

Artemis Fowl

Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius—and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories—they're dangerous! Full of unexpected twists and turns, *Artemis Fowl* is a riveting, magical adventure.

Ballet Shoes

Noel Streatfield

Ballet Shoes tells the story of three adopted orphans — Pauline, Petrova and Posy Fossil. Brought to 1930s London as babies by an eccentric explorer (Great Uncle Matthew, otherwise known as Gum), the girls have a comfortable life until the family begin to run out of money. Luckily they are all given places at the Children's Academy of Dancing and Stage Training and soon start to earn their own way as child performers on the stage.

The Demon Headmaster Gillian Cross

Dinah moves in with a new family and begins to go to school with her foster brothers Lloyd and Harvey. Dinah thinks that the school is rather strange and out-of-the-ordinary: pupils suddenly talk like robots and do weird things. She's sure the headmaster has some kind of power over them, and is determined to find out more. But the Demon Headmaster is equally determined to stop her.

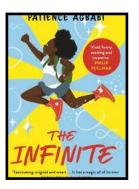
<u>Journey To The River Sea</u> Eva Ibbotson

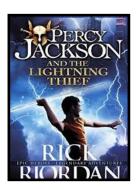
It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences.

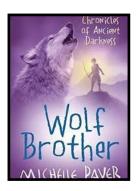
Warrior Cats

Erin Hunter

For generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to the laws laid down by their ancestors. But the warrior code is threatened, and the ThunderClan cats are in grave danger. The sinister ShadowClan grows stronger every day. Noble warriors are dying--and some deaths are more mysterious than others. In the midst of this turmoil appears an ordinary housecat named Rusty...who may turn out to be the bravest warrior of them all.











The Infinite

Patience Agbabi

Leaplings, children born on the 29th of February, are very rare. Rarer still are Leaplings with The Gift - the ability to leap through time. Elle Bíbi-Imbelé Ifíè has The Gift, but she's never used it. Until now. On her twelfth birthday, Elle and her best friend Big Ben travel to the Time Squad Centre in 2048. Elle has received a mysterious warning from the future. Other Leaplings are disappearing in time - and not everyone at the centre can be trusted.

Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson's life gets a lot more complicated when he learns he's the son of the Greek god Poseidon. At a training ground for the children of deities, Percy learns to harness his divine powers and prepare for the adventure of a lifetime: he must prevent a feud among the Olympians from erupting into a devastating war on Earth, and rescue his mother from the clutches of Hades, god of the underworld.

Wolf Brother

Michelle Paver

In pre-agricultural Europe, the hunter-gatherers of the Forest live in clans, each represented by a particular animal or life form. Torak and his father, of Wolf Clan, live together in the forest. During Torak's twelfth year, his father ("Fa") is killed by a bear which has been possessed by a demon.

Arrival

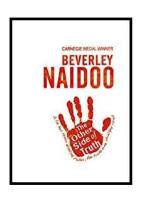
Shaun Tan

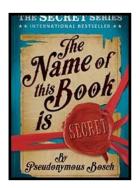
The Arrival is a migrant story told as a series of wordless images that might seem to come from a long forgotten time. A man leaves his wife and child in an impoverished town, seeking better prospects in an unknown country on the other side of a vast ocean. He is helped along the way by sympathetic strangers, each carrying their own unspoken history: stories of struggle and survival in a world of incomprehensible violence, upheaval and hope.

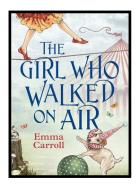
Skulduggery Pleasant

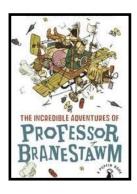
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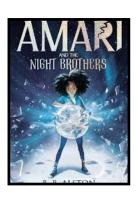
The story follows the characters Skulduggery Pleasant, an undead sorcerer and detective, with his partner *Stephanie*Edgley, who goes by the name Valkyrie Cain, and numerous magic-wielding allies as they try to prevent Nefarian Serpine from unleashing a weapon of terrible power on the world.











The Other Side of Truth

Beverley Naidoo.

This is the story of 12 year-old Sade and her brother Femi who flee to Britain from Nigeria. Their father is a political journalist who refuses to stop criticising the military rulers in Nigeria. Their mother is killed and they are sent to London, with their father promising to follow. Abandoned at Victoria Station by the woman paid to bring them to England as her children, Sade and Femi find themselves alone in a new, often hostile, environment.

