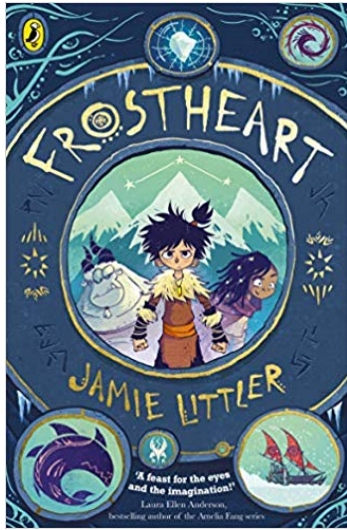


Year 4 - Suggested Reading List

'Frostheart' by Jamie Littler



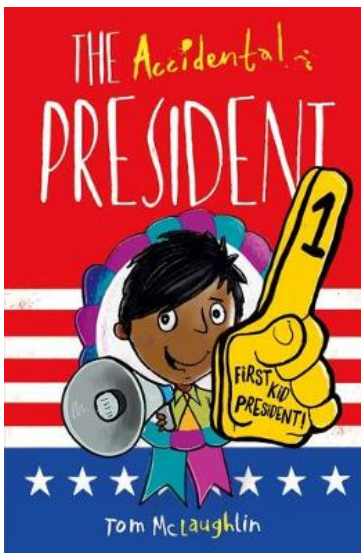
Way out in the furthest part of the known world, a tiny stronghold exists all on its own, cut off from the rest of human-kin by monsters that lurk beneath the Snow Sea. There, a boy called Ash waits for the return of his parents, singing a forbidden lullaby to remind him of them... and doing his best to avoid his very, VERY grumpy yeti guardian, Tobu. But life is about to get a whole lot more crazy-adventurous for Ash. When a brave rescue attempt reveals he has amazing magical powers, he's whisked aboard the *Frostheart*, a sleigh packed full of daring explorers who could use his help. But can they help him find his family ...?

'I, Cosmo' by Carlie Sorosiak



The story of one dog's attempt to save his family, become a star, and eat a lot of bacon. Cosmo's family is falling apart. And it's up to Cosmo to keep them together. He knows exactly what to do. There's only one problem. Cosmo is a Golden Retriever. Wise, funny, and filled with warmth and heart, this is Charlotte's Web meets Little Miss Sunshine - a moving, beautiful story, with a wonderfully unique hero, from an incredible new voice in middle grade fiction - perfect for fans of Rebecca Stead and Kate DiCamillo.

'The Accidental President' by Tom McLaughlin



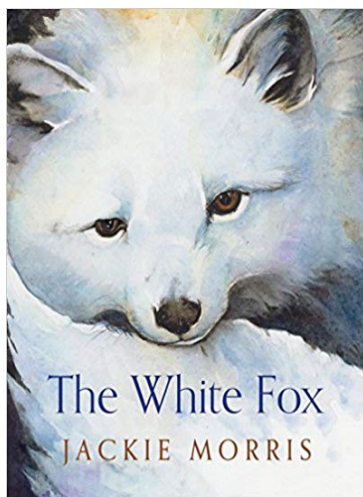
On a visit to the US, things take a strange turn for 12-year-old Ajay when, completely at random and totally by accident, he is sworn in as the new president. Well, I guess he can't be any worse than that guy who had the job before him, right? Wrong. It's quite easy for power to go to your head and Ajay, overwhelmed by it all, goes rogue. Soon he's too busy ordering sparkly capes and enforcing

the new national spider plan to spot the dastardly plot unfolding right under his nose.



'The Tale of Angelino Brown' by David Almond

Bert and Betty Brown have got themselves a little angel. Bert found him in his top pocket when he was driving his bus. Bert and Betty's friends think he's lovely. So do Nancy and Jack and Alice from Class 5K. What a wonder! But Acting Head Teacher Mrs Mole is not so sure. Nor is Professor Smellie. Or the mysterious bloke in black who claims to be a School Inspector. Then there's Basher Malone - big, lumbering Basher Malone. He REALLY doesn't like Angelino. And it looks like he's out to get him...



'The Arctic Fox' by Jackie Morris

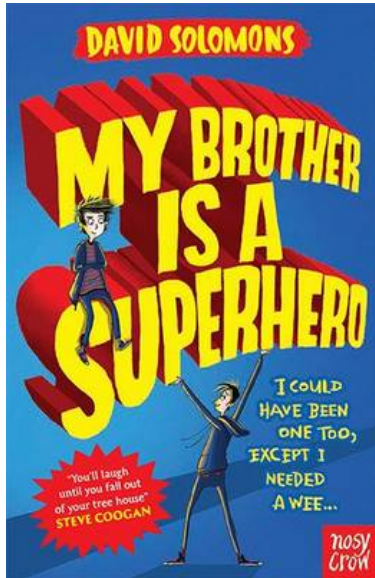
The day the fox came things began to change for Sol. Lost, alone and far away from home, Sol feels a deep connection with the little Arctic fox he discovers down at the Seattle docks - he too feels lost in the big city. Dad is always busy working and Sol misses the grandparents they have left behind. So Sol decides to take the little fox back home, reuniting his own family in the process.



'Greta Zargo and the Death Robots from Outer Space' by A. F. Harold

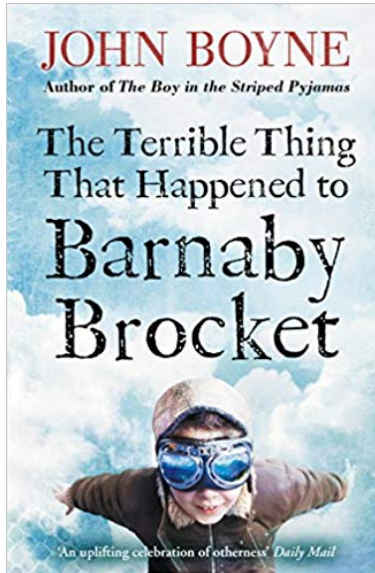
Greta Zargo is an unusual 11-year-old. An orphan she's lived on her own since the age of 8 thanks to an unfortunate but legally-binding error on her parents' otherwise carefully thought-out will. A junior reporter on the local paper, Greta is determined her summer scoop will be solving the mystery surrounding a series of cake thefts. Meanwhile, in outer space a huge space-going robot is heading towards Earth to take over our planet. The two stories zing along in parallel before coming

together beautifully at the book's climax, and thanks to another typo on a key document.



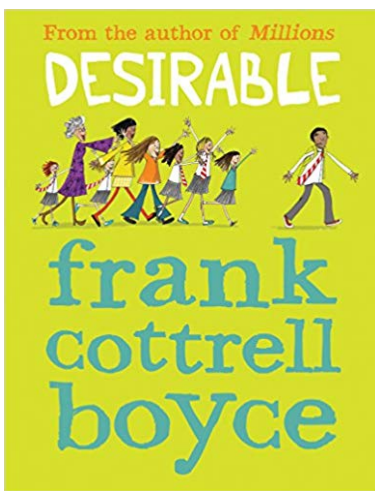
'My Brother is a Superhero' by David Solomons

Luke is a comic-mad eleven-year old who shares a treehouse with his geeky older brother, Zack. Luke's only mistake is to go for a wee right at the wrong time. While he's gone, an alien gives his undeserving, never-read-a-comic-in-his-life brother superpowers and then tells him to save the universe. Luke is massively annoyed about this, but when Zack is kidnapped by his arch-nemesis, Luke and his friends have only five days to find him and save the world...



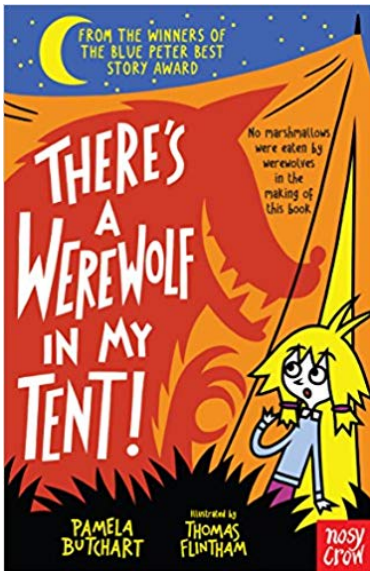
'The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket' by John Boyne

There's nothing unusual or different about the Brocket family - and they're keen to keep it that way. But when Barnaby Brocket comes into the world, it's clear he's anything but ordinary. To his parents' horror, Barnaby defies the laws of gravity - and floats. Soon, the Brockets decide enough is enough. The neighbours are starting to talk. They never *asked* for a weird, abnormal, *floating* child. Barnaby has to go . . . Betrayed and frightened, Barnaby floats into the path of a very special hot air balloon - and so begins a magical journey around the world, with a cast of extraordinary new friends.



