressing a switch? Even more mysterious is The Wall. It surrounds the town, but no one can tell Rowan who built it or why it's forbidden to cross over to the other side.
So, when she spots a crack in the stone, Rowan can't resist the temptation to explore. In the woods beyond, he discovers a strange horse whom she feels an instant connection with, a bond that brings the return of warmth and hope . . .
but at what price?





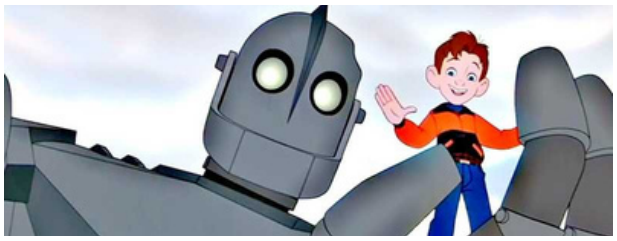
Frank, Anne

Diary of a Young Girl

In July 1942, 13 yr old Anne Frank and her family, fleeing the occupation, went into hiding in an Amsterdam warehouse. Over the next two years Anne vividly describes in her diary -the frustrations of living in such close quarters, and her thoughts, feelings and longings as she grows up. Her diary ends abruptly when, in August 1944, they were all betrayed.

Hughes, Ted

Iron Man



Iron Man, is an enormous creature who arrives unexpectedly and terrorises a community by destroying everything he comes across.
But later, when a terrifying monster from outer space arrives, the Iron Man fights him to the death and becomes a hero when he saves the planet from total destruction.



Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star. 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. A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.

McConville, Rory

Big Jim *Historical Graphic Novel*



In August 1913, the trams of Dublin stopped. Over the next 4 months, James Larkin would lead the workers of Dublin against William Martin Murphy and the Employers Federation in a conflict that would change the face of Irish society.

Ibbotson, Eva

Journey to the River Sea

It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at 13, has been sent from England to start a new life with 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.



Lowry, Lois

Number the Stars



It is 1943 and life in Copenhagen is becoming complicated for Annemarie. There are food shortages and curfews, and soldiers on every corner.
But it is even worse for her Jewish best friend, Ellen, as the Nazis continue their brutal campaign. With Ellen's life in danger, Annemarie must summon all her courage to help stage a daring escape. Inspired by true events.

McDonnell, Vincent

Ireland: Our Island Story

Ireland's exciting history,beginning 9,000 years ago as the earliest Stone Age settlers arrived.



McDonnell, Vincent

The Catalpa Adventure



In 1875 the whaler Catalpa sailed from New Bedford, USA, on a daring mission to rescue Fenian prisoners from the toughest prison in Western Australia. The Irishmen had been convicted of treason against the Queen. The prisoners made their bid for freedom and after a hair-raising dash to the coast, they scrambled into a row boat which would take them to the waiting Catalpa. But the prisoners' ordeal wasn't over - the alarm had been raised.

michael morpurgo

Shadow



Never have Aman and his mother needed a friend more than when a Springer Spaniel appears in the mouth of their Afghan cave. The dog becomes a constant companion, a shadow, and that's what Aman calls her. But life in Afghanistan becomes more dangerous by the moment. Eventually, Aman, his mother and Shadow find the courage to embark upon the treacherous journey from war-torn Afghanistan to England. But how far can Shadow lead them?

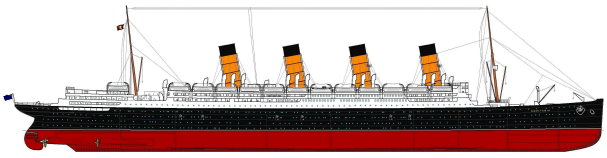
Private Peaceful



Told in the voice of Private Tommo Peaceful, the story follows 24 hrs at the front, and captures his memories of his family and village life - by no means as tranquil as it appeared. Full of vivid detail and engrossing atmosphere, leading to a dramatic and moving conclusion,

McDonnell, Vincent

Titanic Tragedy



Since it sank on a cold April night in 1912 the Titanic has held a special mystery and fascination. It is the world's most famous sea tragedy, in which over 1,500 lives were lost. This story traces the voyage from Europe, the collision with the iceberg, and the sinking.

Mulligan, Andy

Dog



When Tom gets a puppy (Spider) he finally has a special friend all of his own - just what he needs as he struggles with a difficult new school and trouble at home. And Spider has someone to love him. But the course of their love does not run smoothly, this is a book about trust, standing up for yourself, and learning to love.

Mulligan, Andy

Trash



Raphael is a dumpsite boy. He spends his days wading through mountains of steaming trash, breathing it, sleeping next to it. One day a small bag falls into his hands. It's a bag of clues that will change everything. Soon Raphael and his friends are running for their lives. Wanted by the police, it takes all their quick-thinking and fast-talking to stay ahead.



Percy Jackson is on the most dangerous quest of his life. With the help of a satyr and a daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the country to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction — Zeus' master bolt. Along the way, he must face a host of mythological enemies determined to stop him.