<u>The Name of this Book....</u> Pseudonymous Bosch

When intrepid friends Cass and Max-Ernest set out to discover the history behind the mysterious Symphony of Smells, they become embroiled in an experiment to discover the secret of eternal youth. Together they must come up with a plan to rescue their classmate from a hideous fate and escape the eerie pyramid of dastardly villains The Midnight Sun.

The Girl Who Walked on Air Emma Carroll

All the excitement of the circus is captured in this exciting story about one girl's exceptional talent and tenacity as she does everything she can to become the new star of the show. Everyone knows 'the bigger the danger, the bigger the crowd' so it is no surprise that Monsieur Mercury, the most daring of trapeze artists, will bring in a huge crowd. When Jasper has a terrible accident Louie begs for a chance to show off her amazing tightrope walking skills. But will anyone allow her to perform?

The Incredible Adventures of... Norman Hunter

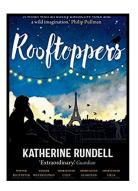
The wonderfully nutty, fabulously entertaining mishaps of Professor Branestawm. He's madly sane and cleverly dotty. Professor Branestawm is the most absent-minded inventor you'll ever meet and no matter how hard he tries his brilliant ideas never seem to keep him out of crazy scrapes.

Amari And The Night Brothers B.B Alston

Amari Peters knows three things. Her big brother Quinton has gone missing. No one will talk about it. His mysterious job holds the secret . . . So when Amari gets an invitation to the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain this is her chance to find Quinton. But first she has to get her head around the new world of the Bureau, where mermaids, aliens and magicians are real, and her roommate is a weredragon.











Stormbreaker

Antony Horowiitz

Alex Rider is a British teenager, whom MI6 recruits into its ranks, for his skills as a linguist, scuba diver, sharpshooter and martial artist are perfect for a career in espionage; his first assignment is to investigate billionaire Darrius Sayle who may have a nefarious motive for his recent donation of megacomputers to all of England's schools.

H.I.V.E.

Mark Walden

Otto Malpense may only be thirteen years old, but so far he has managed to run the orphanage where he lives, and he has come up with a plan clever enough to trick the most powerful man in the country. He is the perfect candidate to become the world's next supervillain. That is why he ends up at H.I.V.E, a school where he can be trained, along with other children, to become a master criminal.

Rooftoppers

Katherine Rundell

Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. Found floating in a cello case she is the only recorded female survivor of a shipwreck on the English Channel. But Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help. Sophie, and her eccentric guardian Charles, travel to Victorian Paris and there she meets other intrepid orphans. Here they encounter suspense and adventure on the roofs of the city.

<u>Wonder</u>

R.J Palacio

August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school - until now. He's about to start 5th grade at Beecher Prep, and if you've ever been the new kid then you know how hard that can be. The thing is Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances?

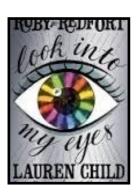
The Thornthwaite Inheritance Gareth P.Jones

Ovid and Lorelli Thornthwaite have been trying to kill each other for so long that neither twin can remember which act of attempted murder came first. But whoever struck first, trying to take each other's lives is simply what they do. Until one day a lawyer arrives at their house to take stock of its contents, and his accompanying son attracts their attention. Soon a new battle evolves - one in which the twins have to work together to solve the mystery of their parents' deaths











Who let the Gods Out

Maz Evans

Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help

Time Travelling with a Hamster Ross Welford

On Al Chaudhury's twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al's late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's <u>life. Al</u> soon discovers that time travel requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, setting his school on fire and ignoring philosophical advice from Grandpa Byron. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer...

Alastair Humphreys' Great Adventurers

In these stories hand-selected by Alastair Humphreys, read about the incredible journeys undertaken by twenty of the most heroic and impressive explorers who ever lived. A wide-spread selection of explorers from young to old, male to female and with a range of abilities, these explorers crossed land, sea and sky in the name of adventure.

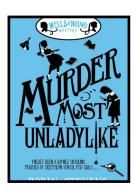
Ruby Redfort: Look into my Eyes Lauren Child

Ruby Redfort is no ordinary 13 year-old school girl. Blessed with an extraordinary talent for spotting things which others seldom notice, she lands an undercover job as a code-breaker for secret -spy organisation, Spectrum. This is the beginning of a codecracking quest in which Ruby attempts to thwart the plans of the evil 'Fools Gold Gang' to steal a priceless historic artefact.

