



Year 5 Suggested Reading List

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

We have compiled a list of Year 6 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.

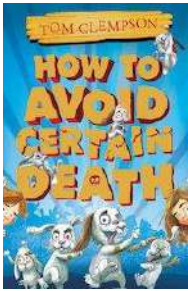
Remember - regardless of their level of difficulty, all texts can be enjoyed by your child when you read them together: sharing, listening to, and discussing texts that may otherwise have been too challenging to read alone continues to be an extremely valuable activity for children throughout the whole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

Less Confident Readers Entering Y6	Developing Confidence Developing Y6	Confident Readers Secure Y6	More challenging texts, Young Adult books or more mature content ***
***Adults should check they are happy for their children to read these texts			

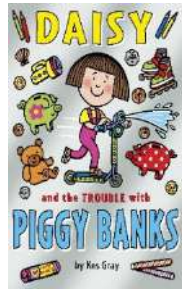
Just so you know -

- 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

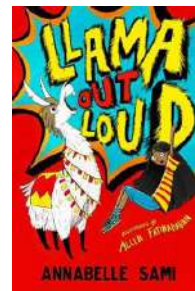
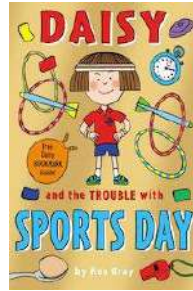
Humorous Books



