



Year 4 Suggested Reading List

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

We have compiled a list of Year 4 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 Y4	Developing Confidence Developing Y4	Confident Readers Secure Y4	More challenging texts or more mature content ***
***Adults should check they are happy for their children to read these texts			

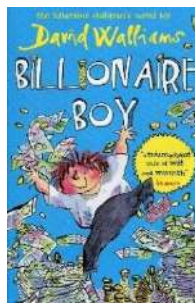
Just so you know -

- 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

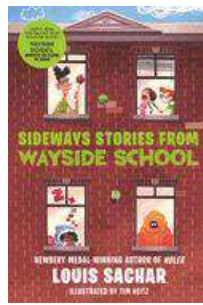
Humorous Books



Max and the Millions
Ross Montgomery



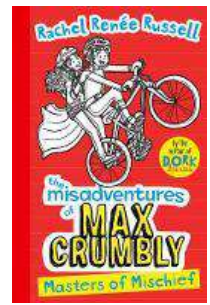
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David Walliams



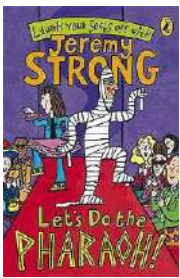
Wayside School series
Louis Sachar



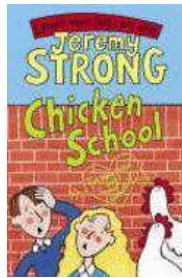
How to Train Your...
Pete Johnson



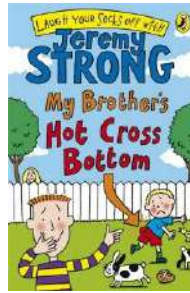
Max Crumbly
Rachel Renee Russell



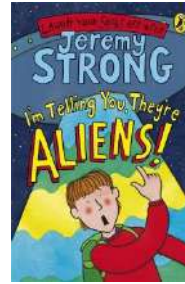
Let's do the Pharaoh
Jeremy Strong



Chicken School
Jeremy Strong



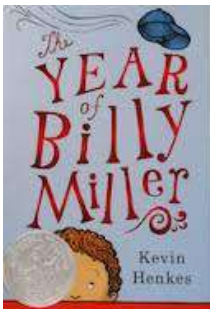
Hot Cross Bottom
Jeremy Strong



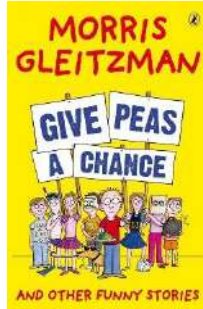
I'm telling you...
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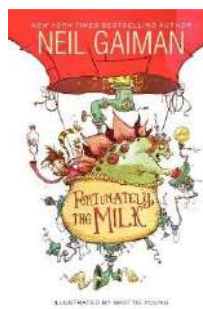
Sticky Witch...
Hilary McKay



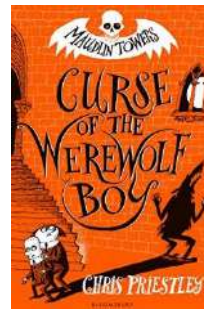
Year of Billy Miller
Kevin Henkes



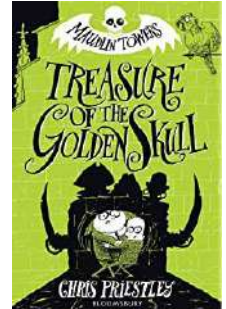
Give Peas a Chance
Morris Gleitzman



Fortunately, the Milk
Neil Gaiman



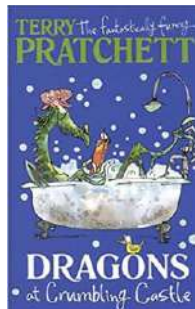
Curse of Werewolf Boy
Chris Priestley



Treasure of...
Chris Priestley



Jim Reaper
Rachel Delahaye



...at Crumbling Castle
Terry Pratchett



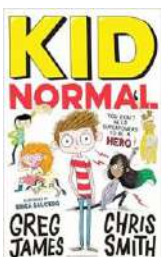
The Worst Witch
Jill Murphy



... Strikes Again
Jill Murphy



Goblins
Philip Reeve



Kid Normal
Greg James



Greta Zargo
A.F. Harold

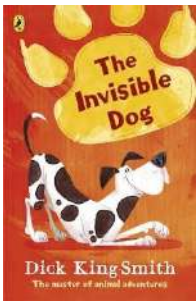


Veronica Twitch series
Erica-Jane Waters

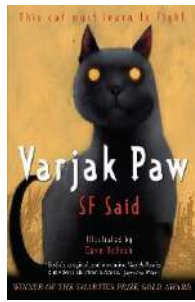


The Kids Who Knew Too Little
Gitty Daneshvari

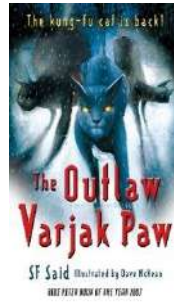
Animals



The Invisible Dog
Dick King Smith



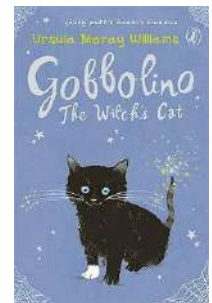
Varjak Paw
SF Said



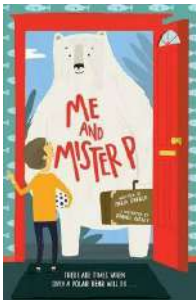
Outlaw Varjak Paw
SF Said



A Boy & a Bear...
Dave Shelton



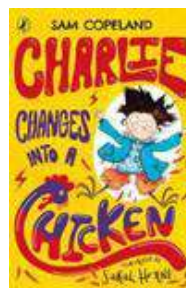
Gobbolino the cat
Ursula Moray Williams



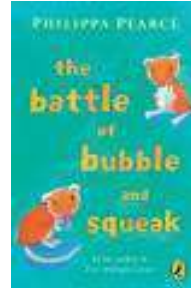
Me & Mister P
Maria Farrer



Good Dog McTavish
Meg Rosoff



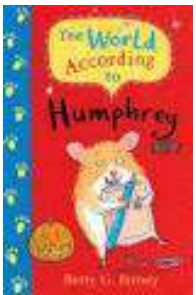
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Sam Copeland