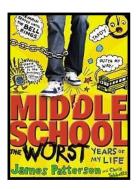
<u>Ingo</u>

Helen Dunmore

Sapphire's father mysteriously vanishes into the waves off the Cornwall coast . She misses him , and she longs to hear his tales about the Mer, who live in the underwater kingdom of Ingo. Perhaps that is why she imagines herself being pulled like a magnet toward the sea. But when her brother, Conor, starts disappearing for hours on end, Sapphy starts to believe she might not be the only one who hears the call of the ocean.











<u>Murder Most Unladylike</u> Robin Stevens

How do you solve a murder with no body when nobody even realises that a murder has taken place? Such is the task facing the Wells & Wong Detective Society - Deepdean School's most secret society. Society Secretary Hazel Wong found mistress Miss Bell's dead body in the gym. But by the time she returned with President Daisy Wells, Miss Bell's body has disappeared.

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit Judith Kerr

Suppose your country began to change. Suppose that without your noticing, it became dangerous for some people to live in Germany any longer. That is what happened to Anna in 1933. She was nine-years-old when it began, too busy with her schoolwork and tobogganing to take much notice of political posters, but out of them glared the face of Adolf Hitler, the man who would soon change the whole of Europe - starting with her own small life.

Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life

James Patterson

Rafe is bored at Hills Village Middle School with sixth grade at first, but he and his friend Leonardo the Silent invent "Operation R.A.F.E." (stands for "rules aren't for everyone"), a challenge to break every rule in his middle school handbook. This is a great book to move onto if you have loved reading 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'.

Kaspar Prince of Cats Michael Morpurgo

Although this book is called Kaspar Prince of Cats, the story's really about a boy called Johnny Trott who works at a posh hotel in London. He relies on his job as he's an orphan and works really hard. Prince Kaspar Kandinsky, Prince of Cats, comes to stay with his interesting owner Countess Kandinsky

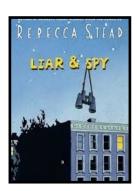
<u>The Goldfish Boy</u> Lisa Thompson

12-year-old Matthew Corbin hasn't been to school for weeks. He passes much of his time observing the goings-on of the local neighbourhood from his bedroom window. He even makes little notes about neighbours' movements. Their everyday activity is nothing out of the ordinary. Until, that is, a toddler goes missing, and Matthew realises he may be one of the few people who can help shed some light on the disappearance.











London Eye Mystery

Siobhan Dowd

Ted and his older sister Kat arrange to take Salim on the London Eye but although they watch him go up in a pod, he never comes down again. Salim is missing. Ted's analytical mind becomes an asset as he and Kat piece together the information surrounding their cousin's disappearance and begin to unravel the mystery.

The Girl Who Speaks Bear Sophie Anderson

Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from. She tries to ignore the strange whispers and looks from the villagers, wishing she was as strong on the inside as she is on the outside. But, when she has to flee her house, she embarks on a journey far beyond one that she ever imagined, meeting an ever-growing herd of extraordinary friends along the way.

<u>The Trials Of Morrigan Crow</u> Jessica Townsend

Morrigan Crow is cursed. Having been born on Eventide, the unluckiest day for any child to be born, she's blamed for all local misfortunes, from hailstorms to heart attacks - and, worst of all, the curse means that Morrigan is doomed to die at midnight on her eleventh birthday

Liar and Spy

Rebecca Stead

This is a story about spies, games, and friendship. Seventh grader Georges moves into a Brooklyn apartment building and meets Safer, a twelve-year-old self-appointed spy. Georges becomes Safer's first spy recruit. His assignment? Tracking the mysterious Mr. X, who lives in the apartment upstairs.

The Last Wild

Piers Torday

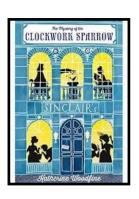
The Last Wild is a book that is set in the future where almost all the animals have died from a disease called The Red Eye. It is about a boy called Kester who is mute but has discovered that he can communicate with animals.











Brightstorm

Vashti Hardy

A fast-paced fantasy adventure that will set your imagination soaring! Twins Arthur and Maudie Brightstorm receive word in Lontown that their famous explorer father has died in a failed attempt to reach the southernmost point in the world. Not only that, but he has been accused of stealing fuel before he died!

Cogheart

Peter Bunzl

When 13-year-old Lily's inventor father vanishes after a Zeppelin crash, Lily's determined to hunt down the truth behind his disappearance, helped by Robert, the local clockmaker's son, and her wily mechanical fox Malkin.

