



Year 3 Suggested Reading List

Are you looking for a great book for your child's personal collection?

We have compiled a list of Year 3 suggested reads, suitable for varying ability ranges within this age group



How to use this guide

To make it easy for you to purchase books for home that your child will enjoy, the texts have been listed according to their genre. As the books on this list have varying degrees of challenge, with some also including more mature themes, they have also been grouped together into colours using a *best-fit* model. Therefore, care should be taken, and parental judgement should still be used, when choosing books for your child.

To help you, the key below has been provided for guidance; however, if you have any questions about the content or complexity of specific texts, there is an abundance of information available online. Please do then feel free to ask us if you would like any further help.

Remember - regardless of their level of difficulty, all texts can be enjoyed by your child when you read them together: sharing, listening to, and discussing texts that may otherwise have been too challenging to read alone continues to be an extremely valuable activity for children throughout the whole of Key Stage Two.

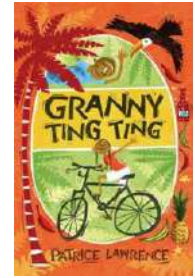
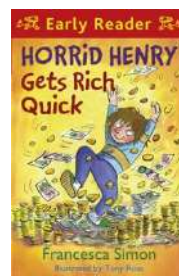
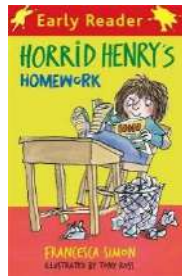
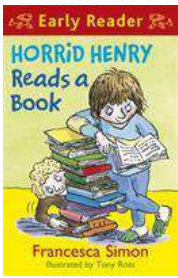
Less Confident Readers Entering Y3	Developing Confidence Developing Y3	Confident Readers Secure Y3	More challenging texts or more mature content ***
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***Adults should check they are happy for their children to read these texts

Just so you know -

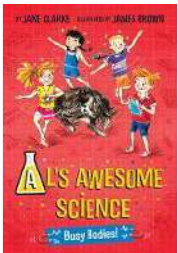
- This list, compiled from a range of expert sources, is to simply provide helpful suggestions- it is not compulsory.
- The images on this document are for representation; however, publishers will often print the books with several different covers, so please bare this in mind when looking for titles.

Humorous Books

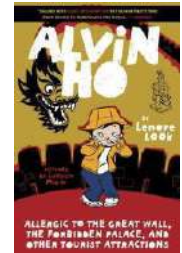


Horrid Henry Early Readers Selection – various titles
Francesca Simon

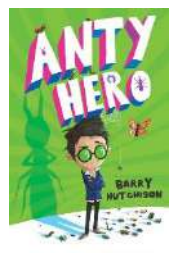
Granny Ting Ting
Patrice Lawrence



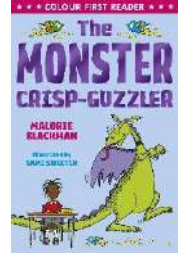
Busy Bodies!
Jane Clarke



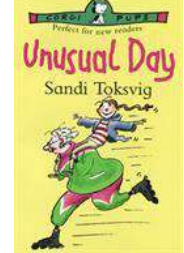
Alvin Ho series
Lenore Look



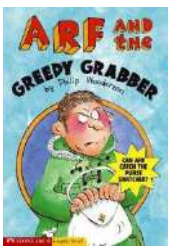
Anty Hero
Barry Hutchison



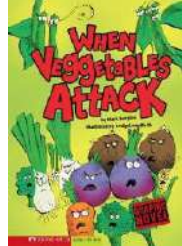
Monster Crisp...
Malorie Blackman



Unusual Day
Sandi Toksvig



Arf Greedy Grabber
Philip Wooderson



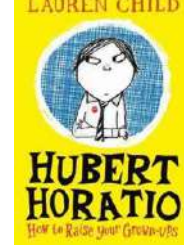
Vegetables Attack
Mark Burgess



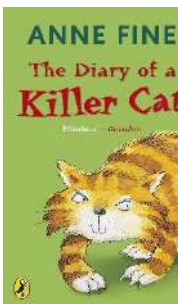
Freckle Juice
Judy Blume



Planet Omar series
Zanib Mian



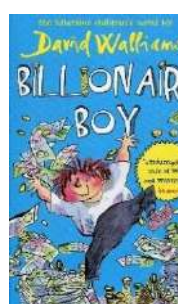
Hubert Horatio
Lauren Child



Diary of a Killer Cat
Anne Fine



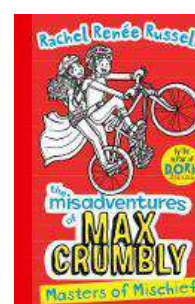
Max and the Millions
Ross Montgomery



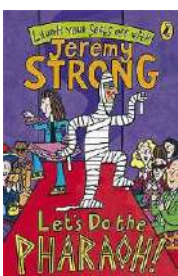
Billionaire Boy
David Walliams



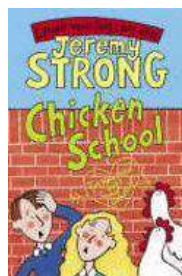
How to Train Your...
Your Parents
Pete Johnson