J.K ROWLING

Rowling, J.K

Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone



Harry Potter is an ordinary boy who lives in a cupboard under the stairs at his Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon's house, and lives a very unremarkable life. That is until an owl turns up with a letter addressed to Harry and all hell breaks loose! He is literally rescued by a world where nothing is as it seems and magic lessons are the order of the day.

Rowling, J.K

Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets

Harry Potter's summer has included the worst birthday ever, doomy warnings from a house-elf called Dobby, and rescue from the Dursleys by his friend Ron Weasley in a magical flying car! Back at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for his second year, Harry hears strange whispers echo through empty corridors - and then the attacks start. Students are found as though turned to stone. Dobby's sinister predictions seem to be coming true.



Rowling, J.K

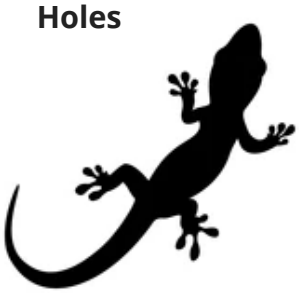
Harry Potter and The Prisoner of Azkaban



Harry Potter is lucky to reach the age of thirteen, since he has survived the murderous attacks of the feared Dark Lord on more than one occasion. His hopes for a quiet school term concentrating on Quidditch are dashed, though, when a maniacal mass-murderer escapes from Azkaban, pursued by the soul-sucking Dementors who guard the prison. It's assumed that Hogwarts is the safest place for Harry to be. But is it his imagination that is making him feel eyes watching him in the dark, and should he be taking Professor Trelawney's ghoulish predictions seriously?

Louis Sachar

Holes



When Stanley is falsely accused of stealing a pair of trainers, he is sent off to Camp Green Lake which is not a camp, not green and not near a lake but a boys' detention centre in the middle of the desert. Every day every boy has to dig a hole 5ft foot deep and 5ft across because, the Warden says, it's good for them. How Stanley survives and proves that the Warden has a different more sinister motive for wanting so many holes to be dug unravels in unexpected ways.

Small Steps



"*She said his life would be like walking upstream in a rushing river. The secret was to take small steps and just keep moving forward. If he tried to take too big a step, the current would knock him off his feet and carry him back downstream."*

Armpit and X-Ray are living in Austin, Texas. It is 3 yrs since they left Camp Green Lake Detention Centre and Armpit is taking small steps to turn his life around. He has established for himself five small steps: 1. Graduate from high school. 2. Get a job. 3. Save his money. 4. Avoid situations that might turn violent. 5. Lose the name Armpit. He is working for a landscape gardener because he is good at digging holes, he is going to school and enjoying his first proper romance, but is he able to stay out of trouble?

The Boy who lost his face



CURSED! David was only trying to be cool when he helped some other boys steal an old lady's cane.
But when the plan backfires, he is the one whom she 'curses'. Now David can't seem to do anything right. The cool kids taunt him and his only friends are weirdos. He even walks into Spanish class with his fly unzipped! And when he finally gets his nerve up to ask out a cute girl, his trousers fall down midway! But is this the curse at work or is David turning into a total loser?

Smith, Michael

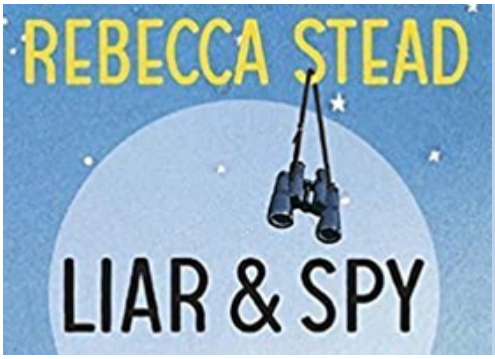
Tom Crean: Ice Man

Tom Crean ran away from his Kerry home, aged 15, to join the British navy in 1893. He travelled to the Antarctic with the famous explorers, Scott and Shackleton. He explored the unknown, crossed ice fields and wild oceans and courageously saved friends from death.





This inspiring story of Ernest Shackleton, whose men called him 'The Boss', involved four expeditions to Antarctica between 1901 and 1922. His incredible adventures included a breathtaking march to within a few miles of the South Pole and the amazing saga of hardship and survival on the famous Endurance expedition.



Georges has moved to a new apartment block and he gets caught up in a game with Safer, a boy who lives on another floor. Safer's spying game seems fun and his family provide an interesting alternative home for Georges while things in his own family are out of kilter. But then Georges begins to have his doubts… Gradually everything he has been protecting himself from spins out of control and the reader discovers the sad truth he has been hiding from himself.

Taylor, Marilyn

Faraway Home



Two Jewish children are sent from Nazi-occupied Austria to a refugee farm in Northern Ireland. But Northern Ireland is in the war too, with rationing and air-raid warnings, and, in April 1941 the bombs of the Belfast Blitz bring the reality of war right to their doorstep.Will they ever see their families again? Based on the true story of Millisle refugee farm in Co Down.

Thompson Lisa

The Goldfish Boy



12 yr old Matthew is confined to his house by obsessive-compulsive disorder, which is manifested in a severe fear of germs and sickness.