Tom's Midnight Garden

Philippa Pearce

A teenage boy is sent to live with an uncle and aunt while his sick brother recovers at home. He finds that their clock always strikes thirteen at midnight at which point the litter-strewn alleyways outside become a wonderful garden paradise.

The Wild Robot

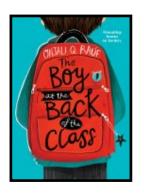
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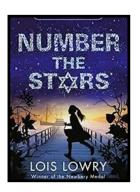
When robot Roz crash lands on an island, she's forced to fight for survival. The only way Roz can live is by learning about her new environment from the island's hostile animal inhabitants. But when she finds herself taking care of a baby goose, all the animals pitch in and teach Roz how to thrive in this new world.

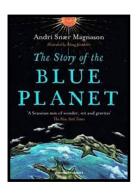
The Clockwork Sparrow Ka

Katherine Woodfine

Just before the store is due to open, there is a daring burglary, including the theft of the priceless Clockwork Sparrow. When Sophie herself becomes a suspect, the only solution is to solve the mystery of the clockwork sparrow. Her friends Lil and Billy help her to solve the crime.











The Boy at the Back of the Class

Onjali Q Rauf

There used to be an empty chair at the back of Mrs. Khan's classroom, but on the third Tuesday of the school year a new kid fills it: nine-year-old Ahmet, a Syrian refugee. After learning that Ahmet fled a Very Real War and was separated from his family along the way, a determined group of his classmates bands together to concoct the Greatest Idea in the World--a magnificent plan to reunite Ahmet with his loved ones.

Number the Stars

Lois Lowry

As German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her by pretending she's part of the family. Then, through Annemarie's eyes, readers watch as the Danish Resistance smuggles almost the entire Jewish population of Denmark — nearly 7,000 people — across the sea to Sweden.

The Story of the Blue Planet

Andri Snær Magnason

Brimir and Hulda are best friends who live on a small island on a beautiful blue planet where there are only children and no adults. One day a rocket ship piloted by a strange-looking adult named Gleesome Goodday crashes on the beach and their idyllic existence starts to change...

King Bones

Chris Hallatt Wells

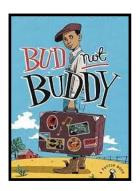
When Danny's parents are imprisoned for stealing the Crown Jewels, he is sent to live with his evil aunty Ratbag in the grim town of Greezy. Aunty Ratbag is feeling a little rusty in the ancient art of being evil—till Danny arrives! How will Danny survive being the most hated child in England and living with Aunty Ratbag? Then, in the murky town of Greezy, he meets King Bones and King Bones has a mission for Danny...

Dark Lord : The Teenage Years Jamie Thomson

Thirteen-year-old schoolboy, Dirk Lloyd, has a dark secret - in fact he is a dark secret. ... And when he is found, and tries to explain that he is the Dark Lord, an evil warlord from another dimension, people think he means Dirk Lloyd. The fact that he's trapped in the puny body of a schoolboy doesn't help.











Fake

Ele Fountain

Imagine a world where your only friends are virtual, and big tech companies control access to food, healthcare and leisure. This is Jess's world. But when she turns fourteen, Jess can go to school with other children for the first time. Most of them hate the 'real' world, but Jess begins to question whether the digital world is 'perfect' after all.

Talking To The Moon

S.E. Durrant

Iris's grandmother, Mimi, has started to put jam on her scrambled eggs and tie blue ribbons around her fingers to remind her of stuff. Her house, always full of things, is becoming harder and harder to navigate, and when Iris goes to stay, she feels as if a whole life is becoming muddled up. As her grandmother's memory fades, a mystery is uncovered. Who is Coral, and what happened to her?

<u>Bud, Not Buddy</u> Christopher Paul Curtis

Bud is a motherless boy on the run. He's determined to find his father but doesn't really know where to start. The only clue his late mother left him was a bunch of flyers about Herman E Calloway and his famous jazz band, the Dusky Devastators of the Depression! Bud's search for his dad is a tough one but just occasionally he hits a note as high as even the Dusky Devastators can play!

<u>Malamander</u>

Thomas Taylor

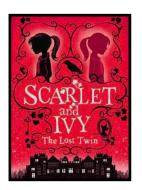
Herbert Lemon knows that returning lost things to their rightful owners is not easy . No one knows what happened to Violet Parma's parents twelve years ago, and when she engages Herbie to help her find them, the pair discover that their disappearance might have something to do with the legendary seamonster, the Malamander. Eerie-on-Sea is a strange place and it just got stranger...