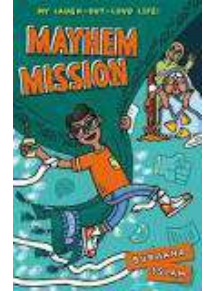
How to avoid...
Tom Clempson



Daisy & the trouble with... series
Kes Gray



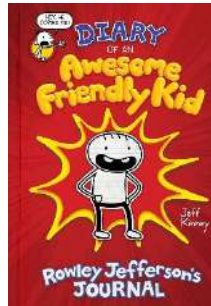
Llama out Loud
Anabelle Sami



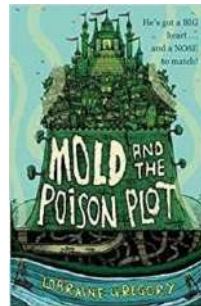
Mayhem Mission
Burhana Islam



Storm
Nicola Skinner



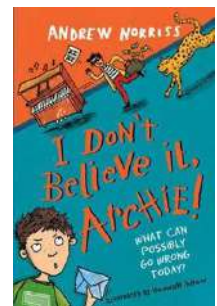
Diary of an Awesome...
Jeff Kinney



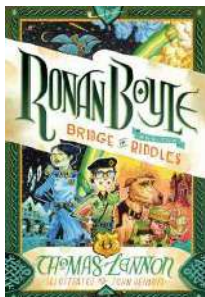
Mold & the Poison Plot
Lorraine Gregory



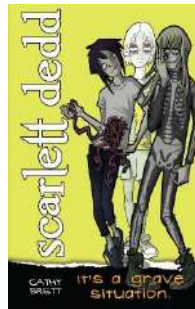
Deadly!
M GLEITZMAN/P JENNINGS



I don't believe it...
Andrew Norris



Ronan Boyle series
Thomas Lennon



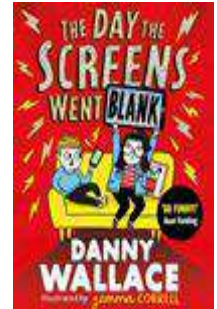
Scarlett Dedd
Karen McCombie



Muddle & Win
John Dickinson



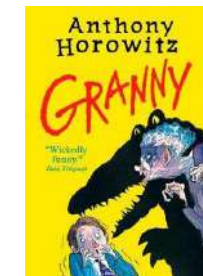
The Lightning Catcher
Clare Weze



The Day the Screens...
Danny Wallace



Awful End
Philip Ardagh



Granny
Anthony Horowitz



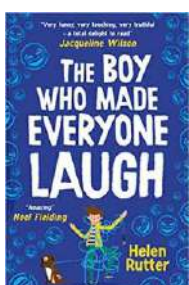
Demon Headmaster
Gillian Cross



Uma and the answer...
Sam Copeland



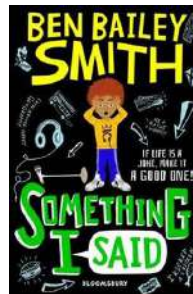
Impossible Boy
Ben Brooks



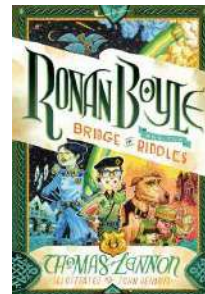
The Boy who made...
Helen Rutter



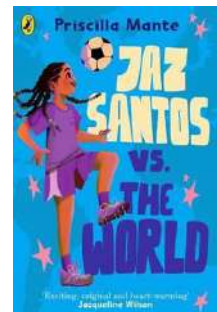
Front Desk
Kelly Yang



Something I said
Ben Bailey Smith

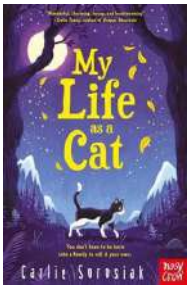


Ronan Boyle Series
Thomas Lennon

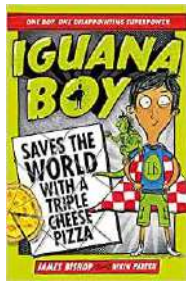


Jas Santos vs The World
Priscilla Mante

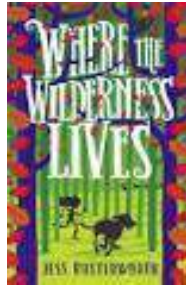
Animals



My Life as a Cat
Carlie Sorosiak



Iguana Boy series
James Bishop



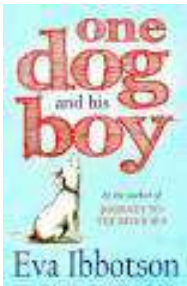
Where the Wilderness Lives
Jess Butterworth



The Midnight Fox
Betsy Byars



The Ice Bear Miracle
Carrie Burnell



One Dog and his Boy
Eva Ibbotson



The Girl who Speaks Bear
Sophie Anderson



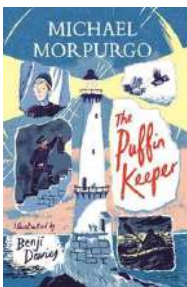
The Midnight Swan
Catherine Fisher



A Girl, a Raccoon...
Karen Romano Young



The Time Traveller and...
Tania Unsworth



The Puffin Keeper
Michael Morpurgo



A Girl Called Owl
Amy Wilson



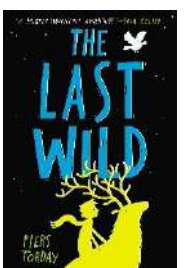
Eagle Warrior
Gill Lewis



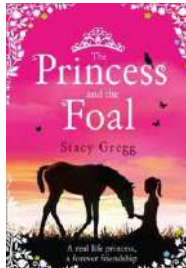
Blitzcat
Robert Westall



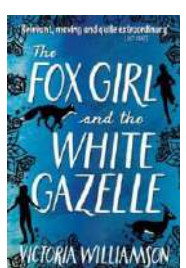
Storm Hound
Claire Fayers



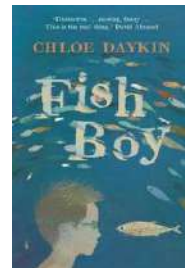
The Last Wild
Piers Torday



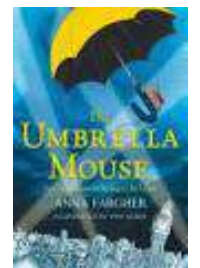
The Princess & the Foal
Stacy Gregg



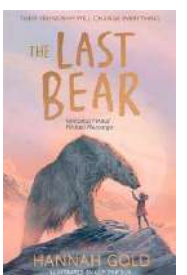
Fox Girl + The White Gazelle
Victoria Williamson



