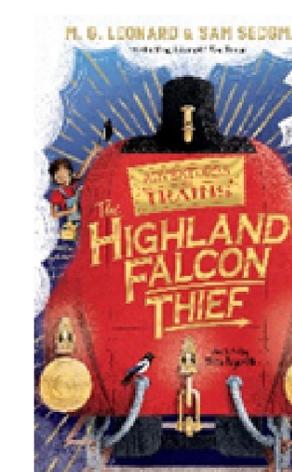
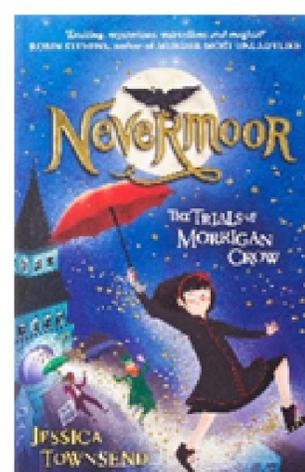
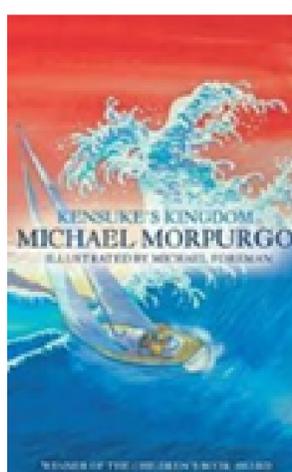
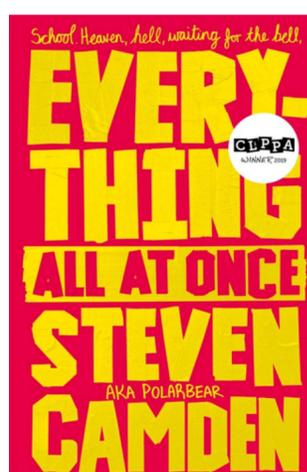
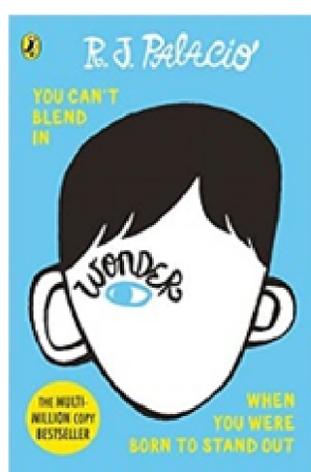
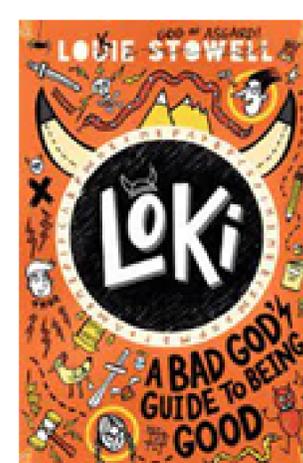
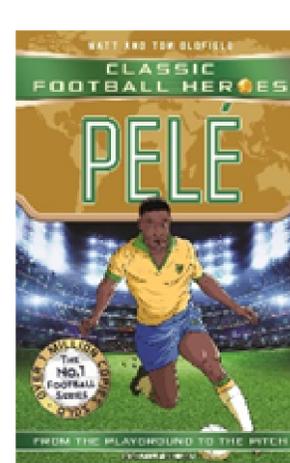
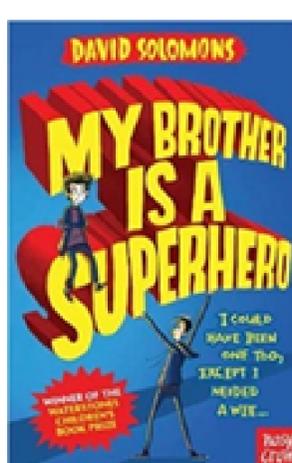
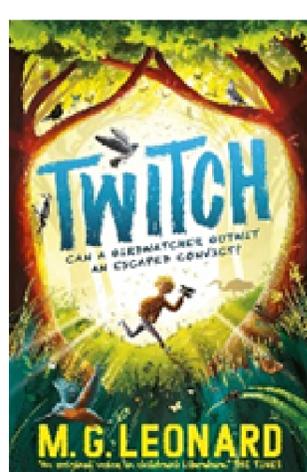
