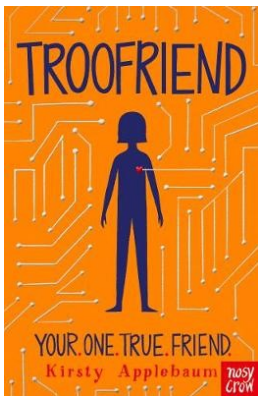


## Education Library Service Recommended Primary Fiction Autumn Term 2020



**Applebaum, Kirsty      Troofriend**

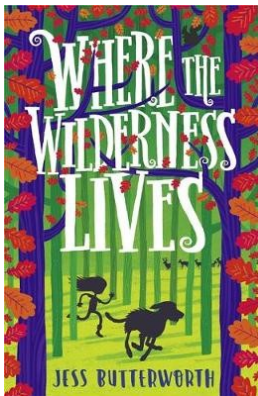
Nosy Crow      Pbk      6.99      9781788003476  
Interest age:      10+      Reading age:      10+

Imagine having the perfect friend, one who never steals, lies or bullies. Now you can, with the Troofriend 560, the latest in artificial intelligence! What can go wrong with a robot buddy?

Sarah's parents buy her a Troofriend Robot, at first Sarah is unsure, however over time Sarah begins to really enjoy having 'Ivy' as a friend. But things start to change as 'Ivy' begins to develop human emotions and feelings.

An intriguing story, suitable for both boys and girls. Could generate discussion about friendship and behaviour.

Useful for reading groups, Robot projects and Reading for Pleasure.



**Butterworth, Jess      Where the wilderness lives**

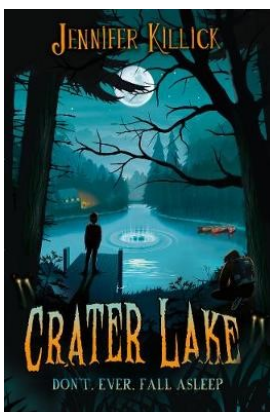
Hachette      Pbk      6.99      9781510105508  
Interest age:      9+      Reading age:      9+

A compelling adventure story.

Cara is the oldest of 4 children. They live on a narrow boat. Cara doesn't really fit in at school (& is teased for living on a barge) yet is really close to all her family who live with their Mum. One of her brothers is deaf and has a hearing dog. They find a safe in a part of the canal which is being dredged and take home. Their Mum is admitted to hospital after a freak accident and the 4 children are chased for the safe. They flee, travelling as far as possible by boat to get to their Dad's hut in a forest in Wales.

When a snowstorm comes Cara must leave the others to find help.

An unlikely story, which I found gripping! Great Characters who must be resilient.



**KILLICK, Jennifer      Crater lake**

Firefly      Pbk      6.99      9781913102203  
Interest age:      9+      Reading age:      10+

When Lance and the rest of Year Six arrive at the brand new Crater Lake activity centre they meet a mysterious bloodstained man who stops their coach. But things just keep getting weirder, as this is just the beginning of the school trip from hell; a fight for survival that sees Lance and his best friends battle to save themselves and their classmates from an alien fate far worse than death. But whatever happens, they must Never. Ever. Fall asleep!

Superb alien horror thriller, with very engaging relatable characters and a narrative that grips the reader from the start. Horror elements are appropriate to the reading age. One or two instances of very mild swearing such as "hell" but appropriate to the action.



**Kirtley, Sophie      The Wild Way Home**

Bloomsbury      Pbk      6.99      9781526616289  
Interest age:      9                      Reading age:      9

Charlie has always longed for a younger brother or sister and is very excited when one is due around his 12th birthday. When Dara, his baby brother is born with a problem with his heart Charlie runs out of the hospital and into the nearby wood, where he regularly plays with his friends. However, he has somehow found his way into the same wood during the Stone Age. An adventure story about Charlie learning about how to survive in Stone Age times and finding his way home to the family he loves and accepting his baby brother's condition.

An adventure story of courage, family and the Stone Age. Well written, easy to read and will be useful for projects, reading for pleasure and book groups.



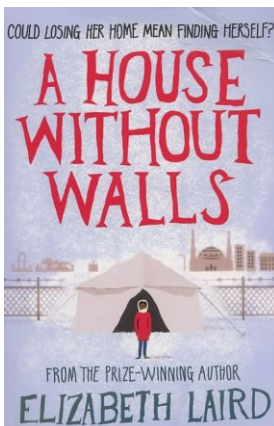
**LACEY, Josh      Hope Jones saves the World**

Andersen      Pbk      6.99      9781783449279  
Interest age:      9+                      Reading age:      9+

Hope Jones is ten years old. She is worried about the state of the world/environment and the overuse of plastic. She makes a New Year's resolution is to give up plastic, and she's inspiring others to do the same with her website [hopejonessavestheworld.com](http://hopejonessavestheworld.com). She realises all the plastic which is on goods at the local supermarket and is determined to try to change the situation.