Fish Boy
Chloe Daykin



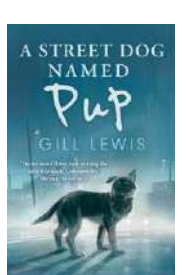
The Umbrella Mouse
Anna Fargher



The Last Bear
Hannah Gold



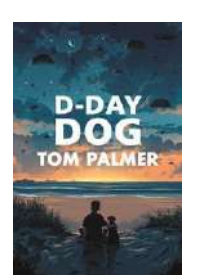
The White Giraffe
Lauren St John



A Street Dog named...
Gill Lewis



Snow Foal
Susannah Bailey



D – Day Dog
Tom Palmer

Fantasy



The Last Spell Breather
Julie Pike



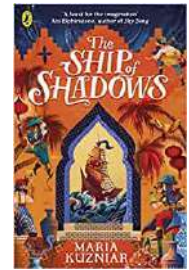
The Witch's Boy
Kelly Barnhill



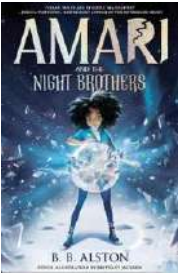
The Life and Time...
Kirsty Applebaum



The Switching Hour
Damaris Young



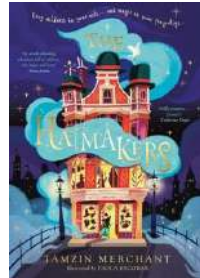
The Ship of Shadows
Maria Kuzniar



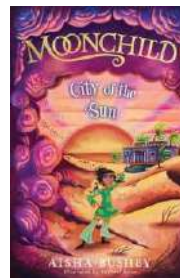
Amari & the Night...
B. B. Alston



The Magician's Map
Mikki Lish & Kelly Ngai



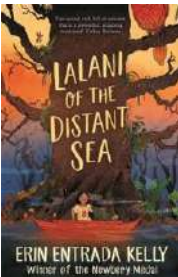
The Hatmakers
Tamzin Merchant



Moonchild series
Aisha Busby



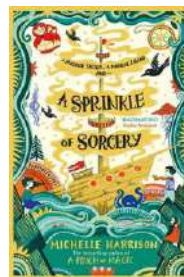
Rumaysa: A Fairy Tale
Radiya Hafiza



Lalani of the Distant Sea
Erin Entrada Kelly



A Pinch of Magic
Michelle Harrison



A Sprinkle of Sorcery
Michelle Harrison



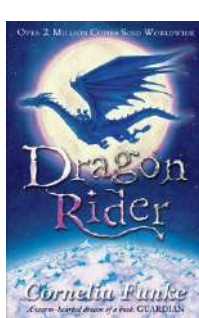
A Clock of Stars
Francesca Gibbons



The Girl with the Shark's..
Cerrie Burnell



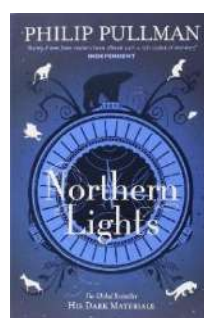
Dragon Mountain
Katie and Kevin Tsang



Dragon Rider
Cornelia Funke



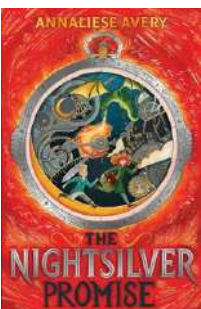
The Girl who Drank...
Kelly Barnhill



Northern Lights
Philip Pullman



Otherland
Louie Stowell



The Nightsilver Promise
Annaliese Avery



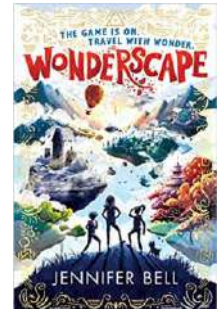
The Threads of Magic
Alison Croggon



The Clockwork Crow
Catherine Fisher



The Boy, the Bird...
Matilda Woods

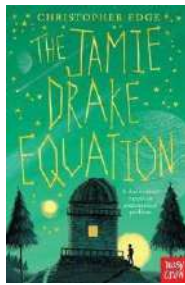


Wonderscape
Jennfer Bell

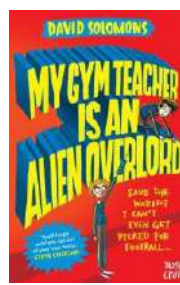
Adventure and Science Fiction



Orion Lost
Alastair Chisholm



The Jamie Drake...
Christopher Edge



My Gym Teacher is....
David Solomons



The Imagination Box
Martyn Ford



The Wrong Side of the...
Jamie Thomson



Kick
Mitch Johnson



The Kid who came...
Ross Welford



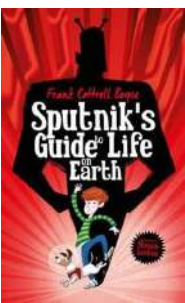
Charlie and Me
Mark Lowery



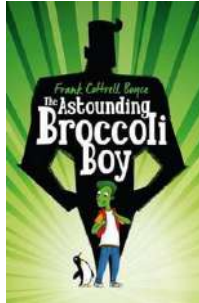
Running on the Roof...
Jess Butterworth



Kat Wolfe Investigates
Lauren St John



Sputnik's Guide...
Frank Cottrell Boyce



The Astounding Broccoli...
Frank Cottrell Boyce



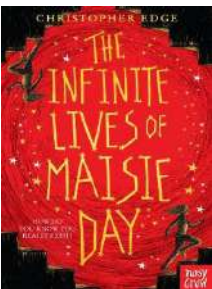
Shapeshifter series
Ali Sparkes



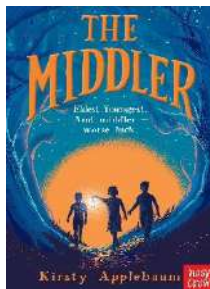
Sky Song
Abi Elphinstone



George's Secret Key...
Lucy & Stephen Hawking



