

Adams, Douglas

Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy

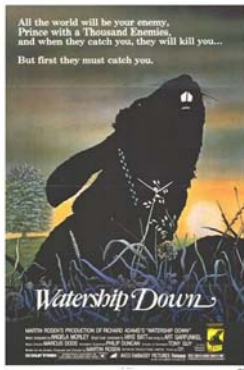
8-adult

Science Fiction/Humour

Starring Marvin the depressed robot, and a towel.

This started as a radio series, and has been turned into a novel, a film, a computer game and a TV series.

Read on: Neil Gaiman, Tom Holt, Terry Pratchett, Robert Rankin



Adams, Richard

7-adult

Watership Down # Animal fantasy/political allegory

Evicted rabbits look for new home: book, then film.

Read on:

William Horwood, George Orwell, Henry Williamson.

***Aesop**

Fables

6-adult

Animals/morals

This ancient Greek writer still influences us

Watch out for odd translation problems.

Many illustrators have enjoyed these as a starting point.

Ahlberg, Allan

6-8

Woof

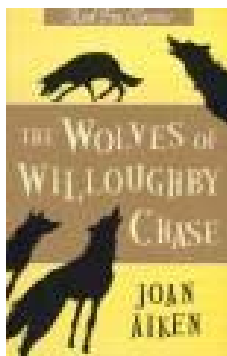
Animals/humour

Human turns into dog. Desperate attempts to regain humanity.

Read on: "Fluke" by James Herbert

Joan Aiken, #

7-9



A Touch of Chill

Black Hearts in Battersea

Nightbirds on Nantucket

Stolen Lake

*Wolves of Willoughby Chase

Horror

Fantasy/thriller

Fantasy/ thriller

Fantasy/thriller

Fantasy/horror

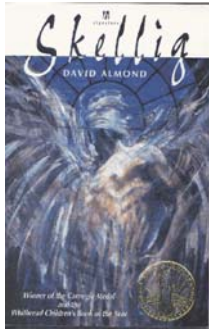
The wolves chase Sylvia through snow-covered wastes to the safety of Willoughby Chase, and her friendly cousin, only to discover a worse fate: evil Miss Sleighcarp who is supposed to be looking after them.

Read on about wolves:

Neil Gaiman The wolves in the walls (graphic novel)

Michelle Paver Wolf brother

David Almond*



Skellig
The Fire-eaters
Clay

6-9
Carnegie Prize

www.davidalmond.com

Read on: Tim Bowler, Jostein Gaarder, Alan Garner,
Louis Sacher, Marcus Sedgwick

Lloyd Alexander

Chronicles of Prydain

7-9
Fantasy/Magic

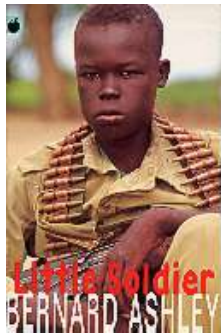
Read on: Terry Brooks, Diana Wynne Jones, Ursula Le Guin

Piers Anthony

Centaur Aisle

8-adult
Fantasy/humour

For those of you who love puns... and nature gadgets: a tree that grows shoes?



Bernard Ashley
Little Soldier

8-10
Conflict/school

Read on:
Alan Gibbons
Robert Leeson
Jan Mark
Malcolm Rose

Isaac Asimov

I Robot

7-adult
Science fiction

The three rules of robotics are beginning to become more relevant. Find out what they are! Great Film tie-in.

Read on: Poul Anderson, Ben Bova, Larry Niven

Lynne Reid Banks

#The Indian in the Cupboard

6-adult
Fantasy

Is this the book that inspired Toy Story. What do you think?

Nina Bawden

Carrie's War

7-9

World War II novel about evacuation

Read on: Theresa Breslin, Adele Geras, Michelle Magorian

Malorie Blackman

7-10

<http://www.malorieblackman.co.uk/>

Highly recommended website – watch out for forthcoming films!

Pig Heart Boy

Courage

Hacker

Computers/gadgets

Read on: Peter Dickinson, Celia Rees

Terence Blacker

8-9

Boy2Girl

Social realism

An American cousin wreaks havoc in an English household

Read on: Julie Bertagna, Jenny Nimmo

Stephen Bowkett

6-9

The Web: Dreamcastle

Computer fantasy

In the virtual world of the WEB, nothing is what it seems...



Tim Bowler*

7-9

Star seeker

Gangs, grieving

Riverboy

Adventure

<http://www.timbowler.co.uk>

Read on: Katherine Paterson, Nicky Singer

Tony Bradman

7-8

Bad boys

Football

Easy read

www.lovereading4kids.co.uk website which will give you lots of reading ideas.

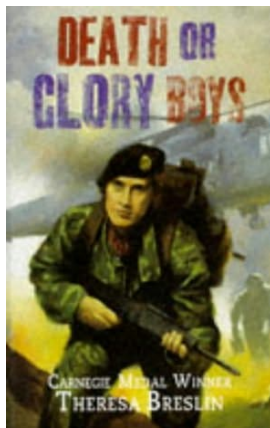
John Branfield

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The Day I Shot My Dad

Humour

Let a boy loose with a camera, and who knows...



Theresa Breslin

7-9

Death or Glory Boys

Terrorism

The Dream Master

Dyslexia

A Scottish author who knows that real life doesn't always come easy.

<http://www.theresabreslin.co.uk/>

Read on: Rachel Anderson, Berlie Doherty

#John Buchan

8-11

*The Thirty Nine Steps

Crime/adventure

Atmospheric, dark, dangerous. For the advanced reader.

Anthony Buckeridge

7-9

The Jennings series

School/humour

Mad, completely daft. Public schools of the 1930s.



