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<p>Ahlberg, Allan</p>	<p><u>The Boyhood of Burglar Bill</u></p> <p>Coronation Year, 1953, and in Oldbury a Coronation football competition is organized. The boys from the bottom pitch get a team up, but there's no chance they'll win, of course. They're just the odds and one of them is even a girl! But they're all football crazy and ready and eager to beat off the opposition. A funny and moving story of football and friendship in a world when the streets were full of kids and empty of cars.</p>	
<p>Allan, Annmarie</p>	<p><u>Hox</u></p> <p>Faced with a cold Saturday afternoon stuck at the Institute for Animal Research, Robbie is angry and frustrated at yet another weekend ruined by his father's job. Then a disturbing encounter in the animal house thrusts him into a perilous journey through the stunning but inhospitable landscape of a Highland winter; alone but for two enigmatic travelling companions. Robbie's world implodes as he tries to make sense of a hostile environment, his old life slowly unravels, and a shocking realization emerges.</p>	
<p>Almond, David</p>	<p><u>Skellig</u></p> <p>When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever ...</p>	
<p>Arnold, Louise</p>	<p><u>A Good Day for Haunting</u></p> <p>Most people don't realise that an entire ghost world exists alongside their own. They aren't aware that they walk with ghosts every day. Tom Golden is the only one who knows, the only one who can see them. He spends all his time with invisible friends, especially Arthur. But then three extraordinary ghosts appear on the scene - ghosts who are visible to everyone! This could mean big trouble for the ghost world if humans suddenly remember that ghosts exist, but how can Tom stop the most powerful poltergeist, thesper and screamer?</p>	

<p>Wilson, Jacque- line</p>	<p><u>The Cat Mummy</u></p> <p>I sometimes talk about my mum to Mabel, because Mabel doesn't ever get upset. Verity adores her cat, Mabel, and is desperately sad when she dies. Remembering her recent school lessons about the Ancient Egyptians, Verity decides to mummify Mabel and keep her hidden. Verity's dad and grandparents can't bear to talk about death, having lost Verity's mum in childbirth, but when they eventually discover what Verity has done with Mabel, the whole family learns that it's time to talk. A superb handling of bereavement in Wilson's uniquely accessible and enjoyable style.</p>	

<p>Walden, Mark</p>	<p><u>H.I.V.E Higher Institute of Villainous Education</u></p> <p>H.I.V.E. (Higher Institute of Villainous Education) is a top secret school of applied villainy where children with a precocious gift for wrongdoing are sent to develop their talents into criminal mastermind. Every year one student in particular will show exceptional talent - after all, it takes the best to produce the worst. This year there are two students: Otto Malpense and his new friend Wing Fanchu are both exceptionally bad, and they are definitely not keen on being held against their will for six long years ...</p>	
<p>Walker, Tim</p>	<p><u>Shipleigh Manner</u></p> <p>Tom loves his new Saturday job at Shipley Manor Country Club. The place is full of hidden wonders. Why does Polly Seabright look like a mermaid? Is the Fizzle in the moat magical? And can the sheep really talk? All isn't as it seems at Shipley Manor. And when evil business partners Barclay Grub and Venetia Pike threaten to close it down, they are about to get the shock of their lives...Let the Fizzleworks begin!</p>	
<p>Wilding, Val</p>	<p><u>Toby Tucker - Keeping Sneaky Secrets</u></p> <p>Toby Tucker is an orphan who has been fostered by the kind Don and Evie. His sole possession is a chest filled with torn paper, and a strange message: Piece your family tree together and you'll find out who you are and when you come from. 'When, not where?' thinks Toby. 'That can't be right.' Yet when he manages to put together a name, the most incredible magic happens. Toby becomes his ancestor! The first time it happens, Toby is catapulted back to Ancient Egypt, into Seti's life, and finds himself keeping sneaky secrets: One moment I was doomed to be a farmer, keeping crazy chickens, the next I had a chance to learn mummy making! I just hope my father doesn't find out...</p>	
<p>Wilson, Anna</p>	<p><u>Puppy Power</u></p> <p>Life has been a bit Yawnsome since I, Summer Holly Love, trained my golden Labrador, Honey, to become a Doggy of Well-Behaved and Quietish Proportions. Which is why it's so faberoonytastic that Honey is expecting her 'very own litter' of pups! Now that she is a mum-to-be, her eating habits have gone loop-the-loop crazy, and she keeps building Strange nests all over our house. Will the arrival of Honey's tiny pups make everyone happier or will our household simply dissolve into mayhem and chaos?</p>	



<p>Ashley, Bernard</p>	<p><u>Justin and the Demon Drop Kick</u></p> <p>When one of the big kids kicks Justin's football over the playground wall, a furious neighbour complains to the headmaster and Justin gets the blame. After confiscating the ball, the head decides to have a go, and ends up knocking a man's glasses off. Justin sees everything, but the man wants to know who is responsible. Will Justin get the blame again?</p>	
<p>Ashley, Chris</p>	<p><u>Wasim the Wanderer</u></p> <p>Wasim is trying out his football skills for Teamwork 10,000, which might just lead to a trial with the Woodley Wanderers! But how can he play his best football with Robert Bailey lurking around every corner at school...and then at the practice ground too?</p>	
<p>Bedford, David</p>	<p><u>The Team Strikes Again</u></p> <p>Superteam: The new soccer season is here, but how will The Team stay on top when Professor Gertie accidentally destroys Harvey's only soccer boots, and rich kid Jackie Foyle tries to lure their players into joining her superteam? When the Team enter The Floodlights Cup, they are sure the cup is theirs. But then captain Harvey Boots is banned for spending too much time thinking about football instead of schoolwork. How can The Team win without him? Masters of Soccer: Harvey and Darren are delighted to hear their all-time favourite soccer star, Pedro Manolo, is visiting their school. But then they are horrified to discover they will have to perform a ballet dance for him! Surely dance and soccer just don't mix?</p>	
<p>Berkley, Jon</p>	<p><u>The Palace of Laughter</u></p> <p>On a blustery October night, the Circus Oscuro came to town. It was clear from the start that this was no ordinary circus. They did not roll into town with fanfares and cart-wheeling clowns. Instead, they came in the dead of night, when all the townspeople were asleep. The circus wagons turned into the long field at the bottom of the hill that overlooked the town of Larde, and creaked to a halt in neat rows with barely a sound. There was just one witness to the arrival of the circus. A small boy, huddled in a large wooden barrel high on the side of the hill, watched the raising of the big top, awakened from his sleep by the shouts of the circus people and the occasional trumpeting of the elephants. The boy's name was Miles, and the barrel was his home...</p>	