The Infinite Lives...
Christopher Edge



The Midler
Kirsty Applebaum



The History Keepers
Damien Dibben



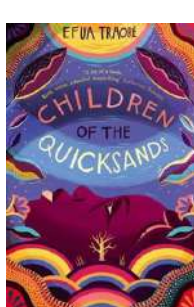
Stormsearch
Robert Westall



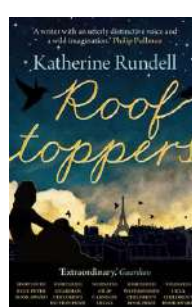
Malamander
Thomas Taylor



Harry Potter Series
J.K. Rowling



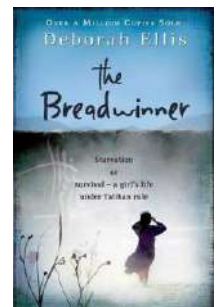
Children of the Quicksands
Efua Traore



Rooftoppers
Katherine Rundell

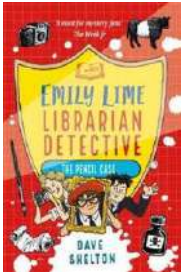


The Girl of Ink and Stars
K. Millwood Hargrave



The Breadwinner
Deborah Ellis

Mystery



Emily Lime Series
Dave Shelton



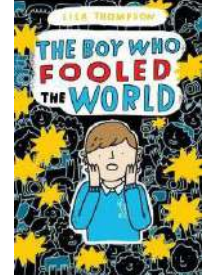
House of Secrets series
Chris Columbus



The Cure for a Crime
Roopa Farooki



Roxy and Jones...
Angela Woolfe



The Boy Who Fooled...
Lisa Thompson



The Shark Caller
Zillah Bethell



Valley of Lost Secrets
Lesley Par



Clockwork Sparrow
Katherine Woodfine



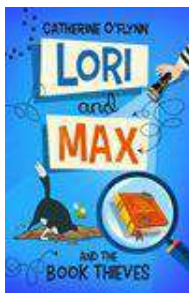
Shadowsmith
Ross Mackenzie



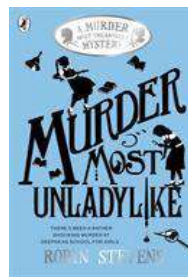
Grace Fairshaw and...
Susan Brownrigg



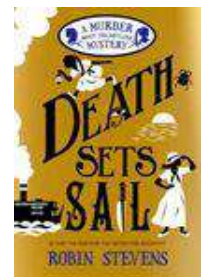
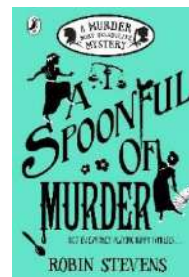
When Life Gives You
Kereen Getten



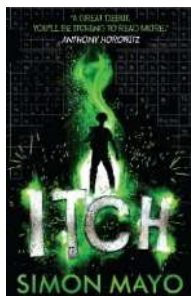
Lori and Max...
Catherine O'Flynn



Murder Most Unladylike Series (several titles)
Robin Stevens



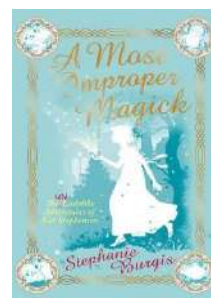
Maggie Blue and...
Anna Goodall



Itch
Simon Mayo



The Girl with...
Stephanie Burgis



A Most Improper....
Stephanie Burgis



Last Chance Hotel
Nicki Thornton



The Invisible Boy
Alyssa Hollingsworth



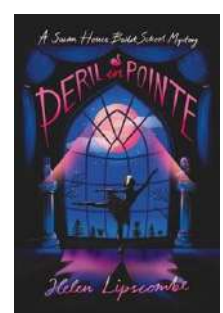
When Life Gives You...
Kereen Getten



Ned's Circus of Marvels
Justin Fisher

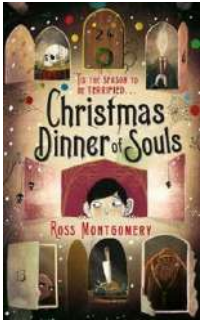


A Secret of Birds and Bone
Kiran Millwood Hargrave

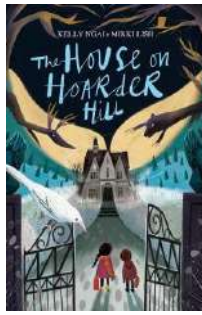


Peril en Pointe
Helen Lipscombe

Spooky/Horror



Christmas Dinner of Souls
Ross Montgomery



House On Hoarder Hill
Mikki Lish/Kelly Ngai



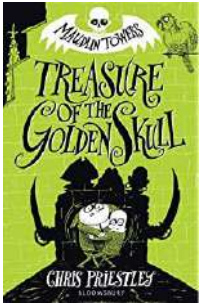
Hansel & Gretel
Neil Gaiman



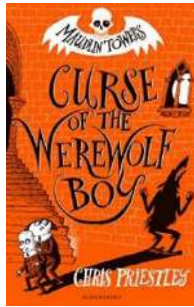
Long Lankin
Lindsey Barraclough



Golem's Eye
Jonathan Stroud



Curse of Werewolf Boy
Chris Priestley



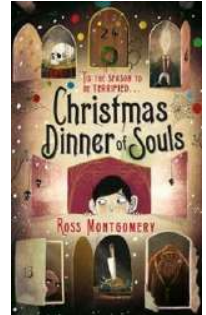
Treasure of the....
Chris Priestley



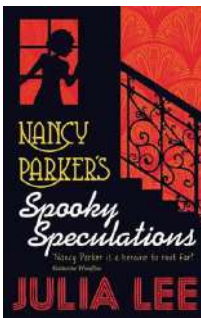
The Last of the Spirits
Chris Priestley



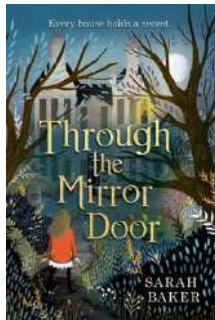
Tales from Weird Street
Anne Fine



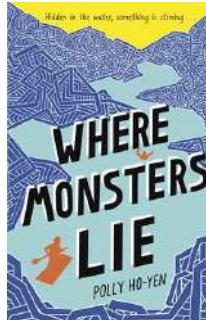
Christmas Dinner of Souls
Ross Montgomery



