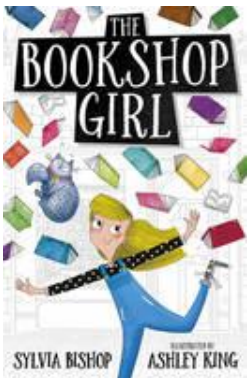


Education Library Service Recommended Primary Fiction Autumn Term 2017



Bishop, Sylvia The Bookshop Girl

Scholastic Pbk 5.99 9781407159690
Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 8+

A young girl is found by a family in the Lost property cupboard of their bookshop, 'The White Hart'. She is never claimed so they name her Property. Property is very happy living at the bookshop and helping the family business. She has never been taught to read and this is her secret and she doesn't want anyone else to know. Property's adoptive family enter a raffle to win Montgomery's Book Emporium as Montgomery is planning to retire and wants to leave the shop in good hands. They win the raffle, move into 'The Book Emporium' but nothing is quite as it seems, however, Property despite her inability to read saves the day. An easy to read, amusing family, mystery story.



Bradman, Tony Anglo-Saxon Boy

Walker Pbk 5.99 9781406363777
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

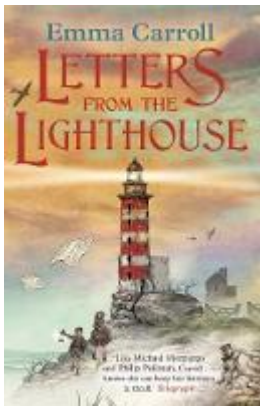
1065: Magnus is the son of Harold Godwinson, lord of the Southern Saxons and ruthlessly ambitious claimant to the throne of England. Overnight, Magnus finds himself cast centre-stage in the blood-soaked family feud that led to one of history's most famous battles. Exciting historical novel which would be very useful to accompany this curriculum topic. Some battle deaths and violence, but not graphically described and in keeping with the narrative.



Butterworth, Jess Running on the Roof of the World

Orion Pbk 6.99 9781510102088
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Set in the Himalayan mountains, 12-year-old Tash and her best friend Sam journey to save her parents who have been seized by soldiers. Tash must follow many rules to survive in Tibet, a country occupied by Chinese soldiers. When soldiers seize Tash's parents, she and her best friend Sam must break the rules. They are determined to escape Tibet - and seek the help of the Dalai Lama in India. So, with a backpack of Tash's father's mysterious papers and two trusty yaks by their side, their extraordinary journey across the mountains begins. Easy to read style with brief chapters & good pace, an engaging & politically charged tale. A compelling read for KS2/KS3. Contains some upsetting scenes including a man setting himself on fire to express the unfairness of the situation, the death of a yak that accompanies the children on their journey and a young boy getting shot (not killed) so one for mature readers. None are graphically described.



Carroll, Emma Letters from the lighthouse

Faber Pbk 6.99 9780571327584
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees. Desperate to be helpful, Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages (as she likes to think of the letters) to the villagers.

But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid just before they left London. Olive is desperate to discover what happened to her. And then she finds a strange coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon, Olive then starts to untangle this secret mystery.

A brilliant WW2 story about evacuation with a true sense of mystery and adventure.

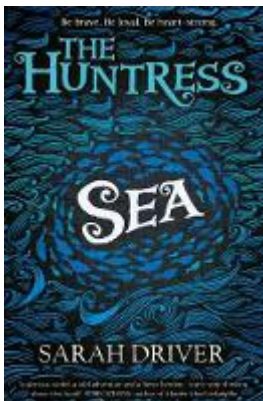


Colgan, Jenny The New Friend

Hachette Pbk 5.99 9781510200906
Interest age: 5+ Reading age: 6+

Polly and her puffin friend, Neil, have wonderful adventures by the sea. The time has come for Polly to go to her new school. It's a bit scary. Making new friends can be hard. At the end of the book there is a section with recipes and activities. These may encourage children to draw in the book.

Two-tone illustrations are in retro style. The story is short and sweet and ideal for newly independent readers. Issues lend themselves to discussion.



Driver, Sarah Sea

Egmont Pbk 6.99 9781405284677
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 10+

First in "The Huntress" trilogy.

Ever since Ma died, Mouse has looked after her little brother, Sparrow, dreaming of her destiny as captain of the Huntress. Now Da's missing, Sparrow is in danger, and a deathly cold is creeping across Trianukka... Thirteen-year-old Mouse uses her beast-chattering powers to go in search of her younger brother and the three Opal stones that will save her world from Stag and the Mystiks.

A little slow to start, but moves onto an action-packed, swashbuckling fantasy adventure with a feisty female lead.



Ennis-Hill, Jessica The Silver Unicorn

Hodder Pbk 5.99 9781444934397
Interest age: 6+ Reading age: 7+

Evie lies in Sheffield with her mum, dad and sister - plus their chocolate Labrador Myla and their cat Luna. On the morning she starts a new school, Evie gets a special parcel from her grandma Iris, who lives in Jamaica. It's a bracelet which she discovers is magical and gives her the power to be able to talk to animals. With determination and some help from her friends, Evie has a magical adventure.