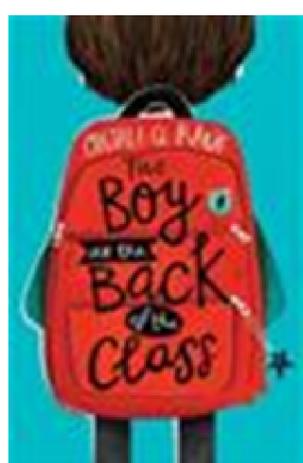
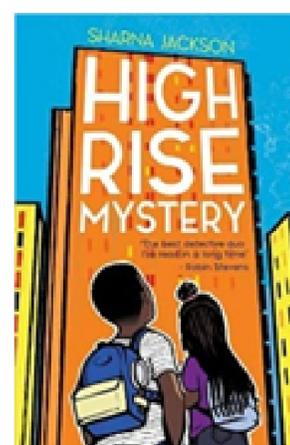
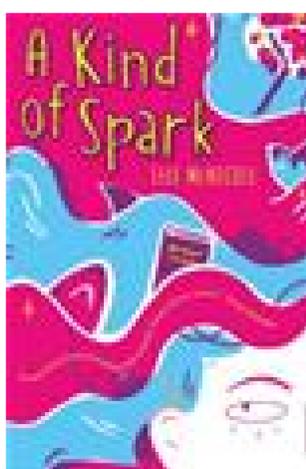
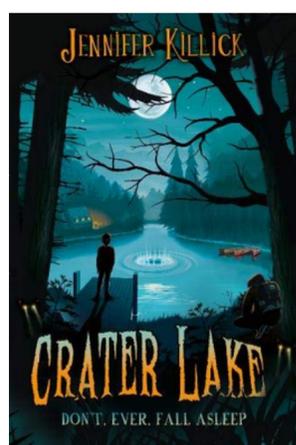
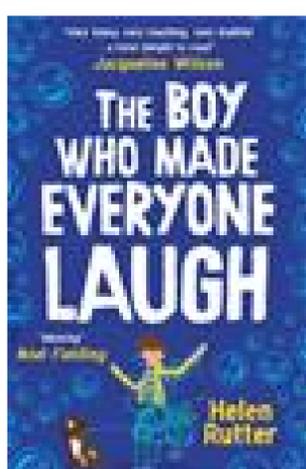
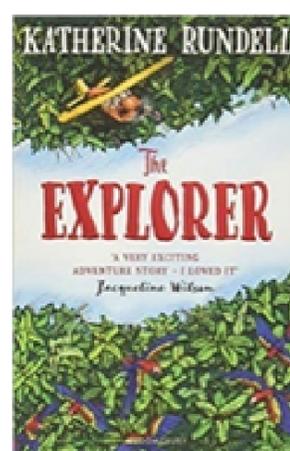
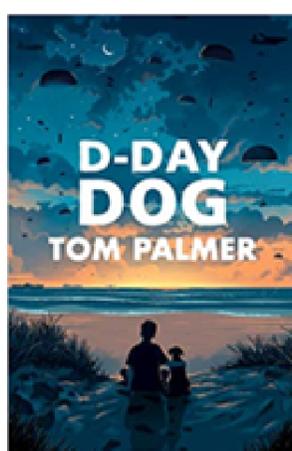
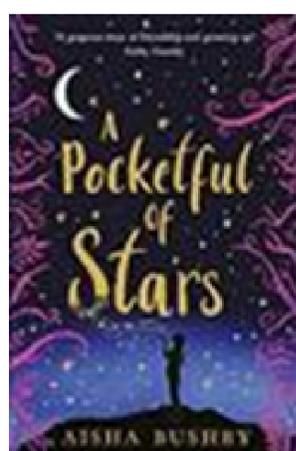
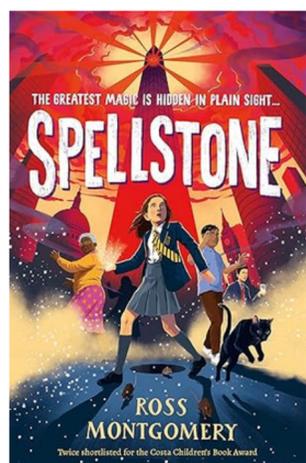


