



# Year 6 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			

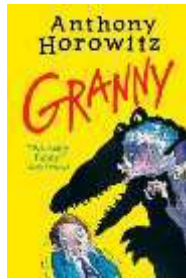
### **Just so you know -**

- 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



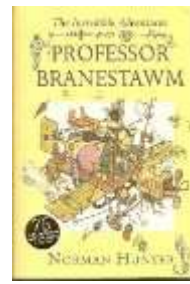
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Philip Ardagh



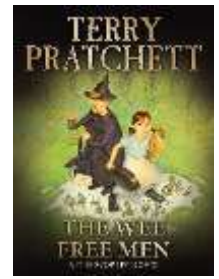
**Granny**  
Anthony Horowitz



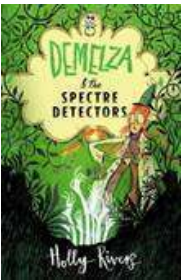
**Dial a Ghost**  
Eva Ibbotson



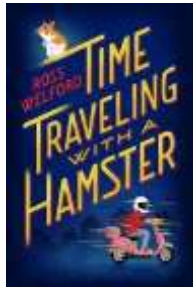
**Professor Branestawm**  
Norman Hunter



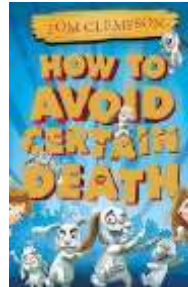
**The Wee Free Men**  
Terry Pratchett



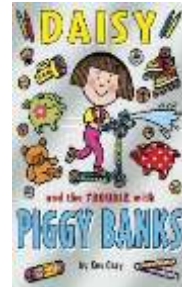
**Demelza & the...**  
Holly Rivers



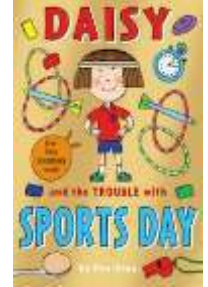
**Time Travelling with...**  
Ross Welford



**How to avoid...**  
Tom Clempson



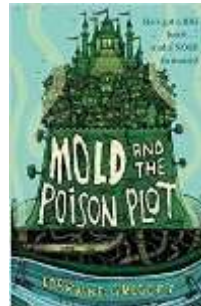
**Daisy & the trouble with... series**  
Kes Gray



**Storm**  
Nicola Skinner



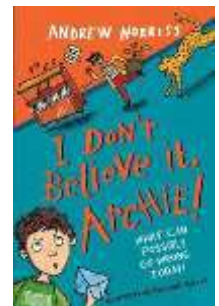
**Diary of an Awesome...**  
Jeff Kinney



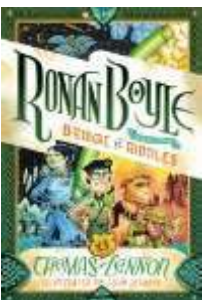
**Mold & the Poison Plot**  
Lorraine Gregory



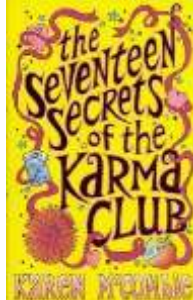
**Deadly!**  
M Gleitzman/P Jennings



**I don't believe it...**  
Andrew Norris



**Ronan Boyle series**  
Thomas Lennon



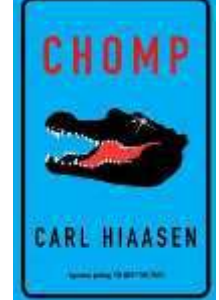
**17 secrets of**  
Karen McCombie



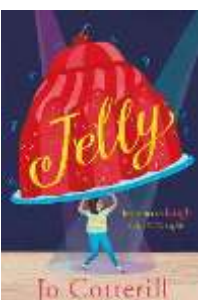
**Scarlett Dedd**  
Cathy Brett



**Muddle & Win**  
John Dickinson



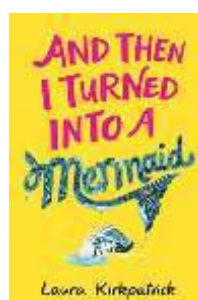
**Chomp**  
Carl Hiaasen



**Jelly**  
Jo Cotterill



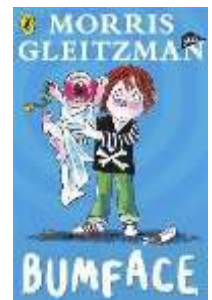
**My Best Friend...**  
Catherine Wilkins



**Mermaid series**  
Laura Kirkpatrick



**Vote for Effie**  
Laura Wood



**Bumface**  
Morris Gleitzman



## Animals



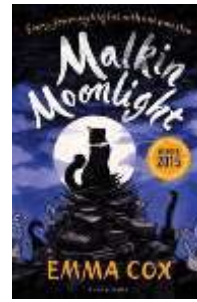
**A Girl, a Raccoon...**  
Karen Romano Young