He spends his days at his bedroom window observing the inhabitants of Chestnut Close, keeping notes of their daily routines. When a neighbouring toddler goes missing it soon becomes clear that Matthew was the last person to see him alive. Can he overcome his fears, turn detective and solve the crime?

Wilkinson, Sheena

Star by Star



A bold tale of suffragettes and heroes, courage and survival.
"It's 1918! The world's changed. Women are getting the vote. Not enough women, and not before time, but still – things will get better, and I want to be part of it."
It's 1918 and Stella has lost her suffragette mother to the terrible flu pandemic that is sweeping Europe. The Great War is finally coming to a close, and women are going to be able to vote for the first time.
Stella wants to change the world – but she can't do it all by herself. Just as stars come one by one to brighten the night sky, so history is made person by person, girl by girl, vote by vote.

Collins, Suzanne

The Hunger Games



Set in a dark vision of the near future, a terrifying reality TV show is taking place. Twelve boys and twelve girls are forced to appear in a live event called The Hunger Games.

There is only one rule: kill or be killed. When sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen steps forward to take her younger sister's place in the games, she sees it as a death sentence. But Katniss has been close to death before. For her, survival is second nature.

Craft, Jerry

New Kid (*Graphic Novel*)



12 year old Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to art school, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?

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 - his brother on hunger-strike in prison, his growing feelings for Cora, his parents arguing over the Troubles, and him in it up to the neck, blackmailed into acting as courier to God knows what, a little voice comes to him in his dreams, and the mystery of the bog child unfurls. Bog Child is an astonishing novel exploring the sacrifices made in the name of peace, and the unflinching strength of the human spirit

Earle, Phil

Bubble Wrap Boy

Charlie's found his secret talent: skateboarding. It's his ticket to popularity. All he's got to do is practice, and nothing's going to stop him - not his clumsiness, not his mum, nothing. Except Charlie isn't the only one in his family hiding a massive secret.
A funny and inspiring novel about friendship, family, and one undersized boy's ability to think BIG.

Gaiman, Neil

Coraline



There is something strange about Coraline's new home. It's not the mist, or the cat that always seems to be watching her, nor the signs of danger that Miss Spink and Miss Forcible, her new neighbours, read in the tea leaves. It's the other house - the one behind the old door in the drawing room. Another mother and father with black-button eyes and papery skin are waiting for Coraline to join them there. And they want her to stay with them. Forever. She knows that if she ventures through that door, she may never come back.

Morris Gleitzman

Gleitzman, Morris
Once



Felix has been placed by his parents in an orphanage for safe-keeping but, when the Germans come and burn the books in the orphanage library, Felix knows he must set out to return to his parents who are booksellers and make sure they are safe. Felix's journey is dangerous and desperate but also full of courage and hope in a world where friendships and loyalty are the glue that hold things together.

Gleitzman, Morris
Then



In the sequel, Felix & Zelda continue on their journey to safety. Felix knows they need new parents if they are to survive but how will they know who to trust and will anyone be willing to risk their own lives to take them in? Felix and Zelda do find kindness and love in a world that is filled with fear and brutality.

Gleitzman, Morris
Maybe

1946, Europe is in ruins. Millions of people dream of finding happiness somewhere else. 14 yr old Felix is one of them. When he's offered a journey to somewhere far away, he seizes the opportunity. So does someone very dear to him, even though she wasn't actually invited.They have high hopes for their new land, and their dramatic arrival there makes them want to stay. But before Felix and Anya can embrace the love and friendship of their new world, they must confront the murderous urge for revenge still alive in the old. Felix knows he hasn't faced anything like this before. He may not survive, but he's hoping he will. Maybe.

Grehan, Meg
The Deepest Breath

Stevie is eleven and loves reading and sea- creatures. She lives with her mum, and she's been best friends with Andrew since forever. Stevie's mum teases her that someday they'll get married, but Stevie knows that won't ever happen.There's a girl at school that she likes more. A lot more. Actually, she's a bit confused about how much she likes her. That's a new feeling, one she doesn't understand. Stevie needs to find out if girls can like girls — love them, even – but it's hard to get any information, and she's too shy to ask out loud about it. But maybe she can find an answer in a book.

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Hoffman, Mary

Tilt



Pisa, 1299. In the male-dominated world of Renaissance Italy, Netta is an ambitious young woman and the last in the line of a great family of sculptors and stone-carvers. Determined to throw off the shackles of marriage, Netta sets out to take up her family's legacy and work on fixing the city's leaning tower. Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers.

Mitchell, Jane

Chalkline



It's an ordinary morning at Rafiq's school in rural Kashmir when the silence of dawn prayers is ripped apart by gunfire. Soldiers of the Kashmir Freedom Fighters have raided the village in search of new recruits - they scrawl a line in chalk across the schoolroom wall, and any boy whose height reaches the line will be taken to fight. Rafiq is tall for his age - the first boy to cross the chalkline into a life of brutality and terrorism.
This is the story of Rafiq's transformation from child to boy soldier.

Mitchell, Jane

A Dangerous Crossing



Ghalib doesn't want to leave his home in Syria. But the city has become too dangerous. They make their way through Syria to the Turkish border, where Ghalib gets separated from his family. Stricken with grief and fear, fighting cold, pain and hunger, he makes it to a refugee camp in Turkey but life in the camp is wretched and hopeless, and this boy's journey in search of safety is far from over.