<p>Blake, Jon</p>	<p><u>Stinky Fingers—Peace and Love Thing</u></p> <p>All is peace and harmony in the House of Fun, with the grown-ups sucked up into the Spoonheads' space zoo. But not for long! When Stinky finds a mysterious seed in the Attic of Horrors, Icky can't resist planting it. Then, events are unstoppable: Bryan turns into a girl, a helicopter arrives on the roof, and a toilet is in dire need of emptying ...</p>	
<p>Bond, Michael</p>	<p><u>Paddington Here and Now</u></p> <p>Paddington—the beloved, classic bear from Darkest Peru—is back in this fantastically funny, long awaited, brand new novel from master storyteller, Michael Bond. 'I'm not a foreigner', exclaimed Paddington hotly. 'I'm from Darkest Peru'. Paddington's morning gets off to a bad start when he discovers his shopping basket on wheels has been towed away. Matters get even worse when he reports it to the local police station and a series of misunderstandings lead to his arrest. The funniest and most moving Paddington novel ever.</p>	
<p>Boyce, Frank Cottrell</p>	<p><u>Desirable</u></p> <p>George is a self-confessed social reject who spends more time with his Warhammer figures than actual people – but when he's given a bottle of aftershave called 'Desirable', women can't resist him! How will he cope with his new-found popularity? And what will happen with the magic wears off? A laugh-out-loud comedy.</p>	
<p>Brazier, D J</p>	<p><u>Last of the Leatherbacks</u></p> <p>Last of the Leatherbacks tells the story of a critically endangered turtle's hatching, her search for a rare mate and her survival against the odds to return to lay her eggs in the beach of her birth, where her life is saved through the compassion of a young boy. With stunning charcoal illustrations this is a moving tale of the child within who can still be touched by a sense of wonder with the natural world.</p>	


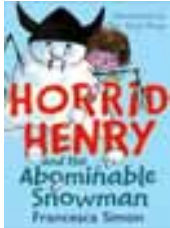

<p>Townson, Hazel</p>	<p><u>Vanishing Village</u></p> <p>When Matthew is forced to move away from the big city, following his parent's divorce, he is not expecting to enjoy it much. But the increasing curtailment of local services makes it even worse than he had thought. The locals don't help - they are, it seems, prepared to do acts of great desperation to get their own way - and the lodger boarding in his house seems to be particularly suspicious. Is Matthew really surrounded by sinister and unpleasant rural types? How much is he making up? Just what is everyone up to?</p>	
<p>Valentine, Jenny</p>	<p><u>Finding Violet Park</u></p> <p>This book is a quirky and original voyage of self-discovery triggered by a lost urn of ashes. Sixteen-year-old Lucas Swain becomes intrigued by the urn of ashes left in a cab office. Convinced that its occupant -- Violet Park -- is communicating with him, he contrives to gain possession of the urn, little realising that his quest will take him on a journey of identity, forcing him to finally confront what happened to his absent (and possibly dead) father!</p>	
<p>Various Authors</p>	<p><u>Wow 366: Speedy Stories in Just 366 Words</u></p> <p>This is a unique anthology crammed with fantastic stories, each told in just 366 words, from some of the top authors in children's fiction. That's as many words as there are days in this leap year! In this work, the contributors include Roddy Doyle, Michael Morpurgo, Charlie Higson, Anne Fine, Jeremy Strong, Ian Whybrow and many more.</p>	
<p>Voake, Steve</p>	<p><u>Blood Hunters</u></p> <p>They know where you are...In the middle of the Mexican jungle a small scientific team prepare to embark on an exploration of the world's deepest sinkhole; a naturally-formed underwater shaft that no one has ever reached the bottom of. What they are about to discover could change the world forever. Three thousand miles away, Joe McDonald's father is arrested for murder. Joe and his friend Giles are desperate to prove his innocence, but when more people are attacked in mysterious circumstances, Joe begins to suspect that a predator is on the loose. Maybe the dark shapes he has seen in the woods and canal aren't just his imagination. Could the attacks in Joe's town be linked to his dad's research at the university? Could Dad's colleague have brought something back with him from the expedition in Mexico? Suddenly the search for justice becomes a desperate fight for survival...</p>	

<p>Strong, Jeremy</p>	<p><u>Let's Do the Pharaoh</u></p> <p>Sennapod ('he whose name mumbles down the ages'), the ancient Egyptian pharaoh, is still living at 27 Templeton Terrace with the Lightspeed family. By accident, he wins a competition to find the Face of the Future, and soon designer bandages and doing the pharaoh dance become all the rage. But he's also recognised by villains Jelly and Grimstone who are still after his treasure map. Comic chaos follows as the chase ends up in hospital with loads of people in bandages - designer and otherwise - plus the usual collection of cats who follow Sennapod around. But, hooray, the villains are caught, the treasure map is safe and Sennapod can go on living happily with the Lightspeeds.</p>	
<p>Strong, Jeremy</p>	<p><u>Lost—The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog</u></p> <p>Streaker the dog is lost. And not just a bit lost, but really lost! It wasn't even her fault! She wanted to protect some pies from the pie robber and suddenly she's miles from home and two-legged Trevor and she has to make friends with a cat. A cat! But it gets a lot hairier when they find themselves face-to-face with a baboon ...For the first time ever, Streaker tells her incredible adventures in her own words - and very funny words they are too.</p>	
<p>Strong, Jeremy</p>	<p><u>My Brother's Famous Bottom</u></p> <p>'That's the one!' she cried. 'That's the bottom I'm after. Darling, you have the most gorgeous bottom!' Nicholas' dad has a plan to make some fast cash. Nappies! Some disposable-nappy people are looking for a beautiful botty for their new advert - and all Nicholas' baby brother has to do is pass the audition. What could possibly go wrong?</p>	
<p>Toczek, Nick</p>	<p><u>Read Me Out Loud</u></p> <p>"Read Me Out Loud" contains a poem for every day of the year from the very best modern and classic poets. There are raps, performance poems, chants, playground rhymes, action verses, poems to join in with, choral poems, poems from different cultures, monologues, dialogues, poems for a series of voices, songs, playlets, loud poems and quiet poems, poems with sound effects and poems with actions you can read them any way you want as long as it is Out Loud!</p>	