Nancy Parker's Spooky...
Julia Lee



Through the Mirror Door
Sarah Baker



Where Monster's Lie
Polly Yo-Hen



Half a Creature from...
David Almond



Liesl and Po
Lauren Oliver



The Garden of...
A.M. Howell



House on Hoarder Hill
Mikki Lish & Kelly Ngai



True Colours of Coral Glen
Juliette Forrest



Seven Ghosts
Chris Priestley



Shiverton Hall
Emerald Fennell



Death or Ice Cream
Gareth P. Jones



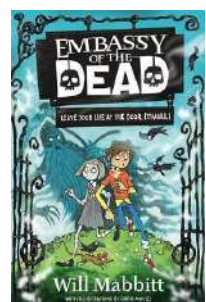
Ghost Stadium
Tom Palmer



Room 13
Robert Swindells



Uncle Montague's...
Chris Priestley

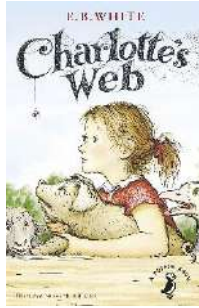


Embassy of the Dead
Will Mabbitt

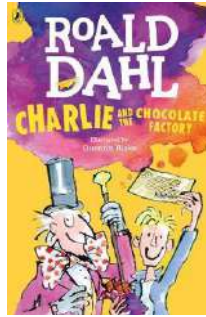
Well-loved Authors, Classic Texts and Retellings



Famous Five Series
Enid Blyton



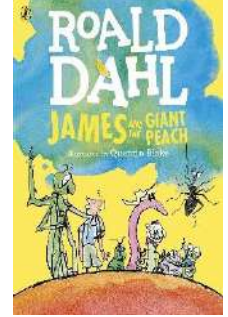
Charlotte's Web
R.W. White



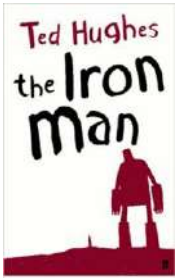
Charlie + the
Chocolate Factory



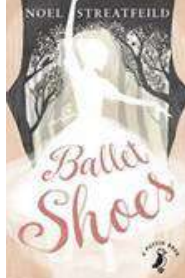
The Witches



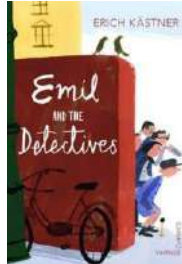
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Peach



The Iron Man
Ted Hughes



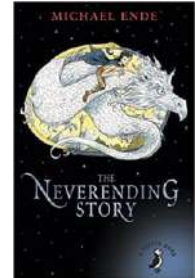
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Noel Streatfeild



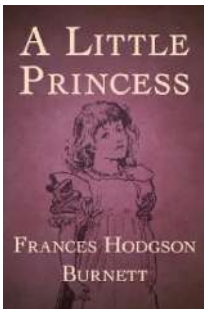
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Erich Kästner



Five Children and It
E. Nesbitt



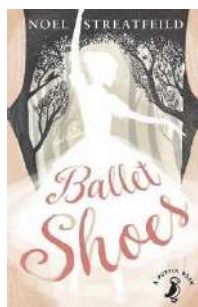
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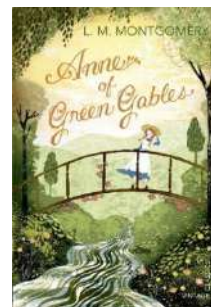
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Frances Hodgson Burnett



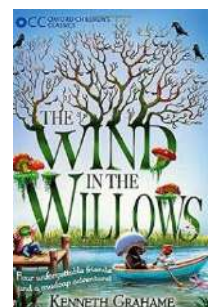
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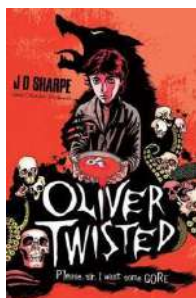
Anne of Green Gables
L.M. Montgomery



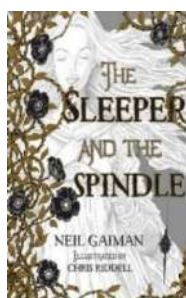
Wind in the Willows
Kenneth Grahame



Street Child
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Oliver Twisted
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The Sleeper and the Spindle
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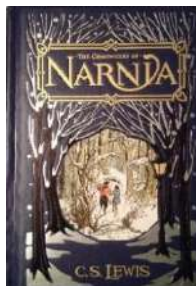
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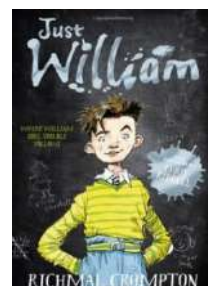
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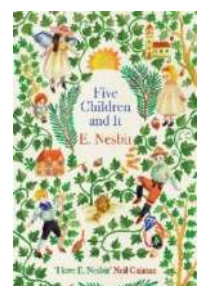
The Chronicles of Narnia/The Lion, the
Witch & the Wardrobe. C.S. Lewis



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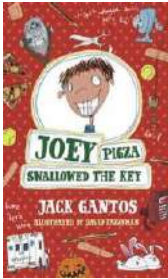
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Richmal Crompton



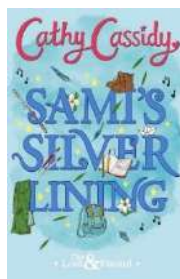
5 Children and It
E. Nesbit

Thought-Provoking / Real Life

NB *** All of these books may include more complex/mature themes (as noted below the books).



