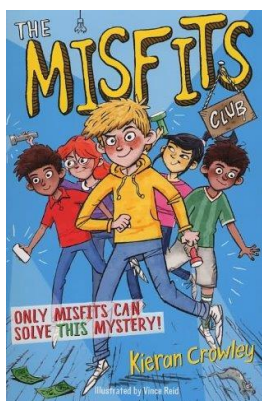


Education Library Service Recommended Primary Fiction Spring Term 2018



Crowley, Kieran The Misfits club

Macmillan	Pbk	6.99	9781509807994
Interest age:	9+	Reading age:	9+

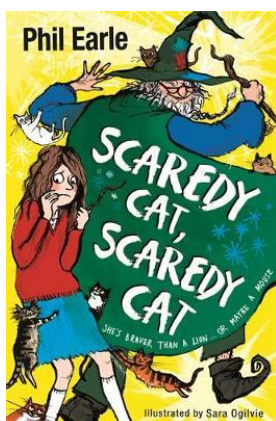
When Brian, Hannah, and twins Chris and Sam start their summer holidays, they know it's going to be the end of an era. The Misfits Club is disbanding and they still haven't managed to solve any real mysteries. But when they persuade new club member, Amelia, to go and investigate a spooky old house, they unexpectedly discover some stolen goods. Could this be The Misfits' chance for one last adventure as they try to track down the crooks behind the theft? A good ripping yarn mystery adventure, with good believable characters and plenty of chases, humour and jeopardy. Fun read for boys or girls. Set in Ireland, so some local colour such as the gardai, but doesn't detract for a Nottinghamshire audience.



Duggan, Helena A Place called Perfect

Usborne	Pbk	6.99	9781474924160
Interest age:	10+	Reading age:	10+

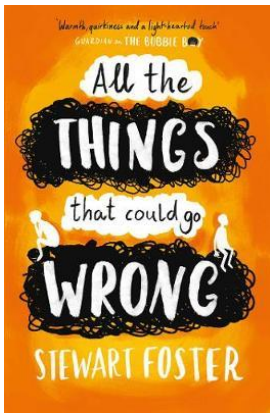
Violet and her parents move to a strange new town called Perfect. Only hours after arriving there, they suddenly go blind, and the only way they can see is by wearing the strange glasses everyone in the town wears. Not only that, Violet's parents start behaving strangely, her mum bakes cakes and joins a reading group, and her dad mysteriously disappears. Unable to behave as perfectly as all the other children in her school, Violet realises she has to find out what is making people in town behave this way, and put a stop to it. Exciting adventure story with some mild violence and quirky characters.



Earle, Phil Scaredy cat, scaredy cat

Hachette	Pbk	6.99	9781444013931
Interest age:	8+	Reading age:	8+

Kay Catt is nicknamed Scaredy Catt and she is very timid and suffers from extreme anxiety, partly because her father wraps her in cotton wool and tries to control her whole life to keep her from harm. However, when Kay spots a mysterious old man on Storey Street, dressed remarkably like a wizard she is intrigued and fascinated, and desperate to get to the bottom of the mystery. Kay soon finds a firm, if eccentric friend in Wilf, but when the bailiffs enter Storey Street, will Kay be too timid to help her friend? Last in the Storey Street tales, with excellent characterisation, plenty of humour, and a light narrative touch for the issues covered. Would make a good group or leisure read for boys or girls.



Foster, Stewart All the things that could go wrong

Simon & Schuster Pbk 6.99 9781471145421
 Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Dan is angry. Nothing has been the same since his big brother left and he's taking it out on the nearest and weakest target: Alex. Alex is struggling. His OCD makes it hard for him to leave the house, especially when Dan and his gang are waiting for him at school. Then the boys' mums arrange for them to meet up and finish building the raft that Dan started with his brother. Two enemies stuck together for the whole of the school holidays - what could possibly go wrong? Told from alternate chapters by Dan and Alex the reader sees the viewpoint of both characters and the other relationships around them.

Easy to read with a humorous touch but serious issues to make the reader think.

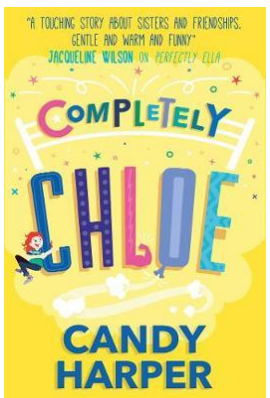


Grylls, Bear New Jungle Book Adventures

Macmillan Pbk 6.99 9781509854226
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

A teenage boy, Mak, is in India with his parents while his dad helps out with a conservation project there. He ends up having different adventures in the nearby jungle, and has to learn new survival skills, whilst defending himself not only from the wildlife, but also poachers and armed gunmen.