<p>Brennan, Herbie</p>	<p><u>Parallel Worlds (Forbidden Truths)</u></p> <p>The British diplomat, Sir Benjamin Bathurst, walked around his horses and simply disappeared. A convict named Diderici faded from existence while exercising in a prison yard. An entire Roman Legion marched into nowhere and was never seen again. Where did they go to? Einstein calculated that Black Holes in the depths of space could function as doorways to parallel realities. But if such realities exist, they're not light years distant. They're as close as the tip of your nose. And it looks like they can suck you in.</p>	
<p>Caveney, Philip</p>	<p><u>Sebastian Darke: Prince of Fools</u></p> <p>Dressed in his father's clothes and accompanied by his buffalope, Max, Sebastian sets off for the city of Keladon, where he hopes to be appointed court jester to King Septimus. On the way, he encounters a powerful warrior called Cornelius, the beautiful Princess Kerin and enough perils to make him wonder why he ever decided to leave home.</p>	
<p>Cole, Steve</p>	<p><u>The Moo-m's Curse</u></p> <p>Professor McMoo is a very clever cow - so clever, in fact, that he has managed to build himself a time machine from discarded farming machinery. He and his two cow friends, Pat and Bo Vine live on the Barmer farm, in fear of the hideous farmer's wife, Betty. But they are also star agents of the CIA - Cows in Action, a crack team of cow commandos! In the future, cows live peacefully with humans as equals, not as food. But some cows in the future try to use the technology of time travel to interfere with history - and the Prof has to help stop that! Will they have time to unravel the mystery and restore history to the way it should be?</p>	
<p>Colfer, Eion</p>	<p><u>Artemis Fowl (graphic novel)</u></p> <p>This adaptation of his genre-busting, award-winning novel "Artemis Fowl" has been a labour of love for life-long graphic novel fan Eoin Colfer, and Andrew Donkin. Art by Giovanni Rigano and colour by Paolo Lamanna. Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a brilliant criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories. These fairies are armed and they're dangerous. Artemis thinks he's got them just where he wants them, but then they stop playing by the rules ...</p>	




<p>Colfer, Eion</p>	<p><u>Half Moon Investigates</u></p> <p>Meet Fletcher Moon. Half-pint schoolboy and fully qualified private investigator. Since graduating online, he has solved all sorts of minor mysteries at school and at home. It was only a matter of time before things got serious. When Fletcher investigates a spate of crimes in the town of Lock, the finger of suspicion is soon pointing in the direction of shady brothers Herod and Red Sharkey.</p>	
<p>Corder, Zion</p>	<p><u>Lee Raven Boy Thief</u></p> <p>Lee Raven, boy thief, has stolen something he really didn't mean to. Now he faces a perilous flight through London (and the murky sewers below) as he tries to escape capture because Lee has stolen the Book of Nebo, a book that has existed for thousands of years and tells every story and legend known to man. It's priceless. Some will even kill to possess it. The pressure mounts and the future of Nebo is in Lee's hands can he prevent the most dangerous ending of them all?</p>	
<p>Cowell, Cressida</p>	<p><u>How to be a Pirate</u></p> <p>Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was an awesome sword-fighter, a dragon-whisperer and the greatest Viking Hero who ever lived. But it wasn't always like that. Hiccup's memoirs look back to when Hiccup was just an ordinary boy, and finding it very hard to be a Hero. Can Hiccup find Grimbeard the Ghastly's treasure before Alvin the Treacherous gets his sneaky hands on it? And if Hiccup opens a box that says DO NOT OPEN, will he live to tell the tale?</p>	
<p>Cowell, Cressida</p>	<p><u>How to Train your Dragon</u></p> <p>Hiccup Haddock Horrendous III was a truly extraordinary Viking hero. The warrior chieftain and awesome sword fighter was known as 'the Dragon Whisperer', on account of his power over these terrifying beasts. But it wasn't always like that.</p>	

<p>Stanton, Andy</p>	<p><u>Mr Gum and the Biscuit Millionaire</u></p> <p>This is weird, wacky and one in a million: a cross between Roald Dahl and Monty Python. Mr. Gum is back in this second hilarious book and he's as nasty as ever! In fact, he's absolutely grimsters. But this book's not just about him. Read this book and you'll meet a gingerbread man named Alan Taylor who has electric muscles! This book will have you crying with laughter!</p>	
<p>Stewart/ Riddell, Paul & Chris</p>	<p><u>Hugo Pepper</u></p> <p>Set in the same world as Fergus Crane and Corby Flood's stories, this is the tale of a small boy, Hugo Pepper, and his amazing exploits. Raised in the Frozen North by reindeer herders, his parents eaten by polar bears when he was just a baby, Hugo discovers that the sled they arrived in has a very special compass - one that can be set to 'Home'. And so Hugo arrives in Firefly Square - to discover a group of very special friends, and a dastardly enemy.</p>	
<p>Stewart/ Riddell, Paul & Chris</p>	<p><u>Barnaby Grimes: Curse of the Night Wolf</u></p> <p>Barnaby Grimes is a tick-tock lad, running errands in his city, day and night, and 'high-stacking' around the rooftops in search of new mysteries to solve. In this first adventure, Barnaby is attacked one night by an enormous dog. He kills it - but that's not the end of this particular mystery. As Barnaby finds himself swept up in a world of crooked doctors, poor and ill-advised patients, strange tonics and very expensive furs. Could there be more to the seemingly respectable Dr Cadwallader and the tonics he doles out to the poor? Is there a link between the tonic and the huge dogs? A fantastic romp through a Dickensian-style city, with a wonderful hero in the guise of Barnaby.</p>	
<p>Stewart/ Riddell, Paul & Chris</p>	<p><u>Corby Flood</u></p> <p>Corby Flood and her family are about to set sail on the rather ramshackle cruise ship, the S.S. Euphonia. Her boisterous brothers might not have noticed that anything is wrong, but Corby is highly observant. Onboard, amongst all the odd passengers and eccentric crew, there is a strange group of men in bowler-hats who call themselves The Brotherhood of Clowns. It's strictly out of bounds but Corby can't help investigating. What could be inside the crate she discovers down in the hold? As the ship arrives at its destination, Corby must enlist the help of some very well moustachioed locals to uncover the contents of the crate and the dark secrets of the menacing Clowns.</p>	

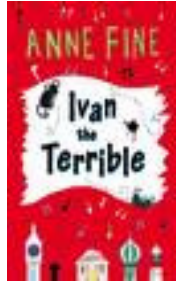
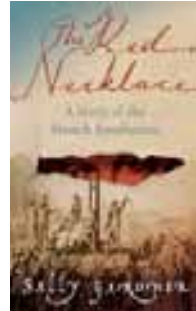