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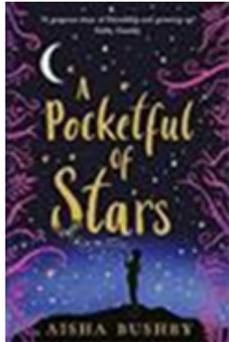
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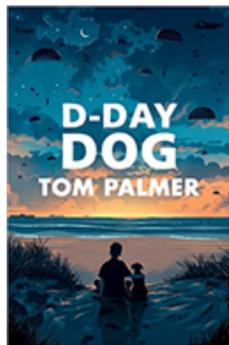
### **Spellstone by Ross Montgomery**

Evie is used to not being noticed. But when she meets the mysterious Wainwright, she discovers that going unnoticed might just be what makes her unique. Recruited into a secret magical organization, Evie finds herself at the heart of an ancient and magical battle. Evil is returning to the land, and Evie is the only person who can stop it. But how can she defeat the most dangerous magician in the world, when she doesn't even know her own powers?



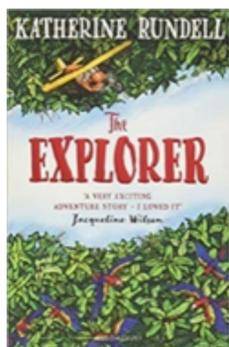
### **A Pocketful of Stars by Aisha Bushby**

Safiya and her mum have never seen eye to eye. Her mum doesn't understand Safiya's love of gaming and Safiya doesn't think they have anything in common. As Safiya struggles to fit in at school she wonders if her mum wishes she was more like her confident best friend Elle. But then her mum falls into a coma and, when Safiya waits by her bedside, she finds herself in a strange and magical world that looks a bit like one of her games. And there's a rebellious teenage girl, with a secret, who looks suspiciously familiar . . .



### **D-Day Dog by Tom Palmer – Winner of the Children's Book Award 2020**

Jack can't wait for the school trip to the D-Day landing beaches. It's his chance to learn more about the war heroes he has always admired - brave men like his dad, who is a reserve soldier. But when his dad is called up to action and things at home spiral out of control, everything Jack believes about war is thrown into question. Finding comfort only in the presence of his loyal dog, Finn, Jack is drawn to the heart-wrenching true story of one particular D-Day paratrooper. On 6 June 1944, Emile Corteil parachuted into France with his dog, Glen - and Jack is determined to discover their fate ...



### **The Explorer by Katherine Rundell**

From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him. As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small.

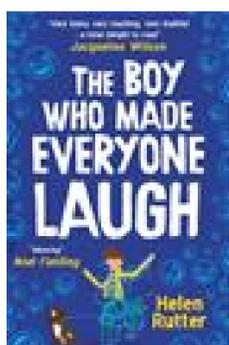
Except, it seems, someone has been there before them.



### **Sleepover Takeover by Simon James Green**

When dorky, unpopular 11-yr-old Otis wakes up in the morning at a sleepover birthday party, he's in for a shock.

At the marquee where the sleepover took place, it's a scene of carnage and mayhem: there's a donkey drinking at the chocolate fountain, a huge inflatable helium sausage looms above, doves everywhere, one of the kids has a tattoo, and there's a suitcase of bratwurst on the floor!

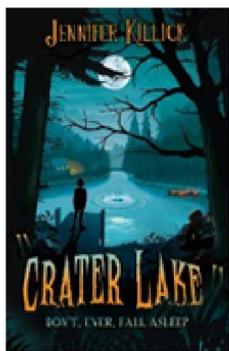


### **The Boy who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter**

Billy Plimpton is an eleven-year-old boy with a **big** dream.