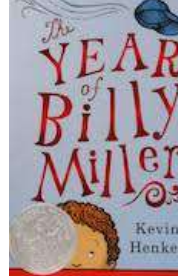
Max Crumbly
Rachel Renee Russell



Let's do the Pharaoh
Jeremy Strong



Chicken School
Jeremy Strong



Year of Billy Miller
Kevin Henkes

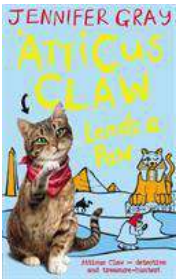


Hamish
Danny Wallace



King Coo
Adam Stower

Animals



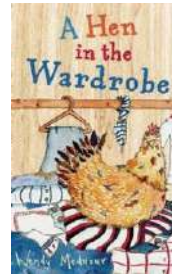
Atticus Claw
Jennifer Gray



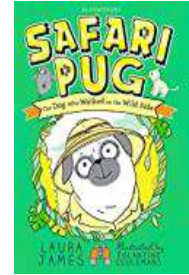
The Penguin who...
Jill Tomlinson



Mog on Fox Night
Judith Kerr



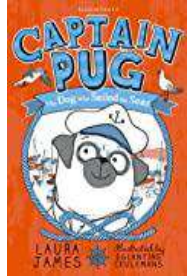
Hen in the Wardrobe
Wendy Meddour



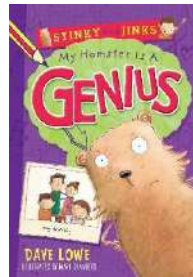
Safari Pug
Laura James



Pirate Pug
Laura James



Captain Pug
Laura James



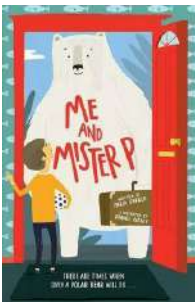
My Hamster is a Genius
Dave Lowe



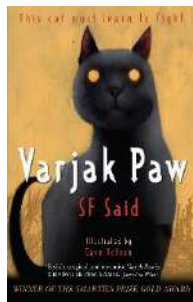
Dog Man GN
Dav Pilkey



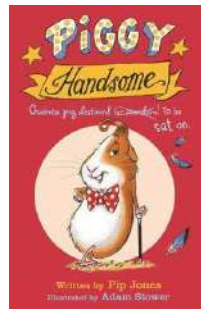
Undead Pets series
Sam Hay



Me & Mister P
Maria Farrer



Varjak Paw
SF Said



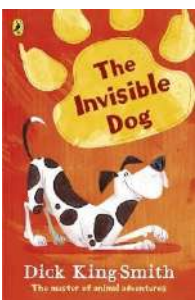
Piggy Handsome
Pip Jones



A Boy & a Bear...
Dave Shelton



Gobbolino Witch's Cat
Ursula Moray Williams



The Invisible Dog
Dick King Smith



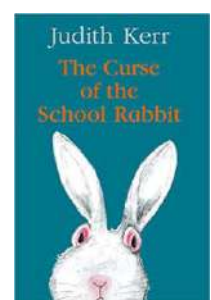
Good Dog McTavish
Meg Rosoff



Dave Pigeon
Shapna Haddow



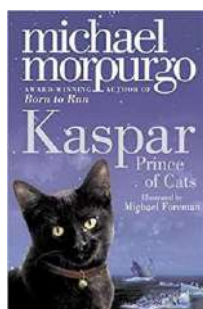
Mr Penguin & the...
Alex T Smith



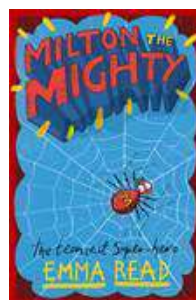
Curse of the...
Judith Kerr



Ice Bear Miracle
Carrie Burnell



Kaspar Prince of Cats
Michael Morpurgo



Milton the Mighty
Emma Read



Finding Black Beauty
Lou Kuenzler

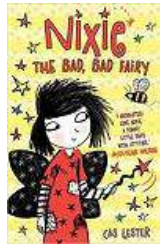


The Extincts
Veronica Cossantelli

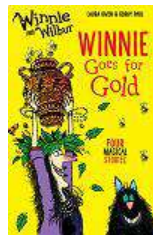
Fantasy



The Shrimp
Emily Smith



Nixie the Bad Fairy
Cas Lester



Winnie goes for Gold
Laura Owen



Isadora Moon Series
Harriet Muncaster



Ophelia and...
Karen Foxlee



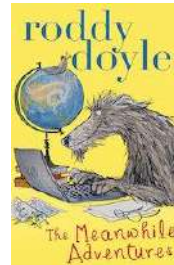
Bad Mermaids
Sibeal Ponder



Shiny Pippin
Harry Heape



Queen's Tale
Kaye Umansky



Meanwhile...
Roddy Doyle



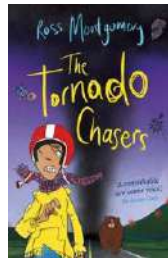
The Boy who Swam...
David Almond



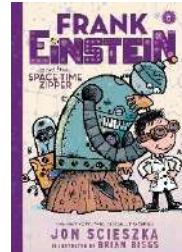
Cosmo and...
Gwyneth Rees



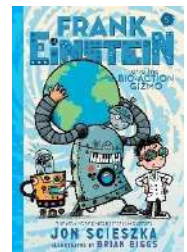
Perijee & Me
Ross Montgomery



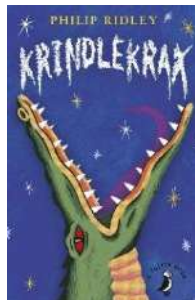
Tornado Chasers
Ross Montgomery



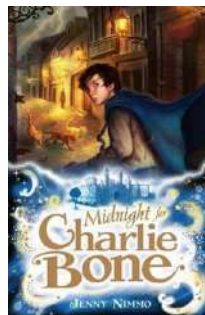
Frank Einstein series (various titles)
Jon Scieszka