<p>Shan, Darren</p>	<p><u>Hunters of the Dusk</u></p> <p>Darren Shan, Mr Crepsley and Vancha Marsch, are the hunters of the dusk. Their quarry -- the Vampaneze Lord. It is six years after Darren was made a Vampire Prince and following a grim prophesy made by Mr Tiny, the vampires know the ascension of the Vampaneze Lord is at hand. Mr Tiny warns the vampires that there will be only three opportunities for the Vampaneze Lord to be vanquished and only three vampires who may succeed: Vancha Marsch, Larten Crepsley! and Darren Shan. Leaving the enclave of Vampire Mountain, Harkat, Darren and Mr Crepsley are shadowed by a creature of the night, do battle with the vampaneze, meet the mysterious Evanna and pay a visit to some old friends at the Cirque Du Freak. But no friend can prevent the bloody trail of bodies -- the Vampaneze Lord may be more than a match for the hunters of the dusk.</p>	
<p>Simon, Francesca</p>	<p><u>Horrid Henry and the Abominable Snowman</u></p> <p>Building a snowman brings out Henry's competitive streak; he sets up his Monstrous Makeovers business to rival Moody Margaret's Miraculous Makeovers; things go badly wrong when a famous author comes to school; and he thinks 'You'll all be sorry when I'm dead' and spends a rainy day writing his will.</p>	
<p>Small, Charlie</p>	<p><u>The Mummy's Tomb</u></p> <p>Prepare to be utterly amazed by the latest instalment of Charlie Small's incredible yet 100% true adventures. On his way to Jakeman's factory, Charlie is grabbed by Tristram Twitch, who sends him off on three dangerous errands. Charlie must find a pearl from the giant oyster beds of the Pangaeian Ocean, a diamond-encrusted tiara from a mummified corpse, and a gold quill from the back of the extremely rare golden porcupine of Mayapazan. And he has to befriend his old enemy, Thrak the gorilla along the way! If he doesn't succeed, Jakeman will be fed to a man-eating barracuda - and Charlie will never get back home...!</p>	
<p>Stanton, Andy</p>	<p><u>Mr Gum and the Power Crystals</u></p> <p>Can it really be true that there's an ancient curse on the town of Lamonic Bibber? And you guessed it, that old roo-de-lally Mr Gum and his trusty sidekick Billy William the Third have something to do with it. But, our favourite heroes Polly and Friday and the gingerbread biscuit Alan Taylor (only 15.24 cm tall) are determined to save the town (sigh of relief). Hang on to your heads and prepare to chuckle like a chipmunk as you are whisked to the land of talking dogs, silly songs, Old Granny, and the best chase scene you've ever seen.</p>	

<p>Craig, Joe</p>	<p><u>Jimmy Coates / Sabotage</u></p> <p>Jimmy Coates embarks on his fourth adventure in his ongoing mission to out-think / out-manoeuvre and outwit NJ7. If you think it's over, think again! "Jimmy closed his eyes, searching for that power inside him. He had to forget that he was terrified -- that was only the human part of him, the 38 per cent that was a normal, frightened boy. He willed the assassin to take him over. He knew that somewhere within him was enough strength, resilience and expert knowledge to survive this crisis." The cold and calculating Miss Bennett has had enough of Jimmy Coates. NJ7's greatest invention has turned into it's greatest enemy, and it's time someone put an end to him. But Jimmy's next mission is to foil a secret plan -- and who could be better at this than someone who officially doesn't exist!</p>	
<p>Deary, Terry</p>	<p><u>The Fire Thief</u></p> <p>Prometheus is on the run from an avenging eagle and finds himself escaping to Eden City in 1858. His new friend Jim is a young orphan and petty criminal who 'relieves' the wealthy of their worldly possessions. But two fugitives together means double trouble as the frenetic action jumps from Mount Olympus to the seedy taverns of Dickensian Eden City. Will Prometheus's soft spot for humans in need betray him to the deadly eagle? International bestselling author Terry Deary reinvents the myth of Prometheus.</p>	
<p>Diamond, Emily</p>	<p><u>Flood Child</u></p> <p>Flooded England, 2216...England has changed for ever: most of it is under water. Worse, bloodthirsty pirates prowl the shores, and when they kidnap the Prime Minister's daughter it looks like war. But out of this drowning world comes Lilly Melkun, a girl determined to put things right, with the help of a pirate boy - and an extraordinary treasure from the past, with the power to change the Future.</p>	
<p>Doder, Joshua</p>	<p><u>Grk and the Hot Dog Trail</u></p> <p>New York might be the Big Apple, but for Tim it's sausage city! A priceless golden statue has been stolen and Tim has a vital clue. He follows the trail of hot dogs in a sizzling chase from sleepy Central Park to boisterous Brooklyn - helped by the hottest dog of all, Grk!</p>	


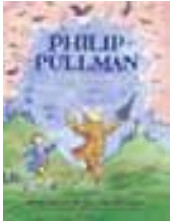


<p>Dougherty, John</p>	<p><u>Jack Slater Monster Investigator</u></p> <p>Jack Slater is an official monster investigator - licensed to hunt out monsters, who turn up under beds and terrorize small children (and his parents!). Armed with a high-power torch (monsters hate the light), a pocketful of spare batteries and a much-loved teddy (there is nothing monsters hate more than a favourite childhood toy), he sets off down to Monster Underworld when news reaches his ears that the monsters are on the march. They're getting organized and no-one, not even the Prime Minister in Downing Street, is safe any more...</p>	
<p>Dowswell, Paul</p>	<p><u>Prison Ship: The Adventures of Sam Witchall</u></p> <p>Sam fights in a fierce battle against the Danish Fleet, led by none other than Admiral Nelson himself, and against all odds victory is theirs. Peace is declared and Britain's war with most of Northern Europe is over. Sam can go home. But on the journey back, he witnesses a crime, for which he is framed. He is sentenced to death, but at the last minute this sentence is commuted to transportation to Australia. With petty thieves, vicious criminals, women and other children, Sam begins an eight month journey to the other side of the world, and a life of slavery in the harsh Australian interior. He knows that, against all odds, he must escape.</p>	
<p>Duffy, Carol Ann</p>	<p><u>The Hat</u></p> <p>In this delightful new collection of poetry for children, Carol Ann Duffy takes us on a mud-and-all ramble through sand, socks, songs and schoolrooms. Charming and witty, infectiously enjoyable, these poems take pleasure in the discovery of imaginative worlds, from the loneliness of ghosts and ghouls to a shopping trip by Manchunian cows. At the heart of the book a poem which follows the mischievous and educational journey of a hat blown through history, from one literary head to another, quoting its owner's most famous lines as it goes.</p>	
<p>Dunbar, Fiona</p>	<p><u>Toonhead</u></p> <p>When Pablo discovers he can predict the future through the cartoons he draws, he can hardly believe his luck. But what seems to be a brilliant discovery soon turns into a terrible burden, as Pablo's secret is uncovered by the wrong kind of people. Kidnapped and in a foreign country, with only a cartoon character for company -- will Pablo be able to use his gift to escape?</p>	

<p>Rising, Janet</p>	<p><u>The Word on the Yard</u></p> <p>Pia immediately gets off on the wrong foot with Cat, 'queen' of the stables, but starts to make friends when her newly-discovered talent helps save a pony from colic. Word spreads about Pia's pony-whispering powers -- then it all goes wrong when she gets her own TV show!</p>	
<p>Rowling, J K</p>	<p><u>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows</u></p> <p>Harry Potter is preparing to leave the Dursleys and Privet Drive for the last time. But the future that awaits him is full of danger, not only for him, but for anyone close to him - and Harry has already lost so much. Only by destroying Voldemort's remaining Horcruxes can Harry free himself and overcome the Dark Lord's forces of evil. In this dramatic conclusion to "The Harry Potter Series", Harry must leave his most loyal friends behind, and in a final perilous journey find the strength and the will to face his terrifying destiny: a deadly confrontation that is his alone to fight.</p>	
<p>Sachar, Louis</p>	<p><u>Small Steps</u></p> <p>Armpit and X-Ray are living in Austin, Texas. It is three years since they left the confines of Camp Green Lake Detention Centre and Armpit is taking small steps to turn his life around. He is working for a landscape gardener because he is good at digging holes, he is going to school and he is enjoying his first proper romance, but is he going to be able to stay out of trouble when there is so much building up against him? In this exciting novel, Armpit is joined by many vibrant new characters, and is learning what it takes to stay on course, and that doing the right thing is never the wrong choice.</p>	
<p>Said, S F</p>	<p><u>The Outlaw Varjak Paw</u></p> <p>Having saved the city cats from a fate worse than death, Varjak Paw finds himself the elected and popular leader of a new gang - a gang that supports freedom and kindness for all. But will the pressure take its toll on this brave yet sometimes naive cat? Soon the city erupts in an all-out gang war as the evil Sally Bones attempts to control the lives of all cats. Horrified and outnumbered, Varjak and the others must fight for their freedom or die trying; can Jalal's Way really be the best way?</p>	