If you come across a copy with this front cover, you have an early edition

Frances Hodgson Burnett

7-9

*Secret Garden

Victorian friendship

Disability

Something to read to your younger sister (without admitting how much you are enjoying it).



Melvin Burgess

7-10

Cry of the Wolf

Kite

Taylor finds almost extinct birds' eggs, but his father is head gamekeeper.

Read on: Gerald Durrell, Janni Howker,
Gary Paulson

Trudi Canavan

8-adult

Magician's Guild

Fantasy

The High Lord

Read on: David Eddings, Ursula Le Guin

Victor Canning

7-8

Flight of the Grey Goose

Animal/escape

Lewis Carroll

6 - adult

Alice Through the Looking Glass

Alice In Wonderland

Are you enough of a mathematician to spot that the author was one?

Find the original on-line, and turn the pages to read at:

<http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/ttp/ttpbooks.html>

Peter Carter

*Under Goliath
The Sentinels

8-10

Friendship/N. Ireland

Anti slave trade/sea/historical

A ship which used to transport slaves is now enforcing the new anti-slave trade laws along the African coast. Our cabin boy faces danger and challenges, not least is befriending an African boy, and learning from him how to survive on land, when they become stranded.

#Agatha Christie

The Body in the Library

<http://uk.agathachristie.com/site/home/>

Read on: Margery Allingham, Ngaio Marsh, Dorothy Sayers

7-adult

Crime/detective

John Christopher

Fireball

The Tripods

White Mountains

Read on: H. G. Wells, John Wyndham

7-11

Science fiction

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Arthur C. Clarke

2001

Arthur C. Clarke is so famous that the Science Fiction book award is named after him. He is a scientist, writing about the future.

Read on: Brian Aldiss, Greg Bear, Robert Silverberg

8-adult

Science fiction

**David Clement-Davies**

7-10

Fire Bringer

The Sight

Animal, fantasy, myth

Animal, fantasy, myth

A story of man and wolf, of power and death.

Stephen Cole

The Wereling Series

Have a rest; read something easy.

8-9

Horror

Eoin Colfer

7-9

Artemis Fowl

Fantasy, humour

In this case twelve year old Artemis is the bad human, who kidnaps a leprechaun

Supernaturalist

Top ten read

This web site is worth checking out : <http://www.eoincolfer.com/>

Read on: Cornelia Funke, Dianna Wynne Jones, Gary Kilworth, Terry Pratchett

Susan Cooper

7 - 9

Over Sea, Under Stone

Adventure/Welsh myths

The Dark is Rising series#



Robert Cormier

8 – 10

Chocolate War

Satire/School

Selling chocolates to raise school funds corrupts both staff and pupils.

Bernard Cornwall

8– adult

Sharpe novels

War adventure

Arthur novels

Myth

Richard Sharpe violently fights his way through the Napoleonic wars.

Read on: Alan Evans, Alexander Kent, Allan Mallinson

Richmal Crompton

6-8

#William at War

Humour/Home+school

Michael Cronin

8-9

Against the Day

Alternative history

What if the Nazis conquered Britain?

Gillian Cross

#New World or other titles

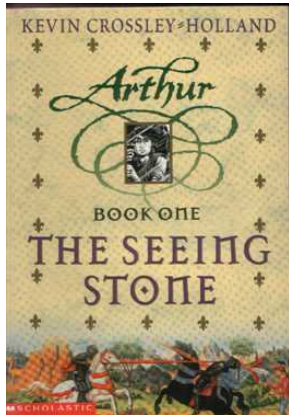
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Adventure

This website has some interesting links: <http://www.gillian-cross.co.uk/>

Kevin Crossley-Holland

7-9



Shorts

The shortest short stories you'll ever find

Arthur: the Seeing Stone
Arthurian legend

A beautifully written account of the Arthur legend in three volumes

<http://www.kevincrossley-holland.com>

Read on: Alan Garner, Roger L. Green, Ted Hughes, Myths and Legends (398.2), T. H. White

Roald Dahl

Boy

Going Solo

The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar

7-9

Biography

Biography

Fantasy

Daniel Defoe

Robinson Crusoe

7- adult

Survival

Children have been borrowing this tale of shipwreck & survival on a desert island from their parent's bookshelves, ever since it came out in 1719.

Charles Dickens

*Oliver Twist

*Christmas Carol

*David Copperfield

"Rags to riches", with many strange characters..

7-adult

History/Crime

History/Morals

History/Growing up

Peter Dickinson

#Seventh Raven

7-10

Hostages

The entire cast of a school play are kidnapped; only one is in real danger, but will his friends give him up?

The Ropemaker

Fantasy/magic

Franklin W. Dixon,

The Hardy Boys Series

5-8

Adventure

Have these become dated? Do you still enjoy these – they used to be the absolute favourite with boys. Make up your own mind.

Arthur Conan Doyle

*Hound of the Baskervilles

6-10

Horror

*The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes Crime

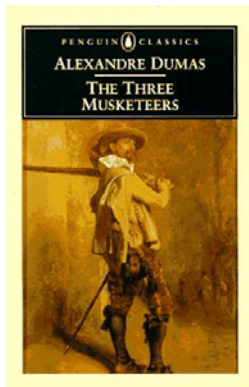
*The Lost World

Science fiction

The White Company series

Historical adventure

It is the sign of a skilled author that he can write different genres convincingly. All of these are classics, if a little old fashioned.



Alexandre Dumas

*The Three Musketeers Adventure, Fencing

7-10

Read on:

L. Brittney: Nathan Fox: dangerous times

Baroness Orczy : The Scarlet Pimpernel

#Gerald Durrell

*My Family and Other Animals

7 - adult

Biography/animals

Gerald Durrell has always collected animals, but ~~in doing so~~ pushes a boy he pushed his tolerant family to its limits.