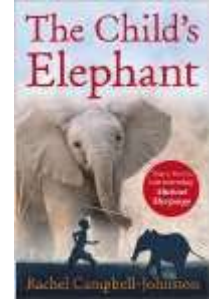
**I, Cosmo**  
Carlie Sorosiak



**Endling**  
Katherine Applegate



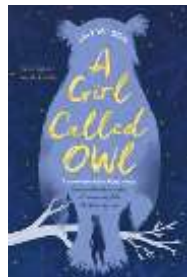
**Malkin Moonlight**  
Emma Cox



**The Child's Elephant**  
Rachel Campbell-Johnston



**The Last Wild**  
Piers Torday



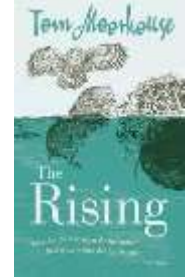
**A Girl Called Owl**  
Amy Wilson



**The Last Zoo**  
Sam Gaytor



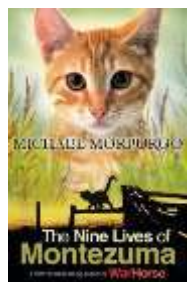
**Blitzcat**  
Robert Westall



**The Rising**  
Tom Moorhouse



**Gorilla Dawn**  
Gill Lewis



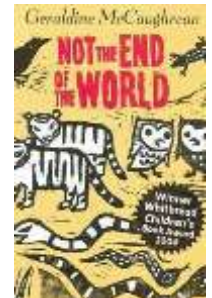
**9 Lives of Montezuma**  
Michael Morpurgo



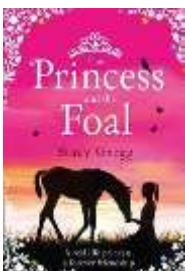
**The Hidden Star**  
K Sello Duiker



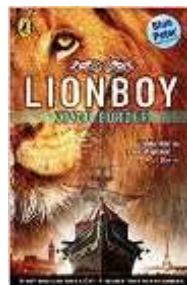
**Fly By Night**  
Frances Hardinge



**Not the End of the World**  
Geraldine McCaughrean



**The Princess & the Foal**  
Stacy Gregg



**Lion Boy series**  
Zizou Corder



**The Incredible Journey**  
Sheila Burnford



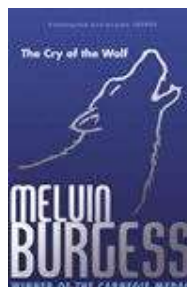
**The Owl Service**  
Alan Garner



**Heart of Danger**  
Eliot Schrefer



**Asha & the Spirit Bird**  
Jasbinder Bilan



**The Cry of the Wolf**  
Melvin Burgess



**Tiger Wars**  
Steve Backshall



**The Crowfield Curse**  
Pat Walsh



**Tarzan: Greystoke Legacy**  
Andy Briggs



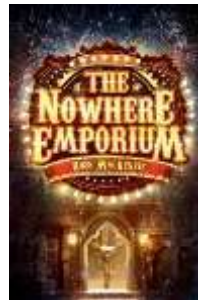
## Fantasy



**Artemis Fowl series**  
Eoin Colfer



**The Lie Tree**  
Frances Haringe



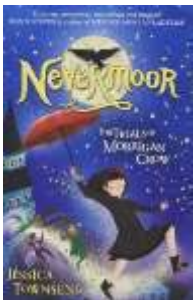
**Nowhere Emporium**  
Ross Mackenzie



**Shadowmancer**  
G.P. Taylor



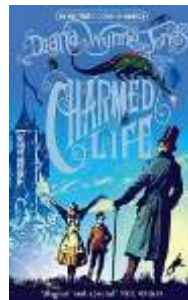
**The Switchers Trilogy**  
Kate Thompson