Mitchell, Jane

Run for Your Life



Azari and her mother have fled to Ireland to escape the unimaginable brutality of her father and uncle. On arrival, they're terrified when they're brought to the authorities' attention: Azari's mother can't read and won't speak to men, so Azari translates, talks to officials, fills out complex forms, and handles crucial interviews as they're shunted through the system, sharing rooms with strangers, uncertain of their futures. The welcoming book club she's invited to join and the friend she makes through running contrast with the racism of some locals. But, after hostilities reach a terrifying crescendo, beams of hope and humanity glint through the darkness.



Ness, Patrick

The Knife of Never Letting Go

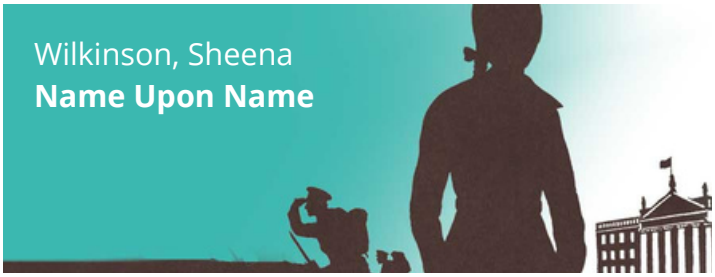
The population of God-fearing Prentisstown has been reduced to a mere 147 men (there are no women among them), but that's not all that's odd about the town. There's no privacy here either, no silence, because everyone can hear the Noise of others' thoughts. Everyone that is, except 12 year-old orphan Todd who is sent to the swamp, and told he "ain't coming back". Shortly after fleeing, he meets a girl in the marsh and they must flee the hunters who can hear their every thought.

Sepetys, Ruta

Salt to the Sea



Early 1945 and a group of people trek across Germany, bound together by their desperation to reach the ship that can take them away from the war-ravaged land. When the ship the Wilhelm Gustloff was sunk in port it had over 9000 civilian refugees, including children, on board. Nearly all were drowned. Four young people, each haunted by their own dark secret, narrate their unforgettable stories in this inspirational novel based on a true story.



14-year-old Helen is shaped by her mixed background - rural, Catholic Irish values from mum Kathleen; urban, Protestant Ulster ones from dad James. Her parents are relaxed in their politics but others in the family circle are more extreme - Her cousins, Sandy joined the army straight from school and has already seen action in France, and Michael runs away from home to enlist. But before he leaves for France, Michael is deployed to Dublin to help quell the Rising, where he's expected to open fire on his fellow Irishmen.

Wilkinson, Sheena

Taking Flight



Moving from a harsh West Belfast estate to the glamour of the showjumping ring, Taking Flight the story of Declan, a ‘wee hard man’ from West Belfast whose life becomes a lot more complicated when he finds himself drawn into the world of horses and show-jumping. The only riding fifteen-year-old Declan has ever done is joyriding. When he's forced to stay with his snobby cousin 'Princess' Vicky, he's shocked to find himself falling in love with horses. But Vicky would do anything to keep this grubby hood away from her precious showjumper. This is a fast-paced story of courage overcoming jealousy.

Wheatle, Alex

The Humiliations of Welton Blake



Welton Blake has done it – he’s asked out Carmella, the best looking girl in school, and she’s only gone and said yes! But just as he thinks his luck, and life, is starting to change, Welton’s phone breaks, kickstarting a series of unfortunate and humiliating events.
Life for Welton is about to go very, very wrong …
A light-hearted tribute to teen life with a brilliantly relatable protagonist. Hilarity follows disaster in this laugh-out-loud tale



Mary and her brother Peter are the only survivors of an aircrash in the middle of the Australian outback. Facing death from exhaustion and starvation, they meet an aboriginal boy who helps them to survive, and guides them along their long journey.But a terrible misunderstanding results in a tragedy that neither Mary nor Peter will ever forget . .

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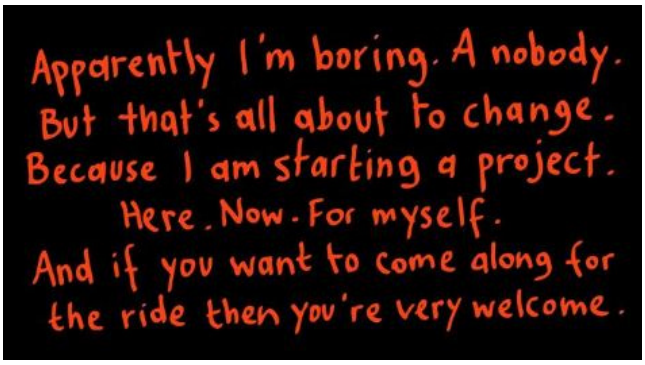
Bourne, Holly

The Manifesto on How to Be Interesting

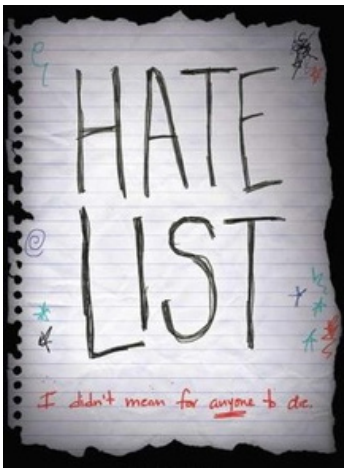


Bree is by no means popular. Most of the time, she hates her life, her school, her never-there parents. So she writes a wannabe author who hides behind words. But when she's told she needs to start living a life worth writing about, 'The Manifesto on How to Be Interesting' is born. Six steps on how to be interesting. Bree starts a blog to track her progress and the experiment begin. Six steps that will see her infiltrate the popular set, fall in love with someone forbidden and make the biggest mistake of her life.

