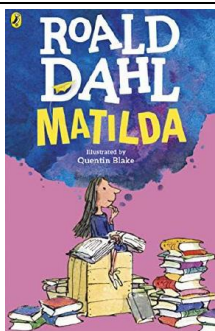


# Recommended Reads

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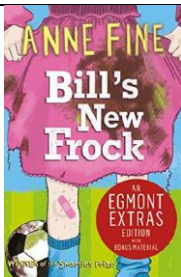


### Humour



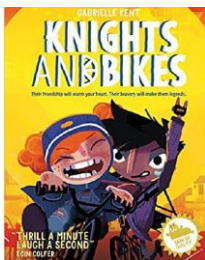
#### Matilda – Roald Dahl

Matilda is the world's most famous bookworm, no thanks to her ghastly parents. Her father thinks she's a little scab. Her mother spends all afternoon playing bingo. And her headmistress, Miss Trunchbull? She's the worst of all. She's a big bully, who thinks all her pupils are rotten and locks them in the dreaded Chokey. Despite these beastly grownups trying to push her down, Matilda is an extraordinary girl with a magical mind. And she's had enough. So all the terrible adults had better watch out, because she's going to teach them a lesson they'll never forget!



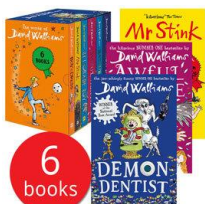
#### Bill's New Frock – Anne Fine

Bill Simpson wakes up to find he's a girl, and worse, his mother makes him wear a frilly pink dress to school. How on earth is he going to survive a whole day like this? Everything just seems to be different for girls . . .



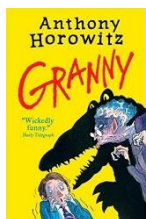
#### Knights and Bikes - Gabrielle Kent

Welcome to the sleepy island of Penfurzy, where nothing exciting ever really happens. OR DOES IT? Adventure awaits Demelza and her new best friend in the whole world, Nessa, as they explore the island and uncover the mysteries of the Penfurzy Knights. With a honking pet goose sidekick, quirky islanders and a legendary treasure to find, it's up to Nessa and Demelza to ride their bikes, solve the puzzles before them, and face down danger with frisbees, water-balloons, feathers .... and a toilet plunger. THEIR FRIENDSHIP WILL WARM YOUR HEART. THEIR BRAVERY WILL MAKE THEM LEGENDS.



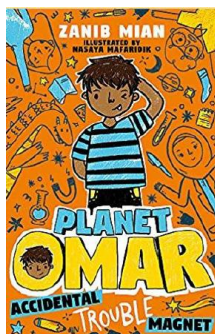
#### David Walliams Collection

The Boy in the Dress is a story all about a boy who doesn't fit in. When he tries on a dress, his life changes. But should he keep this a secret? Mr Stink follows and this is a book about a stinky tramp who has a surprising past. Billionaire Boy is about how money can't buy you everything, especially friends; while Ratburger follows Zoe as she tries to keep her beloved rat safe from Burt of Burt's Burgers; Demon Dentist is jaw-achingly funny; and Awful Auntie finds Stella Saxby battling her aunt for her rightful inheritance of Saxby Hall.



## Granny – Anthony Horowitz

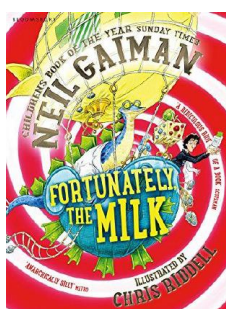
Anthony Horowitz, creator of the bestselling Alex Rider series has written a wickedly funny story, with hilarious illustrations by Tony Ross. Twelve-year-old Joe has an unbelievably evil Granny. Not only is Granny physically repulsive and horribly mean, but she also has the look in her eye of a predatory crocodile. Soon Joe starts to suspect that she has unpleasant designs on him. But what are they and how can he foil them?



## Accidental Trouble Magnet: Book 1 (Planet Omar) - Zanib Mian

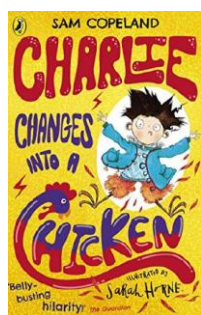
Welcome, readers, to the imaginative brain of Omar! You might not know me yet, but once you open the pages of this book you'll laugh so hard that snot will come out of your nose (plus you might meet a dragon and a zombie - what more could you want?).

My parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move me to a new school at the same time. As if I didn't have a hard enough time staying out of trouble at home, now I've also got to try and make new friends. What's worse, the class bully seems to think I'm the perfect target. At least Eid's around the corner which means a feast (YAY) and presents (DOUBLE YAY). Well, as long as I can stay in Mum and Dad's good books long enough...



## Fortunately the Milk – Neil Gaiman

You know what it's like when your mum goes away on a business trip and Dad's in charge. She leaves a really, really long list of what he's got to do. And the most important thing is DON'T FORGET TO GET THE MILK. Unfortunately, Dad forgets. So the next morning, before breakfast, he has to go to the corner shop, and this is the story of why it takes him a very, very long time to get back. Featuring: Professor Steg (a time-travelling dinosaur), some green globby things, the Queen of the Pirates, the famed jewel that is the Eye of Splod, some wumpires, and a perfectly normal but very important carton of milk.



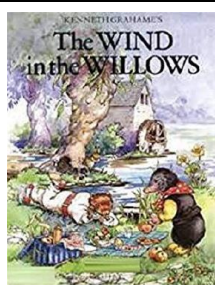
## Charlie Changes into a Chicken – Sam Copeland

He can change into animals. All sorts of animals: a flea, a pigeon, even a rhino. Trouble is, he can't decide when - it only happens when he gets worried. And right now, Charlie has quite a lot to worry about:

- His brother (who is in hospital)
- His parents (who are panicking about it)
- And the school bully (who has Charlie in his sights)

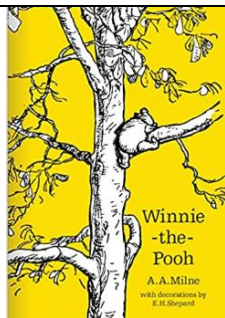
And even though every kid wants a superhero power, Charlie isn't keen on changing into a chicken in the middle of the school play.

## Classics



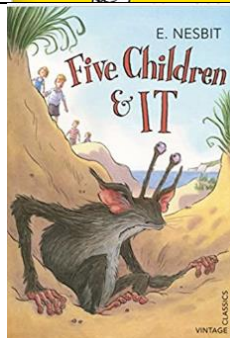
## The Wind in the Willows - Kenneth Grahame

The Wind in the Willows is a children's novel by Scottish novelist Kenneth Grahame, first published in 1908. Alternatingly slow-moving and fast-paced, it focuses on four anthropomorphised animals: Mole, Rat (a European water vole), Toad, and Badger. They live in a pastoral version of Edwardian England. The novel is notable for its mixture of mysticism, adventure, morality, and camaraderie, and celebrated for its evocation of the nature of the Thames Valley.



### Winnie-the-Pooh - A. A. Milne

Winnie-the-Pooh may be a bear of very little brain, but thanks to his friends Piglet, Eeyore and, of course, Christopher Robin, he's never far from an adventure. In this story Pooh gets into a tight place, nearly catches a Woozle and heads off on an 'expedition' to the North Pole with the other animals.



### Five Children and It - E Nesbit

I dare say you have often thought about what you would do if you were granted three wishes. The five children - Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane and their baby brother - had often talked about it but when they are faced with the grumpy sand-fairy they find it difficult to make up their minds. And that is just the beginning of their dilemmas. As they discover, there is nothing quite like a wish for getting you into terrible trouble.

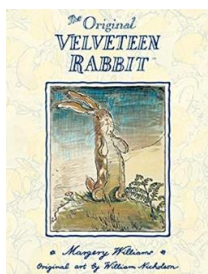
### A Bear Called Paddington



Michael Bond  
Illustrated by Peggy Fortnum

### A Bear Called Paddington - Michael Bond

Paddington Bear had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru when the Brown family first met him on Paddington station. Since then their lives have never been quite the same... for ordinary things become quite extraordinary when a bear called Paddington is involved.



### The Velveteen Rabbit - Margery Williams

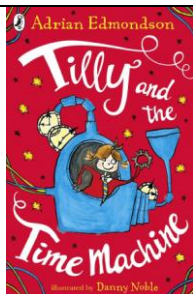
He didn't mind how he looked to other people, because the nursery magic had made him Real, and when you are Real shabbiness doesn't matter. In the nursery, only the toys that are old and wise truly understand what it means to be Real. The Velveteen Rabbit, a newcomer to the nursery, asks one of the most knowledgeable toys, the Skin Horse, what being Real means. And so begins the Velveteen Rabbit's journey towards becoming real - through the love of a child . . .