**Nevermoor**  
Jessica Townsend



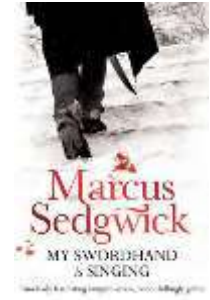
**Snow Spider**  
Jenny Nimmo



**Charmed Life**  
Dianna Wynne Jones



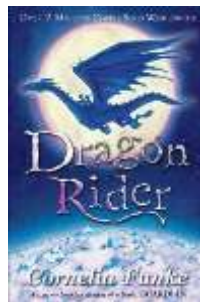
**Inkheart**  
Cornelia Funke



**My Swordhand & Singing**  
Marcus Sedgwick



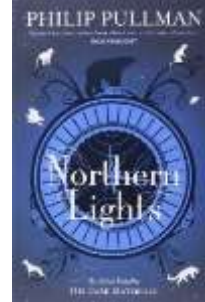
**Eragon**  
Christopher Paolini



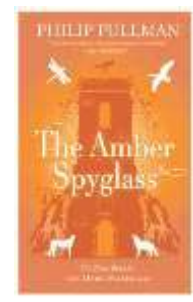
**Dragon Rider**  
Cornelia Funke



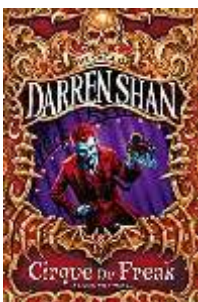
**His Dark Materials**  
Philip Pullman



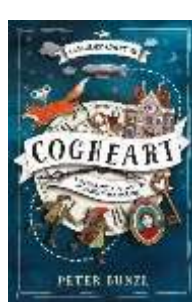
**Northern Lights**  
Philip Pullman



**Amber Spyglass**  
Philip Pullman



**Cirque Du Freak**  
Darren Shan



**Cogheart series**  
Peter Bunzl



**The Dark is Rising**  
Susan Cooper



**The Weathermonger**  
Peter Dickinson



**Wind on Fire Trilogy**  
William Nicholson



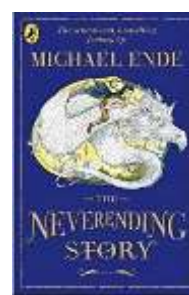
**The Hunger Games**  
Suzanne Collins



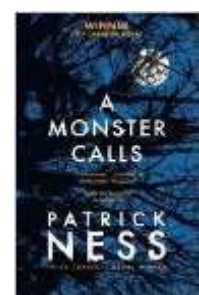
**Below Zero**  
Dan Smith



**Mortal Engines**  
Philip Reeve



**Neverending Story**  
Michael Ende



**A Monster Calls**  
Patrick Ness



## Adventure and Science Fiction



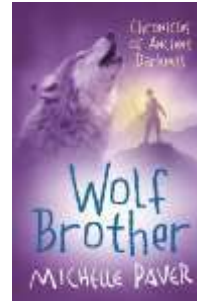
**Girl of Ink and Stars**  
K. Millwood Hargrave



**The Borrowers**  
Mary Norton



**Wolf Wilder**  
Katherine Rundell



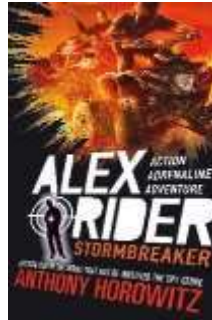
**Wolf Brother**  
Michelle Paver



**Kick**  
Mitch Johnson



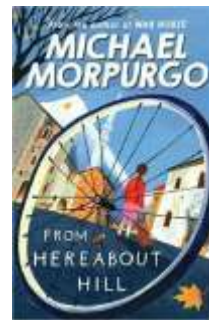
**...Whistling Caves**  
Helen Moss



**Stormbreaker**  
Anthony Horowitz



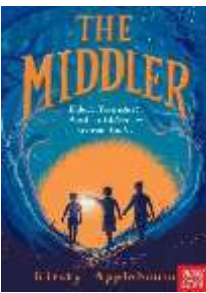
**Boy in the Tower**  
Polly Ho-Yen



**From Hereabout Hill**  
Michael Morpurgo



**Silverfin**  
Charlie Higson



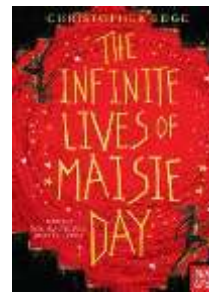
**The Middler**  
Kirsty Applebaum



**Kensuke's Kingdom**  
Michael Morpurgo



**Eye of the North**  
Sinead Hart



**The Infinite Lives...**  
Christopher Edge



**Secret of Platform 13**  
Eva Ibbotson



**Dream Snatcher**  
Abi Elphinstone



**Shadow Keeper**  
Abi Elphinstone



**Night Spinner**  
Abi Elphinstone



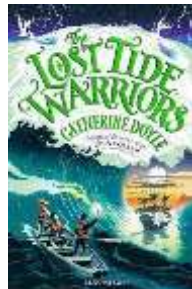
**Jungle Drop**  
Abi Elphinstone



**Sky Song**  
Abi Elphinstone



**Moonchild**  
Aisha Busby



**Lost Tide Warriors**  
Catherine Doyle



**... Boy with One Name**  
J.R. Wallis



**Eren**  
Simon P. Clark



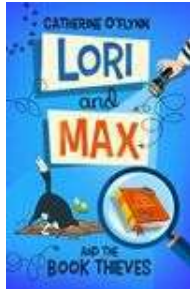
**When Secrets Set Sail**  
Sita Brahmachari



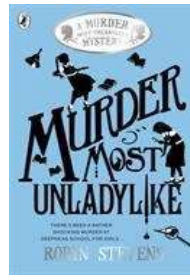
## Mystery



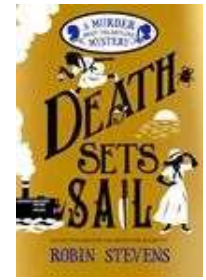
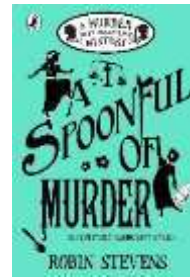
**When Life Gives You  
Kereen Getten**



**Lori and Max...  
Catherine O'Flynn**



**Murder Most Unladylike Series (several titles)  
Robin Stevens**



**Check Mates  
Stewart Foster**



**Itch  
Simon Mayo**



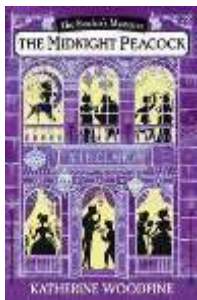
**The Girl with...  
Stephanie Burgis**



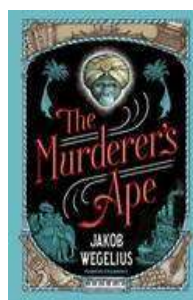
**A Most Improper....  
Stephanie Burgis**