Brown, Jennifer

Hate List

Valerie's boyfriend opened fire on their school cafeteria, killing five students and one teacher before turning the gun on himself. Valerie, who was shot trying to stop him, is initially implicated in the shootings because of the hate list she helped create. The hate list her boyfriend used to pick his targets. As Valerie integrates back into school, more of an outsider than she ever thought she was before, she is forced to confront her feelings of guilt and loneliness. Exploring the gray area between hero and villain, she navigates the rocky relationships with her family, her former friends, with the memory of the boyfriend she still loves, and with the girl whose life she saved five months ago.



Chobsky, Stephen

The perks of being a Wallflower



Charlie is not the biggest geek in high school but he is by no means popular. Shy, introspective, intelligent beyond his years, caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it, Charlie is attempting to navigate through the uncharted territory of high school- the world of first dates and mixed tapes, family dramas and new friends. Standing on the fringes of life -Charlie has a unique perspective of the world around him,
but there comes a time to stop being a wallflower and see what it looks like from the dance floor. A modern cult classic, a deeply affecting coming-of-age story.

Crossan, Sarah

Toffee

I am not who I say I am. Marla isn't who she thinks she is.

I am a girl trying to forget. Marla is a woman trying to remember.



Allison has run away from her abusive father, stranded in a Cornish seaside town, she takes refuge in the garden of an apparently abandoned house – and discovers that Marla, an elderly woman with dementia, still lives there.
When Marla greets Allison as Toffee, a friend from her past, Allison willingly accepts the role. As she grows closer to Marla, however, she becomes less inclined to keep the deception alive, beginning to search, instead, for the shape of her true self.

Crossan, Sarah

The Weight of Water

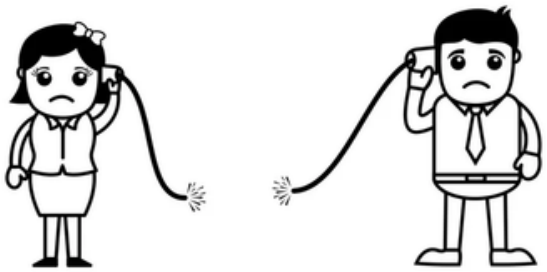


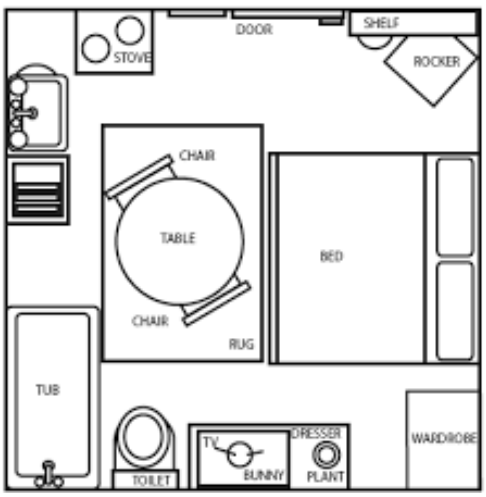
Armed with a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienka and her mother head for England. Life is lonely for Kasienka. At home her mother's heart is breaking and at school friends are scarce. But when someone special swims into her life, she learns that there might be more than one way for her to stay afloat. A brilliant coming of age story, it also tackles the alienation experienced by many young immigrants. Moving, unsentimental and utterly page-turning, we meet and share the experiences of a remarkable girl who shows us how quiet courage prevails.

David, Keren

The 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? Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant or dyslexic readers.





Donoghue, Emma

Room

Jack is five. He lives with his Ma.
They live in a single, locked room.
They don't have the key.
Jack and Ma are prisoners

Told entirely in Jack's voice, Room is no horror story or tearjerker, but a celebration of resilience and the love between parent and child.

Doerr, Anthony

All The Light We Cannot See



A beautiful, stunningly ambitious novel about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II 'Open your eyes and see what you can with them before they close forever.' For Marie-Laure, blind since the age of six, the world is full of mazes. The miniature of a Paris neighbourhood, made by her father to teach her the way home. The microscopic layers within the invaluable diamond that her father guards in the Museum of Natural History.

The walled city by the sea, where father and daughter take refuge when the Nazis invade Paris. And a future which draws her ever closer to Werner, a German orphan, destined to labour in the mines until a broken radio fills his life with possibility and brings him to the notice of the Hitler Youth. In this magnificent, deeply moving novel, the stories of Marie-Laure and Werner illuminate the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another.