The Land of Roar
Jenny McLachlan



Krindlekrax
Philip Ridley



Midnight for Charlie...
Jenny Nimmo



...of Alfie Onion
Vivian French



There May Be A Castle
Piers Torday



Strangeworlds
L.D. Lapinski



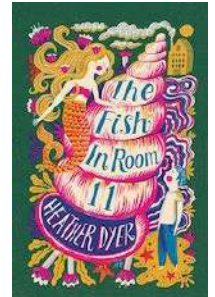
Train to Impossible....
P.G. Bell



Fly Me Home
Polly Ho-Yen

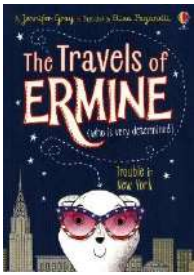


Magicalamity
Kate Saunders



The Fish in Room 11
Heather Dyer

Adventure and Science-Fiction



Travels of Ermine
Jennifer Gray



Atticus Claw series
Jennifer Gray



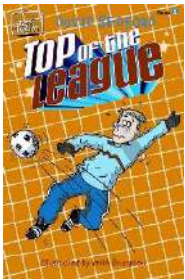
Night Zoo Keeper
Joshua Davidson



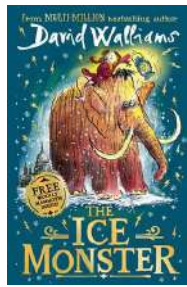
My Dad's a Birdman
David Almond



Captain Cat
Sue Mongredien



Top of the League
David Bedford



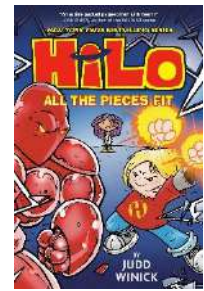
The Ice Monster
David Walliams



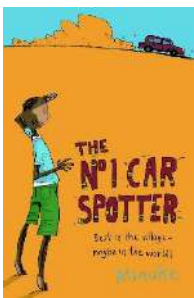
Charming!
Michaela Morgan



Archie Greene
D. D. Everest



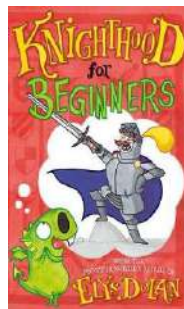
HiLo series (GNs)
Judd Winick



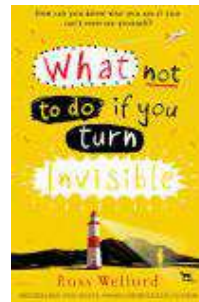
No1 Car Spotter
Atinuke



The Legend of Kevin
Philip Reeve



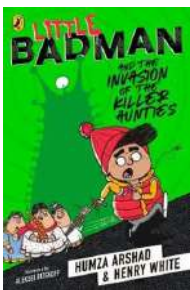
Knighthood for...
Elys Doylan



What not to do if...
Ross Welford



Spynosaur
Guy Bass



Little Badman
Arshad & White



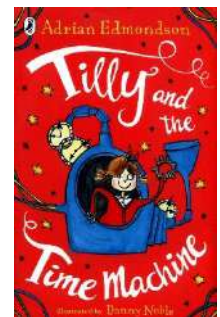
Little Broomstick
Mary Stewart



Storm
Kevin Crossley Holland



Castle of Inside Out
David Henry Wilson



Tilly & the Time Machine
Adrian Edmonson



... of Uncle Albert
Russell Stannard



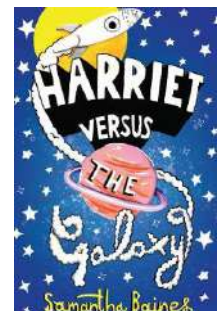
Ways to Make Sunshine
Renee Watson



The girl who ...
Nizrana Farook



Great Chocoplot
Chris Callaghan



Harriet vs the Galaxy
Samantha Baines