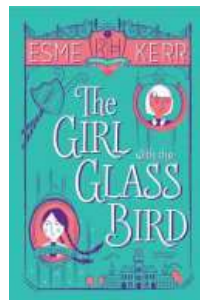
**Last Chance Hotel  
Nicki Thornton**



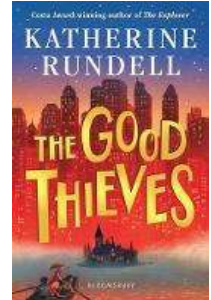
**The Midnight Peacock  
Kathryn Woodfine**



**The Murderer's Ape  
Jakob Wegelius**



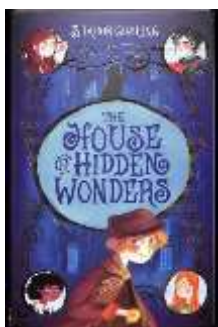
**The Glass Bird Girl  
Esme Kerr**



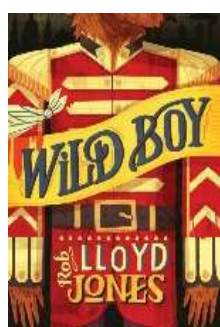
**The Good Thieves  
Katherine Rundell**



**When You Reach Me  
Rebecca Stead**



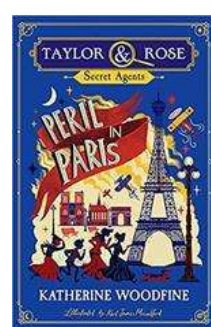
**House of Hidden Wonders  
Sharon Gosling**



**WILD BOY  
Rob Lloyd Jones**



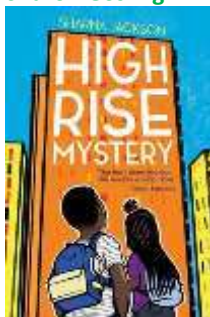
**Black Cats & Butlers  
Janine Beacham**



**Peril in Paris  
Katherine Woodfine**



**Agatha Oddly  
Lena Jones**



**High Rise Mystery  
Sharna Jackson**



**Murder in Midwinter  
Fleur Hitchcock**



**Unstoppable  
Dan Freedman**



**Moon Fleet  
J. Meade Falkner**



**Tenant of Wildfell Hall  
Anne Bronte**



## Spooky/Horror



**The Tunnels Below**  
Nadine Wild-Palmer



**House on Hoarder Hill**  
Mikki Lish & Kelly Ngai



**Christmas Dinner of Souls**  
Ross Montgomery



**Seven Ghosts**  
Chris Priestley



**Shiverton Hall**  
Emerald Fennell



**Death or Ice Cream?**  
Gareth P. Jones



**Ghost Stadium**  
Tom Palmer



**The Velvet Fox**  
Catherine Fisher



**Ghouls of Howlfair**  
Nick Tomlinson



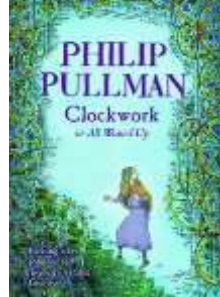
**Room 13**  
Robert Swindells



**The Front Room**  
Michelle Magorian



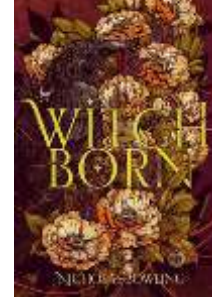
**Tales of Terror**  
Chris Priestley



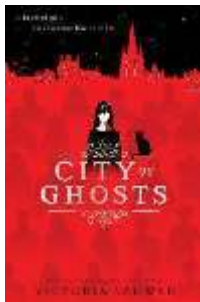
**Clockwork**  
Philip Pullman



**Spooks Apprentice**  
Joseph Delaney



**Witch Born**  
Nicholas Bowling



**City of Ghosts**  
Victoria Schwab



**Skulduggery Pleasant series**  
Derek Landy



**Threads of Magic**  
Alison Croggon



**The Devil Walks**  
Anne Fine



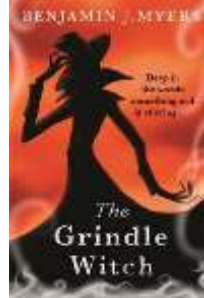
**Doll Bones**  
Holly Black



**Monsters of Rookhaven**  
Padraig Kenny



**The Power of 5 series**  
Anthony Horowitz



**The Grindle Witch**  
Benjamin J. Myers



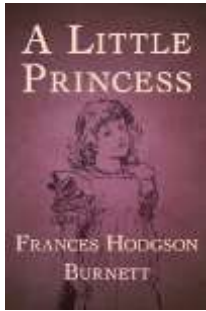
**Crater Lake**  
Jennifer Killick



**Executioner's Daughter**  
Jane Hardstaff



## Well-loved Authors, Classic Texts and Retellings



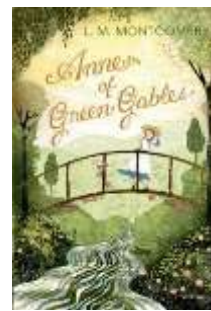
**A Little Princess**  
Frances Hodgson Burnett