'Desirable' by Frank Cottrell Boyce

George is so unpopular that even his own grandad won't come to his birthday party. Instead, his grandad sends him a bottle of aftershave that expired years ago. But the aftershave seems to have developed extra properties since its sell-by date...Now George is irresistible to all the girls in school - and even the teachers can't get enough of him!



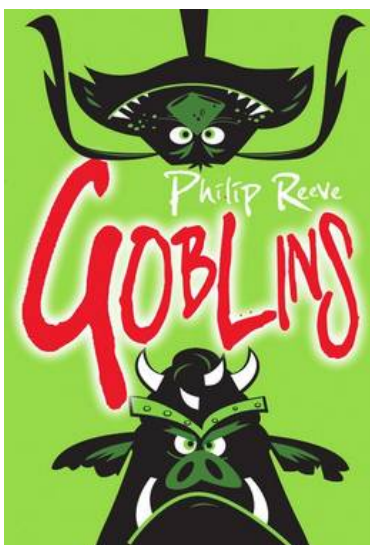
'There's A Werewolf in my Tent!' by Pamela Butchart

Izzy and her friends are so excited about their school trip. They're going camping and there'll be marshmallows and no washing and everything. But then weird things start happening! There are howling sounds at night, and some sausages have gone missing, and it's nearly a full moon... But it's when they see their new teacher's hairy legs that they know! There's a werewolf on the school trip and they're all DOOMED!



'The Star-Spun Web' by Sinéad O'Hart

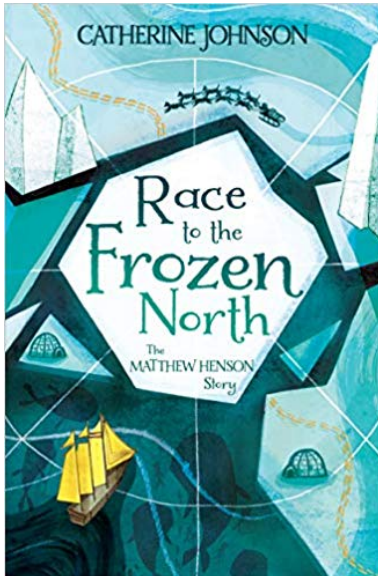
With her passion for scientific experimentation and her pet tarantula Violet, Tess de Sousa is no ordinary orphan. When a stranger shows up at Ackerbee's Home for Lost and Foundlings, claiming to be a distant relative come to adopt her, Tess hopes to find some answers to her mysterious origins. But as she adjusts to her new life at Roedeer Lodge, it becomes clear that Norton F. Cleat knows more about Tess – and the strange device left with her when she was abandoned as a baby – than he's letting on. And when Tess discovers that the Starspinner is the gateway between her world and a parallel world in which war rages, she realizes she may be the key to a terrible plan. A plan she must stop at all costs...



'Goblins' by Philip Reeve

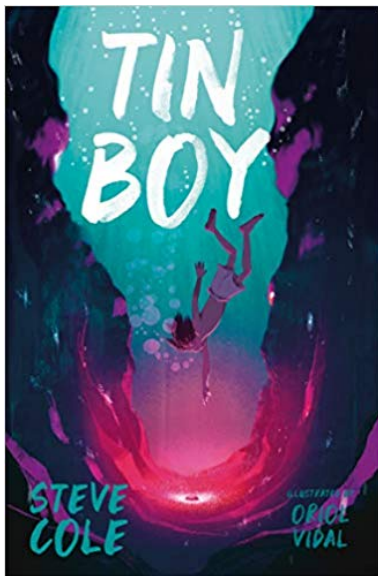
The dank and dark towers and stairways of Clovenstone Keep are packed full of dirty, smelly, squabbling goblins. As a breed, they all love fighting; none more so than King Knobbler, their ferocious leader who takes a secret delight in soft pink pants. But one day Skarper hatches out of an eggstone. Skarper is different and his

differences are bound to lead him into trouble. Sent to the Bumwipe Heaps to keep him out of mischief, Skarper looks beyond the decaying residue and begins to make sense of the 'lettuce' and the 'worms'. Learning to read is a dangerous business and soon Scarper finds himself bratapulted off the battlements and falling headlong into an incredible adventure.



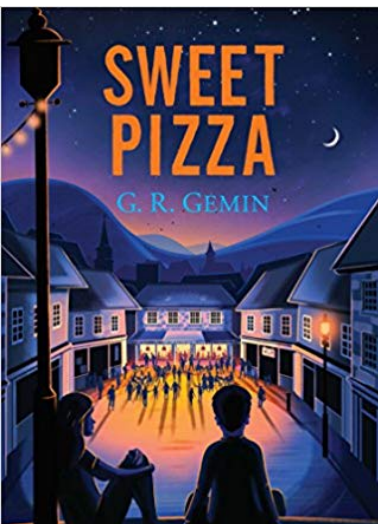
'Race to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story' by Catherine Johnson

Matthew Henson was simply an ordinary man. That was, until Commander Robert E. Peary entered his life, and offered him a chance at true adventure. Henson would become navigator, craftsman, translator, and right-hand man on a treacherous journey to the North Pole. Defying the odds and the many prejudices that faced him to become a true pioneer. This is his incredible and often untold story.



'Tin Boy' by Steve Cole

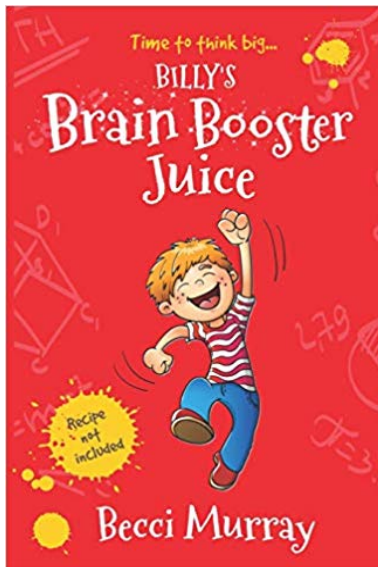
Mining for tin in deep, dangerous trenches is the only life that Tono has ever known. Worked to the brink of exhaustion each day, his only escape is in the precious moments when he reads his dad's old comics. In a world of heroes and superpowers, he can forget the terrifying mining pits. But an underwater avalanche, a glimpse of something bright red in the sandy seabed, and a canny sidekick are about to transform Tono's life forever ...Fate collides with a stark reality in this truly unique and unforgettable story.



'Sweet Pizza' by G. R. Gemin

When Joe tasted a mouthful he was amazed how delicious it was - a dense taste, better than any pasta he'd eaten before. Food was

suddenly different - he felt as if his taste buds were doing the cha-cha-cha on Strictly. Joe loves his Italian heritage: the language, the opera, the lasagne! But it's hard to celebrate his Italian roots in Bryn Mawr, South Wales, where his mam is sick of running the family's tatty cafe. Just like his great-grandfather who opened the cafe in 1929, Joe is an entrepreneur. He vows to save the family business, and to spice up the tired High Street with a little Italian flavour! This is a heart-warming story about bringing a diverse community together and the amazing history of Italian immigrants in Wales.