Mystery



Finney Island Files
Ross Montgomery



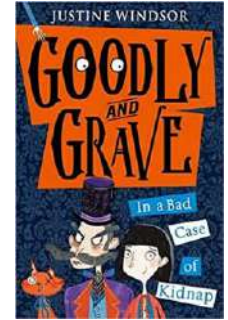
Agent Zaiba Series
Annabelle Sami



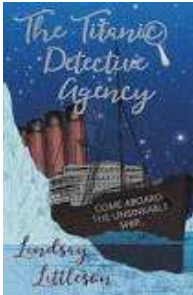
Time and Again
Rob Childs



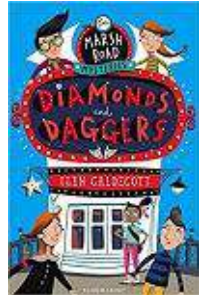
Black Queen
Michael Morpurgo



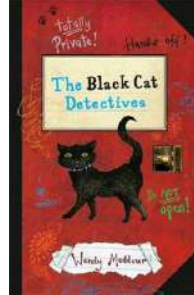
Goodly & Grave Series
Justine Windsor



Titanic Detective..
Lindsey Littleton



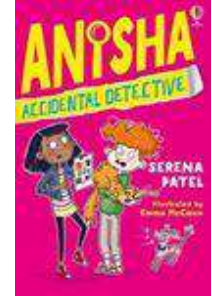
Diamonds & Daggers
Elen Caldecott



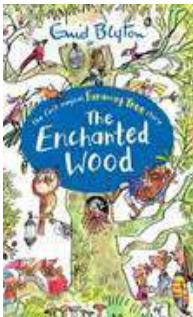
Black Cat Detectives
Wendy Meddour



Flyntlock Bones Series
Derek Keilty



Anisha Accidental..
Serena Patel



The Enchanted Wood
Enid Blyton



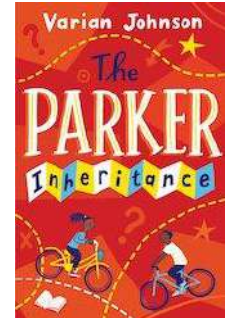
Secret Seven Series
Enid Blyton



Winterbourne Home....
Ally Carter



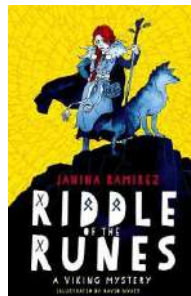
...Great Shelby Homes
Elizabeth Eulberg



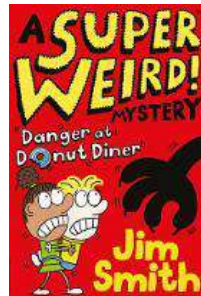
The Parker Inheritance
Varian Johnson



Highland Falcon Thief
M.G. Leonard



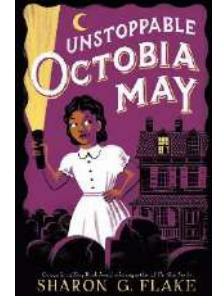
Riddle of the Runes
Janina Ramirez



Super Weird Series
Jim Smith



The Light Hunters
Dan Walker



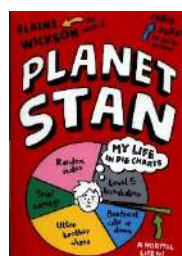
Octobia May
Sharon G Flake



Young Magicians
Nick Mohammed



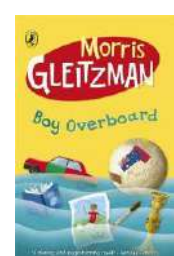
Spy who loved...
Pamela Butchart



Planet Stan
Elaine Wickson

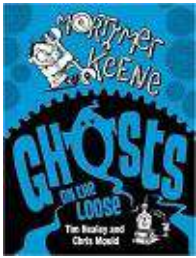


Good Thieves
Katherine Rundell



Boy Overboard
Morris Gleitzman

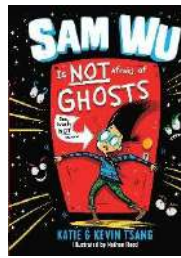
Spooky



Ghosts on the Loose
Tim Healey



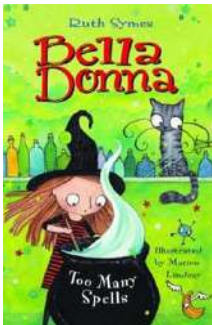
Fangs
Malorie Blackman



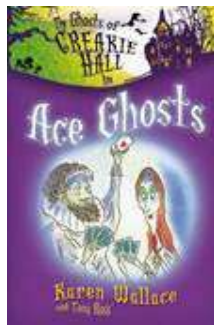
Sam Wu is Not Afraid series
Katie & Kevin Tsang