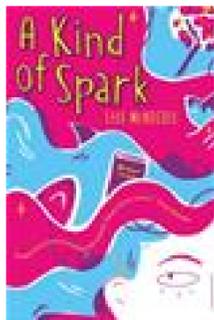
He wants to be a stand-up comedian when he grows up: delivering pinpoint punch-lines and having audiences hang on his every hilarious word.

A tough career for anyone, but surely impossible for Billy, who has a stammer. How will he find his voice, if his voice won't let him speak?



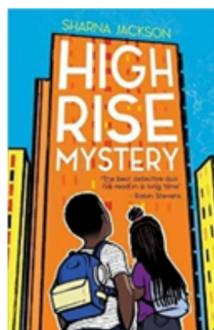
### **Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick**

Who is the mysterious bloodstained man who stops their coach? Why is no one around when Lance and the rest of Year Six arrive at the brand new Crater Lake activity centre? But this is just the beginning of the school trip from hell; a fight for survival that sees five pupils band together to save their classmates from an alien fate far worse than death. But whatever happens, they must Never. Ever. Fall asleep!



### **A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll**

*A Kind of Spark* tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?



### **High-Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson**

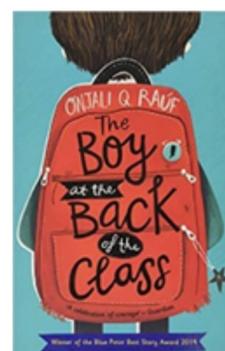
Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there's been a murder in THE TRI: the high-rise home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case? Armed with curiosity, home-turf knowledge and unlimited time - until the end of the summer holidays anyway.



### **The Final Year - Matt Goodfellow**

Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side - they've been inseparable since Nursery.

But when they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital.



### **The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf**

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!

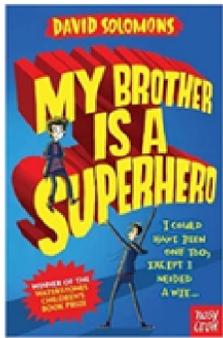
But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help.

That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .



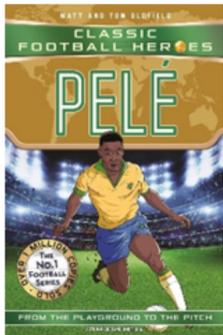
### **Twitch by M G Leonard**

Twitch has three pet chickens, four pigeons, swallows nesting in his bedroom and a passion for birdwatching. On the first day of the summer holidays, he arrives at his secret hide to find police everywhere: a convicted robber has broken out of prison and is hiding in Aves Wood. Can Twitch use his talents for birdwatching to hunt for the dangerous prisoner and find the missing loot?



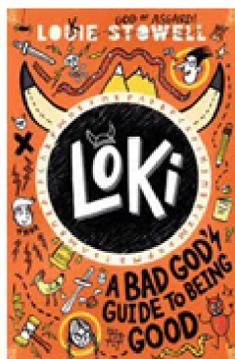
### **My Brother is a Superhero by David Solomons**

Luke is a comic-mad eleven-year old who shares a treehouse with his geeky older brother, Zack. Luke's only mistake is to go for a wee right at the wrong time. While he's gone, an alien gives his undeserving, never-read-a-comic-in-his-life brother superpowers and then tells him to save the universe. Luke is massively annoyed about this, but when Zack is kidnapped by his arch-nemesis, Luke and his friends have only five days to find him and save the world...



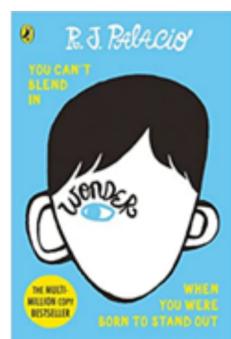
### **Pele by Matt and Tom Oldfield**

Considered as one of the greatest players of all time, Brazilian striker Pelé holds the Guinness World record for most goals scored, with a total of 1,283 goals in 1,363 matches. Raised in poverty in the state of São Paulo, Pelé was taught to play football by his father - as they could not afford a ball they played with a grapefruit or a sock stuffed with newspaper. Pelé tells the incredible story of how Edson Arantes do Nascimento, nicknamed Pelé, grew up to become the greatest player of the 20th century