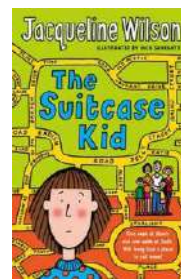
Joey Pigza Swallowed...
Jack Gantos
ADHD



Sam's Silver Lining
Cathy Cassidy
refugees/autism



The Boy, the Bird...
Matilda Woods
bereavement



The Suitcase Kid
Jacqueline Wilson
divorce/family issues



How High the Moon
Karyn Parsons
racism/BAME/violence



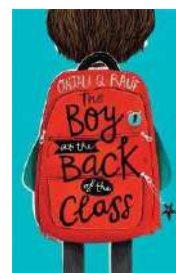
Where the river...
Sita Brahmachari
growing up/climate change



Starlight Watchmaker
Lauren James
Young adult/romance



Pocketful of Stars
Aisha Busby
illness/bereavement/BAME



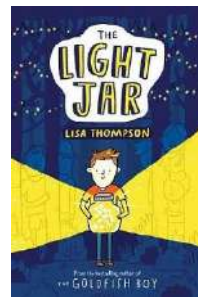
Boy at the Back of..
Onjali Q. Rauf
Human Rights BAME



Bloom
Nicola Skinner
identity/climate change



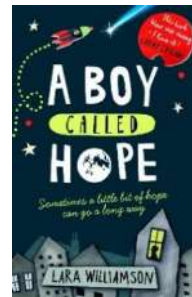
Goldfish Boy
Lisa Thompson
OCD



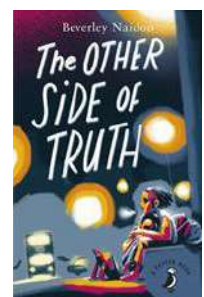
The Light Jar
Lisa Thompson
family struggles



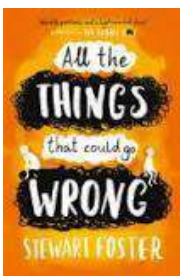
How to Fly with Broken...
Jane Elson
aspergers/bullying/social



A Boy Called Hope
Lara Williamson
family struggles



Other Side of Truth
Beverley Naidoo
immigration/asylum



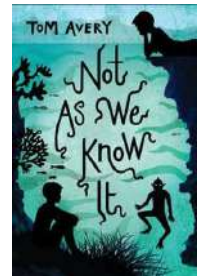
All the things that could...
Stewart Foster
OCD/friendship/bullying



How to Look for a Dog
Ann M. Martin
autism/feelings



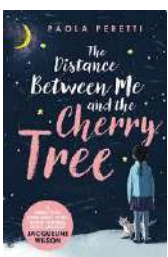
Katy
Jacqueline Wilson
disability/wheelchair



Not as we know It
Tom Avery
bereavement



Tiny Infinites
J.H. Diehl
illness/mental health



The Distance between...
Paola Peretti
disability



The House with...
Sophie Anderson
bereavement



The Lightning Catcher
Clare Weze
BAME/bullying/family

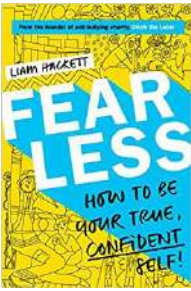


Where the River...
Sita Brahmachari
growing up/climate change

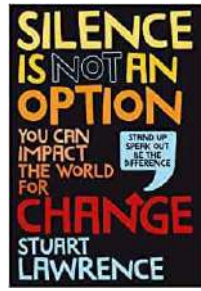


Bloom
Nicola Skinner
identity/climate change

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



Fearless
Liam Hackett



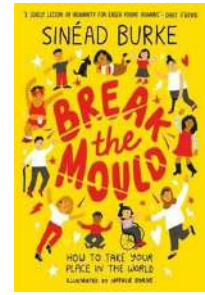
Silence is Not an Option
Stuart Lawrence



