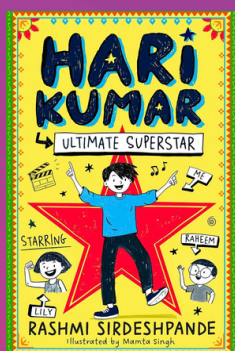


Recommended Primary Books

Autumn Term 2026



Sirdeshpande, Rashmi

Harper Collins

Interest age: 7+

Hari Kumar, Ultimate Superstar

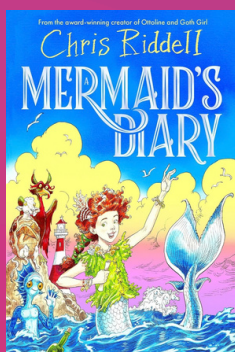
Pbk

£7.99

9780008738198

Reading age: 7+

Hari dreams of becoming a superstar and is determined to make his mark, but things don't always go according to plan. With plenty of humour, energy and heart, readers will enjoy following Hari as he navigates the ups and downs of growing up and chasing his ambitions. A warm and engaging read that celebrates individuality, resilience and the importance of believing in yourself. Full of memorable characters and entertaining moments, this is a great choice for children who enjoy stories with humour, heart and plenty of personality. A funny, lively and relatable story about friendship, family and finding the confidence to be yourself.



Riddell, Chris

Macmillan

Interest age: 7+

A Mermaid's Diary

Pbk

£7.99

9781529009408

Reading age: 7+

A Mermaid's Diary introduces readers to the wonderfully quirky world of shy mermaid Atalanta Scrimshaw, who lives in the sleepy waters of Sleepy Cove. Told through diary entries, Atalanta shares her everyday adventures, from collecting messages in bottles and riding seahorses to "walking" along the beach and visiting friends. Fabulous illustrations bring her underwater world vividly to life. A delightful choice for readers who enjoy humour, imagination and eccentric characters.



Edge, Christopher

Pan MacMillan Childrens

Interest age: 10+

How To Steal The Future

Pbk

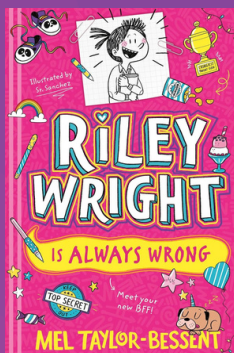
£7.99

9781035071821

Reading age: 10+

Drew Blake enters a mysterious maze in a desperate attempt to find his missing sister, Evie, who disappeared while taking on the same challenge. Joined by Meg, Drew has just sixty-seven minutes to solve puzzles, navigate shifting pathways and survive the dangers hidden within the maze. As the pair race against time, they encounter unexpected obstacles and uncover clues that lead to a much bigger mystery. A real page-turner that mimics the excitement and challenges of an escape room, where all is not as it seems.





Taylor-Bessent, Mel

Harper Collins

Interest age: 6+

Riley Wright Is Always Wrong

Pbk

£7.99

9780008801670

Reading age: 7+

Riley's first few weeks at a new school are full of challenges as she tries to make new friends while navigating the added embarrassment of having her dad as the headteacher! Riley and her dad navigate their relationship as they recognise how difficult it can be for him to balance being both a headteacher and a parent. With its engaging characters, warmth and plenty of laughs, this is a great read for children who enjoy stories about school, friendship and family.



Bell, Jennifer

Walker Bks

Interest age: 7+

Buck & Ears: Pirate Detectives

Pbk

£7.99

9781529519518

Reading age: 7+

A funny and action-packed adventure featuring Buck, his loyal rabbit Ears and their wonderfully misfit pirate crew. Officially the worst pirates on the Seventy Seas, they find themselves in serious trouble when the terrifying Captain Bloodfang gives them an ultimatum: solve the mystery of her missing chef or face a very unpleasant fate! Packed with clues, comedy, adventure and plenty of pirate mayhem, this is a fun, fast-paced read that will keep young readers guessing as they follow Buck and Ears on their detective mission.



Doyle, Catherine

Bloomsbury

Interest age: 9+

Scare B'N'B

Pbk

£7.99

9781526655141

Reading age: 9+

Ted and Frankie are newly blended stepsiblings who would rather stay as far apart as possible, but when their parents turn a creepy old mansion into a boutique hotel, they soon discover that keeping their distance isn't going to be easy! With disappearing housekeepers, screaming suits of armour and restless spirits, the pair must put their differences aside to save their new home from the devious Duke of Snoring. Full of red herrings, humour and heart, this is an entertaining read about family, friendship and working together.



Mandanna, Sangu

Pan Macmillan Children

Interest age: 9+

Vanya and the Wild Hunt

Pbk

£8.99

9781035022519

Reading age: 9+

When Vanya's family is attacked by a creature she believed only existed in legends, she discovers that her parents have been hiding a magical secret. Soon, Vanya finds herself at Auramere, an enchanted school where she learns that she comes from a family of powerful archwitches and archivists. But with the mysterious Wild Hunt on the prowl, Vanya must uncover the truth and protect the school she has come to love. Full of magic, friendship and adventure, this is a captivating read about courage, belonging and finding where you truly fit in.



Golubeva, Evgenia

Guppy Publishing Ltd

Interest age: 5+

Hansel and Gretel

Pbk

£7.99

9781916558489

Reading age: 5+

When a little girl called Cleo finds herself transported in to the story of Hansel and Gretel becoming lost in the woods, she is determined to help them escape the clutches of the wicked witch. But with tricky traps, sticky toffee children and plenty of surprises along the way, things don't quite go to plan. Full of adventure and playful storytelling with lovely pictures.



Galvin, Lindsay

Harper Collins

Interest age: 9+

The Time Engine

Pbk £7.99

Reading age: 8+

9780008727451

When Eric Finch discovers a mysterious machine hidden in his attic, he uncovers a secret his brilliant mathematician mother has been keeping. Inspired by an old journal belonging to his ancestor Ada Lovelace, the machine holds the key to an extraordinary journey through time. Unable to resist investigating, Eric is catapulted into the past – but his actions soon threaten the very fabric of time itself. A good dyslexia-friendly read!



Lawrence, Mike

Abrams

Interest age: 9+

The Lionharts

Pbk £12.99

Reading age: 9+

9781419759970

Adventuring is the Lionhart family business, and brothers Alder and Flynt are desperate to prove they have what it takes to follow in their legendary family's footsteps. When their parents mysteriously disappear after accepting a dangerous quest, the boys set off to find them – but soon find themselves in more trouble than they bargained for. As they face monsters, challenges and unexpected discoveries, they uncover a secret that could change everything. With fantastic illustrations and a gripping story, this is a great read for graphic-novel fans.