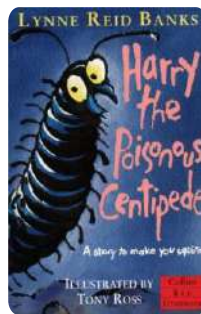
Ghoul Scouts series
Taylor Dolan



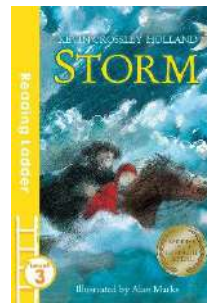
Bella Donna series
Ruth Symes



Ace Ghosts
Karen Wallace



Harry the Centipede
Lynne Reid Banks



Storm
Kevin Crossley Holland



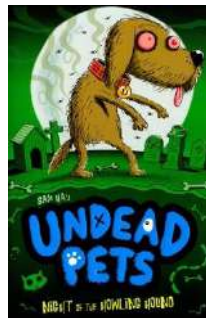
Captain Crow's Teeth
Eoin Colfer



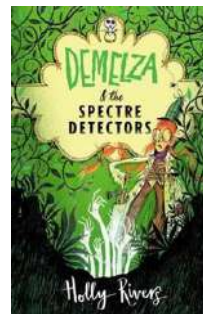
Goth Girl Series
Chris Riddell



**Grandpa Bert and...
Malorie Blackman**



Undead Pets series
Chris Hay



Demelza Series
Holly Rivers



Raven Mysteries series
Marcus Sedgwick



**My family and...
Lou Kuenzler**



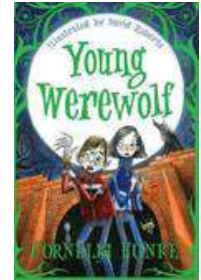
Stitch Head
Guy Bass



Skeleton Keys
Guy Bass



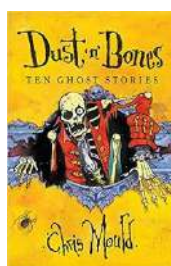
Demon Headmaster
Gillian Cross



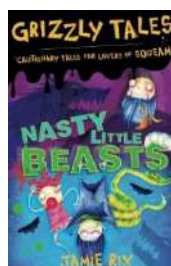
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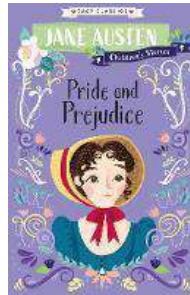
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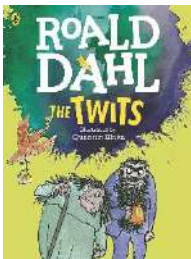
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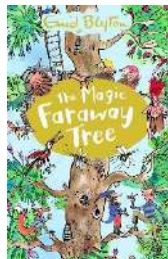
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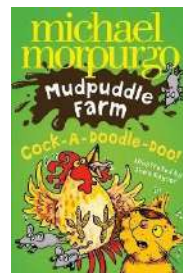
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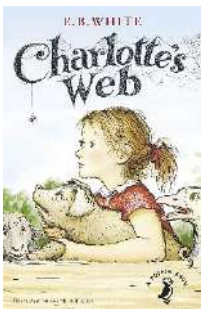
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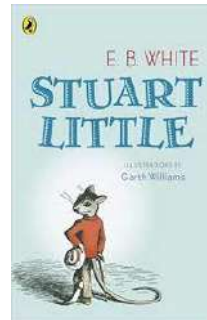
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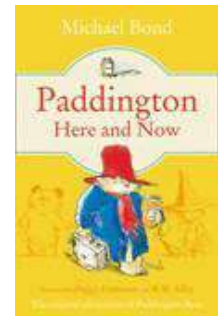
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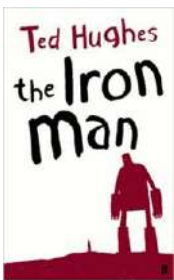
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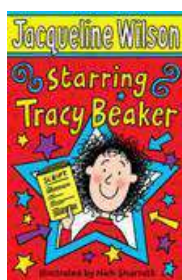
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Paddington
Michael Bond



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Ted Hughes



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Jacqueline Wilson



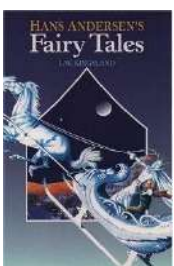
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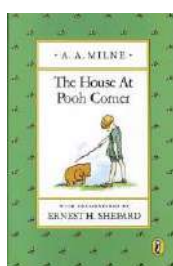
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Lady Lollipop
Dick King-Smith



Hans Christian Andersen
Fairy Tales



... Pooh Corner
A.A. Milne



Bedknobs & Broomsticks
Mary Norton



Peter Pan in Scarlet
Geraldine McCaughrean

Thought-Provoking, Real Life or Sensitive Themes

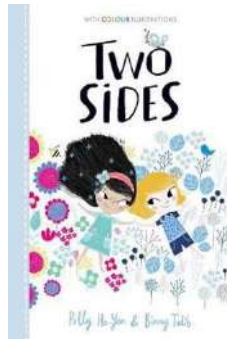
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Girl Behind the Glass
Jane Kelley
family/social issues



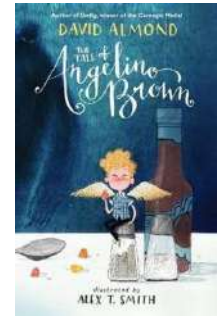
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Marcia Williams
grief/empathy



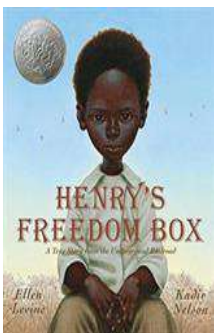
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Polly Ho-Yen
diversity/inclusivity