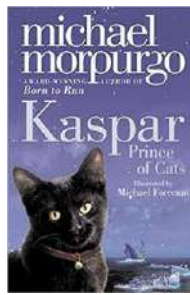
Bubble & Squeak
Philippa Pearce



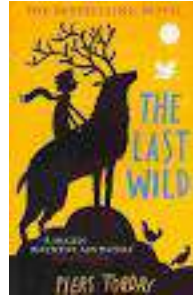
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Veronica Cossantelli



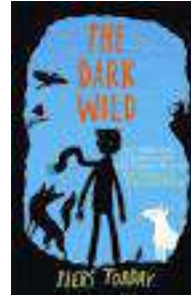
The World according
Betty G. Birney



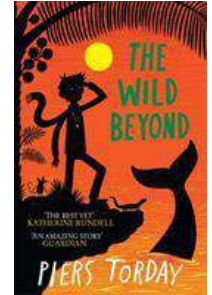
Kaspar Prince of Cats
Michael Morpurgo



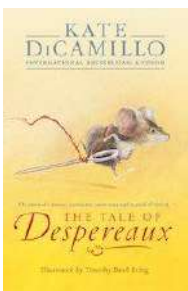
The Last Wild
Piers Torday



The Dark Wild
Piers Torday



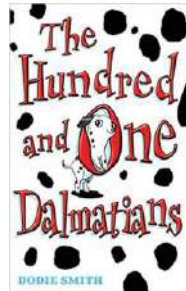
The Wild Beyond
Piers Torday



Tale of Desperaux
Kate DiCamillo



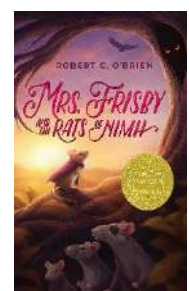
The Care & Feeding of...
Michelle Cuevas



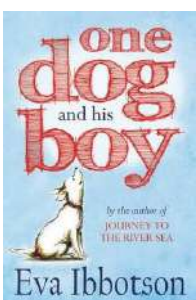
101 Dalmatians
Dodie Smith



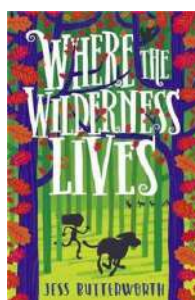
The Ice Bear Miracle
Cerrie Burnell



Mrs Frisby & the Rats...
Robert C. O'Brien



One Dog & His Boy
Eva Ibbotson



Where the Wilderness...
Jess Butterworth



The Victory Dogs
Megan Rix



The Midnight Fox
Betsy Byars

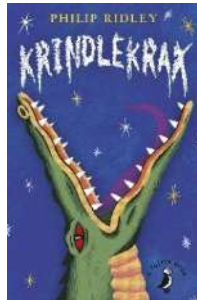


Wed Rabbit
Lissa Evans

Fantasy



The Land of Roar
Jenny McLachlan



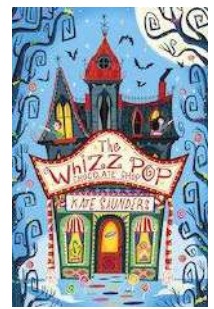
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Philip Ridley