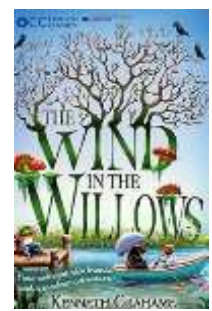
**The Secret Garden**  
Frances Hodgson Burnett



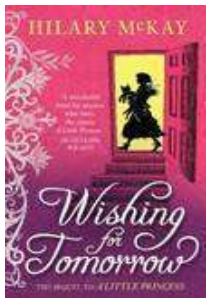
**Ballet Shoes**  
Noel Streatfeild



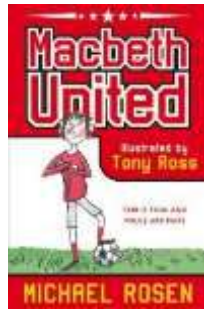
**Anne of Green Gables**  
L.M. Montgomery



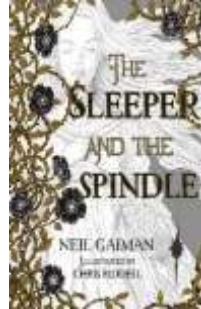
**Wind in the Willows**  
Kenneth Grahame



**Wishing for Tomorrow**  
Hilary McKay



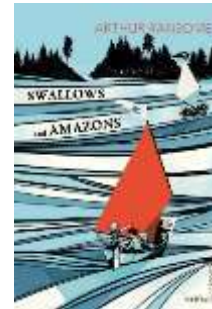
**Macbeth United**  
Michael Rosen



**Sleeper & the Spindle**  
Neil Gaiman



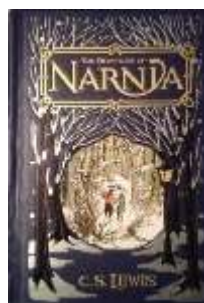
**The girl who...**  
Catherynne. M Valente



**Swallows & Amazons**  
Arthur Ransome



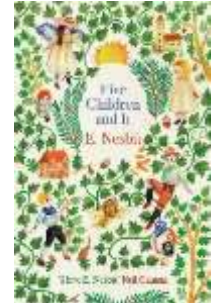
**The Chronicles of Narnia/The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe.** C.S. Lewis



**Alice in Wonderland**  
Lewis Carroll



**Just William**  
Richmal Crompton



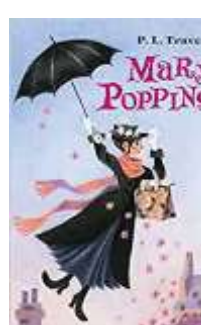
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**Goodnight Mr Tom**  
Michelle Magorian



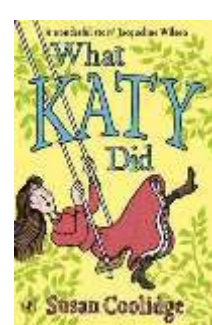
**Oliver Twisted**  
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**Mary Poppins**  
Pamela L. Tavers



**Street Child**  
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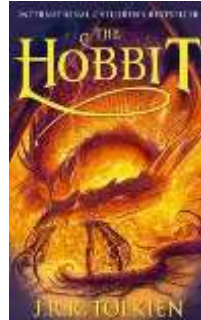
**What Katy Did**  
Susan Coolidge



**The Eye of the Wolf**  
Daniel Pennac



**A Christmas Carol**  
Charles Dickens



**The Hobbit**  
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**The Woman in Black**  
Susan Hill



**Little Women**  
Louisa May Alcott



## Thought-Provoking / Real Life

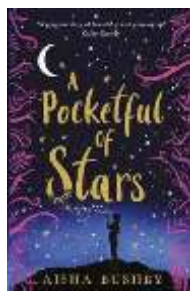
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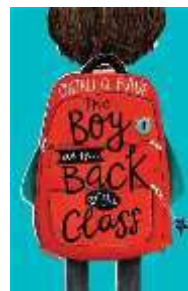
**Where the river...**  
**Sita Brahmachari**  
*growing up/climate change*



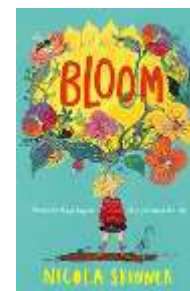
**Starlight Watchmaker**  
**Lauren James**  
*Young adult/romance*



**Pocketful of Stars**  
**Aisha Busby**  
*illness/bereavement/BAME*



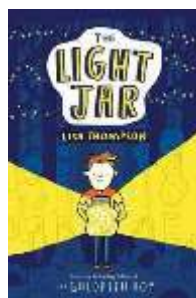
**Boy at the Back of..**  
**Onjali Q Rauf**  
*Human Rights BAME*