Mainly a story about Hope and her passion and commitment to reduce plastic. There is some useful information included too e.g. how to make homemade toilet cleaner with baking soda & vinegar.

Useful for the demand on plastics pollution for upper KS2/KS3

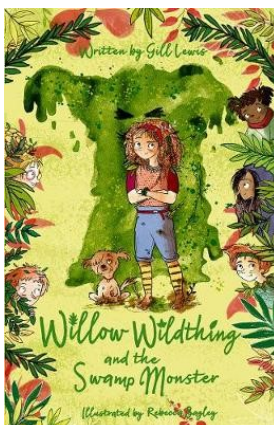


**LAIRD, Elizabeth      A house without walls**

Macmillan      Pbk      6.99      9781509828241  
Interest age:      10+                      Reading age:      10+

Thirteen-year-old Safiya and her family have been driven out of Syria by civil war and are given refuge in a family member's compound in Jordan. Safiya struggles to adjust to her new life living in a tent, cooking and cleaning for the men, no longer going to school and having very little money. Meanwhile, she also becomes fixated with finding her long lost twin sister who she finds out is now also living in Jordan.

Very easy to read story with plenty of detail about life in the Middle East. The characters are well-drawn and relatable and the narrative is believable. However, it is not really a leisure read and the narrative style feels a little as if it is written for purpose. Useful for refugee projects.



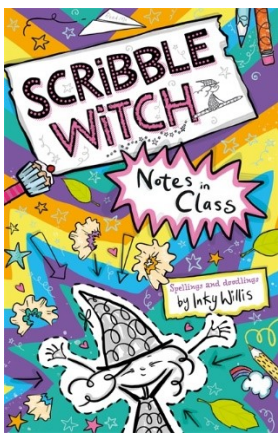
**LEWIS, Gill      Willow Wildthing and the swamp monster**

OUP      Pbk      5.99      9780192771759  
Interest age:      7+                      Reading age:      7+

Willow has moved to a new town and begins to explore the waste ground beyond her garden when she meets a group of children who call themselves The Wild Things. They grudgingly include her in their search for a monster who has destroyed their den and possibly captured their missing friend, but this soon becomes an imaginative adventure discovering strange and mysterious things in the Wilderness.

Super tale for newly confident readers with excellent characterisation and well described environment with appropriate levels of jeopardy to keep the readers hooked. It captures the imagination of children's explorer spirit very well. Could make a good reading group book for Year3. First in series.





**Willis, Inky**

**Scribble Witch – Notes in class**

Hachette Pbk 6.99 9781444951653  
Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 8+

Molly's best friend tells her she is moving to another school & Molly is shocked and upset. Notes, a small paper witch, appears. She writes notes for everything and befriends Molly. She has Molly's best intentions at heart but not everything she does is helpful, and she gets Molly into trouble with her teacher. Easy to read Wimpy Kid style with comic illustrations throughout. Useful for reluctant readers, especially girls.



**WOODS, Matilda**

**Otto Tattercoat and the forest of lost things**

Scholastic Pbk 6.99 9781407184913  
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Otto and his mother move to the frozen city of Holdeldorf but she disappears the following day. Otto searches everywhere for her but is then tricked in to joining the child workforce in a boot polish factory. However, a group of homeless children known as the Tattercoats decide to rescue him. But once out of the factory, Otto still hasn't found his mother. Maybe if he and his friends search the mysterious Forest of Lost Things outside the City they will have success. But dare they enter the forest? What magical beasts lurk there to trap them?

Fairytale-style narrative with a large cast of characters including some grotesque baddies. Excellent characterisation of the key players and the children are relatable. Easy to read, with short chapters and fast moving plot with many twists and turns that keeps the reader hooked. However, the fairytale nature of the plot may not suit all readers.



**WOOLFE, Angela**

**Roxy & Jones: the great fairytale coverup**

Walker Pbk 6.99 9781406391374  
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

12 year old Roxy is living a fairly dull life with her sister in the capital city of Illustria. But this all changes when she discovers a secret tunnel from her bathroom to the basement of the Ministry for Soup, and meets a girl called Jones who is hunting for lost relics of the Cursed Kingdom. Roxy soon discovers that the fairytales she grew up with were actually the recent history of her country, that magic and witches do exist, and there is a very real evil queen out to turn the land back to wickedness. So begins a madcap adventure as Roxy accompanies Jones on her quest.

Great fun adventure tale which would best suit the girls. Good characterisation, plenty of humour and appropriate levels of jeopardy. Super leisure read.

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