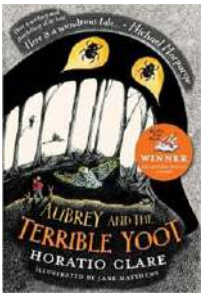
Midnight for....
Jenny Nimmo



...of Alfie Onion
Vivian French



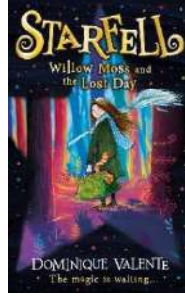
Whizz Pop Chocolate..
Kate Saunders



... Terrible Yoot
Horatio Clare



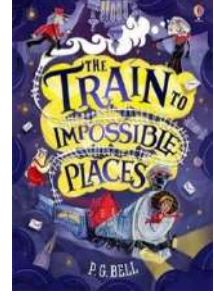
Spiderwick Chronicles
Tony Diterlizzi



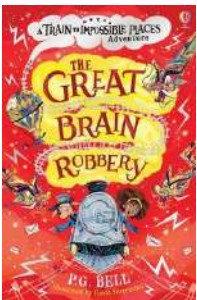
Starfell
Dominique Valente



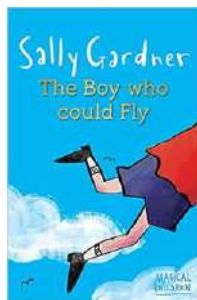
Strangeworlds
L.D. Lapinski



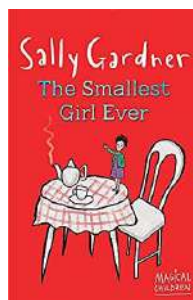
Train to Impossible....
P.G. Bell



Great Brain Robbery
P.G. Bell



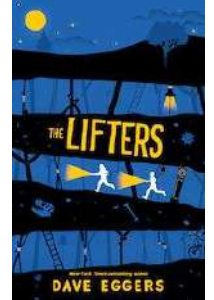
The Boy who...
Sally Gardner



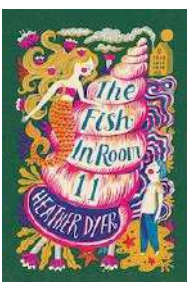
Smallest Girl Ever
Sally Gardner



Magicalamity
Kate Saunders



The Lifters
Dave Eggers



The Fish in Room 11
Heather Dyer



There May Be A Castle
Piers Torday



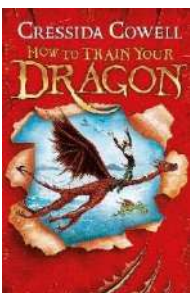
Girl with the Broken Wing
Heather Dyer



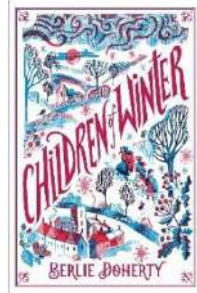
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Jenny Nimmo



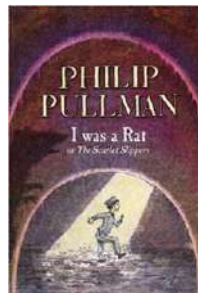
Last Spell Breather
Julie Pike



How to Train...
Cressida Cresswell



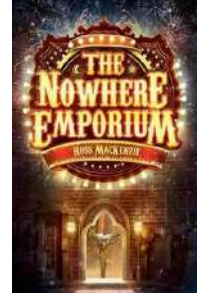
Children of Winter
Berlie Doherty



I Was a Rat!
Philip Pullman

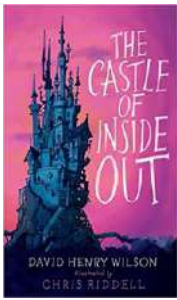


Podkin One Ear
Kieran Larwood

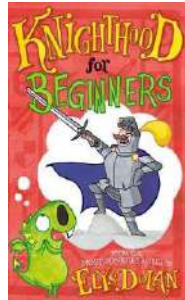


Nowhere Emporium
Ross Mackenzi

Adventure and Science-Fiction



Castle of Inside Out
David Henry Wilson



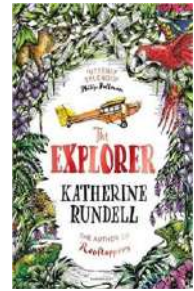
Knighthood for...
Elys Doyle



Cradle of all Worlds
Jeremy Lachlan



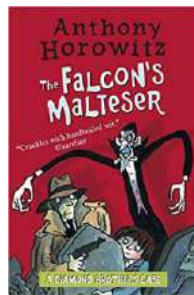
Level Up
Tom Nicoll



The Explorer
Katherine Rundell



... of Uncle Albert
Russell Stannard



The Falcon's Malteser
Anthony Horowitz



The girl who ...
Nizrana Farook



Great Chocoplot
Chris Callaghan



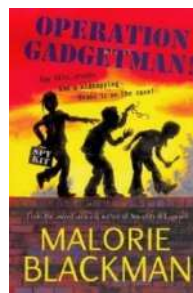
Harriet vs the Galaxy
Samantha Baines



..of Edward Tulane
Kate DiCamillo



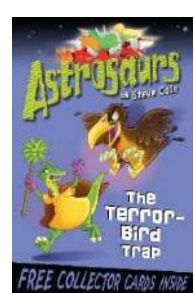
A Place called Perfect
Helena Duggan



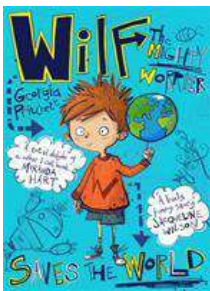
Operation Gadgetman!
Malorie Blackman



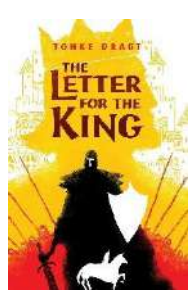
Ingo
Helen Dunmore



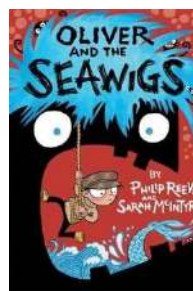
Astrosaurus series
Steve Cole



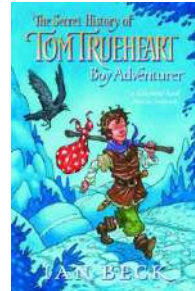
Wilf the worrier
Georgia Pritchett



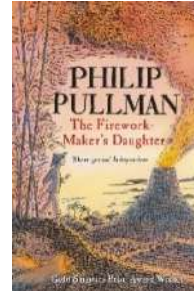
Letter for the King
Tonke Dragt



Oliver & The Seawigs
Philip Reeve



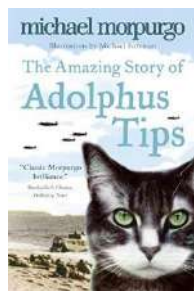
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Ian Beck