Action adventure with some slightly gory scenes.



Harper, Candy Completely Chloe

Simon & Schuster Pbk 6.99 9781471147104
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Another title in the series about 4 sisters who live with their divorced mum. Chloe is the sporty sister, who loves playing rugby and getting covered in mud. When she doesn't get chosen to go to a training camp, she quits the team. This leaves her with spare time on her hands, so she forms a secret club with some of her close friends. The idea of the club is for everyone to carry out some dares or challenges. Chloe is quite fearless and tough, but not all her friends are, and when one of them gets into trouble, and the other ends up in hospital, she realises things have got out of hand.

A gentle story about family life which should appeal to KS2 girls.

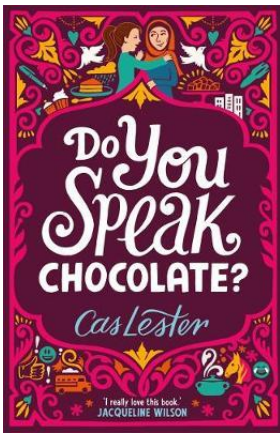


Harrold, A. F. Greta Zargo & the death robots from outer space

Bloomsbury Pbk 6.99 9781408869475
 Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8+

Greta Zargo needs a big scoop if she's going to win the Prilchard-Spritzer Medal, the quite famous award for great reporting. Big scoops are in short supply in the quiet little town of Upper Lowerbridge, and all Greta's got to investigate is a couple of missing cakes. Then she witnesses an alien invasion. No one knows it but Greta also saves the Earth!

Quirky, humour and plot is silly in places.
 First in series.

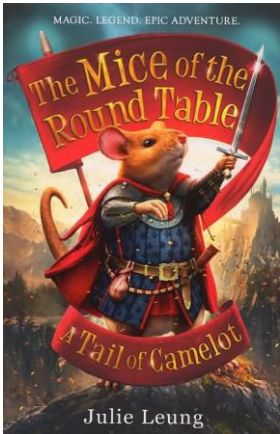


Lester, Cas Do you speak chocolate?

Piccadilly Pbk 5.99 9781471405037
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Jaz is in year 7 and has been sitting on her own in most lessons since Lily, her best friend from Primary school has been persuaded by bossy Kara to sit next to her. When a new girl, Nadima sits next to her, she is convinced Nadima will become a good friend. There is only one problem, Nadima doesn't speak much English. Being dyslexic, Jaz struggles with writing, and so, using a bar of chocolate, and mobile phone emojis, she makes friends with Nadima. She discovers that Nadima and her family have just arrived from Syria, where they had lost many family and friends, and also their sweet shop. Jaz tries to help Nadima, but sometimes her enthusiasm gets her into trouble.

A light-hearted story told from Jaz's point of view, which highlights the problems of migrants and refugees coming to a new country.

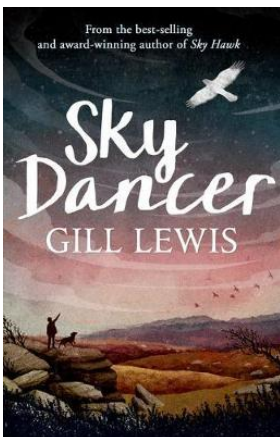


Leung, Julie The mice of the round table, a tail of camelot

Piccadilly Pbk 6.99 9781848125131
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Below the carpets and flagstones of Camelot lies a secret world much like Arthur's royal court. Lord Yvers Christopher leads the castle creatures and upholds an uneasy truce with the animals of the Darkling Woods. Unknown to the knights above, the mice of the round table strive to ensure the safety of all who live within the castle walls, human and creature alike. However, when Yvers is assassinated, the whole of Camelot is at risk. His grandson Calib must find the strength and power to lead his people and with the Two-leggers against Saxon invasion.

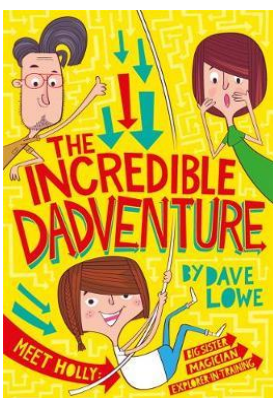
A swash-buckling adventure in the Brian Jacques vein, with good characterisation and plenty of magic and action. Would appeal to either boys or girls.