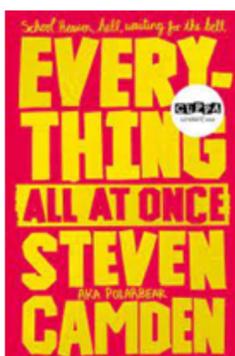
### **Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good by Louie Stowell**

After one trick too many, Loki is banished to live on Earth as a "normal" school boy. Forbidden from using his AWESOME godly powers, Loki must show *moral improvement*. As he records his lies THE TRUTH in his magical (judgemental) diary, it becomes clear Loki hasn't a clue how to tell good from evil, trust from tricks, or friends from enemies.



### **Wonder by R J Palacio**

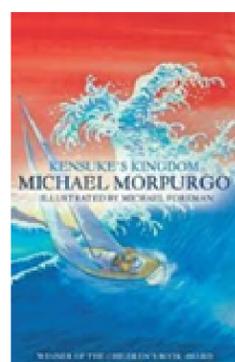
Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?



### **Everything All at Once by Steven Camden**

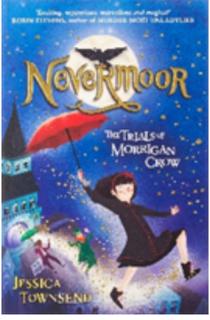
A collection of poems about the highs and lows of one week in a secondary school, where everything happens all at once.

Zooming in across our cast of characters, we share moments that span everything from hoping to make it to the end of the week, facing it, fitting in, finding friends and falling out, to loving lessons, losing it, and worrying, wearing it well and worshipping from afar.



### **Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo**

Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone ...



### **Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend**

Morrigan Crow is cursed, destined to die on her eleventh birthday. But, as the clock strikes midnight, she's whisked away by a remarkable man called Jupiter North and taken to the secret city of Nevermoor.

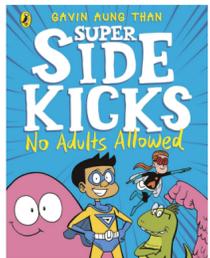
There she's invited to join the Wondrous Society. Mystery, magic and protection are hers - if only she can pass four impossible trials, using an exceptional talent. Which she doesn't have...



### **The Highland Falcon Thief by M G Leonard and Sam Sedgman**

Harrison Beck and his Uncle Nat are enjoying the final journey of the Highland Falcon, Britain's most famous steam train. But when a precious jewel goes missing, Harrison and his new friend Lenny find themselves at the centre of the investigation. Can they solve the mystery and catch the culprit before they reach the end of the line?

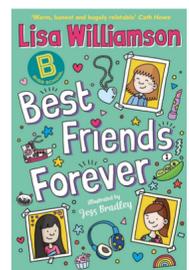
## **Suggestions for reluctant or less confident readers**



### **Super Sidekicks: No Adults Allowed by Gavin Aung Than**

Superheroes have it easy. They don't have to clean their secret headquarters, wash the alien bloodstains out of their costumes or be responsible for taking Super Mutt out for a walk. No, they leave all that for their sidekicks like me, while they get all the credit!

I'm Junior Justice, but you can call me JJ, and I think it's time we made our own team. The Super Sidekicks! Are you with me?



### **Best Friends Forever by Lisa Williamson**

Lola and Evie have been BFF since they were babies. When Lola discovers that they're in different classes at their new school, it's a total disaster! Lola is forced to sit next to Daniel, the most annoying boy on the planet. Worse still, Evie makes a brand new friend – snooty show-off, Cleo – who wants Evie all to herself.

Three most definitely IS a crowd, but Lola is not going to lose her BFF without putting up a fight!



### **Owen and the Soldier by Lisa Thompson**

When Owen discovers a crumbling stone soldier in the local park, it feels like he finally has someone he can talk to about his worries. But the town council want to remove him. Can Owen find the courage he needs to save the soldier before it's too late?