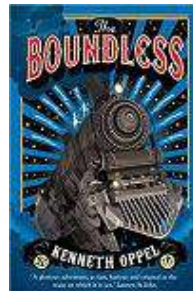
Firework Maker's...
Philip Pullman



Bronte Mettleson
Jaclyn Moriarty



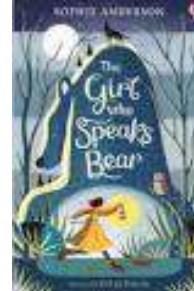
...of Adolphus Tips
Michael Morpurgo



Boundless
Kenneth Oppel



The Starspun Web
Sinead O'Hart



Girl Who Speaks Bear
Sophie Anderson

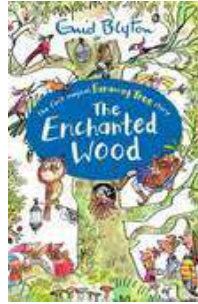
Mystery



Secret Seven Series
Enid Blyton



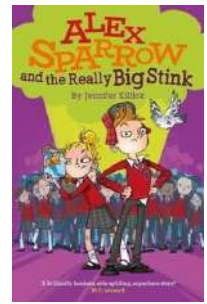
Erica's Elephant
Sylvia Bishop



Enchanted Wood
Enid Blyton



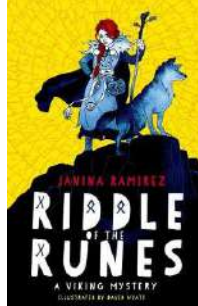
Black Queen
Michael Morpurgo



Alex Sparrow series
Jennifer Killick



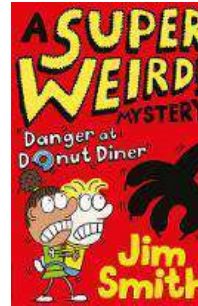
Highland Falcon Thief
M.G. Leonard



Riddle of the Runes
Janina Ramirez



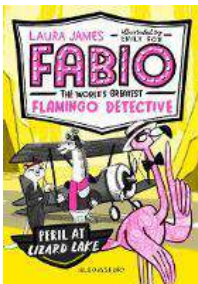
Famous Five Series
Enid Blyton



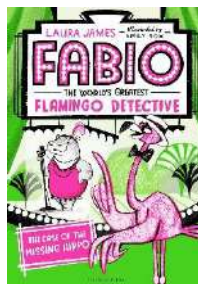
Super Weird Series
Jim Smith



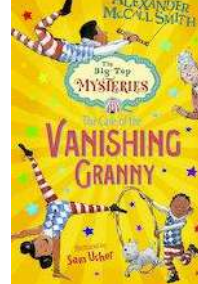
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Dan Walker



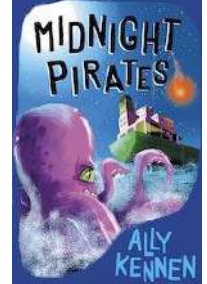
Fabio Flamingo Detective Series
Laura James



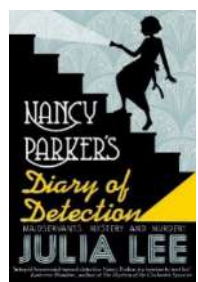
Curse of the Chocolate
Kate Saunders



..Vanishing Granny
Alexander McCall Smith



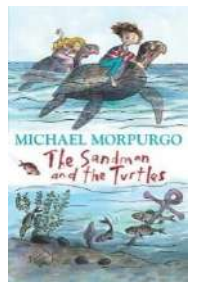
Midnight Pirates
Ally Kennen



Nancy Parker's...
Julia Lee



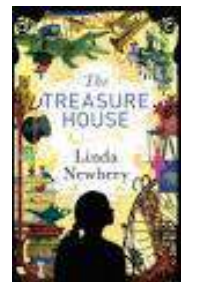
Secret of the Night Train
Sylvia Bishop



The Sandman and...
Michael Morpurgo



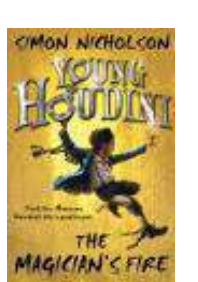
A girl, a Raccoon
Karen Romano Young



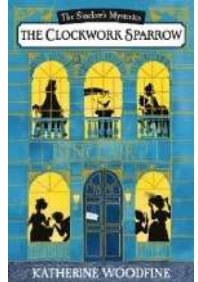
Treasure House
Linda Newbery



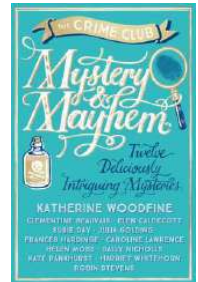
House with a clock...
John Bellairs



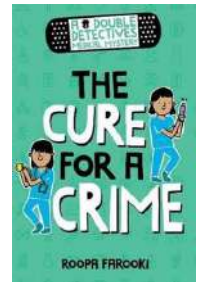
Young Houdini
Simon Nicholson



Clockwork Sparrow
Katherine Woodfine



Mystery & Mayhem
Katherine Woodfine

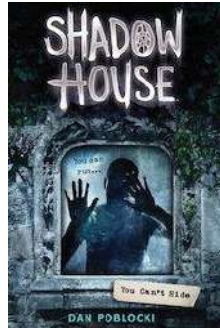


The Cure for a Crime
Roopa Farooki

Spooky



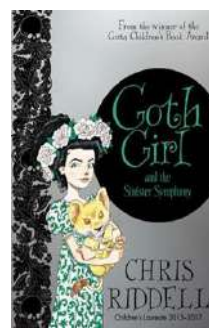
Stitch Head
Guy Bass



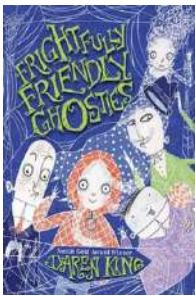
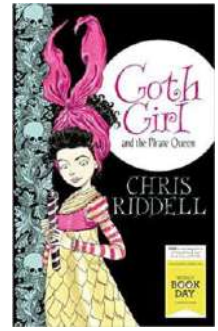
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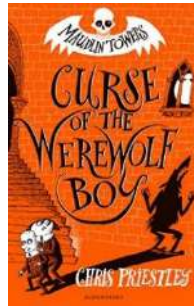
The Boy Who Flew
Fleur Hitchcock