A girly story which is the first title in a new series.



French, Vivian The Cherry Pie Princess

Walker Pbk 5.99 9781406368970
Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 7+

It's not much fun being a princess: you have to be prim, proper and obedient. Princess Peony lives in a world full of magical creatures - hags, trolls, giants and fairy godmothers - but her father's strict rules leave her feeling bored and lonely. She wants to learn how to DO things, and cooking's at the top of her list. But when Peony borrows a recipe book from the public library, the king has the old librarian who tried to help her arrested for "speaking out of turn." Can Peony stand up to her father and make things right? A funny and alternative fairy tale.



Hargrave, Kiran The Girl of Ink & Stars
Millwood

Chicken Pbk 6.99 9781910002742
House
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

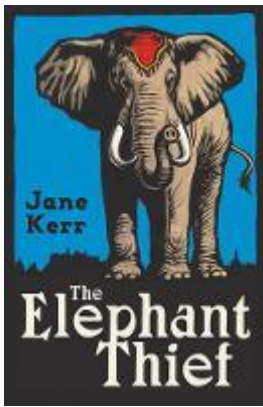
Isabella and her father live on the Isle of Joya. A thousand years ago, the island floated, but then, a fire demon called Yote tried to steal it. A young girl called Arinta saved the island, but after that it became stuck in one place. The island is now ruled by the Governor, who has virtually sealed off the village Isabella lives in and has brought harsh rules and punishments. One day, one of Isabella's school friends goes missing, and the Governor's daughter, Lupe runs off to find her. As Isabella's father is a cartographer, she is forced to go with the Governor and a search party to find Lupe in the Forbidden Territories, and, at the same time, draw a map of where they have been. Isabella finds Lupe, but not before the fire demon in the old myth has stirred again. A well-told adventure with a fairy tale feel. The language is rather poetic, which may make the book of limited appeal. Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2017



Kennan, Ally The Everything Machine

Scholastic Pbk 6.99 9781407138558
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 10+

Olly, Stevie and Bird have just had a very special delivery. Olly had ordered a rabbit hutch but instead a machine that has a name, can speak and is able to print anything they want it to arrives! It's a top-secret magical machine with a mind of its own...what could possibly go wrong? However, is getting everything you've wished for all it's cracked up to be? Easy to read comedy story with a sub plot of family bonding. Something for Walliams fans to move onto.



Kerr, Jane

The Elephant Thief

Chicken House Pbk 6.99 9781910655757

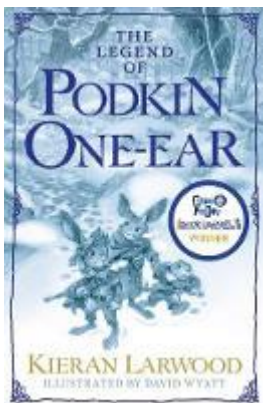
House

Interest age: 9+ Reading age: q

Set in 1872, Boy works for a vicious gang leader who sends him out stealing. One day Boy accidentally becomes part of an auction for some animals which are bought by the owner of Belle Vue Zoo in Manchester. The main exhibit is an elephant called Maharajah. The new owner agrees to a bet that he can't walk Maharajah from Edinburgh to Manchester in a week. In a bid for more publicity he persuades Boy to pretend to be an Indian prince who has been searching for the elephant. As Boy is mute, it is fairly easy to keep up this pretence, and the thought of a safe bed and regular meals away from the brutal gang leader makes him happy to comply. The journey should be straight forward, especially as Boy-now called Danny, has formed a bond with Maharajah, but there are a lot of unscrupulous people willing to sabotage the trip.

An entertaining and gripping book, based partially on a true story. The friendship between Danny and Maharajah is especially endearing.

One mild swear word.



Larwood, Kieran

The Legend of Podkin One-Ear

Faber Pbk 6.99 9780571328260

Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Podkin a rabbit and the son of a warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. But for now, he's quite happy to laze around annoying his older sister Paz, and playing with his baby brother Pook. Then Podkin's home is brutally attacked, and the young rabbits are forced to flee. The terrifying Gorm are on the rampage, and no one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny, and attempt to defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbits have known.

First title in a trilogy of the "Five Realms" series.

Contains battle violence and the Gorm are robot/zombie rabbits that may scare younger readers.

Influenced by Watership Down and Lord of the Rings. It's an engaging, exciting fantasy tale which is an accessible, quick read.



Martin, Laura

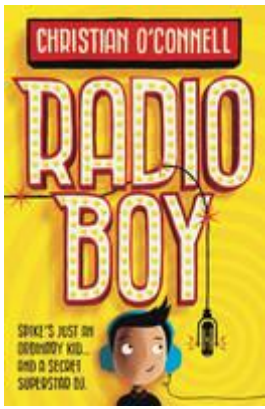
Code name Flood

HarperCollins Pbk 6.99 9780008152925

Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Sky Mundy is an eleven-year-old girl, whose life has changed dramatically since she fled the underground compound where she grew up. She and her friends are now prey to dinosaurs and being pursued by deadly enemies but Sky is determined to follow a map left by her father who went missing mysteriously five years earlier. The map leads to a hidden underwater lab and Sky is horrified to learn that scientists are breeding dinosaurs and discovers a plot that could destroy humanity.