### **The Lost Diary of Sami Star by Karen McCombie**

Life is hard for Hannah. At home, everyone's always arguing, and when she tries to talk to her friends, it feels like they're not really there for her. But everything changes when she comes across a diary in the park belonging to a girl called Sami Star.



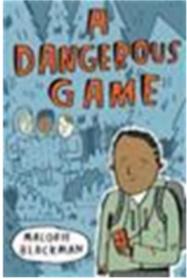
### **The Griffin Gate by Vashti Hardy**

Grace's family are wardens of the Griffin Map, using its teleport technology to fight crime across Moreland. Although Grace is still too young, she longs to go on missions herself. After all, if her brother, Bren, can do it, why can't she? So when Grace finds herself alone with the map when a distress call comes in, she jumps at the chance to prove she's up to the task.



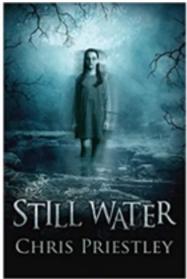
### **The Silver Eyes by Scott Cawthorn (Graphic Novel)**

Ten years after the horrific murders at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza that ripped their town apart, Charlie – whose father owned the restaurant – and her childhood friends reunite on the anniversary of the tragedy and find themselves at the old pizza place which had been locked up and abandoned for years. After they discover a way inside, they realize that things are not as they used to be. The four adult-sized animatronic mascots that once entertained patrons have changed. They now have a dark secret ... and a murderous agenda.



### **A Dangerous Game by Malorie Blackman**

Although Sam has a long-term illness, he wants to lead a normal life. He is thrilled when his parents let him go on the school trip to the Scottish Highlands. Sam wants to prove he's just as strong as his friends but the trip turns out to be dangerous.



### **Still Waters by Chris Priestley**

Evacuated from London at the outbreak of war, Rosie is taken in by kind Mrs Taylor and her daughter Mary. But all is not as it seems. Mary resents and bullies Rosie, and Mrs Taylor is hiding a dark secret. When Rosie comes across a strange girl swimming in a local pond, she hopes they will become friends. But instead her appearance leads to a horrifying revelation that will have terrifying consequences...



### **Run Wild by Gill Lewis**

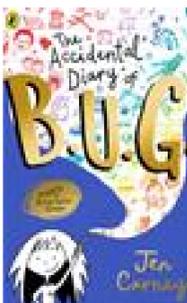
Izzy and Asha need a space to call their own, where they can practise skateboarding away from the Skull brothers and trouble at home. But the wasteland they claim already belongs to something else - an injured wolf that desperately needs their help.



### **The 13-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton**

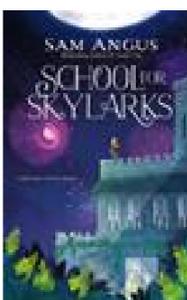
In a treehouse with a bowling alley and a lemonade fountain, Andy and Terry are too busy with flying cats and sea-monkey mishaps to work on their next book.

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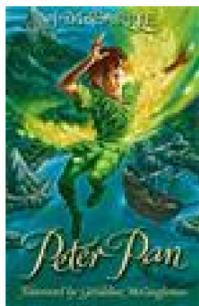
### **The Accidental Diary of B.U.G.**

Meet Billie Upton Green and her VERY accidental diary - and don't you DARE call her B.U.G! When new girl Janey starts at Billie's school, Billie suspects Janey is behind a series of thefts at the school.



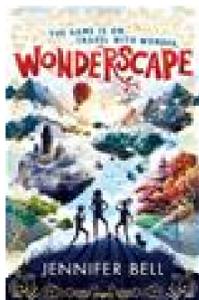
### **School for Skylarks by Sam Angus**

In 1939 Lyla is evacuated to her great aunt's house in Devon along with the girls of Garden Hill School. Can she face the truth about her family and herself?