<p>Reeve, Philip</p>	<p><u>A Darkling Plain</u></p> <p>"A Darkling Plain" is the final thrilling instalment in Philip Reeve's brilliantly-imagined creation, the world of the Traction Era, where mobile cities fight for survival in a post-apocalyptic future. Agents for peace are bringing an end to the devastating conflict between the roaming Traction Cities and their fanatical enemies while Wren and her father Tom travel the Bird Roads in their airship, trying to forget that Hester has betrayed them. In the ruined wreckage of the city of London they make a discovery that will hang the world, while Hester must face an implacable foe with the means and the will to destroy the entire human race.</p>	
<p>Richards, Justin</p>	<p><u>Agent Alfie: Sorted!</u></p> <p>Following the misadventures of an ordinary boy at an extraordinary school for young spies! Alfie and his friends are preparing for their SATS exams - because everyone knows that if you don't have your Special Agent Training Standards you can't go on to do your GCSEs. And if you didn't have your General Certificate in Surveillance and Espionage then where would you be? The thing is, SATS are hard enough as it is. But when the test papers go missing in the post and are replaced by competitions to win sets of matching saucepans, it just gets ridiculous! Can Alfie and his friends solve the mystery of the missing post? One thing's for sure: Spud just have to be behind it, somehow!</p>	
<p>Richards, Justin</p>	<p><u>The Death Collector</u></p> <p>When Eddie 'Dipper' Hopkins steals George Archer's wallet he has no idea that he is about to enter a dark world of grave-robbing, assassins and zombies. For George Archer is no ordinary citizen. He has just been offered a job in the top secret Department of Unclassified Artefacts at the British Museum - a department that investigates the bizarre and the unexplained. And in George's wallet is a clue to one of the biggest mysteries of all - a secret that has remained hidden for millions of years...</p>	
<p>Riordan, Rick</p>	<p><u>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief</u></p> <p>Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek god. I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. That's when things started really going wrong. Now I spend my time fighting with swords, battling monsters with my friends and generally trying to stay alive. This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt - and making Zeus angry is a very bad idea...</p>	

<p>Fine, Anne</p>	<p><u>Ivan the Terrible</u></p> <p>It's Ivan's first day at his new school, and Boris is told to look after him, and translate for him, because Ivan can only speak Russian. After all, St Edmund's is a civilized school. Only problem is, Ivan isn't civilized. So when Ivan starts greeting people as 'lowly shivering worms', and asking for words in English like 'crush' and 'mutilate', Boris realises that he's going to have his work cut out for him. And that's just the start of the day...Little does he know that Ivan will leave a lasting influence, and that he himself will never enjoy listening to nursery rhymes ever again...This is a classic Anne Fine story - very funny and very real.</p>	
<p>Gantos, Jack</p>	<p><u>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</u></p> <p>Joey isn't a bad boy, he just can't sit still for more than a couple of minutes. If he thinks of something, he's just got to do it, like putting his fingers in the pencil sharpener or swallowing his key. Told from Joey's own unique viewpoint, this is a funny and touching story about attention deficit disorder.</p>	
<p>Gardner, Sally</p>	<p><u>The Red Necklace</u></p> <p>The story of a remarkable boy called Yann Margoza; Tetu the dwarf, his friend and mentor; Sido, unloved daughter of a foolish Marquis; and Count Kalliovski, Grand Master of a secret society, who has half the aristocracy in thrall to him, and wants Yann dead. Yann is spirited away to London but three years later, when Paris is gripped by the bloody horrors of the Revolution, he returns, charged with two missions: to find out Kalliovski's darkest deeds and to save Sido from the guillotine. With a tangle of secrets, a thread of magic and a touch of humour, the follies of the aristocracy and the sufferings of ordinary people are unfolded as their lives move relentlessly towards the tragic and horrific days of the Terror.</p>	
<p>Sally, Gardner</p>	<p><u>The Boy with the Lightning Feet</u></p> <p>Timmy Twinkle is chubby. That means he gets bullied at school and hasn't any friends. He longs to play football, but he's hopeless at games. He's miserable. And it doesn't help when Gramps tells him about Great-Uncle Vernon, a chubby boy who grew up to be a famous footballer. Then his gran's friend May comes to stay. May is a fitness fanatic who knocks Timmy and Gramps into shape in no time, and Timmy discovers there's magic in his toes - he can kick a ball just like Great-Uncle Vernon. And when Timmy performs on the football field, everyone wants to be friends with him. A lovely story of a child whose unhappiness is dispelled by the discovery of a magical gift.</p>	

<p>Gleitzman, Morris</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Once</u></p> <p>Felix can't stop wondering what has happened to his parents. He's been living in an orphanage in the mountains for over three years now, and they still haven't come to get him. When men arrive one day and start burning the orphanage's books, Felix is upset and can't understand what is happening. But this is Poland in 1942 and the men are Nazis, come to burn Jewish books. Fearing for his Jewish book-seller parents, Felix escapes and embarks on a dangerous mission across Nazi-occupied Poland, determined to warn his parents about what is going on.</p>	
<p>Gliori, Debi</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Witch Baby and Me at School</u></p> <p>Lily is 9. Her sister Daisy is 1. And she's no ordinary baby. Somehow, when she was born, something went rather wrong...and now Daisy is a Witch Baby. Nobody knows this but Lily - she's the only one who can see when Daisy makes the fridge float in the air, or turns people into slugs, or summons up her very stinky dog Waywoof...The sisters have now settled into their new home and so it's time for Lily to start at her new school. Can she survive being the new girl? Will Daisy be a help or a hindrance...?</p>	
<p>Goodhart, Pippa</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Raven Boy</u></p> <p>This work is set in London 1666. Young Nick Truelove blames King Charles II for the death of his parents, and vows to get revenge. He forms a special friendship with a young raven and inspired by its bold behaviour and wily cunning bluffs his way into the centre of the King's power, the Tower of London. But the Great Fire and an encounter with the King himself will change Nick's life for ever. Pippa Goodhart's novel is firmly rooted in history and vividly describes the horror of the Plague and the Great Fire. At its heart though is a thrilling adventure about a boy, his battle with injustice, and his special relationship with a wild animal.</p>	
<p>Haig, Matt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Shadow Forest</u></p> <p>Samuel Blink is the hero of this story, but he doesn't know it yet. Right now, he and his sister Martha are in the back of his parents car. He has no idea a giant log is about to fall from the sky and change his life forever. He doesn't know that he and Martha will be forced to move to Norway and eat their Aunt Eda's smelly brown cheese. He hasn't the slightest clue Martha will disappear into Shadow Forest. A forest full of one-eyed trolls, the sinister huldre-folk, deadly Truth Pixies and a witch who steals shadows. A forest ruled by the evil Changemaker. A forest so dangerous that people who enter never return.</p>	