(He went on to be a world leader in animal conservation).

<http://www.durrell.org> - about the Jersey Zoo

Deborah Ellis

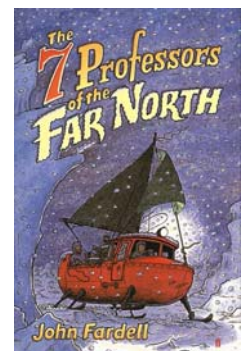
The Breadwinner

8-9

Afghanistan survival

Under the Taliban, women are not allowed out of the house alone. So when Pavana's father is arrested, she has to undertake a daring plan.

Read on: Gaye Hicyilmaz, Elizabeth Laird, Beverley Naidoo



Virginia Euwer

Make Lemonade

7-9

Family & friends

John Fardell

The Seven Professors of the Far North

7-9

Adventure, Humour

Anne Fine

Granny Project

Mrs Doubtfire

7-10

Family humour

Family humour

<http://www.annefine.co.uk/>

C. S. Forester

Horatio Hornblower series

7-adult

Naval history/war

Hornblower slowly wins respect through his naval exploits, and moves up through the ranks from Midshipman to Admiral.

Read on: Jan Needle, Patrick O'Brian

Anne Frank

*Diary of a Young Girl

8-adult

World war II

www.AnneFrank.org.uk _____

is a website about Anne Frank and other holocaust survivors: beware very disturbing images.

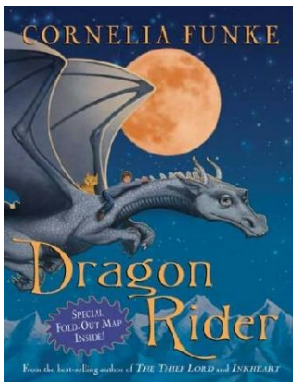
Cornelia Funke

Dragon Rider

Inkspell

7-9

Draconic fantasy



Read on (Dragon titles)

- Chris D'Lacey
- Charlie Fletcher
- Jason Hightman
- Ursula Le Guin
- Anne McCaffery
- Edith Nesbit
- Jenny Nimmo
- Christopher Paolini
- Rosemary Sutcliffe
- Margaret Weiss

- Icefire
- Stone heart
- The Saint of Dragons
- The Farthest Shore
- Dragon Flight
- The Last of the Dragons
- The dragon's child
- Eldest
- Beowulf
- Dragons of the Autumn Twilight

Leon Garfield

Devil in the Fog

7-8

Historical fantasy

Smith

Adventure

His historical adventures are feisty, fast moving, and tend to dwell on the seamy side of the Victorian era. Not for the faint-hearted.

Alan Garner

7-adult

*Weirdstone

Fantasy

Moon of Gomrath

Fantasy

Eve Garnett

7-8

*Family **From One End Street**~~from one end street~~

Humour

One of the earliest children's novels about working class life. Disaster hits when a school hat is lost.

Jamila Gavin

7-9

The **Wheel**~~wheel~~ of Surya

Indian independence

Coram Boy

Slavery, orphans, London

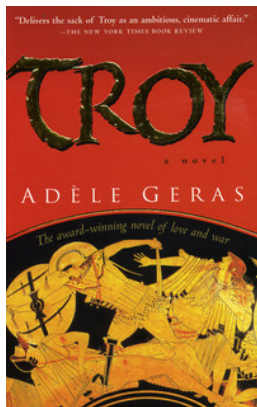
"Coram, Coram. That's the name. I've heard of him. You are the Coram man, aren't you? You will take my baby, won't you? You will deliver her safely to that kind gentleman? It is true, isn't it, that he never turns any baby away? And they look after them until they are ready to work? It's true, isn't it? Tell me it is."

Adele Geras

7-9

Troy

Myth/humour/drama



<http://adelegeras.com/>

Read on: Ancient Greece

Margeret Doody

Aristotle Detective

Michael Ford

The Fire of Ares

V. M. Manfredi

Tyrant

Rick Riordan

The Lightning Thief

Katherine Roberts; The Olympic conspiracy

Alan Gibbons

8-9

Caught in the Crossfire

Responses to Sept. 11

Race, riots, justice

Injury Time

Football

Some people have all the luck. Dave Lafferty for one. How else do you explain a kid who's brilliant at everything? But Kev is stunned when he discovers that Dave has to cope with epilepsy. This is the fourth volume in the "Total Football" series.

Brian Glanville

6-8

Goalkeepers are Different

Sport

Morris Gleitzman

Toad Rage

6-9

Humour/family

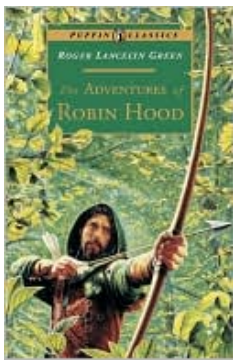
Kenneth Grahame

Wind in the Willows

6-adult

Animal fantasy

A much quoted book by adults: if you've only read an abridged version, you ought to read the original.

**Greene, Roger L**

*The Adventures of Robin Hood

*Myths of the Norsemen

7-adult

Myth

Myth

One of the oldest tales known: recently a medieval manuscript has been found complaining about Robin Hood, the criminal.. Perhaps these tales are true!

Read on

Kevin Crossley-Holland

Jacob Grimm

*Fairy Tales

7-adult

Folklore

The Grimm collection of German folktales are hard hitting, gory, nightmarish, completely different from the sickly sweet Disney version.