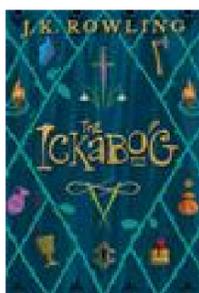
### **Peter Pan by J M Barrie**

Wendy, John, and Michael Darling share the endless adventures of Peter Pan in Neverland, a world where children never have to grow up and meet storybook creatures, the pirates, Captain Hook and The Lost Boys



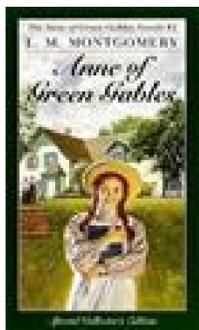
### **Wonderscape by Jennifer Bell**

When Arthur, Ren and Cecily investigate a mysterious explosion, they find themselves trapped in the year 2473. Lost in the Wonderscape, an in-reality adventure game, they call on the help of some historical figures to help them escape.



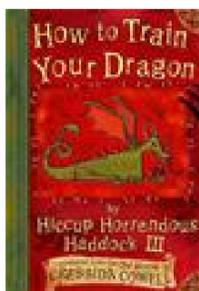
### **The Ickabog by J K Rowling**

As the legend of the fearsome Ickabog spreads terror in the peaceful kingdom of Cornucopia, best friends Bert and Daisy set out to discover the truth and bring happiness back to the kingdom.



### **Anne of Green Gables by L M Montgomery**

This is the first novel in the Anne series that has delighted millions of young readers since its publication in 1908. Eleven-year-old Anne Shirley wins the heart of her foster mother.



### **How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell**

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was an extraordinary Viking Hero, who had power over dragons. But it wasn't always like that. In this book he tells the story of his first dragon.



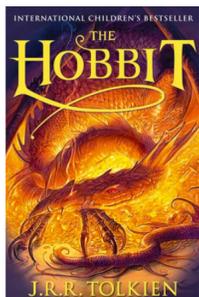
### **Tales of Terror from the Black Ship by Chris Priestley**

One stormy night, in their family's otherwise deserted Cornwall inn, twelve-year-old Ethan and his sister Cathy shelter a mysterious guest who indulges their love of the macabre by telling horror stories of the sea.



### **The Fowl Twins by Eoin Colfer**

Eleven-year-old twins Myles and Beckett Fowl enjoy adventure and mayhem while helping a troll escape nefarious forces that want his magic.



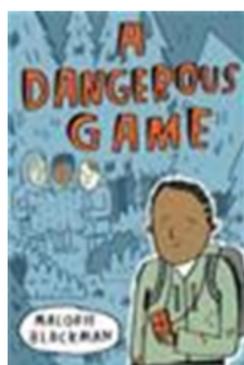
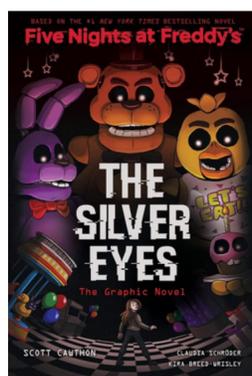
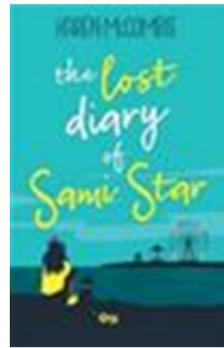
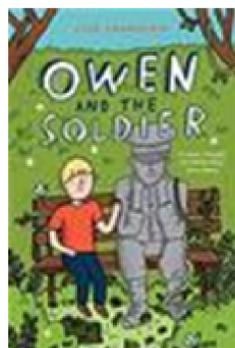
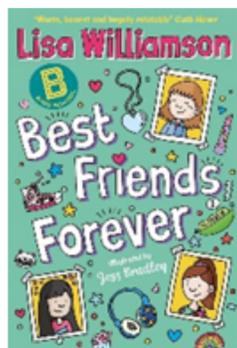
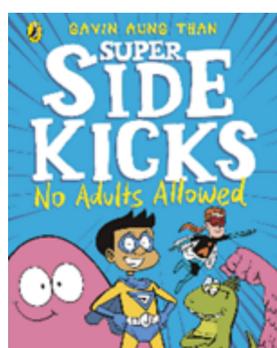
### **The Hobbit by J R R Tolkien**

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

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