Goth Girl Series – various titles available
Chris Riddell



Frightfully Friendly...
Daren King



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Seven Ghosts
Chris Priestley



Christmas Dinner of...
Ross Montgomery



Rugby Flyer
Gerard Siggins



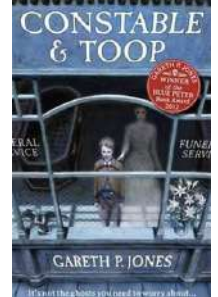
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Alley Keenen



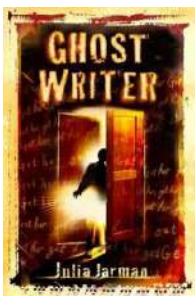
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Berlie Doherty



Beaver Towers Series
Nigel Hinton



Constable & Toop
Gareth P. Jones



Ghost Writer
Julia Jarman



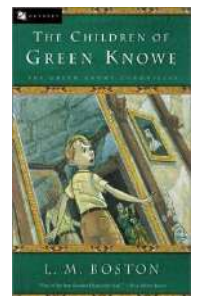
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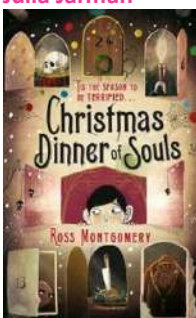
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Gareth P. Jones



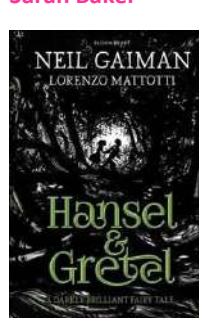
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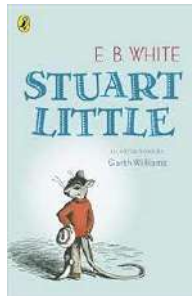


Golem's Eye
Jonathan Stroud

Well-loved Authors, Classic Texts and Retellings



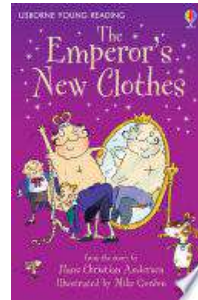
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Enid Blyton



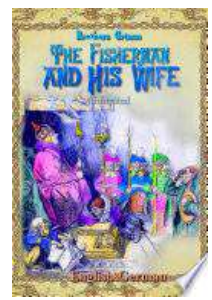
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E.B. White



George's Marvellous Medicine



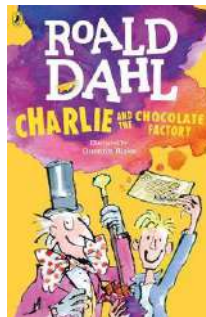
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Hans Christian Andersen



The Fisherman & his...
Brothers Grimm



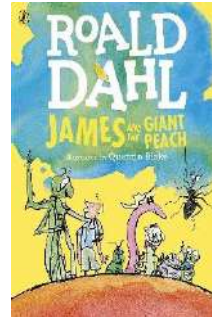
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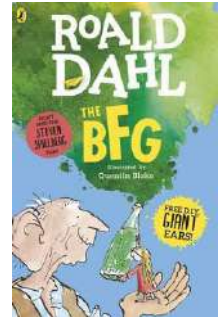
Charlie + the Chocolate Factory



The Witches



James + the Giant Peach



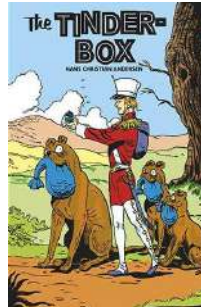
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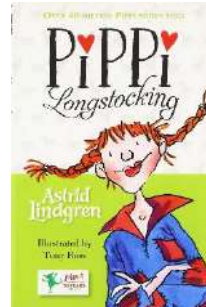
Charlotte's Web
E.B. White



Famous Five Series
Enid Blyton



The Tinderbox
Hans Christian Andersen



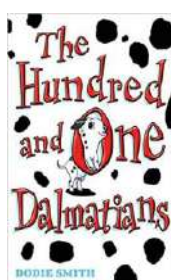
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Astrid Lindgren



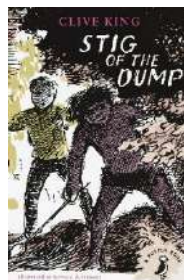
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The Enchanted Horse
Magdalen Nabb



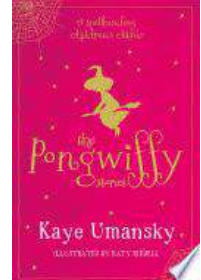
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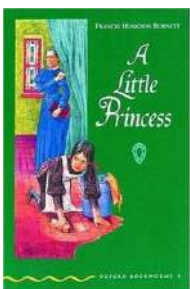
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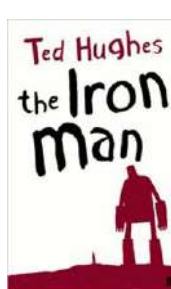
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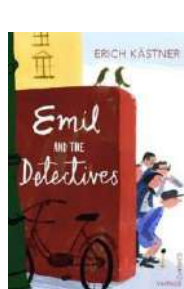
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Kaye Umansky



A Little Princess
Frances Hodgson Burnett



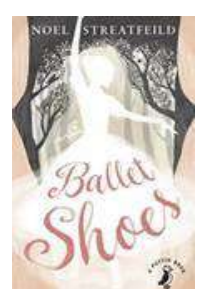
The Iron Man
Ted Hughes



Emil & The Detectives
Erich Kastner



Midnight Fox
Betsy Byars



Ballet Shoes
Noel Streatfield

Thought-Provoking / Real Life

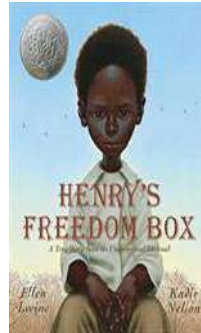
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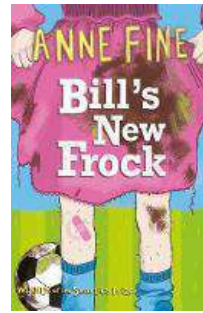
Tale of Angelino
David Almond
adoption/bereavement