Second in the series and best to have read in order. Jurassic Park in a global setting dystopian adventure story which is easy to read and has strong characters.



O' Connell, Christian Radio Boy

HarperCollins Pbk 6.99 9780008183325
 Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

When 11-year-old Spike is fired from his show on hospital radio, he sets up his own pirate radio station broadcast from his garden shed, with the help of his best friends Artie and Holly, disguising his voice and going by the name Radio Boy. Word gets around and soon Radio Boy is a star, but folk do not know who he is! Then Spike goes too far with his mocking of the school headmaster and a hunt is launched for the mysterious Radio Boy. A first novel by a radio presenter. Easy to read story, which is fun. Has similarities to Adrian Mole and Tom Gates. Great for reluctant readers, particularly boys. Possibly the start of a series. Well worth promoting.



Reeve, Philip Jinks and O'Hare funfair repair

O.U.P. Pbk 6.99 9780192734945
 Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 8+

Emily loves living on a funfair planet in outerspace. She especially likes to help Jinks & O'Hare the repair team. However, when a mystery villain seems to be sabotaging the rides just when the funfair inspector is making his rounds, Emily has to act fast to help save Funfair Moon from closure. Great fun tale which could be enjoyed by both girls and boys.



Smith, Maudie Bird Girl

Orion Pbk 6.99 9781444015621
 Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8+

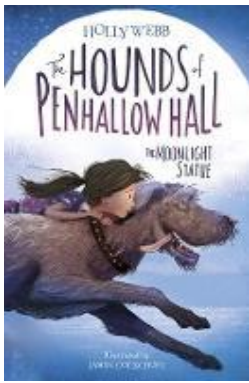
Pink-haired Finch Field has always dreamed of flying, and has never felt she fitted in at school. When she goes to stay with her beloved Granny Field for the summer, she finds herself face-to-face with a monster intent on stealing people's dreams. As she investigates she makes friends with a visiting boy, and together they begin to unravel the mystery. Pleasant fantasy tale for girls, with reasonable characterisation.



Wallace, Danny Hamish and the Gravity Burp

Simon & Schuster Pbk 6.99 9781471147128
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

When Hamish arrives home to find his mum and his brother lying on the ceiling he knows there's something seriously wrong (again) in the town of Starkley. Then weird seeds suddenly fall from the sky, and worse yet, begin to germinate and terrorise the town. It is time once again for Hamish and his friends from the PDF to save their town, and perhaps the world from the threat of the evil Superiors. Book three in the series. Excellent thrilling adventure for boys and girls, with plenty of humour. Could be enjoyed without knowledge of previous titles.

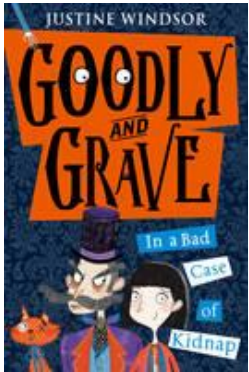


Webb, Holly

The moonlight Statue

Stripes Pbk 5.99 9781847156600
Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8+

Poppy and her mum move to the mysterious Penhallow Hall in Cornwall, following the death of her father. One night, Poppy sleepwalks into the garden and wakes to find her hand on the head of one of the stone dogs that guard the steps down to the lawn. He magically turns into a real dog that can talk. The dog introduces himself as Rex, an Irish Wolfhound, who lived at Penhallow hundreds of years earlier. And he is not the only resident ghost...Soon Poppy finds herself investigating the story of William Penhallow, a young boy and his dog Magnus. William was killed in the First World War aged only 17, but remains a young boy as a ghost.
First title in a new series.



Windsor, Justine

Goodly and Grave in a bad case of kidnap

HarperCollins Pbk 6.99 9780008183530
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Lucy Goodly is the new boot girl at Grave Hall, working for the cold, aloof Lord Grave. The other staff, Vonk the Butler, Mrs Crawley the cook and Violet the scullery maid all seem friendly but Lucy soon notices that strange things are afoot in her new home. There are moving statues, magical books and Lord Grave has a secret. Meanwhile, all over the country, children are vanishing. Could the mystery of the missing children be linked to the strange goings-on?
First title in the series. A funny, classic mystery adventure with a magic twist.



Winter, A.P.

The Boy who went magic

Chicken House Pbk 6.99 9781910655092
Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 10+

Magic is long-gone - or is it? A chain of fantastical mishaps in schoolboy Bert's dull life spiral out of control - but then he's rescued by Finch, a plucky girl-adventurer with metal legs. Soon they're sailing across a sea of clouds bound for the forgotten land of Ferenor. Well told, action packed story.
NOTE : Includes some violent sword fights and some 'off screen' deaths.

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