Fowley- Doyle, Maria

All the Bad Apples

Resource sheet available



This title addresses issues such as emerging sexuality, physical and sexual abuse as well as the idea of historical and systematic state abuse. However it deals with this issues sensitively with openness, inclusion and healing.

Deena has just been outed as a lesbian at school and is overwhelmed by homophobic bullying.
Her religious father is threatening to disown her, and her older sister Mandy – normally so cool and comforting – is freaking out about a family curse and is seen leaping from a cliff.
The family is heartbroken, but not surprised. The women of the Rys family have always been troubled bad apples as their father calls them, and Mandy is the baddest of them all. But then Deena starts to receive the letters from Mandy, claiming that their family's blighted history is not just bad luck or bad decisions but a curse handed down through the generations. Mandy has gone in search of the curse's roots, and now Deena must begin a desperate journey across the country, searching for answers.

Traveling through generations, this book examines the power women possess, the things that have been taken from them and the things they fight to reclaim.

Exquisite . . . It's a gorgeous set-up for a magical realist dive into today's teenagers confronting the hideous heritage of this country. This is a book to hold tightly to your chest
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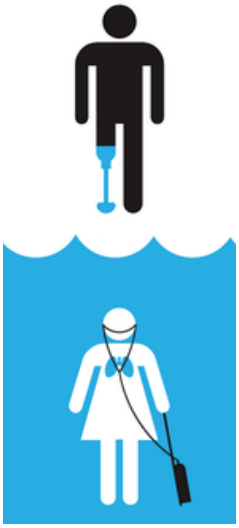


Green, John

The Fault in Our Stars

Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

Hinton, S.E

The Outsiders



Youngsters in a small Oklahoma town have split into two gangs, divided by money, tastes and attitude. The Socs' idea of having a good time is beating up Greasers like Ponyboy Curtis.
Ponyboy knows what to expect and knows he can count on his brothers and friends - until the night someone takes things too far.



Halse-Andersen, Laurie

Speak

From her first moment at Merryweather High, Melinda knows she's an outcast. She busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops. Now her old friends won't talk to her, and people she doesn't know glare at her. No one knows why she called the police, and she can't get out the words to explain. So she retreats into her head, determined not to think about it. But, try as she might, it just won't go away..

Ibsen, Henrik

A Doll's House

The slamming of the front door at the end of A Doll's House shatters the romantic masquerade of the Helmers' marriage. In their stultifying and infantilised relationship, Nora and Torvald have deceived themselves and each other both consciously and subconsciously, until Nora acknowledges the need for individual freedom.

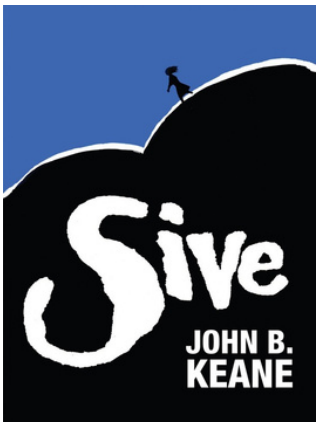




Hosseini, Khaled

The Kite Runner

Afghanistan, 1975: Twelve-year-old Amir is desperate to win the local kite-fighting tournament and his loyal friend Hassan promises to help him. But neither of the boys can foresee what will happen to Hassan that afternoon, an event that is to shatter their lives. After the Russians invade and the family is forced to flee to America, Amir realises that one day he must return to Afghanistan under Taliban rule to find the one thing that his new world cannot grant him: redemption.



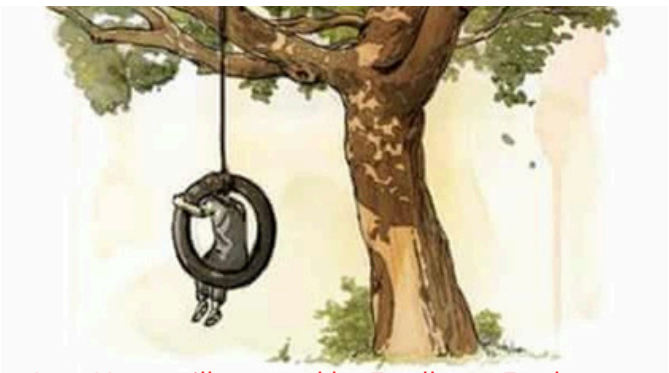
Keane, John B.
Sive

Sive is a young orphan who lives with her uncle Mike, his wife Mena and his mother, Nanna. A local matchmaker, Thomasheen Sean Rua, wants Sive to marry an old man called Sean Dota. Thomasheen convinces Mike and Mena to organise the marriage. They will receive a sum of two hundred pounds as soon as she marries him. However, Sive is in love with a young man, Liam Scuab. But Liam is not suitable and is refused permission to marry Sive. Sive is distraught but is forced to do the will of her uncle and his bitter wife. Faced with an unthinkable future, she takes the only choice left to her.