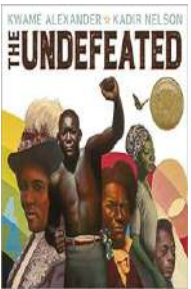
Great Adventurers
Alastair Humphreys



Timelines from Black...
Mireille Harper



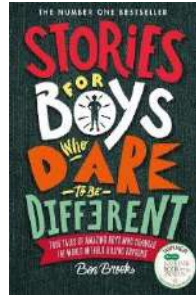
Break the Mould
Sinéad Burke



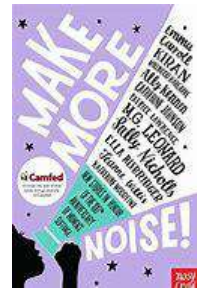
The Undeclared
Kwame Alexander



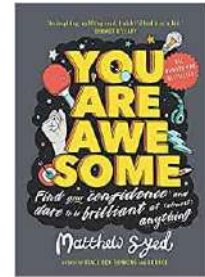
Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls



Stories for Boys who Dare to be Different

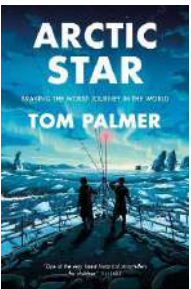


Make More Noise!
Rachel Ignotofsky



You are Awesome
Emma Carroll

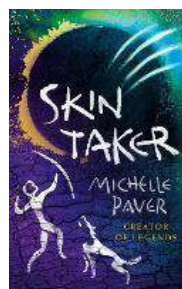
Historical Fiction



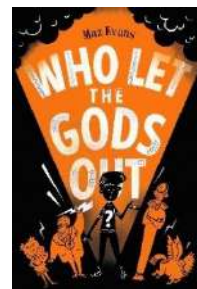
Arctic Star
Tom Palmer



Billie Swift takes flight
Iszi Lawrence



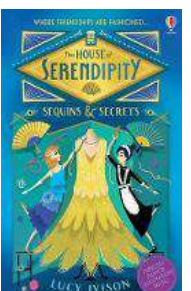
Skin Taker
Michelle Paver



Who Let the God's Out
Maz Evans



Defenders Dark Arena
Tom Palmer



Sequins and Secrets
Lucy Ivison



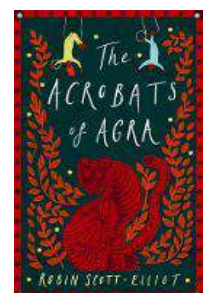
The Midnight Guardians
Ross Montgomery



When the Sky Falls
Phil Earle



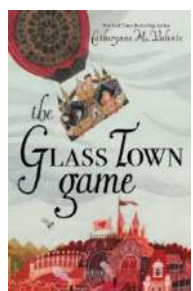
The Eagle of the Ninth
Rosemary Sutcliffe



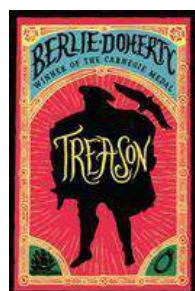
The Acrobats of Agra
Robin Scott Elliott



Windrush Child
Benjamin Zephaniah



The Glass Town Game
Catherynne M. Valente



Treason
Berlie Doherty



Circus Maximus
Annelise Gray

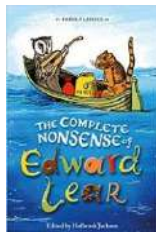


Black Powder
Ally Sherrick

Poetry Anthologies



Caribbean Dozen ...
J. Agard & . Nicholls



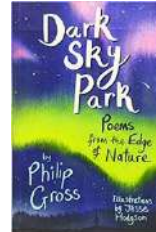
The Complete Nonsense...
Edward Lear



Rising Stars
New Voices in Poetry



Reaching the Stars!
J. Dean & M.Morgan



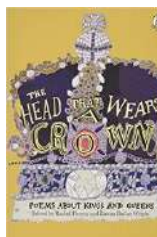
Dark Sky Park
Philip Gross



Hopscotch in The Sky
Lucinda Jacob



The Same Inside
R Stevens & M Goodfellow



The head that wears...
E.Wright & R. Piercey

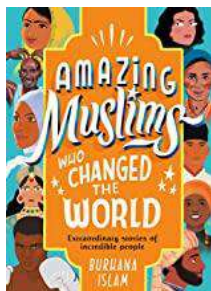


Cloud Busting
Malorie Blackman



Once Upon an Atom
James Carter

Non-Fiction



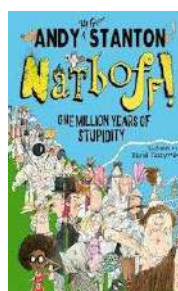
Amazing Muslims who...
Burhana Islam
history



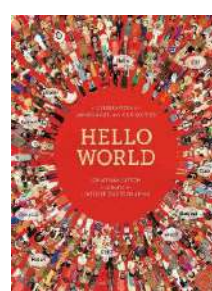
Potty Politics
Terry Deary
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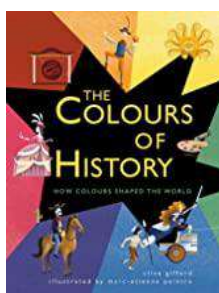
Managing your Money
J. Bingham & H. Bathie
finance



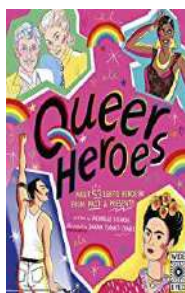
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Andy Stanton
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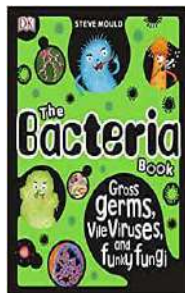
Hello World
Johnathan Litton
languages & curiosities