David Grossman

The Zig-Zag Kid

8-9

Adventure/coming of age

Includes a train hijack, and a vat of chocolate. For advanced readers.

Harry Harrison, Harry~~Men from PIG and ROBOT~~The Stainless Steel Rat

Science Fiction

7-8

A crime novel in outer space

Herriot, James

If Only They Could Talk

Let Sleeping Vets Lie

Gentle tales about being a vet in Yorkshire

6-adult

Vet/animals

Hicyilmaz, Gaye

7-9

And the Stars were Gold

Evacuation/Poland

Carl Hiaasen

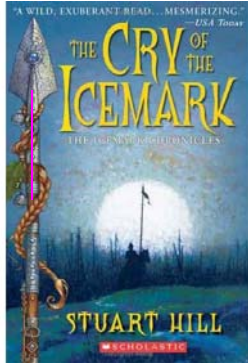
Flush

Hoot

8 - 10

Crime, humour

America



Stuart Hill

8 - 10

The Cry of Ice mark series · Epic fantasy

Read on:

Nancy Farmer

The Sea of Trolls

Susan Hill

The Woman in Black

horror

8 - adult

Gothic

I'm King of the Castle

Advanced readers

Jason Hightman

6-9

The Saint of Dragons

Adventure

St George's reluctant descendant finds that he is called to hunt dragons in this century.

Russell Hoban

7-adult

*Mouse and his **Childechild** ———

Animal

One of Mr Yarnold's favourites.

Read on: Lewis Carroll, William Mayne, Mary Norton, Robert O'Brien

Mary ———

Hoffman, Mary

7 - 9

Stravaganza series

Adventure, fantasy

A romp through Venice

Anne Holm

8-11

*I am David

Identity

Escaping from a concentration camp, David makes his way across Europe knowing only his name, and several languages.

Tom Holt

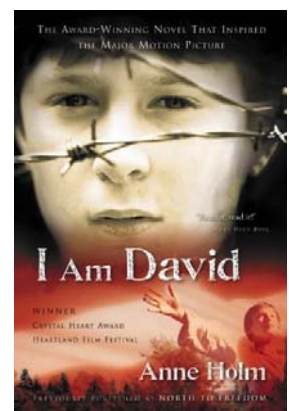
8 - adult

Paint your Dragon

myth,

humour, fantasy

Mythological gods try to survive in contemporary England.



Horowitz, Anthony

Alex Rider series

7 – 10

Spy thriller

For a list of children's thrillers see:http://www.booktrustchildrensbooks.org.uk/advanced_search/search/10**William Horwood**

Dunton Chronicles

7-11

Animal fantasy

*These are international best sellers. William Horwood also wrote sequels to "The Wind in the Willows".***Ted Hughes**

Tales of the Early World

How the Whale Became

Short, elegant and fun.

7 - adult

creation myths

creation myth

Thomas Hughes

*Tom Brown's Schooldays

7-9

School

*The "Flashman" books are based on the bully in this first school story and were written by the grandfather of an Eltham College boy.***Norman Hunter**

#Professor Branestawm series

6-8

Humour/inventions

*Full of gadgets, these remind me of Wallace and Gromit films. Perhaps a bit dated?***Brian Jacques**

Seven Strange and Ghostly Tales

#Redwall series

6-8

Ghosts

Animal

fantasy

**Robin Jarvis,**

#Deptford Mice series

#Whitby series

<http://www.robinjarvis.com/homepage.html>

7-9

Animal fantasy/London

W. E. Johns,

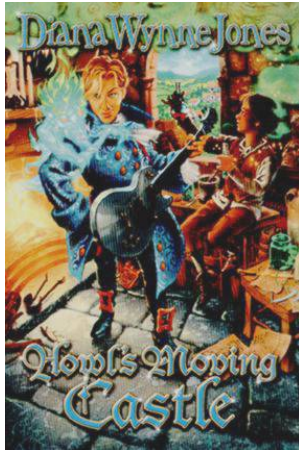
#Biggles series.

7-9

W.W. I ace flyer with outdated attitudes

Diana Wynne Jones

7-10



Eight days of Luke Fantasy/magic

Chrestomanci series Fantasy/magic

Dalemark series Fantasy/adventure

<http://www.leemac.freemove.co.uk/> Official website

Read on:

Joan Aiken, Catherine Fisher, Ursula Le Guin,
C. S. Lewis, Jenny Nimmo, J. K. Rowling

Tim Wynne Jones

A Thief in the House of Memory

8-11

Thriller

Declan Steeple thought the past was over. Dec is a sixteen-year-old who has it all: great grades, dreams for the future, a loyal and wise best friend. Then one day, Dec decided to hitch a ride home from school, and he sets off an unsettling chain of events – a robbery, a death, and the unearthing of dark memories.

Terry Jones

Saga of Eric the Viking

6-9

Fantasy/adventure

The Knight and the Squire

Fantasy/adventure

One of the Monty Python writers, Terry Jones writes both books and films for children.