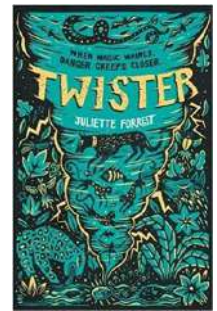
Lenny's Book...
Karen Foxlee
death



Henry's Freedom Box
Ellen Levine
slavery



Bill's New Frock
Anne Fine
gender roles



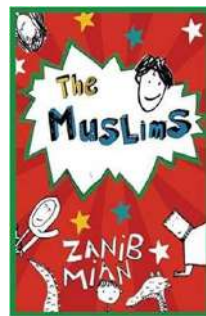
Twister
Juliette Forrest
mental health



El Deafo Graphic Novel
Cece Bell
deafness/prejudice



How to Look for...
Ann M Martin
autism



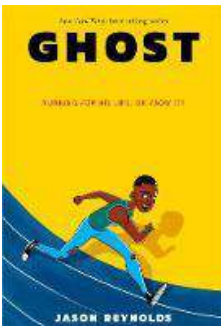
The Muslims
Zanib Mian
racism, BAME



Blue Moon Day
Anne Fine
bullying/fear



How High the Moon
Karyn Parsons
racism/BAME/violence



Ghost
Jason Reynolds
domestic violence



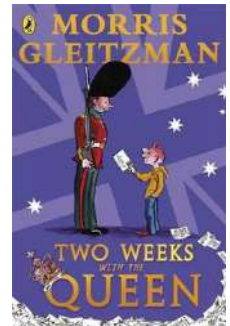
Running on the Roof..
Jess Butterworth
refugees, social issues



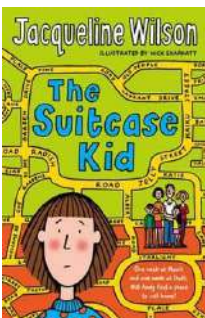
The Kick Off
Dan Freedman
relationships



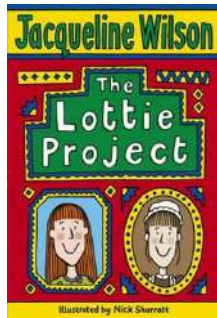
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Matilda Woods
bereavement



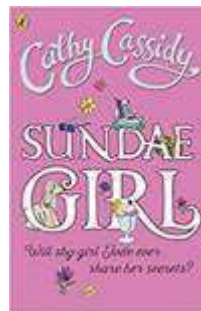
2 Weeks with the ...
Morris Gleitzman
terminal illness



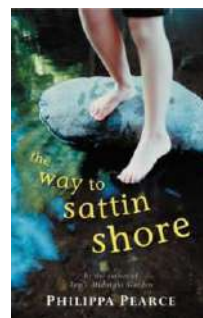
The Suitcase Kid
Jacqueline Wilson
divorce/family issues



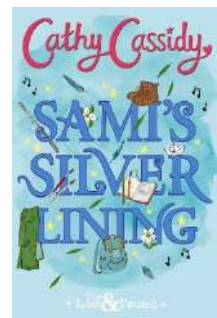
The Lottie Project
Jacqueline Wilson
divorce/family issue



Sundae Girl
Cathy Cassidy
dementia/alcoholism

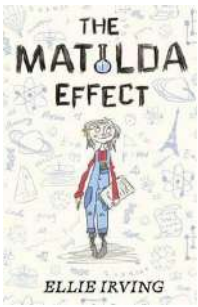


The way to Sattin Shore
Phillipa Pearce
death/family issues

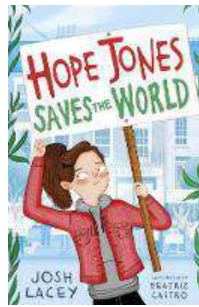


Sami's Silver Lining
Cathy Cassidy
refugees/autism

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



The Matilda Effect
Ellie Irving



Hope Jones
Josh Lacey



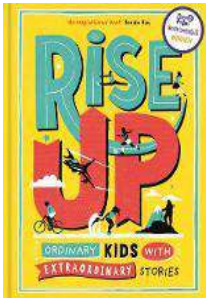
Old enough to...
Loll Kirby



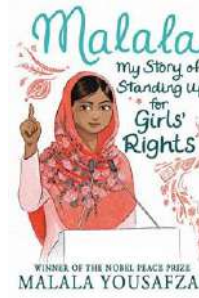
Wonder
R.J. Palacio



Her Story: 50 women
that shook the world



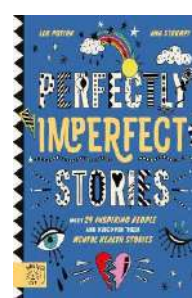
Rise Up
Amanda Li



Malala: My story
Malala Yousafzai



Good Guys: 50 Heroes
Rob Kemp

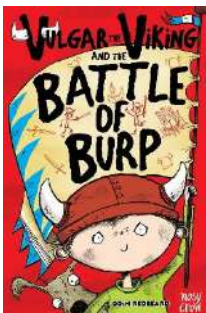


Perfectly Imperfect
refs to mental health



Greta's Story
Valentina Camerini

Historical Fiction



Vulgar Viking Series
Odin Redbeard



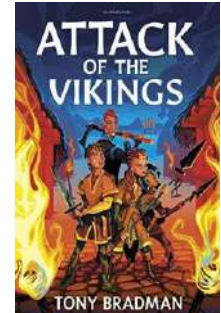
Romans on...Rampage
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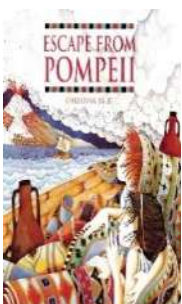
Secrets of a Sun King
Emma Carroll