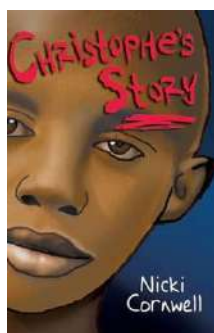
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Tale of Angelino Brown
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Henry's Freedom Box
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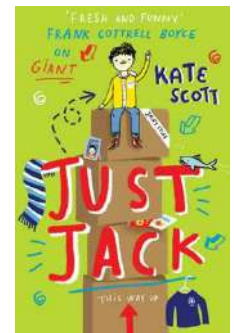
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Nicki Cornwell
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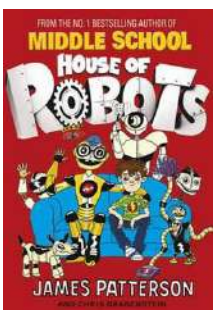
Twister
Juliette Forrester
death/bereavement



Saving Winslow
Sharon Creech
new school /families



Just Jack
Kate Scott
politics/human rights



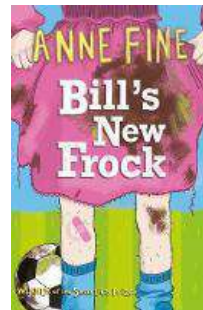
House of Robots
James Patterson
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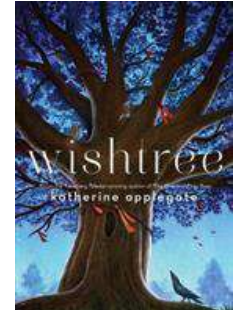
A Dangerous Game
Malorie Blackman
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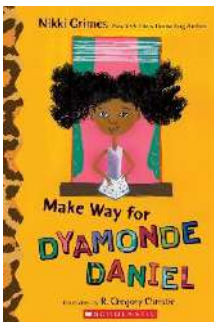
The Tunnels Below
Nadine Wild Palmer
human rights



Bill's New Frock
Anne Fine
gender roles



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Katherine Applegate
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Nikki Grimes
new home/family issues



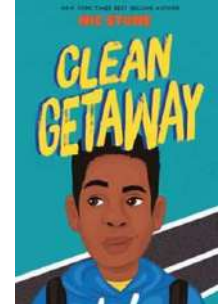
How High the Moon
Karyn Parsons
execution/ murder



Secrets of Billie Bright
Susie Day
growing up



Nothing Ever Happens Here
Sarah Hagger-Holt
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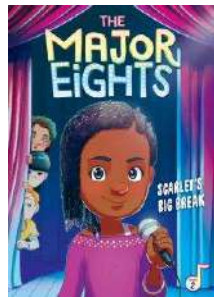


Clean Getaway
Nic Stone
racism

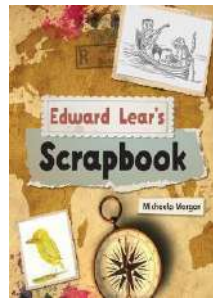
Inspirational People, Inspirational Stories and Role Models (fiction & non-fiction)



Women in Sport
Eva Ignatofsky



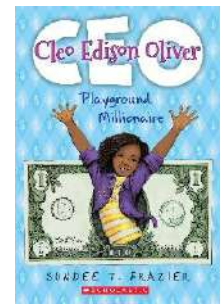
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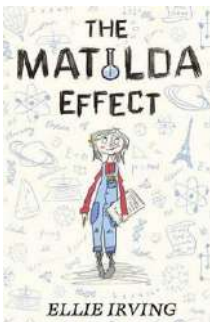
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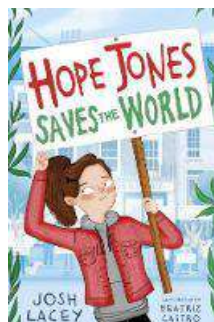
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Playground Millionaire
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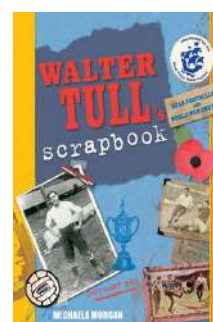
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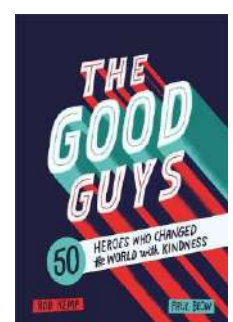
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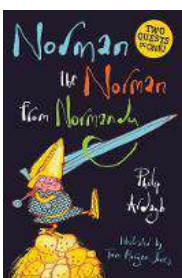


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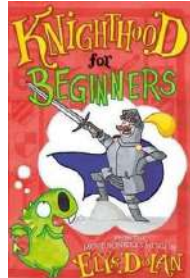