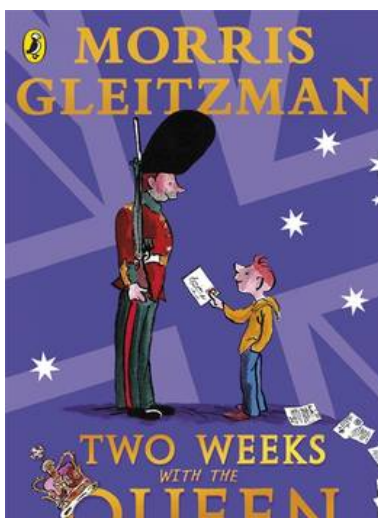
'Billy's Brain Booster Juice' by Becci Murray

Billy Radcliffe has a miserable life. His classmates call him a thickie, his teachers sit him at the Hopeless-Case Table and his Poker-playing mother is too busy collecting three-of-a-kind to notice. His only joy in life is a muddy corner of the school playground, where he plays alone with his friends - the worms. But one playtime Billy discovers something hidden beneath the soil. It's a recipe, a magical recipe that boosts his brain to the size of Venus and turns him into a super-genius overnight. Time to think big, Billy, and teach those bullies a lesson they'll never forget...



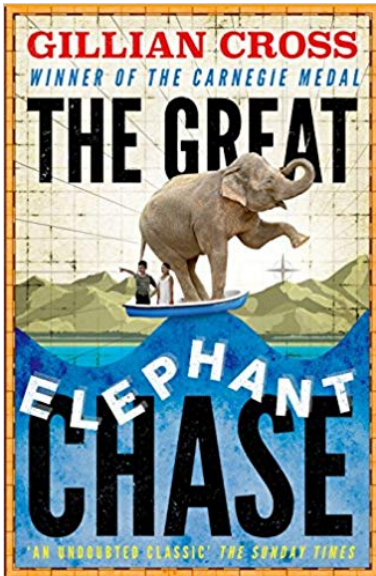
'The Apprentice Witch' by James Nicol

Arianwyn fluffs her witch's assessment. Awarded the dull bronze disc of an apprentice - to the glee of her arch-rival, Gimma - she's sent to protect the remote, dreary town of Lull. But her new life is far from boring. Turns out Gimma is the pompous mayor's favourite niece - and worse, she opens a magical rift in the nearby forest. As Arianwyn struggles with her spells, it's soon clear there's much more than her pride at stake ...



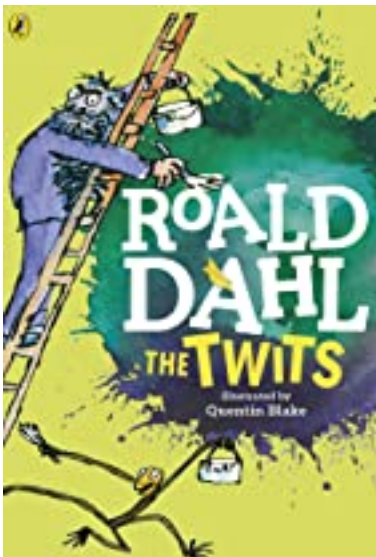
'Two Weeks with the Queen' by Morris Gleitzman

Sent away from his home in Australia to stay with his aunt and uncle in London while his parents nurse his brother Luke through the final stages of cancer, Colin sets out on a mission. If only he can reach the Queen, he reasons, she'll be able to put him in touch with the best cancer doctor in the world and Luke will be made well. But nothing is so straightforward. Instead, Colin meets some remarkable people and, through them, he is able to share some of the universal grief of losing a person you love.



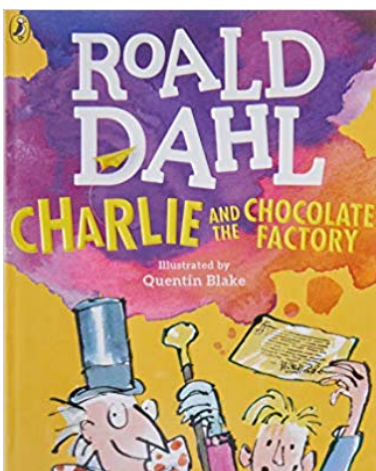
'The Great Elephant Chase' by Gillian Cross

A giant Indian elephant.
 A wild journey across America.
 An enemy who will never stop.
 Tad and Cissie are on the run with Khush the elephant.
 Clammy-fingered, steely-eyed Hannibal Jackson will do anything to capture the animal.
 Maybe even kill . . .
 Staying ahead means being faster and smarter - but how do you hide an elephant? Especially one with a mind of its own...



'The Twits' by Roald Dahl

Mr Twit is a foul and smelly man with bits of cornflake and sardine in his beard.
 Mrs Twit is a horrible old hag with a glass eye.
 Together they make the nastiest couple you could ever hope not to meet.
 Down in their garden, the Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey and his family locked in a cage. But not for much longer, because the monkeys are planning to trick the terrible Twits and make their escape, once and for all . . .

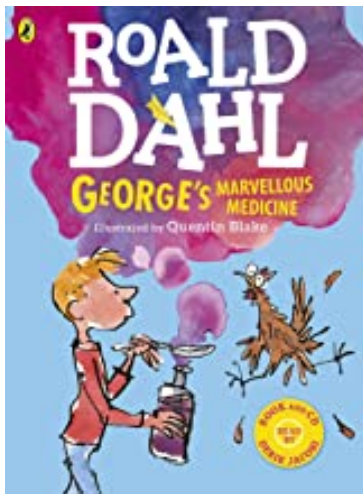


'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl

You MUST have heard of Mr Willy Wonka! He's the most extraordinary chocolate maker in the world. But do you know who Charlie is? Charlie Bucket is the hero of this book. The other children in our story are nasty little beasts, called:

Augustus Gloop - a great big greedy nincompoop
 Veruca Salt - a spoiled brat
 Violet Beauregarde - a repulsive little gum-chewer
 Mike Teavee - a boy who only watches television
 And *all* these children have won a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit Mr Wonka's chocolate factory...

But what mysterious secrets will they discover?

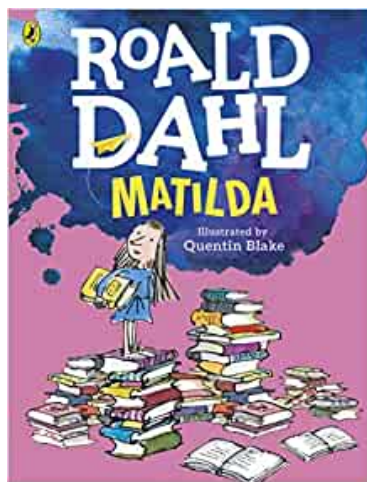


'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl

George Kranky's Grandma is a miserable grouch. George really hates that horrid old witchy woman. One Saturday morning, George is in charge of giving Grandma her medicine.

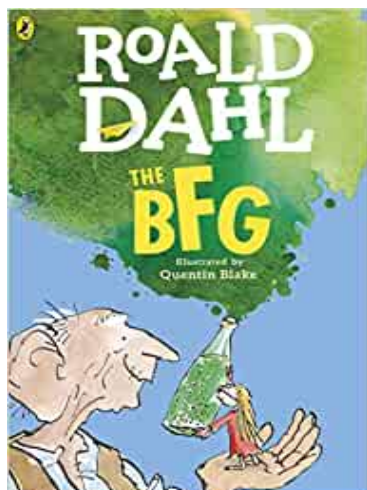
So-ho! Ah-ha! Ho-hum! George knows exactly what to do. A magic medicine* it will be. One that will either cure her completely . . . or blow off the top of her head.

*WARNING: Do not try to make George's Marvellous Medicine yourselves at home. It could be dangerous.



'Matilda' by Roald Dahl

Matilda Wormwood's father thinks she's a little scab. Matilda's mother spends all afternoon playing bingo. And Matilda's headmistress Miss Trunchbull? Well, she's the worst of all. She is a big bully, who thinks all her pupils are rotten and locks them in the dreaded Chokey. As for Matilda, she's an extraordinary little girl with a magical mind - and now she's had enough. So all these grown-ups had better watch out, because Matilda is going to teach them a lesson they'll never forget.



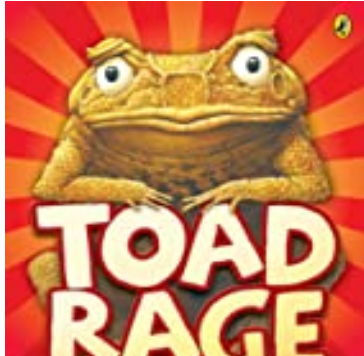
'The BFG' by Roald Dahl

On a dark, silvery moonlit night, Sophie is snatched from her bed by a giant.