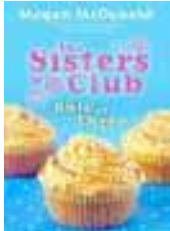

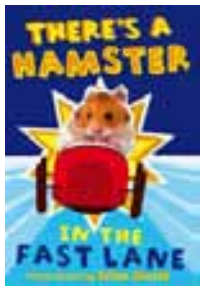
<p>Priestley, Chris</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror</u></p> <p>Uncle Montague lives alone in a big house and his regular visits from his nephew give him the opportunity to relive some of the most frightening stories he knows. But as the stories unfold, a newer and more surprising narrative emerges, one that is perhaps the most frightening of all. "Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror", it transpires, are not so much works of imagination as dreadful lurking memories. Memories of an earlier time in which Uncle Montague lived a very different life to his present solitary existence.</p>	
<p>Pullman, Philip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Scarecrow and the Servant</u></p> <p>This is a wonderful new tale of two friends: a scarecrow made of straw and turnip, and his servant, a clever little boy named Jack. Their journey of discovery takes them into hilarious situations and terrifying dangers, but Jack's common sense always saves the day. This is a fantastic story of friendship and love.</p>	
<p>Reeve, Philip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Buster Bayliss: Day of the Hamster</u></p> <p>Buster longs for a quiet life, but weird stuff just keeps happening in Smogley...HEEEELLLP! There's a giant, crazy hamster - and it's coming straight for Buster. Hamsters are small, cute and cuddly, except when you feed them weird brown gloopy stuff and they're cute, cuddly and the size of a house. Buster Bayliss is in really big trouble this time...</p>	
<p>Reeve, Philip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Starcross</u></p> <p>Art and his family are invited on a fantastic free holiday to the exotic Asteroid Belt, in a remote part of space near Mars. Taking the train, they arrive to discover that nothing is quite as it seems - the hotel slips curiously back and forth through time, and the guests behave rather strangely too. What is behind these bizarre goings-on? It's up to Jack Havock, Art and his sister Myrtle (against her will) to get to the bottom of things. But the giant sand clams and man-eating starfish which roam freely nearby are nothing compared to the True Enemy, which is cunning, sinister, and almost unstoppable and may resemble a hat.</p>	

<p>Ogilvy, Ian</p>	<p><u>Measle and the Doompit</u></p> <p>When Toby Jugg, Measle's nemesis, turns up on the school trip, Measle knows he's in danger. The school trip is supposed to be an adventure and a challenge - and now it is. Toby Jugg shoves Measle into a dark hole - the doompit, a door to all sorts of scary worlds. Measle must escape the jaws of a pack of werewolves, the pincers of some giant ants, the massive arms of the abominable snowman, and the petrifying stare of the gorgon. Oh, and rescue his schoolmates, find Iggy and Tinker, discover a way out and defeat Toby Jugg at the same time!</p>	
<p>Owen, Chris</p>	<p><u>Hairy Mole's Adventures on the High Seas</u></p> <p>In this second book in the popular "Hairy Mole" trilogy, Hairy Mole sets out once again with his eager and devoted misfit pirate crew on an epic journey packed full of action. Hairy Mole is no ordinary pirate. He is neither bold, brave, fearless or handsome, but he loves an adventure. Together with his crew Belch, Pickle, the twins Crevice and Pitt, tiny Guff and Mr Bogey the first mate, with huge nostrils, hairy ears and a cricket bat for a leg, he meets an Italian pirate ship manned by colourful non-smelly pirates with exotic birds on their heads. The adventures of Hairy Mole delight children with their ridiculous humour and simple stories.</p>	
<p>Paver, Michelle</p>	<p><u>Wolf Brother: Chronicles of Ancient Darkness Book 1</u></p> <p>Thousands of years ago the land is one dark forest. Its people are hunter-gatherers. They know every tree and herb and they know how to survive in a time of enchantment and powerful magic. Until an ambitious and malevolent force conjures a demon: a demon so evil that it can be contained only in the body of a ferocious bear that will slay everything it sees, a demon determined to destroy the world. Only one boy can stop it - 12 year old Torak, who has seen his father murdered by the bear. A terrifying quest in a world of wolves, tree spirits and Hidden People, a world in which trusting a friend means risking your life.</p>	
<p>Paver, Michelle</p>	<p><u>The Spirit Walker: Chronicles of Ancient Darkness Book 2</u></p> <p>Thousands of years ago an orphan boy and his wolf cub companion challenge a demon bear that threatens to destroy their world forever. With the help of the World Spirit, Torak destroys the bear, but his beloved Wolf is lost in the ensuing avalanche. And Torak's quest is far from over. On the Seal's Island he stumbles into a world utterly unlike his own.</p>	

<p>Higgins, F E</p>	<p><u>The Black Book of Secrets</u></p> <p>When Ludlow Fitch's parents cruelly betray him, he steals away on the back of a carriage and leaves behind the stinking City. He arrives in the dead of night at a remote village, where he crosses paths with the tall and limping figure of Joe Zabbidou - a pawnbroker with a difference. For Joe trades secrets, not goods, for cash. Ludlow is employed to record the villagers' fiendish confessions in The Black Book of Secrets. Bodysnatching; thievery; murder. The people of Pagus Parvus have much to hide. But is Ludlow Fitch ready to release his own skeletons? And will he ever learn to trust his mysterious master?</p>	
<p>Higson, Charlie</p>	<p><u>Hurricane Gold</u></p> <p>As the sun blazes over the Caribbean island of Lagrimas Negras, its bloodthirsty ruler is watching and waiting. Criminals come here to hide, with blood on their hands and escape on their minds. On the mainland, in the quiet town of Tres Hermanas, ex-flying ace Jack Stone leaves his son and daughter in the company of James Bond. But a gang of thieves lies in ambush - they want Stone's precious safe, and will kill for its contents. James embarks on a deadly chase through the Mexican jungle. On this terrifying trail of greed and betrayal, only danger is guaranteed ...Survival is not.</p>	
<p>Horowitz, Anthony</p>	<p><u>The Falcon's Malteser</u></p> <p>When a dwarf comes into the office and leaves a package, Tim Diamond, the world's worst private dick, is faced with his toughest case yet. The office is ransacked and the package is found to contain simply a box of Maltesers. Who was the dwarf and why was he murdered shortly after his visit?</p>	
<p>Horowitz, Anthony</p>	<p><u>Point Blanc (graphic novel)</u></p> <p>Investigations into the "accidental" deaths of two of the world's most powerful men have revealed just one link: both had a son attending Point Blanc Academy, a school for rebellious rich kids run by the sinister Dr Grief and set high in the French Alps. Armed with a new collection of gadgets, Alex must infiltrate the academy as a pupil and establish the truth about what is really happening there...</p>	



