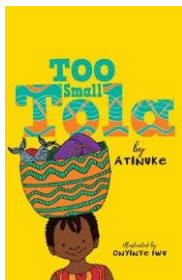


Education Library Service Recommended Primary Fiction Summer Term 2020



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Too Small Tola

Walker Pbk £5.99 9781406388916
Interest age: 6+ Reading age: 7+

Three short stories about Tola a young small Nigerian girl who lives in a run-down block of flats in the city of Lagos. Tola lives with her bossy Grandmummy, clever older sister Moji, and very fast older brother Dapo. Tola sees a small old lady stand up to a boy you do not mess with. She proves to be stronger than her height suggests and carries home a heavy basket of food from the market. Describes Nigerian life well and gives a real sense of community.

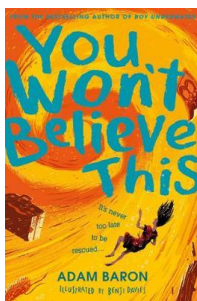


Bailey, Susanna

Snow Foal

Egmont Pbk £6.99 9781405294935
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Addie is 11 and goes to stay with a foster family on a remote Exmoor farm in the middle of winter as her mum is struggling with alcoholism and has been hospitalised. Addie is unhappy with the situation and is full of hurt, anger and mistrusts everyone. She helps rescue a wild foal from the moorland snow and the two form a bond. The foal comes to trust Addie and she wants to help him. An animal story but has a very positive view of fostering with realistic characters and a well rounded ending.

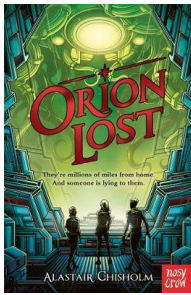


Baron, Adam

You won't believe this

HarperCollins Pbk £6.99 9780008267049
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

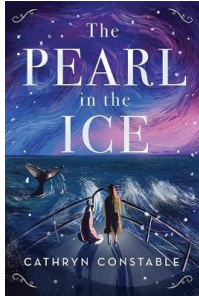
9-year-old Cymbeline is in trouble. Someone is playing cruel tricks on his teacher, and everyone thinks it is him. He needs to find out who is doing it, especially after his best friend Veronique has confessed to the crimes. Cymbeline is worried about Veronique as her grandma is dangerously ill. She has stopped eating and Cymbeline is certain it is connected to her arrival in Britain many years earlier as a boat person from Vietnam. Will he manage to solve both mysteries before something really awful happens? Poignant story with touches of humour and well-drawn characters. Follows on from "Boy underwater" but not necessary to have read first.



Chisholm, Alastair Orion Lost

Nosy Crow Pbk £6.99 9781788005920
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

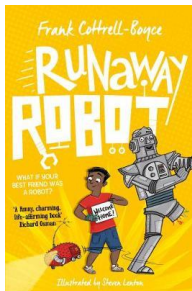
The transport ship Orion is four months out of Earth bound with settlers for a new planet when there is an "Event" which damages the ship and leaves everyone on board in cryogenic sleep. Ship wakes a crew of 6 young people. It is now up to thirteen-year-old Beth and her compatriots to work together and navigate to safety with a heavily-damaged ship, space pirates on the hunt, a mysterious alien species who may or may not be hostile, and the artificial intelligence of Ship who may not be trustworthy. What can possibly go wrong! Excellent space adventure with many twists and turns to keep the reader gripped.



Constable, Cathryn The Pearl in the Ice

Chicken House Pbk £6.99 9781912626519
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

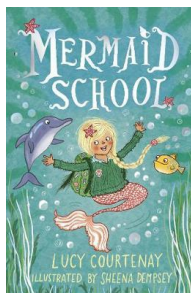
Marina's father, a naval captain, has spent little time at home during her 12 years, even after her mother had mysteriously left the family home. When her father goes off on a secret voyage to the frozen north as her country prepares for war, Marina stows away on his ship. When Marina is discovered, she then has to work as part of the crew and finds out how tough sea voyages can be. But once at their destination on Pechorinn Island, Marina goes in search of her father once more and finds the answer to more than one mystery. Excellent adventure with a well-handled mystery element to keep the reader hooked.



Cottrell-Boyce, Frank Runaway Robot

Macmillan Pbk £6.99 9781509887910
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

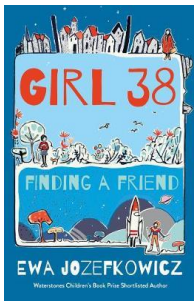
Alfie skips off school and visits the airport, but when he's accosted by a member of staff his artificial hand gets detached which causes quite a shock! Alfie then looks for it in the airport lost property where he finds a giant old robot called Eric hidden on the shelves. Eric has lost a leg as well as some memory. Eric is strong and clumsy but there is a ban on humanoid robots, so it is up to Alfie to save him from the scrap heap. A humorous romp of a story which deals with serious issues too; robots, disability, loneliness, coming to terms with a life changing event. New in paperback.