**Bloom**  
**Nicola Skinner**  
*identity/climate change*



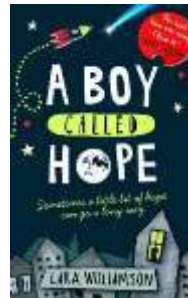
**Goldfish Boy**  
**Lisa Thompson**  
*OCD*



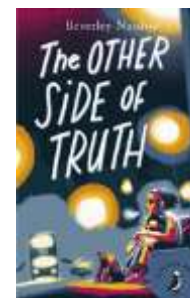
**The Light Jar**  
**Lisa Thompson**  
*family struggles*



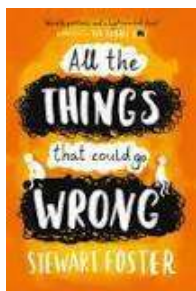
**How to Fly with Broken...**  
**Jane Elson**  
*aspergers/bullying/social*



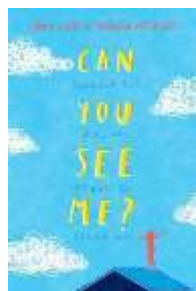
**A Boy Called Hope**  
**Lara Williamson**  
*family struggles*



**Other Side of Truth**  
**Beverley Naidoo**  
*immigration/asylum*



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



**Can You See Me?**  
**L Scott & R Westcott**  
*autism/feelings*



**Worry Angels**  
**Sita Brahmachari**  
*family breakup/anxiety*



**A Girl Called Dog**  
**Nicola Davies**  
*politics/human rights*



**Step by Wicked Step**  
**Anne Fine**  
*step parents/family issues*



**The Distance between...**  
**Paola Peretti**  
*disability*



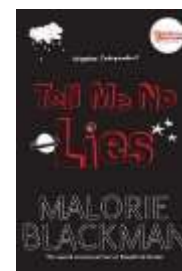
**The House with...**  
**Sophie Anderson**  
*bereavement*



**Freedom 1783**  
**Catherine Johnson**  
*slavery/immigration*



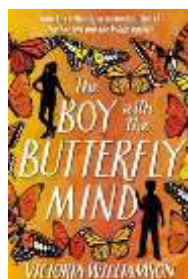
**Dandelion Clocks**  
**Rebecca Westcott**  
*aspergers/terminal illness*



**Tell Me No Lies**  
**Malorie Blackman**  
*psychological*



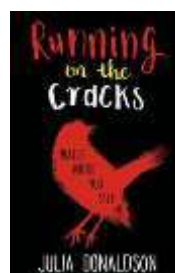
**Splash**  
**Charli Howard**  
*body positivity/anxiety*



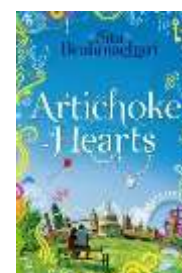
**The Boy with the...**  
**Victoria Williamson**  
*ADHD/mental health/families*



**Girl Hearts Girl**  
**Lucy Sutcliffe**  
*sexuality/young adult*



**Running on the Cracks**  
**Julia Donaldson**  
*runaway*



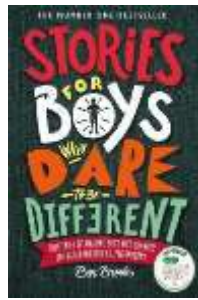
**Artichoke Hearts**  
**Sita Brahmachari**  
*puberty/cancer/loss*



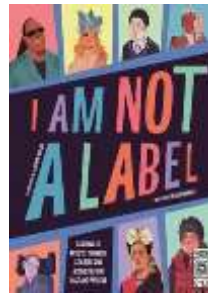
## Inspirational People, Inspirational Stories and Role Models (fiction & non-fiction)



Goodnight Stories  
For Rebel Girls



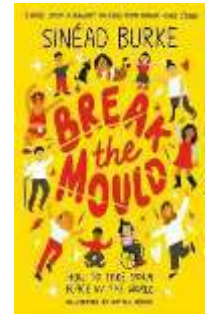
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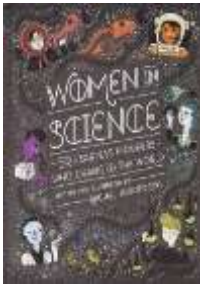
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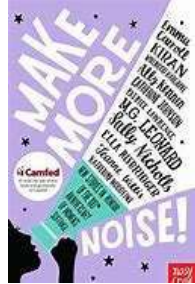
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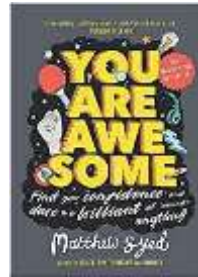
Break the Mould  
Sinead Burke