Luckily it is the Big Friendly Giant, the BFG, who only eats snozzcumbers and glugs frobscottle.

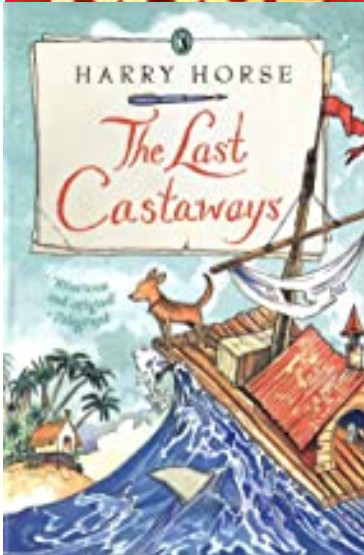
But there are other giants in Giant Country.

Fifty foot brutes who gallop far and wide every night to find human beans to eat. Can Sophie and her friend the BFG stop them? Let's hope so - otherwise the next child a gruesome giant guzzles could be YOU.



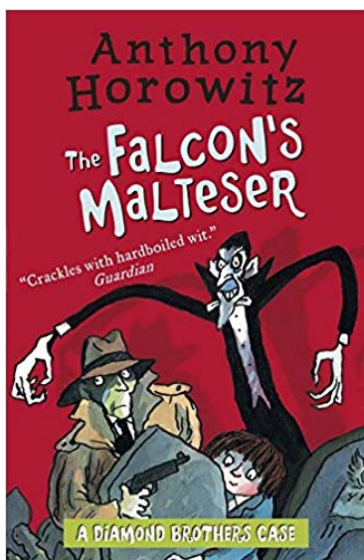
'Toad Rage' by Morris Gleitzman

Limpby can't understand why humans hate all cane toads so much - they even squash them with their cars. He is determined to save his own family from ending up as flat as place mats. He sets off on a 'mucas-chillingly dangerous and wart-tinglingly daring journey' and risks everything to make humans see that cane toads are actually really very nice.



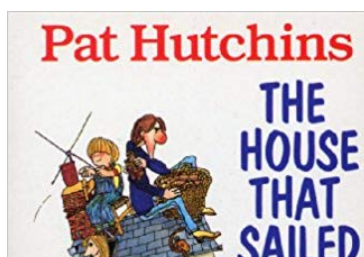
'The Last Castaways' by Harry Horse

On holiday in Saltbottle, Grandfather and Roo discover the Unsinkable, the boat which took them to the North Pole in the first book, lying in a sadly dilapidated state and up for sale. At the auction, the short-sighted auctioneer accidentally sells the boat to Roo - sold to the old lady in the brown fur coat! Now they have to find the money and the Captain suggests a fishing trip to the Great Cod Banks in the Forgotten Sea. Off they go, but the trip ends in disaster when the boat sinks and Grandfather and Roo are cast away on a desert island. They find their own Man Friday (called Tuesday) but he turns out to be a film director staying in a luxury hotel. Meanwhile, the Captain has found the treasure and rescued the Unsinkable.



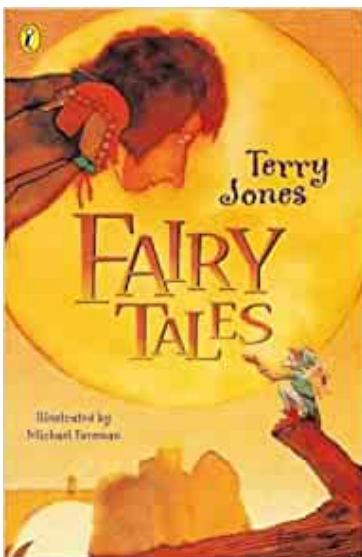
'The Falcon's Malteser' by Anthony Horowitz

Meet the Diamond Brothers, the world's most defective detectives, by the author of the number one bestselling Alex Rider series. When a dwarf comes into the office and leaves a package, Tim Diamond, the world's worst private-detective, 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?



'The House That Sailed Away' by Pat Hutchins

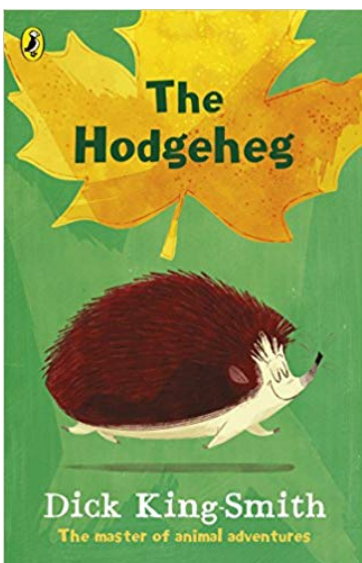
Poor old Grandma! It had rained every day since she came to stay with Mother, Father, Morgan, the baby and Tailcat. But just as everyone was getting really fed up of being stuck indoors, the most amazing thing happened! Suddenly the house started to shudder and rock - and then just floated off down the street and off to sea. Before long, the family find themselves on the wackiest adventure ever! Hungry cannibals, blood-thirsty pirates, a kidnapping and buried treasure are just some of the hair-raisers in store. Will the family ever see dry land again or will evil One-Eyed Jake cut them into a million tiny pieces?



'Fairy Tales' by Terry Jones

Three raindrops have an argument on their way out of a cloud ... A silly King goes for a walk with a dog tied to each leg ... An enterprising herring, bored of the North Sea, decides to swim right round the world ...

Thirty short stories of magic and adventure penned by Monty Python team member, Terry Jones. Embracing the tradition of the fairy tale, but adding Jones's inimitable comic imagination and originality, each story makes a perfect bedtime read for children – and grown ups!



'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith

Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs?

His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head and, when Max tries to speak, he realises his words are all mixed up. He is no longer a hedgehog but a hodge-heg!

Still determined to fulfil his mission, Max discovers the best way to cross the road - with the help of the lollipop lady and some careful detective work ...



'The Worst Witch -Complete Adventures' by Jill Murphy

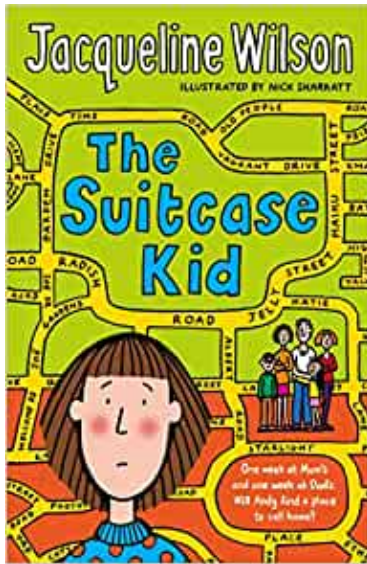
'Mildred Hubble was in her first year at the school. She was one of those people who always seemed be in trouble.'

Hold on to your broomstick for magical mayhem with Jill Murphy's much-loved classic The Worst Witch- the original story of life at a magical boarding school.

Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it.

She keeps getting her spells wrong and crashing her broomstick. And when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet, into her worst enemy, chaos ensues...

'The Suitcase Kid' by Jacqueline Wilson



When my parents split up they didn't know what to do with me . . .

My family always lived at Mulberry Cottage. Mum, Dad, me - and Radish, my Sylvanian rabbit. But now Mum lives with Bill the Baboon and his three kids. Dad lives with Carrie and her twins. And where do I live? I live out of a suitcase. One week with Mum's new family, one week with Dad's.

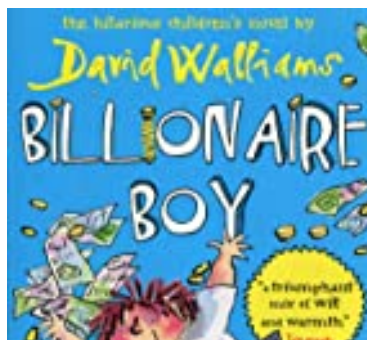
It's as easy as A B C. That's what everyone says. But all I want is to go home - back to Mulberry Cottage...