Norman Juster

The Phantom Tollbooth

6-8

Humour/timetravel

Read on: Time Travel

Helen Cresswell Moondial

Michael Hoeye Time Stops For No Mouse

Gary Kilworth Mallmoc's Castle

Daniel Pinkwater The Time Tourists

H.G. Wells The Time Machine

Judith Kerr

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

7-8

Evacuation

Read on World War II

Nina Bawden, Michelle Magorian, Ian Serraillier, Robert Westall

Garry Kilworth

Spigot's Quest

8-9

Fantasy

Read on: Eoin Colfer, Tom Holt, Garth Nix

Rudyard Kipling

Jungle Book
Just So Stories
Kim

6-9
Humour
Humour
India

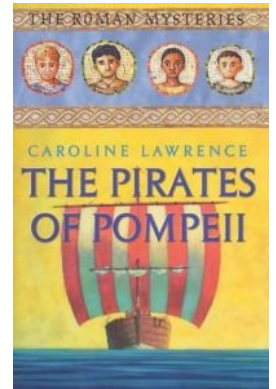
Derek Landy

Skulduggery Pleasant
Winner of the Red House Childrens' Book Award

7-8

Caroline Lawrence 7-8

Pirates of Pompeii Roman historical
The Roman mysteries have reached top place in year 7 favourite novels.
Read on: Romans
Frances Hendry, Conn Iggulden, Valerio Manfredi, Allen Massie,
Rosemary Sutcliff, Henry Treece



Michael Lawrence

The Iron, the Switch and the Broom Cupboard
The Aldous Lexicon
<http://www.wordybug.com/>

6-9
Humour
Alternative world

Ursula Le Guin,

The Earthsea Trilogy
Wizards, quests by a highly regarded author

7-10
Fantasy

Gaston Leroux

The Phantom of the Opera

7-10
Mystery and suspense

C.S Lewis *#

The Narnia Chronicles

5-10
Fantasy

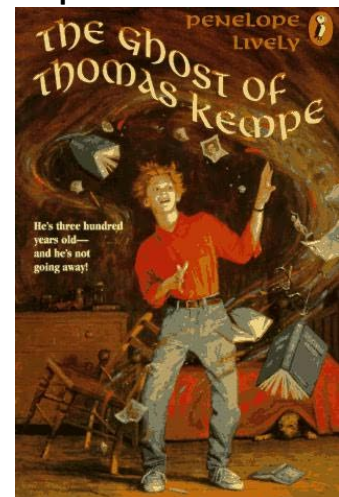
Penelope Lively

*Ghost of Thomas Kempe Ghost/history
Wild Hunt of Hagworthy Horror

7-8

Read on: Ghosts

- Neil Gaiman Coraline
- Leon Garfield Mr Corbett's Ghost and others
- Diana Wynne Jones The Time of the Ghost
- Margaeret Mahy The Haunting
- William Mayne Earthfasts
- Michael Morpurgo Ghostly haunts



Justin Somper Vampirates series

London, Jack

White Fang
Call of the Wild

7-9
Animal
Animal

Anne McCaffrey

Dragonflight

7-adult
Science fiction/Dragons

Geraldine McCaughrean

Plundering Paradise

But who are the "bad guys"? Not everything is what it seems here.

www.geraldinemccaughrean.co.uk

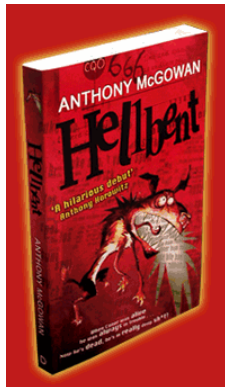
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Pirates/desert islands

Cliff McNish

The Doomspell Trilogy

Snatched by a witch, avoiding slavery, two children embark on a journey.

7-9
Magic



Anthony McGowan

Hell Bent

Life after death

8-9

Can Conor improve his hell by swapping with someone else?

Read on
C.S. Lewis The Screwtape Letters

Andy McNab

Payback

Terrorist

A real soldier writes about his experiences in a fictional form.

8 - 10
War, realism

#Michelle Magorian

*Goodnight Mr Tom

Back Home

6-8
War
Post war/ relationships

John Masefield*

7-8

*Box of Delights

Fantasy

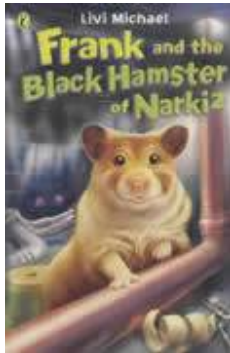
William Mayne

8 - 10

Earthfasts

Ghosts/Time-travel/ Yorkshire

Standing stones open a door to a lost drummer boy & other creatures...



Levi Michael

7-10

Frank and the Black Hamster of Nashiz Science/ fantasy

Chosen by pupil librarians, and popular with year 7s.

Spike Milligan

8-adult

Treasure Island

Parody

(You'll only get the jokes if you have read the Stevenson version first)

Michael Molloy

6-8

The Witch Trade

Rollicking adventure

Michael Morpurgo

7-9

Kensuke's Kingdom

Desert Island/Japan

Private Peaceful

World war 1

Dear Mr Morpungo

Letters/biography

<http://www.michaelmorpurgo.org/> - look up his latest plays, and news of his farm

Robert Muchamore

7-10

Class A

Spy thriller/relationships

Bond on bikes, & great gadgets

Read on: Charlie Higson, Jo Craig, David Gilman, Anthony Horowitz, Nicholas Wilde, Rick Yancey

To find more look up thrillers on the booktrust website:

http://www.booktrustchildrensbooks.org.uk/advanced_search

Beverley Naidoo

7 – adult

Web of Lies

South Africa

Journey to Jo'burg

Surviving apartheid in South Africa took extra-ordinary courage

Read on: James Berry, James Watson, Benjamin Zephaniah

Edith Nesbit

7-9

*Railway Children

Edwardian adventure

Phoenix And The Carpet and myth
These classic adventures still hold interest for today's children

William Nicholson

7-10

*Wind Singer Trilogy

Fantasy

Fed up with exams? This challenges a society based on examination results!