Women in Science  
Rachel Ignotofsky



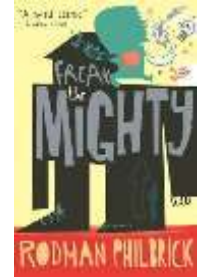
Make More Noise!  
Emma Carroll



You are Awesome  
Matthew Syed



Refugee  
Alan Gratz

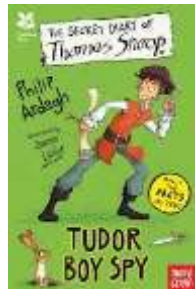


Freak the Mighty  
Rodman Philbrick

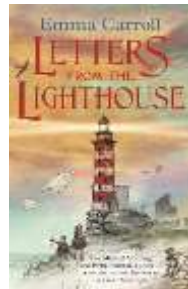
## Historical Fiction



The Invention of Hugo Cabret  
Brian Selznick



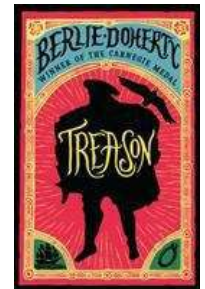
Tudor Boy Spy series  
Philip Ardagh



Letters from the Lighthouse  
Emma Carroll



The Glass Town Game  
Catherynne M. Valente



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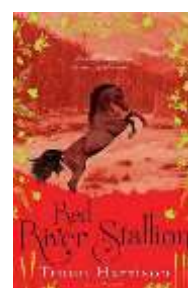
Once  
Morris Gleitzman



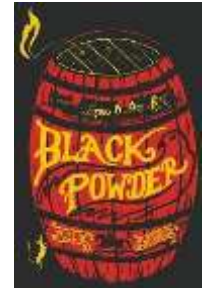
Fireweed  
Jill Paton Walsh



Gaslight  
Eloise Williams



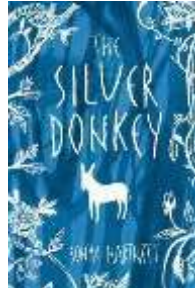
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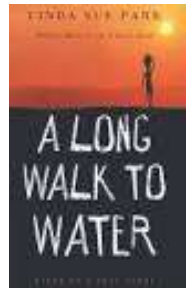
Black Powder  
Ally Sherrick



When Hitler Stole Pink...  
Judith Kerr



The Silver Donkey  
Sonya Hartnett



A Long Walk to Water  
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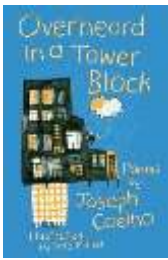
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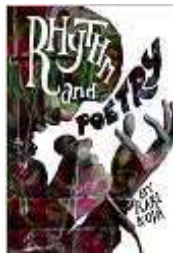
12 Minutes to Midnight  
Christopher Edge



## Poetry Anthologies



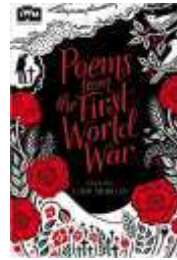
**Overheard in a Tower...**  
J. Coelho & K. Milner



**Rhythm and Poetry**  
Karl Nova



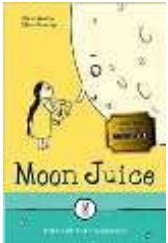
**Things you find in a poet's...**  
A.F. Harrold



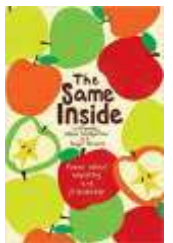
**Poems from the First World...**  
Gaby Morgan



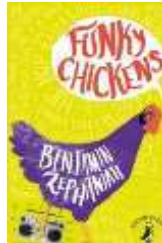
**Be the Change**  
R Stevens & M Goodfellow



**Moon Juice**  
Kate Wakeling



**The Same Inside**  
R Stevens & M Goodfellow



**Funky Chickens**  
Benjamin Zephaniah

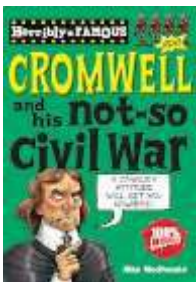


**A Poem for Every Day...**  
Sabrina Mahfouz



**Poems from a Green...**  
Allie Esiri

## Non-Fiction



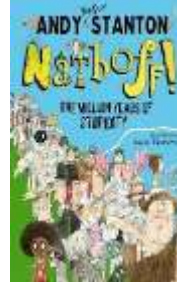
**Cromwell & his...**  
Alan MacDonald  
*history*



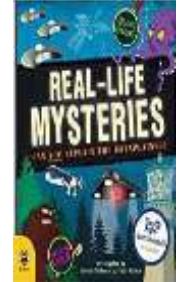
**Potty Politics**  
Terry Deary  
*history*



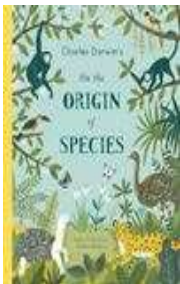
**Managing your Money**  
J. Bingham & H. Bathie  
*finance*



**Nsthoff!**  
Andy Stanton  
*history*



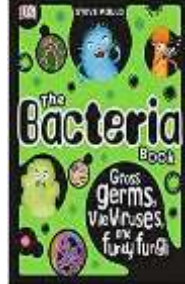
**Real Life Mysteries**  
Susan Martineau  
*case studies/mysteries*