Keegan, Claire
Foster



It is a hot summer in rural Ireland. A girl is sent to live with foster parents on a farm, not knowing when she will return home. In the strangers' house, she finds a warmth and affection she has not known before and slowly begins to blossom in their care. But in a house where there are meant to be no secrets, she discovers how fragile her idyll is.



Lee, Harper illustrated by Fordham, Fred
To Kill a Mockingbird
Graphic Novel

This most beloved and acclaimed novel is reborn for a new age as a gorgeous graphic novel. Scout, Jem, Boo Radley, Atticus Finch, and the small town of Maycomb, Alabama, are all captured in vivid and moving illustrations by artist Fred Fordham

A haunting portrait of race and class, innocence and injustice, hypocrisy and heroism, tradition and transformation in the Deep South of the 1930s.

Keegan, Claire
Small Things Like These



It is 1985, in an Irish town. During the weeks leading up to Christmas, Bill Furlong, a coal and timber merchant, faces into his busiest season. As he does the rounds, he feels the past rising up to meet him - and encounters the complicit silences of a people controlled by the Church.

Lowry, Lois
The Giver



It is the future.
There is no war,
no hunger, no pain.
No one in the community wants for anything. Everything needed is provided. At 12 yrs old, each member of the community has their profession carefully chosen for them by the Committee of Elders.

Jonas has never thought there was anything wrong with his world. But from the moment he is selected as the Receiver of Memory, Jonas discovers that their community is not as perfect as it seems.
It is only with the help of the Giver, that Jonas can find what has been lost. And it is only through his personal courage that Jonas finds the strength to do what is right.

Ness, Patrick

A Monster Calls



Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother fell ill and she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different, when he wakes there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all- It wants the truth.
A hauntingly touching story of how a boy deals with the looming threat of his mother's death from cancer. Haunted by a monster in his dreams, denied information by his family and treated as a weirdo by his classmates.
Conor struggles to get to grips with the devastating emotions which threaten to overwhelm him.

O' Loughlin, Aisling

Big Bad Me

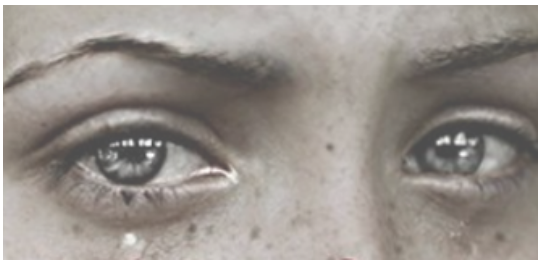


Evie Wilder just found out she's a werewolf. Now her mom's gone missing, she has to go into hiding, and there's not a single helpful vampire slayer to be found. With the help of Kevin, the dorky-hot manager of the guesthouse where she and her sister lie low, Evie starts to harness her wolfish side. But there's something weird about Kevin...Meanwhile, animal attacks are increasing, local teens are going missing, and Evie is about to find herself at the centre of a supernatural showdown.

O'Neill, Louise

Asking For It

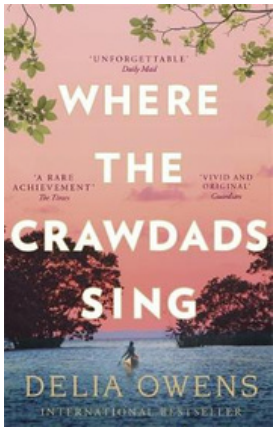
Award winning novel about the life-shattering impact of sexual assault and how victims are treated. Graphic Content



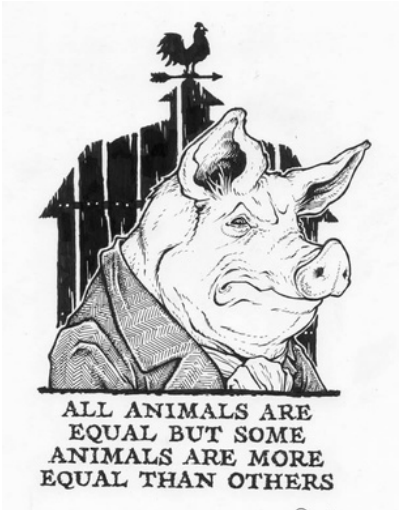
It's the beginning of the summer in a small town in Ireland. Emma O'Donovan is eighteen years old, beautiful, happy, confident. One night, there's a party. Everyone is there. All eyes are on Emma. The next morning, she wakes on the front porch of her house. She can't remember what happened, she doesn't know how she got there. Photographs taken at the party show, in explicit detail, what happened to Emma that night.
But sometimes people don't want to believe what is right in front of them, especially when the truth concerns the town's heroes.

Owens, Della

Where the Crawdads Sing



For years, rumours of the 'Marsh Girl' have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life - until the unthinkable happens.



Orwell. George

Animal Farm

‘Mr Jones of Manor Farm is so lazy and drunken that one day he forgets to feed his livestock. The ensuing rebellion under the leadership of the pigs Napoleon and Snowball leads to the animals taking over the farm. Vowing to eliminate the terrible inequities of the farmyard, the renamed Animal Farm is organised to benefit all who walk on four legs. But as time passes, the ideals of the rebellion are corrupted, then forgotten. And something new and unexpected emerges . . .First published in 1945, Animal Farm – the history of a revolution that went wrong – is George Orwell’s brilliant satire on the corrupting influence of power.