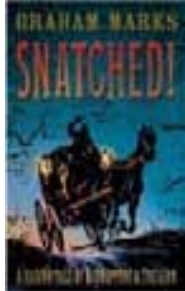
<p>Huggins-Cooper, Lynn</p>	<p><u>Walking with Witches</u></p> <p>Eleanor and Izzy are on a trip to Newcastle, visiting the Literary and Philosophical Society library. They see odd shadows and hear ghostly whispering voices - and a book in a glass display case leafs open as they watch. Pages stop fluttering at woodcut of a group of witches hanged on the town moor in 1650. The girls hear a bell ringing and their adventure begins. The friends decide to study the witches for a history project. When witches' bones are unearthed in St. Andrew's graveyard in Newgate Street the girls investigate, and encounter an unearthly dark cloaked figure. As they follow the trail that the accused witches took around Newcastle, the friends fit the pieces of the puzzle together.</p>	
<p>Hunter, Erin</p>	<p><u>Warrior Cats—Dangerous Path</u></p> <p>Travel back into the rich feline fantasy world of the Warrior Cats in the fifth book series! Battles for honour and territory continue as Fireheart takes over the ThunderClan in this dramatic adventure. With Bluestar both increasingly ill, Fireheart must take on even more responsibility within ThunderClan. But terrible dreams of danger and death haunt Fireheart's dreams, as Tigerclaw seeks revenge and renegade dogs threaten everyone. Has StarClan abandoned ThunderClan forever?</p>	
<p>Johnson, Pete</p>	<p><u>The Bad Spy's Guide</u></p> <p>My true identity—spells danger! Everyone thinks Tasha is a big joke because she is obsessed with spies. But when Henry, the new boy at school, accidentally mixes up his notebook with hers, Tasha has breathed her last ever bit of dull air. Henry tells her he is a teenage spy. And that he needs to use her room for surveillance on his latest targets. Tasha is just thrilled to discover that her neighbours are enemy agents. And her new life of spying, gadgets and sneaking around is really cool. But is Henry all he claims to be? Or could he be stretching the truth? Tasha's doubts grow, and then she receives an incredible shock ...</p>	
<p>Kieve, Paul</p>	<p><u>Hocus Pocus</u></p> <p>One day, as Paul is on the phone to his friend, sitting in his 'Poster Room', chatting to a friend about how well his magic show went from the night before, he gets a strange sensation. Suddenly, the huge figure of Alexander steps out of the poster and starts telling Paul off for getting too big-headed! Alexander and the other brilliant magicians in the posters are going to show Paul what magic is really about!</p>	

<p>Mowll, Joshua</p>	<p><u>Operation Typhoon Shore</u></p> <p>Celebes Sea, May 1920: Battered by a typhoon, the Expedient is shipwrecked on a volcanic island. No radio, no rescue, no escape. Doug and Becca MacKenzie's search for their missing parents must wait; but what part did the mysterious Guild play in their disappearance? And what is their uncle, Captain MacKenzie, really searching for? Will the strange riddle Doug and Becca unearth be the key to the dark secrets of the Guild and a means to escaping the island?</p>	
<p>Murphy, Glenn</p>	<p><u>How Loud Can You Burp?</u></p> <p>How loud can you burp? Could we use animal poo to make electricity? Why is water wet, and is anything wetter than water? What's the deadliest disease in the world? What are clouds for? What's the difference between a brain and a computer? This is a wonderfully funny and informative book which helps us take a fresh look at the world (and universe) we live in, with no boring bits and an abundance of fascinating facts!</p>	
<p>Newberry, Linda</p>	<p><u>Catcall</u></p> <p>It's a time of change for everyone in Josh's family - a relatively new stepdad and a brand new baby sister. For Josh's younger brother Jamie, the family upheaval has deeply disturbing consequences: he refuses to speak, and after a vivid, frightening dream develops an obsession with wild cats. With his parents so preoccupied, it's up to Josh, who's always been the quiet one, to keep the family together - to be the peacemaker, the healer - and to unravel and find a cure for his brother's strange behaviour. In helping Jamie to recover his voice, Josh discovers an unexpectedly resonant one of his own.</p>	
<p>Northfield, Gary</p>	<p><u>Derek the Sheep</u></p> <p>A day in the life of Derek the Sheep is no forage in the field. Oh no. It's flippin' hard work, what with all those other pesky animals on the farm! Wherever Derek might be or whatever he might be up to, you can be sure there's something for him to get his wool in a twist about. But the cantankerous Derek is also not one to miss an opportunity - especially if it means more juicy grass - and brought here are a collection of some of Derek's most heroically daft adventures to be enjoyed time and again by one and all.</p>	

<p>McCombie Karen</p>	<p><u>Indie Kidd: My (most excellent) Guide to the Best of Friends</u></p> <p>This is a guide to making and keeping friends, from the irrepressible "Indie Kidd". Featuring all-new stories and information, this spin-off from the hilarious "Indie Kidd" series is an essential guide to making and keeping best friends - in all their shapes and sizes! Indie and her friends let us in on the stories of how they all came to be best friends, giving tips on how to handle friends that are bossy or shy, in your family or, even, boys. With a quiz and advice, this is a most excellent guide for Indie Kid fans and newcomers alike.</p>	
<p>McDonald, Megan</p>	<p><u>The Sisters Club: Rule of Three</u></p> <p>This play's the thing when sibling rivalry takes centre stage in a funny, spot-on, all-new Sisters Club story by the inimitable creator of Judy Moody. Alex has always been the Actor-with-a-capital-A in the Reel family, while middle-sister Stevie has been content to stay behind the scenes. But for once, Stevie wants to be in the spotlight. Soon she and Alex are engaged in a fierce battle to take the lead part in the school musical. May the best sister win.</p>	
<p>Moriarty, Liane</p>	<p><u>The Space Brigade and the Petrifying Problem with Princess Petronella</u></p> <p>This book is a fun and fantastic inter-galactic adventure. When Georgio Gorgiosko from Planet Globagaskar visits her class, Nicola gets the opportunity to take charge. The King and Queen of Planet Globagaskar have gone on holiday and left their spoilt daughter, Princess Petronella in charge. The sulky princess wants to turn earth into a rubbish dump. Georgio Gorgiosko must find an Earthling Ambassador to convince the princess otherwise and save earth. Nicola is up for the challenge, but what can she do to change the princess' mind? Even with a new outfit from the wardrobewhizonic ladies, it's going to be impossible to do on her own. She'll need the help of her friends in the Space Brigade.</p>	
<p>Moses, Brian</p>	<p><u>There's a Hamster in the Fast Lane</u></p> <p>Prepare to meet a tortoise on a trampoline (boing!), a cat who bites back (ouch) and a poor little rich dog (whimper). You'll find out what all the fashionable ferrets are wearing at the moment - and how your average cat reacts to being served the wrong brand of cat food. MI-AOW! The speed cameras are flashing, but they can't identify a hamster in the fast lane as he roly-polys by. No more tickles on the tummy, No more crummy little cage. Speeding at one hundred miles an hour at least, this book is fuelled by hamster rage.</p>	