## Fantasy



### Stitch Head – Guy Bass

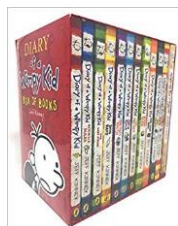
In the maze-like dungeons of Castle Grotteskew, the fightfully insane Professor Erasmus conducts his bizarre experiments on living things. His very first creation has long been forgotten - a small, almost-human creature, known only as Stitch Head. Poor Stitch Head has spent years vying for attention amongst a menagerie of freakish monsters. When a travelling circus ringmaster, Fulbert Freakfinder, promises to make him a star, Stitch Head wonders whether there is another life for him. But first he has to catch the professor's latest creation - a monstrous three-armed creature that's just smashed its way to freedom...



## **Tilly and the Time Machine - Adrian Edmondson**

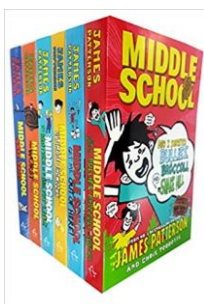
Tilly is seven and a half - and about to make history. When Tilly's dad builds a time machine in the shed there's only one place she really wants to go: back to her sixth birthday party, when she ate too many cupcakes and her mummy was still here. But then something goes wrong! Tilly's dad gets stuck in the past and only she can save him . . . Will they make it back in time for tea?

## **Childhood**



### **Diary of a Wimpy Kid Collection – Jeff Kinney**

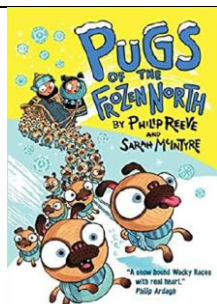
Greg is an average American schoolboy, but he has a habit of getting into embarrassing but hilarious situations. These laugh-out-loud books follow his journal as he makes observations on his days and doodles away. From classic road trips to tales of hard luck and the terrifying prospect of finding a date for Valentine's Day, these misadventures are sure to have children (and you!) laughing out loud.



### **Middle School Collection – James Patterson**

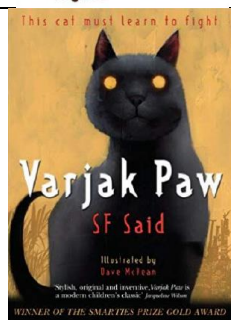
the books follow the life of Rafe Khatchadorian and all the misadventures he embarks on as he tries to get through middle school - and survive his home life! Throughout the books, he plans for the best year ever by trying to break every one of his school's archaic rules; and heads to seventh grade for life at an art school in the big city. We also check in on his sister, Georgia, who is planning to excel in all the ways he failed. But proving herself the most popular girl in school is harder than it looks, especially with Rafe sneaking around.

## **Adventure**



### **Pugs of the Frozen North – Philip Reeve**

The Race to the Top of the World! It comes around once in a lifetime, and the prize? Your heart's desire. Shen and Sika can't resist the chance to win, but competition is fierce. The path to victory is littered with snow trolls, sea monsters, and a gang of particularly hungry yetis. But Shen and Sika have something the other contestants don't have. Actually, they have 66 other things; pugs to be exact. That's a 264 paw-powered sled!



### **Varjak Paw – SF Said**

Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats. Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings.



## Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink – Jennifer Killick

Alex Sparrow is a super-agent in training. He is also a human lie-detector. Working with Jess – who can communicate with animals – they must find out why their friends, and enemies, are all changing into polite and well-behaved pupils. And exactly who is behind it all. ALEX SPARROW is a funny, mid-grade novel full of farts, jokes and superhero references. Oh, and a rather clever goldfish called Bob. In a world where kids' flaws and peculiarities are being erased out of existence, Alex and Jess must rely on what makes them different to save the day.



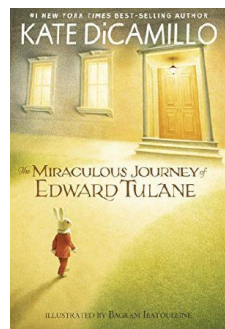
## The Nothing to See Here Hotel - Steven Butler

When a goblin messenger arrives at The Nothing to See Here Hotel, announcing the imminent arrival of the goblin prince Grogbah, Frankie and his family rush into action to get ready for their important guest. But it soon becomes obvious that the Banister family are going to have their work cut out with the demanding prince and his never-ending entourage, especially when it turns out the rude little prince is hiding a secret...