Lewis, Gill Sky Dancer

OUP Pbk 6.99 9780192749253
 Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Joe loves the moorlands above his home: the wildness, the freedom, the peace. But since his father died, everything has changed. The community is divided over the fate of the hen harriers that nest up there in the heather - and Joe is stuck right in the middle, with a choice to make, and a huge secret to keep. Joe can't do what's right for everyone. Can he find the strength to fight for what he really believes in? Gripping tale, heart-rending moments and Joe's dilemma draws in the reader. Well written and a compelling read dealing with stark realities of grouse shooting business versus environment conservation. Contains detail of the shooting of hen harriers to protect grouse so they will remain plentiful for the shooting season.

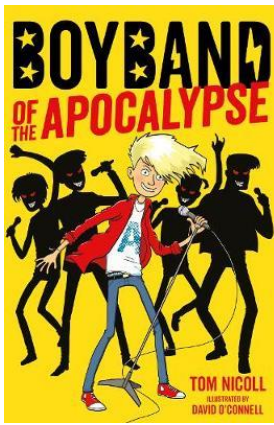


Lowe, David The Incredible Dadventure

Piccadilly Pbk 5.99 9781848125865
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 Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 8+

Holly's dad is an explorer, having amazing adventures all over the world, while Holly is stuck at home with her mum, her baby brother and the dog. Now Dad's on a new expedition and he'll miss her tenth birthday. She's not happy - until she finds out that he's planned a special treasure hunt, just for her. She has ten days to complete ten tasks - some silly, some tricky and some terrifying. Maybe life at home isn't quite so boring after all.

An amusing lighthearted family story which will appeal to both boys and girls.

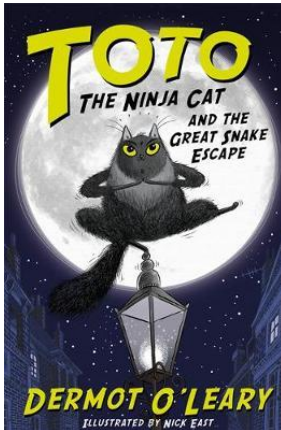


Nicoll, Tom Boyband of the Apocalypse

Stripes Pbk 6.99 9781847158314
 Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

When Sam agrees to take his little sister, Lexie (10), to see the world's most popular boy band, Apocalips, he expects it to be bad. But he doesn't expect to get locked in a cupboard, overhear the band plotting to destroy the world and witness them disintegrate one of their own members. When no one believes him but his best friend, Milo, Sam is left with no option but to take part in a contest to join the band to try and save the world. With help from Milo and Lexie, he'll have to overcome the Four Horsewomen of the Apocalypse, despite the fact that he can't sing or dance and doesn't have a cool haircut!

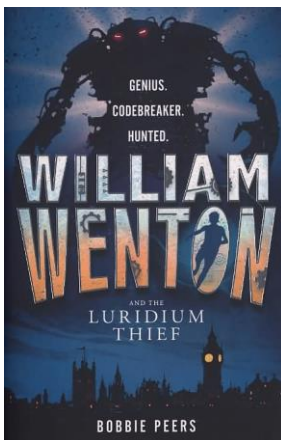
A ludicrous plot but in a fun, tongue-in-cheek way with some digs at modern talent shows and boyband culture.



O'Leary, Dermot Toto the Ninja Cat and the Great Snake Escape

Hodder Pbk 6.99 9781444939453
 Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 7+

Toto and her brother Silver have been rescued from their home in Puglia and brought to live in London. They make friends with a rather unusual looking cat called Catface. He offers to take them on a tour of London, but things become chaotic when they learn that Brian the King Cobra has escaped from London zoo. Catface is concerned for all the small animals living in the area, as Brian is likely to eat them. Toto has been trained by a ninja master, and readily agrees to help out. With the help of some of Catface's friends, they confront Brian, who is more concerned about rescuing his girlfriend. A humorous story with some likeable characters, and excellent black and white illustrations.

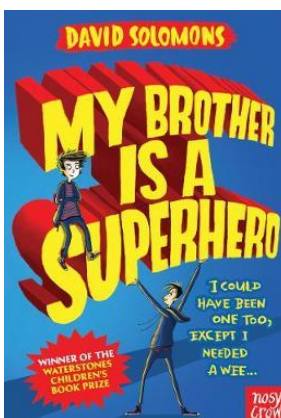


Peers, Bobbie William Wenton and the luridium thief

Walker Books Pbk 6.99 9781406371703
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 10+

12 year old code-breaking genius William Wenton, is trying to make a new life in Norway but missing his grandfather who disappeared suddenly several years previously. However, when their new home is attacked by a killer robot he is whisked off to the mysterious Institute for Post-human Research in England. The Institute is full of weird and aggressive robots, and when the killer robots catch up with William, he needs all his code-breaking skills, and the help of a feisty girl called Iscia, to keep ahead of the threat and find his missing grandfather.