<p>King-Smith, Dick</p>	<p><u>Dinosaur Trouble</u></p> <p>'T. rex! T. rex! Run!' The terrible Tyrannosaurus rex is scaring all the dinosaur families that live on the Great Plain. Nosy, the little pterodactyl, and his great friend Banty, the apatosaurus, agree that T. rex has got to be stopped. But how? Luckily Nosy has a plan ...</p>	
<p>Kinney, Jeff</p>	<p><u>Diary of a Wimpey Kid</u></p> <p>Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into a new year and a new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. Desperate to prove his new found maturity, which only going up a grade can bring, Greg is happy to have his not-quite-so-cool sidekick, Rowley, along for the ride. But when Rowley's star starts to rise, Greg tries to use his best friend's popularity to his own advantage. Recorded in his diary with comic pictures and his very own words, this test of Greg and Rowley's friendship unfolds with hilarious results.</p>	
<p>Landy, Derek</p>	<p><u>Skulduggery Pleasant</u></p> <p>Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the greater good, of course). Oh yeah. And dead. Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's! well, she's a twelve-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out!</p>	
<p>Langrish, Katherine</p>	<p><u>Troll Blood</u></p> <p>This is the dramatic and gripping conclusion to Katherine Langrish's highly-acclaimed "Troll" trilogy. When seafaring traders, Gunnar, and his sword-wielding son, Harald Silkenhair, land in Trollsvik, looking for crew to join their journey to "Vinland", Hilde is desperate to join the ship. But Gunnar and Harald are dangerous men. Harald has killed a man, and Gunnar has been cursed and is losing his wits in fear that the dead man's ghost is following him. Harald has an uncontrollable, raging temper, and a perilous rivalry develops between he and Peer. Action-packed, suspense-fuelled and with a wonderful cast of characters, "Troll Blood" is a truly rip-roaring read.</p>	

<p>Lawrence, Caroline</p>	<p><u>The Thieves of Ostia</u></p> <p>Flavia Gemina is brilliant at finding things, so it's natural for her to solve mysteries. The daughter of a ship's captain living in Ostia, the port of Rome, in AD79, she acquires a gang of three friends who help her. There is Jonathan, the Jewish boy (and secretly a Christian); Nubia, the African slave girl; and Lupus, a mute beggar boy. Together they work out who severed the heads of the watchdogs that guard people's homes, and why he did it. Caroline Lawrence is a terrific storyteller and a delightfully readable and accessible writer with characters that children will relate to. Her picture of daily life in Ancient Rome is wonderfully vivid. This book is a whodunnit, with lots of twist and cliffhangers and a mystery for the reader to solve.</p>	
<p>Lawrence, Michael</p>	<p><u>The Iron, the Switch and the Broom Cupboard</u></p> <p>Jiggy only jumped into the school broom cupboard for two minutes to avoid a teacher. So when he emerges from his hasty hiding spot into a parallel universe, he's not impressed! And there's not a lion or a witch in sight. In this new world, Jiggy finds he has swapped places with a boy called Juggy who is about to go on a school trip - a trip to compete in the UK Extreme Ironing Championships...</p>	
<p>Layton, Neal</p>	<p><u>Mammoth Academy in Trouble</u></p> <p>There's not much worse than having to go back to school after the holidays. Except perhaps if you return and there's graffiti all over the school! And then a flea epidemic! Things are getting pretty hairy for the students of the Mammoth Academy. The heaviest snowfall in history means lots of hungry humans and soon the Academy is surrounded. How will they get out of this one?</p>	
<p>Lennon, Joan</p>	<p><u>Ice Road</u></p> <p>It's the harshest winter anyone can remember, and the vast waterways of the Fens are frozen solid, transformed into an Ice Road. Ideal conditions for a surprise invasion by young King Arnald's banished uncle! Even Wickit Monastery is under threat - a bitter illness has struck down almost all the Brothers and a ghost walks across the snow. How can the orphan Pip, and Perfect, the stone gargoyle, save the Brothers, their friend the King and their country?</p>	

<p>Lightwood Donald</p>	<p><u>The Witches Mark</u></p> <p>This work features such characters as: superstitious fishermen, corrupt feudal landlords, starving tenants, and an old lady who talks to the birds and animals, and is branded as a witch by the local villagers. When fifteen-year-old Murdo befriends Old Pheemie, he discovers the hard way that the East Neuk of Fife in the seventeenth century is not the place to be if you are associated with anyone believed to be a witch. Caught up in matters beyond their control, Murdo and his friend, Alex, find themselves in a race against time to save Pheemie before the witch hunter, Silas Pow, arrives to find her witches' mark. This is a gripping tale set against a backdrop of witch trials, superstition and smuggling.</p>	
<p>MacPhail, Cathy</p>	<p><u>Underworld</u></p> <p>A school trip goes disastrously wrong when a visit to local caves turns into something far more sinister. Five school children find themselves trapped beneath the ground. Their best chance of escape is to stay together. Then a member of the group disappears, and their hopes of leaving start to fade. Does one of the remaining four know more than they are letting on, or is there something evil lurking in the caves? The five children find themselves in a struggle for dominance as well as survival.</p>	
<p>Marks, Graham</p>	<p><u>Snatched!</u></p> <p>This is an astounding, action-packed adventure tale of mystery and kidnapping, with an unforgettable cast of heroes, villains, thieves and all the stars of the circus. Left for dead in a lion's cage, baby Daniel is adopted by Hubble, owner of a traveling circus. Twelve years later, his carefree life as a bareback rider is shattered by vivid premonitions. When Josie joins the circus, Daniel realizes that his visions are coming true, but he still cannot stop the terrible fire that he had foreseen. In the aftermath he is snatched away - taken to London, gagged and bound, and he must find a way to escape. But could the city be the place to finally discover the truth behind his birth?</p>	
<p>McCombie Karen</p>	<p><u>An Urgent Message of Wowness</u></p> <p>Somebody stop the mayhem! Heather thinks everyone in her family comes from Planet Perfect. Everyone except her, that is. Then dad drops a bombshell, and the world turns upside down...Life's become surprising, exciting and just a little bit mad - but is this topsy-turvy new family somewhere Heather can fit in?</p>	