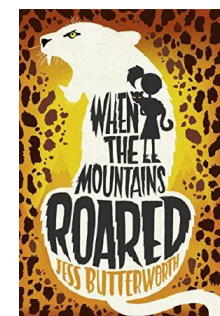
## The Wild Robot – Peter Brown

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is - but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home - until, one day, her mysterious past comes back to haunt her.



## The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane - Kate DiCamillo

Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost... Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. Along the way, we are shown a miracle—that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.

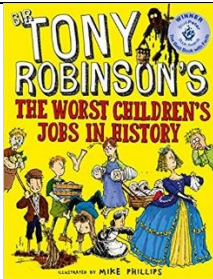


## When The Mountains Roared – Jess Butterworth

When Ruby's dad uproots her from Australia to set up a hotel in the mountains of India, Ruby is devastated. Not only are they living in a run-down building in the middle of the wilderness surrounded by scorpions, bears and leopards, but Ruby is sure that India will never truly feel like home - not without her mum there. Ever since her mum died, Ruby has been afraid. Of cars. Of the dark. Of going to sleep and never waking up. But then the last remaining leopards of the mountain are threatened and everything changes. Ruby vows to do all she can to protect them - if she can only overcome her fears...

## KS2

### Non-Fiction



#### Children's Worst Jobs in History – Tony Robinson

*The Worst Children's Jobs in History* Sir Tony Robinson takes you back to the days when being a kid was no excuse for getting out of hard labour. This book tells the stories of all the children whose work fed the nation, kept trains running, and put clothes on everyone's backs, over the last few hundred years of Britain's history.



#### Guinness Book of World Records 2019

Guinness World Records 2019 is fully updated with everything from the year's most significant sporting achievements and scientific discoveries to the latest chart toppers and digital TV releases. Our special 'Meet the Makers' and 'Making History' chapters celebrate build-at-home creativity on an epic scale, and anyone keen to break a record of their own will find some inspiration in a 'Do try this at home' bonus section.



#### Ripley's Believe It Or Not!

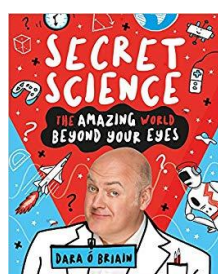
*Ripley's* is back with another compendium of mind-boggling facts that will delight anyone drawn to the weirder side of life on Earth. Read about the scariest, grossest and funniest stories from around the world, including: *EEK!* The huge spider that spins webs that are *stronger than steel*. *WOW!* The woman who can smash 920 roof tiles every minute – *with her bare hands*. *YUCK!* The Japanese crab that grows as much as *six metres long*.



#### Match – Football Annual

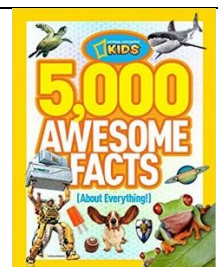
Inside the *Match Annual 2019*, you can build your Ultimate Player, check out the wonder kids who'll rip up 2019 and find out everything you need to know about Messi, Ronaldo, Kane, Salah, Mbappe, Lewandowski, Cavani, Icardi and Sessegnon!

Plus, it's packed with football world records, legendary Prem No.10s, epic fashion fails, brain-busting quizzes, FIFA's best team ever, bonkers pics, footy stars emojis, cool cartoons and loads more!



#### Secret Science – Dara O'Briain

Science is a nonstop everywhere and *everything* adventure with some incredibly cool stuff going on, too. You've got your incredible brain, which has worked out how to read these words and make playing a video game feel as **EXCITING** as real life; you've got aeroplanes that can somehow get from the ground into the sky with all those people **AND** their luggage on board; you've got electricity and artificial intelligence and GPS and buses coming in threes (that's science too) and **LOADS** more.

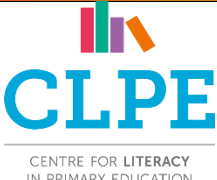


#### 5,000 Awesome Facts

Presenting the next must-have, fun-filled gift book from the team that created Ultimate Weird But True, 5,000 Cool Facts About Everything treats kids to brain candy and eye candy all rolled into one treasure trove of high-interest fascinating facts.

# All Years

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|    | <p>Great Books Guide 2019: best new children's books. Top 100 books for different age groups. The rest of the website is full of stories and games too!<br/><a href="https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/">https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/</a></p> |
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|  | <p>Oliver Jeffers has a collection of books on his website in the Stay at Home Story Time section - staying safer together (but apart)<br/><a href="https://www.oliverjeffers.com/abookaday/">https://www.oliverjeffers.com/abookaday/</a></p>                                                                        |
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