Read on: Jan Mark

Garth Nix

7-10

Sabriel

Fantasy

Mister Monday

Game fantasy

Popular read

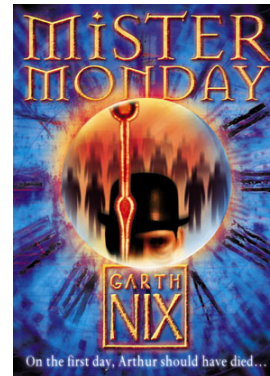


Mary Norton

7-

Borrowers series

Small people recycle human left-overs.



9

Fantasy, humour

Edna O'Brien

6-9

Tales for the Telling: Irish Folk and Fairy Stories

Pat O'Shea

8-9

The Hounds of the Morrigan

Danger/fantasy

Irish adventure involving St. Patrick, evil serpents and an ancient manuscript.

Kenneth Oppel

7-8

Silverwing

Bats

Pupil recommendation, proving popular.

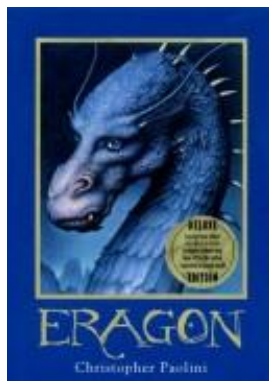
George Orwell

8-adult

Animal Farm

Fantasy/allegory

Animals take over a farm and run it for their own benefit



Christopher Paolini 7-adult

Eragon

Dragons

Highly popular, and written by a teenager!

Gary Paulson

8

Blue Light

Time travel, adventure

A desert camping trip turns into a terrifying journey across time & space

Michelle Paver

Chronicles of Ancient Darkness

Torak is alone, wounded, and on the run. His only ally a wolf cub..

For more about the prehistoric world read: *The kin* by Peter Dickinson, or the *Earth's Children* (series) by Jean Auel.

7 – adult

Survival/prehistory

Mervyn Peake

Letters From a Lost Uncle

Mad explorer in the arctic searching for a white lion.. great illustrations

Boy in Darkness

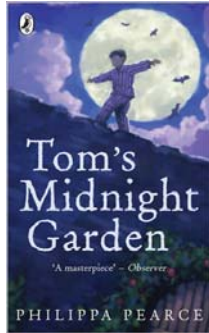
A tale of Titus, who escapes from Gormenghast to a nightmare grey world

<http://www.mervynpeake.org>

6-adult

Adventure year 7

Horror year 8



Phillipa Pearce

*Tom's Midnight Garden

6-8

Fantasy

Find book reviews for this and others at:

www.readingmatters.co.uk

Mel Peet

Keeper

An undead football keeper inspires a South American teenager to play football

8 - 10

Sport/detective/ghosts

K. M. Peyton

Beethoven

Read on music: William Mayne

8-9

Music/relationships

Anne Pilling

Henry's Leg

6-8

Humour/crime

Henry recovers a shop manikin's leg from a bin, and finds the oddest ways to use it... Very funny, and the oddest bit of recycling ever.

Edgar Allen Poe

Tales of Mystery and imagination

Tales of horror

8 - adult

Horror (very)

Horror (very)

Warning: Poe's use of language has been known to send pupils screaming from the classroom.

Terry Pratchett

#Disc World series

8 - adult

Humour/Fantasy

Read on:

Humour in science fiction: Douglas Adams, Piers Anthony, Tom Holt, Robert Rankin

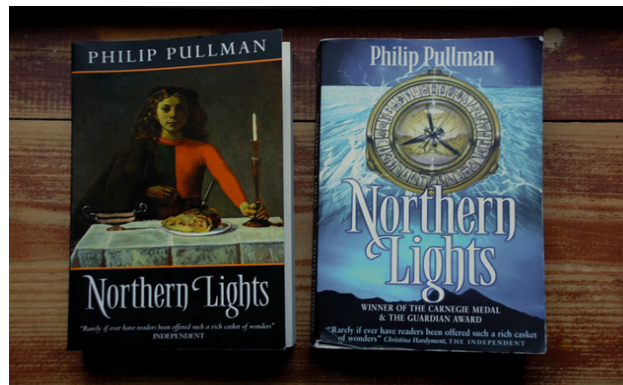
Allegorical social satire: George Orwell's Animal Farm

Philip Pullman

His Dark Materials trilogy

7 - adult

Adventure



Watch out for the film: The Golden Compass

Arthur Ransome

*Swallows and Amazons

Old Peter's Russian Tales

Children muck about in boats in the Lake District

5-9

Sailing adventure

Tales

<http://www.arthur-ransome.org/ar/swallows-and-amazons>

Read on: Marcus Sedgewick Blood Red, Snow White (the story of Arthur Ransome as a spy in Russia, during the Russian Revolution)

Celia Rees
Truth or Dare

8 - 10
Bullying



Philip Reeve
Mortal Engines Future/London

8 – adult

The cities are on the move, and London is joining in the chase. Tom and Hester have been stranded, and somehow want to get back on board.

Read on: **Neverwhere** by Neil Gaiman
Un Lun Dun by China Mieville

Justin Richard
The Invisible Detective: Legion of the Dead
London, 1937. Four children investigate crimes.