'Cliffhanger' by Jacqueline Wilson

From climbing and abseiling to canoeing and a Crazy Bucket Race, Tim's adventure holiday promises to be full of action. There's just one problem: he is hopeless at sports of any kind.

Can Tim survive the horrors of a week absolutely packed with activity? Can his team - the Tigers - be the overall champions? There are some surprises in store for everyone!

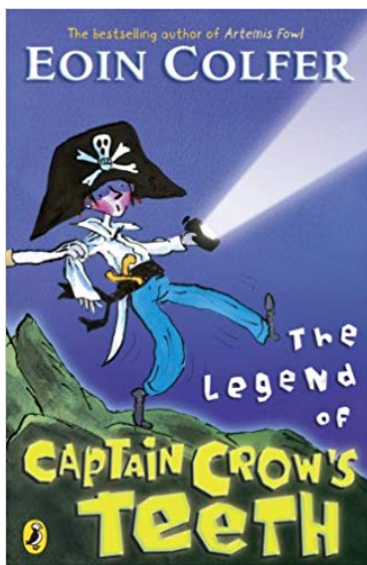


'Billionaire Boy' by David Walliams

Joe has a lot of reasons to be happy. About a billion of them, in fact.

You see, Joe's rich. Really, really rich. Joe's got his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler who is also an orangutan. He's the wealthiest twelve-year-old in the land.

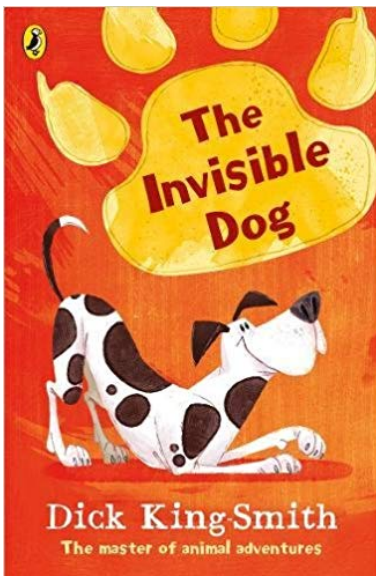
Yes, Joe has absolutely everything he could possibly want. But there's just one thing he really needs: A friend.



'The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth' by Eoin Colfer

Will's brother Marty is always playing practical jokes.

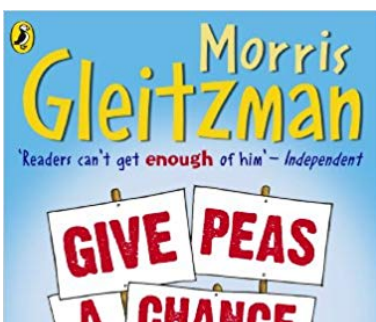
But when he tells the bloodcurdling story of the cutthroat pirate Captain Crow, Will is *terrified*. Is it another one of Marty's tricks, or could Captain Crow's ghost really be out to get him?



'The Invisible Dog' by Dick King-Smith

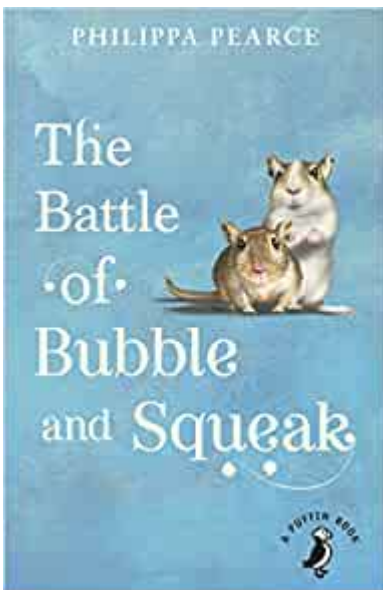
A little girl who desperately wants a dog introduces an imaginary Great Dane called Henry into her home.

Her wish comes true when she is allowed a real Henry. Was old Mrs Garrow, with her cackling laugh and black cat, responsible for her wish coming true?



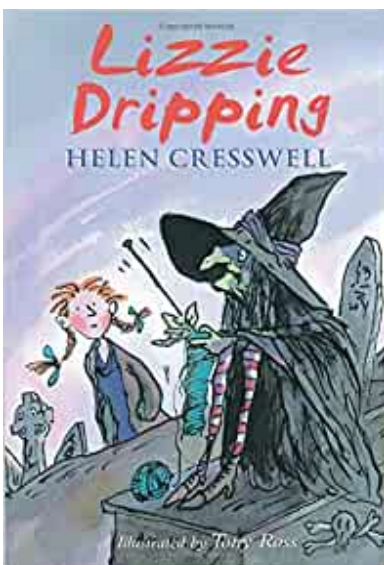
'Give Peas A Chance' by Morris Gleitzman

Give fun a chance! Surprise your mum with a chainsaw, be a bigger star than Tom Cruise, save the world with a plate of vegetables, start your new life in a taxi, rescue your family with a tomato, send your dad into a panic with a tractor, do a good deed with a paper bag on your head, pack your suitcase for a trip to the spleen, upset your auntie with ten kilos of chocolate, swap a bomb for three ice creams on a steam train . . . and lots more.



'The Battle of Bubble and Squeak' by Philippa Pearce

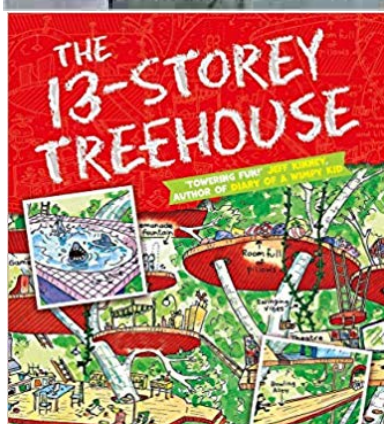
Sid, Peggy and Amy adore the two gerbils, Bubble and Squeak, but their mother detests them. A major family battle results, and it's clear life is never going to be quite the same again. But after a near fatal encounter between Bubble and Ginger the cat, Mrs Sparrow begins to see that life with a pair of gerbils might not be so bad after all.



'Lizzie Dripping' by Helen Cresswell

Everyone in the village where Lizzie lives thinks that she's a dreamer - so it's no wonder that they don't believe her when she says she's seen a witch.

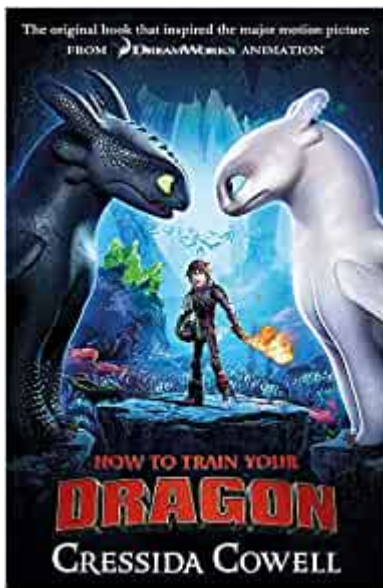
But Lizzie doesn't care because she knows it's true and having a witch for a friend makes life much more exciting.



'The 13-Storey Treehouse' by Andy Griffiths

Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry! Just watch out for the sea monkeys, and the monkeys pretending to be sea monkeys, and the giant mutant mermaid sea monster . . . Oh, and, whatever you do, don't get trapped in a burp-gas-filled bubble . . . !

'How To Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell

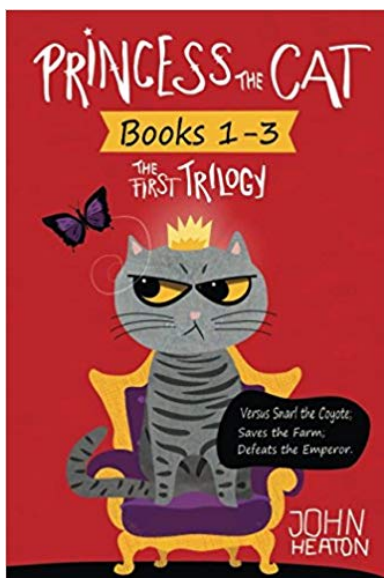


Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third is a smallish Viking with a longish name. Hiccup's father is chief of the Hairy Hooligan tribe which means Hiccup is the Hope and the Heir to the Hairy Hooligan throne - but most of the time Hiccup feels like a very ordinary boy, finding it hard to be a Hero.