Carrie's War
Nina Bawden



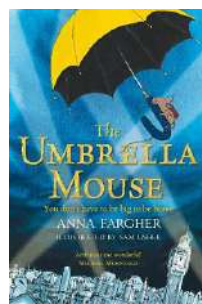
Attack of Vikings
Tony Bradman



Escape from Pompeii
Christina Balit



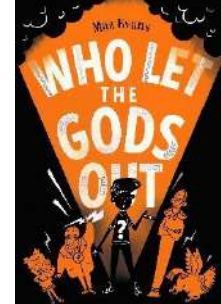
Defenders: Dark Arena
Tom Palmer



The Umbrella Mouse
Anne Fargher



Escape from Rome
Caroline Lawrence

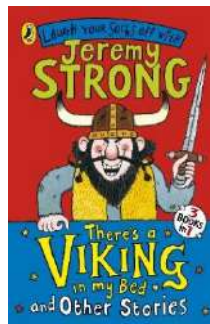


Who Let the Gods Out
Maz Evans

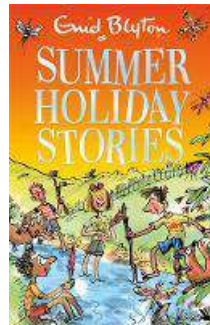
Short Stories



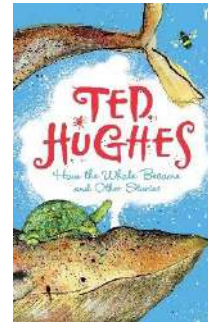
Clever Polly stories
Catherine Storr



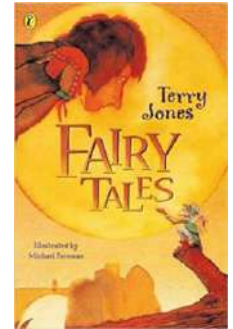
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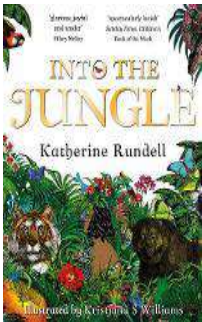
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Enid Blyton



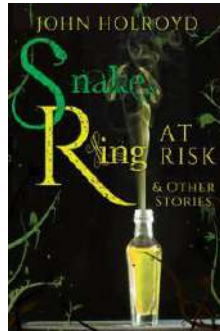
How the Whale...
Ted Hughes



Fairy Tales
Terry Jones



Into the Jungle
Katherine Rundell



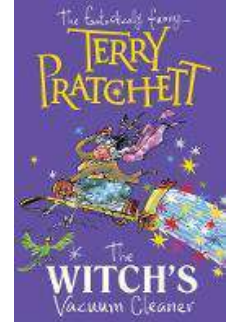
Snake Ring at Risk...
John Holroyd



The Fib & other stories
George Layton



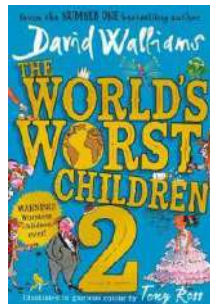
Dragons at Crumbling..
Terry Pratchett



The Witch's Vacuum
Terry Pratchett



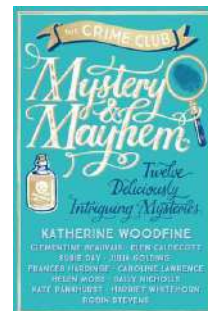
Return to Wonderland
Various Authors



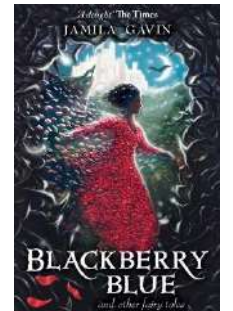
World's Worst Children
David Walliams



The Last Slice of Rainbow
Jane Aiken



Mystery & Mayhem
Katherine Woodfine

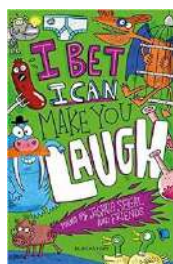


Blackberry Blue
Various Authors

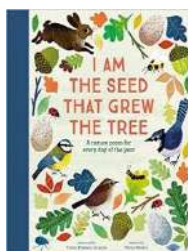
Poetry Anthologies



Lost Magic
Brian Moses



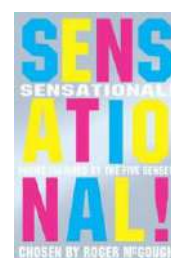
I Bet I Can...
Joshua Seigal



I Am The Seed...
Fiona Waters



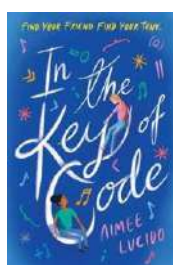
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Matt Goodfellow