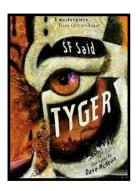
Anne of Green Gables

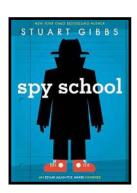
L..M. Montgomery

This treasured coming-of-age story chronicles the journey of a little red-headed orphan, Anne Shirley. Anne Shirley is just eleven-years-old when she is mistakenly sent to the Cuthbert's Farm in place of the boy they requested. Aging siblings, Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert, decide to give the orphan a chance and agree to let her stay so long as she helps with the farmwork. How will she settle in to this new life?











The Silver Sword Ian Seraillier

The silver sword is only a paper knife but it gives Jan and his friends hope. Hungry, cold, and afraid, the four children try to stay alive among the ruins of bombed cities in war-torn Europe. Soon they will begin the long and dangerous journey south, from Poland to Switzerland, where they hope to find their parents again.

Scarlet and Ivy Sophie Cleverly

A spine-tingling mystery set in a creepily atmospheric boarding school. Ivy must uncover the secrets behind her twin sister Scarlet's disappearance before it's too late. When troublesome Scarlet mysteriously disappears from Rookwood School, terrifying Miss Fox invites her quiet twin sister Ivy to 'take her place'.

Tyger S.F.Said

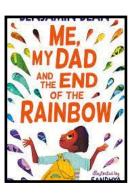
Adam has found something incredible in a rubbish dump in London. A mysterious, mythical, magical animal. A TYGER. And the tyger is in danger. Adam and his friend Zadie are determined to help, but it isn't just the tyger's life at stake. Their whole world is on the verge of destruction. Can they learn to use their powers before it's too late?

Spy School Stuart Gibbs

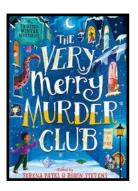
Ben Ripley may only be in middle school, but he's already pegged his dream job: C.I.A. So he's thrilled when he's recruited to the C.I.A.'s top secret Academy of Espionage. Only, it turns out, Ben hasn't been brought in because the C.I.A. expects him to succeed. Instead, he's been brought in as bait to catch a dangerous enemy agent. Now, Ben needs to step up his game before he ends up dead. Can he solve the crime, get the girl and save the day? Maybe not, but it'll be fun to watch him try!

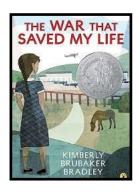
Stars With Flaming Tails Valerie Bloom

This soaring collection speaks to all realms of human experience, and does so beautifully. Bloom divides her poems into relatable themes, including Family and Friends and Our World, as well as dedicating an entire section to Fun with Forms, exploring a wide variety of poetic forms and alerting the reader to the range of communicative opportunities that poetry provides.











Me, My Dad And The End Of The Rainbow

Benjamin Dean

Archie Albright's parents are splitting up. So far, so unhappily normal - but Archie senses his parents are hiding something from him. His mother seems angry but also sad, and yet his parents still seem to care for each other. It's only when he overhears them arguing that he learns the truth – his dad is gay.

Pages and Co Anna James

Since her mother's disappearance, eleven-year-old Tilly has found comfort in stories at Pages & Co., her grandparents' bookshop. But when her favourite characters, Anne of Green Gables and Alice from Wonderland, appear in the shop, Tilly's adventures become very real. Not only can she follow Anne and Alice into their thrilling worlds, she discovers she can bookwander into any story she chooses.

The Very Merry Murder Club

A collection of wintery crime and mystery stories by thirteen of the most exciting and diverse authors in children's books today! Co-edited by Serena Patel, the award-winning author of the Anisha: Accidental Detective series and by Robin Stevens, author of the bestselling Murder Most Unladylike series.

The War That Saved My Life Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him. So begins a new adventure for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime?

A Tale Dark And Grimm

Adam Gidwitz

READER: BEWARE. Warlocks with dark spells, hunters with deadly aim, and bakers with ovens retrofitted for cooking children lurk within these pages. But if you dare, turn the page and learn the true story of Hansel and Gretel - the story behind the bread crumbs, edible houses and outwitted witches. Warning: there are gory scenes in this book. Though this is recommended for a 9+ readership it's definitely not for the faint of heart.