Courtenay, Lucy Mermaid School

Andersen Pbk £6.99 9781783448302
Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 8+

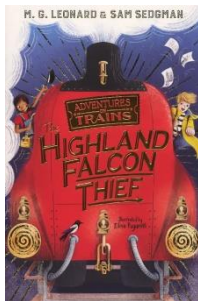
Marnie Blue has just started Mermaid School and things aren't going very well for her. Some of the teachers think she is a troublemaker like her famous aunt Christabel Blue, and Orla, one of the girls in her class has taken a dislike to her and keeps getting her into trouble. When Orla goes missing, Marnie shows how loyal and brave she can be by overcoming her fear of seahorses and riding to the rescue. This has a likeable lead character and some thoughtful touches which should make it popular. First in series.



ozefkowicz, Ewa Girl 38: Find a Friend

Zephyr Pbk £6.99 9781786698988
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 9+

Kat is 12-years-old and loves working on her super-heroine comic, Girl 38 - the girl she longs to be like. But she's not brave or fearless. She is too scared of her friend Gem to stand up to her when she begins a hate campaign against the new boy. She is also slightly scared of her elderly neighbour Ania. When she helps Ania after a fall, Kat becomes friends with her, and learns all about Ania's brave past in WWII Poland. As a result Kat realises that the time has come for her to stand up to Gem. Past and present are interwoven well and there is good characterisation with plenty of suspense.



Leonard, M G The Highland Falcon Thief

Macmillan Pbk £6.99 9781529013061
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

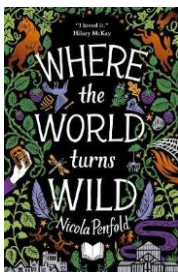
11 year old Hal accompanies his travel writer uncle on the last voyage of the royal steam train The Highland Falcon. At first Hal finds it boring, but then, on the way up to Scotland to pick up the Prince and Princess who are to travel in the royal carriage, an expensive brooch is stolen. There is a thief on the train! Together with Lenny Singh, the train driver's daughter, Hal sets out to solve the mystery. There are clues littered throughout the book for the readers, and plenty of illustrations. A gripping mystery with likeable characters. First in a series.



McLaughlin, Tom The Day I started a mega robot Invasion

Walker Pbk £6.99 978140638964
Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8+

Molly has homework to do, but as she likes science and engineering builds a robot to do it for her. However, the robot decides to make another robot and this robot makes another one. Soon there are lots of robots running around town causing chaos. Molly plans to shut them all down to stop the robot invasion. Good fun story for lower KS2, similar to the Sorcerer's apprentice. Easy to read. Would also be good for fake news!



Penfold, Nicola Where the World turns Wild

Little Tiger Pbk £6.99 9781788951524
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

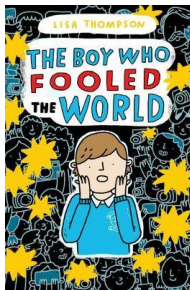
Juniper Greene lives with her gran and younger brother in a walled city in the future. Nature has been banned and is left outside the city following a deadly disease years earlier. Most folk in the city are content with their life but Juniper and her brother Bear know about nature, the wild and the resistance (as their parents are there). They dream of being reunited. One day Bear is forced to have a blood test at school and gran believes it is to see if the children are immune to the disease. Juniper and Bear decide to leave, journeying the 300 miles across the Wild to their parents. A gripping dystopian adventure debut novel. Great characters and compelling style.



Sami, Annabelle The Missing Diamonds

Stripes Pbk £6.99 9781788952064
Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 9+

Zaiba, her parents, younger brother Ali and best friend Poppy are all attending her cousin's Mehndi party at a posh hotel. Zaiba loves mysteries ever since her Aunt Fouzia, a famous detective in Pakistan, introduced her to a series of detective stories which inspired her aunt as a child. Zaiba and Poppy are therefore excited to learn that the hotel they are staying in was used as the location in one of the stories. It isn't long before a valuable jewel goes missing and Zaiba, Ali and Poppy follow the clues to find the thief. First in a light-hearted series with strong BAME characters that is more likely to be popular with girls.



Thompson, Lisa The Boy who fooled the World

Scholastic Pbk £6.99 9781407185132
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Cole comes from a family which struggles to make ends meet, so often feels the odd one out. One day a famous artist, who was a former pupil, comes to his school and asks Cole's class to do a painting. She really likes Cole's painting, takes it to her gallery, and it is sold for £1,000. She asks if he'll do more paintings. Cole feels the pressure of trying to paint and tries lots of times but tells a lie about his second painting. When the truth is discovered things come crashing down around him. A compelling read about an everyday family.



Walker, Dan The Light Hunters

UCLAN Pbk £7.99 9781912979103
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Lux is a 12-year-old boy who is a Light-healer. His Mum, Dad and sister died in a monster attack, so he lives with his Grandad, the local clock repairer. Light healing is not allowed where he lives, so he keeps his gift secret. That is until his best friend Maya is injured in a monster attack and then Lux uses his power to heal her. This brings him to the attention of a shadowy figure who wants Lux to join him, but Lux feels this man is evil. Lux becomes part of the Light Hunters who want to save Lux's town from a monster. A fast-paced and compelling read.

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