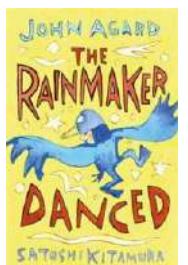
Sensational!
Chosen by Roger McGough



Poetry for a Change
Various authors



In the Key of Code
Aimee Lucido



The Rainmaker Danced
John Agard

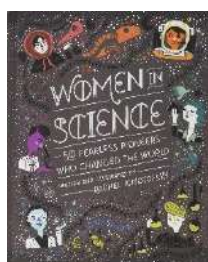


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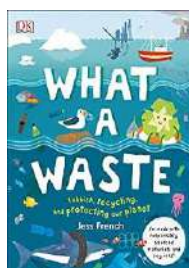


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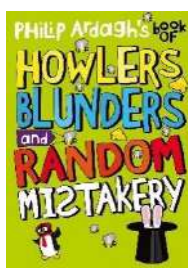
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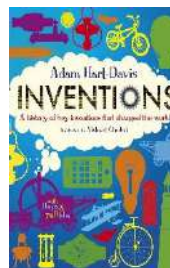
Women in Science
Rachel Ignotofsky
science



What a Waste
Jess French
environment



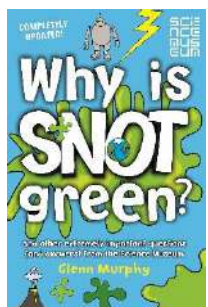
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Philip Ardagh
funny mistakes



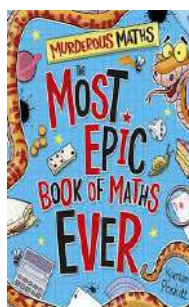
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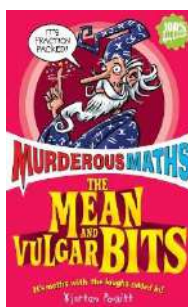
Black Holes + Stuff
Glenn Murphy
space



Why is Snot Green?
Glenn Murphy
funny science facts



Most Epic Book of Maths
Kjartan Poskitt
maths



Mean + Vulgar bits
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The Secrets of Sums
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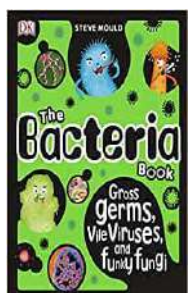
Big Ideas for
Jamia Wilson
critical thinking



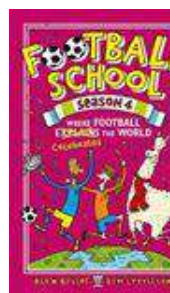
Danger is Everywhere!
David O'Doherty
handbook of danger



Atlas of Adventure
Lucy Letherland
wonders of the world



The Bacteria Book
Steve Mould
science



Football School
Alex Bellos & Ben Lyttleton
football

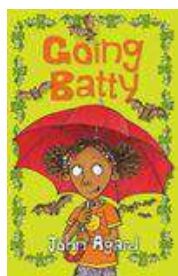


The Zoological Times
Libby Deutch/Stella Guerney
nature

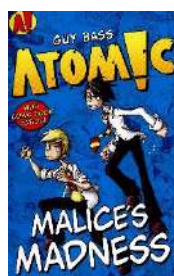
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Level Up!
Tom Nicoll



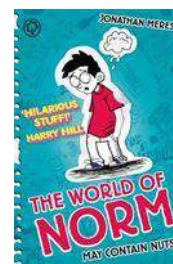
Going Batty
John Agard
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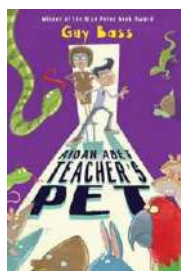
Atomic! Series
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Theresa Breslin
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World of Norm series
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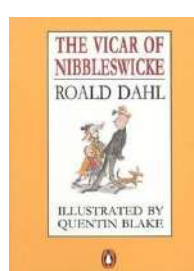
Aiden Abet...
Guy Bass
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Beast Hunter
Kathryn White
dyslexia friendly



Young Merlin series
Tony Bradman
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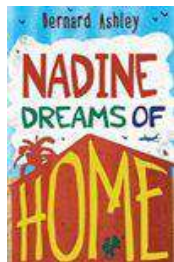
Vicar of Nibbleswicke
Roald Dahl
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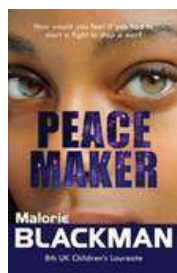
Sea of Monsters
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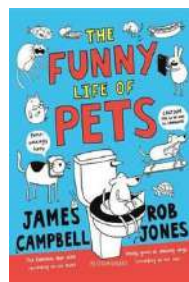
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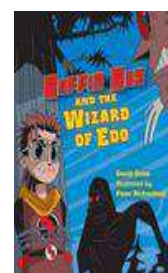
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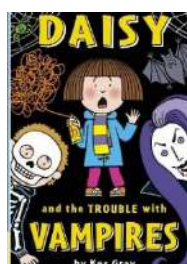
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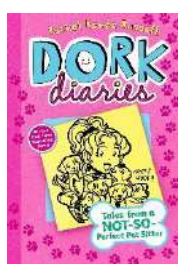
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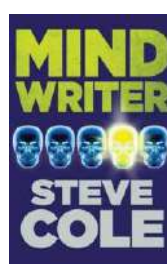
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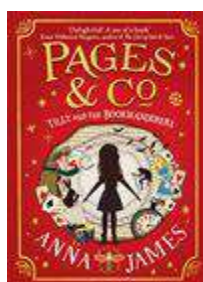
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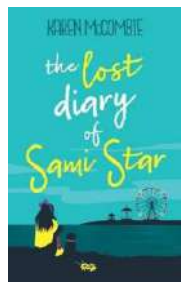
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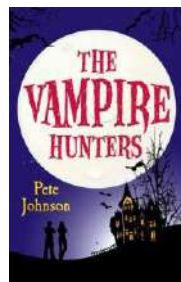
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The Lost Diary of...
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