**On the Origin of the Species**  
Sabina Radeva  
*evolution theory*



**The Zoological Times**  
Libby Deutch/Stella Guerney  
*nature*



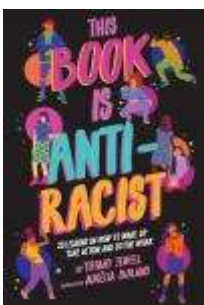
**The Bacteria Book**  
Steve Mould  
*science*



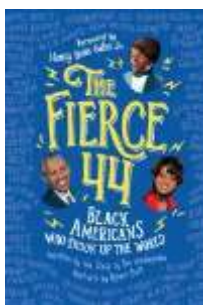
**Big Ideas for ....**  
Jamia Wilson  
*critical thinking*



**What a Waste**  
Jess French  
*environment*



**This Book is Anti Racist**  
Tiffany Jewell  
*racism*



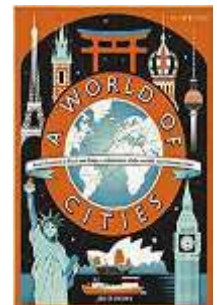
**The Fierce 44**  
various authors  
*black history*



**13 Architects Children...**  
Florian Heine  
*architecture/art*



**Botanicum**  
Kathy Willis  
*plant life*



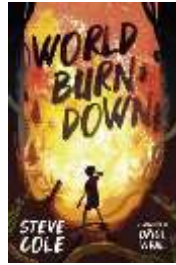
**A World of Cities**  
James Brown  
*cities of the world*



## Additional Ideas for Reluctant Readers and 'Dyslexia Friendly' Books



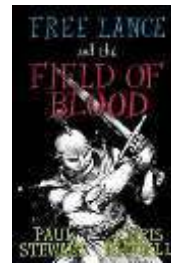
**Lightning Chase me Home**  
**Amber Lee Dodd**  
dyslexia friendly



**World Burn Down**  
**Steve Cole**  
dyslexia friendly



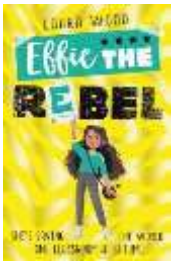
**Silly Book of Sidesplitting...**  
**Andy Seed**  
non-fiction



**Free Lance & The Field...**  
**Paul Stewart**  
dyslexia friendly



**My Life as a Cat**  
**Carlie Sorosiak**



**Effie the Rebel**  
**Laura Wood**



**White Feather**  
**C & D Macphail**  
dyslexia friendly



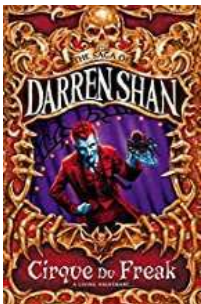
**Lost Diary of Sami Star**  
**Karen McCombie**  
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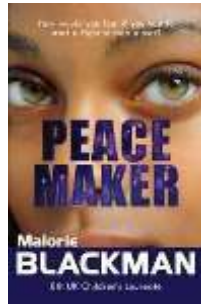
**Kicking Off**  
**Eve Ainsworth**



**Electrigril series**  
**Jo Cotterill & Cathy Brett**



**Cirque Du Freak**  
**Darren Shan**



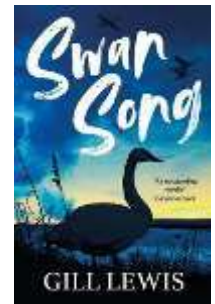
**Peace Maker**  
**Malorie Blackman**  
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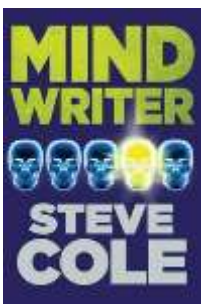
**The Many Worlds of...**  
**Christopher Edge**



**Over the Line**  
**Tom Palmer**  
dyslexia friendly



**Swan Song**  
**Gill Lewis**  
dyslexia friendly



**Swan Mind Writer**  
**Steve Cole**  
dyslexia friendly



**This Wonderful Thing**  
**Adam Baron**



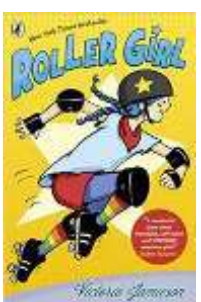
**Kick**  
**Mitch Johnson**



**Flesh & Blood**  
**Chris Priestley**  
dyslexia friendly



**Omega the Unknown**  
**J. Lethem & K. Rusnak**



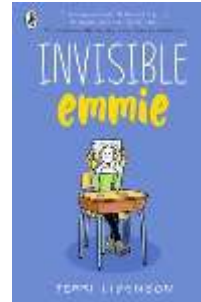
**Roller Girl**  
**Victoria Jamieson**  
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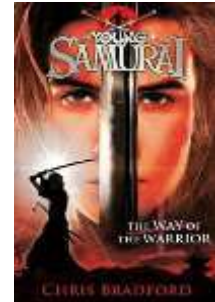
**Shadow Girl**  
**Sally Nicholls**



**Sheets**  
**Brenna Thummler**



**Invisible Emmie**  
**Terri Libensen**



**Young Samurai series**  
**Chris Bradford**