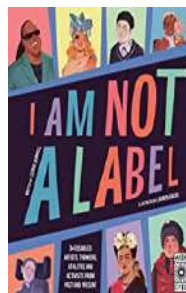
The Colours of History
Clive Gifford
History



Queer Heroes
A. Sicardi/S Tanat-Jones
nature



The Bacteria Book
Steve Mould
science



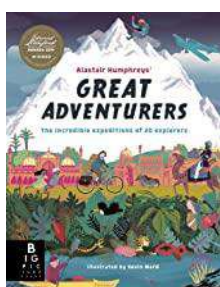
I Am Not a Label
C Burnell/L Mark Baldo
disabled thinkers



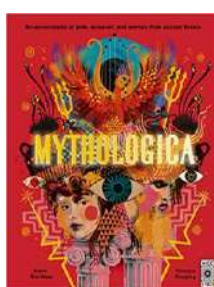
Plastic Sucks!
Dougie Poynter
environment



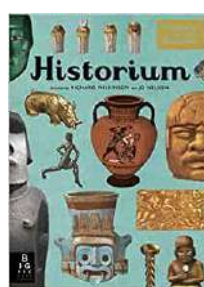
This Book is Anti Racist
Tiffany Jewell



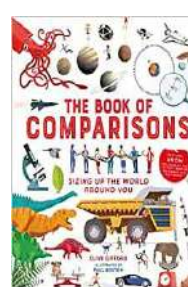
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Mythologica
Dr Stephen P. Kershaw



Historium
J. Nelson & R. Wilkinson

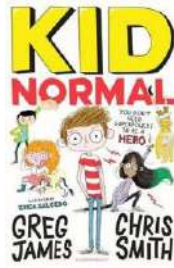


Book of Comparisons
Clive Gifford

Additional Ideas for Reluctant Readers and 'Dyslexia Friendly' Books



The Beast & the Bethany
Jack Meggitt Phillips



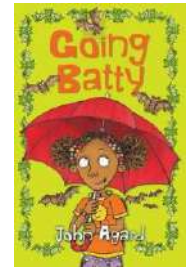
Kid Normal
Greg James
Chris Smith
dyslexia friendly



The Boy Who Grew...
Andy Shepherd
dyslexia friendly



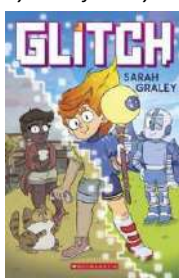
The Invasion of Crooked...
Dan Smith
dyslexia friendly



Going Batty
John Agard
dyslexia friendly



Agent Zaiba Investigates
Anabelle Sami



Glitch
Sarah Graley
graphic novel



Effie the Rebel
Laura Wood
dyslexia friendly



White Feather
C & D Macphail



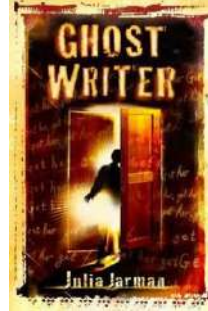
Lightning Chase Me..
Amber Lee Dodd
dyslexia friendly



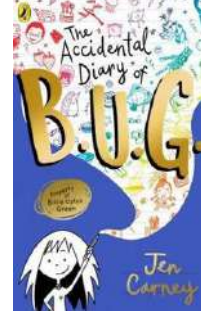
The Ghost Garden
Emma Carroll
dyslexia friendly



Moving the Goalposts
Rob Childs
dyslexia friendly



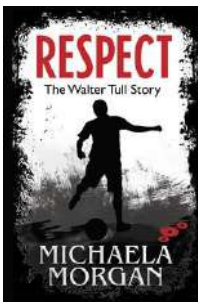
Ghost Writer
Julia Jarman
LGBT/friendship



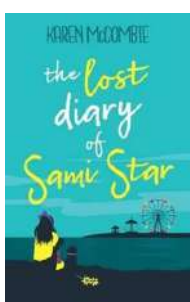
Accidental Diary of BUG
Jen Carney
dyslexia friendly



Vi Spy Licence to Chill
Maz Evans



Respect
Michaela Morgan
war



The Lost Diary of Sami Star
Karen McCombie
dyslexia friendly



The Magician's Map
M. Leish & K. Ngai



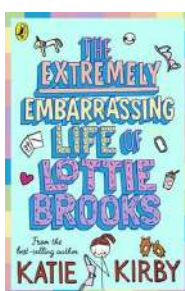
The Violet Veil Mysteries
Sophie Cleverley
coming of age



Everdark
Abi Elphinstone
dyslexia friendly



Contact
Malorie Blackman
dyslexia friendly



The Extremely...
Katie Kirby
relationships



The Humiliation of...
Alex Wheatle
dyslexia friendly/romance



Running from the Rainbows
Karen McCombie
dyslexia friendly



The Lightning Catcher
Clare Weze
family issues