In the first *How to Train Your Dragon* book Hiccup must lead ten novices in their initiation into the Hairy Hooligan Tribe. They have to train their dragons or be BANISHED from the tribe FOR EVER! But what if Hiccup's dragon resembles an ickle brown bunny with wings? And has NO TEETH? The Seadragonus Giganticus Maximus is stirring and wants to devour every Viking on the Isle of Berk . . .

Can Hiccup save the tribe - and become a Hero?

'Princess the Cat' by John Heaton



One snooty cat. Two adorable sidekicks. Three perfect-for-all-ages adventures. Princess the Cat rules her neighborhood with a firm paw. Despite the inconvenience of her thoughtless humans, Princess lives the royal life. But ruling the neighborhood is never easy. Even for a cat. Predators attack. Villains threaten. Tyrants lie in wait. What chance does a housecat have against such foes? As she saves not only her neighborhood but also humanity along the way, Princess the Cat and her friends' antics will make you laugh. She doesn't really expect us humans to praise her as we should, but she does know that you and your children will love her hilarious adventures. While you read, she's (barely) content to sleep in her favorite sunbeam until the next adventure calls.

- *Princess the Cat Versus Snarl the Coyote* (Book 1).
- *Princess the Cat Saves the Farm* (Book 2).
- *Princess the Cat Defeats the Emperor* (Book 3).



'Amelia Fang Series' by Laura Ellen Anderson

MEET AMELIA FANG

The bravest little vampire in the kingdom. Sink your fangs into Amelia's other howlingly hilarious adventures:

Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball

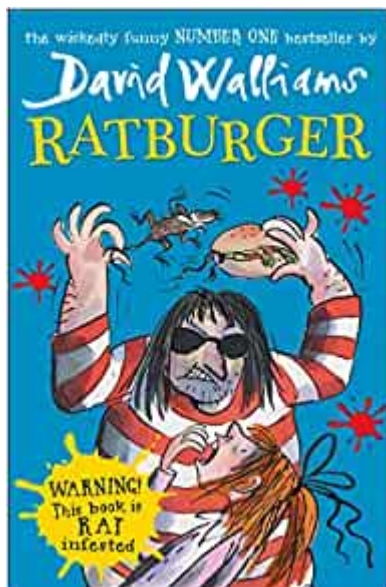
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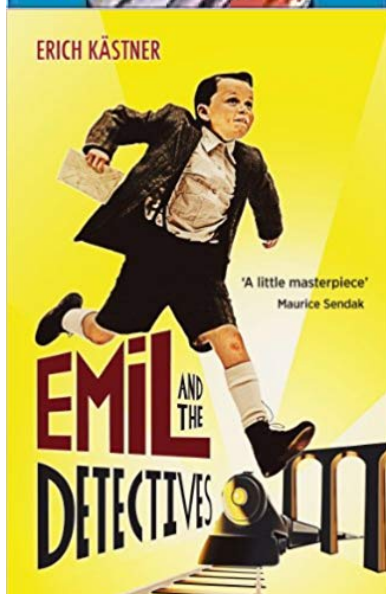
Amelia Fang and the Naughty Caticorns

Amelia Fang and the Lost Yeti Treasures



'Ratburger' by David Walliams

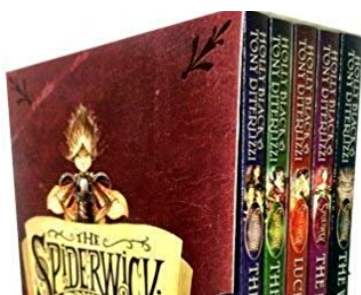
Hot on the heels of bestselling Gangsta Granny comes another hilarious, action-packed and touching novel – the story of a little girl called Zoe. Things are not looking good for Zoe. Her stepmother Sheila is so lazy she gets Zoe to pick her nose for her. The school bully Tina Trotts makes her life a misery – mainly by flobbering on her head. And now the evil Burt from Burt's Burgers is after her pet rat! And guess what he wants to do with it? The clue is in the title...



'Emil and the Detectives' by Erich Kästner

If Mrs Tischbein had known the amazing adventures her son Emil would have in Berlin, she'd never have let him go. Unfortunately, when his seven pounds goes missing on the train, Emil is determined to get it back – and when he teams up with the detectives he meets in Berlin, it's just the start of a marvellous money-retrieving adventure . . .

A classic and influential story, Emil and the Detectives remains an enthralling read.

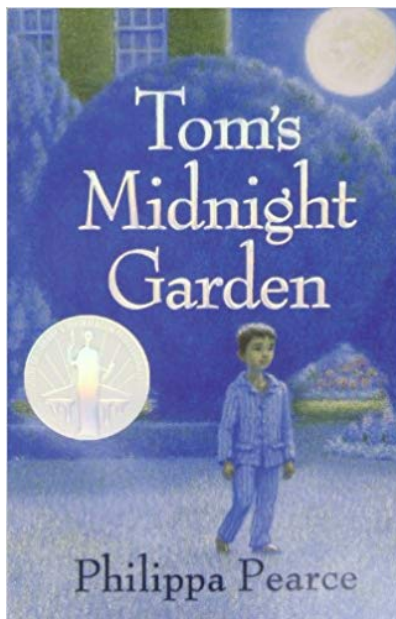


'The Spiderwick Chronicles' by Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi

Book 1 of The Spiderwick Chronicles in which Mallory, Simon and Jared get acquainted with their new home but find many unexpected things.

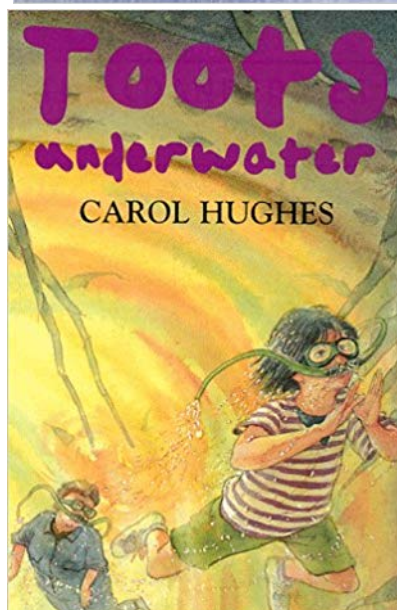
It all started when Jared Grace found their great uncle's book, "Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastic World Around You" and the Grace kids realise that they are not alone in their new house. Now Mallory, Simon and Jared want to tell their story but it seems the faeries will do everything in their power to stop them...

It's up to you to spread the word about their discovery. But heed their warnings, wear some red, turn your clothes inside out - all anti-faerie devices - and get ready to enter a world that you never knew existed... It's closer than you think!



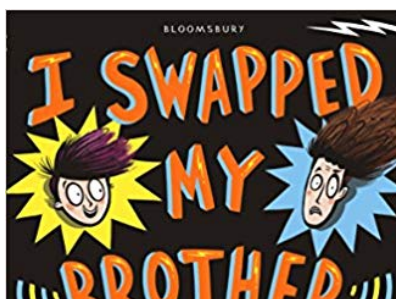
'Tom's Midnight Garden' by Philippa Pearce

Lying awake at night, Tom hears the old grandfather clock downstairs strike ... eleven ... twelve ... thirteen ... Thirteen! When Tom gets up to investigate, he discovers a magical garden. A garden that everyone told him doesn't exist. A garden that only he can enter ...



'Toots Underwater' by Carol Hughes

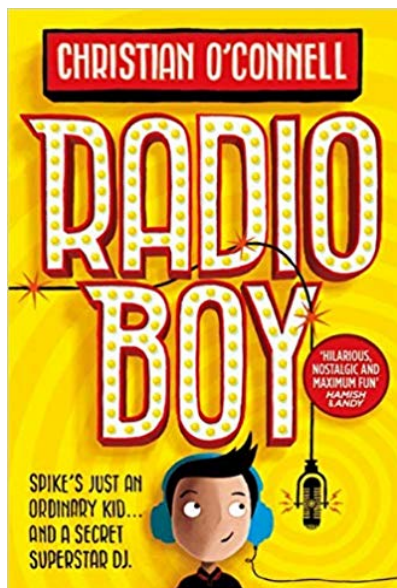
In this third "Toots" story, Toots is transported to the world of the River Fairies - a miraculous world of shimmering water. But there is trouble - the Naiad, the Guardian of the River, is dying - and Toots' help is enlisted. The story ends with war against the evil Bocan and the Marsh Goblins.