Good Guys: 50 Heroes
Rob Kemp

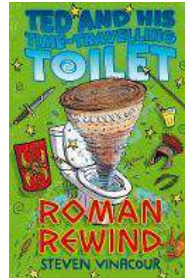
Historical Fiction



Norman the Norman
Philip Ardagh



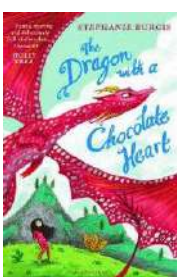
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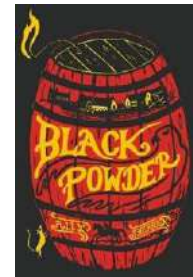
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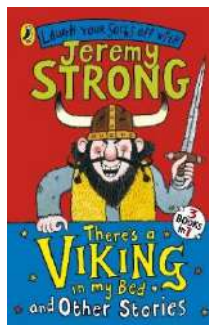


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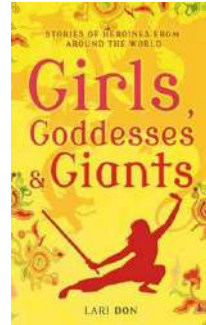
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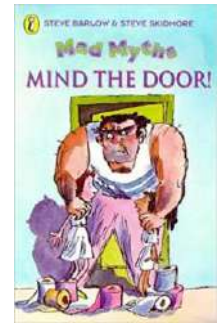
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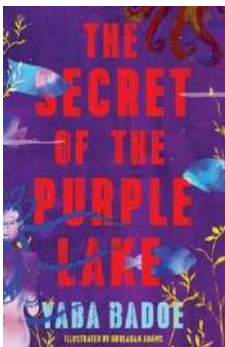
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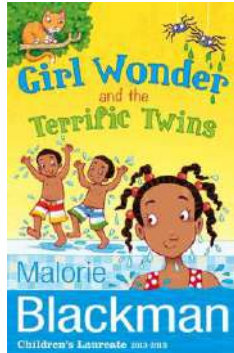
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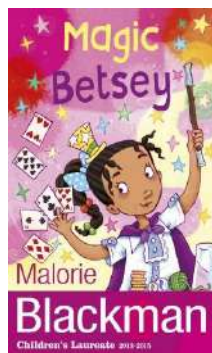
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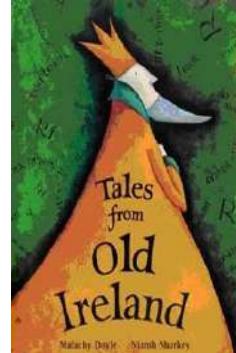
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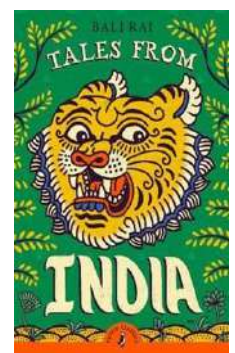
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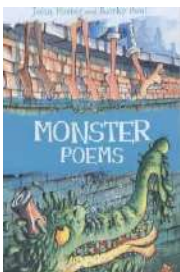


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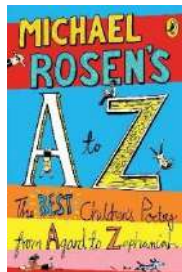


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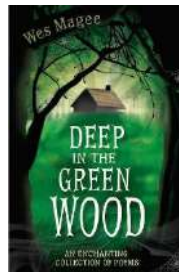
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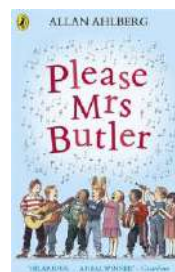
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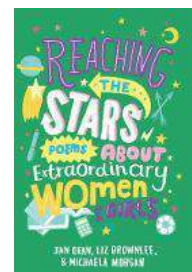
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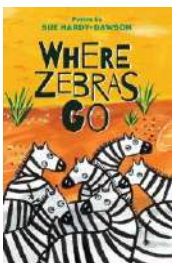
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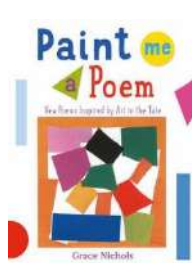
Extraordinary Women
Dean, Brownlee & Morgan



Where Zebras Go
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James Carter

Non-Fiction



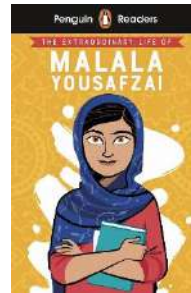
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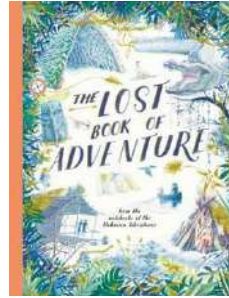
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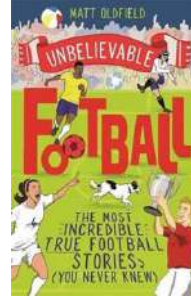
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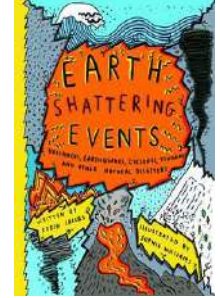
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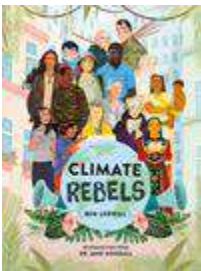
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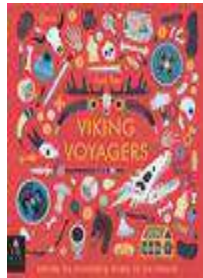
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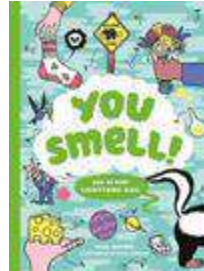
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Climate Rebels
Ben Lerwill
climate change