7-9
Detective

#Hans Peter Richter
Friedrich

8
German Jews in WWII

James Riordan
When the Guns Fell Silent
A quick but intense read

7-10
Football/World war I



Rick Riordan
Percy Jackson series
The Greek Gods do not behave well in these books
Read on: **Tom Holt**, **Katherine Roberts**

7-9
Myths

Katherine Roberts
The Seven Fabulous Wonders
Each title is about one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world.
www.katherineroberts.com

7-9
Ancient world/Crime/Magic

J. K. Rowling
#Harry Potter series
Read on **Wizards**: Frank L. Baum, Terry Goodkind, Diana Wynne Jones, Ursula Le Guin, Gregory Maguire, Cliff McNish

5-8
Magic/school

Read on **Schools**: Anthony Buckeridge, Gillian Cross, James Hilton, Thomas Hughes, Gene Kemp, Michael Morpurgo, Mark Walden

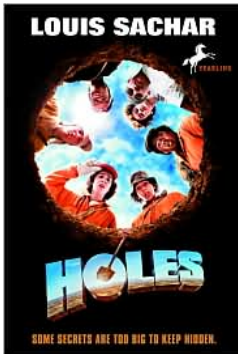
Chris Ryan

8-9

Alpha Force series

Thrillers/survival

Easy read thrillers, but includes SAS safety tips



Louis Sachar 7-9
Holes

Stanley Yelnat has been wrongly sent to Camp Green Lake detention centre where he has to dig a hole a day.

S. F. Said

Varjak Paw

*A cross between 101 Dalmations (only cats) and the kungfu kid
Enormous fun. Easy to read.*

Brian Selznick

6-8

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Clocks, Paris

A charming adventure, involving films and clocks, beautifully illustrated.

Ian Serraillier*

7-9

*Silver Sword

World war II/ Europe

There's No Escape

Sequel

Classic story of running away, but in war-torn Europe, and in danger from the Nazis, make this a realistic historical novel.

Darren Shan

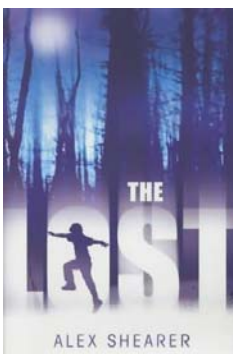
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The Saga of Darren Shan

Popular Horror

A very quick and easy read.

READ ON: Philip Gross, Robert Westall, Christopher Pike, Robert Swindells, Charlie Fletcher, Ann Halam, Mervyn Peake, Edgar Allen Poe



Alan Shearer

8-9

The Lost

Horror

Bootleg

Chocolate

The Great Blue Yonder

After death

Alan Shearer's books vary immensely, from horror to humour to serious issues. Quite easy to read, they will build reading confidence and speed.

Paul Shipton

8-10

Bug Muldoon and the killer in the rain

Parody/spy/animal

You have to read this with an American accent to get the joke: Based on American detective films.

Nicky Singer

8-10

Feather Boy

Self discovery

Why does the boy spend a night in a haunted house? Why is he collecting feathers?

Read on: [Aiden Chambers](#), [Anne Holm](#), [Linda Newbury](#)

Lemony Snicket

6-8

The bad beginning

Victorian adventure

Nothing nice happens in these unfortunate adventures

www.lemmysnicket.com

Justin Somper

7-8

Vampirates

I have difficulty with the idea of pirates who can only sail at night, but year 7's seem not to mind!

Robert Louis Stevenson

7-9

*Treasure Island

Adventure

Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Crime/horror

Kidnapped

Adventure

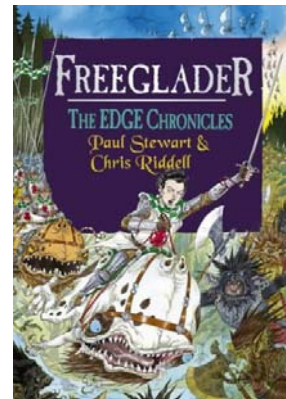
With these challenging reads, you not only advance your vocabulary, but also meet a deeper level of horror & more excitement in your adventure

Stewart, Paul and Riddell, Chris 6-9

The Edge Chronicles adventure

Read on: [Brian Jacques](#) [Redwall](#)

<http://www.stewartandriddell.co.uk> *This is a great web site!*



Ian Strachan

7-9

Journey of 1000 miles

Survival,
escape, refugees
and survival.

This is a remarkable tale, based on real life, of courage, endurance

Read on [Yann Martel](#), [Rutgers Van der Loeff](#)

Jonathon Stroud

8 - adult

Bartimeus trilogy

Fantasy

Much loved by our year 9's

<http://www.jonathanstroud.com>

#Rosemary Sutcliff*

6-adult

Eagle of the Ninth
Sword and the Circle
*The Roman Celtic clash in ancient Britain affects soldiers and citizens.
There is plenty of tension and excitement in these stories.*

Roman soldiers
Celtic survival

#Robert Swindell;

Brother in the Land
Room 13

*Teenage novels tackling issues like homelessness and survival
Read on: Robert Westall*

8-9
Post nuclear holocaust

Swift, Jonathon

Gulliver's travels (Lilliput only)

I love the ingenuity with which the little Lilliputians meet the challenge of their giant

7- adult
satire, fantasy, allegory

Andrew Taylor

The invader

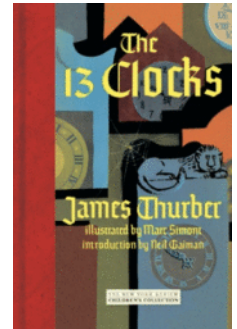
Thrillers for pupils just becoming aware that politics can be dangerous.

7-8
adventure

James Thurber

13 clocks Fantasy, fun

People have forgotten how funny James Thurber can be: both in his adult and children's books.



#*J. R. R. Tolkien

The Hobbit

Lord of the Rings

Ridding the world of a ring with terrible powers tests hobbit ingenuity

7 - adult
Fantasy adventure.
Fantasy adventure

Read on: Terry Brooks, David Eddings, Robert Jordan, Guy Gavriel Kay, C. S. Lewis, Philip Pullman, Michael S. Rohan, T. H. White, Tad Williams

Sue Townsend

Growing Pains of Adrian Mole

Secret Diary of Adrian Mole

aged 13 ¾

Yearning after Pandora, Adrian's scrapes become more crazy by the day.