'I Swapped My Brother On The Internet!' by Jo Simmons

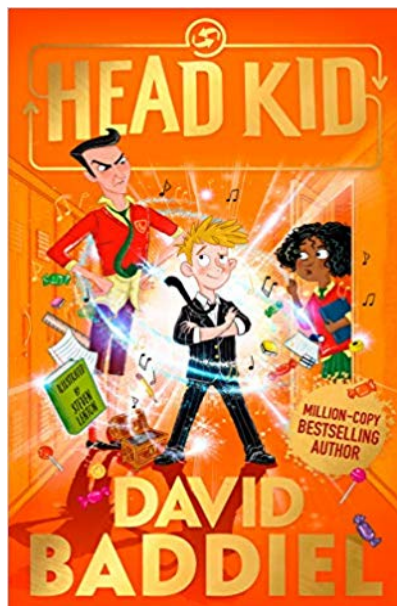
'I can get a new brother? On the internet?' Jonny muttered. 'Oh sweet mangoes of heaven!'

Everyone has dreamed of being able to get rid of their brother or sister at one time or another - but for Jonny, the dream is about to become a reality with SiblingSwap.com! What could be better than someone awesome to replace Ted, Jonny's obnoxious older brother? But finding the perfect brother isn't easy, as Jonny discovers when Sibling Swap sends him a line of increasingly bizarre replacements: first a merboy, then a brother raised by meerkats, and then the ghost of Henry the Eighth! What's coming next?! Suddenly old Ted isn't looking so bad. But can Jonny ever get him back?



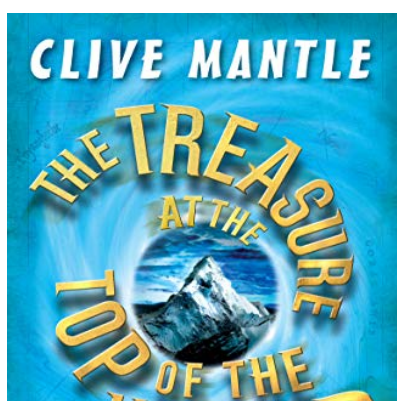
'Radio Boy' by Christian O'Connell

A laugh-out-loud story of an ordinary boy with an extraordinary secret radio show. (Broadcast from his shed.) Meet Spike, aka Radio Boy: a new Adrian Mole on the radio for the internet generation. Spike's your average awkward 11yr old, funny and cheeky and with a mum to reckon with. When he becomes the first presenter ever to be sacked from hospital radio, he decides to carry on from a makeshift studio in the garden shed, with the help of his best friends Artie and Holly, disguising his voice and going by the moniker Radio Boy. Week by week, word gets around and soon Spike is a star...if only people knew it was actually him. When Spike begins to believe his own hype, and goes too far with his mocking of the school headmaster, a hunt is launched for the mysterious Radio Boy. Can Spike remain anonymous? Will he get to marry the girl of his dreams, Katherine Hamilton? Will he become famous and popular? The answer to most of these questions is no...



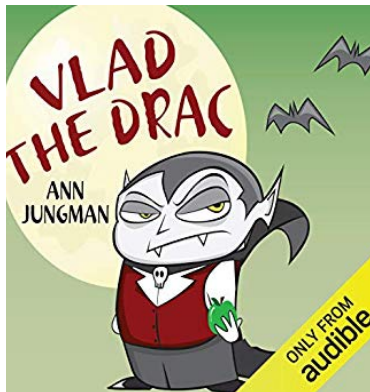
'Head Kid' by David Baddiel

What would happen if the strictest head teacher swapped bodies with the naughtiest kid in school? Strictest head + naughtiest boy = chaos. Bracket Wood is about to be visited by the school inspectors. But there's one big problem: Ryan Ward. The maestro of practical jokes, Ryan has played so many tricks that in the end the Head Teacher just walks out. And then the new Head Teacher, Mr Carter, arrives. A man so strict even the teachers are scared of him. So imagine his surprise - and Ryan's - when they swap bodies. Now Ryan is Head Teacher - and his mortal enemy is one of his pupils. It's every naughty kid's dream! But soon Bracket Wood School is in a total mess - and only its worst ever pupil can fix it...



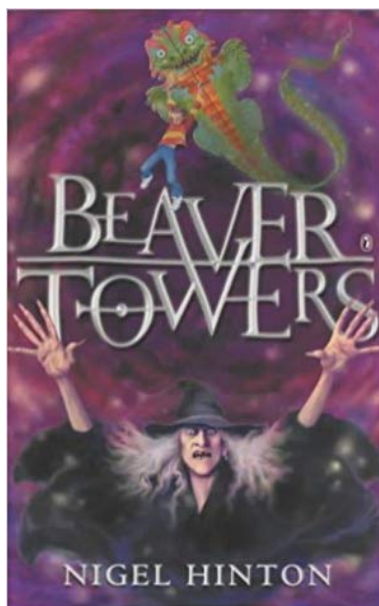
'The Treasure at the Top of the World' by Clive Mantle

When Freddie Malone is given an ancient map for his birthday by his eccentric Uncle Patrick, it seems an odd gift, but Freddie is thrilled. Little does he realise that the mysterious map is about to turn his world upside down. Plunged into a perilous adventure between two worlds, and pursued in turn by a ruthless bully and a determined adversary who will each go to any lengths to get what they want, Freddie must fight for what's right – and for his very life...



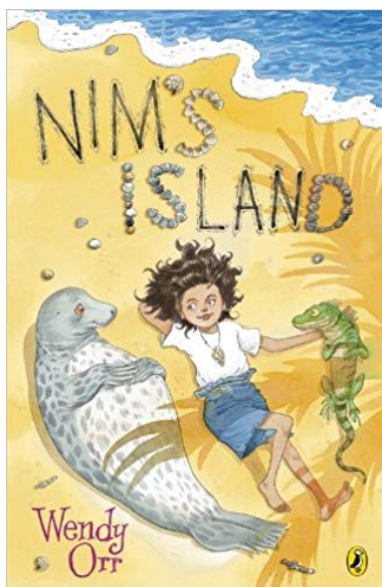
'Vlad the Drac' by Ann Jungman

When the Stone family take an Easter holiday in Romania, Judy and Paul are very bored - until they find a tiny vampire under a stone near Count Dracula's castle. Not only is the vampire very small, he is also a vegetarian with dreams of starring in horror films. Vlad persuades Judy and Paul to smuggle him back to London, and the children decide to keep him a secret in case he gets put in a museum or the zoo. But a vampire left on his own all day can get terribly bored and find all kinds of mischief to pass the time....



Beaver towers by Nigel Hinton

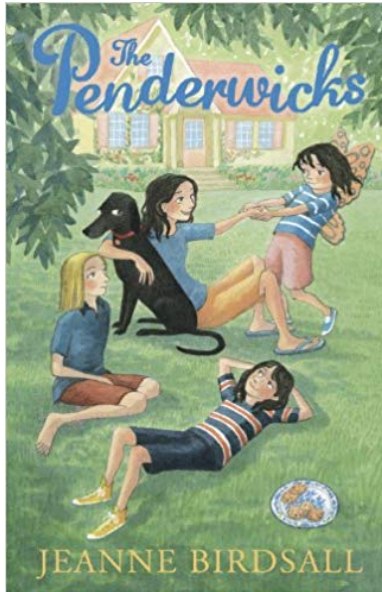
The first adventure in the exciting, funny and magical BEAVER TOWERS series. A magic spell whisks Philip away on his new kite to a far-off island where he meets the beavers - Mr Edgar and his grandson, Baby B. They tell him of the terrible danger that threatens them. The wicked witch Oyin has imprisoned most of the island's inhabitants in Beaver Towers, and when her powers are complete she will put them to death and rule the island. Philip has to get her spell book in order to save them.