Exciting sci-fi adventure which would particularly suit boys, but the addition of a female character part way through broadens it's appeal.

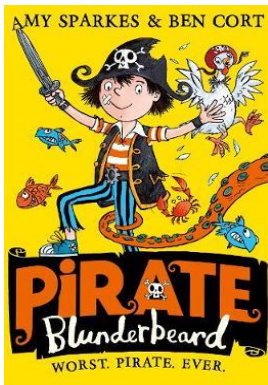


Solomons, David My Brother is a Superhero

Nosy Crow Pbk 6.99 9780857634795
 Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9+

Luke is a comic-mad 11 year old who shares a treehouse with his geeky 13 year old brother, Zack. Luke goes to the toilet and while he's gone, an alien gives his brother superpowers and tells him to save the universe, by stopping an obsessed business man as well as an asteroid from destroying Earth. Luke is disappointed he hasn't been given superpowers, but when Zack is kidnapped by his arch-nemesis, Luke and his friends have only five days to find him and save the world...

An accessible fun read which will be enjoyed by comic fans and those who like superheroes.

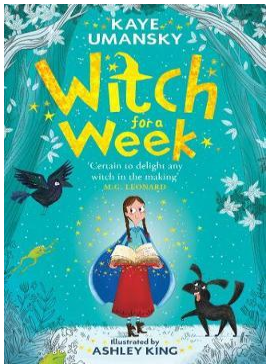


Sparkes, Amy **Pirate Blunderbeard, worst pirate ever**

HarperCollins Pbk 5.99 9780008201807
Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 7+

Young Pirate Blunderbeard is the most hapless and unlucky pirate on Crossbones Island. Everything goes wrong for him, and when his mum enters him into the Pirate of the Year award, things go from bad to worse. However, he is a keen inventor, and has help from his pet chicken Boris.

Very silly easy read for boys. Diary format, interspersed with letters which helps the narrative to zip along. Includes black and white illustrations throughout, and the Heath Robinson-style inventions will add interest for boys. Certain amount of body humour, but not gross or excessive.

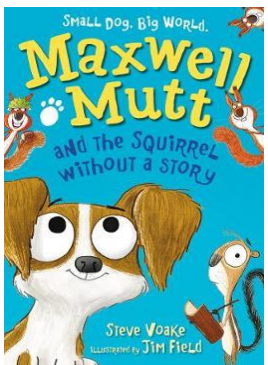


Umansky, Kaye **Witch for a week**

Simon & Schuster Pbk 6.99 9781471160905
Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8+

Elsie Pickles is given the chance to look after a witch's tower in the middle of the woods, while the witch is away for a week. She meets a variety of strange characters, including a talking raven and a long-haired woodcutter. After several days she is tempted to practise a few spells she has seen in a book, and finds, to her amazement that she has a natural ability.

Humorous book which should appeal to KS2 girls. First in a series.



Voake, Steve **Maxwell Mutt and the Squirrel without a story**

Walker Books Pbk 5.99 9781406357547
Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 7+

Mazwell Mutt and the Downtown Dogs are ready for another adventure when they meet Ant, an unusually small squirrel in search of a news story. Luckily, the city zoo has a mystery - animals are disappearing, and soon the gang are dealing with grumpy lions, wise-cracking monkeys and the suspicious Snyder Lard, Security Guard. Will Maxwell solve the mystery, save the zoo and find Ant his story?

A fun and amusing story, easy to read with attractive illustrations.



Walker, Dan **Sky Thieves**

OUP Pbk 6.99 9780192747013
Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10+

Zoya Delarose wakes aboard a flying pirate ship in the dead of night. She has no idea why she was smuggled aboard from the orphanage where she has lived all her life, or that her life is about to change forever. Up in the clouds, Zoya discovers a world of meteor storms, sword fights, long lost treasure, and most surprisingly of all friendship, honour and trust. With deadly enemies closing in, can Zoya find the strength to soar? The first in a new and exciting series with a feisty female lead character, from a Nottinghamshire author. Well worth promoting. NB Contains the death of a significant, likeable character.

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