Winston Smith works for the Ministry of Truth in London, chief city of Airstrip One. Big Brother stares out from every poster, the Thought Police uncover every act of betrayal. When Winston finds love with Julia, he discovers that life does not have to be dull and deadening, and awakens to new possibilities. Despite the police helicopters that hover and circle overhead, Winston and Julia begin to question the Party; they are drawn towards conspiracy. Yet Big Brother will not tolerate dissent - even in the mind.

Portis, Charles

True Grit

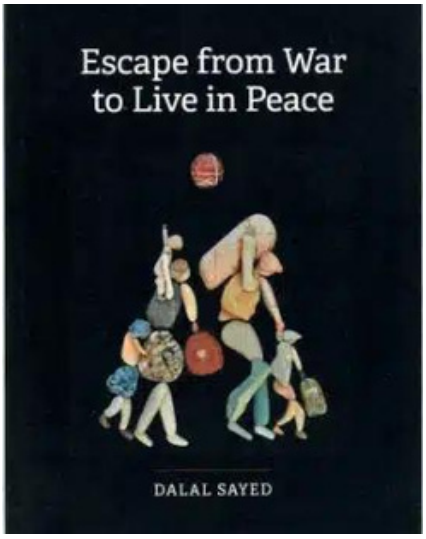


There is no knowing what lies in a man's heart. On a trip to buy ponies, Frank Ross is killed by one of his own workers. Tom Chaney shoots him down in the street for a horse, $150 cash, and two Californian gold pieces. Ross' unusually mature and single-minded fourteen-year-old daughter Mattie travels to claim his body, and finds that the authorities are doing nothing to find Chaney. Then she hears of Rooster - a man, she's told, who has grit - and convinces him to join her in a quest into dark, dangerous Indian territory to hunt Chaney down and avenge her father's murder.

Sayed, Dalal

Escape from War to Live in Peace

Born in Damascus, Dalal Sayed was in the midst of her studies as a primary school teacher when the Syrian civil war in 2011 escalated and forced her to flee. For the next six years she was on a perilous journey with her family to find safety. She arrived in Ireland in 2017 speaking no English. She now lives in Cappoquin Co. Waterford with her husband and children. This book will inspire everyone who reads it.



Steinbeck, John

Of Mice & Men



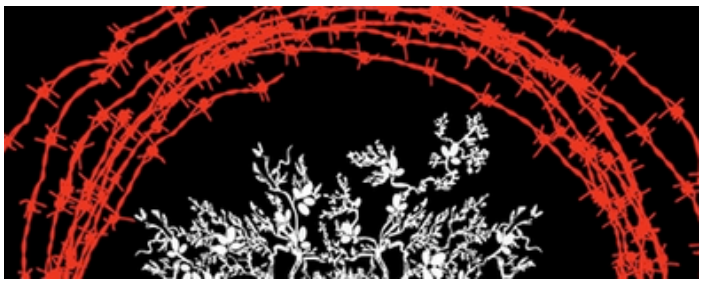
They are an unlikely pair: Savvy George is "small and quick and dark of face" Lennie, a man of tremendous size, has the mind of a young child.
Yet they have formed a "family," clinging together in the face of loneliness and alienation.
They hustle work when they can, living a hand-to-mouth existence. George looks out for Lennie as they move from town to town, running from trouble and dreaming big. A place of their own, a piece of land, a bit of money.
But trouble follows Lennie like a shadow.

Sutcliffe, William

The Wall

Joshua lives with his mother and step-father in Amarias, an isolated town where all the houses are brand new. Amarias is surrounded by a high wall and guarded by soldiers. Joshua has been taught that the Wall is the only thing keeping his people safe from a brutal and unforgiving enemy.
One day, Joshua stumbles across a tunnel that leads underneath the Wall. Meeting a family on the other side reveals to him what the Wall hides and makes him question all he has previously been told. Joshua learns the enormity of living under repression as well as what kindness, despite its attendant dangers, really means.

A moving and thought provoking story which will encourage readers to question divisions in society.





Swindells, Robert

Stone Cold

A tense thriller plot is combined with a perceptive and harrowing portrait of life on the streets as a serial killer preys on the young and vulnerable homeless. Link, aged 17, is distrustful of people until he pairs up with Deb, another homeless youngster. But what Deb doesn't tell him is that she's an ambitious young journalist on a self-imposed assignment to track down the killer and she's prepared to use herself as bait ...

Yousafzai, Malala

I am Malala

Malala was only 10 when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market, they said girls couldn't go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes so she fought for her right to be educated. In 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: she was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive. Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner.
This is the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world -- and did.



Zusac, Marcus

The Book Thief



Narrated by Death - It is 1939 in Nazi Germany. Death has never been busier - and will become busier still.
By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed forever when she picks up The Gravedigger's Handbook, and
this is her first act of book thievery.
So begins Liesel's Love affair with books and Soon she is stealing from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever there are books to be found. But these are dangerous times, and when Liesel's foster family hides a Jew in their basement, nothing will ever be the same again.

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