'Nim's Island' by Wendy Orr

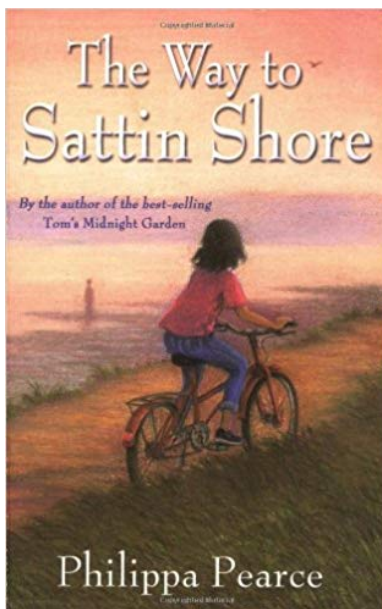
Nim lives on a beautiful island in the middle of the wide blue sea with her father, Jack, an iguana called Fred, a sea

lion called Selkie and a turtle called Chica. But when Jack disappears and disaster threatens her home, Nim must be braver than she's ever been before. And she needs help from her friends . . .



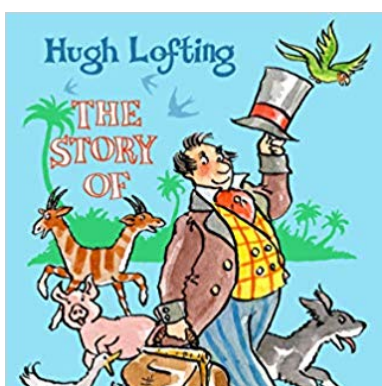
'The Penderwicks' by Jeanne Birdsall

The Penderwicks: four sisters, as different as chalk from cheese, yet as close as can be. The eldest, Rosalind, is responsible and practical; Skye, stubborn and feisty; dreamy, artistic, budding novelist, Jane; and shy little Batty, who doesn't go anywhere without her butterfly wings. Not forgetting Hound, their large lumbering lovable dog. The four girls and their absent-minded father head off for their summer holidays, but instead of the cosy tumbledown cottage they expect, they find themselves on a huge estate called Arundel, with magnificent gardens ripe for exploring. It isn't long before they become embroiled in all sorts of scrapes with new-found friend, Jeffrey - but his mother, the icy-hearted Mrs Tifton, must be avoided at all costs. Chaotic adventures ensue, and it soon becomes a summer the sisters will never forget...



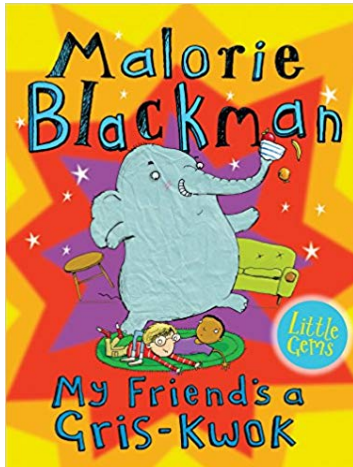
'The Way to Sattin Shore' by Philippa Pearce

Kate never knew her dad, but that doesn't stop her missing him. She often secretly visits the gravestone with his name on it. But when the gravestone disappears Kate has a mystery on her hands. She has to find out what has happened and as she delves deeper into her family's past, she realizes that there are many secrets to uncover and that all the clues point to one place. As Kate races to Sattin Shore her mind is a whirl of emotions: what she finds there will change the shape of her life forever.



'The Story of Doctor Dolittle' by Hugh Lofting

John Dolittle is a highly respected doctor in the village of Puddleby-on-the-Marsh, yet he loves animals so much that his house is soon full of them. With all his patients scared away, and the expense of feeding his menagerie mounting, a friend suggests that the Doctor become a vet instead. With the help of Polynesia the parrot, Doctor Dolittle swiftly learns the language of the animals so that he can talk to all of his new patients. However, when a message comes from Africa, telling of a terrible sickness among the monkeys there, the Doctor and his animal friends depart on a thrilling and dangerous adventure that they are never likely to forget.



'My Friend's a Gris-Kwok' by Malorie Blackman

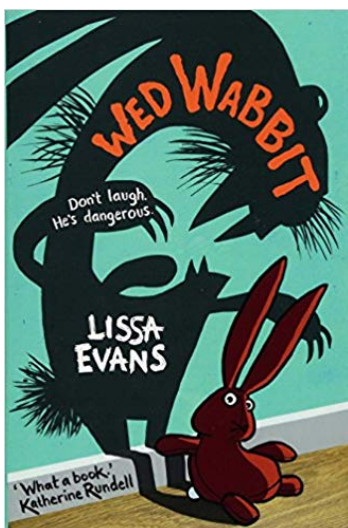
When Mike finds out that his best friend, Alex, is a Gris-Kwok and can turn into any animal he chooses, it's the start of some crazy adventures!

Alex's naughty little sister, Polly, is a Gris-Kwok, too, and she won't do as she's told. Mike and Alex are in for the worst babysitting job in the world as they try to keep up with her!



'A Moon Girl Stole My Friend' by Rebecca Patterson

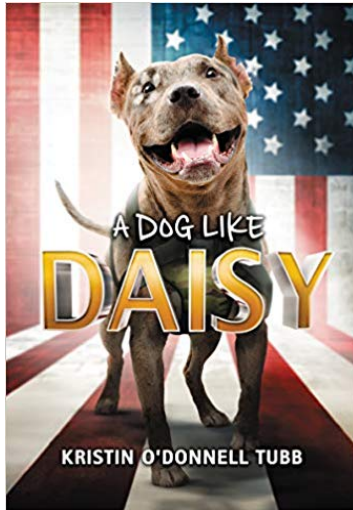
It's 2099. Lyla lives in a world of robocats, flying sweets and instant snow, but some things never change. Little brothers are still annoying, school teachers make you cringe, and, when your best friend deserts you for the new girl, it still HURTS. Especially when that new girl is from the Moon. But Lyla's problems lead her into unexpected adventures . . .



'Wed Wabbit' by Lissa Evans

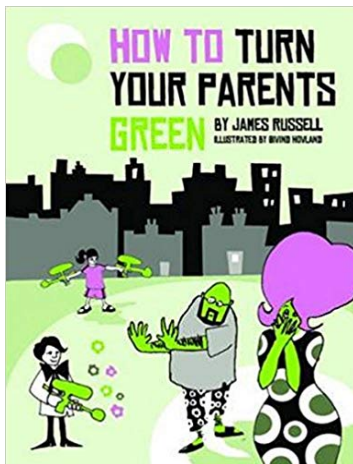
You're called Fidge and you're nearly eleven. You've been hurled into a strange world. You have three companions: two are unbelievably weird and the third is your awful cousin Graham. You have to solve a series of nearly impossible clues. You need to deal with a cruel dictator and three thousand Wimbley Woos (yes, you read that sentence correctly). And the whole situation - the whole, entire thing -

is your fault. Wed Wabbit is an adventure story about friendship, danger and the terror of never being able to get back home again. And it's funny. It's seriously funny.



'A Dog Like Daisy' by Kristin O'Donnell Tubb

Daisy has only ten weeks to prove her usefulness or else be sent back to the pound. Yet if she goes back, who will protect Colonel Victor from his PTSD attacks? Or save the littler human, Micah, from those infernal ear muzzles he calls earphones? What if no one ever adopts her again? Determined to become the elite protector the colonel needs, Daisy vows to ace the service dog test. She'll accept the ridiculous leash and learn to *sit, heel, shake, even do your business, Daisy* when told to. But Daisy must first learn how to face her own fears from the past or risk losing the family she's so desperate to guard--again.



'How To Turn Your Parents Green' by James Russell

How To Turn Your Parents Green is a fun-packed book that shows children how they can make a difference in the fight against Ghastly Global Warming by being an Eco-Warrior rather than an Eco-Worrier. The premise for the book is that grown-ups (the Groans) are responsible for causing global warming, but it's you (the kids) who will have to deal with the consequences. So, the youngsters are given a mission to educate their parents about recycling, saving energy and water etc. If the parents don't comply, they are fined and when they realise the error of their ways, they sign up to the Glorious Green Charter.