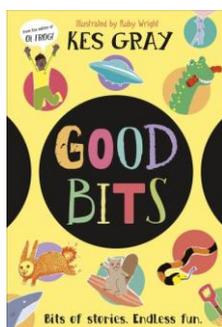


## Recommended Primary Books

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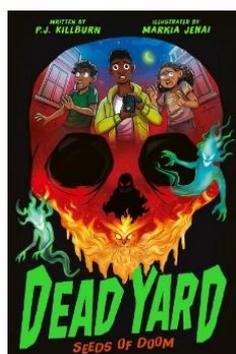
Gray, Kes                      Good Bits  
Penguin              Pbk      £8.99                      9780241720608  
Interest age:    6+              Reading age:    6+

Collection of original short stories which are fast-paced, action-packed and cover a wide variety of themes with some quite wacky content. Plenty of colour illustrations and a clever use of typography makes the stories approachable. Intended to stimulate children to read for pleasure, as well as to write their own stories.



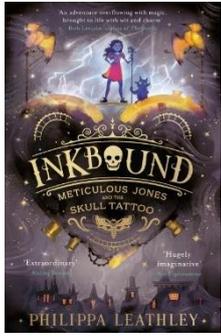
Ho-Yen, Polly                      When the Storm Comes  
Knights of                      Pbk      £7.99                      9781915820068  
Interest age:    9+                      Reading age:    9+

Mali, Jonesey, Fara and Petey are reluctantly gathered in the library at school on a Friday afternoon. They're not friends and they each have reasons they don't want to be there. Outside, the bad weather steadily worsens. Soon they are trapped in the school, surrounded by water with no way to get out, no way to contact the outside world and no food, with only their very pregnant teacher and the school caretaker for company. But, pulling together may be the only way out of the situation. Brilliant friendship and relationship drama with lots of jeopardy and brave exploits. The characters are very believable and relatable, and you really root for them and feel their emotional highs and lows. Super leisure read which could also make a good group read.



Killburn, P J                      Seeds of Doom  
Little Tiger                      Pbk      £7.99                      9781788957649  
Interest age:    8+                      Reading age:    8+

When Jermaine's great-great uncle Carl dies, the family hold a Dead Yard for him with music, tons of people and lots of food. But, Jermaine can't resist the food, so sneaks some just before midnight, which causes his great-great uncle to haunt him. To make matters worse, all the local children are suffering for a mysterious illness which sounds like they've been cursed by an evil ghost from Jamaican legend. Jermaine's ghost uncle Carl may just be able to help solve the mystery and save the children. Entertaining mild horror tale with plenty of jeopardy and humour to engage young readers.

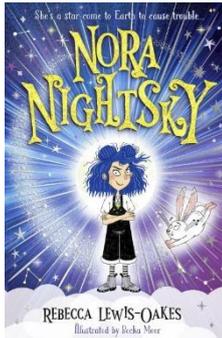


Leathley, Philippa                      Meticulous Jones and the Skull Tattoo

Harper Collins   Pbk     £7.99                      9780008660956

Interest age:   9+            Reading age:   9+

On her tenth birthday, Meticulous 'Metty' Jones receives her fate in the form of a magical tattoo on her hand. She hopes that her tattoo will reveal an exciting destiny but what appears is a skull indicating her fate is to be a murderer. Then when Metty's father disappears in mysterious circumstances, her aunt takes her to the glittering magical city of New London. But when Metty hears rumours of a shadowy organisation known as the Black Moths, she begins to suspect they are connected to her own dark fate. Exciting magical adventure with a cast of engaging characters and a very plucky central character in Metty who readers will really root for.



Lewis-Oakes, Rebecca                      Nora Nightsky

Scholastic        Pbk     £6.99                      9780702341533

Interest age:   7+            Reading age:   7+

Nora Nightsky is a star and is supposed to grant wishes for humans. But Nora doesn't think very much of wish-granting and thinks humans should solve their own problems. So, when one day Olivia wishes on Nora for the first time, asking for a pet, Nora rebels against the rules, and sneaks down to Earth to give the girl a piece of her mind! But, will Nora agree to help Olivia with a cunning plan and lots of mischief before her stardust runs out and she is trapped on Earth?



Montgomery, Ross                      Small Wonder

Walker            Pbk     £7.99                      9781529526127

Interest age:   10+            Reading age:   9+

Tick has always lived with Grandfather in a small cabin where the great forest meets the sea. But now grandfather is gone, and it is up to him to look after his little brother leaf and their horse Pebble. But, suddenly Tick discovers an enemy kingdom invasion force, and a deadly Hunter searching for him. There is no time to lose. Tick now has six days to ride across the country to King's Keep and warn the king. But, danger and enemies are everywhere, and the winter weather is closing in, will Tick make it in time, and what sort of welcome will he receive? Superb quest style narrative which grips the reader from the beginning. Short chapters and a great deal of action and jeopardy keep the reader hooked, and a tight exciting plot. The characterisation is believable and the big reveal is quite emotional when the true king is revealed. Super leisure read.



Okogwu, Tola                      Champions of the Galaxy

Simon & Schuster   Pbk     £7.99                      9781398523159

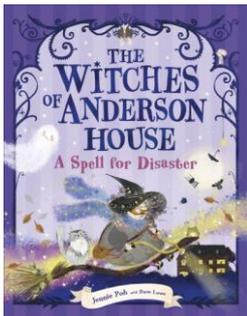
Interest age:   9+            Reading age:   9+

12 year old Kola's life is turned upside down, when a powerful group of aliens threaten Earth, but a mysterious species called the Onni offers humanity hope by training children to defend the planet. Kola has long dreamed of going into space, it's the chance of a lifetime. But once aboard the Onni mothership, Kola finds himself thrown into a misfit team of Champions. As secrets unravel and tensions rise, Kola and his team must decide who to trust and what it really means to be a Champion. Because in the end, it's not about being the smartest or the strongest. It's about standing together. Very enjoyable science fiction adventure with a strong theme of teamwork and working together for the good of all. The world building is interesting, and the different challenges and team dynamics keep the reader's attention. Good leisure read.



Palmer, Tom                      The Fear  
Barrington Stoke              Pbk     £7.99                      9780008695705  
Interest age: 9+              Reading age: 7+

Kian's best friend Azeem is desperate for them both to join the local football team. He can't understand why Kian's reluctant as he's one of the best players on their estate. But a bad experience with a former coach has robbed Kian of all his confidence. He wants to support his friend, but he doesn't think he can face the pressure of being part of a team again. Can Kian overcome The Fear? Simple short story with a good message, sensitively told, and uplifting ending. Could also have some RSE use.



Poh, Jennie                      A Spell for Disaster  
Dorling Kindersley              Pbk     £8.99                      9780241678510  
Interest age: 6+              Reading age: 6+

Anderson House is a retirement home for a variety of different witches, including Myrtle Stormwhisper. Myrtle has given up magic for good, but when a young boy with a missing pet knocks at the door needing help, will she be able to pick up casting spells once again? First chapter book story for emergent readers with colour illustrations throughout and a gentle story of kindness and friendship.

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