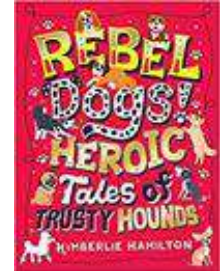
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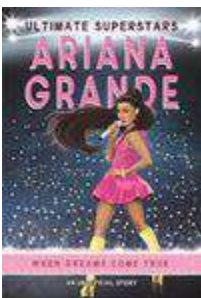
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Clive Gifford
funny facts about smell



Balloon to the Moon!
Gill Arbutnott
flying and space



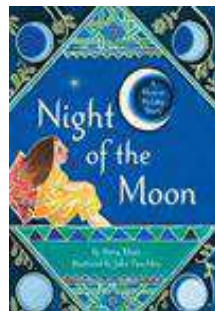
Rebel Dogs...
Kimberlie Hamilton
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Ultimate Superstars
Liz Gogerly
Biography



Joan Procter, Dragon...
Patricia Valdez
biography

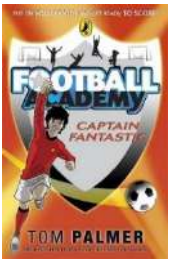


Night of the Moon
Hena Khan
Ramadan picture book



Magical Unicorn Society
Selwyn Phipps/Johnny Leighton
mythical handbook

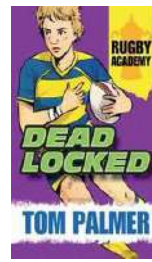
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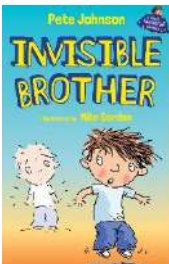
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Tom Palmer



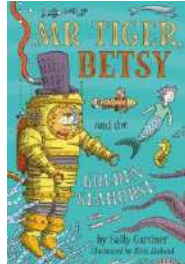
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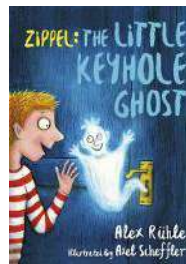
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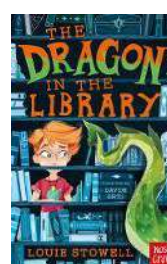
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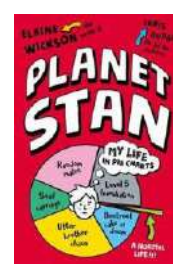
Mr Tiger, Betsy...
Sally Gardner
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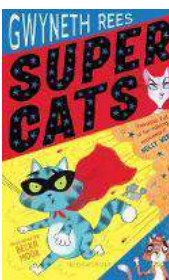
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Dragon in the...
Louie Stowell



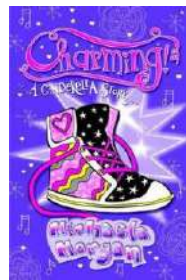
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Elaine Wickson
maths-related



Super Cats
Gwyneth Rees



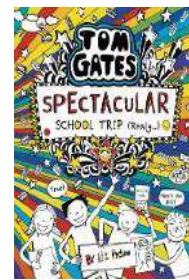
Dog Man
Dav Pilkey
graphic novel



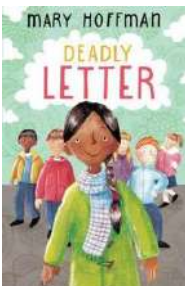
Charming!
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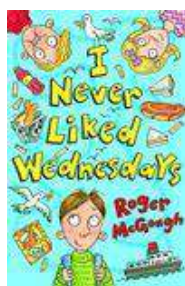
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Harriet Muncaster



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Tom Gates
graphic novel



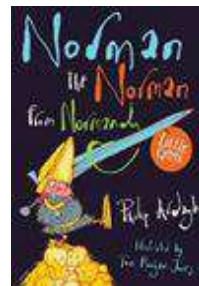
Deadly Letter
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I Never Liked...
Roger McGough
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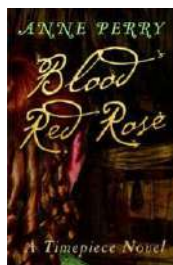
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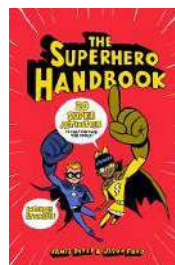
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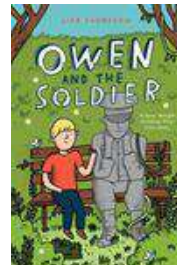
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