8-10
Humour
Humour

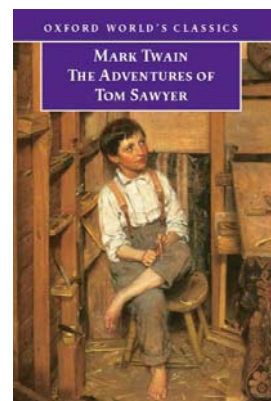
Mark Twain

Tom Sawyer

Prince and the Pauper

Tom is a rogue: full of scams like getting his friends to paint a fence for him..and pay him for the priviledge!

7 - 11
American boy, humour
Role swap, humour



Jean Ure

Tea Leaf on the Roof

Plague 99

A London author, whose novels often have an unusual twist.

7-9

Adventure

Survival

Rutgers Van der Loeff

Children on the Oregon Trail

7-9

Survival, U.S. settlers,
adventure*Could you make your way over the Rocky Mountains after your covered wagon is destroyed? Based on a true story.***#Verne, Jules**

*Around the World in 80 Days

*2000 Leagues Under the Sea

Journey to Centre of the Earth

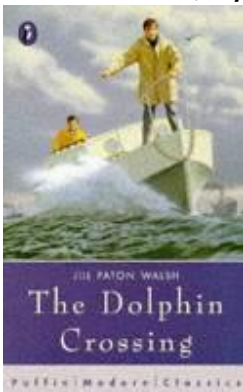
Scientists, especially geologists enjoy these detailed fictional excursions

7-adult

Balloon adventure

Adventure

Adventure

**Jill Paton Walsh**

A Parcel of Patterns

Dolphin Crossing

Brings history to life, especially the danger at Dunkirk

7-9

Eysham plague

World war II

Keith Waterhouse

8

Billy Liar

Some year 8s really enjoy this: at one point Billy finds himself engaged to three

advanced year

Humour

*women at the same time. He just can't tell the truth***H. G Wells**

*Time machine

*War of the worlds

This is the one which, when broadcast, had people running from their homes in panic.

8 - adult

Time travel

London, aliens

Kathryn WesleyThe 10th Kingdom*So popular that a pupil librarian bought a second copy for the library*

8 – adult

Fantasy

#Robert Westall 7-9

Machine Gunners The blitz



Rival gangs of teenagers search for war souvenirs, and find more than they bargained for

T. H. White

7-adult

*Sword in the stone Arthur/Fantasy/humour

Merlin educates Arthur by turning him into various animals

*Once and future king Sequel

Eric Williams

7-adult

Wooden horse Escape/ WWII

Also a classic film: prisoners use an exercise horse to conceal the tunnel.

Tad Williams

8 - adult

Child of an ancient city Fantasy

Read on: David Eddings, Robin Hobb, J.R.R. Tolkien

Henry Williamson

7 - adult

Tarka the otter Animal

Friendship between man and wild animal: good for naturalists

Nicholas Wilde

8-9

Death knell Crime/horror

Read on: James Watson

Oscar Wilde

5 - adult

Happy Prince Short stories

Jeanette Winterson

Tanglewreck

Time is going wrong, whisking people into the future and the past.

The Key is held by a Timekeeper, who has to be found before it runs out.

P. G. Wodehouse

8-adult

#Jeeves Humour

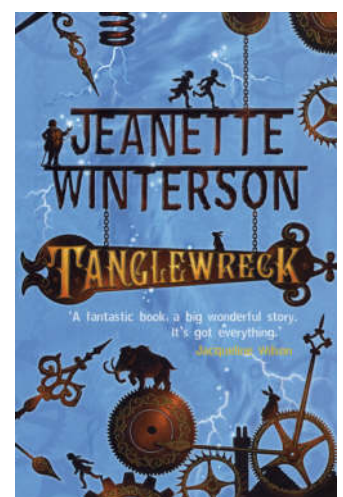
Jeeves is the butler who is constantly rescuing Bertie Wooster: a toff with a predilection for predicaments

John Wyndham

8 - adult

Day of the Triffids Science Fiction

Alien plant invasion



Rich Yancey

7-10

The extraordinary adventures of Alfred Kropp

*A high school boy steals Excalibur, and is chased by an ancient order of knights in hot cars, and a mysterious international organization**Humour, adventure, thriller, mixed with myth and legend.***Ben Zephaniah**

8+ only

Gansta Rap

Gangs, rap, London

Teacher

London, murder

www.benjaminzephaniah.com

You can send your poems to this website.

New titles 2008: *Which of these should be added to our list?***L. Brittney**

Nathan Fox: dangerous times

*Spies, fencing, acting thriller adventure in Elizabethan times.***Ben Jeapes**

The New World Order

*The Civil War has been infiltrated by aliens, who introduce technology from the future.***Elizabeth Laird**

Crusade

*Salim is a Moslem, apprenticed to a Jewish doctor in Jerusalem is required to serve the Sultan – just as the Christians attack, bringing a meeting with Adam, a Christian knight's servant. From the Carnegie shortlist.***Tanya Landman**

Apache

Siki is a 14 year old who wants to become a warrior to avenge her brother. From the Carnegie shortlist Perhaps too old???

Alan Temperley

Ratboy rats and the Surging Sea

Matt Whyman

Street Runners

Thriller, with magic and illusion, based in London tunnels. Possibly too racy for the reading list?

Rich Yancey

The extraordinary adventures of Alfred Kropp

A boy steals Excalibur, is chased by knights in hot cars, and a mysterious international organization.. while completing a mission, & settling a score. Humour, adventure, thriller, mixed with myth and legend.